# **Supporting Information**

## From Citronellal to Iridoids. Asymmetric Syntheses of Iridoids and Their Analogs Via Organocatalytic Intramolecular Michael Reactions.

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#### **General Procedure.**

All solvents were reagent grade. Reactions were normally carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in glassware or vial. Merck silica gel 60 (particle size 0.04-0.063 mm) was employed for flash chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were obtained in CDCl<sub>3</sub> unless otherwise noted at 400 MHz (Bruker DPX-400, Bruker Ascend<sup>TM</sup> 400) or 500 MHz (Varian-Unity INOVA-500). <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were obtained at 125 MHz or 100 MHz. *E.e.* values were measured by HPLC on a chiral column (CHIRALPAK IA, 0.46 cm x 15 cm, 5 µm) by elution with 1% <sup>i</sup>PrOH-hexane. The flow rate of the indicated elution solvent is maintained at 1.0 mL/min, and the retention time of a compound is recorded accordingly. HPLC was equipped with ultraviolet detectors. The melting point was recorded on a melting point apparatus (MPA100-Automated melting point system, Stanford Research Systems, Inc.) and is uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on Bruker Alpha FT-IR spectrometer. The optical rotation values were recorded with a Jasco-P-2000 digital polarimeter. ESI ionization time-offlight mass (ESI-TOF HRMS) spectral data were collected on a JMS-T100LP 4G(JEOL) mass spectrometer equipped with the ESI source, detecting positive and negative ions. Typical measurement conditions are as follows: needle voltage: 2000 kV, orifice 1 voltage: 30 V, ring lens voltage: 10 V, spray temperature: 250 °C. EI-TOF mass spectral data were collected on a JMS-T200GC AccuTOF GCx-plus (JEOL) mass spectrometer. EI ionization time-of-flight mass (EI-TOF HRMS) spectral data were collected on a JMS-T200GC AccuTOF GCx-plus (JEOL) mass spectrometer equipped with the EI ion source and DIP sampling device. Typical measurement conditions are as follows: ionizing voltage: 70 eV, ionizing current: 300 µA, ion chamber temperature: 250 °C, DIP temperature: 50 to 200 °C in 2 minutes. The single-crystal

X-ray diffraction data of crystals were individually collected in-house on a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer equipped with a Cu-target (K $\alpha$ =1.54178 Å) or Mo-target (K $\alpha$ =0.71073 Å) microfocus X-ray generators and a PHOTON-II CMOS detector. The temperature was adjusted with a nitrogen flow (Oxford Cryosystems). After collection, the data were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame algorithm and were corrected for absorption effects using the Multi-Scan method (SADABS). Then, the molecular structure was solved and refined by the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package and the final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares method was used to refine on F2 with variables parameters to determine crystal structure.

#### Preparation of aldehyde ester 1:



To a solution of (–)-citronellal (500 mg, 3.24 mmol) and methyl acrylate (558 mg, 6.48 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in toluene (10 mL), placed in a dry 20-mL sealed tube, was added Hoveyda-Grubbs Catalyst® M720 (Umicore, CAS no. 301224-40-8, 40.6 mg, 0.06 mmol, 2 mol%) at room temperature under nitrogen. The resulting solution was stirred at 90 °C for 12 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude residue. The *E*-isomer was found to be predominated, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude product. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 5% EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.45$  in 20% EtOAc-hexane) to afford product **1** (503 mg, 84% yield) as a colorless oil.<sup>1</sup> Chiral HPLC analysis for **1**: Chiralpak IA (elute: 1% <sup>i</sup>PrOH–hexane), flow rate 1.0 mL/min, detector 225 nm,  $t_1 = 14.9$  min,  $t_2 = 19.2$  min, 98.4:1.6 er.

Selected data for 1:  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  –32.8 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 2923, 2854, 1705, 1462, 1166, 915, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  9.73 (s, 1 H), 6.96 – 6.88 (m, 1 H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.70 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.29 – 2.14 (m, 3 H), 2.11 – 2.02

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(m, 1 H), 1.53 - 1.44 (m, 1 H), 1.41 - 1.31 (m, 1 H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  202.3 (CH), 167.0 (C), 148.8 (CH), 121.2 (CH), 51.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.5 (CH), 19.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (GC-EI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 184.1099; found: 184.1092.

#### **Preparation of aldehyde 2:**



To a solution of catalyst **III** (176.7 mg, 0.54 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and **1** (500 mg, 2.71 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (9 mL) was added DBU (82.6 mg, 0.54 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 45 °C for 48 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was diluted with EtOAc, and washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The dr ratio, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude mixture, was found to be 83:17. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 5% EtOAchexane ( $R_f = 0.51$  in 20% EtOAchexane) to afford products **2** and **13** (396.7 mg, 79% yield) as a colorless oil. Purification of the mixture using prolonged flash column chromatography resulted in the isolation of pure samples of **2** (351 mg; 70%;  $R_f = 0.51$  in 20% EtOAchexane) and **13** (7.3 mg;  $R_f = 0.52$  in 20% EtOAchexane) for analysis.

Selected data for **2**:  $[a]_D^{26}$  –10.3 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 3483, 2959, 2874, 1724, 1457, 1381, 1285, 1208, 1167 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  9.55 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 2.67 – 2.56 (m, 1 H), 2.38 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.26 – 2.13 (m, 1 H), 2.01 – 1.84 (m, 3 H), 1.47 – 1.39 (m, 1 H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 1 H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  203.3 (CH), 172.8 (C), 65.8 (CH), 51.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.6 (CH), 36.8 (CH), 33.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (GC-EI-TOF) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 184.1099; found: 184.1090.

Selected data for **13**:  $[a]_D^{20}$  –7.9 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  9.73 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (s, 3 H), 2.79 – 2.70 (m, 1 H), 2.53 – 2.46 (m, 2 H), 2.41 – 2.31 (m, 2 H), 2.01 – 1.89 (m, 2 H), 1.42 – 1.32 (m, 1 H), 1.28 – 1.18 (m, 1 H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  204.2 (CH), 173.1 (C), 61.2 (CH), 51.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 38.3 (CH), 35.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.5 (CH), 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

#### **Preparation of 4:**



To a solution of **2** (200 mg, 1.09 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (82.1 mg, 2.17 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched by the addition of an aqueous solution of 2N HCl (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 30 % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.47$  in 40 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford product **4** (191 mg, 94% yield) as a colorless oil.<sup>2</sup>

Selected data for **4**:  $[a]_D^{27}$  13.7 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 3429, 2949, 2869, 1734, 1440, 1161, 1018, 874 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.61 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.22 – 2.11 (m, 1 H), 1.85 – 1.64 (m, 4 H), 1.40 – 1.29 (m, 1 H), 1.29 – 1.12 (m, 2 H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  174.5 (C), 64.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.8 (CH), 51.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.6 (CH), 37.0 (CH), 32.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>: 209.1154; found: 209.1153.

#### **Preparation of 4:**



To a solution of catalyst **III** (17.7 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.2 equiv) and DBU (8.3 mg, 0.05 mmol, 0.2 equiv) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) was added a solution of **1** (50 mg 0.27 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1.1 mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 45 °C for 48 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL), and washed with water (7 mL) and brine (7 mL). The combined organic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bonini, C.; Fabio, R. D. J. Org. Chem. 1982, 47, 1343 - 1345.

solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was directly used for the next step reaction without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in MeOH (1 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (20.5 mg, 0.54 mmol, 2 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched by the addition of water (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (15 mL), and washed with water (5 mL) and brine (5 mL). The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 10 % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.45$  for 4 in 15 % EtOAc-hexane, after developing twice) to afford products 4 (31 mg, 61 %) as a colorless oil.

#### **Preparation of 3**:



To a solution of **2** (90.0 mg, 0.49 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) was added 2,4dinitrophenylhydrazine (96.8 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.08 equiv) and *p*-TsOH (4.6 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.05 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and the solution was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, followed by brine. The organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 10 % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.48$  in 30% EtOAc-hexane) to afford product **3** (123 mg, 69% yield) as yellow color solids.

Selected data for **3**: mp. 106-107 °C;  $[a]_D^{26}$  10.2 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr): 3293, 2949, 2867, 1738, 1617, 1511, 1428, 1337, 1310, 1266, 1138, 1071, 739, 605 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  11.01 (s, 1 H), 9.10 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.59 (s, 3 H), 2.53 – 2.27 (m, 3 H), 2.09 – 1.90 (m, 4 H), 1.51 – 1.30 (m, 2 H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  173.0 (C), 154.3 (CH), 145.0 (C), 137.9 (C), 130.0 (CH), 128.9 (C), 123.5 (CH), 116.5 (CH), 56.9 (CH), 51.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.7 (CH), 39.6 (CH), 38.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (GC-EI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 364.1383; found: 364.1389.

#### **Recrystallization of 3 was performed as follows:**

Compound **3** (~3 mg) in a screw cap vial (4 mL vial) was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (~0.5 mL) and then diluted with *n*-hexane (~2.5 mL). The vial was covered with aluminum foil (with 4-5 holes in it) and placed in another vial (20 mL vial), which was filled with *n*-hexane (~8 mL). The 20-mL vial was closed gently with a screw cap and let stand for 4-5 days until the solvent in the inner vial has completely evaporated. The crystals formed were subjected to single-crystal X-ray analysis.



Thermal ellipsoids draw at the 50% probability level



Figure S1. ORTEP and Stereo plots for X-ray crystal structures of 3 (ic21707).

CCDC 2235981 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for **3** (**ic21707**). These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk

## Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **3** (**ic21707**).

Identification code	ic21707	ic21707	
Empirical formula	C32 H40 N8 O12	C32 H40 N8 O12	
Formula weight	728.72		
Temperature	200(2) K		
Wavelength	1.54178 Å		
Crystal system	Triclinic		
Space group	P1		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 4.8265(7)  Å	α= 74.980(12)°.	
	b = 11.8034(18) Å	$\beta = 85.102(12)^{\circ}.$	
	c = 16.146(2)  Å	$\gamma = 79.447(12)^{\circ}$ .	
Volume	872.7(2) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	1		
Density (calculated)	1.387 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Absorption coefficient	0.909 mm <sup>-1</sup>		
F(000)	384		
Crystal size	0.600 x 0.163 x 0.159 r	0.600 x 0.163 x 0.159 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.933 to 67.980°.		
Index ranges	-4<=h<=5, -14<=k<=1	-4<=h<=5, -14<=k<=14, -19<=l<=19	
Reflections collected	10899		
Independent reflections	5724 [R(int) = 0.1226]	5724 [R(int) = 0.1226]	
Completeness to theta = $67.679^{\circ}$	99.4 %	99.4 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from e	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.41539	1.00000 and 0.41539	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squar	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	5724 / 16 / 482	5724 / 16 / 482	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.376		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.1206, wR2 = 0.	2821	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1726, wR2 = 0.	3346	
Absolute structure parameter	0.3(9)		
Extinction coefficient	0.010(3)		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.480 and -0.447 e.Å $^{\text{-3}}$	0.480 and -0.447 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

#### **Preparation of 5:**



To a solution of **4** (100 mg, 0.54 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added an aqueous solution of LiOH (19.4 mg, 0.81 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in water (1.5 mL) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 2-3 by adding 3M aqueous HCl at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted and extracted with EtOAc. The solution was washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product as an oil. This residue was proceeded to the next step without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added DCC (111.4 mg, 0.54, mmol 1.0 equiv) and DMAP (13.2 mg, 0.11 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, followed by washing with brine and water. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 5 % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.46$  in 30% EtOAc-hexane) to afford product **5** (69 mg, 83% yield) as a colorless oil.

Select data for **5**:  $[a]_D^{27}$  95 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 2953, 2871, 1732, 1404, 1310, 1195, 1132, 1018, 799, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  4.55 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.05 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.23 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 – 2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.94 – 1.78 (m, 2 H), 1.73 – 1.62 (m, 1 H), 1.46 – 1.21 (m, 3 H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.5 (C), 74.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.6 (CH), 41.5 (CH), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.0 (CH), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (GC-EI-TOF) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 154.0994; found: 154.0991.

#### **Preparation of 6 with LDA:**



To a solution of **5** (20 mg, 0.13 mmol) in dry THF (3 mL) was added LDA (0.08 mL, 2 M in hexane, 1.5 equiv) at -60 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at -60 °C for 30 min, followed by the addition of iodomethane (10  $\mu$ L, 0.16 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the solution was gradually warmed up to 0 °C over 1 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of an aqueous saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL). The resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL x 2), washed with brine (5 mL), and the combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 5 % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.52$  in 30% in EtOAc-hexane) to afford product **6** (16 mg, 73%) as a colorless oil.

#### **Preparation of 6 and 7 with LiHMDS:**



To a solution of **5** (40.0 mg, 0.26 mmol) in dry THF (3.2 mL) was added lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (0.52 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.52 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, followed by the addition of iodomethane (20 µL, 0.32 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of an aqueous saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL), and the solution was gradually warmed up to room temperature. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, and the combined organic solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 10 % EtOAc-hexane to afford product **6** ( $R_f$  = 0.52 in 30% in EtOAc-hexane, 11.6 mg, 27% yield) as a colorless oil, **8** ( $R_f$  = 0.54 in 30% in EtOAc-hexane, 2.3 mg, 5% yield), and recovered **5** (3.5 mg, 9% yield).

Select data for **6**:  $[a]_D^{27}$  36.9 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>);<sup>3</sup> IR (neat): 2954, 2872, 1731, 1459, 1312, 1174, 1133, 1010, 797 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  4.52 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.03 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.25 (dq, *J* = 11.9, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.98 – 1.89 (m, 1 H), 1.75 – 1.55 (m, 2 H), 1.51 – 1.35 (m, 2 H), 1.30 – 1.22 (m, 1 H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  174.0 (C), 74.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 48.7 (CH), 48.3 (CH), 44.1 (CH), 36.7 (CH), 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 15.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>);<sup>4</sup> HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>: 191.1048; found: 191.1050.

Select data for **7**:  $[a]_D^{23}$  113.9 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  4.51 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.99 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (qd, *J* = 7.6, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.08 – 1.97 (m, 2 H), 1.70 – 1.46 (m, 4 H), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 1 H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  175.0 (C), 74.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.7 (CH), 42.2 (CH), 38.9 (CH), 36.4 (CH), 33.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>: 191.1048; found: 191.1044.

#### **Preparation of 8:**



To a stirred solution of **5** (45.0 mg, 0.29 mmol) in anhydrous THF (3.6 mL) at -78 °C was added lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (0.90 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.90 mmol, 3.1 equiv). The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, followed by the addition of iodomethane (50  $\mu$ L, 1.46 mmol, 5.0 equiv), and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, then slowly warmed to 0 °C over 1 h. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL) was added to quench the reaction, and the solution was gradually warmed to room temperature. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc and washed with brine, the combined organic solutions were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 10 % EtOAc-hexane to afford product **8** ( $R_f$  = 0.54 in 30% in EtOAc-hexane, 37.3 mg, 70% yield) as a white solid.

Select data for 8: mp. 66-67 °C;  $[a]_D^{22}$  –7.7 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 2957, 2870, 1727, 1464, 1378, 1232, 1130, 1010, 800, 650 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  4.50 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 1 H), 1.86 – 1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 3 H), 1.51 – 1.41 (m, 1 H), 1.41 – 1.32 (m, 1 H), 1.26 (s, 3 H), 1.18 (s, 3 H)

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H), 1.01 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  177.6 (C), 74.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.4 (CH), 43.7 (CH), 42.8 (C), 37.0 (CH), 33.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) m/z: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>: 205.1204; found: 205.1205.

#### One Pot Organocatalytic asymmetric Michael-Pictet-Spengler-Lactamization Reaction. Preparation of indoleamide 10a and 11a:



TFA (1.5 equiv), toluene, reflux, 6 h

To a mixture of 1 (25 mg 0.14 mmol) and catalyst III (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) in a 25-mL pear-shaped flask was added DBU (4.2 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 45 °C for 48 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the residue, which was then employed directly in the subsequent process without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in toluene (14 mL) was added tryptamine (32.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TFA (23.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was heated to reflux with the Dean-Stark trap for 6 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The solution was neutralized by the addition of an aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, monitored by pH paper. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 2). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The diastereomeric ratio, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude mixture, was found to be 84:16. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 35 % EtOAc-hexane as eluent ( $R_f$  = 0.41 for **11a**,  $R_f$  = 0.40 for **10a** in 70 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford products **10a** and **11a** (20.8 mg, 52 % yield). Purification of pure samples **10a** and **11a** for analysis.

Selected data for **10a**: white solid, mp: 200-201 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  109.4 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): IR (neat): 3352, 2946, 2867, 1625, 1409, 1351, 1307, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.83 (brs, 1 H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.12 – 7.09 (m, 1 H), 5.09 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 4.4, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 – 2.67 (m, 4 H), 2.38 – 2.02 (m, 3 H), 2.00 – 1.82 (m, 2 H), 1.61 – 1.51 (m, 1 H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz,

3 H), 1.38 - 1.15 (m, 2 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  169.9 (C), 135.9 (C), 133.1 (C), 126.7 (C), 122.2 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 118.4 (CH), 110.9 (C), 110.8 (CH), 60.1 (CH), 55.0 (CH), 42.4 (CH), 41.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.8 (CH), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>); MS (*m*/*z*, relative intensity): 294 (M<sup>+</sup>, 100), 279 (15), 237 (11), 211 (11), 170 (33), 169 (35), 143 (11), 97 (11), 83 (10), 69 (11), 57 (16); HRMS (GC-EI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O (M<sup>+</sup>): 294.1732; found: 294.1728.

Selected data for **11a**: white solid, mp: 149-150 °C (decomposed);  $[a]_D^{27}$  –30.4 (<u>c</u> 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.76 (brs, 1 H), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 – 7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.13 – 7.09 (m, 1 H), 5.15 – 5.12 (m, 1 H), 4.71 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.92 – 2.66 (m, 5 H), 2.26 – 1.98 (m, 4 H), 1.74 – 1.66 (m, 1 H), 1.54 – 1.45 (m, 1 H), 1.30 – 1.14 (m, 1 H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  169.0 (C), 136.0 (C), 133.7 (C), 126.6 (C), 122.3 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 118.4 (CH), 110.9 (CH), 110.1 (C), 55.8 (CH), 49.6 (CH), 41.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.5 (CH), 34.1 (CH), 33.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

#### **Recrystallization of 10a (major isomer) for single-crystal X-ray analysis:**

Compound **10a** (~3 mg) was placed in a screw cap vial (4 mL vial) and dissolved in ethyl acetate (3 mL). Cover the vial with aluminum foil (with 4-5 holes on it) and place in another 20-mL vial. The 20-mL was closed gently with a screw cap and let stand for 7-8 days until the complete evaporation of the solvent in the inner vial. The crystals formed were subjected to single-crystal X-ray analysis.



Thermal ellipsoids draw at the 50% probability level



Figure S2. ORTEP and Stereo plots for X-ray crystal structures of 10a (ic21774).

CCDC 2235983 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for **10a** (ic21774). These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk

## **Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **10a** (ic21774).

Identification code	ic21774	
Empirical formula	C38 H46 N4 O3	
Formula weight	606.79	
Temperature	200(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.6926(4) Å	α= 73.2229(17)°.
	b = 10.2171(5) Å	$\beta = 86.5859(18)^{\circ}.$
	c = 10.4436(5)  Å	$\gamma = 65.2493(15)^{\circ}$ .
Volume	804.46(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	1	
Density (calculated)	$1.252 \text{ Mg/m}^3$	
Absorption coefficient	0.080 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	326	
Crystal size	0.229 x 0.169 x 0.064 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.294 to 30.000°.	
Index ranges	-12<=h<=12, -14<=k<=14, -14<=l<=14	
Reflections collected	25318	
Independent reflections	9341 [R(int) = 0.0351]	
Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ}$	99.8 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9604 and 0.8889	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	9341 / 6 / 415	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.077	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0466, wR2 = 0.0920	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0649, wR2 = 0.1051	
Absolute structure parameter	-0.5(5)	
Extinction coefficient	0.047(6)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.195 and -0.183 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	



Thermal ellipsoids draw at the 50% probability level



Figure S3. ORTEP and Stereo plots for X-ray crystal structures of 10a, another crystal (ic21796).

CCDC 2236742 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for **10a**, **another crystal** (ic21796). These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk

Identification code	ic21796	
Empirical formula	C19 H23 N2 O1.50	
Formula weight	303.39	
Crystal system	Triclinic	
Space group	P1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.6495(4)  Å	$\alpha = 72.9361(19)^{\circ}$ .
	b = 10.1461(5) Å	$\beta = 86.3302(18)^{\circ}$ .
	c = 10.4409(5) Å	$\gamma = 65.6886(17)^{\circ}$ .
Volume	796.57(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
F(000)	326	
Density (calculated)	1.265 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Wavelength	1.54178 Å	
Cell parameters reflections used	9847	
Theta range for Cell parameters	4.44 to 78.11°.	
Absorption coefficient	0.634 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Crystal size	$0.200 \text{ x} \ 0.100 \text{ x} \ 0.050 \text{ mm}^3$	
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Bruker AXS D8 VENTURE, PhotonIII_C28	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.0000 and 0.8635	
No. of measured reflections	25517	
No. of independent reflections	6039 [R(int) = 0.0355]	
No. of observed [I>2_igma(I)]	5925	
Completeness to theta = $67.679^{\circ}$	99.3 %	
Theta range for data collection	4.439 to 78.353°.	
Refinement		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0393, wR2 = 0.1019	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0401, wR2 = 0.1031	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.021	
No. of reflections	6039	
No. of parameters	412	
No. of restraints	3	
Absolute structure parameter	0.12(17)	
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## **Table S3**. Crystal data and structure refinement for **10a**, another crystal (ic21796).

#### Preparation of indoleamide 10b.



TFA (1.5 equiv), toluene, reflux, 6 h

To a mixture of 1 (25 mg 0.14 mmol) and catalyst III (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) in a 25-mL pear-shaped flask was added DBU (4.2 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 45 °C for 48 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the residue, which was then employed directly in the subsequent process without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in toluene (14 mL) was added 5methoxytryptamine (38.7 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TFA (23.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was heated to reflux with the Dean-Stark trap for 6 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The solution was neutralized by the addition of an aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, monitored by pH paper. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 2). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The diastereomeric ratio, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude mixture, was found to be 84:16. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 35 % EtOAc-hexane as eluent ( $R_f$  = 0.45 for **10b** and **11b** in 70 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford products **10b** and **11b** (25.7 mg, 58% yield). Purification of the mixture using prolonged flash column chromatography resulted in the isolation of pure samples of **10b** for analysis.

Selected data for **10b**: white solid; mp 219–220 °C;  $[a]_D^{25}$  93.5 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 3371, 2929, 2878, 1622, 1462, 1411, 1265, 1211, 1031, 916, 797, 626 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.70 (brs, 1 H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 6.93 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.10 – 5.05 (m, 1 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 2.86 – 2.64 (m, 4 H), 2.30 – 2.22 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 – 2.02 (m, 1 H), 1.99 – 1.81 (m, 2 H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 1 H), 1.35 – 1.22 (m, 2 H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  169.9 (C), 154.4 (C), 134.0 (C), 130.9 (C), 127.1 (C), 112.2 (CH), 111.5 (CH), 110.7 (C), 100.4 (CH), 60.1 (CH), 55.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.0 (CH), 42.3 (CH), 41.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.8 (CH), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 325.1916; found: 325.1912.

Selected data for **11b** from the mixture of **10b** and **11b**: 169.9 (C),<sup>§</sup> 154.4 (C),<sup>§</sup> 134.0 (C),<sup>§</sup>

130.9 (C),<sup>§</sup> 127.1 (C),<sup>§</sup> 112.22 (CH),\* 111.6, (CH),\* 109.9 (C),\* 100.4 (CH),<sup>§</sup> 55.90 (CH<sub>3</sub>),\* 55.8 (CH),\* 49.6 (CH),\* 41.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 39.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 35.5 (CH),\* 34.0 (CH),\* 33.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 21.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).\* <sup>§</sup>Overlap with major isomer **10b**; \*peaks of **11b**.

#### Preparation of indoleamide 10c



TFA (1.5 equiv), toluene, reflux, 6 h

To a mixture of 1 (25 mg 0.14 mmol) and catalyst III (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) in a 25-mL pear-shaped flask was added DBU (4.2 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 45 °C for 48 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the residue, which was then employed directly in the subsequent process without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in toluene (14 mL) was added 5bromotryptamine (48.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TFA (23.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was heated to reflux with the Dean-Stark trap for 6 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The solution was neutralized by the addition of an aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, monitored by pH paper. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 2). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The diastereomeric ratio, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude mixture, was found to be 82:18. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 35 % EtOAc-hexane as eluent ( $R_f = 0.51$  for **10c** and  $R_f = 0.52$  **11c** in 70 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford products **10c** and **11c** (31.2 mg, 62% yield). Purification of pure samples of **10c** and **11c** for analysis.

Selected data for **10c:** mp: 226-227 °C (decomposed);  $[a]_D^{27}$  128.8 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 3289, 2947, 2865, 1619, 1408, 1306, 799, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.87 (brs, 1 H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.10 – 5.05 (m, 1 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 – 2.72 (m, 3 H), 2.68 – 2.63 (m, 1 H), 2.30 – 2.24 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.14 – 2.01 (m, 1 H), 2.00 – 1.81 (m, 2 H), 1.60 – 1.52 (m, 1 H), 1.36 – 1.21 (m, 2 H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  169.8 (C), 134.5 (C), 134.5 (C), 128.5 (C), 125.0 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 113.1 (C), 112.2 (CH), 110.6 (C), 59.9 (CH), 54.8 (CH), 42.4 (CH), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.8 (CH), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M–H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O: 371.0759; found: 371.0759.

Selected data for **11c**: white solid, 275-276 °C;  $[a]_D^{22}$  –52.1 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.82 (brs, 1 H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.16 – 5.09 (m, 1 H), 4.68 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.88 – 2.74 (m, 3 H), 2.73 – 2.63 (m, 2 H), 2.26 – 2.16 (m, 1 H), 2.15 – 1.98 (m, 3 H), 1.72 – 1.63 (m, 1 H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 1 H), 1.25 – 1.15 (m, 1 H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  168.9 (C), 135.1 (C), 134.6 (C), 128.4 (C), 125.0 (CH), 121.1 (CH), 113.1 (C), 112.3 (CH), 109.8 (C), 55.7 (CH), 49.4 (CH), 41.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.6 (CH), 34.0 (CH), 33.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

#### Preparation of indoleamide 10d.



TFA (1.5 equiv), toluene, reflux, 6 h

To a mixture of 1 (25 mg 0.14 mmol) and catalyst III (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) in a 25-mL pear-shaped flask was added DBU (4.2 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 45 °C for 48 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the residue, which was then employed directly in the subsequent process without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in toluene (14 mL) was added 5methyltryptamine (35.4 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TFA (23.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was heated to reflux with the Dean-Stark trap for 6 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The solution was neutralized by the addition of an aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, monitored by pH paper. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 2). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The diastereomeric ratio, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude mixture, was found to be 88:12. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 35 % EtOAc-hexane as eluent ( $R_f = 0.43$  for **10d** and **10d** in 70 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford products **10d** and **11d** (23.2 mg, 55 % yield). Purification of the mixture using prolonged flash column chromatography resulted in the isolation of pure samples of **10d** for analysis.

Selected data for **10d**: mp 218–219 °C;  $[a]_D^{27}$  107.0 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 3303, 2945, 2862, 1625, 1406, 1310, 1232, 795 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.71 (brs, 1 H), 7.27 (s, 1 H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.99 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.10 – 5.04 (m, 1 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 – 2.64 (m, 4 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.32 – 2.25 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 – 2.00 (m, 1 H), 1.99 – 1.79 (m, 2 H), 1.56 – 1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.35 – 1.26 (m, 2 H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  169.9 (C), 134.2 (C), 133.2 (C), 129.2 (C), 126.9 (C), 123.7 (CH), 118.2 (CH), 110.44 (CH), 110.40 (C), 60.1 (CH), 55.1 (CH), 42.4 (CH), 41.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.8 (CH), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O: 309.1967; found: 309.1959.

#### Preparation of indoleamide 10e.



TFA (1.5 equiv), toluene, reflux, 6 h

To a mixture of **1** (25 mg 0.14 mmol) and catalyst **III** (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv), and CHCl<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) in a 25-mL pear-shaped flask was added DBU (4.2 mg, 0.03 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 45 °C for 48 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was concentrated *in vacuo* to give the residue, which was then employed directly in the subsequent process without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in toluene (14 mL) was added 5-chlorotryptamine (39.7 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and TFA (23.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was heated to reflux with the Dean-Stark trap for 6 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The solution was neutralized by the addition of an aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, monitored by pH paper. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL x 2). The combined organic solution was washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The diastereomeric ratio, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis of the crude mixture, was found to be 83:17. The crude product was

purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 35 % EtOAc-hexane as eluent ( $R_f = 0.47$  for **10e** and  $R_f = 0.48$  **11e** in 70 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford products **10e** and **11e** (28.3 mg, 63% yield). Purification of the mixture using prolonged flash column chromatography resulted in the isolation of pure samples of **10e** and **11e** for analysis.

Selected data for **10e**: white solid; mp 241–242 °C;  $[a]_D^{27}$  100.6 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 3300, 2947, 2867, 1619, 1464, 1406, 1306, 1051, 800, 755, 660 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.86 (s, 1 H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.10 – 5.05 (m, 1 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.86 – 2.72 (m, 3 H), 2.69 – 2.63 (m, 1 H), 2.31 – 2.24 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 1 H), 2.01 – 1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 1 H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 1 H), 1.35 – 1.22 (m, 2 H) 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  169.8 (C), 134.6 (C), 134.2 (C), 127.8 (C), 125.6 (C), 122.5 (CH), 118.0 (CH), 111.8 (CH), 110.7 (C), 59.9 (CH), 54.8 (CH), 42.4 (CH), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.9 (CH), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M–H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>20</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O: 327.1264; found: 327.1262.

Selected data for **11e**: white solid; mp 188-189 °C (decomposed);  $[a]_D^{27}$  –39.9 (c 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat): 3350, 2957, 2860, 1623, 1456, 1261, 1099, 1018, 803, 758 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.79 (brs, 1 H), 7.44 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.17 – 5.08 (m, 1 H), 4.68 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.88 – 2.75 (m, 3 H), 2.73 – 2.64 (m, 2 H), 2.25 – 2.17 (m, 1 H), 2.15 – 1.99 (m, 4 H), 1.73 – 1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.61 – 1.46 (m, 1 H), 1.18 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  168.9 (C), 135.3 (C), 134.3 (C), 127.8 (C), 125.6 (C), 122.5 (CH), 118.1 (CH), 111.9 (CH), 109.9 (C), 55.7 (CH), 49.4 (CH), 41.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.6 (CH), 34.0 (CH), 33.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

#### **Recrystallization of 11e (minor isomer) for single-crystal X-ray analysis:**

Compound **11e** (~2.5 mg) in a screw-capped vial (4 mL vial) was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (~0.5 mL), and diluted with hexane (~2.5 mL). The vial was covered with aluminum foil (with 4-5 holes on it) and placed in another 20-mL vial filled with n-hexane (~8 mL). The 20-mL was closed gently with a screw cap and let stand for 6-7 days until the solvent in the inner vial has completely evaporated. The crystals formed were subjected to single-crystal X-ray analysis.



Thermal ellipsoids draw at the 50% probability level



Figure S4. ORTEP and Stereo plots for X-ray crystal structures of 11e (ic21750).

CCDC 2235984 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for **11e** (ic21750). These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk

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Identification code	ic21750		
Empirical formula	C19 H21 Cl N2 O		
Formula weight	328.83		
Temperature	200(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Orthorhombic		
Space group	P212121		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 7.2485(2) Å	α= 90°.	
	b = 10.0179(3) Å	β= 90°.	
	c = 22.3054(7)  Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ .	
Volume	1619.70(8) Å <sup>3</sup>		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	$1.348 \text{ Mg/m}^3$		
Absorption coefficient	0.242 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.242 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	696		
Crystal size	0.540 x 0.418 x 0.034 m	0.540 x 0.418 x 0.034 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.229 to 27.497°.	2.229 to 27.497°.	
Index ranges	-9<=h<=9, -13<=k<=12,	-9<=h<=9, -13<=k<=12, -28<=l<=24	
Reflections collected	24516		
Independent reflections	3712 [R(int) = 0.0361]	3712 [R(int) = 0.0361]	
Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ}$	99.9 %	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equ	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9604 and 0.8231	0.9604 and 0.8231	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	3712 / 0 / 213	3712 / 0 / 213	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.122		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0420, wR2 = 0.08	390	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0519, wR2 = 0.09	975	
Absolute structure parameter	0.02(3)		
Extinction coefficient	n/a		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.261 and -0.230 e.Å $^{\text{-3}}$	0.261 and -0.230 e.Å - <sup>3</sup>	

## **Table S4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **11e** (ic21750).

#### Reaction of aldehyde 1 with cat. III-HOAc (0.2 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN:



To a solution of catalyst **III** (188.9 mg, 0.58 mmol, 0.20 equiv) and **1** (535.0 mg, 2.90 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9.6 mL) was added acetic acid (33  $\mu$ L, 0.58 mmol, 0.20 equiv) at ambient temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 30 °C for 24 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction solution was diluted with EtOAc, and washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 5% EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.51$  in 20% EtOAc-hexane) to afford products **2** and **12** (ratio 1:1; 349.8 mg, 65% yield;  $R_f = 0.51$  in 20% EtOAc-hexane) as a colorless oil and **13** (37.8 mg; 7% yield,  $R_f = 0.52$  in 20% EtOAc-hexane) for analysis.

Selected data for **12** (**12** denoted by an asterisk, identified from the mixture with **2**): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  9.73 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1 H\*), 9.54 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.62 (s, 3 H), 3.61 (s, 3 H\*), 2.81 – 2.72 (m, 1 H\*), 2.66 – 2.55 (m, 1 H), 2.54 – 2.43 (m, 1 H\*), 2.37 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.7 Hz, 2 H\*), 2.24 – 2.14 (m, 1 H), 2.09 – 2.00 (m, 1 H\*), 2.00 – 1.83 (m, 3 H and 2 H\*), 1.48 – 1.39 (m, 1 H), 1.38 – 1.25 (m, 1 H and 2 H\*), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3 H\*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  204.5 (CH),\* 203.2 (CH), 172.88 (C),\* 172.74 (C), 65.8 (CH), 60.3 (CH),\* 51.53 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.50 (CH<sub>3</sub>),\* 39.28 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 39.25 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.5 (CH), 37.1 (CH),\* 36.8 (CH), 35.2 (CH),\* 34.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 33.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 31.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).\*

Preparation of (+)-7-epi-boschnialactone 14



To a stirred solution of **13** (50.0 mg, 0.27 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (20.5 mg, 0.54 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 4 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction was quenched by the addition of an aqueous solution of 2N HCl (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.45$  in 30 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford product **14** (32.8 mg, 78% yield) as a white solid. Selected data for **14**: m.p. 56–57 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  94.2 (*c* 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  4.25 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.63 – 2.53 (m, 2 H), 2.35 – 2.29 (m, 1 H), 2.02 – 1.95 (m, 1 H), 1.89 – 1.74 (m, 3 H), 1.26 – 1.08 (m, 2 H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3 H); <sup>5 13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  173.7 (C), 69.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.6 (CH), 37.5 (CH), 34.82 (CH), 34.81 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>); HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>: 177.08915; found: 177.08918.

#### Reduction of the mixture of 2, 12, and 13



To a stirred solution of the mixture of **2**, **12**, and **13** (50.0 mg, 0.27 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (20.5 mg, 0.54 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at 0  $^{\circ}$ C. The resulting solution was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tanaka, D.; Yoshino, T.; Kouno, I.; Miyashita, M.; Irie, H. *Tetrahedron*, **1993**, *49*, 10253 – 10262. (b) Inoue,

T.; Kitagawa, O.; Saito, A.; Taguchi, T. J. Org. Chem. 1997, 62, 7384 - 7389.

stirred at room temperature for 3 h, and the reaction was quenched by the addition of an aqueous solution of 2N HCl (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 30 % EtOAc-hexane to afford the inseparable **4** and **16** mixtures as a colorless oil (34.8 mg, 69% yield;  $R_f = 0.47$  in 40% EtOAc-hexane) and **14** as a white solid (4.5 mg, 11% yield;  $R_f = 0.48$  in 40% EtOAc-hexane).

#### Preparation of 4 and 16



To a stirred solution of the mixture of **2** and **12** (100.0 mg, 0.54 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (41.0 mg, 1.08 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction was further stirred at room temperature for a additional 16 h, but no lactone product was produced, and the reaction was unchanged for a prolonged reaction. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 20 % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.47$  in 40 % EtOAc-hexane) to afford products of the inseparable **4** and **16** mixtures (82.1 mg, 81% yield) as a colorless oil. The two isomers were unable to be separated by silica gel chromatography.

Selected data for **16** (**16** denoted by an asterisk, identified from the mixture with **4**): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  3.68 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.5 Hz, 1 H\*), 3.655 (s, 3 H), 3.649 (s, 3 H\*), 3.61 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.50 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.0 Hz, 1 H\*), 2.45 – 2.40 (m, 1 H\* and 1 H), 2.37 – 2.28 (m, 1 H\* and 1 H), 2.21 – 2.10 (m, 1 H\* and 1 H), 2.00 – 1.65 (m, 4 H\* and 4 H), 1.40 – 1.12 (m, 3 H\* and 3 H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 0.91 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H\*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  174.5 (C), 174.3 (C),\* 64.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 63.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 55.8 (CH), 51.62 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.56 (CH<sub>3</sub>),\* 50.4 (CH),\* 40.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 40.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.6 (CH), 37.4 (CH),\* 37.1 (CH), 35.6 (CH),\* 33.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 32.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 31.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 15.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>).\*

#### **Preparation of Lactone 5 and 17**



To a solution of the mixture of **4** and **16** (210.0 mg, 1.13 mmol) in THF (4.2 mL) was added an aqueous solution of LiOH (54.3 mg, 2.27 mmol, 2.0 equiv) in water (2.1 mL) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 2-3 by adding 2M aqueous HCl at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted and extracted with EtOAc. The solution was washed with water and brine. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product as an oil. This residue was proceeded to the next step without further purification.

To a solution of the above crude product in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (21 mL) was added DCC (233.9 mg, 1.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and DMAP (27.2 mg, 0.20 mmol, 0.2 equiv) at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h until the completion of the reaction, as monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, followed by washing with brine and water. The combined organic solution was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 10-15 % EtOAc-hexane ( $R_f = 0.48$  in 40% EtOAc-hexane) to afford the mixture of products **5** and **17** (121.2 mg, 70% yield) as a colorless oil.

Selected data for **17** (**17** denoted by an asterisk, identified from the mixture with **5**): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  4.55 (dd, J = 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.51 (dd, J = 10.5, 5.0 Hz, 1 H\*), 4.21 (dd, J = 12.0, 10.5 Hz, 1 H\*), 4.05 (dd, J = 11.7, 10.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.90 (dd, J = 17.8, 5.0 Hz, 1 H\*), 2.84 (dd, J = 17.7, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.39 – 1.61 (m, 5 H and 5 H\*), 1.47 – 1.08 (m, 3 H and 3 H\*), 1.03 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 0.84 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H\*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  170.5 (C and C\*), 74.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 72.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 48.6 (CH), 44.0 (CH),\* 41.5 (CH), 38.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.6 (CH),\* 36.0 (CH), 33.7(CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 33.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.9 (CH),\* 31.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>),\* 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).\*

Preparation of (-)-isoiridomyrmecin 15



To a solution of **14** (20.0 mg, 0.13 mmol) in dry THF (1.6 mL) was added lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (0.26 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.26 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, followed by the addition of iodomethane (10 µL, 0.16 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of an aqueous saturated solution of NH4Cl (5 mL), and the solution was gradually warmed up to room temperature. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, and the combined organic solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 0 to 10 % EtOAc-hexane to afford product isoiridomyrmecin (**15**,  $R_f = 0.52$  in 30% in EtOAc-hexane, 16.1 mg, 74% yield) as a white solid.

Selected data for **15**: mp. 53–54 °C;  $[a]_D^{23}$ –57.4 (*c* 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  4.36 – 4.30 (m, 1 H), 3.93 (t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 – 2.24 (m, 1 H), 2.14 – 2.07 (m, 1 H), 2.06 – 1.96 (m, 2 H), 1.91 – 1.83 (m, 1 H), 1.68 – 1.59 (m, 1 H), 1.36 – 1.23 (m, 2 H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.03 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3 H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz):  $\delta$  176.4 (C), 69.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 45.3 (CH), 43.1 (CH), 39.1 (CH), 38.3 (CH), 35.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>);<sup>4</sup> HRMS (HPLC-ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>: 191.10480; found: 191.10483.

#### Preparation of 6, 7, 18, and 19 with LiHMDS:



To a solution of **5** and **17** mixtures (110.0 mg, 0.71 mmol) in dry THF (8.9 mL) was added lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (1.42 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 1.42 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at -78

°C. The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, followed by the addition of iodomethane (55 µL, 0.88 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and the solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of an aqueous saturated solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL), and the solution was gradually warmed up to room temperature. The resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc, washed with brine, and the combined organic solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a crude oil. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 10 to 25 % EtOAc-hexane to afford the product mixtures of **6**, **7**, **18**, and **19** in several fractions ( $R_f$  = 0.50-0.52 in 30% in EtOA-hexane, total collecting weight: 80.5 mg; 67% yield). The properties of these isomers are very similar and individual pure substances cannot be completely separated from the mixture of these isomers. However, in addition to compounds **6** and **7**, compounds **18** and **19** can also be identified from some fractions, where the <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift values were in good agreement with the literature data.<sup>4</sup>

Select data from the spectra of isomers: For **18** (iridomyrmecin C'): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 175.0, 72.4, 41.0, 38.9, 37.3, 34.1, 31.8, 26.1, 17.1, 13.2. For **19** (iridomyrmecin D'): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): 173.9, 72.2, 44.5, 44.4, 44.1, 33.7, 32.6, 30.3, 17.2, 15.7.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ref. 4; lit. data, for **18** (iridomyrmecin C): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 175.1, 72.5, 41.0, 38.9, 37.3, 34.1, 31.8, 26.1, 17.1, 13.2. For **19** (iridomyrmecin D): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz): δ 174.0, 72.2, 44.6, 44.5, 44.2, 33.7, 32.6, 30.3, 17.2, 15.7.



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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3) of compound 1

Plot date 2015-12-09



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 1



DEPT of compound 1



1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3) of compound 2

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13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 2



DEPT of compound 2




COSY of compound 2

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NOESY of compound 2





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1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 3

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COSY of compound 3

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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 4

Plot date 2016-04-29

PDC-02-425-F1







DEPT of compound 4

PDC-02-425-F1

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Date collected 2	016-04-28	Solvent cdcl3	Spectrometer Agilent-NMR-inova500	Operator vnmr2



HSQC of compound 4



COSY of compound 4



NOESY of compound 4



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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3) of compound 5

Plot date 2022-12-20



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 5

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Sample Name RRT-244-F1	Pulse sequence DEPT	Temperature 25	Study owner vnmr2	
Date collected 2022-12-16	Solvent cdcl3	Spectrometer Agilent-NMR-inova500	Operator vnmr2	



DEPT of compound 5



HSQC of compound 5





COSY of compound 5, expanded

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Plot date 2022-12-17



NOESY of compound 5

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NOESY of compound 5, expanded

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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 6

Plot date 2022-12-26

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13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 6

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DEPT of compound 6

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NOESY of compound 6

Plot date 2022-12-26



Data file /home/vnmr2/vnmrsys/data/511/RRT/RRT-04-087-II/PROTON\_03

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 7

Plot date 2022-12-26



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 7

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Sample Name RRT-04-087-II	Pulse sequence DEPT	Temperature 25	Study owner vnmr2	367
Date collected 2022-12-24	Solvent cdcl3	Spectrometer Agilent-NMR-inova500	Operator vnmr2	

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DEPT of compound 7

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HSQC of compound 7



COSY of compound 7



NOESY of compound 7

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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 8

Plot date 2022-12-11



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 8

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RRT-04-084-F-I				
Sample Name RRT-04-084-F-I	Pulse sequence DEPT	Temperature 25	Study owner vnmr2	S73
Date collected 2022-12-09	Solvent cdcl3	Spectrometer Agilent-NMR-inova500	Operator vnmr2	



## DEPT of compound 8



HSQC of compound 8





NOESY of compound 8



1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10a

Plot date 2022-10-18



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10a

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DEPT of compound 10a



HSQC of compound 10a



COSY of compound 10a





1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 11a

Piot date 2022-11-30



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 11a

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HSQC of compound 11a

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COSY of compound 11a





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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10b

Plot date 2022-12-20

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13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10b

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DEPT of compound 10b

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COSY of compound 10b

Plot date 2022-12-19



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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3) of the mixture of 10b and 11b

Plot date 2022-11-01

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13C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of the mixture of 10b and 11b

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DEPT of the mixture of 10b and 11b





COSY of the mixture of **10b** and **11b** 



NOESY of the mixture of **10b** and **11b** 



Data file /home/vnmr2/vnmrsys/data/511/RRT/RRT-04-075-F-II/PROTON\_03

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCI3) of compound 10c

Plot date 2022-11-12



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10c

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DEPT of compound 10c





COSY of compound 10c



NOESY of compound 10c



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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 11c

Plot date 2023-01-09



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 11c


DEPT of compound 11c





COSY of compound 11c



Data file /home/vnmr2/vnmrsys/data/511/RRT/RRT-04-089-F-I/NOESY\_01

NOESY of compound 11c



Data file /home/vnmr2/vnmrsys/data/511/RRT/RRT-04-069/PROTON\_03

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10d

Plot date 2022-11-05



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10d

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DEPT of compound 10d









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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10e

Plot date 2022-11-01



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 10e

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DEPT of compound 10e







NOESY of compound 10e



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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 11e

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## RRT-04-070-F-I

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13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 11e



DEPT of compound 11e



HSQC of compound 11e





NOESY of compound 11e



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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of the mixture of **2** and **12** (Scheme 3)

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Data file /home/vnmr2/vnmrsys/data/511/RRT/RRT-04-090-I/PROTON\_03

1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 13

Plot date 2023-01-07



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 13

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DEPT of compound 14



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COSY of compound 14


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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 15



13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of compound 15

Plot date 2023-01-14



DEPT of compound 15





COSY of compound 15





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(Scheme 3)

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13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of the mixture of 4 and 16

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DEPT of the mixture of **4** and **16** (Scheme 3)



HSQC of the mixture of 4 and 16 (Scheme 3)



COSY of the mixture of 4 and 16 (Scheme 3)



NOESY of the mixture of 4 and 16 (Scheme 3)



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1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3) of the mixture of **5** and **17** (Scheme 3)

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Sample Name RRT-04-071	Pulse sequence DEPT	Temperature 25	Study owner vnmr2	5160
Date collected 2022-10-31	Solvent cdcl3	Spectrometer Agilent-NMR-inova500	Operator vnmr2	



DEPT of the mixture of **5** and **17** (Scheme 3)



HSQC of the mixture of **5** and **17** (Scheme 3)



COSY of the mixture of **5** and **17** (Scheme 3)



NOESY of the mixture of 5 and 17 (Scheme 3)





13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of the mixture of 7 (major) and 18 (minor), Scheme 3

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13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) of the mixture of 19 (major) and other isomers (minor), Scheme 3



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HPLC analysis of (–)-1, obtained from the metathesis reaction of (–)-citronellal.



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HPLC analysis of  $(\pm)$ -1, obtained from the metathesis reaction of  $(\pm)$ -citronellal For comparison.



Peak rejection level: 200

HPLC analysis with the co-injection of (-)-1 and  $(\pm)-1$ , for comparison.