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Regio- and Stereospecific Synthesis of C-3 Functionalized Proline Derivatives by Palladium Catalyzed Directed C(sp³)-H Arylation

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General Experimental Considerations

All non-aqueous reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere (argon) with flame-dried glassware, using standard techniques. Anhydrous solvents were obtained by filtration through drying columns (toluene, CH₂Cl₂, MeOH, DMF).

Flash column chromatography was performed using 230-400 mesh silica, with the indicated solvent system according to standard techniques. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on precoated glass-backed or aluminium-backed silica gel plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by UV absorbance (254 nm) and/or stained with aqueous potassium permanganate solution, a ninhydrin solution in ethanol, or a phosphomolybdic acid solution in ethanol.

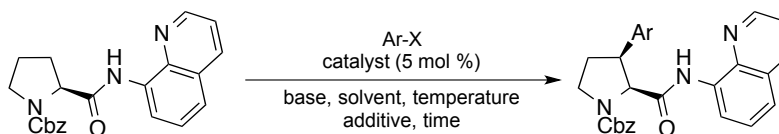
Infrared spectra ($\nu_{\max}$, FTIR ATR) were recorded in reciprocal centimeters (cm⁻¹).

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on 400 or 500 MHz spectrometers. Chemical shifts for ¹H NMR spectra are recorded in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (chloroform: δ = 7.27 ppm, methanol: δ = 3.31 ppm, DMSO: δ = 2.50 ppm). Data is reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity [s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet and br = broad], coupling constant (in Hz), integration and assignment). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (¹³CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm, ¹³CD₃OD: δ = 49.0 ppm, (¹³CD₃)₂SO: δ = 39.5 ppm). ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million, referenced to the standard monofluorobenzene at δ = -113.5 ppm. Assignments of ¹H and ¹³C spectra were based upon the analysis of δ and J values, as well as DEPT, COSY and HSQC experiments where appropriate. All Cbz and Boc containing compounds appeared as a mixture of rotamers in the NMR spectra at rt; therefore NMR experiments for these compounds were carried out at 373 K to coalesce the signals, which is indicated in parentheses where appropriate. Even at elevated temperature the Cbz phenyl signals remain broad and can often under-integrate.

Melting points are uncorrected.

Observed rotations (α') were recorded at the indicated temperature (T °C) and were converted to the corresponding specific rotations $[\alpha]_D^T$.

Commercial reagents were used as supplied, or purified by standard techniques where necessary.

Optimization of C–H Arylation of *N*-Cbz Proline AQ Amide 1

The following reaction variables were screened during optimization (**Table S1**).

Solvent	toluene, <i>t</i> -BuOH, 1,4-dioxane, 1,2-dichloroethane, DMF, (no solvent)
Pd and Ni Source	PdCl ₂ , Pd(TFA) ₂ , Pd(acac) ₂ , NiCl ₂ , NiCl ₂ ·glyme, Pd ₂ (dba) ₃ , Pd(OAc) ₂
Base	KOAc, K ₂ CO ₃ , Ag ₂ CO ₃ , AgOAc
Equiv Base	0.5, 1.0, 1.2, 1.5, 1.8, 2.0, 2.2
Additives	PivOH
ArX	Tol-Cl, Tol-Br, Tol-I, Ph-OTf
Equiv ArI	1.2, 1.5, 1.8, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0
Concentration (M, wrt amide 1)	0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.7, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0, (neat)
Scale (mmol)	0.15–0.30, 0.5, 0.7, 1.0
Time (h)	1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20
Temperature (°C)	85, 110, 130
Vial Size	0.5–2 mL, 2–10 mL
Miscellaneous	air atmosphere, non-dry toluene

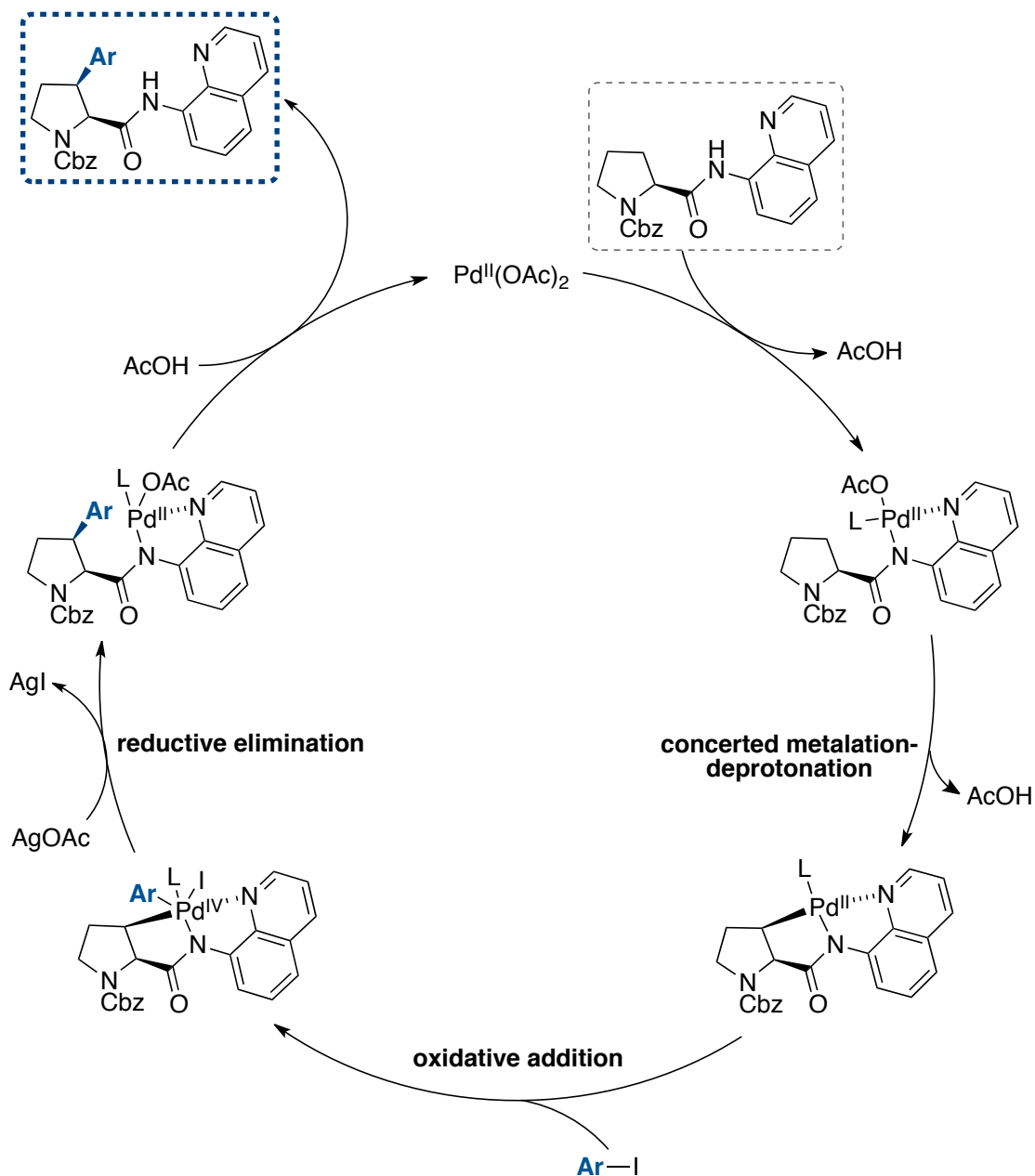
We assessed bases other than AgOAc, to determine whether AgOAc could be substituted with a cheaper alternative. However, alternative bases did not compete with AgOAc. For comparison, when employing iodotoluene (4 equiv), Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%) and toluene (1.0 M) on a 0.20 mmol scale at 110 °C for 15 h, the following yields were obtained, using 2.2 equiv of base:

AgOAc	97%
Ag ₂ CO ₃	19%
KOAc	6%
K ₂ CO ₃	0%

Attempts to extend the method to include alkyl iodides were not successful under these conditions.

Proposed Catalytic Cycle for C–H Arylation of Amide 1

We propose the following cycle, in line with that proposed by Daugulis and others,¹ involving a $\text{Pd}^{\text{II}}/\text{Pd}^{\text{IV}}$ redox cycle and a concerted metalation-deprotonation step to form chelated palladacyclic intermediates.



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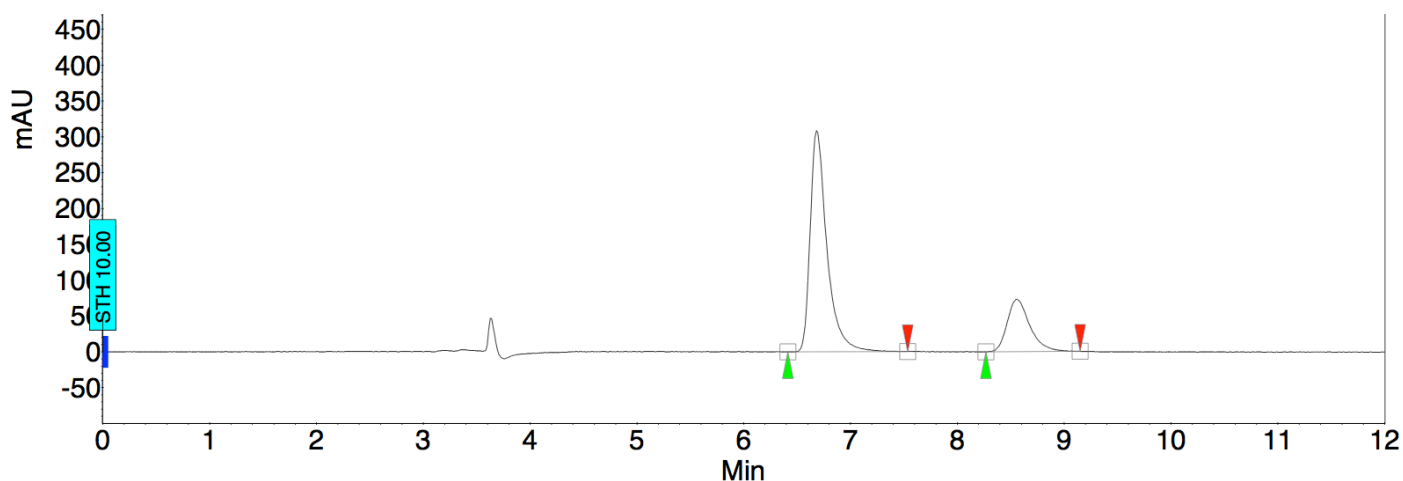
Enantiopurity of Arylated Products: HPLC Traces for **1** and **6a**

In order to ensure no loss of enantiopurity in the products from both the amide bond forming reaction and the C–H arylation reaction, both D- and L- enantiomers of **1** and arylated (4-tolyl) 8-aminoquinolyl proline derivative **6a** were examined by chiral HPLC.

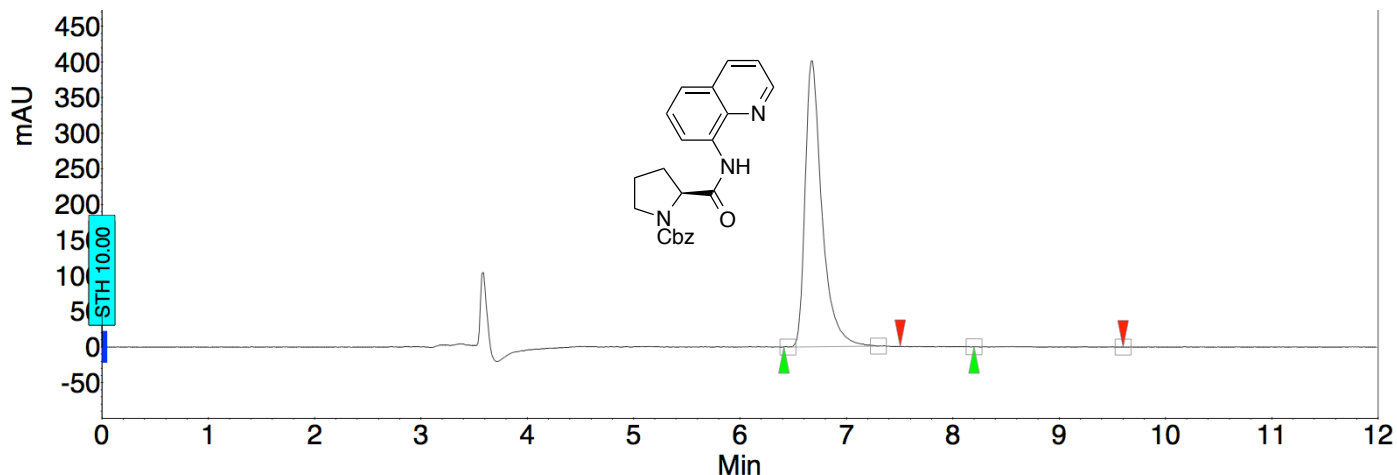
Amide Starting Materials

Conditions: Chiralpak IB-3 column, 60:40 *n*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, flow 1 mLmin⁻¹, 25 °C, wavelength: 224 nm

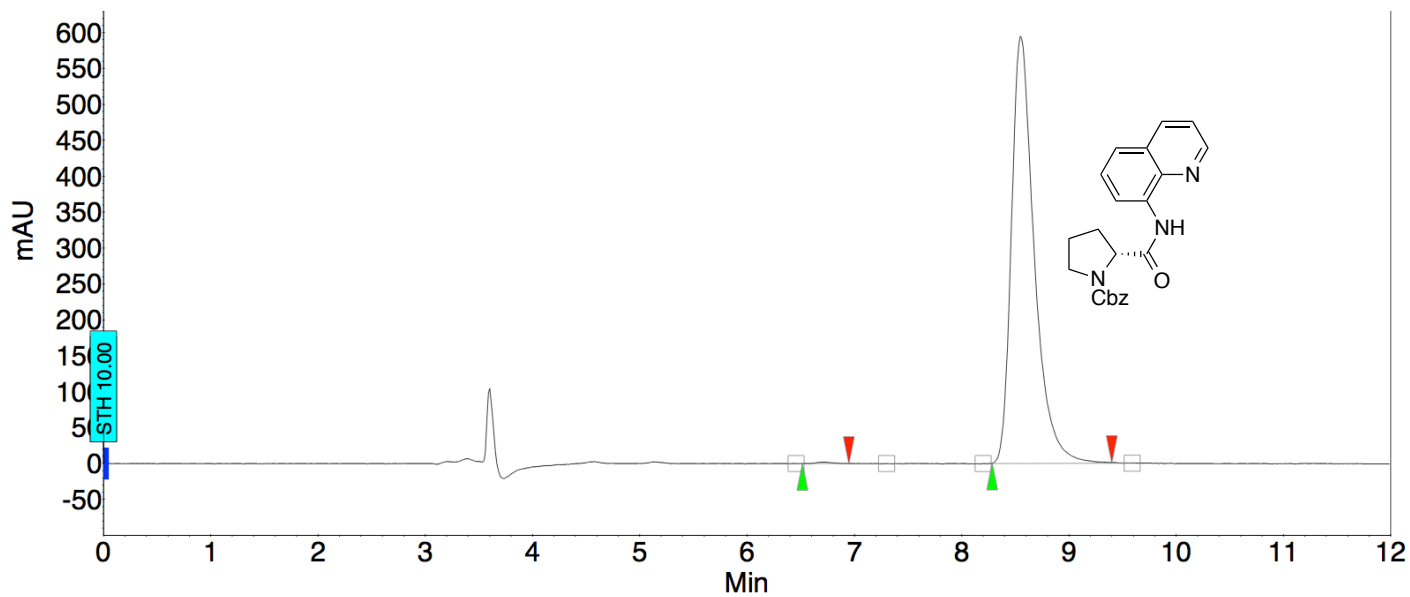
Scalemic Mixture of Amides **1** and *ent*-**1**



Index	Name	Time [Min]	Quantity [% Area]	Height [mAU]	Area [mAU.Min]	Area % [%]
1	UNKNOWN	6.680	75.78	308.7	56.0	75.778
2	UNKNOWN	8.560	24.22	73.4	17.9	24.222
Total			100.00	382.1	73.9	100.000

Benzyl (2S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (1)

Index	Name	Time [Min]	Quantity [% Area]	Height [mAU]	Area [mAU.Min]	Area % [%]
1	UNKNOWN	6.680	99.92	401.4	73.3	99.924
2	UNKNOWN	8.573	0.08	0.4	0.1	0.076
Total			100.00	401.8	73.3	100.000

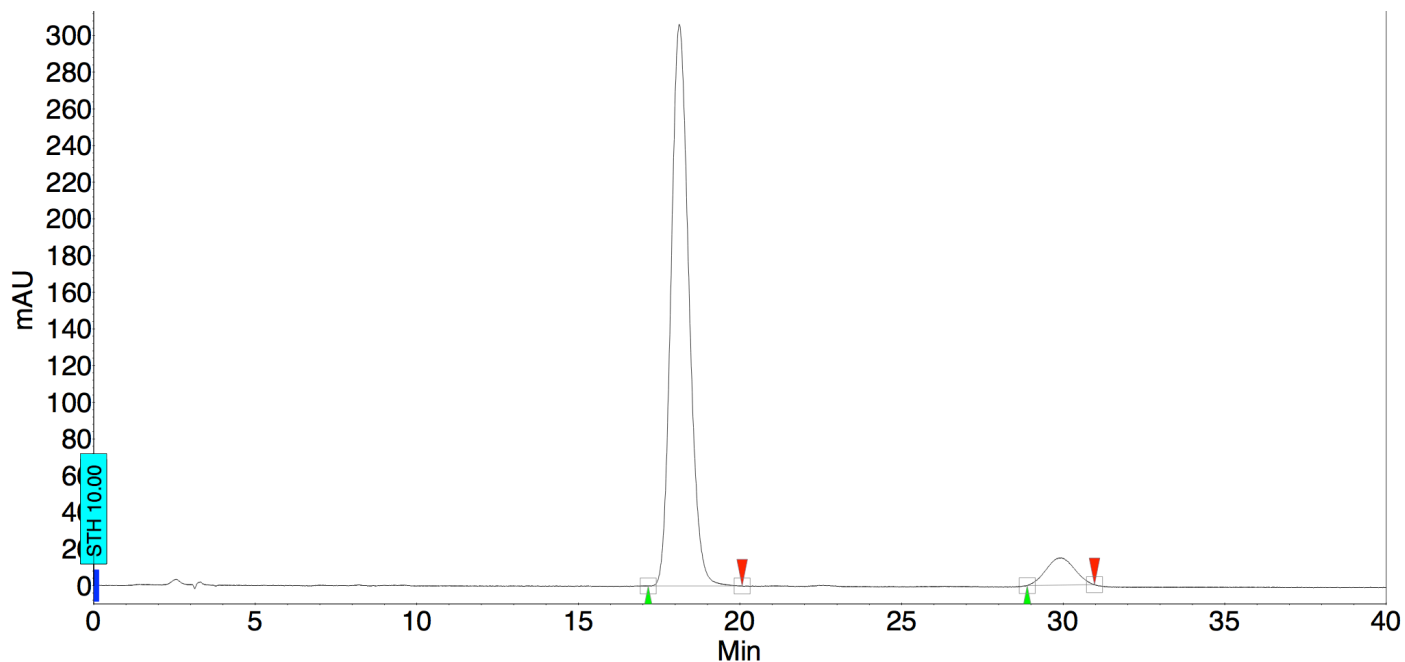
ee = 99.8%**Benzyl (2R)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (ent-1)**

Index	Name	Time [Min]	Quantity [% Area]	Height [mAU]	Area [mAU.Min]	Area % [%]
2	UNKNOWN	6.720	0.25	2.2	0.4	0.254
1	UNKNOWN	8.546	99.75	594.5	146.7	99.746
Total			100.00	596.7	147.1	100.000

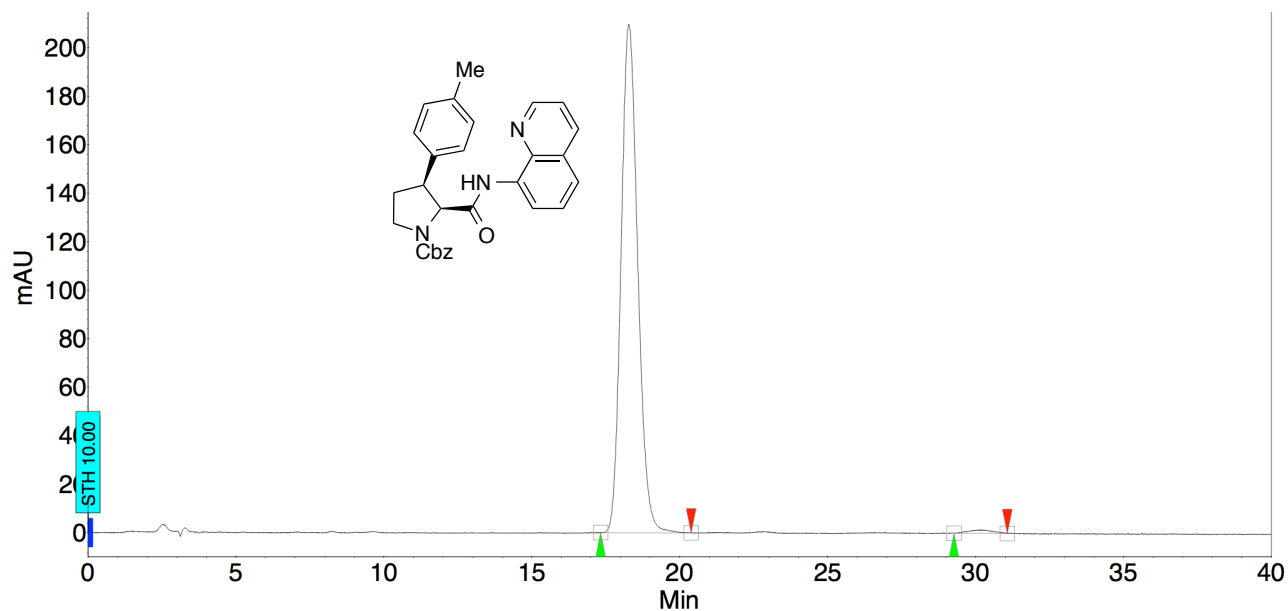
ee = 99.5%

Arylated Compounds

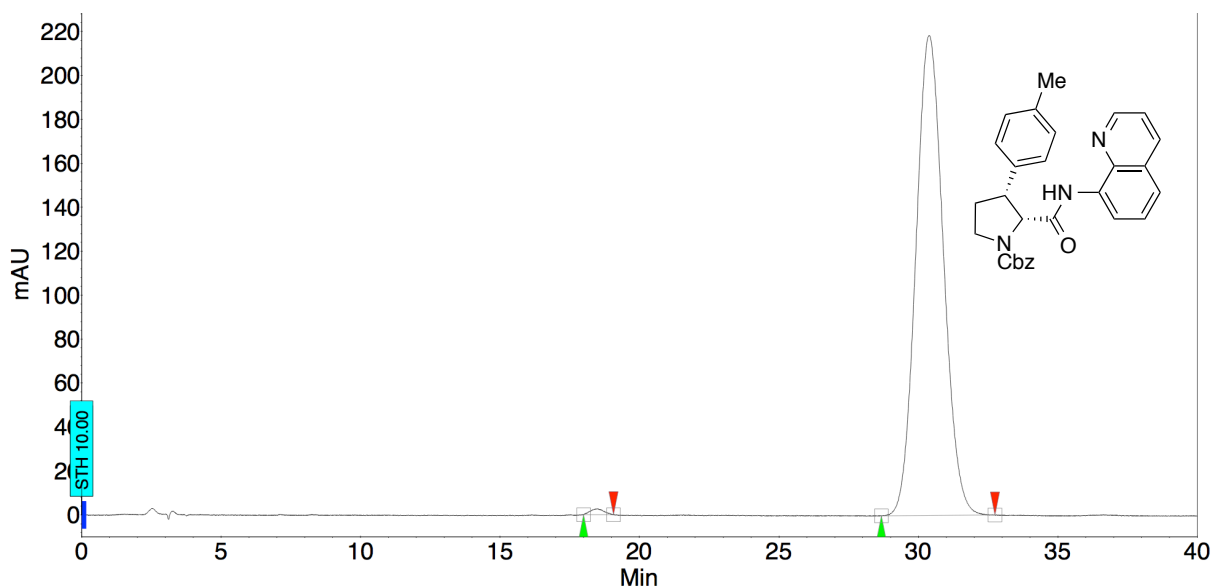
Conditions: Chiralpak IC-3 column, 50:50 *n*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, flow 1 mLmin⁻¹, 25 °C, wavelength: 244 nm

Scalemic Mixture of Pyrrolidines 6a and *ent*-6a

Index	Name	Time [Min]	Quantity [% Area]	Height [mAU]	Area [mAU.Min]	Area % [%]
1	UNKNOWN	18.119	92.81	306.4	195.6	92.810
2	UNKNOWN	29.904	7.19	14.8	15.2	7.190
Total			100.00	321.2	210.7	100.000

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6a)

Index	Name	Time [Min]	Quantity [% Area]	Height [mAU]	Area [mAU.Min]	Area % [%]
1	UNKNOWN	18.279	99.06	209.8	136.8	99.063
2	UNKNOWN	30.198	0.94	1.3	1.3	0.937
Total			100.00	211.1	138.1	100.000

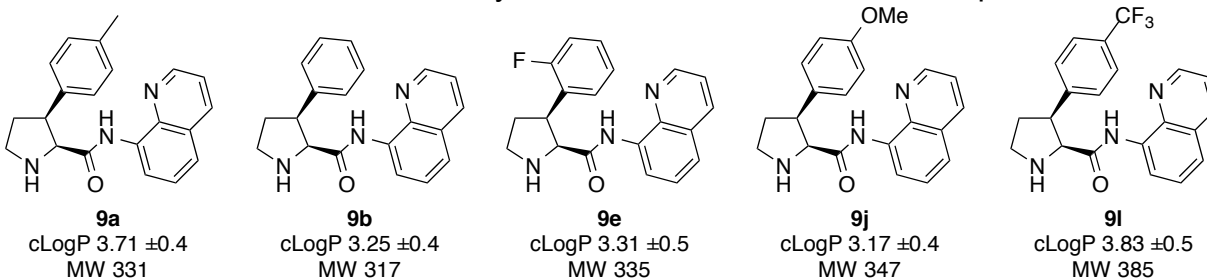
ee = 98.1%**Benzyl (2R,3R)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (ent-6a)**

Index	Name	Time [Min]	Quantity [% Area]	Height [mAU]	Area [mAU.Min]	Area % [%]
1	UNKNOWN	18.465	0.58	2.5	1.5	0.580
2	UNKNOWN	30.384	99.42	218.6	250.0	99.420
Total			100.00	221.1	251.4	100.000

ee = 98.8%

Calculated Molecular Properties of Compounds 9a,b,e,j,l and 13a,b,d

Hughes defines ideal drug-likeness with reduced propensity for toxic side effects as: MW <400 and cLogP <4,² which is similar to that used by Churcher,³ and lower than the Lipinski limits.⁴



Fragments targeted to comply with a modified 'rule-of-3', with an increased HBA value:⁵

Molecular weight MW <300

Lipophilicity, as given by cLogP <3

H-bond donors (HBD) ≤3

H-bond donors (HBA) ≤6

compound	product	MW	cLogP	HBD	HDA	Heavy Atoms	Fragment like?
13a		204	0.40 ±0.4	3	3	15	Y
13b		190	-0.06 ±0.4	3	3	14	Y
13d		208	-0.01 ±0.5	3	4	15	Y

cLogP values were determined using ACDlabs LogP calculator

<http://www.acdlabs.com/resources/freeware/chemsketch/logp>.

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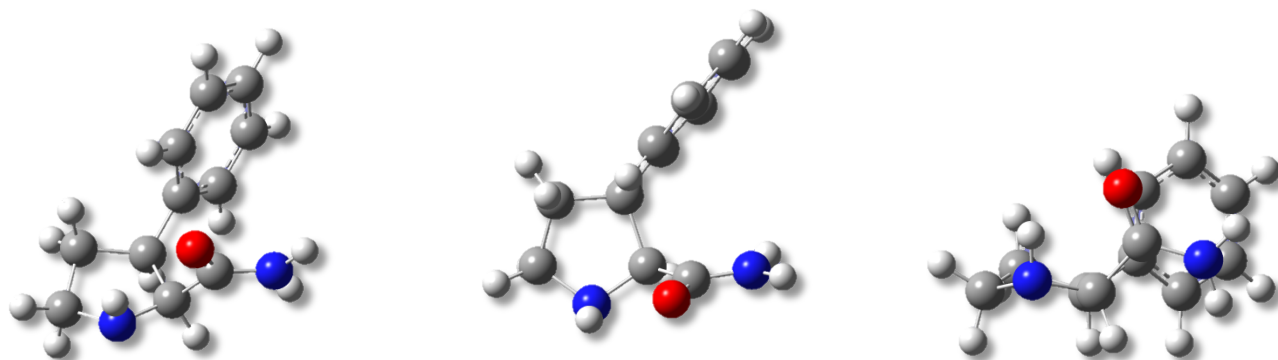
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3D Shape of **13a**

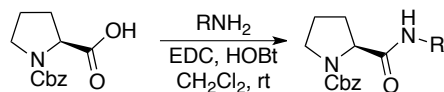
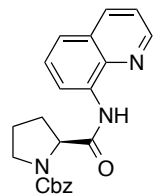
To illustrate the 3D shape of the fragments we calculated the minimum energy structure of **13a** using Gaussian 09 (GaussView 5),⁶ up to the B3LYP/6-21G level of theory with default solvation (water; scrf = pcm).



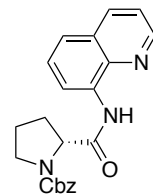
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Experimental Details and Characterization Data

Preparation of Amide Substrates 1-5

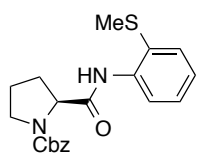
Benzyl (2S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**1**)

HOBT hydrate (6.12 g, 45.3 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-L-proline (7.53 g, 30.2 mmol), 8-aminoquinoline (5.00 g, 34.7 mmol) and EDC·HCl (6.95 g, 36.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 15 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, a solution of sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 250 mL). A solution of sat. aq. NH₄Cl (20 mL) was added after the first EtOAc extraction, to aid the separation of aqueous and organic layers. The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and purification by flash column chromatography (30% Et₂O/hexane grading to 60% Et₂O/hexane) afforded amide **1** (9.28 g, 82%) as a pale yellow oil. *R*_f 0.08 (40% Et₂O/pentane); [α]_D²³ −100° (c 2.6, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm^{−1} 3339 (NH br), 2957, 1694 (C=O), 1529, 1487, 1412, 1355, 1325, 1165, 1117, 984, 827, 792, 756, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 10.25 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.85 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.59 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.37 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.62–7.54 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.34–7.07 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ph}), 5.16–5.07 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.63 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.9 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.67–3.55 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 2.38–2.26 (m, 1 H, NCH(C=O)CHH), 2.17–2.09 (m, 1 H, NCH(C=O)CHH), 2.04–1.89 (m, 2 H, NCH₂CH₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 170.2 (C=O amide), 153.9 (C=O carbamate), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 137.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.9 (C_{Ar}), 133.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.5 (C_{Ar}), 121.4 (C_{Ar}), 115.8 (C_{Ar}), 65.8 (OCH₂), 60.9 (HCC=O), 46.6 (NCH₂), 29.9 (NCH(C=O)CH₂), 23.1 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₂H₂₂N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 376.1661; Found 376.1656.

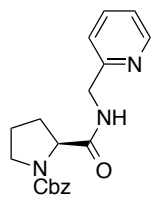
Benzyl (2R)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**ent-1**)

HOBT hydrate (527 mg, 3.90 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-D-proline (747 mg, 3.00 mmol), 8-aminoquinoline (519 mg, 3.60 mmol) and EDC·HCl (690 mg, 3.60 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL) and the resulting solution was stirred at rt for 36 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, a solution of sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (25 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL). A solution of sat. aq. NH₄Cl (10 mL) was added after the first EtOAc extraction, to aid the separation of aqueous and organic layers. The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and purification by flash column chromatography (30% Et₂O/hexane grading to 60% Et₂O/hexane) afforded amide **ent-1** (1.00 g, 89%) as a pale yellow oil. [α]_D²³ +114° (c 2.0, CHCl₃).

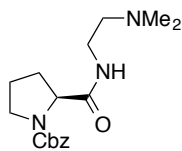
HPLC Conditions: Chiralpak IB-3 column, 60:40 *n*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, flow rate: 1 mLmin^{−1}, 25 °C, UV detection wavelength: 224 nm. Retention times: 6.7 min (*S* enantiomer), 8.6 min (*R* enantiomer).

Benzyl (2S)-2-[[2-(methylsulfanyl)phenyl]carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (2)

HOBt (446 mg, 3.30 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-L-proline (748 mg, 3.00 mmol) and 2-(methylthio)aniline (0.56 mL, 4.50 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL) at 0 °C, and was stirred for 5 min. EDC·HCl (633 mg, 3.30 mmol) was then added and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for a further 10 min, then at rt for 15 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then a solution of sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (10 mL) was added and the aqueous mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (50% pentane/Et₂O) afforded amide **2** (952 mg, 86%) as a yellow oil. R_f 0.13 (50% hexane/Et₂O); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -82° (c 3.0, CHCl_3); ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 3315 (NH br), 2953, 1695 (C=O), 1579, 1515, 1436, 1411, 1355, 1174, 1116, 1088, 980, 754, 698; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 373 K) δ 9.07 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.42 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.38–7.25 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ph}), 7.24–7.14 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 5.14–5.12 (m, 2 H, OCH_2), 4.48 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.8 Hz, 1 H, $\text{HCC}=\text{O}$), 3.60–3.48 (m, 2 H, NCH_2), 2.36 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 2.32–2.21 (m, 1 H, $\text{NCH}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{CHH}$), 2.15–2.06 (m, 1 H, $\text{NCH}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{CHH}$), 2.02–1.85 (m, 2 H, NCH_2CH_2); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 373 K) δ 170.2 (C=O amide), 153.9 (C=O carbamate), 136.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 130.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 129.1 (C_{Ar}), 127.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar}), 126.8 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 125.0 (C_{Ar}), 123.3 (C_{Ar}), 65.8 (OCH_2), 60.3 ($\text{HCC}=\text{O}$), 46.5 (NCH_2), 29.9 ($\text{NCH}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 23.0 (NCH_2CH_2), 16.1 (CH_3); HRMS (ESI^+) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 371.1429; Found 371.1444.

Benzyl (2S)-2-[(pyridin-2-ylmethyl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (3)

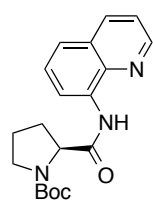
HOBt (446 mg, 3.30 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-L-proline (748 mg, 3.00 mmol) and 2-picolylamine (0.46 mL, 4.50 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL) and was stirred for 5 min. EDC (0.58 mL, 3.30 mmol) was then added and the solution was stirred for 15 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then a solution of sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (10 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na_2SO_4 and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH/ NEt_3 100:1:1) afforded amide **3** (614 mg, 60%) as a yellow oil. R_f 0.16 (100:1 EtOAc/ NEt_3); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -70° (c 2.3, CHCl_3); ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 3309 (NH br), 3066, 2952, 2880, 1698 (C=O), 1669 (C=O), 1571, 1535, 1416, 1356, 1240, 1209, 1177, 1121, 754, 699; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 373 K) δ 8.49–8.45 (m, 1 H, HC_{pyr}), 8.17 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.69–7.62 (m, 1 H, HC_{pyr}), 7.37–7.18 (m, 7 H, 5 × HC_{Ar} and 2 × HC_{pyr}), 5.12–5.05 (m, 2 H, OCH_2), 4.44–4.30 (m, 3 H, $\text{CH}_2\text{C}_{\text{pyr}}$ and $\text{HCC}=\text{O}$), 3.55–3.43 (m, 2 H, CbzNCH_2), 2.24–2.12 (m, 1 H, $\text{NCH}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{CHH}$), 1.99–1.78 (m, 3 H, NCH_2CH_2 and $\text{NCH}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{CHH}$); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $\text{DMSO}-d_6$, 373 K) δ 171.6 (C=O amide), 158.0 (C_{pyr} quat.), 153.7 (C=O carbamate), 148.1 (HC_{pyr}), 136.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.8 (HC_{pyr}), 127.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.0 (C_{Ar}), 126.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{pyr}), 120.3 (C_{pyr}), 65.5 (OCH_2), 59.6 ($\text{HCC}=\text{O}$), 46.4 (CbzNCH_2), 43.8 ($\text{CH}_2\text{C}_{\text{pyridine}}$), 30.0 ($\text{NCH}(\text{C}=\text{O})\text{CH}_2$), 22.9 (NCH_2CH_2); HRMS (ESI^+) m/z Calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ 340.1661; Found 340.1668.

Benzyl (2S)-2-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (4)

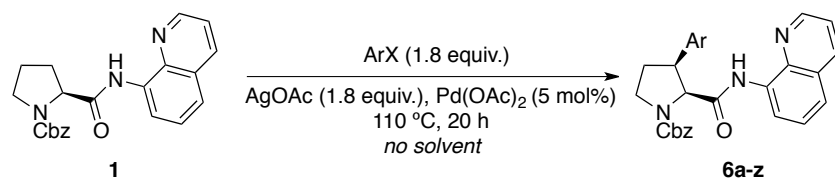
HOBt (446 mg, 3.30 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-benzyloxycarbonyl-L-proline (748 mg, 3.00 mmol) and *N,N*-dimethylethylenediamine (0.49 mL, 4.50 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (6 mL) at 0 °C, and was stirred for 5 min. EDC·HCl (633 mg, 3.30 mmol) was

then added and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for a further 10 min, then at rt for 15 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then a solution of sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH/NEt₃ 100:5:1), afforded amide **4** (649 mg, 68%) as an off-white solid. mp = 36–38 °C; *R*_f 0.05 (100:20:1 EtOAc/MeOH/NEt₃); [α]_D²³ 68° (c 2.1, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3317 (NH br), 2950, 2881, 2827, 2781, 1701 (C=O), 1538, 1417, 1357, 1243, 1188, 1121, 769, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 7.41 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.38–7.26 (m, 5 H, HC_{Ph}), 5.12–5.01 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 3.2 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.51–3.38 (m, 2 H, CbzNCH₂), 3.20–3.08 (m, 2 H, CH₂CH₂NMe₂), 2.30 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2 H, CH₂CH₂NMe₂), 2.16 (br s, 6 H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.14–2.06 (m, 1 H, NCH(C=O)CHH), 1.92–1.77 (m, 3 H, CbzNCH₂CH₂ and NCH(C=O)CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 171.3 (C=O amide), 153.6 (C=O carbamate), 136.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.0 (C_{Ar}), 126.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 65.4 (OCH₂), 59.6 (HCC=O), 57.5 (CH₂CH₂NMe₂), 46.3 (CbzNCH₂), 44.3 (2 × CH₃), 36.2 (CH₂CH₂NMe₂), 30.0 (NCH(C=O)CH₂), 22.9 (CbzNCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₇H₂₆N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 320.1974; Found 320.1988.

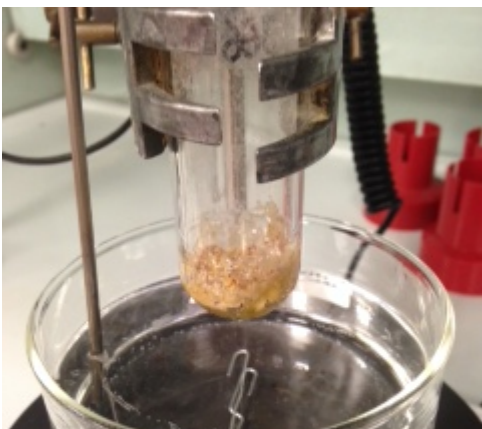
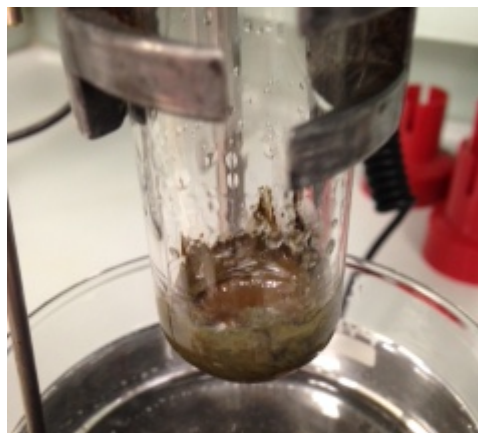
tert-Butyl (2S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (5)

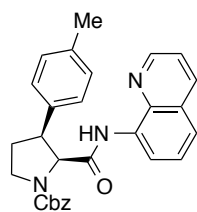


HOBt (446 mg, 3.30 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-Boc-L-proline (748 mg, 3.00 mmol) and 8-aminoquinoline (649 mg, 4.50 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at 0 °C, and was stirred for 5 min. EDC·HCl (633 mg, 3.30 mmol) was then added and the solution was stirred at 0 °C for a further 10 min, then at rt for 15 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, then a solution of sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (15% Et₂O/hexane) afforded amide **5** (422 mg, 41%) as a yellow solid. mp = 136–139 °C. *R*_f 0.23 (20% EtOAc/hexane); [α]_D²³ –129° (c 2.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3341 (NH br), 2976, 1689 (C=O), 1527, 1488, 1387, 1367, 1324, 1161, 1120, 922, 828, 793, 759; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 10.25 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.87 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.63 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.36 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.67–7.54 (m, 3 H, 9 × HC_{Ar}), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.0 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.57–3.46 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 2.32–2.22 (m, 1 H, NCH(C=O)CHH), 2.16–2.07 (m, 1 H, NCH(C=O)CHH), 1.99–1.85 (m, 2 H, NCH₂CH₂), 1.37 (s, 9 H, 3 × CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 170.5 (C=O amide), 153.4 (C=O carbamate), 148.2 (C_{Ar}), 137.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.9 (C_{Ar}), 133.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.5 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 78.8 (C(CH₃)₃ quat.), 60.9 (HCC=O), 46.3 (NCH₂), 29.7 (NCH(C=O)CH₂), 27.5 (3 × CH₃), 23.1 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₉H₂₄N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 342.1818; Found 342.1808.

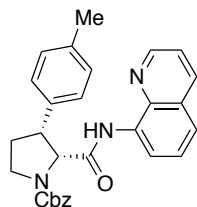
C–H Arylation 6a-z, 7a, 8: Scope of the Aryl Iodides

General Procedure for C–H arylation of *N*-Cbz proline derivative **1** – A reaction tube was charged with benzyl (2*S*)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **1** (0.75–1.00 mmol, 1.0 equiv), AgOAc (1.8 equiv), the requisite aryl iodide (1.8 equiv) and Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol%). The reaction vessel was purged with argon and sealed, then placed in an oil bath (preheated to 110 °C) for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to rt and EtOAc (10 mL) was added. The resulting solution was filtered through a pad of Celite, eluting with further EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography under the specified conditions. The product containing fractions were combined and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Et₂O (10 mL) was added and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the arylated proline derivative as a solid.

Reaction mixture prior to heating (time = 0 h)**Reaction mixture at time = 20 h**

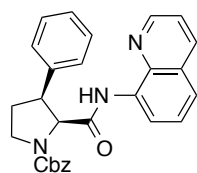
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6a)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (308 mg, 0.82 mmol), AgOAc (246 mg, 1.48 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (322 mg, 1.48 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (9.2 mg, 41 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6a** (348 mg, 91%) as a white solid. mp = 136–139 °C; *R*_f 0.68 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –2° (c 1.1, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm^{–1} 3345 (NH br), 3037, 2872, 1701 (C=O), 1580, 1530, 1487, 1463, 1409, 1348, 1325, 1286, 1275, 1264, 1242, 1231, 1202, 1161, 1121, 1108, 1073, 1062, 983, 950, 915, 895, 845, 827, 797, 764, 730, 696, 672; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.58 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.77 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.33 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.58–7.51 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.35–7.05 (m, 7 H, 7 × HC_{Ar}), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.96–3.89 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.87–3.78 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.66–3.57 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.66–2.53 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.22–2.13 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 1.98 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.1 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 135.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.0 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.4 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.0 (C_{Ar}), 115.3 (C_{Ar}), 65.6 (OCH₂), 65.1 (HCC=O), 46.6 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.3 (NCH₂CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₉H₂₈N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 466.2131; Found 466.2122.

Benzyl (2R,3R)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (ent-6a)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **ent-1** (303 mg, 0.81 mmol), AgOAc (244 mg, 1.46 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (318 mg, 1.46 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (9.1 mg, 41 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **ent-6a** (301 mg, 80%) as a white solid. $[\alpha]_D^{28}$ +2° (c 2.5, CHCl₃).

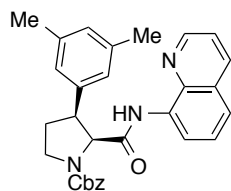
HPLC Conditions: Chiralpak IC-3 column, 50:50 *n*-hexane:*i*-PrOH, flow rate: 1 mLmin^{–1}, 25 °C, UV detection wavelength: 244 nm. Retention times: 18.2 min (2S,3S enantiomer), 29.9 min (2R,3R enantiomer).

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-phenyl-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6b)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (355 mg, 0.95 mmol), AgOAc (285 mg, 1.71 mmol), iodobenzene (191 μL, 1.71 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10.7 mg, 48 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6b** (370 mg, 86%) as a white solid. mp = 48–50 °C; *R*_f 0.69 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +26° (c 2.3, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm^{–1} 3342 (NH br), 3032, 2943, 2873, 1690 (C=O), 1525, 1486, 1410, 1352, 1324, 1164, 1123, 826, 790, 756, 696; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.63 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.77 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.34–8.26 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.58–7.50 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.37–7.04 (m, 9 H, 9 × HC_{Ar}), 6.98–6.92 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.94 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.99–3.83 (m, 2 H, NCHH and CHC_{Ar}), 3.68–3.59 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.70–2.57 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.26–2.17

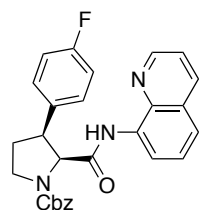
(m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.1 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.4 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.8 (C_{Ar}), 126.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.11 (C_{Ar}), 126.05 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.0 (C_{Ar}), 115.3 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 65.0 (HCC=O), 46.8 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.3 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₆N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 452.1974; Found 452.1971.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(3,5-dimethylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6c)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (382 mg, 1.02 mmol), AgOAc (306 mg, 1.84 mmol), 1-iodo-3,5-dimethylbenzene (265 μL, 1.84 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (11.4 mg, 51 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6c** (218 mg, 45%) as a white solid. mp = 50–53 °C; *R*_f 0.68 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²³ +11° (c 1.8, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3340 (NH br), 2952, 1692 (C=O), 1605, 1526, 1486, 1409, 1356, 1323, 1166, 1119, 1065, 994, 898, 825, 791, 754, 695; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.51 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.37 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.58–7.51 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.46 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.36–7.08 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ph}), 6.89 (s, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 6.46 (s, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.06 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.97–3.89 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.83–3.74 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.65–3.56 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.63–2.51 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.21–2.12 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 1.95 (s, 6 H, 2 × CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.3 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.7 (C_{Ar}), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.32, (C_{Ar} quat.) 136.27 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.50 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.45 (C_{Ar}), 127.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.8 (C_{Ar}), 126.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 125.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 121.1 (C_{Ar}), 120.9 (C_{Ar}), 115.1 (C_{Ar}), 65.6 (OCH₂), 65.2 (HCC=O), 46.9 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.3 (NCH₂CH₂), 19.9 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₃₀H₃₀N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 480.2287; Found 480.2287.

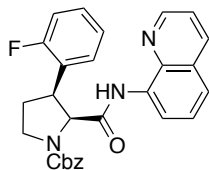
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6d)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (351 mg, 0.94 mmol), AgOAc (280 mg, 1.69 mmol), 4-fluoroiodobenzene (195 μL, 1.69 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10.7 mg, 48 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (50% hexane/Et₂O), affording arylated compound **6d** (385 mg, 88%) as a white solid. mp = 53–56 °C; *R*_f 0.86 (EtOAc); [α]_D²¹ +32° (c 2.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3337 (NH br), 2954, 2883, 1691 (C=O), 1606, 1525, 1486, 1409, 1355, 1324, 1224, 1160, 1122, 1100, 993, 826, 791, 735, 696; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.63 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.33–8.28 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.59–7.53 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.49–7.43 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.39–7.33 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.33–6.98 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 6.90–6.82 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.03 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.95 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.98–3.82 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 3.66–3.57 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.65–2.52 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.25–2.16 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.1 (C=O amide), 160.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 244 Hz, FC_{Ar} quat.), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 148.0 (C_{Ar}), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.) 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 132.8 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 129.4 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8 Hz, 2 × C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 114.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21 Hz, 2 × C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.9

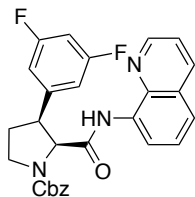
(HCC=O), 46.1 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.4 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 373 K) δ -116.2; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₅N₃O₃F⁺ [M+H]⁺ 470.1880; Found 470.1870.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6e)

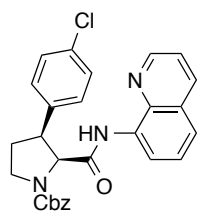


Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (302 mg, 0.80 mmol), AgOAc (240 mg, 1.44 mmol), 2-fluoroiodobenzene (168 μL, 1.44 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (9.0 mg, 40 μmol) were employed and the reaction was heated for **60 h**. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6e** (166 mg, 44%) as a pale yellow solid. mp = 47–50 °C; *R*_f 0.54 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²¹ +22° (c 0.9, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3336 (NH br), 2953, 2881, 1690 (C=O), 1526, 1486, 1455, 1408, 1354, 1324, 1215, 1165, 1125, 1099, 992, 826, 791, 754, 696; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 373 K) δ 9.78 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.81 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.31 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.59–7.54 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.47–7.41 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.34–7.02 (m, 7 H, 7 × HC_{Ar}), 7.01–6.95 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.94–6.88 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.87 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.2 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.10–4.01 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.99–3.91 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.70–3.60 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.73–2.60 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.27–2.19 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 373 K) δ 167.6 (C=O amide), 160.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 224 Hz, FC_{Ar} quat.), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 148.1 (C_{Ar}), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 132.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8 Hz, C_{Ar}), 127.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz, C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 123.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 15 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 123.4 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz, C_{Ar}), 121.4 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 115.2 (C_{Ar}), 114.3 (d, *J*_{CF} = 22 Hz, C_{Ar}), 65.8 (OCH₂), 63.7 (HCC=O), 45.3 (NCH₂), 40.1 (CHC_{Ar}), 26.3 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 373 K) δ -115.4; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₅N₃O₃F⁺ [M+H]⁺ 470.1874; Found 470.1865.

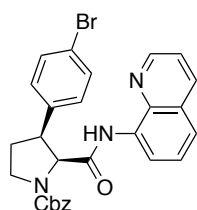
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6f)



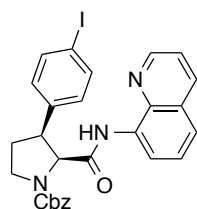
Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (288 mg, 0.77 mmol), AgOAc (230 mg, 1.38 mmol), 3,5-difluoroiodobenzene (166 μL, 1.38 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.7 mg, 39 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6f** (224 mg, 60%) as a white solid. mp = 51–54 °C; *R*_f 0.59 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²¹ +6° (c 2.6, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3337 (NH br), 2955, 2882, 1691 (C=O), 1625, 1596, 1526, 1486, 1456, 1411, 1348, 1323, 1290, 1166, 1117, 983, 855, 826, 791, 755, 696, 673; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 373 K) δ 9.71 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.79 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.34–8.29 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.61–7.54 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.50–7.43 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.38–7.07 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 7.07–7.00 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 6.68–6.61 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.08 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 5.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.97–3.87 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 3.66–3.56 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.62–2.52 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.27–2.18 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (C=O amide), 161.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 246 Hz, FC_{Ar} quat.), 161.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 246 Hz, FC_{Ar} quat.), 153.4 (C=O carbamate), 148.0 (C_{Ar}), 141.5 (t, *J*_{CF} = 9 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.31 (C_{Ar}), 121.29 (C_{Ar}), 115.6 (C_{Ar}), 110.8 (d, *J*_{CF} = 18 Hz, C_{Ar}), 110.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 18 Hz, C_{Ar}), 101.4 (t, *J*_{CF} = 26 Hz, C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.5 (HCC=O), 46.2 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.6 (NCH₂), 26.8 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-d₆, 373 K) δ -110.7; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₄N₃O₃F₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 488.1780; Found 488.1771.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6g)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (321 mg, 0.86 mmol), AgOAc (259 mg, 1.55 mmol), 1-chloro-4-iodobenzene (369 mg, 1.55 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (9.7 mg, 43 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6g** (324 mg, 78%) as a white solid. mp = 53–55 °C; *R*_f 0.65 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²³ –2° (c 1.1, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm^{–1} 3330 (NH br), 2947, 2885, 1690 (C=O), 1525, 1486, 1409, 1355, 1324, 1164, 1125, 1091, 1014, 825, 754, 696; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.65 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.33–8.28 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.60–7.52 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.38–7.06 (m, 9 H, 9 × HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.97–3.83 (m, 2 H, NCHH and CHC_{Ar}), 3.67–3.58 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.64–2.52 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.25 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 148.0 (C_{Ar}), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 131.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 129.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.4 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.23 (C_{Ar}), 121.19 (C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.8 (HCC=O), 46.1 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.7 (NCH₂), 27.2 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₅N₃O₃Cl⁺ [M+H]⁺ 486.1584; Found 486.1581.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-[4-bromophenyl]-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6h)

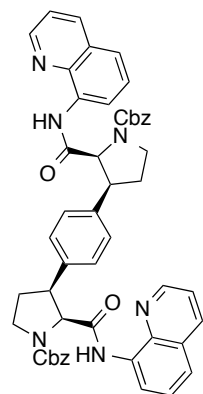
Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (284 mg, 0.76 mmol), AgOAc (227 mg, 1.36 mmol), 1-bromo-4-iodobenzene (384 mg, 1.36 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.5 mg, 38 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6h** (272 mg, 68%) as a white solid, followed by dimer **S14** as a brown solid (18 mg, 6%; *vide infra*). mp = 62–65 °C; *R*_f 0.67 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²² –10° (c 2.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm^{–1} 3338 (NH br), 2946, 2885, 1690 (C=O), 1525, 1486, 1407, 1354, 1323, 1192, 1164, 1125, 1010, 825, 790, 752, 696, 673; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.64 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.32–8.31 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.30–8.29 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.48–7.44 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.38–6.99 (m, 9 H, 9 × HC_{Ar}), 5.15–5.06 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.95–3.83 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 3.65–3.59 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.62–2.53 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.24–2.17 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.0 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 148.0 (C_{Ar}), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 130.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 129.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 119.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 115.6 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.7 (HCC=O), 46.2 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.7 (NCH₂), 27.1 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₅N₃O₃Br⁺ [M+H]⁺ 530.1079; Found 530.1101.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-iodophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6i)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (290 mg, 0.77 mmol), AgOAc (231 mg, 1.39 mmol), 1,4-diiodobenzene (457 mg, 1.55 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.6 mg, 0.39 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6i** (284 mg, 64%) as a white solid. Eluting further (20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂) also afforded dimer **S14** (*vide infra*). mp = 135–138 °C; *R*_f 0.73 (10%

MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -24° (c 2.4, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3341 (NH br), 2950, 2877, 1690 (C=O), 1595, 1525, 1485, 1407, 1323, 1350, 1445, 1260, 1203, 1164, 1125, 1104, 1062, 1005, 946, 913, 825, 791, 769, 739, 752, 697, 675; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.63 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.32–8.28 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.46 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.43–7.39 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.34–7.06 (m, 7 H, 7 × HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.95–3.89 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.87–3.80 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.65–3.57 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.60–2.51 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.23–2.16 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 148.0 (C_{Ar}), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 129.8 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 91.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.8 (HCC=O), 46.3 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.7 (NCH₂), 27.0 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₅N₃O₃I⁺ [M+H]⁺ 578.0937; Found 578.0941.

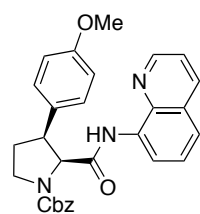
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-{4-[(2S,3S)-1-[(benzyloxy)carbonyl]-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidin-3-yl]phenyl}-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (S14)



From reaction with 1,4-diiodobenzene

Eluting further (20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂) gave dimer **S14** (104 mg, 33%) as an off-white solid. mp = 166–169 °C; *R*_f 0.41 (20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -25° (c 3.3, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3345 (NH br), 3033, 2956, 2879, 1698 (C=O), 1596, 1580, 1526, 1486, 1464, 1413, 1379, 1351, 1323, 1292, 1283, 1258, 1228, 1210, 1121, 990, 824, 791, 747, 737, 694, 666; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.48 (br s, 2 H, 2 × NH), 8.74 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.56–7.51 (m, 4 H, 4 × HC_{Ar}), 7.39 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.30–7.02 (m, 10 H, 10 × HC_{Ar}), 7.00 (s, 4 H, 4 × HC_{Ar}), 5.11–5.00 (m, 4 H, 2 × OCH₂), 4.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HCC=O), 3.80–3.73 (m, 2 H, 2 × NCHH), 3.56–3.42 (m, 4 H, 2 × NCHH and 2 × CHC_{Ar}), 2.28–2.16 (m, 2 H, 2 × NCH₂CHH), 1.72–1.64 (m, 2 H, 2 × NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (2 × C=O amide), 153.4 (2 × C=O carbamate), 147.8 (2 × C_{Ar}), 137.4 (2 × C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (2 × C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 135.1 (2 × C_{Ar} quat.), 133.2 (2 × C_{Ar} quat.), 127.4 (4 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (4 × C_{Ar}), 127.0 (2 × C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.5 (4 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (2 × C_{Ar}), 121.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 121.0 (2 × C_{Ar}), 115.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 65.6 (2 × OCH₂), 64.8 (2 × HCC=O), 46.3 (2 × CHC_{Ar}), 45.6 (2 × NCH₂), 27.0 (2 × NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₅₀H₄₅N₆O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 825.3401; Found 825.3361.

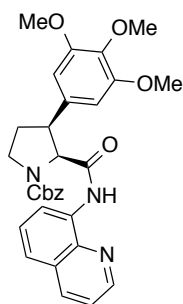
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6j)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (286 mg, 0.76 mmol), AgOAc (229 mg, 1.37 mmol), 4-iodoanisole (323 mg, 1.37 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.4 mg, 37 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (70% Et₂O/hexane), affording arylated compound **6j** (313 mg, 85%) as a white solid. mp = 115–117 °C; *R*_f 0.85 (EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -1° (c 2.0, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3346 (NH br), 2946, 2871, 1689 (C=O), 1612, 1529, 1487, 1410, 1347, 1326, 1248, 1206, 1161, 1123, 1109, 1035, 984, 825, 795, 767, 738, 697, 669; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.57 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.77 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.33 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.30 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.62–7.51 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}),

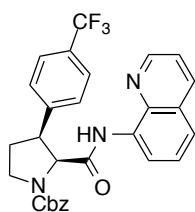
7.51–7.42 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.36–6.91 (m, 7 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.62 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 5.19–5.02 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.88 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.97–3.88 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.87–3.77 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.68–3.56 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.47 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.62–2.52 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.23–2.12 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.2 (C=O amide), 157.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.4 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.0 (C_{Ar}), 115.3 (C_{Ar}), 113.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 65.6 (OCH₂), 65.1 (HCC=O), 54.4 (CH₃), 46.2 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.5 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) m/z Calculated for C₂₉H₂₈N₃O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 482.2080; Found 482.2076.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6k)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (284 mg, 0.76 mmol), AgOAc (229 mg, 1.37 mmol), 5-iodo-1,2,3-trimethoxybenzene⁷ (403 mg, 1.37 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.5 mg, 38 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (5% grading to 10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6k** (142 mg, 34%) as a pale orange solid. mp = 64–67 °C; R_f 0.29 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +6° (c 3.3, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3345 (NH br), 2942, 2839, 1692 (C=O), 1591, 1528, 1487, 1456, 1412, 1359, 1325, 1239, 1191, 1120, 827, 792, 749, 698, 666; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.49 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.76 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.42 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.28 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.57–7.52 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.46 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.36–7.08 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 6.62 (s, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.03 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.96 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.95–3.89 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.86–3.79 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.64–3.59 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.58 (s, 6 H, 2 × *m*-OCH₃), 3.13 (s, 3 H, *p*-OCH₃), 2.62–2.51 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.22–2.13 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.3 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 152.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 147.8 (C_{Ar}), 137.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 131.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 120.9 (C_{Ar}), 115.0 (C_{Ar}), 106.1 (2 × C_{Ar}), 65.6 (OCH₂), 65.1 (HCC=O), 58.8 (*p*-OCH₃), 55.5 (2 × *m*-OCH₃), 47.0 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 26.9 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) m/z Calculated for C₃₁H₃₂N₃O₆⁺ [M+H]⁺ 542.2291; Found 542.2286.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6l)

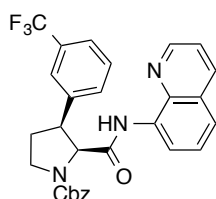


Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (333 mg, 0.89 mmol), AgOAc (267 mg, 1.60 mmol), 4-iodobenzotrifluoride (236 μL, 1.60 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10.0 mg, 45 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6l** (388 mg, 84%) as a white solid. mp = 135–137 °C; R_f 0.62 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –11° (c 1.1, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3322 (NH br), 3067, 2947, 2877, 1711 (C=O), 1688 (C=O), 1529, 1487, 1444, 1405, 1324, 1192, 1150, 1115, 1103, 1064, 1018, 995, 851; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.64 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.75 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7

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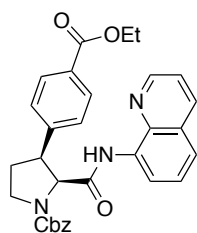
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Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]-3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6m)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (385 mg, 1.03 mmol), AgOAc (309 mg, 1.85 mmol), 3-iodobenzotrifluoride (267 μL, 1.85 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (11.6 mg, 52 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6m** (408 mg, 76%) as a white solid. mp = 47–49 °C; *R*_f 0.82 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²³ +16° (c 2.5, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm^{–1} 3334 (NH br), 3051, 2954, 2889, 1692 (C=O), 1529, 1487, 1413, 1324, 1119, 1099, 1072, 999, 960, 898, 824, 789, 696; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.68 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.74 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.30 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.28 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.68–7.64 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.63–7.60 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.44 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.34–7.08 (m, 7 H, 7 × HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.03 (m, 3 H, OCH₂ and HCC=O), 4.04–3.92 (m, 2 H, CHC_{Ar} and NCHH), 3.68–3.60 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.70–2.58 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.30–2.22 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.0 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 138.2 (C_{Ar} quat), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.0 (C_{Ar} quat), 131.6 (C_{Ar}), 128.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32 Hz, F₃CC_{Ar} quat), 128.3 (C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 125.7 (q, *J*_{CF} = 273 Hz, F₃CC_{Ar} quat), 124.2 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz, C_{Ar}), 122.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 4 Hz, C_{Ar}), 121.22 (C_{Ar}), 121.19 (C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.8 (HCC=O), 46.5 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.3 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ –61.5; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₉H₂₅N₃O₃F₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 520.1848; Found 520.1848.

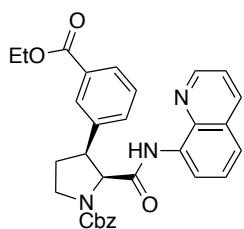
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-[4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6n)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (289 mg, 0.77 mmol), AgOAc (233 mg, 1.39 mmol), ethyl 4-iodobenzoate (234 μL, 1.39 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.7 mg, 39 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (40% grading to 80% Et₂O/hexane), affording arylated compound **6n** (363 mg, 90%) as a white solid. mp = 55–56 °C; *R*_f 0.26 (80% Et₂O/hexane); [α]_D²² +4° (c 2.3, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm^{–1} 3338 (NH br), 2976, 2885, 1701 (C=O), 1525, 1486, 1409, 1357, 1323, 1272, 1184, 1165, 1103, 1021, 859, 826, 790, 766, 697; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.62 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.74 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.31–8.29 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 2.6, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.67–7.65 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.65–7.63 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 8.3,

4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.48–7.41 (m, 3 H, 3 × HC_{Ar}), 7.39–7.00 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 5.18–5.05 (m, 2 H, OCH₂Ph), 5.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.18 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.01–3.91 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 3.69–3.60 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.71–2.57 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.29–2.20 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, OCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (C=O amide), 164.8 (C=O ester), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 142.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂Ph), 64.8 (HCC=O), 59.7 (OCH₂CH₃), 46.7 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.0 (NCH₂CH₂), 13.4 (OCH₂CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₃₁H₃₀N₃O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 524.2185; Found 524.2191.

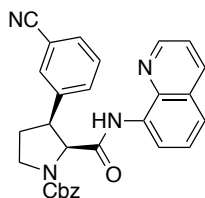
Benzyl (2*S*,3*S*)-3-[3-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6o)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (298 mg, 0.79 mmol), AgOAc (238 mg, 1.43 mmol), ethyl 3-iodobenzoate (240 μL, 1.43 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.8 mg, 40 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6o** (344 mg, 83%) as a white solid. mp = 53–55 °C; *R*_f 0.81 (EtOAc); [α]_D²² +43° (*c* 2.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3339 (NH br), 2977, 2891, 1690 (C=O), 1525, 1426, 1410, 1356, 1324, 1286, 1191, 1164, 1107, 1023, 991,

826, 791, 754, 693; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.64 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.72 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.30–8.28 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.28–8.26 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.60–7.50 (m, 4 H, 4 × HC_{Ar}), 7.46–7.41 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.34–6.99 (m, 6 H, 6 × HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.06 (m, 2 H, OCH₂Ph), 5.01 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2 H, OCH₂CH₃), 4.01–3.92 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 3.69–3.60 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.68–2.57 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.29–2.20 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3 H, OCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.0 (C=O amide), 164.9 (C=O ester), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 137.42 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.38 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 133.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 132.2 (C_{Ar}), 129.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.2 (C_{Ar}), 127.6 (C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.04 (C_{Ar}), 126.99 (C_{Ar}), 126.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.1 (C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂Ph), 64.9 (HCC=O), 59.8 (OCH₂CH₃), 46.6 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.4 (NCH₂CH₂), 13.4 (OCH₂CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₃₁H₃₀N₃O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 524.2185; Found 524.2189.

Benzyl (2*S*,3*S*)-3-(3-cyanophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6p)

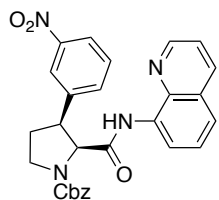


Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (293 mg, 0.78 mmol), AgOAc (235 mg, 1.41 mmol), 3-iodobenzonitrile (322 mg, 1.40 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.8 mg, 39 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (80% Et₂O/hexane grading to 100% Et₂O), affording arylated compound **6p** (221 mg, 59%) as a white solid. mp = 61–63 °C; *R*_f 0.17 (80% Et₂O/hexane); [α]_D²² +41° (*c* 1.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3338 (NH br), 2953,

2229 (CN), 1689 (C=O), 1526, 1486, 1410, 1356, 1323, 1165, 1122, 826, 792, 756, 690; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.69 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.80 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.31 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.27 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.80–7.77 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.65–7.61 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.60–7.54 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.48–7.43 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.36–7.32 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.32–7.00 (m, 6 H, 6 × HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.04 (m, 3 H, OCH₂ and HCC=O), 4.00–3.90 (m, 2 H, NCHH and CHC_{Ar}), 3.69–3.58 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.68–2.57 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.29–2.19 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (C=O amide), 153.4 (C=O carbamate),

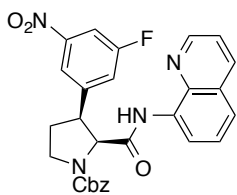
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Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(3-nitrophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**6q**)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (317 mg, 0.84 mmol), AgOAc (253 mg, 1.51 mmol), 1-iodo-3-nitrobenzene (378 mg, 1.51 mmol) and $Pd(OAc)_2$ (9.5 mg, 42 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (80% Et_2O /hexane), affording arylated compound **6q** (310 mg, 74%) as a white solid. mp = 65–68 °C; R_f 0.18 (80% Et_2O /hexane); $[\alpha]_D^{22} +34^\circ$ (c 2.2, $CHCl_3$); ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 3327 (NH br), 2959, 2892, 1689 ($C=O$), 1524, 1485, 1410, 1346, 1323, 1164, 1123, 825, 791, 730, 695; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, 373 K) δ 9.70 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.71 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.28 (dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.26 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.23–8.21 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.77–7.75 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.75–7.72 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.58–7.51 (m, 2 H, $2 \times HC_{Ar}$), 7.45–7.40 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.38–7.03 (m, 6 H, $6 \times HC_{Ar}$), 5.18–5.07 (m, 3 H, OCH_2 and $HCC=O$), 4.11–4.01 (m, 1 H, $NCHH$), 4.01–3.91 (m, 1 H, $NCHH$), 3.71–3.61 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.71–2.57 (m, 1 H, NCH_2CHH), 2.34–2.24 (m, 1 H, NCH_2CHH); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, 373 K) δ 168.0 ($C=O$ amide), 153.4 ($C=O$ carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 147.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 139.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 134.0 (C_{Ar}), 132.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.7 (C_{Ar}), 127.5 ($2 \times C_{Ar}$), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 ($2 \times C_{Ar}$), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 122.5 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.0 (C_{Ar}), 115.7 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH_2), 64.6 ($HCC=O$), 46.2 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH_2), 27.2 (NCH_2CH_2); HRMS (ESI^+) m/z Calculated for $C_{28}H_{25}N_4O_5^+$ $[M+H]^+$ 497.1825; Found 497.1800.

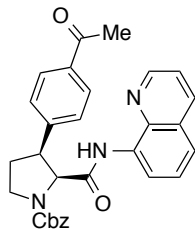
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(3-fluoro-5-nitrophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**6r**)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (311 mg, 0.83 mmol), AgOAc (249 mg, 1.49 mmol), 1-fluoro-3-iodo-5-nitrobenzene (398 mg, 1.49 mmol) and $Pd(OAc)_2$ (9.3 mg, 42 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% $MeCN/CH_2Cl_2$), affording arylated compound **6r** (297 mg, 70%) as a white solid. mp = 62–65 °C; R_f 0.63 (10% $MeCN/CH_2Cl_2$); $[\alpha]_D^{23} +25^\circ$ (c 2.1, $CHCl_3$); ν_{max} (film)/ cm^{-1} 3332 (NH br), 3094, 2954, 2886, 1692 ($C=O$), 1595, 1530, 1487, 1448, 1412, 1351, 1323, 1280, 1216, 1166, 1148, 1124, 1084, 1073, 995, 885, 827, 792, 747, 697, 665; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, 373 K) δ 9.74 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.72 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.30 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.26 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.08–8.04 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.66–7.60 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.60–7.51 (m, 3 H, $3 \times HC_{Ar}$), 7.44 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.42–7.04 (m, 5 H, $5 \times HC_{Ar}$), 5.20–5.06 (m, 3 H, OCH_2 and $HCC=O$), 4.12–4.02 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.99–3.91 (m, 1 H, $NCHH$), 3.69 (m, 1 H, $NCHH$), 2.68–2.54 (m, 1 H, NCH_2CHH), 2.34–2.24 (m, 1 H, NCH_2CHH); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, $DMSO-d_6$, 373 K) δ 167.9 ($C=O$ amide), 160.9 (d, J_{CF} = 248 Hz, FC_{Ar} quat), 153.4 ($C=O$ carbamate), 148.0 (d, J_{CF} = 8 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 141.8 (d, J_{CF} = 8 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat), 136.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 132.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 ($2 \times C_{Ar}$), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 ($2 \times C_{Ar}$), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.4 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz, C_{Ar}), 121.3 (d, J_{CF} = 22 Hz, C_{Ar}), 118.8 (d, J_{CF} = 3 Hz, C_{Ar}), 115.9 (C_{Ar}), 108.7 (C_{Ar}), 108.5 (C_{Ar}), 65.8 (OCH_2), 64.4 ($HCC=O$), 46.0 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.7

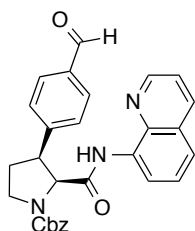
(NCH₂), 27.0 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ −110.4; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₈H₂₄FN₄O₅⁺ [M+H]⁺ 515.1731; Found 515.1723.

Benzyl (2*S*,3*S*)-3-(4-acetylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**6s**)

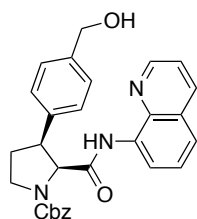


Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (338 mg, 0.90 mmol), AgOAc (270 mg, 1.62 mmol), 4'-iodoacetophenone (399 mg, 1.62 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10.1 mg, 0.45 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (5% grading to 10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6s** (330 mg, 74%) as a white solid. mp = 58–61 °C; *R*_f 0.27 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁴ −4° (c 2.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm^{−1} 3327 (NH br), 2950, 2881, 1678 (C=O), 1608, 1525, 1486, 1447, 1409, 1355, 1324, 1267, 1188, 1165, 1128, 1111, 1062, 1017, 957, 913, 848, 826, 791, 755, 696; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.64 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.75 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.31–8.25 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.65–7.60 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.57–7.50 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.48–7.41 (m, 3 H, 3 × HC_{Ar}), 7.36–7.08 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.06 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 5.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.01–3.91 (m, 2 H, NCHH and CHC_{Ar}), 3.69–3.60 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.70 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.28 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.27–2.20 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 196.3 (C=O ketone), 167.9 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 142.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.6 (C_{Ar}), 135.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.8 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.1 (C_{Ar}), 115.5 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.8 (HCC=O), 46.7 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.1 (NCH₂CH₂), 25.5 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 494.2080; Found 494.2088.

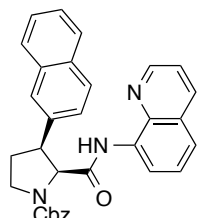
Benzyl (2*S*,3*S*)-3-(4-formylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**6t**)



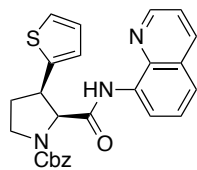
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Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-[4-(hydroxymethyl)phenyl]-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6u)

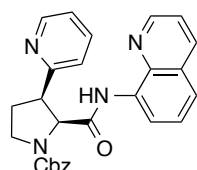
Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (299 mg, 0.80 mmol), AgOAc (239 mg, 1.43 mmol), 4-iodobenzyl alcohol (336 mg, 1.43 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (9.0 mg, 40 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6u** (84 mg, 22%) as a pale yellow solid. mp = 67–70 °C; *R*_f 0.05 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²² +1° (c 1.6, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3418 (OH br), 3337 (NH), 2946, 2880, 1685 (C=O), 1526, 1486, 1411, 1354, 1323, 1194, 1165, 1126, 1110, 825, 791, 734, 696; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.66 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.39–8.21 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.60–7.52 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.49–7.43 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.38–6.91 (m, 9 H, 9 × HC_{Ar}), 5.17–5.02 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.23 (s, 2 H, CH₂OH), 3.96–3.90 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.90–3.81 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.67–3.58 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.12 (br s, 1 H, OH), 2.68–2.56 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.25–2.17 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.1 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 148.0 (C_{Ar}), 140.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 134.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.4 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 125.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.1 (C_{Ar}), 115.4 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 65.0 (HCC=O), 62.1 (CH₂OH), 46.7 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.7 (NCH₂), 27.5 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₉H₂₈N₃O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 482.2080; Found 482.2078.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6v)

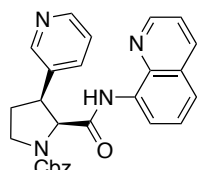
A sealable reaction tube was charged with benzyl (2S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **1** (294 mg, 0.78 mmol), AgOAc (286 mg, 1.72 mmol), 2-iodonaphthalene (574 mg, 2.34 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (8.8 mg, 39 μmol) and toluene (0.39 mL). The reaction vessel was purged with argon and sealed, then placed in an oil bath (preheated to 110 °C) for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to rt and EtOAc (10 mL) was added. The resulting solution was filtered through a pad of Celite, eluting with further EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂). The product containing fractions were combined and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Et₂O (10 mL) was added and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the arylated compound **6v** (287 mg, 73%) as a white solid. mp = 64–67 °C; *R*_f 0.76 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁸ –11° (c 2.6, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3342 (NH br), 3012, 2952, 2886, 1689 (C=O), 1525, 1486, 1409, 1352, 1324, 1216, 1164, 1116, 1064, 895, 858, 823, 791, 746, 697; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.64 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.58 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.27–8.23 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.82 (s, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.61–7.56 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.51–7.45 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.39–7.03 (m, 8 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.18–5.08 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 5.06 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.10–3.97 (m, 2 H, NCHH and CHC_{Ar}), 3.73–3.63 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.81–2.70 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.35–2.26 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.1 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 147.7 (C_{Ar}), 137.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.5 (C_{Ar}), 134.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 132.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 131.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.92 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.87 (C_{Ar}), 126.8 (C_{Ar}), 126.7 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.5 (C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 125.9 (C_{Ar}), 125.8 (C_{Ar}), 125.1 (C_{Ar}), 124.7 (C_{Ar}), 121.1 (C_{Ar}), 121.0 (C_{Ar}), 115.4 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 65.0 (HCC=O), 47.0 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.4 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₃₂H₂₈N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 502.2131; Found 502.2140.

Benzyl (2*S*,3*R*)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]-3-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6w)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (296 mg, 0.79 mmol), AgOAc (237 mg, 1.42 mmol), 2-iodothiophene (160 μ L, 1.42 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (9.0 mg, 40 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (50% grading to 70% hexane/Et₂O), affording arylated compound **6w** (313 mg, 87%) as a yellow solid. mp = 52–55 °C; *R*_f 0.14 (70% Et₂O/hexane); $[\alpha]_D^{22} +58^\circ$ (c 3.0, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3337 (NH), 2949, 2890, 1690 (C=O), 1525, 1485, 1407, 1353, 1323, 1163, 1114, 823, 791, 754, 695; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.77 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.81 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.39 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.31 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.61–7.53 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.51–7.44 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.35–7.05 (m, 6 H, 6 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.05–7.00 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.75 (dd, *J* = 5.1, 3.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.03 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.91 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.21–4.10 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.94–3.86 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.68–3.57 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.62–2.51 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.41–2.31 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 148.0 (HC_{Ar}), 139.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (HC_{Ar}), 133.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.4 (2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (HC_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 126.1 (HC_{Ar}), 125.9 (HC_{Ar}), 125.3 (HC_{Ar}), 123.7 (HC_{Ar}), 121.3 (HC_{Ar}), 121.1 (HC_{Ar}), 115.5 (HC_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 65.0 (HCC=O), 45.6 (NCH₂), 42.2 (CHC_{Ar}), 29.8 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₆H₂₄N₃O₃S⁺ [M+H]⁺ 458.1538; Found 458.1548.

Benzyl (2*S*,3*R*)-3-(pyridin-2-yl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6x)

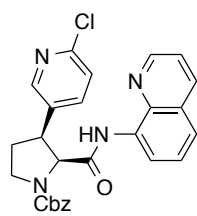
Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (287 mg, 0.76 mmol), AgOAc (228 mg, 1.37 mmol), 2-iodopyridine (145 μ L, 1.37 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.5 mg, 38 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (10% grading to 20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6x** (116 mg, 34%) as a white solid. mp = 175–178 °C; *R*_f 0.25 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23} -16^\circ$ (c 1.6, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3236 (NH), 2880, 1701 (C=O), 1681 (C=O), 1591, 1525, 1488, 1469, 1424, 1350, 1284, 1224, 1177, 1117, 981, 964, 827, 792, 765, 752, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 10.58 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.84 (d, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.67–8.60 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 8.35 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.76 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.9 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.64 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, 4 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.61–7.53 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.33–7.06 (m, 6 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.18–5.08 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 5.03 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.90–3.82 (m, 2 H, NCHH and CHC_{Ar}), 3.70–3.62 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.48–2.42 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.21–2.11 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 169.4 (C=O amide), 159.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 153.8 (C=O carbamate), 148.5 (C_{Ar}), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 137.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.4 (C_{Ar}), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.8 (C_{Ar}), 133.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 126.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.8 (C_{Ar}), 121.6 (C_{Ar}), 121.4 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 115.6 (C_{Ar}), 65.8 (OCH₂), 65.0 (HCC=O), 49.6 (CHC_{Ar}), 46.3 (NCH₂), 30.6 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₇H₂₅N₄O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 453.1927; Found 453.1909.

Benzyl (2*S*,3*S*)-3-(pyridin-3-yl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6y)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (288 mg, 0.77 mmol), AgOAc (231 mg, 1.39 mmol), 3-iodopyridine (283 mg, 1.39 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.8 mg, 39 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 40% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6y** (99 mg, 28%) as a pale yellow solid. mp = 62–64 °C; *R*_f 0.21 (50%

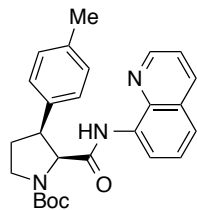
MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²² +50° (c 1.7, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3326 (NH), 2953, 2888, 1690, 1525, 1486, 1410, 1353, 1323, 1165, 1119, 826, 792, 754, 697; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.79 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.79 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.56 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.31 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.72–7.66 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.59 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.49–7.43 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.33–6.99 (m, 6 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.05 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 5.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.99–3.86 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 3.70–3.59 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 2.70–2.57 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.31–2.21 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.0 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 149.1 (C_{Ar}), 148.1 (C_{Ar}), 147.4 (C_{Ar}), 137.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 134.7 (C_{Ar}), 133.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 132.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 122.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.32 (C_{Ar}), 121.29 (C_{Ar}), 115.7 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.6 (HCC=O), 45.8 (NCH₂), 44.4 (CHC_{Ar}), 27.1 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₇H₂₅N₄O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 453.1927; Found 453.1924.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(6-chloropyridin-3-yl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (6z)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (283 mg, 0.75 mmol), AgOAc (225 mg, 1.35 mmol), 2-chloro-5-iodopyridine (323 mg, 1.35 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.4 mg, 38 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (5% grading to 20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **6z** (198 mg, 54%) as a white solid. mp = 59–62 °C; *R*_f 0.27 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²³ +14° (c 1.8, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3325 (NH), 2891, 1685 (C=O), 1525, 1486, 1459, 1412, 1103, 1024, 826, 790, 742, 696; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.81 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.79 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.37 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.32 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.74 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.48 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.36–7.04 (m, 6 H, 6 × HC_{Ar}), 5.18–5.02 (m, 3 H, OCH₂ and HCC=O), 3.98–3.87 (m, 2 H, NCHH and CHC_{Ar}), 3.69–3.59 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.66–2.52 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.30–2.20 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.9 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 149.1 (C_{Ar}), 148.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 148.1 (C_{Ar}), 138.4 (C_{Ar}), 137.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 132.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 132.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.0 (C_{Ar}), 122.7 (C_{Ar}), 121.5 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 116.0 (C_{Ar}), 65.8 (OCH₂), 64.4 (HCC=O), 45.7 (NCH₂), 43.6 (CHC_{Ar}), 27.1 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₇H₂₄ClN₄O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 487.1537; Found 487.1542.

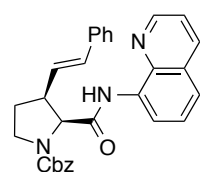
tert-Butyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (7a)



A sealable reaction tube was charged with amide **5** (256 mg, 0.75 mmol), AgOAc (250 mg, 1.50 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (491 mg, 2.25 mmol), Pd(OAc)₂ (8.4 mg, 38 μ mol) and toluene (0.38 mL). The reaction vessel was purged with argon and sealed, then placed in an oil bath (preheated to 110 °C) for 20 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to rt and EtOAc (10 mL) was added. The resulting solution was filtered through a pad of Celite, eluting with further EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂). The product containing fractions were combined and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Et₂O (10 mL) was added and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the arylated compound **7a** (68 mg, 21%) as

an amorphous solid. R_f 0.69 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{21} +20^\circ$ (c 1.5, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3349 (NH), 2975, 2248, 1689 (C=O), 1524, 1486, 1455, 1425, 1388, 1366, 1324, 1164, 1131, 910, 825, 792, 758, 731; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.57 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.80 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.34–8.27 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.58–7.53 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.46 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.17 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 6.87 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 4.72 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.87–3.74 (m, 2 H, CHC_{Ar} and NCHH), 3.55–3.46 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.60–2.48 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.18–2.10 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.00 (s, 3 H, C_{Ar}CH₃), 1.34 (s, 9 H, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.5 (C=O amide), 153.0 (C=O carbamate), 147.9 (C_{Ar}), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.7 (C_{Ar}), 135.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.9 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.3 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 120.9 (C_{Ar}), 115.2 (C_{Ar}), 78.6 (C(CH₃)₃ quat.), 65.2 (HCC=O), 46.6 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.5 (NCH₂), 27.54 (C(CH₃)₃), 27.45 (NCH₂CH₂), 19.7 (C_{Ar}CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) m/z Calculated for C₂₆H₃₀N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 432.2287; Found 432.2285.

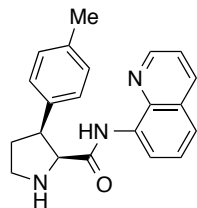
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-[(*E*)-2-phenylethenyl]-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (8)



Prepared according to the **General Procedure**: amide **1** (354 mg, 0.94 mmol), AgOAc (282 mg, 1.69 mmol), [(*E*)-2-iodoethenyl]benzene⁸ (389 mg, 1.69 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10.6 mg, 47 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **8** (230 mg, 51%, 95:5 *E*:*Z*) as a yellow solid. mp = 47–50 °C; R_f 0.63 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23} -40^\circ$ (c 1.9, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3337 (NH br), 3028, 2949, 2883, 1686 (C=O), 1597, 1578, 1524, 1486, 1448, 1353, 1323, 1260, 1239, 1164, 1116, 1028, 966, 914, 826, 791, 749, 693; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 10.10 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.77 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.52 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.33 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.62 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.57–7.49 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.33–7.05 (m, 11 H, 11 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 6.57 (dd, J = 15.9, 1.2 Hz, 1 H, CH=CHPh), 6.19 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.8 Hz, 1 H, CH=CHPh), 5.16–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.82 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.88–3.80 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.64–3.54 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.50–3.38 (m, 1 H, CHCH=CH), 2.21–2.12 (m, 2 H, NCH₂CH₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 168.4 (C=O amide), 152.6 (C=O carbamate), 148.2 (C_{Ar}), 137.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.8 (C_{Ar}), 133.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 131.1 (CH=CHPh), 127.6 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.5 (CH=CHPh), 127.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.7 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (C_{Ar}), 126.5 (C_{Ar}), 126.2 (C_{Ar}), 125.4 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 121.4 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 116.0 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 64.2 (HCC=O), 45.8 (NCH₂), 44.4 (CHCH=CH), 28.6 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) m/z Calculated for C₃₀H₂₈N₃O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 478.2131; Found 478.2128.

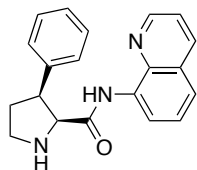
Cbz Deprotection of Selected 3-Arylated Proline Derivatives (9a,b,e,j,l)

(2S,3S)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (9a)

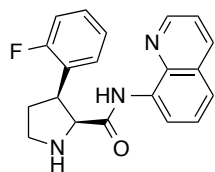


Pd/C (12 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-methylphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **6a** (49 mg, 0.11 mmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 1 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with MeOH (10 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), affording pyrrolidine **9a** (34 mg, 94%) as a white solid. mp = 104–107 °C; *R*_f 0.62 (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁸ +112° (*c* 2.8, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3296 (NH br), 2940, 2868, 1679 (C=O), 1515, 1484, 1459, 1425, 1384, 1325, 1104, 896, 826, 792, 756; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.98 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.85 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.48 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.46–7.40 (m, 3 H, 3 × HC_{Ar}), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 4.23 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.75 (q, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.59 (ddd, *J* = 9.5, 7.2, 4.0 Hz, 1 H, NCHH), 3.30–3.21 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.48 (s, 1 H, CH₂NH), 2.33–2.14 (m, 2 H, NCH₂CH₂), 2.10 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4 (C=O), 148.2 (C_{Ar}), 138.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.9 (C_{Ar}), 135.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 134.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 128.0 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.1 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 116.3 (C_{Ar}), 67.0 (HCC=O), 48.5 (CHC_{Ar}), 46.3 (NCH₂), 32.7 (NCH₂CH₂), 20.8 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₁H₂₂N₃O⁺ [M+H]⁺ 332.1763; Found 332.1774.

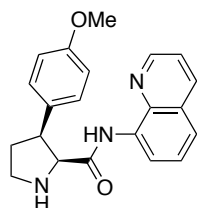
(2S,3S)-3-Phenyl-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (9b)



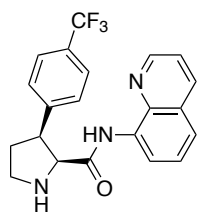
Pd/C (12 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-3-phenyl-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **6b** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 1 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with MeOH (10 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), affording pyrrolidine **9b** (30 mg, 86%) as a white solid. mp = 116–119 °C; *R*_f 0.37 (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁵ +87° (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3288 (NH br), 2940, 1679 (C=O), 1518, 1485, 1456, 1425, 1385, 1325, 826, 792, 758, 700; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.94 (br s, 1 H, CONH), 8.85 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.44 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 2.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.46–7.38 (m, 3 H, 3 × HC_{Ar}), 7.32–7.26 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.12–7.07 (m, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.02–6.96 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 4.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.78 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.64–3.57 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.32–3.23 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.51 (br s, 1 H, NH), 2.36–2.16 (m, 2 H, NCH₂CH₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2 (C=O), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 140.6 (C_{Ar} quat), 138.9 (C_{Ar} quat), 136.0 (C_{Ar}), 134.0 (C_{Ar} quat), 128.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.9 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.8 (C_{Ar} quat), 127.1 (C_{Ar}), 126.5 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 121.2 (C_{Ar}), 116.4 (C_{Ar}), 67.1 (HCC=O), 48.8 (CHC_{Ar}), 46.3 (NCH₂), 32.6 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₀H₂₀N₃O⁺ [M+H]⁺ 318.1606; Found 318.1616.

(2S,3S)-3-(2-Fluorophenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (9e)

Pd/C (1.4 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(2-fluorophenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **6e** (61 mg, 0.13 mmol) in MeOH (2.5 mL) and EtOAc (1.0 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 36 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with MeOH (25 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (1:1:100 MeOH/NEt₃/CH₂Cl₂), affording pyrrolidine **9e** (20 mg, 46%) as an off-white solid. mp = 118–121 °C; *R*_f 0.64 (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁵ +126° (c 1.3, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3278 (NH br), 2876, 1683 (C=O), 1577, 1518, 1487, 1457, 1425, 1385, 1325, 1229, 1098, 826, 792, 756; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 11.03 (br s, 1 H, CONH), 8.90–8.83 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.46–8.40 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.16–8.08 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.48–7.36 (m, 3 H, 3 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.08–7.00 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.99–6.92 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.84 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 4.35 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.12–4.03 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.66–3.57 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.33–3.24 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.64 (br s, 1 H, CH₂NH), 2.32–2.16 (m, 2 H, NCH₂CH₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.8 (C=O amide), 161.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 245 Hz, FC_{Ar} quat.), 148.4 (C_{Ar}), 138.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.1 (C_{Ar}), 134.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 128.4 (d, *J*_{CF} = 4.1 Hz, C_{Ar}), 128.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8.5 Hz, C_{Ar}), 127.9 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.2 (C_{Ar}), 126.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 15 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 123.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3.2 Hz, C_{Ar}), 121.4 (C_{Ar}), 121.3 (C_{Ar}), 116.4 (C_{Ar}), 114.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 23 Hz, C_{Ar}), 65.1 (HCC=O), 46.3 (NCH₂), 41.1 (d, *J*_{CF} = 2.8 Hz, CHC_{Ar}), 30.5 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ -116.7; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₀H₁₉N₃OF⁺ [M+H]⁺ 336.1507; Found 336.1510.

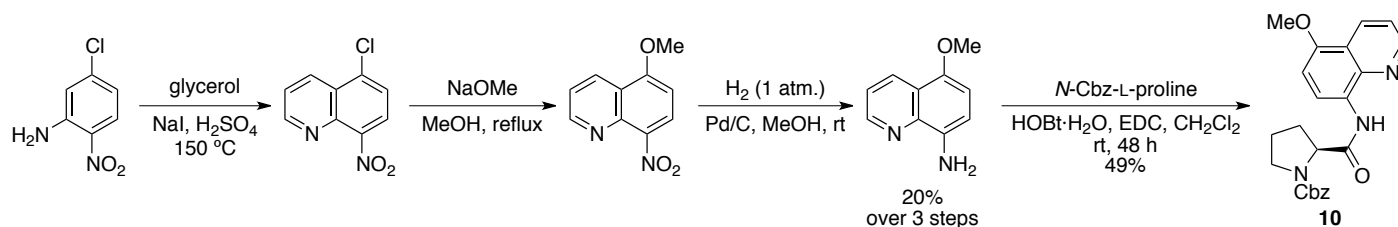
(2S,3S)-3-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-N-(quinolin-8-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (9j)

Pd/C (11 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **6j** (48 mg, 0.10 mmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL) and EtOAc (0.5 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 1 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with EtOH (10 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), affording pyrrolidine **9j** (26 mg, 75%) as a white solid. mp = 90–93 °C; *R*_f 0.43 (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁸ +108° (c 0.5, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3295 (NH br), 2935, 2836, 1679 (C=O), 1513, 1485, 1325, 1247, 1035, 826, 792; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.90 (br s, 1 H, CONH), 8.84 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.46 (dd, *J* = 6.7, 2.3 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.46–7.38 (m, 3 H, 3 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.22–7.16 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 6.64–6.58 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 4.21 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.74 (q, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.63–3.54 (m, 4 H, NCHH and CH₃), 3.31–3.21 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.45 (br s, 1 H, CH₂NH), 2.33–2.23 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.22–2.11 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4 (C=O), 158.1 (C_{Ar} quat), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 138.9 (C_{Ar} quat), 136.0 (C_{Ar}), 134.0 (C_{Ar} quat), 132.6 (C_{Ar} quat), 129.1 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.9 (C_{Ar} quat), 127.2 (C_{Ar}), 121.32 (C_{Ar}), 121.26 (C_{Ar}), 116.4 (C_{Ar}), 113.4 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 67.0 (HCC=O), 54.9 (OCH₃), 48.0 (CHC_{Ar}), 46.3 (NCH₂), 32.7 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₁H₂₂N₃O₂⁺ [M+H]⁺ 348.1712; Found 348.1724.

(2S,3S)-N-(Quinolin-8-yl)-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (9I)

Pd/C (11 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-2-[(quinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **6I** (52 mg, 0.10 mmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 1 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with EtOH (10 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (EtOAc grading to 5% MeOH/EtOAc), affording pyrrolidine **9I** (36 mg, 93%) as an off-white solid. mp = 121–124 °C; *R*_f 0.15 (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁸ +77° (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3296 (NH br), 2927, 1678 (C=O), 1619, 1577, 1518, 1486, 1460, 1424, 1385, 1324, 1161, 1113, 1069, 1017, 906, 825, 791, 757, 734; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.82 (br s, 1 H, CONH), 8.82 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.39 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.11 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.47–7.35 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 4.30 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.84 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.65–3.58 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.35–3.26 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.85 (br s, 1 H, CH₂NH), 2.39–2.29 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.24–2.14 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.6 (C=O), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 144.7 (C_{Ar} quat), 138.7 (C_{Ar} quat), 136.1 (C_{Ar}), 133.6 (C_{Ar} quat), 128.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 32 Hz, F₃CC_{Ar} quat), 128.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.9 (C_{Ar} quat), 127.1 (C_{Ar}), 124.9 (q, *J*_{CF} = 3.8 Hz, 2 × C_{Ar}), 124.0 (q, *J*_{CF} = 271 Hz, F₃CC_{Ar} quat), 121.7 (C_{Ar}), 121.4 (C_{Ar}), 116.4 (C_{Ar}), 67.0 (HCC=O), 48.4 (CHC_{Ar}), 46.2 (NCH₂), 32.3 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ –62.6; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₁H₁₉N₃F₃O⁺ [M+H]⁺ 386.1480; Found 386.1488.

Synthesis of *N*-Cbz Proline 5-MeO-8-AQ Amide 10



5-Methoxyquinolin-8-amine

Prepared according to the procedure of Chen.⁹

Glycerol (14.4 g, 157 mmol) was heated to 160 °C for 1 h, then cooled to 110 °C. NaI (170 mg, 1.20 mmol) and 5-chloro-2-nitroaniline (10.0 g, 57.9 mmol) were added and the reaction was heated to 150 °C. Concentrated H₂SO₄ (7.1 mL, 133 mmol) was added dropwise, then the reaction was stirred vigorously for 45 min at the same temperature. The reaction was cooled to rt, diluted with H₂O (250 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 250 mL), then washed with brine (100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude reaction material was used in the next step without further purification.

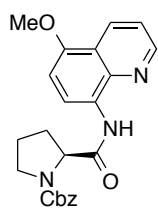
The residue was dissolved in MeOH (100 mL) and small pieces of sodium (2.44 g, 106 mmol) were added carefully and allowed to completely react. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 3 h then allowed to cool to rt. H₂O (250 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 250 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was used in the next step without further purification.

The mixture was dissolved in MeOH (200 mL). Pd/C (10 wt. % loading, 500 mg) was added and the flask was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously for 4 h at rt then filtered through Celite, washing with MeOH (500 mL). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and purification by flash column chromatography (5% grading to 10%, 15% to 20% EtOAc/hexane) afforded 5-methoxyquinolin-8-amine (2.02 g, 20% over 3 steps) as a brown solid that was sufficiently pure to use in the next step. mp = 113–116 °C (lit.¹⁰ 89.5–91 °C); *R*_f 0.46 (50% hexane/EtOAc); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3452, 3347, 2936, 2830, 1620, 1587, 1478, 1399, 1375, 1274, 1241, 1147, 1090, 813, 786; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.51 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 4.39 (br s, 2 H, NH₂), 3.93 (s, 3 H, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0 (C_{Ar}), 147.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 139.0 (C_{Ar} quat.), 137.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 130.8 (C_{Ar}), 121.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 120.4 (C_{Ar}), 109.7 (C_{Ar}), 105.3 (C_{Ar}), 55.9 (CH₃).

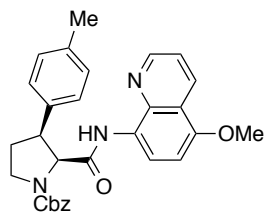
¹H and ¹³C NMR spectral data consistent with those described in the literature.⁹

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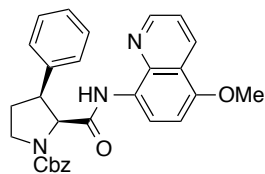
Benzyl (2S)-2-[(5-methoxyquinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (10)

HOBt hydrate (822 mg, 6.08 mmol) was added to a solution of *N*-Cbz-L-proline (910 mg, 3.65 mmol) and 5-methoxyquinolin-8-amine (529 mg, 3.04 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). EDC (1.07 mL, 6.08 mmol) was then added and the solution was stirred at rt for 48 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, a solution of sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (25 mL) was added and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried with Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude oil was purified by flash column chromatography (60% Et₂O/hexane), affording the desired amide **10** (610 mg, 49%) as a yellow/brown oil. *R*_f 0.26 (75% Et₂O/hexane); [α]_D²³ −102° (c 2.7, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm^{−1} 3347 (NH br), 2954, 2882, 2246, 1681 (C=O), 1622, 1595, 1526, 1494, 1442, 1399, 1354, 1269, 1244, 1192, 1158, 1115, 1089, 1029, 984, 917, 819, 789, 770, 731, 697; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.98 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.86 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.56 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.34–7.09 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.06 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.60 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.8 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 4.00 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.66–3.54 (m, 2 H, NCH₂), 2.36–2.24 (m, 1 H, NCH(C=O)CHH), 2.17–2.08 (m, 1 H, NCH(C=O)CHH), 2.04–1.88 (m, 2 H, NCH₂CH₂); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 169.7 (C=O amide), 153.9 (C=O carbamate), 149.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 148.7 (C_{Ar}), 138.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 130.2 (C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 120.6 (C_{Ar}), 119.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 116.4 (C_{Ar}), 104.6 (C_{Ar}), 65.7 (OCH₂), 60.8 (HCC=O), 55.6 (OCH₃), 46.5 (NCH₂), 29.8 (NCH(C=O)CH₂), 23.1 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₃H₂₄N₃O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 406.1767; Found 406.1762.

C–H Arylation of 5-MeO-8-AQ Amide **10 (**11a**, **11b**, **11d**)****Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-[(5-methoxyquinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]-3-(4-methylphenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (**11a**)**

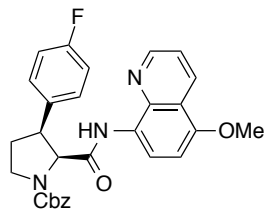
Prepared according to the **General Procedure**, using amide **10** in place of amide **1**: amide **10** (387 mg, 0.95 mmol), AgOAc (285 mg, 1.71 mmol), 4-iodotoluene (373 mg, 1.71 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (10.7 mg, 48 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **11a** (384 mg, 82%) as a yellow solid. mp = 61–64 °C; *R*_f 0.54 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁸

+12° (c 1.2, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3349 (NH br), 2947, 1704 (C=O), 1596, 1530, 1495, 1443, 1356, 1271, 1159, 1123, 1111, 1092, 820, 790, 751, 697; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.33 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.77 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.50 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.33–7.05 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.88 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 5.15–5.05 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.96 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.93–3.88 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.83–3.76 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.64–3.57 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.64–2.54 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.20–2.13 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.00 (s, 3 H, C_{Ar}CH₃); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.6 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 149.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 138.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 129.2 (C_{Ar}), 127.9 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 120.4 (C_{Ar}), 119.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 115.9 (C_{Ar}), 104.4 (C_{Ar}), 65.6 (OCH₂), 65.0 (HCC=O), 55.6 (OCH₃), 46.6 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.7 (NCH₂), 27.4 (NCH₂CH₂), 19.7 (C_{Ar}CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₃₀H₃₀N₃O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 496.2236; Found 496.2216.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-[(5-methoxyquinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]-3-phenylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (11b**)**

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**, using amide **10** in place of amide **1**: amide **10** (325 mg, 0.80 mmol), AgOAc (240 mg, 1.44 mmol), iodobenzene (161 μL, 1.44 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (9.0 mg, 40 μmol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **11b** (289 mg, 75%) as a pale yellow solid. mp = 53–56 °C; *R*_f 0.64 (10% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁵ +35° (c 1.6,

CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3349 (NH br), 2950, 2892, 1703 (C=O), 1686, 1596, 1529, 1496, 1455, 1442, 1402, 1353, 1271, 1208, 1158, 1124, 1090, 823, 789, 752, 697; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.38 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.78 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.49 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.37–7.05 (m, 9 H, 9 × HC_{Ar}), 6.99–6.94 (m, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.15–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.95 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.95–3.89 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.89–3.81 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.66–3.56 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.70–2.57 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.25–2.16 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.5 (C=O amide), 153.5 (C=O carbamate), 149.4 (C_{Ar} quat.), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 138.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.8 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 130.0 (C_{Ar}), 127.49 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.45 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.8 (C_{Ar}), 126.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.5 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 120.4 (C_{Ar}), 119.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 115.9 (C_{Ar}), 104.4 (C_{Ar}), 65.6 (OCH₂), 64.9 (HCC=O), 55.5 (CH₃), 46.9 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.8 (NCH₂), 27.3 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₉H₂₈N₃O₄⁺ [M+H]⁺ 482.2080; Found 482.2080.

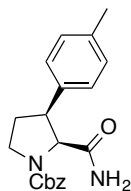
Benzyl (2S,3S)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-[(5-methoxyquinolin-8-yl)carbamoyl]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (11d)

Prepared according to the **General Procedure**, using amide **10** in place of amide **1**: amide **10** (310 mg, 0.76 mmol), AgOAc (229 mg, 1.37 mmol), 4-fluoriodobenzene (158 μ L, 1.37 mmol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (8.5 mg, 38 μ mol) were employed. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (3% grading to 5% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording arylated compound **11d** (286 mg, 75%) as a white solid. mp = 58–60 °C; *R*_f 0.68 (10%

MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); [α]_D²⁵ +40° (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film)/cm⁻¹ 3344, 2954, 1704, 1596, 1531, 1513, 1496, 1403, 1271, 1160, 1124, 1093, 837, 789, 752, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 9.38 (br s, 1 H, NH), 8.79 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.50 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 8.22 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 4.2 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.39–7.32 (m, 2 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.32–7.04 (m, 5 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, HC_{Ar}), 6.91–6.84 (m, 2 H, HC_{Ar}), 5.16–5.04 (m, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.91 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.96 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 3.95–3.81 (m, 2 H, CHC_{Ar} and NCHH), 3.65–3.56 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.65–2.52 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.25–2.15 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 167.5 (C=O amide), 160.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 243 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 153.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 149.5 (C_{Ar} quat.), 148.3 (C_{Ar}), 138.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 132.9 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 130.0 (C_{Ar}), 129.4 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8 Hz, 2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.5 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.7 (C_{Ar} quat.), 126.6 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 120.4 (C_{Ar}), 119.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 116.1 (C_{Ar}), 114.0 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21 Hz, 2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 104.4 (C_{Ar}), 65.6 (OCH₂), 64.8 (HCC=O), 55.6 (CH₃), 46.1 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.7 (NCH₂), 27.4 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ -116.7; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₉H₂₇N₃O₄F⁺ [M+H]⁺ 500.1986; Found 500.1979.

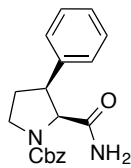
Oxidative Removal of 5-Methoxy-8-aminoquinolyl Directing Group (12a, 12b, 12d)

Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-carbamoyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (12a)



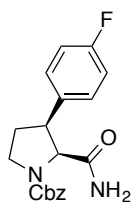
Ceric (IV) ammonium nitrate (1.45 g, 2.64 mmol) was added to a solution of secondary amide **11a** (435 mg, 0.88 mmol) in MeCN (7.3 mL) and H₂O (1.5 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 5 h. EtOAc (100 mL) was then added, and the organic layer was washed with H₂O (50 mL) and then brine (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (20% grading to 30% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording primary amide **12a** (235 mg, 79%) as a white solid. mp = 55–58 °C; *R*_f 0.42 (20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{23} +90^\circ$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3330 (NH br), 3190, 2951, 2889, 2243, 1675 (C=O), 1614, 1517, 1416, 1408, 1258, 1303, 1282, 1201, 1173, 1129, 1113, 1077, 1052, 1030, 997, 911, 819, 770, 731, 698; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 7.39–7.27 (m, 5 H, 5 × HC_{Ar}), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 6.48 (br s, 2 H, NH₂), 5.10 (s, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, HCC=O), 3.79–3.72 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.63–3.55 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.50–3.42 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.56–2.45 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.28 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.08–2.01 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 170.9 (C=O amide), 153.3 (C=O carbamate), 136.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 135.1 (C_{Ar} quat.), 134.2 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.9 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.67 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.65 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 65.4 (OCH₂), 63.3 (HCC=O), 46.2 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.5 (NCH₂), 27.5 (NCH₂CH₂), 19.9 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 339.1707; Found 339.1701.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-carbamoyl-3-phenylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (12b)



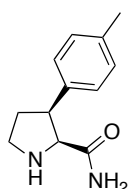
Ceric (IV) ammonium nitrate (345 mg, 0.63 mmol) was added to a solution of secondary amide **11b** (100 mg, 0.21 mmol) in MeCN (1.75 mL) and H₂O (0.35 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 4 h. EtOAc (25 mL) was then added, and the organic layer was washed with H₂O (20 mL) and then brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (20% grading to 30% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording primary amide **12b** (51 mg, 75%) as a white solid. mp = 41–44 °C; *R*_f 0.35 (20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{28} +72^\circ$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3334 (NH br), 2955, 1682 (C=O), 1498, 1417, 1357, 1205, 1127, 1089, 769, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 7.40–7.18 (m, 10 H, 10 × HC_{Ar}), 6.50 (br s, 2 H, NH₂), 5.10 (s, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.80–3.73 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.69 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.48 (td, *J* = 10.1, 6.7 Hz, 1 H, NCHH), 2.60–2.48 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.12–2.03 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 170.9 (C=O amide), 153.3 (C=O carbamate), 137.3 (C_{Ar} quat.), 136.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 127.8 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.9 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 65.4 (OCH₂), 63.3 (HCC=O), 46.5 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.5 (NCH₂), 27.5 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O₃⁺ [M+H]⁺ 325.1552; Found 325.1544.

Benzyl (2S,3S)-2-carbamoyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (12d)

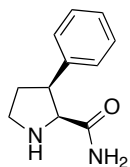


Ceric (IV) ammonium nitrate (329 mg, 0.60 mmol) was added to a solution of secondary amide **11d** (100 mg, 0.20 mmol) in MeCN (1.66 mL) and H₂O (0.34 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at rt for 4 h. EtOAc (25 mL) was then added, and the organic layer was washed with H₂O (20 mL) and then brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (20% grading to 30% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂), affording

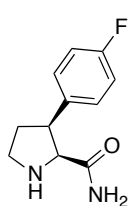
primary amide **12d** (44 mg, 64%) as a colourless oil. R_f 0.33 (20% MeCN/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{28} +67^\circ$ (c 0.9, CHCl₃); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3329 (NH br), 3194, 2954, 2890, 1678 (C=O), 1607, 1513, 1415, 1359, 1305, 1226, 1161, 1127, 1102, 836, 751, 698; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 7.40–7.26 (m, 7 H, 7 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 7.09–7.02 (m, 2 H, 2 $\times$ HC_{Ar}), 6.53 (br s, 2 H, NH₂), 5.10 (s, 2 H, OCH₂), 4.46 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.80–3.72 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.70–3.59 (m, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.51–3.42 (m, 1 H, NHH), 2.55–2.42 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.12–2.03 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ 170.9 (C=O amide), 160.8 (d, J_{CF} = 243 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 153.3 (C=O carbamate), 136.6 (C_{Ar} quat.), 133.4 (d, J_{CF} = 3 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.) 129.6 (d, J_{CF} = 8 Hz, 2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.7 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 127.0 (C_{Ar}), 126.6 (2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 113.9 (d, J_{CF} = 21 Hz, 2 $\times$ C_{Ar}), 65.4 (OCH₂), 63.3 (HCC=O), 45.7 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.5 (NCH₂), 27.6 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 373 K) δ -116.5; HRMS (ESI⁺) m/z Calculated for C₁₉H₂₀N₂O₃F⁺ [M+H]⁺ 343.1458; Found 343.1448.

Cbz Deprotection to Primary Amide Fragments **13a**, **13b**, **13d****(2S,3S)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (13a)**

Pd/C (22 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-2-carbamoyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **12a** (70 mg, 0.21 mmol) in MeOH (1.5 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 48 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with MeOH (10 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), affording pyrrolidine **13a** (43 mg, 99%) as a white solid. mp = 170–172 °C; *R*_f 0.12 (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{28} +34^\circ$ (c 2.9, MeOH); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3321 (NH br), 3182, 2945, 1674 (C=O), 1517, 1407, 818; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.18 (br s, 1 H, CONHH), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H, 2 × HC_{Ar}), 6.81 (br s, 1 H, CONHH), 3.82 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.47 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.30–3.21 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.98–2.89 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.23 (s, 3 H, CH₃), 2.17–2.06 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 1.96–1.84 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.5 (C=O), 138.2 (C_{Ar} quat), 135.0 (C_{Ar} quat), 128.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 128.2 (2 × C_{Ar}), 65.1 (HCC=O), 47.1 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.4 (NCH₂), 32.9 (NCH₂CH₂), 20.6 (CH₃); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O⁺ [M+H]⁺ 205.1341; Found 205.1340.

(2S,3S)-3-Phenylpyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (13b)

Pd/C (16 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-2-carbamoyl-3-phenylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **12b** (47 mg, 0.15 mmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 1 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with EtOH (10 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), affording pyrrolidine **13b** (29 mg, 99%) as a white solid. mp = 116–119 °C; *R*_f 0.11 (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{28} +33^\circ$ (c 0.6, MeOH); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3316 (NH br), 3176, 2966, 2876, 1667 (C=O), 1494, 1453, 1392, 1342, 1088, 1032, 769, 699, 635; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.29–7.11 (m, 6 H, HC_{Ar} and CONHH), 6.79 (br s, 1 H, CONHH), 3.89–3.72 (m, 1 H, CH₂NH), 3.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.49 (q, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.29–3.21 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.97–2.88 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.19–2.08 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 1.97–1.86 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 172.8 (C=O), 141.5 (C_{Ar} quat), 128.3 (2 × C_{Ar}), 127.7 (2 × C_{Ar}), 126.1 (C_{Ar}), 65.3 (HCC=O), 47.6 (CHC_{Ar}), 45.5 (NCH₂), 33.0 (NCH₂CH₂); HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₁H₁₅N₂O⁺ [M+H]⁺ 191.1184; Found 191.1179.

(2S,3S)-3-(4-Fluorophenyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxamide (13d)

Pd/C (9 mg, 10 wt. %) was added to a solution of benzyl (2S,3S)-2-carbamoyl-3-(4-fluorophenyl)pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate **12d** (26 mg, 76 μmol) in EtOH (1.5 mL). The reaction vessel was evacuated and backfilled with Ar three times, followed by evacuation and backfilling with H₂ (balloon). The resulting solution was stirred vigorously at rt for 1 h, then filtered through Celite, washing with EtOH (10 mL). The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂), affording pyrrolidine **13d** (17 mg, 99%) as a white solid. mp = 131–134 °C; *R*_f 0.11 (10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D^{27} +20^\circ$ (c 0.5, MeOH); $\nu_{\max}$ (film)/cm⁻¹ 3347 (NH br), 1672 (C=O), 1605, 1512, 1428, 1309, 1222, 1160, 835, 673; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.29–7.21 (m, 2 H, HC_{Ar}), 7.00–6.93 (m, 2 H, HC_{Ar}), 3.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H, HCC=O), 3.62 (q, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1 H, CHC_{Ar}), 3.45–3.37 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 3.05–

2.96 (m, 1 H, NCHH), 2.29–2.19 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH), 2.13–2.02 (m, 1 H, NCH₂CHH); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 176.2 (C=O), 163.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 243 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 137.7 (d, *J*_{CF} = 3 Hz, C_{Ar} quat.), 131.2 (d, *J*_{CF} = 8 Hz, 2 × C_{Ar}), 115.6 (d, *J*_{CF} = 21 Hz, 2 × C_{Ar}), 66.6 (HCC=O), 49.2 (CHC_{Ar}), 47.1 (NCH₂), 34.1 (NCH₂CH₂); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CD₃OD) δ –118.8; HRMS (ESI⁺) *m/z* Calculated for C₁₁H₁₄N₂OF⁺ [M+H]⁺ 209.1090; Found 209.1087.

^1H and ^{13}C NMR Spectra of Selected Compounds

