The Aza-Wharton Reaction: Syntheses of Cyclic Allylic Amines and Vicinal Hydroxyamines from the Respective Acylaziridines

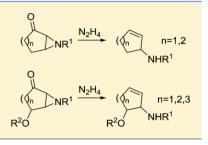
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ABSTRACT: The Wharton reaction, initially described for acyl epoxides, has been studied using the structurally similar aziridines. By this reaction, a range of cyclic allylic amines and vicinal amino alcohols have been prepared stereoselectively and, in some cases, enantiomerically pure.

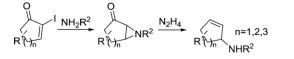


INTRODUCTION

The original Wharton reaction¹ comprises a reductive rearrangement of α,β -epoxyketones into allylic alcohols using hydrazine, and it has been used in several complex syntheses.² An obvious extension of this process is the analogous reductive rearrangement of cyclic acylaziridines (2-oxoazabicyclo[x.1.0]-alkanes) to produce allylic amines, important ligands and building blocks for organic chemistry.³ Little work on this subject has been reported, one of the most notable being by Yudin,⁴ who studied the reaction in linear benzoyl aziridines, but the formation of pyrazoles as secondary products was unavoidable. Another important work was carried out by Jørgensen,⁵ who studied the reaction with a series of cyclic *N*-tosylaziridines exclusively.

With cyclic acylaziridines⁶ containing a wide range of Nsubstituents in hand, the goal of the work reported here was to study the Wharton reaction (Scheme 1) on these substrates, in this way demonstrating the scope of this reaction for the preparation of cyclic allylic amines.

Scheme 1. Aziridination and the Wharton Reaction



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Several acylaziridines (Scheme 1) were subjected to the Wharton conditions in order to study the effect of the groups attached to the nitrogen atom. Two methods were used to carry out the reaction: the classical¹ acidic conditions and the more recently studied⁷ basic conditions. Although the reaction was much faster under acidic conditions, the yields in some cases were greater under basic ones. The results are summarized in

Table 1, and in each case, several conditions were applied. The full range of conditions used is reported in the Supporting Information.

With *para*-substituted *N*-benzylaziridines it was possible to see the effect of having a remote electron-withdrawing (1a) or electron-donating (1b) group in the aromatic ring. The free amine 2a was easily isolated in good yield, but the electron-rich amine 2b was isolated as its acetamide since it was unstable and darkened rapidly in the air. The facile air oxidation of electron-rich benzylamines compared with electron-poor ones has already been described.⁸ The acetamides of these products were easier to purify and manipulate, but this made the NMR characterization more difficult because of the presence of signals due to amide rotamers. In the case of benzylaziridines, there was no difference in yield under basic or acidic conditions. For the preparation of 2b, basic conditions were preferred since they permitted the subsequent acetylation of the amino group in the same flask.

N-Benzyl-, *N*-aryl-, *N*-allyl-, and *N*-alkylaziridines $(1a-f)^9$ (Scheme 1, n = 2) were tested, and the *N*-alkylaziridines, for example 1d and 1e, were the ones that gave the best results. Acylaziridines with powerful electron-withdrawing groups (1g and 1h) were found to be some of the worst substrates. Nevertheless the versatility of the Wharton reaction was demonstrated. It was not possible to prepare aniline 2f under the acidic conditions, since the only product isolated was methoxyaniline, formed apparently by elimination.

Substrates having a five-membered ring (1j and 1k) (Scheme 1, n = 1) were also studied and afforded good yields of the corresponding allylic amines. Interestingly it was not possible to isolate acetamide 2j because the amide group was eliminated, probably through a pericyclic mechanism (Scheme 2), and the

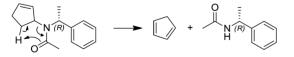
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Table 1. Synthesis of Allylic Amines by the Wharton Reaction¹⁰

Substrate	Product	Yield	Substrate	Product	Yield
0 N (±)-1a	(±)-2a	83%ª	O NTs (±)-1g	NHTs (±)-2g	49% ^a
OMe N (±)-1b	Ac (±)-2b	60% ^b	0 NAc (±)-1h	NHAc (±)-2h	40%ª
0 N (±)-1c	(±)-2c	84% ^b	0 (+)-(1 <i>R</i> ,6 <i>R</i>)-1i	(+)-2i	58% ^a
O N(CH ₂) ₃ CH ₃ (±)-1d	(±)-2d	94% ^b	0 N(R) (-)-(1 <i>S</i> ,5 <i>S</i>)-1j	N (R) H (+)-2j	44% ^c
O N(CH ₂) ₇ CH ₃ (±)-1e	NH(CH ₂) ₇ CH ₃ (±)-2e	93%°	O NTs (±)-1k	NHTs (±)-2k	65% ^a
O N (±)-1f	OMe H (±)-2f	54%°			

^aN₂H₄·H₂O, AcOH, MeOH. ^b(1) N₂H₄, Et₃N, MeCN; (2) Ac₂O, Et₃N. ^cN₂H₄, Et₃N, MeCN.

Scheme 2. Possible Mechanism for Amide Elimination from Acetylated 2j



only product obtained was N-(1-phenylethyl)acetamide. Toluenesulfonamide 2k was isolated without elimination of tosylamide, further consolidating the proposed mechanism for the elimination of acetamide from acetylated 2j.

The enantiomerically pure amines 2i and 2j were prepared from the respective enantiopure aziridines (1i,j). (1*R*,6*R*)-1i and (1*S*,5*S*)-1j were obtained by separation of the two diastereoisomers formed by aziridination using enantiomerically pure (+)-*R*- α -methylbenzylamine. Their absolute configurations were determined by X-ray diffraction, and the structures obtained are reported in the Supporting Information.

Optically active tosylamide 2g was previously prepared by Jørgensen using an aza-Wharton reaction⁵ on 1g formed by

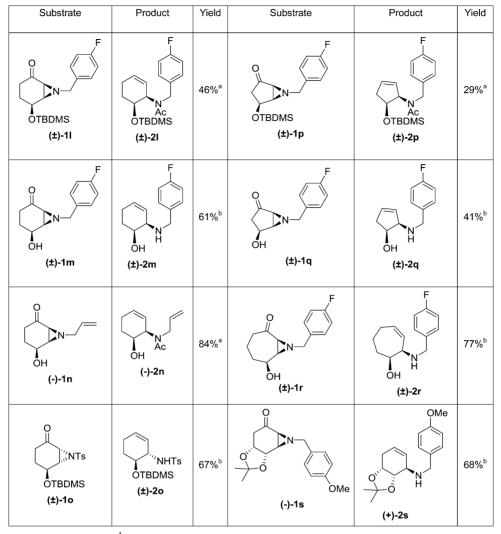
enantioselective organocatalytic aziridination of the corresponding cyclohexenone. The preparation of **2i** and **2j** represents a good alternative for the synthesis of optically pure allylic amines. Enantiomerically pure α -alkylbenzylamines are readily available, making the process cheap and easy.

 α -Amino alcohols are important synthetic targets since they are present in diverse products of interest such as natural products and synthetic drugs.¹¹ They are also important for catalysis, acting as ligands and auxiliaries in enantioselective reactions.¹²

The major products obtained by aziridination of protected or free 4-hydroxy-2-iodocyclohex-2-enone using primary amines were the *cis*-hydroxyazidirines **11–n**. On the other hand, when the aziridination was carried out with tosylamide, the major aziridination product was the *trans* isomer **10**. Applying the Wharton conditions to aziridines **11–n** produced *cis*-amino alcohols **21–n**,¹³ and similarly, *trans*-amino alcohol **20** could be prepared in good yield from aziridine **10** (Table 2).

Cyclopentene *cis*-amino alcohols 2p and 2q were also prepared, and it was possible to isolate acetamide 2p without





^{*a*}(1) N₂H₄, Et₃N, MeCN; (2) Ac₂O, Et₃N. ^{*b*}N₂H₄·H₂O, AcOH, MeOH.

elimination of the amide group. This observation also supports the pericyclic mechanism for the unsubstituted cyclopentane (Scheme 2), since the substitution at position 4 of the ring is *cis* to the acetamido group. The *cis*-substituted cycloheptene 2r was also formed in good yield from alcohol **1r**. The protected aminodiol **2s** was produced enantiomerically pure in a reasonable yield from aziridine **1s**.¹⁴

CONCLUSION

The aza-Wharton reaction using a range of azabicyclic compounds has been studied and shown to be a viable method for the production of cyclic allylic amines. *N*-Alkylated azabicyclo[4.1.0] compounds were found to be the best substrates for this reaction. For the azabicyclo[3.1.0] compounds, the *N*-tosyl substrate was found to be the best. The choice between acidic or basic conditions depended upon the N-substituent, and clear trends were not observed. The potential for the rapid stereoselective production of cyclic amino alcohols by this method is noteworthy. Molecules with this type of functionality have the potential for use as chelating agents for metal-catalyzed reactions, as organocatalysts, and as intermediates for the synthesis of compounds such as aminocyclitols¹⁵ and sialic acid mimics such as oseltamivir.¹⁶

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General. All chemicals used were of reagent grade. All solvents were dried by established methods.¹⁷ Flash chromatography was performed on Kieselgel 60, particle size 0.032-0.063 mm. Preparative TLC employed silica gel Merck 60 GF₂₅₄. Analytical TLC used aluminum-backed silica gel Merck 60 F₂₅₄. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained using a commercial FT-IR spectrophotometer, and peak positions are given in cm⁻¹. Specific rotations were measured using an automatic polarimeter and are reported as follows: $[\alpha]_{D}^{T}$ (c = g/100mL; solvent), where T is the temperature in $^{\circ}$ C. Melting points were determined with a capillary apparatus and are uncorrected. HRMS spectra were recorded on a commercial apparatus (ESI source). NMR spectra were obtained on a commercial instrument at 400 MHz (¹H NMR) or 100 MHz (¹³C NMR) using CDCl₃ as the solvent. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million relative to TMS, and coupling constants (J) are reported in hertz. The chemical shift assignments of all compounds were carried out with the help of 2D NMR experiments such as COSY, HMQC, and HMBC.

X-ray Crystallography. Single-crystal X-ray data for compounds **1i** ($C_{14}H_{17}NO$) and **1j** ($C_{13}H_{15}NO$) were collected on a diffractometer with graphite-monochromatized Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71069 Å). The selected crystals of each compound were positioned 40 mm from the CCD detector and exposed for 10 s per frame. Data reduction of each data set was carried out with a multiscan absorption correction (SADABS). The structures were solved with SHELXS¹⁸ by direct methods and refined on F^2 using full-matrix least-squares with SHELXL¹⁸ included in the WINGX version 1.70.01 package of programs.¹⁹ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. All hydrogen atoms were placed in agreement with the electron density difference maps.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Aziridines 1a–s. In a flask under argon, a mixture of iodoenone (1.35 mmol), anhydrous cesium carbonate (480 mg, 1.1 equiv), 1,10-phenanthroline (240 mg, 1.0 equiv), primary amine (1.5 equiv), and dry dichloromethane (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature. After complete reaction (TLC, about 4 h), the reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL) and washed with water (10 mL). The organic layer was dried with magnesium sulfate and evaporated to dryness. Purification by flash column chromatography afforded the pure aziridine. Small changes to the procedure in individual experiments are reported in the corresponding data paragraphs below.

(\pm)-7-[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (**1a**). By means of the general procedure, 264 mg (89% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1).

¹H NMR δ: 7.28 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.5$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.5$; Ar(o)); 7.01 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.7$; Ar(m)); 3.70 (1H, d, ² J = 13.6; CH₂ – Ar); 3.37 (1H, d, ² J = 13.6; CH₂ – Ar); 2.50–2.45 (1H, m, H-3); 2.32–2.29 (1H, m, H-6); 2.11 (1H, d, $J_{1,6} = 5.9$; H-1); 2.07–1.98 (3H, m, H-3, H-4, H-5); 1.79–1.71 (1H, m, H-5); 1.64–1.57 (1H, m, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ: 207.4 (C-2); 162.0 (d, ¹ $J_{C,F} = 245$; Ar(p) (C–F)); 134.2 (d, ⁴ $J_{C,F} = 3$; Ar C_q); 129.1 (d, ³ $J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(o)); 115.3 (d, ² $J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 62.6 (CH₂–Ar); 46.3 (C-1); 43.7 (C-6); 37.1 (C-3); 23.2 (C-5); 18.7 (C-4). $R_{\rm f} = 0.33$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

 (\pm) -7-[(4-Methoxyphenyl)methyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2one (1b). By means of the general procedure, 272 mg (87% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1).

¹H NMR δ : 7.23 (2H, d, ³*J* = 8.6; Ar(*o*)); 6.86 (2H, d, ³*J* = 8.6; Ar(*m*)); 3.80 (3H, s, -OMe); 3.71 (1H, d, ²*J* = 13.4; CH₂-Ar); 3.32 (1H, d, ²*J* = 13.4; CH₂-Ar); 2.50-2.44 (1H, m, H-3); 2.32-2.29 (1H, m, H-6); 2.10 (1H, d, *J*_{1,6} = 6.0; H-1); 2.09-1.96 (3H, m, H-3, H-4, H-5); 1.77-1.70 (1H, m, H-5); 1.62-1.57 (1H, m, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ : 207.7 (C-2); 158.8 (Ar(*p*) (C-OMe)); 130.6 (Ar C_q); 128.9 (Ar(*o*)); 113.8 (Ar(*m*)); 62.8 (CH₂-Ar); 55.3 (-OMe); 46.3 (C-1); 43.7 (C-6); 37.1 (C-3); 23.2 (C-5); 18.8 (C-4). R_f = 0.30 (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

(\pm)-7-(*Prop-2-en-1-yl*)-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (1c). By means of the general procedure, 202 mg (99% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1).

¹H NMR δ: 5.89 (1H, ddt, $J_{2',3'}$ = 16.7; $J_{2',3'}$ = 10.6; $J_{2',1'}$ = 5.4; H-2'); 5.23 (1H, d, $J_{3',2'}$ = 17.2; H-3'); 5.14 (1H, d, $J_{3',2'}$ = 10.4; H-3'); 3.10 (1H, dd, 2J = 14.4; $J_{1',2'}$ = 5.1; H-1'); 2.90 (1H, dd, 2J = 14.4; $J_{1',2'}$ = 5.5; H-1'); 2.51–2.41 (1H, m, H-3); 2.21 (1H, dt, $J_{6,1}$ = 5.9; $J_{6,5}$ = 2.9; H-6); 2.15–2.08 (1H, m, H-5); 2.05–1.92 (3H, m, H-2, H-3, H-4); 1.80–1.72 (1H, m, H-5); 1.68–1.56 (1H, m, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ: 207.6 (C-2); 134.5 (C-2'); 130.6 (C-3'); 62.1 (C-1'); 46.0 (C-1); 43.6 (C-6); 37.0 (C-3); 23.2 (C-5); 18.8 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 1705 (C=O st.). $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.54 (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

(\pm)-7-Butyl-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (1d). By means of the general procedure, 206 mg (91% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1).

¹H NMR δ : 2.47–2.37 (2H, m, H-3, H-1'); 2.29 (1H, dt, ²*J* = 11.5; $J_{1',2'}$ = 7.1; H-1'); 2.21 (1H, dt, $J_{6,1}$ = 5.5; $J_{6,5}$ = 2.7; H-6); 2.08 (1H, dt, ²*J* = 13.4; $J_{5,4}$ = 4.5; $J_{5,6}$ = 2.2; H-5); 2.01–1.92 (2H, m, H-3, H-4); 1.90 (1H, d, $J_{1,6}$ = 5.9; H-1); 1.77–1.69 (1H, m, H-5); 1.63–1.49 (3H, m, H-4, H-2'); 1.41–1.31 (2H, m, H-3'); 0.91 (3H, t, $J_{4',3'}$ = 7.3; H-4'). ¹³C NMR δ : 208.1 (C-2); 60.2 (C-1'); 46.3 (C-1); 43.8 (C-6); 37.0 (C-3); 31.8 (C-2'); 23.3 (C-5); 20.4 (C-3'); 18.9 (C-4); 14.0 (C-4'). IR (NaCl): 1707 (C=O st.). HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₀H₁₈NO 168.1383; found 168.1376. *R*_f = 0.62 (hexane/ ethyl acetate 8:2).

 (\pm) -7-Octyl-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (1e). By means of the general procedure, 257 mg (100% yield) of the pure product was

obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1).

¹H NMR δ : 2.47–2.37 (2H, m, H-3, H-1'); 2.26 (1H, dt, ²*J* = 11.5; $J_{1',2'}$ = 7.2; H-1'); 2.14 (1H, dt, $J_{6,1}$ = 5.4; $J_{6,5}$ = 2.6; H-6); 2.08 (1H, dt, ²*J* = 13.3; $J_{5,4}$ = 4.5; $J_{5,6}$ = 2.1; H-5); 2.01–1.92 (2H, m, H-3, H-4); 1.90 (1H, d, $J_{1,6}$ = 5.9; H-1); 1.77–1.68 (1H, m, H-5); 1.62–1.49 (3H, m, H-4, H-2'); 1.36–1.24 (10H, m, H-3'–H-7'); 0.88 (3H, t, $J_{8',7'}$ = 6.7; H-8'). ¹³C NMR δ : 208.1 (C-2); 60.6 (C-1'); 46.3 (C-1); 43.9 (C-6); 37.0 (C-3); 31.8, 29.7, 29.2, 27.3, 22.6 (C-3'–C-7'); 29.5 (C-2); 23.3 (C-5); 18.9 (C-4); 14.0 (C-8'). IR (NaCl): 1709 (C=O st.). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₆NO 224.2009; found 224.2009. $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.65 (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

(\pm)-7-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (**1f**). By means of the general procedure, with a reaction time of 17 h, 109 mg (37% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:1).

¹H NMR δ : 6.92 (2H, d, ³J = 8.9; Ar(o)); 6.78 (2H, d, ³J = 8.9; Ar(m)); 3.75 (3H, s, -OMe); 2.85-2.81 (1H, m, H-6); 2.00 (1H, d, J_{1,6} = 6.0; H-1); 2.58-2.51 (1H, m, H-3); 2.34-2.28 (1H, m, H-5); 2.13-2.01 (2H, m, H-3, H-4); 1.93-1.84 (1H, m, H-5); 1.78-1.65 (1H, m, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ : 206.6 (C-2); 155.6 (Ar(p) (C-OMe)); 145.9 (Ar C_q); 121.1 (Ar(o)); 114.4 (Ar(m)); 55.6 (-OMe); 46.7 (C-1); 43.1 (C-6); 37.1 (C-3); 23.4 (C-5); 18.3 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 1704 (C=O st.); 1240 (C-O-C st.). Mp = 63-65 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₂: C 71.87; H 6.96; N 6.45. Found: C 71.89; H 6.83; N 6.60. R_f = 0.62 (hexane/ethyl acetate 2:1).

 (\pm) -7-[(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2one (1g). The general procedure was followed except that 1,10phenanthroline was not added and 3 equiv of tosylamide was used instead of the normal 1.5 equiv. After purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (8:2), 244 mg (68% yield) of pure 1g was obtained as a white solid.

¹H NMR δ : 7.81 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.0; Ar(*o*)); 7.35 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.0; Ar(*m*)); 3.47–3.44 (1H, m, H-6); 3.15 (1H, d, *J*_{1,6} = 6.4; H-6); 2.46–2.39 (4H, m, H-3, Me Ts); 2.20–2.15 (1H, m, H-5); 2.07–1.99 (1H, m, H-3); 1.95–1.81 (2H, m, H-4, H-5); 1.70–1.64 (1H, m, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ : 201.3 (C-2); 145.0 (Ar C–SO₂ Ts); 134.4 (Ar(*p*)); 129.9 (Ar(*m*)); 127.9 (Ar(*o*)); 43.9 (C-6); 40.9 (C-1); 37.0 (C-3); 21.7 (C-5); 21.6 (Me Ts); 17.0 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 1718 (C=O st.); 1161 (SO₂ st.). Mp = 73–73.5 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO₃S: C 58.85; H 5.70; N 5.28; S 12.09. Found: C 58.94; H 5.73; N 5.17; S 11.89. R_f = 0.55 (hexane/ethyl acetate 6:4).

(±)-7-Acetyl-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (1h). The general procedure was used, but instead of a primary amine, the reaction mixture was continuously saturated with ammonia gas for 4 h. Argon was then passed through the solution to eliminate excess ammonia. Acetic anhydride (2 equiv) was added at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was left to stir for an additional hour at room temperature. The reaction mixture was treated as described in the typical procedure, and 108 mg (52% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (2:1).

¹H NMR δ: 3.17 (1H, dt, $J_{6,1} = 5.6$; $J_{6,5} = 2.8$; H-6); 2.90 (1H, d, $J_{1,6} = 5.6$; H-1); 2.51 (1H, dt, ${}^{2}J = 17.7$; $J_{3,4} = 4.1$; H-3); 2.26 (1H, dq, ${}^{2}J = 13.9$; $J_{5,4} = J_{5,6} = 3.2$; H-5); 2.17 (3H, s, CH₃ Ac); 2.09 (1H, ddd, ${}^{2}J = 17.6$; $J_{3,4} = 11.4$; $J_{3,4} = 5.9$; H-3); 2.01–1.80 (2H, m, H-4, H-5); 1.74–1.66 (1H, m, H-4). 13 C NMR δ: 203.5 (C-2); 181.3 (C=O Ac); 42.0 (C-1); 39.6 (C-6); 37.1 (C-3); 23.5 (CH₃ Ac); 22.8 (C-5); 17.0 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 1712 (C=O st.). Mp = 41–42 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₁NO₂: C 62.73; H 7.24; N 9.14. Found: C 62.84; H 7.19; N 8.77. $R_{\rm f} = 0.45$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

(±)-7-[(1R)-1-Phenylethyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (1i). By means of the general procedure, two diastereoisomers were obtained and separated by flash column chromatography, eluting with dichloromethane/hexane (1:1), affording 140 mg (48% yield) of pure (1S,6S)-1i as a colorless oil and 136 mg (47% yield) of pure (1R,6R)-1i as a white solid.

(−)-(15,65)-7-[(1R)-1-Phenylethyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2one [(15,65)-1i]. ¹H NMR δ: 7.31−7.19 (5H, m, Ar); 2.70 (1H, q, ³J = 6.5; CH–Ar); 2.50 (1H, dt, ${}^{2}J = 17.0; J_{3,4} = 5.1;$ H-3); 2.37–2.34 (1H, m, H-6); 2.17–2.04 (2H, m, H-4, H-5); 2.01–1.93 (2H, m, H-1, H-3); 1.85–1.77 (1H, m, H-5); 1.67–1.56 (1H, m, H-4); 1.41 (3H, d, ${}^{3}J = 6.5;$ Me). 13 C NMR δ : 207.6 (C-2); 143.8 (Ar C_q); 128.4 (Ar(m)); 127.1 (Ar(p)); 126.4 (Ar(o)); 68.8 (CH–Ar); 46.2 (C-1); 44.0 (C-6); 37.0 (C-3); 23.9 (Me); 23.7 (C-5); 19.5 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 1702 (C= O st.). $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -10$ (c = 1.6; CH₂Cl₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NO: C 78.10; H 7.96; N 6.51. Found: C 78.24; H 8.16; N 6.45. $R_{f} = 0.68$ (dichloromethane).

(+)-(1*R*,6*R*)-7-[(1*R*)-1-Phenylethyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2one [(1*R*,6*R*)-1*i*]. ¹H NMR δ : 7.36 (2H, d, ³J = 6.9; Ar(σ)); 7.33 (2H, t, ³J = 7.8; Ar(m)); 7.26 (1H, t, ³J = 6.9; Ar(p)); 2.68 (1H, q, ³J = 6.5; CH–Ar); 2.55–2.48 (1H, m, H-3); 2.20 (1H, dt, *J*_{6,1} = 5.9; *J*_{6,5} = 2.7; H-6); 2.11 (1H, d, *J*_{1,6} = 6.0, H-1); 2.09–1.91 (3H, m, H-3, H-4, H-5); 1.67–1.56 (2H, m, H-4, H-5); 1.39 (3H, d, ³J = 6.5; Me). ¹³C NMR δ : 207.8 (C-2); 144.5 (Ar C_q); 128.4 (Ar(m)); 127.1 (Ar(p)); 126.4 (Ar(σ)); 69.1 (CH–Ar); 46.4 (C-1); 42.9 (C-6); 37.2 (C-3); 23.7 (Me); 23.1 (C-5); 18.6 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 1702 (C=O st.). [α]^D_D = +79 (c = 1.3; CH₂Cl₂). Mp = 62.5–63.5 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₇NO: C 78.10; H 7.96; N 6.51. Found: C 78.04; H 8.05; N 6.67. R_f = 0.56 (CH₂Cl₂).

(±)-6-[(1R)-1-Phenylethyl]-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-one (1j). By means of the general procedure, two diastereoisomers were obtained and separated by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1). This afforded 95 mg (35% yield) of pure (1R,SR)-1j as a white solid and 122 mg (45% yield) of pure (1S,SS)-1j as a colorless oil.

(-)-(15,55)-6-[(1R)-1-Phenylethyl]-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2one [(15,55)-1j]. ¹H NMR δ : 7.30–7.20 (5H, m, Ar); 2.75 (1H, t, $J_{5,1}$ = $J_{5,4}$ = 3.5; H-5); (1H, q, ³ J = 6.5; CH–Ar); 2.44–2.22 (2H, m, H-3, H-4); 2.06 (1H, d, $J_{1,5}$ = 4.1; H-1); 2.04–1.93 (2H, m, H-3, H-4); 1.46 (3H, d, ³J = 6.5; Me). ¹³C NMR δ : 212.1 (C-2); 143.6 (Ar C_q); 128.4 (Ar(m)); 127.2 (Ar(p)); 126.4 (Ar(o)); 67.1 (CH–Ar); 46.6 (C-1); 46.4 (C-5); 33.0 (C-3); 24.4 (C-4); 23.9 (Me). IR (NaCl): 1735 (C= O st.). $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ = -13 (c = 0.6; CH₂Cl₂). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO: C 77.58; H 7.51; N 6.96. Found: C 77.70; H 7.19; N 6.57. $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.36 (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

(+)-(1*R*,5*R*)-6-[(1*R*)-1-Phenylethyl]-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2one [(1*R*,5*R*)-**1j**]. ¹H NMR δ : 7.39 (2H, d, ³*J* = 6.8; Ar(*o*)); 7.34 (2H, t, ³*J* = 7.4; Ar(*m*)); 7.27 (1H, t, ³*J* = 7.0; Ar(*p*)); 2.66 (1H, q, ³*J* = 6.5; CH–Ar); 2.57 (1H, t, *J*_{5,1} = *J*_{5,4} = 3.7; H-5); 2.38 (1H, dt, ²*J* = 17.9; *J*_{3,4} = 9.0; H-3); 2.25 (1H, d, *J*_{1,5} = 4.1, H-1); 2.08 (1H, ddd, ²*J* = 13.0; *J*_{4,3} = 9.1; *J*_{4,3} = 1.0; H-4); 1.97 (1H, dd, ²*J* = 17.9; *J*_{3,4} = 9.7; H-3); 1.85 (1H, dtd, ²*J* = 12.9; *J*_{4,3} = 9.3; *J*_{4,5} = 2.4; H-4); 1.41 (3H, d, ³*J* = 6.5; Me). ¹³C NMR δ : 212.5 (C-2); 144.2 (Ar C_q); 128.5 (Ar(*m*)); 127.2 (Ar(*p*)); 126.5 (Ar(*o*)); 67.1 (CH–Ar); 47.4 (C-1); 45.4 (C-5); 33.1 (C-3); 24.1 (C-4); 23.5 (Me). IR (NaCl): 1733 (C=O st.). [α]²⁰₂ = +41 (*c* = 1.4; CH₂Cl₂). Mp = 74–75 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₅NO: C 77.58; H 7.51; N 6.96. Found: C 77.40; H 7.29; N 6.84. *R*_f = 0.49 (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

(\pm)-6-[(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-one (**1k**). By means of the experimental procedure used for **1g**, 185 mg (85% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ ethyl acetate (2:1).

¹H NMR δ : 7.82 (2H, d, ²J = 8.4, Ar(o)), 7.36 (2H, d, ²J = 8.0; Ar(m)); 3.79–3.77 (1H, m, H-5); 3.26 (1H, d, J_{1,5} = 4.8; H-1); 2.46 (3H, s, Me Ts); 2.33–2.21 (2H, m, H-3, H-4); 2.16–2.04 (2H, m, H-3, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ : 206.8 (C-2); 145.2 (Ar C–SO₂ Ts); 134.4 (Ar(p)); 129.9 (Ar(m)); 127.9 (Ar(o)); 45.4 (C-1); 44.2 (C-5); 31.8 (C-3); 23.1 (C-4); 21.6 (Me Ts). IR (NaCl): 1753 (C=O st.); 1157 (SO₂ st.). Mp = 110.5–111 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃NO₃S: C 57.35; H 5.21; N 5.57; S 12.76. Found: C 57.53; H 5.29; N 5.45; S 12.42. R_f = 0.59 (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

 (\pm) -(15,55,6R)-5-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-7-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (11). By means of the general procedure, 370 mg (78% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (95:5). ¹H NMR δ: 7.38 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.8$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.6$; Ar(o)); 6.99 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.8$; Ar(m)); 4.12 (1H, ddd, $J_{5,4} = 10.8$; $J_{5,4} = 5.2$; $J_{5,6} = 1.6$; H-5); 3.91 (1H, d, ²J = 14.0; CH₂-Ar); 3.26 (1H, d, ²J = 14.0; CH₂-Ar); 2.43 (1H, ddd, ²J = 18.0; $J_{3,4} = 5.4$; $J_{3,4} = 2.0$; H-3); 2.29 (1H, br d, $J_{6,1} = 6.0$; H-6); 2.25–2.22 (2H, m, H-1, H-4); 2.07 (1H, ddd, ²J = 18.4; $J_{3,4} = 12.4$; $J_{3,4} = 6.0$; H-3); 1.67–1.60 (1H, m, H-4); 0.86 (9H, s, 'Bu TBDMS); 0.08 (3H, s, Me TBDMS); 0.04 (3H, s, Me TBDMS). ¹³C NMR δ: 205.4 (C-2); 162.0 (d, ¹ $J_{C,F} = 243$; Ar(p) (C–F)); 133.9 (d, ⁴ $J_{C,F} = 3$; $Ar C_q$); 129.1 (d, ³ $J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(o)); 115.1 (d, ² $J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 67.8 (C-5); 62.1 (CH₂-Ar); 48.1 (C-6); 46.8 (C-1); 35.3 (C-3); 25.8 (C-4); 25.7 (3 × Me 'Bu); 18.0 (C_q 'Bu); -4.7 (Me TBDMS); -4.8 (Me TBDMS). IR (NaCl): 1711 (C=O st.). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉ H_{28} FNO₂Si: C 65.29; H 8.07; N 4.01. Found: C 65.29; H 7.90; N 3.92. $R_f = 0.43$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 9:1).

 (\pm) -(15,55,6R)-7-[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]-5-hydroxy-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (1m). By means of the general procedure, 236 mg (74% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (2:1).

¹H NMR δ : 7.31 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.3$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.5$; Ar(o)); 7.04 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.6$; Ar(m)); 4.15–4.09 (1H, m, H-5); 3.73 (1H, d, ²J = 13.2; CH_2 –Ar); 3.39 (1H, d, ²J = 13.2; CH_2 –Ar); 2.58 (1H, dd, $J_{6,1} = 5.7$; $J_{6,5} = 3.5$; H-6); 2.55–2.47 (1H, m, H-3); 2.31 (1H, d, $J_{1,6} = 5.9$; H-1); 2.10–1.95 (3H, m, H-3, H-4, OH); 1.85–1.76 (1H, m, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ : 207.8 (C-2); 162.3 (d, ¹ $J_{C,F} = 246$; Ar(p) (C–F)); 133.6 (d, ⁴ $J_{C,F} = 3$; $Ar C_q$); 129.7 (d, ³ $J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(o)); 115.6 (d, ² $J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 64.8 (C-5); 62.6 (CH_2 –Ar); 48.1 (C-6); 47.6 (C-1); 34.0 (C-3); 29.3 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 3390 (br, OH st.); 1698 (C=O st.). Mp = 69.5–71 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄FNO₂: C 66.37; H 5.95; N 6.00. Found: C 66.40; H 5.97; N 6.02. $R_f = 0.63$ (hexane/ ethyl acetate 1:1).

(-)-(15,55,6R)-5-Hydroxy-7-(prop-2-en-1-yl)-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (1n). By means of the general procedure, 198 mg (88% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ ethyl acetate (1:1).

¹H NMR δ: 5.91 (1H, ddt, $J_{2',3'} = 17.0$; $J_{2',3'} = 10.4$; $J_{2',1'} = 5.9$; H-2'); 5.26 (1H, dq, $J_{3',2'} = 17.2$; ${}^{2}J = J_{3',1'} = 1.5$; H-3'); 5.19 (1H, dq, $J_{2',3'} = 10.3$; ${}^{2}J = J_{2',1'} = 1.2$; H-3'); 4.17–4.14 (1H, m, H-5); 3.11 (1H, dd, ${}^{2}J = 13.8$; $J_{1',2'} = 5.8$; H-1'); 2.99 (1H, dd, ${}^{2}J = 13.8$; $J_{1',2'} = 5.9$; H-1'); 2.56–2.47 (2H, m, H-6, H-3); 2.41 (1H, s br, OH); 2.19 (1H, d, $J_{1,6} = 5.9$; H-1); 2.09–1.96 (2H, m, H-3, H-4); 1.86–1.77 (1H, m, H-4). 13 C NMR δ: 206.2 (C-2); 133.9 (C-2'); 117.9 (C-3'); 64.5 (C-5); 62.1 (C-1'); 48.1 (C-6); 47.4 (C-1); 33.8 (C-3); 29.7 (C-4). IR: 3400 (OH st.); 1694 (C=O st.). $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -118$ (*c* = 1.0; DCM). HRMS (ESITOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₉H₁₄NO₂ 168.1019; found 168.1015. *R*_f = 0.31 (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

 (\pm) -(1R,55,65)-5-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-7-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]-7-azabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (10). By means of the same procedure as for 1g, 386 mg (85% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1).

¹H NMR δ : 7.80 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.0; Ar(o)); 7.36 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.0; Ar(m)); 4.38 (1H, q, $J_{5,4} = J_{5,6} = 3.1$; H-5); 3.34 (1H, ddd, $J_{6,1} = 6.4$; $J_{6,5} = 2.8$; *J* = 1.2; H-6); 3.17 (1H, d, $J_{1,6} = 6.4$; H-1); 2.45 (3H, s, Me Ts); 2.38 (1H, ddd, ²*J* = 18.2; $J_{3,4} = 12.2$; $J_{3,4} = 6.2$; H-3); 2.20 (1H, ddd, ²*J* = 18.4; $J_{3,4} = 5.2$; $J_{3,4} = 3.2$; H-3); 2.07–1.99 (1H, m, H-4); 1.71–1.63 (1H, m, H-4); 0.89 (9H, s, 'Bu TBDMS); 0.13 (3H, s, Me TBDMS); 0.09 (3H, s, Me TBDMS). ¹³C NMR δ : 200.8 (C-2); 145.2 (Ar C-SO₂ Ts); 134.0 (Ar(*p*)); 129.9 (Ar(*m*)); 127.9 (Ar(*o*)); 63.6 (C-5); 43.7 (C-1); 43.5 (C-6); 31.9 (C-3); 25.6 (3 × Me 'Bu); 35.4 (C-4); 21.6 (Me Ts); 17.9 (C_q 'Bu); -4.8 (Me TBDMS); -4.9 (Me TBDMS). IR (NaCl): 1722 (C=O st.); 1163 (SO₂ st.). Mp = 98.5–99 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₉NO₄SSi: C 57.69; H 7.39; N 3.54; S 8.11. Found: C 57.90; H 7.54; N 3.58; S 7.90. $R_{\rm f} = 0.39$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

 (\pm) -(15,45,5R)-4-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]-6-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-one (**1p**). By means of the general procedure, 374 mg (83% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (9:1).

¹H NMR δ : 7.43 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(\phi),Ar(m)} = 8.7$; $J_{Ar(\phi),F} = 5.5$; $Ar(\phi)$); 7.04 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(\phi)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.7$; Ar(m)); 4.39 (1H, td, $J_{4,3} = 8.0$; $J_{4,5} = 3.2$; H-4); 3.94 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J = 14.1$; CH₂-Ar); 3.18 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J = 14.1$; CH₂-Ar); 2.74 (1H, t, $J_{5,1} = J_{5,4} = 3.7$; H-5); 2.47 (1H, dd, ${}^{2}J = 16.8$; $J_{3,4} = 8.0$; H-3); 2.37 (1H, d, $J_{1,5} = 4.2$; H-1); 2.22 (1H, dd, ${}^{2}J = 16.8$; $J_{3,4} = 8.0$; H-3); 0.90 (9H, s, ¹Bu TBDMS); 0.07 (3H, s, Me TBDMS); 0.06 (3H, s, Me TBDMS). ¹³C NMR δ : 206.9 (C-2); 162.0 (d, ${}^{1}J_{C,F} = 245$; Ar(p) (C-F)); 133.7 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C,F} = 3$; Ar C_q); 128.9 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(ϕ)); 115.2 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 68.2 (C-4); 60.1 (CH₂-Ar); 50.3 (C-5); 48.6 (C-1); 41.6 (C-3); 25.7 (3 × Me ¹Bu); 18.1 (C_q ¹Bu); -4.7 (Me TBDMS); -4.8 (Me TBDMS). IR (NaCl): 1745 (C==0 st.). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆FNO₂Si: C 64.44; H 7.81; N 4.18. Found: C 64.48; H 8.00; N 4.10. $R_{f} = 0.57$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

 (\pm) -(15,45,5R)-6-[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]-4-hydroxy-6-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-one (1q). By means of the general procedure, 180 mg (60% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:1).

¹H NMR δ : 7.32 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.4$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.5$; Ar(o)); 7.04 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.6$; Ar(m)); 4.36 (1H, td, $J_{4,3} = 8.2$; $J_{4,5} = 3.2$; H-4); 3.62 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J = 13.4$; CH₂-Ar); 3.46 (1H, d, ${}^{2}J = 13.4$; CH₂-Ar); 2.96 (1H, t, $J_{5,1} = J_{5,4} = 3.8$; H-5); 2.47 (1H, d, $J_{1,5} = 4.2$; H-1); 2.41 (1H, dd, ${}^{2}J = 17.9$; $J_{3,4} = 8.4$; H-3); 2.23 (1H, dd, ${}^{2}J = 17.9$; $J_{3,4} = 6.9$; H-3); 2.27–2.18 (1H, br s, OH). ¹³C NMR δ : 206.7 (C-2); 162.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{C,F} = 246$; Ar(p) (C-F)); 133.4 (d, ${}^{4}J_{C,F} = 3$; $Ar C_q$); 129.5 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(o)); 115.6 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 67.4 (C-4); 60.6 (CH₂-Ar); 50.0 (C-1); 49.7 (C-5); 42.0 (C-3). IR (NaCl): 3400 (OH st.); 1745 (C=O st.). Mp = 105–105.5 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₂FNO₂: C 65.15; H 5.47; N 6.33. Found: C 65.24; H 5.55; N 6.24. $R_f = 0.31$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

 (\pm) -(15,65,7R)-8-[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]-6-hydroxy-8-azabicyclo[5.1.0]octan-2-one (1r). By means of the general procedure, 201 mg (60% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:1).

¹H NMR δ : 7.33 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.6$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.5$; Ar(o)); 7.04 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.7$; Ar(m)); 3.86 (1H, br d, J = 9.8; H-4); 3.69 (1H, d, ²J = 13.2; CH_2 -Ar); 3.39 (1H, d, ²J = 13.2; CH_2 -Ar); 2.77 (1H, ddd, ²J = 13.7; $J_{3,4} = 11.1$; $J_{3,4} = 2.9$; H-3); 2.33 (1H, dd, $J_{7,1} = 7.5$; $J_{7,6} = 1.2$; H-7); 2.30 (1H, d, $J_{1,7} = 7.5$; H-1); 2.25–2.20 (1H, m, H-3); 1.96–1.78 (3H, m, H-4, H-5); 1.46 (1H, br s, OH); 1.28–1.15 (1H, m, H-4). ¹³C NMR δ : 210.6 (C-2); 162.2 (d, ¹ $J_{C,F} = 246$; Ar(p) (C–F)); 134.0 (d, ⁴ $J_{C,F} = 3$; $Ar C_q$); 129.6 (d, ³ $J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(o)); 115.5 (d, ² $J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 71.6 (C-6); 63.4 (CH₂–Ar); 49.7 (C-1); 49.1 (C-7); 41.4 (C-3); 34.2 (C-5); 22.3 (C-4). IR (NaCl): 3400 (OH st.); 1687 (C=O st.). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₇FNO₂ 250.1238; found 250.1240. $R_f = 0.57$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:2).

General Procedure for the Wharton Reaction of Aziridines 1a–s. Acidic Conditions. A solution of aziridine (0.46 mmol), monohydrated hydrazine (44 μ L, 2 equiv), and acetic acid (52 μ L, 2 equiv) in distilled methanol (20 mL) was stirred at room temperature. After complete reaction (TLC, around 2 h), the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of sodium carbonate (10 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 15 mL). The organic layer was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated to dryness. Purification by chromatography (flash column or preparative plates) afforded the pure allylic amine or amide. Small changes to the procedure are reported below.

Basic Conditions. In a flask under argon, a mixture of hydrazine hydrochloride (170 mg, 3 equiv), triethylamine (170 mg, 3 equiv), and dry acetonitrile (2 mL) was sonicated for 2 h at room temperature. A solution of aziridine (0.43 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (1 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After complete reaction (TLC, around 14 h), the reaction mixture was quenched with water (5 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3×5 mL). The organic layer was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated to dryness. Purification by chromatog-

raphy (flash column or preparative plates) afforded the pure allylic amine or amide. Small changes to the procedure are reported below.

 (\pm) -N-[(4-Fluorophenyl)/methyl]cyclohex-2-en-1-amine (2a). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 78 mg (83% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with chloroform/methanol (9:1).

¹H NMR δ: 7.31 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 10.1$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 7.0$; Ar(o)); 7.00 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.7$; Ar(m)); 5.79–5.75 (1H, m, H-3); 5.73–5.70 (1H, m, H-2); 3.80 (1H, d, ²J = 12.7; CH₂–Ar); 3.76 (1H, d, ²J = 12.7; CH₂–Ar); 3.23–3.19 (1H, m, H-1); 2.03–1.96 (2H, m, H-4); 1.93–1.86 (1H, m, H-6); 1.78–1.71 (1H, m, H-5); 1.66 (1H, br s, NH); 1.60–1.44 (2H, m, H-5, H-6). ¹³C NMR δ: 161.9 (d, ¹J_{C,F} = 244; Ar(p) (C–F)); 136.3 (d, ⁴J_{C,F} = 3; Ar C_q); 129.7 (d, ³J_{C,F} = 8; Ar(o)); 129.6 (C-2); 129.2 (C-3); 115.1 (d, ²J_{C,F} = 21; Ar(m)); 52.4 (C-1); 50.2 (CH₂–Ar); 29.4 (C-6); 25.3 (C-4); 20.2 (C-5). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₇FN 206.1345; found 206.1340. $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.69 (chloroform/methanol 8:2).

(\pm)-N-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-N-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]acetamide (**2b**). After completion of the Wharton reaction under basic conditions (14 h), triethylamine (3 equiv) and acetic anhydride (5 equiv) were added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for an additional 2 h. After treatment as described in the general procedure, 67 mg (60% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil upon purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:1).

Major rotamer: ¹H NMR δ : 7.11 (2H, d, ²J = 8.7; Ar(σ)); 6.88 (2H, d, ²J = 8.7; Ar(m)); 5.88–5.84 (1H, m, H-3); 5.48–5.42 (1H, m, H-2); 5.36–5.31 (1H, m, H-1); 4.47 (1H, d, ²J = 17.6; CH₂–Ar); 4.39 (1H, d, ²J = 17.6; CH₂–Ar); 3.80 (3H, s, –OMe); 1.99 (3H, s, CH₃ Ac); 1.97–1.91 (2H, m, H-4); 1.83–1.56 (3H, m, H-5, H-6); 1.44–1.37 (1H, m, H-6). ¹³C NMR δ : 172.0 (Ac (C=O)); 158.6 (Ar(p) (C–OMe)); 131.9 (C-3); 130.6 (Ar C_q); 128.0 (C-2); 126.8 (Ar(σ)); 114.1 (Ar(m)); 55.3 (–OMe); 51.3 (CH₂–Ar); 47.5 (C-1); 27.7 (C-6); 24.6 (C-4); 22.5 (CH₃ Ac); 21.4 (C-5). IR (NaCl): 1639 (C=O st.). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂ 260.1651; found 260.1645. $R_{\rm f} = 0.49$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

(\pm)-*N*-(*Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl*)-*N*-(*prop-2-en-1-yl*)*acetamide* (*2c*). By means of the procedure used for **2b**, 65 mg (84% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:1).

Major rotamer: ¹H NMR δ: 5.92–5.76 (2H, m, H-3, H-2'); 5.43 (1H, br d, $J_{2,3} = 10.1$; H-2); 5.29–5.06 (3H, m, H-1, H-3'); 3.95 (2H, m, H-1'); 2.07 (3H, CH₃ Ac); 2.06–1.97 (2H, m, H-4); 1.91–1.60 (3H, m, H-5, H-6); 1.42 (1H, tdd, J = 12.4; J = 9.7; J = 2.9; H-6). ¹³C NMR δ: 171.4 (Ac (C=O)); 135.5 (C-2'); 131.7 (C-3); 128.1 (C-2); 116.0 (C-3'); 50.9 (C-1); 46.8 (C-1'); 27.6 (C-6); 24.6 (C-4); 22.1 (CH₃ Ac); 21.4 (C-5). IR (NaCl): 1643; 1631 (C=O st.). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₁₁H₁₈NO 180.1383; found 180.1384. $R_f = 0.48$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:1).

 (\pm) -*N*-*Butyl*-*N*-(*cyclohex-2-en-1-yl*)*acetamide* (*2d*). By means of the procedure used for 2b, 80 mg (94% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:1).

Two rotamers: ¹H NMR δ: 5.92–5.84 (1H, m, H-3); 5.51 (0.5H, br d, $J_{2,3} = 10.1$; H-2); 5.44 (0.5H, br d, $J_{2,3} = 10.2$; H-2); 5.18–5.12 (0.5H, m, H-1); 4.31–4.26 (0.5H, m, H-1); 3.21–3.04 (2H, m, H-1'); 2.11 (3H, CH₃ Ac); 2.06–2.00 (2H, m, H-4); 1.91–1.75 (2H, m, H-5, H-6); 1.72–1.44 (4H, m, H-5, H-6, H-2'); 1.31 (1H, sext, ³J = 7.7; H-3'); 1.29 (1H, sext, ³J = 7.7; H-3'); 0.94 (1.5H, t, ³J = 7.3; H-4'); 0.90 (1.5H, t, ³J = 7.3; H-4'). ¹³C NMR δ: 170.7, 170.2 (Ac (C=O)); 131.3, 130.9 (C-3); 128.8, 128.4 (C-2); 55.8, 51.0 (C-1); 44.9, 43.1 (C-1'); 33.5, 31.6 (C-2'); 28.7, 27.6 (C-6); 24.6, 24.4 (C-4); 22.2, 21.9 (CH₃ Ac); 21.7, 21.6 (C-5); 20.6, 20.4 (C-3'); 13.9, 13.7 (C-4'). IR (NaCl): 1639 (C=O st.). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₁₂H₂₂NO 196.1696; found 196.1688. $R_f = 0.31$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 2:1).

 (\pm) -N-Octylcyclohex-2-en-1-amine (**2e**). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 90 mg (93% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by flash column

chromatography, eluting with dichloromethane/methanol (95:5), $R_{\rm f} = 0.24$ (dichloromethane/methanol 9:1).

(±)-N-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-4-methoxyaniline (**2f**). By means of the general procedure under basic conditions, 47 mg (54% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a yellow oil following purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (8:2), $R_{\rm f} = 0.72$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

(\pm)-N-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonamide (**2g**). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 57 mg (49% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (6:4), $R_{\rm f} = 0.72$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 6:4).

(±)-N-(Cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)acetamide (2h). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 26 mg (40% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:2), $R_{\rm f} = 0.35$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:2).

(+)-(1R)-N-[(1R)-1-Phenylethyl]cyclohex-2-en-1-amine (2i). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 54 mg (58% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a pale-yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ ethyl acetate (1:2).

¹H NMR δ: 7.35 (2H, d, ²*J* = 7.6; Ar(*o*)); 7.32 (2H, t, ²*J* = 7.6; Ar(*m*)); 7.23 (1H, t, ²*J* = 7.7; Ar(*p*)); 5.82 (1H, d, *J*_{2,3} = 10.4; H-2); 5.73 (1H, d, *J*_{3,2} = 10.3; H-3); 4.02 (1H, q, ³*J* = 6.6; CH–Ar); 3.02–2.98 (1H, m, H-1); 2.27 (1H, br s, NH); 2.03–1.87 (2H, m, H-4); 1.79–1.64 (2H, m, H-5, H-6); 1.51–1.38 (2H, m, H-4, H-5); 1.35 (3H, d, ³*J* = 6.6; Me). ¹³C NMR δ: 145.8 (Ar C_q); 129.4 (C-2); 128.7 (C-3); 128.4 (Ar(*m*)); 126.9 (Ar(*p*)); 126.7 (Ar(*o*)); 55.0 (CH–Ar); 50.2 (C-1); 30.5 (C-6); 25.3 (C-4); 24.7 (Me); 20.5 (C-5). [*α*]_D²⁰ = +160 (*c* = 0.8; CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₀N 202.1596; found 202.1590. *R*_f = 0.38 (ethyl acetate).

(+)-(15)-*N*-[(1*R*)-1-*Phenylethyl*]*cyclopent-2-en-1-amine* (**2***j*). By means of the general procedure under basic conditions, 36 mg (44% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a pale-yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with hexane/ ethyl acetate (1:2).

¹H NMR δ: 7.35 (2H, d, ²*J* = 6.5; Ar(*o*)); 7.32 (2H, t, ²*J* = 7.4; Ar(*m*)); 7.23 (1H, t, ²*J* = 6.8; Ar(*p*)); 5.78 (1H, dq, *J*_{2,3} = 5.6; *J*_{2,1} = *J*_{2,4} = 2.0; H-2); 5.61 (1H, dq, *J*_{3,2} = 5.6; *J*_{3,1} = *J*_{3,4} = 1.9; H-3); 3.89 (1H, q, ³*J* = 6.6; CH–Ar); 3.68–3.63 (1H, m, H-1); 2.46–2.36 (1H, m, H-4); 2.25–2.09 (2H, m, H-4, H-5); 1.63–1.52 (2H, m, H-5, NH); 1.36 (3H, d, ³*J* = 6.6; Me). ¹³C NMR δ: 145.7 (Ar C_q); 133.6 (C-3); 132.3 (C-2); 128.4 (Ar(*m*)); 126.93 (Ar(*p*)); 126.86 (Ar(*o*)); 62.0 (C-1); 56.2 (CH–Ar); 31.1, 31.0 (C-4, C-5); 24.7 (Me). [α]²⁰₂ = +50 (*c* = 0.5; CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₈N 188.1439; found 188.1434. *R*_f = 0.37 (ethyl acetate).

(±)-N-(Cyclopent-2-en-1-yl)-4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonamide (**2k**). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 71 mg (65% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a white solid after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (2:1), $R_{\rm f} = 0.66$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 2:1).

(\pm)-N-{(1R,6S)-6-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-yl}-N-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]acetamide (2l). By means of the same procedure as used for 2b, 75 mg (46% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:3).

¹H NMR δ : 7.14 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.5$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.4$; Ar(o)); 7.02 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.5$; Ar(m)); 5.80–5.75 (1H, m, H-3); 5.26–5.22 (2H, m, H-2, H-1); 4.68 (1H, d, ²J = 18.3, CH₂–Ar); 4.49 (1H, d, ²J = 18.3, CH₂–Ar); 4.39–4.35 (1H, m, H-6); 2.33–2.25 (1H, m, H-4); 1.94 (3H, s, Ac (CH₃)); 1.88 (1H, dm, ²J = 18.3; H-4); 1.77–1.74 (2H, m, H-5); 0.93 (9H, s, ¹Bu TBDMS); 0.07 (3H, s, Me TBDMS); 0.04 (3H, s, Me TBDMS). ¹³C NMR δ : 172.1 (Ac (C=O)); 161.7 (d, ¹ $J_{C,F}$ = 245; Ar(p) (C–F)); 135.3 (d, ⁴ $J_{C,F}$ = 3; Ar C_q); 131.6 (C-3); 126.9 (d, ³ $J_{C,F}$ = 8; Ar(o)); 123.3 (C-2); 115.6 (d, ² $J_{C,F}$ = 21; Ar(m)); 66.8 (C-6); 55.2 (C-1); 50.4 (CH₂–Ar); 28.8 (C-5); 25.9 (3 × Me ¹Bu); 22.4 (Ac (CH₃)); 20.1 (C-1); 17.9 (C_q ¹Bu); -4.8 (Me TBDMS); -4.9 (Me TBDMS). Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₃₂FNO₂Si: C

66.80; N 3.71; H 8.54. Found: C 66.68; N 3.65; H 8.22. $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.56 (hexane/ethyl acetate 7:3).

 (\pm) -(15,2R)-2-{[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]amino}cyclohex-3-en-1ol (**2m**). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 62 mg (61% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a pale-yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with ethyl acetate.

¹H NMR δ: 7.34 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.6$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.5$; Ar(o)); 7.04 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.7$; Ar(m)); 5.84 (1H, dtd, $J_{4,3} = 10.0$; J = 3.7; J = 1.7; H-4); 5.62 (1H, ddt, $J_{3,4} = 10.0$; J = 3.6; J = 2.0; H-3); 4.14 (2H, br s, NH, OH); 3.93 (1H, d, ²J = 13.0; CH₂-Ar); 3.88 (1H, d, ²J = 13.1; CH₂-Ar); 3.88-3.85 (1H, m, H-1); 3.22-3.19 (1H, m, H-2); 2.21-2.11 (1H, m, H-5); 2.04-1.95 (1H, m, H-5); 1.69 (2H, q, $J_{6,1} = J_{6,5} = 6.2$; H-6). ¹³C NMR δ: 162.1 (d, ¹J_{C,F} = 245; Ar(p) (C-F)); 135.6 (d, ⁴J_{C,F} = 3; Ar C_q); 130.1 (C-4); 129.8 (d, ³J_{C,F} = 8; Ar(o)); 126.4 (C-3); 115.4 (d, ²J_{C,F} = 21; Ar(m)); 65.5 (C-1); 55.2 (C-2); 51.2 (CH₂-Ar); 27.0 (C-6); 22.7 (C-5). IR (NaCl): 3400 (OH, NH st.). Mp = 72.5-73 °C. HRMS (ESI-TOF) *m*/*z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₇FNO 222.1294; found 222.1289. $R_{\rm f} = 0.33$ (ethyl acetate).

(-)-N-[(1R,6S)-6-Hydroxycyclohex-2-en-1-yl]-N-(prop-2-en-1-yl)acetamide (2n). By means of the same procedure as used for 2b, 71 mg (84% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (1:2).

¹H NMR δ: 5.99–5.95 (1H, m, H-3); 5.83 (1H, ddt, $J_{2',3'} = 16.2$; $J_{2',3'} = 10.7$; $J_{2',1'} = 5.1$; H-2'); 5.54 (1H, br d, $J_{2,3} = 9.4$; H-2); 5.23 (1H, br d, $J_{3',2'} = 11.1$; H-3'); 5.19 (1H, br d, $J_{3',2'} = 18.0$; H-3'); 4.98 (1H, br s, H-1); 4.16–4.10 (1H, m, H-6); 4.03 (2H, s, H-1'); 2.56 (1H, br s, OH); 2.37–2.01 (2H, m, H-4); 2.14 (3H, s, Ac (CH₃)); 1.83–1.77 (1H, m, H-5); 1.72–1.63 (1H, m, H-5). ¹³C NMR δ: 174.6 (Ac (C=O)); 134.9 (C-2'); 132.3 (C-3); 123.7 (C-2); 116.2 (C-3'); 69.7 (C-6); 54.9 (C-1); 49.8 (C-1'); 26.5 (C-5); 22.7 (C-4); 22.3 (Ac (CH₃)). IR (NaCl): 1624 (C=O st.). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₁H₁₈NO₂ 196.1332; found 196.1325. [α]²⁰_D = -52 (*c* = 0.2; CH₂Cl₂). *R*_f = 0.38 (hexane/ethyl acetate 1:2).

 (\pm) -N-{(15,65)-6-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-yl}-4-methylbenzene-1-sulfonamide (**20**). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 117 mg (67% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (8:2).

¹H NMR δ: 7.73 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.2; Ar(*o*) Ts); 7.27 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.1; Ar(*m*) Ts); 5.77–5.72 (1H, m, H-3); 5.29 (1H, dm, $J_{2,3} = 9.9$; H-2); 4.52 (1H, d, $J_{NH,1} = 6.5$; NH); 3.83–3.80 (1H, m, H-6); 3.48–3.44 (1H, m, H-1); 2.43 (3H, s, Me Ts); 2.14 (1H, dm, ²*J* = 18.1; H-4); 1.93 (1H, dm, ²*J* = 18.2; H-4); 1.74–1.57 (2H, m, H-5); 0.84 (9H, s, 'Bu TBDMS); 0.05 (3H, s, CH₃ TBDMS); 0.04 (3H, s, CH₃ TBDMS). ¹³C NMR δ: 143.4 (Ar C–SO₂ Ts); 137.7 (Ar(*p*) Ts); 131.2 (C-3); 129.7 (Ar(*m*) Ts); 127.1 (Ar(*o*) Ts); 124.0 (C-2); 70.2 (C-6); 54.8 (C-1); 26.8 (C-5); 25.7 (3 × Me 'Bu); 21.7 (C-4); 21.5 (Me Ts); 18.0 (C₄ 'Bu); -4.7 (Me TBDMS); -4.8 (Me TBDMS). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₃₁NO₃SSi: C 59.80; N 3.67; H 8.19; S 8.40. Found: C 59.80; N 3.58; H 8.26; S 8.21. *R*_f = 0.53 (hexane/ethyl acetate 8:2).

 (\pm) -N-{(1R,5S)-5-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]cyclopent-2-en-1yl}-N-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]acetamide (**2p**). By means of the procedure used for **2b**, 45 mg (29% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a colorless oil after purification by preparative TLC, eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate (7:3).

¹H NMR & 7.16 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.6$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.4$; Ar(o)); 7.04 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.6$; Ar(m)); 5.83–5.79 (1H, m, H-3); 5.55–5.52 (1H, m, H-1); 5.45–5.42 (1H, m, H-2); 4.64 (1H, td, $J_{5,1} = J_{5,4} = 6.4$; $J_{5,4} = 2.3$; H-5); 4.53 (1H, d, ²J = 17.5; CH₂–Ar); 4.38 (1H, d, ²J = 17.2; H-4); 1.99 (3H, s, Ac (CH₃)); 0.91 (9H, s, ⁴Bu TBDMS); 0.08 (3H, s, Me TBDMS); 0.05 (3H, s, Me TBDMS). ¹³C NMR & 171.9 (Ac (C=O)); 161.8 (d, ¹ $J_{C,F} = 245$; Ar(p) (C–F)); 135.0 (d, ⁴ $J_{C,F} = 3$; Ar C_q); 132.4 (C-3); 127.9 (C-2); 127.1 (d, ³ $J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(o)); 115.6 (d, ² $J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 71.2 (C-5); 62.9 (C-1); 49.9 (CH₂–Ar); 41.8 (C-4); 25.8 (3 × Me ⁴Bu); 22.2 (Ac (CH₃)); 17.9 (C_q⁴Bu); -4.9 (Me TBDMS); -5.1 (Me TBDMS). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₃₀FNO₂Si:

C 66.08; N 3.85; H 8.32. Found: C 66.30; N 3.80; H 8.49. $R_{\rm f} = 0.50$ (hexane/ethyl acetate 7:3).

 (\pm) -(15,2*R*)-2-{[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]amino}cyclopent-3-en-1ol (**2q**). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 39 mg (41% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a yellow solid after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with chloroform/methanol (95:5).

¹H NMR δ: 7.32–7.26 (2H, m, Ar(*o*)); 7.02 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.3; Ar(m)); 5.84–5.81 (1H, m, H-3); 5.62–5.59 (1H, m, H-4); 4.22–4.18 (1H, m, H-1); 3.82 (2H, s, CH₂–Ar); 3.70–3.67 (1H, m, H-2); 2.81 (2H, br s, NH, OH); 2.55 (1H, dd, ²J = 17.3; J = 3.9; H-5); 2.34 (1H, d, ²J = 17.2; H-5). ¹³C NMR δ: 162.1 (d, ¹J_{C,F} = 245; Ar($ *p*) (C–F)); 135.5 (d, ⁴J_{C,F} = 3; Ar C_q); 132.0 (C-3); 130.5 (C-4); 129.7 (d, ³J_{C,F} = 8; Ar(*o*)); 115.4 (d, ²J_{C,F} = 21; Ar(*m*)); 68.6 (C-1); 65.5 (C-2); 52.2 (CH₂–Ar); 40.9 (C-5). IR (NaCl): 3300 (OH, NH st.). Mp = 41.5–42 °C. HRMS (ESI-TOF)*m*/*z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₅FNO 208.1138; found 208.1132.*R*_f = 0.44 (chloroform/ methanol 9:1).

 (\pm) -(15,2R)-2-{[(4-Fluorophenyl)methyl]amino}cyclohept-3-en-1ol (2r). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 83 mg (77% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a pale-yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with chloroform/methanol (95:5).

¹H NMR δ: 7.30 (2H, dd, $J_{Ar(o),Ar(m)} = 8.6$; $J_{Ar(o),F} = 5.5$; Ar(o)); 7.01 (2H, t, $J_{Ar(m),Ar(o)} = J_{Ar(m),F} = 8.7$; Ar(m)); 5.96 (1H, dddd, $J_{4,3} = 11.3$; $J_{4,5} = 7.3$; $J_{4,5} = 5.7$; $J_{4,2} = 1.7$; H-4); 5.50 (1H, br dd, $J_{3,4} = 10.9$; $J_{3,2} = 4.4$; H-3); 3.91–3.88 (1H, m, H-1); 3.85 (1H, d, ${}^2J = 13.1$; CH₂–Ar); 3.77 (1H, d, ${}^2J = 13.1$; CH₂–Ar); 3.47–3.45 (1H, m, H-2); 2.30–2.15 (2H, br s, OH, NH); 2.18 (1H, dtd, ${}^2J = 15.3$; $J_{5,4} = J_{5,6} = 7.6$; $J_{5,6} = 2.9$; H-5); 2.11–2.06 (1H, m, H-5); 2.02 (1H, dtd, ${}^2J = 14.1$; J = 7.0; J = 3.0; H-7); 1.77 (1H, ddt, ${}^2J = 14.1$; J = 10.5; J = 3.3; H-7); 1.61 (1H, dtt, ${}^2J = 13.6$; J = 10.3; J = 3.1; H-6); 1.49 (1H, ddt, ${}^2J = 14.1$; J = 7.1; J = 3.5; H-6). 13 C NMR δ: 162.0 (d, ${}^{1}J_{C,F} = 245$; Ar(p) (C–F)); 135.7 (Ar C_q); 133.5 (C-4); 131.1 (C-3); 129.8 (d, ${}^{3}J_{C,F} = 8$; Ar(o)); 115.3 (d, ${}^{2}J_{C,F} = 21$; Ar(m)); 69.5 (C-1); 61.2 (C-2); 50.9 (CH₂–Ar); 35.4 (C-5); 28.6 (C-7); 21.0 (C-6). HRMS (ESI-TOF) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₉FNO 236.1445; found 236.1441. $R_f = 0.64$ (chloroform/methanol 9:1).

(+)-(3aS,4R,7aR)-N-[(4-Methoxyphenyl)methyl]-2,2-dimethyl-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-2H-1,3-benzodioxol-4-amine (25). By means of the general procedure under acidic conditions, 83 mg (68% yield) of the pure product was obtained as a yellow oil after purification by flash column chromatography, eluting with chloroform/methanol (95:5).

¹H NMR δ: 7.26 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.6 Hz; Ar(*o*)); 6.86 (2H, d, ²*J* = 8.6; Ar(*m*)); 5.82–5.74 (2H, m, H-5, H-6); 4.32 (1H, td, $J_{7a,3a} = J_{7a,7} = 6.8; J_{7a,7} = 5.3; H-7a); 4.00 (1H, t, <math>J_{3a,7a} = J_{3a,4} = 6.5; H-3a); 3.88 (1H, d, ²$ *J*= 13.1; CH₂–Ar); 3.81 (1H, d, ²*J*= 13.2; CH₂–Ar); 3.79 (3H, s, –OMe); 3.25–3.23 (1H, m, H-4); 2.62 (1H, ddd, ²*J* $= 16.0; <math>J_{7,7a} = 6.7; J_{7,6} = 5.0; H-7); 2.21–2.13 (1H, m, H-7); 1.86 (1H, s, NH); 1.41 (3H, s, Me); 1.35 (3H, s, Me). ¹³C NMR δ: 158.7 (Ar($ *p*) (C–OMe)); 132.4 (Ar C_q); 129.9 (C-6); 129.4 (Ar(*o*)); 125.7 (C-5); 113.8 (Ar(*m*)); 108.2 (C-2); 79.2 (C-3a); 72.6 (C-7a); 57.0 (C-4); 55.3 (–OMe); 51.0 (CH₂–Ar); 28.7 (C-7); 27.5 (Me); 25.2 (Me). [*a*]^D₂₀ = +45 (*c*= 0.5; CH₂Cl₂). HRMS (ESI-TOF)*m/z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₄NO₃ 290.1756; found 290.1751.*R*_f = 0.71 (chloroform/ methanol 9:1).

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

S Supporting Information

Copies of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of all products, X-ray structures and crystallographic information files for compounds (1R,6R)-1i and (1R,5R)-1j, and a table summarizing the results of other Wharton reactions with compounds 1a–k. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http:// pubs.acs.org.

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