# Synthesis of Optically Pure Spiro[cyclohexane-oxindoline] Derivatives via Catalytic Asymmetric Diels−Alder Reaction of Brassard-Type Diene with Methyleneindolines

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ABSTRACT: A highly efficient N,N′-dioxide−Zn(II) complex catalytic system for the asymmetric Diels−Alder reaction of Brassard-type diene with methyleneindolines was developed. The optically pure spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′ carboxylate-2, 2′-dione derivatives containing three stereocenters were obtained in moderate yields with 98% to >99% ee in a stereospecific manner.

C hiral spirocyclic oxindoles have fascinated synthetic<br>chemists over the past years, due to their potential<br>higherical activity and as privileged molecular architectures in a biological activity and as privileged molecular architectures in a variety of natural products and pharmacological compounds.<sup>1</sup> As one family of spirocyclic oxindoles, the spiro[cyclohexaneoxindoline] derivatives have attracted continuous attentio[n,](#page-5-0) which is exemplified by gelsemine as well as pharmacologically important compounds as shown in Figure 1. <sup>2</sup> Therefore, considerable efforts have been devoted to develop efficient protocols to access these interesting motifs. On [t](#page-5-0)he catalytic asymmetric version, to the best of our knowledge, organocatalytic Michael/Michael/Aldol addition reaction, $3$  double Michael addition reaction,<sup>4</sup> Michael/Povarov reaction,<sup>5</sup> and Michael/Al[d](#page-5-0)ol reaction $6$  have been documented to be venerable transformations f[o](#page-5-0)r achieving this class of mol[ec](#page-5-0)ules.

On the other hand, [th](#page-6-0)e asymmetric Diels−Alder (D-A) reactions are among the most powerful and effective transformations to construct chiral six-membered ring structures.<sup>7</sup> Especially, the asymmetric D-A reaction of 3-methyleneindolinone derivatives provides a one-step synthesis of spir[o-](#page-6-0) [cyclohexane-oxindoline] derivatives with remarkable step, atom, and redox economy.<sup>8</sup> Recently, Antilla and co-workers reported the synthesis of chiral spiro[cyclohexane-oxindoline] derivatives via the asymme[tr](#page-6-0)ic D-A reaction of 3-methyleneindolinone derivatives with Danishefsky's diene<sup>9</sup> by using a chiral



Figure 1. Some biologically active compounds with spirocyclohexaneoxindole core.

magnesium phosphate. $^{8\text{c}}$  As electron-rich as the Danishefsky's diene, Brassard's dienes<sup>10</sup> are relatively less-developed for the difficulty of controllin[g t](#page-6-0)he enantioselectivity which caused by the terminal substitue[nts](#page-6-0), $11$  however, have attracted much

Received: June 16, 2015 Published: August 18, 2015 attention, including ours, $12$  in recent years for the easily construction of six-membered  $\delta$ -lactones and  $\delta$ -lactams.<sup>13</sup> The D-A reaction of Brassard's [di](#page-6-0)enes with 3-methyleneindolinones could provide spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-c[arb](#page-6-0)oxylate-2, 2′-dione derivatives and can be used for preparation of new derivatives of this class (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Chiral ligands used in this study.

Herein, we report a highly enantioselective D-A reaction of Brassard-type diene with 3-methyleneindolinones to construct optically pure spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-carboxylate-2, 2′-dione derivatives containing three stereocenters by using a chiral  $Zn(OTf)_{2}N,N'$ -dioxide complex<sup>14</sup> under mild reaction conditions.

To begin our investigation, the reaction of 3-[me](#page-6-0)thyleneindolinone 2a with Brassard-type diene 1 was selected as a model reaction to optimize the reaction conditions. Initially, various metal salts coordinated in situ with L-pipecolic acid-derived  $N, N'$ -dioxide L-PiPh were examined in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C. As shown in Table 1, the complex of L-PiPh–Mg( $ClO_4$ )<sub>2</sub> afforded the desired adduct 3a only in 31% yield and 39% ee (Table 1, entry 1). When the complex of  $Cu(OTf)$ <sub>2</sub> or Fe $(OTf)$ <sub>3</sub> was applied, no product was detected (Table 1, entries 2 and 3). To our delight, the combination of  $Zn(OTf)$ , and L-PiPh afforded the desired adduct 3a with 53% ee, though the yield was only

Table 1. Optimization of the Reaction Conditions<sup> $a$ </sup>



 $a$ Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were performed with metal/L (10 mol %, 1/1), 1 (0.15 mmol), and 2a (0.10 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (0.5 mL) under nitrogen at 35  $^{\circ}$ C for 1 h.  $^{b}$ Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup>Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.  ${}^{d}K_{2}CO_{3}$  (1 equiv) was used.  ${}^{e}DMAP$  (1 equiv) was used.

28% (Table 1, entry 4). Encouraged by the result, the structure of ligand was then examined. Increasing the steric hindrance of ortho-substituents on the aniline ring benefited the yield and enantioselectivity of the reaction, and the  $N, N'$ -dioxide L-PiMe<sub>2</sub> bearing 2,6-dimethyl-substituted aniline increased the yield to 49% and the ee sharply to 98% (Table 1, entry 5). Meanwhile,  $L-PiEt<sub>2</sub>$  with more steric ethyl substituents increased the yield to 55% with maintained ee value (Table 1, entry 6). When ligand  $L$ -PiEt<sub>2</sub>-Me containing a more methyl group on the aniline moiety was used, the yield and ee could be further improved to 63% and >99%, respectively (Table 1, entry 7). Subsequently, the structure of the ligand was probed. It was proved that L-pipecolic acid-derived L- $PiEt_{2}$ -Me was superior to L-proline-derived L-PrEt<sub>2</sub>-Me and L-ramipril acid-derived L- $RaEt<sub>2</sub>$ -Me in this reaction (Table 1, entries 8 and 9). The relatively low yield of the desired product 3a was caused by the Vinylogous Michael side reaction that existed in this catalytic system. In the hope of transforming the Vinylogous Michael byproduct to the desired 3a, base additives such as  $K_2CO_3$  and DMAP were added, but no better results were obtained (Table 1, entries 10 and 11).

Therefore, the optimal reaction conditions were 10 mol % of L-PiEt<sub>2</sub>-Me−Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C for 1 h, which afforded the product with 63% yield and >99% ee in a stereospecific manner.

Under the optimized reaction conditions, a wide range of methyleneindolinones 2 was investigated, and the results were summarized in Table 2. Initially, variation of the  $R<sup>1</sup>$  was investigated. For aromatic  $R^1$ , it was found that electronic nature of the [substit](#page-2-0)uents on the aromatic ring of methyleneindolinones had no obvious influence on the enantioselectivity but a slight influence on the yield (Table 2, entries 1−12). Generally, methyleneindolinones with electrondonating substituted phenyl groups afforded higher yi[elds than](#page-2-0) those with electron-withdrawing ones. Remarkably, the naphthyl ring and 2-furyl substituted methyleneindolinones 2m−2o were also suitable for the reaction, affording the desired products in 54%−62% yields with excellent enantioselectivities (>99% ee) (Table 2, entries 13–15). When  $R<sup>1</sup>$  was an ester group, methyleneindolines 2p−2t were also tolerated in the catalytic syst[em \(Tab](#page-2-0)le 2, entries 16−20). Next, the nitrogen protecting group was varied. Methyleneindolinones 2u−2v with carbonyl-ba[sed Ac o](#page-2-0)r Cbz protecting group proceeded well in the reaction, giving 3u in 63% yield with >99% ee and 3v in 68% yield with 98% ee, respectively (Table 2, entries 21 and 22). However, when  $\mathbb{R}^2$  was Bn without a carbonyl group, no product could be detected. The results [indicate](#page-2-0)d that the coordination of dienophile 2 to the catalyst in a bidentate fashion with two carbonyl groups played a key role in the catalytic process. It is noteworthy that only a single diastereomer was detected in all cases, and the reactions were completed in 1 h. The absolute configuration of product 3a was determined to be (1R, 5R, 6S) by X-ray crystallographic study.<sup>15</sup> The absolute configurations of 3b−3v were also assigned to be (1R, 5R, 6S) by comparing their circular dichr[ois](#page-6-0)m spectra with that of 3a.

To illustrate the origin of the asymmetric induction, the relationship between the enantiomeric excess of  $L-PiEt_{2}-Me$ and that of the product 3a was investigated (Figure 3). A clear linear effect was observed, which indicated that monomeric catalyst might be the main active species in t[he catalyti](#page-2-0)c system. In addition, HRMS analysis of the mixture of 2a and catalyst suggested that 2a coordinated to the catalyst in a 1:1 molecular

<span id="page-2-0"></span>Table 2. Substrate Scope of Methyleneindolinones in the Asymmetric D-A Reaction<sup>a</sup>



a Unless otherwise noted, the reactions were preformed with  $Zn(OTf)_2/L-PiEt_2-Me$  (10 mol %, 1/1), 1 (0.15 mmol), 2 (0.10 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) under nitrogen at 35 °C for 1 h. <sup>b</sup>Isolated yield. <sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral HPLC analysis.



Figure 3. Nonlinear effects observed in the  $Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>-L-PiEt<sub>2</sub>-Me$ catalyzed DA reaction of 1 and 2a.

ratio, because a peak at  $m/z$  1154.4109 was detected which was corresponding to the complex of  $[Zn^{2+} + 2a + (L-PiEt_2-Me) +$  OTf<sup>-</sup>)] (*m*/z calcd 1154.4478). What's more, the reaction of 1 with 2a was monitored by operando IR experiments. It can be seen from Figure 4 that the desired product 3a was formed with the depletion of 2a at the beginning of the reaction, which can be tracked by the changes of the peaks at 1335 and 1350 cm<sup>-1</sup>. .



Figure 4. 3D ATR-FTIR profile of the catalytic asymmetric D-A reaction.

Based on the above observations, the absolute configuration of products, and our previous study,<sup>12e</sup> a possible catalytic model was proposed. As shown in Figure 5, oxygen atoms of



Figure 5. Proposed catalytic model of the catalytic asymmetric D-A reaction.

the amide and N-oxide are coordinated with  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}$  in a tetradentate manner to form a six-membered chelate ring. Meanwhile, the methyleneindolinone 2a coordinates to the Zn(II) in a bidentate fashion with its dicarbonyl groups. Then, Brassard-type diene 1 attacks 2a from the Re face of 2a, since the Si face is shielded by the neighboring 2,6-diethyl-4 methylphenyl group of the L-PiEt<sub>2</sub>-Me. Thus, the  $(1R, 5R, 6S)$ product 3a is obtained, which is in good agreement with X-ray study of 3a.

In summary, we have disclosed a highly enantioselective D-A reaction of Brassard-type diene with 3-methyleneindolines catalyzed by a chiral  $Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>−N,N'$ -dioxide complex. The method enables the construction of functionalized chiral spirooxindoles containing three stereocenters in moderate

yields with 98% to >99% ee in a stereospecific manner. And a possible transition model was also proposed.

# **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General Remarks. Reactions were carried out using commercially available reagents in a dry apparatus.  $CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>$  was directly distilled before use. 3-methyleneindolinones were prepared. Enantiomeric excesses (ee's) were determined by HPLC analysis using the corresponding commercial chiral column as stated in the experimental procedures at 23 °C with a UV detector at 254 nm. Optical rotations were reported as follows:  $\left[ \alpha \right]_{\rm D}^{-{\rm T}}$  (c g/100 mL, solvent).  $^1{\rm H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on commercial instruments (400 MHz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra was collected on commercial instruments (100 MHz) with complete proton decoupling. HRMS was recorded on a commercial apparatus. Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded on a CD spectropolarimeter, using a 1 cm quartz cuvette.

General Procedure for the Catalytic Asymmetric Reaction. In a test tube, 3-methyleneindolinone 2a (0.10 mmol, 32.1 mg), ligand  $L-PiEt<sub>2</sub>-Me$  (0.01 mmol, 6.2 mg),  $Zn(OTf)<sub>2</sub>$  (0.01 mmol, 3.6 mg) were added. The tube was filled with  $N_2$  gas, and 0.5 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$ was added. The reaction was stirred at 30 °C for 0.5 h. Subsequently, the Brassard-type diene 1 (1.5 equiv, 40  $\mu$ L) was added at 35 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford the product 3a. The ee was determined by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), and the diastereoselectivity was determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxo-6-phenylspiro- [cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3a). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid 27.2 mg, 63% yield, >99% ee, mp 169−171 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $λ = 254$  nm),  $t_{r1}$ = 5.50 min,  $t_{r2}$  = 6.64 min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{21.8}$  = +229.9 (c = 1.10 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33−7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19−7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76  $(d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H)$ , 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40−3.24 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.8, 180.1, 173.1, 148.3, 140.8, 135.2, 129.2, 128.0, 127.7, 125.4, 123.9, 123.4, 115.7, 101.6, 83.9, 65.6, 56.7, 53.7, 35.4, 27.9, 14.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{27}NKO_5$  ([M  $+$  K<sup>+</sup>]) = 472.1526; found 472.1524.

tert-Butyl-6-(3-chlorophenyl)-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′- dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-carboxylate (3b). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a white solid 24.3 mg, 52% yield, >99% ee, mp 122−124 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 6.86$  min,  $t_{r2} = 10.17$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.9} = +155.6$  $(c = 0.49 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.66 (d, J = 8.1) Hz, 1H), 7.33−7.27 (m, 2H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (ddd,  $J = 8.0, 1.9, 0.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 5.66 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.35−3.20 (m, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.3, 179.7, 172.8, 148.3, 140.8, 137.4, 133.9, 129.5, 129.2, 127.9, 125.0, 124.1, 123.3, 115.8, 101.6, 84.2, 65.4, 56.7, 53.4, 35.3, 27.9, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}^{34.9689}$ ClNNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 490.1397; found 490.1398, HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}$  <sup>36.9659</sup>ClNNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 492.1368; found 492.1388.

tert-Butyl-6-(3-bromophenyl)-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′ dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3c). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: $E$ tOAc = 3:1) to afford a white solid 28.2 mg, 55% yield, >99% ee, mp 98−100 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 6.71$  min,  $t_{r2} = 9.71$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{12.8} = +226.0$  $(c = 0.39 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67 (d, J = 8.1) Hz, 1H), 7.36–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.16 (td, J = 7.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36−3.18 (m, 1H), 1.52 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.3, 179.7, 172.8, 148.3, 140.8,

137.6, 130.9, 129.5, 124.9, 124.1, 123.3, 122.0, 115.8, 101.6, 84.2, 65.4, 56.7, 53.4, 35.3, 27.9, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}^{78.0183}BrNNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 534.0892$ ; found 534.0891. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}^{80.9163}BrNNaO_5$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 536.0872; found 536.0880.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxo-6-m-tolylspiro- [cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3d). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: $EtOAc = 3:1$ ) to afford a white solid 28.6 mg, 64% yield, 98% ee, mp 78−80 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1}$  = 5.00 min,  $t_{r2} = 5.89$  min, ee = 98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.1} = +175.3$  (c = 0.49 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.31−7.23 (m, 2H), 7.14 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96−6.83 (m, 2H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.51(s, 1H), 5.66 (d,  $J = 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.67  $(d, J = 11.4 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.30 \text{ (ddd}, J = 11.4, 6.6, 1.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.11 \text{ (s,}$ 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.9, 180.3, 173.1, 148.4, 140.9, 137.5, 135.1, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 125.6, 123.8, 123.4, 115.6, 101.6, 83.8, 65.6, 56.6, 53.7, 35.4, 27.9, 21.2, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{29}NNaO_5$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup> ]) = 470.1943; found 470.1936.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-6-(3-methoxyphenyl)-5-methyl-2,2′ dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-carboxylate (3e). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: $EtOAc = 3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 29.2 mg, 63% yield, >99% ee, mp 143−145 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 6.59$  min,  $t_{r2} = 9.45$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.4} = +211.7$  $(c = 0.45 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.65 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.95 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.72−6.59 (m, 1H), 6.48−6.06 (m, 2H), 5.65 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.35−3.20 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.7, 180.1, 173.0, 159.1, 148.4, 140.9, 136.7, 129.2, 128.9, 125.6, 123.9, 123.3, 115.8, 114.1, 101.6, 83.9, 65.6, 56.6, 55.0, 53.7, 35.5, 27.9, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{29}NNaO_6$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup> ]) = 486.1893; found 486.1891.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxo-6-(3-phenoxyphenyl) spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3f). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 33.1 mg, 63% yield, 98% ee, mp 75−77 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/i-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 7.68$  min,  $t_{r2} = 12.19$  min, ee = 98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{14.6} = +202.7$  $(c = 0.56$  in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.68 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.18 (m, 5H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 6.77 (dd, J = 8.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 3H), 6.36 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.73 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32−3.17 (m, 1H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.5, 179.9, 173.0, 157.0, 156.6, 148.5, 140.7, 137.4, 129.7, 129.3, 125.2, 124.10, 123.3, 123.0, 118.7, 118.4, 115.8, 101.5, 84.0, 65.5, 56.6, 53.4, 35.3, 28.0, 14.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{32}H_{31}NNaO_6$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup> ]) = 548.2049; found 548.2056.

tert-Butyl-6-(4-fluorophenyl)-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′ dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-carboxylate (3g). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 28.0 mg, 62% yield, 98% ee, mp 97−99 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 8.01$  min,  $t_{r2} = 11.02$  min, ee = 98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.7} = +152.2$  $(c = 0.46 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.32−7.27 (m, 2H), 7.18−7.12 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 4H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.32−3.18 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.07 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 192.5, 179.9, 173.1, 163.4, 160.9, 148.2, 140.8, 131.1, 129.4, 125.1, 124.0, 123.4, 115.8, 115.0, 114.8, 101.6, 84.1, 65.6, 56.7, 52.9, 35.6, 27.9, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}FNNaO_5$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup> ]) = 474.1693; found 474.1698.

tert-Butyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′ dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-carboxylate (3h). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:  $EtOAc = 3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 24.3 mg, 52% yield, 99% ee, mp 108−110 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/i-PrOH =  $70/30$ , flow rate = 1.0 mL/ min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{r1} = 8.60$  min,  $t_{r2} = 11.89$  min, ee = 99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{24.6}$  =

+151.4 (c = 0.62 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.14 (dd,  $J = 14.8$ , 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 2H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.37−3.17 (m, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.3, 179.8, 173.0, 148.2, 140.8, 133.9, 133.6, 130.0, 129.4, 128.2, 125.0, 124.0, 123.4, 115.9, 101.6, 84.2, 65.5, 56.7, 53.0, 35.4, 27.9, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}^{34.9689}$ ClNNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 490.1397; found 490.1404, HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}^{36.9659}$ ClNNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 492.1368; found 492.1368.

tert-Butyl-6-(4-bromophenyl)-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′ dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3i). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 26.1 mg, 51% yield, 98% ee, mp 114−116 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/*i*-PrOH =  $70/30$ , flow rate = 1.0 mL/ min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{r1} = 8.26$  min,  $t_{r2} = 11.25$  min, ee = 98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{12.3}$  = +152.0 (c = 0.45 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.63 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.09 (m, 3H), 6.64 (d,  $J =$ 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.70 (d,  $J = 11.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.26 (ddd, J = 11.5, 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.3, 179.7, 173.0, 148.1, 140.8, 134.4, 131.2, 129.5, 124.9, 124.0, 123.4, 121.8, 115.9, 101.6, 84.2, 65.4, 56.7, 53.1, 35.3, 27.9, 14.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}^{78.0183}BrNNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 534.0892$ ; found 534.0891, HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}$  <sup>80.9163</sup>BrNNaO<sub>5</sub> ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 536.0872; found 536.0876.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxo-6-(4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)spiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3j). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:  $EtOAc = 3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 28.1 mg, 56% yield, >99% ee, mp 118−120 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/*i*-PrOH =  $70/30$ , flow rate = 1.0 mL/ min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{r1} = 7.60$  min,  $t_{r2} = 10.29$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.2}$  $= +162.2$  (c = 0.47 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.67– 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.36−7.27 (m, 4H), 7.17 (td, J = 7.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.90  $(d, J = 6.9$  Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (d,  $J = 11.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.40−3.26 (m, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.1, 179.6, 172.8, 148.0, 140.7, 139.5, 130.2, 129.8, 129.6, 129.0, 125.2, 125.0−124.7, 124.1, 123.4, 115.9, 101.6, 84.3, 65.3, 56.7, 53.5, 35.3, 27.8, 14.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{26}F_3NNaO_5$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 524.1661; found 524.1664.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-6-(4-nitrophenyl)-2,2′-dioxospiro-  $[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxplate (3k).$  Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 25.8 mg, 54% yield, >99% ee, mp 165−167 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/i-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 13.90$  min,  $t_{r2} = 16.50$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{18.3}$  = +186.8 (c = 0.51 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 (d,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 7.18  $(t, J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ , 6.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 5.67 (s, 1H), 3.88 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 4H), 3.42−3.28 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 191.6, 179.2, 172.7, 148.0, 147.4, 143.0, 140.6, 129.8, 124.5, 124.3, 123.4, 123.2, 115.9, 101.5, 84.6, 65.1, 56.8, 53.2, 35.3, 27.9, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{26}H_{26}N_2NaO_7$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 501.1638; found 501.1639.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxo-6-p-tolylspiro- [cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-carboxylate (3l). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 24.6 mg, 55% yield, >99% ee, mp 169−171 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 5.29$  min,  $t_{r2} = 6.19$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{12.3} = +171.5$  $(c = 0.53 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.69–7.57 (m, 1H), 7.31−7.26 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.68  $(d, J = 11.4 \text{ Hz}, 1H), 3.38-3.20 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 2.19 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 1.49 \text{ (s, 9H)},$ 1.07 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.9, 180.3, 173.2, 148.4, 140.8, 137.2, 132.1, 129.1, 128.7, 125.5, 123.9, 123.4, 115.7, 101.6, 83.8, 65.7, 56.6, 53.4, 35.5, 27.9, 20.9, 14.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{27}H_{29}NNaO_5$   $([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 470.1943$ ; found 470.1945.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-6-(naphthalen-1-yl)-2,2′ dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′-carboxylate (3m). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:  $EtOAc = 3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 26.6 mg, 55% yield, >99% ee, mp 155−157 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/i-PrOH =  $70/30$ , flow rate = 1.0 mL/ min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{r1} = 10.03$  min,  $t_{r2} = 11.78$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{18.0}$  $= +356.2$  (c = 0.53 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.32  $(d, J = 8.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ , 7.75  $(d, J = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ , 7.63  $(dd, J = 14.0, 8.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.76 (s, 1H), 4.80 (d,  $J =$ 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 3.35 (td,  $J = 13.5$ , 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.11 (s, 9H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.9, 180.5, 172.2, 148.3, 141.3, 133.8, 132.5, 131.6, 129.4, 128.3, 126.1, 125.8, 125.6, 124.3, 123.9, 123.5, 115.8, 101.9, 83.3, 65.0, 56.7, 45.7, 37.5, 27.4, 14.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{30}H_{29}NNaO_5$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup> ]) = 506.1943; found 506.1939.

tert-Butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-6-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2,2′ dioxospiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3n). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 30.0 mg, 62% yield, >99% ee, mp 153−155 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/i-PrOH =  $70/30$ , flow rate = 1.0 mL/ min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm),  $t_{r1} = 5.96$  min,  $t_{r2} = 6.76$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.5}$  = +218.6 (c = 0.49 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70– 7.65 (m, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.47  $(d, J = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ , 7.38 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 4.6, 0.9 \text{ Hz}, 4\text{H}$ ), 7.28 (dd,  $J =$ 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (td,  $J = 7.5$ , 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 3.95−3.85 (m, 4H), 3.45 (tt, J = 12.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.29 (s, 9H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.7, 180.1, 173.1, 148.1, 140.8, 133.1−132.6, 129.3, 127.9, 127.4, 126.0, 125.4, 123.9, 123.4, 115.8, 101.7, 83.8, 65.7, 56.7, 53.9, 35.4, 27.7, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{30}H_{29}NNaO_5$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 506.1943; found 506.1945.

tert-Butyl-6-(furan-2-yl)-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxospiro- [cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (30). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:  $EtOAc = 3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 22.8 mg, 54% yield, >99% ee, mp 156−158 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/i-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 6.44$  min,  $t_{r2} = 9.19$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.5} = +138.3$  $(c = 0.32 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.72 (d, J = 8.1) Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 15.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24−7.19 (m, 1H), 7.10 (td, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.06−6.99 (m, 1H), 6.08 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.48−3.34 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.3, 179.6, 173.4, 150.2, 148.7, 141.9, 140.5, 129.1, 125.7, 123.9, 123.4, 115.6, 110.0, 108.2, 101.3, 84.2, 64.7, 56.6, 47.2, 34.4, 28.0, 15.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{24}H_{25}NNaO_6$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 446.1580; found 446.1576.

1′-tert-Butyl-6-methyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxospiro- [cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate (3p). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:  $E$ tOA $c = 3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 21.6 mg, 52% yield, 98% ee, mp 99−101 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IB, hexane/i-PrOH = 70/30, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1}$  = 7.00 min,  $t_{r2}$  = 8.68 min, ee =98%. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>18.9</sup>= +133.9 (c = 0.42 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38−7.28 (m, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 3.83  $(s, 3H)$ , 3.62 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49–3.39 (m, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.34 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 191.1, 178.8, 173.7, 169.7, 149.0, 140.5, 129.5, 125.6, 124.3, 123.1, 115.8, 100.7, 84.4, 61.7, 56.7, 52.0, 32.1, 28.1, 17.3. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{22}H_{25}NNaO_7$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 438.1529; found 438.1530.

1′-tert-Butyl-6-ethyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxospiro-  $[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate (3q).$  Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 21.9 mg, 51% yield, >99% ee, mp 148−150 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/i-PrOH =  $90/10$ , flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1}$  = 9.62 min,  $t_{r2}$  = 10.79 min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20.4}$  = +215.5  $(c = 0.48 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d<sub>1</sub> J = 8.2) Hz, 1H), 7.34−7.27 (m, 1H), 7.13−7.02 (m, 2H), 5.50 (s, 1H), 3.88− 3.75 (m, 5H), 3.60 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.53−3.40 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s,

<span id="page-5-0"></span>9H), 1.35 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 191.2, 178.9, 173.8, 169.2, 148.9, 140.6, 129.5, 125.8, 124.3, 123.1, 115.6, 100.5, 84.4, 61.6, 61.3, 56.7, 51.4, 32.0, 28.1, 17.6, 13.4. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{23}H_{27}NKO_{7}$  ([M + K<sup>+</sup>]) = 468.1425; found 468.1421.

1′-tert-Butyl-6-isopropyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxospiro- [cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′,6-dicarboxylate (3r). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 26.6 mg, 60% yield, >99% ee, mp 124−126 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/i-PrOH =  $90/10$ , flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 8.77$  min,  $t_{r2} = 9.45$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{13.0} = +151.4$  $(c = 0.44$  in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33−7.27 (m, 1H), 7.09−7.02 (m, 2H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 4.68  $(dt, J = 12.5, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.57 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H),$ 3.51−3.41 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 9H), 1.36 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.72 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 191.4, 179.0, 173.7, 168.7, 149.0, 140.8, 129.4, 125.9, 124.2, 123.1, 115.8, 100.4, 84.3, 69.3, 61.6, 56.6, 51.3, 32.1, 28.1, 21.4, 20.7, 17.8. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{24}H_{29}NNaO_7$  ([M + K<sup>+</sup>]) = 466.1842; found 466.1845.

Di-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxospiro[cyclohex[3] ene-1,3'-indoline]-1',6-dicarboxylate (3s). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether:  $E$ tOAc = 3:1) to afford a white solid, 27.0 mg, 59% yield, >99% ee, mp 178−180 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1}$  = 7.29 min,  $t_{r2} = 7.90$  min, ee = >99%.  $[\alpha]_D^{20.9} = +411.8$  (c = 0.62 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.94 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd,  $J = 8.5$ , 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 2H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.52 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46−3.36 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 9H), 1.35 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (s, 9H). 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3) δ 191.5, 179.1, 173.8, 168.3, 149.1, 140.9, 129.4, 126.4, 124.2, 123.0, 115.7, 100.3, 84.3, 82.5, 61.7, 56.6, 51.7, 32.1, 28.1, 27.2, 17.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{25}H_{31}NNaO_7 ([M + Na^+]) = 480.1998;$ found 480.1996.

6-Benzyl-1′-tert-butyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxospiro- [cyclohex[3]ene-1,3′-indoline]-1′,6-dicarboxylate (3t). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc =  $3:1$ ) to afford a white solid, 30.9 mg, 63% yield, 98% ee, mp 170−172 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/i-PrOH = 90/10, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1} = 11.55$  min,  $t_{r2} = 12.03$  min, ee =98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{14.4} = +180.9$  $(c = 0.40 \text{ in } CH_2Cl_2)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26−7.19 (m, 4H), 7.10−6.97 (m, 4H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 4.80  $(s, 2H)$ , 3.82  $(s, 3H)$ , 3.68  $(d, J = 10.6 \text{ Hz}, 1H)$ , 3.49  $(ddd, J = 10.6,$ 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.36 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$  δ 191.1, 178.7, 173.5, 169.3, 148.7, 140.5, 134.6, 129.4, 128.6, 128.3, 125.6, 124.1, 122.9, 115.9, 100.4, 84.2, 67.2, 61.6, 56.6, 51.2, 32.2, 28.1, 17.6. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{28}H_{29}NNaO_7$  $([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 514.1842$ ; found 514.1844.

1′-Acetyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-6-phenylspiro[cyclohex[3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-2,2'-dione (3u). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a white solid, 24.6 mg, 63% yield, >99% ee, mp 116−118 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/i-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1}$  = 8.02 min,  $t_{\rm r2}$  = 9.05 min, ee = >99%.  $\left[\alpha\right]_{\rm D}^{25.7}$  = +212.9 (c = 0.33 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19−7.08 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (s, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.72 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.40−3.24  $(m, 1H)$ , 1.49  $(s, 9H)$ , 1.08  $(d, J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 3H)$ . <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  192.8, 180.1, 173.1, 148.3, 140.8, 135.2, 129.2, 128.0, 127.7, 125.4, 123.9, 123.4, 115.7, 101.6, 83.9, 65.6, 56.7, 53.7, 35.4, 27.9, 14.9. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{24}H_{23}NNaO_5$   $([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 428.1474;$ found 428.1467.

Benzyl-4-methoxy-5-methyl-2,2′-dioxo-6-phenylspiro[cyclohex- [3]ene-1,3'-indoline]-1'-carboxylate (3v). Purified by flash chromatography (petroleum ether: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a white solid, 31.8 mg, 68% yield, 98% ee, mp 116−118 °C; HPLC (Chiralcel IA, hexane/*i*-PrOH = 80/20, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm),  $t_{r1}$  = 10.74 min,  $t_{r2} = 15.94$  min, ee =98%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25.1} = +187.2$  (c = 0.84 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.70 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41−7.34 (m, 4H), 7.33−7.25 (m, 3H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06

 $(t, J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H})$ , 6.96  $(t, J = 7.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H})$ , 6.75  $(d, J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H})$ , 5.64 (s, 1H), 5.28 (q, J = 12.6 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.41–3.25 (m, 1H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 192.5, 180.2, 173.0, 150.0, 140.3, 135.1, 129.4, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 125.6, 124.4, 123.5, 115.9, 101.4, 68.2, 65.8, 56.7, 53.6, 35.5, 15.0. HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{29}H_{25}NNaO_5$  ([M + Na<sup>+</sup>]) = 490.1630; found 490.1636.

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