Supporting Information

Chalcone-based pyridinium salts and their diastereoselective dearomatization to access bi-bridged benzoazepines

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1. General methods

NMR spectra were recorded with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. For most of the samples, ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz (Bruker Avance). For others, ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at 75 MHz (Bruker Avance). ¹H NMR chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent signal as the internal standard (CDCl₃ at 7.26 ppm, (CD₃)₂SO at 2.50 ppm). ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl₃ at 77.00 ppm, (CD₃)₂SO at 39.52 ppm). Data are given as: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), dd (double of doublet), br (broad) or m (multiplets), coupling constants (Hz) and integration. Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate and petroleum ether. High resolution mass spectra were obtained with the Q-TOF-Premier mass spectrometer. Reactions were monitored by TLC and visualized with ultraviolet light.IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo Fisher Nicolet Avatar 360 FTIR spectrometer on a KBr beam splitter. All the solvents were used directly without any purification.

2. Experimental data for novel chalcone-based pyridinium salts 1



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General procedure: A solution of *ortho*-bromomethyl chalcones (1.5 equiv.) and 3-nitro or 3-cyanopyridine (1.0 equiv.) in CH₃CN was placed in a Dean-Stark apparatus and the mixture was heated to reflux in oil bath for 16 h. During the reaction process, much precipitate was generated. To purify them, a simple filtration was needed, affording chalcone-based pyridinium salts **1** in 47-92% yields.



(*E*)-3-nitro-1-(2-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide (**1a**) According to the general procedure, **1a** was prepared on a scale of 8.0 mmol. Yellow solids, 3.00 g, 88% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 210.5-211.4°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.25 (s, 1H), 9.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 9.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.14 (m, 3H), 8.08 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 189.0, 149.7, 146.6, 142.9, 140.6, 139.1, 137.1, 134.0, 133.5, 133.0, 130.8, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.2, 126.0, 61.4. IR (KBr) v 3421, 3021, 1655, 1599, 1547, 1348, 758 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₇N₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 345.1234, found: 345.1232.



(*E*)-1-(2-fluoro-6-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium (1b)

According to the general procedure, **1b** was prepared on a scale of 3.10 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.80 g, 58% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 164.5-165.3°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.15 (s, 1H), 9.36 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 9.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.12 (m, 3H), 8.05 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 188.9, 161.6 (d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 247.0$ Hz, 1C),

149.1, 146.2, 142.2, 140.7, 138.2, 137.8, 137.0, 133.6, 132.6 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1C), 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 127.9, 124.5, 118.8 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 14.0$ Hz, 1C), 117.4 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 55.3. IR (KBr) v 3443, 3019, 1654, 1597, 1549, 1243, 707 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆FN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 363.1139, found: 363.1137.



(*E*)-1-(5-fluoro-2-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium (1c)

According to the general procedure, **1c** was prepared on a scale of 2.50 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.65 g, 59% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 171.3-172.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.27 (s, 1H), 9.44-9.39 (m, 2H), 8.48 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.02 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.08 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 188.9, 163.2 (d, ¹ $J_{C-F} = 248.0$ Hz, 1C), 149.8, 146.7, 143.2, 140.7, 138.0, 137.1, 135.7 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 7.0$ Hz, 1C), 133.5, 130.8 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 7.0$ Hz, 1C), 130.3 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 7.0$ Hz, 1C), 129.3, 128.9, 128.7, 125.7, 116.6 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 115.9 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 60.9. IR (KBr) v 3441, 3067, 2943, 1653, 1594, 1550, 1220, 718 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆FN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 363.1139, found: 363.1138.



(E)-1-(4-fluoro-2-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium (1d)

According to the general procedure, **1d** was prepared on a scale of 2.50 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.79 g, 71% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 174.2-174.8°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.22 (s, 1H), 9.40-9.35 (m, 2H), 8.47-8.43 (m, 1H), 8.18 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H),7.96 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H),7.70 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48-7.38 (m, 2H), 6.41 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 188.9, 162.7 (d, ¹ J_{C-F} = 246.0 Hz, 1C), 149.5, 146.5,

142.7, 140.6, 137.7, 137.0, 136.9, 133.6, 132.4 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C-F} = 9.0$ Hz, 1C), 129.2, 128.9 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz, 1C), 128.9, 128.7, 127.2, 117.5 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 114.7 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C-F} = 22.0$ Hz, 1C), 60.8. IR (KBr) v 3442, 2998, 1655, 1605, 1544, 1351, 1214, 726 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for $C_{21}H_{16}FN_{2}O_{3}$ [M-Br]⁺: 363.1139, found: 363.1137.



(*E*)-1-(5-chloro-2-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium (1e)

According to the general procedure, **1e** was prepared on a scale of 2.88 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.61g, 47% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 157.7-158.6°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.28 (s, 1H), 9.41 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.47 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 3H), 8.02 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H),7.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H),7.70 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.65-7.57 (m, 3H), 7.37 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 188.9, 149.7, 146.6, 143.2, 140.7, 137.9, 137.0, 135.3, 134.9, 133.5, 133.0, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.7, 126.5, 60.8, one carbon missing in the aromatic region. IR (KBr) ν 3448, 2929, 1648, 1601, 776 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 379.0844, found: 379.0848.



(*E*)-1-(2-(3-(2-bromophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium bromide (**1f**) According to the general procedure, **1f** was prepared on a scale of 2.59 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.74 g, 57% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 131.2-133.4°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.17 (s, 1H), 9.44 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 9.32 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.99 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.25 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 193.0, 149.7, 146.6, 142.8, 140.7, 140.6, 140.2, 133.4, 133.0, 132.4, 131.1, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 129.0, 128.1, 128.0, 118.8, 61.3, one carbon missing in the aromatic region. IR (KBr) v 3440, 3010, 1615, 1545, 1356, 746 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆BrN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 423.0339, found: 423.0340.



(*E*)-3-nitro-1-(2-(3-oxo-3-(*m*-tolyl))prop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide (**1g**) According to the general procedure, **1g** was prepared on a scale of 2.60 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.57 g, 50% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 190.2-191.0°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.26 (s, 1H), 9.43-9.38 (m, 2H), 8.49 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59-7.45 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 189.0, 149.7, 146.6, 142.8, 140.6, 138.9, 138.3, 137.2, 134.1, 134.0, 132.9, 130.8, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 129.1, 128.8, 128.2, 126.1, 125.9, 61.4, 20.9. IR (KBr) ν 3441, 1648, 1354, 765 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉N₂O₃ [M-Br]+: 359.1390, found: 359.1390.



(*E*)-1-(2-(3-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium bromide (**1h**) According to the general procedure, **1h** was prepared on a scale of 2.80 mmol. Yellow solids, 1.03g, 80% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 171.3-171.8°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.24 (s, 1H), 9.43-9.37 (m, 2H), 8.47 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.20-8.18 (m, 2H), 8.14-8.09 (m, 2H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H),7.76 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H),7.64-7.51 (m, 3H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 187.8, 149.7, 146.6, 142.8, 140.6, 139.8, 139.0, 133.9, 133.8, 133.2, 133.0, 131.0, 130.9, 129.7, 129.2, 129.2, 128.3, 128.2, 127.3, 125.5, 61.4. IR (KBr) v 3440, 3010, 1653, 1602, 1552, 1354, 764 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 379.0844, found: 379.0843.



(*E*)-1-(2-(3-(3-bromophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium bromide (**1i**) According to the general procedure, **1i** was prepared on a scale of 3.00 mmol. Yellow solids, 1.24 g, 83% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 169.3-170.2°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.24 (s, 1H), 9.41 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 9.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (s, 1H), 7.58-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 187.8, 149.7, 146.6, 142.9, 140.6, 139.8, 139.2, 136.1, 133.8, 133.1, 131.1, 131.0, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 125.5, 122.4, 61.4. IR (KBr) *v* 3445, 3012, 1653, 1615, 1549, 768 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆BrN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 423.0339, found: 423.0334.



(*E*)-1-(2-(3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium bromide (**1j**) According to the general procedure, **1j** was prepared on a scale of 2.40 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.76 g, 70% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 172.8-173.4°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.26 (s, 1H), 9.43-9.37 (m, 2H), 8.47 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 6.44 (s, 2H), 3.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 187.2, 163.4, 149.7, 146.5, 142.9, 140.6, 138.2, 134.2, 132.8, 131.1, 130.6, 130.0, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 126.0, 114.1, 61.5, 55.7. IR (KBr) *v* 3444, 2922, 1648, 1598, 1220, 1178, 765 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₉N₂O₄ [M-Br]⁺: 375.1339, found: 375.1346.



(*E*)-1-(2-(3-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium bromide (**1k**) According to the general procedure, **1k** was prepared on a scale of 3.0 mmol. Yellow solids, 0.92 g, 67% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 144.9-145.4°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.24 (s, 1H), 9.41-9.40 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 9.37 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.21-8.15 (m, 3H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 188.0, 149.7, 146.6, 142.9, 140.6, 139.5, 138.4, 135.8, 133.9, 133.0, 130.9, 130.6, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 129.0, 128.2, 125.7, 61.4. IR (KBr) *v* 3442, 3001, 1649, 1595, 1555, 748 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆ClN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 379.0844, found: 379.0840.



(*E*)-1-(2-(3-(4-bromophenyl)-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium bromide (**11**) According to the general procedure, **11** was prepared on a scale of 3.0 mmol. Yellow solids, 1.23 g, 82% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 176.2-177.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.24 (s, 1H), 9.42-9.40 (m, 1H), 9.38-9.36 (m, 1H), 8.47 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.16-8.07 (m, 4H), 7.86 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 188.2, 149.7, 146.6, 142.9, 140.6, 139.5, 136.1, 133.9, 133.0, 131.9, 130.9, 130.7, 129.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.2, 127.7, 125.6, 61.4. IR (KBr) ν 3433, 2999, 2938, 1650, 1593, 1349, 1217, 745 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₁H₁₆BrN₂O₃ [M-Br]⁺: 423.0339, found: 423.0334.



(*E*)-1-(2-(3-methoxy-3-oxoprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-3-nitropyridin-1-ium bromide (**1m**)

According to the general procedure, **1m** was prepared on a scale of 6.0 mmol. Yellow solids, 2.09 g, 92% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 165.0-165.9 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 10.26 (s, 1H), 9.41 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 8.50 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 166.2, 149.7, 146.5, 142.9, 140.7, 140.1, 133.4, 132.6, 130.8, 129.8, 129.3, 129.1, 127.9, 121.9, 61.2, 51.8. IR (KBr) v 3432, 3028, 1718, 1548, 1221, 771 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₂O₄ [M-Br]⁺: 299.1026, found: 299.1025.



(*E*)-3-cyano-1-(2-(3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)pyridin-1-ium bromide (1n)

According to the general procedure, **1n** was prepared on a scale of 4.0 mmol. Yellow solids, 1.25 g, 78% isolated yield obtained by filtration of the precipitate; Reaction time = 16 h; m. p. 178.6-179.4 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 9.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 9.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.40 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.17-8.13 (m, 3H), 8.04 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 189.0, 149.4, 149.3, 148.5, 139.2, 137.1, 134.2, 133.5, 132.5, 130.8, 129.8, 129.8, 128.9, 128.7, 128.3, 125.9, 113.8, 113.1, 61.3, one carbon missing in the aromatic region. IR (KBr) v 3457,2909, 1659, 1590, 1218, 763 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C₂₂H₁₇N₂O [M-Br]⁺: 325.1335, found: 325.1338.

3. Experimental data for bi-bridged benzoazepines 3



General procedure: To a 5.0 mL vial were successively added chalcone-based pyridinium salts **1** (0.15 mmol), enaminones **2** (0.375 mmol), TMG (0.45 mmol) and 1.0 mL CH₃CN. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C in oil bath for 2 h, and then the reaction mixture was directly

subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate) to afford the corresponding bi-bridged benzoazepines **3**.



3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**a)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 65.6 mg, 76% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 208.8-209.7°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.92 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.72-3.58 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.14 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 20.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 192.4, 156.4, 139.2, 138.0, 137.5, 136.3, 135.1, 133.7, 133.5, 129.9, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 125.8, 108.0, 107.1, 88.9, 74.0, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.5, 35.3, 32.7, 29.3, 28.5, 27.5, 21.1. IR (KBr) *v* 3421, 2950, 1627, 1578, 1391, 757 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₆N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 574.2700, found 574.2698.



8-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahy dro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3b**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 40.7 mg, 46% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 228.6-229.3°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.01-6.85 (m, 4H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15

(d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.55 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.14 (t, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.8, 192.2, 161.2, 158.7, 156.0, 139.1, 138.1, 137.6, 136.1, 133.6, 133.5, 128.6, 128.1 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 9.0$ Hz, 1C), 127.9, 125.4 (d, ³ $J_{C-F} = 13.0$ Hz, 1C), 121.7, 114.6 (d, ² $J_{C-F} = 23.0$ Hz, 1C), 107.5, 107.2, 88.7, 73.8, 50.4, 49.3, 40.6, 38.5, 35.7, 32.6, 29.3, 28.4, 27.5, 21.0. IR (KBr) *v* 3449, 2956, 1624, 1572, 1397, 1240, 758cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅FN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 592.2606, found 592.2619.



9-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahy dro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3c**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 48.6 mg, 55% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 197.5-198.3°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99-6.82 (m, 3H), 6.77-6.68 (m, 2H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 192.3, 163.0, 160.5, 156.2, 139.8 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 6.0 Hz, 1C), 139.1, 138.1, 136.2, 133.6, 133.5, 130.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.4 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 115.1 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.0 Hz, 1C), 114.9 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 20.0 Hz, 1C), 108.2, 107.0, 88.8, 74.0, 58.2, 49.3, 40.6, 38.0, 35.4, 32.6, 29.2, 28.5, 27.5, 21.1. IR (KBr) *v* 3444, 2936, 1626, 1580, 1390, 736 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅FN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 592.2606, found 592.2620.



10-fluoro-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octah ydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3d**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 51.3 mg, 58% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 216.9-217.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.96-6.82 (m, 4H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.67-3.52 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 192.3, 163.3, 160.8, 156.2, 139.2, 138.1, 137.9 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 7.0 Hz, 1C), 136.1, 133.7, 133.1 (d, ⁴*J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz, 1C), 129.4 (d, ³*J*_{C-F} = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 128.8, 128.0, 127.5, 114.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 21.0 Hz, 1C), 113.4 (d, ²*J*_{C-F} = 23.0 Hz, 1C), 108.1, 107.0, 88.6, 74.0, 57.9, 49.4, 40.7, 38.4, 35.4, 32.7, 29.3, 28.6, 27.5, 21.1. IR (KBr) *v* 3387, 2975, 2892, 1639, 1387, 1088, 1049, 881cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅FN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 592.2606, found 592.2594.



9-chloro-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahy dro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**e)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 62.4 mg, 68% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 230.6-231.2°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.80 (m, 4H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.28 (m, 3H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.15 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 192.4, 156.2, 139.5, 139.2, 138.2, 136.2, 133.9, 133.7, 133.6, 133.4, 130.8, 129.9, 128.8, 128.1, 127.4, 127.2, 108.3, 107.0, 88.7, 74.0, 58.1, 49.4, 40.7, 38.2, 35.4, 32.7, 29.3, 28.6, 27.6, 21.2. IR (KBr) *v* 3429, 2953, 1688, 1628, 1580, 1391, 1138, 759cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅ClN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 608.2311, found 608.2322.



12-(2-(2-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octah ydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(*2H*)-one (**3f**) Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 52.6 mg, 54% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 214.6-215.5°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.97 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 6.11 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 4.24 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 3.71(d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.13 (t, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.9, 192.2, 156.2, 140.4, 139.2, 138.0, 137.6, 134.7, 133.9, 133.6, 132.0, 129.8, 128.9, 128.0, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 126.5, 118.8, 108.1, 107.1, 88.6, 73.9, 58.5, 49.4, 40.7, 39.5, 39.2, 32.7, 29.2, 28.6, 27.5, 21.1. IR (KBr) ν 3424, 2955, 2871, 1624, 1578, 1393, 732 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅BrN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺652.1805, found 652.1796.



3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-(*m*-tolyl)ethyl)-5-(p-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,1 3-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**g)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 44.5 mg, 51% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 232.4-233.2°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.71-3.57 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.15 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 192.2, 156.3, 139.2, 138.4, 138.0, 137.4, 136.3, 135.1, 134.2, 133.7, 130.5, 129.8, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 125.2, 108.0, 107.1,

88.8, 74.0, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.5, 35.3, 32.6, 29.2, 28.5, 27.5, 21.2, 21.1. IR (KBr) ν 3467, 2954, 1684, 1622, 1572, 1394, 1138, 731 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 588.2857, found 588.2854.



12-(2-(3-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octah ydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3h**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 40.2 mg, 44% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 223.7-224.5°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.05 (m, 4H), 6.91 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.9, 192.2, 156.3, 139.1, 138.0, 137.8, 137.5, 135.0, 134.8, 133.7, 133.4, 130.4, 130.0, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 126.1, 125.6, 107.9, 107.0, 88.8, 73.9, 58.4, 49.3, 40.6, 38.4, 35.5, 32.6, 29.3, 28.5, 27.5, 21.0. IR (KBr) *v* 3464, 2955, 1622, 1566, 1397, 738 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅ClN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 608.2311, found 608.2302.



12-(2-(3-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octah ydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3i**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 45.9 mg, 47% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 223.3-224.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 4H), 6.92 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.17 (t, *J* = 16.0 S14 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 192.3, 156.3, 139.2, 138.0, 137.9, 137.5, 136.3, 134.8, 133.7, 131.0, 130.3, 129.8, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 126.5, 125.6, 123.1, 107.9, 107.0, 88.8, 73.9, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.4, 35.5, 32.6, 29.3, 28.5, 27.5, 21.1. IR (KBr) ν 3465, 2955, 1691, 1621, 1565, 1397, 741 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅BrN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 652.1805, found 652.1791.



12-(2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-oct ahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3j**) Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 81.0 mg, 89% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 237.7-238.0°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99-6.88 (m, 6H), 6.14 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.52 (dd, *J_I* = *J₂*= 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.30 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.51 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.5, 192.2, 163.7, 156.2, 139.2, 137.9, 137.4, 135.2, 133.7, 130.3, 129.4, 128.0, 127.5, 127.3, 126.8, 125.7, 113.7, 108.0, 107.1, 88.9, 74.0, 58.5, 55.4, 49.3, 40.6, 38.5, 34.8, 32.6, 29.2, 28.5, 27.5, 21.0. IR (KBr) *v* 3438, 2952, 1585, 1391, 1261, 1176, 838 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) caled for C₃₇H₃₈N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺ 604.2806, found 604.2817.



12-(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octah ydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**k) Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 55.6 mg, 61% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 238.2-238.8°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.90(d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.07 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 4H), 6.15 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.67-3.55 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.14 (t, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.0, 192.3, 156.3, 140.0, 139.2, 138.0, 137.5, 134.9, 134.6, 133.7, 129.8, 129.4, 129.0, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 125.6, 108.0, 107.0, 88.8, 73.9, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.4, 35.3, 32.7, 29.3, 28.5, 27.5, 21.1. IR (KBr) ν 3443, 2958, 1686, 1627, 1579, 1392, 741 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅ClN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 608.2311, found 608.2290.



12-(2-(4-bromophenyl)-2-oxoethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octah ydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**I)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 54.3 mg, 56% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 236.1-236.7°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.82(d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 3H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.66-3.55 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.2, 192.3, 156.3, 139.2, 138.0, 137.5, 135.0, 134.9, 133.7, 132.0, 130.3, 129.5, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 127.4, 125.6, 108.0, 107.0, 88.8, 73.9, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.4, 35.3, 32.7, 29.3, 28.5, 27.5, 21.1. IR (KBr) *v* 3442, 2955, 1628, 1579, 1389, 738 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₅BrN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 652.1805, found 652.1820.



methyl

2-(3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-1-oxo-5-(*p*-tolyl)-1,2,3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-decahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo

[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-12-yl)acetate(**3m**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1 to 3:1); 22.3mg, 28% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 223.9-224.7 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ 7.21-6.91 (m, 8H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 24.0 Hz, 2H), 4.34 (d, J = 21.0 Hz, 3H),3.99 (s, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.08 (s, 1H), 2.74 (s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.09-1.94 (m, 3H), 1.63 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 190.7, 171.1, 154.9, 139.1, 137.9, 137.6, 134.7, 134.1, 130.6, 130.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.4, 126.0, 107.2, 106.7, 88.3, 79.2, 73.6, 57.9, 51.9, 48.9, 32.6, 31.1, 31.0, 28.6, 26.6, 20.7. IR (KBr) v 3430, 2947, 1747, 1580, 1390, 1169, 758 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₁H₃₄N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺ 528.2493, found 528.2492.



9,9-dimethyl-7-oxo-11-(2-((E)-3-oxo-3-phenylprop-1-en-1-yl)benzyl)-1-(p-tolyl)-1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10-octahydro-2,6-epiminobenzo[b]azocine-3-carbonitrile (**3n**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1); 21.1mg, 25% yield; dr >20:1; reaction time = 0.5 h; mp 197.3-197.8 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 7.96 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J₁* = *J*₂ = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.61-7.58 (m, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 4H), 6.90 (dd, *J₁* = *J₂* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (q, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.44 (dd, *J₁* = *J₂* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.07 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 1H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.8, 190.8, 153.6, 147.5, 142.5, 139.4, 138.1, 137.7, 136.0, 135.0, 132.8, 130.4, 130.3, 130.0, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.2, 124.0, 117.8, 110.8, 107.1, 73.2, 54.2, 50.3, 47.0, 41.1, 34.2, 32.9, 29.7, 28.0, 21.0. IR (KBr) *v* 3429, 2927, 1621, 1568, 1401, 1257, 756 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₃₆N₃O₂ [M+H]⁺ 554.2802, found 554.2801.



3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-phenyl-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-et henobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3o**) Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 67.0 mg, 80% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 153.1-153.9°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (tt, *J*₁= *J*₂=8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.73-3.59 (m, 2H), 2.16 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 192.4, 156.1, 141.9, 137.5, 136.4, 135.2, 133.8, 133.5, 128.7, 128.1, 128.1, 127.7, 127.5, 125.8, 108.1, 107.4, 88.9, 74.1, 58.6, 49.4, 40.8, 38.5, 35.4, 32.8, 29.3, 28.6, 27.6, two carbons missing in the aromatic region. IR (KBr) *v* 3441, 2955, 1628, 1576, 1390, 738 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₄N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 560.2544, found 560.2550.



5-(4-ethylphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3p**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 38.3 mg, 43% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 158.1-158.9°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.17-6.89 (m, 8H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.23 (s, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 3H), 3.72-3.58 (m, 2H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (s, 2H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 192.2, 156.3, 144.1, 139.4, 137.5, 136.3, 135.1, 133.7, 133.5, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 108.0,

107.1, 88.9, 74.0, 58.5, 49.4, 40.7, 38.5, 35.3, 32.7, 29.3, 28.5, 28.3, 27.5, 15.1. IR (KBr) v 3437, 2958, 1626, 1578, 1392, 1237, 738 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{37}H_{38}N_3O_4$ [M+H]⁺ 588.2857, found 588.2865.



5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octah ydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**q)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 60.1 mg, 68% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 214.2-214.9°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.97 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.33 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.58 (m, 2H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 192.3, 159.0, 156.6, 137.5, 136.3, 135.1, 134.6, 133.7, 133.5, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 125.8, 125.8, 108.1, 107.0, 88.9, 74.2, 58.6, 55.4, 49.4, 40.7, 38.5, 35.3, 32.6, 29.3, 28.5, 27.7. IR (KBr) *v* 3441, 2951, 1623, 1577, 1392, 1240, 734 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₆N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺ 590.2649, found 590.2651.



5-(4-fluorophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3r**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 63.5 mg, 73% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 223.1-223.6°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-6.97 (m, 7H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 510 Store 10.000 Store 10.0000 Store 10.00000 Store 10.00000 Store 10.0000 Sto

1H), 4.45-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.72-3.57 (m, 2H), 2.14 (t, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.87 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 192.4, 161.9 (d, J = 247.0 Hz, 1C), 155.8, 133.8, 133.8, 137.3, 136.3, 135.0, 133.7, 133.5, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 125.7, 108.2, 107.5, 88.8, 74.1, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.4, 35.2, 32.6, 29.2, 28.5, 27.6. IR (KBr) v 3445, 2954, 1626, 1581, 1391, 1222, 732 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{35}H_{33}FN_3O_4$ [M+H]⁺ 578.2450, found 578.2447.



5-(4-chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahy dro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3s**) Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 66.9 mg, 75% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 215.6-216.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16-6.88 (m, 6H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.54-4.32 (m, 4H), 3.72-3.46 (m, 2H), 2.15 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 192.4, 155.5, 140.3, 137.3, 136.2, 135.0, 133.9, 133.7, 133.5, 129.6, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.5, 125.7, 108.2, 107.8, 88.8, 74.0, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.4, 35.2, 32.7, 29.2, 28.5, 27.5. IR (KBr) *v* 3437, 2926, 1631, 1585, 1390, 758 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₃ClN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 594.2154, found 594.2149.



5-(4-bromophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahy dro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3t**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 62.8 mg, 66% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 150.4-151.2°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, S20 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, $J_I = J_2 = 16.0$ Hz, 3H), 3.72-3.57 (m, 2H), 2.15 (t, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 192.5, 155.4, 140.9, 137.3, 136.3, 135.0, 133.7, 133.6, 133.1, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 125.7, 122.0, 108.2, 107.8, 88.8, 74.0, 58.5, 49.3, 40.8, 38.5, 35.2, 32.8, 29.2, 28.6, 27.5. IR (KBr) v 3441, 2954, 1629, 1582, 1389, 737 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₃BrN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 638.1649, found 638.1646.



3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*m*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13 -ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3u**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 60.1 mg, 70% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 237.3-237.8°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.95 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (s, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J_I* =8.0 Hz, *J₂* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J_I* =*J₂* = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (s, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.73-3.58 (m, 2H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.92 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 192.2, 156.1, 141.7, 137.5, 136.3, 135.0, 133.7, 133.4, 129.6, 129.3, 128.9, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.4, 127.3, 125.7, 107.9, 107.1, 88.8, 73.9, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 38.4, 35.3, 32.6, 29.2, 28.5, 27.4, 21.2. IR (KBr) *v* 3444, 2954, 1627, 1578, 1390, 732 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₆N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 574.2700, found 574.2707.



5-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3v**) Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 60.2 mg, 68% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 260.2-261.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.77 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (s, 1H), 6.94-6.86 (m, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.46 (br, 2H), 5.98 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.25-4.20 (m, 3H), 3.59-3.40 (m, 5H), 1.97 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.70 (s, 3H), 0.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.0, 192.2, 160.0, 155.8, 142.9, 137.4, 136.2, 135.0, 133.6, 133.4, 130.2, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.6, 127.3, 125.7, 119.0, 113.2, 107.9, 107.3, 88.7, 73.8, 58.4, 55.3, 49.3, 40.5, 38.4, 35.2, 32.6, 29.2, 28.4, 27.4. IR (KBr) *v* 3440, 2952, 1625, 1575, 1391, 731 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₆N₃O₅ [M+H]⁺ 590.2649, found 590.2664.



5-(3-chlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**w)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 67.3 mg, 76% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 229.1-229.8°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (s, 2H), 7.12-6.88 (m, 6H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.31 (m, 3H), 3.72-3.56 (m, 2H), 2.14 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.9, 192.3, 155.1, 142.9, 137.2, 136.2, 134.9, 134.8, 133.6, 133.4, 130.7, 130.5, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 125.7, 108.0, 107.9, 88.7, 73.9, 58.4, 49.2, 40.6, 38.4, 35.1, 32.7, 29.1, 28.5, 27.4. IR (KBr) *v* 3455, 2954, 1630, 1577, 1387, 759 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₃ClN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 594.2154, found 594.2158.



5-(3-bromophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahy dro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3x**) Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 71.3 mg, 74% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 251.3-252.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.89(d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.53 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.21-7.92 (m, 6H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J_I*= *J*₂= 16.0 Hz, 3H), 3.66-3.50 (m, 2H), 2.09 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 192.5, 155.3, 143.2, 137.3, 136.3, 135.0, 133.7, 133.6, 131.5, 131.0, 130.9, 128.7, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 125.8, 122.8, 108.2, 108.1, 88.8, 74.0, 58.6, 49.4, 40.8, 38.5, 35.3, 32.8, 29.3, 28.6, 27.5. IR (KBr) *v* 3443, 2953, 1629, 1572, 1388, 692 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₅H₃₃BrN₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 638.1649, found 638.1663.



5-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3**y)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 49.0 mg, 53% yield; dr = 3:1 (inseperable isomers); reaction time = 2 h; mp 223.8-224.8°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.00 (m, 2H), 6.94-6.81 (m, 3H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, *J*₁ = 4.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.46 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.25 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.07 (m, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 192.4, 156.6, 153.2, 149.5, 137.4, 136.3, 135.5, 135.2, 130.0, 128.6, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, S23

127.1, 126.1, 117.1, 113.9, 112.7, 108.2, 107.4, 88.4, 72.6, 58.4, 55.7, 55.7, 49.5, 39.7, 38.7, 35.2, 32.6, 28.9, 28.6, 27.5. IR (KBr) *v* 3422, 2952, 1688, 1626, 1582, 1388, 1037, 732 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₃O₆ [M+H]⁺ 620.2755, found 620.2749.



5-benzyl-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-et henobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3***z*)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1 to 3:1); 6.9mg, 8% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 147.5-148.4 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.87 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.19 (m, 4H), 7.07-6.95 (m, 5H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.52-4.31 (m, 4H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.60-3.45 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.01 (m, 4H), 0.83 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 192.0, 156.8, 137.0, 136.5, 136.2, 135.2, 133.7, 133.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 126.5, 125.7, 107.8, 106.7, 88.5, 71.5, 58.6, 52.1, 49.1, 39.6, 38.5, 35.1, 32.7, 29.0, 27.4, two carbons missing in the aromatic region. IR (KBr) *v* 3295, 2926, 1660, 1623, 1566, 739 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₆N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 574.2700, found 574.2698.



3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-((R)-1-phenylethyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octa hydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3za**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1); 8.6mg, 10% yield; dr =1.4:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 116.5-117.5 °C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.94 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.30-7.18 (m, 5H), 7.18-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.98-6.80 (m, 2H), 6.23 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.07-4.86 (m, 1H), 4.83-4.59 (m, 1H), 4.54-4.24 (m, 3H), 4.19-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.41 S24

(m, 2H), 2.40-2.13 (m, 3H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 191.9, 156.9, 139.9, 137.3, 136.2, 135.3, 133.4, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.0, 125.3, 108.2, 107.1, 88.8, 58.0, 57.2, 49.0, 40.1, 38.3, 35.1, 32.2, 29.6, 28.9, 28.3, 27.5, 17.5. IR (KBr) *v* 3429, 2924, 1624, 1568, 1390, 743 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₇H₃₈N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 588.2857, found 588.2856.



12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**3zb**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1); 42.0 mg, 51% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 215.2-215.9°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.14-6.88 (m, 8H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.45-4.35 (m, 3H), 3.72-3.56 (m, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.25 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.1, 192.7, 157.7, 139.3, 138.1, 137.5, 136.3, 135.1, 133.7, 133.5, 130.4, 130.2, 129.9, 128.7, 128.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 125.7, 108.3, 88.9, 73.8, 58.5, 38.5, 35.6, 35.3, 29.3, 27.2, 21.4, 21.1. IR (KBr) *v* 3430, 2948, 1624, 1571, 1387, 1130, 746 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₃₂N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 546.2387, found 546.2381.



2-(3-acetyl-2-methyl-4a-nitro-1-(*p*-tolyl)-1,4,4a,5,10,11a-hexahydro-4,11-ethenobenzo[*e*]pyrido[2,3-b]azepin-5-yl)-1-phenylethan-1-one (**3zc**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1); 25.6mg, 32% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 2 h; mp 127.4-128.3°C; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.94 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 6.21 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.47-4.22 (m, S25

4H), 3.71 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 12.0$ Hz, 1H),3.51 (d, J = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 1.93 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.3, 194.1, 153.3, 140.1, 137.7, 137.5, 136.4, 135.2, 133.6, 133.4, 130.4, 129.7, 129.5, 128.8, 128.1, 127.8, 127.4, 125.7, 107.9, 107.5, 89.4, 73.3, 57.9, 38.6, 35.4, 34.4, 30.0, 21.1, 19.0. IR (KBr) v 3434, 2923, 1631, 1547, 1138, 754 cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₃H₃₂N₃O₄ [M+H]⁺ 534.2387, found 534.2388.

4. Chemical transformations of 3a



General procedure for the formation of 4/4': A solution of 3a (229.5 mg, 0.40 mmol) in 40 mL MeOH and 2.0 mL DCM was cooled to 0 °C, and then NaBH₄ (37.8 mg,1.0 mmol) was added successively. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 10min until the complete consumption of 3a as monitored by thin layer chromatography. Then, saturated aq. NH₄Cl solution was added. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified with silica gel column chromatography to obtain 4/4' in 99% yield with 1:1 dr.



12-(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**4**/**4**')

White solid obtained by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethylacetate = 4:1 to 1:1), 227.5mg, 99% yield; Reaction time = 10 min; dr = 1:1 (4/4', separable isomers); m. p. 231.8-232.4°C (4), 233.1-233.7 °C (4'); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) for 4, δ 7.34-7.18 (m, 7H), 7.08 (q, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H), 6.93 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (br, 2H), 5.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (s, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.11-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.22 (m, 6H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for 4 δ 192.3, 156.3, 143.3, 139.3, 139.3, 137.8, 137.6, 135.0, 132.9, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.1, 108.0, 107.1, 88.3, 74.0, 72.5, 58.5, 49.3, 40.7, 39.8, 34.8, 32.6, 28.7, 28.6, 27.4, 21.1. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) for 4', δ 7.37-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.14 (m, 5H), 7.03-6.92 (m, 3H), 6.13 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (q, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 1H), 2.56 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.05 (t, J = 12.0 Hz, 3H), 1.89 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.74 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) for 4'δ 192.6, 156.6, 144.8, 139.3, 138.5, 137.9, 134.9, 133.4, 129.8, 128.5, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 127.3, 127.0, 125.7, 108.7, 107.4, 89.0, 74.5, 71.0, 58.6, 49.1, 40.8, 39.7, 34.8, 32.6, 28.8, 28.7, 27.3, 21.1 IR (KBr) for 4v 3402, 2955, 1620, 1569, 1391, 762cm⁻¹. IR (KBr) for 4'v 3437, 2948, 1624, 1570, 1395, 752cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{36}H_{38}N_3O_4$ [M+H]⁺ 576.2857, found 576.2845.

General procedure for the formation of 5: To a solution of 4/4' (221.1 mg, 0.38 mmol) in 2.0 mL DCM, *p*-TsCl (109.8 mg, 0.58mmol), DMAP (46.9 mg, 0.38 mmol) and Et₃N (58.3 mg, 0.58 mmol) were successively added. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h, then diluted with Et₂O, washed with saturated aq. NaHCO₃ and brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate = 3:1 to 1:1) to afford **5** as a yellow solid in 23% yield.



3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-((*E*)-styryl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13-ethenoben zo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**5**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 3:1 to 1:1); 50.1 mg, 23% yield; dr > 20:1; reaction time = 48 h; mp 147.2-147.9°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃), δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.12-7.07 (m, 4H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.03 (t, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.78 (s, 3H), 0.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.1, 155.9, 139.4, 138.0, 137.4, 136.9, 136.3, 136.0, 133.4, 130.4, 128.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 127.5, 127.4, 126.8, 122.5, 109.2, 107.9, 89.0, 74.6, 58.3, 49.4, 48.9, 40.8, 32.6, 29.6, 28.7, 27.4, 21.1. IR (KBr) *v* 3437, 2926, 2862, 1627, 1573, 1390, 807cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₆N₃O₃ [M+H]⁺ 558.2751, found 558.2758.

General procedure for the formation of 6: A solution of 3a (229.5 mg, 0.40 mmol) in 2.0 mL DCM was cooled to 0 °C, and then Et_3SiH (232.6 mg, 2.0 mmol) and TFA (46.9 mg, 2.0 mmol) was added successively. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 23 h until the complete consumption of 3a as monitored by thin layer chromatography. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford 6 as a yellow solid in 81% yield with 2:1 dr.



3,3-dimethyl-12a-nitro-12-(2-oxo-2-phenylethyl)-5-(*p*-tolyl)-3,4,5,5a,7,12,12a,13-octahydro-6,13ethanobenzo[5,6]azepino[2,3-*b*]quinolin-1(2*H*)-one (**6**)

Yellow solid obtained by column chromatography (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 4:1); 186.3 mg, 81% yield; dr = 2:1 (inseperable isomers); reaction time = 23 h; mp 176.3-177.1°C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6), δ 7.99 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 7.29 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 4H), 5.56 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (dd, J_1 = J_2 = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.23-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 3.76 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J_1 = J_2 = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.82 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, S28)

3H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 2.15 (t, J = 16.0 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.72 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.72 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 196.1, 190.7, 156.1, 140.2, 139.8, 138.8, 137.3, 136.0, 133.5, 130.9, 130.4, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 107.3, 90.5, 76.3, 56.6, 54.9, 49.0, 48.3, 40.5, 36.1, 35.4, 32.4, 28.9, 28.8, 26.5, 20.7. IR (KBr) v 3443, 2967, 1687, 1581, 1409, 1260, 751cm⁻¹. HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₆H₃₈N₃O₄ [M+H]+576.2857, found 576.2859.

5. Crystal data for 3a, 3m, 5 and 6



Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.








































































































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