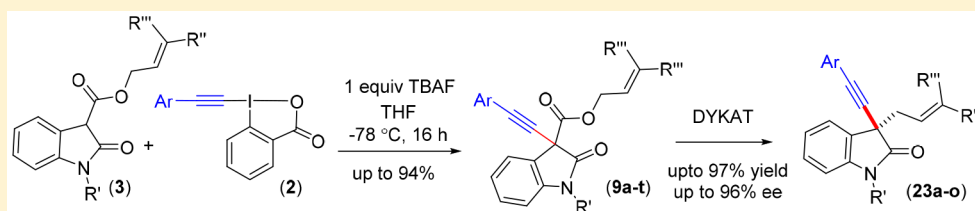


# Transition-Metal Free Oxidative Alkynylation of 2-Oxindoles with Ethynylbenziodoxolone (EBX) Reagents

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## Supporting Information



**ABSTRACT:** We report an efficient direct alkynylations of 3-alkyl/aryl 2-oxindoles employing ethynyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (EBX) to afford a wide variety of 3-alkynyl-3-alkyl/aryl 2-oxindole under transition-metal free condition. In addition to activated carbonyl compounds *viz.* 2-oxindole-3-alkylcarboxylates, this direct alkynylations protocol works efficiently on 3-alkyl/aryl 2-oxindols as well thereby widening the scope even further. Eventually, a Pd(0)-catalyzed asymmetric decarboxylative allylation of few products is shown to furnish synthetically viable enantioenriched 2-oxindoles with C-3 quaternary stereocenters.

## INTRODUCTION

Owing to their interesting structural and electronic properties of alkynes, alkynylation reactions continue to be an important C–C bond-forming step in organic synthesis.<sup>1</sup> In this regard, 1,2-addition of terminal alkynes<sup>1</sup> onto carbonyls,<sup>2a,b</sup> imines,<sup>2c</sup> and 1,4-addition onto  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated<sup>2d</sup> are quite prevalent to synthesize a variety of alkynylated products. However, the alkynylation of enolates has been less explored because of obvious nucleophilic nature of terminal alkynes. This has been materialized either by reaction of haloalkynes (with an electron-withdrawing group at other end) with a carbanion nucleophile via an addition–elimination mechanism,<sup>3</sup> or under oxidative condition using alkynyl lead reagent as reported by Pinhey.<sup>4</sup> Apart from this, the use of hypervalent iodine for oxidative atom transfer reactions, in nonclassical way (*umpolung* reactivity), is emerging as a promising area, both for hetero- as well as carbon- atom transfer reactions.<sup>5</sup>

Seminal contributions for use of acyclic hypervalent iodine reagents (Figure 1) for alkynylation of active methylenes include Beringer's alkynylodonium salt,<sup>6a</sup> Ochiai's tetrafluor-

oborate alkynylodonium salts,<sup>6b–6c</sup> and Stang's alkynylodonium triflates.<sup>6d</sup> In this regard, Waser and co-workers discovered the exceptional properties of cyclic ethynyl-1,2-benziodoxol-3(1H)-one (EBX) for the alkynylation of activated carbonyl compounds.<sup>7</sup> Using this ethynyl reagent, they could transfer acetylene group to a number of heteroaromatics,<sup>8</sup> heteroatoms<sup>9</sup> as well as Domino processes<sup>10</sup> with exceptional reactivity involving metal-catalyzed processes.<sup>11a,b</sup> Other reports on oxidative alkynylations include Vesely's organocatalytic alkynylation of densely functionalized mono-fluorinated derivatives,<sup>11c</sup> Maruoka's enantioselective alkynylation of cyclic  $\beta$ -keto esters with hypervalent iodine reagents under phase transfer catalysis,<sup>11d</sup> and Nachtsheim's alkynylations of azalactones.<sup>11e</sup>

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Methods to install quaternary center at C-3 of the 2-oxindole core although synthetically challenging but if developed, it introduces structurally diverse family of indole alkaloids.<sup>12,13</sup> Despite a large number of protocols available for other functional moieties, the introduction of a privileged alkynyl group at the C3 position of oxindoles to construct an all-carbon quaternary center has scarcely been explored.<sup>14</sup> The nonclassical behavior (*umpolung* reactivity) with exceptional reactivity of EBX reagents, made us to consider them suitable for alkynylation of 2-oxindoles. Herein, we report a method developed for smooth alkynylation of 3-substituted-2-oxindoles

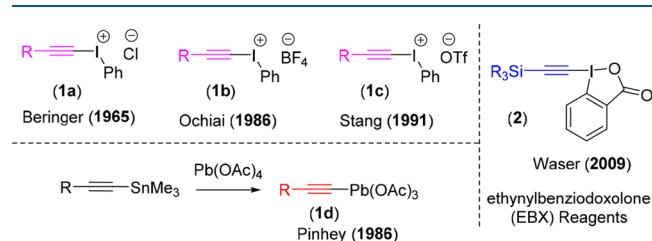


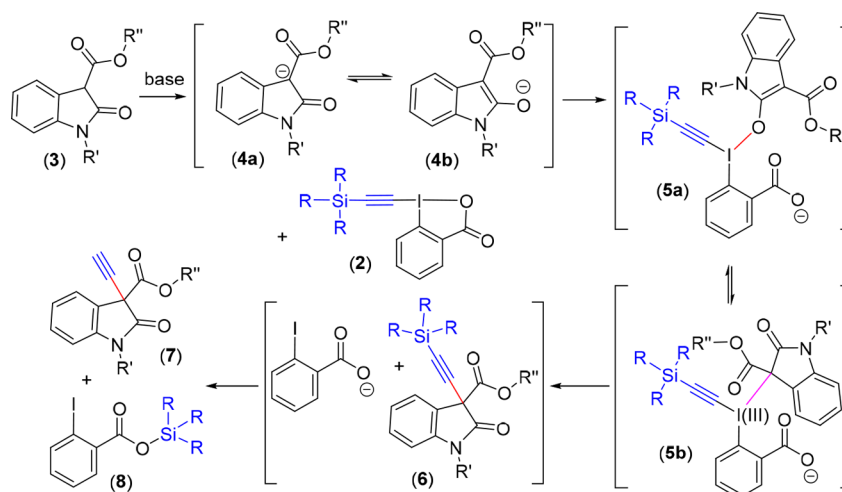
Figure 1. Hypervalent reagents used for alkynylations.

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Scheme 1. Our hypothesis of Alkynylation of 2-Oxindoles



under transition metal-free condition. In addition to activated carbonyl compounds *viz.* 2-oxindole-3-alkylcarboxylates, this direct alkynylations protocol works efficiently on 3-alkyl/aryl 2-oxindoles as well thereby widening the scope even further.

We hypothesized that 2-oxindole methyl-3-carboxylate **3a** could form enolate **4b** (via carbanion **4a**), which would react with TBDMS-EBX reagent **2a** to form hypervalent iodine intermediate **5a** (Scheme 1). This intermediate would then quickly form another intermediate **5b** via O–C migration, from where a reductive elimination would lead to the formation of expected product **6** and generation of 2-iodobenzoate as byproduct. Finally, removal of silyl group of **6** affords 3-ethynyl 2-oxindole **7** and byproduct **8** (Scheme 1). We envisioned that 2-oxindole 3-carboxylates having a labile proton with  $pK_a \sim 14$ – $15$  might act as excellent substrates.

Therefore, at the outset, we choose **3a** as our model substrate to react with hypervalent iodine reagents TBDMS-EBX (**2a**), TIPS-EBX (**2b**), and TMS-EBX (**2a'**) in the presence of a variety of bases, such as NaH,  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $N,N,N',N'$ -tetramethylguanidine (TMG), DBU, tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF), etc., at different temperature (Table 1). After exhaustive optimization, we found that oxidative ethynylation of 2-oxindole methyl-3-carboxylate **3a** can be realized in the presence of 1.0 equiv of TBAF (entry 13) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  in THF or TMG at room temperature in toluene (entry 20) to afford compound **7a** in 84 and 90%, respectively (Scheme 2).

Using standard condition, we then probed the alkynylations using silyl EBX **2a–c** in the presence of TMG at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  to furnish terminal alkyne products **7a–d** in 68–90% isolated yields (Scheme 2). Further, a variety of aryl EBX (Ar-EBX) reagents were also synthesized from arylacetylenes, such as **2d–f**. We noticed that the Ar-EBX reagents **2d–f** work well in combination with TBAF at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  to provide alkynes **7e–i** in synthetically useful yields (72–86% yields) (Scheme 2).

Further, a variety of 2-oxindole allyl-3-carboxylates were subjected to Ar-EBX reagents **2d–h** (Scheme 3). We assumed that these compounds might serve as the starting point of Tsuji–Trost decarboxylative allylations<sup>15</sup> to yield enantioenriched 3-alkynyl 2-oxindoles following a dynamic kinetic asymmetric transformations (DYKAT).<sup>16</sup> Hence, to test the synthetic viability of this alkynylation process, we then extended it to a variety of 2-oxindole allyl-3-carboxylates

which were treated with aryl EBX reagents and the results are summarized in Scheme 3.

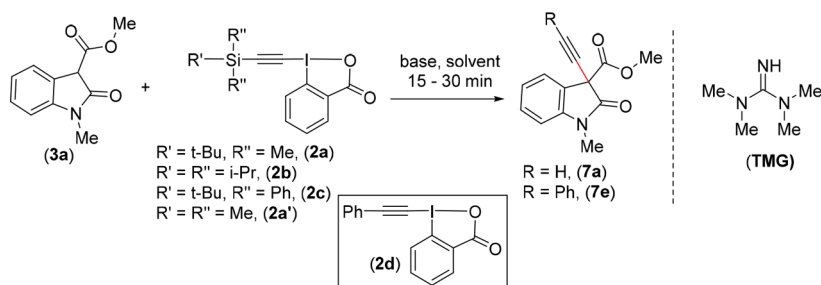
Rewardingly, a wide range of 2-oxindoles bearing all-carbon-quaternary centers, with ethynyl functionalities, **9a–t** were obtained in good yields (Scheme 3). Later, the prevalence of prenylated, reverse-prenylated, and geranylated hexahydro-pyrrolo[2,3-*b*]indole alkaloids,<sup>17</sup> exhibiting a broad spectrum of biological activities drew our attention.<sup>18</sup> To construct these compounds, we envisioned a direct incorporation of the prenyl, reverse-prenyl or geranyl group at the 3-position of 2-oxindole products via Pd-catalyzed decarboxylative prenylation/reverse-prenylation/geranylations on related esters. Therefore, oxidative alkynylations were performed with a variety of substrates, which resulted products **10a–l** in 62–81% yields (Scheme 3).

Later, our successful alkynylations with 2-oxindole 3-carboxylates as substrates further prompted us to test *N*-Boc protected 2-oxindoles **11a–c**, which also fetched corresponding alkynylated products **12a–d** in good to excellent yields (Scheme 4). Interestingly, TBDPS-EBX **2c** afforded product **12c** in 79% yield where silyl group was intact (Scheme 4). This is probably due to bulky nature of silyl group, which is untouched in the presence of 2-iodobenzoate. The methodology was next extended to *N*-methyl protected 2-oxindoles **13a–e**, which resulted in a variety of products **14a–f** in 82–92% (Scheme 4). Since, there are abundant literature reports for indole natural products bearing 3-arylated-2-oxindole moieties,<sup>19</sup> we also utilized few 3-arylated 2-oxindole substrates, such as **13c–e**, for oxidative alkynylation reactions (Scheme 4).

Gratifyingly, subjecting the unprotected 2-oxindoles **15a–c** to the reaction conditions, we found that a highly chemoselective alkynylation can be achieved with Ar-EBX reagent **2d** to afford C-alkynylation products **16a–c** in excellent yields (Scheme 5). The latter clearly depicts soft nature of EBX reagents, which predominantly reacted at C-center nucleophile as compared to *N*-center (oxindole nitrogen) nucleophile. Exploring the oxidative alkynylation reactions to 3-substituted benzofuran-2(3*H*)-one under standard condition resulted products **18a–d** as well in synthetically useful yields (Scheme 5).

To our surprise, reaction of 2-methyl 3-oxindole **19a** with Ar-EBX reagent **2d** afforded complex mixture of products

Table 1. Optimization of Oxidative Alkynes Addition of 3



entry <sup>a</sup>	alkyne	base	solvent	temp	time	% yield <sup>b</sup> (7a/7e)
1	2a	NaH	THF	25 °C	20 min	54 (7a)
2	2b	NaH	THF	25 °C	20 min	36 (7a)
3	2c	NaH	THF	25 °C	20 min	51 (7a)
4	2b	NaH	PhMe	25 °C	20 min	43 (7a)
5	2b	NaH	DMF	25 °C	20 min	28 (7a)
6	2a	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	25 °C	20 min	60 (7a)
7	2d	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	xylene	25 °C	30 min	30 (7a)
8	2d	TMG	THF	25 °C	20 min	36 (7a)
9	2d	TMG	DMF	25 °C	20 min	79 (7a)
10	2d	TMG	PhMe	25 °C	20 min	74 (7e)
11	2d	DBU	PhMe	25 °C	10 min	72 (7a)
12	2d	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	PhMe	25 °C	10 min	61 (7a)
13	2d	TBAF	THF	−78 °C	16 h	84 (7e)
14	2b	33% aq. K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	xylene	25 °C	20 min	40 (7a)
15	2b	K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	xylene	25 °C	20 min	39 (7a)
16	2c	DBU	PhMe	25 °C	15 min	77 (7a)
17	2c	DBU	PhMe	0 °C	20 min	79 (7a)
18	2c	DBU	THF	25 °C	20 min	81 (7a)
19	2c	DBU	THF	0 °C	30 min	80 (7a)
20	2a	TMG	PhMe	25 °C	15 min	90 (7a)
21	2c	TMG	THF	25 °C	15 min	82 (7a)
22	2a	TMG	THF	25 °C	15 min	84 (7a)
23	2a	DBU	THF	25 °C	15 min	78 (7a)
24	2a	TMG	THF	25 °C	10 min	79 <sup>c</sup> (7a)
25	2b	TMG	toluene	25 °C	20 min	57 (7a)
26	2b	TMG	DMF	25 °C	15 min	48 (7a)
26	2b	TMG	THF	25 °C	20 min	53 (7a)
27	2b	DBU	toluene	25 °C	30 min	49 (7a)
28	2b	DBU	THF	25 °C	30 min	53 (7a)
29	2a'	NaH	PhMe	25 °C	20 min	56 (7a)
30	2a'	NaH	THF	25 °C	20 min	41 (7a)
31	2a'	TMG	PhMe	25 °C	20 min	88 (7a)
32	2a'	DBU	PhMe	25 °C	20 min	82 (7a)
33	2a'	Cs <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	THF	25 °C	20 min	44 (7a)

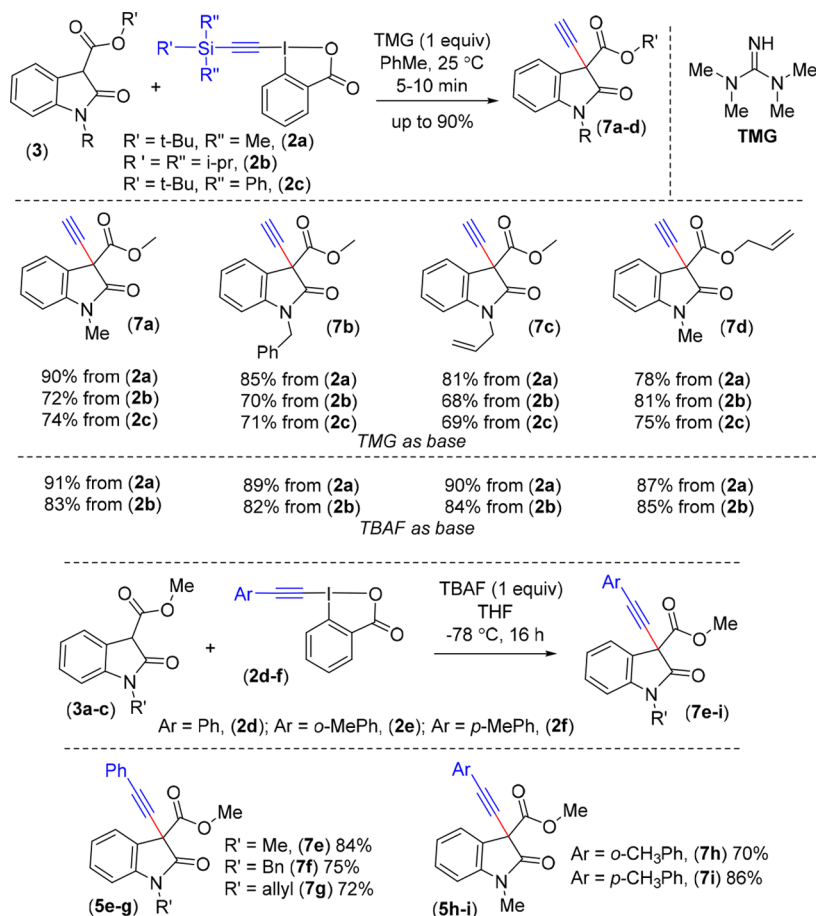
<sup>a</sup>Reactions were carried out using 0.2 mmol of 3a with 0.2 mmol of 2a–d and 2a' in 1 mL solvent. <sup>b</sup>Yields after column purification. <sup>c</sup>Reaction was carried out at 25 °C for 20 min.

(Scheme 6). Even, *N*-Boc 2-oxindole having no substitution did not afford product, and a byproduct arising from Ar-EBX reagent 2d was isolated in 49% yield. Thus, 3-substitution at 2-oxindole is necessary in order to have better results from oxidative alkynylations. Next, we tried to check the possibility of one-pot direct oxidative alkynylation for the synthesis of pyrroloindoline scaffolds. Toward this direction, an attempt to synthesize pyrroloindoline 21c via one-pot oxidative alkynylation afforded 21b as sole product, probably indicating the soft nature of indole nitrogen (Scheme 6).

Later, we wanted to validate the mechanistic proposal shown in Scheme 1.<sup>7a–c</sup> Especially, given the fact that, the silyl group on EBX reagents has been demonstrated to be very sensitive to

base and nucleophile.<sup>5c</sup> Therefore, deprotection of the silyl group before alkynylation, and not after as shown in Scheme 1, cannot be ruled out as a possible mechanism.<sup>20</sup> To check this, 2-oxindole 22b was synthesized in 76% yield from 22a by reaction with *n*-BuLi and TMSCl at −78 °C (Scheme 7). Compound 22a was synthesized by the reaction of 13a with TMS-EBX (2a') reagent (Scheme 7).

When compound 22a was reacted with 1 equiv of TMG and DBU, there were no products with desilylation and we found recovery of starting material 22b in 87–89% yields (entries 1–2, Table 2). On the contrary, by treatment of 22b with inorganic base such as KO<sup>t</sup>Bu afforded terminal alkyne 22a with TMS group cleavage (entries 3–4, Table 2). These

Scheme 2. Substrates Scope of Alkynylations Using EBX Reagent<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reactions were carried out by using 0.25 mmol of 3 with 0.275 mmol of EBX reagents 2a–c in the presence of 0.25 mmol of TMG or TBAF under argon atmosphere. <sup>b</sup>Yield after column purification.

experiments clearly suggest that stoichiometric amount of byproduct 2-iodobenzoate is solely responsible for the desilylation reaction, when oxidative alkynylations were carried out in the presence of organic bases.

The subset of enantioenriched 2-oxindoles comprise a common structural motif in many biologically active alkaloids and therefore gained significant attention from synthetic community. Intrigued by their challenging structural arrays and impressive biological activities, we envisioned a unified approach to these targets in an asymmetric fashion. For this, we chose the well proved 2-phosphino-oxazoline (PHOX) ligands and (*S*)-L1–L4<sup>21</sup> and 2-phosphino-carboxamide ligands L5–L8,<sup>21</sup> for carrying out the Pd-catalyzed catalytic enantioselective studies. Initially, Pd(0)-catalyzed decarboxylative allylations (Table 3)<sup>22</sup> through a dynamic kinetic asymmetric transformation (DYKAT)<sup>23</sup> of allyl ester (±)-9b,<sup>23</sup> was investigated in the presence of 2.5 mol % Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> in combination with 7.5 mol % ligands L1–L8 in diethyl ether at 25 °C to afford product 23b (entries 1–8). Among various ligands tested, C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric anthracenyl based Trost ligand L8 afforded 23b in 63% ee with 98% yield (entry 8). Following exhaustive optimization, it was found that 2.5 mol % Pd<sub>2</sub>(dba)<sub>3</sub> in combination with 7.5 mol % ligand L8 in diethyl ether at –30 °C afforded product 23a in 90% ee with 96% yield (entries 9–22, Table 3).

Under the standard condition, a number of C-alkynylated allyl-methallyl esters were subjected to catalytic enantioselective

allylations in diethyl ether at –30 °C (Figure 2). To our delight, a variety of enantioenriched 2-oxindole with C-3 quaternary stereocenter could be obtained in up to 96% ee (see 23j).

As an application of our strategy, one of the enantioenriched products 23b was synthetically transformed into furoindoline structures<sup>24</sup> 25a–b and 26 in few steps via aldehyde 24 (Scheme 8).

## CONCLUSIONS

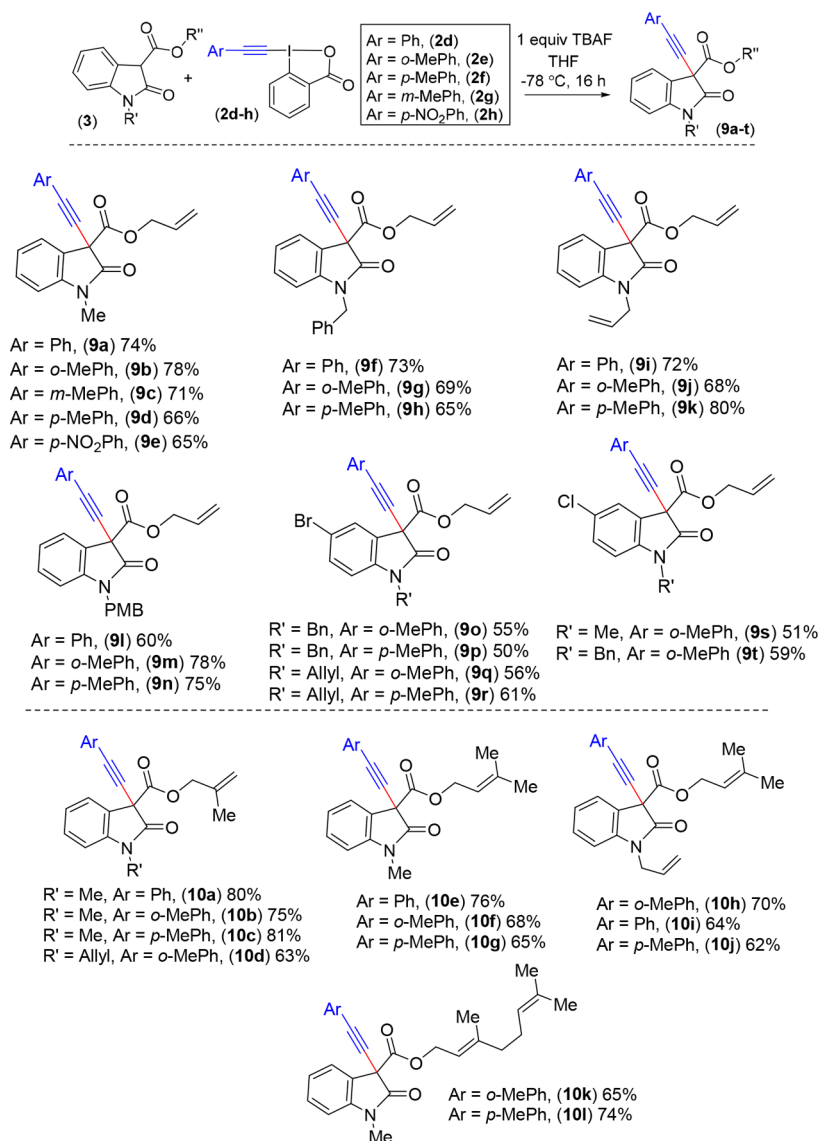
In conclusion, we developed a novel entry to direct incorporation of an alkyne functionality using EBX reagents under transition-metal free condition. The products obtained from this process are important building blocks for the synthesis of a number of pyrroloindoline alkaloids. This study not only offers a vital method for the oxidative C–C bond construction but also clearly demonstrates the potential of the modular 2-oxindole scaffolds in synthesis. We have also shown that alkynylated products derived allyl esters are good substrate for Pd(0)-catalyzed decarboxylative allylation to afford a number of enantioenriched 2-oxindole with C-3 quaternary stereogenic centers.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**Materials and Methods.** Unless otherwise stated, reactions were carried out using oven-dried glass ware with Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bars were used to stir the reactions. The syringe was used to



Scheme 3. Further Scope of Alkynylations Using Different Allylesters



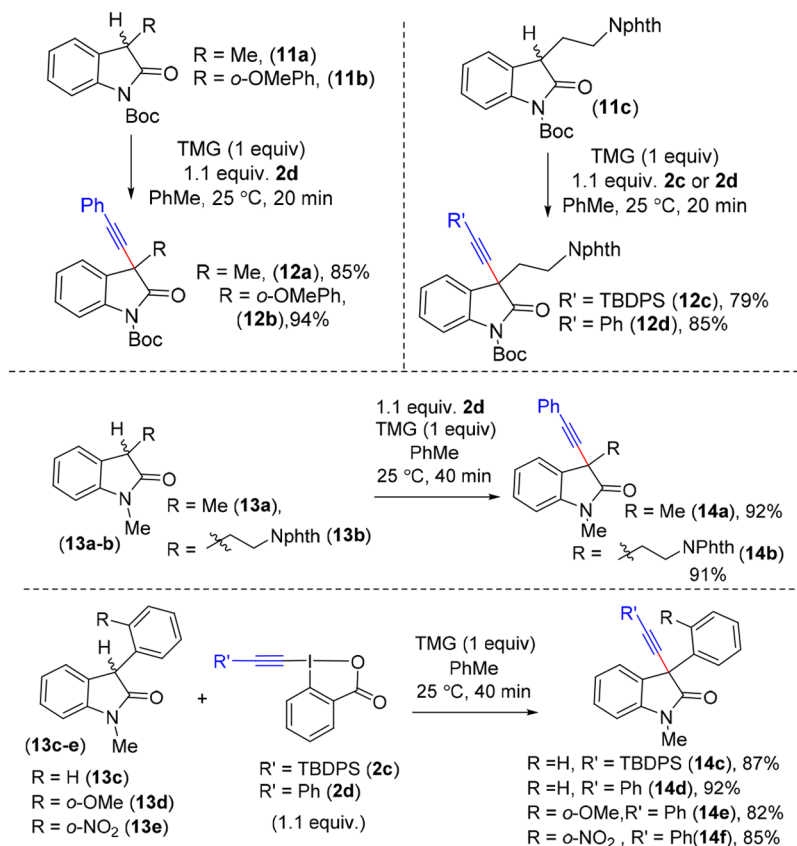
transfer the solvents and liquid reagents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) were distilled over sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) was distilled over calcium hydride. All other solvents, like nitromethane, MeOH, EtOAc, DMF, and dichloroethane (DCE), and reagents were used as received. Reaction temperatures above 25 °C were maintained by using oil bath on a magnetic stirrer. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis was performed by using silica gel precoated plates (0.25 mm) 60 (F-254), Visualized by UV irradiation, yellow dip stain and other stains. Silica gel of particle size 230–400 and 100–200 mesh were used to perform flash chromatography. Digital melting point apparatus is used to record the melting points and are uncorrected. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra was recorded by using 400, 500, and 700 MHz spectrometers, <sup>13</sup>C NMR operating frequencies are 100, 125, and 175 MHz, respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvents (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) signal (δ = 7.24 for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and δ = 77.0 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR) and (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) signal (δ = 2.50 for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and δ = 39.5 for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Data for <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling constants, number of hydrogen). Abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad). IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR system (Spectrum BX) and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm<sup>-1</sup>). Only selected IR absorbencies are reported. High-

resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) data was recorded on MicrOTOF-Q-II mass spectrometer using methanol as solvent.

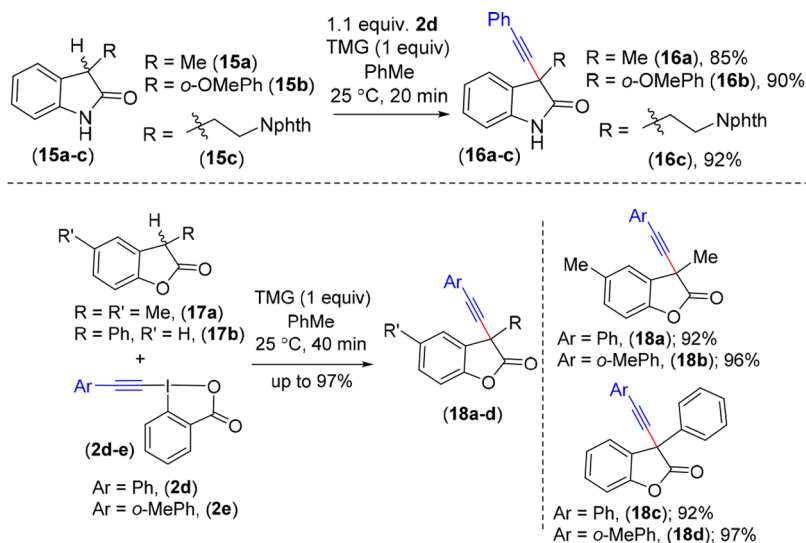
Starting materials **3a–c**, <sup>21b</sup> **3f**, <sup>21b</sup> **3l**, <sup>21b</sup> **3n**, <sup>21b</sup> **3p**, <sup>21b</sup> **11a**, <sup>21b</sup> **13b**, <sup>21b</sup> **3d–e**, <sup>16c</sup> **3g**, <sup>25a</sup> **13a**, <sup>25a</sup> **11c**, <sup>24a</sup> **11b**, <sup>25b</sup> **15b**, <sup>25b</sup> **13c–d**, <sup>25d</sup> **13e**, <sup>25d</sup> **15a**, <sup>26a</sup> **17a**, <sup>26b</sup> and **17b**<sup>26c</sup> were synthesized following literature protocols.

**Synthesis of N-Methyl 3-(2-nitrophenyl) 2-oxindole (13e).** Anhydrous Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.96 g, 6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) was added to the solution of 1-methyl 2-oxindole (736 mg, 5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (15 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred for 10 min followed by the addition of 2-fluoro nitrobenzene (0.63 mL, 6 mmol, 1.2 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for overnight. Upon completion of the reaction (as judged by running TLC), it was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 15 mL). The organic layers were recombined and washed with brine (25 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the 30% EtOAc in hexane system as eluent to afford the desired product **13e** (1.08 g, 80% yield).

**1-Methyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl)indolin-2-one (±)-(13e).** The product **13e**, 80% yield as an orange gel; *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.50 (30% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 8.07 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (tt, *J* = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J*

Scheme 4. Scope of Alkynylations Using *N*-Alkyl 2-Oxindoles

Scheme 5. Chemoselective Alkynylations Further Scope



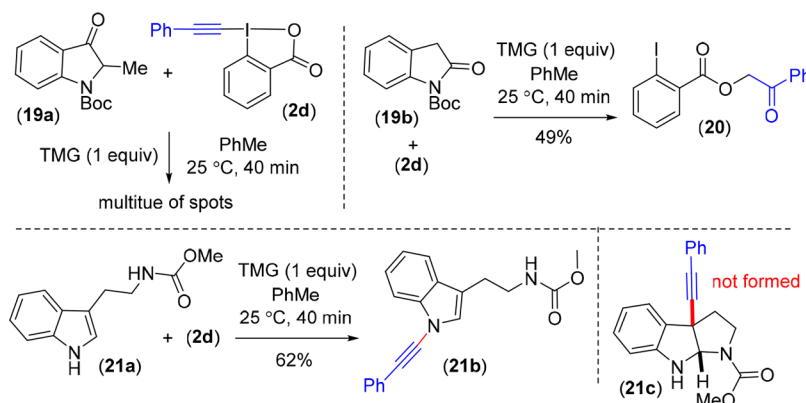
= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 174.8, 144.4, 133.5, 131.5, 128.8, 127.3, 125.6, 124.3, 122.9, 108.4, 49.2, 26.6; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2997, 2959, 2850, 1782, 1662, 1610, 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 291.0740, found: 291.0733.

**Synthesis of 3-Alkynyl-2-oxindole by General Procedure A.** To the solution of 3-substituted-2-oxindole (1.0 equiv) in toluene, TMG (1.0 equiv) were added. The reaction was stirred for a few minutes followed by the addition in one portion of the hypervalent iodine reagent (EBX) (1.1 equiv). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 15–30 min. The reaction was monitored by TLC

analysis UV, iodine, cerium molybdate (Hanessian's Stain) and *p*-anisaldehyde Stain. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with water (2 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 4 mL). The organic layers were recombined, washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1.5 mL), brine (2.5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the hexane-EtOAc system as eluent to afford the desired alkynylation product.

**Synthesis of 3-Alkynyl-2-oxindole by General Procedure B.** To the solution of 3-substituted-2-oxindole (1.0 equiv) and hypervalent iodine reagent (EBX) (1.1 equiv) in dried THF was stirred at –78 °C for 5 min under nitrogen. After this period of time, TBAF (1 M in

Scheme 6. Further Scopes



Scheme 7. Synthesis of TMS Protected Compound 22b

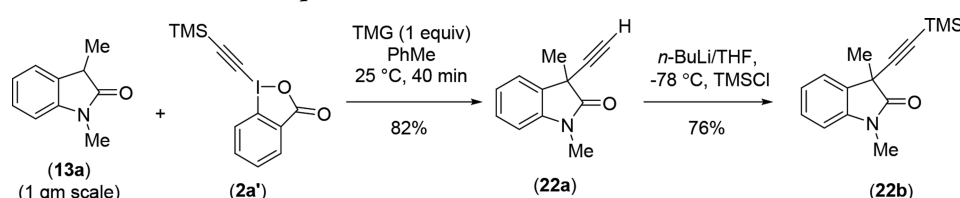


Table 2. TMS Deprotection of Compound 22b Using Various Bases

entry	base	solvent	temp	time	% yield (22a)	% yield (22b)
1.	TMG	PhMe	25 °C	4 h	00	89%
2.	DBU	PhMe	25 °C	4 h	00	87%
3.	<i>t</i> -BuOK	PhMe	25 °C	10 h	28%	34%
4.	<i>t</i> -BuOK	PhMe/MeOH (1:1)	25 °C	10 h	86%	00

THF, 1.0 equiv) was added. The reaction was stirred at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 16 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis UV, iodine, cerium molybdate (Hanessian's Stain) and *p*-anisaldehyde Stain. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with water (2 mL) and extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 5$  mL). The organic layers were recombined, washed with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (1.5 mL), brine (5.0 mL). The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the hexane-EtOAc system as eluent to afford the desired alkylation product.

**Methyl 3-Ethynyl-1-methyl-2-oxindoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(7a).** The product 7a was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (12.4  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.099 mmol), 2a (42 mg, 0.109 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 5 min to give 7a in 20.7 mg (0.099 mmol) as an orange solid (91% yield); mp  $100\text{--}102^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f = 0.54$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.41 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.5, 166.3, 166.2, 143.5, 130.1, 126.5, 124.1, 123.6, 108.9, 73.2, 54.2, 54.0, 27.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3339, 2997, 2959, 1782, 1662, 1710, 800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}]^+$ : 230.0812, found: 230.0809.

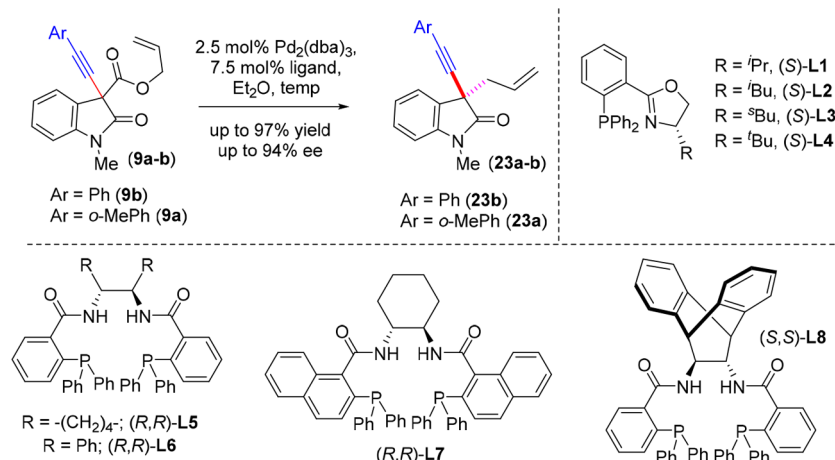
**Methyl 1-Benzyl-3-ethynyl-2-oxindoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(7b).** The product 7b was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (11.1  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.089 mmol), 2a (37.8 mg, 0.098 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 5 min to give 7b in 24.2 mg (0.089 mmol) as a light

orange solid (89% yield); mp  $155\text{--}156^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f = 0.36$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.42 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.24 (m, 5H), 7.21 (dd,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.07 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.51 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.8, 166.3, 142.6, 134.9, 130.0, 128.9, 127.8, 127.1, 126.6, 124.1, 123.6, 110.0, 73.5, 54.35, 54.1, 44.4, 29.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3340, 2999, 2951, 2246, 1739, 1691, 1459, 1189, 1021, 821  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 328.0944, found: 328.0964.

**Methyl 1-Allyl-3-ethynyl-2-oxindoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(7c).** The product 7c was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (16.3  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.13 mmol), 2a (55.2 mg, 0.143 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 5 min to give 7c in 29.7 mg (0.13 mmol) as an orange solid (90% yield); mp  $75\text{--}77^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f = 0.40$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.41 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td,  $J = 7.8, 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.10 (td,  $J = 7.6, 1.0$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt,  $J = 17.2, 10.2, 5.0$  Hz, 1H), 5.27–5.21 (m, 2H), 4.45 (ddt,  $J = 16.6, 5.0, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.28 (ddt,  $J = 16.6, 5.2, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.48 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.3, 166.3, 142.7, 130.4, 130.0, 126.6, 124.1, 123.6, 117.8, 109.8, 73.4, 73.2, 54.3, 54.1, 42.9; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3342, 2991, 2850, 1710, 1686, 1581, 1250, 833  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 278.0788, found: 278.0805.

**Allyl 3-Ethynyl-1-methyl-2-oxindoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(7d).** The product 7d was synthesized according to the general

Table 3. Optimization of Catalytic Decarboxylative Allylations



entry <sup>a</sup>	substrate	Pd <sub>2</sub> (dba) <sub>3</sub>	ligand	solvent	temp	time	% yield (23b) <sup>b</sup>	% ee <sup>c</sup>
1	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L1	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	14 h	75%	29% ee
2	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L2	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	12 h	72%	24% ee
3	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L3	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	8 h	74%	35% ee
4	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L4	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	14 h	81%	37% ee
5	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L5	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	10 h	82%	62% ee
6	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L6	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	8 h	90%	26% ee
7	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L7	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	14 h	92%	30% ee
8	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	25 °C	10 h	98%	63% ee
9	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	THF	25 °C	16 h	84%	78% ee
10	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	PhMe	25 °C	10 h	74%	68% ee
11	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	25 °C	12 h	68%	65% ee
12	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	25 °C	14 h	74%	69% ee
13	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	(CH <sub>2</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>	25 °C	12 h	78%	63% ee
14	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	(CH <sub>2</sub> OMe) <sub>2</sub>	25 °C	15 h	74%	68% ee
15	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	0 °C	11 h	99%	76% ee
16	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-10 °C	12 h	98%	80% ee
17	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-20 °C	15 h	99%	84% ee
18	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-25 °C	15 h	98%	84% ee
19	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-30 °C	17 h	97%	87% ee
20	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-40 °C	30 h	75%	84% ee
21	9b	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-40 °C	42 h	60%	ND
22	9a	2.5% mol %	7.5 mol % L8	Et <sub>2</sub> O	-30 °C	16 h	96%	90% ee <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reactions were carried out using 0.04 mmol of 9a/9b with in 3 mL solvent. <sup>b</sup>Yields after column purification. <sup>c</sup>ee's were determined by chiralpalc IB column (4% isopropanol in *n*-hexane and 1 mL/min flow rate). <sup>d</sup>90% ee of product 23a.

experimental procedure A (2.5 mL toluene) using TMG (27.1  $\mu$ L, 0.216 mmol), 2a (91.7 mg, 0.237 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 5 min to give 7d in 48.0 mg (0.216 mmol) as a colorless oil (87% yield); *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.40 (30% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.41 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.24–5.16 (m, 2H), 4.63 (dt, *J* = 5.6, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 169.5, 165.4, 143.5, 130.8, 130.1, 126.5, 124.1, 123.6, 118.7, 108.9, 73.3, 71.2, 67.2, 54.4, 27.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2989, 2899, 1725, 1686, 1568, 738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 256.0968, found: 256.0980.

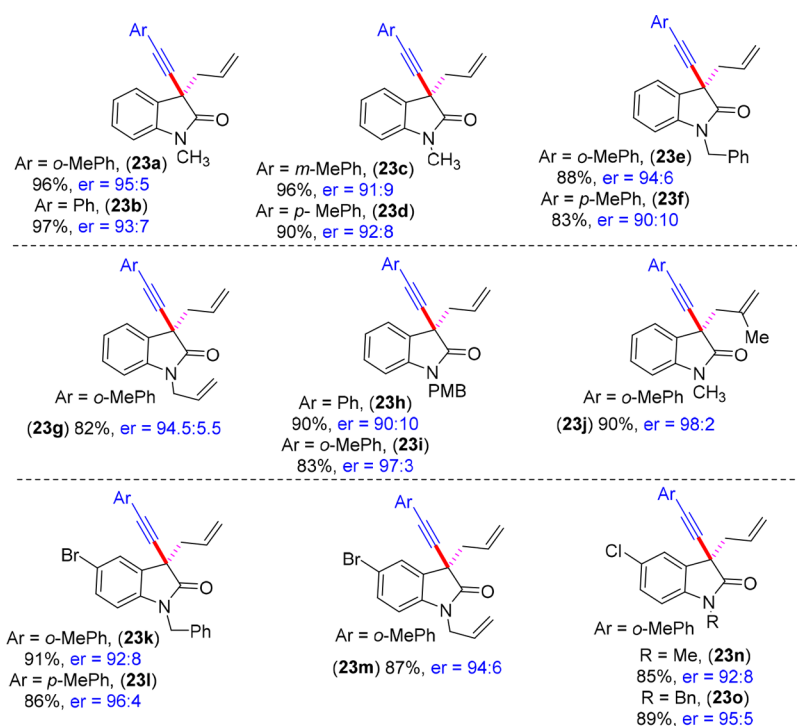
**Methyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(7e).** The product 7e was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.0 mL THF) using TBAF (97  $\mu$ L, 0.097 mmol), 2d (37.1 mg, 0.106 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give 7e in 25.0 mg (0.097 mmol) as a colorless oil (84% yield); *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.35 (30% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.50–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.37 (td, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.28 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ :

170.0, 166.7, 143.5, 132.1, 129.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 124.3, 123.5, 122.1, 108.9, 84.6, 82.1, 54.9, 53.9, 27.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3311, 2976, 1698, 1686, 1470, 897 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 328.0944, found: 328.0959.

**Methyl 1-Benzyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(7f).** The product 7f was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.0 mL THF) using TBAF (88  $\mu$ L, 0.088 mmol), 2d (33.7 mg, 0.096 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give 7f in 25.4 mg (0.088 mmol) as a colorless oil (75% yield); *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (30% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.52 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.40–7.35 (m, 4H), 7.35–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.26 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.15–7.09 (m, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 170.3, 166.8, 142.5, 135.0, 132.19, 129.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 127.1, 124.2, 123.5, 122.1, 110.0, 84.9, 81.9, 55.09, 54.0, 44.4; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2992, 2888, 1658, 1591, 1418, 1109, 842 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 404.1257, found: 404.1254.

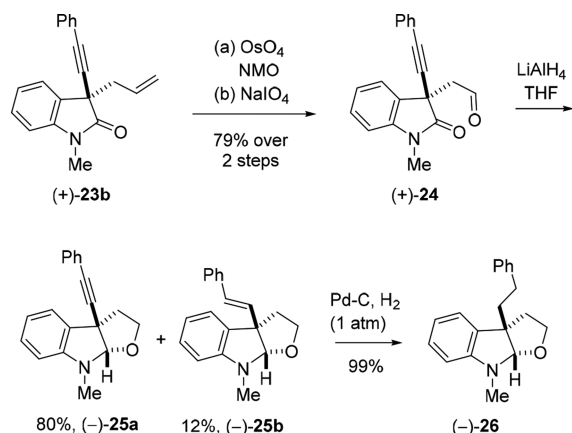
**Methyl 1-Allyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(7g).** The product 7g was synthesized according to the general





**Figure 2.** Substrate scope of catalytic DcA using L8 (a–c). (a) Reactions were carried out on 0.04 mmol of substrates in 3 mL of solvent under argon atmosphere. (b) Yield after column purification. (c) ee's were determined by chiral HPLC analysis.

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experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (108  $\mu$ L, 0.108 mmol), 2d (41.3 mg, 0.118 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give 7g in 26.0 mg (0.108 mmol) as a colorless oil (72% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.36 (30% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.54–7.47 (m, 3H), 7.36 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.33–7.27 (m, 3H), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.97–5.82 (m, 1H), 5.36–5.23 (m, 2H), 4.58–4.48 (m, 1H), 4.38–4.30 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 169.9, 166.8, 142.7, 132.2, 130.5, 129.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 124.3, 123.5, 122.1, 117.7, 109.8, 84.8, 82.0, 55.0, 54.0, 42.9; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2989, 2878, 1758, 1655, 1489, 895, 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 354.1101, found: 354.1108.

**Methyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(*o*-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(7h).** The product 7h was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (121  $\mu$ L, 0.121 mmol), 2e (48.2 mg, 0.133 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give 7h in 27.0 mg (0.121 mmol) as a colorless oil (70% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.36 (30% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.43–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23–7.10 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.03 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s,

3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 170.1, 166.8, 143.5, 141.1, 132.2, 129.9, 129.3, 128.7, 127.4, 125.3, 124.2, 123.5, 121.9, 108.9, 85.9, 83.8, 55.1, 53.9, 27.1, 20.6; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2988, 2891, 1667, 1580, 1409, 1110, 831 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 342.1101, found: 342.1122.

**Methyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(*p*-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(7i).** The product 7i was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (121  $\mu$ L, 0.121 mmol), 2f (48.2 mg, 0.133 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give 7i in 33.35 mg (0.121 mmol) as a colorless oil (86% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.38 (30% EtOAc in hexane); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.47 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 5.4 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 170.1, 166.8, 143.4, 138.8, 132.0, 129.9, 128.9, 127.3, 124.3, 123.5, 119.0, 108.8, 84.8, 81.3, 54.9, 53.9, 27.1, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2994, 2906, 1670, 1584, 1895, 1103, 850 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 342.1101, found: 342.1118.

**Allyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(9a).** The product 9a was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.0 mL THF) using TBAF (173  $\mu$ L, 0.173 mmol), 2d (66.2 mg, 0.190 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give 9a in 42.0 mg (0.173 mmol) as a yellow color solid (74% yield); mp 58–59 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.45 (30% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 7.46 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.6, 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 3H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td,  $J$  = 5.8, 2.7 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.2, 10.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30–5.14 (m, 2H), 4.66 (dt,  $J$  = 5.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 170.0, 165.9, 143.5, 132.1, 131.0, 130.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 124.2, 123.5, 122.1, 118.5, 108.9, 84.7, 82.0, 67.04, 55.0, 27.0; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2959, 2912, 2800, 1687, 1120, 981, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ : [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 354.1101, found: 354.1121.

**Allyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(*o*-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate (±)-(9b).** The product 9b was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (216  $\mu$ L, 0.216 mmol), 2e (86 mg, 0.237 mmol) and the reaction was performed for

16 h to give **9b** in 58.5 mg (0.216 mmol) as a yellow color solid (78% yield); mp 60–62 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.60 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.11 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.05 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.3, 10.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.30–5.15 (m, 2H), 4.66 (dt,  $J$  = 5.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.1, 166.0, 143.5, 141.1, 132.2, 131.0, 129.9, 129.3, 128.7, 127.4, 125.4, 124.2, 123.5, 121.9, 118.6, 108.9, 85.9, 83.9, 67.1, 55.3, 27.1, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2976, 2910, 1690, 1510, 1429, 890  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 368.1257, found: 368.1249.

**Allyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9c).** The product **9c** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (216  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.216 mmol), **2g** (86 mg, 0.237 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9c** in 53.0 mg (0.216 mmol) as a yellow color oil (71% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.60 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.16–7.07 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.3, 10.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.29–5.14 (m, 2H), 4.66 (dt,  $J$  = 5.4, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.0, 165.9, 143.5, 137.8, 132.8, 131.0, 129.9, 129.6, 129.2, 128.0, 127.3, 124.3, 123.5, 121.9, 118.5, 108.9, 84.9, 81.7, 67.0, 55.1, 27.1, 21.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2982, 2920, 2891, 1416, 1139, 780  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 368.1257, found: 368.1285.

**Allyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9d).** The product **9d** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (216  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.216 mmol), **2f** (86 mg, 0.237 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9d** in 49.0 mg (0.216 mmol) as a yellow color oil (66% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.47 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.11 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.2, 10.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dq,  $J$  = 17.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd,  $J$  = 10.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dt,  $J$  = 5.5, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.1, 166.0, 143.5, 138.8, 132.0, 131.0, 129.9, 129.0, 128.9, 127.3, 124.3, 123.5, 119.1, 118.5, 108.8, 84.9, 81.3, 67.0, 55.1, 27.1, 21.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2999, 2959, 2847, 1701, 1649, 1500, 1479, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 368.1257, found: 368.1260.

**Methyl 1-(3-Methylbut-2-en-1-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9e).** The product **9e** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (216  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.216 mmol), **2h** (93.4 mg, 0.237 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9e** in 53.8 mg (0.216 mmol) as a red color oil (65% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.57 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.34 (m, 1H), 7.06–7.02 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 5.48 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.5, 10.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06–5.01 (m, 2H), 4.32 (ddt,  $J$  = 13.1, 5.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (ddt,  $J$  = 13.0, 5.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.6, 166.8, 149.3, 147.1, 145.6, 145.5, 130.4, 130.2, 127.8, 126.0, 125.8, 123.5, 123.3, 119.3, 108.9, 85.0, 66.9, 66.6, 26.8. IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2999, 2901, 2871, 1701, 1694, 1559, 1395, 761  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{H}]^+$ : 377.1132, found: 377.1109.

**Allyl 1-Benzyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9f).** The product **9f** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.0 mL THF) using TBAF (162  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.162 mmol), **2d** (62 mg, 0.178 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9f** in 48.0 mg (0.162 mmol) as a yellow color solid (73% yield); mp 77–79 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.50 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.52 (td,  $J$  = 4.4, 2.1 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (dd,  $J$  = 12.1, 7.0 Hz, 7H), 7.29–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (td,  $J$  = 10.9, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.36–5.19 (m, 3H), 4.84–4.64 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.3, 165.9, 142.6, 135.0, 132.2, 130.9, 129.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 127.1, 124.2, 123.5, 122.1, 118.9, 110.0, 85.0, 81.9, 67.2,

55.3, 44.4; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2986, 2916, 1697, 1606, 834  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}]^+$ : 408.1594, found: 408.1609.

**Allyl 1-Benzyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9g).** The product **9g** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.0 mL THF) using TBAF (162  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.162 mmol), **2e** (64.5 mg, 0.178 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9g** in 47.0 mg (0.162 mmol) as a yellow color gel (69% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.47 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.52–7.46 (m, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 1H), 7.35–7.28 (m, 4H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 7.23–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.08 (q,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 6.71 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.4, 10.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31–5.11 (m, 3H), 4.79 (d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.74–4.63 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.4, 166.0, 142.6, 141.1, 135.1, 132.2, 131.0, 129.8, 129.4, 128.8, 128.7, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 125.4, 124.1, 123.5, 121.9, 119.0, 110.0, 85.8, 84.1, 67.2, 55.4, 44.3, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2985, 2899, 1799, 1701, 1651, 1361, 1179, 1031, 803  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}]^+$ : 422.1751, found: 422.1771.

**Allyl 1-Benzyl-2-oxo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9h).** The product **9h** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.0 mL THF) using TBAF (162  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.162 mmol), **2f** (64.5 mg, 0.178 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9h** in 44.0 mg (0.162 mmol) as a light yellow color solid (65% yield); mp 102–105 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.40 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 5.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.14–7.08 (m, 3H), 6.73 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.3, 10.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34–5.20 (m, 3H), 4.82–4.65 (m, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.4, 166.0, 142.6, 138.8, 135.0, 132.0, 130.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.8, 127.7, 127.4, 127.1, 124.2, 123.5, 119.0, 118.8, 109.9, 85.1, 81.2, 67.2, 55.3, 44.3, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2979, 2899, 5757, 1666, 1569, 1179  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3 + \text{H}]^+$ : 422.1751, found: 422.1753.

**Allyl 1-Allyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9i).** The product **9i** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (194  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.194 mmol), **2d** (74.3 mg, 0.213 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9i** in 50.0 mg (0.194 mmol) as a yellow color oil (72% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.48 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.52–7.43 (m, 3H), 7.32 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dddd,  $J$  = 17.5, 10.6, 7.4, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 5.30–5.16 (m, 4H), 4.66 (dq,  $J$  = 5.7, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 4.56–4.45 (m, 1H), 4.28 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.4, 5.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.8, 165.9, 142.7, 132.2, 130.9, 130.5, 129.8, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 124.2, 123.4, 122.2, 118.6, 117.7, 109.8, 84.9, 82.0, 67.1, 55.1, 42.9; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2989, 2911, 1739, 1700, 1680, 1410, 1111, 805  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 380.1257, found: 380.1266.

**Allyl 1-Allyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9j).** The product **9j** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (190  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.190 mmol), **2e** (75.7 mg, 0.209 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give **9j** in 48.0 mg (0.190 mmol) as a colorless gel (68% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.34 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dddd,  $J$  = 17.2, 12.3, 10.5, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 5.33–5.12 (m, 4H), 4.69–4.65 (m, 2H), 4.55–4.42 (m, 1H), 4.30 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.6, 5.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.9, 166.0, 142.7, 141.1, 132.2, 130.9, 130.5, 129.8, 129.3, 128.7, 127.4, 125.3, 124.2, 123.4, 121.9, 118.7, 117.7, 109.8, 85.8, 84.0, 67.1, 55.3, 42.8, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3002, 2926, 1756, 1713, 1541, 1181,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 394.1414, found: 394.1430.

**Allyl 1-Allyl-2-oxo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9k).** The product **9k** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (194  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.194

mmol), **2f** (77.2 mg, 0.213 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9k** in 58.0 mg (0.194 mmol) as a colorless gel (80% yield);  $R_f = 0.40$  (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.49 (dd,  $J = 7.4, 1.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.26 (m, 3H), 7.14–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.86 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.93–5.70 (m, 2H), 5.35–5.09 (m, 4H), 4.65 (q,  $J = 4.9, 2.1$  Hz, 2H), 4.50 (ddt,  $J = 16.5, 4.0, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.21 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.9, 166.0, 142.7, 138.81, 132.0, 131.0, 130.5, 129.8, 128.9, 127.4, 124.2, 123.4, 119.1, 118.6, 117.7, 109.7, 85.0, 81.2, 67.0, 66.8, 55.2, 42.9, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2989, 2910, 2870, 1710, 1659, 1025, 831  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 394.1414, found: 394.1414.

**Allyl 1-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9l).** The product **9l** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (4.0 mL THF) using TBAF (296  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.296 mmol), **2d** (113.3 mg, 0.325 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9l** in 78.0 mg (0.296 mmol) as a yellow gel (60% yield);  $R_f = 0.45$  (35% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J = 7.5, 1.8$  Hz, 3H), 7.30–7.21 (m, 6H), 7.07 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.86–6.82 (m, 2H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt,  $J = 16.4, 10.8, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.32–5.09 (m, 3H), 4.73–4.62 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.2, 166.0, 159.2, 142.7, 132.2, 131.0, 129.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.1, 127.3, 127.1, 124.2, 123.5, 122.2, 118.8, 114.2, 110.0, 84.9, 82.0, 67.2, 55.3, 55.2, 43.9; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2979, 2910, 2809, 1700, 1689, 1500, 1320  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_4 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 460.1519, found: 460.1510.

**Allyl 1-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9m).** The product **9m** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (4.0 mL THF) using TBAF (296  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.296 mmol), **2e** (117.9 mg, 0.325 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9m** in 105.0 mg (0.296 mmol) as a red color gel (78% yield);  $R_f = 0.44$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.49–7.45 (m, 1H), 7.43–7.41 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt,  $J = 16.4, 10.8, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.28–5.2 (m, 2H), 5.11 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.75–4.66 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.3, 166.1, 159.2, 142.6, 141.1, 132.2, 131.0, 129.8, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 127.1, 125.4, 124.1, 123.4, 122.0, 118.9, 114.2, 110.0, 85.9, 84.1, 55.4, 55.3, 43.8, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2979, 2938, 2819, 1748, 1694, 1521, 1321, 891  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{K}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4 + \text{K}]^+$ : 490.1415, found: 490.1433.

**Allyl 1-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-2-oxo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9n).** The product **9n** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (148  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.148 mmol), **2f** (58.9 mg, 0.162 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9n** in 50.0 mg (0.148 mmol) as a yellow gel (75% yield);  $R_f = 0.47$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.25 (t,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 3H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 8.0, 2.5$  Hz, 3H), 6.87–6.77 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt,  $J = 16.2, 10.8, 5.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.29–5.07 (m, 3H), 4.74–4.57 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.3, 166.1, 159.2, 142.6, 138.8, 132.1, 131.0, 130.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.5, 127.4, 127.1, 124.2, 123.4, 118.8, 114.2, 110.0, 85.1, 81.3, 67.1, 55.3, 55.2, 43.8, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2989, 2930, 2899, 1699, 1528, 1271, 890  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 474.1676, found: 474.1704.

**Allyl 1-Benzyl-5-bromo-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9o).** The product **9o** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (129  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.129 mmol), **2e** (51.4 mg, 0.142 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9o** in 35.20 mg (0.129 mmol) as a yellow oil (55% yield);  $R_f = 0.47$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.60 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.42 (m, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.31–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.23–7.15 (m, 2H), 7.11 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.86 (ddd,  $J = 16.4, 10.8, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.35–5.11 (m, 3H), 4.78–4.65 (m, 3H), 2.46 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.8,

165.5, 141.6, 141.2, 134.6, 132.8, 132.2, 130.8, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 127.1, 125.4, 121.6, 119.4, 116.0, 111.4, 85.0, 84.7, 67.6, 55.2, 44.4, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2930, 2847, 2246, 2254, 1744, 1699, 890  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 522.0675, found: 522.0675.

**Allyl 1-Benzyl-5-bromo-2-oxo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9p).** The product **9p** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (129  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.129 mmol), **2f** (51.4 mg, 0.142 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9p** in 33.0 mg (0.129 mmol) as a yellow oil (50% yield);  $R_f = 0.47$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.60 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.35–7.25 (m, 6H), 7.10 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 2H), 6.56 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.86 (ddt,  $J = 16.3, 10.8, 5.6$  Hz, 1H), 5.35–5.13 (m, 3H), 4.77–4.62 (m, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.8, 165.5, 141.6, 139.1, 134.6, 132.7, 132.1, 130.8, 129.1, 129.0, 128.9, 127.9, 127.4, 127.1, 119.2, 118.8, 116.0, 111.4, 85.7, 80.4, 67.5, 55.1, 44.4, 21.6; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2979, 2921, 2811, 1678, 1608, 1299, 910  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 522.0675, found: 522.0671.

**Allyl 1-Allyl-5-bromo-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9q).** The product **9q** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (148  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.148 mmol), **2e** (58.9 mg, 0.162 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9q** in 37.5 mg (0.148 mmol) as a yellow oil (56% yield);  $R_f = 0.45$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.59 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.38 (m, 1H), 7.23–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.09 (td,  $J = 7.4, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt,  $J = 15.2, 10.1, 7.5, 5.3$  Hz, 2H), 5.32–5.16 (m, 4H), 4.68 (tt,  $J = 5.5, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 4.48 (ddt,  $J = 16.7, 4.5, 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 4.27 (ddt,  $J = 16.6, 5.2, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.3, 165.4, 141.8, 141.2, 132.7, 132.2, 130.8, 130.1, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 127.4, 125.4, 121.6, 119.1, 117.9, 115.9, 111.2, 85.0, 84.6, 67.4, 55.1, 42.9, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2989, 2925, 2878, 1660, 842  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 472.0519, found: 472.0530.

**Allyl 1-Allyl-5-bromo-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9r).** The product **9r** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (148  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.148 mmol), **2f** (58.9 mg, 0.162 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9r** in 41.0 mg (0.148 mmol) as a yellow gel (61% yield);  $R_f = 0.44$  (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.60 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.90–5.75 (m, 2H), 5.33–5.18 (m, 4H), 4.73–4.61 (m, 2H), 4.49 (dt,  $J = 16.6, 2.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd,  $J = 16.7, 4.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.4, 165.4, 141.7, 139.1, 132.7, 132.1, 130.8, 130.1, 129.1, 128.9, 127.5, 119.0, 118.8, 117.9, 115.9, 111.2, 85.6, 80.5, 67.3, 55.0, 42.9, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2975, 2955, 2880, 1691, 1555, 1220  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 472.0519, found: 472.0520.

**Allyl 5-Chloro-1-methyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9s).** The product **9s** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.0 mL THF) using TBAF (188  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.188 mmol), **2e** (74.9 mg, 0.206 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9s** in 36.5 mg (0.188 mmol) as a yellow gel (51% yield);  $R_f = 0.35$  (15% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.49 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd,  $J = 19.2, 8.1, 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.28 (s, 1H), 7.23–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.12 (td,  $J = 7.3, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.89 (ddt,  $J = 17.2, 10.8, 5.5$  Hz, 1H), 5.36–5.23 (m, 2H), 4.72 (dt,  $J = 5.6, 1.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.6, 165.4, 142.1, 141.1, 132.2, 130.8, 129.9, 129.4, 128.9, 128.9, 125.4, 124.7, 121.6, 119.0, 109.8, 100.0, 85.0, 84.4, 67.4, 55.5, 27.2, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2977, 2900, 1756, 1665, 981  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO}_3 + \text{H}]^+$ : 380.1048, found: 380.1037.

**Allyl 1-Benzyl-5-chloro-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(9t).** The product **9t** was synthesized according to the



general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (146  $\mu$ L, 0.146 mmol), **2a** (58.1 mg, 0.160 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **9t** in 39.20 mg (0.146 mmol) as a yellow gel (59% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.50 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.50 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.30–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.25–7.21 (m, 2H), 7.14 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d,  $J$  = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.3, 10.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.16 (m, 3H), 4.85–4.67 (m, 3H), 2.49 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.9, 165.5, 141.1, 141.1, 134.6, 132.2, 130.8, 129.8, 129.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 127.9, 127.0, 125.4, 124.6, 121.6, 119.3, 110.9, 85.0, 84.6, 67.5, 55.3, 44.5, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2990, 2888, 1700, 1555, 901  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 478.1180, found: 478.1162.

**2-Methylallyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10a).** The product **10a** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.5 mL THF) using TBAF (101  $\mu$ L, 0.101 mmol), **2d** (38.6 mg, 0.111 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10a** in 28.0 mg (0.101 mmol) as a colorless gel (80% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.50 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.51–7.42 (m, 3H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (dtd,  $J$  = 7.4, 5.8, 5.4, 1.8 Hz, 3H), 7.12 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dt,  $J$  = 9.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 4.64–4.51 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.0, 165.8, 143.5, 138.9, 132.1, 130.0, 128.7, 128.1, 127.2, 124.3, 123.5, 122.2, 113.3, 108.9, 84.8, 82.0, 69.6, 55.1, 27.1, 19.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2986, 2897, 1739, 1667, 1250  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 368.1257, found: 368.1282.

**2-Methylallyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10b).** The product **10b** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (203  $\mu$ L, 0.203 mmol), **2e** (80.8 mg, 0.223 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10b** in 55.0 mg (0.203 mmol) as a yellow oil (75% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.42 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.38–7.32 (m, 3H), 7.13–7.05 (m, 3H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.89–4.86 (m, 2H), 4.62–4.52 (m, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.1, 165.9, 143.5, 138.9, 138.8, 132.0, 129.9, 129.8, 128.9, 127.4, 125.9, 124.3, 123.5, 119.1, 113.2, 108.8, 84.9, 81.3, 69.6, 55.2, 27.0, 21.5, 19.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2994, 2946, 1700, 1626, 1120, 813  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 382.1414, found: 382.1428.

**2-Methylallyl 1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10c).** The product **10c** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (203  $\mu$ L, 0.203 mmol), **2f** (80.8 mg, 0.223 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10c** in 59.0 mg (0.203 mmol) as a light yellow gel (81% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.40 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.42–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.06 (m, 4H), 6.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.93–4.83 (m, 2H), 4.64–4.50 (m, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.1, 165.9, 143.6, 141.0, 138.9, 132.2, 129.9, 129.3, 128.7, 125.4, 124.1, 123.5, 113.4, 108.9, 85.9, 83.9, 69.6, 55.3, 27.1, 20.7, 19.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2958, 2917, 1686, 1422, 1336, 781  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 382.1414, found: 382.1430.

**2-Methylallyl 1-Allyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10d).** The product **10d** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.0 mL THF) using TBAF (184  $\mu$ L, 0.184 mmol), **2e** (73.3 mg, 0.202 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10d** in 45.0 mg (0.184 mmol) as a light yellow gel (63% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.47 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.52 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.18 (m, 2H), 7.13 (dtd,  $J$  = 13.9, 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.92–6.88 (m, 1H), 5.90 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.2, 10.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.34–5.23 (m, 2H), 4.91 (dp,  $J$  = 8.6, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.67–4.59 (m, 2H), 4.55 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.6, 4.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.5, 5.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 1.68 (t,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 169.9, 166.1, 142.7, 141.1, 138.9, 132.2, 130.5, 129.8, 129.3, 128.7, 127.5, 125.4, 124.1,

123.4, 121.9, 117.7, 113.6, 109.8, 85.8, 84.0, 69.7, 55.4, 42.9, 20.7, 19.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2985, 2954, 2870, 1685, 1310  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 408.1570, found: 408.1583.

**3-Methyl But-2-en-1-yl 1-methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10e).** The product **10e** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (4.0 mL THF) using TBAF (308  $\mu$ L, 0.308 mmol), **2d** (117.9 mg, 0.338 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10e** in 83.9 mg (0.308 mmol) as a yellow oil (76% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.59 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.51–7.41 (m, 3H), 7.36 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td,  $J$  = 7.2, 6.7, 2.9 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.31–5.21 (m, 1H), 4.65 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.1, 166.1, 143.5, 140.1, 132.1, 129.8, 128.6, 128.1, 127.4, 124.2, 123.4, 122.3, 117.6, 108.8, 84.5, 82.3, 63.9, 55.1, 27.1, 25.7, 18.1. IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2999, 2926, 1701, 1656, 1519, 1189, 737  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 382.1414, found: 382.1426.

**3-Methyl But-2-en-1-yl 1-methyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10f).** The product **10f** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (4.0 mL THF) using TBAF (308  $\mu$ L, 0.308 mmol), **2e** (122.7 mg, 0.338 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10f** in 78.0 mg (0.308 mmol) as a light yellow gel (68% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.59 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.13–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.32–5.23 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.2, 166.3, 143.5, 141.1, 140.1, 132.1, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 125.3, 124.2, 123.4, 122.0, 117.6, 108.8, 86.1, 83.7, 63.9, 55.3, 27.1, 25.7, 20.6, 18.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2958, 2900, 2877, 1698, 1589, 1310, 1035  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 396.1570, found: 396.1575.

**3-Methyl But-2-en-1-yl 1-methyl-2-oxo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10g).** The product **10g** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.5 mL THF) using TBAF (308  $\mu$ L, 0.308 mmol), **2f** (122.7 mg, 0.338 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10g** in 75.0 mg (0.308 mmol) as a light yellow gel (65% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.49 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30–5.22 (m, 1H), 4.64 (dd,  $J$  = 7.3, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.25, 166.23, 143.49, 140.01, 138.72, 132.02, 129.76, 128.85, 127.47, 124.24, 123.39, 119.16, 117.66, 108.77, 84.65, 81.54, 63.90, 55.14, 27.05, 25.73, 21.50, 18.11; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2969, 2910, 2812, 1659, 1211, 731  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 396.1570, found: 396.1578.

**3-Methyl But-2-en-1-yl 1-allyl-2-oxo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10h).** The product **10h** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (4.0 mL THF) using TBAF (350  $\mu$ L, 0.350 mmol), **2e** (139.4 mg, 0.385 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10h** in 97.5 mg (0.350 mmol) as a yellow gel (70% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.50 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddd,  $J$  = 12.3, 10.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.33–5.15 (m, 4H), 4.71–4.57 (m, 2H), 4.51 (ddt,  $J$  = 16.8, 4.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.32–4.20 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.0, 166.3, 142.7, 141.1, 140.4, 132.1, 130.5, 129.7, 129.3, 128.6, 127.6, 125.3, 124.1, 123.3, 122.0, 117.5, 117.5, 109.67, 86.1, 83.9, 63.8, 55.4, 42.8, 25.7, 20.6, 18.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2989, 2950, 2872, 1752, 1679, 1541, 1351  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 422.1727, found: 422.1747.

**3-Methyl But-2-en-1-yl 1-allyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10i).** The product **10i** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (4.0 mL THF) using TBAF



(350  $\mu$ L, 0.350 mmol), **2d** (134 mg, 0.385 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10i** in 85.0 mg (0.350 mmol) as a light yellow gel (64% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.45 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.05–7.95 (m, 1H), 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.16 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.3, 10.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29–5.20 (m, 3H), 4.76–4.56 (m, 2H), 4.54–4.43 (m, 1H), 4.25 (dd,  $J$  = 16.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.0, 166.1, 142.7, 141.4, 140.3, 134.0, 132.2, 130.5, 129.7, 128.9, 128.6, 128.1, 124.2, 123.3, 117.5, 109.7, 84.7, 82.2, 63.8, 55.24, 42.8, 25.7, 18.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2960, 2986, 2810, 1656, 1342, 1201  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 408.1570, found: 408.1585.

**3-Methyl But-2-en-1-yl 1-allyl-2-oxo-3-(*p*-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10j).** The product **10j** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (4.0 mL THF) using TBAF (139.4  $\mu$ L, 0.385 mmol), **2f** (350 mg, 0.350 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10j** in 86.0 mg (0.350 mmol) as a yellow gel (62% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.45 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 3H), 6.83 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (ddd,  $J$  = 12.5, 10.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.29–5.19 (m, 3H), 4.69–4.56 (m, 2H), 4.54–4.47 (m, 1H), 4.32–4.19 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.1, 166.2, 142.7, 140.3, 138.7, 132.1, 130.5, 129.6, 128.9, 127.5, 124.2, 123.3, 119.2, 117.5, 109.7, 84.9, 81.4, 63.8, 55.3, 42.8, 25.7, 21.5, 18.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2988, 2922, 2819, 1741, 1691, 1202  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 422.1727, found: 422.1731.

**(*E*)-3,7-Dimethyl octa-2,6-dien-1-yl 1-methyl-2-oxo-3-(*o*-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10k).** The product **10k** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (3.0 mL THF) using TBAF (152  $\mu$ L, 0.152 mmol), **2e** (60.5 mg, 0.167 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10k** in 44.0 mg (0.152 mmol) as a brownish gel (65% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.55 (25% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.40–7.32 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dtd,  $J$  = 14.7, 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.32–5.21 (m, 1H), 5.07–4.96 (m, 1H), 4.68 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.07–1.92 (m, 4H), 1.65 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.62 (d,  $J$  = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.2, 166.2, 143.5, 143.5, 141.1, 132.1, 131.8, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 127.5, 125.3, 124.1, 123.7, 123.4, 122.0, 117.3, 108.8, 86.1, 83.7, 63.8, 55.3, 39.5, 27.0, 26.3, 25.7, 20.6, 17.7, 16.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2986, 2931, 2890, 2811, 1666, 1271  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 464.2196, found: 464.2181.

**(*E*)-3,7-Dimethyl octa-2,6-dien-1-yl 1-methyl-2-oxo-3-(*p*-tolylethynyl)indoline-3-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(10l).** The product **10l** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure B (2.0 mL THF) using TBAF (76  $\mu$ L, 0.076 mmol), **2f** (30.3 mg, 0.083 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 16 h to give **10l** in 25.0 mg (0.076 mmol) as a light brownish gel (74% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.35 (15% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.30 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.04 (m, 3H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.4, 6.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.08–4.98 (m, 1H), 4.67 (d,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.00 (qt,  $J$  = 8.2, 5.9, 4.4 Hz, 4H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 170.3, 166.2, 143.5, 143.4, 138.7, 132.0, 131.8, 129.8, 128.8, 127.5, 124.2, 123.7, 123.4, 119.2, 117.4, 108.8, 84.7, 81.5, 63.8, 55.2, 39.5, 27.0, 26.3, 25.7, 21.5, 17.7, 16.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2975, 2944, 2844, 2849, 1669, 1511, 1255, 855, 740  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 464.2196, found: 464.2193.

***tert*-Butyl 3-methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-1-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(12a).** The product **12a** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (23.8  $\mu$ L, 0.190 mmol), **2d** (72.7 mg, 0.209 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give **12a** in 56.0 mg (0.190 mmol) as a white solid (85% yield); MP 88–90  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.34 (5% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.86 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd,  $J$

= 14.7, 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.33 (td,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.25 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 14.1 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.0, 149.2, 138.2, 131.9, 131.2, 130.5, 128.8, 128.1, 125.0, 123.4, 122.4, 115.3, 87.2, 84.7, 83.1, 44.1, 28.0, 26.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3010, 2922, 2360, 1711, 1610, 1512, 1351, 744  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_3 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 370.1414, found: 370.1415.

***tert*-Butyl 3-(2-methoxyphenyl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-1-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(12b).** The product **12b** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (11  $\mu$ L, 0.088 mmol), **2d** (33.7 mg, 0.096 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give **12b** in 36.5 mg (0.088 mmol) as a white solid (94% yield), mp 137–139  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.26 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.30 (td,  $J$  = 5.5, 2.6 Hz, 5H), 7.11–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.78 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 172.8, 156.1, 149.7, 139.5, 132.0, 130.9, 129.9, 129.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.2, 127.4, 124.7, 123.5, 122.4, 121.1, 114.8, 112.2, 87.0, 85.6, 84.2, 55.7, 51.9, 28.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3158, 2960, 2079, 1712, 1681, 771  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_4 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 462.1676, found: 462.1664.

***tert*-Butyl 3-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)ethynyl)-3-(2-(1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl)ethyl)-2-oxoisindoline-1-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(12c).** The product **12c** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (12.3  $\mu$ L, 0.098 mmol), **2c** (55 mg, 0.107 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give **12c** in 52.0 mg (0.098 mmol) as a clear oil (79% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.36 (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.81 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (dq,  $J$  = 8.3, 3.3, 2.5 Hz, 6H), 7.64 (td,  $J$  = 5.2, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.31 (m, 6H), 7.20 (td,  $J$  = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.9, 8.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.0, 8.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68–2.53 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 9H), 1.05 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 171.7, 167.7, 149.0, 138.9, 135.6 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz), 133.8, 132.8 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 132.0, 129.5, 129.1, 128.3, 127.7, 124.9, 123.5, 123.1, 115.6, 105.5, 84.8, 47.5, 37.0, 28.1, 27.0, 18.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3421, 2979, 2851, 1777, 1720, 1654, 1235  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

***tert*-Butyl 3-(2-(1,3-dioxoisindolin-2-yl)ethyl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indoline-1-carboxylate ( $\pm$ )-(12d).** The product **12d** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (15.4  $\mu$ L, 0.123 mmol), **2d** (47.1 mg, 0.135 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give **12d** in 53.0 mg (0.123 mmol) as a light yellow solid (85% yield), mp 120–122  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.35 (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.83 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (dd,  $J$  = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.10 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dt,  $J$  = 14.0, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.8, 8.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dt,  $J$  = 13.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.5, 8.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 172.4, 167.9, 149.0, 138.8, 133.8, 133.9, 132.0, 131.9, 129.0, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 125.0, 123.8, 123.1, 122.2, 115.5, 85.4, 84.7, 84.5, 46.9, 36.7, 33.9, 28.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3142, 2965, 2187, 1717, 1680, 1644  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 529.1734, found: 529.1745.

**1,3-Dimethyl-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(14a).** The product **14a** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (27.2  $\mu$ L, 0.217 mmol), **2d** (83.1 mg, 0.238 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give **14a** in 51.0 mg (0.217 mmol) as a white solid (92% yield), mp 65–67  $^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.42 (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.43–7.39 (m, 3H), 7.30 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd,  $J$  = 5.3, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.11 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.74 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.9, 142.4, 132.5, 131.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 123.4, 123.2, 122.7, 108.5, 87.6, 82.4, 43.5, 26.7, 25.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3111, 2979, 2268, 1705, 1611, 814  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{NO} + \text{Na}]^+$ : 284.1046, found: 284.1065.

2-(2-(1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-3-yl)ethyl)-isoindoline-1,3-dione ( $\pm$ )-(14b). The product 14b was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (9.8  $\mu$ L, 0.078 mmol), 2d (29.8 mg, 0.085 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give 14b in 29.50 mg (0.078 mmol) as a colorless gel (91% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.45 (40% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.69 (dd,  $J$  = 5.4, 3.1 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.18 (m, 3H), 7.12 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.04–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.79 (ddd,  $J$  = 14.2, 7.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.70 (dt,  $J$  = 13.8, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.8, 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.2, 167.9, 142.8, 133.8, 133.7, 132.0, 131.9, 129.8, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 123.7, 123.1, 123.0, 122.9, 122.5, 108.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2981, 1749, 1711, 1610, 1371, 1039  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

3-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)ethynyl-1-methyl-3-phenylindolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(14c). The product 14c was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.5 mL toluene) using TMG (19.7  $\mu$ L, 0.157 mmol), 2c (88.1 mg, 0.172 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give 14c in 67.0 mg (0.157 mmol) as a light yellow solid (87% yield), mp 93–95  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.45 (40% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.78 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.2, 3.0, 1.7 Hz, 4H), 7.48–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.40–7.29 (m, 11H), 7.17–7.13 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.7, 143.3, 138.3, 135.6 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz), 133.1 (d,  $J$  = 3.3 Hz), 131.5, 129.5, 129.2, 128.8, 128.0, 127.7, 126.9, 125.0, 123.5, 108.7, 106.8, 84.8, 53.5, 29.7, 27.1, 18.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3102, 2989, 2987, 2152, 1749, 1576  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

1-Methyl-3-phenyl-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(14d). The product 14d was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.5 mL toluene) using TMG (19.7  $\mu$ L, 0.157 mmol), 2d (60.1 mg, 0.172 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 12 min to give 14d in 46.0 mg (0.157 mmol) as a white solid (92% yield), mp 144–146  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.35 (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.53–7.47 (m, 4H), 7.40–7.28 (m, 8H), 7.15 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.3, 143.1, 138.4, 131.9, 131.8, 129.1, 128.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.9, 126.8, 124.9, 123.5, 122.5, 108.6, 86.5, 84.3, 52.8, 26.9; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3060, 2929, 2248, 1734, 780  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 324.1383, found: 324.1405.<sup>27a</sup>

3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-1-methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(14e). The product 14e was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (12.8  $\mu$ L, 0.102 mmol), 2d (39 mg, 0.112 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 10 min to give 14e in 29.5 mg (0.102 mmol) as a white solid (82% yield), mp 147–149  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.35 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.16 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.47 (m, 2H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 5H), 7.09 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d,  $J$  = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.00–6.96 (m, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.78–6.75 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.3, 156.4, 143.7, 132.0, 130.2, 129.6, 128.4, 128.30, 128.2, 123.3, 122.9, 121.0, 120.9, 112.1, 107.8, 86.0, 85.8, 55.9, 51.3, 27.0; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3067, 2955, 2859, 1731, 1150  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}]^+$ : 354.1489, found: 354.1502.<sup>27a</sup>

1-Methyl-3-(2-nitrophenyl)-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(14f). The product 14f was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (18.7  $\mu$ L, 0.149 mmol), 2d (57 mg, 0.164 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 15 min to give 14f in 48.02 mg (0.149 mmol) as a yellow solid (85% yield); mp 139–140  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.44 (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.51 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78–7.71 (m, 2H), 7.51 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.25 (m, 4H), 7.02 (dd,  $J$  = 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.4, 148.4, 144.1, 133.4, 132.9, 132.0, 130.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.4, 128.9, 128.3, 125.2, 123.2, 122.8, 122.0, 108.8, 86.1, 85.7, 52.3, 27.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3115, 2916, 1700, 1644, 1487, 1356,

1216, 1178, 939, 726  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}]^+$ : 369.1234, found: 369.1226.

3-Methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(16a). The product 16a was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.5 mL toluene) using TMG (25  $\mu$ L, 0.20 mmol), 2d (76.6 mg, 0.22 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 20 min to give 16a in 41.50 mg (0.20 mmol) as a white solid (85% yield); mp 72–74  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.31 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 9.58 (d,  $J$  = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.35 (m, 3H), 7.29–7.19 (m, 4H), 7.09 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 179.1, 139.8, 133.0, 131.9, 128.7, 128.3, 128.1, 123.6, 123.2, 122.7, 110.6, 87.3, 82.7, 44.1, 25.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3219, 2981, 2079, 1729, 1689  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{NO} + \text{Na}]^+$ : 270.0889, found: 270.0886.

3-(2-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(16b). The product 16b was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (15.7  $\mu$ L, 0.125 mmol), 2d (47.8 mg, 0.137 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 35 min to give 16b in 38.0 mg (0.125 mmol) as a colorless gel (90% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.25 (40% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.80 (s, 1H), 8.15 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49–7.46 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.26 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.15 (m, 1H), 7.10 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.01–6.99 (m, 1H), 6.95–6.91 (m, 2H), 6.81–6.78 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 177.7, 156.5, 140.8, 132.8, 132.0, 130.2, 129.7, 128.5, 128.2, 128.2, 126.6, 123.5, 122.8, 122.6, 121.0, 112.2, 109.7, 86.0, 85.9, 55.6, 51.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3200, 2962, 2083, 1725, 1661, 778  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

2-[2-(2-Oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-3-yl)ethyl] isoindoline-1,3-dione ( $\pm$ )-(16c). The product 16c was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (12.3  $\mu$ L, 0.098 mmol), 2d (37.5 mg, 0.107 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 25 min to give 16c in 36.5 mg (0.098 mmol) as a white solid (92% yield), mp 180–182  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f$  = 0.21 (40% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 9.08 (s, 1H), 7.79–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.63–7.54 (m, 2H), 7.46 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 7.15 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dt,  $J$  = 14.5, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.9, 8.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dt,  $J$  = 14.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dt,  $J$  = 13.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 176.9, 168.0, 140.1, 133.8, 132.0, 131.9, 130.4, 128.9, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 124.1, 123.1, 123.1, 122.4, 110.7, 85.6, 84.0, 46.7, 35.9, 34.0; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3257, 3065, 2973, 2927, 1772, 1707, 1629  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{H}]^+$ : 407.1390, found: 407.1402.

3,5-Dimethyl-3-(phenylethynyl)benzofuran-2(3H)-one ( $\pm$ )-(18a). The product 18a was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene), the reaction was performed in 37.30 mg (0.154 mmol) with TMG (19.3  $\mu$ L, 0.154 mmol), 2d (59 mg, 0.169 mmol) for 15 min to give 18a in 92% yield as a colorless oil,  $R_f$  = 0.40 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.43–7.40 (m, 2H), 7.30–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.13 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.5, 150.0, 134.7, 131.9, 130.6, 124.0, 128.7, 128.2, 124.1, 122.1, 110.8, 85.9, 83.6, 42.3, 26.6, 21.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3001, 2989, 1807, 1735, 1479, 1251, 830  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 285.0886, found: 285.0879.

3,5-Dimethyl-3-(o-tolylethynyl)benzofuran-2(3H)-one ( $\pm$ )-(18b). The product 18b was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (19.3  $\mu$ L, 0.154 mmol), 2e (61.3 mg, 0.169 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 15 min to give 18b in 40.80 mg (0.154 mmol) as a colorless oil (96% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.40 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.28–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.22–7.20 (m, 1H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.5, 150.0, 140.6, 134.7, 132.0, 130.7, 129.9, 129.4, 128.7, 125.5, 124.0, 121.8, 110.8, 89.9, 82.6, 42.4, 26.7, 21.2, 20.6; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3029, 2921, 1851, 1720, 1300, 1035, 831  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**3-Phenyl-3-(phenylethynyl)benzofuran-2(3H)-one ( $\pm$ )-(18c).** The product **18c** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (17.5  $\mu$ L, 0.140 mmol), **2d** (53.6 mg, 0.154 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 15 min to give **18c** in 41.0 mg (0.140 mmol) as a white solid (92% yield), mp 75–77 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.51 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 7.40–7.29 (m, 7H), 7.24 (q,  $J$  = 7.7, 6.4 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.2, 152.9, 137.3, 132.0, 130.23, 130.0, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 128.3, 126.8, 125.3, 125.2, 121.9, 111.2, 85.7, 84.7, 51.4; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3111, 2929, 2249, 1800, 879  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 333.0886, found: 333.0896.

**3-Phenyl-3-(o-tolylethynyl)benzofuran-2(3H)-one ( $\pm$ )-(18d).** The product **18d** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (2.0 mL toluene) using TMG (15  $\mu$ L, 0.120 mmol), **2e** (47.8 mg, 0.132 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 15 min to give **18d** in 37.30 mg (0.120 mmol) as a white solid (97% yield), mp 67–69 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.51 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.57–7.48 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.43–7.34 (m, 4H), 7.31–7.23 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.19 (m, 1H), 7.16 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.2, 152.9, 140.8, 137.4, 132.2, 130.0, 129.5, 129.15, 129.0, 128.9, 128.6, 126.9, 125.6, 125.3, 125.2, 121.69, 111.3, 88.7, 84.8, 49.8, 20.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2958, 2855, 1721, 1681  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 347.1043, found: 347.1031.

**2-Oxo-2-phenylethynyl 2-iodobenzoate (20).** The product **20** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (13.4  $\mu$ L, 0.107 mmol), **2d** (41 mg, 0.117 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 35 min to give **20** in 19.5 mg (0.107 mmol) as a yellow gel (49% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.37 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 8.03 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.2, 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (dt,  $J$  = 7.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.64–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (td,  $J$  = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (s, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 191.70, 165.77, 141.43, 134.20, 134.08, 134.00, 133.06, 131.69, 128.94, 128.01, 127.83; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2985, 2910, 1755, 1689  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>27b</sup>

**Methyl (2-(1-(phenylethynyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate ( $\pm$ )-(21b).** The product **21b** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure A (1.5 mL toluene) using TMG (13.4  $\mu$ L, 0.107 mmol), **2d** (41 mg, 0.117 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 35 min to give **21b** in 21.0 mg (0.107 mmol) as a yellow solid (62% yield); mp 69–70 °C;  $R_f$  = 0.37 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.64 (t,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (q,  $J$  = 7.0, 6.5 Hz, 4H), 7.29–7.26 (m, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.56 (d,  $J$  = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.99 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 157.0, 138.6, 131.3, 128.5, 128.0, 127.6, 126.2, 123.9, 122.7, 121.8, 119.23, 116.1, 111.5, 80.7, 70.7, 52.1, 40.8, 25.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2977, 2855, 1700, 1559, 1451  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 341.1260, found: 341.1284.

**Synthesis of 1,3-Dimethyl-3-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)indolin-2-one (22b).** To the solution of 3-substituted-2-oxindole (1.0 g, 6.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in toluene (15 mL), TMG (0.78 mL, 6.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv) were added. The reaction was stirred for 5 min followed by the addition in one portion of the hypervalent iodine reagent (EBX) (2.79 g, 8.1 mmol, 1.3 equiv). The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 35 min. The reaction was monitored by TLC analysis UV, Hanessian's Stain. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with water (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$  10 mL). The organic layers were recombined, washed with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (1.5 mL), brine (2.5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and evaporated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the hexane-EtOAc system as eluent to afford the desired alkylation product **22a** in 941 mg (82% yield).

To a solution of alkylation product **22a** (93 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in dry THF (5 mL) was added slowly *n*-BuLi (0.47 mL, 1.6 M in hexane, 1.5 equiv) at –78 °C. After stirring for 1 h at –78 °C, chlorotrimethylsilane (0.23 mL, 2.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added and continued stirring for 2 h. Then aqueous saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (5 mL)

was added to quench the reaction and extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$  5 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , after that solution was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the product (97.8 mg, 76% yield).

**3-Ethynyl-1,3-dimethylindolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(22a).** The reaction was performed for 40 min to afford 82% yield, as a colorless oil;  $R_f$  = 0.55 (30% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.40 (dd,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (tt,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (d,  $J$  = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (d,  $J$  = 1.0 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.6, 142.4, 131.8, 128.8, 123.2, 108.5, 82.4, 70.7, 42.7, 26.7, 25.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3303, 2897, 2743, 2775, 2150, 1771, 1682, 832  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 186.0913, found: 186.0906.

**1,3-Dimethyl-3-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)indolin-2-one ( $\pm$ )-(22b).** The reaction was performed for 2 h to give **22b** in 97.8 mg (0.5 mmol) as a light yellow oil (76% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.45 (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$ : 7.38 (dd,  $J$  = 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (td,  $J$  = 7.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (dt,  $J$  = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.7, 142.3, 132.4, 128.6, 123.3, 123.2, 108.4, 103.5, 87.0, 43.8, 26.7, 26.95, –0.04; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2914, 2897, 2753, 2701, 2158, 1743, 1671, 1665, 1508  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{NOSi} + \text{H}]^+$ : 258.1309, found: 258.1290.

**General Experimental Procedure C for Catalytic Enantioselective Decarboxylative Allylations.** In an oven-dried sealed tube,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  was degassed by using nitrogen balloon at room temperature over a period of 15 min. 2.5 mol % of  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  and 7.5 mol % of ligand were added to it and stirring was continued for 20 min to make the complex mixture. After that reaction mixture was cooled to –30 °C. In another vessel ester ( $\pm$ )-**9** (0.06 mmol; 1.0 equiv) were dissolved in dry degassed  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  solvent then the resulting solution was added dropwise to the complex solution and stirring was continued for specified time at same temperature. After complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC) the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography to afford the desired enantioenriched compound (**23**).

**3-Allyl-1-methyl-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23a).** The product **23a** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (6.5 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (2 mg, 0.002 mmol), **L<sub>8</sub>** (5.8 mg, 0.006 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 27 h to give **23a** in 25.0 mg (0.087 mmol) as a yellow gel (96% yield);  $R_f$  = 0.37 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.38 (ddd,  $J$  = 10.8, 7.4, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.08 (dtd,  $J$  = 12.1, 7.0, 6.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.82–5.72 (m, 1H), 5.16–5.02 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.97–2.92 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd,  $J$  = 13.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.8, 142.8, 140.5, 132.1, 131.6, 130.4, 129.3, 128.7, 128.3, 125.4, 124.1, 122.9, 122.5, 119.8, 108.3, 90.4, 82.6, 47.9, 43.3, 26.6, 20.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2958, 2927, 2801, 1690, 1457  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 302.1539, found: 302.1546. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IB column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 4/96; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_R$  minor = 6.10 min,  $t_R$  major = 7.97 min.  $[\alpha]_D^{24.8}$  = +15.2 ( $c$  = 0.11, MeOH for  $er$  = 94.9:5.1).

**3-Allyl-1-methyl-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23b).** The product **23b** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (9.5 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (2.9 mg, 0.003 mmol), **L<sub>8</sub>** (7.7 mg, 0.009 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 24 h to give **23b** in 35.20 mg (0.127 mmol) as a yellow oil (97% yield),  $R_f$  = 0.37 (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.40 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.1, 5.1, 1.6 Hz, 3H), 7.31 (td,  $J$  = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd,  $J$  = 5.5, 1.9 Hz, 3H), 7.09 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dddd,  $J$  = 17.8, 9.6, 8.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.10–5.06 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.93 (ddt,  $J$  = 13.4, 6.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd,  $J$  = 13.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.8, 142.8, 132.0, 131.8, 130.3, 128.8, 128.2, 124.3, 124.0, 122.7, 119.8, 108.5, 86.4, 83.6, 47.6, 43.1, 26.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2994, 2915, 1695,

1591, 995  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO} + \text{Na}]^+$ : 310.1202, found: 310.1212. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IB column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 4/96; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 6.47 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 7.69 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25.0} = +19.2$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 93.3:6.7$ ).

**3-Allyl-1-methyl-3-(*m*-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23c).** The product **23c** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (4.7 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1.5 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (3.8 mg, 0.004 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 21 h to give **23c** in 18.3 mg (0.063 mmol) as a light yellow gel (96% yield);  $R_f = 0.25$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.38 (dd,  $J = 7.4$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (td,  $J = 7.8$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.05 (m, 2H), 6.84 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dddd,  $J = 17.7$ , 9.7, 8.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13–5.01 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.92 (ddt,  $J = 13.4$ , 6.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.8, 142.8, 137.8, 132.6, 131.5, 130.3, 129.1, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 124.2, 122.9, 122.5, 119.8, 108.3, 85.9, 83.8, 47.6, 43.1, 26.6, 21.1; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2978, 2907, 2861, 1690, 1457, 1231, 1002, 696  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{Na}]^+$ : 324.1359, found: 324.1360. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak AD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 5.55 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 6.47 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23.0} = +12.09$  ( $c = 0.09$ , MeOH for  $er = 91.0:8.9$ ).

**3-Allyl-1-methyl-3-(*p*-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23d).** The product **23d** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (5.4 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1.6 mg, 0.0018 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (4.3 mg, 0.005 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 18 h to give **23d** in 18.9 mg (0.072 mmol) as a yellow oil (90% yield);  $R_f = 0.50$  (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.43–7.35 (m, 1H), 7.32–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.15–6.98 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.81–5.65 (m, 1H), 5.14–5.00 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.99–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.70 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.9, 142.8, 138.3, 131.8, 131.6, 130.4, 128.9, 128.7, 124.2, 122.9, 119.8, 119.6, 108.3, 85.6, 83.8, 47.6, 43.2, 26.6, 21.4; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2987, 2900, 2851, 1669  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 302.1539, found: 302.1550. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak AD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 4/96; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 10.81 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 16.16 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.9} = +10.3$  ( $c = 0.106$ , MeOH for  $er = 92.1:7.9$ ).

**3-Allyl-1-benzyl-3-(*o*-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23e).** The product **23e** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.5 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (2.8 mg, 0.003 mmol), the reaction was performed for 20 h to give **23e** in 15.6 mg (0.047 mmol) as a brownish white solid (88% yield); MP 73–75  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $R_f = 0.37$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.39 (t,  $J = 7.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d,  $J = 4.3$  Hz, 3H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 7.21–7.14 (m, 3H), 7.12–7.02 (m, 2H), 6.72 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dddd,  $J = 16.7$ , 10.1, 8.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18–4.96 (m, 3H), 4.83 (d,  $J = 15.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.01 (ddt,  $J = 13.4$ , 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.9, 141.9, 140.6, 135.6, 132.1, 131.6, 130.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.6, 127.3, 125.4, 124.2, 122.9, 122.5, 120.0, 109.4, 90.5, 82.6, 47.9, 44.1, 43.3, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2979, 2911, 1691, 1611, 1211  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 378.1852, found: 378.1877. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IB column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 5.76 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 9.20 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22.3} = +30.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 93.7:6.3$ ).

**3-Allyl-1-benzyl-3-(*p*-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23f).** The product **23f** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.5 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (2.8 mg, 0.003 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 18 h to give **23f** in 14.7 mg (0.047 mmol) as a light yellow oil (83% yield),  $R_f =$

0.52 (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.40 (dd,  $J = 7.4$ , 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 6H), 7.25 (d,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td,  $J = 7.8$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd,  $J = 8.2$ , 2.5 Hz, 3H), 6.71 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.79–5.64 (m, 1H), 5.16–5.01 (m, 3H), 4.79 (d,  $J = 15.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.05–2.92 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.0, 141.9, 138.4, 135.6, 131.8, 131.6, 130.4, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 127.6, 127.3, 124.2, 122.9, 120.0, 119.6, 109.3, 85.7, 83.8, 47.7, 44.1, 43.3, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2968, 2850, 1709, 1601  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 378.1852, found: 378.1874. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak OD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 7.25 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 8.44 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.0} = +16.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 90.1:9.9$ ).

**1,3-Diallyl-3-(*o*-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23g).** The product **23g** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (4.1 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1.2 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 18 h to give **23g** in 14.40 mg (0.054 mmol) as a light yellow oil (82% yield);  $R_f = 0.55$  (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.38 (dd,  $J = 14.1$ , 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (dd,  $J = 7.8$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.12 (m, 2H), 7.07 (q,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.91–5.65 (m, 2H), 5.32–5.17 (m, 2H), 5.14–5.01 (m, 2H), 4.45 (ddt,  $J = 16.4$ , 4.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (ddt,  $J = 16.3$ , 5.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.5, 142.0, 140.5, 133., 131.5, 131.2, 130.36, 129.3, 128.5, 128.3, 125.3, 124.1, 122.8, 122.5, 120.0, 117.6, 109.2, 90.4, 82.6, 47.8, 43.3, 42.6, 20.7; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2991, 2905, 1680, 1579, 901  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 328.1696, found: 328.1706. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak AD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 4/96; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 7.41 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 8.93 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.9} = +18.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 94.6:5.4$ ).

**3-Allyl-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23h).** The product **23h** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.4 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (2.7 mg, 0.003 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 20 h to give **23h** in 16.20 mg (0.045 mmol) as a light yellow oil (90% yield);  $R_f = 0.58$  (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.48–7.44 (m, 2H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.27 (m, 5H), 7.23 (td,  $J = 7.8$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (td,  $J = 7.5$ , 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.85 (m, 2H), 6.78 (dt,  $J = 7.9$ , 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dddd,  $J = 16.6$ , 10.1, 8.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19–5.08 (m, 2H), 5.04 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d,  $J = 15.4$  Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.02 (ddt,  $J = 13.4$ , 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86–2.78 (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.8, 159.1, 142.0, 132.0, 131.5, 130.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 124.2, 122.9, 122.7, 120.0, 114.2, 109.4, 86.5, 83.7, 55.3, 47.7, 43.7, 43.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2999, 2911, 1701, 1678, 1501  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}_2 + \text{Na}]^+$ : 416.1621, found: 416.1645. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak OD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 9.69 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 21.17 min.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23.7} = +20.36$  ( $c = 0.093$ , MeOH for  $er = 90.1:9.2$ ).

**3-Allyl-1-(4-methoxybenzyl)-3-(*o*-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23i).** The product **23i** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.0 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (2.4 mg, 0.003 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 20 h to give **23i** in 13.70 mg (0.04 mmol) as a yellow oil (83% yield);  $R_f = 0.50$  (20% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.42–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.27–7.22 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.13 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.01 (m, 2H), 6.86–6.78 (m, 2H), 6.74 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.81–5.66 (m, 1H), 5.16–5.03 (m, 2H), 4.97 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d,  $J = 15.5$  Hz, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 2.99 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd,  $J = 13.4$ , 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.9, 159.1, 142.0, 140.6, 132.1, 131.6, 130.4,



129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 127.7, 125.4, 124.2, 122.9, 122.5, 120.0, 114.1, 109.4, 90.5, 82.6, 55.3, 47.9, 43.6, 43.3, 20.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2978, 2961, 1689, 1509, 814  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}]^+$ : 408.1958, found: 408.1966. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak OD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 8.54 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 27.59 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21.0} = +46.23$  ( $c = 0.093$ , MeOH for  $er = 96.8:3.2$ )

**1-Methyl-3-(2-methylallyl)-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23j).** The product **23j** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (5.4 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1.6 mg, 0.0018 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (4.3 mg, 0.005 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 19 h to give **23j** in 20.50 mg (0.072 mmol) as a yellow oil (90% yield);  $R_f = 0.27$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.39 (dd,  $J = 7.4$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32–7.25 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.02 (m, 3H), 6.83 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.75 (p,  $J = 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.90 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d,  $J = 13.2$  Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 175.1, 142.9, 139.9, 138.3, 131.7, 130.4, 128.9, 128.7, 128.6, 124.6, 122.7, 119.7, 116.1, 108.2, 86.4, 83.3, 47.6, 46.2, 26.6, 23.9, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2999, 2969, 1712, 1620, 1530, 881  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 316.1696, found: 316.1716. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak OD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 5.16 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 8.13 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{21.9} = +30.05$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 98.4:1.6$ )

**3-Allyl-1-benzyl-5-bromo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23k).** The product **23k** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.0 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (2.4 mg, 0.003 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 19 h to give **23k** in 16.70 mg (0.040 mmol) as a brown yellow oil (91% yield);  $R_f = 0.26$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.55 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.43 (dd,  $J = 7.6$ , 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.37–7.33 (m, 3H), 7.32–7.28 (m, 3H), 7.26–7.20 (m, 2H), 7.14 (td,  $J = 7.3$ , 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.78 (dddd,  $J = 16.7$ , 10.2, 8.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.22–5.14 (m, 2H), 5.05 (d,  $J = 15.7$  Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d,  $J = 15.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.03 (ddt,  $J = 13.5$ , 6.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.4, 141.0, 140.6, 135.1, 132.3, 132.1, 131.5, 131.1, 129.4, 128.9, 128.5, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 125.5, 122.2, 120.6, 115.6, 110.9, 89.6, 83.2, 47.9, 44.2, 43.2, 20.8. IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  3213, 2865, 2821, 1650, 1210, 814  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 456.0958, found: 456.0958. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak OD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 7.66 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 13.40 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.0} = +85.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 92.2:7.8$ )

**3-Allyl-1-benzyl-5-bromo-3-(p-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23l).** The product **23l** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.3 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (2.7 mg, 0.003 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 20 h to give **23l** in 17.20 mg (0.044 mmol) as a light yellow oil (86% yield);  $R_f = 0.26$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 5.73 (dddd,  $J = 16.6$ , 10.1, 8.3, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 5.21–5.03 (m, 3H), 4.81 (d,  $J = 15.7$  Hz, 1H), 3.00 (ddt,  $J = 13.4$ , 6.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.4, 141.0, 138.6, 135.1, 132.3, 131.9, 131.5, 131.1, 128.9, 128.9, 127.8, 127.4, 127.3, 120.5, 119.3, 115.6, 110.8, 84.8, 84.4, 47.7, 44.2, 43.2, 21.5; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2998, 2930, 2845, 1680, 1351, 814  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{BrNO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 456.0958, found: 456.0969. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC 3 column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 7.23 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 9.52 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.5} = +51.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 4.2:95.8$ )

**1,3-Diallyl-5-bromo-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23m).** The product **23m** was synthesized according to the general

experimental procedure C (4.1 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1.2 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 24 h to give **23m** in 19.60 mg (0.055 mmol) as a yellow oil (87% yield);  $R_f = 0.37$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.55 (d,  $J = 2.0$  Hz, 1H), 7.45–7.39 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.17 (m, 2H), 7.12 (td,  $J = 7.3$ , 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 5.84 (ddt,  $J = 16.1$ , 10.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (ddt,  $J = 16.9$ , 10.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32–5.21 (m, 2H), 5.20–5.10 (m, 2H), 4.47 (ddt,  $J = 16.5$ , 4.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (ddt,  $J = 16.4$ , 5.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 173.9, 141.1, 140.6, 132.3, 132.1, 131.5, 131.0, 130.8, 129.4, 128.5, 127.4, 125.4, 122.1, 120.5, 117.9, 115.5, 110.8, 89.5, 83.1, 47.8, 43.2, 42.7, 20.8; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2988, 2901, 2853, 1699  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{BrNO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 464.0801, found: 464.0784. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak OD H column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 10/90; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 4.47 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 7.62 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.0} = +67.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 94.2:5.8$ )

**3-Allyl-5-chloro-1-methyl-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23n).** The product **23n** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.9 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1.2 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (3.2 mg, 0.004 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 22 h to give **23n** in 15.10 mg (0.052 mmol) as a yellow oil (85% yield);  $R_f = 0.37$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.36 (q,  $J = 2.9$ , 1.9 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (dd,  $J = 8.3$ , 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.19–7.13 (m, 2H), 7.07 (td,  $J = 7.2$ , 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dddd,  $J = 16.7$ , 11.0, 8.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.15–5.05 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.92 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.8, 142.8, 137.8, 132.6, 131.6, 130.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.7, 128.0, 124.2, 122.9, 122.5, 119.8, 108.3, 86.0, 83.8, 47.6, 43.1, 26.6, 21.2; IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2977, 2851, 1690, 1639, 1351  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{18}\text{ClNO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 336.1150, found: 336.1144. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IB column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 2/98; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 6.40 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 7.58 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.0} = +20.36$  ( $c = 0.093$ , MeOH for  $er = 92.5:7.5$ )

**3-Allyl-1-benzyl-5-chloro-3-(o-tolylethynyl)indolin-2-one (+)-(23o).** The product **23o** was synthesized according to the general experimental procedure C (3.6 mL  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) using  $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$  (1 mg, 0.001 mmol),  $\text{L}_8$  (2.9 mg, 0.003 mmol) and the reaction was performed for 24 h to give **23o** in 17.6 mg (0.048 mmol) as a yellow oil (89% yield);  $R_f = 0.30$  (10% EtOAc in hexane).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 7.41–7.35 (m, 2H), 7.29 (dt,  $J = 13.1$ , 7.6 Hz, 5H), 7.21–7.12 (m, 3H), 7.09 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 1H), 6.62 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 5.81–5.64 (m, 1H), 5.19–5.07 (m, 2H), 5.01 (d,  $J = 15.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d,  $J = 15.7$  Hz, 1H), 2.98 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd,  $J = 13.5$ , 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 174.5, 140.6, 140.4, 135.1, 132.1, 132.0, 131.0, 129.4, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.3, 125.4, 124.6, 122.1, 120.5, 110.3, 89.5, 83.1, 47.9, 44.2, 43.2, 20.7. IR (film)  $\nu_{\max}$  2978, 2920, 1701, 1650, 1351, 981  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $m/z$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$  calcd for  $[\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{22}\text{ClNO} + \text{H}]^+$ : 412.1463, found: 412.1485. Enantiomeric excess of pure compound was determined via HPLC analysis using a Chiralpak IC 3 column; solvent: hexane/2-propanol = 2/98; flow rate: 1.0 mL/min; detection: at 254 nm;  $t_{\text{R}}$  minor = 7.79 min,  $t_{\text{R}}$  major = 9.36 min;  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{24.0} = +44.0$  ( $c = 0.1$ , MeOH for  $er = 95.2:4.8$ )

**Synthesis of (+)-(24).** To a stirred solution of compound (+)-(23b) (200 mg, 0.70 mmol; 1.0 equiv) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 mL) at room temperature, *N*-methyl morpholine-*N*-oxide (448 mg, 3.83 mmol; 5.5 equiv) and catalytic  $\text{OsO}_4$  (50  $\mu\text{L}$ , 4% solution in water) were added. Then the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature. Upon completion of starting material (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$  and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2  $\times$  10 mL). The combined organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was directly

dissolved in 6 mL THF: H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1) mixture. To that reaction mixture, NaIO<sub>4</sub> (814 mg, 0.87 mmol; 5.5 equiv) was added at 0 °C and stirred for 2 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL) and water (10 mL) and organic layers were separated. The extracted organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using the hexane-EtOAc system as eluent to afford the desired product.

**2-(1-Methyl-2-oxo-3-(phenylethynyl)indolin-3-yl)acetaldehyde (+)-(24).** The reaction was performed for (3h + 2h) to give **24** in 155.0 mg (0.70 mmol) as a colorless oil (79% yield); *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.57 (40% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 9.96 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46–7.37 (m, 3H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dt, *J* = 7.8, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.23–3.10 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 198.4, 174.0, 143.0, 131.9, 129.5, 129.3, 128.7, 128.2, 123.6, 123.4, 122.0, 108.8, 85.0, 85.0, 50.3, 43.9, 26.9; IR (film) *v*<sub>max</sub> 2988, 2890, 2799, 1706, 1611, 1310 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 290.1176, found: 290.1188. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23.8</sup> = +11.25 (*c* = 0.1066, MeOH).

**Synthesis of (+)-25a–b.** Compound (+)-**24** (101 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and dissolved in dry THF under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere in a flame-dried round-bottom flask. The reaction was treated with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (66 mg, 1.73 mmol, 5 equiv) at rt to stir for 40 min. Upon completion of the reaction excess of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> was quenched by ethyl acetate at 0 °C treated with slow and dropwise addition of water and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution until clear organic layer formed. The organic layer was separated with separatory funnel. The organic filtrate was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under vacuum. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography.

**8-Methyl-3a-(phenylethynyl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (–)-(25a).** The reaction was performed for 40 min to give **25a** in 77.00 mg (0.35 mmol) as a colorless oil (80% yield); *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.40 (5% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.46–7.42 (m, 2H), 7.31 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 2.5 Hz, 4H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.65 (s, 1H), 4.13 (ddd, *J* = 9.0, 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (s, 3H), 2.66 (td, *J* = 11.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (ddd, *J* = 12.1, 5.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 150.1, 131.7, 130.5, 129.0, 128.2, 128.0, 123.8, 123.2, 117.9, 105.4, 104.9, 91.2, 82.5, 67.0, 50.3, 43.15, 31.11; IR (film) *v*<sub>max</sub> 2979, 2895, 2799, 1650, 1722, 1666, 1489 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO + H]<sup>+</sup>: 276.1383, found: 276.1410. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24.6</sup> = (–)–63.00 (*c* = 0.2, MeOH).

**8-Methyl-3a-((E)-styryl)-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (–)-(25b).** 12.00 mg (0.35 mmol) as a colorless oil (12% yield); *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.37 (5% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.40–7.34 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.28 (m, 2H), 7.28–7.22 (m, 1H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (td, *J* = 7.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.10 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 8.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.47 (td, *J* = 11.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35–2.26 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 151.3, 136.9, 132.4, 131.0, 129.6, 128.6, 128.5, 127.4, 126.3, 124.4, 117.6, 105.4, 105.0, 103.9, 67.9, 59.1, 40.4, 30.9; IR (film) *v*<sub>max</sub> 2988, 2890, 2770, 1679, 1587, 1478 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO + H]<sup>+</sup>: 278.1539, found: 278.1546. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24.6</sup> = (–)–46.55 (*c* = 0.116, MeOH).

**Synthesis of (–)-(26).** In an oven-dried round-bottom flask, the compound **25a** (34.97 mg, 0.127 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was taken in MeOH (5 mL) under argon atmosphere. To this reaction mixture Pd on C (0.013 mmol; 0.1 equiv) was added portion wise and it was stirred for another 10 min at room temperature under argon atmosphere. Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h under H<sub>2</sub> (g) balloon. Upon completion of the reactions, (TLC showed complete **25a** consumption of starting material) the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under vacuum. The crude products were purified by column chromatography and afforded (–)-(26).

**8-Methyl-3a-phenethyl-3,3a,8,8a-tetrahydro-2H-furo[2,3-b]indole (–)-26.** The reaction was performed for 10 h to give **26** in

35.20 mg (0.127 mmol) as a colorless oil (99% yield); *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.37 (5% EtOAc in hexane). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.30–7.14 (m, 5H), 6.82 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (s, 1H), 4.10–3.98 (m, 1H), 3.60–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.00 (s, 2H), 2.67 (td, *J* = 12.8, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (td, *J* = 13.4, 12.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.34–2.09 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 151.4, 142.1, 132.3, 128.4, 128.4, 125.9, 123.1, 117.4, 105.0, 102.9, 67.0, 56.6, 40.9, 40.4, 32.0, 30.8; IR (film) *v*<sub>max</sub> 2970, 2929, 2851, 1660, 1145 cm<sup>-1</sup>; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25.0</sup> = (–)–41.22 (*c* = 0.1, MeOH). HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO + H]<sup>+</sup>: 280.1696, found: 280.1699.

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