# **Supporting Information**

# Zinc-Catalyzed Hydroxyl-Directed Regioselective Ring Opening of Aziridines in S<sub>N</sub>2 Reaction Pathway

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## **General Methods and Materials**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance 400M NMR spectrometers at ambient temperature in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> at 400 and 101 MHz. The chemical shifts are given in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane [<sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$ = (SiMe<sub>4</sub>)= 0.00 ppm] as an internal standard or relative to the resonance of the solvent [<sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$ =(CDCl<sub>3</sub>)= 7.26, <sup>13</sup>C:  $\delta$ = (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)= 77.16 ppm, <sup>1</sup>H:  $\delta$ = (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)= 2.05, <sup>13</sup>C:  $\delta$ = (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)= 29.84, 206.26 ppm]. Multiplicities were given as: s (singlet); d (doublet); t (triplet); q (quartet); dd (doublet of doublets); dt (doublet of triplets); m (multiplets), etc. Coupling constants are reported as *J* values in Hz. High resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on Waters XEVO G2 Q-TOF. HPLC was performed on Thermo UltiMate 3000. Flash chromatography was performed using 200-300 mesh silica gel with the indicated solvent system.

# **Optimization of the Reaction Conditions**<sup>[a]</sup>

			OMe			
	,Ts ∧ ∧ ∧ +	NH <sub>2</sub>	Cat. (20 mol%)	MeO		
H <sub>3</sub> C		MeO	Solvent (0.2M) 70 °C, 12 h			
				⊓₃⊂ <u>-</u> ŇH	Ts	
1a		2a		3a		
Entry	Catalyst	Solvent	T (°C)	Yield (%) <sup>[b]</sup>	C3:C2 <sup>[c]</sup>	
1	Fe(BF <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	THF	60	65	88:12	
2	AgBF <sub>4</sub>	THF	60	41	81:19	
3	AgClO <sub>4</sub>	THF	60	38	85:15	
4	VO(acac) <sub>2</sub>	THF	60	0	-	
5	Sc(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	65	83:17	
6	Bi(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	36	90:10	
7	In(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	60	91:9	
8	Hf(OTf) <sub>4</sub>	THF	60	45	87:13	
9	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	THF	60	53	95:5	
10	Y(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	31	82:18	
11	Yb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	38	86:14	
12	Pr(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	41	91:9	
13	Er(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	45	88:12	
14	Tb(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	53	89:11	
15	Ho(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	21	92:8	
16	Eu(OTf) <sub>3</sub>	THF	60	55	89:11	
17	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	THF	60	53	95:5	
18	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	MeCN	60	66	>98:2	
19	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	toluene	60	89	97:3	
20	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	DCE	60	66	97:3	
21	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	HFIP	60	45	94:6	
22	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	EtOAc	60	85	>98:2	
23	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	monoglyme	60	38	95:5	
24	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	chloroform	60	65	96:4	
25	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	1,4-dioxane	60	66	97:3	
26	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	t-BuOH	60	0	-	
27	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	EtOAc	70	<b>98</b>	>98:2	
28	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	EtOAc	50	75	>98:2	
29	Zn(OTf) <sub>2</sub>	EtOAc	rt	trace	n.d.	

[a] Reactions were performed on a 0.2 mmol scale of the aziridinyl alcohol **1a** using 1.5 equiv 3,5-dimethoxy aniline (**2a**), 20 mol% catalyst in 1.0 mL solvent for 12 h. [b] Yields of the isolated product after flash chromatography. [c] Determined by <sup>1</sup>H-spectrocopy.

### Procedures for Synthesis of 2,3-Aziridinyl Alcohols



The aziridines **1a**, **1b**, **1g** and **1i** are known compounds, and their NMR-data are consistent with these reported in the literature.<sup>[1],[2]</sup>

#### Procedure for Synthesis of the Aziridines 1c-f, 1h, 1j and 1k



To a stirred suspension of chloroamine-T (3.4 g, 15 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and phenyltrimethylammonium tribromide (PTAB) (367 mg, 1 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in MeCN (40 mL) were added the allylic alcohols (10 mmol, 1 equiv) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 12 h, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) gave the corresponding aziridines.



*trans-(3-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methanol* (1c) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a colorless syrup (1.72 g, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.84 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (t, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86-6.71 (m, 2H), 6.65 (dd, *J*= 2.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.28 (m, 1H), 4.21-4.13 (m, 1H), 4.00 (d, *J*= 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H),

3.20-3.15 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 159.8, 144.4, 137.0, 136.2, 129.7 (3C), 127.2 (2C), 118.7, 114.1, 111.7, 60.7, 55.2, 54.8, 46.4, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:356.0932, found: 356.0920.



*trans-(3-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methanol* (1d) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a colorless syrup (1.45 g, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.84 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.02 (m, 1H), 4.36-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.99 (d, *J*= 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.19-3.11 (m, 1H), 3.10

(dd, J= 9.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H). 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 144.7, 136.8, 136.7, 134.6, 129.9, 129.8 (2C), 128.6, 127.2 (2C), 126.5, 124.7, 60.4, 54.8, 45.4, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:360.0437, found: 360.0437.



*trans-(3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methanol* (**1e**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a brown syrup (1.25 g, 78%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.82 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 2H), 4.35-4.26 (m, 1H),

4.10-4.13 (m, 1H), 4.00 (d, J= 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.20-3.15 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C

NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 162.7 (d, *J*= 247.5 Hz), 144.5, 137.0, 130.3 (d, *J*= 3.2 Hz), 129.7 (2C), 128.2 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz) (2C), 127.1 (2C), 115.6 (d, *J* = 21.8 Hz) (2C), 60.5, 54.6, 45.7, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:322.0913, found: 322.0913.



*trans-(3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methanol* (**1f**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a white solid (1.35 g, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.81 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz), 7.33-7.27 (m, 2H), 7.09-6.95 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.27 (m, 1H),

4.21-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.97 (d, J= 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.20-3.13 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.05 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 144.6, 136.9, 133.7, 131.8 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 122.4, 60.4, 54.7, 45.6, 21.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:403.9932, found: 403.9936.



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*trans-(3-Phenethyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methanol* (**1h**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a colorless syrup (1.32 g, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.86 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J*= 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.02 (m, 1H), 4.05-3.07 (m, 1H), 3.97-3.79 (m,

1H), 3.05-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.91-2.85 (m, 1H), 2.77-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.06-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.82 (m, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 144.4, 139.7, 137.1, 132.9, 130.3, 129.7 (2C) , 128.1, 127.6, 127.4 (2C), 124.3, 60.9, 51.5, 45.7, 33.6, 30.4, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:410.0426, found: 410.0426.

*1,2-anti-2,3-trans-3-Ethyl-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)ethan-1-ol* (**1j**) was isolated through preparative TLC on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 2:1) as a colorless syrup (215 mg, 40%, 2 mmol the corresponding allylic alcohol used as precursor). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.76 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.92-3.80 (m, 1H)

2.81-2.72 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.97-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.11 (d, J= 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J= 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 144.3, 137.4, 129.7 (2C), 127.4 (2C), 64.2, 52.5, 48.0, 21.9, 21.6, 20.2, 12.1. ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:292.0983, found: 292.0987.

Ts  $trans-(3-((Benzyloxy)methyl)-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)methanol (1k) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a colorless syrup (1.16 g, 67%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) <math>\delta$ = 7.85 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.20-7.14 (m, 2H), 4.50-4.37 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.05 (m, 1H), 4.01-3.90 (m, 1H), 3.69 (dd, *J*= 11.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, *J*= 11.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.30-2.95(m, 1H), 3.09-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J*= 9.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm.<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 144.4 , 137.6, 136.9, 129.6 (2C) , 128.4 (2C), 127.8, 127.5 (2C) , 127.4 (2C), 73.1, 68.4, 60.6, 48.9, 44.6, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 370.1089, found: 370.1086.

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To a solution of **1a** (2.69 g, 10 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>OH (40 mL) was added Mg powder (1.2 g, 50 mmol, 5.0 equiv), and the mixture was sonicated under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 1.5 h. After the reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (40 mL), the organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1-EtOAc), to afford *trans-(3-propylaziridin-2-yl)methanol* (**1**) as a colorless syrup (115 mg, 10%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 3.82 (dd, *J*= 11.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, *J*= 11.9, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.03-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.36 (m, 4H), 0.95 (t, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 63.0, 38.6, 35.8, 34.9, 20.8, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:116.1075, found: 116.1074.

#### Procedure for Synthesis of the Aziridines 1m and 1n



To a stirred solution of **1a** (2.7 g, 10 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMF was added imidazole (748 mg, 11 mmol, 1.1 equiv), and the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then the reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with saturated aq. NaCl solution for 3 times. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and reduced crude trans-2-(((tert-butyldiphenylconcentrated under pressure to afford the silyl)oxy)methyl)-3-propyl-1-tosylaziridine (S1) without further purification. To a solution of the crude S1 in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>OH (40 ml) was added magnesium powder (1.2 g, 50 mmol, 5 equiv) and the resulting mixture was sonicated under N<sub>2</sub> for 1.5 hour. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (100 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate for 3 times. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 5:1) to afford trans-2-(((tert-butyldiphenylsilvl)oxy)methyl)-3-propylaziridine (S2) as a colorless syrup (1.06 g, 30%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.68-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.33 (m, 6H), 3.79-3.67 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 2H), 1.49-.39 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.23 (m, 2H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.93 (t, J= 8.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 135.5 (4C), 133.4 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 127.7 (4C), 38.1, 35.5, 34.0, 29.3, 26.8 (3C), 20.7, 19.3, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NOSi [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 354.2253, found: 354.2255.

To a stirred solution of S2 (3 mmol, 1.06 g, 1 equiv) in DCM were added Et<sub>3</sub>N (6 mmol, 612 mg, 2 equiv) and (Boc)<sub>2</sub>O (6 mmol, 1.3 g, 2 eq) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h and diluted with

saturated aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 10:1) to afford *trans-tert-butyl* 2-(((*tert-butyldiphenylsilyl*)*oxy*)*methyl*)-*3-propylaziridine-* 1-carboxylate (**S3**) as a colorless syrup (1.8 g, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.69-7.63 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.37 (m, 5H), 3.96 (dd, *J*= 11.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, *J*= 11.2, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.27 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.43 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.30-.25 (m, 1H), 1.22-1.12 (m, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 160.6, 135.4 (2C), 135.6 (2C), 133.4, 133.2, 129.8 (4C), 127.7 (2C), 80.8, 63.3, 43.7, 41.7, 32.8, 28.0 (3C), 26.8 (3C), 20.4, 19.2, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 454.2777, found: 454.2778.

To a stirred solution of **S3** (2 mmol, 900 mg, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF was added TBAF (1M in THF) (4 mmol, 4 mL, 2 equiv), and the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and the organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 4:1) to afford *trans-tert-butyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-propylaziridine-1-carboxylate* (**1m**) as a colorless syrup (301 mg, 70%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 4.06-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.40 (m, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J*= 9.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.34 (brs, 1H), 1.58-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.43-1.35 (m, 1H), 0.97 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.7, 81.6, 62.8, 44.4, 40.8, 33.1, 28.0 (3C), 20.2, 13.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 238.1419, found: 238.1411.

To a stirred solution of **S2** (3 mmol, 1.06 g, 1 equiv) in DCM were added Et<sub>3</sub>N (6 mmol, 612 mg, 2 equiv), DMAP (0.3 mmol, 40.5 mg, 0.1 equiv) and benzoyl chloride (6 mmol, 1.3 g, 2 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 hours at rt and diluted with saturated aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 10:1) to afford *trans-(2-(((tert-butyl-diphenylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-3-propylaziridin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone* (**S4**) as a colorless syrup (1.2 g, 90%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 8.02 (dd, *J*= 8.2, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 4H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 2H), 3.86 (dd, *J*= 11.6, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, *J*= 11.6, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.83-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.69 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.11 (m, 1H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.94 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 176.9, 135.5 (2C), 135.4 (2C), 134.3, 132.9, 132.2 (2C), 129.7, 129.6, 128.9 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.7 (2C), 127.6 (2C), 61.5, 45.1, 39.8, 33.2, 26.6 (3C), 20.4, 19.1, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 458.2515, found: 458.2513.

To a stirred solution of **S4** (2 mmol, 914 mg, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF was added TBAF (1M in THF) (2 4mmol, 4 mL, 2eq), and the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and the organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate= 2:1) to afford *trans-(2-(hydroxymethyl)-3-propylaziridin-1-yl)(phenyl)methanone* (**1n**) as a colorless syrup (337 mg, 77%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 8.08-8.03 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.44 (dd, *J*= 8.3, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.50-4.33 (m, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J*= 11.7, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.18-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.98-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.46 (m, 3H), 1.46-1.40 (m, 1H), 0.96 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 166.5, 133.0, 130.0, 129.6 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 67.6, 35.7 (2C), 35.1, 20.8, 13.8 ppm.HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 220.1338, found: 220.1331.

General Procedure for the Hydroxyl-Directed Zinc Catalyzed Regioselective Nucleophilic Ring Opening of Aziridines



To a suspension of  $Zn(OTf)_2$  (5 or 20 mol%, see below)<sup>[a]</sup> in ethyl acetate (1 mL) were added the aziridines **1** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and amines **2** or thiophenols **4** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was heated to 70 °C and stirred at this temperature for 12 h. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate) affording the corresponding products **3** or **5**.

<sup>[a]</sup> Catalyst loading: 20 mol% for **3a-3o**, **3r-3t**, **3x-3ac**, **5a-5l**; 5 mol% for **3o-3q**, **3u**, **3w**.



(±)-*erythro-N-3-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-1-hydroxyhexan-2-yl)-4-methylbe nzenesulfonamide* (**3a**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a brown syrup (83 mg, 98%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.72 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 5.44 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H),4.00-3.85 (brs, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.66 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.38-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.20 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.28 (brs, 1H), 1.50-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.16 (m, 2H), 0.80 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.7 (2C), 149.5, 143.7, 137.3, 129.9 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 92.2 (2C), 90.0, 62.5, 56.2, 55.2 (2C), 55.1, 34.4, 21.5, 19.4, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 423.1948, found: 423.1948.



(±)-*erythro-N-(1-Hydroxy-3-(phenylamino)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3b**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (70 mg, 96%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.71 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.69-6.64 (m,

1H), 6.46-6.29 (m, 2H), 5.57 (d, J= 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J= 11.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J= 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.41-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.49-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.16 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, J= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 147.5, 143.6, 137.4, 129.8 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 117.8, 113.4 (2C), 62.6, 56.2, 55.1, 34.2, 21.6, 19.4, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 363.1737, found: 363.1737.



(±)-*erythro-N-(1-Hydroxy-3-((2-methoxyphenyl)amino)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzene sulfonamide* (**3c**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (67 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.72 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78-6.70 (m, 2H), 6.64 (m, 1H), 6.32 (dd, *J*= 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J*= 11.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.36-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.17 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H)

ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 147.0, 143.5, 137.4, 137.3, 129.7 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 121.1, 117.1, 110.3, 109.8, 62.2, 56.7, 55.5, 55.0, 34.5, 21.6, 19.3, 13.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:393.1843, found: 363.1848.



(±)-*erythro-N*-(1-Hydroxy-3-((3-methoxyphenyl)amino)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzene sulfonamide (**3d**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (71 mg, 90%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.75-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.22 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (m, 1H), 6.00 (m, 1H), 5.95 (t, *J*= 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J*= 11.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.66 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J*= 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J*= 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.49-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.14 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 160.8,

148.9, 143.7, 137.3, 130.0, 129.8, 127.0 (2C), 106.4 (2C), 102.8, 99.4, 62.5, 56.2 (2C), 55.1, 34.3, 21.6, 19.4, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:393.1843, found: 363.1848.



(±)-*erythro-N*-(*1*-Hydroxy-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)amino)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenz enesulfonamide (**3e**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (77 mg, 98%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.73 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.65 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.15 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.48-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.19 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J*=

7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 152.4, 143.6, 141.5, 137.6, 129.8 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 115.1 (2C), 114.8 (2C), 62.5, 56.7, 56.1, 55.7, 34.2, 21.6, 19.4, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:393.1843, found: 363.1848.



(±)-*erythro-N-(3-((4-Fluorophenyl)amino)-1-hydroxyhexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesu lfonamide* (**3f**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (67 mg, 88%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.75-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.85-6.69 (m, 2H), 6.37-6.21 (m, 2H), 5.62 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.34 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.22 (m,1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.16 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 155.9 (d, *J*= 235.5 Hz), 143.8 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz), 143.7 , 137.3, 129.8 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 115.6 (d, *J*= 22.2 Hz, 2C), 114.3 (d, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 2C), 62.6, 56.0 (2C), 34.0, 21.5, 19.4, 13.8 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = -127.68 (s, 1F) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:381.1643, found: 381.1647.



(±)-*erythro-N*-(3-((4-Chlorophenyl)amino)-1-hydroxyhexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenes ulfonamide (**3g**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (63 mg, 79%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) 7.68 (d, J= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.27 (d, J= 8.9 Hz, 2H). 5.64 (d, J= 8.3 Hz, 1H),4.01-3.88 (brs, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J= 11.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J= 11.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42-3.34 (m, 1H), 3.26 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.58 )brs, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.46-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.28-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t,

J= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. 13C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 146.1, 143.8, 137.2, 129.8 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 122.0, 114.3 (2C), 62.6, 56.1, 55.2, 33.8, 21.6, 19.4, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:397.1347, found: 397.1355.



(±)-erythro-N-(3-((4-Bromophenyl)amino)-1-hydroxyhexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenes ulfonamide (**3h**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (74 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 7.68 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (d, J= 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (d, J= 8.9 Hz, 2H). 5.65 (d, J= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.02-3.94 (brs, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J= 11.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (dd, J= 11.5, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.41-3.33 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.26 (m, 1H), 2.74-2.60 (brs, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.47-1.32 (m, 2H),

1.31-1.15 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, J= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 146.5, 143.8, 137.1, 131.8 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 114.7 (2C), 108.8, 62.6, 56.1, 54.9, 33.8, 21.6, 19.4, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:441.0842, found: 441.0842.



(±)-*erythro-N-(1-Hydroxy-3-((2-iodophenyl)amino)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulf onamide* (**3i**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (79 mg, 81%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.63 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.40 (m, 1H), 6.27 (dd, *J*= 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.36 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.21 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101

MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 146.6, 143.6, 139.2, 137.1, 129.8 (2C), 129.30, 127.0 (2C), 118.9, 110.8, 86.3, 62.4, 56.0, 55.3, 34.0, 21.6, 19.4, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:489.0703, found: 441.0712.



(±)-erythro-N-(1-Hydroxy-3-((4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)amino)hexan-2-yl)-4-met hylbenzenesulfonamide (**3**j) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (73 mg, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.66 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J*= 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.44-3.32 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.37 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ =

150.1, 143.9, 137.0, 129.8 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 126.5 (q, J= 3.8 Hz, 2C), 124.9 (q, J= 270.3 Hz), 118.7 (q, J= 32.5 Hz), 112.0 (2C), 62.6, 55.9, 54.4, 33.8, 21.5, 19.4, 13.8 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ= -61.03 (s, 3F) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:431.1611, found: 431.1612.



(±)-*erythro-N*-(*1*-Hydroxy-3-(*indolin-1-yl*)*hexan-2-yl*)-4-*methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3k**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (65 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.81-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.31 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.54 (m, 1H), 6.18 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H) 3.56 (dd, *J*= 11.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.53-3.38 (m, 2H), 3.34 (dd, *J*= 10.9, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.29-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.01-2.83 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.15 (m, 2H), 0.78 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H). ppm. <sup>13</sup>C

NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 151.5, 143.7, 137.9, 129.8 (2C), 128.4, 127.4, 127.1 (2C), 124.8, 116.7, 105.1, 61.6, 57.2, 54.8, 46.1, 30.2, 28.1, 21.6, 20.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:389.1893, found: 389.1893.



(±)-*erythro-N*-(3-(2,3-*Dihydro-4H-benzo[b]*[1,4]*oxazin-4-yl*)-1-*hydroxyhexan-2-yl*)-4-*methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (55 mg, 68%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.67 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J*= 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.73-6.67 (m, 1H), 6.64 (dd, *J*= 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (t, *J*= 8.0 Hz 1H), 4.12-3.98 (m, 2H), 3.96-3.90 (1H), 3.45-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.20 (m, 1H), 3.13 (dd, *J*= 10.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd, *J*=

10.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.24-1.17 (m, 1H), 1.12- 1.00 (m, 1H), 0.80 (t, J= 7.3 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ = 143.5, 142.8, 139.9, 134.0, 129.9 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 121.7, 116.4, 115.9, 111.3, 64.5, 61.0, 56.9, 53.9 (2C), 28.3, 21.4, 19.8, 14.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:405.1843, found: 405.1844.



(±)-*erythro-N-(3-((4-(3-Ethyl-2,6-dioxopiperidin-3-yl)phenyl)amino)-1-hydr* oxyhexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3m**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a white solid (78 mg, 76%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.71 (dd, *J*= 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.00-6.92 (m, 2H), 6.43-6.30 (m, 2H), 3.77 (dd, *J*= 11.0, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.3.29 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.32-1.18 (m, 2H),

0.85 (t, J= 8.0, 3H), 0.80 (t, J= 8.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 175.7, 172.8, 146.8, 143.7, 137.5, 129.8 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 127.0 (3C), 113.5 (2C), 62.4, 56.1, 55.2, 50.2, 34.2, 32.9, 29.4, 26.9, 21.6, 19.4, 13.8, 9.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:502.2370, found: 502.2372...



(±)-*erythro-N*-(*1*-Hydroxy-3-(((8R,9S,13S,14S)-13-methyl-17-oxo-7,8,9,11, 12,13,14,15,16,17-decahydro-6H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl)amino)he xan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3n**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a white solid (78 mg, 92%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.79-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dt, *J*= 8.4, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, *J*= 10.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41-3.34 (m, 1H),

3.29-3.20 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.50 (dd, *J*= 18.8, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.20 (d, *J*= 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.17-2.07 (m, 1H), 2.07-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.54 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.34 (m, 8H), 1.30-1.14

(m, 2H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.80 (t, J= 8.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d)  $\delta$ = 221, 145.4, 143.6, 137.6, 137.4, 129.8 (2C), 129.6, 127.1 (2C), 126.2, 113.7, 111.4, 62.5, 56.2, 55.6, 55.5, 50.4, 48.1, 44.0, 38.5, 35.9, 34.5, 31.6, 29.7, 26.7, 25.9, 21.6, 19.4, 13.9 (2C) ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:539.2938, found: 529.2947.



(±)-*erythro-N-*(*1-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-3-hydroxy-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)* -*4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**30**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a white solid (82 mg, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.82-7.75 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.22-7.14 (m, 2H), 5.77 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J*= 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J*= 7.8, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 6H), 3.61-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.48 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.4 (2C), 148.4, 144.0, 138.9, 137.2 (2C), 130.0 (2C), 128.9, 127.7 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 92.3, 89.9, 62.1, 59.2, 57.7, 55.0 (2C), 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI):

calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{29}N_2O_5S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:457.1792, found: 457.1789.



(±)-*erythro-N-(3-Hydroxy-1-((2-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl)(methyl)amino)-1-phenylpropa n-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3p**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a white solid (70 mg, 88%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6)  $\delta$ = 7.65-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.51 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.22-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.88 (t, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (dd, *J*= 5.0, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 6.20-6.08 (m, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J*= 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, *J*= 5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.53-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.29-3.17 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H)

ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ = 147.6, 143.5, 142.9, 140.6, 138.9, 129.9 (2C), 128.9, 128.4 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 127.3, 126.9 (2C), 114.9, 111.6, 111.2, 63.6, 60.0, 59.5, 57.3, 21.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:427.1686, found: 427.1689.



(±)-*erythro-N-(3-Hydroxy-1-phenyl-1-(quinolin-8-ylamino)propan-2-yl)-4-methylbenze nesulfonamide* (**3q**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a white solid (77 mg, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ = 8.81 (dd, *J*= 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J*= 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77-7.69 (m, 2H), 7.67 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J*= 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.25 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.15 (t, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, *J*= 8.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dd, *J*= 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (brs, 1H), 4.83 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.72-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ = 147.6, 143.8, 142.9, 139.7, 139.0, 138.2, 136.3, 129.9 (2C), 128.7, 128.6

(2C), 128.1 (2C), 127.9, 127.6 , 127.1 (2C), 122.2, 113.9, 105.8, 60.1, 58.9, 57.5, 21.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{26}N_3O_3S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 448.1695, found: 448.1703.



(±)-*erythro-N-(3-Hydroxy-1-(methyl(phenyl)amino)-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-4-methylbenz enesulfonamide* (**3r**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (66 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.62-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.07 (m, 2H), 6.93-6.84 (m, 4H), 6.83-6.80 (m, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J*= 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79-4.61 (m, 1H), 4.06 (m, 1H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 150.1, 143.6, 137.1, 134.7, 129.7 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 128.3 (2C), 127.7, 127.2 (2C), 118.90, 115.5 (2C), 64.5, 61.8, 54.4, 32.3, 21.6. HRMS (ESI):



(±)-*erythro-N-(1-(3,4-Dihydroquinolin-1(2H)-yl)-3-hydroxy-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-4-me thylbenzenesulfonamide* was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (67 mg, 77%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.62-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 4H), 6.91-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.66-6.52 (m, 1H), 5.13 (d, *J*= 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (td, *J*= 7.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.74 (m, 2H), 3.05-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.75-1.62 (m, 1H),

1.55-1.45 (m, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 145.0, 143.6, 137.3, 135.9, 129.9, 129.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 127.7, 127.3, 127.2 (2C), 123.5, 117.0, 112.3, 61.6, 60.6, 54.4, 43.0, 28.1, 21.6, 21.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:437.1893, found: 437.1893.



(±)-*erythro-N-(1-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-3-hydroxy-1-(3-methoxyphenyl) propan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3t**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (82 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.61-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.17 (t, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dt, *J*= 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, *J*= 2.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (ddd, *J*= 8.2, 2.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 6H), 3.45-3.36 (m, 1H), 3.27 (dd, *J*= 10.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.23-3.14 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.3 (2C), 159.5, 149.6, 142.8, 142.4, 138.9, 129.8 (2C), 129.4, 126.9 (2C), 120.5, 113.9, 112.3, 92.1 (2C), 89.1, 60.2,

59.4, 57.5, 55.2, 55.1 (2C), 21.4. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:487.1897, found: 487.1902.



(±)-*erythro-N-(1-(3-Chlorophenyl)-1-((3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-3-hydroxypr opan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3u**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a yellow syrup (78 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.77-7.72 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 1H), 5.80 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, *J*= 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.35-4.28 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 6H), 3.61-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.49 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.5 (2C), 148.1, 144.0, 141.5, 137.1, 134.8, 130.1, 130.0 (2C), 127.9, 127.0 (2C), 126.9, 125.1, 92.3 (2C), 90.1, 62.0, 59.1, 57.6, 55.1 (2C), 21.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S





(±)-*erythro-N-(1-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypro pan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3v**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a yellow syrup (84 mg, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$ = 7.57-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.21 (m, 4H), 7.09-6.93 (m, 2H), 5.91 (d, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 4.86 (t, *J*= 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (s, 6H), 3.48-3.37 (m, 1H), 3.32-3.22 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.09 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.7 (d, *J*= 242.4 Hz), 161.4 (2C), 149.3,

142.8 138.9, 136.7 (d, J= 2.9 Hz), 129.9 (d, J= 6.8 Hz, 2C), 129.9 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 115.1 (d, J= 21.2 Hz, 2C), 92.1 (2C), 89.2, 60.3, 59.3, 56.5, 55.1 (2C), 21.4. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d6)  $\delta$ = -113.09 (s, 1F)

ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>FN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:475.1697, found: 475.1699.



(±)-erythro-N-(1-(4-Bromophenyl)-1-((3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-3-hydroxypr opan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3w**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a yellow syrup (89 mg, 84%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.74 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H) 7.28 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.80 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dd, *J*= 7.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 6H), 3.57 (dd, *J*= 8.6, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 3.55-3.45 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ =161.5 (2C), 148.1, 144.0, 138.0, 137.2, 132.0 (2C), 130.0 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 121.6, 92.4 (2C), 90.1, 62.1, 58.8, HBMS (ESD); colod, for C: Happine Cas IM + H1+525 0807, found: 525 0805

57.5, 55.1 (2C), 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:535.0897, found: 535.0895.



(±)-*erythro-N*-(3-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-1-hydroxyundecan-2-yl)-4-meth ylbenzenesulfonamide (**3x**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:2) as a yellow syrup (97 mg, 98%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.75-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 5.85 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 5.45 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.71-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.40-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.15 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.43 (dd, *J*= 8.7, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 1.32-1.04 (m, 12H), 0.87 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.7 (2C), 149.4, 143.7, 137.3,

129.9 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 92.2 (2C), 90.0, 62.5, 56.0, 55.3, 55.1 (2C), 32.0, 31.8, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 26.1, 22.7, 21.6, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:493.2731, found: 493.2725.



 $(\pm)$ -erythro-N-(3-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-1-hydroxy-5-phenylpentan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (73 mg, 75%) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.71 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.00 (m, 2H), 5.86 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.65 (dd, *J*= 11.5, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J*= 8.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.40-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J*= 10.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66-2.58 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.89-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.67 (dd, *J*= 9.3, 4.6 Hz, 1H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR

 $(101 \text{ MHz}, \text{Chloroform-}d) \delta = 161.7 (2C), 149.3, 143.7, 140.4, 137.2, 132.8, 130.4, 129.9 (2C), 127.8, 127.6, 127.1 (2C), 124.2, 92.3 (2C), 90.3, 62.5, 56.4 (2C), 55.2, 33.1, 32.4, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:563.1215, found: 563.1215.$ 



(±)-*N*-(*1*-((*3*,5-*Dimethoxyphenyl*)*amino*)-*3*-*hydroxypropan*-2-*yl*)-*4*-*methylbenze nesulfonamide* (**3z**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (66 mg, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.73 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 5.50 (d, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.63 (d, *J*= 3.8 Hz, 2H), 3.52-3.37 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.10 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.7 (2C), 149.3, 143.8, 136.8, 129.8 (2C), 127.1 (2C) , 91.8 (2C), 90.4, 63.1, 55.2 (2C), 53.7, 44.9, 21.5 ppm. HRMS

(ESI): calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:381.1479, found: 381.1488..



(±)-1,2-anti-2,3-anti-N-(1-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-3-hydroxypropan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**3aa**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (71 mg, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.80-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.21 (m, 2H), 5.84 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (d, *J*= 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.24-3.16 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.92 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.52 (td, *J*= 13.8, 13.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.43 (dd, *J*= 14.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, *J*= 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.78 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.6 (2C),

149.5, 143.6, 137.8, 129.9 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 92.4 (2C), 89.9, 66.4, 58.0, 57.9, 55.1 (2C), 25.2, 21.6, 21.5, 10.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{21}H_{31}N_2O_5S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:423.1948, found: 423.1958.



(±)-*erythro-N*-(4-(*Benzyloxy*)-3-((3,5-*dimethoxyphenyl*)*amino*)-1-*hydroxybutan*-2yl)-4-*methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**3ab**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (98 mg, 98%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.73-7.67 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.21 (m, 4H), 5.85 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.57-4.38 (m, 2H), 3.71 (s, 6H), 3.72-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.59-3.50 (m, 3H), 3.40-3.30 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.8

(2C), 148.1, 143.7, 137.1, 136.9, 129.8 (2C), 128.7 (2C), 128.3, 128.0 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 92.1 (2C), 90.2, 73.8, 68.4, 62.9, 56.1, 55.2 (2C), 54.0, 21.5 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{33}N_2O_6S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:501.2054, found: 501.2051.



(±)-tert-butyl((2R,3R)-3-((3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-1-hydroxyhexan-2-yl)carb amate (**3ad**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (33mg, 45%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 5.86 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 5.24 (d, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.77 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 6H), 3.72-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.51 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.39-1.25 (m, 2H), 0.90 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 161.8 (2C), 156.0, 150.2, 92.0 (2C), 89.7, 79.7, 62.5, 55.4, 55.1, 54.0, 35.2, 28.3 (3C), 19.5, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI):

calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{33}N_2O_5$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:369.2389, found: 369.2383.



(±)-erythro-N-(1-Hydroxy-3-(phenylthio)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**5a**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (51 mg, 68%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7 .71 (dd, *J*= 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.03-6.82 (m, 2H), 3.81-3.69 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.02-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.66-1.57 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.21 (m, 3H), 0.81 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 147.5, 143.6, 137.4, 129.8 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 117.8, 113.4 (2C), 62.6,

56.2, 55.1, 34.2, 21.6, 19.4, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{25}NNaO_3S_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:402.1168, found: 402.1169.



( $\pm$ )-*N*-(*1*-Hydroxy-3-((4-methoxyphenyl)thio)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfona mide (**5b**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (45 mg, 55%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ= 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 5.39 (d, J= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78-3.73 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.79 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.51 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.26 (m, 3H), 0.79 (t, J= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ= 159.6, 143.6, 137.4, 134.8 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 124.8 (2C), 114.8, 62.1, 58.2, 55.4, 54.1, 34.4, 21.6, 20.5, 13.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:432.1274, found: 432.1280.



(±)-*N*-(*1*-Hydroxy-3-((2-methoxyphenyl)thio)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonami de (**5c**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (54 mg, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.50 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.10 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, *J*= 7.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H), 3.90-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.62-3.52 (m, 1H), 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.65-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.56-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.73 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 158.9, 143.4, 137.2,

136.5, 130.4, 129.7 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 122.5, 121.5, 111.4, 61.8, 58.1, 56.2, 54.0, 35.8, 21.5, 20.3, 13.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{27}NNaO_4S_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:432.1274, found: 432.1280.



(±)-*N*-(3-((4-Chlorophenyl)thio)-1-hydroxyhexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamid e (**5d**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (37 mg, 45%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, *J*= 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 2H), 3.69 (dd, *J*= 11.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J*= 11.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 3.03-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.16 (m, 1H), 0.75 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 143.8,

137.3, 133.5, 133.3, 132.6 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 62.0, 57.8, 53.1, 34.5, 21.6, 20.5, 13.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{24}CINNaO_3S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:436.0778, found: 436.0780.



(±)-*N*-(*3*-((*4*-*Bromophenyl*)*thio*)-*1*-*hydroxyhexan*-2-*yl*)-*4*-*methylbenzenesulfonamid e* (**5e**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (72 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.74-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.12-6.98 (m, 2H), 5.48 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dt, *J*= 8.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.69-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.25 (m, 1H), 0.81 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,

Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 143.7, 137.3, 134.4, 132.7 (2C), 132.1 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 121.1, 62.0, 57.8, 52.8, 34.4, 21.6, 20.5, 13.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNNaO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:480.0273, found: 480.0287.



(±)-*N*-(*3*-((*4*-*Fluorophenyl*)*thio*)-*1*-*hydroxyhexan*-2-*yl*)-*4*-*methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**5f**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (72 mg, 84%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.73-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.26 (dd, *J*= 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.0-6.97 (m, 1H), 6.94-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.92-6.76 (m, 1H), 5.37 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.69 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dt, *J*= 8.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.49-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 1H), 0.82 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 162.7 (d, *J*= 249.0 Hz), 143.9, 137.5 (d,

J = 7.3 Hz), 137.2, 130.4 (d, J = 8.6 Hz), 129.8 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 126.2 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 117.3 (d, J = 22.7 Hz), 114.0 (d, J = 21.1 Hz), 62.1, 57.8, 52.2, 34.4, 21.5, 20.5, 13.6 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta = -111.59$ 



(±)-*N*-(1-Hydroxy-3-((3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)thio)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzene sulfonamide (**5f**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (59 mg, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.74-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.47-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.18 (m, 4H), 3.78 (dd, *J*= 11.4, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.67-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J*= 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31-3.18 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.72-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.41 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.31 (m, 1H), 0.84 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. 13C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 143.8, 140.8,

137.2, 129.8 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 125.9 (q, J= 111.1), 125.8 (q, J= 33.3 Hz), 122.6 (2C), 62.0, 57.6, 51.4, 34.4, 21.5, 20.5, 13.7 ppm. <sup>19</sup>F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = -62.57 (s, 3F) ppm; HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:470.1042, found: 470.1048.



(±)-*N*-(*1*-Hydroxy-3-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (**5h**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (72 mg, 84%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.82-7.77 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.66 (m, 3H), 7.65-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.5-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.05 (m, 2H), 5.38 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.66-3.58 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 1.72-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.59-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.43-1.34 (m, 1H), 0.83 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 143.6, 137.2, 133.6, 132.3, 132.2, 129.9, 129.7 (2C), 128.8, 128.6, 127.7, 127.3, 127.0 (2C), 126.7, 126.4, 62.1, 58.0, 52.6, 34.6, 21.5,

20.6, 13.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:430.1505, found: 430.1508.



(±)-*N*-(3-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)-1-hydroxyundecan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonam ide (**5i**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (59mg, 56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.72-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.09 (m, 2H), 5.35 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.52-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.13-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.70-1.59 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.05 (m, 12H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 143.8,

137.3, 133.6, 133.3, 132.7 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 62.1, 57.8, 53.3, 32.3, 31.8, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 27.2, 22.7, 21.6, 14.1 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{34}BrNNaO_3S_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:550.1056, found: 430.1508.



(±)-*N*-(*1*-(*4*-*Chlorophenyl*)-*1*-((*4*-*chlorophenyl*)*thio*)-*3*-*hydroxypropan*-2-*yl*)-*4*-*meth ylbenzenesulfonamide* (**5j**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a white solid (46 mg, 48%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.60-7.55 (m, 2H), 7.21-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.03-6.97 (m, 3H), 4.19 (d, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (d, *J*= 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77-3.60 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 143.8, 140.4, 136.8, 134.5, 133.7, 133.0 (2C), 132.2, 129.8, 129.7 (2C), 129.1 (2C),

128.4, 128.0, 126.9 (2C), 126.8, 62.0, 59.0, 55.1, 21.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{22}H_{22}Cl_2NO_3S_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:482.0413, found: 482.0413.



(±)-*N*-(*1*-((*4*-*Bromophenyl*)*amino*)-*3*-*hydroxypropan*-2-*yl*)-*4*-*methylbenzenesulfona mide* (**5k**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a white solid (44 mg, 56%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$ = 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20-7.15 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.04 (m, 2H), 3.87-3.56 (m, 2H), 3.34-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.04-2.91 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl3)  $\delta$ = 143.9, 136.7, 133.2, 132.6, 130.7 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 62.8, 53.8, 35.1, 21.6. ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for 1<sup>+</sup>:415.9984, found: 415.9984..

 $C_{16}H_{19}BrNO_{3}S_{2}\;[M{+}H]^{+}{:}415.9984,\;found{:}\;415.9984..$ 



(±)-1,2-anti-2,3-anti-N-(4-((4-Chlorophenyl)thio)-2-hydroxyhexan-3-yl)-4-methylbe nzenesulfonamide (**5**I) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (58mg, 71%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 7.70-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.22 (m, 3H), 7.19 (m, 4H), 5.37 (d, *J*= 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.09 (m, 1H), 3.41-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.04-2.98 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.76-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.47 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, *J*= 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J*= 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*)  $\delta$ = 143.5, 138.1, 134.1, 133.2, 132.6

(2C), 129.7 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 65.9, 60.0, 56.8, 26.5, 21.6, 21.0, 12.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{24}CINNaO_3S_2$  [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>:436.0778, found: 436.0779.

#### Unsuccessful Aziridines for the Zn-Catalyzed Ring Opening Reaction



# Procedure for Derivatizations of the Ring Opening Product

#### **Procedure for Synthesis of Compound 6**



To the mixture of **3a** (840 mg, 2 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (8 mL) at 0°C was added a solution of MsCl (252 mg, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in THF (2 mL) dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 2h. The reaction was quenched by adding 20 mL saturated aq. NaCl solution, and the organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in THF/saturated aq. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>=10:1 (10 mL), and then refluxed overnight, before the reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under

reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) to afford ( $\pm$ )-*3*,5-dimethoxy-N-(-1-1-tosylaziridin-2-yl)butyl)aniline **6** as a yellow syrup (790 mg, 98%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.77 (d, *J*= 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.42-7.28 (m, 2H), 5.86 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.78-3.69 (m, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (d, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.31 (d, *J*= 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.51-1.38 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.24 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J*= 6.9 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.7 (2C), 149.2, 144.7, 134.7, 129.7 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 92.2 (2C), 90.0, 55.2 (2C), 53.0, 42.7, 35.0, 32.4, 21.6, 18.9, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:405.1843, found: 405.1843.

#### Procedure for Synthesis of Compounds 7 and 8



NuH:  $PhNH_2$  or 3,4-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>SH.

To a suspension of  $Zn(OTf)_2$  (14.5 mg, 0.04 mmol, 20 mol%) in ethyl acetate (1 mL) were added **6** (80 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and aniline (27.9 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) or 3,4-dimethoxy thiophenol (51 mg, 0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was heated to 70 °C and stirred at this temperature for 12 h. Then the reaction was cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed in vacuum. The residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate), affording the corresponding products **7** or **8**.



(±)-*N*-(*3*-((*3*,*5*-*Dimethoxyphenyl*)*amino*)-*1*-(*phenylamino*)*hexan*-2-*yl*)-4-*m ethylbenzenesulfonamide* was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (80 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.59 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J*= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (t, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 2H), 6.59 (t, *J*= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.81 (s, 1H), 5.59 (t, *J*= 3.7 Hz, 2H), 3.59 (s, 6H), 3.50-3.40 (m, 2H), 3.21-3.11 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.47-1.27 (m, 3H), 1.27-1.12 (m, 1H), 0.76 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 2H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.8 (2C), 149.0, 148.3, 143.6, 136.6, 129.9 (2C), 129.5 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 117.9, 113.5 (2C), 92.7 (2C), 90.9, 55.9 (2C), 55.8, 55.2, 43.3, 35.1, 21.5, 19.7, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:498.2421, found: 498.2422.

 $(\pm)$ -N-(3-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-1-((3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)thio)hexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfona



*mide* (8) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 1:1) as a yellow syrup (95 mg, 83%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.73 (d, *J*= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J*= 5.8 Hz, 2H), 6.93-6.87 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.65 (m, 2H), 5.86 (t, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 1H) 5.56 (d, *J*= 1.9 Hz, 2H), 3.95-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.76-3.65 (s, 6H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.40-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.25-3.15 (m, 1H), 3.04-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.22 (m, 2H), 0.86 (t, *J*= 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.8 (2C), 149.3,

148.9, 148.5, 143.6, 136.9, 129.8 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 126.0, 125.6, 115.7, 111.4, 93.0 (2C), 90.9 56.5, 55.9, 55.7, 55.1 (2C), 53.8, 43.4, 35.4, 21.5, 20.8, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{29}H_{39}N_2O_6S_2$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:575.2244, found: 575.2246.

#### Procedure for Synthesis of Compound 9<sup>[3]</sup>



To a stirred solution of **6** (80 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added TBAF (1 M in THF) (0.4 mmol, 0.4 mL, 2 equiv) dropwise. Subsequently, TMSCN (39.6 mg, 0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) was added to the mixture. The mixture was refluxed for 4 h and quenched with saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 4:1) to afford ( $\pm$ )-*N*-(*1*-*cyano-3*-((*3*,5-*dimethoxyphenyl*)*amino*)*hexan*-2-*yl*)-4-*methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**9**) as a yellow syrup (77 mg, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.71 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J*= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (t, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (d, *J*= 2.0 Hz, 2H), 5.53 (d, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 6H), 3.55-3.46 (m, 2H). 2.74 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J*= 17.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 1.57-1.40 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.31 (m, 1H), 1.31-1.14 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, *J*= 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.8 (2C), 148.8, 144.1, 136.4, 129.9 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 117.4, 92.0 (2C), 90.6, 55.2, 52.6 (3C), 33.2, 21.5, 20.8, 19.3, 13.8 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:432.1952, found: 432.1957.

#### Procedure for Synthesis of Compound 10 and 11<sup>[4]</sup>



CuBr·SMe<sub>2</sub> (0.02 mmol, 6.1 mg, 0.1 equiv) was added to a solution of **6** (0.2 mmol, 80 mg, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was then cooled to -30 °C, then the Grignard reagent (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) was added. The reaction was stirred for 1.5 h and then allowed to warm to -10 °C for another 2 h. Next, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc) gave the corresponding products **10** and **11**.



(±)-*N*-(*3*-((*3*,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)-1-phenylhexan-2-yl)-4-methylbenzenes ulfonamide (**10**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (84 mg, 87%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.39 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.06 (m, 3H), 7.00 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.98-6.87 (m, 2H), 5.75 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.85 (d, *J*= 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 6H), 3.53-3.42 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.27-1.16 (m, 1H), 0.80 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.6 (2C), 149.6, 143.1, 137.3, 136.7, 129.5 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.0 (2C), 126.6, 91.8 (2C), 90.4, 57.9, 55.2 (2C), 54.9, 37.7, 33.1, 21.5, 19.7, 14.0 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:483.2312, found: 483.2310.



(±)-*N*-(4-((3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)amino)nonan-5-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamid e (**11**) was isolated through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) as a yellow syrup (79 mg, 88%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.70 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H), 5.86 (t, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (d, *J*= 2.1 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, *J*= 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.35-3.25 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.43-1.29 (m, 4H), 1.32-1.26 (m, 4H), 1.20-1.10 (m, 2H), 0.84 (t, *J*= 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.77 (t, *J*= 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.7 (2C), 149.9, 143.3, 137.9, 129.7 (2C), 127.2 (2C), 92.3 (2C), 90.0, 56.6, 56.2,

55.2 (2C), 34.0, 30.2, 28.0, 22.4, 21.5, 19.7, 14.0, 13.9. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{37}N_2O_4S$  [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:449.2469, found: 449.2471.

#### **Procedure for Synthesis of Compound 12**



To a stirred solution of **6** (80 mg, 0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane) (0.3 mmol, 0.12 mL, 1.5 equiv) dropwise under N<sub>2</sub> at  $-78^{\circ}$ C. After stirring for 5 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aq. NH4Cl solution. The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified through column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether: EtOAc= 2:1) to afford (±)-*N*-(*1*-(*3*, *5*-*dimethoxyphenyl*)-*2-propylazetidin-3-yl*)-*4-methylbenzenesulfonamide* (**12**) as a yellow syrup (63 mg, 78%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 7.72 (d, *J*= 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 2H). 6.11 (t, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d, *J*= 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.75 (s, 6H), 3.35-3.25 (m, 1H), 3.00-2.86 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.27-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.33 (m, 2H), 0.88 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ = 161.2 (2C), 151.1, 143.5, 136.8, 129.8 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 99.4 (2C), 94.8, 55.3 (2C), 44.6, 43.2, 42.9, 31.1, 21.5, 20.7, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>:405.1843, found: 405.1840.

## **Proposed Model for the C-3 Selectivity**



In the proposed transition state relying on the Sharpless hypothesis for regioselective ring opening of 2,3-epoxy alcohols,<sup>[5]</sup> both the hydroxyl and amino group coordinate to the sp<sup>2</sup>-hybridized Zn-center in rigid manner, to form a bicyclic complex, in which the bond between the C3 atom and the nitrogen of the aziridine is better oriented to overlap with the empty p-orbital of the  $Zn^{2+}$  than the bond between the C2 and the nitrogen atom, leading to the favored C3-N bond cleavage.

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