Supporting Information

Deaminative Ring Contraction for the Synthesis of Polycyclic Heteroaromatics: A Concise Total Synthesis of Toddaquinoline

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Miscellaneous Synthetic Procedures

 $\label{eq:2-bromo-3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde} \textit{(S1)}$

To a solution of KOH (15.6 mmol) in water (10 ml) at 50 °C was added 2-bromo-3-hydroxy-4methoxybenzaldehyde (8.6 mmol) with aggressive stirring. To this solution, dimethyl sulfate (13.8 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 minutes, followed by an additional 10 minutes of stirring. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and the precipitate was filtered, washed twice with 1 M NaOH, twice with water, then dissolved in dichloromethane. Solvent was removed *in vacuo* and **S1** was isolated as a white solid (1.37 g, 5.62 mmol, 65%). Spectroscopic data for **S1** match those previously reported.¹

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.25 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 188.4, 156.1, 143.8, 124.8, 123.9, 120.6, 108.4, 58.1, 53.7.

2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (S2) MeO



To a stirred solution of 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (18.1 mmol) in methanol (30 mL) was added Br_2 dropwise over the course of 30 minutes, followed by an additional hour of stirring. The reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was washed with cold water and pet. ether. **S2** was isolated as a tan solid (4.01 g, 16.8 mmol, 91%). Spectroscopic data for **S2** match those previously reported.²

¹**H NMR** ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.17 (s, 1H), 7.40 (s, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.91 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 190.89, 154.45, 148.83, 126.49, 120.36, 115.41, 110.39, 56.48, 56.13.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₉H₁₀O₃Br [M+H]+: 244.9813 found 244.9820.



Prepared according to a literature procedure used for similar molecules.³ To a solution of 21.80 mmol t-BuOK in 17.5 mL Et₂O was added a solution of 4.36 mmol methyl 3-bromo-4-methylbenzoate in 1 mL Et₂O, dropwise. The reaction was stirred for 10 minutes, by which time it appeared to be complete based on analysis by TLC. The reaction was quenched by slowly pouring the mixture into ice water. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL \times 3). Combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated to yield **S3** as an orange oil (831 mg, 3.06 mmol, 70%). Spectroscopic data for **S3** closely match those previously reported.⁴

TLC $R_f = 0.61$ (9:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.11 (d, *J* = 1.70 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (dd, *J* = 7.86, 1.76 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.87 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H).





To a pressure tube was added palladium(II) acetate (0.029 mmol) and N-bromosuccinimide (0.60 mmol). The tube was purged with nitrogen, followed by addition of **17** (0.57 mmol) dissolved in 4.8 mL acetonitrile. The tube was sealed and heated to 100°C for 40 hrs. The solution was evaporated, and residue was purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hexanes to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc to yield **S4** as white crystals (96 mg, 0.35 mmol, 62%). Spectroscopic data for **S4** closely match those previously reported.⁵

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.09 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.58 (m, 2H), 2.76 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.5, 146.2, 140.4, 135.6, 134.5, 130.4, 128.8, 128.0, 127.6, 127.51, 126.0, 121.7, 121.6, 26.1.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₁NBr [M+H]⁺: 272.0075, found 272.0082.

General procedure A for the synthesis of secondary amines

Methylamine hydrochloride (3 equiv.) and potassium carbonate (3 equiv.) were stirred in methanol (0.2 M) in a round bottom flask for 30 min. Aldehyde (1 equiv.) was added to the flask and the mixture stirred for an additional 2 hr. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and sodium borohydride (1.2 equiv.) was added in portions. The solution was allowed to reach room temperature while stirring for an additional 2 hr. The reaction mixture was filtered, then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the crude material was partitioned into water and EtOAc. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc (20 mL), then the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (15 mL) and dried over anhydrous MgSO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the desired secondary amine which was used without further purification.

1-(6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (32)

Reaction performed following general procedure A with 10.9 mmol of 6-

bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxole-5-carbaldehyde. 32 was isolated as a colorless oil (2.66 g, 10.9 mmol,

99%). Spectroscopic data for 32 match those previously reported.⁶

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 5.97 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.3, 132.4, 114.2, 112.76, 112.75, 110.2, 101.7, 55.6, 35.8. HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₉H₁₁NO₂Br [M+H]⁺: 243.9973, found 243.9978.

1-(2-bromophenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S5)

Reaction performed following general procedure **A** with 16.2 mmol of 2-bromobenzaldehyde. **S5** was isolated as a colorless oil (2.617 g, 13.1 mmol, 81%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.56 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dt, *J*= 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.32 –7.27 (m, 1H), 7.16 –7.11 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.0, 132.7, 130.2, 128.5, 127.3, 123.9, 55.6, 35.8.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₈H₁₁NBr [M+H]⁺: 200.0075, found 200.0078.

1-(1-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (S6)



Reaction performed following general procedure **A** with 12.8 mmol of 1-bromo-2- naphthaldehyde. **S6** was isolated as an orange oil (2.943 g, 11.8 mmol, 92%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.33 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.84 – 7.76 (m, 2H), 7.59 (ddd , *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H)
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 137.0, 133.8, 128.04, 128.03, 127.7, 127.6, 127.4, 127.2, 126.3, 123.9, 56.5, 35.8.

HRMS (ESI+): Calcd. for C12H12NBr [M+H]+: 250.0231, found 250.0207

1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (S7)



Reaction performed following general procedure **A** with 53.8 mmol of 2-bromonicotinaldehyde. To effectively extract product, extractions were performed 7x with 5:1 CHCl₃:iPrOH instead of 3x with EtOAc. **S7** was isolated as a light yellow liquid (10.453 g, 52.0 mmol, 97%). Spectroscopic data for **S7** match those previously reported.⁶

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.26 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 2.0, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.6, 143.7, 138.2, 136.3, 123.0, 54.6, 36.0.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₇H₁₀N₂Br [M+H]⁺: 201.0027, found 201.0029.

1-(2-bromo-3-methylphenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S8)

Reaction performed following general procedure **A** with 2.51 mmol of 2-bromo-3methylbenzaldehyde. **S8** was isolated as an opaque oil (505 mg, 2.36 mmol, 94%).

TLC $R_f = 0.10$ (2:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.20 – 7.13 (m, 3H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 139.4, 138.7, 129.6, 127.8, 126.9, 126.7, 56.5, 35.9, 23.8. **HRMS** (**ESI**⁺): *Calcd*. for C₉H₁₃NBr [M+H]⁺: 214.0231, found 214.0227.

1-(2-bromo-4-methylphenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S9)



Reaction performed following general procedure A with 6.17 mmol of 2-bromo-4-

methylbenzaldehyde. S9 was isolated as a colorless oil (1.128 g, 5.26 mmol, 86%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 7.72 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 7.64 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.7, 136.0, 133.3, 130.2, 128.2, 123.9, 55.5, 35.9, 20.7. HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₉H₁₃NBr [M+H]⁺: 214.0231, found 214.0235.

1-(2-bromo-5-methylphenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S10) Me H Br

Reaction performed following general procedure A with 2.51 mmol of 2-bromo-5-

methylbenzaldehyde. S10 was isolated as an opaque oil (499 mg, 2.33 mmol, 93%).

TLC $R_f = 0.13$ (2:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.6, 137.4, 132.6, 131.3, 129.5, 120.7, 55.8, 36.0, 21.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₉H₁₃NBr [M+H]⁺: 214.0231, found 214.0227. 1-(2-bromo-4-methoxylphenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S11)

Reaction performed following general procedure **A** with 9.30 mmol of 2-bromo-5methoxybenzaldehyde. **S11** was isolated as a tan solid (1.500 g, 6.52 mmol, 70%). ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.31 (d, *J* = 8.45 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 2.60 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.46, 2.60 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.5, 131.4, 129.9, 124.6, 118.2, 113.5, 55.6, 54.6, 35.2. **HRMS (ESI⁺):** *Calcd.* for C₉H₁₃NOBr [M+H]⁺: 230.0181, found 230.0186.

$$\begin{array}{c} 1-(2\text{-bromo-5-methoxylphenyl})\text{-}N\text{-}methylmethanamine} (S12)\\ MeO & & \\ & & & \\$$

Reaction performed following general procedure A with 6.98 mmol of 2-bromo-5-

methoxybenzaldehyde. S12 was isolated as a colorless oil (1.093 g, 4.75 mmol, 68%).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.41 (dd, J = 8.68, 1.32 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 3.19, 1.30 Hz,

1H), 6.69 (ddd, *J* = 8.69, 3.13, 1.31 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 1.31 Hz, 3H), 3.78 (d, *J* = 1.31 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 1.31 Hz, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.1, 140.1, 133.4, 115.9, 114.44, 114.35, 55.9, 55.6, 36.0. HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₉H₁₃NOBr [M+H]⁺: 230.0181, found 230.0188. 1-(2-bromo-3,4-dimethoxylphenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S13)

Reaction performed following general procedure **A** with 5.59 mmol of **S1. S13** was isolated as a pale yellow liquid (1.263 g, 4.86 mmol, 87%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.6, 146.5, 131.8, 125.2, 119.6, 110.9, 60.4, 56.0, 55.5, 35.6.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₀H₁₄NO₂Br [M+H]⁺: 260.0286, found 260.0291.

 $\label{eq:loss} 1\mbox{-}(2\mbox{-}bromo\mbox{-}4,\mbox{-}dimethoxylphenyl)\mbox{-}N\mbox{-}methylmethanamine} \ ({\bf S14})$



Reaction performed following general procedure **A** with 3.56 mmol of **S2**. **S14** was isolated as a pale yellow liquid (0.907 g, 3.49 mmol, 98%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.00 (s, 1H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 6H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.5, 148.3, 131.0, 115.4, 113.7, 112.9, 56.1, 56.0, 55.4, 35.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₀H₁₄NO₂Br [M+H]⁺: 260.0286, found 260.0293.

1-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S15)



Reaction performed following general procedure A with 9.85 mmol of 2-bromo-4-

fluorobenzaldehyde. S15 was isolated as a yellow oil (1.267 g, 5.81 mmol, 59%).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.36 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.6 Hz, 1H),

7.00 (td, *J* = 8.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.5, 160.5, 131.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.5$ Hz), 123.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 9.5$ Hz),

120.1 (dd, J_{CF} = 24.3, 1.0 Hz), 114.5 (d, J_{CF} = 20.6 Hz), 55.0, 35.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₈H₁₀NBrF [M+H]⁺: 217.9981, found 217.9986.

General procedure B for the synthesis of tertiary amines

To a round bottom flask was added aldehyde (1 equiv.) and benzylamine (1.2 equiv.), dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.3 M). AcOH (1 equiv.) was added dropwise and stirred at room temperature for 10 min. NaBH(OAc)₃ (2 equiv.) was added portion wise and stirred at 40 °C for 18 hr. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, washed with NaHCO₃ (10 mL \times 3), and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography, using a gradient of 100% hexane to 9:1 Hex:EtOAc to afford the desired tertiary amine.

General procedure C for the synthesis of tertiary amines

To a round bottom flask was added secondary amine (1 equiv.), benzyl halide (1.1 equiv.), and Hünig's base (1.5 equiv.) dissolved in acetonitrile (0.2 M). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hr. After cooling to room temperature, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography, using a gradient of 100% hexane to 9:1 Hex:EtOAc to afford the desired tertiary amine.

General procedure D for synthesis of tertiary amines

To a round bottom flask was added methyl arene (1 equiv.), *N*-bromosuccinimide (1 equiv.), benzoyl peroxide (0.05 equiv.) dissolved in benzene (0.2 M). The reaction mixture was refluxed at 80 °C for 6 hr. The mixture was cooled to room temperature followed by addition of substituted benzylamine (1 equiv.) dissolved in THF (0.6 M). The solution was stirred overnight at room temperature and quenched with 2M NH₄OH (10 mL), followed by extraction three times with EtOAc (20 mL). Combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL), dried over MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography, using a gradient of 100% hexane to 9:1 Hex:EtOAc to afford the desired tertiary amine.

N-(2-bromo-3-methylbenzyl)-1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (22a)

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 2.36 mmol of 3-bromo-2-methylpyridine and 2.36 mmol of secondary amine **S8**. **22a** was isolated as a yellow oil (532 mg, 1.39 mmol, 59%). **TLC** $R_f = 0.35$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.21 – 7.11 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.3, 143.8, 138.7, 138.7, 138.3, 136.1, 129.6, 128.0, 127.2, 126.8, 122.9, 62.3, 60.1, 42.4, 23.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 382.9767, found 382.9752.

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 3.5 mmol of 3-bromo-2-methylpyridine and 3.5 mmol of secondary amine **S9**. **22b** was isolated as a yellow oil (778 mg, 2.0 mmol, 58%).

Spectroscopic data for **22b** match those previously reported.⁷

TLC $R_f = 0.41$ (7:3 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.39 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.66 (s, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.4, 143.9, 138.9, 138.8, 136.2, 134.9, 133.4, 130.7, 128.2, 124.6, 123.0, 61.4, 60.0, 42.4, 20.8.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 382.9767, found 382.9764.

N-(2-bromo-5-methylbenzyl)-1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (22c)



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 2.33 mmol of 3-bromo-2-methylpyridine and 2.33 mmol of secondary amine **S10**. **22c** was isolated as a yellow oil (492 mg, 1.28 mmol, 55%). **TLC** $R_f = 0.31$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 4H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.3, 143.8, 138.8, 137.4, 137.2, 136.0, 132.6, 131.6, 129.5, 122.9, 121.3, 61.5, 60.0, 42.4, 21.0.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 382.9767, found 382.9752.

Reaction performed following general procedure **C** with 10.4 mmol of secondary amine **S7** and 11.4 mmol of 2-bromo-6-methylbenzyl bromide. **22d** was isolated as a yellow oil (2.74 g, 7.6 mmol, 73%). Spectroscopic data for **22d** match those previously reported.⁶

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.7, 1H), 7.20 – 7.14 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 382.9767, found 382.9765.

N-(2-bromo-3-methoxybenzyl)-1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (22e)

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 5.00 mmol of 2-bromo-3-methylanisole and 5.00 mmol of secondary amine **S7**. **22e** was isolated as an colorless oil (1.139 g, 2.85 mmol, 57%). ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 4.70, 1.98 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.44 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 7.67 Hz, 1H), 6.82 (dd, *J* = 8.23, 1.49 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.1, 148.4, 143.8, 139.8, 138.8, 136.2, 127.8, 123.0, 122.7, 114.1, 110.6, 61.9, 60.1, 56.5, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂OBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 398.9708, found 398.9716.

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 2.91 mmol of 2-bromo-3-methylpyridine and 2.91 mmol of secondary amine **S11**. **22f** was isolated as an colorless oil (550 mg, 1.38 mmol, 47%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.23 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.2, 148.4, 143.9, 138.9, 136.2, 131.6, 129.9, 125.1, 123.0, 118.1, 113.5, 61.0, 59.9, 55.6, 42.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂OBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 398.9708, found 398.9713.

N-(2-bromo-5-methoxybenzyl)-1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (22g) MeO

Br Br

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 5.00 mmol of 2-bromo-3-methylpyridine and 5.00 mmol of secondary amine **S12**. **22g** was isolated as a pale yellow oil (687 mg, 1.72 mmol, 59%). Spectroscopic data for **22g** match those previously reported.⁶

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂OBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 398.9708, found 398.9709.

N-(2-bromo-6-methoxybenzyl)-1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (**22h**) OMe

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 2.49 mmol of 3-bromo-2-methylanisole and 2.49 mmol of secondary amine **S7**. **22h** was isolated as a pale yellow oil (656 mg, 1.64 mmol, 66%). ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.19 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 2H), 3.67 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.3, 148.2, 143.8, 139.3, 136.6, 129.4, 127.6, 126.9, 125.4, 122.8, 109.8, 60.0, 56.0, 54.9, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂OBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 398.9708, found 398.9718.

N-(2-bromobenzyl)-1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (22i)

Reaction performed following general procedure **B** with 20.9 mmol of 2-bromonicotinaldehyde and 23 mmol of secondary amine **S5**. **22i** was isolated as a white solid (5.94 g, 16.1 mmol, 77%). Spectroscopic data for **22i** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.67$ (4:6 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 4.47 Hz,1H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.53 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.95, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 7.65, 1H), 7.30 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.84 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.69 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.5, 143.9, 138.8, 138.0, 136.1, 133.0, 130.8, 128.8, 127.5, 124.8, 123.0, 61.6, 60.2, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for $C_{14}H_{15}N_2Br_2$ [M+H]⁺: 368.9602, found 368.9607.

$$N-(2-bromobenzyl)-1-(3-bromopyridin-4-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (22j)$$

Br Br N

Reaction performed following general procedure **B** with 4.0 mmol of 3-bromopyridine-4-

carbaldehyde and 4.8 mmol of secondary amine **S5**. **22j** was isolated as a light tan oil (979 mg, 2.6 mmol, 66%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.59 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.8, 148.4, 147.8, 137.9, 133.0, 130.7, 128.8, 127.5, 125.0, 124.8, 122.6, 61.7, 60.2, 42.7.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₅N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 368.9602, found 368.9611.

N-(2-bromobenzyl)-1-(4-bromopyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (22k)

Reaction performed following general procedure **B** with 4.0 mmol of 4-bromonicotinaldehyde and 4.8 mmol of secondary amine **S5**. **22k** was isolated as a light tan oil (793 mg, 2.1 mmol, 53%). ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (s, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 4H), 2.27 (s, 4H)

3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.0, 149.0, 138.0, 135.2, 134.5, 132.9, 131.0, 128.7, 127.9, 127.5, 124.7, 61.4, 59.0, 42.3.

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): *Calcd*. for C₁₄H₁₅N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 368.9602, found 368.9610.

N-(2-bromobenzyl)-1-(3-bromopyridin-2-yl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (221)



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 17.4 mmol of 3-bromo-2-methylpyridine and 17.4 mmol of secondary amine **S5**. **221** was isolated as a white solid (2.088 g, 8.7 mmol, 50%). **TLC** $R_f = 0.28$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.53 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (td, *J* = 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.10 – 7.06 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.8, 147.6, 140.7, 138.1, 132.6, 131.2, 128.4, 127.2, 124.6, 123.5, 122.6, 62.5, 60.9, 42.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₅N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 368.9602, found 368.9596.

1-(6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-N-((2-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl)-N-methylmethanamine (22m)

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 2.9 mmol of 2-bromo-3-methylpyridine and 2.9 mmol of secondary amine **31**. **22m** was isolated as a colorless oil (756 mg, 1.8 mmol, 63%). Spectroscopic data for **22m** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.27$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (s, 1H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 1H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.5, 147.53, 147.50, 144.0, 138.8, 136.1, 131.3, 123.0, 114.8, 112.8, 110.4, 101.8, 61.3, 60.1, 42.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₅Br₂N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 412.9500, found 412.9502.

1-(6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-N-((3-bromopyridin-4-yl)methyl)-N-methylmethanamine (22n)

Reaction performed following general procedure **B** with 4.03 mmol of 3-bromopyridine-4-

carbaldehyde and 4.84 mmol of secondary amine **31**. **22n** was isolated as a white solid (1.510 g, 3.65 mmol, 90%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H) 7.52 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.8, 148.4, 147.7, 147.6, 147.5, 131.1, 124.9, 122.6, 114.8, 112.8, 110.3, 101.8, 61.4, 60.0, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₅N₂O₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 412.9500, found 412.9510.

N-(2-bromo-3,4-dimethoxybenzyl)-1-(3-bromopyridin-4-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (220)

Reaction performed following general procedure **B** with 4.05 mmol of 3-bromopyridine-4carbaldehyde and 4.85 mmol of secondary amine **S13**. **220** was isolated as a white solid (1.292 g, 3.00 mmol, 74%).

TLC $R_f = 0.56$ (1:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 13.3 Hz, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.6, 151.6, 148.2, 147.8, 146.4, 130.6, 125.5, 124.8, 122.3, 120.4, 110.9, 61.4, 60.4, 59.8, 56.0, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 428.9813, found 428.9823.

N-(2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-1-(3-bromopyridin-4-yl)-N-methylmethanamine (22p) MeO N Br N Br N N

Reaction performed following general procedure **B** with 7.03 mmol of 3-bromopyridine-4-

carbaldehyde and 8.44 mmol of secondary amine **S14**. **22p** was isolated as a white solid (1.740 g, 4.05 mmol, 58%).

TLC $R_f = 0.44$ (1:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.63 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 6H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 4H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.7, 148.5, 148.3, 148.1, 147.6, 129.7, 124.7, 122.5, 115.3, 114.2, 113.0, 61.0, 59.8, 56.1, 56.0, 42.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 428.9813, found 428.9822.

1-(2-bromo-5-chloropyridin-3-yl)-N-((6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-N-methylmethanamine (**29a**)



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 3.8 mmol of 2-bromo-5-chloro-3-

methylpyridine and 3.8 mmol of secondary amine 32. 29a was isolated as a colorless oil (995 mg,

2.2 mmol, 59%).

TLC $R_f = 0.50$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.21 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.97 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.6, 147.5, 147.0, 140.9, 138.2, 137.5, 131.8, 130.9, 115.0, 112.9, 110.5, 101.8, 61.5, 59.6, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₂ClBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 446.9111, found 446.9124.

1-(2-bromo-5-fluoropyridin-3-yl)-N-((6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)methyl)-N-methylmethanamine (**29b**)



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 3.4 mmol of 2-bromo-5-fluoro-3-

methylpyridine and 3.5 mmol of secondary amine **32**. **29b** was isolated as a white solid (820 mg, 1.90 mmol, 56%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 3.01 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, *J* = 8.81, 3.01 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.27 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.7, 158.7, 147.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 10.5$ Hz), 138.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.5$ Hz), 136.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.9$ Hz), 136.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 25.3$ Hz), 130.9, 125.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 20.4$ Hz), 115.0, 112.9, 110.4, 101.9, 61.5, 59.5, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₂FBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 430.9406, found 430.9408.

Note: Attempts to prepare S31 to be used *en route* to access 29c (R = OBn) following general procedure **D** were met with overhalogenation (confer S32). Accordingly, we pursued strategies where 29a (R = Cl) and 29b (R = F) could be converted into the required C3-OH functionality present in 3.



9-(pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl)benzo[h]quinoline (36)



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 0.26 mmol of **17** and 0.39 mmol of pyrrolidine. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography, using Et₃N neutralized silica using a gradient of 100% CHCl₃ to 96:4 CHCl₃:MeOH. **36** was isolated as a light yellow semisolid (50 mg, 0.19 mmol, 74%).

TLC Rf = 0.45 (9:1 CHCl3:MeOH, Et3N treated plate)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.17 (dt, *J* = 1.7, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 9.00 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 2.68 (s, 4H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 4H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.2, 143.9, 133.4, 130.3, 128.7, 127.0, 125.6, 125.0, 124.0, 122.6, 121.8, 119.2, 58.2, 51.5, 20.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₂ [M+H]⁺: 263.1548, found 263.1555.

N-(2-bromobenzyl)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (S16)



Reaction performed following general procedure C with 10 mmol of secondary amine S5. S16 was isolated as a colorless oil (3.08 g, 8.3 mmol, 83%). Spectroscopic data for S16 match those previously reported.⁶

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.59 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dt, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 2H) 7.30 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (tt, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (s, 4H), 2.29 (s, 3H).

N-(2-bromobenzyl)-1-(1-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (S17)



Reaction performed following general procedure **C** with 1.72 mmol 2-bromobenzylbromide and 1.57 mmol of secondary amine **S6**. **S17** was isolated as a yellow oil (340 mg, 0.81 mmol, 54%).

TLC $R_f = 0.51$ (8:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 8.31 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.66 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.33 – 7.20 (m, 1H), 7.07 (td, J = 7.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.26 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, Chloroform-*d*): δ 138.5, 136.9, 134.0, 132.9, 132.5, 131.0, 128.6, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.39, 127.35, 126.4, 124.8, 124.3, 62.2, 61.6, 42.4.

HRMS (ESI+): *Calcd.* for C₁₉H₁₈NBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 417.9806, found 417.9812.

1-(1-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)-N-((1-bromonaphthalen-2-yl)methyl)-N-methylmethanamine (S18)



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 1.54 mmol of 1-bromo-2-

methylnaphthalene and 1.54 mmol of secondary amine S6. S18 was isolated as a yellow oil (448 mg,

0.95 mmol, 62%). Spectroscopic data for S18 match those previously reported.⁸

TLC $R_f = 0.49$ (9:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.83 – 7.73 (m, 6H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.47 (m, 2H), 4.02 (s, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 136.7, 134.0, 132.5, 128.2, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 126.4, 124.4, 62.2, 42.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₂₃H₂₀NBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 467.9963, found 467.9973.



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 3.0 mmol of 2-bromo-3-methylpyridine and 3.0 mmol of secondary amine **S6**. **S19** was isolated as an orange oil (634 mg, 1.5 mmol, 50%). Spectroscopic data for **S19** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.40$ (7:3 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.34 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.5, 144.0, 138.9, 136.3, 136.1, 134.0, 132.6, 128.2, 127.9, 127.7, 127.5, 127.5, 126.5, 124.5, 123.0, 62.4, 60.3, 42.6.

HRMS (ESI+): *Calcd.* for C₁₈H₁₇Br₂N₂ [M+H]⁺: 418.9758, found 418.9761.

N-(2-bromo-4-fluorobenzyl)-1-(2-bromopyridin-3-yl)-*N*-methylmethanamine (**S20**)

Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 2.75 mmol of 2-bromo-3-methylpyridine and 2.75 mmol of secondary amine **S15**. **S20** was isolated as a yellow oil (526 mg, 1.36 mmol, 49%). Spectroscopic data for **S20** match those previously reported.⁶

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 0H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H), 2.25 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.5, 160.5, 148.46 144.0, 138.8, 135.9, 133.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.4$ Hz), 131.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.4$ Hz), 124.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 9.4$ Hz), 123.0, 120.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 24.4$ Hz), 114.5 (d, $J_{CF} = 20.8$ Hz), 60.9, 60.1, 42.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₃N₂FBr₂ [M+H]⁺: 386.9515, found 386.9508.

3-bromo-4-((((2-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl)(methyl)amino)methyl)benzonitrile (**S21**)

NC Br Br N Reaction performed following general procedure C with 4.76 mmol of 3-bromo-4-formylbenzonitrile and 5.71 mmol of secondary amine **S7**. **S21** was isolated as a yellow oil (1.768 g, 4.47 mmol, 94%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.26 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 2H), 7.68 (d, J =7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (dd, J = 7.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.71 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.8, 144.11, 144.06, 138.7, 136.1, 135.5, 131.0, 130.9, 124.6, 123.0, 117.5, 112.6, 61.3, 60.6, 42.6.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₄N₃Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 394.9554, found 394.9551.

tert-butyl 3-bromo-4-((((2-bromopyridin-3-yl)methyl)(methyl)amino)methyl)benzoate (S22)



Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 3.06 mmol of **S3** and 3.06 mmol of secondary amine **S7**. **S22** was isolated as a yellow oil (803 mg, 1.71 mmol, 56%).

TLC $R_f = 0.11$ (9:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.68 (s, 2H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 164.5, 148.6, 143.9, 142.6, 138.7, 135.8, 133.9, 132.6, 130.3, 128.4, 124.3, 123.1, 81.8, 61.5, 60.2, 42.5, 28.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₉H₂₃N₂O₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 469.0126, found 469.0130.





Reaction performed following general procedure **D** with 2.0 mmol of 10-bromo-9-

methylbenzo[h]quinoline **S4** and 2.0 mmol of secondary amine **S5**. **S23** was isolated as a pale yellow oil (422 mg, 0.90 mmol, 45%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.09 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (s, 2H), 3.82 (s, 2H), 2.35 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.6, 140.9, 138.6, 135.8, 135.4, 132.9, 130.9, 129.6, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 127.4, 126.3, 124.7, 121.8, 121.3, 63.0, 61.8, 42.7.

HRMS (**ESI**⁺): *Calcd.* for C₂₂H₁₉N₂Br₂ [M+H]⁺: 468.9915, found 468.9909.

General procedure E for the synthesis of biaryl-linked dihydroazepines

To a flame dried round bottom flask charged with a magnetic stir bar was added Et₄NI (1 equiv), activated Zn powder (10 equiv.) and NiBr₂(PPh₃)₂ (1 equiv.). The flask was evacuated and back filled with N₂ three times, followed by the addition of anhydrous THF (0.05 M). The green reaction solution was allowed to stir for ten minutes in which time the color changed to a dark red. Tertiary amine (1 equiv) dissolved in anhydrous THF was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 30 minutes to 24 hours, followed by TLC. Following complete consumption of starting material, the reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 2M NH₃ (aq.) (10 mL). After stirring for 15 minutes, the crude reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and transferred to a separatory funnel. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL × 3). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography using a gradient of 1:1 Hex:EtOAc to 1:1 EtOAc:MeOH to afford the desired biaryl-linked dihydroazepine.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[c,e]azepine (7)

N-Me

Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.35 mmol of tertiary amine **S16**. The reaction required 18 hours to go to completion instead of the standard 30 minutes. **7** was isolated as a viscous, pale yellow oil (204 mg, 0.98 mmol, 72%). Spectroscopic data for **7** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.50$ (9:1 EtOAc:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.52 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.45 (ddd, *J* = 8.75, 5.94, 2.84 Hz, 2H), 7.37 – 7.36 (m, 4H), 3.38 (s, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 141.2, 134.5, 129.9, 128.2, 127.82, 127.81 57.3, 43.1. HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₆N [M+H]⁺: 210.1283, found 210.1288.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (11)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 8.1 mmol of tertiary amine **22i**. **11** was isolated as a yellow oil (1.569 g, 7.5 mmol, 92%). Spectroscopic data for **11** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC R*f* = 0.20 (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.61 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (td, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, J = 7.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 3.27 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.4, 149.0, 140.0, 137.4, 134.0, 130.0, 129.6, 128.9, 128.2, 128.1, 122.1, 56.7, 56.0, 42.7.

HRMS(ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 211.1235, found 211.1234.

6,11-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (23a)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.4 mmol of tertiary amine **22a**. **23a** was isolated as a brown oil (217 mg, 0.97 mmol, 69%).

TLC $R_f = 0.29$ (6:4 EtOAc:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.32 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 7.23 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 3H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.7, 148.1, 137.8, 137.0, 136.9, 134.0, 130.93, 130.90, 128.4, 127.2, 121.9, 57.0, 55.8, 42.8, 20.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂ [M+H]⁺: 225.1392, found 225.1394.

6,10-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (**23b**)

Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.93 mmol of tertiary amine **22a**. **23b** was isolated as a light brown oil (320 mg, 1.43 mmol, 74%). Spectroscopic data for **23b** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.36$ (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.72 – 8.71 (m, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 3.43 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.47 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.0, 149.1, 140.1, 138.1, 137.6, 131.7, 130.5, 129.84, 129.80, 128.8, 122.3, 56.8, 56.6, 43.2, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂ [M+H]⁺: 225.1392, found 225.1397.

6,9-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (**23c**) Me



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.3 mmol of tertiary amine **22c**. **23c** was isolated as a pale orange solid (175 mg, 0.79 mmol, 61%).

TLC $R_f = 0.27$ (6:4 EtOAc:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.69 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.26 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 3.43 (s, 2H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.43 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.7, 149.1, 139.1, 137.6, 137.4, 133.9, 130.5, 130.0, 129.1, 128.2, 122.0, 57.0, 56.4, 43.0, 21.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₇N₂ [M+H]⁺: 225.1392, found 225.1397.

6,8-dimethyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (23d)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.76 mmol of tertiary amine **22d**. **23d** was isolated as a light tan oil (316 mg, 1.41 mmol, 80%). Spectroscopic data for **23d** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC R*f* = 0.22 (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.63 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19 (dd, J = 7.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (dd, J = 6.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (t, J = 13.8 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.6, 148.0, 137.8, 136.9, 136.8, 134.1, 130.9, 130.8, 128.3,

127.2, 121.8, 57.0, 55.8, 42.8, 20.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇N₂ [M+H]⁺: 225.1392, found 225.1397.

11-methoxy-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (23e)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.25 mmol of tertiary amine **22e**. **23e** was isolated as an off-white solid (170 mg, 0.71 mmol, 57%).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.74 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.74 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.75 Hz,

1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.8, 156.5, 148.4, 137.1, 135.7, 131.1, 129.8, 127.4, 122.1, 111.4, 56.7, 56.2, 56.1, 43.0.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 241.1341, found 241.1348.

10-methoxy-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (23f)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 2.50 mmol of tertiary amine **22f**. **23f** was isolated as a clear oil (250 mg, 1.89 mmol, 42%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.70 (dt, J = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dt, J = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.29 – 7.24 (m, 2H), 6.97 (dt, J = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 3.37 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 4H), 2.46 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.7, 158.6, 149.0, 141.4, 137.6, 130.9, 130.3, 126.8, 122.3,

115.6, 112.6, 56.3, 56.2, 55.5, 42.8.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 241.1341, found 241.1347.

9-methoxy-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (23g)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.25 mmol of tertiary amine **22g**. **23g** was isolated as an off-white solid (172 mg, 0.72 mmol, 58%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (d, *J* = 4.6, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 2H), 3.37 (s, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 160.2, 158.6, 148.9, 137.5, 136.1, 132.8, 130.1, 129.6, 121.7, 115.2, 113.5, 57.4, 56.7, 55.4, 43.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 241.1341, found 241.1343.

8-methoxy-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (23h)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.14 mmol of tertiary amine **22h**. **23h** was isolated as an orange solid (138 mg, 0.57 mmol, 50%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.69 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.57 (s, 2H), 3.35 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.7, 157.5, 149.2, 142.0, 137.6, 130.7, 128.9, 122.5, 120.5, 111.0, 56.8, 55.9, 48.3, 43.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 241.1341, found 241.1346.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[3,4-e]azepine (23j)

Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 2.65 mmol of tertiary amine **22j**. **23j** was isolated as a tan oil (234 mg, 1.11 mmol, 42%).

TLC $R_f = 0.28$ (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.60 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.42 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.2, 148.1, 142.6, 137.5, 136.7, 135.0, 130.2, 128.7, 128.5, 127.6, 124.3, 57.3, 56.5, 43.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₄H₁₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 211.1235, found 211.1240.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[4,3-e]azepine (23k)

Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.34 mmol of tertiary amine **22k**. **23k** was isolated as a light yellow oil (226 mg, 50%).

TLC $R_f = 0.28$ (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (s, 1H), 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 3.38 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.2, 149.8, 149.0, 138.5, 135.1, 130.3, 129.9, 129.3, 128.5, 127.8, 121.8, 57.2, 54.4, 43.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 211.1235, found 211.1239.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[3,2-e]azepine (23l)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.34 mmol of tertiary amine **221**. **231** was isolated as a tan oil (23 mg, 0.1 mmol, 8%).

TLC $R_f = 0.20$ (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.60 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (s, 2H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 154.6, 148.7, 139.1, 136.2, 135.2, 135.0, 130.1, 128.6, 128.4, 127.8, 123.2, 59.2, 57.6, 43.8.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₅N₂ [M+H]⁺: 211.1235, found 211.1238.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (23m)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.81 mmol of tertiary amine **22m**. **23m** was isolated as a light tan solid (304 mg, 66%). Spectroscopic data for **23m** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.19$ (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.66 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.24 – 7.22 (m, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 3.33 (s, 2H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.5, 148.9, 148.2, 147.7, 137.5, 134.2, 130.4, 128.9, 121.9, 109.9, 108.6, 101.3, 56.8, 56.5, 43.0.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₅N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 255.1134, found 255.1138.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-c]pyrido[3,4-e]azepine (23n)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.45 mmol of tertiary amine **22n**. The reaction required 18 hours to go to completion instead of the standard 30 minutes. **23n** was isolated as an off-white solid (200 mg, 0.79 mmol, 54%).

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.00 (s, 2H), 3.30 (s, 2H), 3.22 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.7, 147.9, 147.7, 147.7, 142.6, 136.6, 131.0, 129.0, 124.2, 110.5, 107.9, 101.5, 57.0, 56.5, 43.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₇N₂O [M+H]⁺: 241.1341, found 241.1346.

10,11-dimethoxy-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[3,4-e]azepine (230)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 2.33 mmol of tertiary amine **220**. The reaction required 14 hours to go to completion instead of the standard 30 minutes. **230** was isolated as an off-white solid (443 mg, 1.64 mmol, 70%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.23 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.8, 150.6, 148.6, 145.8, 142.3, 132.4, 130.3, 128.1, 125.4, 124.1, 111.9, 60.8, 56.6, 56.1, 55.9, 43.0.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 274.1447, found 274.1455.

9,10-dimethoxy-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[3,4-e]azepine (**23p**) MeO



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 2.33 mmol of tertiary amine **22p**. The reaction required 14 hours to go to completion instead of the standard 30 minutes. **23p** was isolated as an off-white solid (254 mg, 0.94 mmol, 40%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.73 (s, 1H), 8.60 – 8.55 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 2.1 Hz, 6H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 3.32 (s, 2H), 2.48 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.0, 148.9, 148.6, 147.8, 142.1, 136.6, 129.6, 127.6, 124.3, 113.1, 110.6, 56.9, 56.4, 56.13, 56.08, 43.2.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 274.1447, found 274.1454.
3-chloro-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (33a)



Reaction performed at 0 °C for 3h following general procedure **E** with 0.566 mmol of tertiary amine **26a**. **33a** was isolated as a light yellow oil (74 mg, 45%).

TLC $R_f = 0.28$ (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.61 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (s, 1H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 3.34 (s, 2H) 3.33 (s, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.8, 148.6, 148.0, 147.9, 137.2, 133.3, 131.2, 130.2, 128.9, 110.2, 108.7, 101.6, 56.8, 56.1, 42.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₂Cl [M+H]⁺: 289.0744, found 289.0751.

3-fluoro-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (**33b**)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 2.13 mmol of tertiary amine **26b**. **33b** was isolated as a light brown oil (337 mg, 1.23 mmol, 58%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.51 (d, *J* = 2.77 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 8.20, 2.81 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.03 (s, 2H), 3.32 (s, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.4, 157.4, 154.8 (d, J_{CF} = 4.0 Hz), 148.0 (d, J_{CF} = 57.8 Hz) 137.0 (d, J_{CF} = 23.4 Hz), 133.4, 131.8 (d, J_{CF} = 3.7 Hz), 128.8, 124.3 (d, J_{CF} = 17.7 Hz), 110.0, 108.7, 101.5, 57.0, 56.4, 43.2.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₄N₂O₂F [M+H]⁺: 273.1039, found 273.1046.

10-methyl-10,11-dihydro-9H-benzo[5',6']azepino[4',3':3,4]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (39)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 0.79 mmol of tertiary amine **S22**. **39** was isolated as a light brown solid (123 mg, 0.40 mmol, 50%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.41 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (dt, J = 7.6, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (td, J = 7.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 147.1, 146.8, 142.9, 138.4, 135.3, 135.2, 134.2, 133.0, 131.1, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 126.6, 126.0, 121.4, 57.6, 57.4, 42.8. **HRMS (ESI⁺):** *Calcd.* for C₂₂H₁₉N₂ [M+H]⁺: 311.1548, found 311.1552.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]naphtho[1,2-e]azepine (S24)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 0.67 mmol of tertiary amine **S17**. **S24** was isolated as a yellow oil (0.12 g, 0.46 mmol, 68%).

TLC Rf = 0.25 (5:1 EtOAc:MeOH).

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.14 – 8.09 (m, 1H), 7.91 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.39 (m, 8H), 3.65 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (100 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 138.3, 136.7, 133.8, 132.7, 132.3, 130.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 127.3, 127.24, 127.20, 126.2, 124.6, 124.1, 62.0, 61.4, 42.2.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₉H₁₈N [M+H]⁺: 260.1339, found 260.1440.

4-methyl-4,5-dihydro-3H-dinaphtho[2,1-c:1',2'-e]azepine (S25)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.07 mmol of tertiary amine **S18**. **S25** was isolated as a yellow crystalline solid (162 mg, 0.52 mmol, 49%). Spectroscopic data for **S25** closely match those previously reported.⁹

TLC R*f* = 0.31 (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.97 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz, 4H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.46 (m, 4H), 7.29 – 7.26 (m, 2H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (s, 3H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 135.0, 133.5, 133.3, 131.6, 128.5, 127.9, 127.6, 125.9, 125.6, 57.4, 43.2.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₂₃H₂₀N [M+H]⁺: 310.1596, found 310.1599.

6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-naphtho[2,1-c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (S26)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.44 mmol of tertiary amine **S19**. **S26** was isolated as a light brown oil (278 mg, 1.07 mmol, 74%). Spectroscopic data for **S26** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC R*f* = 0.36 (9:1 CHCl₃:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.83 – 8.81 (m, 1H), 8.46 – 8.44 (m, 1H), 7.94 – 7.90 (m, 2H), 7.77 (dt, *J* = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 4.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.3, 148.5, 137.5, 135.2, 133.9, 132.4, 132.3, 131.0, 129.4, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 126.4, 125.9, 122.2, 57.4, 56.2, 43.1.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₈H₁₇N₂ [M+H]⁺: 261.1392, found 261.1396.

10-fluoro-6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine (S27)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 5.2 mmol of tertiary amine **S20**. **S27** was isolated as a grey oil (500 mg, 2.2 mmol, 42%). Spectroscopic data for **S27** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.28$ (9:1 EtOAc:MeOH)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.67 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dt, *J* = 7.7, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 16.7 Hz, 4H), 2.45 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 162.7 (d, $J_{CF} = 246.4$ Hz), 157.6, 149.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.8$ Hz), 142.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 7.9$ Hz), 137.6, 131.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 8.2$ Hz), 130.4, 128.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 11.7$ Hz), 122.6, 115.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.5$ Hz), 115.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 22.5$ Hz), 56.3, 56.2, 42.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd*. for C₁₄H₁₄N₂F [M+H]⁺: 229.1141, found 229.1145.



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.50 mmol of tertiary amine **S21**. **S28** was isolated as an orange oil (228 mg, 0.97 mmol, 65%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.72 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.48 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.5, 149.5, 141.6, 139.6, 137.9, 132.4, 132.2, 130.8, 130.6, 123.4, 118.7, 112.6, 57.0, 56.3, 43.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₄N₃ [M+H]⁺: 236.1188, found 236.1189.

tert-butyl 6-methyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[c]pyrido[2,3-e]azepine-10-carboxylate (S29)



Reaction performed following general procedure **E** with 1.67 mmol of tertiary amine **S22**. **S29** was isolated as a yellow oil (378 mg, 1.22 mmol, 73%).

TLC $R_f = 0.41$ (9:1 EtOAc:MeOH)

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.73 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J = 7.5,

4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (s, 2H), 3.36 (s, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 165.4, 157.9, 149.2, 140.2, 138.4, 137.5, 132.3, 130.3, 129.9, 129.7, 129.3, 122.6, 81.2, 56.8, 56.3, 43.1, 28.2.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₉H₂₃N₂O₂ [M+H]⁺: 311.1760, found 311.1768.

General procedure F for deaminative contractions

To a round bottom flask was added biaryl-linked dihydroazepine (1 equiv.), trimethyl phosphate (5 equiv.), and lithium iodide (1 equiv.) dissolved in anhydrous THF (0.1M). The reaction mixture was purged with nitrogen and heated to 65 °C for 16 hr. The mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, followed by addition of 18-crown-6 (3 equiv.) and dropwise 1M *t*-BuOK in THF (6 equiv.). The mixture was again heated to 65 °C and stirred for an additional 6 hr. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with 2M NH₃ (aq.) (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (15 mL × 3). Combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hexanes to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc to afford the desired polycyclic aromatic.

phenanthrene (8); N,N-dimethyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-9-amine (10)

Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **7**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hexanes to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc, followed by a gradient of 100% EtOAc to 9:1 EtOAc:MeOH. **8** was isolated as a white solid (9 mg, 0.05 mmol, 10%). **10** was isolated as a beige oil (86 mg, 0.39 mmol, 77%). Spectroscopic data for **8** and **10** match those previously reported.⁶

phenanthrene (8)



TLC $R_f = 0.61$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.71 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.67 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (ddd, *J* = 7.4, 6.9, 1.3 Hz, 2H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 129.5, 127.7, 126.0, 124.4, 124.0, 120.1.

N,N-dimethyl-9,10-dihydrophenanthren-9-amine (10)



¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.80 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H) 7.43 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (td, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.33 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.27 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 3.61 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (dd, J = 15.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 6H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 135.0, 133.8, 129.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.2, 127.5, 127.4, 126.7, 124.2, 123.7, 122.8, 62.4, 42.1, 30.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₈N [M+H]⁺: 224.1433, found 224.1434.



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **11**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hexanes to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **13** was isolated as a colorless oil (74 mg, 0.42 mmol, 83%). Spectroscopic data for **13** match those previously reported.⁶ **TLC** $R_f = 0.40$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.31 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 9.01 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.3, 144.0, 133.3, 131.1, 128.9, 125.7, 125.3, 125.2, 124.5, 123.9, 122.8, 121.8, 119.3.

naphtho[2,1-h]quinoline (14)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **S26**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **14** was isolated as a white solid (100 mg, 87%). Spectroscopic data for **14** match those previously reported.⁶ **TLC** $R_f = 0.50$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 11.21 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 9.23 (dt, *J* = 3.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.31 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 3.4, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 - 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.93 - 7.82 (m, 3H), 7.69 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 4.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.6, 148.5, 136.6, 134.1, 133.8, 131.8, 130.8, 120.0, 128.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.5, 127.0, 126.7, 126.5, 126.4, 120.7.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₇H₁₂N [M+H]⁺: 230.0970, found 230.0973.





Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **S24**. Purified by column chromatography using 100% hexanes. **15** was isolated as a white solid (67 mg, 0.29 mmol, 59%). Spectroscopic data for **15** match those previously reported.¹⁰

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.16 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 6.8, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 6.9, 1.2 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 133.6, 131.1, 130.5, 128.7, 128.0, 127.6, 127.5, 127.0, 126.3, 126.0.

[5]helicene (16)

Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **S25**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hex to 99:1 Hex:EtOAc. **16** was isolated as a white solid (121 mg, 0.44 mmol, 87%). Spectroscopic data for **16** match those previously reported.¹⁰ ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.94-7.99 (m, 4H), 7.89-7.91 (m, 4H), 7.52-7.56 (td, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 2H).

¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 132.7, 132.4, 130.9, 129.1, 128.0, 127.6, 127.4, 127.1, 126.5, 126.4, 124.5.

9-methylbenzo[h]quinoline (17) Me

Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23b**. Purified by column chromatography using 1:1 Hex:EtOAc. **17** was isolated as a colorless oil (90 mg, 0.47 mmol, 93%). Spectroscopic data for **17** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.39$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 9.00 (dt, *J* = 4.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (ddd, *J* = 16.6, 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 2.66 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.7, 146.5, 137.3, 136.0, 131.8, 131.6, 130.1, 127.9, 127.8, 126.7, 124.5, 124.0, 121.8, 22.1.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₂N [M+H]⁺: 194.0970, found 194.0973.

9-methoxybenzo[h]quinoline (18) MeO

Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23f**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hexanes to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **18** was isolated as an opaque oil (85 mg, 0.41 mmol, 81%).

TLC $R_f = 0.37$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.00 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 – 4.08 (m, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 156.4, 145.8, 143.4, 133.4, 130.4, 126.8, 125.8, 124.9, 124.3, 120.2, 119.2, 117.0, 101.3, 53.1.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺: 210.0919, found 210.0921.

9-fluorobenzo[h]quinoline (19); 9-methoxybenzo[h]quinoline (18)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.21 mmol of azepine **S27**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **19** was isolated as a white solid (27 mg, 0.14 mmol, 65%). **18** was isolated as an opaque oil (3 mg, 0.04 mmol, 7%). Spectroscopic data for **19** match those previously reported.⁶

TLC $R_f = 0.62$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.99 (dd, J = 4.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.92 (dd, J = 10.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.18 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J = 7.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (td, J = 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 161.8 (d, JCF = 246.6 Hz), 148.8, 146.0 (d, JCF = 4.7 Hz),

135.9, 133.3 (d, *J*CF = 8.7 Hz), 130.3 (d, *J*CF = 2.2 Hz), 129.9 (d, *J*CF = 8.7 Hz), 127.1, 126.7, 124.5 (d, *J*CF = 2.8 Hz), 122.3, 117.3 (d, *J*CF = 24.3 Hz), 109.3 (d, *J*CF = 22.9 Hz).

19F NMR (471 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ -112.38.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₃H₉NF [M+H]⁺: 198.0719, found 198.0719.

benzo[h]quinoline-9-carbonitrile (20)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **S28**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 4:1 Hex:EtOAc. **20** was isolated as a white solid (67 mg, 0.32 mmol, 66%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.68-9.67 (m, 1H), 9.05 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.87-7.84 (m, 3H), 7.62 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.0, 145.7, 136.2, 135.6, 131.4, 130.4, 129.6, 128.9, 127.0, 126.9, 123.1, 119.5, 110.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₉N₂ [M+H]⁺: 205.0766, found 205.0770.

tert-butyl benzo[h]quinoline-9-carboxylate (21)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **S29**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **21** was isolated as a white solid (63 mg, 0.22 mmol, 45%).

TLC $R_f = 0.36$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 9.05 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (s, 9H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 166.2, 149.5, 146.9, 136.08, 136.05, 131.2, 130.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.7, 127.4, 126.64, 126.60, 122.3, 81.4, 28.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₈H₁₈NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 280.1338, found 280.1342.

10-methylbenzo[h]quinoline (24a)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23a**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **24a** was isolated as a white solid (56 mg, 58%). Spectroscopic data for **24a** match those previously reported.⁷

TLC $R_f = 0.63$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.04 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.1, 147.3, 138.9, 135.5, 135.3, 131.3, 130.1, 128.9, 127.6, 127.4, 126.9, 125.6, 120.7, 27.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₂N [M+H]⁺: 194.0970, found 194.0973.

8-methylbenzo[h]quinoline (24c)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23c**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **24c** was isolated as a colorless oil (83 mg, 86%).

TLC $R_f = 0.44$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.18 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.98 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (dt, *J* = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 4.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 148.9, 146.8, 138.3, 135.9, 133.9, 129.5, 129.1, 127.7, 127.5, 126.2, 125.5, 124.4, 121.5, 21.8.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd*. for C₁₄H₁₂N [M+H]⁺: 194.0970, found 194.0972.

7-methylbenzo[h]quinoline (**24d**)

Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23d**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **24d** was isolated as a white solid (37 mg, 38%). Spectroscopic data for **24d** match those previously reported.⁶ ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.04 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 5.4 Hz, 2H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.1, 147.3, 138.9, 135.5, 135.3, 131.3, 130.0, 129.0, 127.6, 127.4, 126.9, 125.6, 120.7, 27.4.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₂N [M+H]⁺: 194.0970, found 194.0967.

10-methoxybenzo[h]quinoline (24e)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23e**. Purified by column chromatography using 1:1 Hex:EtOAc. **24e** was isolated as a brown solid (95 mg, 0.46 mmol, 91%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.16 (br s, 1H), 8.18 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.3, 148.8, 136.6, 136.1, 128.6, 128.6, 127.4, 126.5, 121.4, 120.9, 109.9, 57.1.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺: 210.0919, found 210.0922.

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8-methoxybenzo[h]quinoline (24g)
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Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23g**. Purified by column chromatography using 1:1 Hex:EtOAc. **24g** was isolated as a white solid (80 mg, 0.38 mmol, 77%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.21 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.97 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.12-8.16 (m, 1H), 7.72-7.72 (m, 1H), 7.65-7.68 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.48 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 159.8, 149.0, 146.7, 136.0, 135.3, 127.4, 126.20, 126.0, 125.4, 121.0, 117.7, 108.0, 55.6.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺: 210.0919, found 210.0925.

7-methoxybenzo[h]quinoline (**24h**)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23h**. Purified by column chromatography using 1:1 Hex:EtOAc. **24h** was isolated as a white solid (65 mg, 0.31 mmol, 62%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.00 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.9, 146.2, 143.7, 133.4, 130.0, 124.7, 124.0, 122.2, 121.9, 119.3, 118.9, 113.9, 104.8, 53.2.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₂NO [M+H]⁺: 210.0919, found 210.0919.

benzo[h]isoquinoline (24j)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23j**. Purified by column chromatography using 1:1 Hex:EtOAc. **24j** was isolated as a yellow solid (87 mg, 0.49 mmol, 97%). Spectroscopic data for **24j** match those previously reported.¹¹

TLC $R_f = 0.29$ (2:8 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.06 (s, 1H), 8.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.98 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.78 – 7.65 (m, 4H).

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₃H₁₀N [M+H]⁺: 180.0813, found 180.0818.

benzo[f]isoquinoline (24k)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23k**. Purified by column chromatography using 1:1 Hex:EtOAc. **24k** was isolated as a tan solid (74 mg, 83%). Spectroscopic data for **24k** match those previously reported.¹¹

TLC $R_f = 0.29$ (2:8 Hex:EtOAc)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.26 (s, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.73 – 8.66 (m, 1H), 8.44 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 8.00 – 7.93 (m, 1H), 7.91 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.77 – 7.71 (m, 2H).
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 151.8, 145.2, 135.1, 133.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.64, 128.59, 127.4, 127.2, 124.9, 123.4, 116.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₃H₁₀N [M+H]⁺: 180.0813, found 180.0816.

benzo[f]quinoline (24*l*)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.10 mmol of azepine **231**. Purified by column chromatography using 1:1 Hex:EtOAc. **24k** was isolated as a tan solid (13 mg, 0.07 mmol, 70%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.97-8.94 (m, 2H), 8.62 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.72-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd, 8.27, 4.39 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.8, 148.3, 131.9, 131.1, 130.9, 129.8, 128.9, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 125.6, 122.7, 121.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₃H₁₀N [M+H]⁺: 180.0813, found 180.0814.

[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (desoxytoddaquinoline) (24m)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23m**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **24m** was isolated as a white solid (95 mg, 0.43 mmol, 85%). Spectroscopic data for **24m** match those previously reported.⁶ **TLC** $R_f = 0.48$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.94 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (s, 1H), 8.13 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.1, 148.7, 148.5, 146.2, 136.0, 130.5, 128.3, 127.2, 125.8, 123.9, 121.2, 105.1, 102.5, 101.6.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 224.0712, found 224.0712.



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23n**. Product purified by recrystallization from EtOAc. **24n** was isolated as off-white crystals (93 mg, 0.42 mmol, 83%). Spectroscopic data for **24n** match those previously reported.¹²

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.85 (s, 1H), 8.63 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (s, 1H), 6.14 (s, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.2, 148.4, 146.9, 144.1, 135.1, 131.2, 129.0, 125.9, 125.1, 123.3, 121.2, 106.2, 101.8, 100.3.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₀NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 224.0712, found 224.0717.

9,10-dimethoxybenzo[h]isoquinoline (240) MeO



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **230**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 1:1 Hex:EtOAc to 9:1 EtOAc:MeOH. **240** was isolated as an orange oil (33 mg, 0.14 mmol, 28%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 10.82 (s, 1H), 8.67 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H), 4.01 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 152.4, 151.36, 146.7, 144.9, 137.1, 131.8, 128.3, 125.5, 125.3, 123.8, 123.4, 121.2, 113.6, 59.9, 56.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 240.1025, found 240.1026.



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.50 mmol of azepine **23p**. Product purified by recrystallization from EtOAc. **24p** was isolated as tan crystals (65 mg, 0.27 mmol, 54%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 9.92 (s, 1H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (s, 1H), 4.15 (s, 3H), 4.06 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 150.5, 150.1, 146.3, 143.7, 137.0, 135.2, 131.0, 127.7, 124.2, 123.2, 121.5, 108.7, 102.4, 56.3, 56.2.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₅H₁₄NO₂ [M+H]⁺: 240.1025, found 240.1029.

3-chloro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (**34a**)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.43 mmol of azepine **33a**. After addition of *t*-BuOK, the reaction was heated to 40 °C. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% Hex to 95:5 Hex:EtOAc. **34a** was isolated as a white solid (57 mg, 51%).

TLC $R_f = 0.51$ (8:2 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.83 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 6.14 (s, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.3, 148.8, 147.7, 144.2, 134.2, 130.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.1, 126.3, 122.9, 105.2, 102.5, 101.7.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₉NO₂Cl [M+H]⁺: 258.0322, found 258.0329.

3-(tert-butoxy)-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (**34b**); 3-methoxy-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (**34c**); 3-fluoro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2h]quinoline (**34d**)

Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.37 mmol of azepine **33b**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hexanes to 4:1 Hex:EtOAc. In order of elution from the column, **34d** was isolated as a white solid (11 mg, 0.05mmol, 12%), **34b** as a colorless oil (33 mg, 0.11 mmol, 30%), and **34c** as a white solid (35 mg, 0.14 mmol, 37%).

3-(tert-butoxy)-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (**34b**)





¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 149.3, 148.6, 148.6, 147.1, 142.2, 129.6, 128.2, 128.0, 127.6, 126.2, 123.6, 105.1, 102.2, 101.5, 80.1, 28.9.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₈NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 296.1281, found 296.1281.

3-methoxy-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (**34c**)



¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.68 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.54 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.11 (s, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 153.7, 148.6, 148.2, 141.1, 129.7, 129.0, 127.9, 126.4, 123.4, 116.9, 114.4, 105.0, 102.0, 101.5, 55.8.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₅H₁₂NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 254.0811, found 254.0809.

3-fluoro-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]benzo[1,2-h]quinoline (**34d**)



¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.80 (d, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (s, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.12 (s, 2H). ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 158.2, 146.2, 148.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 15.4$ Hz), 143.0 (d, $J_{CF} = 2.4$ Hz), 138.6 (d, $J_{CF} = 25.8$ Hz), 129.8 (d, $J_{CF} = 1.7$ Hz), 128.7, 128.3, 126.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 5.1$ Hz), 123.2 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.8$ Hz), 119.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 17.1$ Hz), 105.1, 102.5, 101.7. **HRMS (ESI⁺):** *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₉NO₂F [M+H]⁺: 242.0611, found 242.0612.



From 34a: To a disposable tube with a Teflon septum screw top cap was added Pd_2dba_3 (0.0012 mmol, 0.01 equiv.), Me4*t*-ButylXPhos (0.0050 mmol, 0.04 equiv.), and KOH (0.373 mmol, 3 equiv.). The tube was evacuated and backfilled three times with N₂, followed by addition of **34a** (0.124 mmol, 1 equiv.) dissolved in dioxane and degassed H₂O. The reaction was stirred at 100 °C overnight. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then carefully acidified with dilute HCl, and extracted with EtOAc (5 mL × 3). Combined organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Crude reaction mixture was purified using preparative TLC (1:1 Hex:EtOAc) to yield **3** as a white solid (6 mg, 21%).

From 34b: To a solution of **34b** (26 mg) in 1.5 mL CH_2Cl_2 was added 650 µL trifluoroacetic acid. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The solvent was evaporated under a stream of nitrogen to yield **3** as an off-white solid (21 mg, quant.).

Spectroscopic data for **3** closely matches those previously reported.¹³

TLC $R_f = 0.49$ (1:1 Hex:EtOAc)

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 8.50 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 6.13 (s, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Methanol-*d*4) δ 153.6, 151.1, 150.9, 136.4, 135.6, 131.6, 130.8, 129.8, 125.8, 124.0, 123.7, 106.9, 103.7, 101.0.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₁₄H₁₀NO₃ [M+H]⁺: 240.0661, found 240.0667.

1-aza[5]helicene (40)



Reaction performed following general procedure **F** with 0.39 mmol of azepine **39**. Purified by column chromatography using a gradient of 100% hexanes to 9:1 Hex:EtOAc. **40** was isolated as pale yellow crystals (9 mg, 0.03 mmol, 25%). Spectroscopic data for **40** closely match those previously reported.¹⁴

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.71 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.29 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.97 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 6.7, 1.3 Hz, 1H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 146.6, 135.9, 134.3, 132.8, 132.7, 131.2, 130.5, 129.0, 128.6, 127.7, 127.4, 126.7, 126.5, 126.3, 126.1, 125.6, 123.3, 121.8.

HRMS (ESI⁺): *Calcd.* for C₂₁H₁₄N [M+H]⁺: 280.1126, found 280.1128.

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