#### **Supporting Information**

#### Stereoselective Synthesis of Spirooxindole Amides through Nitrile Hydrozirconation

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#### **General Experimental:**

Proton (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 300 spectrometer at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer at 400 MHz and 100 MHz, a Bruker Avance 500 spectrometer at 500 MHz, a Bruker Avance 600 spectrometer at 600 MHz if specified. The chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) on the delta ( $\delta$ ) scale. The solvent peak was used as a reference value, for <sup>1</sup>H NMR:  $CDCl_3 = 7.27$  ppm, DMSO = 2.50, for <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $CDCl_3 = 77.23$ , DMSO = 39.52. Data are reported as follows: (s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; sept = septet; dd = doublet of doublets; ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets; dddd = doublet of doublet of doublet; td = triplet of doublets; dtd = doublet of triplet of doublets; br = broad). High resolution and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a VG 7070 spectrometer. Infrared (IR) spectra were collected on a Mattson Cygnus 100 spectrometer. Samples for IR were prepared as a thin film on a NaCl plate by dissolving the compound in  $CH_2Cl_2$  and then evaporating the  $CH_2Cl_2$ . Tetrahydrofuran and diethyl ether were distilled from sodium and benzophenone. Methylene chloride was distilled under N<sub>2</sub> from CaH<sub>2</sub>. All acid chlorides were freshly distilled prior to use. Analytical TLC was performed on E. Merck pre-coated (25 mm) silica gel 60F-254 plates. Visualization was done under UV (254 nm). Flash chromatography was done using ICN SiliTech 32-63 60 Å silica gel. Reagent grade ethyl acetate, diethyl ether, toluene and hexanes (commercial mixture) were purchased from EM Science and used as is for chromatography. All reactions were performed in oven or flame-dried glassware under argon with magnetic stirring unless otherwise noted. All the reactions that use the Schwartz reagent were performed under argon unless otherwise specified. All products in this manuscript are racemic mixtures but are drawn and named as single enantiomers to indicate their relative stereochemistry.

#### 2-(Benzyloxy)oct-7-enenitrile (5)

To a solution of 6-heptenal (4) (168 mg, 1.5 mmol) and BnOTMS (649 ÒΒn mg, 3.6 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mL) under argon was added BiBr<sub>3</sub> (34 mg, 0.075 mmol). The suspension was stirred overnight, and then TMSCN (394 mL, 3.1 mmol) and BiBr<sub>3</sub> (32 mg, 0.075 mmol) were added. The suspension was stirred for another 4 h then was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x), and the combined organic layer was washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated at reduced pressure, and purified by flash chromatography (5% to 10% EtOAc in hexane) to give 5 as a colorless oil (277 mg, 81%).<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38-7.35 (m, 5H), 5.79 (ddt, 1H, J = 6.6, 10.2, 17.1 Hz), 5.02 (d, 1H, J = 17.1 Hz), 4.97 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 4.86 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.53 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.16 (t, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.05 (q, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.91-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.46-1.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 138.4, 136.1, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 118.4, 115.0, 72.3, 67.7, 33.5, 33.4, 28.3, 24.3; IR (neat) 3068, 3033, 2930, 2864, 1640, 1456, 1100, 913, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO [M]<sup>+</sup> 229.1467, found 229.1460.

#### 5-(1-Benzyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-(benzyloxy)pentanenitrile (6)



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To a solution of 5 (1.90 g, 8.3 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (84 mL) was treated with O<sub>3</sub> at -78 °C until the blue color persisted. PPh<sub>3</sub> (8.7 g, 33.1 mmol) was then added and the solution was allowed to warm to rt. After stirring for 1 hour, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (5% to

40% EtOAc in hexane) to give the aldehyde as colorless oil (1.48 g, 78%). To a solution of the aldehyde (400 mg, 1.73 mmol) in HOAc (9 mL), was added 1-benzyl-1-phenylhydrazine hydrochloride (406 mg, 1.73 mmol). The solution was stirred at 100 °C for 1 h under N<sub>2</sub>. The solution was cooled to rt and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with EtOAc and washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (2x). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash chromatography (5% to 10% EtOAc in hexane) to give **6** as a slightly red oil (610 mg, 89%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.37-7.25 (m, 9H), 7.18 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.13-7.08 (m, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 2H), 4.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 4.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 4.17 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.80 (t, 2H, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 1.95-1.91 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.8, 136.8, 136.1, 128.9, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 128.1, 127.7, 126.9, 125.7, 121.9, 119.1, 118.5, 114.8, 109.8, 72.3, 67.7, 50.0, 33.3, 25.4, 24.5; IR (neat) 3030, 2926, 2866, 1466, 1454, 1331, 1101, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 394.2045, found 394.2043.



**5-(1-Benzyl-2-chloro-1***H***-indol-3-yl)-2-(benzyloxy)pentanenitrile (7)** To a solution of **6** (250 mg, 0.63 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5.3 mL) was added NCS (85 mg, 0.63 mmol) at room temperature under argon atmosphere. The solution was stirred for 1 h, and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (5% to 10% EtOAc in hexane) to give **7** as slightly

yellow oil (217 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.37-7.33 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.17 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 7.08 (d,

2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 5.38 (s, 2H), 4.83 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.49 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.17 (t, 1H, J = 5.5 Hz), 2.84 (app s, 2H), 1.95-1.91 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  137.3, 136.1, 135.6, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 127.6, 126.9, 126.5, 123.6, 122.3, 120.2, 118.4, 118.4, 111.0, 109.9, 72.4, 67.6, 47.0, 33.0, 25.0, 23.5; IR (neat) 3060, 3031, 2928, 2865, 1456, 1334, 1102, 739, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OCl [M]<sup>+</sup> 428.1655, found 428.1647.



5-(1-Benzyl-2-((triisopropylsilyl)oxy)-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-2-(benzyloxy)pentanenitrile (8)

To a solution of **6** (135 mg, 0.34 mmol) in AcOH/concentrated HCl (16.3 mL, 4:1) was added DMSO (468  $\mu$ L, 6.8 mmol) dropwise at room temperature. The solution was stirred for 1.5 hours, and then poured into saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc

(2x), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by chromatography (10% to 30% EtOAc in hexane) to give the oxindole as yellow oil (84 mg, 60%). To a solution of the oxindole (838 mg, 2.04 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (17 mL) under argon at 0 °C were added Et<sub>3</sub>N (566 µL, 4.08 mmol) and TIPSOTf (553 µL, 2.04 mmol). The ice bath was removed and the solution was stirred at rt for 1.5 h. The reaction was guenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2x), and then the combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The mixture was filtered and concentrated, then the resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (4% to 10% EtOAc in hexane with 0.5% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to give 8 as a slightly yellow oil (1.09 g, 95%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.38-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.24 (app d, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.20 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.06-6.98 (m, 5H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 4.80 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.46 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.15 (t, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 2.73 (t, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.99-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.27 (septet, 3H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.08 (d, 18H, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 145.2, 137.8, 136.1, 131.6, 128.6, 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 127.1, 126.3, 119.7, 119.4, 118.4, 117.5, 109.2, 93.1, 72.2, 67.8, 45.1, 33.5, 25.5, 23.2, 17.9, 13.8; IR (neat) 3061, 3031, 2946, 2867, 1620, 1578, 1469, 1414, 1339, 1008, 769, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 567.3407, found 567.3363.



a) PhNHNH<sub>2</sub>, HOAc, 105 °C, 61%. b) NCS, CCl<sub>4</sub>. c) NaH, THF, then MOMCl, 63% (two steps).

Scheme 1. Synthesis of *N*-methoxymethyl indole substrate.



# $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{2-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2-chloro-1-(methoxymethyl)-1H-indol-3-}\\ \textbf{yl)pentanenitrile (16)}\\ {}^{1}\text{H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) } \delta 7.49 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz}), 7.43 (d, 2H, J = 8.0 \text{ Hz$

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.49 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.43 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.36-7.35 (m, 4H), 7.24 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.17 (t, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.52 (s, 2H), 4.83 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.50 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.17 (t, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.80 (t, 2H, J = 6.0 Hz), 1.92-1.88

(m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.0, 135.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 127.1, 123.3, 122.7, 120.8, 118.4, 118.3, 112.0, 109.9, 73.9, 72.3, 67.5, 56.1, 32.9, 24.8, 23.3; IR (neat) 3032, 2935, 2360, 2340, 1455, 1322, 1099, 742, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl [M]<sup>+</sup> 382.1448, found 382.1449.



**Reagents and conditions** 

a) *m*-ClPhNHNH<sub>2</sub>·HCl, HOAc, reflux, 45%, 5:4 mixture of products. b) NCS, CCl<sub>4</sub>. c) NaH, THF, then MOMCl, 43% for **21**, 47% for **23** (two steps).

Scheme 2. Preparation of chloroindole substrates.



#### 2-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2,6-dichloro-1-(methoxymethyl)-1H-indol-3yl)pentanenitrile (21)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.43 (d, 1H, J = 1.5 Hz), 7.40-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.13 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 8.4 Hz), 5.47 (s, 2H), 4.83 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.50 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.16 (t, 1H, J = 5.7 Hz), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.77 (t, 2H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.89-1.88 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

δ 136.2, 136.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 125.7, 123.9, 121.6, 119.4, 118.3, 112.2, 110.2, 74.1, 72.4, 67.5, 56.2, 33.0, 24.8, 23.4; IR (neat) 3064, 3032, 2935, 2868, 1465, 1394, 1334, 1099, 913, 807, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 439.0956, found 439.0959.



# 2-(Benzyloxy)-5-(2,4-dichloro-1-(methoxymethyl)-1H-indol-3yl)pentanenitrile (23)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.14 (app d, 1H, J = 1.5 Hz), 7.13 (app s, 1H), 5.51 (s, 2H), 4.84 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.52 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.20 (t, 1H, J = 6.3 Hz), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.02 (t, 2H, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.03-1.87 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 

137.2, 136.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.3, 125.6, 125.0, 123.9, 123.1, 122.0, 118.4, 112.4, 108.7, 74.2, 72.3, 67.7, 56.1, 32.9, 26.5, 24.0; IR (neat) 3062, 3031, 2939, 2867, 1457, 1430, 1323, 1187, 1102, 914, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 416.1058, found 416.1054.



#### *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (11)

To a solution of 7 (98 mg, 0.23 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.3 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (74 mg, 0.29 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Hydrocinnamoyl chloride (43 µL, 0.29 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The mixture was

quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give product as two diastereomers (103 mg, 83%, 7.3:1). The faster eluting product **11** was the major diastereomer and was isolated as a white solid (mp 138.7 °C-140.8 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.39 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.32-7.06 (m, 15H), 6.90 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.70 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 4.92 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.86 (d, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.79 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.62 (t, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.45 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.24 (dt, 1H, J = 4.5, 10.8 Hz), 2.58-2.37 (m, 3H), 2.19 (qt, 1H, J = 3.9, 13.2 Hz), 2.07-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.78 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.53 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.7, 171.9, 142.0, 141.1, 139.2, 136.3, 131.8, 129.0, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.4, 126.1, 123.9, 123.3, 108.6, 76.3, 90.9, 55.4, 54.4, 43.6, 38.1, 35.2, 31.3, 31.0, 19.0; IR (neat) 3323, 3060, 3029, 2931, 2864, 1699, 1655, 1611, 1543, 1492, 1366, 1027, 1100, 1028, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 567.2624, found 567.2648.



The slower eluting product was repurified by preparative TLC (10% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give minor diastereomer **12** as a white solid (mp 171.2 °C-175.0 °C):. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.60 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.29-7.19 (m, 13H), 7.14-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.08-7.03 (m, 3H), 6.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 6.86 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 4.97 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 4.47

(t, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz), 4.45 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 3.84 (dt, 1H, J = 4.4, 10.8 Hz), 2.55 (t, 2H, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.36 (app d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 2.21-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.94-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.81-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.42 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  177.2, 171.2, 142.9, 141.4, 139.3, 136.6, 130.0, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 125.9, 125.7, 121.9, 108.9, 77.4, 70.6, 54.8, 54.0, 42.6, 36.9, 33.7, 31.1, 30.9, 19.7; IR (neat) 3272, 3061, 3028, 2925, 2854, 1712, 1650, 1609, 1546, 1464, 1363 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 567.2624, found 567.2604.



## *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)isobutyramide (13)

To a solution of 7 (104 mg, 0.24 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.4 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (78 mg, 0.30 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for

15 min. Isobutyryl chloride (31 µL, 0.30 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give product as two diastereomers (100 mg, 87%, 3.6:1). The faster eluting product was the major diatereomer 13 and was isolated as a pale yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.30-7.27 (m, 10H), 7.13 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.05 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.70 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.98 (d, 1H, J = 15.5 Hz), 4.83 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz), 4.78 (d, 1H, J = 15.5 Hz), 4.70 (d, 1H, J = 15.5 12.0 Hz), 4.60 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.49 (t, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.28 (dt, 1H, J = 4.0, 10.5 Hz), 2.40 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 2.23 (app q, 1H, J = 13.5 Hz), 1.90 (t, 1H, J = 13.5 Hz), 1.81 (app d, 1H, J = 13.5 Hz), 1.74-1.70 (m, 2H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 1H), 0.78 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.42 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.8, 176.5, 142.0, 139.2, 136.4, 131.6, 129.0, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 124.0, 123.3, 108.4, 76.2, 71.0, 55.0, 54.6, 43.7, 35.9, 34.9, 31.2, 19.6, 19.1, 18.9; IR (neat) 3337, 3060, 3030, 2867, 1694, 1611, 1491, 1466, 1365, 1208, 1173, 1098, 740, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for  $C_{31}H_{34}N_2O_3$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 482.2569, found 482.2569.



The slower eluting product was minor diastereomer **25** and was isolated as a white solid (mp 158.1 °C-161.2 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.59 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.27-7.22 (m, 11H), 7.07 (t, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.84 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.70 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 4.86 (d, 1H, J = 15.9 Hz), 4.78 (d, 1H, J = 15.9 Hz), 4.62 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz),

4.47 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.40 (t, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 3.86 (dt, 1H, J = 4.5, 10.5 Hz), 2.37 (app d, 1H, J = 14.1 Hz), 2.12 (quintet, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.90-1.76 (m, 3H), 1.47-1.41 (m, 2H), 0.74 (d, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 0.70 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  177.2, 175.6, 143.0, 139.2, 136.4, 130.0, 128.5, 127.9, 127.2, 127.0, 126.9, 125.9, 121.8, 108.8, 77.1, 70.5, 54.4, 54.1, 42.7, 33.8, 33.5, 31.0, 19.8, 19.6, 18.9; IR (neat) 3345, 3060, 3032, 2934, 2870, 1712, 1678, 1609, 1489, 1463, 1364, 1209, 1105, 743, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 482.2569, found 482.2579.



# *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-2-methoxyacetamide (14)

To a solution of 7 (118 mg, 0.28 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.8 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (89 mg, 0.34 mmol). The reaction mixture was

stirred for 15 min. Methoxyacetyl chloride (31 µL, 0.34 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Methoxyacetyl chloride (31 µL, 0.34 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give product as two diastereomers (61 mg, 46%, 9.1:1). The faster eluting product was major diastereomer **14** and was isolated as a white solid (mp 121.0 °C-123.8 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.38 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.34-7.25 (m, 10H), 7.11 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.05 (d, 1H, J = 7.2

Hz), 6.61 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.22 (d, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz), 4.99 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.83 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.72 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.64 (t, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz), 4.52 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.31 (dt, 1H, J = 4.4, 10.8 Hz), 3.61 (d, 1H, J = 15.2 Hz), 3.49 (d, 1H, J = 15.2 Hz), 3.07 (s, 3H), 2.42 (d, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz), 2.23 (qt, 1H, J = 3.6, 13.6 Hz), 1.91 (app dt, 1H, J = 4.0, 14.0 Hz), 1.84-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.71 (app dquint, 1H, J = 3.2, 13.6 Hz), 1.60-1.54 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.3, 169.5, 141.9, 139.0, 135.8, 131.6, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 123.5, 123.1, 108.6, 71.6, 71.2, 58.8, 54.8, 54.2, 43.6, 35.5, 30.9, 18.8; IR (neat) 3063, 3032, 2931, 1695, 1613, 1519, 1366, 1204, 1110, 1027, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 507.2260, found 507.2279.



The slower eluting *syn*-diastereomer was repurified by preparative TLC (10% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.33-7.24 (m, 10H), 7.16 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 6.97 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.70 (d, 1H, *J* =

7.6 Hz), 5.01 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.80 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.60 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 10.0 Hz), 4.57 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.44 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.05 (quintet, 1H, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.89 (d, 1H, J = 14.8 Hz), 3.82 (d, 1H, J = 14.8 Hz), 2.18-2.12 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.63 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.8, 169.9, 142.6, 138.4, 136.1, 132.3, 129.0, 128.5, 128.1, 127.8, 127.7, 127.4, 124.9, 122.1, 109.5, 73.6, 72.2, 70.5, 59.5, 51.3, 49.4, 44.1, 29.9, 27.3, 19.0; IR (neat) 3061, 2938, 1711, 1681, 1610, 1465, 1360, 1110, 1026, 918 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 507.2260, found 507.2239.



# *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)acrylamide (15)

To a solution of 7 (109 mg, 0.25 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.5 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (82 mg, 0.32 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for

15 min. Acryloyl chloride (26 µL, 0.32 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give product as two diastereomers (62 mg, 53%, 20:1). The faster eluting product was major diastereomer 15 and was isolated as a white solid (mp 157.0 °C-161.2 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.32-7.21 (m, 10H), 7.13 (dt, 1H, J = 3.6, 7.6 Hz), 7.07 (dt, 1H, J = 3.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.67 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 5.95 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 16.8 Hz), 5.60 (dd, 1H, J = 10.4, 17.2 Hz), 5.43 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 7.6 Hz), 4.99-4.95 (m, 2H), 4.80 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.67 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.25 (dt, 1H, J = 4.8, 10.4 Hz), 2.41 (app d, 1H, J = 3.2, 12.8 Hz), 2.18 (qt, 1H, J = 4.0, 13.6 Hz), 1.90 (dt, 1H, J = 4.0, 14.0 Hz), 1.81 (app d, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz), 1.72 (app dt, 1H, J = 3.2, 13.6 Hz), 1.65-1.55 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 178.7, 165.4, 142.0, 139.1, 136.2, 131.8, 130.8, 129.1, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.8, 127.2, 126.4, 123.8, 123.5, 108.7, 76.6, 91.0, 55.4, 54.4, 43.5, 35.4, 30.9, 19.1; IR (neat) 3289, 3060, 3031, 2930, 2863, 1701, 1611, 1540, 1492, 1365, 1206, 986, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 489.2154, found 489.2176.



The slower eluting product was repurified by preparative TLC (10 % EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give minor diastereomer **27** as a white solid (mp 222.6 °C-226.9 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.32-7.17 (m, 12H), 7.07 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.78 (d, 1H, *J* =

8.0 Hz), 6.14 (dd, 1H, J = 9.6, 16.8 Hz), 6.01 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 16.8 Hz), 5.52 (dd, 1H, J = 2.4, 10.0 Hz), 5.08 (d, 1H, J = 16.0 Hz), 4.63-4.55 (m, 3H), 4.46 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 3.90 (dt, 1H, J = 4.0, 10.8 Hz), 2.38 (app d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 1.92-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.52-1.43 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  177.1, 164.6, 142.8, 139.2, 136.2, 132.0, 129.9, 128.5, 128.0, 128.0, 127.2, 127.1, 126.8, 126.0, 125.0, 121.9, 109.0, 77.3, 70.7, 55.0, 54.0, 42.5, 33.8, 31.1, 30.7, 19.7; IR (neat) 3245, 3061, 2934, 2856, 1709, 1658, 1610, 1551, 1465, 1361, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 489.2154, found 489.2141.



# *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-3-(Benzyloxy)-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (17)

To a solution of **16** (83 mg, 0.26 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.6 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (81 mg, 0.31 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Hydrocinnamoyl chloride (46  $\mu$ L, 0.31 mmol)

was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give product as two diastereomers (83 mg, 64%, 15:1). The faster eluting product was major diastereomer 17 and was isolated as a white solid (mp 163.0 °C-164.8 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.41 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.31-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.20-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.95-6.91 (m, 3H), 5.09 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 5.04 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 4.94 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.62 (t, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.44 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.19 (dt, 1H, J = 4.5, 10.2 Hz), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.55 (app dt, 1H, J = 3.0, 9.5 Hz), 2.38 (app d, 1H, J =17.4 Hz), 2.19-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.06-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.87 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 12.9 Hz), 1.80-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.55 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 179.4, 172.0, 141.1, 139.1, 131.3, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.7, 127.6, 124.0, 123.8, 109.0, 76.4, 71.2, 71.0, 56.3, 55.2, 55.0, 38.4, 35.7, 31.5, 30.9, 19.0; IR (neat) 3251, 3058, 2932, 2865, 1709, 1645, 1551,1492, 1362, 1088, 743 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na  $[M+Na]^+$  521.2416, found 521.2448.

MeOH<sub>2</sub>C-N HN OBn

The slower eluting product was isolated as a white solid (mp 193.1 °C-196.8 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.35 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.27-7.07 (m, 10H), 7.02 (app d, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 6.92 (d, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.62 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.45 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.40 (t, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 3.83 (dt, 1H, J = 3.9, 10.5 Hz), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.36

(app d, 1H, J = 12.3 Hz), 2.11-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.75 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.40 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  177.7, 171.2, 142.2, 141.4, 139.3, 129.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 125.9, 125.7, 122.3, 109.3, 77.2, 70.7, 70.6, 55.3, 54.8, 54.3, 36.9, 33.7, 31.1, 31.0, 19.6; IR (neat) 3260, 3061, 3025, 2935, 2855, 1723, 1648, 1549, 1465, 1357, 1082, 741 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 521.2416, found 521.2440.



# *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-3-(Benzyloxy)-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)isobutyramide (18)

To a solution of **16** (99 mg, 0.26 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.6 mL) was

added Cp<sub>2</sub>Zr(H)Cl (84 mg, 0.32 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Isobutyryl chloride (34 µL, 0.32 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give the product as two diastereomers (59 mg, 51%, 11.8:1). The faster eluting isomer was major product 18: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.38 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.37-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.22 (t, 1H, J =8.0 Hz), 7.12 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.92 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 5.12 (d, 1H, J = 10.5 Hz), 5.09 (d, 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 4.90 (d, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.60 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.48 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.22 (dt, 1H, J = 4.5, 10.5 Hz), 3.34 (s, 3H), 2.39 (d, 1H, J = 9.5 Hz), 2.15 (q, 1H, J = 13.5 Hz), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.79 (app d, 1H, J = 14.0Hz), 1.70 (app d, 1H, J = 14.0 Hz), 1.63-1.60 (m, 1H), 0.84 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.60 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.6, 176.7, 141.3, 139.2, 131.2, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 127.6, 124.2, 123.8, 108.9, 76.3, 71.4, 71.1, 56.6, 55.2, 54.9, 36.0, 35.3, 31.1, 19.9, 19.1, 19.0; IR (neat) 3333, 3059, 2931, 2869, 1710, 1667, 1523, 1490, 1467, 1361, 1089, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for  $C_{26}H_{32}N_2O_4$  [M]<sup>+</sup> 436.2362, found 436.2366.

MeOH<sub>2</sub>C-N HN OBn

Slower eluting minor product: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.60 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.34 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.29-7.22 (m, 5H), 7.13 (t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.07 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.68 (d, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.99 (s, 2H), 4.60 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.46 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.33 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 3.83 (dt, 1H, J = 5.0, 11.5 Hz),

3.14 (s, 3H), 2.35 (app d, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz), 2.09 (quintet, 1H, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.87-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.45-1.41 (m, 2H), 0.74 (d, 3H, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.67 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  177.8, 175.6, 142.3, 139.2, 129.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.2, 127.1, 125.9, 122.3, 109.1, 77.0, 70.7, 70.5, 55.6, 54.5, 54.3, 33.6, 33.5, 31.0, 19.7, 19.6, 18.9; IR (neat) 3322, 3060, 2936, 2871, 1723, 1659, 1527, 1465, 1358, 1241, 1095, 915, 742, 698 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 436.2362, found 436.2360.



#### *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-3-(Benzyloxy)-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)acrylamide (19)

To a solution of **16** (98 mg, 0.26 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.6 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (79 mg, 0.31 mmol). The reaction mixture was

stirred for 15 min at room temperature. Acryloyl chloride (26 µL, 0.32 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (13 mg, 0.026 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred for another 1.5 hours. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give product as two diastereomers (49 mg, 46%, 8.2:1). The faster eluting product was major diastereomer **19** and was isolated as a white solid (mp 126.5 °C-128.8 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.41 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.31-7.20 (m, 6H), 7.12 (t, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.93 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.01 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 5.70 (dd, 1H, J = 10.5, 17.1 Hz), 5.45 (d, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 5.10 (app s, 2H), 5.04 (d, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.67 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.22 (dt, 1H, J = 4.8, 10.8 Hz), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.40 (app d, 1H, J = 12.3 Hz), 2.11 (dt, 1H, J = 3.6, 13.2 Hz), 1.89 (dt, 1H, J = 3.6, 13.8 Hz), 1.81-1.52 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.4, 165.5, 141.0, 139.0, 131.0, 130.8, 128.5, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 126.4, 123.9, 109.1, 76.6, 71.3, 71.0, 56.4, 55.2, 54.9, 35.9, 30.9, 19.0; IR (neat) 3291, 3059, 2934, 2864, 1711, 1664, 1612, 1540, 1362, 1230, 1089, 914, 744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 443.1947, found 443.1939.



The slower eluting product was repurified by chromatography (10% to 25% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to provide the minor diastereomer: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.37 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.32-7.26 (m, 6H), 7.06 (app t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.18 (dd, 1H, J = 1.8, 17.1 Hz), 6.08 (d, 1H, J

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# N-((1S, 2R, 3R)-3-(Benzyloxy)-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-bromopropanamide (20)

To a solution of 16 (113 mg, 0.30 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mL) was Β̀r added Cp<sub>2</sub>Zr(H)Cl (95 mg, 0.37 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. 3-Bromopropionyl chloride (37 µL, 0.37 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 15 min, followed by addition of  $Sc(OTf)_3$  (15 mg, 0.03 mmol). The solution was stirred for another 30 min, then was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure the residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give the product as two diastereomers (80 mg, 54%, 6.7:1). The faster eluting product was the major diastereomer 20 and was isolated as a white solid (mp 169.8 °C-174.5 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.33 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.30-7.21 (m, 6H), 7.18 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.08 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.89 (d, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz), 5.06 (s, 2H), 5.01 (d, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.54 (t, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.44 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.18 (dt, 1H, J = 4.5, 10.5 Hz), 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.19 (t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.43-2.33 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.85 (dt, 1H, J = 3.6, 14.1 Hz), 1.77-1.46 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 179.1, 169.1, 141.0, 138.9, 130.9, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 123.7, 123.6, 109.0, 76.2, 71.1, 71.0, 56.3, 55.1, 54.7, 39.8, 35.5, 30.8, 26.9, 18.8; IR (neat) 3251, 3063, 2932, 1703, 1647, 1558, 1490, 1361, 1115, 1089 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>BrNa  $[M+Na]^+$  523.1208, found 523.1210.

The slower eluting product was repurified by preparative TLC (20% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to provide the minor diatereomer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.33-7.30 (m, 6H), 7.06 (app t, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 6.00 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 5.15 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.09 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 4.55 (dd, 1H, J = 4.2, 10.2 Hz), 4.52 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.46 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.00 (quintet, 1H, J = 4.2 Hz), 3.50 (t, 2H, J = 6.9 Hz), 3.33 (s, 3H), 2.76-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.68-1.61 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.5, 169.8, 141.6, 138.3, 131.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.9, 124.8, 122.8, 109.8, 73.6, 71.6, 70.7, 56.5, 51.6, 50.3, 39.9, 30.6, 27.5, 27.3, 18.5; IR (neat) 3340, 3059, 2939, 2876, 1720, 1655, 1611, 1541, 1466, 1349, 1245, 1086, 914, 746 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>BrNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 523.1208, found 523.1165.



*N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-3-(Benzyloxy)-4'-chloro-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (22) To a solution of 21 (82 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was added Cp<sub>2</sub>Zr(H)Cl (63 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Hydrocinnamoyl chloride (37  $\mu$ L, 0.25 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, and extracted with

EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc, then 5% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give product **22** as single diastereomer (38 mg, 36%, white solid, mp 159.8 °C-161.6 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.30-7.08 (m, 10H), 6.98 (app d, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 5.21 (t, 1H, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 5.06 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 5.00 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 4.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.15 (dt, 1H, *J* = 4.5, 11.1 Hz), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.72-2.60 (m, 3H), 2.37 (app d, 1H, *J* = 12.6 Hz), 2.21-1.97 (m, 3H), 1.75-1.54 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.4, 171.8, 142.8, 141.0, 138.9, 131.8, 129.5, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 126.6, 126.0, 125.3, 107.6, 76.5, 71.1, 70.7, 56.3, 56.2, 52.1, 38.2, 31.3, 30.4, 29.8, 18.5; IR (neat) 3295, 3061, 3028, 2935, 2864, 1715, 1657, 1607, 1456, 1361, 1092 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>CINa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 555.2027, found 555.2047.



#### *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-3-(Benzyloxy)-6'-chloro-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3phenylpropanamide (24)

To a solution of **23** (95 mg, 0.23 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.3 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (73 mg, 0.28 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Hydrocinnamoyl chloride (42  $\mu$ L, 0.28

mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred overnight at rt. The reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexane to 100% EtOAc) to give **24** as single diastereomer (61 mg, 50%, white solid, mp 193.0 °C-195.2 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.35-7.11 (m, 10H), 6.95-6.93 (m, 3H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 4.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.6

Hz), 4.68 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.58 (d, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 4.40 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.17 (dt, 1H, J = 4.5, 10.5 Hz), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.66-2.60 (m, 2H), 2.37 (app d, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 2.23-1.99 (m, 3H), 1.85 (dt, 1H, J = 3.9, 13.8 Hz), 1.77-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.49 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.1, 172.1, 142.1, 140.9, 139.0, 134.0, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.7, 126.2, 125.1, 123.6, 109.9, 76.2, 71.2, 70.9, 56.3, 54.9, 54.8, 38.2, 35.6, 31.3, 30.8, 18.9; IR (neat) 3249, 3057, 3028, 2935, 2869, 2362, 1707, 1647, 1610, 1549, 1448, 1094 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>ClNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 555.2027, found 555.2028.



#### *N*-((1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)isobutyramide (25)

To a solution of **8** (120 mg, 0.21 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.1 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (68 mg, 0.26 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for

15 min. Isobutyryl chloride (27  $\mu$ L, 0.26 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min, followed by addition of Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (103 mg, 0.21 mmol). After stirring overnight the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 100%) to give the product as four diastereomers (69 mg, 68%). The fastest eluting product was a mixture of two inseparable diastereomers (12 mg, 1:0.72). By comparison to the available spectrum, they are **13** and its epimer at the benzyloxy position. The second fastest eluting product was repurified by preparative TLC (35%



EtOAc in hexane) to yield the minor diastereomer (10 mg): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.38-7.21 (m, 10H), 7.15 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.88 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.71 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 5.23 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 4.96 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.79 (d, 1H, J

= 15.6 Hz), 4.74 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.70 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 10.0 Hz), 4.37 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 3.97-3.95 (m, 1H), 2.29 (app dt, 1H, J = 3.2, 14.4 Hz), 2.10-1.95 (m, 3H), 1.77-1.63 (m, 3H), 0.85 (d, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.81 (d, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.4, 175.7, 143.5, 138.4, 136.3, 130.0, 128.9, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 128.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.6, 122.0, 108.9, 76.0, 72.0, 53.3, 51.4, 44.2, 35.5, 34.3, 27.6, 19.5, 19.4, 15.9; IR (neat) 3349, 3060, 3031, 2929, 2869, 1715, 1678, 1609, 1494, 1466, 1364, 1207, 1089, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M]<sup>+</sup> 482.2569, found 482.2567. The third eluting product **25** was the major diastereomer (47 mg, 46%). All spectral data for this compound were identical to the minor product from the cyclization of **7**.



#### *N*-((1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-2-methoxyacetamide (26)

To a solution of **8** (114 mg, 0.20 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.0 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (65 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was

stirred for 15 min. Methoxyacetyl chloride (23  $\mu$ L, 0.25 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min, followed by addition of Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (96 mg, 0.20 mmol). After stirring overnight, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 100% EtOAc) to give product as four

diastereomers (65 mg, 67%). The fastest eluting product was minor diastereomer 14 (3 mg). The second fastest eluting product was the minor diastereomer (2 mg) which was the epimer of 14 at the benzyloxyl position as shown before. The last eluting fraction was a mixture of two inseparable diastereomers (60 mg, 1:2.1), which were repurified by preparative TLC (10% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) for characterization purpose, and give the third eluting product as the minor diastereomer, <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, 1H, *J* =



7.2 Hz), 7.34-7.23 (m, 10H), 7.15 (t, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.87 (t, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.72 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.45 (d, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 5.10 (d, 1H, J = 15.0 Hz), 4.75 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 10.2 Hz), 4.73 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.42 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.68 (d, 1H, J = 15.0 Hz), 3.49 (d, 1H, J = 15.0 Hz), 2.28 (app d, 1H, J = 13.8 Hz),

2.10-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.74 (app t, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 1.68 (app d, 2H, J = 11.9 Hz). The slow eluting product was the major diastereomer **26** and was isolated as a white solid (mp 164.2 °C-165.8 °C): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.31-7.28 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.22 (m, 6H), 7.06 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.92 (d, 1H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.11 (d, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 5.00 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.70 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.64 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.45 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.43 (t, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 3.86 (dt, 1H, J = 4.2, 10.8 Hz), 3.57 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 3.43 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 2.81 (s, 3H), 2.41 (app d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 1.93-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.51-1.44 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  177.1, 168.2, 142.9, 139.1, 136.4, 129.4, 128.5, 128.4, 128.0, 127.3, 127.2, 127.1, 125.6, 122.0, 109.2, 77.2, 71.1, 70.2, 58.2, 54.1, 53.8, 42.7, 33.5, 30.7, 19.6; IR (neat) 3271, 3060, 3031, 2929, 2853, 1714, 1608, 1521, 1464, 1364, 1113, 1070, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 507.2260, found 507.2251.



# *N*-((1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)acrylamide (27)

To a solution of **8** (105 mg, 0.19 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.9 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (60 mg, 0.23 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for

15 min. Acryloyl chloride (19  $\mu$ L, 0.23 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min, followed by addition of Sc(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (93 mg, 0.20 mmol). After stirring overnight, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 100% EtOAc) to give product as four diastereomers (33 mg, 38%). The fastest eluting product **15** was the minor diastereomer (1 mg). The second fastest eluting product **27** was the major diastereomer (26 mg). This product showed identical spectral data to the minor product from the cyclization of **7**.



#### *N*-((1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (12)

To a solution of **8** (113 mg, 0.20 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.0 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (65 mg, 0.25 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. Hydrocinnamoyl chloride (37 µL, 0.25 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min, followed by

addition of  $Sc(OTf)_3$  (98 mg, 0.20 mmol). After stirring overnight, the reaction was

quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% to 100% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give product as four diastereomers (72 mg, 66%). The fastest eluting product was a mixture of two inseparable diastereomers (13 mg, 1:1). By comparing with the available spectra, they are **11** and its epimer at the benzyloxy position.



The second fastest eluting product was *syn*-diastereomer **28** (8 mg), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.35-7.12 (m, 14H), 7.03 (app d, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 6.87 (dt, 1H, J = 3.6, 7.6 Hz), 6.71 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.16 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 5.05 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.75 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 10.0 Hz), 4.68 (d,

1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.64 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 4.20 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 3.87-3.86 (m, 1H), 2.75-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.25 (d, 1H, J = 14.0 Hz), 2.20-2.12 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.93 (m, 3H), 1.76-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.3, 171.0, 143.4, 141.0, 138.4, 136.3, 129.9, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 128.0, 127.8, 127.6, 126.3, 122.1, 109.0, 76.2, 71.9, 53.2, 51.7, 44.2, 38.0, 34.3, 31.3, 27.7, 15.9; IR (neat) 3087, 3029, 2936, 2866, 1711, 1670, 1609, 1494, 1466, 1364, 733 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 567.2624, found 567.2598. The third eluting product **12** was the major diastereomer (51 mg). All spectral data for this compound were identical to those from the minor isomer of the cyclization of **7**.



# *N*-((1*R*,2*R*,3*S*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-

**phenylpropanamide (28)** To a solution of **8** (62 mg, 0.11 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.1 mL) was added  $Cp_2Zr(H)Cl$  (35 mg, 0.13 mmol). The reaction mixture was

stirred for 15 min. Hydrocinnamoyl chloride (19  $\mu$ L, 0.13 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 min, followed by addition of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.13 mL 1M solution). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (5% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to 100% EtOAc) to give the product as four diastereomers (33 mg, 66%). The fastest eluting product was a mixture of two inseparable diastereomers (2 mg, 3:2). By comparing with the available spectrum, they are **11** and its epimer at the benzyloxy position. The second fastest eluting material was the major product **28** (22 mg) and the third eluting product **12** as the minor product (11 mg). All spectral data were consistent with products that had previously been prepared.



*N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-3-Hydroxy-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide To a solution of 17 (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) in EtOH/EtOAc (2 mL, 1:1) was added Pd/C (7 mg). The atmosphere was exchanged with H<sub>2</sub> and the mixture was stirred for 24 h. The suspension was diluted with EtOAc then was filtered through a short pad of silica

gel. Removal of the solvent provided the alcohol as a white solid (29 mg, 71%, mp 219.2 °C-220.8 °C) that was directly used for next step without further purification: <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(300 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  7.30 (d, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.22-6.89 (m, 7H), 5.08 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 4.98 (d, 1H, J = 11.1 Hz), 4.40 (d, 1H, J = 5.1 Hz), 4.25-4.15 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.11-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.92-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.45 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  178.1, 171.7, 141.5, 141.4, 131.4, 128.2, 127.9, 127.4, 125.6, 123.7, 122.2, 108.4, 70.5, 66.7, 56.9, 55.5, 53.9, 37.1, 34.8, 34.2, 31.3, 18.7; IR (neat) 3424, 3269, 2938, 1694, 1640, 1554, 1453, 1369, 1077 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 431.1947, found 431.1955.



#### (1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-(Methoxymethyl)-2'-oxo-2-(3phenylpropanamido)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-3-yl benzoate (29)

To a solution of the alcohol (11mg, 0.027 mmol) and a catalytic amout of DMAP in pyridine (0.5 mL) was added benzoyl chloride (31  $\mu$ L, 0.27 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 30 h, then another

portion of benzoyl choride (31 µL, 0.27 mmol) was added. After 18 h the temperature was raised to 60 °C. After stirring for 4 h the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and then washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% to 40% EtOAc in hexane) to yield benzoate **29** (10 mg, 72%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 8.02 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.62 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.55 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.48 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.45-7.40 (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.11-7.04 (m, 3H), 6.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.80-6.78 (m, 2H), 5.97 (dt, 1H, *J* = 4.8, 10.8 Hz), 5.50 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 5.12 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 4.83 (t, 1H, *J* = 10.4 Hz), 2.46-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.93 (m, 3H), 1.89-1.75 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.8, 172.3, 167.0, 141.3, 140.8, 133.8, 133.4, 130.7, 130.4, 130.1, 130.0, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.0, 126.1, 123.9, 123.8, 109.3, 71.9, 71.3, 56.4, 55.1, 54.8, 38.3, 35.5, 31.5, 31.2, 19.0; IR (neat) 3350, 3062,3030, 2935, 1713, 1613, 1537, 1361, 1273, 1117, 713 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 535.2209, found 535.2236.



#### *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'indolin]-2-yl)cinnamamide (30)

To a solution of **15** (30 mg, 0.06 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) in a sealed tube was added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.7 mg), PPh<sub>3</sub> (1.7 mg, 0.0064 mmol), iodobenzene (7.2  $\mu$ L, 0.06 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (23 mg, 0.07 mmol). The atmosphere was exchanged with argon, then the tube was sealed

and immersed in a preheated oil bath (120 °C). The reaction stirred for 12 h, then the mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with brine (2x). The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography (10% to 50% EtOAc in hexane) to yield **30** as a slightly red solid (25 mg, 72%, mp 185.4 °C-189.8 °C). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.39-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.31-7.24 (m, 9H), 7.16-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.68 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 5.82 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 5.00 (app d, 2H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.6 Hz), 4.76-4.71 (m, 2H), 4.49 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.0 Hz), 4.29 (dt, 1H, *J* = 4.8, 10.8 Hz), 2.44 (d, 1H, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 2.23 (qt, 1H, *J* = 3.6, 13.6 Hz), 1.94 (dt, 1H, *J* = 4.0, 14.0 Hz), 1.85 (app d, 1H, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 1.78-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.8, 165.6, 142.0, 141.0, 139.1, 136.3, 134.9, 131.9, 129.8, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2,

128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.5, 127.3, 123.8, 123.4, 120.5, 108.8, 76.7, 71.0, 55.4, 54.5, 43.5, 35.3, 31.0, 19.1; IR (neat) 3304, 3060, 3030, 2932, 2864, 1699, 1663, 1612, 1492, 1366, 1209, 1027, 1098, 978, 910, 734 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na  $[M+Na]^+$  565.2467, found 565.2432.



#### N-((1S,2R,3R)-3-(Benzyloxy)-1'-(methoxymethyl)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-(propylthio)propanamide (31)

To a suspension of NaH (6 mg, 0.15 mmol) in THF (0.6 mL) at 0 SPr °C under argon was added 1-propanethiol (10 µL, 0.11 mmol). After 15 min a solution of 19 (31 mg, 0.074 mmol) in THF (0.6 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the reaction stirred at for 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc (2x). The combined organic layer was dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography (5% to 15% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give sulfide **31** (26 mg, 71%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36 (d, 1H, J = 7.2 Hz), 7.32-7.24 (m, 5H), 7.22 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.11 (t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.93 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 5.25 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 5.11 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 5.08 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 4.70 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.58 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.49 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.21 (dt, 1H, J = 4.8, 10.8 Hz), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.43-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.30-2.23 (m, 3H), 2.15-2.06 (m, 2H), 2.01-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.88 (dt, 1H, J= 3.6, 14.0 Hz), 1.78 (app d, 1H, J = 14.4 Hz), 1.71-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.47 (sextet, 2H, J = 7.2 Hz), 0.91 (t, 3H, J = 7.2 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  179.3, 171.2, 141.2, 139.1, 131.2, 128.5, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 123.9, 123.7, 109.0, 76.4, 71.3, 71.1, 56.4, 55.3, 54.9, 37.0, 35.6, 34.2, 31.0, 27.6, 22.9, 19.0, 13.6; IR (neat) 3247, 3061, 2932, 2869, 1706, 1643, 1555, 1491, 1362, 1294, 1116, 1088, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>NaS [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 519.2293, found 519.2319.



### (E)-N-((1S,2R,3R)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-4-phenylbut-2enamide (32)

To a solution of 15 (23 mg, 0.05 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) in a sealed tube were added the second generation Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst (2 mg) and allylbenzene (19 µL, 0.15 mmol). The

atmosphere was exchanged with argon, then the tube was immersed in a preheated oil bath (41 °C). The reaction was stirred for 18 h, then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (5% EtOAc in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to yield **32** (11 mg, 40%, 51% brsm) and starting material (5 mg): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) & 7.40 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.33-7.22 (m, 13H), 7.16-7.06 (m, 4H), 6.75 (dt, 1H, J = 6.8, 15.2 Hz, 6.66 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 5.27 (d, 1H, J = 15.2 Hz), 4.96 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz) Hz), 4.91 (d, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.80 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.70 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.68 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.24 (dt, 1H, J = 4.4, 10.4 Hz), 3.39 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.24 (dt, 1H, J = 4.4, 10.4 Hz), 3.39 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.24 (dt, 1H, J = 4.4, 10.4 Hz), 3.39 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, J =J = 6.4 Hz), 2.41 (d, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 2.19 (q, 1H, J = 13.2 Hz), 1.91 (dt, 1H, J = 3.6, 14.0 Hz), 1.82 (app d, 1H, J = 14.0 Hz), 1.74-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 178.8, 165.7, 143.1, 142.0, 139.1, 138.2, 136.2, 131.9, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 127.8, 127.5, 127.2, 126.7, 124.6, 123.8, 123.4, 108.7, 76.7, 70.9, 55.3, 54.4, 43.5, 38.3, 35.5, 30.9, 19.1; IR (neat) 3416, 3060, 3029, 2931, 2864,

1696, 1640, 1612, 1537, 1493, 1365, 1174, 1098, 980 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 579.2624, found 579.2679.



# *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-5'-bromo-2'oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2-yl)-3-phenylpropanamide

To a solution of **11** (250 mg, 0.46 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (9 mL) was added NBS (82 mg, 0.46 mmol) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was stirred for 1h. NBS (20 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added and after 40 min the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography (15% to

30% EtOAc in hexane) to give the aryl bromide as white solid (170 mg, 59%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.51 (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.34-7.11 (m, 14H), 6.92 (app d, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 6.53 (d, 1H, J = 8.0 Hz), 4.89 (d, 1H, J = 16.0 Hz), 4.88 (d, 1H, J = 8.4 Hz), 4.74 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.67 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.57 (t, 1H, J = 10.0 Hz), 4.44 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.21 (dt, 1H, J = 4.4, 10.4 Hz), 2.56 (t, 2H, J = 8.0 Hz), 2.39 (app dd, 1H, J = 3.2, 12.8 Hz), 2.16 (qt, 1H, J = 3.6, 9.2 Hz), 2.06 (quint, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 1.93 (app dd, 1H, J = 7.6, 14.8 Hz), 1.84 (dt, 1H, J = 4.0, 12.8 Hz), 1.79 (app d, 1H, J = 12.8 Hz), 1.71 (app dt, 1H, J = 3.2, 14.0 Hz), 1.62-1.52 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.1, 171.9, 141.0, 140.9, 139.0, 135.8, 133.9, 131.1, 129.1, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 127.6, 127.6, 127.3, 127.2, 126.1, 115.9, 110.0, 76.2, 70.7, 55.0, 54.6, 43.6, 38.0, 35.1, 31.2, 30.7, 18.9; IR (neat) 3306, 3062, 3029, 2931, 2864, 1702, 1606, 1484, 1426, 1358, 1205, 1169, 1098, 737 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>NaBr [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 645.1729, found 645.1726.



#### *N*-((1*S*,2*R*,3*R*)-1'-Benzyl-3-(benzyloxy)-5'-(4methoxyphenyl)-2'-oxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-indolin]-2yl)-3-phenylpropanamide (33)

To a solution (40 mg, 0.06 mmol) of the aryl bromide in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL, 3:1) in a sealed tube was added (PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>Pd (7 mg, 0.006 mmol), 4-methoxyphenylboronic acid (20 mg, 0.13 mmol), and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (27 mg, 0.26 mmol). The atmosphere was exchanged for argon then the tube was sealed and immersed in a preheated oil bath (66 °C). The reaction stirred at 66 °C for 5

h, then the solution was extracted with EtOAc (2x). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (15% to 30% EtOAc in hexane) to give biaryl **33** (37 mg, 89%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.60 (d, 1H, J = 1.8 Hz), 7.52 (app d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.35-7.21 (m, 11H), 7.15-7.10 (m, 3H), 6.97 (app d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.87 (app d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz), 6.74 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 5.00 (d, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 4.94 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.84 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 4.74 (t, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 4.71 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 4.47 (d, 1H, J = 4.2, 10.5 Hz), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.56-2.37 (m, 3H), 2.22 (qt, 1H, J = 3.6, 12.6 Hz), 2.14-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.00-1.83 (m, 3H), 1.80-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  178.7, 172.0, 159.1, 141.0, 140.8, 139.2, 136.3, 136.3, 133.8, 132.3, 129.1, 128.5, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 127.3, 126.6, 126.1, 122.9, 114.4, 108.7, 76.4, 70.8, 55.5, 55.3, 54.6, 43.7, 38.2, 35.4, 31.5, 31.0, 19.0; IR (neat) 3324, 3062, 3030, 2933, 2864, 1696, 1612, 1543, 1491, 1453, 1365, 1247, 1100,

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