# **Supporting Information**

## Enantioselective Addition of Vinylzinc Reagents to 3,4-Dihydroisoquinoline

# *N*-Oxide

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**Materials and Methods**. Solvents were of reagent grade and were used as received except for CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, which was purified by passage through a column of activated alumina. 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoquinoline was distilled over calcium hydride under reduced pressure and phenyl acetylene was distilled prior to use. All other reagents were used as received. Vinylzinc reactions were conducted using oven-dried or flame-dried glassware and standard syringe techniques under a nitrogen atmosphere. Reactions were monitored using TLC. TLC plates were visualized using either a CAM (ceric ammonium molybdate) or ninhydrin staining solution, or UV at 254 nm. Racemic standards for allylic hydroxylamines were synthesized and analyzed by HPLC to confirm the peak assignments of the two enantiomers.

NMR spectra were recorded at either 300 MHz or 400 MHz using CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the solvent. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm and were referenced to residual protonated solvent (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  7.26 ppm for CHCl<sub>3</sub>; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR:  $\delta$  77.16 ppm for CDCl<sub>3</sub>). Data are represented as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity [br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet], integration, coupling constants in Hz). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using electrospray, electron impact, or fast atom bombardment ionization methods. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC using a Daicel Chiralcel OD-H column (0.46 cm i.d. × 25 cm) with UV detection at 219 and 254 nm. 2-Propanol and hexanes were used as solvents, and the flow rate was set at 1.0 mL/min. Optical rotations were obtained with a digital polarimeter at ambient temperature and at a wavelength of 589 nm (c = g/100 mL).

## General Procedures for the Synthesis of the Ligands.<sup>1a,b</sup>

Step 1) The Boc-protected amino acid (1 equiv) was suspended or dissolved in dry

DMF. To this solution was added *N*,*N*-diisopropylethylamine (2 equiv) and HBTU (1.5 equiv). After stirring at rt for 5 min, the appropriate secondary amine (1.1 equiv) was added and the reaction was allowed to stir for 2 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of 1 N HCl. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc three times and the organic phase was washed with 1 N HCl, brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed and purification was performed by flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes) to give amides **1a-f**.

**Step 2)** To a solution of the amide (1 equiv) dissolved in anhydrous THF was slowly added 1.0 M BH<sub>3</sub> in THF (4 equiv). The reaction was stirred at rt for 18 h, then cooled to 0°C and carefully quenched (evolution of H<sub>2</sub> gas!) with methanol. The solvent was removed and the residue was redissolved in methanol. To this solution was added ethylenediamine (4 equiv) and the solution was heated by microwave irradiation for 420 s at 100 °C. The methanol was removed and the residue was dissolved in water and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  three times. The organic phase was washed with water, dried over  $Na_2CO_3$  and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (30% aqueous  $NH_4OH:CH_3OH:CH_2Cl_2$ ) to give diamine ligands **2a-f**.

Amide 1a. Amide 1a was prepared as described above from Boc-Chg-OH (1.0 g, 2.3 mmol) and morpholine (0.22 mL, 2.5 mmol). Purification (EtOAc:hexanes 2:3) gave a white solid (0.69 g, 2.1 mmol, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.26 (d, 1H, J = 9.1 Hz), 4.40 (dd, 1H, J = 6.6, 9.1 Hz), 3.67-3.52 (m, 8H), 1.76-1.55 (m, 6H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.23-0.99 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  170.9, 155.9, 79.7, 67.0, 66.9, 54.2, 46.5, 42.5, 41.5, 30.1, 28.5, 28.0, 26.2, 26.1; HRMS-ESI (M + H) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 327.2284, found 327.2292.

Ligand 2a. Amide 1a (0.67 g, 2.05 mmol) was reduced as described above with 1.0 M BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (8.20 mL, 8.20 mmol) followed by boron exchange with ethylenediamine (0.55 mL, 8.20 mmol). Purification (gradient of 0.1:0.9:150 to 0.1:0.9:45 30% aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>OH:CH<sub>3</sub>OH:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave a white solid (0.54 g, 1.73 mmol, 86%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.44 (br s, 1H), 3.70-3.62 (m, 5H), 2.51-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.35-2.29 (m, 4H), 1.75-1.63 (m, 5H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 1H), 1.24-0.95 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  156.3, 79.0, 67.2, 60.5, 54.0, 51.9, 40.9, 29.8, 28.6, 28.1, 26.6, 26.45, 26.43; HRMS-ESI (M + H) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 313.2491, found 313.2499.

Amide 1d. Amide 1d was prepared as described above from Boc-Cys (Trt)-OH (1.55 g, 3.3 mmol) and morpholine (0.32 mL, 3.7 mmol). Purification (EtOAc:hexanes 2:3) gave a white solid (1.66 g, 3.1 mmol, 94%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.40 (d, 6H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.29-7.19 (m, 9H), 5.24 (d, 1H, J = 8.6 Hz), 4.44 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.54 (m, 5H), 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.49 (dd, 1H, J = 5.6, 12.4 Hz), 2.41 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 12.4), 1.42 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  169.3, 155.1, 144.6, 129.7, 128.1, 126.9, 80.0, 67.0, 66.8, 66.7, 49.3, 46.0, 42.6, 35.0, 28.4; HRMS-ESI (M + Na) calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S 555.2294, found 555.2278.

Ligand 2d. Amide 2d (1.63 g, 3.06 mmol) was reduced as described above with 1.0 M BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (12.2 mL, 12.24 mmol) followed by boron exchange with ethylenediamine (0.82 mL, 12.24 mmol). Purification (gradient of 0.1:0.9:150 to 0.1:0.9:45 30% aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>OH:CH<sub>3</sub>OH:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave a white solid (1.25 g, 2.40 mmol, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 7.45-7.43 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.22 (m, 9H), 4.62 (d, 1H, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.64-3.62 (m, 4H), 2.46-2.30 (m, 7H), 2.24-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 155.5, 144.8, 129.8, 128.0, 126.8, 79.5, 67.2, 66.7, 61.3,

53.9, 35.3, 28.5; HRMS-ESI (M + H) calcd for  $C_{31}H_{38}N_2O_3S$  519.2681, found 519.2698.

Amide 1e. Amide 1e was prepared as described above from Boc-Chg-OH (400 mg, 0.91 mmol) and piperidine (0.48 mL, 2.74 mmol). Purification (EtOAc:hexanes 1:4) gave a white solid (0.29 g, 0.89 mol, 96%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.32 ( d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.38 (dd, 1H, J = 6.1, 9.1 Hz), 3.48 (t, 2H, J = 5.6 Hz), 3.39 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.39 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.15-0.92 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  170.1, 155.8, 79.1, 54.2, 46.9, 43.0, 41.4, 29.9, 28.3, 27.6, 26.5, 26.1, 26.04, 26.00, 25.6, 24.5; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na] 347.2311, found 347.2320.

Ligand 2e. Amide 2e (0.27 g, 0.84 mmol) was reduced as described above with 1.0 M BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (3.40 mL, 3.40 mmol) followed by boron exchange with ethylenediamine (0.23 mL, 3.40 mmol). Purification (0.1:0.9:45 30% aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>OH:CH<sub>3</sub>OH:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave a white solid (0.20 g, 0.64 mmol, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.57 (br s, 1H), 3.57 (br s, 1H), 2.41 (br s , 1H), 2.27 (br s, 1H), 2.25 (br s, 1H), 1.74-1.63 (m, 5H), 1.54-1.37 (m, 16H), 1.27-0.91 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  156.4, 78.8, 60.3, 54.9, 52.2, 41.0, 29.6, 28.60, 28.58, 28.56, 28.1, 26.7, 26.5, 26.2, 24.6; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+Na] 333.2518, found 333.2529.

Amide 1f. Amide 1f was prepared as described above from Boc-Chg-OH (400 mg, 0.91 mmol) and diethylamine (0.104 mL, 1.0 mmol). Purification (EtOAc:hexanes 1:5) gave a white solid (0.26 g, 0.83 mmol, 91%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.20 (d, 1H, J = 9.4 Hz), 4.29 (dd, 1H, J = 7.2, 9.3 Hz), 3.52 (dq, 1H, J = 7.4, 13.6 Hz), 3.39 (dq, 1H, J = 7.0, 14.9 Hz), 3.27 (dq, 1H, J = 7.2, 14.8 Hz), 3.10 (dq, 1H, J = 7.3, 13.6 Hz), 1.69-1.48 (m, 6H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.18-0.93 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$ 

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171.3, 155.6, 79.1, 54.4, 42.0, 41.7, 40.2, 29.8, 28.3, 28.1, 26.13, 26.09, 26.0, 14.6; 12.9; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+Na] 335.2320, found 335.2311.

Ligand 2f. Amide 2f (0.26 g, 0.83 mmol) was reduced as described above with 1.0 M BH<sub>3</sub>-THF (3.40 mL, 3.33 mmol) followed by boron exchange with ethylenediamine (0.22 mL, 3.33 mmol). Purification (gradient of 0.1:0.9:45 to 0.15:1.35:45 30% aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>OH:CH<sub>3</sub>OH:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave a pale yellow solid (0.13 g, 0.44 mmol, 53%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 4.52 (br s, 1H), 3.46 (br s, 1H), 2.54-2.28 (m, 6H), 1.72-1.45 (m, 6H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.24-0.87 (m, 5H), 0.94 (t, 6H, J = 7.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 156.3, 78.8, 54.2, 53.2, 47.2, 40.3, 29.8, 28.58, 28.55, 28.5, 27.9, 26.7, 26.5, 11.9; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+Na] 321.2518, found 321.2530.

# Representative Procedures for the Addition of Vinylzinc Reagents to 3,4-Dihydroisoquinoline *N*-oxide and HPLC Conditions for ee Determination of 3a-g.

1) To an oven-dried vial were added dry  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.80 mL) and neat  $BH_3$ •DMS complex (228 µL, 2.40 mmol). The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and cyclohexene (486 µL, 4.80 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for 2 h, during which time a white precipitate formed. After 2 h, 4-phenyl-1-butyne (337 µL, 2.40 mmol) was added, and the reaction was slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 2 h. The white precipitate dissolved and the mixture turned to a clear solution (Solution A).

2) To another oven-dried vial pre-loaded with ligand **2a** (74.9 mg, 0.24 mmol), 3,4-dihydroisoquinoline *N*-oxide (29.4 mg, 0.20 mmol) and a magnetic stirring bar was added dry  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.20 mL). The solution was then cooled to -50°C and a 1 M solution of diethylzinc in  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added (369 µL, 0.48 mmol) to give a clear solution **B**. An

aliquot of the solution **A** (385  $\mu$ L) was transferred to the solution **B** using a syringe pump over 20 min at -48 °C, and the reaction was kept at -48 °C for 24 h. The reaction was then carefully quenched with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and the organic phase was washed with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and water. The product solution was filtered through a small silica plug and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:6) gave a purified product **3e** (41.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74%).

Hydroxylamine 3a. The general procedure was used with 3,3-dimethylbutyne (296 μL, 2.4 mmol). Following flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:8), hydroxylamine 3a was isolated (31.7 mg, 0.14 mmol, 69%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.16-7.06 (m, 4H), 5.86 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 5.39 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 8.4 Hz), 4.21 (br s, 1H), 3.52-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.92-2.87 (m, 1H), 1.09 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 148.4, 136.2, 133.4, 128.3, 127.9, 126.8, 126.1, 124.9, 72.4, 54.0, 33.5, 29.8; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO [M+Na] 254.1521, found 254.1529; 93% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H column eluted with hexanes:2-propanol (99.5:0.5) at 1.0 mL/min and detected at 219 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 13.8 min for (*S*) and t<sub>R</sub> = 20.3 min for (*R*);  $[\alpha]^{24}_{D} = +23.5^{\circ}$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

Hydroxylamine 3b. The general procedure was used with 1-hexyne (270 μL, 2.4 mmol). Following flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:8), hydroxylamine 3b was isolated (30.3 mg, 0.13 mmol, 66%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.19-7.10 (m, 4H), 5.87-5.78 (m, 1H), 5.52 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 8.3 Hz), 4.27 (d, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.53-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.03 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.21-2.14 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.29 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 137.4, 136.0, 133.4,

129.8, 128.3, 128.1, 126.7, 126.1, 72.0, 53.7, 32.3, 31.6, 28.6, 22.5, 14.1; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO [M+Na] 254.1521, found 254.1526; 94% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H column eluted with hexanes:2-propanol (99:1) at 1.0 mL/min and detected at 219 nm),  $t_R = 12.4$  min for (*S*) and  $t_R = 16.4$  min for (*R*);  $[\alpha]^{25}_D = +34.6^\circ$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).





Figure S1. HPLC trace of hydroxylamine 3a.





Figure S2. HPLC trace of hydroxylamine 3b.

**Hydroxylamine 3c.** The general procedure was used with cyclopropyl acetylene (203  $\mu$ L, 2.4 mmol). Following flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:4), hydroxylamine **3c** was isolated (34.0 mg, 0.16 mmol, 79%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.19-7.09 (m, 4H), 5.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 14.2, 8.7 Hz), 5.35-5.29 (m, 1H), 4.31 (br

s, 1H), 3.55-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.08 (m, 2H), 2.96-2.92 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.47 (m, 1H), 0.79-0.74 (m, 2H), 0.48-0.44 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  141.7, 135.3, 133.1, 128.4, 128.1, 127.0, 126.6, 126.2, 71.5, 53.1, 27.9, 13.9, 7.2, 7.1; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO [M+H] 216.1388, found 216.1382; 94% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H column eluted with hexanes:2-propanol (99:1) at 1.0 mL/min and detected at 219 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 18.1 min for (*S*) and t<sub>R</sub> = 21.8 min for (*R*);  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +69.6^{\circ}$  (c = 0.76, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).





### Figure S3. HPLC trace of hydroxylamine 3c.

Top trace: racemic sample; bottom trace: enantiomerically enriched sample.

Hydroxylamine 3d. The general procedure was used with cyclohexylacetylene (309 μL, 2.4 mmol). Following flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:9), hydroxylamine 3d was isolated (32.0 mg, 0.12 mmol, 62%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.18-7.08 (m, 4H), 5.77 (dd, 1H, J = 15.5, 6.5 Hz), 5.45 (dd, 1H, J = 14.9, 8.4 Hz), 4.23 (br s, 1H), 3.51-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.16-3.02 (m, 2H), 2.92-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.05 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.65 (m, 5H), 1.35-1.11 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 143.1, 136.0, 133.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 126.7, 126.0, 72.2, 53.7, 40.7, 33.1, 33.0, 28.6, 26.3, 26.1; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO [M+Na] 280.1677, found 280.1685; 94% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H column eluted with hexanes:2-propanol (99:1) at 1.0 mL/min and detected at 219 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 12.5 min for (*S*) and t<sub>R</sub> = 17.0 min for (*R*);  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +33.3^{\circ}$  (c = 0.64, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).





Figure S4. HPLC trace of hydroxylamine 3d.

Hydroxylamine 3e. The general procedure was used with 4-phenyl-1-butyne (337 μL, 2.4 mmol). Following flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:6), hydroxylamine 3e was isolated (41.2 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.35-7.10 (m, 8H), 6.94 (d, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz), 5.85-5.78 (m, 1H), 5.51-5.45 (m, 1H), 4.23 (br s, 1H), 3.49-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.01 (m, 2H), 2.93-2.80 (m, 3H), 2.56-2.50 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 141.7 136.0, 135.7, 133.3, 130.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 126.7, 126.05, 126.03, 71.9, 53.8, 35.6, 34.3, 28.6; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO [M+Na] 302.1521, found 302.1516; 95% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H column eluted with hexanes:2-propanol (99:1) at 1.0 mL/min and detected at 219 nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 29.9 min for (*R*) and t<sub>R</sub> = 40.8 min for (*S*);  $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{\rm D}$  = +28.3 ° (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).



Figure S5. HPLC trace of hydroxylamine 3e.

Hydroxylamine 3f. The general procedure was used with phenylacetylene (264 μL, 2.4 mmol). Following flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:6), hydroxylamine 3f was isolated (37.4 mg, 0.15 mmol, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48-7.46 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.27 (m, 3H), 7.22-7.12 (m, 4H), 6.72 (d, 1H, J = 15.8

Hz), 6.30 (dd, 1H, J = 15.5, 8.5 Hz), 4.49 (d, 1H, J = 6.2 Hz), 3.54-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.17-3.08 (m, 2H), 2.92-2.87 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  136.7, 135.5, 135.3, 133.4, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 127.0, 126.7, 126.2, 71.9, 53.9, 28.6; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO [M+Na] 274.1208, found 274.1216; 90% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H column eluted with hexanes:2-propanol (80:20) at 1.0 mL/min



Figure S6. HPLC trace of hydroxylamine 3f.

Top trace: racemic sample; bottom trace: enantiomerically enriched sample.

and detected at 219 and 254 nm),  $t_R = 6.4 \text{ min for } (R)$  and  $t_R = 18.4 \text{ min for } (S)$ ;  $[\alpha]^{25}{}_D = +16.7 \circ (c = 1.0, CHCl_3)$ .

Hydroxylamine 3g. The general procedure was used with 4-ethynylanisole (311 μL, 2.4 mmol). Following flash column chromatography (EtOAc:hexanes 1:5), hydroxylamine 3g was isolated (47.7 mg, 0.17 mmol, 85%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.37 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 7.18-7.09 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d, 2H, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.63 (d, 1H, J = 15.8 Hz), 6.13 (dd, 1H, J = 15.2, 8.3 Hz), 4.44 (br s, 1H), 3.51-3.48 (m, 1H), 3.14-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.85 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.4, 135.6, 134.7, 133.4, 129.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.8, 127.2, 126.8, 126.1, 114.1, 72.0, 55.4, 53.8, 28.6; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO [M+Na] 304.1313, found 304.1321; 92% ee by HPLC analysis (Chiralcel OD-H column eluted with hexanes:2-propanol (90:10) at 1.0 mL/min and detected at 219 and 254nm), t<sub>R</sub> = 11.0 min for (*R*) and t<sub>R</sub> = 19.0 min for (*S*);  $[\alpha]^{24}_{D} = +15.1^{\circ}$  (c = 0.86, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).





Figure S7. HPLC trace of hydroxylamine 3g.

## Preparation of N-Cbz-D-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-Carboxylic Acid.



### **Compound 4**

Zn dust (471 mg, 7.20 mmol) was added into a solution of  $Cu(OAc)_2$  (29 mg, 0.14 mmol) in acetic acid (4 mL), and the mixture was stirred at rt for 15 min under N<sub>2</sub>. A solution of hydroxylamine **3f** (96% ee, 362 mg, 1.44 mmol) in acetic acid (4 mL) and water (2 mL) was then added. The mixture was heated at 70 °C for 2 h. After 2 h, the brown suspension was cooled to rt. EDTA (1.61 g, 4.32 mmol) was added, and the solution was basified to pH 10 by addition of 3 M NaOH. The solution was extracted with EtOAc four times, washed with sat. EDTA, brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>.

organic solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a white solid (305 mg, 1.30 mmol, 90%) which was directly used in the next step without further purification. The crude amine was dissolved in EtOAc (10 mL). Sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq (10 mL) was added. The biphasic solution was cooled to 0 °C and benzyl chloroformate (253  $\mu$ L, 1.8 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred overnight at rt, then the solution was extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with sat NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated. Flash column chromatography (1:9 EtOAc:hexanes) gave a colorless oil (354 mg, 0.96 mmol, 74%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45-7.26 (m, 14H), 6.43 (br s, 2H), 5.96-5.83 (m, 1H), 5.30-5.25 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.18 (m, 1H), 3.43 (br s, 1H), 3.01-2.84 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  155.4, 136.8, 136.6, 134.9, 134.6, 131.6, 129.0, 128.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.0, 126.6, 126.4, 67.4, 56.6, 38.7, 28.8; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M+Na] 392.1626, found 392.1636;  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +155.7^{\circ}$  (c = 0.26, CH<sub>3</sub>OH).



### (R)-N-(Benzyloxycarbonyl)-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-Carboxylic Acid: 5

The alkene 4 (51 mg, 0.14 mmol) was dissolved in  $CCl_4-CH_3CN-H_2O$  (2:2:3). NaIO<sub>4</sub> (60 mg, 0.28 mmol) and RuCl<sub>3</sub> hydrate (0.004 mmol, 0.9 mg) were added. After 0.5 h, another equivalent of NaIO<sub>4</sub> (60 mg, 0.28 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred vigorously at rt overnight. The solution was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  five times. The organic solutions were combined, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Diethyl ether was then added to precipitate RuCl<sub>3</sub> and the solution was filtered though celite. The

residue was purified by flash column chromatography (1:1 EtOAc:hexanes with 0.25% AcOH) to give a white oily solid (26 mg, 0.084 mmol, 61%) (existing as 5:4 *N*-invertomers as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy).<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52-7.17 (m, 9H), 5.67 (s, 0.5H), 5.58 (s, 0.4H), 5.23-5.19 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.83 (m, 2H), 2.97-2.99 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.2, 176.7, 156.4, 155.6, 136.5, 136.4, 135.7, 135.4, 130.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.75, 128.67, 128.62, 128.56, 128.39, 128.36, 128.32, 128.2, 128.1, 127.0, 126.9, 68.0, 67.9, 58.2, 58.1, 41.0, 40.7, 28.7, 28.6; HRMS-FAB calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M+Na] 334.1055, found 334.1066; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>24</sup><sub>D</sub> = -24.8° (c = 0.5, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) {lit.<sup>3</sup> [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> = -40.1° (c = 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) for (*R*) enantiomer}.





















# <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra for Compounds 3a-g, 4, 5

















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