

# Aryl Radical Cyclizations: One-Pot Syntheses of Protoberberine and Pavine Alkaloids

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## Supporting Information: Characterization Data for Compounds 4 -22

**General Procedures.** Infrared spectra were determined for Nujol mulls, unless otherwise specified.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were measured in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (99.8 atom % D, containing 0.03 % v/v TMS, Aldrich). Mass spectra were recorded with EI at 70 eV. Preparative TLC was carried out on a Merck silica gel 60 PF. 6,7- and 7,8-Methylenedioxyisoquinolines (**5b**<sup>1</sup> and **5c**<sup>2</sup>) and 6,7- and 7,8-dimethoxyisoquinoline (**5d**<sup>3</sup> and **5e**<sup>4</sup>) were prepared according to the reported methods.

**2-(Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl Bromide (4a).** **General Procedure.** NBS (1.636 g, 9.19 mmol) was added in portions to a stirred solution of 2-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxy- $\beta$ -phenethyl alcohol (2g, 7.66 mmol) and  $\text{PPh}_3$  (2.411 g, 9.19 mmol) in dry benzene (15 mL) at the temperature below 10 °C. After being stirred at rt overnight, the mixture was washed with 5 %  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution (40 mL) and water (40 mL), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated to give a solid (3.453 g). Purification by column chromatography on silica gel (benzene) gave **4a**, mp 69-70 °C (2.246 g, 90 %); IR (Nujol) 1506  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.21 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 324 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 79), 243 (26), 229 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{Br}_2$ : C, 37.07; H, 3.73; Br, 49.32. Found: C, 37.15; H, 3.77; Br, 49.50.

**2-[Bromo-4,5-(methylenedioxy)phenyl]ethyl Bromide (4f):** colorless crystals (83%); mp 52-53 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O-pet. ether); IR (Nujol) 1506  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 6.74, 6.99 (each s, each 1H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 308 ( $\text{M}^+$ , 64), 227 (22), 213 (100), 148 (27). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{O}_2\text{Br}_2$ : C, 35.10; H, 2.62; Br, 51.89. Found: C, 35.10; H, 2.64; Br, 51.84.

### **2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]isoquinolinium Bromide (6a).**

**General Procedure.** To a solution of 4,5-dimethoxyisoquinoline (**5a**, 0.485 g, 3.75 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (2 mL) was added bromide (**4a**, 1 g, 3.09 mmol) in portions. After the mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 6.5 h, the solvent was evaporated. Recrystallization of the residue from AcOEt gave yellow crystals (1.217 g, 87%); mp 230-231 °C; IR (Nujol) 1511  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 5.31 (t,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.95-8.10 (m, 3H), 8.12-8.22 (m, 3H), 8.44-8.51 (m, 1H), 8.65-8.68 (m, 1H), 11.14 (s, 1H). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2\text{Br}_2 + 0.5 \text{ MeOH}$ : C, 49.99; H, 4.51; N, 2.98; Br, 34.06. Found: C, 49.82; H, 4.57; N, 2.98; Br, 34.26.

**2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6,7-(methylenedioxy)isoquinolinium Bromide (6b):** colorless crystals (68%); mp 245-246 °C (EtOH); IR (Nujol) 1619, 1510  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.59 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.85, 3.89 (each s, each

3H), 5.10 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 6.94, 7.27, 7.37 (each s, each 1H), 7.86 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 10.95 (d,  $J = 1.7$  Hz, 1H). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{19}NO_4Br_2$ : C, 48.32; H, 3.85; N, 2.82; Br, 32.14. Found: C, 47.50; H, 4.08; N, 2.74; Br, 32.25.

**2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-7,8-(methylenedioxy)isoquinolinium Bromide (6c):** yellow crystals (66%); mp 259-260 °C; IR (Nujol) 1613, 1509  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.57 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.84, 3.90 (each 1H, each 3H), 6.45 (s, 2H), 6.92, 7.43 (each s, each 1H), 7.68, 7.75 (AB type  $J = 8.6$  Hz, each 1H), 8.16, 8.54 (each d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, each 1H), 10.41 (s, 1H). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{19}NO_4Br_2$ : C, 48.32; H, 3.85; N, 2.82; Br, 32.14. Found: C, 48.10; H, 4.09; N, 2.74; Br, 31.94.

**2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6,7-dimethoxyisoquinolinium Bromide (6d):** yellow crystals (67%), mp 227-228 °C (EtOH); IR (Nujol) 1494  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.55 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.84, 3.86, 4.13, 4.14 (each s, each 3H), 5.12 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.94, 7.27, 7.31 (each s, each 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.07 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 10.87 (s, 1H). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{23}NO_2Br_2$ : C, 49.15; H, 4.52; N, 2.73; Br, 31.14. Found: C, 48.96; H, 4.67; N, 2.88; Br, 30.25.

**2-[2-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-7,8-dimethoxyisoquinolinium Bromide (6e):** yellow crystals (80%); mp 180.5-181.5 °C (MeOH-ether); IR (Nujol) 1520  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.61 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 4.23 (s, 3H), 5.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 7.83 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.97 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 9.86 (s, 1H). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{23}NO_2Br_2$ : C, 49.15; H, 4.52; N, 2.73; Br, 31.14. Found: C, 48.88; H, 4.75; N, 2.58; Br, 30.88.

**2-[2-[2-Bromo-4,5-(methylenedioxy)phenyl]ethyl]-6,7-dimethoxyisoquinolinium Bromide (6f):** yellow crystals (70%); mp 221-222 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1493  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.53 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 4.14 (s, 6H), 5.09 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 6.97, 7.03, 7.26 (each s, each 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 1H), 7.95 (dd,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 1H), 10.95 (s, 1H). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{19}NO_2Br_2$ : C, 48.32; H, 3.85; N, 2.82; Br, 32.14. Found: C, 48.57; H, 3.93; N, 3.05; Br, 32.10.

### 2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (7a).

**General Procedure.** To a boiling solution of bromide **5a** (1.0 g, 2.21 mmol) in water (18 mL) was slowly added a solution of  $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$  (1.89 g, 5.74 mmol) and KOH (0.458 g, 8.17 mmol) in water (9 mL). The mixture was then refluxed for 30 min, cooled to rt, and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (15 mL  $\times$  5). The extracts were washed with water (30 mL  $\times$  4), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated to give a solid (0.816 g). Recrystallization from MeOH-Et<sub>2</sub>O gave **7a** (0.740 g, 86 %), mp 114-115 °C; IR (Nujol) 1652, 1508  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.17 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.21 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.39 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 6.80 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.46-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.66 (m, 1H), 8.44-8.47 (m, 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 387 ( $M^+$ , 3), 308 (15), 242 (100), 145 (7). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{18}NO_2Br$ : C, 58.78; H, 4.67; N, 3.61; Br, 20.58. Found: C, 58.80; H, 4.78; N, 3.52, Br; 20.72.

**2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6,7-(methylenedioxy)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (7b):** colorless crystals (84%); mp 194.5-195.5 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1652, 1609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.15 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.64, 3.85 (each s, each 3H), 4.18 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.07 (s, 2H), 6.25 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.60 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.82, 7.01, 7.80 (each s, each 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel.

int.) 433 ( $M^+$ , 6.0), 431 ( $M^+$ , 6.0), 352 [ $(M - Br)^+$ , 37.0], 244 (98.0), 242 (100), 189 (17). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{18}NO_5Br$ : C, 55.57; H, 4.20; N, 3.24; Br, 18.48. Found: C, 55.31; H, 4.35; N, 3.28, Br, 18.52.

**2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-7,8-(methylenedioxy)-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (7c):** colorless crystals (85%); mp 159-160 °C (EtOH); IR (Nujol) 1663, 1609  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.15 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.67, 3.85 (each s, each 1H), 4.12 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 2H), 6.27, 6.63 (AB type,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 6.97, 7.16 (each d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, each 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H). EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 433 ( $M^+$ , 6.0), 431 ( $M^+$ , 6.0), 352 (5.0), 244 (20), 242 (20), 189 (100). Anal. Calcd. For  $C_{20}H_{18}NO_5Br$ : C, 55.57; H, 4.20; N, 3.24; Br, 18.48. Found: C, 55.37; H, 4.22; N, 3.19; Br, 18.37.

**2-[2-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-6,7-dimethoxy-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (7d):** colorless crystals (87%); mp 71-72 °C (MeOH-ether); IR (Nujol) 1649, 1582, 1510  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.17 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H), 4.20 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.29 (d,  $J = 7.26$  Hz, 1H), 6.57 (s, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 447 ( $M^+$ , 9), 368 (33), 244 (70), 205 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{22}NO_5Br$ : C, 56.26; H, 4.95; N, 3.12; Br, 17.82. Found: C, 56.24; H, 5.04; N, 3.23; Br, 18.04.

### Radical Cyclization of Isocarbostyryl 7a. 2,3-Dimethoxy-8-oxoberbine (3a).

**General Procedure.** To a stirred and boiling suspension of isocarbostyryl 7a (30 mg, 0.077 mmol) in benzene (6 mL) under  $N_2$  was added a solution of AIBN (1.3 mg, 0.0077 mmol) and  $Bu_3SnH$  (45 mg, 0.155 mmol) in dry benzene (4 mL) at once. After the mixture was refluxed for 4 h, the solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in  $CH_3CN$  (15 mL) and washed with hexane (30 mL  $\times$  4). The  $CH_3CN$  fraction gave an oil (41 mg), which was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel, developed with EtOAc and hexane (3:1). A band with  $R_f$  0.61 gave 3a (21 mg, 87%); mp 144-145 °C (MeOH) (lit.<sup>5</sup> mp 140-141 °C; <sup>6</sup> 141-142 °C; <sup>7</sup> 142 °C; <sup>8</sup> 143-145 °C);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  2.74-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.93-3.03 (m, 3H), 3.22 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 4.87 (m, 1H), 4.99-5.03 (m, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.72 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.47 (dt,  $J = 7.6, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H).

When the above reaction was carried out using AIBN (13 mg, 0.077 mmol), 3a and 8a were obtained in a ratio of 85:15. Preparative TLC gave 3a ( $R_f$  0.6, 17 mg, 72%), mp 143-144 °C (MeOH) and 8a ( $R_f$  0.5, 2.5 mg, 8%), mp 188-189 °C (AcOEt) (lit.<sup>9</sup> mp 181-182 °C; <sup>7,10</sup> 189-190 °C; <sup>6</sup> 190-191 °C).

**2,3-Dimethoxy-10,11-(methylenedioxy)-8-oxoberbine (3b):** colorless cryatals (87%); mp 186-186.5 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1656, 1645, 1613, 1514  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  2.73-2.97 (m, 4H), 3.10 (dd,  $J = 12.2, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.89, 3.91 (each s, each 3H), 4.81 (dd,  $J = 9.6, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.93-4.98 (m, 1H), 6.01, 6.03 (each s, each 1H, 6.69 (s, 3H), 7.59 (s, 1H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 353 (M, 100), 352 (69.4), 162 (80.6), 176 (20.8), 134 (65.2). Anal. Calcd. For  $C_{20}H_{19}NO_5$ : C, 67.98; H, 5.42; N, 3.96. Found: C, 67.05; H, 5.45; N, 3.88.

### 2,3-Dimethoxy-9,10-(methylenedioxy)-8-oxoberbine (3c): ( $\pm$ )-8-Oxosinactine:

colorless crystals (85%); mp 198-202 °C (MeOH) (lit.<sup>2</sup> mp 198-200 °C); IR (Nujol) 1646, 1600, 1514  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  2.72 - 3.17 (m, 5H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.80 (dd,  $J = 12.9, 3.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.98 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.12, 6.17 (each d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, each 1H), 6.68 (s, 2H), 6.70, 6.87 (AB type,  $J = 7.9$ , each 1H); EI-MS

*m/z* (rel. int.) 353 ( $M^+$ , 100), 338 [ $(M - Me)^+$ , 31.7], 322 [ $(M - OMe)^+$ , 11.0], 190 (22.4), 162 (85.2), 134 (71.5).

**2,3,9,10-Tetramethoxy-8-oxoberbine, 8-oxoxylopinine (3d):** colorless crystals (82%); mp 191-192 °C (benzene-ether) (lit.<sup>8</sup> mp 188-89 °C; <sup>11</sup> 190-192 °C; <sup>5</sup> 191 °C; <sup>6</sup> 196.5-198 °C. IR (Nujol) 1607, 1591, 1512 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.74-3.18 (m, 5H), 3.90, 3.91, 3.947, 3.954 (each s, each 3H), 4.84 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 6.70, 6.71, 6.72, 7.69 (each s, each 1H).

**Treatment of Isoquinolinium Salt 5a with Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH.** A suspension of isoquinolinium salt **6a** (10 mg, 0.022 mmol) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (13 mg, 0.044 mmol) in a mixture of toluene and EtOAc (4:1 v%, 2 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> was refluxed for 20 min and evaporated to give an oil (20 mg), which <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed only signals for 2-[2-(2'-bromo-4',5'-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline **9a** except those for tin-compounds at δ 0.8-1.9. **9a:** IR (neat) 1620, 1607, 1566, 1510 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.92, 3.22 (each t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, each 2H), 3.70, 3.85 (each 3H, each s), 4.35 (s, 2H), 5.23, 6.10 (each d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, each 1H), 6.69 (s, 1H), 6.82 (dt, *J* = 1.0, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 6.96 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.08 (dt, *J* = 1.3, 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 373 (12), 244 (100), 229 (37), 144 (95); HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Br; 373.0677, found 373.0684.

**Radical Cyclization of Isoquinolinium Salt 6a. General Procedure.** To a stirred and boiling suspension of isoquinolinium salt **6a** (31 mg, 0.067 mmol) in a mixture of toluene and EtOAc (2:1 v%, 4.5 mL) [this solvent system was also used for **6d**, CH<sub>3</sub>CN for **6b,c,e**, and **f**, and toluene-CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1:2) for **10** and **11**] under N<sub>2</sub> was added a solution of AIBN (11 mg, 0.067 mmol) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (58 mg, 0.201 mmol) in dry toluene (3 mL) at once. After the mixture was refluxed for 4 h, the solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) and washed with hexane (20 mL × 4). The CH<sub>3</sub>CN fraction gave an oil (40 mg), which was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel, developed with 5% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. A band with *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.5 gave 2,3-dimethoxyberbine (**2a**) as a colorless oil (14.5 mg, 78%);<sup>2,7,20</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.58 - 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.10-3.20 (m, 2H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.60-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.88, 3.90 (each s, each 3H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62, 6.75 (each s, each 1H), 7.07-7.18 (m, 4H).

**(±)-Isosinactine (2b):** colorless crystals (82%); mp 158-160 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.56-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08-3.17 (m, 2H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.67 (m, 2H), 3.87, 3.90 (each s, each 3H), 3.93 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 6.55, 6.62, 6.63, 6.73 (each s, each 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 339 ( $M^+$ , 44), 324 (7.7), 190 (39.1), 148 (100). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 70.78; H, 6.24; N, 4.13. Found: C, 70.67; H, 6.21; N, 4.15.

**(±)-Sinactine (2c):** colorless crystals (77%); mp 170-172 °C (MeOH) (lit.<sup>8</sup> mp 155-156 °C; <sup>12</sup> 163-165 °C; <sup>13</sup> 166 °C; <sup>14,15</sup> 167-168 °C; <sup>16</sup> 168-170 °C; <sup>6,17</sup> 169-170 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.60-2.75 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.07-3.32 (m, 2H), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.87-3.89 (each s, each 3H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.93, 5.97 (each d *J* = 1.4 Hz, each 1H), 6.62 (s, 1H), 6.64, 6.70 (AB type, *J* = 7.9 Hz, each 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H).

**(±)-xylopinine (norcoralydine) (2d):** colorless crystals (78%); mp 150-151 °C (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-ether); (lit.<sup>9</sup> mp 142-143 °C; <sup>19</sup> 146 °C; <sup>2,20</sup> 146-147 °C; <sup>21</sup> 154-157 °C; <sup>22</sup> 155-157 °C; <sup>13</sup> 156-157 °C; <sup>23</sup> 156-158 °C; <sup>5</sup> 157 °C; <sup>6,24</sup> 157-158 °C; <sup>25</sup> 158-159 °C; <sup>26</sup> 161-163 °C; <sup>27</sup> 182-183 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.60-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.83 (dd, *J* =

15.8, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.15-3.35 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd,  $J = 15.8, 3.6$  Hz, 1H), 3.85, 3.86, 3.87, 3.90 (each s, each 3H), 4.02 (d,  $J = 16.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.47, 6.52, 6.57, 6.63 (each s, each 1H).

**( $\pm$ )-Tetrahydropalmatine (2e):** colorless crystals (79%); mp 150-151 °C (lit.<sup>20</sup> mp 145-146 °C; <sup>12,13,14,28</sup> 147 °C; <sup>29</sup> 148-150 °C; <sup>6</sup> 149.5-150.5 °C; <sup>30</sup> 150-151 °C; <sup>31</sup> 151-151.5 °C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  2.61-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.83 (dd,  $J = 15.8, 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.15-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.25 (15.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.52-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 3.87, 3.89 (each s, each 3H), 4.25 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.67, 6.78 (each s, each 1H), 6.78, 6.88 (each d  $J = 8.3$  Hz, each 1H).

**( $\pm$ )-isocanadine (2f):** colorless crystals (77%); mp 175-176.5 °C; IR (Nujol) 1521, 1503 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.55-2.70 (m, 2H), 2.81 (dd,  $J = 14.5, 11.2$  Hz, 1H), 3.05-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.20 (dd,  $J = 16.2, 3.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.54-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.85, 3.86 (each s, each 3H), 3.93 (d,  $J = 14.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.92 (s, 2H), 6.57, 6.59, 6.64, 6.74 (each s, each 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 339 (35), 164 (100). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 70.78; H, 6.24; N, 4.13. Found: C, 70.59; H, 6.12; N, 4.08.

**2-(2'-bromo-4',5'-dimethoxybenzyl)isoquinoline Bromide (10):** This was prepared from isoquinoline and 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl bromide [1.0 g, 3.09 mmol, colorless crystals (75% by the aforementioned "General procedure" for salts **6**)]; mp 84-85°C (Et<sub>2</sub>O-Hexane) (lit. mp 82-84°C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.85 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 6.91 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H)]; yellow crystals (75 %); mp 240-242 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1644, 1509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.88 (s, 3H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 6.34 (s, 2H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.97 (m, 1H), 8.09-8.11 (m, 2H), 8.17 (s, 1H), 8.20-8.23 (m, 1H), 8.67-8.74 (m, 2H), 11.07 (s, 1H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>: C, 49.23; H, 3.91; N, 3.19; Br, 36.39. Found: C, 49.25; H, 3.98; N, 3.08; Br, 36.34.

**2-[3-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)propyl]isoquinoline Bromide (11):** This was prepared from isoquinoline and 3-[2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl]propyl bromide {colorless crystals (89%); mp 32-34 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O-Hexane); IR (Nujol) 1652, 1509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.15 (quartet,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.83 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.42 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 338 (M<sup>+</sup>, 71), 229 [(M - CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br)<sup>+</sup>, 100]}. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>: C, 39.08; H, 4.18; Br, 47.27. Found C, 38.86; H, 4.27; Br, 47.27]. **11**; yellow crystals (78%); mp 143- 144 °C (AcOEt); IR (Nujol) 1645, 1507 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  2.52 (quint,  $J = 6.9, 7.3, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 2.94 (t,  $J = 6.9, 8.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H), 5.21 (t,  $J = 7.3, 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 7.98 (dt,  $J = 1.7, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.08-8.17 (m, 2H), 8.20 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.60 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H), 11.27 (s, 1H). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>: C, 51.41; H, 4.54; N, 3.00; Br, 34.20. Found: C, 51.24; H, 4.56; N, 3.04 Br, 34.17.

**2-[2-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)methyl]-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (12):** colorless crystals (70%); mp 136-137°C (MeOH-Et<sub>2</sub>O); IR (Nujol) 1650, 1613 (d), 1509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.77 (s, 3H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 6.48 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.47-7.53 (m, 2H), 7.64 (dt,  $J = 1.3, 1.7, 7.3, 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.47 (dd,  $J = 1.3, 7.6$  Hz, 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 373 (M<sup>+</sup>, 3), 294 [(M - Br)<sup>+</sup>, 100], 229 (22), 149 (20). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Br: C, 57.77; H, 4.32; N, 3.74; Br, 21.35. Found C, 57.61; H, 4.39; N, 3.65; Br, 21.38.

**2-[3-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)propyl]-1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (13):** colorless crystals (87 %); mp 109-110 °C (MeOH-Et<sub>2</sub>O); IR (Nujol) 1648, 1615(d), 1504 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  2.10 (qu,  $J = 7.59, 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 2.76 (t,  $J = 7.6, 7.9$

Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.08 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 6.76 (s, 1H), 7.00 (s, 1H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.63 (dt,  $J = 1.3$ , 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 8.44 (dd,  $J = 1.3$ , 6.9 Hz, 1H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 401 ( $M^+$ , 7), 322 [ $(M - Br)^+$ , 25], 159 (54), 40 (100). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{20}NO_3Br$ : C, 59.71; H, 5.02; N, 3.48; Br, 19.86. Found: C, 59.64; H, 5.09; N, 3.40; Br, 19.99.

**7,8-Dimethoxy-5,5a,10,12-tetrahydroisoindolo[2,1-*b*]isoquinoline (14a):** colorless crystals (49%,  $R_f$  0.5 with 4% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); mp 129-131 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1507 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  2.98 (dd,  $J = 14.9$ , 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd,  $J = 14.9$ , 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.70-3.80 (m, 2H), 3.80-3.97 (hiding, 1H), 3.89, 3.92 (each s, each 3H), 4.19 (d,  $J = 14.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d,  $J = 10.9$  Hz, 1H), 6.82, 6.86 (each s, each 1H), 7.10-7.25 (m, 4H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 282 [ $(M + H)^+$ , 19.8], 281 ( $M^+$ , 100), 280 [ $(M - H)^+$ , 46.1], 190 (13.2), 177 (22.6), 105 (46.3). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}NO_3$ : C, 76.84; H, 6.82; N, 4.89. Found: C, 76.62; H, 6.89; N, 4.85.

**7,8-Dimethoxy-12-oxo-5,5a,10,12-tetrahydroisoindolo[2,1-*b*]isoquinoline (14b):** colorless crystals (74%) [ $R_f$  0.47 with AcOEt and hexane (4:1),  $R_f$  0.72 for by-product, debrominated reactant]; mp 200-202 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1656, 1511, 1466, 1335, 1277, 1109, 846 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.05 (t,  $J = 13.5$ , 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd,  $J = 4.0$ , 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 4.76 (d  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd,  $J = 4.0$ , 13.6 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 7.28 (dd,  $J = 1.7$ , 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (t,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dt,  $J = 1.7$ , 7.3, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd,  $J = 1.3$ , 7.6 Hz, 1H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 295 ( $M^+$ , 100), 280 [ $(M - CH_3)^+$ , 15]. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{17}NO_3$ : C, 73.19; H, 5.81; N, 4.76. Found C, 73.14; H, 5.96; N, 4.76.

**7,8-Dimethoxy-5,5a,10,11,14-pentahydroisoquinolino[3,2-*a*]-2-benzazepine (15a):** a colorless oil (33%,  $R_f$  0.5 with 5% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (neat) 1610, 1586, 1517 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  1.59-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.95 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.97 (m, 2H), 3.18-3.34 (m, 4H), 3.53 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.34-4.38 (m, 1H), 6.51 (s, 1H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.93-6.96 (m, 1H), 7.06-7.24 (m, 3H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 399 (60), 254 (52), 159 (100); HRMS calcd for  $C_{20}H_{23}NO_2$  309.1729, found 309.1743.

**7,8-Dimethoxy-5,5a,10,11,14-pentahydro-14-oxoisoquinolino[3,2-*a*]-2-benzazepine (15b):** colorless crystals (72%) [ $R_f$  0.6 with AcOEt and hexane (3:1),  $R_f$  0.8 for by-product, the debrominated reactant]; mp 153-154 °C (AcOEt); IR (Nujol) 1636, 1517, 1377, 1279 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.75-2.01 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.90 (m, 1H), 2.95-3.13 (m, 2H), 3.34-3.37 (m, 2H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 4.73-4.81 (m, 1H), 4.90-4.95 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 6.67 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.36 (m, 2H), 7.45 (m, 1H), 8.03 (m, 1H); EI-MS  $m/z$  (rel. int.) 323 ( $M^+$ , 100), 308 [ $(M - Me)^+$ , 5], 177 (23), 118 (52). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}NO_3$ : C, 74.28; H, 6.56; N, 4.33. Found C, 74.59; H, 6.60; N, 4.31.

**1-(2-Bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-6,7-dimethoxyisoquinoline Methiodide (17).** A solution of 2'-bromopapaverine **16** (1.00 g, 2.4 mmol) in methyl iodide (6 ml) was refluxed in an oil bath at 80 °C for 2 h. The resultant solid was washed with ether to give **18** as yellow crystals (1.28 g, 95%), mp 210-211 °C; IR (Nujol) 1514 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.64, 3.87, 3.97, 4.15, 4.59 (each s, each 3H), 5.02 (s, 2H), 6.37, 7.09, 7.38, 7.57 (each s, each 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 8.87 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H). Anal. Calcd for  $C_{21}H_{23}NO_4BrI$ : C, 45.02; H, 4.14; N, 2.50; Br + I, 36.91. Found: C, 44.99; H, 3.96; N, 2.41; Br + I, 36.78.

**1-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-2-methyl-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (18a).** To a stirred suspension of methiodide **17** (128 mg, 0.23 mmol) in dry

DME (40 mL) was added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (131 mg, 3.45 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h. THF (5 mL) containing water (0.12 ml) was added. Precipitates were removed by suction filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), washed with water (10 mL), and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Evaporation of the solvent gave **19a** as an air-sensitive solid (88 mg, 88%), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 2.85 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54, 3.58, 3.83, 3.84 (each s, each 3H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, .1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 6.07 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.09, 6.51, 7.00 (each s, each 1H). This was used for its radical cyclization without further purification.

**Treatment of Methiodide 17 with Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH.** A mixture of **17** (28 mg, 0.05 mmol) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (13 mg, 0.15 mmol) in a mixture of DMF and toluene (1:1 v%, 2 mL) was refluxed under N<sub>2</sub> for 4 h and evaporated to give an oil (20 mg), which <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showed only signals for **18a** except those for tin-compounds at δ 0.8-1.9.

**1-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-2-methoxycarbonyl-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (18b).** To a stirred solution of 2'-bromopapaverine **17** (20 mg, 0.048 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 mL) in ice bath was added Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (14 mg, 0.048 mmol, 0.013 ml). Five min later, methyl chloroformate (6 mg, 0.057 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h. The solvent was evaporated to give an oil, which was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) and washed with hexane (20 mL × 4). The CH<sub>3</sub>CN layer was evaporated and purified by preparative TLC on silica gel developed with 3% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. A band with *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.5 gave **18b** as colorless crystals (0.02 g, 87%): mp 151-153 °C (MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1713, 1634, 1603, 1510 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, a 1:1 rotamer) δ 2.90 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 6.9 Hz, 0.5H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 13.1 Hz, 0.5H), 3.54, 3.65, 3.69, 3.71, 3.74, 3.76, 3.84, 3.85, 3.86, 3.88 (each s, each 1.5H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 6.9, 7.3 Hz, 0.5H), 5.56 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 7.3 Hz, 0.5H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.5H), 5.90 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 0.5H), 6.17, 6.28, 6.34, 6.36, 6.59, 6.63 (each s, each 0.5H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 0.5H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 0.5H), 6.96, 7.02 (each s, each 0.5H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 478 (M<sup>+</sup>, 1.0), 264 (100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Br: 55.23; H, 5.07; N, 2.93; Br, 16.70. Found: C, 55.12; H, 5.15; N, 2.83; Br, 16.56.

**1-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-2-ethoxycarbonyl-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline (18c):** colorless crystals (72%); mp 141-142 °C (benzene-MeOH); IR (Nujol) 1712, 1637, 1604, 1574, 1509 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, a 1:1 rotamer) δ 1.17, 1.25 (each t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, each 1.5H), 2.89 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 7.3 Hz, 0.5H), 2.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 7.3 Hz, 0.5H), 3.67 (s, 1.5H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.75, 3.84, 3.85, 3.86, 3.88 (each s, each 1.5H), 3.85, 4.18 (each q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, each 1H), 5.47, 5.57 (each t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, each 0.5H), 5.76, 5.91 (each d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, each 0.5H), 6.22, 6.35, 6.59, 6.64 (each s, each 0.5H), 6.77, 6.94 (each d, each 0.5H), 6.96, 7.01 (each s, each 0.5H). EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 491 (M<sup>+</sup>, 0.3), 262 (100), 189 (27.4), 46 (13.2). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Br: 56.10; H, 5.33; N, 2.84; Br, 16.22. Found: C, 56.18; H, 5.35; N, 2.86; Br, 15.93.

**(±)-Argemonine (19a). From 1,2-Dihydroisoquinoline 18a.** A solution of **18a** (15 mg, 0.035 mmol) in dry toluene (2 mL) was refluxed in an atmosphere of Ar in an oil bath at 140 °C. A solution of AIBN (6 mg, 0.035 mmol), and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (0.02 g, 0.07 mmol, 0.02 ml) in dry toluene (1.6 mL) was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. After the reaction mixture was evaporated, the resultant mixture was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL) and washed with hexane (20 mL × 4). The CH<sub>3</sub>CN layer was evaporated. The residue oil was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel developed with 8% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. A band with *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.28 gave (±)-argemonine (**19a**, 9 mg, 78%),

as colorless prisms: mp 135-140 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O) (lit.<sup>32,33</sup> mp 135-140 °C; <sup>34</sup> 138-140 °C); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.53 (s, 6H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 16.2 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.85 (s, 6H), 4.00 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.45, 6.60 (each s, each 1H).

**(±)-Argemonine] (19a). From Methiodide 17.** To a solution of **17** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol) in dry DMF (5 mL) and toluene (7 mL) was added Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (52 mg, 0.18 mmol, 0.05 mL) and stirred at 140 °C for 1 h under Ar. A solution of AIBN (29 mg, 0.18 mmol), and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (104 mg, 0.36 mmol) in dry toluene (8 mL) was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. After the solvents were removed by distillation under reduced pressure, the resultant mixture was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (20 mL) and washed with hexane (40 mL × 4). The CH<sub>3</sub>CN layer was concentrated. The residue was subjected to preparative TLC on silica gel developed with 8% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. A band with *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.28 gave (±)-argemonine (**19a**, 38 mg, 62%), mp 135-140 °C (Et<sub>2</sub>O).

**Radical Cyclization of Carbamate 18b and 18c.** To a stirred solution of **18b** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) in toluene (7 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> was added a solution of AIBN (2.0 mg, 0.011 mmol) and Bu<sub>3</sub>SnH (68 mg, 0.21 mmol) in dry toluene (5 mL) at once. After the mixture was refluxed for 4 h, the solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (15 mL) and washed with hexane (30 mL × 4). The CH<sub>3</sub>CN fraction gave an oil (44 mg), which was purified by preparative TLC on silica gel (3% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). A band with *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.3 gave (±)-N-Methoxycarbonylpavine (**19b**) as a colorless oil (62%); IR (neat) 1715, 1654, 1514 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, a 1:1 rotamer) δ 2.75 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 5.40, 5.51 (each d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, each 1H), 6.45, 6.47, 6.64, 6.67 (each s, each 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 399 (M<sup>+</sup>, 40), 340 [(M - CO<sub>2</sub>Me)<sup>+</sup>, 7], 248 (100); HR-MS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 399.1682, found 399.1662.

A band with *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.5 gave 4*H*-6-Methoxycarbonyl-1,2,9,10-tetramethoxy-6a,7-dihydrodibenzo[*de,g*]quinoline (**20b**) as a colorless oil (1.5 mg, 4%); IR (neat) 1698, 1612, 1519 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 2.86 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.36-3.49 (m, 1H), 3.64, 3.84, 3.89 (each s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 6H), 5.02 (dd, *J* = 3.30, 13.30 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.46, 6.81 (each s, each 1H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 397 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 382 [(M - Me)<sup>+</sup>, 36], 366 [(M - OMe)<sup>+</sup>, 23], 307 [(M - COOMe)<sup>+</sup>, 54]; HRMS calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 397.1525, found 397.1519.

**(±)-N-Ethoxycarbonylpavine (19c):** colorless crystals (64%, *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.2 with 1% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); mp 191-192 °C (AcOEt-pet. ether) (lit.<sup>35</sup> mp 183-184 °C); IR (neat) 1693, 1612, 1517 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, a 1:1 rotamer) δ 1.26-1.31 (m, 3H), 2.74 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 2H), 3.34-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.78 (s, 6H), 3.85, 3.86 (each s, each 3H), 4.13-4.24 (m, 2H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (s, 1H), 6.66 (s, 1H).

**4*H*-6-Ethoxycarbonyl-1,2,9,10-tetramethoxydibenzo[*de,g*]quinoline (20c):** a colorless oil (5 %, *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.4 with 1% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (neat) 1709, 1654, 1607, 1594, 1578, 1514 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz) δ 1.32-1.38 (m, 3H), 2.82-2.91 (m, 1H), 3.39-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.65, 3.89 (each s, each 3H), 3.92 (s, 6H), 4.18-4.34 (m, 2H), 5.00-5.08 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.46, 6.80 (each s, each 1H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H); EI-MS *m/z* (rel. int.) 411 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 394 [(M - Et)<sup>+</sup>, 17], 307 [(M - COOEt)<sup>+</sup>, 59]; HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 411.1694, found 414.1682.

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