# Enantioselective Synthesis of 3,3-Disubstituted Oxindoles Bearing Two Different Heteroatoms at the C3 Position by Organocatalyzed Sulfenylation and Selenenylation of 3‑Pyrrolyl-oxindoles

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[AB](#page-6-0)STRACT: [Catalytic asym](#page-6-0)metric sulfenylation and selenenylation of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindoles for the synthesis of 3,3 disubstituted oxindoles bearing two different heteroatoms at the C3 position have been achieved with commercially available cinchonidine as catalyst. A wide range of optically active 3-thio-3-pyrrolyl-oxindoles and 3-seleno-3-pyrrolyloxindoles could be smoothly obtained under mild conditions with satisfactory results. The promising applicability of the protocol was also demonstrated by large-scale production.

3,3-Disubstituted oxindoles are common structural features of numerous pharmaceuticals and biologically active compounds.<sup>1</sup> Enormous synthetic efforts have been invested in the development of various catalytic asymmetric methods for th[e](#page-6-0) construction of diverse 3,3-disubstituted oxindole skeletons in the past few years. $2$  To the best of our knowledge, most of the published studies mainly focused on the synthesis of 3,3 disubstituted oxi[n](#page-6-0)doles bearing an all-carbon quaternary stereocenter at the C3 positions. $3$  Recently, some strategies for the preparation of 3,3-disubstituted oxindoles containing an oxygen or a nitrogen atom at [t](#page-6-0)he C3 positions are also reported.<sup>4</sup> However, in contrast, the relevant research on enantioselective synthesis of 3,3-disubstituted oxindoles featuring two [d](#page-6-0)ifferent heteroatoms at the C3 position remains underdeveloped, $5$  despite an increasing number of studies that suggest that these structural motifs have promising potential for the research an[d](#page-6-0) development of new biopharmaceutics.<sup>2a,b,h,k</sup> In particular, 3,3-disubstituted oxindoles containing both nitrogen and sulfur at the C3 position are useful and [have](#page-6-0) been paid much more attention by synthetic organic chemists.<sup>6</sup> However, only a few studies involved the catalytic enantioselective synthesis [of](#page-6-0) them.<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, the development of efficient methods for the generation of 3,3-disubstituted oxindoles bearing two diff[er](#page-7-0)ent heteroatoms at the C3 position is still highly desirable and also a challenge.

Recently, we disclosed that 3-pyrrolyl-oxindoles, directly connecting the nitrogen atom at the C3 positions, could serve as highly reactive nucleophiles reacting with diverse electrophiles. $8$  On the other hand, N-(arylsulfanyl)succinimides and N-(alkylsulfanyl)succinimides have been proven to be a type of poten[t](#page-7-0) sulfenylation reagents for the formation of a C−S bond



in organic synthesis.<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile, a variety of methods for the construction of sulfur-containing tetrasubstituted stereocenters with these reagents [h](#page-7-0)ave been developed.<sup>10</sup> On the basis of these considerations, and as part of our research program aimed at establishing new methods for enantios[ele](#page-7-0)ctive synthesis of chiral oxindole compounds, $11$  we are interested in the generation of 3,3-disubstituted oxindoles bearing two different heteroatoms (N,S- and N,Se[-\)](#page-7-0) at the C3 position with 3pyrrolyl-oxindoles as starting materials by asymmetric organocatalysis (Scheme 1). Herein, we hope to report our research

Scheme 1. Approaches for the Synthesis of 3,3-Disubstituted Oxindoles Bearing N,S- and N,Se-Heteroatoms with 3- Pyrrolyl-oxindoles as Starting Materials



results on this subject. Notably, this work will represent the first example of the organocatalytic enantioselective synthesis of selenium-containing oxindoles. <sup>12</sup>

At the outset, we selected the reaction of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindole  $1a^{13}$  and N-(phenylsulfanyl)[suc](#page-7-0)cinimide 2a in dichloromethane to determine the catalytic activity and enantioselectivity of

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organocatalysts A−F (Figure 1). With the commercially available cinchona alkaloids A−D as catalysts, the reactions



Figure 1. Catalysts tested in the sulfenylation of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindole.

proceeded smoothly at room temperature and furnished the desired 3-thio-3-pyrrolyl-oxindole 3a in excellent yields but with moderate to good enantioselectivies (Table 1, entries 1−



	Me 1a		O N-SPh Õ 2a	cat. A-F (10 mol %) solvent, time	Ph <sub>S</sub> Me За	
entry	solvent	cat.	$T({}^{\circ}C)$	time $(h)$	yield $(\%)^b$	ee $(\%)^c$
$\mathbf{1}$	<b>DCM</b>	A	25	24	96	50
$\overline{2}$	<b>DCM</b>	B	25	13	98	78
3	<b>DCM</b>	C	25	14	94	$49(-)$
$\overline{4}$	<b>DCM</b>	D	25	14	95	$67(-)$
5	<b>DCM</b>	Е	25	50	75	$6(-)$
6	<b>DCM</b>	F	25	14	trace	
7	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	в	25	10	95	82
8	<b>DCE</b>	в	25	7	93	77
9	toluene	B	25	5	98	85
10	<b>THF</b>	в	25	12	92	35
11	hexane	в	25	15	96	66
12	toluene	в	$\mathbf{0}$	14	97	91
13	toluene	в	$-20$	48	93	91
14	toluene	в	$\boldsymbol{0}$	30	92	91 <sup>d</sup>
15	toluene	в	$\mathbf{0}$	18	95	93 <sup>e</sup>

 $a$ Unless specified, the reactions were carried out using  $1a$  (0.1 mmol), 2a (0.12 mmol), and catalyst (10 mol %) in 2.0 mL of solvent for the indicated time.  $b^b$ Isolated yield. <sup>6</sup>Determined by Chiral HPLC analysis.<br> $\frac{dS}{dr}$  mol % **B**, was used <sup>6</sup>50 mg 4 Å MS was used DCM –  $5 \text{ mol } %$  B was used.  $e^{6}$ 50 mg 4 Å MS was used. DCM = dichloromethane. DCE = 1,2-dichloroethane.

 $(4)$ .<sup>14</sup> Chiral bifunctional thiourea-tertiary amine catalysts **E** and F showed marked inferior catalytic activity and asymmetric in[duc](#page-7-0)tion capability (Table 1, entries 5 and 6). By comparison, cinchonidine B was identified as the optimal catalyst. Afterward, the effect of solvent on the sulfenylation of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindole was examined (Table 1, entries 7−11). It was found that the use of toluene as a reaction medium was superior to other solvents, such as chloroform, 1,2-dichloroethane, THF, and hexane (Table 1, entry 9 vs entries 7−8, 10−11). In toluene, the reaction was carried out at 0 °C, and 3a could be obtained in 97% yield with 91% ee within 14 h (Table 1, entry 12). Further decreasing the temperature to −20 °C, the reaction afforded 3a in 93% yield also with 91% ee, but a longer reaction period of 48 h was needed (Table 1, entry 13). When the catalyst loading was reduced from 10 to 5 mol %, there were no changes in the reactivity and enantioselectivity, but 30 h was also needed (Table 1, entry 14). Ultimately, using 4 Å molecular sieves (MS) as additive, the reaction proceeded well at 0 °C with 10 mol % B, giving 3a in 95% yield with 93% ee after 18 h (Table 1, entry 15).

Under the optimal reaction conditions, we then focused on the variation of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindoles and sulfur reagents. As shown in Scheme 2, a survey of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindole substrates was first conducted (see 3b−i). The steric size of the Nprotectin[g group d](#page-2-0)oes not seem to be important to the reactivity and enantioselectivity because ethyl (3b), phenyl  $(3c)$ , and benzyl  $(3d)$  gave very similar results as methyl  $(3a)$ . Afterward, introducing different substituent groups on the phenyl ring of oxindole, it was observed that the reactions with N-(phenylsulfanyl)succinimide 2a proceeded smoothly to furnish the corresponding products in 87−97% yield with 89−92% ee regardless of the electron nature and position of the substituents on the phenyl rings (see 3e−i). These results suggest that the structure characteristic of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindole substrates has less effect on the reactivity and the enantioselectivity. Then, we turned our attention to test the N-thiosuccinimide component by reacting with 1a. For N- (arylsulfanyl)succinimides bearing electron-withdrawing substituents, such as Cl and Br, the reactions provided 3j−l in excellent yields with very high ee values. Meanwhile, similar results could also be obtained for the electron-donating groups incorporating to N-(arylsulfanyl)succinimide substrates (see 3n−p). However, when *ortho-methyl-substituted N-(phenyl*sulfanyl)succinimide was used as precursor, the reactivity was dramatically reduced and the selectivity was clearly diminished (see 3m), probably due to the high steric hindrance of orthosubstitution. In the case of  $N-(2$ -naphthylsulfanyl)succinimide as substrate, the reaction proceeded well under the standard conditions and delivered 3q with excellent results. The use of N-(arylsulfanyl)succinimide with a heteroaromatic group, such as thienyl, also afforded the desired product 3r in 72% yield with >99% ee, but a 6 day long reaction time was needed. Replacing N-(arylsulfanyl)succinimides with N-(alkylsulfanyl) succinimides for the reaction with 1a, the reactions not only furnished moderate enantioselectivity but also showed very low reactivity (see 3s−t), which may be due to the electronic nature of alkyl substituents on the S atom. These two cases revealed that the N-(arylsulfanyl)succinimide was crucial to the reactivity. Ultimately, using the N-unprotected 3-pyrrolyloxindole as nucleophile in a reaction with 2a, the product 3u could be obtained after 10 h in 78% yield with only 50% ee for the influence of the electronic nature and the steric hindrance of the substituents on the N atom.

To evaluate the applicability of our method, the preparation of compound 3a was attempted on a gram scale. As shown in Scheme 3, the reaction between 3.5 mmol of 1a and 4.2 mmol of 2a in toluene with 10 mol % cinchonidine at 0 °C for 22 h, [which is 3](#page-2-0)5 times larger than the scale of the original reaction shown in Table 1, entry 15, proceeded smoothly to afford product 3a in 1.09 g and without loss in the reactivity and enantioselectivity. This experiment suggests that the protocol is amenable to large-scale production. The absolute R-configuration of  $3a$  was determined by X-ray analysis.<sup>14</sup> The

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 $^a$ Unless specified, the reactions were carried out using 1 (0.1 mmol), 2 (0.12 mmol), and cinchonidine (10 mol %) in 2.0 mL of toluene with 50 mg of 4 Å MS at 0 °C for the indicated time. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>Determined by Chiral HPLC analysis.





configurations of the other products 3b−r in Scheme 2 were assigned on the assumption of a uniform mechanistic pathway.

Following these promising results, we attempted to further extend the methodology to the enantioselective selenenylation of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindoles for the construction of N,Se-containing oxindoles. As shown in Scheme 4, with N-(phenylseleno) succinimide 4 as the electrophilic selenium source, a series of 3seleno-3-pyrrolyl-oxindole derivatives could be smoothly generated in the presence of 10 mol % cinchonidine under mild reaction conditions. The reaction is insensitive to the electronic nature and the steric hindrance of the N-protecting group of 3-pyrrolyl-oxindoles (see 5a−d), but the existence of the N−H moiety in oxindole seems to display an impact on the asymmetric induction (see 5e). In addition, electron-withdrawing substitution on the oxindole aromatic ring does not affect the reactivity and enantioselectivity, regardless of its electronic property and position on the phenyl ring (see 5f−i). Installing an electron-donating group on the oxindole aromatic ring is not detrimental to the asymmetric process, giving product 5j in 88% yield with 82% ee.

In conclusion, we have developed an organocatalytic asymmetric sulfenylation and selenenylation of 3-pyrrolyloxindoles under mild reaction conditions. With commercially available cinchonidine as a catalyst, a wide range of 3,3Scheme 4. Asymmetric Selenenylation of 3-Pyrrolyl-oxindoles with Cinchonidine<sup>a</sup>



 ${}^a$ Unless specified, the reactions were carried out using 1 (0.1 mmol), 4 (0.3 mmol), and cinchonidine (10 mol %) in 2.0 mL of toluene with 50 mg of 4 Å MS at <sup>−</sup><sup>20</sup> °C for 5 h. <sup>b</sup> Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by Chiral HPLC analysis.

disubstituted oxindoles bearing two different heteroatoms at the C3 position could be obtained with satisfactory results. The promising applicability of the protocol was also demonstrated by large-scale production. In particular, this work should be the first example of the organocatalytic enantioselective synthesis of selenium-containing oxindoles. Moreover, the developed protocol will open up a new and straightforward way to access optically active 3-thio-3-pyrrolyl-oxindoles and 3-seleno-3 pyrrolyl-oxindoles.

# **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General Methods. Reagents were purchased from commercial sources and were used as received unless mentioned otherwise. Reactions were monitored by TLC. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in  $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ .  $^1\mathrm{H}$  NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard  $(CDCl<sub>3</sub>$  at 7.26 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity ( $s = singlet$ , br  $s =$ broad singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration.  $^{13}$ C NMR chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane (TMS) with the solvent resonance as the internal standard  $(CDCl<sub>3</sub>$  at 77.20 ppm). Melting points were recorded on a Büchi Melting Point B-545. N- (Phenylseleno)succinimide was prepared according to the method reported.<sup>15</sup>

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Racemic Compounds [3.](#page-7-0) In an ordinary vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, the oxindoles 1 (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), N-thiosuccinimides 2 (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and DABCO (20 mol %) were dissolved in 2.0 mL of DCM, and then the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified directly with flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$  to  $4/1$ ) to afford racemic compound 3.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 3a−u. In an ordinary vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, the oxindoles 1 (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), N-thiosuccinimides 2 (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and cinchonidine (10 mol %) were dissolved in 2.0 mL of toluene with 50 mg of 4 Å MS, and then the mixture was stirred at 0  $\degree$ C for the indicated time. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified directly with flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$  to  $4/1$ ) to afford compound 3.

(R)-1-Methyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3a). White solid; 30.4 mg, 95% yield; 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -274.1$  (c 1.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 100.9-102.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.6$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.5$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.08 (s, 3H), 6.24 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06−7.09 (m, 2H), 7.16−7.22 (m, 4H), 7.30−7.37 (m, 2H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 26.4, 71.3, 108.7, 109.5, 120.6, 122.5, 125.7, 125.8, 128.6, 128.8, 129.9, 130.2, 136.5, 142.3, 170.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{16}N_2NaOS$   $[M + Na]^+$  343.0876; found: 343.0877.

 $(R)-1$ -Ethyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3b). White solid; 31.0 mg, 93% yield; 89% ee;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -224.7$  (c 1.55, CHCl3); mp 110.8−112.7 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane =  $10/90$ , flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 5.1$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 5.6$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.07 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.49–3.73 (m, 2H), 6.24 (t, J = 2.1) Hz, 2H), 6.77 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97−7.05 (m, 2H), 7.07−7.11 (m, 2H), 7.15−7.21 (m, 4H), 7.30−7.36 (m, 2H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 12.2, 35.0, 71.2, 108.7, 109.5, 120.5, 122.4, 126.0, 126.3, 128.6, 128.8, 129.9, 130.2, 136.6, 141.6, 170.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2NaOS [M + Na]^+$  357.1032; found: 357.1024.

(R)-1-Phenyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3c). White solid; 37.5 mg, 98% yield; 90% ee;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -185.1$  (c 1.88, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 145.4-146.8 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, EtOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.9$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 6.0$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.29 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07– 7.14 (m, 3H), 7.16−7.28 (m, 8H), 7.35−7.46 (m, 4H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 71.4, 109.7, 109.9, 120.6, 123.1, 125.9, 126.3, 126.4, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 129.5, 130.1, 130.2, 133.4, 136.8, 142.6, 170.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{18}N_2NaOS [M + Na]^+$  405.1032; found: 405.1032.

(R)-1-Benzyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3d). White solid; 37.6 mg, 95% yield; 88% ee;  $\left[\alpha\right]_D^{20} = -93.5$  (c 1.88, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 116.4-118.1 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, EtOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 14.6 \text{ min}, t_{\text{major}} = 7.5 \text{ min}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.74 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.27  $(t, J = 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90–7.00 (m, 2H), 7.11−7.15 (m, 4H), 7.18−7.29 (m, 8H), 7.33−7.37 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 44.1, 71.3, 109.6, 109.8, 120.6, 122.6, 125.7, 126.0, 127.0, 127.7, 128.7, 128.8, 130.0, 130.2, 134.9, 136.6, 141.4, 170.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{20}N_2NaOS$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 419.1189; found: 419.1177.

(R)-1,5-Dimethyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one **(3e).** White solid; 28.9 mg, 87% yield; 92% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -203.1$  (c 1.44, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 144.5−146.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.4$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 6.9$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.23 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 6.24 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.11−7.24 (m, 5H), 7.33–7.38 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  21.0, 26.4, 71.5, 108.4, 109.4, 120.6, 125.7, 126.4, 128.5, 129.0, 129.9, 130.4, 132.0, 136.6, 139.8, 170.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}$ -N2NaOS [M + Na]+ 357.1032; found: 357.1034.

(R)-5-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (3f). White solid; 32.4 mg, 96% yield; 90% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = -230.0 (c 1.62, CHCl3); mp 106.8−108.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 8.3$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.8$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.08 (s, 3H), 6.25 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (dd, J = 2.4 Hz, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J = 3.9 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01−7.09 (m, 3H), 7.14 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.35–7.40 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  26.6, 71.3, 109.3 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 109.8, 113.6 (d, J = 25.8 Hz, 1C), 116.6 (d, J = 23.5 Hz, 1C), 120.5, 127.1 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 128.4, 128.8, 130.3, 136.4, 138.2, 158.6 (d, J = 240.7 Hz, 1C), 170.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}$ -FN<sub>2</sub>NaOS  $[M + Na]$ <sup>+</sup> 361.0781; found: 361.0778.

(R)-5-Chloro-1-methyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (3g). White solid; 34.3 mg, 97% yield; 90% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  =  $-152.7$  (c 1.72, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 144.2−145.8 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 1/99, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 14.9 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{major}} = 15.7 \text{ min}$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.09 (s, 3H), 6.26 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.06–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.13 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22−7.27 (m, 2H), 7.29−7.33 (m, 1H), 7.36−7.42 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.5, 71.2, 109.6, 109.8, 120.5, 125.9, 127.2, 127.9, 128.4, 128.8, 130.0, 130.3, 136.5, 140.7, 170.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}CIN_2NaOS [M + Na]^+$  377.0486; found: 377.0473.

(R)-5-Bromo-1-methyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (**3h**). White solid; 35.6 mg, 89% yield; 89% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  =  $-118.3$  (c 1.78, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 145.9−147.4 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.2 \text{ min}, t_{\text{major}} = 9.8 \text{ min}; \text{ }^1\text{H} \text{ NMR}$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.09 (s, 3H), 6.25 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05−7.09 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22−7.28 (m, 2H), 7.36−7.42 (m, 1H), 7.44−7.47 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.5, 71.2, 109.9, 110.1, 115.0, 120.5, 127.5, 128.4, 128.7, 128.8, 130.3, 132.9, 136.6, 141.2, 170.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}BrN_2NaOS [M + Na]^+$  420.9981; found: 420.9978.

(R)-6-Chloro-1-methyl-3-(phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (3i). White solid; 31.2 mg, 88% yield; 89% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  =  $-208.5$  (c 0.78, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 100.3–101.9 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.5$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.2$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.08 (s, 3H), 6.24 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94–6.97 (m, 1H), 7.05–7.09 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.39 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.6, 70.9, 109.4, 109.8, 120.5, 122.4, 124.1, 126.5, 128.5, 128.8, 130.2, 136.2, 136.5, 143.4, 170.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}C\text{IN}_2NaOS [M + Na]^+$  377.0486; found: 377.0483.

(R)-3-((3-Chlorophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3**j**). White solid; 33.7 mg, 95% yield; 92% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -221.7$  (c 1.68, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 105.6−107.4 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.5$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 9.1$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.10 (s, 3H), 6.25 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.94−7.00 (m, 3H), 7.03−7.06 (m, 1H), 7.11−7.18 (m, 3H), 7.29−7.37 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.4, 71.1, 108.8, 109.8, 120.5, 122.7, 125.5, 125.6, 129.5, 130.0, 130.6, 134.1, 134.4, 135.9, 142.2, 170.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}CN_2NaOS$  $[M + Na]$ <sup>+</sup> 377.0486; found: 377.0482.

(R)-3-((4-Chlorophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3k). White solid; 34.0 mg, 96% yield; 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  =  $-209.3$ (c 1.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 143.1−145.0 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, i-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/ min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.3$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 11.3$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.11 (s, 3H), 6.23 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.80 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93−7.01 (m, 3H), 7.02−7.07 (m, 1H), 7.15−7.20 (m, 4H), 7.33−7.39 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 26.4, 71.0, 108.8, 109.7, 120.5, 122.7, 125.5, 125.7, 127.2, 128.9, 130.5, 136.5, 137.6, 142.2, 170.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}CDN_2N_4OS$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 377.0486; found: 377.0484.

(R)-3-((4-Bromophenyl)thio)-1-methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (31). White solid; 39.1 mg, 98% yield; 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  =  $-202.5$  (c 1.95, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 146.5−148.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.8$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 12.9$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.12 (s, 3H), 6.23 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.90−6.95 (m, 3H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.5, 70.9, 108.9, 109.7, 120.5, 122.7, 124.9, 125.5, 125.7, 127.9, 130.5, 131.8, 137.8, 142.2, 170.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}BrN_2NaOS$  $[M + Na]$ <sup>+</sup> 420.9981; found: 420.9978.

(R)-1-Methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(o-tolylthio)indolin-2-one (3m). White solid; 25.0 mg, 75% yield; 83% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -227.8$  (c 1.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 129.6-131.2 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 8.3$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 9.0$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.92 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 6.23 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 6.45 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.17 (m, 3H), 7.24−7.29 (m, 1H), 7.35 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 20.7, 26.5, 71.4, 108.6, 109.4, 120.8, 122.3, 125.2, 125.4, 126.2, 128.6, 130.1, 130.2, 130.3, 137.2, 142.1, 144.5, 170.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2N_4OS$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 357.1032; found: 357.1035.

(R)-1-Methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(m-tolylthio)indolin-2-one (3n). White solid; 32.4 mg, 97% yield; 91% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$  =  $-248.3$  (c 1.62, CHCl3); mp 94.9−96.5 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane =  $5/95$ , flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.5$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 7.2$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.20 (s, 3H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 6.24 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.80−6.85 (m, 2H), 6.90 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13−7.18 (m, 3H), 7.30− 7.36 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.0, 26.4, 71.2, 108.6, 109.4, 120.6, 122.4, 125.8, 128.3, 128.4, 130.2, 130.6, 133.4, 137.0, 138.5, 142.3, 170.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2N_4OS$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 357.1032; found: 357.1028.

(R)-1-Methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(p-tolylthio)indolin-2-one (3o). White solid; 32.1 mg, 96% yield; 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -246.5$  (c 0.80, CHCl3); mp 121.9−123.2 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, i-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 8.8$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 10.7$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.32 (s, 3H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 6.23 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94−7.03 (m, 5H), 7.17 (t,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 21.3, 26.4, 71.2, 108.6, 109.4, 120.6, 122.4, 125.2, 125.6, 125.9, 129.4,

130.1, 136.4, 140.3, 142.2, 170.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2NaOS$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 357.1032; found: 357.1035.

(R)-3-((4-Methoxyphenyl)thio)-1-methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl) *indolin-2-one (3p)*. White solid; 34.3 mg, 98% yield; 92% ee;  $\lbrack \alpha \rbrack_{\mathrm{D}}^{20}$  = −244.6 (c 1.71, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 131.2−133.1 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, i-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 13.9$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 16.2$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.09 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 6.22 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H),  $6.98-7.04$  (m, 3H), 7.16 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.36 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  26.4, 55.3, 71.3, 108.6, 109.4, 114.1, 119.4, 120.6, 122.5, 125.8, 125.9, 130.1, 138.2, 142.3, 161.1, 170.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2NaO_2S$   $[M + Na]^+$ 373.0981; found: 373.0986.

(R)-1-Methyl-3-(naphthalen-2-ylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (3q). White solid; 36.3 mg, 98% yield; 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = –227.1 (c 1.82, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 102.5−104.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane =  $10/90$ , flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.3$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.3$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.05 (s, 3H), 6.28 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 1.5 Hz, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27−7.33 (m, 1H), 7.44−7.56 (m, 3H), 7.66 (d, <sup>J</sup> = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, <sup>J</sup> = 7.8 Hz, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): <sup>δ</sup> 26.4, 71.3, 108.7, 109.6, 120.6, 122.5, 125.7, 125.8, 126.1, 126.4, 127.3, 127.5, 128.0, 128.1, 130.2, 132.2, 133.1, 133.4, 136.8, 142.2, 170.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{18}N_2NaOS$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 393.1032; found: 393.1030.

(R)-1-Methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)-3-(thiophen-2-ylthio)indolin-2 one (3r). Orange solid; 23.5 mg, 72% yield; >99% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -198.1$ (c 0.78, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 127.4−129.1 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, i-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/ min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 9.4$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.5$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.13 (s, 3H), 6.24–6.25 (m, 2H), 6.81 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 6.90−6.97 (m, 2H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15−7.16 (m, 2H), 7.34−7.42 (m, 2H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.5, 72.3, 108.8, 109.7, 120.5, 122.8, 125.4, 125.7, 126.6, 127.5, 130.5, 132.8, 138.0, 142.5, 170.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{14}N_2NaOS_2$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 349.0440; found: 349.0444.

(R)-3-(Benzylthio)-1-methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3s). White solid; 30.1 mg, 90% yield; 60% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +35.6$  (c 1.50, CHCl3); mp 134.8−136.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, EtOH/hexane = 20/80, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.7 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{major}} = 7.6 \text{ min}$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.32 (s, 3H), 3.77 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21−7.29 (m, 5H), 7.33−7.39 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.7, 33.5, 68.0, 108.8, 109.8, 119.9, 123.3, 124.2, 127.2, 127.3, 128.6, 129.3, 130.4, 135.6, 141.4, 171.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2NaOS$   $[M + Na]$ <sup>+</sup> 357.1032; found: 357.1046.

(R)-3-(Ethylthio)-1-methyl-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (3t). White solid; 16.5 mg, 61% yield; 67% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +53.5$  (c 0.82, CHCl3); mp 85.3−86.9 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 5/95, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 5.9$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 6.5$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.15 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 2.61–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.89–3.01 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 6.23 (t,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 7.05−7.12 (m, 3H), 7.32−7.39 (m, 2H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 13.1, 23.0, 26.7, 67.6, 108.7, 109.5, 119.9, 123.2, 124.1, 127.7, 130.2, 141.4, 171.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{15}H_{16}^-$ N2NaOS [M + Na]+ 295.0876; found: 295.0879.

 $(R)-3-(Phenylthio)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one$  (3u). White solid; 24 mg, 78% yield; 50% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -121.1$  (c 1.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 164.4−166.0 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 15/85, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}}$ = 8.0 min,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 5.3 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.24– 6.28 (m, 2H), 6.75 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92−<br>6.98 (m, 1H), 7.10−7.23 (m, 6H), 7.24−7.35 (m, 2H), 8.82 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  71.8, 109.7, 110.9, 120.6, 122.5, 125.8, 126.4, 128.6, 128.8, 130.1, 130.3, 136.5, 139.4, 173.0; HRMS (ESI-

TOF) calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{14}N_2N_4OS$   $[M + Na]^+$  329.0719; found: 329.0724.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Racemic Compounds 5. In an ordinary vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, the oxindoles  $1$  (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), N-(phenylseleno)succinimides 4 (0.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and DABCO (20 mol %) were dissolved in 2.0 mL of DCM, and then the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After completion of the reaction, as indicated by TLC, the reaction mixture was purified directly with flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$  to  $4/1$ ) to afford compound 5.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Compounds 5a−j. In an ordinary vial equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, the oxindoles 1 (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), N-(phenylseleno)succinimides 4 (0.3 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and cinchonidine (10 mol %) were dissolved in 2.0 mL of toluene with 50 mg of 4 Å MS, and then the mixture was stirred at −20 °C for 5 h. The reaction mixture was purified directly with flash chromatography on silica gel (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate = 10/1 to 4/1) to afford racemic compound 5.

1-Methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (5a). White solid; 29.6 mg, 81% yield; 82% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -150.1$  (c 0.86, CHCl3); mp 116.4−118.0 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.7 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.2 \text{ min}$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.99 (s, 3H), 6.25 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01−7.03 (m, 2H), 7.13−7.17 (m, 4H), 7.19 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.26−7.34 (m, 2H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 26.3, 65.7, 108.5, 109.3, 109.6, 120.9, 122.6, 125.7, 126.3, 126.4, 128.6, 129.7, 129.9, 137.4, 141.7, 171.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 391.0321; found: 391.0316.

1-Ethyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (5b). White solid; 38.1 mg, 96% yield; 87% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -154.2$  (c 1.27, CHCl3); mp 88.7−90.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, i-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 5.5$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 6.5$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.06 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.56 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.25 (t, J  $= 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09  $(d, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.16 (d, J = 4.5 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}), 7.21 (t, J = 2.1 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}),$ 7.26−7.36 (m, 2H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 12.2, 34.9, 65.6, 108.7, 109.6, 120.9, 122.4, 125.9, 126.3, 126.7, 128.7, 129.7, 129.9, 137.4, 141.0, 171.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}N_2N_4OSe$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 405.0477; found: 405.0476.

1-Phenyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (5c). White solid; 33.6 mg, 86% yield; 90% ee;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -171.9$  (c 1.12, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 118.8-120.4 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane =  $10/90$ , flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.1$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 7.0$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.30 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.64 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (d, J  $= 7.2$  Hz, 2H),  $7.11$  (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H),  $7.16 - 7.26$  (m, 5H),  $7.28 - 7.31$ (m, 3H), 7.35–7.46 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  65.6, 109.7, 109.8, 120.9, 123.1, 126.2, 126.3, 126.4, 128.3, 128.8, 129.4, 129.8, 129.9, 133.4, 137.6, 142.0, 170.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{19}N_2O$ Se  $[M + H]^+$  431.0658; found: 431.0655.

1-Benzyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (5d). White solid; 41.2 mg, 93% yield; 86% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -129.7$  (c 1.37, CHCl3); mp 100.3−102.0 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak AD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 16.7 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{major}} = 13.0 \text{ min}$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.77 (s, 2H), 6.28 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.61 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.93−7.00 (m, 2H), 7.15−7.22 (m, 7H), 7.24 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.25−7.32 (m, 3H), 7.35−7.37 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 44.0, 65.8, 109.7, 121.0, 122.6, 125.5, 126.3, 126.4, 127.1, 127.7, 128.7, 128.8, 129.8, 129.9, 135.1, 137.4, 140.7, 171.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{20}N_2N_4OSe [M + Na]^+$  467.0634; found: 467.0629.

3-(Phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one (5e). White solid; 26.8 mg, 76% yield; 63% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -164.1$  (c 1.06, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 147.3−149.0 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}}$ = 12.2 min,  $t_{\text{major}}$  = 7.1 min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.25–

<span id="page-6-0"></span>6.29 (m, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.89 (m, 1H), 6.94–6.99  $(m, 1H)$ , 7.11–7.27  $(m, 7H)$ , 7.32–7.35  $(m, 1H)$ , 8.79  $(s, 1H)$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 66.3, 109.7, 110.7, 121.0, 122.6, 125.6, 126.3, 126.8, 128.8, 129.8, 129.9, 137.3, 137.4, 138.8, 173.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{18}H_{14}N_2N_4OSe [M + Na]^+$  377.0164; found: 377.0158.

5-Fluoro-1-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (**5f**). White solid; 26.1 mg, 83% yield; 93% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -223.8$  (c 0.87, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 85.5−87.3 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.4$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 8.7$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.00 (s, 3H), 6.27 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.60 (dd, J = 4.2 Hz, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J = 2.4 Hz, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97−7.03 (m, 1H), 7.15−7.23 (m, 6H), 7.34−7.39 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  26.4, 65.7, 109.1 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1C), 109.9, 113.4 (d, J = 25.8 Hz, 1C), 116.3 (d, J = 23.5 Hz, 1C), 120.8, 126.1, 127.8 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1C), 128.8, 130.0, 137.3, 137.6, 158.7 (d, J = 240.3 Hz, 1C), 171.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}FN_2NaOSe$  [M + Na] 409.0227; found: 409.0230.

5-Chloro-1-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (**5g**). White solid; 29.8 mg, 84% yield; 91% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = –142.4 (c 0.99, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 122.4−124.0 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.2 \text{ min}, t_{\text{major}} = 8.0 \text{ min}; \text{ }^{1}H \text{ NMR}$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.01 (s, 3H), 6.27 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14−7.18 (m, 4H), 7.19−7.28 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.41 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.4, 65.6, 109.5, 109.9, 120.9, 125.7, 126.1, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.8, 129.4, 129.7, 130.1, 137.4, 140.0, 171.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}CIN_2NaOSe [M + Na]^+$  424.9928; found: 424.9931.

6-Chloro-1-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (**5h**). White solid; 34.5 mg, 86% yield; 90% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$  = –194.0 (c 1.09, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 101.2−103.1 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane =  $10/90$ , flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.5$  min,  $t_{\text{major}} = 9.5$  min); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.99 (s, 3H), 6.25 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96−7.00 (m, 1H), 7.13−7.23 (m, 6H), 7.33–7.39 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  26.4, 65.3, 109.2, 109.9, 119.2, 120.9, 122.4, 124.8, 126.1, 126.4, 128.8, 130.0, 135.8, 137.4, 142.8, 171.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{19}H_{15}C/N_2$ -NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 424.9928; found: 424.9934.

5-Bromo-1-methyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2 one (**5i**). White solid; 33.4 mg, 85% yield; 90% ee;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -103.8$  (c 1.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 105.6−107.5 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 7.7 \text{ min}, t_{\text{major}} = 8.4 \text{ min}; \text{ }^{1}H \text{ NMR}$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.02 (s, 3H), 6.27 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.13−7.17 (m, 4H), 7.20−7.26 (m, 2H), 7.36−7.43 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 26.4, 65.6, 109.7, 109.9, 115.1, 119.1, 120.9, 126.1, 128.1, 128.4, 128.9, 130.1, 132.5, 137.5, 140.5, 170.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>-NaOSe [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 468.9423; found: 468.9428.

1,5-Dimethyl-3-(phenylselanyl)-3-(1H-pyrrol-1-yl)indolin-2-one **(5j).** White solid; 33.5 mg, 88% yield; 82% ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -138.8$  (c 1.12, CHCl3); mp 100.3−102.1 °C; the ee was determined by HPLC (Chiralpak OD-H, *i*-PrOH/hexane = 10/90, flow rate 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm,  $t_{\text{minor}} = 6.0 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{major}} = 6.8 \text{ min}$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  2.25 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 6.25 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 6.58 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 7.07−7.10 (m, 1H), 7.12−7.22 (m, 6H), 7.32−7.38 (m, 1H); 13C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl3): δ 21.1, 26.3, 66.0, 108.3, 109.5, 121.0, 126.1, 126.2, 126.5, 128.6, 129.7, 130.1, 132.1, 137.4, 137.5, 139.2, 171.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{18}$ -N<sub>2</sub>NaOSe  $[M + Na]$ <sup>+</sup> 405.0477; found: 405.0475.

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