Supporting Information for:

Cubane Chirality via Substitution of "Hidden" Regular Tetrahedron

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Instrumentation and Chemicals

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were taken on Varian UNITY INOVA 500 (1H, 500 MHz; ¹³C, 125.7 MHz) spectrometer using tetramethylsilane for ¹H NMR as an internal standard ($\delta = 0$ ppm), CDCl₃ for ¹³C NMR as an internal standard ($\delta = 77.0$ ppm). ¹H NMR data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q= quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, sept = septet, br = broad, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a JEOL JMS-700 spectrometer for EI and with a Thermo Fisher SCIENTIFIC EXTRACTIVE spectrometer for ESI and APCI. Infrared (IR) spectra were determined on a SHIMADZU FTIR-8200PC spectrometer. Melting points were determined using a YANAKO MP-500D. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed with a SHIMADZU Prominence. Electronic absorption spectra were collected on a JASCO V-630 spectrometer. CD spectra were recorded with a JASCO J-820 spectrodichrometer. A 1 mm quartz cell was used for these measurements. The magnitude of the CD signal is expressed in terms of molar circular dichroism $\Delta \varepsilon$ / M⁻¹ cm⁻¹. TLC analyses were performed by means of Merck Kieselgel 60 F254 (0.25 mm) Plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light (254 nm) and an aqueous anisaldehyde solution followed by heating. Flash column chromatography was carried out using Kanto Chemical silica gel (spherical, 40–100 µm). Unless otherwise noted, commercially available reagents were used without purification. Tetrahydrofuran, Dehydrated stabilizer free -Super- was purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., stored under argon, and used as it is.

4-Deuteriocubane-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcarboxamide (6) was prepared by Iodine-Metal Exchange reaction¹ of 4-Iodocubane-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcarboxamide with n-Bu₄ZnLi₂ solution² followed by a reaction with D₂O. The characterization of the isolated compounds **3**, **5**, **8**, **12**, and **13** were also shown.

Experimental Procedure

Dibromination of 4-deuteriocubane-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcarboxamide 6: Preparation of 8. The site-selective bromination reported by Alexanian³ was applied to 6. A flame-dried 20 mL pyrex vial was charged with 4-deuteriocubane-N,N-diisopropylcarboxamide (6, 116 mg, 0.5 mmol), N-bromo-N-(t-butyl)-3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)benzamide (2, 196 mg, 0.5 mmol), and anhydrous benzene (7.0 mL). The reaction vial was purged with argon for 10 minutes, and placed in a water bath held at 25 °C, followed by irradiated with visible light for 1 h. Aldrich® Micro Photochemical Reactor blue LED (ALDKIT001) was used as a light source. The pyrex vial was placed in the middle of a circle device (ALDKIT001) with a diameter of 11 cm. An additional one-molar equivalent of bromoamide (2, 196 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 3.0 mL benzene was added to the mixture and stirred for 1 h. The another one-molar equivalent of bromoamide (196 mg, 0.5 mmol) in 3.0 mL benzene was added to the mixture and stirred for 2 h. The resulting mixture was concentrated in vacuo and dissolved in pentanes. The resulting suspension was run through a plug of silica and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by silica gel chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 5/1 as an eluent) gave the corresponding product 8 in 72% yield (139 mg), along with 3 (3% yield) and 7 (16% yield). The monobromide 3 and 7 was obtained as a mixture, which cannot be separated by silica gel chromatography. Pure compound 3 was prepared in 28% yield from 4-(diisopropylcarbamoyl)cubane-1-carboxylic acid and N-bromophtalic imide by Fu's procedure for visible light-induced decarboxylative iodination.⁴ The ration of the monobromides (3 and 7) was calculated by ¹H NMR of the crude product. The rati of 3, 4, and 5 in Scheme 1 was also determined in the same way.

Preparation of chiral cubane (12a-12e).

The dianionic zincate was prepared according to the reported procedure by Uchiyama.² To a solution of anhydrous ZnCl₂ (Commercially available "anhydrous ZnCl₂" was dried in *vacuo* at 150 °C; 402 mg, 3.0 mmol) in anhydrous THF (18 ml), *n*-BuLi (1.57 M in hexane, 7.7 ml, 12.0 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. To a thus prepared pale yellow *n*-Bu₄ZnLi₂ THF solution, a solution of 3,5-Dibromo-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-*d* (**8**, 390 mg, 1.0 mmol) in THF (5.0 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The whole was stirred for 2h at 25 °C. To the resulting mixture, 4-bromobenzyl bromide (1.25g, 5.0 mmol) in THF (3.0 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. The mixture was quenched with sat. NH₄Claq, and extracted with ether. The organic layers were washed with sat. NaHCO₃ aq and brine. The obtained organic solution was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in *vacuo*. Purification by silica gel

chromatography (Hexane/AcOEt = 5/1 as an eluent) gave chiral cubane (**12a-12d**) as a racemic mixture.

Characterization Data

4-Bromo-N,N-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-d (3)



A white solid (mp 122.5–124.5 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.28-4.24 (m, 3H),1H), 4.24-4.20 (m, 3H), 3.38 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.18(d, J =7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 169.8, 62.8, 59.8, 53.8, 48.4, 47.6, 45.9, 21.0, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for

C₁₅H₂₀DBrNONa 332.0620; Found332.0625; IR (KBr): 2966, 1617, 1448, 1370, 1348 cm⁻¹..

3,5-Dibromo-N,N-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide (5)



Yield (36%,70 mg). A white solid (mp 112–112.5 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.57 (m, 1H), 4.45 (ddd, J = 5.5, 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4,41 (dddd, J= 5.5, 3.0, 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dddd, J = 5.5, 5.5, 5.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J= 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):

 δ 166.9, 66.9, 64.2, 58.6, 55.4, 55.0, 48.9, 46.2, 40.4, 20.7, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉Br₂NONa 412.9711; Found 411.9708; IR (KBr): 2960, 1650, 1625, 1448cm⁻¹.

3,5-Dibromo-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-d (8)



Yield (72%,139 mg). A white solid (mp 111–112 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.56 (ddd, J = 3.0, 3.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (ddd, J = 5.5, 5.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ

166.9, 66.9, 63.8 (t), 58.5, 55.4, 54.9, 48.8, 46.2, 40.3, 20.7, 20.4; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈DBr₂NONa 412.9768; Found 412.9764; IR (KBr): 2260, 1653, 1628, 1457, 1437, 1374, 1346, 754.

3-Allyl-5-*n*-buthyl-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-*d* (12a)



Prepared following the general procedure using 0.1 mmol of 8: Yield 67% (colorless oil, 22.0 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.72 (dddd, J = 17.0, 13.5, 9.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.07-5.00 (m, 2H), 3.94 (ddd, J = 5.0, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (ddd, J= 5.0, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (dd,

J = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.28 (m, 2H), 1.56 (dt, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (dt, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.40 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 1.35-1.19 (m, 4H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.3, 133.6, 116.5, 52.7, 52.5, 51.8, 51.1, 50.9, 50.8, 48.0, 45.7, 37.3, 37.2, 32.2, 26.3, 22.9, 20.8, 20.6, 14.1 (The signal of D-substituted carbon in cubane skeleton wan not strong enough to be detected because of coupling with D); HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂DNONa 351.2517; Found 351.2524; IR (KBr): 2963, 2925, 2224, 1627, 1441, 1369, 1340, 1217, 1046 cm⁻¹.

3-Benzyl-5-*n*-buthyl-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-*d* (12b)



Prepared following the general procedure using 0.1 mmol of **8**: Yield 48% (colorless oil, 18.2 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.28 (dd, J = 7.5, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (ddd, J = 5.0, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, J = 5.0, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J

= 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 5.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 1.48-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 1.23-1.10 (m, 2H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 0.93-0.83 (m, 2H), 0.79 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.3, 138.1, 128.9, 128.2, 125.9, 52.5, 52.2, 51.8, 51.7, 51.2, 51.1, 48.1, 45.7, 39.1, 36.9, 32.2, 25.9, 22.9, 20.8, 20.6, 14.1 (The signal of D-substituted carbon in cubane skeleton wan not strong enough to be detected because of coupling with D); HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₃₄DNO 401.2674; Found 401.2678; IR (KBr): 2960, 2922, 2224, 1625, 1436, 1368, 1340 cm⁻¹.

3-(4-Bromobenzyl)-5-*n*-buthyl-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-*d* (12c)



Prepared following the general procedure using 0.1 mmol of 8: Yield 53% (colorless oil, 24.2 mg). ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$: δ 7.39(d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J= 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.97 (ddd, J = 5.1, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (ddd, J = 5.1, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (bs, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J)

= 5.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (sept, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (sept, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 15.0Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 1.43 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.19 – 1.12 (m, 2H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.89 – 0.79 (m, 2H), 0.81 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.1, 137.0, 131.3, 130.7, 119.8, 52.5, 52.2, 51.6, 51.5, 51.4, 50.9, 48.1, 45.8, 38.4, 36.9, 32.2, 25.9, 22.9, 20.8, 20.6, 14.1 (The signal of D-substituted carbon in cubane skeleton wan not strong enough to be detected because of coupling with D); HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₆H₃₃DBrNONa 479.1779; Found 479.1781; IR (KBr): 2961, 2225, 1628, 1490, 1441, 1369, 1341 cm⁻¹.

The racemic micture was resolved by HPLC DAICEL CHIRALPAK ID iso-PrOH/Hexane: 5/95, flow rate: 1.0 mL/min. The sample was separated into two eluents (1st fraction: 8.15) min, $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -13.5$ (c 9.2, CHCl3); 2nd fraction 9.01 min, $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +13.9$ (c 7.3, CHCl3).

3-Iodo-5-*n*-buthyl-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-*d* (12d)



31% (colorless oil, 38.5 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.41 (ddd, J = 5.5, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (bs, 1H), 4.13 (ddd, J = 4.5, 2.0, 1H)2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, J = 4.5, 5.5, Hz, 1H), 3.66 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 'nBu 12d 1H), 3.31 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.41 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.37 - 1.24 (m, 4H), 1.21 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.7, 61.1, 60.1, 57.9, 57.3, 57.0, 50.3, 48.5, 46.0, 41.7, 41.5, 31.5, 26.2, 22.6, 20.7, 20.5, 14.0 (The signal of D-substituted carbon in cubane skeleton wan not strong enough to be detected because of coupling with D); HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ Calcd for C₁₉H₂₇DINO 437.1171; Found 437.1173; IR (KBr): 2964, 2926, 2239, 1628, 1437, 1369, 1340, 1255, 1215, 1045 cm⁻¹.

Prepared following the general procedure using 0.3 mmol of 8: Yield

3-Carboxylateethyl-5-n-buthyl-N,N-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-d (12e)



Prepared following the general procedure using 0.3 mmol of 8: Yield 40% (colorless oil, 43.3 mg). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.37 (ddd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, J = 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (ddd, J = 5.1, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 5.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (sept, J = 6.5

Hz, 1H), 3.30 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz , 2H), 1.41 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.36 – 1.25 (m, 4H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.7, 169.9, 60.3, 53.7, 53.5, 53.1, 52.2, 49.9, 49.6, 48.3, 45.8, 38.3, 31.5, 26.0, 22.7, 20.8, 20.5, 14.3, 14.0 (The signal of D-substituted carbon in cubane skeleton wan not strong enough to be detected because of coupling with D); HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂DNO₃Na 383.2415; Found 383.2417; IR (KBr): 2968, 2929, 2239, 1722, 1627, 1441, 1369, 1343, 1313, 1191 cm⁻¹

3,5-Diphenyl-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-*d* (13)



Prepared following the general procedure using 0.1 mmol of **1a**: Yield 48% (18.5 mg, decomposed at >250 °C); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.46 – 7.20 (m, 10H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H),

Ph **13** 3.60 (sept, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 170.2, 141.6, 128.6, 126.3, 125.0, 57.2, 53.3(t), 53.1, 48.4, 45.9, 37.2, 20.8, 20.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for C₂₇H₂₈NONa 407.2204; Found 407.2208; IR (KBr): 3744, 2928, 2231, 1700, 1625, 1437cm⁻¹

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¹H NMR Spectra of 3 (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR Spectra of 3 (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)



¹H NMR Spectra of 5 (500 MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR Spectra of 5 (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)





¹³C NMR Spectra of 8 (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)





¹H NMR Spectra of 12a (500 MHz, CDCl₃)





¹³C NMR Spectra of 12a (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)



¹³C NMR Spectra of 12b (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)

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¹³C NMR Spectra of 12c (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)

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¹H NMR Spectra of 12d (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

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¹H NMR NMR Spectra of 12e (500 MHz, CDCl₃)

¹³C NMR Spectra of 12e (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)

¹³C NMR Spectra of 13 (125.7MHz, CDCl₃)

HPLC Analysis by SHIMADZU Prominence.

3-(4-Bromobenzyl)-5-*n***-buthyl-***N***,***N***-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-***d* **12c** (Racemate) DAICEL CHIRAL PAK ID *i*-PrOH/Hexane: 5/95 1.0 mL/min

After Separation by HPLC

3-Benzyl-5-*n*-buthyl-*N*,*N*-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-*d* (12b)

12b (Racemate) DAICEL CHIRAL PAK IC i-PrOH/Hexane: 1/99 1.0 mL/min

3-Iodo-5-n-buthyl-N,N-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-d (12d)

12d (Racemate) DAICEL CHIRAL PAK ID i-PrOH/Hexane: 5/95 1.0 mL/min

3-Carboxylateethyl-5-n-buthyl-N,N-diisopropylcubane-1-carboxamide-4-d (12e)

12e (Racemate) DAICEL CHIRAL PAK ID i-PrOH/Hexane: 1/99 1.0 mL/min

