# Reaction of $\alpha$ -carbanion of imines with *N*-tosylimines: a facile route to $\beta$ -aminoaldehydes and 1,3-diamines

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Deprotonation of aldimines by LDA, followed by trapping of the resulting carbanion with N-tosylimines and hydrolysis or reduction provides a convenient access to  $\beta$ -aminoaldehydes or 1,3-diamines.

#### Introduction

Recently, the use of imines as starting materials in the synthesis of nitrogen-containing compounds has attracted a lot of interest from synthetic chemists.<sup>1</sup> A number of reactions of imines, such as aziridination,<sup>2</sup> alkylation, aldol reaction, hetero-Diels–Alder reaction, have been well documented.<sup>2</sup> All of these reactions utilize the carbon of the C=N double bond as an electrophile or the C=N double bond as dienophile. There are only a few examples of the use of  $\alpha$ -carbanions derived from imines,<sup>3</sup> although the reactions of  $\alpha$ -carbanions of carbonyl compounds, an imine analog, are important in organic synthesis.<sup>4</sup> As a program aimed at the applications of imines,<sup>2a,g,5</sup> we have studied the formation of carbanions from imines and their subsequent reactions. Now we report the deprotonation of imines and the reaction of the thus formed  $\alpha$ -carbanion with *N*-tosylimines to provide  $\beta$ -aminoaldehydes and 1,3-diamines.<sup>6</sup>

# **Results and discussion**

In the presence of LDA, deprotonation of imines 1 gave rise to  $\alpha$ -carbanions of imines 2, which reacted with *N*-tosylimines 3 to afford  $\beta$ -amino imines 4. Direct hydrolysis of amino imines 4 with oxalic acid delivered  $\beta$ -aminoaldehydes 5 (Scheme 1). The results are showed in Table 1.

This is a one-pot reaction. All aldimines 1 reacted with *N*-tosylimines 3 to give rise to the intermediates,  $\beta$ -aminoaldimines 4, which allowed direct hydrolysis. The  $\beta$ -aminoaldehydes were provided in good yield after three-step reactions. The substituent R<sup>1</sup> can be H and Me and R<sup>2</sup> can be

**Table 1** Synthesis of  $\beta$ -aminoaldehydes from aldimines 1 and 3<sup>*a*</sup>

Entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Product (yield %) <sup>b</sup>	syn : anti <sup>c</sup>
1	Н	Me	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5a (61)	40:60
2	Me	Me	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>5b</b> (72)	
3	Н	Et	Ph	5c (81)	23:77
4	Н	Et	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5d (79)	26:74
5	Н	Et	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	5e (80)	25:75
6	Н	Pr	Ph	<b>5f</b> (63)	25:75
7	Н	<sup>i</sup> Pr	Ph	5g (82)	8:92
8	Η	<sup>i</sup> Pr	4-MeOC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>5h</b> (73)	22:78
9	Н	<sup>i</sup> Pr	$4-ClC_6H_4$	<b>5i</b> (83)	8:92

<sup>*a*</sup> All reactions were carried out with the ratio of LDA : imine : *N*-tosylimine = 1.6 : 1.5 : 0.75. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yields based on the *N*-tosylimine. <sup>*c*</sup> Determined by 300 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR.

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linear and branched alkyl group. The stereoselectivity of the reaction is usually low, but in some cases it is high (Entries 7 and 9). A change of solvent from THF to toluene had little influence on the stereochemistry outcome. The presence of additives, such as molecular sieves,  $\text{LiClO}_4$ , also did not change the *syn-anti* ratio of products. The stereochemistry of products was determined from the *J* value of the aldehyde proton from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and confirmed further by X-ray diffraction analysis of **5g** (Fig. 1).<sup>7</sup>

In order to trap the carbanion intermediate 2, the use of activated imine is crucial. The imines with phenyl and diphenyl-phosphinoyl groups as substituent on nitrogen failed to react with carbanions 2 to give any product. *N*-Tosylimines, with either electron-donating or electron-withdrawing substituents on the phenyl ring give the desired products. Enamines have been used widely as a synthon of  $\alpha$ -carbanions of carbonyl compounds,<sup>8</sup> however, the reaction of enamines derived from cyclohexanone and piperidine with PhCH=NTs or PhCH=NPh–TMSCl did not provide the desired products. The choice of base is also important.<sup>3e</sup> In the presence of LDA, aldimines

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Table 2Synthesis of 1,3-diamines from aldimines 1 and  $3^a$ 

Entry	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	Product (yield %) <sup>b</sup>
1	Н	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	4-ClC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	<b>6a</b> (79)
2	Н	CH(CH <sub>3</sub> ),	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	<b>6b</b> (82)
3	Н	$CH(CH_3)_2$	$4 - ClC_6H_4$	<b>6c</b> (85)

<sup>*a*</sup> All reactions were carried out with the ratio of LDA : imine : N-tosylimine = 1.6 : 1.5 : 0.75. <sup>*b*</sup> Isolated yields based on the N-tosylimine.



Fig. 1 ORTEP drawing of 5g.

with hydrogen at the  $\alpha$ -position afforded the carbanion, however, no carbanion formed if sodium hydride was used as base. Butyllithium reacted with the C=N double bond.<sup>2e</sup> With lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide as base, the product is complex.<sup>9</sup>

If NaBH<sub>4</sub>–MeOH instead of oxalic acid was used,  $\beta$ -amino aldimines **4** can also be reduced smoothly to give 1,3-diamines in good yield (Scheme 2, Table 2). The NMR of **6** showed that



there were two -NHTs peaks with a ratio of around 1 : 1. Thus the epimerization should take place during the reduction reaction because both reactions have the same intermediate **4** and hydrolysis of **4** gave the products with *syn* : *anti* ratio of 40 : 60 to 8 : 92.

In conclusion, new and one-pot procedures have been developed to prepare  $\beta$ -aminoaldehydes and 1,3-diamines from  $\alpha$ -carbanions of imines in a convenient way. The usefulness of  $\alpha$ -carbanions of imines in organic synthesis is also demon-

strated. The investigation on the reactions of  $\alpha$ -carbanions of imines with other kinds of nucleophiles and the asymmetric version of them are in progress.

# Experimental

## General

All the reactions were performed under a dry argon atmosphere. The commercially available reagents were used without further purification. THF was freshly distilled under nitrogen from a purple solution of sodium and benzophenone. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AMX-300 (300 MHz) spectrometer and the chemical shifts were referenced to CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  7.27) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, IR spectra were recorded in neat solutions, and measured in cm<sup>-1</sup>, using a Shimadzu IR-440 infrared spectrophotometer. Mass spectra were taken using HP5989A. Elemental analyses were performed on a Foss–Heraeus Vario EL instrument.

#### General procedure for the preparation of β-aminoaldehydes 5

To a solution of aldimine 1 (1.5 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added LDA (1 mL, 1.6 M in THF) at 0 °C under argon, the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h, then was cooled to -78 °C and *N*-tosylimine 2 (0.75 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at this temperature for 7 h. A solution of oxalic acid (144 mg, 1.6 mmol) in water (2 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 12 h. The mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL × 3). The organic layer was combined, washed with brine (10 mL × 2) and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography by using petroleum ether (60–90 °C) and ethyl acetate (3 : 1) as the eluent to obtain the corresponding β-aminoaldehydes **5** as a *syn-anti* mixture.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-chlorophenyl)-2-methylpropanal 5a.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5a**: 1.09 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 4.69 (dd, J = 6.1 and 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 9.53 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5a**: 0.96 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.76 (m, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 8.4 and 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 9.62 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); MS: *mlz* (%) 351 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1.98), 260 (90), 91 (100); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3273, 2977, 2925, 2720, 1721, 1598, 1495, 1455; Anal. Calcd C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>CINO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 58.03; H, 5.16; N, 3.98. Found: C, 57.76; H, 5.43; N, 3.96%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropanal 5b.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.01 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.46 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.02 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 4H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 9.49 (s, 1H); MS: m/z (%) 365 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.25), 293 (100); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3263, 2928, 2843, 2710, 1735, 1598, 1461, 1437; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>CINO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 59.09; H, 5.51; N, 3.83. Found: C, 59.04; H, 5.78; N, 3.57%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-phenyl-2-ethylpropanal 5c.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5c**: 0.92 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.37–1.60 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 4.59 (dd, J = 8.0 and 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.95–7.11 (m, 7H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 9.46 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5c**: 0.89 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.37–1.60 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 4.59 (dd, J = 8.0 and 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95–7.11 (m, 7H), 7.45 (m, 2H), 9.56 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H); MS: m/z (%) 314 (M<sup>+</sup> – 17, 6.23), 260 (100); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3240, 3028, 2968, 2697, 1726, 1598, 1494, 1455, 1385, 1324; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 65.23; H, 6.38; N, 4.22. Found: C, 65.03; H, 6.29; N, 4.35%.

**3-**(*N*-Tosylamino)-**3-**(4'-methoxyphenyl)-**2**-ethylpropanal **5d**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>-Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5d**: 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 4.54 (dd, J = 9.1 and 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.88 (m, 2H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 9.44 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5d**: 0.84 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.54 (dd, J = 9.1 and 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (m, 2H), 6.88 (m, 2H), 7.06 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 9.58 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H); **MS**: *m*/*z* (%) 290 (M<sup>+</sup> - 71, 100); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3261, 2960, 2923, 2710, 1726, 1613, 1515, 1461; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: C, 63.14; H, 6.41; N, 3.88. Found: C, 62.81; H, 6.50; N, 3.57%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-chlorophenyl)-2-ethylpropanal 5e.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5e**: 0.89 (m, 3H), 1.36–1.67 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 4.57 (m, 1H), 5.85–6.06 (m, 1H), 6.91–7.06 (m, 6H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 9.44 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5e**:  $\delta$  0.89 (m, 3H), 1.36–1.67 (m, 2H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 4.57 (m, 1H), 5.85–6.06 (m, 1H), 6.91–7.06 (m, 6H), 7.43 (m, 2H), 9.56 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H); MS: m/z (%) 294 (M<sup>+</sup> – 71, 43), 155 (30), 91 (100); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3261, 2960, 2923, 2710, 1726, 1613, 1515, 1461, 1323; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 59.08; H, 5.50; N, 3.82. Found: C, 59.12; H, 5.43; N, 3.67%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-2-propylpropanal 5f.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5f**: 0.85 (m, 3H), 1.31–1.53 (m, 4H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 4.58 (m, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94–7.14 (m, 7H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 9.47 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5f**: 0.85 (m, 3H), 1.31–1.53 (m, 4H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 4.58 (m, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94–7.14 (m, 7H), 7.47 (m, 2H), 9.54 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H); MS: *m*/*z* (%) 328 (M<sup>+</sup> – 17, 1.48), 260 (32), 155 (34), 91 (100), 77 (10); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3269, 2959, 2870, 2710, 1729, 1457, 1381, 1322, 1289; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 66.06; H, 6.71; N, 4.05. Found: C, 65.86; H, 6.80; N, 3.94%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-phenyl-2-isopropylpropanal 5g.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5g**: 1.01 (m, 6H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 4.71 (dd, J = 9.1 and 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (m, 7H), 7.42 (m, 2H), 9.45 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5g**: 1.01 (m, 6H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 4.82 (dd, J = 8.9 and 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (m, 7H), 7.42 (m, 2H), 9.74 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H); MS: *mlz* (%) 314 (M<sup>+</sup> – 31, 2.23), 260 (70), 91 (100); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3247, 2966, 2770, 1708, 1600, 1490, 1456, 1329; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 66.06; H, 6.71; N, 4.05. Found: C, 65.80; H, 6.66; N, 3.76%.

**3-(***N***-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-2-isopropylpropanal 5h.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5h**: 1.00 (m, 6H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.53 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.69 (dd, J = 8.7 and 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (m, 2H), 6.89 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 9.44 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5h**: 0.97 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 1.75 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.53 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 4.78 (dd, J = 8.9 and 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (m, 2H), 6.89 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H), 9.76 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H); MS: *m*/*z* (%) 314 (M<sup>+</sup> – 31, 2.23), 260 (70), 155 (43), 91 (100); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3247, 2966, 2770, 1708, 1600, 1490, 1456, 1329; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>S: C, 63.97; H, 6.71; N, 3.73. Found: C, 64.14; H, 7.03; N, 3.50%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-chlorophenyl)-2-isopropylpropanal 5i.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-**5i**: 1.00 (m, 6H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 4.67 (dd, J = 9.5 and 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 4H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 9.45 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H); *anti*-**5i**: 1.00 (m, 6H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 4.80 (dd, J = 9.2 and 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (m, 2H), 7.03 (m, 4H), 7.39 (m, 2H), 9.74 (d, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H); MS: *m/z* (%) 290 (M<sup>+</sup> – 85, 2.23), 155 (22), 92 (22), 91 (100); IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3249, 2961, 2710, 1720, 1612, 1597, 1561; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>3</sub>S: C, 60.07; H, 5.83; N, 3.69. Found: C, 59.82; H, 5.82; N, 3.59%.

#### General procedure for the preparation of 1,3-diamines 6

To a solution of aldimine 1 (1.5 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added LDA (1 mL, 1.6 M in THF) at 0 °C under argon, the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h, then was cooled to -78 °C, and *N*-tosylimine (2, 0.75 mmol) was added, the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 7 h. Then NaBH<sub>4</sub> (10 mmol) in MeOH (4 mL) was added and the temperature was allowed to rise to room temperature. After stirring for 3 h at room temperature, HCl (15 mL, 2 M) was added and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL). Subsequently, the aqueous phase was basified by the addition of NH<sub>3</sub>, and the 1,3-diamines **6** were extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was purified by preparative TLC with a mixture of light petroleum (60–90 °C) and ethyl acetate (3 : 1) as the eluent to give pure product **6** as a *syn-anti* mixture.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-chlorophenyl)-2-ethyl-***N*-(*tert*-butyl)propylamine 6a. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn*-6a: 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 0.90–1.68 (m, 4H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (m, 6H), 7.45 (m, 2H); *anti*-6a: 0.79 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H), 0.90–1.68 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 1.8 and 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (6H, m), 7.45 (2H, m); MS: *m*/*z* (%) 423 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 11.85), 407 (32.24), 91 (27.28), 86 (100); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3302, 2967, 2876, 1599, 1492, 1323, 1290, 1215; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>31</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 62.46; H, 7.39; N, 6.62. Found: C, 62.43; H, 7.52; N, 6.43%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-phenyl-2-isopropyl-***N-(tert-***butyl)propylamine 6b.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn-***6b**: 0.87 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 9H), 1.27–1.53 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.70 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.11 (m, 7H), 7.43 (m, 2H); *anti-***6b**: 0.51 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.15 (s, 9H), 1.27–1.53 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 4.59 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03–7.11 (m, 7H), 7.43 (m, 2H); MS: *m/z* (%) 387 (M<sup>+</sup> – 15, 20.82), 260 (11.09), 91 (100); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3298, 2958, 2872, 1601, 1493, 1454, 1346; Anal. Calcd. C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 68.61; H, 8.51; N, 6.96. Found: C, 68.33; H, 8.36; N, 6.56%.

**3-(N-Tosylamino)-3-(4'-chlorophenyl)-2-isopropyl-***N*-(*tert***butyl)propylamine 6c.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR:  $\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>–Me<sub>4</sub>Si) *syn***-6c**: 0.85 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (s, 9H), 1.14–1.58 (m, 4H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.39–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.71 (t, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 6H), 7.41 (m, 2H); *anti***-6c**: 0.52 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.81 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (s, 9H), 1.14–1.58 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.39–2.55 (m, 1H), 2.71 (t, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (m, 6H), 7.41 (m, 2H); MS: m/z (%) 437 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1, 17.02), 421 (23.03), 86 (100); IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3303, 2957, 2872, 1598, 1491, 1412, 1312, 1248, 1214. Anal. Calcd. C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>33</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: C, 63.21; H, 7.61; N, 6.40. Found: C, 63.08; H, 7.67; N, 6.16%.

#### X-Ray diffraction analysis data of 3-*N*-tosylamino-3-phenyl-2isopropylpropanal 5g †

Chemical formula:  $C_{19}H_{23}NO_3S$ ; formula weight: 345.44; crystal system: triclinic; unit-cell dimensions and volume with estimated standard deviations: cell length *a*: 9.4619(11); cell length *b*: 9.8687(12); cell length *c*: 10.1330(12); cell angle alpha: 100.097(2); cell angle beta: 99.529(2); cell angle gamma: 91.423(2); cell volume: 917.26(19); data collection temperature: 293 K; No. of formula units in unit cell (*Z*): 2; linear absorption coefficient( $\mu$ ): 0.192 mm<sup>-1</sup>; Number of reflections measured and/or number of independent reflections, 3371 (*R*int) = 0.0401; Final *R* indices [*I* > 2sigma(*I*)]: *R*1 = 0.0406, w*R*2 = 0.0507.

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