# Inverting the reactivity of troponoid system in the higher-order cycloaddition 

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## 1. General methods

NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker Ultra Shield 700 instrument, running at 700 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and 176 MHz for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$, respectively. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals ( $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ : 7.26 ppm for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, 77.16 ppm for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} N M R$ ). Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker Maxis Impact spectrometer using electrospray (ES+) ionization (referenced to the mass of the charged species, due to the oxidative conditions of the analysis in the mass spectra of the products $\mathbf{3}$ only the molecular peaks of the corresponding 9 were observed and therefore are reported). Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter and $[\alpha]_{D}$ values are given in deg $\cdot \mathrm{cm}^{\circ} \cdot \mathrm{g}^{-1} \bullet \mathrm{dm}^{-1}$; concentration $c$ is listed in $g \bullet(100$ $\mathrm{mL})^{-1}$. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using pre-coated aluminumbacked plates (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254) and visualized by ultraviolet irradiation or Hanessian's stain. The enantiomeric ratio (er) of the products was determined by chiral stationary phase UPC ${ }^{2}$ (Daicel Chiralpak IA and IC column). Unless otherwise noted, analytical grade solvents and commercially available reagents were used without further purification. For flash chromatography (FC) silica gel (60, 35-70 $\mu \mathrm{m}$, Merck KGaA ). Aromatic unsaturated aldehydes were obtained using literature procedure. ${ }^{1}$

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## 2. Synthesis of tropothione 1



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Tropone ( $212 \mathrm{mg}, 195 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was placed in a flame-dried round bottom flask and dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. After cooling to $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Lawesson's reagent ( $202 \mathrm{mg}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5$ equiv.) was added in one portion. After stirring for 0.5 h at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the reaction mixture was subjected to flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). Fraction containing pure product 1 was evaporated under reduced pressure with ice-cold bath cooling. Pure product 1 was obtained as a red solid ( $146 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ yield) and stored as 1.0 M solution in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Spectroscopic data were in accordance with those reported in literature ${ }^{2}$.

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## 3. Organocatalytic higher-order cycloaddition in the synthesis of 3



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In an ordinary 4 mL glass vial, equipped with a teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar and a screw cap corresponding $\alpha, \beta$-unsaturated aldehyde $\mathbf{2}$ ( 1.0 equiv., 0.1 mmol ), catalyst $\mathbf{4 d}$ ( 0.2 equiv., $0.02 \mathrm{mmol}, 12 \mathrm{mg})$ were dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(0.25 \mathrm{~mL})$ and 1.0 M solution of tropothione $\mathbf{1}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(0.15 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added. After stirring for 24 h at ambient temperature pure products $\mathbf{3}$ were isolated by flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ from 80:20 to 70:30).

## (2S,3R,3aS)-2-Phenyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3a



Following the general procedure, 3a was isolated by FC on silica gel in $80 \%$ yield ( 20.3 mg ) as dark red viscous oil ( $>20: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1 \mathrm{H}} \mathrm{NMR}$ ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.70(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49-7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.35(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.48(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.2,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.43$ (dd, $J=11.2,5.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.24(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.6,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.17$ (ddd, $J=9.4,5.8,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 5.02 (dd, $J=9.4,4.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.56 (ddd, $J=9.7,8.0,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $3.19-3.10(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 199.2,137.4,137.0,130.5,129.1(2 \mathrm{C}), 128.6,128.2,128.1$ (2C), 127.4, 124.7, 116.1, 69.6, 54.6, 48.6. HRMS calculated for [ $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}$]: 253.0682; found: 253.0685. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=34.5^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=260$ $\mathrm{nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=2.95 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=2.82 \mathrm{~min}$, ( $>99: 1 \mathrm{er}$ ).

## (2S,3R,3aS)-2-(p-Tolyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3b



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{3 b}$ was isolated by FC on silica gel in $60 \%$ yield ( 16.1 mg ) as dark red viscous oil (>20:1 dr). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (700 MHz, Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.69$ (d, J = $2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.38-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.17-7.16$ (m, 2H), 6.47 (dd, $J=11.2,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.42$ (dd, $J=11.1$, $5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.23$ (dd, $J=6.5,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.16$ (ddd, $J=9.5,5.7,1.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.12(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.02(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.4,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.54(\mathrm{ddd}, J=9.9,8.1,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.14 (ddt, J = 8.0, 3.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) ס 199.4, 138.4, 137.6, $133.8,130.4,129.8(2 \mathrm{C}), 128.2,127.9(2 \mathrm{C}), 127.4,124.8,116.0,69.6,54.5,48.6,21.3$. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 267.0838 ; found: 267.0840. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=26.4^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to
$40 \%$; i-PrOH, $2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=334 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=3.14 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=2.92 \mathrm{~min}$, (>99:1 er).
(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3carbaldehyde 3c


Following the general procedure, 3c was isolated by FC on silica gel in $88 \%$ yield ( 25.0 mg ) as dark red viscous oil (>20:1 dr). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (700 MHz, Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.68$ (d, $J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41$ $7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.90-6.87(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.46(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=11.1,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 6.42 (dd, $J=11.1,5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.23$ (dd, $J=6.5,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.18-$ $6.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.02(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.4,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.52(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $10.0,8.0,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.14 (ddt, $J=8.0,3.9,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 199.4$, $159.8,137.6,130.4,129.2$ (2C), 128.6, 128.2, 127.4, 124.8, 116.1, 114.5 (2C), 69.7, 55.5, 54.2, 48.5. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right.$]: 283.0787; found: 283.0789. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=57.3^{\circ}(c=1.0$, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \%$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=325 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=3.53 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=$ 3.36 min , (>99:1 er).
(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3d


Following the general procedure, 3d was isolated by FC on silica gel in $72 \%$ yield ( 21.5 mg ) as yellow crystal solid (tt. $=123-124^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) (>20:1 dr). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.73$ (d, J = 1.4 Hz , 1H), 8.23-8.20 (m, 2H), 7.68-7.65 (m, 2H), 6.54-6.50(m, 1H), 6.46 (dd, $J=11.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.26$ (dd, $J=6.6,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.19$ (ddd, $J=9.3,5.8,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.27$ (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, J = 9.3, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (ddd, J=8.6, 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (ddt, J $=7.6,4.4,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 198.3,147.9,145.0,135.9,130.8,129.2$ (2C), 128.6, 127.8, 124.3 (2C), 124.2, 116.5, 69.4, 53.2, 48.6. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 297.0460; found: 297.0462. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=176.0^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC² using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; i$\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=290 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=4.06 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=3.69 \mathrm{~min},(>99: 1$ er).

## (2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde

 3e

Following the general procedure, 3e was isolated by FC on silica gel in $70 \%$ yield ( 20.2 mg ) as dark red viscous oil ( $>20: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.70(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.42-7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.34-7.31(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.48$ (dd, $J=11.1,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.43$ (dd, $J=11.1$, $5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.25-6.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.17(\mathrm{ddd}, J=9.4,5.8,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.01$
(dd, J = 9.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (ddd, $J=9.4,7.8,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.12 (ddt, $J=7.9,3.9,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 198.9,136.8,135.7,134.3,130.6,129.5$ (2C), 129.3 (2C), 128.4, 127.5, 124.5, 116.2, 69.6, 53.7, 48.6. HRMS calculated for [ $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClOS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}$]: 287.0292; found: 287.0289. $[\alpha]_{D^{22}}^{22}=23.6^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=343 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=3.31 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=3.02 \mathrm{~min}$, ( $>99: 1 \mathrm{er}$ ).

## (2S,3R,3aS)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3f



Following the general procedure, 3 f was isolated by FC on silica gel in $63 \%$ yield ( 18.1 mg ) as dark red viscous oil ( $>20: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.71(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48-7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.34(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.51-6.47(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.44$ (dd, $J=11.1,5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 6.24 (dd, $J=6.5,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.18$ (ddd, J = 9.4, $5.7,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 5.12 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (dd, J = 9.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (ddd, J = 9.4, 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (ddt, J $=7.8,4.4,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 198.8,139.3,136.7,135.0,130.6,130.3$, $128.8,128.4,128.2,127.5,126.4,124.5,116.3,69.5,53.8,48.6$. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClOS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 287.0292; found: 287.0295. $[\alpha]_{D_{0}}^{22}=59.9^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IB column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i$ $\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=326 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=2.66 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=2.81 \mathrm{~min}$, (98:2 er)

## (2S,3R,3aS)-2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3 g



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{3 g}$ was isolated by FC on silica gel in $67 \%$ yield ( 19.3 mg ) as dark red viscous oil ( $>20: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $(700 \mathrm{MHz}$, Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.73$ (d, J = $1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.70-7.69(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.42-7.40$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.26-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.53$ (ddd, $J=11.1,6.4$, $0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.42 (dd, $J=11.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.25$ (dd, $J=6.4,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.10 (ddd, J = 9.4, 5.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (d, J = $6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.79 (dd, J = 9.3, $4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.48 (ddd, $J=6.8,5.4,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.19 (ddt, $J=5.0,3.4,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 198.5, 137.3, 135.1, 133.8, 131.1, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 124.5, 116.0, 68.1, 50.6, 47.6. HRMS calculated for [ $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{ClOS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}$]: 287.0292; found: 287.0295. [ $\left.\alpha\right]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=41.8^{\circ}$ (c $=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \% ; i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=341 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=2.81 \mathrm{~min}$, $\tau_{\text {minor }}=2.92 \mathrm{~min}$, (98:2 er)


Following the general procedure, 3 h was isolated by FC on silica gel in $65 \%$ yield ( 19.8 mg ) as dark red viscous oil (>20:1 dr). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.75$ (d, J=1.7 Hz, 1H), $8.22-8.20(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.93-7.88$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.85-7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.61-7.59(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.47-7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.56$ (ddd, $J=11.1,6.5,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.44(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $11.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.30$ (dd, $J=6.5,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.12$ (ddd, $J=9.4,5.8$, $1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.84(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.3,4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.2,5.8,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 3.23 (ddt, $J=6.1,4.5,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 199.7,137.6,134.2,132.5$, 131.3, 131.0, 129.3, 129.1, 128.0, 127.0, 126.9, 126.1, 125.6, 125.5, 124.7, 122.9, 115.9, 67.3, 50.3, 48.3. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 303.0838; found: 303.0840. $[\alpha]_{D^{22}}=65.3^{\circ}(c=$ 1.0, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \% ; i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=350 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=3.69 \mathrm{~min}$, $\tau_{\text {minor }}=3.59 \mathrm{~min}$, (>99:1 er).
( $2 S, 3 R, 3 a S$ )-2-(Furan-2-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3i


Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{3 i}$ was isolated by FC on silica gel in $64 \%$ yield ( 15.6 mg )as dark red viscous oil ( $>20: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.73(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.40-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.49(\mathrm{ddd}, J=11.1$, $6.5,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.42(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.36(\mathrm{dt}, J=3.3,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.33$ (dd, $J=3.3,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.19 (dd, $J=6.3,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.14$ (ddd, $J=9.4,5.9,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 5.26$ (dd, $J=7.6,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.99(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.3,4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.73$ (ddd, $J=7.7,6.4,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H ), 3.11 (ddt, $J=6.3,4.6,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 198.8,150.6,143.0,136.3$, $130.8,128.2,127.1,124.3,116.0,110.9,108.4,65.5,47.9,46.9$. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]: 243.0474$; found: 243.0480. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=168.8^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i$ PrOH, $2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=265 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=2.74 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=2.53 \mathrm{~min}$, $(98: 2$ er).

## (2R,3R,3aS)-2-Propyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3j



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{3 j}$ was isolated by FC on silica gel in $65 \%$ yield ( 14.3 mg ) as dark red viscous oil ( $12: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.69$ (d, $J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.46(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.38$ (dd, $J=11.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.17-6.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.06(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.4,3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.05-4.02(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.09-3.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.87$ (dddd, $J=14.1,10.3,6.2,4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.70(\mathrm{dtd}, J=13.5,9.9,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.49-1.36(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.95(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 200.2,137.6$, 131.1, 127.7, 127.3, 124.3, 115.9, 67.2, 51.6, 48.5, 36.6, 22.5, 13.9. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 219.0838; found: 219.0841. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}} 22=76.7^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i$ -

PrOH, $2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=350 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=2.87 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=2.08 \mathrm{~min},(98.5: 1.5$ er).

## (2R,3R,3aS)-2-Hexyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3k



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{3 k}$ was isolated by FC on silica gel in $63 \%$ yield ( 16.5 mg ) as dark red viscous oil (17:1:1 dr) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.69$ (d, $J=1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.46$ (dd, $J=11.1,6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.38$ (dd, $J=11.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ) , $6.17-6.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.05(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.4,3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.02 (ddd, $J=10.0,6.7,4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.10-3.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.92-1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.73-1.67(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.41-1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 200.2,137.6$, 131.1, 127.7, 127.3, 124.3, 115.9, 67.2, 51.9, 48.5, 34.5, 31.7, 29.2, 29.1, 22.7, 14.2. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 261.1308; found: 261.1310. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{22}=66.2^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=352 \mathrm{~nm}$; $\tau_{\text {major }}=3.12 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=2.36 \mathrm{~min}$, (98:2 er).

## (2S,3R,3aS)-2-((Benzyloxy)methyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3carbaldehyde 3I



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{3 1}$ was isolated by FC on silica gel in $65 \%$ yield ( 19.4 mg ) as dark red viscous oil ( $13: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.67(d, J=1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.39-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.50-6.46$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.38$ (dd, $J=11.1,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.14-6.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.10$ (ddd, J $=9.4,5.8,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.96(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=9.4,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.60(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.54(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=12.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.28$ (ddd, $J=8.8,6.3,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.7,6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.7,8.8$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.41(\mathrm{td}, \mathrm{J}=4.6,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{tt}, \mathrm{J}=4.6,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR} \mathrm{(176} \mathrm{MHz} \mathrm{CDCl} 3,\right) ~ \delta$ 199.7, 137.6, 137.0, 131.5, 128.7 (2C), 128.2, 128.1 (2C), 127.7, 127.2, 124.1, 115.9, 73.4, 70.6, 62.6, 49.6, 47.2. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 296.0944; found: 297.0947. $[\alpha]_{D^{23}}=$ $72.8^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=344 \mathrm{~nm}$; $\tau_{\text {major }}$ $=3.39 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=3.08 \mathrm{~min}$, (98.5:1.5er)
(2R,3R,3aS)-2-((Z)-Hex-3-en-1-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3 m


Following the general procedure, 3 m was isolated by FC on silica gel in $67 \%$ yield ( 17.4 mg ) as dark red viscous oil ( $20: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.68$ (d, J = $1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $6.49-6.45(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.40-6.37$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.18-6.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.46-5.42(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.31-5.27(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.08-5.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.06$ - $4.02(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.10-3.07(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.18-2.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.07-2.03(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.96-1.91(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.82-1.77(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.97(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{CNMR}\left(176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 200.1,137.4$,
133.6, 131.2, 127.6, 127.3, 127.0, 124.3, 115.8, 66.9, 51.1, 48.3, 34.5, 26.6, 20.8, 14.4. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 259.1151; found: 259.1158. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=71.1^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IG column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i-\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=299 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=3.13 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=2.27 \mathrm{~min}$, (98.5:1.5 er).

## (2R,3R,3aS)-2-Methyl-2-(5-methylhex-4-en-1-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3n



Following the general procedure, $\mathbf{3 n}$ was isolated by FC on silica gel in $67 \%$ yield ( 18.4 mg ) as dark red viscous oil (3.5:1 dr). Major diastereoisomer: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.82$ (d, $J=2.4$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.47-6.36$ (m, 2H), 6.24 (dd, J = 6.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (ddd, $J=9.7,5.8,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.12$ (dddd, $J=7.1,5.7,3.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.92$ (dd, J = 9.5, $4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.28 (ddt, $J=9.5,3.8,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.20 (dd, $J=9.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.28-2.21$ (m, 1H), 2.08 (ddd, $J=19.3,12.5,6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.02 (ddd, $J=13.8,11.0,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.95$ (ddd, $J=13.8,11.2,5.4$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.53(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl} 3\right) \delta 200.6,137.1,132.9$, 130.1, 127.9, 127.2, 124.2, 123.2, 117.6, 70.9, 61.9, 47.3, 40.7, 25.8, 25.2, 24.9, 17.9. Minor diastereoisomer: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.88(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $6.46-6.37(\mathrm{~m}$, 2 H , overlapping with major diastereoisomer), 6.22 (dd, $J=6.4,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.15 (ddt, $J=9.0$, $5.0,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, overlapping with major diastereoisomer), 5.09 (ddq, $J=8.6,5.7,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.91 (ddd, J = 9.9, 5.9, $4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, overlapping with major diastereoisomer), 3.26 (dd, J = 3.9, $1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.20 (dd, J = 9.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, overlapping with major diastereoisomer), $2.28-2.21$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, overlapping with major diastereoisomer), 2.08 (ddd, $J=19.3,12.5,6.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, overlapping with major diastereoisomer), 2.02 (ddd, $J=13.8,11.0,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, overlapping with major diastereoisomer), 1.95 (ddd, $J=13.8,11.2,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, overlapping with major diastereoisomer), $1.67(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.66(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 200.3$, 137.2, 132.7, 130.1 (overlapping with major diastereoisomer), 127.9, 127.1, 124.7, 123.4, 117.2, 77.2, 73.0, 62.0, 47.6, 38.5, 29.9, 25.8, 25.8, 24.7, 24.3, 17.8. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]: 273.1308$; found: 273.1313. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=73.5^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IA column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i$ $\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=354 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=2.36 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=1.94 \mathrm{~min}$, $98: 2$ er).
4. Enantioselective synthesis of (2S,3R,3aS)-2-phenyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3a on a 1 g scale


In a round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, aldehyde $\mathbf{2 a}$ (1 equiv., 7.58 $\mathrm{mmol}, 1.00 \mathrm{~g}$ ), catalyst 4d ( 0.2 equiv., $1.52 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.905 \mathrm{~g}$ ) were dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(19 \mathrm{~mL})$. Subsequently, 1.0 M solution of tropothione $\mathbf{1}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(11.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 11.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at ambient temperature. Crude product 3a was purified by the flash chromatography on silica gel (eluent: hexanes: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ from 80:20 to $70: 30$ ) to afford 3 a in $78 \%$ yield ( $1.500 \mathrm{~g},>20: 1 \mathrm{dr}$ ) as a dark red viscous oil. NMR and HPLC data were in accordance with previously obtained results.

## 5. Hetero-Diels-Alder reaction of 3a with electron-poor $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{N}$ double bond



In an ordinary 4 mL glass vial, equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar and a screw cap 3a ( $25.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv.) was dissolved in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(1 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione 5 ( $21.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv.) was added in one portion. After stirring at ambient temperature for 18 h crude reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ : hexanes 8:2). Product 6 was obtained as white crystals in $90 \%$ yield ( 38.7 mg ). ( $2 S, 3 R, 3 \mathrm{aS}, 6 \mathrm{~S}, 11 \mathrm{aR}$ )-8,10-Dioxo-2,9-diphenyl-3,3a,6,8,9,10-hexahydro-2H-6,11a-ethenothieno[2,3-c][1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-a][1,2]diazepine-3-carbaldehyde $6{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 700 MHz , Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.61$ (d, $J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.85-7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.55-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.48-7.50(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.42-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.33(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.65(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=$ $8.9,7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 6.56 (dd, $J=8.9,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.01$ (ddd, $J=11.2,7.3,2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.87-5.77$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.15-5.07(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.13(\mathrm{ddd}, J=12.8,11.2,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.54$ (dt, J=12.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 200.4,150.8,150.7,135.9,134.3,131.5$, 131.1, 130.8, 129.3 (2C), 129.2 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 128.8, 128.5, 126.3 (2C), 123.3, 75.2, 62.4, $58.8,54.7,49.6$. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]: 430.1220$; found: 430.1229. [ $\left.\alpha\right]_{D^{24}}=-$ $81.8^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$.

## 6. Synthesis of (R)-2-phenyl-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 9



In an ordinary 4 mL glass vial, equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar and a screw cap 6 ( 42.9 mg ; 0.1 mmol ; 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$ and trifluoroacetic acid ( $11.4 \mathrm{mg} ; 0.1 \mathrm{mmol} ; 1.0$ equiv.) was added in one portion. After stirring in ambient temperature for 10 minutes crude reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). Product was obtained as a red amorphous solid in $75 \%$ yield ( 18.9 mg ). ( $\boldsymbol{R}$ )-2-Phenyl-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}(700 \mathrm{MHz}$, Chloroform-d) $\delta 9.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=11.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.24-7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.43(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.7,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.42(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.24(\mathrm{ddt}, J=10.8,8.7,0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), $6.20-6.16(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.03(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $176 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 185.0,160.6,153.8,143.8$, $135.2,133.9,130.4,129.6,128.8$ (2C), 127.7, 127.5 (2C), 124.2, 123.9, 56.6. HRMS calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{OS}+\mathrm{H}^{+}\right]$: 253.0682 ; found: 253.0685. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=-790.0^{\circ}\left(c=1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The er was determined by UPC ${ }^{2}$ using a chiral Chiralpack IA column gradient from $100 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ up to $40 \%$; $i$ $\mathrm{PrOH}, 2.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$; detection wavelength $=336 \mathrm{~nm} ; \tau_{\text {major }}=4.52 \mathrm{~min}, \tau_{\text {minor }}=4.69 \mathrm{~min}$, $98: 2$ er).

## 7. One-pot synthesis of ( $R$ )-2-phenyl-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 9


(1.2 equiv)
rt, 10 min .

In an ordinary 4 mL glass vial, equipped with a Teflon-coated magnetic stirring bar and a screw cap 3a ( 25.4 mg ; $0.1 \mathrm{mmol} ; 1.0$ equiv) was dissolved in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$ and 4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazoline-3,5-dione ( 21.0 mg ; $0.12 \mathrm{mmol} ; 1.2$ equiv) was added in one portion. After stirring in ambient temperature for 18 h trifluoroacetic acid ( $13.7 \mathrm{mg} ; 0.12 \mathrm{mmol} ; 1.2$ equiv) was added in one portion. After stirring in room temperature for 30 minutes crude reaction mixture was directly subjected to flash column chromatography (eluent: $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ). Product was obtained as a red amorphous solid in $52 \%$ yield ( 13.1 mg ). NMR and HPLC data were in accordance with previously obtained results.

## 8. Crystal and X-ray data for (2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3d



Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected at 100 K by the $\omega$-scan technique using a RIGAKU XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, Pilatus 300K diffractometer ${ }^{3}$ with PhotonJet micro-focus Xray Source Cu-K $\quad(\lambda=1.54184 \AA$ ). Data collection, cell refinement, data reduction and absorption correction were performed using CrysAlis PRO software. ${ }^{3}$ The crystal structure was solved by using direct methods with the SHELXT 2018/2 program. ${ }^{4}$ Atomic scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography. Positional parameters of non-H-atoms were refined by a full-matrix least-squares method on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ with anisotropic thermal parameters by using the SHELXL 2018/3 program. ${ }^{5}$ All hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.95-1.00 \AA$ ) and included as riding contributions with isotropic displacement parameters set to 1.2 times the $U_{\text {eq }}$ of the parent atom.

3d: Formula $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$, orthorhombic, space group $\mathrm{P}_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}, Z=4$, unit cell constants $a=$ $6.9092(1), b=10.1436(1), c=19.7001(1) \AA, V=1380.67(3) \AA^{3}$. The integration of the data yielded a total of 40039 reflections with $\theta$ angles in the range of 4.49 to $66.53^{\circ}$, of which all 2435 unique ( $\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=2.04 \%$ ) were greater than $2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{~F}^{2}\right)$. The final anisotropic full-matrix leastsquares refinement on $F^{2}$ with 191 parameters converged at $R_{1}=1.92 \%$ and $w R_{2}=4.83 \%$ for all data. The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was 0.152 e $\AA^{-3}$ and the largest hole was -0.150 e $\AA^{-3}$. The goodness-of-fit was 1.100 . The absolute configuration was unambiguously determined from anomalous scattering, by calculating the $x$ Flack parameter ${ }^{6}$ of -0.007 (3) using 995 quotients.

CCDC 1906777 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures

## 9. Crystal and X-ray data for ( $\left.2 S^{*}, 3 R^{*}, 3 a S^{*}, 6 S^{*}, 11 a R^{*}\right)$-8,10-dioxo-2,9-diphenyl-3,3a,6,8,9,10-hexahydro-2H-6,11a-ethenothieno[2,3-c][1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-a][1,2]diazepine-3carbaldehyde rac-6

The relative configuration of 6 was assigned based on the single crystal X-ray analysis of crystals obtained via recrystallization of racemic sample of rac- 6 . The absolute configuration of 6 was established given the result of this expaeriment and the assignment of the absolute configuration of $\mathbf{3}$ (for details see paragraph above). The single crystal X-ray diffraction study at 100 K revealed that compound rac- $6\left(\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}\right)$ crystallizes in the centrosymmetric monoclinic space group $P 2_{1} / c \quad(Z=8)$ and the crystal structure consists of two crystallographically independent formula units in the unit cell. The independent molecules have an inverted configuration and a similar conformation. One of these molecules has a disordered formyl group.



Single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected at 100 K by the $\omega$-scan technique using a RIGAKU XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, Pilatus 300K diffractometer ${ }^{3}$ with PhotonJet micro-focus Xray Source $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{K} \alpha(\lambda=1.54184 \AA$ Å). Data collection, cell refinement, data reduction and absorption correction were performed using CrysAlis PRO software. ${ }^{3}$ The crystal structure was solved by using direct methods with the SHELXT 2018/2 program. ${ }^{4}$ Atomic scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography. Positional parameters of non-H-atoms were refined by a full-matrix least-squares method on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ with anisotropic thermal parameters by using the SHELXL 2018/3 program. ${ }^{5}$ All hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.95-1.00 \AA$ ) and included as riding contributions with isotropic displacement parameters set to 1.2 times the $U_{\text {eq }}$ of the parent atom.
rac-6: Formula $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$, monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1} / c, Z=8$, unit cell constants $a=$ $10.2822(1), b=14.2079(1), c=27.6670(1) \AA, b=100.257(1)^{\circ}, V=3977.24(5) \AA^{3}$. The integration of the data yielded a total of 134496 reflections with $\theta$ angles in the range of 3.25 to 66.60 of which 7009 were independent ( $R_{\text {int }}=2.72 \%$ ), and 6889 were greater than $2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{~F}^{2}\right)$. The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on $F^{2}$ with 568 parameters converged to $R_{1}=3.32 \%$ for observed data and $w R_{2}=8.36 \%$ for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.074.

The largest peak in the final difference electron density synthesis was 0.357 e $\AA^{-3}$ and the largest hole was -0.263 e $\AA^{-3}$. CCDC 1920168 contain the supplementary crystallographic data
for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures

[^1]10. NMR data
(2S,3R,3aS)-2-Phenyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3a
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR

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${ }^{13}$ C NMR

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(p-Tolyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3b

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR




${ }^{13}$ C NMR

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(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3carbaldehyde 3c
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR





(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3d

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR




${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR


(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde $3 e$

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR






(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(3-Chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde $3 f$

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR





(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3 g

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR




${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(Naphthalen-1-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3h
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR
$\stackrel{\circ}{\circ}$



(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(Furan-2-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3i

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR





(2R,3R,3aS)-2-Propyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3j
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



${ }^{13}$ C NMR
$\stackrel{\sim}{i}$




${ }^{13}$ C NMR
$\stackrel{\overbrace{}}{\circ}$

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-((Benzyloxy)methyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3carbaldehyde 31

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR





(2R,3R,3aS)-2-((Z)-Hex-3-en-1-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3m
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR




(2R,3R,3aS)-2-Methyl-2-(5-methylhex-4-en-1-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3n

## ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR






(2S,3R,3aS,6S,11aR)-8,10-Dioxo-2,9-diphenyl-3,3a,6,8,9,10-hexahydro-2H-6,11a-ethenothieno[2,3-c][1,2,4]triazolo[1,2-a][1,2]diazepine-3-carbaldehyde 6
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR



${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR




(R)-2-Phenyl-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 9
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR





11. UPC ${ }^{2}$ traces
(2S,3R,3aS)-2-Phenyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3a


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.815 | 187820 | 56.08 | 80507 |
| 2 | 2.945 | 147075 | 43.92 | 72573 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.834 | 1660 | 0.48 | 1145 |
| 2 | 2.959 | 343710 | 99.52 | 164630 |

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(p-Tolyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3b


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.917 | 113546 | 43.67 | 40139 |
| 2 | 3.141 | 146442 | 56.33 | 53585 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.935 | 1811 | 0.56 | 772 |
| 2 | 3.147 | 320220 | 99.44 | 136273 |

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3carbaldehyde 3c


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3.361 | 163383 | 42.66 | 62558 |
| 2 | 3.526 | 219644 | 57.34 | 82435 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 3.369 | 3304 | 0.72 | 1495 |
| 2 | 3.504 | 455912 | 99.28 | 144578 |

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(4-Nitrophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3d


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 3.691 | 211605 | 40.46 | 85663 |
| 2 | 4.064 | 311372 | 59.54 | 108205 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 3.686 | 2134 | 0.37 | 1105 |
| 2 | 4.039 | 578614 | 99.63 | 166339 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3.024 | 246716 | 40.95 | 107902 |
| 2 | 3.309 | 355697 | 59.05 | 131648 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 3.042 | 488 | 0.13 | 265 |
| 2 | 3.318 | 381457 | 99.87 | 139616 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.663 | 255991 | 56.74 | 115585 |
| 2 | 2.812 | 195188 | 43.26 | 87838 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.693 | 450933 | 98.14 | 119026 |
| 2 | 2.832 | 8528 | 1.86 | 3326 |

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(2-Chlorophenyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3 g


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.809 | 333019 | 54.72 | 128942 |
| 2 | 2.924 | 275519 | 45.28 | 99036 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.797 | 251435 | 97.96 | 109038 |
| 2 | 2.951 | 5238 | 2.04 | 2833 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3.590 | 63008 | 42.24 | 26858 |
| 2 | 3.692 | 86141 | 57.76 | 36676 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 3.615 | 283 | 0.17 | 120 |
| 2 | 3.709 | 164685 | 99.83 | 64424 |

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-(Furan-2-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3i


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.530 | 120475 | 51.68 | 51066 |
| 2 | 2.744 | 112626 | 48.32 | 50701 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.552 | 17816 | 1.90 | 9715 |
| 2 | 2.768 | 917792 | 98.10 | 443659 |

(2R,3R,3aS)-2-Propyl-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3j


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.077 | 279743 | 45.85 | 113451 |
| 2 | 2.870 | 330345 | 54.15 | 157890 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.085 | 4685 | 1.43 | 2399 |
| 2 | 2.862 | 322670 | 98.57 | 140151 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.360 | 47526 | 41.62 | 16087 |
| 2 | 3.123 | 66672 | 58.38 | 28099 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.370 | 8342 | 2.04 | 5266 |
| 2 | 3.106 | 399834 | 97.96 | 167040 |

(2S,3R,3aS)-2-((Benzyloxy)methyl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3carbaldehyde 31


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 3.075 | 71023 | 47.55 | 33469 |
| 2 | 3.387 | 78328 | 52.45 | 35253 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 3.073 | 1510 | 1.46 | 948 |
| 2 | 3.387 | 102126 | 98.54 | 44272 |

(2R,3R,3aS)-2-((Z)-Hex-3-en-1-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3m


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2.273 | 77891 | 46.66 | 29615 |
| 2 | 3.130 | 89055 | 53.34 | 41056 |



|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 2.270 | 3375 | 1.46 | 1743 |
| 2 | 3.144 | 227274 | 98.54 | 107749 |

(2R,3R,3aS)-2-Methyl-2-(5-methylhex-4-en-1-yl)-3,3a-dihydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 3n


|  | RT | Area | \% Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1.942 | 284434 | 49.09 | 80059 |
| 2 | 2.362 | 294956 | 50.91 | 92322 |



|  | RT | Area | $\%$ Area | Height |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 1.947 | 2341 | 2.03 | 981 |
| 2 | 2.355 | 112889 | 97.97 | 33783 |

(R)-2-Phenyl-2H-cyclohepta[b]thiophene-3-carbaldehyde 9


Peak Results

|  | RT | \% Area |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1 | 4.517 | 51.67 |
| 2 | 4.687 | 48.33 |



Peak Results

|  | RT | \% Area |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| 1 | 4.520 | 97.97 |
| 2 | 4.695 | 2.03 |


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