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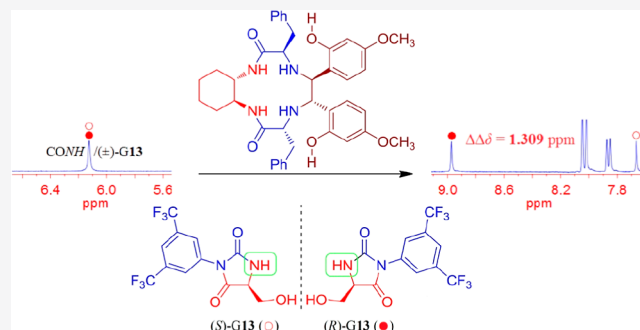


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**ABSTRACT:** Enantiomers of a series of hydantoin derivatives were prepared from D- and L-amino acids with *p*-tolyl isocyanate and 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl isocyanate as guests for chiral recognition by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. Meanwhile, several tetraaza macrocyclic compounds were synthesized as chiral solvating agents from D-phenylalanine and (1*S*,2*S*)-(+)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane. An uncommon enantiomeric discrimination has been successfully established for hydantoin derivatives, representatives of five-membered N,N-heterocycles, in the presence of tetraaza macrocyclic chiral solvating agents (TAMCSAs) **1a–1c** by means of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. Several unprecedented nonequivalent chemical shifts (up to 1.309 ppm) were observed in the split  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra. To evaluate practical applications in the determination of enantiomeric excess (ee), the ee values of samples with different optical purities (up to 95% ee) were accurately calculated by the integration of relevant proton peaks. To better understand the chiral discriminating behavior, Job plots of (±)-G1 with TAMCSA **1a** were investigated. Furthermore, in order to further explore any underlying intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions, theoretical calculations of the enantiomers of (S)-G1 and (R)-G1 with TAMCSA **1a** were performed by means of the hybrid density functional theory (B3LYP/6-31G\*) of the Gaussian 16 program.



## INTRODUCTION

Chiral recognition is one of the most significant topics in a variety of research fields, such as catalytic asymmetric chemistry and chiral pharmaceuticals, biology, and life science.<sup>1</sup> Among them, assignment of the absolute configuration of chiral molecules and determination of enantiomeric excess (ee) of chiral compounds are indispensable elements of structural characterization and practical applications because different enantiomers possess different optical properties, biological activities, and pharmacological (even toxic) effects.<sup>2</sup> For this purpose, a variety of techniques and methods, such as high-performance liquid chromatography,<sup>3</sup> X-ray crystallography,<sup>4</sup> circular dichroism (CD),<sup>5</sup> vibrational CD,<sup>6</sup> nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR),<sup>7</sup> UV–vis, and fluorescence spectroscopy,<sup>8</sup> have been developed and utilized separately or in tandem. Among these available techniques, the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR technique has several obvious advantages, associated with simple and fast measurement, accurate and convenient application, and employment of a low amount of samples, as well as the availability of a ubiquitous NMR apparatus in nearly all chemical laboratories.<sup>9</sup> Thus, the NMR technique has widely emerged as the commonly applied tool for the determination of absolute configuration and quantitative analysis of ee of chiral substrates.<sup>10</sup> In the course of research on chiral recognition, on the one hand, effective chiral auxiliaries play a key role in chiral discriminating behavior between hosts and guests by NMR spectroscopy because the

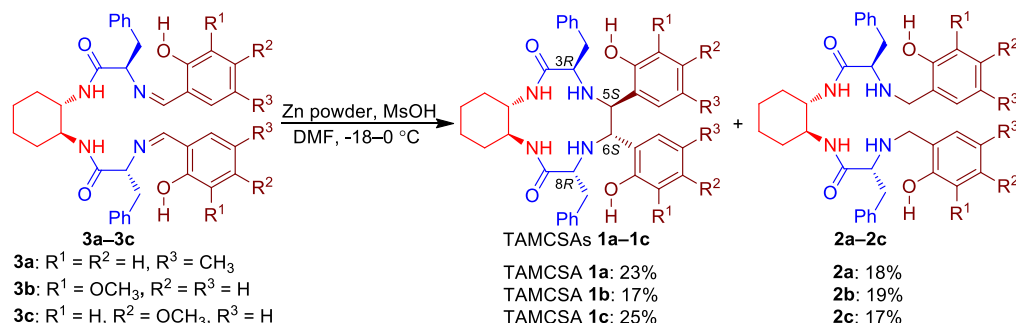
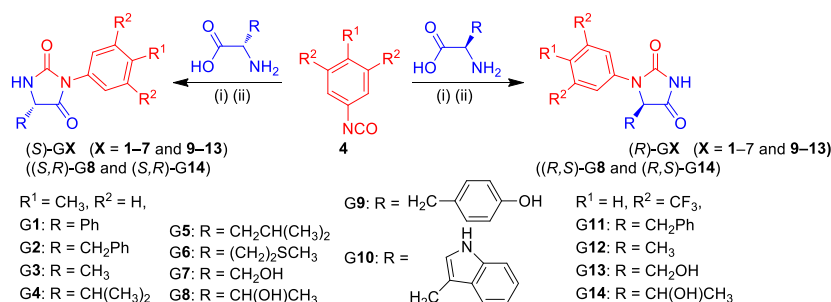
differentiation of chiral substrates relies on the generation of a pair of diastereomeric adducts by means of covalent bond formation or noncovalent interactions with chiral auxiliaries (chiral derivatizing agents and chiral solvating agents).<sup>11</sup> To explore chiral auxiliaries with sufficient sensitivity and high chiral discriminating performance, various chiral auxiliaries have been designed, synthesized, and screened through the continuous efforts of chemists.<sup>12</sup> On the other hand, chiral recognition of a variety of chiral substrates should be explored and investigated to further deepen and promote the development of chiral recognition and its related applications by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. In the past decades, chiral recognition of acyclic compounds, such as chiral amines,<sup>13</sup> amino alcohols,<sup>14</sup> alcohols,<sup>15</sup> amino acids or their derivatives,<sup>16</sup> carboxylic acids,<sup>17</sup> and esters,<sup>18</sup> has been frequently reported by means of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. In recent years, we have also reported some studies on chiral recognition of  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids,  $\alpha$ -amino acid derivatives, dipeptide derivatives with two chiral centers, and tripeptide derivatives with three stereogenic

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of TAMCSAs 1a–1c and Chiral Compounds 2a–2c

Scheme 2. Synthesis of Enantiomers of Hydantoin Derivatives 1–14<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: (i) NaOH, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 0 °C and (ii) 1,4-dioxane, rt; HCl, reflux.

centers as acyclic substrates in the presence of a series of tetraaza macrocyclic chiral solvating agents (TAMCSAs) by means of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. Based on these results, these TAMCSAs have been successfully established as a family of versatile and highly effective chiral solvating agents vis-à-vis the aforementioned acyclic compounds.<sup>19</sup> Nevertheless, recognition of chiral cyclic substrates has rarely been investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.<sup>20</sup> This is surprising, given the fact that enantiomerically pure cyclic products, including several chiral hydantoin derivatives, have been used to treat many human diseases, due to their powerful physiological and pharmacological activities.<sup>21</sup> In this paper, we offer a significant solution to the challenging chiral recognition of hydantoin derivatives, as five-membered N,N-heterocyclic compounds, with the discovery of a panel of remarkable tetraaza macrocyclic chiral solvating agents (TAMCSAs) that enable the determination of enantiomeric purity by means of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

TAMCSAs 1a–1c were synthesized by intramolecular reductive coupling reaction of enantiopure diimines 3a–3c (1 mmol), which were prepared according to our previously reported synthetic procedure,<sup>22</sup> with a dilute suspension (60 mL of dried DMF) of the activated Zn powder (0.65 g, 10 mmol) and MsOH (0.96 g, 10 mmol) in dried DMF (20 mL) for chiral recognition as chiral auxiliaries (Scheme 1).<sup>23</sup> Meanwhile, chiral compounds 2a–2c were also obtained as intramolecular reductive products in 17–19% isolated yields.

All products were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, HRMS, and IR methods. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain crystals of TAMCSAs 1a–1c, suitable for X-ray single-crystal diffraction. Therefore, their nuclear overhauser effect spectroscopy (NOESY) spectra were measured for assignment of absolute configuration of the two newly generated chiral carbon atoms (ArCHNH) of TAMCSAs 1a–1c. Their spectra

show that the two types of protons of the ArCHNH and COCHBn (phenylalanine moiety) groups of TAMCSAs 1a–1c are located on the same side of the macrocyclic framework, as determined by the NOESY correlated <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals between the two types of protons (ArCHNH and COCHBn). Based on the known absolute configuration (R) of COCHBn and the C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric geometry, the absolute configuration of 5- and 6-carbon atoms (ArCHNH) of TAMCSAs 1a–1c is assigned as S and S-configurations (Scheme 1). Detailed NOESY spectra are available in the Supporting Information (Figures S5, S9, and S13).

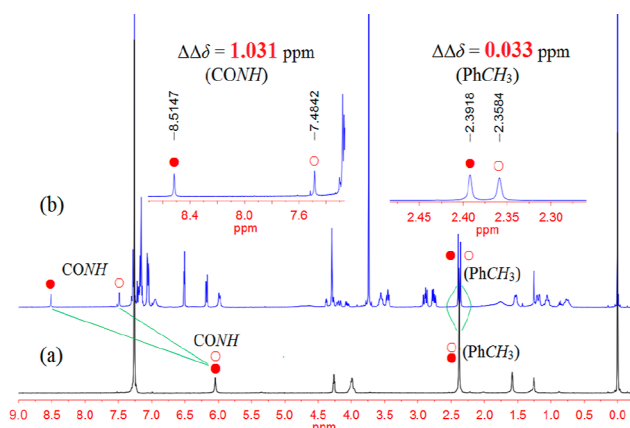
As shown in Scheme 1, the multiple potential hydrogen bonding sites, such as amino, amide, and phenolic hydroxyl groups, featured in the molecular structure of TAMCSAs 1a–1c, are the most distinguished structural elements, along with a C<sub>2</sub>-symmetry and a 12-membered cavity.

Meanwhile, the enantiomers of hydantoin derivatives G1–14, as five-membered N,N-heterocycles, were directly prepared from the corresponding L- and D-amino acids (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in NaOH solution (1 M, 5 mL) with *p*-tolyl isocyanate (5 mmol) and 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl isocyanate (5 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) in 50–89% isolated yields according to the related literature,<sup>24</sup> respectively (Scheme 2).

The new products were characterized by the spectroscopic methods noted above and by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy (for new products containing CF<sub>3</sub> groups).

To explore the discrimination of enantiomers of hydantoin derivatives in the presence of TAMCSAs 1a–1c by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, two samples of (±)-G1 with TAMCSA 1a (1:1 molar ratio, [5 mM]) and (±)-G7 with TAMCSA 1c (1:1 molar ratio, [10 mM]) were prepared in CDCl<sub>3</sub> based on the solubility, and their <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a 400 MHz spectrometer at 25 °C. The results show that enantiomers of (±)-G1 and (±)-G7 were remarkably differentiated by the split protons of CONH and PhCH<sub>3</sub> groups,

respectively. Especially, a maximum nonequivalent chemical shift value ( $\Delta\Delta\delta$ ) of the NH proton (CONH) of ( $\pm$ )-G7 has been established as 1.031 ppm, which is a sufficiently large nonequivalent chemical shift value in the field of chiral recognition by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR chiral solvating agents. Subsequently, the assignments of enantiomers were determined by adding (*R*)-G1 and (*R*)-G7 to their corresponding samples note above. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of ( $\pm$ )-G7 (a) and ( $\pm$ )-G7 in the presence of TAMCSA 1c (b), including partial expanded spectra and  $\Delta\Delta\delta$  values of the split protons of CONH and PhCH<sub>3</sub>, are shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of ( $\pm$ )-G7 (a) and ( $\pm$ )-G7 in the presence of TAMCSA 1c (b) and their expanded spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 25 °C (400 MHz),  $[(\pm)\text{-G7}] = 10$  mM. The marks “red  $\circ$ ” and “red  $\bullet$ ” stand for (*S*)-G7 and (*R*)-G7, respectively.

Encouraged by these remarkable chiral discriminating results, we sought to further test and evaluate a range of chiral discriminating conditions, including concentration effects, the molar ratio of the host and guest, and a variety of deuterated solvents. In the end,  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (in most cases) and a 1:1 molar ratio of the host/guest were adopted in this study. Different concentrations were used from 2.0 to 12.5 mM for obtaining clear  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals with as little overlapping and better baseline resolution peaks as possible. Detailed information is available (Table S1 and Figures S1 and S2).

Under optimized conditions, 40 samples of ( $\pm$ )-G1–14 were prepared in the presence of TAMCSAs 1a–1c in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{CDCl}_3$  containing 10%  $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$  (three samples). Their  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were measured on a 400 or 600 MHz spectrometer at 25 °C, with the exception of ( $\pm$ )-G1 with TAMCSA 1a and ( $\pm$ )-G7 with TAMCSA 1c. The results indicate that the separated  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals of the multiple protons of ( $\pm$ )-G1–14 were detected in the presence of TAMCSAs 1a–1c. Subsequently, the assignments of enantiomers [(*S*)-GX (red  $\circ$ ) and (*R*)-GX (red  $\bullet$ ),  $X = 1$ –7 and 9–13; (*S,R*)-GX (red  $\circ$ ) and (*R,S*)-GX (red  $\bullet$ ),  $X = 8$  and 14] were determined based on the aforementioned method. The  $\Delta\Delta\delta$  values and partial  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the NH proton (CONH) of ( $\pm$ )-G1–14, as the representative protons, are summarized in Table 1.

As shown Table 1, all of the  $\Delta\Delta\delta$  values of the split NH proton of ( $\pm$ )-G1–14 exceed 0.1 ppm (from 0.167 to 1.309 ppm) in the TAMCSAs 1a–1c. Furthermore, among them, a maximum  $\Delta\Delta\delta$  value was observed at 1.309 ppm, which is unprecedented for the separated  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signal in the field of chiral recognition by CSAs. In addition, compared with the

$\Delta\Delta\delta$  values of the split proton of ( $\pm$ )-G2 and ( $\pm$ )-G3, and ( $\pm$ )-G7 and ( $\pm$ )-G8, the  $\Delta\Delta\delta$  values of the corresponding protons of the ( $\pm$ )-G11–14 with the 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl group exhibited a clear tendency to become larger in most cases in the presence of the same chiral solvating agent, which may be the result of the electronic effect of the 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl substituent. Additional  $\Delta\Delta\delta$  values of other protons and the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of ( $\pm$ )-G1–14 are shown in Table 2.

Stimulated by the highly significant discriminating results noted above, we strongly desired to explore interactions between the host and guest and the possible mechanism of chiral discrimination. First, Job plots<sup>25</sup> of ( $\pm$ )-G1 with TAMCSA 1a were achieved by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration experiments. The results show that a maximum value ( $X \times \Delta\delta_{\text{SR}} = 0.184$  ppm,  $X \times \Delta\delta_{\text{S}} = 0.255$  ppm, and  $X \times \Delta\delta_{\text{R}} = 0.071$  ppm) of the NH proton (CONH) of ( $\pm$ )-G1 was observed at a molar fraction of  $X = 0.5$ . Meanwhile, a maximum value ( $X \times \Delta\delta_{\text{SR}} = 0.011$  ppm,  $X \times \Delta\delta_{\text{S}} = 0.026$  ppm, and  $X \times \Delta\delta_{\text{R}} = 0.015$  ppm) of PhCH of ( $\pm$ )-G1 was also exhibited at a molar fraction of  $X = 0.5$  (Figure 2). The two results suggest that a pair of diastereoisomeric complexes with 1:1 stoichiometry is established between ( $\pm$ )-G1 and TAMCSA 1a.

In addition, to further understand the chiral discriminating behavior between the guest and host, the geometries of enantiomers (*S*)-G1 and (*R*)-G1 with TAMCSA 1a were optimized using density functional theory (DFT) at the B3LYP/6-31G\* level.<sup>26</sup> The continuum model (SMD) for chloroform was employed in all NMR calculations to simulate the effects of the solvent. All quantum chemical calculations were performed by the Gaussian 16 program package. The proposed models suggest that two pairs of hydrogen bonds between (*S*)-G1 and (*R*)-G1 with TAMCSA 1a have been established. The hydrogen bonding interactions,  $\text{CONH}\cdots\text{OCNH}$  (1.845 Å) and  $\text{NHCO}\cdots\text{HOC}_6\text{H}_4$  (1.748 Å) between (*S*)-G1 and TAMCSA 1a and  $\text{CONH}\cdots\text{OCNH}$  (1.884 Å) and  $\text{NHCO}\cdots\text{HOC}_6\text{H}_4$  (1.749 Å) between (*R*)-G1 and TAMCSA 1a, are shown in Figure 3.

Additionally, the corresponding chemical shifts and non-equivalent chemical shifts obtained by DFT/SMD calculations are shown in Table 3.

The Cartesian coordinates and total energies (hartree) of the complexes of (*S*)-G1 and (*R*)-G1 with TAMCSA 1a were obtained by means of B3LYP/6-31G\* structural optimization (Tables S2–S6).

To further evaluate the intermolecular interaction between the host and guest,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration of (*S*)-G2 and (*R*)-G2 with TAMCSA 1a was performed, and their association constants ( $K_a$ ) were calculated by the nonlinear curve-fitting method and are shown in Table 4.<sup>27</sup>

As shown in Table 4, it can be found that no significant differences between the association constants of (*S*)-G2 and (*R*)-G2 with TAMCSA 1a may result from the differences in the geometry of the diastereoisomeric complexes, rather than the thermodynamic factors.

A highly remarkable chiral discrimination has thus been established by the split  $^1\text{H}$  NMR peaks of multiple protons of hydantoin derivatives, in conjunction with sufficiently enough nonequivalent chemical shift values. Based on these excellent discriminating results, we ventured to explore another research goal of chiral recognition, namely, its application in the determination of ee of chiral analytes. For this purpose, samples of G4 with different optical purities, containing (*S*)-

**Table 1.** Nonequivalent Chemical Shifts ( $\Delta\delta$ , ppm) and Partial  $^1\text{H}$  NMR Spectra of the  $\text{NH}$  Proton ( $\text{CONH}$ ) of ( $\pm$ )-G1–14 in the Presence of TAMCSAs 1a–1c in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 or 600 MHz) at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ <sup>a</sup>

TAMCSA 1a	TAMCSA 1b	TAMCSA 1c	TAMCSA 1a	TAMCSA 1b	TAMCSA 1c

<sup>a</sup>5.0 mM. <sup>b</sup>7.5 mM. <sup>c</sup>10.0 mM. <sup>d</sup>6.0 mM. <sup>e</sup>4.0 mM. <sup>f</sup>12.5 mM. <sup>g</sup>2.0 mM. <sup>h</sup>3.0 mM. <sup>i</sup>600 MHz. <sup>j</sup>10%  $\text{CD}_3\text{COCD}_3$ .

G4% with 95.0, 90.0, 70.0, 50.0, 30.0, 5.0, and 0.0% ee, were prepared in the presence of TAMCSA 1a in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , and their  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . Their ee values were calculated based on the integration of the  $\text{NH}$  proton ( $\text{CONH}$ ), featuring well-separated  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals and superior baseline resolution. The ee values for samples of high optical purity (up to 95% ee) were clearly elucidated by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra (Figure 4a). An excellent linear correlation between the theoretical ( $X$ ) and observed ( $Y$ ) % ee values was obtained (Figure 4c). To further verify this application, another set of samples of G10 with different optical purities containing ( $S$ )-G10% with 90.0, 70.0, 50.0, 30.0, 5.0, and 0.0% ee was prepared in the presence of TAMCSA 1c, and their  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. Similar results (up to 90% ee) were obtained based on the aforementioned method and are shown in Figure 4b,d.

## CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, chiral recognition has been established by means of unprecedented nonequivalent chemical shift values

(up to 1.309 ppm) of chiral hydantoin derivatives, in the presence of TAMCSAs 1a–1c by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy. In addition, better baseline resolution and clear  $^1\text{H}$  NMR signals without overlapping peaks have been achieved. Their practical application in the determination of ee values has been established by accurate calculation of the integration area of the  $\text{NH}$  proton ( $\text{CONH}$ ) of G4 (up to 95% ee) in the presence of TAMCSA 1a and G10 (up to 90% ee) in the presence of TAMCSA 1c. Meanwhile, the intermolecular interaction between guests and hosts has been investigated by Job plots, association constants ( $K_a$ ), and quantum chemical calculations. Most importantly, this work is highlighting the impact of the discrimination of enantiomers of chiral heterocyclic compounds and determination of ee values with the assistance of highly effective chiral solvating agents by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Information.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were recorded on a Bruker Avance III spectrometer at 400 MHz and JEOL spectrometers at 400 and 600 MHz at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . The peak patterns are shown as the singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), multiplet

Table 2. Nonequivalent Chemical Shifts ( $\Delta\Delta\delta$ , ppm) of Other Split Protons of ( $\pm$ )-G1–14 in the Presence of TAMCSAs 1a–1c in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (400 or 600 MHz) at 25 °C<sup>a</sup>

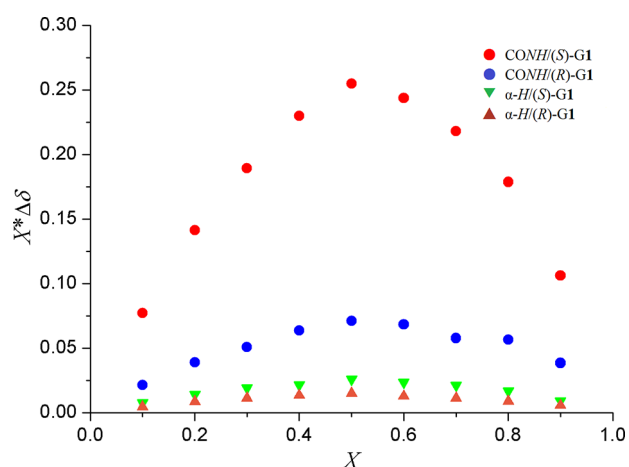
guest/TAMCSA	proton	$\Delta\Delta\delta$	guest/TAMCSA	proton	$\Delta\Delta\delta$
( $\pm$ )-G1/1a	PhCH	0.030	( $\pm$ )-G9/1b <sup>b</sup>	4-PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.024
( $\pm$ )-G1/1b <sup>b</sup>	PhCH	0.041	( $\pm$ )-G9/1c <sup>e</sup>	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.007
( $\pm$ )-G1/1c	PhCH	0.029		4-PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.052
( $\pm$ )-G2/1a	PhCH <sub>2</sub>	0.091	( $\pm$ )-G10/1a <sup>c</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub>	0.070
		0.049		$\alpha$ -H(trp unit)	0.036
	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.042		ArH	0.012
( $\pm$ )-G2/1b <sup>b</sup>	PhCH <sub>2</sub>	0.061		ArH	0.119
		0.040		C=CHNH	0.031
	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.031	( $\pm$ )-G10/1b <sup>f</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub>	0.051
( $\pm$ )-G2/1c <sup>c</sup>	PhCH <sub>2</sub>	0.111		$\alpha$ -H(trp unit)	0.027
		0.054		ArH	0.067
	PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.051		ArH	0.013
( $\pm$ )-G3/1a <sup>c,i</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.049	( $\pm$ )-G10/1c <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub>	0.045
( $\pm$ )-G3/1b <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.020		$\alpha$ -H(trp unit)	0.029
( $\pm$ )-G3/1c <sup>d,i</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.029		ArH	0.078
( $\pm$ )-G4/1a	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH	0.014		C=CHNH	0.030
		0.042	( $\pm$ )-G11/1a <sup>c</sup>	PhCH <sub>2</sub>	0.153
	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH	0.031			0.100
( $\pm$ )-G4/1b	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH	0.007		PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.086
		0.022		ArH	0.061
	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH	0.024		ArH	0.014
( $\pm$ )-G4/1c <sup>b</sup>	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH	0.013	( $\pm$ )-G11/1b <sup>b</sup>	PhCH <sub>2</sub>	0.095
		0.044			0.068
	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH	0.037		PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.077
( $\pm$ )-G5/1a <sup>e</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.018		ArH	0.058
		0.007		ArH	0.012
	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.039	( $\pm$ )-G11/1c <sup>c</sup>	PhCH <sub>2</sub>	0.154
( $\pm$ )-G5/1b <sup>c</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.022			0.087
		0.008		PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.080
	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.059		ArH	0.061
( $\pm$ )-G5/1c	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.020		ArH	0.013
		0.008	( $\pm$ )-G12/1a <sup>h</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.034
	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.045		ArH	0.016
( $\pm$ )-G6/1a <sup>b</sup>	SCH <sub>3</sub>	0.030	( $\pm$ )-G12/1b <sup>d</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.017
( $\pm$ )-G6/1b <sup>b</sup>	SCH <sub>3</sub>	0.021		ArH	0.032
( $\pm$ )-G6/1c <sup>b</sup>	SCH <sub>3</sub>	0.025	( $\pm$ )-G12/1c <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.032
( $\pm$ )-G7/1a <sup>c</sup>	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.038		ArH	0.019
( $\pm$ )-G7/1b <sup>c</sup>	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.023	( $\pm$ )-G13/1a <sup>b</sup>	ArH	0.026
( $\pm$ )-G7/1c <sup>c</sup>	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.033		ArH	0.012
( $\pm$ )-G8/1a <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.040	( $\pm$ )-G13/1b <sup>b</sup>	ArH	0.014
	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.037		ArH	0.040
	CH <sub>3</sub> (OH)CHCH	0.027	( $\pm$ )-G13/1c <sup>c</sup>	ArH	0.022
( $\pm$ )-G8/1b <sup>f</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.050		ArH	0.029
	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.025	( $\pm$ )-G14/1a <sup>b,j</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.024
	CH <sub>3</sub> (OH)CHCH	0.024		CH <sub>3</sub> (OH)CHCH	0.028
( $\pm$ )-G8/1c <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.038	( $\pm$ )-G14/1b <sup>b,j</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.009
	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.035		CH <sub>3</sub> (OH)CHCH	0.022
	CH <sub>3</sub> (OH)CHCH	0.027	( $\pm$ )-G14/1c <sup>j</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub>	0.018
( $\pm$ )-G9/1a <sup>g</sup>	PhCH <sub>3</sub>	0.005		CH <sub>3</sub> (OH)CHCH	0.021
	4-PhCH <sub>2</sub> CH	0.030			

<sup>a</sup>5.0 mM. <sup>b</sup>7.5 mM. <sup>c</sup>10.0 mM. <sup>d</sup>6.0 mM. <sup>e</sup>4.0 mM. <sup>f</sup>12.5 mM. <sup>g</sup>2.0 mM. <sup>h</sup>3.0 mM. <sup>i</sup>600 MHz. <sup>j</sup>CDCl<sub>3</sub> (10% CD<sub>3</sub>COCD<sub>3</sub>).

(m), and broad (br). HRMS spectra were acquired on AB SCIEX Triple TOF 5600+. IR spectra were obtained on a 360 Avatar FT-IR spectrometer as KBr pellets. Optical rotations were measured on a PerkinElmer model 343 and Autopol III polarimeter using the sodium D line at 589 nm. All the solvents were dried by the standard procedure prior to use.

**Synthesis of TAMCSAs 1a–1c.** To a solution of chiral diimines 3a–3c (1 mmol) in dried DMF (60 mL) were added the activated

zinc powder (0.65 g, 10 mmol) and MsOH (0.96 g, 10 mmol) in dried DMF (20 mL). The mixture was stirred for 23 h under a nitrogen atmosphere from –18 °C to rt. The reaction mixture was basified to pH = 10 with a saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The precipitate formed was filtered off and washed with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated from the filtrate. The water layer was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (15 mL × 3). The combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under



**Figure 2.** Job plots for diastereoisomeric complexes of (S)-G1 and (R)-G1 with TAMCSA 1a.  $\Delta\delta$  stands for the chemical shift change in NH (CONH) of (S)-G1 (red ●) and (R)-G1 (blue ●), and PhCH of (S)-G1 (green ▼) and (R)-G1 (red ▲) in the presence of TAMCSA 1a in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at 25 °C (400 MHz).  $X$  stands for the molar fraction of (±)-G1, ( $X = [(\pm)\text{-G1}]/[(\pm)\text{-G1} + \text{TAMCSA } 1a]$ ).

reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford TAMCSAs 1a–1c in 17–25% yields and chiral compounds 2a–2c in 17–19% yields.

(3*R*,5*S*,6*S*,8*R*,10*aS*,14*aS*)-3,8-Dibenzyl-5,6-bis(2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)tetradecahydrobenzo[*b*][1,4,7,10]-tetraazacyclododecine-2,9-dione (TAMCSA 1a). 149 mg, 23% yield as a white solid.  $R_f = 0.3$  (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/2). mp 186–188 °C.  $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +64.8$  (c 0.01,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.15–7.19 (m, 6H), 7.06–7.08 (m, 4H), 6.89 (dd,  $J = 8.20, 1.64$  Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d,  $J = 8.12$  Hz, 2H), 5.95 (s, 2H), 5.71 (d,  $J = 7.88$  Hz, 2H), 4.32 (s, 2H), 3.68–3.73 (m, 2H), 3.28–3.32 (m, 2H), 2.93 (dd,  $J = 12.66, 9.78$  Hz, 2H), 2.78 (dd,  $J = 12.68, 5.52$  Hz, 2H), 2.01 (s, 6H), 1.62–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.24–1.27 (m, 2H), 1.11–1.16 (m, 2H), 0.90–0.96 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  173.7, 152.7, 136.7, 129.3, 128.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 126.7, 125.2, 116.8, 67.0, 61.6, 52.7, 40.1, 31.5, 24.6, 20.4. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3286, 2936, 1655, 1560, 1500, 1455, 1260, 700. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ , 647.3591; found, 647.3594.

**Table 3.** Observed and Calculated Chemical Shift Values ( $\delta$ , ppm) and Nonequivalent Chemical Shift Values ( $\Delta\delta$ , ppm) for the NH Proton (CONH) of (S)-G1 and (R)-G1 with TAMCSA 1a

	$\delta_{(S)\text{-G1}}$	$\delta_{(R)\text{-G1}}$	$\Delta\delta^a$
obsd values	6.5995	6.1139	0.4856
calcd values	8.6570	8.1340	0.5230

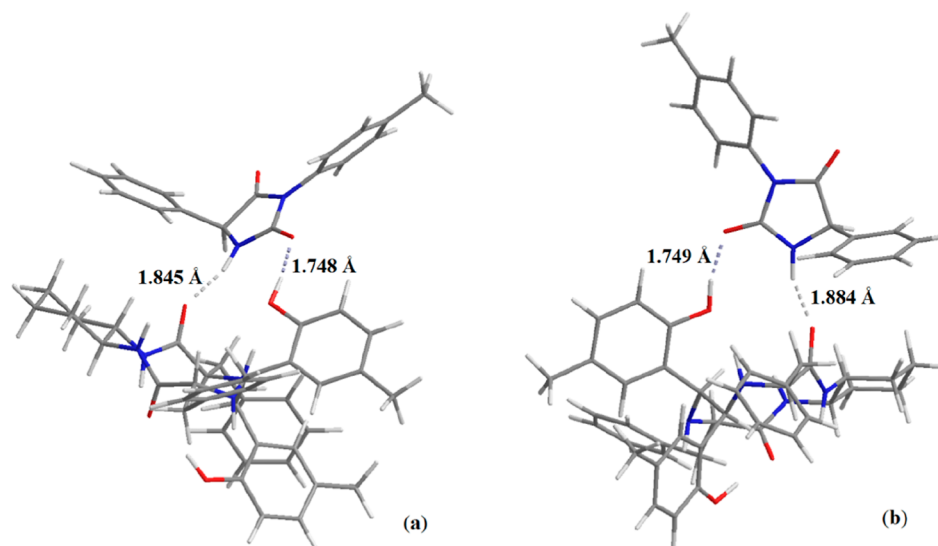
$$^a\Delta\delta = \delta_{(S)\text{-G1}} - \delta_{(R)\text{-G1}}$$

**Table 4.** Association Constants ( $K_a$ ,  $\text{M}^{-1}$ ) of (S)-G2 and (R)-G2 with TAMCSA 1a in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (400 MHz)

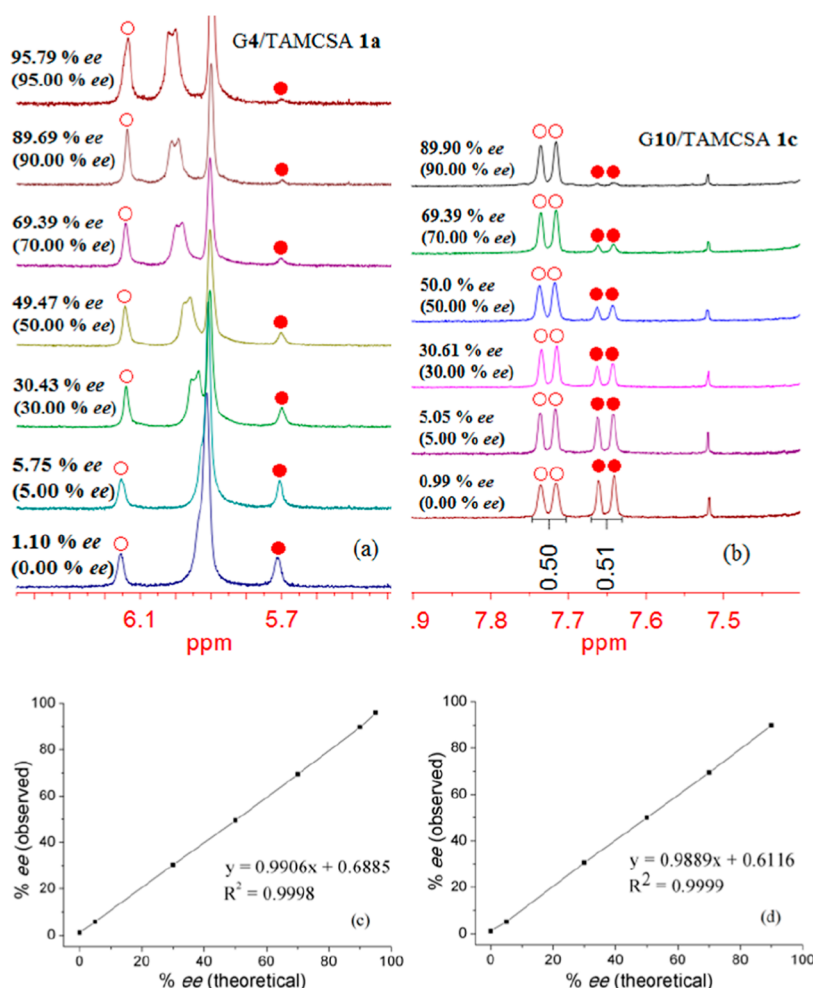
guest	TAMCSA	$K_a$ ( $\text{M}^{-1}$ )	$-\Delta G^\circ$ ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ )
(S)-G2	1a	$(3.98 \pm 0.96) \times 10^2$	$14.8 \pm 4.4$
(R)-G2	1a	$(3.83 \pm 1.50) \times 10^2$	$14.7 \pm 4.3$

(3*R*,5*S*,6*S*,8*R*,10*aS*,14*aS*)-3,8-Dibenzyl-5,6-bis(2-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)tetradecahydrobenzo[*b*][1,4,7,10]-tetraazacyclododecine-2,9-dione (TAMCSA 1b). 115 mg, 17% yield as a white solid.  $R_f = 0.3$  (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2/3). mp 179–180 °C.  $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +50.4$  (c 0.01, THF).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.12–7.19 (m, 6H), 7.08–7.10 (m, 4H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 8.04$  Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t,  $J = 7.90$  Hz, 2H), 6.37 (d,  $J = 7.28$  Hz, 2H), 5.53 (br, 2H), 4.34 (s, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.61–3.67 (m, 2H), 3.19–3.23 (m, 2H), 2.89–2.91 (m, 4H), 1.69 (br, 2H), 1.59–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.26–1.29 (m, 2H), 1.09–1.14 (m, 2H), 0.83–0.90 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  174.0, 147.4, 145.4, 137.1, 129.4, 128.3, 126.6, 124.2, 120.7, 118.5, 110.6, 66.8, 63.0, 56.0, 52.9, 40.1, 31.7, 24.7. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3300, 2938, 1661, 1631, 1450, 1406, 1238, 1076, 697. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6$ , 679.3490; found, 679.3465.

(3*R*,5*S*,6*S*,8*R*,10*aS*,14*aS*)-3,8-Dibenzyl-5,6-bis(2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)tetradecahydrobenzo[*b*][1,4,7,10]-tetraazacyclododecine-2,9-dione (TAMCSA 1c). 170 mg, 25% yield as a white solid.  $R_f = 0.3$  (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2/3). mp 156–158 °C.  $[\alpha]_{20}^D = +111.2$  (c 0.01,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.13–7.21 (m, 6H), 7.05–7.07 (m, 4H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 6.22–6.23 (m, 2H), 6.20–6.21 (m, 2H), 5.64 (s, 2H), 4.28 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 3.69–3.75 (m, 2H), 3.23–3.26 (m, 2H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 12.36, 9.76$  Hz, 2H), 2.82 (dd,  $J = 12.74, 5.54$  Hz, 2H), 1.62–1.64 (m, 2H), 1.22–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.11–1.16 (m, 2H), 0.86–0.92 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  174.1, 159.6, 156.4, 136.7, 129.3, 129.0, 128.3, 126.6, 117.5, 105.2, 102.2, 66.6, 61.6, 55.0, 52.6,



**Figure 3.** Proposed DFT models for the hydrogen bonding interactions between (S)-G1 (a) and (R)-G1 (b) with TAMCSA 1a.



**Figure 4.** Determination of ee of G4 and G10, ee (%) =  $\{[(S)\text{-GX} - (R)\text{-GX}] / [(S)\text{-GX} + (R)\text{-GX}] \times 100\%$ , (X = 4 and 10). Overlaid <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of the NH proton (CONH) of (S)-G4 (red O) and (R)-G4 (red ●) in the presence of TAMCSAs 1a [5 mM] (a) and (S)-G10 (red O) and (R)-G10 (red ●) in the presence of TAMCSAs 1c [7.5 mM] (b) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C (400 MHz). Linear correlation between the theoretical (X) and observed (Y) % values of G4 with TAMCSA 1a (c) and G10 with TAMCSA 1c (d).

40.1, 31.4, 24.6. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3297, 2936, 1660, 1617, 1511, 1455, 1161, 700. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 679.3490; found, 679.3488.

(2*R*,2'*R*)-*N,N'*-((1*S*,2*S*)-Cyclohexane-1,2-diy)bis(2-((2-hydroxy-5-methylbenzyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamide) (**2a**). 117 mg, 18% yield as a white solid. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/1). mp 172–174 °C. [α]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +51.7 (c 0.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.21–7.28 (m, 6H), 7.09–7.11 (m, 4H), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 8.16, 1.80 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.12 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (d, *J* = 5.84 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.04 Hz, 2H), 3.50–3.53 (m, 2H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 13.04 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (t, *J* = 7.32 Hz, 2H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 13.42, 7.02 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 7.64 Hz, 2H), 2.09 (s, 6H), 1.79–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.64–1.66 (m, 5H), 1.19–1.24 (m, 2H), 0.90–0.98 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 173.7, 154.6, 136.9, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 128.6, 127.0, 122.9, 116.2, 63.6, 53.4, 50.5, 40.1, 31.9, 24.4, 20.3. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3299, 2933, 1647, 1629, 1550, 1499, 1252, 817, 699. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, 649.3748; found, 649.3750.

(2*R*,2'*R*)-*N,N'*-((1*S*,2*S*)-Cyclohexane-1,2-diy)bis(2-((2-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamide) (**2b**). 129 mg, 19% yield as a white solid. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.2 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2/3). mp 165–166 °C. [α]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +102.8 (c 0.01, THF). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 6.56 Hz, 2H), 7.18–7.23 (m, 6H), 7.06–7.09 (m, 4H), 6.74 (dd, *J* = 8.16, 1.24 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 7.76, 7.92 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (dd, *J* = 7.60, 1.08 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 12.84 Hz, 2H), 3.63–3.67 (m, 2H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 12.84 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 9.10, 5.30 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (dd, *J* = 13.70, 5.26 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (dd, *J* =

13.62, 9.18 Hz, 2H), 2.02–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.73 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.34 (m, 2H), 1.07–1.15 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 173.9, 147.2, 145.2, 137.3, 129.0, 128.6, 126.8, 124.1, 121.7, 119.2, 110.6, 63.2, 56.0, 52.9, 49.3, 40.1, 32.2, 24.6. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3292, 2940, 2860, 1641, 1530, 1481, 1456, 1269, 1240, 1074, 733, 696. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 681.3647; found, 681.3587.

(2*R*,2'*R*)-*N,N'*-((1*S*,2*S*)-Cyclohexane-1,2-diy)bis(2-((2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzyl)amino)-3-phenylpropanamide) (**2c**). 116 mg, 17% yield as a white solid. *R<sub>f</sub>* = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/1). mp 186–188 °C. [α]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +69.9 (c 0.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.21–7.30 (m, 6H), 7.12–7.13 (m, 4H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 8.32 Hz, 2H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 2.48 Hz, 2H), 6.32 (d, *J* = 5.64 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 8.28, 2.52 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 13.08 Hz, 2H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.46–3.49 (m, 4H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 7.32 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (dd, *J* = 13.42, 7.22 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 13.42, 7.42 Hz, 2H), 1.75–1.78 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.17–1.22 (m, 2H), 0.88–0.94 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 173.6, 160.6, 158.3, 136.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.8, 127.0, 115.2, 105.1, 102.3, 63.2, 55.2, 53.7, 50.0, 40.1, 31.8, 24.4. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3330, 3303, 1633, 1535, 1508, 1204, 1160, 1106, 699. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, 681.3647; found, 681.3659.

#### Synthesis of Enantiomers of Hydantoin Derivatives G1–14.

To D- or L-amino acid (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in NaOH solution (1 M, 5 mL) was dropwise added the corresponding isocyanate (5 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2 mL) at 0 °C. 1,4-Dioxane (5 mL) was added to the reaction solution after the mixture was stirred for 3 h. It was acidified



to pH = 2 with concd hydrochloric acid after the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at room temperature. The mixture was stirred again for 10 h at 110 °C using a lab heating mantle. After cooling, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL × 3), and the combined organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to afford the corresponding enantiomers of hydantoin derivatives G1–14 in 50–89% yields.

(*S*)-5-Phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*S*)-G1). 1.07 g, 85% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2/3). mp 240–243 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = -5.4 (c 0.01, DMSO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42–7.44 (m, 5H), 7.26 (s, 3H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.0, 157.0, 134.2, 129.8, 129.2, 128.6, 126.5, 126.1, 60.6, 21.2. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2915, 1713, 1515, 1430, 1176, 810, 708. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 267.1128; found, 267.1126.

(*R*)-5-Phenyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G1). 1.10 g, 87% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2:3). mp 242–246 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +5.6 (c 0.01, DMSO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42–7.45 (m, 5H), 7.26 (s, 3H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  171.0, 156.9, 138.5, 134.2, 129.8, 129.2, 128.6, 126.5, 126.1, 60.6, 21.2. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2915, 1713, 1515, 1425, 1176, 810, 708. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 267.1128; found, 267.1126.

(*R*)-5-Benzyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G2). 1.07 g, 80% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1). mp 119–120 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +194.7 (c 0.01, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.28–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.21–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.20 Hz, 2H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 4.35–4.38 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 13.90, 3.82 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 13.86, 7.34 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  172.2, 156.5, 138.5, 134.7, 129.8, 129.5, 128.8, 128.6, 127.5, 126.1, 58.1, 37.9, 21.2. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3288, 1724, 1476, 1419, 1278, 1137, 894, 702. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 281.1284; found, 281.1289.

(*R*)-5-Methyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G3). 0.75 g, 79% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1). mp 150–153 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +32.5 (c 0.01, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.27 (br, 4H), 6.33 (s, 1H), 4.21–4.23 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.54 (d, *J* = 6.36 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.7, 156.8, 138.5, 129.8, 128.7, 126.1, 52.9, 21.2, 17.8. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3232, 1713, 1520, 1430, 1188, 815, 770. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 205.0971; found, 205.0973.

(*R*)-5-Isopropyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G4). 0.93 g, 85% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2:3). mp 170–173 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +96.6 (c 0.01, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.25 (br, 4H), 6.06 (br, 1H), 4.05–4.06 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.32–2.33 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 6.84 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.64 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  166.8, 151.6, 132.6, 124.0, 123.0, 120.3, 56.4, 24.8, 15.4, 12.9, 10.2. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3226, 1770, 1713, 1515, 1425, 1176, 787, 764. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 233.1284; found, 233.1286.

(*S*)-5-Isobutyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*S*)-G5). 0.80 g, 69% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2:3). mp 136–138 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = -78.3 (c 0.01, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (br, 4H), 6.00 (br, 1H), 4.17–4.19 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.85–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.00 (2d, *J* = 6.68, 7.36 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.5, 156.8, 138.3, 129.7, 128.8, 126.0, 55.7, 41.0, 25.1, 23.0, 21.7, 21.2. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3254, 2955, 1719, 1515, 1413, 1170, 815, 753. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 247.1441; found, 247.1438.

(*R*)-5-Isobutyl-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G5). 0.87 g, 75% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 2:3). mp 136–138 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +78.5 (c 0.01, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (br, 4H), 6.16 (br, 1H), 4.17–4.19 (m, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.85–1.89 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.00 (2d,

*J* = 7.12, 6.96 Hz, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.5, 156.9, 138.3, 129.8, 128.8, 126.0, 55.7, 25.1, 23.0, 21.7, 21.2. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3254, 2955, 1719, 1515, 1413, 1171, 821, 747. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 247.1441; found, 247.1443.

(*S*)-5-(2-(Methylthio)ethyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*S*)-G6). 0.99 g, 79% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1). mp 109–111 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = -53.9 (c 0.01, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.27 (br, 4H), 6.49 (br, 1H), 4.28–4.31 (m, 1H), 2.67–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.28–2.34 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.04–2.10 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  172.8, 156.7, 138.4, 130.0, 128.7, 126.0, 56.3, 30.5, 30.1, 21.2, 15.3. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3277, 2915, 1781, 1713, 1515, 1425, 1188, 815, 674. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S, 265.1005; found, 265.1007.

(*R*)-5-(2-(Methylthio)ethyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G6). 1.11 g, 89% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1). mp 107–108 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +54.2 (c 0.01, CH<sub>3</sub>OH). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.27 (br, 4H), 6.39 (br, 1H), 4.29–4.31 (m, 1H), 2.68–2.71 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.29–2.33 (m, 1H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.06–2.10 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  172.8, 156.8, 138.4, 129.8, 128.7, 126.0, 56.3, 30.5, 30.1, 21.2, 15.3. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3277, 2916, 1781, 1713, 1515, 1425, 1188, 821, 674. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S, 265.1005; found, 265.1003.

(*S*)-5-(Hydroxymethyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*S*)-G7). 0.88 g, 85% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 8:1). mp 168–170 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +99.8 (c 0.01, DMF). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (br, 4H), 6.04 (br, 1H), 4.25–4.27 (m, 1H), 3.96–4.01 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  172.8, 157.7, 138.1, 129.4, 129.2, 126.4, 60.4, 59.5, 19.8. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3260, 2916, 1713, 1520, 1425, 1334, 1171, 776. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 221.0920; found, 221.0923.

(*R*)-5-(Hydroxymethyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G7). 0.89 g, 86% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 8:1). mp 168–170 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = -98.7 (c 0.01, DMF). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (br, 4H), 6.18 (br, 1H), 4.24–4.26 (m, 1H), 3.94–4.00 (m, 2H), 2.50 (br, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  172.8, 157.7, 138.1, 129.4, 129.2, 126.4, 60.4, 59.5, 19.8. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3328, 2921, 1775, 1713, 1521, 1425, 1176, 680. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 221.0920; found, 221.0919.

(*S*)-5-(*R*)-1-Hydroxyethyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*S*)-G8). 0.87 g, 79% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 6:1). mp 176–178 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = -122.9 (c 0.01, DMF). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.22–7.27 (m, 4H), 6.55 (s, 1H), 4.21 (br, 1H), 4.01–4.03 (m, 1H), 2.64 (br, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.52 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  173.0, 157.9, 138.1, 129.4, 129.2, 126.4, 66.3, 62.9, 19.8, 18.9. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3305, 1781, 1719, 1515, 1425, 1182, 810. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 235.1077; found, 235.1081.

(*R*)-5-(*S*)-1-Hydroxyethyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*R*)-G8). 0.97 g, 88% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.3 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 6:1). mp 174–176 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = +121.1 (c 0.01, DMF). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.22–7.25 (m, 4H), 6.64 (s, 1H), 4.20 (br, 1H), 4.00–4.01 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 6.44 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD):  $\delta$  173.0, 157.9, 138.1, 129.4, 129.2, 126.4, 66.3, 62.9, 19.8, 18.9. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3305, 1781, 1719, 1515, 1425, 1182, 810. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 235.1077; found, 235.1074.

(*S*)-5-(4-Hydroxybenzyl)-3-(*p*-tolyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione ((*S*)-G9). 1.16 g, 82% yield as a white solid. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1:1). mp 80–83 °C. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>20</sub><sup>D</sup> = -158.0 (c 0.01, DMF). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.22 (d, *J* = 8.08 Hz, 2H), 7.04–7.08 (m, 4H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.48 Hz, 2H), 6.03 (br, 1H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 4.35–4.38 (m, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 14.12, 4.04 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (dd, *J* = 14.12, 6.92 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz,



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