

Supporting Information for: Pd-Catalyzed Intramolecular Coupling of Vinyl Halides and Ketone Enolates. Synthesis of Bridged Azabicyclic Compounds.
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Representative procedure for the intramolecular coupling using KOt-Bu as the base (Table 1, entry 1): To a solution of Pd(PPh₃)₄ (70 mg, 0.06 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) were added under Argon a solution of vinyl bromide **2a** (100 mg, 0.31 mmol) in dry THF (2 mL) and KOt-Bu (0.47 mmol, 0.47 mL of 1M solution in *t*-butyl alcohol). The solution was heated at reflux for 30 min. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with ether and washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried, and concentrated. The residue was purified by Flash chromatography (SiO₂, from CH₂Cl₂ to 98:2 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH) to give azabicyclic compound **1** (37 mg, 50%) and dimer **3** (4 mg, 5%).

Representative procedure for the intramolecular coupling using Cs₂CO₃ as the base in toluene (Table 2, Method B: entry 5): A solution of vinyl bromide **13** (100 mg, 0.34 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (332 mg, 1.02 mmol), Et₃N (0.14 mL, 1.02 mmol), and PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (49 mg, 0.07 mmol) in dry toluene (10 mL) was stirred at 110 °C in a sealed tube for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated. The residue was purified by Flash chromatography (Al₂O₃, from hexane to 8:2 hexane/AcOEt) to give pyrrole **15** (33 mg, 45%).

2-Benzyl-4-methylene-2-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-6-one (1): IR (film) 1710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 1.72 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 10.5, 8, and 4.5 Hz, 1H, H-8), 1.97 (dt, *J* = 13 and 2.7 Hz, 1H, H-9), 2.24 (dm, *J* = 13 Hz, H-9), 2.25-2.33 (m, H-8), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 17.5 and 8.5 Hz, 1H, H-7), 2.59 (ddd, *J* = 17.5, 10.5, and 8.5 Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.08 (br s, H-1), 3.24 (br s, H-5), 3.34 (s, 2H, H-3), 3.70 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 3.77 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 4.84 (s, 1H, =CH), 4.91 (s, 1H, =CH), 7.22-7.36 (m, 5H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 25.4 (C-8), 32.7 (C-9), 37.9 (C-7), 49.9 (C-1), 53.5 (C-5), 53.7 (C-3), 59.8 (NCH₂Ar), 112.6 (=CH₂), 127.1 (*p*-C), 128.5 and 128.7 (*o*-C and *m*-C), 139.0 (*ipso*-C), 141.0 (C-4), 210.5 (C-6). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₉NO.H₂O: C, 74.10; H, 8.16; N, 5.40. Found: C, 74.34; H, 7.69; N, 5.49.

Dimer 3: IR (film) 1712 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 1.40-2.62 (m, 16H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 2H), 3.50 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 5.45 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.45 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 27.6 (CH₂), 29.2 (CH₂), 38.7 (CH₂), 39.5(CH₂), 40.0 (CH₂), 54.0 (CH₂), 54.1 (CH₂), 55.4 (CH₂), 56.1 (CH₂), 56.4 (CH₂), 85.3 (C), 85.4 (C), 122.4 (=CH₂), 126.9 (CH),

127.2 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 130.0 (C), 139.2 (C), 140.0 (C), 210.9 (C), 211.3 (C); MS *m/z* 482 (M⁺).

4-(*N*-Benzyl-*N*-propargylamino)cyclohexanone (4): IR (film) 1702 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.02 (dm, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (dm, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 9.5, and 5.3 Hz, 2H, H-2ax), 2.55 (dt, *J* = 14.7 and 6 Hz, 2H, H-2eq), 3.09 (m, 1H, H-4), 3.37 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H, NCH₂), 3.78 (s, 2H, NCH₂Ar), 7.22-7.40 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 29.2 (CH₂), 38.6 (CH₂), 38.7 (CH₂), 53.8 (CH₂), 56.4 (CH), 73.2 (C), 79.8 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 139.0 (C), 211.1 (C).

2-[*a(R)*-Methylbenzyl]-4-methylene-2-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-6-one (7): IR (film) 1711 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz, 1.5:1 mixture of diastereomers) δ 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, CH₃ minor), 1.41 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CH₃ major), 1.43-1.82 (m, 1H, H-8), 1.86 (dt, *J* = 13.2 and 2.7 Hz, H-9 major), 1.99 (dt, *J* = 13 and 2.7 Hz, H-9 minor), 2.02-2.31 (m, 2H, H-8 and H-9), 2.32-2.45 (m, 1H, H-7), 2.58-2.80 (m, 1H, H-7), 3.06 (br s, H-1 major), 3.13 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, H-3 minor), 3.22 (br s, H-1 minor), 3.23 (br s, H-5 major), 3.27 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, H-3 minor), 3.33 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, H-3 major), 3.44 (br s, H-5 minor), 3.62 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, H-3 major), 3.74 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, NCHAR minor), 3.77 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, NCHAR major), 4.75 (s, =CH₂ minor), 4.85 (s, =CH₂ minor), 4.95 (s, =CH₂ major), 7.20-7.50 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz, 1.5:1 mixture of diastereomers) major: δ 21.4 (CH₃), 26.3 (C-8), 32.6 (C-9), 37.5 (C-7), 47.0 (C-1), 51.3 (C-3), 53.2 (C-5), 61.9 (NCHAR), 112.7 (=CH₂), 127.0 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 141.3 (C-4), 144.8 (*ipso*-C), 210.8 (C-6); minor: 19.7 (CH₃), 27.3 (C-8), 32.2 (C-9), 37.2 (C-7), 47.2 (C-1), 51.0 (C-3), 52.6 (C-5), 62.0 (NCHAR), 112.1 (=CH₂), 126.9 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 141.4 (C-4), 144.9 (*ipso*-C), 210.9 (C-6).

2-Benzyl-4-[(Z)-ethylidene]-2-azabicyclo[3.3.1]nonan-6-one (9): IR (film) 1712 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 1.52 (dd, *J* = 7 and 1.2 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.60-1.80 (m, 1H, H-8), 1.94 (dt, *J* = 12.8 and 3 Hz, 1H, H-9), 2.23 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 6.6, and 3.4 Hz, 1H, H-9), 2.26-2.44 (m, 1H, H-8), 2.43 (dd, *J* = 17.2 and 8.2 Hz, 1H, H-7), 2.58 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.6, and 8 Hz, 1H, H-7), 3.08 (br s, 1H, H-1), 3.13 (br s, 1H, H-5), 3.23 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.61 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.79 (s, 2H, NCH₂Ar), 5.43 (qm, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H, =CH), 7.20-7.45 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 13.0 (CH₃), 25.5 (C-8), 32.8 (C-9), 38.0 (C-7), 48.4 (C-3), 50.2 (C-1), 54.4 (C-5), 59.9 (NCH₂Ar), 122.3 (=CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 131.5 (C-4), 139.0 (*ipso*-C), 211.2 (C-6).

2-Benzyl-4-ethyl-2-azabicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-en-6-one (10): IR (film) 1711 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 1.60-2.50 (m, 5H), 2.64 (ddd, *J* = 15.4, 13.8, and 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 3.16-3.32 (m, 2H), 3.64 (s, 1H), 4.20 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 4.29 (d, *J* = 15.4 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 6.13 (s,

1H), 7.20-7.52 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 13.5 (CH₃), 26.7 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 34.3 (CH₂), 34.7 (CH₂), 48.6 (CH), 48.7 (CH), 57.7 (CH₂), 105.7 (C), 127.3 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 132.6 (CH), 139.2 (C), 211.3 (C).

2-Benzyl-2-azabicyclo[4.3.1]dec-4-en-7-one (12): IR (film) 1710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.78 (dddd, *J* = 14, 12.6, 5.1, and 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-9), 2.03 (dddd, *J* = 14.7, 6.1, 2.7, and 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-10), 2.14-2.28 (m, 2H, H-8 and H-9), 2.59 (tdt, *J* = 14.7, 3.6, and 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-10), 3.04 (br s, 1H, H-1), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 16.5 and 8.1 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.16 (br t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H, H-6), 3.31 (ddd, *J* = 15.3, 12.6, and 6.9 Hz, 1H, H-8), 3.49 (br d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H, H-3), 3.55 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 3.96 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 5.61 (dddd, *J* = 10.8, 6.1, 2.4, and 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-5), 5.77 (dddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.1, 2.7, and 1.3 Hz, 1H, H-4), 7.20-7.43 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 30.9 (C-9), 31.9 (C-10), 34.8 (C-8), 48.2 (C-3), 51.3 (C-6), 55.3 (C-1), 59.9 (NCH₂Ar), 126.8 (*p*-C), 128.0 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 129.5 (C-5), 132.2 (C-4), 140.0 (*ipso*-C), 211.7 (C-7).

3-Acetyl-1-benzyl-4-methyl-3-pyrroline (14): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 2.07 (s, 3H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 3.59 (br s, 2H), 3.75 (br s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 2H), 7.20-7.40 (5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 14.6 (CH₃), 30.1 (CH₃), 59.8 (CH₂), 60.5 (CH₂), 66.1 (CH₂), 127.0 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.5 (CH), 133.3 (C), 138.3 (C), 150.0 (C), 195.6 (C).

3-Acetyl-1-benzyl-4-methylpyrrole (15): IR (film) 1653 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.43 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 12.4 (CH₃), 27.9 (CH₃), 53.7 (CH₂), 121.4 (CH), 121.7 (C), 124.1 (C), 127.2 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 136.5 (C), 193.9 (C).

3-Acetyl-1-benzyl-2,4,5,6,7,7a-hexahydro-1*H*-indole (17): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 1.24-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.60-2.25 (m, 6H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 3.31-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 3.87 (dd, *J* = 8.5 and 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 1H, NCH₂Ar), 7.20-7.50 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 23.4 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 27.4 (CH₂), 29.8 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH₃), 58.2 (CH₂), 59.7 (CH₂), 71.5 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.8 (CH), 135.2 (C), 136.8 (C), 150.5 (C), 194.0 (C).

3-Acetyl-1-benzyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1*H*-indole (18): IR (film) 1654 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ 1.66-1.80 (m, 4H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.43 (m, 2H), 2.80 (tm, *J* = 5 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 7.02-7.40 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz) δ 21.7 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₂), 23.5 (CH₂), 27.7 (CH₃), 50.5 (CH₂), 119.5 (C), 122.6 (C), 126.3 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 130.4 (C), 136.8 (C), 193.8 (C).