# Highly-Substituted Enantioenriched Cyclopentane Derivatives by Palladium-Catalyzed [3+2] Trimethylenemethane Cycloadditions with Disubstituted Nitroalkenes

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### **Supporting Information**

#### A. General Methods

All TMM reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. Solvents were dried by passing through an Alumina column. All compounds were purchased from commercial sources and used directly unless listed. *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid was purified by the known method. Diaza(1,3)bicyclo[5.4.0]undene (DBU) and 3-buten-2-one were purified by distillation prior to use. Solutions of potassium *tert*-butoxide were prepared by combining equimolar amounts of distilled *tert*-butanol and potassium hydride (from a 30-35% mineral oil dispersion thrice rinsed with hexanes and dried under vacuum) in THF; after stirring 30 minutes the suspension was allowed to settle and the supernatant was used directly. The following compounds were prepared according to known literature procedures: Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub>, 3-acetoxy-2-trimethylsilylmethyl-1-propene 1a, 1-cyano-2-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)-allyl acetate 1b, L1, and L2-L3.

Flash chromatography was performed with 0.040-0.063 µm Silica Gel. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy was performed on a Mercury NMR at 400 (<sup>1</sup>H) or 100 (<sup>13</sup>C) MHz and Unity NMR at 500 (<sup>1</sup>H) or 125 (<sup>13</sup>C) MHz. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane or residual protiated solvent. All <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were proton decoupled. Infrared spectroscopic data was recorded on sodium chloride plates as thin films on a Perkin-Elmer Paragon 500 FT-IR spectrometer. Chiral HPLC analysis was performed on a Thermo Separation Products Spectra Series P-100 and on an Agilent Technologies 1200 Series using Chiralcel® columns. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-1000 digital polarimeter using 5 cm glass cells with a Na 589 nm filter.

# **B.** Absolute Stereochemistry

The absolute sense of chirality for *trans*-3a was determined preparing mandelamides 31 and 32 from cyclopentylamine 30.<sup>vii</sup> The downfield shift of Me<sub>a</sub> ( $\delta$  1.38) in 31 compared to Me<sub>a</sub> ( $\delta$  1.29) in 32, and the reverse for H<sub>b</sub> ( $\delta$  2.83, 2.20 for 31 vs  $\delta$  2.90, 2.30 for 32) is consistent with the absolute stereochemistry as depicted.

$$\frac{Zn, HCl, MeOH}{56\% \text{ yield}}$$

$$\frac{Zn, HCl, MeOH}{Me \text{ NH}_2}$$

$$\frac{DCC, DMAP}{DCM, RT}$$

$$\frac{DCC, DMAP}{DCM, RT}$$

$$\frac{DCMe}{Me \text{ HN}}$$

$$\frac{DCC, DMAP}{DCM, RT}$$

$$\frac{DCMe}{Me \text{ HN}}$$

$$\frac{DCMe}{NH_2}$$

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Scheme S1. Preparation of diastereomeric mandelamides 31 and 32.

The absolute sense of chirality for 21 was determined by x-ray crystal analysis.

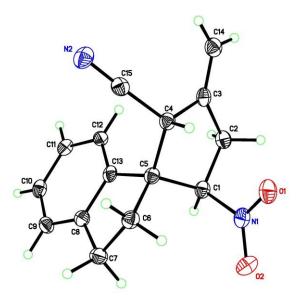


Figure S1. X-ray crystal structure of cyano donor adduct 21.

#### C. General Procedures

General procedure A for the synthesis of nitrolkenes: nitroalkenes were prepared according to the procedure of Stephens: viii a mixture of 1,1-disubstituted olefin (10 mmol), sodium nitrite (100 mmol), ceric ammonium nitrate (10 mmol) and acetic acid (120 mmol) in chloroform (100 mL) was sonicated for up to 6 hours in a sealed flask connected to a bubbler. Upon completion, the mixture was filtered and the cake was washed with diethyl ether (100 mL). The solution was quenched with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (75 mL), the aqueous layer was back-extracted with diethyl ether (75 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with water (50 mL), brine (50 mL), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and purified by chromatography.

General procedure B for cycloadditions with donor 1a: To an argon-purged vial of substrate (0.076 mmol), ligand L3 (0.0075 mmol) and Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.0038 mmol) was added either dioxane (0.5 mL) or toluene (0.15 mL) and the solution stirred for 2 minutes before 2-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)allyl acetate (25  $\mu$ L, 0.12 mmol) was added. After stirring for 4 hours at 50 °C, the solution was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography.

General procedure C for cycloadditions with cyano donor 1b: To an argon-purged vial of substrate (0.076 mmol), ligand L3 (0.0075 mmol) and Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub> (2.2 mg, 0.0038 mmol) was added toluene (0.5 mL) and the solution moved to a cold room at 4°C. After 3 minutes, 1-cyano-2-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)allyl acetate (30 μL, 0.12 mmol) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir for 1 hour at 4°C, after which it was immediately purified by flash chromatography.

#### D. Nitroalkenes

(*E*)-(1-Nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene (2): The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 5 mL (40 mmol) of α-methylstyrene and purified by chromatography (2% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow oil (2.75 g, 44% yield). Spectral properties matched known characterization. Viii  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.48-7.43 (m, 5H), 7.33-7.31 (m, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 3H).

(*E*)-2-(1-Nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)furan: Adapted from the procedure of List and coworkers. A solution of 2-acetylfuran (6.7 g, 60 mmol), nitromethane (13 mL, 240 mmol) and *n*-butylamine (2.4 mL, 24 mmol) in toluene (43 mL) was heated at reflux using a Dean-Stark apparatus. After 17 hours, the solution was cooled, diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and quenched with 1 M NaHSO<sub>4</sub> (50 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and submitted to chromatography (1% diethyl ether in pet ether), then crystallized from diethyl ether/heptane (16 mL, 6:10) at -10 °C to provide the pure product as pale yellow crystals (1.4 g, 15% yield). Spectral properties matched known characterization. H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (br d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (dm, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H).

(*E*)-1-Methoxy-3-(1-nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 2.58 g (20 mmol) of 3-methoxy-α-methylstyrene and purified by chromatography (5% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow solid (1.71 g, 47% yield). Spectral properties matched known characterization. H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37-7.30 (m, 2H), 7.05-6.94 (m, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.63 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-2-(1-Nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)naphthalene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 3.2 g (19.3 mmol) of 2-(2-naphthyl)-1-propene and purified by flash chromatography (1% ether in pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow solid (1.99 g, 48% yield). Spectral properties matched known characterization. <sup>ix</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.94-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.57-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.50 (dd, J = 2.0, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (quartet, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H).

(*E*)-(1-Nitrobut-1-en-2-yl)benzene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 3.2 g (24.4 mmol) of α-ethylstyrene and purified by flash chromatography (2% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow oil (1.74 g, 40% yield). Spectral properties matched known characterization. <sup>ix</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.47-7.42 (m, 5H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 3.09 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H).

(*E*)-1-Fluoro-4-(1-nitrobut-1-en-2-yl)benzene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 4.4 g (29.0 mmol) of 4-fluoro-α-methylstyrene and purified by flash chromatography (2% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow oil (1.66 g, 29% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.44-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.15-7.08 (m, 3H), 3.04 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 165.3 (d, J = 250 Hz), 154.9, 136.0, 133.3 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 129.5 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 116.5 (d, J = 21.6 Hz), 25.2, 13.1. IR (thin film): 3104, 2978, 2878, 1602, 1510, 1643, 1340 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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(*E*)-1-Chloro-3-(1-nitrobut-1-en-2-yl)benzene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 4.1 g (24.4 mmol) of 4-chloro-α-methylstyrene and purified by flash chromatography (3% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow oil (1.77 g, 34% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.43-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 3.02 (q, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 154.3, 139.2, 136.6, 135.4, 130.7, 130.5, 127.6, 125.6, 25.1, 13.0. IR (thin film): 3102, 2977, 2938, 1620, 1564, 1519, 1462, 1342 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

(*E*)-(3-Methyl-1-nitrobut-1-en-2-yl)benzene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 2.1 g (14.6 mmol) of α-isopropylstyrene and purified by flash chromatography (pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow oil (600 mg, 21% yield). Spectral properties matched known characterization.<sup>x</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.42-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 3.96 (septet, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

(*E*)-1-Chloro-4-(1-nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)benzene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 3.0 g (20 mmol) of 4-chloro-α-methylstyrene and purified by chromatography (1% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the product as a pale yellow oil (2.17 g, 56% yield). Spectral properties matched known characterization. H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.44-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.28 (m, 1H), 2.62 (s, 3H).

(*E*)-1-(Nitromethylene)-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene: The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 2.2 g (16.9 mmol) of 1-methylene-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-indene and purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a pale yellow solid (380 mg, 13% yield), mp 80-81 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.70 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.16 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 159.2, 151.4, 136.9, 133.2, 130.0, 127.7, 126.3, 122.6, 32.2, 31.0. IR (thin film): 3091, 2919, 1619, 1597, 1499, 1329 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**(E)-tert-butyl 3-(1-nitroprop-1-en-2-yl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate:** The reaction was performed according to general procedure A with 0.8 g (3.11 mmol) of *tert*-butyl 3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1*H*-indole-1-carboxylate and purified by flash chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a bright yellow solid (183 mg, 19% yield), mp 105 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.21 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.66 (m, 1 H), 7.42-7.33 (comp, 2 H), 2.72 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.71 (s, 9 H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 148.9, 143.6, 136.1, 135.4, 127.8, 126.6, 123.8, 120.2, 118.9, 115.8, 85.2, 28.1, 18.5. IR (thin film): 2878, 1716, 1587, 1317, 1133 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### E. TMM Cycloadducts

((1R,2S)-1-Methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (3a): A mixture of

Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub> (4.4 mg, 0.0076 mmol) and ligand L3 (9.6 mg, 0.015 mmol) was purged with argon for 15 minutes. Dioxane (1.0 mL) was added followed by nitroalkene (24.8 mg, 21.5 µL, 0.15 mmol) and the solution was stirred for 2 minutes before 2-((trimethylsilyl)methyl)allyl acetate (50 µL, 0.24 mmol) was added. The solution was immersed in a 50 °C oil bath and stirred for 4 hours. It was then cooled, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (4% to 7% diethyl ether in pet ether). The diastereomers thus separated could be independently characterized, but in this case they were recombined to give a clear, colorless oil (24.7 mg, 75% yield, dr 2:1 as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 92% ee and 43% ee, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.44-7.23 (m, 5H), 5.14 (quintet, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, J = 3.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (quintet, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.07-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.63 (m, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.3, 144.5, 129.1, 127.5, 126.4, 108.5, 95.6, 51.1, 44.9, 36.1, 23.9. IR (thin film): 3061, 2974, 1664, 1548, 1497, 1448, 1366, 1309 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $[\alpha]_{24}^{D} = +55.6$  (c 0.76, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IA, 0.8 mL/min, 0.33% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 11.0$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 12.1$  min. HRMS: calcd for (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Na 240.1001; found 240.1005. R<sub>f</sub> 0.45 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

((1*S*,2*S*)-1-Methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (3b):  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33-7.20 (m, 5H), 5.21-5.18 (m, 1H), 5.13 (dd, J = 3.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.10-5.08 (m, 1H), 3.55 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.05-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.56 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 3H).  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.1, 142.8, 128.9, 127.5, 126.3, 109.7, 95.2, 52.4, 43.0, 37.2, 29.5. IR (thin film): 3062, 2969, 2929, 1665, 1549, 1497, 1447, 1369, 1307 cm ${}^{-1}$ . [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>24</sub><sup>D</sup> = +48.9 (c 0.31, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IB, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_{R, major}$  = 9.9 min,  $t_{R, minor}$  = 11.5 min.  $t_{R}$  0.26 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**2-((1S,2S)-1-Methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)furan** (**5a**): The reaction was performed with 11.6 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure B in dioxane at 50 °C and purified by flash chromatography (5% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the diastereomeric products as clear, colorless oils (9.3 mg and 2.9 mg, 77% combined yield, 80% ee and 81% ee, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.38 (dd, J = 0.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, J = 1.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dd, J = 0.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.21 (dd, J = 5.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (quintet, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (quintet, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (ddq, J = 2.1, 2.1, 2.1, 5.3, 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (dq, J = 2.1, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (ddq, J = 2.1, 2.1, 2.1, 7.7, 18.1 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dq, J = 2.1, 16.4 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.8, 145.1, 142.4, 110.6, 109.1, 106.4, 92.1, 48.1, 44.5, 35.6, 20.1. IR (thin film): 3122, 3080, 2982, 2940, 1664, 1554, 1505, 1434, 1367, 1316 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>23</sub><sup>D</sup> = +60.5 (c 0.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IB, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, major} = 9.2$  min,  $t_{R, minor} = 10.0$  min. HRMS: calcd for (M+H<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> 208.0973; found 208.0963. R<sub>f</sub> 0.43 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**2-((1***R***,2***S***)-1-Methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)furan (5b)**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32 (dd, J = 0.8, 1.9, Hz, 1H), 6.27 (dd, J = 1.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dd, J = 0.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (quintet, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (quintet, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (dd, J = 4.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.88 (ddq, J = 2.1, 2.1, 2.1, 7.2, 18.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (ddq, J = 0.5, 1.7, 1.7, 1.7, 16.1 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (d, J = 0.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  155.0, 145.0, 142.8, 110.5, 109.6, 106.9, 94.2, 48.8, 43.4, 36.2, 25.1. IR (thin film): 3121, 3079, 2978, 2934, 1664, 1554, 1504, 1434, 1370, 1312 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>25</sub><sup>D</sup> = +74.8 (c 0.39, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IA, 0.8 mL/min, 1% i-

PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, major} = 9.1$  min,  $t_{R, minor} = 14.4$  min.  $R_f 0.30$  (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

1-Methoxy-3-((1R,2S)-1-methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (6a): The reaction was performed with 14.7 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure B in dioxane at 50 °C, but 3.3 mg Pd(dba)<sub>2</sub> and 7.2 mg ligand L3 were used. The reaction was concentrated and purified by successive flash chromatography (50% dichloromethane in pet ether, then 7% to 10% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the diastereomeric products as clear, colorless oils (8.0 mg and 3.7 mg, 62% combined yield, 96% ee and 41% ee, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.28 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (ddd, J = 0.9, 1.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (ddd, J = 0.8, 2.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (quintet, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (dd, J = 3.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (quintet, J= 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.07-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.81-2.62 (m, 2H), 1.41 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.1, 146.3, 146.3, 130.1, 118.8, 113.1, 112.0, 108.5, 95.5, 55.6, 51.1, 45.0, 36.1, 23.9. IR (thin film): 3078, 2967, 2837, 1663, 1602, 1550, 1491, 1367 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $[\alpha]_{26}^{D}$  = +61.6 (c 0.76, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IB, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 12.2$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 12.9$  min. HRMS: calcd for the amine  $(M+H^{+})$   $C_{14}H_{20}NO$  218.1545; found 218.1544.  $R_f$  0.33 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**1-Methoxy-3-((1***S***,2***S***)-1-methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (6b):**  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.23 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (ddd, J = 0.9, 1.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (ddd, J = 0.9, 2.5, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.17 (m, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 3.4, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 5.09-5.06 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.52 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05-3.00

(m, 2H), 2.55 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 1.35 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  159.9, 146.1, 144.5, 129.9, 118.6, 112.9, 112.2, 109.7, 95.1, 55.5, 52.4, 43.2, 37.3, 29.6. IR (thin film): 3078, 2967, 2836, 1662, 1604, 1550, 1489, 1432, 1370 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>26</sub><sup>D</sup> = +71.4 (c 0.31, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 5% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_{R, minor}$  = 9.2 min,  $t_{R, major}$  = 11.8 min.  $R_f$  0.23 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**2-((1***R***,2***S***)-1-Methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)naphthalene (7a):** The reaction was performed with 16.2 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure B in dioxane at 50 °C and purified by successive flash chromatography (25% dichloromethane in pet ether, then 5% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the diastereomeric products as clear, colorless oils (10.0 mg and 4.3 mg, 70% combined yield, 96% ee and 78% ee, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.87-7.78 (m, 4H), 7.56-7.46 (m, 3H), 5.22 (dd, J = 3.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.17 (m, 1H), 5.06-5.03 (m, 1H), 3.17 (d, J = 16.9 Hz, 1H), 3.10-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 2.5, 16.9 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (ddq, J = 2.1, 2.1, 2.1, 7.1, 18.1 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.2, 141.6, 133.5, 132.6, 129.0, 128.5, 127.8, 126.8, 126.6, 125.2, 124.6, 108.6, 95.3, 51.2, 45.0, 36.1, 23.8. IR (thin film): 3058, 2973, 1663, 1599, 1547, 1506, 1456, 1366 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>26</sub><sup>D</sup> = +93.1 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak OJ-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{R, major} = 37.2$  min,  $t_{R, minor} = 49.7$  min. HRMS: calcd for the amine (M+H<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N 238.1595; found 238.1602. R<sub>f</sub> 0.44 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**2-((1***S***,2***S***)-1-Methyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)naphthalene (7b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \delta 7.80-7.76 (m, 3H), 7.67 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.41 (m, 3H), 5.23-5.20 (m, 2H), 5.11-5.09 (m, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.06-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.65 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): \delta 146.1, 140.2, 133.5, 132.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 126.5, 126.3, 125.1, 124.6, 109.8, 95.1, 52.6, 43.1, 37.2, 29.4. IR (thin film): 3057, 2969, 2927, 1663, 1600, 1549, 1506, 1370 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [\alpha]<sub>26</sub><sup>D</sup> = +105.7 (c 0.43, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1%** *i***-PrOH in heptane, \lambda = nm, t<sub>R, major</sub> = 17.0 min, t<sub>R, minor</sub> = 19.2 min. R<sub>f</sub> 0.28 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).** 

((1*R*,2*S*)-1-Ethyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (8a): The reaction was performed with 13.5 mg (12.0 μL, 0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure B in toluene and purified by flash chromatography (4% to 8% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the diastereomeric products as clear, colorless oils (13.1 mg and 2.1 mg, 87% combined yield, 90% ee and 67% ee, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.39-7.24 (m, 5H), 5.18 (bs, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (bs, 1H), 3.15 (d, J = 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (d, J = 18.3 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 2.8, 17.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.13 (dq, J = 7.6, 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (dq, J = 7.6, 14.9 Hz, 1H), 0.60 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 147.0, 141.8, 129.1, 127.5, 127.2, 108.1, 96.9, 56.0, 40.2, 36.3, 30.5, 9.7. IR (thin film): 2970, 1650, 1548, 1449, 1365 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>23</sub><sup>D</sup> = +6.1 (c 1.07, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IB, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 6.5$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 7.0$  min. HRMS: calcd for (M+H<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 232.1337; found 232.1324. R<sub>f</sub> 0.51 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

((1*S*,2*S*)-1-Ethyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (8b): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.32-7.19 (m, 5H), 5.19-5.13 (m, 2H), 5.06-5.04 (m, 1H), 3.42-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.02-2.98 (m, 2H), 2.70 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 1.80-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.52 (m, 1H), 0.61 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.1, 140.3, 128.6, 127.4, 127.2, 109.5, 95.2, 56.7, 39.3, 37.1, 32.8, 8.8. IR (thin film): 2970, 2930, 1650, 1550, 1498, 1447, 1368 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>25</sub><sup>D</sup> = +81.3 (c 0.23, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, t<sub>R, major</sub> = 9.2 min, t<sub>R, minor</sub> = 10.3 min. R<sub>f</sub> 0.36 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

1-((1R,2S)-1-Ethyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)-4-fluorobenzene (9a): The reaction was performed with 14.8 mg (12.5 µL, 0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure B in toluene and purified by flash chromatography (5% to 7% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the diastereomeric products as clear, colorless oils (15.4 mg and 2.3 mg, 93% combined yield, 95% ee and 52% ee, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (dd, J = 5.2, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.5, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 5.11 (bs, 1H), 5.03-5.00 (m, 2H), 3.10 (d, J = 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.46 (m, 1H), 2.09 (dq, J = 7.5, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (dq, J = 7.5, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 0.60 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  161.9 (d, J = 246 Hz), 146.7, 137.5 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 129.0 (d, J = 8.4 Hz), 116.0 (d, J = 21.2 Hz), 108.4, 96.8, 55.5, 40.4, 36.2, 30.5, 9.6. IR (thin film): 2971, 2936, 1663, 1603, 1549, 1511, 1367 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $[\alpha]_{25}^{D} = +24.8$  (c 1.54, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak OJ-H, 0.8 mL/min, 0.2% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 19.0$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 21.7$  min. HRMS: calcd for (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub>Na 272.1063; found 272.1058. R<sub>f</sub> 0.47 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**1-**((**1***S*,**2***S*)-**1-Ethyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl**)-**4-fluorobenzene** (**9b**): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.18 (dd, J = 5.2, 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.18 (bs, 1H), 5.11 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (bs, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.02-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.69 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 1.78-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.52 (m, 1H), 0.61 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 161.9 (d, J = 246 Hz), 145.7, 135.9 (d, J = 3.7 Hz), 128.8 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 115.4 (d, J = 20.9 Hz), 109.6, 95.1, 56.1, 39.4, 36.9, 32.6, 8.6. IR (thin film): 2971, 2931, 1658, 1606, 1551, 1513, 1369 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>25</sub><sup>D</sup> = +54.4 (c 0.29, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IC, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm, t<sub>R</sub>, major = 12.2 min, t<sub>R</sub>, minor = 13.4 min. R<sub>f</sub> 0.29 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**1-Chloro-3-**((**1***R*,**2***S*)-**1-ethyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene** (**10a**): The reaction was performed with 16.1 mg (13 μL, 0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure B in toluene and purified by flash chromatography (4% to 8% diethyl ether in pet ether) to give the diastereomeric products as clear, colorless oils (17.4 mg and 2.5 mg, 99% combined yield, 93% ee and 58% ee, respectively). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.35-7.24 (m, 4H), 5.20 (bs, 1H), 5.05-5.01 (m, 2H), 3.10 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.82-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.09 (dq, J = 7.5, 13.6 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (dq, J = 7.5, 13.6, 1H), 0.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.3, 144.2, 135.2, 130.4, 127.8, 127.6, 125.5, 108.6, 96.5, 55.9, 40.2, 36.2, 30.4, 9.7. IR (thin film): 2970, 1660, 1594, 1549, 1444, 1366 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>25</sub><sup>D</sup> = +27.6 (c 1.74, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak OD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane, λ = 220 nm, t<sub>R, minor</sub> = 8.2 min, t<sub>R, major</sub> = 9.2 min. HRMS: calcd for (M+H<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub> 266.0948; found 266.0934. R<sub>f</sub> 0.47 (10% diethyl ether in pet ether).

**1-Chloro-3-((1S,2S)-1-ethyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (10b)**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.27-7.09 (m, 4H), 5.19 (bs, 1H), 5.12 (dd, J = 3.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (bs, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 1.8, 15.7 Hz, 1H), 3.03-2.99 (m, 2H), 2.69 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 1.76-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.57 (dq, J = 7.5, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 0.62 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 145.5, 142.6, 134.6, 129.9, 127.7, 127.6, 125.4, 109.9, 95.0, 56.5, 39.2, 37.1, 32.7, 8.7. IR (thin film): 2971, 2932, 1655, 1597, 1550, 1421, 1368 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>25</sub><sup>D</sup> = +57.8 (c 0.31, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IB, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, major} = 8.4$  min,  $t_{R, minor} = 10.2$  min.  $t_{R, minor} = 10.2$  min.

((1*R*,2*S*)-1-Isopropyl-4-methylene-2-nitrocyclopentyl)benzene (11a): The reaction was performed with 14.5 mg (13.5 μL, 0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure B in toluene and purified by flash chromatography (33% dichloromethane in pet ether) to give the product as a clear, colorless oil (16.6 mg, 89% yield, 81% ee). The product was contaminated by approximately 6% of the nitroalkene, which could not be removed by chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.40-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.65 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.08-5.05 (m, 1H), 4.87-4.84 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.24 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.84-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.41 (ddq, J = 2.7, 2.7, 2.7, 6.5, 18.5 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (septet, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.69 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 146.0, 136.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.6, 108.3, 94.1, 60.1, 41.4, 37.0, 34.5, 19.7, 19.3. IR (thin film): 3060, 2969, 1667, 1599, 1554, 1447, 1367, 1308 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>24</sub><sup>D</sup> = +58.9 (c 1.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IC, 0.8 mL/min, 0.2% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, major} = 19.1$ . min,  $t_{R, minor} = 21.8$  min. HRMS: calcd for the amine (M+H<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N 216.1752; found 216.1752. R<sub>f</sub> 0.49 (40% dichloromethane in pet ether).

#### (1*S*,2*R*,3*S*)-2-Methyl-5-methylene-3-nitro-2-phenylcyclopentanecarbonitrile (12):

The reaction was performed with 12.7 mg (0.078 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (13% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a white solid (18.3 mg, 97% yield, 92% ee), mp 67-69 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.50-7.31 (m, 5H), 5.60 (q, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (q, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 1.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.19-4.16 (m, 1H), 3.15-3.07 (dm, J = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (ddq, J = 2.5, 2.5, 2.5, 7.2, 19.0 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.1, 139.7, 129.4, 128.7, 126.7, 117.6, 111.7, 94.4, 53.6, 45.7, 35.2, 22.8. IR (thin film): 2986, 2244, 1665, 1551, 1499, 1446, 1366, 1302 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>23</sub><sup>D</sup> = -0.6 (c 0.89, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% i-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, t<sub>R, minor</sub> = 21.2 min, t<sub>R, major</sub> = 27.0 min. HRMS: calcd for the amine (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na 235.1211; found 235.1217. R<sub>f</sub> 0.18 (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

#### (1S,2R,3S)-2-(3-Methoxyphenyl)-2-methyl-5-methylene-3-

**nitrocyclopentanecarbonitrile** (**13**): The reaction was performed with 14.7 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a clear, colorless oil (20.6 mg, 100% yield, 90% ee) that solidified on standing, mp 102-104 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.31 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (ddd, J = 0.8, 2.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (ddd, J = 0.8, 2.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (q, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.34 (m, 1H), 5.05 (dd, J = 1.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.15 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.14-3.07 (m, 1H), 2.92 (ddq, J = 2.6, 2.6, 2.6, 7.2, 19.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 160.2, 142.2, 141.2, 130.4, 118.9, 117.6, 113.4, 113.4, 111.7, 94.4,

55.6, 53.6, 45.8, 35.2, 22.8. IR (thin film): 2939, 2244, 1665, 1603, 1552, 1494, 1463, 1432, 1366, 1295, 1243 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $[\alpha]_{24}^D = +5.5$  (c 0.93, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 30.7$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 35.6$  min. HRMS: calcd for (M+H<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 273.1239; found 273.1234. R<sub>f</sub> 0.40 (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

(1R, 3R)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-methyl-5-methylene-3-

nitrocyclopentanecarbonitrile (14): The reaction was performed with 15.0 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a light yellow oil (18.0 mg, 87% yield, >20:1 dr):  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.43-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.38-7.35 (m, 2 H), 5.60 (q, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.37 (dtd, J = 3.1, 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.00 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.16 (s, 1 H), 3.14 (ddt, J = 19.0, 3.5, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (ddq, J = 19.0, 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.65 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 141.3, 137.8, 134.5, 129.2, 127.8, 117.0, 111.9, 93.7, 52.9, 45.5, 34.8, 22.4; IR (neat): 2918, 2245, 1553 cm $^{-1}$ . [α]<sub>23</sub><sup>D</sup> = -7.90 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: 99% ee, Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% i-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 30.1$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 39.4$  min. HRMS: calcd for the amine (M + H) C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub> 247.0924; found 247.0997. R<sub>f</sub> 0.41 (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

(1R, 2S, 3R)-2-Methyl-5-methylene-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)-3-nitrocyclopentanecarbonitrile (15): The reaction was performed with 16.0 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash

chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a white solid (20.5

mg, 92% yield, >20:1 dr): mp = 158 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.97 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.86-7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 3 H), 5.68 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.40 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.16 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.27 (br s, 1 H), 3.14 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 (ddq, J = 19.0, 7.2, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.76 (s, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 141.7, 136.4, 132.9, 132.5, 129.1, 128.4, 127.4, 127.0, 126.8, 125.8, 123.7, 117.3, 111.5, 93.9, 53.4, 45.4, 34.8, 22.6; IR (neat): 3056, 2245, 1552, 1363, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>23</sub><sup>D</sup> = 32.33 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: 99% ee, Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{R, minor}$  = 36.2 min,  $t_{R, major}$  = 43.2 min. Mass: Anal calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 73.95; H, 5.52; N, 9.58; found: C, 74.22; H, 5.59; N, 9.41. R<sub>f</sub> 0.26 (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

tert-Butyl-2((1R, 2R, 5R)-2-cyano-1-methyl-3-methylene-5-nitrocyclopentyl)-1H-indole-1-carboxylate (16): The reaction was performed with 23.0 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as an oil (29.0 mg, >99% yield, >20:1 dr):  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.21 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.88 (s, 1 H), 7.75 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.34-7.31 (m, 1 H), 5.68 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.43 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 5.34 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (s, 1 H), 3.11 (d, J = 18.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 (ddq, J = 18.9, 7.2, 2.2 Hz,1 H), 1.75 (s, 3 H), 1.66 (s, 9 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 150.1, 149.0, 140.6, 135.9, 127.2, 125.0, 124.1, 123.0, 119.8, 117.1, 115.9, 111.5, 90.8, 84.4, 50.2, 45.5, 34.5, 28.1, 21.1; IR (neat): 2979, 1738, 1553 cm $^{-1}$ . [α]<sub>23</sub> $^{D}$  = 49.04 (c 2.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: 95% ee, Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% i-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t<sub>R, minor</sub> = 11.6 min, t<sub>R, major</sub> = 16.2 min. HRMS: calcd for the amine (M + H) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 352.2025; found 352.2012. R<sub>f</sub> 0.20 (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

#### (1R, 2R, 3R)-2-(Furan-2-yl)-2-methyl-5-methylene-3-nitrocyclopentanecarbonitrile

(17): The reaction was performed with 12.0 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as an oil (17.1 mg, 97% yield, >20:1 dr):  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39 (dd, J = 1.9, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.42 (dd, J = 3.4, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.36 (dd, J = 3.4, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.50 (q, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.31 (dtd, J = 3.1, 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.14 (dd, J = 6.1, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.12-4.10 (m, 1 H), 3.16-3.13 (m, 2 H), 1.60 (s, 3 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  151.7, 143.0, 141.1, 116.7, 111.8, 110.7, 108.4, 91.6, 50.9, 45.2, 35.7, 19.4; IR (neat): 3125, 2909, 2247, 1554, 1367 cm $^{-1}$ . [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>23</sub> $^{D}$  = -4.49 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: >99% ee, Chiralpak IC, 0.8 mL/min, 1% i-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm, t<sub>R, minor</sub> = 27.0 min, t<sub>R, major</sub> = 32.8 min. HRMS: calcd for amine (M + H) C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 203.1184; found 203.1178. R<sub>f</sub> 0.37 (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

# (1R, 2S, 3R)-2-Ethyl-5-methylene-3-nitro-2-phenylcyclopentanecarbonitrile (18):

The reaction was performed with 13.0 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as an oil (18.4 mg, 94% yield, >20:1 dr):  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.49-7.46 (m, 2 H), 7.43-7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.35-7.32 (m, 1 H), 5.61 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.32 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.04 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (s, 1 H), 3.00 (dt, J = 19.0, 1.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (ddq, J = 19.0, 7.0, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (dq, J = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.76 (dq, J = 14.5, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  142.1, 136.8, 129.2, 128.2, 127.1, 118.6, 111.2, 94.9, 57.5, 42.9, 34.8, 29.1, 9.1; IR (neat): 2979, 2243, 1551, 1365 cm $^{-1}$ . [ $\alpha$ ] $_{23}^{D}$  = -4.49 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: 98% ee, Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% i-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm,  $t_{R, minor}$  = 16.9 min,  $t_{R, minor}$ 

 $_{\text{major}} = 31.6 \text{ min. Mass: Anal calcd for C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_{2}\text{O}_{2}$ : C, 70.29; H, 6.29; N, 10.93; found: C, 70.11; H, 6.35; N, 11.02.  $R_{\text{f}}$  0.50 (20% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

#### (1R, 3R)-2-Ethyl-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-5-methylene-3-

nitrocyclopentanecarbonitrile (19): The reaction was performed with 15.0 mg (0.078 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a light yellow oil (21.0 mg, >99% yield, >20:1 dr):  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.47-7.43 (m, 2 H), 7.13-7.09 (m, 2 H), 5.61 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.34 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.99 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.22 (s, 1 H), 3.02 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.82 (ddq, J = 19.0, 7.0, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.30 (dq, J = 14.7, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.77 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 161.1, 141.8, 132.6, 129.1, 129.0, 118.4, 116.3, 116.1, 111.6, 94.7, 57.0, 43.1, 34.7, 29.1, 9.1; IR (neat): 2980, 2244, 1552, 1514 cm $^{-1}$ . [α] $^{23}$  = -6.42 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: 98% ee, Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% i-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\rm R, minor} = 24.6$  min,  $t_{\rm R, major} = 31.4$  min. HRMS: calcd for amine (M + H) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FN<sub>2</sub> 245.1454: found 245.1455. R<sub>f</sub> 0.23 (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

# (1R, 3R)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-ethyl-5-methylene-3-

**nitrocyclopentanecarbonitrile (20):** The reaction was performed with 16.0 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as an oil (21.6 mg, 98% yield, >20:1 dr):  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.42-7.32 (m, 4 H), 5.62 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.35 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.23 (s, 1 H), 3.03 (d, J =

19.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.83 (ddq, J = 19.1, 7.1, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.30 (dq, J = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.77 (dq, J = 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  141.5, 139.0, 135.3, 130.4, 128.6, 127.3, 125.5, 118.2, 111.7, 94.4, 57.2, 42.9, 34.7, 29.0, 9.1; IR (neat): 2979, 2244, 1553 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>23</sub><sup>D</sup> = 1.19 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: 98% ee, Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 254$  nm, t<sub>R, minor</sub> = 19.5 min, t<sub>R, major</sub> = 25.4 min. HRMS: calcd for amine (M + H) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub> 261.1159: found 261.1154. R<sub>f</sub> 0.19 (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

# (1R,2S,5S)-3-Methylene-5-nitro-2',3'-dihydrospiro[cyclopentane-1,1'-indene]-2-

**carbonitrile** (21): The reaction was performed with 13.3 mg (0.076 mmol) of nitroalkene according to general procedure C and purified by flash chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a white solid (19.1 mg, 99% yield, 92% ee), mp 122-124 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.33-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (q, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 5.46-5.44 (m, 1H), 4.94 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32-4.29 (m, 1H), 3.20 (dq, J = 2.2, 2.2, 2.2, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.09-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.30 (dt, J = 8.3, 8.3, 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, J = 5.2, 6.8, 13.5 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 143.9, 141.6, 141.5, 129.6, 127.6, 125.9, 123.5, 117.7, 113.2, 92.1, 62.2, 44.1, 35.8, 34.2, 30.6. IR (thin film): 2926, 2854, 2245, 1665, 1550, 1476, 1458, 1366, 1300 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [α]<sub>23</sub><sup>D</sup> = -21.4 (c 0.88, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 1% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 23.6$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 26.6$  min. HRMS: calcd for the amine (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Na 247.1211; found 247.1221. R<sub>f</sub> 0.23 (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

#### F. Cycloadduct Derviatives

4-((1R,2R)-2-Methyl-4-methylene-1-nitro-2-phenylcyclopentyl)butan-2-one (4): To a solution of nitrocyclopentane 3a and 3b (18.5 mg as a 3:1 mixture, 0.085 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.5 mL) was added DBU (14 µL, 0.094 mmol) and 3-buten-2-one (7.6 µL, 0.094 mmol). The pale yellow solution was stirred at room temperature for 45 minutes before a second charge of 3-buten-2-one (2 µL, 0.025 mmol) was added. After another 45 minutes, the reaction was concentrated and filtered through a plug of silica gel (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the product as a clear, colorless oil (21.3 mg, 87% yield, dr 7.5:1, 57% ee). The major diastereomer was purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) for characterization purposes. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.36-7.24 (m, 5H), 5.13 (quintet, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (quintet, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (d, J = 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.60 (dq, J = 1.8, 17.8 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (dq, J = 1.8, 16.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 206.9, 144.9, 141.4, 128.7, 127.9, 126.8, 109.1, 102.8, 53.3, 44.8, 40.0, 39.2, 30.4, 27.2, 24.3. IR (thin film): 3061, 2930, 1717, 1663, 1537, 1499, 1436, 1354 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $[\alpha]_{24}^{D} = -26.86$  (c 1.44, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak IC, 0.8 mL/min, 10% i-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, minor} = 12.7$  min,  $t_{R, mino$  $_{\text{major}} = 29.5 \text{ min. } R_{\text{f}} 0.50 (30\% \text{ ethyl acetate in hexanes}).$ 

(R)-3-methyl-5-(naphthalen-2-yl)cyclopent-2-enone (27): To a solution of nitrocyclopentane 3a (20.3 mg, 0.09 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) at -78 °C was added KO*t*-Bu (102 μL, 1 M in THF, 0.10 mmol) and the yellow solution was stirred for 20 minutes at -78 °C. The dry ice-acetone bath was then removed, dimethyldioxirane (1.1 mL, approx. 1 M in acetone, 0.11 mmol) was added, and the mixture was immediately placed in a bath at approximately -20 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes and then added

to a well-stirred solution of 0.25 M, pH 7.0 phosphate buffer (5 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 3 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to yield the product as a clear, colorless oil (11.3 mg, 65% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33-7.18 (m, 5H), 6.00 (s, 1H), 2.98 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  212.1, 176.8, 144.3, 129.0, 128.9, 126.8, 126.2, 52.5, 52.2, 24.6, 19.7. IR (thin film): 3059, 2964, 2924, 1700, 1625, 1496, 1432 cm<sup>-1</sup>. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>24</sub><sup>D</sup> = -7.4 (c 0.96, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 2% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda$  = 220 nm, t<sub>R</sub>, major = 15.6 min, t<sub>R</sub>, minor = 17.1 min. HRMS: calcd for (M+H<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O 187.1123; found 187.1114. R<sub>f</sub> 0.42 (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

(5*R*,6*S*)-5-Methyl-6-nitro-5-phenyl-1-oxaspiro[2.4]heptane (28): To a solution of nitrocyclopentane 3a (15.3 mg, 0.071 mmol) in chloroform (0.5 mL) was added *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (18.2 mg, 0.11 mmol). The solution was stirred for 15 hours at room temperature, during which a white solid precipitated. The suspension was diluted with diethyl ether (3 mL), and washed with sat. NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 x 2 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) and brine (2 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and filtered through a plug of SiO<sub>2</sub> (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to yield the product as a clear, colorless oil (15.9 mg, 97% yield, 2.5:1 dr, as determined by  $^{1}$ H NMR).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.58-7.55 (m, 1.4H), 7.45-7.37 (m, 2.6H), 7.32-7.28 (m, 1H), 5.21-5.16 (m, 1H), 3.06 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 0.7H), 3.04 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 0.7H), 2.98 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 0.3H), 2.88 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 0.3H), 2.62-2.41 (m, 3H), 2.32 (d, *J* = 14.7 Hz, 0.3H), 2.17 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 16.0 Hz, 0.7H), 1.53 (s, 0.9H), 1.46 (s, 2.1H).

(R)-3-(Hydroxymethyl)-5-methyl-5-phenylcyclopent-2-enone (29): To a solution of epoxide **28** (16.1 mg, 0.07 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at -78 °C was added KOt-Bu (100 μL, 1 M in THF, 0.1 mmol) and the yellow solution was stirred for 20 minutes at -78 °C. Dimethyldioxirane (1.5 mL, approx. 0.1 M in acetone, 0.15 mmol) was added and the suspension was warmed to 0 °C. After 15 minutes, the reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred another 15 minutes, then added to a solution of 0.25 M, pH 7.0 phosphate buffer (5 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (2% methanol in dichloromethane) to yield the product as a clear, colorless oil (10.2 mg, 73% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.32-7.19 (m, 5H), 6.24 (quintet, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 2.97 (d, J = 18.5 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, J = 18.5Hz, 1H), 2.57 (bs, 1H), 1.54 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 211.6, 179.3, 143.9, 128.9, 127.0, 126.4, 126.2, 63.1, 51.9, 47.1, 24.6. IR (thin film): 3416, 3060, 2926, 1695, 1622, 1496, 1445 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $[\alpha]_{23}^{D} = -3.4$  (c 0.97, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Chiral HPLC: Chiralpak AD-H, 0.8 mL/min, 10% *i*-PrOH in heptane,  $\lambda = 220$  nm,  $t_{R, major} = 8.1$  min,  $t_{R, major} = 8.1$ minor = 8.8 min. HRMS: calcd for (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 225.0891; found 225.0897. R<sub>f</sub> 0.27 (10% methanol in dichloromethane).

(1*S*,2*R*)-2-Methyl-4-methylene-2-phenylcyclopentanamine (30): A suspension of nitrocyclopentane 3a (13.6 mg, 0.063 mmol) in concentrated HCl (126 μL, 1.52 mmol) and methanol (0.65 mL) was placed in an ambient water bath. Zinc dust (167.4 mg, 1.30 mmol) was carefully added with vigorous stirring over 1 minute, and the mixture was stirred for 10 minutes. The reaction was then quenched with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 5 mL). The combined extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>,

concentrated and purified by flash chromatography (dichloromethane to 10% methanol in dichloromethane) to afford the product as a clear, colorless oil (6.6 mg, 56% yield).  $^{1}$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43-7.19 (m, 5H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 3.53 (t, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.85-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.50 (dd, J = 1.5, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.26-2.17 (m, 1H), 1.69 (br s, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H).

#### (S)-2-Methoxy-N-((1S,2R)-2-methyl-4-methylene-2-phenylcyclopentyl)-2-

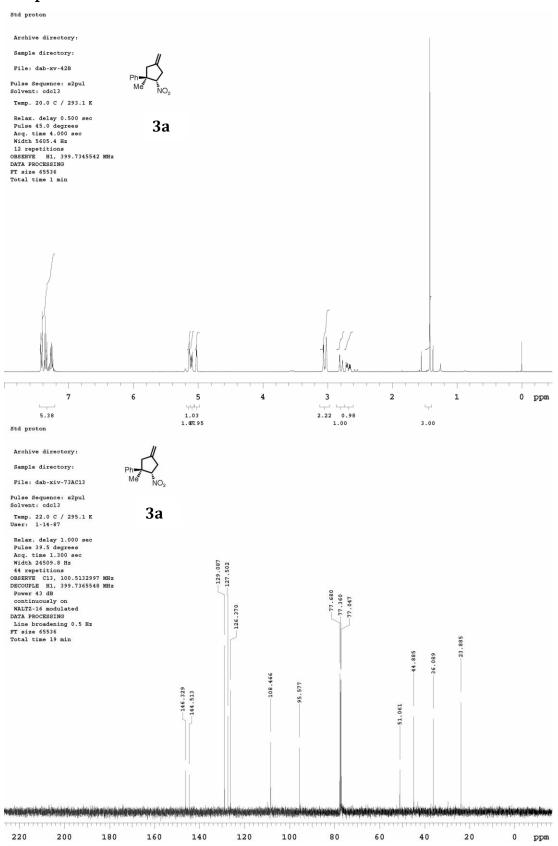
**phenylacetamide** (31): To a solution of aminocyclopentane 30 (3.4 mg, 0.018 mmol) in dichloromethane (300 μL) was added (*S*)-*O*-methylmandelic acid (3.3 mg, 0.020 mmol) followed by N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (4.5 mg, 0.022 mmol). The mixture was stirred under nitrogen for 1 hour, filtered, washed with dichloromethane and concentrated. Purified by flash chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to yield the product as a clear, colorless oil (5.0 mg, 83% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.43-7.21 (m, 9H observed), 6.90 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.75 (q, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.38 (s, 3H).  $R_f$  0.41 (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

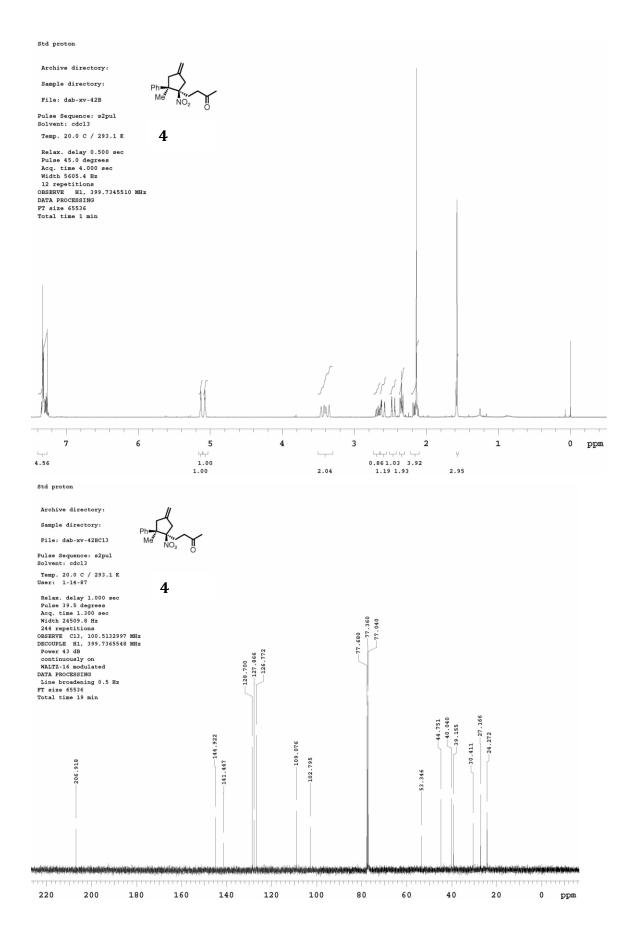
# (S)-2-Methoxy-N-((1S,2R)-2-methyl-4-methylene-2-phenylcyclopentyl)-2-

**phenylacetamide** (32): To a solution of aminocyclopentane 30 (3.2 mg, 0.017 mmol) in dichloromethane (300  $\mu$ L) was added (*R*)-*O*-methylmandelic acid (3.1 mg, 0.019 mmol) followed by *N*,*N*'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (4.3 mg, 0.021 mmol). The mixture was

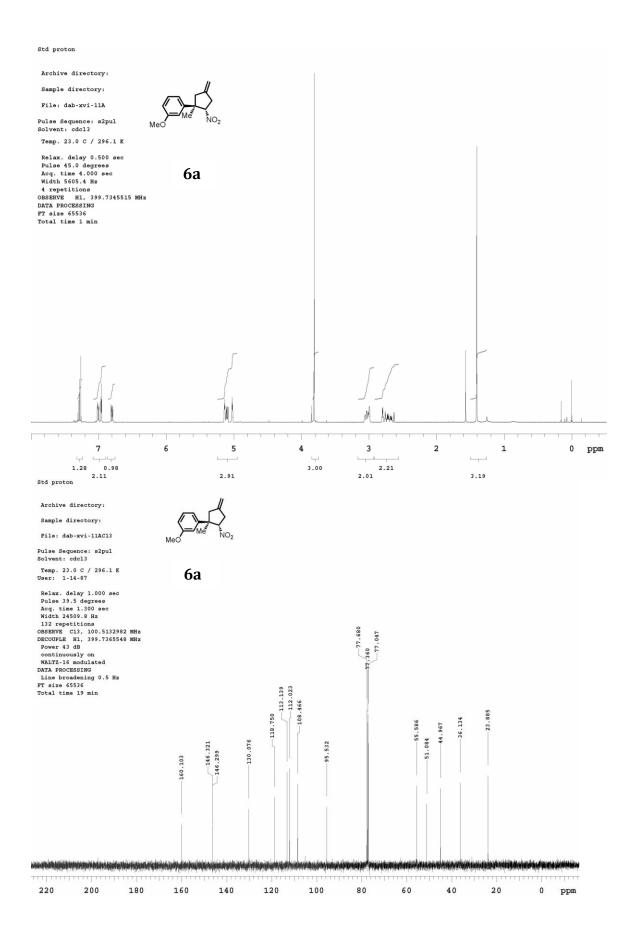
stirred under nitrogen for 1 hour, filtered, washed with dichloromethane and concentrated. Purified by flash chromatography (15 to 20% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to yield the product as a clear, colorless oil (4.7 mg, 78% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33-7.12 (m, 8H observed), 6.90 (bd, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.69 (q, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.90 (dd, J = 8.3, 16.7 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 16.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dq, J = 1.6, 16.1 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (ddq, J = 2.3, 7.7, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H).  $R_f$  0.33 (30% ethyl acetate in hexanes).

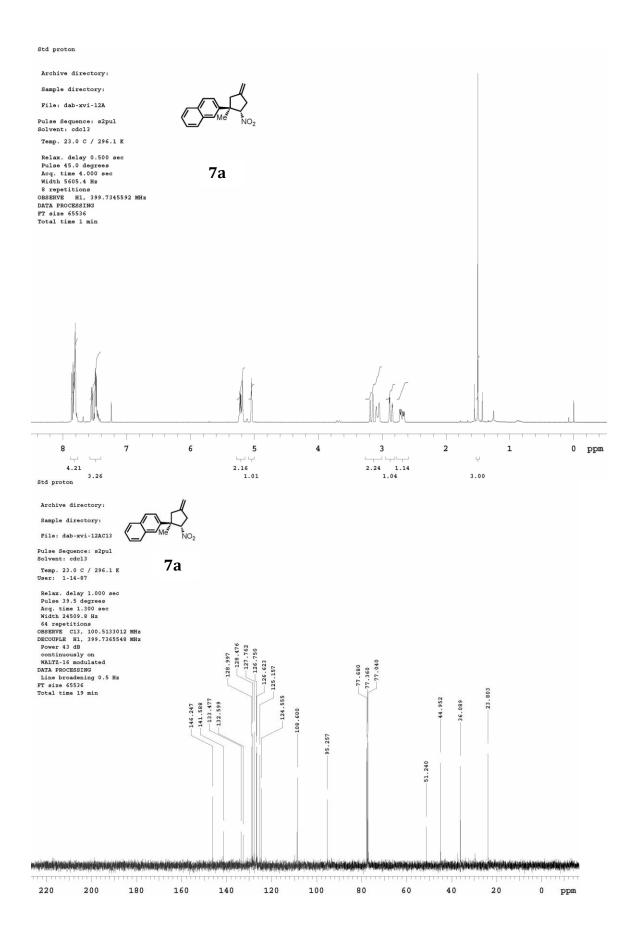
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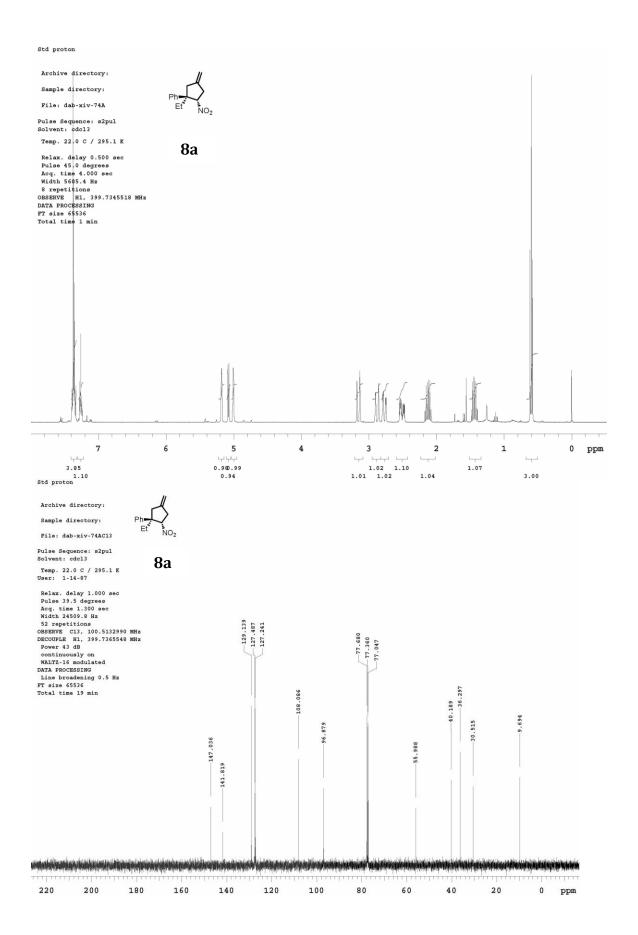


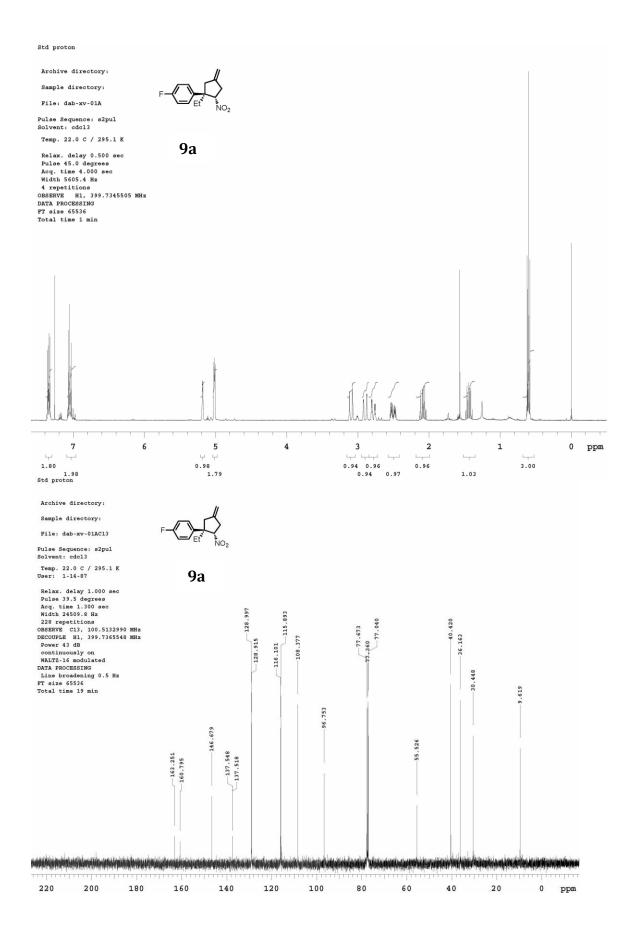


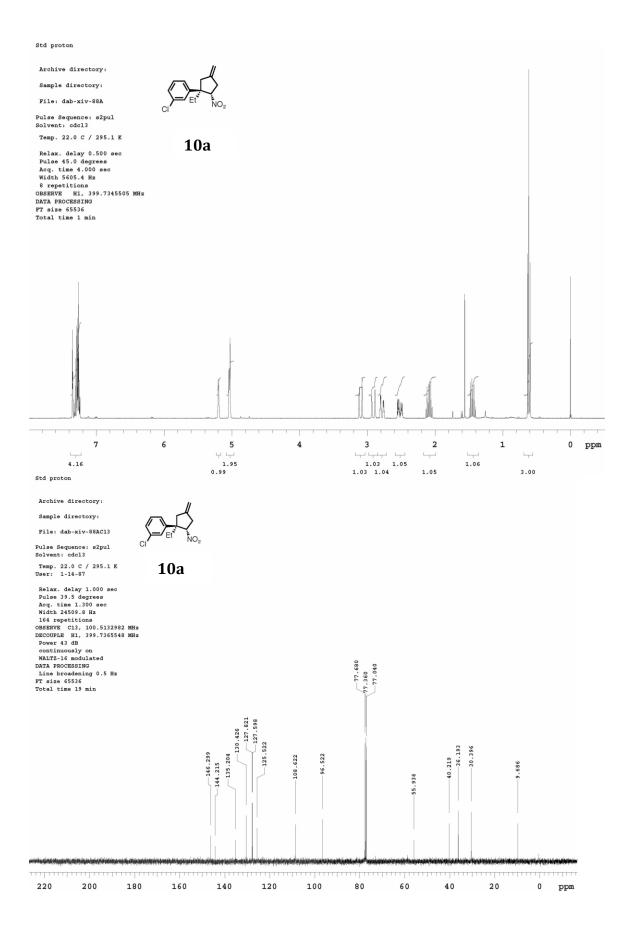


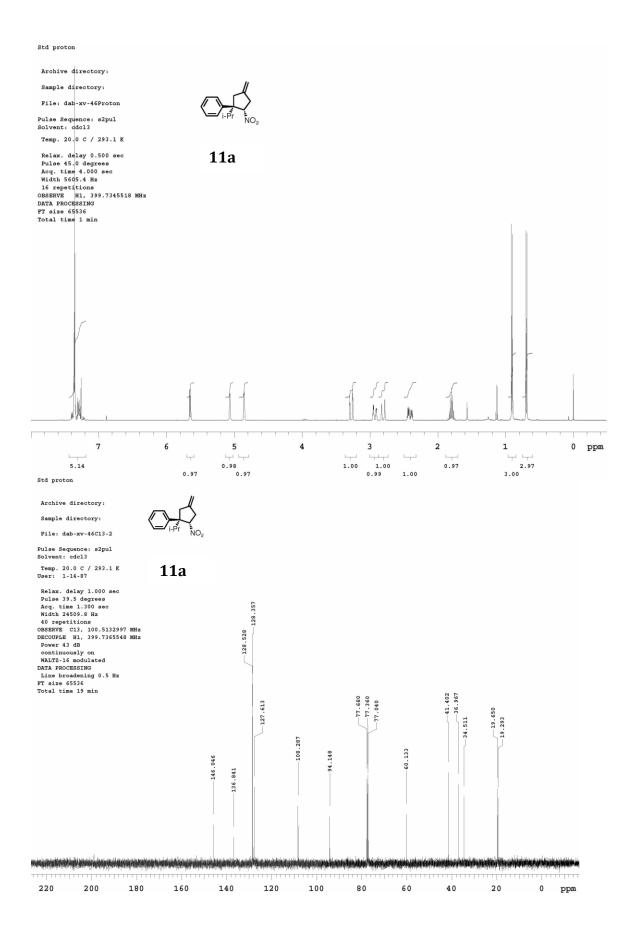


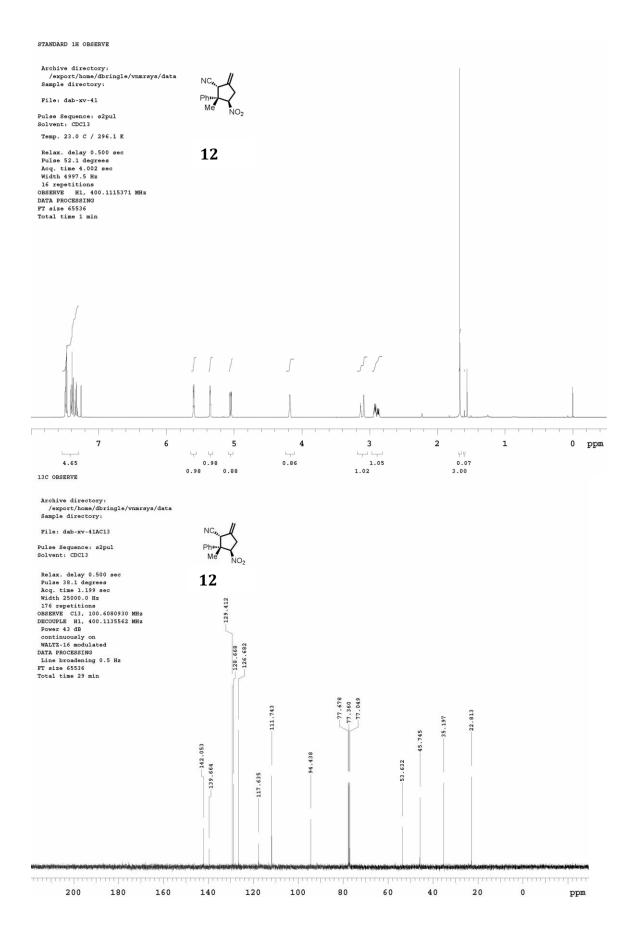


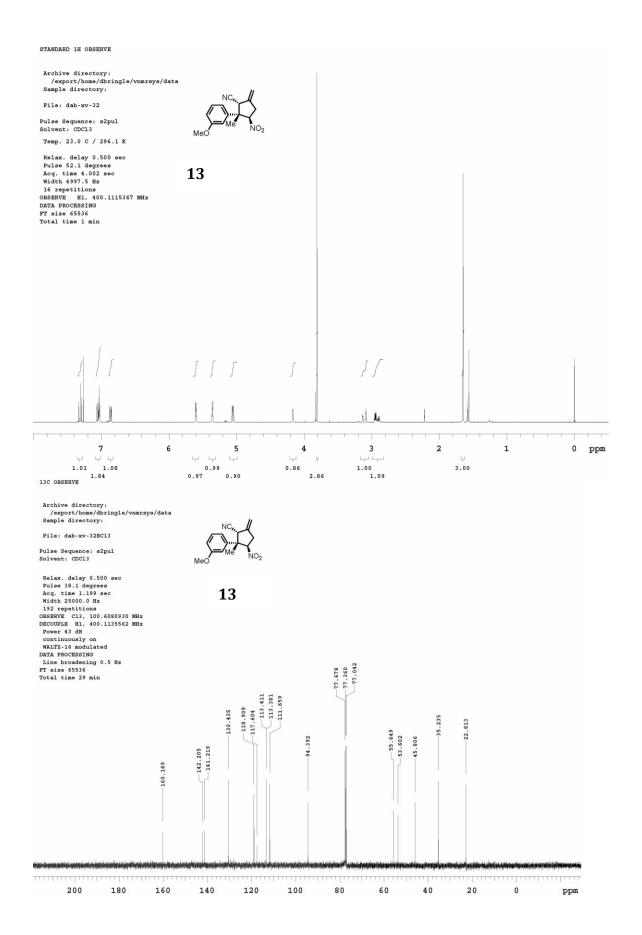


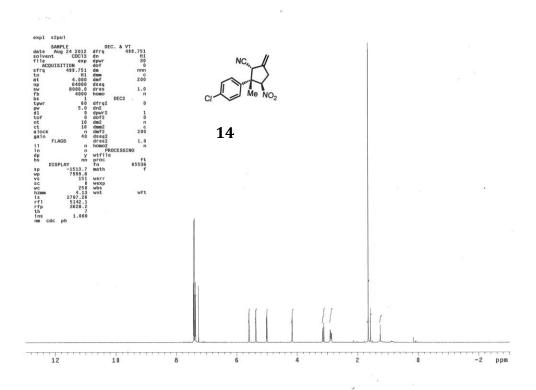


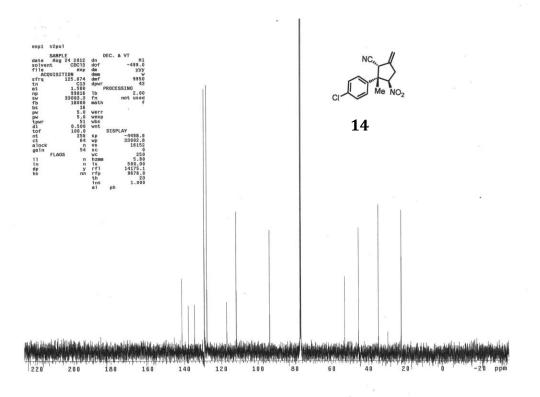


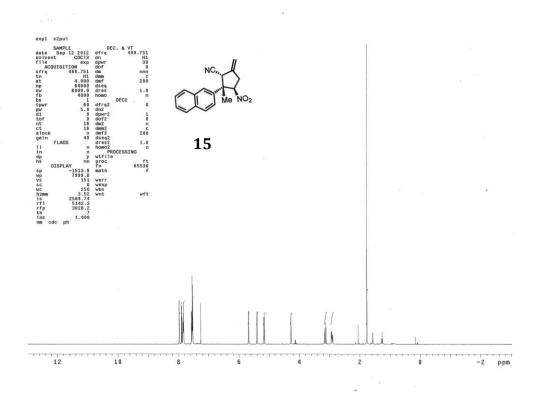


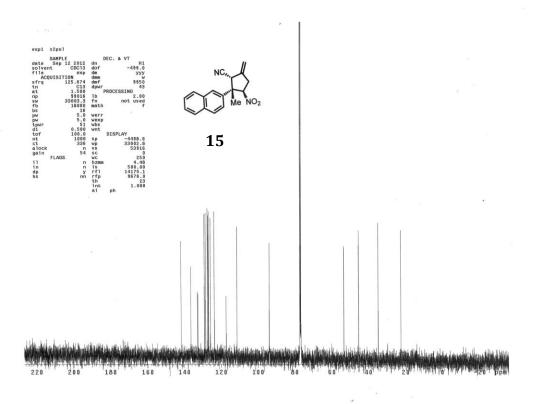


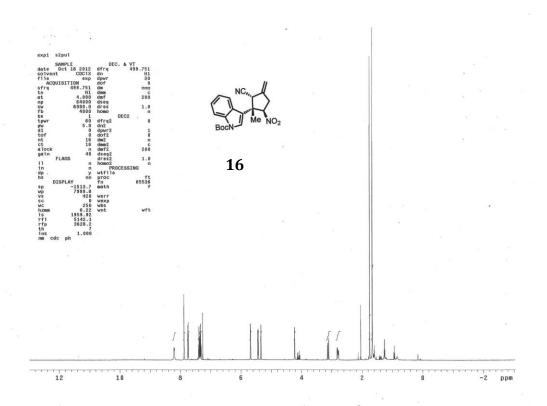


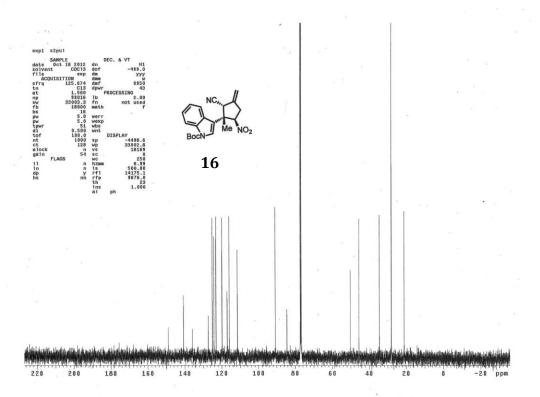


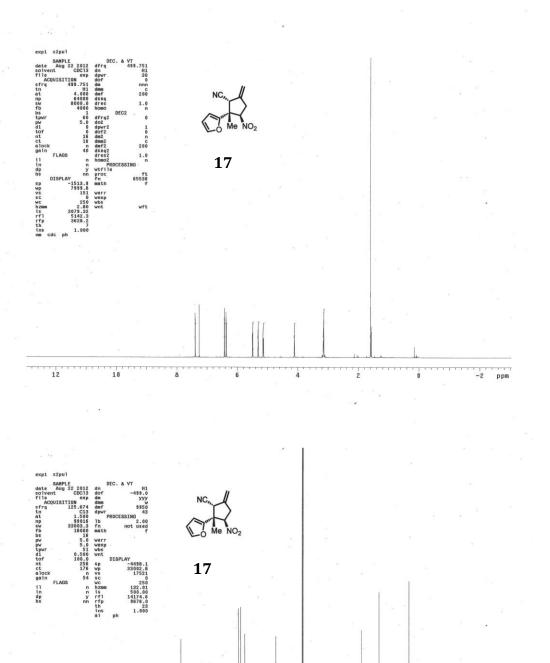




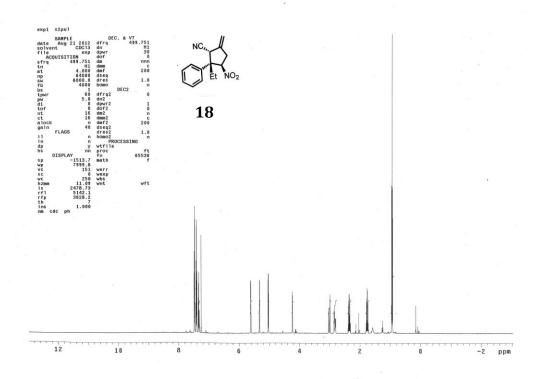


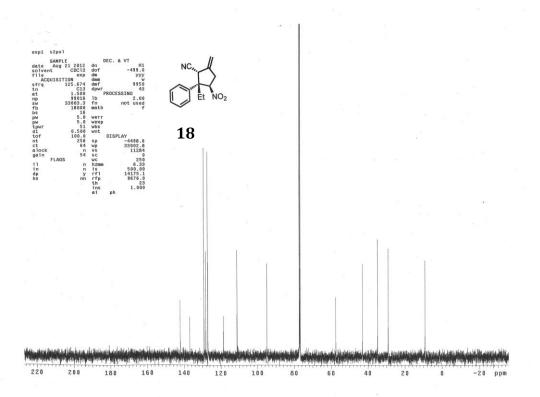


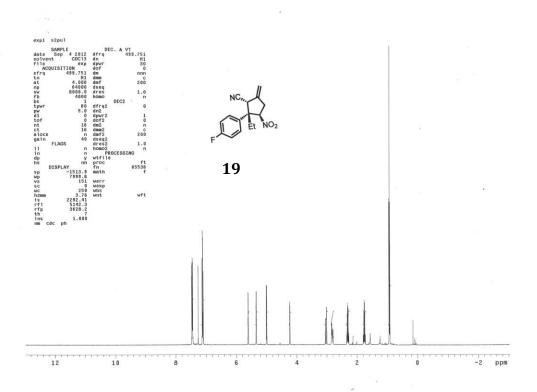


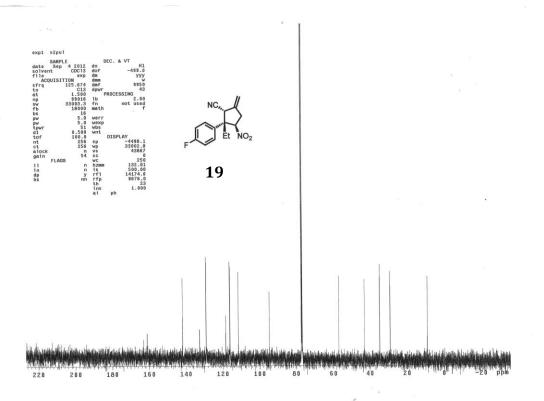


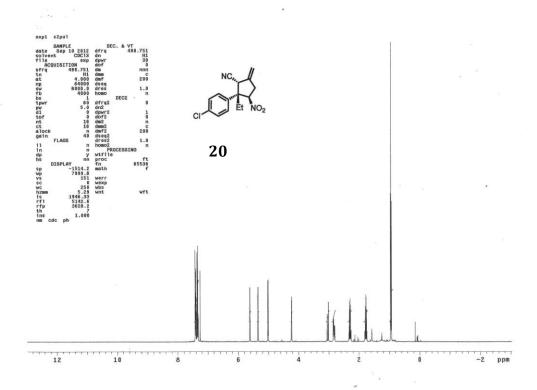
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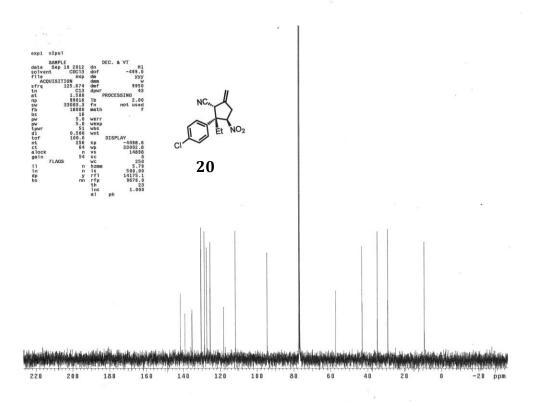


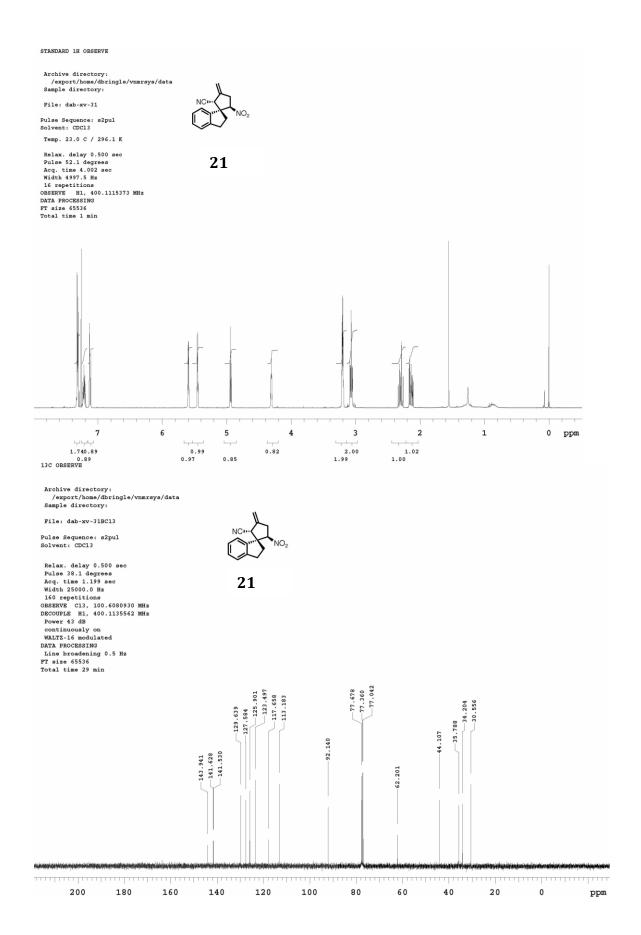


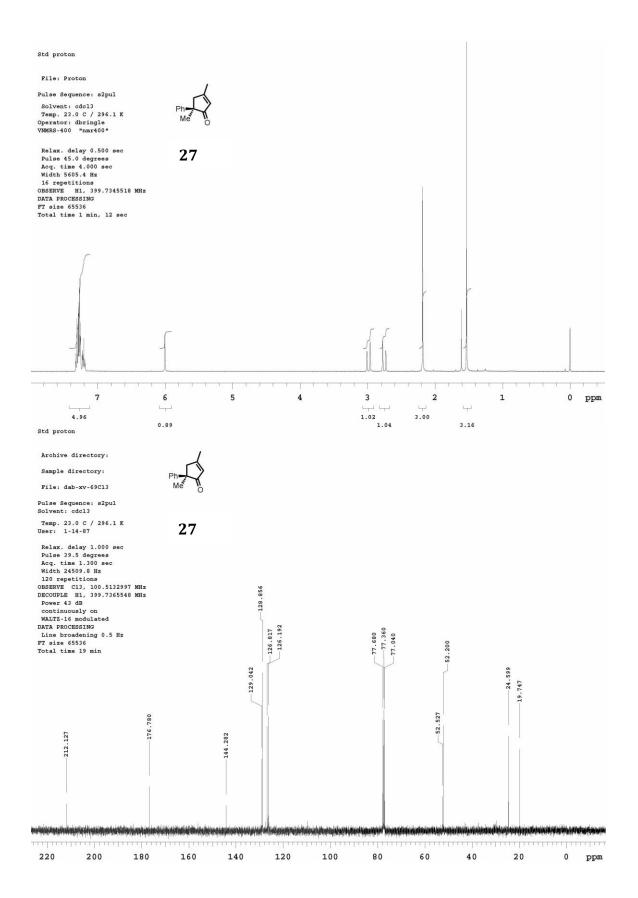


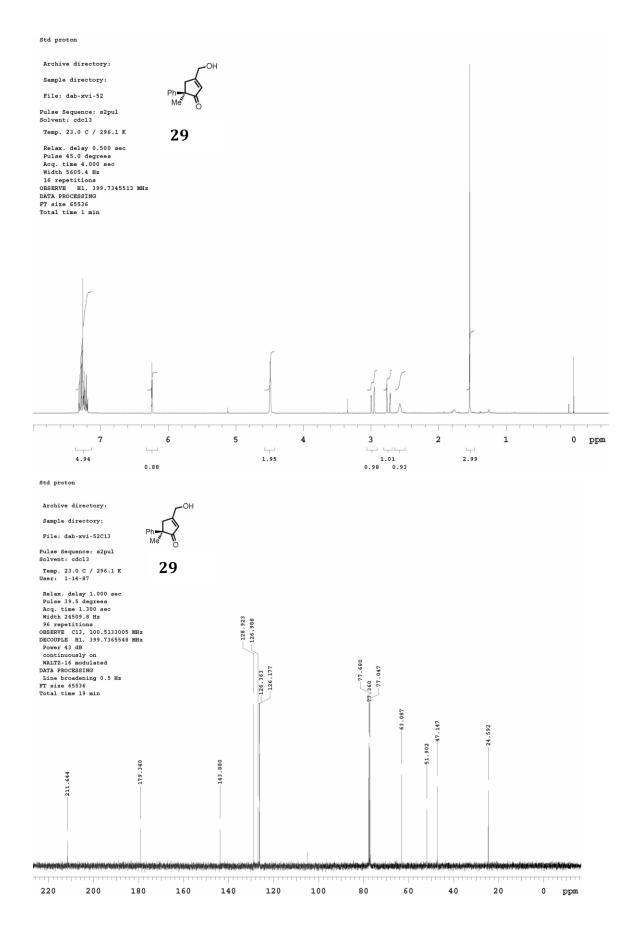












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