Enantioselective Total Synthesis of (+)-Lysergol: A Formal anti-Carbopalladation/Heck Cascade as Key Step

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General Experimental

All solvents were distilled before use unless otherwise stated. Air and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out in oven-dried or flame-dried glassware, septum-capped under atmospheric pressure of argon. Commercially available compounds were used without further purification unless otherwise stated.

Proton (¹H), carbon (¹³C) and fluorine (¹⁹F) NMR spectra were recorded on a 300 or 600 MHz instrument using the residual signals from CHCl₃, δ = 7.26 ppm and δ = 77.16 ppm, as internal references for ¹H and ¹³C chemical shifts, respectively. ESI-HRMS mass spectrometry was carried out on a FTICR instrument. IR spectra were measured on an ATR spectrometer and UV spectra with a common photometer. Optical rotations were measured using a common optical rotation instrument. A HPLC system equipped with an analytical Chiralpak IG column (particle size: 5 µm, dimensions: 4.6 mm Ø x 150 mmL) was used to determine *ee* values.

Experimental Section

1-(4-Bromo-1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-ol (13)



Trimethylsilylacetylene (481 mg, 677 µL, 4.90 mmol, 2.00 eq.) was dissolved in THF (25.0 mL) and the solution was cooled to -78 °C. *n*BuLi (2.5 M, 1.42 mL, 3.55 mmol, 1.45 eq.) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min. A solution of 2-(4-bromo-1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)acetaldehyde¹ (960 mg, 2.45 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in THF (6.0 mL) was added dropwise at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred for 2.5 h while warming up to -15 °C and for 1.5 h at ambient temperature. Sat. aq. NH₄Cl-solution was added and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 10:1) afforded the desired product **13** (847 mg, 1.73 mmol, 71%) as light yellow solid.

R_f: 0.10 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 10:1).

m.p.: 60-61 °C.

¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.16 (s, 9 H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 6.7, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 6.6, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (td, *J* = 6.7, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 - 7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.18 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (s, 1 H), 7.71 - 7.76 (m, 2 H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1 H).

¹³C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -0.2, 21.6, 34.4, 62.9, 90.5, 105.7, 112.9, 114.4, 117.6, 125.3, 126.8, 126.9, 127.9, 128.7, 130.0, 134.9, 136.3, 145.2.

IR (ATR) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹) = 3529, 2959, 1597, 1554, 1412, 1371, 1248, 1171.

UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (Ig ϵ) = 296 (3.63), 261 (4.07), 220 (4.44), 196 (4.73).

MS (ESI): $m/z = 514.0 [M+Na]^+$.

C₂₂H₂₄BrNO₃SSi (490.49)

calcd.: 514.0303 found: 514.0300, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

1-(4-Bromo-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-one (14)



Secondary alcohol **13** (287 mg, 585 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (6.5 mL) and Dess-Martin periodinane (645 mg, 1.52 mmol, 2.6 eq.) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 26 h at ambient temperature. Sat. aq. NaHCO₃-solution and sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃-solution were added to the mixture, which was allowed to stir for further 10 min.. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with Et₂O, the combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaHCO₃-solution and once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 8:1) afforded the desired product **14** (252 mg, 516 μ mol, 88%) as light yellow, highly viscous oil.

R_f: 0.23 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 7:1).

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.09 (s, 9 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 4.17 (s, 2 H), 7.10 – 7.16 (m, 1 H), 7.23 – 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1 H), 7.72 – 7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.95 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1 H).

¹³**C-NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* = -1.0, 21.7, 42.2, 100.3, 101.6, 112.9, 114.6, 114.7, 125.7, 127.0, 127.3, 127.8, 128.6, 130.1, 134.9, 136.2, 145.5, 184.3.

IR (ATR) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹) = 2961, 1676, 1597, 1555, 1412, 1373, 1249, 1171, 1088.

UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ϵ) = 296 (3.69), 258 (4.11), 218 (4.52), 196 (4.73).

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 512.0 [M+Na]⁺.

C22H22BrNO3SSi (488.47)

calcd.: 512.0145

found: 512.0144, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

(S)-1-(4-Bromo-1-tosyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-ol (16)



Ketone **14** (252 mg, 516 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in *i*PrOH (5.2 mL) and Ru complex **15**² (30.9 mg, 51.6 μ mol, 10 mol%) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 17 h at ambient temperature.

Afterwards, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = $10:1 \rightarrow 8:1$) afforded the desired product **16** (223 mg, 455 µmol, 88%, 99% *ee*) as light brownish solid.

R_f: 0.10 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 10:1).

m.p.: 55-56 °C.

Specific Rotation: $[a]_D^{23} = +21.9^{\circ}$ (*c* = 5.7 mM, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H-NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.16 (s, 9 H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 6.7, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 6.6, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.72 (td, *J* = 6.7, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.08 - 7.15 (m, 1 H), 7.18 - 7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.60 (s, 1 H), 7.71 - 7.76 (m, 2 H), 7.94 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1 H).

¹³**C-NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -0.2, 21.6, 34.4, 62.9, 90.5, 105.7, 112.9, 114.4, 117.6, 125.3, 126.8, 126.9, 127.9, 128.7, 130.0, 134.9, 136.3, 145.2.

IR (ATR) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹) = 3529, 2959, 1597, 1554, 1412, 1371, 1248, 1171.

UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 296 (3.63), 261 (4.07), 220 (4.44), 196 (4.73).

MS (ESI): *m*/*z* = 514.0 [M+Na]⁺.

C₂₂H₂₂BrNO₃SSi (490.49) calcd.: 514.0303

found: 514.0300, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

Determination of enantiomeric excess via Mosher ester formation:

(*R*)-(–)-Mosher ester acid chloride (1.3 mg, 1.0 μ L, 5.14 μ mol, 1.2 eq.) and 4-DMAP (1.1 mg, 8.56 μ mol, 2.0 eq.) were added to a solution of the alcohol **13** or **16** (4.28 μ mol, 1.0 eq.) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min before aq. HCl (1.0 M) was added. The phases were separated and the organic layer was washed once with sat. aq. NaHCO₃-

solution, dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. *Via* ¹⁹F-NMR of the crude Mosher esters the enantiomeric excess was determined.



¹⁹F-NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃; top right: full spectra)

(S)-1-(4-Bromo-1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-yl (1*S*,4*R*)-4,7,7-trimethyl-3-oxo-2-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-1-carboxylate (18)



Chiral alcohol **16** (36.0 mg, 73.4 µmol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) and 4-DMAP (1.8 mg, 14.7 µL, 0.2 eq.), pyridine (11.6 mg, 11.8 µL, 147 µmol, 2.0 eq.) and (–)-camphanoyl chloride (31.8 mg, 147 µmol, 2.0 eq.) were added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 25 h while warming up to ambient temperature. Sat. aq. NH₄Cl-solution was added and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 10:1 \rightarrow 8:1) afforded the desired product **18** (41.4 mg, 61.7 µmol, 84%) as white solid.

R_f: 0.07 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 10:1).

m.p.: 149-151 °C.

Specific Rotation: $[a]_D^{23} = -31.8^\circ$ (*c* = 4.2 mM, CH₂Cl₂).

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.15 (s, 9 H), 0.90 (s, 3 H), 1.01 (s, 3 H), 1.10 (s, 3 H), 1.63 – 1.69 (m, 1 H), 1.87 – 1.93 (m, 2 H), 2.31 – 2.38 (m, 1 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 7.1, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.55 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 6.4, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.81 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.13 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 – 7.26 (m, 2 H), 7.38 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.57 (s, 1 H), 7.71 – 7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1 H).

¹³**C-NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = -0.4, 9.6, 16.5, 16.8, 21.6, 29.1, 30.2, 31.2, 54.6, 54.8, 65.1, 90.7, 92.2, 101.2, 112.8, 114.3, 116.3, 125.5, 126.8, 126.9, 127.9, 128.3, 130.1, 134.8, 136.1, 145.4, 166.1, 177.9. **IR** (ATR) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹): 3112, 2962, 1791, 1750, 1376, 1250, 1171, 1062.

MS (ESI): $m/z = 694.1 [M+Na]^+$.

C₃₂H₃₆BrNO₆SSi (670.69)

calcd.: 694.1087

found: 694.1091, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

(E)-4-Methyl-N-(4-(trimethylsilyl)but-2-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (17)



N-Allyl-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide (300 mg, 1.42 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and allyltrimethylsilane (811 mg, 1.13 mL, 7.10 mmol, 5.00 eq.) were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (4.8 mL) and heated to 50 °C. 1,4-Benzoquinone (76.7 mg, 710 µmol, 0.50 eq.) and Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst 2nd generation (44.5 mg, 71.0 µmol, 5 mol%) were added and the vial was sealed under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for three days at 50 °C. After cooling to ambient temperature, the solvent was removed *in vacuo* and silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 12:1) afforded the desired product **17** (287 mg, 965 µmol, 68%, *E:Z* = ~3:1) as colorless oil.

All analytical data were in agreement with those previously reported.³

(*R*)-*N*-(1-(4-Bromo-1-tosyl-1*H*-indol-3-yl)-4-(trimethylsilyl)but-3-yn-2-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(4-(trimethyl-silyl)but-2-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10)



Chiral alcohol **16** (476 mg, 970 μ mol, 1.00 eq.), sulfonamide **17** (577 mg, 1.94 mmol, 2.00 eq.) and PPh₃ (865 mg, 3.30 mmol, 3.40 eq.) were dissolved in THF (7.0 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. DIAD (569 mg, 553 μ L, 2.81 mmol, 2.90 eq.) was added slowly over a period of one hour. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirring continued for 2 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 15:1) afforded the desired product **10** (554 mg, 720 μ mol, 74%, *E:Z* = ~3:1) as white solid.

R_f: 0.22 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 10:1). **m.p.**: 91-93 °C. **Specific Rotation**: $[a]_D^{23} = +30.9^\circ$ (*c* = 4.6 mM, CH₂Cl₂). ¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) of the major product: $\delta = -0.03$ (s, 9 H), -0.02 (s, 9 H), 1.34 - 1.40 (m, 2 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (dd, *J* = 15.5, 4.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.08 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.31 – 5.37 (m, 1 H), 5.60 – 5.69 (m, 1 H), 7.05 – 7.11 (m, 1 H), 7.23 – 7.26 (m, 4 H), 7.36 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.65 (s, 1 H), 7.69 – 7.72 (m, 2 H), 7.74 – 7.77 (m, 2 H), 7.89 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.9 Hz, 1 H). ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) of the major product: δ = -1.9, -0.4, 21.5, 21.6, 22.7, 32.2, 47.9, 52.0, 91.4, 101.3, 125.2, 125.4, 127.0, 127.2, 127.7, 127.7, 128.7, 129.3, 130.0, 131.0, 134.8, 136.1, 136.1, 143.1, 145.1. IR (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ (cm⁻¹):2956, 1598, 1413, 1372, 1247, 1158, 1091. UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 286 (3.73), 255 (4.11), 221 (4.59), 196 (4.96). MS (ESI): *m/z* = 793.1 [M+Na]⁺. C₃₆H₄₅BrN₂O₄S₂Si₂ (769.96) calcd.: 793.1414

found: 793.1421, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

(6aR,9S)-4,7-ditosyl-10-(trimethylsilyl)-9-vinyl-4,6,6a,7,8,9-hexahydroindolo[4,3-fg]quinoline (9)



Domino precursor **10** (38.3 mg, 49.8 µmol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in DMA (2.0 mL) and the solution was degassed with argon for 20 min. Afterwards, Et₃N (25.2 mg, 34.5 µL, 249 µmol, 5.00 eq.), XPhos (4.84 mg, 9.95 µmol, 20 mol%) and [PdCl₂(PhCN)₂] (1.91 mg, 4.98 µmol, 10 mol%) were added and the vial was sealed under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at ambient temperature and for 2 h at 120 °C. Sat. aq. NH₄Cl-solution was added to the mixture and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed three times with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = $14:1 \rightarrow 8:1$) afforded the desired product **9** (24.6 mg, 39.9 µmol, 80%, 99% *ee*) as light yellow solid.

R_f: 0.21 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 5:1).

m.p.: 110-112 °C.

Specific Rotation: $[a]_D^{22} = -69.2^{\circ}$ (*c* = 10.4 mM, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 0.02 (s, 9 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.97 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 – 3.16 (m, 2 H), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.72 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 1.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.53 (ddd, *J* = 11.7, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (ddd, *J* = 10.0, 1.6, 0.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.94 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 1.6, 1.0 Hz, 1 H),

5.47 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.1, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.15 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 (dd, J = 4.4, 0.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 – 7.26 (m, 4 H), 7.64 – 7.67 (m, 2 H), 7.76 – 7.82 (m, 3 H). ¹³**C-NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 1.7$, 21.5, 21.6, 29.4, 42.6, 43.7, 55.1, 113.3, 116.9, 118.0, 120.2, 120.7, 124.5, 126.8, 127.3, 129.3, 129.4, 129.9, 132.6, 133.1, 135.4, 135.9, 138.0, 138.8, 142.5, 143.2, 144.9.

IR (ATR) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹): 2955, 1597, 1435, 1339, 1249, 1173, 1112, 1089.

UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 293 (4.20), 229 (4.51), 193 (4.94).

MS (ESI): $m/z = 639.2 [M+Na]^+$.

C₃₃H₃₆N₂O₄S₂Si (616.87)

calcd.: 639.1778 found: 639.1780, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

(6a*R*,9*R*)-4,7-Ditosyl-10-(trimethylsilyl)-4,6,6a,7,8,9-hexahydroindolo[4,3-*fg*]quinoline-9carbaldehyde (20)



Domino product **9** (31.9 mg, 51.7 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in a mixture of THF (0.50 mL), H₂O (58 μ L) and acetone (0.6 mL). 2,6-Lutidine (11.1 mg, 12.0 μ L, 103 μ mol, 2.00 eq.) and NMO (12.1 mg, 103 μ mol, 2.00 eq.) were added and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. OsO₄ (2.5 wt% in *t*BuOH, 158 μ L, 15.5 μ mol, 0.30 eq.) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 2 d and 15 h at 0 °C. Afterwards, aq. sat. Na₂SO₃-solution was added and stirring continued for 10 min while warming up to ambient temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*.

The crude diol was dissolved in a mixture of THF (1.2 mL) and H₂O (0.4 mL) and NaIO₄ (44.2 mg, 207 μ mol, 4.00 eq.) was added. After being stirred for 4 h at ambient temperature, the suspension was diluted with EtOAc. The aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 5:1) afforded the desired product **20** (18.8 mg, 30.4 μ mol, 59%) as yellow solid.

R_f: 0.40 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 5:3). **m.p.**: 109-111 °C. **Specific Rotation**: $[a]_D^{22} = -168.7^{\circ}$ (*c* = 12.1 mM, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.06$ (s, 9 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 2.99 (ddd, J = 14.5, 11.9, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.17 (dd, J = 14.9, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (dt, J = 3.7, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.34 (dd, J = 13.7, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.15 (dd, J = 13.7, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.66 (dd, J = 11.8, 4.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 – 7.28 (m, 4 H), 7.28 – 7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.67 – 7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.77 – 7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 9.26 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1 H).

¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.4, 21.6, 21.6, 29.2, 38.5, 51.1, 55.1, 113.8, 117.3, 120.5, 120.8, 124.7, 126.8, 127.2, 129.3, 129.9, 130.0, 130.1, 132.0, 133.0, 135.3, 137.0, 144.0, 145.0, 145.8, 199.6. IR (ATR) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹): 2954, 1718, 1597, 1436, 1356, 1340, 1172, 1158, 1112, 1088. UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 293 (4.10), 231 (4.49), 193 (4.87). MS (ESI): m/z = 641.2 [M+Na]⁺.

C₃₂H₃₄N₂O₅S₂Si (618.84)

calcd.: 641.1571

found: 641.1571, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

Methyl (6a*R*,9*R*)-4,7-ditosyl-10-(trimethylsilyl)-4,6,6a,7,8,9-hexahydroindolo[4,3-*fg*]quinoline-9carboxylate (8)



Aldehyde **20** (43.3 mg, 70.0 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) and 2-methylbut-2-ene (295 mg, 444 μ L, 4.20 mmol, 60.0 eq.) were dissolved in THF (1.5 mL) and *t*BuOH (1.5 mL). A solution of NaClO₂ (80%, 75.9 mg, 672 μ mol, 9.6 eq.) and NaH₂PO₄ (80.6 mg, 672 μ mol, 9.6 eq.) in H₂O (0.7 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at ambient temperature. Sat. aq. NaCl-solution was added and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*.

The crude carboxylic acid was dissolved in PhMe (1.5 mL) and MeOH (0.8 mL) and cooled to 0 °C before TMSCHN₂ (2.0 M in hexane, 350 μ L, 700 μ mol, 10.0 eq.) was added dropwise. After being stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 5:1) afforded the desired product **8** (40.7 mg, 62.7 μ mol, 90%, 99% *ee*) as light yellow solid.

R_f: 0.34 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 3:1).

m.p.: 84-86 °C.

Specific Rotation: $[a]_D^{21} = -33.3^\circ$ (*c* = 16.6 mM, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 0.05$ (s, 9 H), 2.37 (s, 3 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.03 (ddd, J = 14.8, 11.8, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.22 (dd, J = 14.8, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.34 (dd, J = 13.4, 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.39 (dd, J = 4.4, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.41 (s, 3 H), 4.16 (dd, J = 13.3, 1.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.60 (dd, J = 11.8, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.17 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.23 – 7.28 (m, 5 H), 7.32 – 7.34 (m, 1 H), 7.65 – 7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.76 – 7.80 (m, 2 H), 7.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H).

¹³**C-NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.4, 21.5, 21.6, 29.0, 40.7, 44.6, 52.0, 55.3, 113.5, 117.7, 120.4, 120.7, 124.6, 126.8, 127.4, 129.3, 129.5, 129.9, 131.6, 132.3, 133.1, 135.4, 137.5, 143.3, 144.6, 144.9, 172.0. **IR** (ATR) $\tilde{\nu}$ (cm⁻¹): 2952, 1732, 1597, 1376, 1248, 1172, 1153, 1108, 1088, 1018.

UV (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 291 (4.17), 230 (4.51), 194 (4.92).

MS (ESI): $m/z = 671.2 [M+Na]^+$.

C33H36N2O6S2Si (648.87)

calcd.: 671.1676

found: 671.1678, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

Methyl (6aR,9R)-4,7-ditosyl-4,6,6a,7,8,9-hexahydroindolo[4,3-fg]quinoline-9-carboxylate (21)



Ester **8** (53.5 mg, 82.5 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in CHCl₃ (1.4 mL) and at 0 °C TFA (1.4 mL) was added dropwise. The ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4.5 h in an open flask at ambient temperature. The solution was treated with sat. aq. NaHCO₃-solution and the aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. Silica gel column chromatography (*n*-pentane:EtOAc = 2:1) afforded the desired product **21** (45.4 mg, 78.7 μ mol, 95%) as light yellow solid.

R_f: 0.22 (*n*-hexane:EtOAc = 2:1).

m.p.: 119-121 °C.

Specific Rotation: $[a]_D^{22} = -129.4^\circ$ (*c* = 21.9 mM, CHCl₃).

¹**H-NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 2.89 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 12.0, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 - 3.29 (m, 1 H), 3.35 - 3.41 (m, 2 H), 3.48 (s, 3 H), 4.30 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.64 - 4.69 (m, 1 H), 6.35

(dd, J = 6.1, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.22 – 7.31 (m, 6 H), 7.67 – 7.70 (m, 2 H), 7.75 – 7.78 (m, 2 H), 7.80 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1 H). ¹³**C-NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 21.3, 21.4, 27.8, 40.5, 41.2, 52.0, 53.4, 112.8, 115.9, 117.0, 118.8, 120.4, 125.6, 126.5, 127.1, 128.0, 129.3, 129.7, 129.7, 133.1, 134.9, 135.1, 137.5, 143.1, 144.7, 170.8. **IR** (ATR) \tilde{v} (cm⁻¹): 2953, 1733, 1597, 1434, 1357, 1341, 1153, 1110, 1088. **UV** (CH₃CN): λ_{max} (lg ε) = 285 (4.16), 230 (4.52), 193 (4.84). **MS** (ESI): $m/z = 599.1 [M+Na]^+$. $C_{30}H_{28}N_2O_6S_2$ (576.68)

calcd.: 599.1281

found: 599.1280, [M+Na]⁺ (ESI-HRMS).

((6aR,9R)-4,7-Ditosyl-4,6,6a,7,8,9-hexahydroindolo[4,3-fg]quinolin-9-yl)methanol (22)



Ester 21 (10.5 mg, 18.2 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) was dissolved in THF (0.5 mL) and at -78 °C DIBAL-H (1.0 M, 54.6 µL, 54.6 µmol, 3.00 eq.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and 20 min before being warmed up to 0 °C. Stirring continued for 30 min at 0 °C and for 45 min at ambient temperature. Further DIBAL-H (1.0 M, 54.6 µL, 54.6 µmol, 3.00 eq.) was added and after 1.5 h sat. aq. Rochelle salt solution was used to terminate the reaction. The solution was stirred for 15 min and afterwards the aqueous layer was extracted three times with EtOAc. The combined organic phases were washed once with sat. aq. NaCl-solution, dried over Na₂SO₄ and the solvent was removed in vacuo. Silica gel column chromatography (n-pentane:EtOAc = 1:1) afforded the desired product 22 (9.0 mg, 16.4 µmol, 90%) as light yellow solid.

All analytical data were in agreement with those previously reported.⁴



¹H- and ¹³C-NMR Spectra of all New Compounds







¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)







¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃)







HPLC Chromatograms

Chromatogram of compound 9 (rac)



Chromatogram of compound 9



Chromatogram of compound 8 (rac)



Chromatogram of compound 8



Crystallographic Data

The toluol solvate of **18** crystallizes in space group $P2_1$ with a = 6.04388(8), b = 22.18157(15), c = 13.72525(15) Å, $\beta = 92.9646(12)^\circ$, V = 1837.58 Å³, Z = 2. Data were registered to $2\theta_{max}$ 152° at 100 K using Cu $K\alpha$ radiation on an Oxford Diffraction Nova A diffractometer. The structure was refined on F² using the program SHELXL-97 (G. M. Sheldrick, University of Göttingen, Germany) to wR2 0.0964 (all 7682 unique reflections), R1 0.0365 ($F > 4\sigma(F)$). The toluol molecule was severely disordered and its effects were mathematically subtracted from the observed data using the routine SQUEEZE (part of the PLATON suite; A. L. Spek, University of Utrecht, Netherlands). The Flack parameter refined to -0.011(12).

Crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-1535010 (**18**). Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge from www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

Compound	18
Formula	$C_{39}H_{44}BrNO_6SSi$
Mr	762.81
Cryst. size (mm)	$0.25 \times 0.10 \times 0.03$
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P21
Temperature (K)	100(2)
Cell constants:	
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.04388(8)
<i>b</i> (Å)	22.18157(15)
<i>c</i> (Å)	13.72525(15)
α (°)	90
β (°)	92.9646(12)
γ (°)	90
V (Å ³)	1837.58(3)
Z	2
<i>D</i> _x (Mg m⁻³)	1.379
λ (Å)	1.54184
μ (mm⁻¹)	2.751
Transmissions	0.6768 - 1.0000
F(000)	796
$2 \theta_{max}$	152
Refl. measured	105118
Refl. indep.	7682
R _{int}	0.0626
Parameters	386
Restraints	1
wR(F ² , all refl.)	0.096
<i>R</i> (<i>F</i> , >4σ(<i>F</i>))	0.037
S	1.02
max. Δρ (e Å ⁻³)	0.86

 Table 1: Crystallographic data.



The structure of compound **18** in the crystal. Ellipsoids correspond to 50% probability levels. **Table 2:** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **18**.

C(1)-C(6)	1.406(4)	C(7)-C(8)	1.370(4)
C(1)-C(2)	1.409(4)	C(7)-C(12)	1.395(4)
C(1)-C(15)	1.451(4)	C(8)-C(9)	1.390(4)
C(2)-C(3)	1.377(4)	C(9)-C(10)	1.390(4)
C(2)-Br(1)	1.897(3)	C(10)-C(11)	1.396(4)
C(3)-C(4)	1.382(5)	C(10)-C(13)	1.513(4)
C(4)-C(5)	1.396(5)	C(11)-C(12)	1.392(4)
C(5)-C(6)	1.391(4)	C(14)-C(15)	1.352(4)
C(6)-N(1)	1.418(4)	C(15)-C(16)	1.491(4)
N(1)-C(14)	1.398(4)	C(16)-C(17)	1.533(4)
N(1)-S(1)	1.664(2)	C(17)-C(18)	1.454(4)
S(1)-O(1)	1.427(3)	C(17)-O(4)	1.461(3)
S(1)-O(2)	1.429(3)	C(18)-C(19)	1.218(4)
S(1)-C(7)	1.762(3)	C(19)-Si(1)	1.843(3)
Si(1)-C(20)	1.837(4)	N(1)-S(1)-C(7)	105.22(13)
Si(1)-C(22)	1.846(5)	C(8)-C(7)-C(12)	121.5(3)
Si(1)-C(21)	1.857(5)	C(8)-C(7)-S(1)	119.3(2)

C(23)-O(3)	1.197(3)	C(12)-C(7)-S(1)	119.2(2)
C(23)-O(4)	1.346(3)	C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	119.2(3)
C(23)-C(24)	1.502(3)	C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	121.2(3)
C(24)-O(6)	1.457(3)	C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	118.7(3)
C(24)-C(25)	1.529(3)	C(9)-C(10)-C(13)	120.8(3)
C(24)-C(30)	1.559(3)	C(11)-C(10)-C(13)	120.5(3)
C(25)-C(26)	1.543(4)	C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	120.8(3)
C(26)-C(27)	1.552(4)	C(11)-C(12)-C(7)	118.7(3)
C(27)-C(28)	1.510(4)	C(15)-C(14)-N(1)	110.6(2)
C(27)-C(29)	1.521(4)	C(14)-C(15)-C(1)	106.7(2)
C(27)-C(30)	1.558(3)	C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	123.7(2)
C(29)-O(5)	1.197(4)	C(1)-C(15)-C(16)	129.6(3)
C(29)-O(6)	1.370(3)	C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	112.4(2)
C(30)-C(32)	1.516(4)	C(18)-C(17)-O(4)	109.1(2)
C(30)-C(31)	1.535(4)	C(18)-C(17)-C(16)	113.5(2)
		O(4)-C(17)-C(16)	104.5(2)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	116.9(2)	C(19)-C(18)-C(17)	177.7(3)
C(6)-C(1)-C(15)	108.2(2)	C(18)-C(19)-Si(1)	176.9(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(15)	134.8(3)	C(20)-Si(1)-C(19)	107.55(16)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	121.0(3)	C(20)-Si(1)-C(22)	110.3(3)
C(3)-C(2)-Br(1)	117.5(2)	C(19)-Si(1)-C(22)	108.63(17)
C(1)-C(2)-Br(1)	121.5(2)	C(20)-Si(1)-C(21)	111.5(3)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119.9(3)	C(19)-Si(1)-C(21)	109.0(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	122.0(3)	C(22)-Si(1)-C(21)	109.7(3)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	116.8(3)	O(3)-C(23)-O(4)	125.4(2)
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	123.2(3)	O(3)-C(23)-C(24)	126.3(2)
C(5)-C(6)-N(1)	130.4(3)	O(4)-C(23)-C(24)	108.3(2)
C(1)-C(6)-N(1)	106.4(2)	C(23)-O(4)-C(17)	116.35(19)
C(14)-N(1)-C(6)	108.1(2)	O(6)-C(24)-C(23)	108.24(19)
C(14)-N(1)-S(1)	121.57(19)	O(6)-C(24)-C(25)	105.70(19)
C(6)-N(1)-S(1)	128.4(2)	C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	118.1(2)
O(1)-S(1)-O(2)	121.03(17)	O(6)-C(24)-C(30)	103.06(18)
O(1)-S(1)-N(1)	106.09(15)	C(23)-C(24)-C(30)	115.9(2)
O(2)-S(1)-N(1)	106.06(14)	C(25)-C(24)-C(30)	104.4(2)
O(1)-S(1)-C(7)	108.84(15)	C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	101.3(2)
O(2)-S(1)-C(7)	108.48(15)	C(25)-C(26)-C(27)	103.9(2)
C(28)-C(27)-C(29)	114.4(2)	O(6)-C(29)-C(27)	107.0(2)
C(28)-C(27)-C(26)	116.2(2)	C(32)-C(30)-C(31)	110.0(2)
C(29)-C(27)-C(26)	102.6(2)	C(32)-C(30)-C(27)	115.3(2)

C(28)-C(27)-C(30)	118.6(2)	C(31)-C(30)-C(27)	113.1(2)
C(29)-C(27)-C(30)	99.7(2)	C(32)-C(30)-C(24)	114.6(2)
C(26)-C(27)-C(30)	102.82(19)	C(31)-C(30)-C(24)	112.3(2)
O(5)-C(29)-O(6)	121.9(3)	C(27)-C(30)-C(24)	90.58(18)
O(5)-C(29)-C(27)	131.1(3)	C(29)-O(6)-C(24)	105.9(2)

 Table 2: Torsion angles [°] for compound 18.

C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	-2.3(4)
C(15)-C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	176.4(3)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)-Br(1)	176.73(18)
C(15)-C(1)-C(2)-Br(1)	-4.6(4)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	1.9(4)
Br(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	-177.1(2)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	0.7(4)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	-2.6(4)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	2.2(4)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)-N(1)	-177.4(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	0.2(4)
C(15)-C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	-178.8(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)-N(1)	179.9(2)
C(15)-C(1)-C(6)-N(1)	0.9(3)
C(5)-C(6)-N(1)-C(14)	177.6(3)
C(1)-C(6)-N(1)-C(14)	-2.1(3)
C(5)-C(6)-N(1)-S(1)	13.7(4)
C(1)-C(6)-N(1)-S(1)	-166.03(19)
C(14)-N(1)-S(1)-O(1)	168.8(2)
C(6)-N(1)-S(1)-O(1)	-29.1(3)
C(14)-N(1)-S(1)-O(2)	39.0(2)
C(6)-N(1)-S(1)-O(2)	-159.0(2)
C(14)-N(1)-S(1)-C(7)	-75.9(2)
C(6)-N(1)-S(1)-C(7)	86.1(2)
O(1)-S(1)-C(7)-C(8)	55.4(3)
O(2)-S(1)-C(7)-C(8)	-171.1(2)
N(1)-S(1)-C(7)-C(8)	-57.9(3)
O(1)-S(1)-C(7)-C(12)	-123.3(2)
O(2)-S(1)-C(7)-C(12)	10.2(3)
N(1)-S(1)-C(7)-C(12)	123.3(2)
C(12)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	0.1(5)
S(1)-C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	-178.7(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	0.1(5)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(11)	-0.1(5)
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)-C(13)	-177.4(3)
C(9)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	-0.2(4)
C(13)-C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	177.2(3)

C(10)-C(11)-C(12)-C(7)	0.4(4)
C(8)-C(7)-C(12)-C(11)	-0.3(4)
S(1)-C(7)-C(12)-C(11)	178.4(2)
C(6)-N(1)-C(14)-C(15)	2.6(3)
S(1)-N(1)-C(14)-C(15)	167.86(19)
N(1)-C(14)-C(15)-C(1)	-2.0(3)
N(1)-C(14)-C(15)-C(16)	179.5(2)
C(6)-C(1)-C(15)-C(14)	0.7(3)
C(2)-C(1)-C(15)-C(14)	-178.1(3)
C(6)-C(1)-C(15)-C(16)	179.0(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(15)-C(16)	0.2(5)
C(14)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	102.5(3)
C(1)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)	-75.6(3)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18)	175.4(2)
C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-O(4)	-65.8(3)
O(3)-C(23)-O(4)-C(17)	-2.7(3)
C(24)-C(23)-O(4)-C(17)	174.77(18)
C(18)-C(17)-O(4)-C(23)	-75.4(3)
C(16)-C(17)-O(4)-C(23)	162.90(19)
O(3)-C(23)-C(24)-O(6)	-15.9(3)
O(4)-C(23)-C(24)-O(6)	166.58(18)
O(3)-C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	-135.9(3)
O(4)-C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	46.6(3)
O(3)-C(23)-C(24)-C(30)	99.2(3)
O(4)-C(23)-C(24)-C(30)	-78.3(2)
O(6)-C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	69.9(2)
C(23)-C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	-168.9(2)
C(30)-C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	-38.5(2)
C(24)-C(25)-C(26)-C(27)	2.0(3)
C(25)-C(26)-C(27)-C(28)	165.9(2)
C(25)-C(26)-C(27)-C(29)	-68.5(2)
C(25)-C(26)-C(27)-C(30)	34.7(3)
C(28)-C(27)-C(29)-O(5)	19.5(5)
C(26)-C(27)-C(29)-O(5)	-107.2(4)
C(30)-C(27)-C(29)-O(5)	147.2(4)
C(28)-C(27)-C(29)-O(6)	-163.4(2)
C(26)-C(27)-C(29)-O(6)	69.9(3)
C(30)-C(27)-C(29)-O(6)	-35.7(3)
C(28)-C(27)-C(30)-C(32)	-66.3(3)

C(29)-C(27)-C(30)-C(32)	168.8(2)
C(26)-C(27)-C(30)-C(32)	63.4(3)
C(28)-C(27)-C(30)-C(31)	61.4(3)
C(29)-C(27)-C(30)-C(31)	-63.5(3)
C(26)-C(27)-C(30)-C(31)	-168.9(2)
C(28)-C(27)-C(30)-C(24)	176.0(2)
C(29)-C(27)-C(30)-C(24)	51.1(2)
C(26)-C(27)-C(30)-C(24)	-54.3(2)
O(6)-C(24)-C(30)-C(32)	-171.3(2)
C(23)-C(24)-C(30)-C(32)	70.7(3)
C(25)-C(24)-C(30)-C(32)	-61.1(3)
O(6)-C(24)-C(30)-C(31)	62.3(3)
C(23)-C(24)-C(30)-C(31)	-55.7(3)
C(25)-C(24)-C(30)-C(31)	172.6(2)
O(6)-C(24)-C(30)-C(27)	-53.0(2)
C(23)-C(24)-C(30)-C(27)	-171.1(2)
C(25)-C(24)-C(30)-C(27)	57.2(2)
O(5)-C(29)-O(6)-C(24)	178.1(3)
C(27)-C(29)-O(6)-C(24)	0.7(3)
C(23)-C(24)-O(6)-C(29)	158.3(2)
C(25)-C(24)-O(6)-C(29)	-74.2(2)
C(30)-C(24)-O(6)-C(29)	35.0(3)

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