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New Pathway to C2-Symmetric Atropoisomeric Bipyridine N,N'-Dioxides and Solvent Effect in Enantioselective Allylation of Aldehydes

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1. General methods

All solvents unless otherwise stated were used as obtained. THF was distilled from sodium and benzophenone, and dichloromethane from CaH_2 under Ar. All other reagents were obtained from commercial sources.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 (¹H at 400 MHz, ¹³C at 100.6 MHz) as solutions in C₆D₆ or CDCl₃ with Me₄Si as an internal standard referenced to the residual solvent signal. Chemical shifts are given in δ -scale, coupling constants *J* are given in Hz. Melting points (uncorrected) were determined using a Kofler apparatus. Mass spectra were recorded on a ZAB-SEQ (VG-Analytical) instrument. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker IFS 55 spectrometer as CHCl₃ solutions and are reported in wave numbers (cm⁻¹). Fluka 60 silica gel was used for flash chromatography. TLC was performed on silica gel 60 F₂₅₄-coated aluminum sheets (Merck). All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using Schlenk-tube technique or in microwave reactor Biotage Initiator.

2. Synthesis of starting material

Hexadeca-1,7,9,15-tetrayne (1). To a suspension of CuI (448 mg, 2.35 mmol), PdCl₂(MeCN)₂ (300 mg, 1.16 mmol), PPh₃ (1.23 g, 4.7 mmol) in dry and degassed THF (300 mL) under atmosphere of argon was added 1,7-octadiyne (10 g, 94 mmol).¹ After cooling of the suspension to 0 °C a solution of I₂ (3 g, 11.8 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was added dropwise, followed by the addition of diisopropylamine (30 mL) and the reaction mixture was left stirring at 20 °C for 8 hours. Then it was diluted by water (50 mL) and diethylether (100 mL), the organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄, and filtrated over silica gel. Volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the residue was filtered over a short pad of alumina (hexane). Once again volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and Kugelrohr distillation of the residue afforded 1.58 g (16 %) of the title compound as a colorless liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.26-1.30 (m, 8H), 1.71-1.73 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.82-1.86 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 18.7, 19.5, 28.3, 28.4, 67.8, 70.1, 78.3, 84.9. IR and EA data were in agreement with the previously published values.²

3. Synthesis of bis(tetrahydroisoquinolines)

General procedure for cyclotrimerization of hexadeca-1,7,9,15-tetrayne (1) with nitriles. To a solution of hexadeca-1,7,9,15-tetrayne 1 (200 mg, 0.95 mmol) in a dry nitrile (15 mL) or a solution of a nitrile (20 mmol) in dry and degassed THF in a vial was added $CpCo(CO)_2$ (34 mg, 0.16 mmol) under atmosphere of argon. Then the vial was placed into the microwave oven and irradiated for 30 min (300 W) (during the process temperature and pressure reached

200°C and 20 barr). Then nitrile was removed under reduced pressure and column chromatography of the residue on silica gel (solvent) afforded a product.

Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-methyl-isoquinoline) (**3a**). Acetonitrile (15 mL). Column chromatography silica gel (EtOAc) afforded 100 mg (36%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 150 °C (EtOAc); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.45-1.47 (m, 8H), 2.42-2.43 (m, 4H), 2.48 (s, 6H), 2.58-2.62 (m, 4H), 6.57 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.3 (2C), 24.0 (2C), 24.7 (2C), 26.7 (2C), 30.2 (2C), 123.1 (2C), 128.6 (2C), 147.2 (2C), 154.6 (2C), 158.9 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 3047, 2942, 2879, 2853, 1587, 1552, 1432, 1378, 1299, 1159, 1001, 947, 855, 751, 719, 694, 669 cm⁻¹; EI-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 292 (M⁺, 100), 277 (12), 264 (42), 250 (10), 146 (12), 118 (10); HR-MS calculated for C₂₀H₂₄N₂ 292.19395, found 292.193461.

Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-phenylisoquinoline) (**3b**). Benzonitrile (15 mL). Column chromatography (3/1 hexane/Et₂O) afforded 202 mg (51%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 193 °C (EtOAc); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.44-1.48 (m, 8H), 2.48-2.52 (m, 4H), 2.64-2.72 (m, 4H), 7.16- 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 6H), 8.20-8.22 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.3 (2C), 24.1 (2C), 27.3 (2C), 30.6 (2C), 121.3 (2C), 128.6 (4C), 130.0 (2C), 130.2 (4C), 131.8 (2C), 141.8 (2C), 149.0 (2C), 154.8 (2C), 160.0 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 3059, 2939, 2917, 2856, 2828, 1587, 1552, 1413, 1305, 1216, 1159, 1023, 859, 770, 688, 672, 612 cm⁻¹; EI-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 416 (M⁺, 100), 388 (20), 208 (22), 180 (7); HR-MS calculated for C₃₀H₂₈N₂ 416.22525, found 416.22416.

Bis-1,1'-{5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-isoquinoline} (**3c**). 4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzonitrile (3.28 g, 19.2 mmol) and THF (12 mL). Column chromatography (3/1 hexane/Et₂O) afforded 249 mg (47%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 290 °C (EtOAc); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.42-1.55 (m, 8H), 2.48-2.52 (m, 4H), 2.60-2.65 (m, 4H), 7.16- 7.18 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.50 (m, 4H), 7.80-8.02 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.1 (2C), 23.8 (2C), 27.1 (2C), 30.4 (2C), 121.2 (2C), 126.4 (2C), 128.0 (4C), 130.9 (2C), 131.3 (2C), 132.1 (4C), 143.9 (2C), 148.6 (2C), 152.4 (2C), 159.0 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 3050, 2942, 2863, 2828, 1615, 1577, 1454, 1429, 1324, 1156, 1115, 1068, 1014, 840, 817 cm⁻¹; EI-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 552 (M⁺, 100), 524 (20), 276 (15); HR-MS calculated for C₃₂H₂₆N₂F₆ 552.20002, found 552.200873.

Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)isoquinoline] (**3d**). 4-Methoxybenzonitrile (2.53 g, 19.2 mmol) and THF (12 mL). Column chromatography (3/1 hexane/Et₂O) afforded 228 mg (50%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 231 °C (EtOAc); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.49-1.51 (m, 8H), 2.52-2.54 (m, 4H), 2.68-2.74 (m, 4H), 3.31 (s, 6H), 6.90- 6.93 (m, 4H), 7.32 (s, 2H), 8.19-8.22 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.3 (2C), 24.1 (2C), 27.1 (2C), 30.6 (2C), 55.5 (2C), 114.9 (4C), 119.8 (2C), 129.2 (4C), 130.2 (2C), 133.6 (2C), 148.0 (2C), 153.8 (2C), 159.1 (2C), 161.4 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 3100, 2933, 2860, 2834, 2217, 1603, 1555, 1511, 1410, 1372, 1308, 1254, 1210, 1172, 1023, 830, 681 cm⁻¹; EI-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 476 (M⁺, 85), 448 (14), 238 (16), 84 (100), 56 (15); HR-MS calculated for C₃₂H₃₂N₂O₂ 404.24638, found 476.245570.

Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-isoquinoline] (3e). 3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzonitrile (3.7 g, 19.2 mmol) and THF (10 mL). Column chromatography (2/1 hexane/EtOAc) afforded 263 mg (46%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 134 °C (EtOAc); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.50-1.52 (m, 8H), 2.53-2.56 (m, 4H), 2.60-2.80 (m, 4H), 3.43 (s, 12H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 7.43 (s, 2H), 7.55 (s, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.2 (2C), 23.9 (2C), 27.0 (2C), 30.5 (2C), 56.6 (2C), 61.2 (2C), 106.1 (4C), 120.5 (2C), 129.2 (4C), 130.7 (2C), 136.3 (2C), 141.2 (2C), 148.3 (2C), 154.4 (2C), 155.1 (2C), 159.2 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 2999, 2932, 2828, 1742, 1581, 1546, 1501, 1419, 1375, 1337, 1248, 1232, 1118, 1001, 846, 764, 681 cm⁻¹; EI-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 596 (M⁺, 48), 476 (22), 416 (24); HR-MS calculated for C₃₆H₄₀N₂O₆ 596.28864, found 596.28664.

Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)isoquinoline] (3f). Hexadeca-1,7,9,15-tetrayne **1** (90 mg, 0.42 mmol), (*R*)-tetrahydrofuran-2-carbonitrile (1.0 g, 10.3 mmol), THF (3 mL), and CpCo(CO)₂ (16 mg, 0.08 mmol). Column chromatography (EtOAc) afforded 90 mg (48%) of the title compound as a pale yellow viscous liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.44-1.64 (m, 12H), 2.04-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.48- 2.50 (m, 6H), 2.51-2.66 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.92-3.98 m (2H) 5.18 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.2 (2C), 24.0 (2C), 26.6 (2C), 26.9 (2C), 30.4 (2C), 33.9 (2C), 69.5 (2C), 82.4 (2C), 120.2 (2C), 130.3 (2C), 147.8 (2C), 158.5 (2C), 160.0 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 2970, 2936, 2860, 1590, 1555, 1448, 1432, 1394, 1324, 1299, 1220, 1159, 1061, 1001, 916, 871, 748 cm⁻¹; EI-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 404 (M⁺, 100), 376 (18), 359 (78), 348 (18), 292 (16), 256 (22), 213 (10), 185 (14), 167 (14), 149 (22), 129 (20), 111 (18), 97 (30); HR-MS calculated for C₂₆H₃₂N₂O₂ 404.24638, found 404.24527.

Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-benzylisoquinoline) (3g). Hexadeca-1,7,9,15-tetrayne **1** (100 mg, 0.47 mmol), benzylcyanide (3 mL) and CpCo(CO)₂ (16 mg, 0.08 mmol). Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 3/1) afforded 72 mg (34%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 163 °C (benzene); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.40-1.42 (m, 8H), 2.32-2.35 (m, 4H), 2.55-2.57 (m, 4H), 4.13 (s, 4H), 6.70 (s, 2H), 7.05-7.07 (m, 2H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.2 (2C), 23.9 (2C), 26.8 (2C), 30.2 (2C), 45.4 (2C), 123.2 (2C), 126.9 (2C), 129.3 (4C), 129.7 (2C), 130.2 (4C), 141.7 (2C), 147.8 (2C), 157.5 (2C), 158.7 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 3062, 3024, 2929, 2856, 1590, 1552, 1495, 1451, 1435, 1387, 1302, 1261, 1172, 1134, 1074, 1001, 944, 862, 741, 729, 700 cm⁻¹; FAB-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 445 (M+H⁺, 100), 177 (6), 154 (10), 137 (10), 91 (7); HR-MS calculated for C₃₂H₃₃N₂ 445.26437, found 445.263659.

Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-cyclohexylisoquinoline) (**3h**). Hexadeca-1,7,9,15-tetrayne **1** (100 mg, 0.47 mmol), cyclohexanecarbonitrile (3 mL) and CpCo(CO)₂ (16 mg, 0.08 mmol). Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 3/1) afforded 42 mg (21%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 156 °C (benzene); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.24-1.50 (m, 14H), 1.64-1.80 (m, 10H), 2.05-2.08 (m, 4H), 2.48-2.74 (m, 10H), 6.70 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.4 (2C), 24.2 (2C), 27.0 (2C), 27.3 (2C), 27.8 (4C), 30.4 (2C), 34.0 (4C), 47.2 (2C), 121.1 (2C), 129.4 (2C), 147.3 (2C), 158.8 (2C), 162.6 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 2923, 2847, 1584, 1552, 1444, 1432, 1394, 1349, 1261, 1156, 1014, 862 cm⁻¹; FAB-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 429 (M+H⁺, 100), 373 (10), 137 (6); HR-MS calculated for C₃₀H₄₁N₂ 429.32697, found 429.32799.

Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-cyclopropylisoquinoline) (**3i**). Hexadeca-1,7,9,15-tetrayne **1** (100 mg, 0.47 mmol), cyclopropanecarbonitrile (3 mL) and CpCo(CO)₂ (16 mg, 0.08 mmol). Column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc 3/1) afforded 15 mg (9%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid: m.p. 188 °C (benzene); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 0.77-0.79 (m, 4H), 1.22-1.24 (m, 4H), 1.43-1.45 (m, 8H), 1.85-1.87 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.56 (m, 8H), 6.66 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 10.2 (4C), 17.8 (2C), 23.3 (2C), 24.1 (2C), 26.9 (2C), 30.2 (2C), 121.8 (2C), 137.1 (2C), 147.0 (2C), 158.6 (2C), 158.8 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 3081, 3002, 2932, 2856, 2831, 1590, 1555, 1451, 1432, 1292, 1239, 1201, 1163, 1052, 1017, 998, 935, 871, 811 cm⁻¹; FAB-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 345 (M+H⁺, 100), 177 (12), 154 (14), 137 (14); HR-MS calculated for C₂₄H₂₉N₂ 345.23307, found 345.23307.

4. Preparation of bipyridine *N*,*N*'-dioxides

General procedure for oxidation of bipyridines 3. To a solution of a bipyridine **3** (1.8 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (7 mL) cooled to 0 °C MCPBA (3.9 mmol) was added, then it was allowed to reach 20 °C and stirred for 1h. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine (7 mL) and extracted by dichloromethane (7 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄, and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. Column chromatography of the residue on alumina or silica gel afforded a product.

rac-Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-phenylisoquinoline)-*N*,*N*'-dioxide (4a). Column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc) afforded 330 mg (41%) of a colorless viscous liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.72-1.77 (m, 8H), 2.23- 2.81 (2H), 2.68-2.78 (m, 6H), 7.35-7.38 (m, 8H), 7.88-7.91 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.7 (2C), 21.8 (2C), 24.5 (2C), 28.5 (2C), 127.1 (2C), 127.8 (4C), 128.3 (2C), 129.1 (2C), 129.6 (4C), 132.7 (2C), 134.6 (2C), 136.4 (2C), 146.0 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 2933, 2857, 1709, 1448, 1388, 1353, 1261, 1144, 1070, 956, 820, 774, 736 cm⁻¹; HR-MS (ES+) calculated for C₃₀H₂₉N₂O₂ (M+H⁺) 449.2229, found 449.2250.

rac-Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-isoquinoline]-N,N'-dioxide

(**4b**). Column chromatography on silica gel (9/1 CHCl₃/2-propanol) afforded 249 mg (22%) of a colorless viscous liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.84-1.92 (m, 8H), 2.32- 2.37 (2H), 2.68-3.10 (m, 6H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.91 (s, 12H), 7.15 (s, 4H), 7.40 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4 (2C), 21.5 (2C), 25.4 (2C), 29.1 (2C), 56.6 (4C), 60.8 (2C), 77.2 (2C), 107.7 (4C), 126.3 (2C), 128.4 (2C), 135.9 (2C), 139.7 (2C), 142.2 (2C), 148.2 (2C), 153.1 (4C); IR (CHCl₃) v 2932, 2855, 1584, 1509, 1463, 1428, 1386, 1341, 1247, 1125, 1006, 914, 754 cm⁻¹; HR-MS (ES+) calculated for C₃₆H₄₁N₂O₈ (M+H⁺) 629.2863, found 629.2872.

(*R*,*R*,*R*)-Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)isoquinoline]-*N*,*N*'-dioxide (4c) and (*S*,*R*,*R*)-bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)isoquinoline]-*N*,*N*'dioxide (4c). Column chromatography on alumina (CHCl₃) of a mixture of diastereoisomeric *N*,*N*'-dioxides afforded 376 mg (48%) of (*R*,*R*,*R*)-4c and 219 mg (28%) of (*S*,*R*,*R*)-4c as colorless solids. (*R*,*R*,*R*)-4c: m.p. decomposition >150 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +396^\circ$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.68-2.14 (m, 16H), 2.59-2.65 (m, 4H), 2.77-2.80 (m, 4H), 3.92- 3.97 (m, 2H), 4.09-4.14 (m, 2H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.8 (2C), 21.9 (2C), 24.3 (2C), 25.6 (2C), 28.7 (2C), 31.0 (2C), 69.1 (2C), 75.4 (2C), 122.4 (2C), 134.1 (2C), 136.2 (2C), 141.4 (2C), 150.1 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 2978, 2934, 2862, 2223, 1685, 1547, 1445, 1402, 1351, 1326, 1260, 1209, 1064, 919, 730, 643 cm⁻¹; FAB-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 459 (M+Na⁺, 30), 437 (M+H⁺, 100), 419 (26), 405 (6), 375 (10), 331 (7), 244 (15), 177 (6), 154 (14), 137 (14), 109 (9); HR-MS calculated for C₂₆H₃₂N₂O₄ 436.23621, found 436.23556. (*S*,*R*,*R*)-(**4c**). Column chromatography on alumina (CHCl₃) afforded 219 mg (28%) of a white viscous liquid: $[\alpha]_D = +95^\circ$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.69-1.91 (m, 12H), 1.97- 2.02 (2H), 2.18-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.83 (m, 8H), 3.92- 3.96 (m, 2H), 3.98- 4.14 (m, 2H), 5.38- 5.41 (m, 2H), 7.35 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.5 (2C), 21.6 (2C), 25.1 (2C), 25.7 (2C), 28.9 (2C), 29.6 (2C), 31.8 (2C), 69.2 (2C), 75.1 (2C), 123.3 (2C), 134.2 (2C), 141.3 (2C), 151.9 (2C); IR (CHCl₃) v 2978, 2934, 2862, 2223, 1685, 1547, 1445, 1402, 1351, 1326, 1260, 1209, 1064, 919, 730, 643 cm⁻¹; FAB-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 459 (M+Na⁺, 30), 437 (M+H⁺, 100), 419 (26), 405 (6), 375 (10), 331 (7), 244 (15), 177 (6), 154 (14), 137 (14), 109 (9); HR-MS calculated for C₂₆H₃₂N₂O₄ 436.23621, found 436.23556.

(*S*)-(-)-Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-phenylisoquinoline)-*N*,*N*'-dioxide ((*S*)-(-)-4a) and (*R*)-(+)-bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-phenylisoquinoline)-*N*,*N*'-dioxide ((*R*)-(+)-4a). Separation of racemic 4a (200 mg, 0.44 mmol) was carried out by HPLC with a column with a chiral stationary phase (Chiralcel OD-H, 0.46 × 25 cm, 3/1 heptane/2-propanol, 0.7mL/min). It afforded 92 mg (46%) of (S)-(-)-4a and 86 mg (43%) of (*R*)-(+)-4a. Each enantiomer was obtained in >98% ee ($t_S = 14$ min, $t_R = 48$ min). The separated enantiomers were subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc) prior to the use. (*R*)-(+)-4a: $[\alpha]_D = -183^\circ$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃).

(*S*)-(-)-Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)isoquinoline]-*N*,*N*'-dioxide ((*S*)-(-)-4b)) and (*R*)-(+)-Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)isoquinoline]-*N*,*N*'-dioxide ((*R*)-(+)-4b)). Separation of racemic 4b (100 mg, 0.15 mmol) was carried out by HPLC with a column with a chiral stationary phase (Chiralpak OP(+),0.46 × 25 cm, methanol, 0.5 mL/min). It afforded 42 mg, (42%) of (*S*)-(-)-4b and 38 mg (38%) of (*R*)-(+)-4b. Each enantiomer was obtained in >98% ee (t_S = 11 min, t_R = 42 min). The separated enantiomers were subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (CHCl₃/2-propanol 9/1) prior to the use. $[\alpha]_D = -21^\circ$ (*c* =0.5, CHCl₃). 330.17321, found 330.17239.

1-[5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)isoquinolin-1-yl]isoquinoline. То а solution 1-(octa-1,7-diynyl)isoquinoline³ (800 mg, 3.43 mmol) and (R)-tetrahydrofuran-2carbonitrile (1.0 g, 10.3 mmol) in dry and degassed THF (15 mL) in a vial was added CpCo(CO)₂ (123 mg, 0.68 mmol) under atmosphere of argon. Then the vial was placed into the microwave oven and irradiated for 30 min (300 W) (during the process temperature and pressure reached 200°C and 20 barr). Then volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and column chromatography of the residue on silica gel (EtOAc) afforded 340 mg (30 %) of the title compound as a pale yellow liquid: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 1.35-1.66 (m, 6H), 2.08-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.53 (m, 4H), 3.72- 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.93-3.98 (m, 1H), 5.19 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.11-7.15 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.25 (m, 2H), 7.42-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.90-7.93 (m, 1H), 8.62 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 23.2, 23.9, 27.0, 30.6, 34.0, 69.9, 82.7, 121.5, 121.7, 128.3, 128.4, 129.3, 129.6, 129.9, 131.2, 132.2, 138.5, 143.8, 149.0, 157.9, 161.0, 161.8; IR (CHCl₃) v 3007, 2943, 2865, 1629, 1622, 1592, 1555, 1499, 1457, 1430, 1387, 1308, 1255, 1148, 1061, 952, 870, 827 cm⁻¹; EI-MS m/z (% relative intensity) 330 (M⁺, 90), 329 (100), 302 (35), 284 (40), 274 (10), 257 (12); HR-MS calculated for $C_{22}H_{22}N_2O$

(R,R)-1-(5,6,7,8-Tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)isoquinolin-1-yl)isoquinoline-N,N'dioxide ((R,R)-7) and (S,R)-1-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)isoquinolin-1yl)isoquinoline-N,N'-dioxide ((S,R)-7). To a solution of 1-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)isoquinolin-1-yl)isoquinoline (360 mg, 1.1 mmol) (1.8 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (4.5 mL) cooled to 0 °C was added MCPBA (486 mg, 2.2 mmol), then it was allowed to reach 20 °C and stirred for 1h. The reaction mixture was quenched with brine (4.5 mL) and extracted by dichloromethane (5 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried over MgSO₄, and volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. Column chromatography of a mixture of diastereoisomeric N,N'-dioxides on silica gel (10/1 CHCl₃/2-propanol) afforded 64 mg (16%) of (R,R)-7 and 16 mg (4%) of (S,R)-7 as colorless viscous liquids. (R,R)-7: $[\alpha]_{D} = +298^{\circ}$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.74-2.15 (m, 8H), 2.51-2.64 (m, 2H), 2.83-2.86 (m, 2H), 3.93- 3.98 (m, 1H), 4.11-4.14 (m, 1H), 5.37 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.52-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.81-7.84 (m, 1H), 8.25 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 21.7, 21.9, 24.8, 25.7, 28.8, 31.2, 69.5, 75.7, 123.8, 123.9, 125.2, 127.8, 129.3, 129.3, 129.4, 130.8, 135.5, 137.7, 139.0, 139.9, 140.5, 151.6; IR (CHCl₃) v 3057, 2931, 2845, 1401, 1324, 1262, 1219, 1139, 1072, 835, 761, 671 cm⁻¹; FAB m/z (% relative intensity) 363 (M+H⁺, 100), 347 (30), 329 (10), 301 (7), 274 (7), 163 (6), 147 (21), 131 (16), 119 (56), 109 (11), 101 (10), 93 (19), 85 (28), 69 (26); HR-MS calculated for $C_{22}H_{23}N_2O_3$ (M+H⁺) 363.17087, found 363.17031. (*S*,*R*)-**7**: [α]_D = +13° (c = 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 1.67-2.15 (m, 8H), 2.42-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.85 (m, 2H), 3.92- 3.98 (m, 1H), 4.11-4.15 (m, 1H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.51-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82-7.85 (m, 1H), 8.26 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 21.7, 21.9, 25.0, 25.8, 28.8, 31.4, 69.5, 75.6, 123.8, 123.9, 125.2, 128.0, 129.3, 129.3, 129.5, 130.8, 135.2, 137.5, 138.0, 139.9, 140.5, 151.9; IR (CHCl₃) v 3036, 2949, 2922, 2869, 2851, 1724, 1601, 1453, 1401, 1327, 1266, 1207, 1065, 878, 761, 699, 516 cm⁻¹; FAB m/z (% relative intensity) 363 (M+H⁺, 100), 347 (30), 329 (10), 301 (7), 274 (7), 163 (6), 147 (21), 131 (16), 119 (56), 109 (11), 101 (10), 93 (19), 85 (28), 69 (26); HR-MS calculated for C₂₂H₂₃N₂O₃ (M+H⁺) 363.17087, found 363.17031.

6. Enantioselective allylation of benzaldehydes

General procedure for catalytic enantioselective allylation of benzaldehydes with allyltrichlorosilane. To a solution of 4 (0.01 mmol) in a solvent (1 mL) aldehyde (1 mmol), di(isopropyl)ethylamine (155 mg, 208 μ L, 1.2 mmol), and allyl(trichloro)silane (210 mg, 170 μ L, 1.2 mmol) were added at -40 or -78 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1h. Then it was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (1 mL), the organic layer was separated and dried over MgSO₄. Yields and ees of homoallylalcohols **6** were determined by GC (HP-Chiral β , 30 m × 0.25 mm, oven: 80 °C for 15 min, then 1 °C/min to 150 °C, 5 min at that temperature). Spectral data of **6a-6c** were in agreement with the previously reported values.²

Allylation of benzaldehyde 5b catalyzed by (S)-4a (Table 2 in the text)

In CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C: (*R*)-(+)-1-phenyl-but-3-en-1-ol (6b) ($t_R = 57.90 \text{ min}$, $t_S = 58.33 \text{ min}$), 55% ee (100% yield).

In MeCN at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6**b**, 65% ee (100% yield). In CHCl₃ at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6**b**, 36% ee (100% yield). In EtNO₂ at -78 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6**b**, 53% ee (71% yield). In PhMe at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6**b**, 83% ee (45% yield). In PhF at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6**b**, 78% ee (100% yield). In PhCl at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 79% ee (100% yield). In *m*-C₆H₄F₂ at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 73% ee (100% yield). In C₇F₈ at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 50% ee (14% yield). In CFCl₃ at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 40% ee (14% yield). In pentane at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 44% ee (1% yield). In THF at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 70% ee (100% yield). In EtOAc at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 74% ee (100% yield). In MeOC₆F₅/PhMe (3/1 mixture) at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 66% ee (10% yield).

Allylation of benzaldehyde 5b catalyzed by (*R*,*R*,*R*)-4c (Table 2 in the text)

In CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 59% ee (50% yield). In MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 48% ee (100% yield).

In PhMe at -78 °C: no reaction

Allylation of benzaldehyde 5b catalyzed by (*S*,*R*,*R*)-4c (Table 2 in the text)

In CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6b, 37% ee (44% yield). In MeCN at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6b, 63% ee (82% yield). In PhMe at -78 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 75% ee (10% yield).

Allylation of benzaldehydes 5a, 5b, and 5c catalyzed by (*R*)-4a (Table 3 in the text) Aldehyde 5a in MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-1-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-but-3-en-1-ol (6a). (t_R = 59.58 min, t_S = 61.09 min), 30% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde 5a in PhCl at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6a, 61% ee (83% yield). Aldehyde 5b in MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-1-phenyl-but-3-en-1-ol (6b). (t_R = 57.90 min, t_S = 58.33 min), 65% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde 5b in PhCl at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6b, 82% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde 5b in PhCl at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-1-(4-methoxyphenyl)-but-3-en-1-ol (6c). (t_R = 83.64 min, t_S = 84.26 min), 80% ee (100% yield).

Aldehyde 5c in PhCl at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6c, 60% ee (78% yield).

Allylation of benzaldehydes 5a, 5b, and 5c catalyzed by (*R*)-4b (Table 3 in the text)

Aldehyde **5a** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6a, 7% ee (32% yield).

Aldehyde 5a in PhCl at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-6a, 73% ee (90% yield).

Aldehyde **5b** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-6b, 52% ee (61% yield).

Aldehyde **5b** in PhCl at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-**6b**, 70% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde **5c** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-**6c**, 68% ee (24% yield). Aldehyde **5c** in PhCl at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-**6c**, 33% ee (96% yield).

Allylation of benzaldehydes 5a, 5b, and 5c catalyzed by (*R*,*R*,*R*,)-4c (Table 3 in the text)

Aldehyde **5a** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)- **6a**, 15% ee (82% yield). Aldehyde **5a** in PhCl at -40 °C: 0% ee (0% yield). Aldehyde **5b** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-**6b**, 48% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde **5b** in PhCl at -40 °C: 0% ee (0% yield). Aldehyde **5c** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-**6c**, 60% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde **5c** in PhCl at -40 °C: 0% ee (0% yield).

Allylation of benzaldehydes 5a, 5b, and 5c catalyzed by (*S*,*R*,*R*,)-4c (Table 3 in the text)

Aldehyde **5a** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-**6a**, 16% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde **5a** in PhCl at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-**6a**, 75% ee (40% yield). Aldehyde **5b** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-**6b**, 46% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde **5b** in PhCl at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-**6b**, 62% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde **5c** in MeCN at -40 °C: (*R*)-(+)-**6c**, 0% ee (100% yield). Aldehyde **5c** in PhCl at -40 °C: (*S*)-(-)-**6c**, 56% ee (47% yield).

7. X-ray data

Crystal data for (R,R,R)-4c C₂₆H₃₂N₂O₄, M = 436.54, orthorombic, P 2_l 2_l 2, a = 10.64500 (10) Å, b = 17.1630 (2) Å, c = 6.0859 (3) Å, V = 1111.91 (6) Å³, Z = 2, D_x = 1.304 Mg m⁻³. A colorless prism dimensions $0.5 \times 0.4 \times 0.2$ mm was mounted on glass capillary with epoxy glue and measured at Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer by monochromatized Mo K α radiation (λ =0.71073 Å) at 150 (2) K. An absorption was neglected (μ = 0.09 mm⁻¹); a total of 18533 measured reflections in the range h = -13 to 13, k = -22 to 22, l = -7 to 7 ($\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$), from which 2552 were unique ($R_{int} = 0.030$), 2450 observed according to the $I > 2\sigma(I)$ criterion. The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR92)⁴ and refined by full-matrix least squares based on F^2 (SHELXL97).⁵ The hydrogen atoms were recalculated into idealised positions (riding model). The refinement converged ($\Delta/\sigma_{max}=0.001$) to R = 0.031 for observed reflections. The final

difference map displayed no peaks of chemical significance ($\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.17 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$, $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.16 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$).



Figure 1. View on the molecule of **7** with atom numbering schema. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn on 50% probability level.

Crystal data for (*S*,*R*)-**7** C₂₂H₂₂N₂O₃, M = 362.42, monoclinic, *P* 2_{*l*}, *a* = 9.381 (5) Å, *b* = 9.5083 (16) Å, *c* = 10.187 (6) Å, β = 97.72 (4)°, *V* = 900.4 (7) Å³, *Z* = 2, *D*_x = 1.337 Mg m⁻³. A prism dimensions 0.270×0.140×0.035 mm was mounted on glass capillary with epoxy glue and measured at Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer by monochromatized Mo K*a* radiation (λ =0.71069 Å) at 150 (2) K. An absorption was neglected (μ = 0.09 mm⁻¹); a total of 12257 measured reflections in the range *h* = -11 to 11, *k* = -11 to 11, *l* = -12 to 12 (θ_{max} = 26.63°), from which 3744 were unique (*R*_{int} = 0.0392), 2483 observed according to the *I*>2 σ (*I*) criterion. The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR92)⁴ and refined by full-matrix least squares based on *F*² (SHELXL97).⁵ The hydrogen atoms were recalculated into idealised positions (riding model). The refinement converged (Δ/σ_{max} =0.002) to *R* = 0.0300 for observed reflections and *wR* = 0.0582, *S* = 0.867 for 244 parameters and all 3744 reflections. The final difference map displayed no peaks of chemical significance ($\Delta\rho_{max}$ = 0.128 eÅ⁻³, $\Delta\rho_{min}$ = -0.142 eÅ⁻³).

Crystallographic data for structural analysis have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, CCDC no. 662246 and 662245 for (R,R,R)-4c and (S,R)-7, respectively. Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EY, UK (fax: +44 1223 336033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or www: http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

8. NMR experiments

NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II 500 spectrometer (499.8 MHz for 1 H). The spectra were referenced to a solvent signal (5.32 for dichloromethane and 7.24 for *para*-hydrogen of chlorobenzene). Temperature was calibrated with methanol.

Experiments in chlorobenzene- d_5 . Complexation of compound **4a** with trichloroallylsilane in chlorobenzene was studied at -40 °C. (NMR charts are at the end of the file.)

Free N-oxide. <u>Aromatic region</u>: ten hydrogens of the phenyl groups (δ 7.47-7.54 and 8.12-8.16) and two hydrogens in the position 4 (H-4: δ 7.03 (2H)) of the tetrahydroisochinoline ring, signals of residual non-deuterated solvent. <u>Aliphatic region</u>: eight benzylic hydrogens (H-5 and H-8: δ 2.35-2.50 (2H), 2.60-2.75 (4H), 2.95-3.05 (2H)) and other eight aliphatic hydrogens (H-6 and H-7: δ 1.6-1.7 (8H)).

N-oxide with allyl(trichloro)silane. Aromatic region: Adding of low amount (less then 1 equivalent) of the silane caused broadening of the lines and lowfield shift of the signal of H-4 (δ 7.09-7.13 (2H)). After adding more equivalents of the silane, the signals of phenyl groups became sharper and the signal of H-4 moved more to lower field (δ 7.14-7.30 (2H)). The lowfield shift of the H-4 is probably caused by bonding of the oxygen atom to silicon atom and lowering the electron density in the aromatic ring.

<u>Double bond region</u>: After adding of low amount of the silane new broad signals of the double bond of the allylsilane appeared (δ 5.3-5.4 and 6.1-6.3). When more equivalents of silane were added, sharp lines of the free silane appeared. By integrating the broad and sharp signals we could easily obtain the ratio of free and bound silane.

<u>Aliphatic region</u>: A small amount of added silane caused line broadening and shifting. First, a new resonance appeared (δ 3.3-3.5) (signal of a benzylic hydrogen of a complex *N*-oxide:silane 2:1). Adding more the silane caused decrease of intensity of the signal of 2:1 complex and increasing intensity of new resonance (δ 3.9-4.1) of a 1:1 complex. When 3

equivalents of silane were added, one equivalent was bound in the 1:1 complex and all the signals in aliphatic region became sharper. Adding more silane caused upfield shift of the signals of benzylic hydrogens (δ 3.6-3.7), line broadening and 1:2 complex formation.

Experiments in dichloromethane- d_2 . Complexation of compound **4a** with trichloroallylsilane in dichloromethane was studied at -73 °C.

Free N-oxide. <u>Aromatic region</u>: ten hydrogens of the phenyl groups (δ 7.38-7.46 (6H) and 7.76-7.80 (4H)) and two hydrogens in the position 4 (H-4: δ 7.27 (2H)) of the tetrahydroisochinoline ring, chloroform from the solvent.

<u>Aliphatic region</u>: eight benzylic hydrogens (H-5 and H-8: δ 2.1-2.2 (2H), 2.45-2.55 (2H), 2.7-2.85 (4H)) and and other eight aliphatic hydrogens (H-6 and H-7: δ 1.6-1.8 (8H)).

N-oxide with allyl(trichloro)allylsilane. Aromatic region: low amount of the silane (less then 0.5 equivalent) caused line broadening and 0.2 ppm shift of H-4 resonance to lower field (δ 7.45-7.50). When 0.6 equivalent of the silane was added a signal of H-4 with intensity of 0.5 hydrogen appeared at 7.8 ppm and all the lines became narrower. After adding of more silane the intensity of the signal at 7.8 ppm increased. When 1 equivalent of silane was bound, the intensity of the H-4 signal close to 7.8 ppm was two hydrogens (indicting a 1:1 complex) and further silane addition caused gradual lowfield shift of this signal.

<u>Double bond region</u>: as in the case of chlorobenzene, we could easily obtain the ratio of free and bound silane by integrating the broad and sharp signals.

<u>Aliphatic region</u>: low amount of silane (less then 0.5 equivalent) caused sever line broadening. When 0.5 equivalent of silane was bound, the lines became narrow and a signal of benzylic hydrogen with 0.5 intensity appeared (δ 3.4). This indicates a 2:1 complex formation with the two *N*-oxide molecules unequivalently bound to the silane molecule. Further silane addition caused a 1:1 complex formation (the signal at 3.4 ppm increased its intensity to one. Adding excess of the silane cuased the signal move to higher field with further increasing intensity till the intensity of two hydrogens was reached (δ 2.9-3.0) indicating the formation of 1:2 complex.

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10. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-methyl-isoquinoline) (3a)



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-phenyl-isoquinoline) (3b)



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(4-(trifluoromethyl)-phenyl)-isoquinoline) (3c)



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-isoquinoline) (3d)



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-isoquinoline) (3e)



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-isoquinoline) (3f)









Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-cyclohexyl-isoquinoline) (3h)





Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-benzyl-isoquinoline) (3i)



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-phenyl-isoquinoline)-*N*,*N*'-dioxide (4a)



Bis-1,1'-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-isoquinoline)-*N*,*N*'-dioxide (4b)



(*R*,*R*,*R*)-Bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-isoquinoline]-*N*,*N*'-dioxide (4c)



(*S*,*R*,*R*)-bis-1,1'-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-isoquinoline]-*N*,*N*'-dioxide (4c)







