# Diastereodivergent Hydroxyfluorination of Cyclic and Acyclic Allylic Amines: Synthesis of 4-Deoxy-4-fluorophytosphingosines

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**ABSTRACT:** A diastereodivergent hydroxyfluorination protocol enabling the direct conversion of some conformationally biased allylic amines to the corresponding diastereoisomeric amino fluorohydrins has been developed. Sequential treatment of a conformationally biased allylic amine with 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> followed by *m*-CPBA promotes epoxidation of the olefin on the face proximal to the amino group under hydrogen-bonded direction from the in situ formed ammonium ion. Regioselective and stereospecific epoxide ring-opening by transfer of fluoride from a BF<sub>4</sub><sup>--</sup> ion (an S<sub>N</sub>2-type process at the carbon atom distal to the ammonium moiety) then occurs in situ to give the corresponding amino fluorohydrin. Alternatively, an analogous reaction using 20 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> results in preferential epoxidation of the



opposite face of the olefin, which is followed by regioselective and stereospecific epoxide ring-opening by transfer of fluoride from a  $BF_4^-$  ion (an  $S_N^2$ -type process at the carbon atom distal to the ammonium moiety). The synthetic utility of this methodology is demonstrated via its application to a synthesis of 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-xylo-phytosphingosine and 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-lyxo-phytosphingosine, each in five steps from Garner's aldehyde.

## INTRODUCTION

The unique physical, chemical, and biological characteristics of organofluorine compounds have long fascinated the chemical community, and the range of beneficial properties that fluorine can confer on designer molecules<sup>1</sup> has led to myriad applications across medicinal chemistry,<sup>2</sup> agrochemistry,<sup>3</sup> and materials science.<sup>4</sup> Around 30-40% of agrochemicals and 20% of pharmaceuticals on the market in 2006 contained at least one fluorine atom,<sup>5</sup> as did 10 of the leading 30 blockbuster drugs by sale in the USA in 2008.<sup>6</sup> Although much attention has been lavished on the beneficial effects that fluorine can confer on rationally designed molecules, there has also been considerable activity in the preparation and biological evaluation of fluorinated analogues of naturally occurring amino compounds,<sup>7</sup> including  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -amino acids,<sup>8</sup> amino-sugars,<sup>9</sup> iminosugars,<sup>10</sup> amino- and diaminocyclitols,<sup>11</sup> and sphingoid bases and ceramides.<sup>12</sup> To meet the ever-increasing demand for stereodefined, fluorinated organic compounds,<sup>5</sup> a number of nucleophilic and electrophilic fluorination methods have been developed,<sup>13</sup> including asymmetric protocols.<sup>14</sup> Unfortunately, many of these approaches suffer from economic or practical setbacks, which often relate to the fluorinating agents themselves. In contrast, BF3·OEt2 and HBF4·OEt2 are inexpensive and easily handled, and we have initiated a research program to examine the potential of these reagents as nucleophilic fluorinating agents.<sup>15,16</sup> For instance, treatment

of enantiopure 2,3-epoxy amine 1 with  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  gave the corresponding amino fluorohydrin 2 in 79% yield as a single diastereoisomer. The stereochemical outcome of this process is consistent with an  $S_N2$ -type epoxide ring-opening by transfer of fluoride from a  $BF_4^-$  ion, resulting in inversion of configuration. A sequence of four further manipulations gave (*S*,*S*)-3-deoxy-3-fluorosafingol **3**<sup>16</sup> (Scheme 1).

We became interested in the possibility of harnessing both our diastereoselective ammonium-directed olefinic oxidation reaction<sup>17</sup> and regioselective and stereospecific ring-opening fluorination reaction<sup>16</sup> for the development of a one-pot process for the direct conversion of an allylic amine to the corresponding amino fluorohydrin. Herein, an efficient, practical and scalable protocol for the hydroxyfluorination of an allylic amine upon sequential treatment with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> followed by m-CPBA is delineated.<sup>18</sup> The diastereofacial selectivity of the hydroxyfluorination process can be controlled in certain cases by adjusting the stoicheometry of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> employed in the reaction, and the synthetic utility of this diastereodivergent hydroxyfluorination protocol is exemplified by application to the synthesis of 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-xylophytosphingosine and 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-lyxo-phytosphingosine, each in five steps from Garner's aldehyde.

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#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Ring-opening fluorination of 2,3-epoxy amine 4 with  $HBF_4$ ·OEt<sub>2</sub> gave amino fluorohydrin 6 as a single diastereoisomer which was isolated in quantitative yield, with the analogous reaction of 2,3-epoxy amine 5 giving the corresponding amino fluorohydrin 7 in 89% yield, as previously reported (Scheme 2).<sup>16</sup> A plausible mechanistic rationale for





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the stereochemical outcome of this ring-opening fluorination process involves initial *N*-protonation of a 2,3-epoxy amine substrate **8** by HBF<sub>4</sub><sup>19</sup> to give ammonium species **9**. The oxirane moiety within **9** may then be activated to nucleophilic attack through *O*-protonation to form the dicationic species **10**.<sup>20</sup> Transfer of fluoride from a BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ion<sup>21</sup> to the activated oxirane **10** at the carbon atom distal to the ammonium group (where its destabilizing inductive electron-withdrawing influence on the transition state **11** is less pronounced)<sup>22</sup> results in conversion to **12**, via an S<sub>N</sub>2-type pathway. Subsequent basic aqueous workup gives the amino fluorohydrin **13** (Scheme 3).

In order to verify the requirement for oxirane activation, tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate salt **15** was synthesized as a model for the intermediate 2,3-epoxy ammonium species **9**. Thus, 2,3-epoxy amine **5** was treated with BnBr in MeCN to give tetraalkylammonium bromide salt **14**, and subsequent anion exchange by treatment with  $Ag(MeCN)_4BF_4$  in  $CH_2Cl_2^{23}$  gave tetraalkylammonium tetrafluoroborate salt **15** in 98% yield and >99:1 dr over two steps. A solution of **15** in  $CD_2Cl_2$  was allowed to stand at rt and was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy. No ring-opening of the epoxide by the  $BF_4^-$  ion was observed even after several days, suggesting in this case that oxirane activation is a prerequisite to fluorination. Addition of 1 equiv of *N,N*-dibenzyl-*N*-cyclohexylammonium tetrafluoroborate to the solution of **15** resulted in no reaction,

#### Scheme 3



implying that ring-opening is unlikely to be assisted by another (N-H) ammonium species acting as a hydrogen-bond donor. In a separate experiment, however, addition of 1 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> to the solution of **15** followed by immediate <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopic analyses revealed that complete consumption of the epoxide had occurred, and fluorohydrin **17** was isolated in quantitative yield and >99:1 dr after aqueous workup with satd aq NaBF<sub>4</sub>. An authentic sample of **17** was prepared upon sequential *N*-benzylation of amino fluorohydrin **7** and anion exchange of **16** with Ag(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub> (Scheme 4).





"Reagents and conditions: (i) BnBr, MeCN, reflux, 22 h; (ii) Ag(MeCN)<sub>4</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt; (iii) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv), rt, then satd aq NaBF<sub>4</sub>.

The generality of our ring-opening fluorination reaction with  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  was assessed by application to a range of 5-, 6-, and 7-membered carbocyclic 2,3-epoxy amines 18-22,24 which allowed for evaluation of the effects of both ring size and the relative stereochemistry between the oxirane and the amino group on the carbocyclic scaffold on the outcome of the reaction. The ring-opening fluorination reactions of 18,<sup>16</sup> 19,<sup>16</sup> 20, and 22 proceeded to give the corresponding amino fluorohydrins 23,<sup>16</sup> 24,<sup>16</sup> 25, and 27 as single diastereoisomers (>99:1 dr) in all cases, which were isolated in good yield (Scheme 5). The relative configurations within amino fluorohydrins 23-25 and 27 were unambiguously established, in each case, via single-crystal X-ray diffraction analyses.<sup>25</sup> The stereochemical outcomes of these ring-opening fluorination reactions are therefore consistent with a reaction pathway involving an S<sub>N</sub>2-type epoxide opening by transfer of fluoride from a  $BF_4^-$  ion, resulting in inversion of configuration at the



<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 5 min.

carbon atom distal to the amino group. For 2,3-epoxy amine 21,<sup>24</sup> however, a competitive intramolecular electrophilic aromatic substitution reaction occurred that resulted in the formation of bicycle 28 as the major product, thus somewhat compromising the yield of amino fluorohydrin 26 (Scheme 5). The relative configuration within amino fluorohydrin 26 was assigned on the basis of a mechanism of formation involving an S<sub>N</sub>2-type epoxide ring-opening, while the relative configuration within bicycle 28 was unambiguously established via singlecrystal X-ray diffraction analysis.<sup>25</sup> Examination of the singlecrystal X-ray diffraction structure of 2,3-epoxy amine  $21^{25}$ reveals a solid-state conformation in which the bicyclic system adopts a boatlike conformation<sup>26</sup> with a pseudoaxial N,Ndibenzylamino group. If maintained in solution, this conformation would provide ideal positioning of the N,Ndibenzylamino group for the intramolecular cyclization reaction leading to bicycle 28 (Scheme 6).



The 2,3-epoxy amine substrates 4, 5, and 18-22 for these reactions were all prepared from the corresponding cyclic allylic amines using our protocol for ammonium-directed olefinic oxidation as the key step,<sup>17</sup> which relies upon the in situ protection of an allylic amine from N-oxidation by conversion to the corresponding ammonium species on treatment with a strong Brønsted acid, prior to treatment with m-CPBA. Therefore, the possibility of employing HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> as the acid protecting agent in these reactions was next assessed, in order to circumvent the need for isolation of the epoxide intermediate and so develop a direct ("one-pot") hydroxyfluorination protocol. Treatment of allylic amine 29 with either 1 or 1.5 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> followed by *m*-CPBA (2 equiv) led to the formation of complex mixtures of products. However, the use of 2 equiv of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  in this reaction gave a 67:12:21 mixture of amino fluorohydrins 6 and 23, and m-CBA ester 30, respectively. The relative configuration within *m*-CBA ester 30 was established unambiguously through treatment of the 67:12:21 mixture of 6:23:30 with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in MeOH, which resulted in transesterification of 30 to the corresponding known diol 31,<sup>17a</sup> while leaving amino fluorohydrins 6 and 23 unchanged. Increasing the amount of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  led to increasing amounts of amino fluorohydrin 23 being produced in the reaction, until a plateau was reached beyond 30 equiv, when the ratio of amino fluorohydrins 6:23 was 10:90. A rate enhancement was also noted at high equivalents of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$ : when the course of the hydroxyfluorination reactions of allylic amine 29 were monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, complete consumption of starting material occurred after 2 h when using 20 equiv of  $HBF_4$ ·OEt<sub>2</sub>, while starting material remained even after 7 h when using 2 equiv of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$ . The rate acceleration of epoxidation of isolated alkenes by peracids in the presence of strong Brønsted acids has been documented and is postulated to be a result of protonation of the peracid generating a more electrophilic, and hence more reactive, oxidizing agent<sup>27</sup> (Scheme 7).

Amino fluorohydrin 6 and m-CBA ester 30 presumably arise from epoxidation of the olefin on the face syn to the ammonium group (forming epoxide 4 in protonated form), followed by regioselective and stereospecific ring-opening by either transfer of fluoride from a BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ion to, or attack of *m*-CBA at, the oxirane carbon distal to the ammonium group. Amino fluorohydrin 23 meanwhile, is consistent with epoxidation on the face of the olefin anti to the ammonium group (forming epoxide 18 in protonated form), followed by regioselective and stereospecific ring-opening by transfer of fluoride from a  $BF_4^$ ion to the oxirane carbon distal to the ammonium group. The product distributions of these reactions presumably reflect the relative rate of the former epoxidation process over the latter. When using 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>, epoxidation of allylic amine 29 on the face *syn* to the amino group is favored, presumably as a result of hydrogen bonding of the peracid to the in situ formed ammonium ion.<sup>28</sup> Increasing the amount of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> to 20 equiv promotes protonation of the *m*-CPBA,<sup>27</sup> and this



<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (ii) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 1 h. Ar = m-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

may serve to decrease the hydrogen-bond acceptor ability of the peracid, as well as introduce electrostatic repulsive interactions between the protonated peracid and the ammonium group. Non-hydrogen-bond-directed epoxidation, presumably occurring preferentially on the face of the olefin *anti* to the ammonium ion due to minimization of unfavorable steric interactions and/or electronic interactions (minimization of dipoles),<sup>29</sup> may therefore predominate due to activation of the *m*-CPBA as a more potent electrophilic oxidant by protonation,<sup>27</sup> thus resulting in a reversal of the sense of diastereofacial selectivity of epoxidation (Scheme 8).

Unfortunately, attempted separation of the product mixtures from these hydroxyfluorination reactions proved unsuccessful. However, treatment of the crude product mixtures with  $Ac_2O$ in pyridine facilitated the isolation of diastereoisomerically pure samples of acetates **32** and **33**. Thus, hydroxyfluorination of **29** with 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and 2 equiv of *m*-CPBA followed by acetylation of the crude product mixture allowed isolation of acetate **32** in 45% yield and >99:1 dr, while hydroxyfluorination

Scheme 8

of **29** with 20 equiv of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  and 2 equiv of *m*-CPBA followed by acetylation of the crude product mixture allowed for the isolation of acetate **33** in 49% yield and >99:1 dr. The relative configurations within acetates **32** and **33** were unambiguously established through transesterification (treatment with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in MeOH) which gave the corresponding amino fluorohydrins **6** and **23** in quantitative yield in each case (Scheme 9).

Scheme 9<sup>*a*</sup>



"Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (ii) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (20 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (iii) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, rt, 20 h; (iv) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 3 h.

The generality of this hydroxyfluorination procedure for other cyclic allylic amines was next investigated. Hydroxyfluorination of tertiary allylic amine 34 using 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and 2 equiv of *m*-CPBA gave an 85:3:12 mixture of amino fluorohydrins 7 and 24 and m-CBA ester 35, respectively. Treatment of the crude product mixture with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in MeOH to effect transesterification of *m*-CBA ester 35 to the corresponding known diol  $36^{17i}$  (while leaving fluorohydrins 7 and 24 unaffected) enabled chromatographic separation of the mixture and thus allowed isolation of fluorohydrin 7 in 73% yield as a single diastereoisomer. This compares to an overall yield of 70% for the two-step conversion of tertiary allylic amine 34 into fluorohydrin 7 when employing sequential epoxidation<sup>17i</sup> and ring-opening fluorination<sup>16</sup> steps (Scheme 10). Under analogous conditions, hydroxyfluorination of secondary allylic amine 37 gave a 90:10 mixture of amino fluorohydrin 38 and m-CBA ester 40, respectively. Treatment



Scheme 10<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv) CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (ii) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 1 h. Ar = *m*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

of this mixture with  $K_2CO_3$  in MeOH to effect transesterification of *m*-CBA ester **40** to the corresponding known diol **41**,<sup>17a</sup> followed by chromatography, gave fluorohydrin **38** in 65% yield as a single diastereoisomer (Scheme 11). The



<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (ii) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 1 h. Ar = m-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

relative configuration within 38 was unambiguously established via single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.<sup>25</sup> The effect of increasing the number of equivalents of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  on the diastereoselectivities of these hydroxyfluorination reactions was next studied. For both tertiary amine 34 and secondary amine 37, increasing the amount of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  used in the hydroxyfluorination reaction increased the amount of the corresponding amino fluorohydrins 24 and 39 arising from epoxidation on the face of the olefin *anti* to the in situ formed ammonium ion. This resulted in a reversal of the reaction

diastereoselectivity for tertiary amine 34 when using 20 equiv of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  (Scheme 10), although a more subtle effect was noted for hydroxyfluorination of secondary amine 37, and amino fluorohydrin 38 remained the major product even when using 20 equiv of  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$ : a second fluorinated species which appeared in the crude reaction mixture upon increasing equiv of HBF4 was tentatively assigned as amino fluorohydrin 39 by analogy to the cases of hydroxyfluorination of tertiary amines 29 and 34, where the configurations within each of the corresponding fluorohydrin products 6, 7, 23, and 24 were unambiguously established (Scheme 11). It is noteworthy that the rates of ammonium-directed olefinic oxidation of allvlic amines 29, 34, and 37 increase in the order 29 < 34 < 37.<sup>17i</sup> Presumably, the increased ability of the in situ formed ammonium ion derived from secondary amine 37 to promote rapid hydrogen-bond directed epoxidation (leading to amino fluorohydrin 38) means that, even at high concentrations of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>, the rate of the non-hydrogen-bond directed reaction (leading to amino fluorohydrin 39) is not able to outpace it.

Hydroxyfluorination of cyclopentene-derived tertiary allylic amine 42 (Scheme 12) and cycloheptene-derived tertiary allylic





<sup>*a*</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h. Ar = m-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

Scheme 13<sup>a</sup>



"Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h.

amine 44 (Scheme 13) upon treatment with 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and 2 equiv of *m*-CPBA proceeded to give the corresponding amino fluorohydrins 25 and 27 as the major products which, after treatment of the crude reaction mixture with  $K_2CO_3$  in MeOH,<sup>30</sup> were isolated in 46 and 73% yield, respectively. In comparison, the overall yields for the corresponding two-step conversions of tertiary allylic amines 42 and 44 into fluorohydrins 25 and 27 (employing sequential epoxidation<sup>17c,i</sup> and ring-opening fluorination steps) are 77 and 52%, respectively. The stereochemical outcome of the hydroxyfluorination reaction of cyclopentene-derived allylic

amine 42 is consistent with initial epoxidation occurring on the face of the olefin syn to the in situ formed ammonium ion, followed by regioselective and stereospecific S<sub>N</sub>2-type epoxide ring-opening occurring upon transfer of fluoride from a  $BF_4^$ ion to the oxirane carbon distal to the ammonium group. Meanwhile, the stereochemical outcome of the hydroxyfluorination reaction of cycloheptene-derived allylic amine 44 is consistent with initial epoxidation occurring on the face of the olefin anti to the in situ formed ammonium ion, followed by regioselective and stereospecific S<sub>N</sub>2-type epoxide ring-opening occurring upon transfer of fluoride from a  $BF_4^-$  ion to the oxirane carbon distal to the ammonium group. In both cases, the diastereoselectivity of the epoxidation reaction and the regioselectivity of the ring-opening step are entirely consistent with that previously observed by us during the ammoniumdirected oxidation of these substrates using m-CPBA in the presence of Cl<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H.<sup>17c,i</sup> In both cases, we have rationalized the selectivity of the epoxidation step as being the result of hydrogen-bonded delivery of the *m*-CPBA by the in situ formed ammonium ion, although in the case of cyclopentene-derived allylic amine **42**, attack on the face of the olefin *syn* to the in situ formed ammonium moiety may be inherently favored due to minimization of developing torsional strain in the transition state.<sup>31</sup> When 20 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> in the hydroxyfluorination of cyclopentene-derived allylic amine 42 was used, a reduction in the reaction diastereoselectivity was apparent, although a complete reversal in the sense of facial selectivity was not observed (Scheme 12). Analogous reaction of cycloheptene-derived allylic amine 44 resulted in the formation of a complex mixture of products, of which the major component was amino fluorohydrin 27. The observations that the selectivities of the hydroxyfluorinations of 5-membered ring substrate 42 and 7-membered ring substrate 44 do not reverse when using 20 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> is consistent with the much faster rates of ammonium-directed epoxidation of both cyclopentene-derived 42 and cycloheptene-derived 44 under these conditions, as compared to that of their cyclohexene-derived counterpart  $29^{17i}$  (i.e., the hydrogenbond directed epoxidation would be expected to be the dominant pathway in both of the former cases). This does not, however, discount the possibility that epoxidation syn to the ammonium moiety formed in situ from 42 is inherently favored.31

Trisubstitution on the olefin was also tolerated by this reaction, with the hydroxyfluorination of allylic amine 45 giving amino fluorohydrin 46 in 95:5 dr, which was isolated in 70% vield and 95:5 dr after purification. The relative configuration within 46 was assigned on the basis of  ${}^{1}H-{}^{1}H$  and  ${}^{1}H-{}^{19}F$ NMR <sup>3</sup> / coupling constant and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>19</sup>F NMR HOESY analyses (Scheme 14). Tetrahydropyridine 47 and dihydropyrrole 49 were also investigated as substrates for this reaction. In the former case, reaction of 47 gave the corresponding 4fluoropiperidin-3-ol 48 in 53% yield as a single diastereoisomer.<sup>32</sup> In the latter case, 10 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> proved optimal to ensure complete ring-opening of the epoxide, and this enabled the isolation of 4-fluoropyrrolidin-3-ol 50 in 58% yield as a single diastereoisomer.<sup>32</sup> The regiochemistry within 48 was assigned by <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H NMR COSY analysis, and the relative configurations within both 48 and 50 were assigned on the basis of the reaction proceeding via an S<sub>N</sub>2-type epoxide ring-opening step<sup>33</sup> (Scheme 14).

The hydroxyfluorination of acyclic allylic and homoallylic amines was also investigated. Under our optimized conditions, Scheme 14<sup>*a*</sup>



"Reagents and conditions: (i)  $HBF_4$ ·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv),  $CH_2Cl_2$  then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (ii)  $HBF_4$ ·OEt<sub>2</sub> (10 equiv),  $CH_2Cl_2$  then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h.

treatment of tertiary alkenyl amines 51-58 with 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and 2 equiv of *m*-CPBA gave the corresponding amino fluorohydrins 60-67 as single diastereoisomers (>99:1 dr), which were isolated after chromatography in modest to good yield.<sup>32</sup> We have previously unambiguously established the relative configurations within 60, 62, and 67 through singlecrystal X-ray diffraction analyses,<sup>25</sup> and therefore, the relative configurations within the remaining amino fluorohydrin products of these reactions were assigned on the basis of our mechanistic proposal for this hydroxyfluorination process. Under analogous conditions, hydroxyfluorination of allylic amine 59 gave a mixture of products containing an 88:12 mixture of amino fluorohydrins 68:69, from which the major product 68 was isolated in 28% yield and >99:1 dr and the minor product 69 in 7% yield and >99:1 dr. The relative configuration within 68 was unambiguously established via single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis,<sup>25</sup> which therefore allowed the relative configuration within 69 to be assigned (on the basis of a stereospecific  $S_N$ 2-type epoxide ringopening). The expected higher level of 1,3-allylic strain<sup>3</sup> associated with allylic amines 57 and 58 as compared to 59 is thus consistent with the higher reaction diastereoselectivity for the former two processes over the latter (Scheme 15).

The synthetic utility of this methodology was next demonstrated by application to the synthesis of 4-deoxy-4fluoro-L-xylo-phytosphingosine and 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-lyxophytosphingosine; fluorinated analogues of the sphingoid bases L-xylo-phytosphingosine and L-lyxo-phytosphingosine, respectively.<sup>35</sup> The allylic amine substrate required for these reactions was prepared from Garner's aldehyde 70. Wittig olefination of 70 upon treatment with  $[C_{15}H_{31}PPh_3]^+Br^-$  and NaHMDS gave a mixture of olefin isomers (Z)-71 and (E)-72, although peak overlap in the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the crude reaction mixture precluded determination of the (E):(Z) ratio. Chromatography allowed separation of (Z)-71 and (E)-72, which were isolated in 77 and 7% yield, respectively. Treatment of (Z)-71 with  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  (either 2 equiv or 20 equiv) followed by *m*-CPBA (2 equiv) was investigated in the hope of achieving a one-pot sequential N-deprotection, ammonium-



<sup>*a*</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Reaction was run with 10 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. <sup>*c*</sup>Yields in parentheses are for the corresponding two-step (sequential epoxidation<sup>17e</sup> and ring-opening fluorination<sup>16</sup>) processes. <sup>*d*</sup>Reaction was run for 30 min. <sup>*e*</sup>Reaction produced an 88:12 diastereoisomeric mixture of amino fluorohydrins **68:69**.

directed epoxidation, and ring-opening fluorination, but unfortunately, only a complex mixture of products was furnished in both cases. Therefore, in order to provide an alternative substrate for evaluation, hydrolysis of the N,Oacetonide and N-Boc protecting groups within (Z)-71 was achieved using methanolic HCl, and was followed by treatment with BnBr in the presence of  $K_2CO_3$  to give 74 in 90% yield (Scheme 16).



"Reagents and conditions: (i)  $[C_{15}H_{31}PPh_3]^+Br^-$ , NaHMDS, THF, hexane, -78 °C to rt, 42 h; (ii) HCl (conc aq), MeOH, reflux, 17 h; (iii) BnBr, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, EtOH, reflux, 4 h.

Hydroxyfluorination of 74 upon treatment with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (20 equiv) and m-CPBA (2 equiv) for 18 h gave a 12:88 mixture of amino fluorohydrin 75 and the functionalized tetrahydrofuran 77. Chromatography allowed isolation of 77 in 73% yield as a single diastereoisomer. The relative configuration within 77 was established through hydrogenolysis, which gave (-)-2-epi-jaspine B [(-)-2-epi-pachasstrissamine] 78<sup>36</sup> in 53% yield. Optimization of the reaction conditions revealed that the use of 4 equiv of *m*-CPBA and a reaction time of 30 min resulted in >95% conversion of starting material to give an 18:66:16 mixture of amino fluorohydrins 75 and 76 and functionalized tetrahydrofuran 77, respectively. Chromatographic separation gave amino fluorohydrin 76 in 56% isolated yield and >99:1 dr. Resubjection of the authentic sample of 76 to the reaction conditions resulted in formation of tetrahydrofuran 77 as the only product. Thus, the C(2)-C(3) relative configuration within 76 could be unambiguously assigned, and is consistent with the epoxidation step proceeding preferentially via transition-state model 79, in which 1,3-allylic strain is minimized and the epoxidation proceeds on the face of the olefin anti to the ammonium group to give epoxide 80 as the major product. Subsequent in situ regioselective and stereospecific  $S_N$ 2-type ring-opening of 80 by transfer of fluoride from a BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ion to the oxirane carbon atom distal to the ammonium moiety leads to amino fluorohydrin 76, with BF<sub>3</sub> assisted<sup>37</sup>  $S_N$ 2type  $(5-exo-tet)^{38}$  cyclization of 76 under the reaction conditions leading to tetrahydrofuran 77. In support of this assertion, treatment of amino fluorohydrin 76 with 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> led only to the return of unreacted starting material after 18 h, while sequential treatment with 1 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> followed by 1 equiv of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> for 18 h gave complete conversion to tetrahydrofuran 77 (quantitative isolated yield). From these combined data, it can be deduced that the intermediate epoxide 80 is formed in 82:18 dr under these reaction conditions (Scheme 17).

Allylic amine 74 was next treated with 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> followed by 2 equiv of *m*-CPBA and, after a reaction time of 18 h, gave a 67:16:18 mixture of amino fluorohydrins 75 and 76, and the functionalized tetrahydrofuran 81, respectively. The observation of amino fluorohydrin 75 as the major product in this reaction indicates opposite sense of diastereofacial selectivity as compared to the analogous reaction using 20 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. Purification allowed the isolation of amino

#### Scheme 17<sup>a</sup>



<sup>*a*</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (20 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (ii) H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, MeOH, rt, 24 h; (iii) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (20 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (4 equiv), rt, 30 min; (iv) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv), BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (1 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 18 h. Ar = *m*-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

fluorohydrin 75 in 47% yield and tetrahydrofuran 81 in 14% yield. The relative configuration within amino fluorohydrin 75 was assigned on the basis of an ammonium-directed epoxidation of 74 (via transition state model 83 in which 1,3allylic strain is minimized) to give the corresponding protonated epoxide 84, which undergoes in situ regioselective  $S_N$ 2-type ring-opening by transfer of fluoride from a BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ion to the oxirane carbon atom distal to the ammonium group. The relative configuration within tetrahydrofuran 81 was unambiguously established through hydrogenolysis, which gave (+)-4epi-jaspine B [(+)-4-epi-pachastrissamine] 82<sup>39</sup> in 92% yield. A plausible mechanism for the production of 81 under the conditions of the hydroxyfluorination reaction would involve direct cyclization of the terminal hydroxy group onto the epoxide functionality within 84.40 Furthermore, resubjection of amino fluorohydrin 75 to the reaction conditions led only to the recovery of starting material (i.e., 75), indicating that tetrahydrofuran 81 does not arise from the in situ cyclization of

#### Scheme 18<sup>a</sup>

**75.** From these combined data it can be deduced that the intermediate epoxide **84** is formed in 84:16 dr under these reaction conditions (Scheme 18).

Hydrogenolytic *N*-debenzylation of **75** completed the synthesis of 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-*xylo*-phytosphingosine **85**, in five steps and 33% overall yield from Garner's aldehyde **70**, while an analogous procedure applied to amino fluorohydrin **76** gave 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-*lyxo*-phytosphingosine **86**, in five steps and 39% overall yield from Garner's aldehyde **70** (Scheme 19).



"Reagents and conditions: (i) H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, MeOH, rt, 24 h.

#### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, a diastereodivergent hydroxyfluorination protocol enabling the direct conversion of conformationally biased allylic amines to the corresponding diastereoisomeric amino fluorohydrins has been developed. Sequential treatment of a conformationally biased allylic amine with 2 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> followed by *m*-CPBA promotes epoxidation of the olefin on the face proximal to the amino group, under hydrogen-bonded direction from the in situ formed ammonium ion. Regioselective and stereospecific epoxide ring-opening by transfer of fluoride from a BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> ion (an S<sub>N</sub>2-type process at the carbon atom distal to the ammonium moiety) then occurs in situ to give the corresponding amino fluorohydrin. Alternatively, an analogous reaction using 20 equiv of HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> results in preferential epoxidation of the opposite face of the olefin, which is followed by regioselective and stereospecific



<sup>*a*</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> then *m*-CPBA (2 equiv), rt, 18 h; (ii) H<sub>2</sub> (5 atm), Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, EtOAc, rt, 4.5 h. Ar = m-ClC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>.

epoxide ring-opening by transfer of fluoride from a  $BF_4^-$  ion (an  $S_N^2$ -type process at the carbon atom distal to the ammonium moiety). The synthetic utility of this methodology is demonstrated via its application to a synthesis of 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-xylo-phytosphingosine and 4-deoxy-4-fluoro-L-lyxo-phytosphingosine, each in five steps from Garner's aldehyde.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

General Experimental Details. Reactions involving moisturesensitive reagents were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere using standard vacuum line techniques and glassware that was flame-dried and cooled under nitrogen before use. Solvents were dried according to the procedure outlined by Grubbs and co-workers.<sup>41</sup> m-CPBA was supplied as a 70-77% slurry in water and titrated according to the procedure of Swern<sup>42</sup> before use. Dry 0.5 M solutions of m-CPBA were freshly prepared by treating a solution of titrated m-CPBA (70-77% with  $H_2O$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$  with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, followed by filtration of the supernatant solution through a Pasteur pipet (packed to half depth with MgSO<sub>4</sub>) into a volumetric flask, and addition of further CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as necessary. Organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminum plates coated with 60 F<sub>254</sub> silica. Flash column chromatography was performed either on Kieselgel 60 silica on a glass column or on an automated flash column chromatography platform.

Melting points are uncorrected. Specific rotations are reported in  $10^{-1}~deg~cm^2~g^{-1}$  and concentrations in g/100 mL. IR spectra were recorded using an ATR module. Selected characteristic peaks are reported in cm $^{-1}$ . NMR spectra were recorded in the deuterated solvent stated. The field was locked by external referencing to the relevant deuteron resonance.  $^1H-^1H~COSY~and~^1H-^{13}C~HMQC$  analyses were used to establish atom connectivity. Accurate mass measurements were run on a MicroTOF instrument internally calibrated with polyalanine.

General Procédure 1 for Ring-Opening Fluorination of Epoxy Amines with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>. HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2 equiv) was added in one portion to a stirred solution of the requisite epoxy amine (1 equiv, 0.25 M in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) at rt, and the reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 5 min. Satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was then added, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed twice with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and the combined aqueous layers were extracted twice with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic layers were then dried and concentrated in vacuo.

General Procedure 2 for Hydroxyfluorination of Alkenyl Amines with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and *m*-CPBA. HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> was added to a stirred solution of the requisite alkenyl amine (1 equiv in  $CH_2Cl_2$ )<sup>43</sup> at rt and the resultant mixture was stirred at this temperature for 5 min. A predried solution of *m*-CPBA (2 equiv, 0.5 M in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) was added, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for the time stated. Satd aq Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> was then added until starch–iodide paper indicated no remaining oxidant. Satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed twice with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and the combined aqueous layers were extracted twice with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic layers were then dried and concentrated in vacuo.

(*RS,RS,RS*)-2-(*N,N*-Dibenzylamino)-6-fluorocyclohexan-1-ol (6). Following general procedure 1,  $4^{17a}$  (108 mg, 0.37 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (100  $\mu$ L, 0.74 mmol). Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 6 as a colorless syrup which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (117 mg, quant, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup>  $R_f$  0.46 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/ EtOAc, 4:1); mp 74–77 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.43–1.87 (6H, m, C(3) $H_{22}$  C(4) $H_{22}$  C(5) $H_2$ ), 2.95 (1H, br s, OH), 3.01–3.09 (1H, m, C(2)H), 3.82 (4H, A<sub>2</sub>, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.17–4.24 (1H, app dt, *J* 6.3, 3.3, C(1)H), 4.84 (1H, app dq, *J* 45.5, 3.0, C(6)H), 7.22–7.37 (10H, m, *Ph*).

(*RS,RS,RS*)-2-(*N*-Benzyl-*N*-methylamino)-6-fluorocyclohexan-1-ol (7). From 5: Following general procedure 1,  $5^{17i}$  (217 mg, 1.00 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.27 mL, 2.0 mmol). Purification via flash column chromatography on neutralized silica gel (gradient elution,  $7 \rightarrow 60\%$  EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 7 as a yellow oil (211 mg, 89%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup>  $R_f$  0.28 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 7:3; neutralized silica gel);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.44–1.93 (6H, m, C(3) $H_2$ , C(4) $H_2$ , C(5) $H_2$ ), 2.21 (3H, s, NMe), 2.63 (1H, dddd, J 11.6, 4.7, 2.9, 2.6, C(2)H), 3.43 (1H, br s, OH), 3.56 (1H, d, J 13.4, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.74 (1H, d, J 13.4, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 4.20 (1H, app dt, J 6.1, 3.1, C(1)H), 4.93 (1H, app dq, J 45.4, 3.1, C(6)H), 7.24–7.38 (5H, m, Ph).

From 34: Following general procedure 2, 34 (161 mg, 0.80 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (220  $\mu$ L, 1.62 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h to give an 85:3:12 mixture of 7:24:35. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give an 85:3:12 mixture of 7:24:36. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 7→ 60% EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 7 as a yellow oil (139 mg, 73%, >99:1 dr).

(1RS,2RS,3SR)-1-(N,N-Dibenzyl-N-methylammonio)-2,3-epoxycyclohexane Tetrafluoroborate (15). Step 1: BnBr (0.36 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of  $5^{17i}$  (652 mg, 3.00 mmol, >99:1 dr) in MeCN (15 mL), and the resultant mixture was heated at reflux for 22 h and then was allowed to cool to rt and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was triturated with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O to give 14 as a hygroscopic pale orange solid (1.14 g, 98%, >99:1 dr):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3004, 2924 (C–H), 1497, 752, 703;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.27–1.42 (1H, m,  $C(5)H_A$ , 1.67–1.91 (3H, m,  $C(4)H_2$ ,  $C(5)H_B$ ), 1.98–2.11 (1H, m,  $C(6)H_A$ , 2.18–2.30 (1H, m,  $C(6)H_B$ ), 3.02 (3H, s, NMe), 3.30–3.38 (1H, m, C(3)H), 3.84 (1H, app d, J 4.0, C(2)H), 4.04-4.13 (1H, m, C(1)H), 4.60 (1H, d, J 13.3, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>A</sub>), 4.90 (1H, d, J 12.9,  $N(CH_{A}H_{B}Ph)_{B})$ , 5.21 (1H, d, J 12.9,  $N(CH_{A}H_{B}Ph)_{B})$ , 5.40 (1H, d, J 13.3, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>A</sub>), 7.34–7.73 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 20.2 (C(5)), 20.9 (C(6)), 21.7 (C(4)), 46.3 (NMe), 49.5 (C(2)), 54.4 (C(3)), 64.1  $(N(CH_2Ph)_A)$ , 64.5  $(N(CH_2Ph)_B)$ , 68.3 (C(1)), 127.3, 129.4, 130.7, 130.8, 133.2, 133.6 (*Ph*); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 308 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 308.2009, found 308.2001.

Step 2: MeCN (82 µL, 1.6 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mL) were added sequentially to AgBF<sub>4</sub> (68.1 mg, 0.35 mmol), and the resultant solution was added to a stirred solution of 14 (136 mg, 0.35 mmol, >99:1 dr) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1.0 mL). The resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 5 min and then filtered and concentrated in vacuo to give 15 as a hygroscopic white solid (138 mg, quant, >99:1 dr):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3036, 2956 (C–H), 1050, 1030, 754, 727, 703;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz,  $\rm CDCl_3)$  1.30–1.44  $(1H, m, C(5)H_A), 1.71-1.94 (3H, m, C(4)H_2, C(5)H_B) 1.99-2.19$  $(2H, m, C(6)H_2)$ , 2.93 (3H, s, NMe), 3.34–3.39 (1H, m, C(3)H), 3.65 (1H, app d, J 4.0, C(2)H), 3.81 (1H, app dd, J 9.1, 5.6, C(1)H), 4.36 (1H, d, J 13.4,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_A$ ), 4.54 (1H, d, J 12.9,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_B)$ , 4.82–4.93 (2H, m,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_A$ , N- $(CH_{A}H_{B}Ph)_{B})$ , 7.38–7.56 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 19.7 (C(6)), 20.3 (C(5)), 21.6 (C(4)), 46.0 (NMe), 48.9 (C(2)), 54.4 (C(3)), 64.0  $(N(CH_2Ph)_A)$ , 64.5  $(N(CH_2Ph)_B)$ , 68.2 (C(1)), 126.7, 129.5, 130.9, 131.0, 132.9, 133.4 (*Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –151.2 (s); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 308 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 308.2009, found 308.2003.

(*RS,RS,RS*)-1-(*N*,*N*-Dibenzyl-*N*-methylammonio)-3-fluorocyclohexan-2-ol Tetrafluoroborate (17). From 7: Step 1: BnBr (172  $\mu$ L, 1.45 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 7 (344 mg, 1.45 mmol, >99:1 dr) in MeCN (7.2 mL), and the resultant mixture was heated at reflux for 22 h, allowed to cool to rt, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was triturated with Et<sub>2</sub>O, and the precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O to give 16 as a hygroscopic pale brown solid (592 mg, quant, >99:1 dr):  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.50–1.95 (4H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.30–2.55 (2H, m, C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.02 (3H, s, NMe), 3.36 (1H, app d, J 12.1, C(1)H), 4.37  $(1H, d, J 13.1, N(CH_AH_BPh)_A), 4.53 (1H, d, J 13.0, N(CH_AH_BPh)_B), 4.65-4.88 (2H, m, C(2)H, C(3)H), 4.97 (1H, d, J 13.1, N(CH_AH_BPh)_A), 5.60 (1H, d, J 13.0, N(CH_AH_BPh)_B), 6.08 (1H, d, J 6.8, OH), 7.27-7.51 (8H, m, Ph), 7.76-7.84 (2H, m, Ph).$ 

Step 2: MeCN (71 µL, 1.4 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) were added sequentially to AgBF<sub>4</sub> (58.4 mg, 0.30 mmol), the resultant solution was added to a stirred solution of 16 (123 mg, 0.30 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL), and the mixture was stirred at rt for 5 min, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give 17 as a hygroscopic white solid (121 mg, 97%, >99:1 dr):  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3500 (O–H), 3036, 2953, 2876 (C-H), 1057, 1033, 1009, 750, 726, 703; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.50-1.95 (4H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.26-2.45 (2H, m, C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.83 (3H, s, NMe), 3.39 (1H, d, J 11.9, C(1)H), 4.28 (1H, d, J 13.4, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>A</sub>), 4.37–4.47 (2H, m, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>B</sub>, OH), 4.63–4.83 (3H, m, C(2)H, C(3)H, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>A</sub>), 5.32 (1H, d, J 12.9,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_B)$ , 7.23–7.60 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 19.6 (d, J 32.8, C(4)), 24.1 (d, J 20.0, C(5)), 29.7 (C(6)), 45.4 (NMe), 64.1, 64.7, 64.8, 65.1 (C(2), N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 67.3 (C(1)), 91.3 (d, J 175, C(3)), 126.6, 127.0, 129.3, 129.5, 130.8, 131.1, 132.6, 133.6 (Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  $(377 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3)$  -187.2 (m), -150.9 (s, BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 328 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 328.2071, found 328.2069.

From **15**: HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (8.6  $\mu$ L, 0.06 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **15** (25.0 mg, 0.06 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.25 mL) at rt, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 5 min. Satd aq NaBF<sub>4</sub> (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) were added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (NaBF<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give **17** as a colorless oil (26.3 mg, quant, >99:1 dr).

(1*RS*,2*SR*,6*RS*)-2-(*N*,*N*-Dibenzylamino)-6-fluorocyclohexan-1ol (23). Following general procedure 1, 18<sup>17b</sup> (402 mg, 1.37 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.5 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.37 mL, 2.7 mmol). Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 23 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (314 mg, 73%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup> *R*<sub>f</sub> 0.26 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1); mp 77–79 °C; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.08–1.22 (1H, m, C(4) *H*<sub>A</sub>), 1.29 (1H, app qd, *J* 12.6, 3.3, C(3)*H*<sub>A</sub>), 1.40–1.54 (1H, m, C(5) *H*<sub>A</sub>), 1.80–1.90 (1H, m, C(4)*H*<sub>B</sub>), 1.90–1.98 (1H, m, C(3)*H*<sub>B</sub>), 2.03– 2.13 (1H, m, C(5)*H*<sub>B</sub>), 2.37–2.47 (1H, app td, *J* 11.0, 2.8, C(2)*H*), 3.40 (2H, d, *J* 13.1, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.62 (1H, ddd, *J* 13.0, 10.0, 8.4, C(1)*H*), 3.76 (1H, br s, OH), 3.90 (2H, d, *J* 13.1, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.23 (1H, dddd, *J* 51.5, 11.3, 8.4, 5.2, C(6)*H*), 7.24–7.38 (10H, m, *Ph*).

(1*RS*,2*SR*,6*RS*)-2-(*N*-Benzyl-*N*-methylamino)-6-fluorocyclohexan-1-ol (24). Following general procedure 1, 19<sup>17i</sup> (217 mg, 1.00 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.27 mL, 2.0 mmol). Purification via flash column chromatography on neutralized silica gel (gradient elution,  $2 \rightarrow 20\%$  EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 24 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (169 mg, 71%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup>  $R_f$  0.13 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 9:1; neutralized silica gel); mp 77–79 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.15–1.32 (2H, m, C(3)H<sub>A</sub>, C(4)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.40–1.56 (1H, m, C(5)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.76–1.94 (2H, m, C(3)H<sub>B</sub>, C(4)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.07–2.17 (1H, m, C(5)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.22 (3H, s, NMe), 2.35–2.45 (1H, m, C(2) H), 3.47 (1H, d, J 13.0, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.55 (1H, ddd, J 12.8, 10.2, 8.3, C(1) H), 3.74 (1H, d, J 13.0, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 4.37 (1H, ddd, J 51.5, 11.2, 8.3, 5.2, C(6)H), 7.24–7.37 (5H, m, Ph).

(*RS,RS,RS*)-2-(*N*,*N*-Dibenzylamino)-5-fluorocyclopentan-1-ol (25). From 20: Following general procedure 1, 20<sup>17c</sup> (140 mg, 0.50 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (136 μL, 1.00 mmol). Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 2→20% EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 25 as a white crystalline solid (118 mg, 78%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f$  0.31 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 9:1); mp 68–71 °C;  $\nu_{max}$  3457 (O–H), 3085, 3063, 3029, 2967, 2942, 2919, 2847 (C–H), 1494, 1453, 1046;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.67–1.91 (2H, m, C(3)H<sub>A</sub>), C(4)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.95–2.07 (1H, m, C(4)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.21–2.41 (1H, m, C(3)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.27–3.37 (1H, m, C(2)H), 3.50 (1H, br s, OH), 3.74 (4H, A<sub>2</sub> system), N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.16 (1H, dd, J 10.2, 4.1, C(1)H), 4.95 (1H, app ddd, J 50.9, 6.5, 1.7, C(5)H), 7.24–7.38 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 26.9 (C(3)), 29.5 (d, J 22.4, C(4)), 55.7 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 65.5 (C(2)), 74.1 (d, J 30.4, C(1)), 97.3 (d, J 174, C(5)), 127.3 (*p*-Ph), 128.5, 129.0 (*o*,*m*-Ph), 138.2 (*i*-Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –176.8 (m); *m*/*z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 300 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 300.1758, found 300.1756. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FNO: C, 76.2; H, 7.4; N, 4.7. Found: C, 76.4; H, 7.4; N, 4.6.

From 42: Following general procedure 2, 42 (211 mg, 0.80 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (220  $\mu$ L, 1.62 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h to give a 74:26 mixture of 25:43. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 2→20% EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 25 as a white crystalline solid (110 mg, 46%, >99:1 dr).

(1RS,2SR,5RS)-2-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-5-fluorocyclopentan-1-ol (26) and (RS,RS,RS)-N(2)-Benzyl-4,5-benzo-2-azabicyclo-[4.2.1]nonan-9-ol (28). Following general procedure 1, 21<sup>17</sup> (140 mg, 0.50 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was treated with  $HBF_4 \cdot OEt_2$  (136  $\mu L_1$  1.00 mmol) to give a 35:65 mixture of 26:28. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow$ 40% EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 26 as a white crystalline solid (52.2 mg, 35%, >99:1 dr):  $\breve{R}_{\rm f}$  0.28 (30–40  $^{\circ}{\rm C}$ petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1); mp 79–81 °C;  $\nu_{max}$  3419 (O–H), 3085, 3062, 3028, 3004, 2962, 2882, 2836, 2805 (C-H), 1494, 1454, 1365, 1075, 1056, 1028;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl\_3) 1.73–2.26 (5H, m, C(3)H<sub>2</sub>, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, OH), 3.02 (1H, app dd, J 8.9, 8.0, C(2)H), 3.58  $(2H, d, J 13.9, N(CH_AH_BPh)_2), 3.82 (2H, d, J 13.9, N(CH_AH_BPh)_2),$ 4.21 (1H, ddd, J 23.2, 8.0, 3.8, C(1)H), 4.66-4.86 (1H, m, C(5)H), 7.22–7.42 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 20.9 (C(3)), 27.7 (d, J 22.4, C(4)), 54.9 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 65.9 (C(2)), 77.9 (d, J 24.0, C(1)), 98.1 (d, J 179, C(5)), 127.1 (p-Ph), 128.4, 128.6 (o,m-Ph), 139.7 (i-*Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –180.5 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 621 ([2M +  $Na]^+$ , 100), 322 ([M + Na]^+, 92), 300 ([M + H]^+, 86); HRMS (ESI^+)  $C_{19}H_{23}FNO^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 300.1758, found 300.1756. Further elution gave 28 as a white crystalline solid (77.4 mg, 55%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f$  0.08 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1); mp 139–143 °C;  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3385 (O–H), 3062, 3027, 2923 (C–H), 1493, 1452, 1028;  $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.65 (1H, br s, OH), 1.96–2.15 (2H, m, C(7)H<sub>A</sub>,  $C(8)H_A$ , 2.31–2.43 (1H, m,  $C(7)H_B$ ), 2.43–2.55 (1H, m,  $C(8)H_B$ ), 3.24 (1H, app d, J 9.4, C(1)H), 3.35 (1H, d, J 15.9, C(3)H<sub>A</sub>), 3.54 (1H, app d, J 6.6, C(6)H), 3.62 (1H, d, J 13.4, NCH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph), 3.74 (1H, d, J 13.4, NCH<sub>A</sub> $H_B$ Ph), 4.20 (1H, d, J 15.9, C(3) $H_B$ ), 4.26 (1H, s, C(9)H), 6.94 (1H, app d, J 7.3, Ar), 7.06-7.14 (1H, m, Ar), 7.19 (2H, app d, J 4.0, Ar), 7.24–7.41 (5H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 28.7 (*C*(7)), 29.5 (*C*(8)), 51.2 (*C*(3)), 54.5 (*C*(1)), 57.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 71.5 (C(6)), 76.9 (C(9)), 126.0, 127.1, 127.4, 128.4, 129.0, 129.1, 130.8,138.2, 139.3, 143.2 (Ar, Ph); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 280 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 280.1696, found 280.1694. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO: C, 81.7; H, 7.6; N, 5.0. Found: C, 81.8; H, 7.4; N, 4.9.

(1*RS*,2*SR*,7*RS*)-2-(*N*,*N*-Dibenzylamino)-7-fluorocycloheptan-1-ol (27). From 22: Following general procedure 1, 22<sup>17c</sup> (307 mg, 1.00 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.27 mL, 2.0 mmol). Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 27 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (247 mg, 75%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f$  0.36 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 9:1); mp 81–82 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/heptane);  $\nu_{max}$  3375 (O–H), 3105, 3086, 3062, 3028, 3006, 2937, 2863, 2813 (C–H), 1495, 1454;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.25–1.50 (3H, m, C(3)  $H_{Ar}$  C(4) $H_{Ar}$  C(5) $H_{A}$ ), 1.56–1.93 (4H, m, C(4) $H_{\rm B}$ , C(5) $H_{\rm B}$ , C(6)  $H_2$ ), 1.99–2.11 (1H, m, C(3) $H_{\rm B}$ ), 2.46 (1H, app t, J 10.0, C(2)H), 3.34 (2H, d, J 13.3, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (1H, ddd, J 19.3, 9.9, 6.1, C(1)H), 3.86 (2H, d, J 13.3, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.35 (1H, dddd, J 47.2, 8.8, 6.1, 3.4, C(7)H), 4.72 (1H, s, OH), 7.23–7.38 (10H, m, *Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 20.0 (d, *J* 9.6, *C*(5)), 21.9 (C(3)), 25.4 (C(4)), 29.0 (d, *J* 21.6, *C*(6)), 53.1 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 58.7 (d, *J* 10.4, *C*(2)), 74.5 (d, *J* 22.4, *C*(1)), 97.6 (d, *J* 169, C(7)), 127.5 (*p*-*Ph*), 128.6, 129.2 (*o*,*m*-*Ph*), 138.4 (*i*-*Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –171.2 (m); *m*/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 677 ([2M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 328 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 96); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 328.2071, found 328.2067. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>FNO: C, 77.0; H, 8.0; N, 4.3. Found: C, 76.8; H, 7.9; N, 4.2.

From 44: Following general procedure 2, 44 (175 mg, 0.60 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.4 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (165  $\mu$ L, 1.21 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2.4 mL, 1.2 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) and MeOH (1.5 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 2→ 20% EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 27 as a white crystalline solid (144 mg, 73%, >99:1 dr).

(*RS*)-3-(*N*,*N*-Dibenzylamino)cyclohex-1-ene (29). Dibenzylamine (18 mL, 94 mmol) was added to 3-bromocyclohex-1-ene (6.00 g, 37.3 mmol) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt and then heated at 60 °C for 30 min. The residue was allowed to cool to rt and was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (400 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (400 mL). The organic layer was separated and washed sequentially with 10% aq citric acid (3 × 200 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3 × 200 mL) and then dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 1→8% Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 29 as a colorless syrup which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (7.08 g, 68%):<sup>17a,i</sup> mp 35–36 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.78–1.99 (2H, m, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.19–2.49 (4H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.41 (2H, d, J 13.9, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), (2H, d, J 13.9, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.98–4.13 (1H, m, C(3)H), 5.65–5.85 (2H, m, C(1)H, C(2)H), 7.11–7.49 (10H, m, Ph).

(RS,RS,RS)-1-Acetoxy-2-(N,N-dibenzylamino)-6-fluorocyclohexane (32). Following general procedure 2, 29 (166 mg, 0.60 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.4 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (165 µL<sub>2</sub> 1.21 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2.4 mL, 1.2 mmol) for 18 h to give a 67:12:21 mixture of 6:23:30. Pyridine (1.0 mL) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (0.57 mL, 6.0 mmol) were added to the residue and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 20 h and then concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow$ 40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 32 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (95.2 mg, 45%, >99:1 dr); Rf 0.42 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/Et2O, 4:1): mp 87-89 °C;  $\nu_{max}$  3085, 3063, 3027, 2943, 2871, 2835, 2804 (C–Ĥ), 1743 (C=O), 1229, 747, 736;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.49–1.72 (3H, m,  $C(4)H_2$ ,  $C(5)H_A$ ), 1.75–1.92 (3H, m,  $C(3)H_2$ ,  $C(5)H_B$ ), 2.04 (3H, s, COMe), 3.04 (1H, app dq, J 12.1, 3.4, C(2)H), 3.75 (4H, A<sub>2</sub> system, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.58-4.75 (1H, m, C(6)H), 5.42-5.47 (1H, m, C(1) *H*), 7.19–7.39 (10H, m, *Ph*);  $\delta_{C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 19.7 (*C*(4)), 21.3 (COMe), 23.0 (C(3)), 26.1 (d, J 20.8, C(5)), 53.9 (C(2)), 55.1 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 71.2 (d, J 29.6, C(1)), 88.1 (d, J 173, C(6)), 126.8 (p-Ph), 128.2, 128.3 (o,m-Ph), 140.3 (i-Ph), 170.0 (COMe);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) -188.8 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 378 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 89), 356  $([M + H]^+, 100);$  HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{22}H_{27}FNO_2^+$  ( $[M + H]^+$ ) requires 356.2020, found 356.2012.

 $K_2CO_3$  (82.9 mg, 0.60 mmol) and MeOH (1.5 mL) were added to 32 (95.2 mg, 0.27 mmol, >99:1 dr), and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give 6 as a white, crystalline solid (83.9 mg, quant, >99:1 dr).

(1*RS*,2*SR*,6*RS*)-1-Acetoxy-2-(*N*,*N*-dibenzylamino)-6-fluorocyclohexane (33). Following general procedure 2, 29 (166 mg, 0.60 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.0 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (1.6 mL, 12 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2.4 mL, 1.2 mmol) for 18 h to give a 16:84 mixture of 6:23. Pyridine (1.0 mL) and Ac<sub>2</sub>O (0.57  $\mu$ L, 6.0 mmol) were added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 20 h then concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 33 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (105 mg, 49%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.37 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1); mp 109–111 °C;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3086, 3064, 3030, 2951, 2854, 2810 (C-H), 1733 (C=O), 1367, 1234, 1039, 1028, 747, 733, 696;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl\_3) 1.04–1.18 (1H, m, C(4)  $H_{A}$ ), 1.40 (1H, app qd, J 12.8, 3.7, C(3) $H_{A}$ ), 1.44–1.58 (1H, m, C(5)  $H_A$ ), 1.77–1.88 (1H, m, C(4) $H_B$ ), 1.95–2.05 (1H, m, C(5) $H_B$ ), 2.08– 2.17 (1H, m, C(3)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.25 (3H, s, COMe), 2.62–2.71 (1H, m, C(2) H), 3.47 (2H, d, J 13.6, N( $CH_AH_BPh$ )<sub>2</sub>), 3.85 (2H, d, J 13.6, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.27 (1H, dddd, J 50.6, 11.6, 8.8, 5.2, C(6)H), 5.26 (1H, ddd, J 12.3, 10.7, 8.8, C(1)H), 7.19–7.35 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 20.1 (d, J 12.8, C(4)), 21.4 (COMe), 23.6 (d, J 1.6, C(3)), 30.6 (d, J 17.6, C(5)), 53.7 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 58.8 (d, J 8.0, C(2)), 73.9 (d, J 16.0, C(1)), 93.1 (d, J 181, C(6)), 126.9 (p-Ph), 128.2, 128.7 (o,m-Ph), 139.7 (i-Ph), 170.4 (COMe);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -180.5 (app d, J 50.6); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 733 ([2M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 378 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 85), 356 ( $[M + H]^+$ , 87), 336 ( $[M - F]^+$ , 71); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{22}H_{27}FNO_2^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 356.2020, found 356.2013.

 $\rm K_2CO_3$  (82.9 mg, 0.60 mmol) and MeOH (1.50 mL) were added to 33 (105 mg, 0.30 mmol, >99:1 dr), and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2  $\times$  10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give 23 as a white, crystalline solid (92.6 mg, quant, >99:1 dr).

(*RS*)-3-(*N*-Benzyl-*N*-methylamino)cyclohex-1-ene (34). A stirred mixture of 3-bromocyclohex-1-ene (0.20 mL, 1.62 mmol), *N*-benzyl-*N*-methylamine (0.32 mL, 4.06 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (268 mg, 1.94 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) was heated at 50 °C for 16 h. The resultant mixture was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL), and the organic layer was separated and washed with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and then dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 2→20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 34 as a pale yellow oil (270 mg, 83%):<sup>44</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.48–1.60, 1.77–1.90, 1.96–2.04 (6H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>, C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.23 (3H, *s*, NM*e*), 3.20–3.41 (1H, m, C(3)H), 3.47 (1H, d, *J* 13.3, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.67 (1H, d, *J* 13.3, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 5.70–5.77 (1H, m, C(1)H), 5.81–5.88 (1H, m, C(2)H), 7.21–7.37 (5H, m, Ph).

(*RS*)-3-(*N*-Benzylamino)cyclohex-1-ene (37). Benzylamine (6.6 mL, 60 mmol) was added to 3-bromocyclohex-1-ene (3.90 g, 24.2 mmol) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt and was then heated at 60 °C for 30 min. The residue was allowed to cool to rt and was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL). The organic layer was separated and washed with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 100 mL), and the combined aqueous layers were extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were then dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1; neutralized silica gel) gave 37 as a yellow oil (3.46 g, 76%):<sup>17a</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.35–1.61 (2H, m), 1.71–1.81 (1H, m), 1.85–2.06 (3H, m), 3.21–3.29 (1H, m, C(3)H), 3.79–3.89 (2H, m, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.61–5.82 (2H, m, C(1)H, C(2)H), 7.21–7.49 (5H, m, *Ph*).

(*RS,RS,RS*)-2-(*N*-Benzylamino)-6-fluorocyclohexan-1-ol (38). Following general procedure 2, 37 (150 mg, 0.80 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (220  $\mu$ L, 1.62 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h to give a 90:10 mixture of 38:40. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo

to give a 90:10 mixture of 38:41. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 7→60% EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 38 as a white crystalline solid (116 mg, 65%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.16 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 7:3); mp 82-83 °C; ν<sub>max</sub> 3329 (O–H), 3087, 3063, 3029, 2941, 2867 (C–H), 1455, 1073, 699;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.39–1.51 (1H, m, C(3) $H_{\rm A}$ ), 1.54– 1.77 (4H, m, C(3) $H_{B}$ , C(4) $H_{2}$ , C(5) $H_{A}$ ), 1.79–1.98 (1H, m, C(5) H<sub>B</sub>), 2.43 (1H, br s, OH), 2.98-3.07 (1H, m, C(2)H), 3.78 (2H, AB system, NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.82-3.88 (1H, m, C(1)H), 4.77 (1H, dtd, J 48.0, 5.7, 3.3, C(6)H), 7.24–7.39 (5H, m, Ph); δ<sub>C</sub> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 18.2 (d, J 4.8, C(4)), 26.4 (C(3)), 27.2 (d, J 19.2, C(5)), 51.1 (NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 55.8 (C(2)), 68.9 (d, J 27.2, C(1)), 91.5 (d, J 168, C(6)), 127.2 (p-Ph), 128.1, 128.6 (o,m-Ph), 140.1 (i-Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -191.8 (m); m/z (FI<sup>+</sup>) 223 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (FI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 223.1367, found 223.1367. Anal. Calcd for C13H18FNO: C, 69.9; H, 8.1; N, 6.3. Found: C, 70.1; H, 8.1; N, 6.2.

(RS)-3-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)cyclopent-1-ene (42). A mixture of cyclopentene (119 mL, 1.35 mol), NBS (60.0 g, 337 mmol), and benzoyl peroxide (70% with H<sub>2</sub>O, 1.17 g, 3.37 mmol) in CCl<sub>4</sub> (216 mL) was heated at reflux for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and filtered through a pad of Celite (eluent CCl<sub>4</sub>) to give a yellow solution. Dibenzylamine (162 mL, 843 mmol) was immediately added dropwise at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt and was stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was then filtered, heated to 40 °C, and stirred at this temperature for 1 h and then filtered and stirred at rt for 12 h. The mixture was then filtered and concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 L) and washed sequentially with 10% aq citric acid  $(3 \times 500 \text{ mL})$  and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (3  $\times$  500 mL) then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in 1 M aq HCl (1 L) and washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3  $\times$ 200 mL). The aqueous layer was then slowly basified by the portionwise addition of solid NaHCO3 and then extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 300 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $1\% \rightarrow 5\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 40–60 °C petroleum ether) gave 42 as a pale yellow oil (36.3 g, 41%):<sup>17c,i</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.92–2.09 (2H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.34–2.58 (2H, m, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.59 (2H, d, J 14.0, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.81 (2H, d, J 14.0, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.17-4.25 (1H, m, C(3)H), 5.88-5.95 (1H, m, C(1)H), 5.99-6.05 (1H, m, C(2)H), 7.32-7.58 (10H, m, Ph).

(*RS*)-3-(*N*,*N*-Dibenzylamino)cyclohept-1-ene (44). A mixture of 3-bromocyclohept-1-ene (16.0 g, 91.4 mmol), dibenzylamine (44 mL, 230 mmol), and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15.2 g, 110 mmol) was stirred at 60 °C for 35 h. The mixture was then diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (1 L) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 L). The organic layer was separated and washed sequentially with 10% aq citric acid (3 × 500 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (500 mL) and then dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via recrystallization (<sup>i</sup>PrOH) gave 44 as a white crystalline solid (21.6 g, 81%):<sup>17c,i</sup> mp 54–55 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.26–2.33 (8H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>-C(7)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.35 (1H, app d, *J* 10.4, C(3)H), 3.59 (2H, d, *J* 14.2, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (2H, d, *J* 14.2, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 5.80–5.89 (1H, m, C(1)H), 5.93–6.00 (1H, m, C(2)H), 7.20–7.42 (10H, m, Ph).

(*RS*)-3-(*N*,*N*-Dibenzylamino)-1-methylcyclohex-1-ene (45). Step 1: MeMgCl (3.0 M in THF, 50 mL, 150 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of cyclohex-2-enone (9.7 mL, 100 mmol) in THF (350 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 18 h. Satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (150 mL) was then added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 150 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via distillation at reduced pressure (1.2 mmHg) gave (*RS*)-1-methylcyclohex-2-enol as a colorless oil (7.54 g, 67%):<sup>45</sup> bp 24–26 °C (1.2 mmHg);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.29 (3H, s, *Me*), 1.51 (1H, br s, OH), 1.59–1.80 (4H, m, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>, C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 1.88–2.09 (2H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>), 5.61–5.67 (1H, m, C(2)H), 5.76 (1H, app dt, J 9.9, 3.8, C(3)H).

Step 2: A solution of (*RS*)-1-methylcyclohex-2-enol (5.00 g, 44.6 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (25 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of KH (268 mg, 6.69 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was stirred at this temperature for 30 min. This mixture was then added dropwise via cannula to a stirred solution of Cl<sub>3</sub>CCN (4.5

mL, 45 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 44 h. Satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) was then added, and the resultant mixture was dried, filtered through a pad of silica gel (eluent Et<sub>2</sub>O), and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via recrystallization from 30–40 °C petroleum ether gave (*RS*)-3-trichloroacetamido-1-methylcyclohex-1-ene as a white crystalline solid (6.07 g, 53%):<sup>45</sup> mp 71–73 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.55–1.74 (4H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, C(5) H<sub>2</sub>) overlapping 1.72 (3H, s, *Me*), 1.84–2.01 (2H, m, C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 4.42 (1H, app s, C(3)H), 5.34–5.40 (1H, m, C(2)H), 6.56 (1H, br s, NH).

Step 3: Aqueous NaOH (10 M, 12 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of (RS)-3-trichloroacetamido-1-methylcyclohex-1-ene (6.07 g, 23.7 mmol) in EtOH (34 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 17 h. The mixture was then extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O/30-40  $^{\circ}$ C petroleum ether (4:1 v/v, 3 × 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with  $H_2O$  (2 × 50 mL), dried, and concentrated in vacuo. BnBr (1.2 mL, 10.3 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.13 g, 15.4 mmol), and MeCN (26 mL) were added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was heated at reflux for 18 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc (30 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2  $\times$  30 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $1 \rightarrow 8\%$  $Et_2O$  in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 45 as a colorless oil (1.13 g, 16%):  $R_f$  0.37 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1);  $\nu_{max}$  3104, 3084, 3062, 3026, 3003, 2962, 2928, 2859, 2830, 2799, 2723, 1494, 1453, 743, 697;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl\_3) 1.38–1.53 (2H, m, C(4) $H_{\rm A\prime}$  $C(5)H_A$ , 1.70 (3H, s, C(1)Me), 1.76–2.05 (4H, m,  $C(4)H_B$ ,  $C(5)H_B$ , C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.34 (1H, br s, C(3)H), 3.55 (2H, d, J 14.1,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_2)$ , 3.77 (2H, d, J 14.1,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_2)$ , 5.49 (1H, br s, C(2)H), 7.19–7.48 (10H, m, Ph); δ<sub>C</sub> (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 22.0, 22.8  $(C(4), C(5)), 23.8 (C(1)Me), 30.3 (C(6)), 53.8 (N(CH_2Ph)_2), 54.9$ (C(3)), 125.0 (C(2)), 126.5 (p-Ph), 128.1, 128.5 (o,m-Ph), 137.4,141.1 (*i-Ph*, C(1)); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 292 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{21}H_{26}N^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 292.2060, found 292.2059.

(RS,RS,RS)-2-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-6-fluoro-6-methylcyclohexan-1-ol (46). Following general procedure 2, 45 (233 mg, 0.80 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (220  $\mu$ L, 1.60 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h.  $K_2 CO_3 \ (11.1 \ \text{mg}, \ 0.08 \ \text{mmol})$  and MeOH  $(2.0 \ \text{mL})$  were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between  $H_2O$  (10 mL) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give 46 in 95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 46 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (184 mg, 70%, 95:5 dr):  $R_f$  0.32 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1); mp 55–59 °C;  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3457, 3085, 3062, 3028, 2937, 2870, 1494, 1453, 1374, 1152, 1072, 1058, 1029, 747, 737, 699;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 1.25–1.39 (1H, m, C(3) $H_A$ ), 1.45 (3H, d, J 23.0, C(6)Me), 1.50-1.78 (5H, m, C(3)H<sub>B</sub>, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.12 (1H, ddd, J 12.5, 6.7, 3.2, C(2)H), 3.78 (2H, d, J 14.6, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (2H, d, J 14.6, N( $CH_AH_BPh$ )<sub>2</sub>), 3.89–3.93 (1H, m, C(1)H), 7.21–7.37 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 19.9 (d, J 1.6, C(4)), 23.5 (C(3)), 25.2 (d, J 22.4, C(6)Me), 31.0 (d, J 21.6, C(5)), 54.5 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 60.4 (C(2)), 70.9 (d, J 32.8, C(1)), 95.9 (d, J 165, C(6)), 126.9 (p-Ph), 128.4, 128.5 (o,m-Ph), 140.0 (i-Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -156.7 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 677 ([2M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 350 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 59), 328 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 89); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{21}H_{27}FNO^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 328.2071, found 328.2070. Data for minor diastereoisomer:  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) [selected peaks] 1.14 (3H, d, J 23.4, C(6)Me), 2.36-2.45 (1H, m, C(2)H), 3.38 (2H, d, J 13.3, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -133.0 (m).

**N(1)-Benzyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine (47).** MsCl (11 mL, 140 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of N(1)-benzyl-4-hydroxypiperidine (24.0 g, 125 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (19 mL, 140 mmol) in PhMe (300 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1.5 h. H<sub>2</sub>O (75 mL) was then added, and the layers

were separated. The organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (75 mL) and then dried. The resultant solution was diluted with PhMe (150 mL) and *N*,*N*-dimethylacetamide (100 mL), <sup>1</sup>BuOK (18.3 g, 163 mmol) was added, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 5 days. H<sub>2</sub>O (150 mL) was added, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 150 mL), dried, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via distillation at reduced pressure (1.1 mmHg) gave 47 as a colorless oil (17.6 g, 81%):<sup>46</sup> bp 75–78 °C (1.1 mmHg);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.15–2.22 (2H, m, C(3)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.58 (2H, t, *J* 5.6, C(2)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.97–3.01 (2H, m, C(6)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.60 (2H, s, NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.65– 5.71 (1H, m, C(4)H), 5.74–5.81 (1H, m, C(5)H), 7.24–7.40 (5H, m, *Ph*).

(RS,RS)-N(1)-Benzyl-4-fluoropiperidin-3-ol (48). Following general procedure 2, 47 (200 mg, 1.15 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6.6 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.32 mL, 2.4 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 4.6 mL, 2.3 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (16.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) and MeOH (2.9 mL) were then added to the residuem and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H2O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2  $\times$  10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 12→100% EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 48 as a pale yellow oil (130 mg, 53%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f 0.43$  (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 1:1);  $\nu_{max}$  3385 (О-Н), 3087, 3062, 3029, 2951, 2935, 2807 (С-Н), 1454, 1060, 1026, 748, 700;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.77–1.91 (1H, m, C(5) $H_{\rm A}$ ), 1.98–2.14 (1H, m, C(5) $H_{\rm B}$ ), 2.30–2.46 (2H, m, C(2) $H_{\rm A}$ , C(6) $H_{\rm A}$ ), 2.53–2.64 (1H, m, C(6) $H_B$ ), 2.80 (1H, app dt, J 11.8, 4.3, C(2) $H_B$ ), 3.02 (1H, br s, OH), 3.54 (2H, app s, NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 3.78-3.86 (1H, m, C(3)H), 4.38–4.58 (1H, m, C(4)H), 7.24–7.37 (5H, m, Ph);  $\delta_C$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 28.2 (d, J 19.1, C(5)), 49.4 (d, J 5.7, C(6)), 55.8 (C(2)), 62.3 (NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 68.4 (d, J 20.0, C(3)), 91.8 (d, J 177, C(4)), 127.3 (p-Ph), 128.4, 129.1 (o,m-Ph), 137.7 (i-Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) -188.1 (m); m/z (FI<sup>+</sup>) 209 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (FI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 209.1210, found 209.1213. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>FNO: C, 68.9; H, 7.7; N, 6.7. Found: C, 69.0; H, 7.6; N, 6.6.

(RS,RS)-N(1)-Benzyl-4-fluoropyrrolidin-3-ol (50). Following general procedure 2, 49 (421 mg, 2.64 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (12 mL) was treated with HBF4·OEt2 (3.6 mL, 26 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH2Cl2, 10.6 mL, 5.29 mmol) for 18 h. K2CO3 (36.5 mg, 0.26 mmol) and MeOH (6.6 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between  $H_2O$  (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 10→80% EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 50 as a pale yellow oil (297 mg, 58%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f 0.26 (30-40 \degree C \text{ petroleum ether/EtOAc}, 3:2); \nu_{max} 3375 (O-$ Н), 3088, 3063, 3030, 2961, 2932, 2804 (С-Н), 1454, 1096, 1029, 757, 701;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.56 (1H, dd, J 10.2, 3.2, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.69 (1H, dd, J 29.0, 11.6, C(5)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.92 (1H, dd, J 10.2, 5.3, C(2)  $H_{\rm B}$ ), 3.08 (1H, dddd, J 26.8, 11.6, 5.6, 3.2, C(5) $H_{\rm B}$ ), 3.68 (2H, AB system, J<sub>AB</sub> 12.9, NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.31 (1H, app dt, J 18.4, 4.1, C(3)H), 4.90 (1H, app dd, J 52.8, 5.3, C(4)H), 7.25–7.37 (5H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 58.2 (d, J 24.0, C(5)), 59.6 (C(2)), 59.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 75.7 (d, J 27.2, C(3)), 98.3 (d, J 181, C(4)), 127.3 (p-Ph), 128.4, 128.8 (o,m-Ph), 137.9 (i-Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -177.0 (m); m/z (FI<sup>+</sup>) 195 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (FI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 195.1054, found 195.1056. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>FNO: C, 67.7; H, 7.2; N, 7.2. Found C, 67.8; H, 7.3; N, 7.1.

(Z)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)hex-2-ene (51). NBS (1.78 g, 10.0 mmol) was added portionwise to a stirred solution of (Z)-hex-2-en-1ol (1.00 g, 10.0 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.62 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0  $^{\circ}$ C, and the resultant mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1 h. Dibenzylamine (3.9 mL, 20 mmol) was then added, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 24 h. Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) was then added, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 10 min, filtered through a pad of Celite (eluent Et<sub>2</sub>O), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (50 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with satd aq NaHCO3 (50 mL), and the combined aqueous layers were extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2  $\times$  50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $1 \rightarrow 8\%$  $Et_2O$  in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 51 as a colorless oil (2.23 g, 80%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f 0.33$  (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1);  $\nu_{max}$ 3085, 3063, 3026, 2958, 2871, 2822, 2792, 2710, 1494, 1454, 740, 696;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.90 (3H, t, J 7.5, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (2H, app sextet, J 7.4, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 1.99 (2H, app q, J 6.8, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.09 (2H, d, J 5.1, C(1)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.60 (4H, s, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 5.53-5.65 (2H, m, C(2)H, C(3)*H*), 7.22–7.44 (10H, m, *Ph*);  $\delta_{C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.8 (*C*(6)), 22.8 (C(5)), 29.6 (C(4)), 50.1 (C(1)), 58.0 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 126.8 (p-*Ph*), 127.1 (*C*(3)), 128.1, 128.8 (*o*,*m*-*Ph*), 132.9 (*C*(2)), 139.9 (*i*-*Ph*); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 280 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 280.2060, found 280.2058.

(Z)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)hex-3-ene (52). Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.6 mL, 40 mmol) and MsCl (2.3 mL, 30 mmol) were added sequentially to a stirred solution of (Z)-hex-3-en-1-ol (2.4 mL, 20 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (33 mL) at 0  $^\circ$ C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. Aqueous HCl (1 M, 50 mL) was then added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in EtOH (50 mL), and dibenzylamine (9.6 mL, 50 mmol) was added. The resultant mixture was stirred and heated at 70 °C for 16 h. allowed to cool to rt. and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL), and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed sequentially with 10% aq citric acid  $(3 \times 100 \text{ mL})$  and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL), dried, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $1 \rightarrow 8\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 52 as a colorless oil (3.28 g, 59%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.38 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3085, 3063, 3027, 3007, 2962, 2932, 2873, 2795 (С-Н), 1494, 1453, 1366, 1126, 1072, 1028, 743, 698;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.94 (3H, t, J 7.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 2.02 (2H, app quintet, J 7.33 C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.25–2.33 (2H, app q, J 7.2, C(2)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.50 (2H, t, J 7.8, C(1)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.62 (4H, s, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 5.27-5.36 (1H, m, C(3)H), 5.37–5.45 (1H, m, C(4)H), 7.22–7.44 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_C$ (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.3 (C(6)), 20.6 (C(5)), 24.9 (C(2)), 53.3 (C(1)), 58.2  $(N(CH_2Ph)_2)$ , 126.75 (p-Ph), 126.81 (C(3)), 128.1, 128.8 (o,m-Ph), 132.5 (C(4)), 139.9 (i-Ph); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 280 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{20}H_{26}N^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 280.2060, found 280.2058.

(E)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)hex-2-ene (53). Step 1: Diethyl azodicarboxylate (1.4 mL, 8.9 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of (E)-hex-2-en-1-ol (888 mg, 8.86 mmol, >99:1 dr), Nbenzyl-2,4-dinitrobenzenesulfonamide (2.30 g, 6.82 mmol), and PPh<sub>3</sub> (2.32 g, 8.86 mmol) in THF (8.0 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 19 h and was then concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave (E)-N-benzyl-N-(hex-2-enyl)-2',4'-dinitrobenzenesulfonamide as a yellow solid (2.86 g, quant, >99:1 dr): ${}^{47}$  R<sub>f</sub> 0.25 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1); mp 68–69 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.85 (3H, t, J 7.3, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.31 (2H, app sextet, J 7.3, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 1.90-1.98 (2H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.87 (2H, d, J 6.6, C(1)H<sub>2</sub>), 4.53 (2H, s, NCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.23 (1H, dtd, J 15.2, 6.6, 1.5, C(2)H), 5.52 (1H, dt, J 15.2, 6.9, C(3)H), 7.21-7.33 (5H, m, Ph), 8.13 (1H, d, J 8.5, Ar), 8.39 (1H, dd, J 8.5, 2.2, Ar), 8.48 (1H, d, J 2.2, Ar).

Step 2: 2-Mercaptoacetic acid (0.71 mL, 10 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (*E*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-(hex-2-enyl)-2',4'-dinitrobenzene-sulfonamide (2.86 g, 6.82 mmol, >99:1 dr) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.9 mL, 14 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (34 mL) and the resultant solution was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (40 mL), washed with 5% aq NaOH (3 × 40 mL), dried, and concentrated in vacuo to give (*E*)-1-(*N*-benzylamino)hex-2-ene as an orange oil (1.17 g, 91%):<sup>47</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.91 (3H, t, *J* 7.5, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.40 (2H, app sextet, *J* 7.4, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 1.51 (1H, br s, NH),

1.97-2.06 (2H, m, C(4) $H_2$ ), 3.23 (2H, d, J 5.1, C(1) $H_2$ ), 3.79 (2H, s, NC $H_2$ Ph), 5.51-5.66 (2H, m, C(2)H, C(3)H), 7.23-7.39 (5H, m, Ph).

Step 3: BnBr (0.59 mL, 5.0 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (E)-1-(N-benzylamino)hex-2-ene (945 mg, 4.99 mmol, >99:1 dr) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.07 g, 15.0 mmol) in MeCN (25 mL) and the resultant mixture was heated at reflux for 20 h then allowed to cool to rt, filtered (eluent Et<sub>2</sub>O) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $1 \rightarrow 8\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 53 as a colorless oil (1.21 g, 87%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f 0.34 (30-40 \ ^{\circ}C \text{ petroleum ether/Et}_2O, 19:1)$ ;  $\nu_{max} 3085, 3062$ , 3027, 2957, 2926, 2872, 2792, 2711, 1494, 1454, 970, 732, 696;  $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.91 (3H, t, J 7.3, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.41 (2H, app sextet, J 7.3, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.03 (2H, app q, J 6.7, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.03 (2H, d, J 5.8, C(1) H<sub>2</sub>), 3.58 (4H, s, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 5.49-5.65 (2H, m, C(2)H, C(3)H), 7.21–7.43 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.7 (C(6)), 22.5 (C(5)), 34.6 (C(4)), 55.5 (C(1)), 57.6  $(N(CH_2Ph)_2)$ , 126.7 (p-Ph), 127.3 (C(3)), 128.1, 128.8 (o,m-Ph), 134.0 (C(2)), 139.9 (i-Ph); m/z $(ESI^{+})$  280 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 280.2060, found 280.2055.

(E)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)hex-3-ene( 54). Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.6 mL, 40.0 mmol) and MsCl (2.3 mL, 30 mmol) were added sequentially to a stirred solution of (E)-hex-3-en-1-ol (2.3 mL, 20 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (33 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h; 1 M aq HCl (50 mL) was then added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in EtOH (50 mL) and dibenzylamine (9.6 mL, 50 mmol) was added. The resultant mixture was stirred and heated at 70 °C for 16 h then was allowed to cool to rt and was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL) and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed sequentially with 10% aq citric acid (3  $\times$  100 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (100 mL) and then dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $1 \rightarrow 8\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 54 as a colorless oil (3.11 g, 56%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f 0.38 (30-40 \degree C \text{ petroleum ether/Et}_2O, 24:1); \nu_{max} 3085, 3063,$ 3027, 2961, 2932, 2873, 2845, 2795 (С-Н), 1494, 1453, 1367, 1127, 1073, 1028, 966, 743, 698;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.00 (3H, t, J 7.5, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.98-2.07 (2H, m, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.21-2.30 (2H, app q, J 7.1, C(2)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.52 (2H, t, J 7.6, C(1)H), 3.61 (4H, s, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 5.32-5.42 (1H, m, C(3)H), 5.45-5.54 (1H, m, C(4)H), 7.22-7.44 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.8 (C(6)), 25.6 (C(5)), 30.4 (C(2)), 53.5 (C(1)), 58.2 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 126.7 (p-Ph), 127.2 (C(3)), 128.1, 128.8 (o,m-Ph), 133.0 (C(4)), 140.0 (i-Ph); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 280 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{20}H_{26}N^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 280.2060, found 280.2059.

(E)-4-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)but-2-en-1-ol (55). Step 1: Dibenzylamine (6.4 mL, 33 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of methyl 4-bromocrotonate (85%, 4.2 mL, 30 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (12.4 g, 90.0 mmol) in MeCN (150 mL) and the resultant mixture was heated at reflux for 21 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc (100 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 100 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $2 \rightarrow 20\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave methyl (E)-4-(N,N-dibenzylamino)but-2-enoate as a pale yellow oil  $(7.00 \text{ g}, 79\%, >99:1 \text{ dr}): R_f 0.24 (30-40 ^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ petroleum ether/Et}_2\text{O},$ 9:1);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3085, 3062, 3028, 2949, 2924, 2796, 2713 (C-H), 1721 (C=O), 1269, 1169, 737, 697;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.23 (2H, app dd, J 5.8, 1.0, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.62 (4H, s, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.76 (3H, s, OMe), 6.10 (1H, d, J 15.8, C(2)H), 7.05 (1H, dt, J 15.8, 5.8, C(3)H), 7.23-7.45 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 51.5 (OMe), 54.1 (C(4)), 61.8 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 122.4 (C(2)), 127.1 (*p*-Ph), 128.3, 128.7 (*o*,*m*-Ph), 139.0 (*i-Ph*), 146.8 (C(3)), 166.8 (C(1)); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 296 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{19}H_{22}NO_2^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 296.1645, found 296.1642.

Step 2: DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexanes, 48 mL, 48 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of methyl (E)-4-(N,N-dibenzylamino)but-2-enoate (6.35 g, 21.5 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant solution was allowed to warm to rt and was stirred at this temperature for 18 h. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, satd aq Rochelle's salt (100 mL) was added dropwise (cautiously!), and the resultant mixture was stirred vigorously at rt for 23 h. The mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite (eluent Et<sub>2</sub>O) and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 100 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 10 $\rightarrow$ 80% EtOAc in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 55 as a colorless oil (5.72 g, 99%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.13 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/ EtOAc, 4:1);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3328 (O–H), 3085, 3062, 3027, 2921, 2794, 2712 (C–H), 971, 733, 696;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.64 (1H, br s, OH), 3.11 (2H, d, J 4.3, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.62 (4H, s, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.12 (2H, d, J 3.8, C(1)H<sub>2</sub>), 5.73-5.86 (2H, m, C(2)H, C(3)H), 7.23-7.44 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 55.2 (C(4)), 58.1 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 63.3 (C(1)), 126.9 (p-Ph), 128.2, 128.8 (o,m-Ph), 129.7, 131.9 (C(2)), C(3), 139.6 (i-Ph); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 268  $([M + H]^+, 100)$ ; HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{18}H_{22}NO^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 268.1696, found 268.1694.

(E)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-2-methylbut-2-ene (56). Dibenzylamine (2.9 mL, 15 mmol) and NaBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> (4.45 g, 21.0 mmol) were added sequentially to a stirred solution of tiglic aldehyde (1.5 mL, 15 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at 0 °C and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 4 h. Satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (2 × 100 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $1 \rightarrow 8\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 56 as a colorless oil (2.14 g, 54%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.51 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1);  $\nu_{\rm max}$  3085, 3062, 3027, 2977, 2919, 2878, 2792, 2709, 1495, 1453, 744, 697; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.63-1.68 (3H, m, C(4)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.71–1.75 (3H, m, C(2)Me), 2.94 (2H, s, C(1) H<sub>2</sub>), 3.54 (4H, s, N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 5.44–5.46 (1H, m, C(3)H), 7.23–7.48 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.4, 14.6 (C(2)Me, C(4)), 57.9 (C(1)), 62.8 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 121.9 (C(3)), 126.7 (*p*-Ph), 128.2, 128.8 (o,m-Ph), 134.2 (C(2)), 140.2 (i-Ph); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 266 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{19}H_{24}N^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 266.1903, found 266.1904.

(RS)-2,5-Dimethyl-4-(N,N-dibenzylamino)hex-3-ene (57). 2-Methyl-1-propenylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF, 15 mL, 7.5 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (RS)-1-[ $\alpha$ -(N,N-dibenzylamino)- $\beta$ -methylpropyl]benzotriazole<sup>48</sup> (1.85 g, 5.00 mmol) in PhMe (25 mL) at rt. The resultant suspension was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h then was allowed to cool to rt followed by dropwise addition of satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The resultant mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed sequentially with 1 M aq NaOH (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 57 as a white solid (1.35 g, 88%):<sup>48</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.85 (3H, d, J 6.6, C(5)Me<sub>A</sub>), 1.27 (3H, d, J 6.6, C(5)  $Me_{\rm B}$ ), 1.56 (3H, s, C(2) $Me_{\rm A}$ ), 1.88–1.93 (1H, m, C(5)H), 1.96 (3H, s, C(2)Me<sub>B</sub>), 2.93 (1H, app t, J 10.4, C(4)H), 3.42 (2H, d, J 14.2,  $N(CH_{A}H_{B}Ph)_{2})$ , 3.95 (2H, d, J 14.2,  $N(CH_{A}H_{B}Ph)_{2})$ , 5.29 (1H, d, J 10.6, C(3)H), 7.30-7.33 (2H, m, Ph), 7.41 (4H, app t, J 7.5, Ph), 7.55 (4H, app d, J 7.5, Ph).

(RS)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-1-phenyl-3-methylbut-2-ene (58). 2-Methyl-1-propenylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF, 15 mL, 7.5 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (RS)-1-[ $\alpha$ -(N,N-dibenzylamino)benzyl]benzotriazole<sup>48</sup> (2.02 g, 5.00 mmol) in PhMe (25 mL) at rt. The resultant suspension was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h then was allowed to cool to rt followed by dropwise addition of satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The resultant mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed sequentially with 1 M aq NaOH (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), then dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 99:1) gave 58 as a pale yellow oil (1.59 g,

93%):<sup>48</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.54 (3H, s, C(3) $Me_{\rm A}$ ), 1.94 (3H, s, C(3) $Me_{\rm B}$ ), 3.57 (2H, d, J 13.8, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.77 (2H, d, J 13.8, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.58 (1H, d, J 9.8, C(1)H), 5.60 (1H, d, J 9.8, C(2) H), 7.25-7.28 (3H, m, Ph), 7.34-7.41 (6H, m, Ph), 7.47 (4H, d, J 7.6, Ph), 7.61 (2H, app d, J 7.3, Ph).

(RS,E)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-1-phenylbut-2-ene (59). <sup>t</sup>BuLi (1.7 M in pentane, 8.8 mL, 15 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (E)-1-bromoprop-1-ene (0.64 mL, 7.5 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) at -78 °C, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C. Solid  $MgBr_2 \cdot OEt_2$  (1.55 g, 6.00 mmol) was then added, and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 30 min and was then added to a solution of  $(RS)-1-[\alpha-(N,N-dibenzylamino)benzyl]$ benzotriazole48 (2.02 g, 5.0 mmol) in PhMe (30 mL) at 0 °C via cannula. The resultant mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h then satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (3 × 20 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with 1 M aq NaOH (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), then dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 99:1) gave **59** as a white solid (621 mg, 38%, >99:1 dr):<sup>48</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.97 (3H, d, J 7.1, C(4)H<sub>3</sub>), 3.65 (2H, d, J 13.7, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.81 (2H, d, J 13.7, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.37 (1H, d, J 8.6, C(1)H), 5.70–5.79 (1H, m, C(3) H), 5.84-5.90 (1H, m, C(2)H), 7.34 (3H, app q, J 7.0, Ph), 7.42-7.47 (6H, m, Ph), 7.55 (4H, d, J 7.1, Ph), 7.66 (2H, d, J 7.8, Ph).

(RS,RS)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-3-fluorohexan-2-ol (60). Following general procedure 2, 51 (224 mg, 0.80 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF4·OEt2 (220 µL, 1.62 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H2O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 5 $\rightarrow$ 40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 60 as a pale yellow oil (145 mg, 57%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f$  0.28 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.93 (3H, app t, J 7.1, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.31-1.57 (3H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>)  $C(5)H_A$ , 1.64–1.80 (1H, m,  $C(5)H_B$ ), 2.53 (1H, dd, J 12.6, 3.7, C(1) $H_A$ ), 2.75 (1H, dd, J 12.6, 9.8, C(1) $H_B$ ), 3.18 (1H, br s, OH), 3.50 (2H, d, J 13.5, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.69 (1H, dddd, J 21.5, 9.8, 3.7, 3.5, C(2)H), 3.84 (2H, d, J 13.5, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.33 (1H, dddd, J 48.5, 9.0, 3.5, 3.4, C(3)H), 7.22-7.42 (10H, m, Ph).

(RS,RS)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-4-fluorohexan-3-ol (61). Following general procedure 2, 52 (200 mg, 0.72 mmol, >99:1 dr) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (4.1 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (195  $\mu$ L, 1.43 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH2Cl2, 2.9 mL, 1.5 mmol) for 18 h. K2CO3 (9.7 mg, 0.07 mmol) and MeOH (1.8 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow$ 40% Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 61 as a colorless oil (55 mg, 24%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f$  0.23 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.98 (3H, app t, J 7.4, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.47–1.78  $(3H, m, C(2)H_A, C(5)H_2)$ , 1.94 (1H, app dtd, J 14.4, 10.5, 3.9, C(2)  $H_{\rm B}$ ), 2.62 (1H, app dt, J 12.9, 4.3, C(1) $H_{\rm A}$ ), 2.76–2.85 (1H, m, C(1)  $H_{\rm B}^{(J)}$ , 3.29 (2H, d,  $\tilde{J}$  13.1, N( $CH_{\rm A}H_{\rm B}Ph$ )<sub>2</sub>), 3.64 (1H, dddd, J 20.7, 10.0, 3.8, 2.6, C(3)H), 3.89 (2H, d, J 13.1, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.16 (1H, app ddt, J 48.1, 8.4, 4.1, C(4)H), 5.59 (1H, br s, OH), 7.25-7.39 (10H, m, Ph)

(*RS,SR*)-1-(*N,N*-Dibenzylamino)-3-fluorohexan-2-ol (62). Following general procedure 2, 53 (224 mg, 0.80 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (220  $\mu$ L, 1.62 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10

mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave **62** as a colorless oil (134 mg, 53%, >99:1 dr): <sup>16</sup>  $R_f$  0.28 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.93 (3H, app t, *J* 7.2, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.27–1.69 (4H, m, C(4)H<sub>2</sub>, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.58–2.76 (2H, m, C(1)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.36 (1H, br s, OH), 3.49 (2H, d, *J* 13.4, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.72 (1H, dddd, *J* 11.5, 9.6, 5.8, 3.8, C(2)H), 3.83 (2H, d, *J* 13.4, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.29 (1H, dddd, *J* 48.5, 8.1, 5.8, 3.6, C(3)H), 7.23–7.43 (10H, m, *Ph*).

(RS,SR)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-4-fluorohexan-3-ol (63). Following general procedure 2, 54 (200 mg, 0.72 mmol, >99:1 dr) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (4.1 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (195  $\mu$ L, 1.43 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2.9 mL, 1.5 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (9.7 mg, 0.07 mmol) and MeOH (1.8 mL) were then added to the residue and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 63 as a colorless oil (109 mg, 48%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup>  $R_f$  0.33 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.95 (3H, app t, J 7.5, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.49-1.87 (4H, m, C(2)H<sub>2</sub>,  $C(5)H_2$ , 2.68–2.81 (2H, m,  $C(1)H_2$ ), 3.46 (2H, d, J 13.1, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.54-3.64 (1H, m, C(3)H), 3.72 (2H, d, J 13.1,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_2$ , 3.84–4.05 (1H, m, C(4)H), 6.17 (1H, br s, OH), 7.22–7.44 (10H, m, Ph).

(RS,SR)-2-Fluoro-4-(N,N-dibenzylamino)butane-1,3-diol (64). Following general procedure 2, 55 (160 mg, 0.60 mmol, >99:1 dr) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.8 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.82 mL, 6.0 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2.4 mL, 1.2 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.3 mg, 0.06 mmol) and MeOH (1.5 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $10 \rightarrow$ 80% EtOAc in 30–40  $^\circ C$  petroleum ether) gave 64 as a colorless oil (58.3 mg, 32%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.23 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 3:2);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3394 (O-H), 3086, 3062, 3028, 2933, 2837, 2808, 1494, 1452, 1028, 739, 698;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.64 (1H, dd, J 12.9, 9.6, C(4)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.76 (1H, dd, J 12.9, 3.7, C(4)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.81 (2H, br s, OH), 3.49 (2H, d, J 13.4, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.71–3.96 (5H, m, C(1)H<sub>2</sub>, C(3) H, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.18–4.36 (1H, m, C(2)H), 7.23–7.43 (10H, m, *Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 55.7 (d, J 4.0, C(4)), 58.6 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 62.3 (d, J 21.6, C(1)), 66.3 (d, J 25.6, C(3)), 94.5 (d, J 172, C(2)), 127.5 (p-Ph), 128.6, 129.1 (o,m-Ph), 138.1 (i-Ph); δ<sub>F</sub> (377 MHz,  $CDCl_3$  –200.0 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 304 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{18}H_{23}FNO_2^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 304.1707, found 304.1700.

(RS,SR)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-2-methyl-3-fluorobutan-2-ol (65). Following general procedure 2, 56 (212 mg, 0.80 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (220  $\mu$ L, 1.62 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $2 \rightarrow$ 20% EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 65 as a colorless oil (135 mg, 56%, >99:1 dr):  $\hat{R}_{f}$  0.33 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 9:1);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3453 (О-Н), 3086, 3063, 3028, 2983, 2937, 2804, 1064, 744; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.05 (3H, d, J 1.5, C(2)Me), 1.26 (3H, dd, J 24.8, 6.3, C(4)H<sub>3</sub>), 2.57 (1H, dd, J 14.1, 1.3, C(1)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.91 (1H, dd, J 14.1, 1.8, C(1)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.99 (1H, br s, OH), 3.62 (2H, d, J 13.6,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_2)$ , 3.85 (2H, d, J 13.6,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_2)$ , 4.42 (1H, app

dq, J 47.7, 6.3, C(3)H), 7.26–7.40 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.7 (d, J 22.4, C(4)), 20.1 (C(2)Me), 59.5 (d, J 1.6, C(1)), 60.4 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 71.8 (d, J 21.6, C(2)), 92.7 (d, J 172.6, C(3)), 127.4 (*p*-Ph), 128.5, 129.1 (*o*-, *m*-Ph), 138.9 (*i*-Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –180.6 (dq, J 47.7, 24.1); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 324 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 62), 302 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>FNO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 302.1915, found 302.1903.

(RS,SR)-2-Fluoro-2,5-dimethyl-4-(N,N-dibenzylamino)hexan-3-ol (66). Following general procedure 2, 57 (123 mg, 0.40 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2.3 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (110  $\mu$ L, 0.81 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH2Cl2, 1.6 mL, 0.80 mmol) for 30 min. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (5.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and MeOH (1.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $2 \rightarrow$ 20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave **66** as a colorless oil (112 mg, 82%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup>  $R_f$  0.38 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 9:1);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.79 (3H, d, J 21.5, C(2)Me<sub>A</sub>), 1.12 (3H, dd, J 7.3, 0.5, C(5)Me<sub>A</sub>), 1.17 (3H, dd, J 7.1, 0.8, C(5)Me<sub>B</sub>), 1.45 (3H, d, J 23.0, C(2)Me<sub>B</sub>), 2.34 (1H, app septet d, J 7.3, 2.3, C(5)H), 2.77 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 2.3, C(4)H), 3.54 (2H, d, J 12.9, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (1H, dd, J 8.3, 3.0, C(3)H), 3.96 (2H, d, J 12.9, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 5.40 (1H, br s, OH), 7.23–7.36 (10H, m, Ph).

(RS,SR)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-1-phenyl-3-fluoro-3-methylbutan-2-ol (67). Following general procedure 2, 58 (273 mg, 0.80 mmol) in CH2Cl2 (4.6 mL) was treated with HBF4·OEt2 (220 µL, 1.62 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 3.2 mL, 1.6 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (11.1 mg, 0.08 mmol) and MeOH (2.0 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $2 \rightarrow$ 20% Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 67 as a white solid (229 mg, 76%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup>  $R_f 0.23 (30-40 \degree C \text{ petroleum ether/Et}_2O, 9:1);$ mp 114–120 °C;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.97 (3H, d, J 22.0, C(3)  $Me_{\rm A}$ ), 1.11 (3H, d, J 22.2, C(3) $Me_{\rm B}$ ), 3.04 (2H, d, J 13.1, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.81 (1H, d, J 10.1, C(1)H), 3.96 (2H, d, J 13.1, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.27 (1H, app t, J 10.1, C(2)H), 5.41 (1H, br s, OH), 7.24-7.50 (15H, m, Ph)

(1RS,2SR,3RS)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-1-phenyl-3-fluorobutan-2-ol (68) and (1RS,2RS,3SR)-1-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-1-phe**nyl-3-fluorobutan-2-ol (69).** Following general procedure 2, **59** (100 mg, 0.31 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.8 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (83 µL, 0.61 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1.2 mL, 0.60 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.2 mg, 0.03 mmol) and MeOH (0.8 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}$  $(2 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ , and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give a mixture of products containing an 88:12 mixture of 68:69. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow 40\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 68 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (30.9 mg, 28%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.38 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/ Et<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1); mp 111–113 °C;  $\nu_{max}$  3496 (O–H), 3086, 3059, 3028, 2984, 2956, 2919, 2848 (С–Н), 749, 699;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.03  $(3H, dd, J 24.8, 6.3, C(4)H_3), 3.06 (2H, d, J 13.3, N(CH_AH_BPh)_2),$ 3.54 (1H, dd, J 10.8, 0.5, C(1)H), 3.98 (2H, d, J 13.3, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.29 (1H, app dqd, J 46.2, 6.3, 2.9, C(3)H), 4.53 (1H, ddd, J 15.4, 10.8, 2.9, C(2)H, 4.58 (1H, s, OH), 7.22–7.50 (15H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.2 (d, J 23.2, C(4)), 53.4 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 63.4 (d, J 9.6, *C*(1)), 69.6 (d, *J* 20.8, *C*(2)), 91.4 (d, *J* 169, *C*(3)), 127.5, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 129.1, 129.8, 133.1, 138.2 (*Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –178.2 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 749 ([2M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 30), 386 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 80), 364

 $([M + H]^+, 100);$  HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{24}H_{27}FNO^+$   $([M + H]^+)$  requires 364.2071, found 364.2060. Further elution gave 69 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white crystalline solid (7.8 mg, 7%, >99:1 dr): Rf 0.23 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/Et2O, 4:1); mp 108-110 °C; ν<sub>max</sub> 3458 (O–H), 3086, 3063, 3029, 3004, 2935, 2838 (C– H), 748, 698;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.04 (3H, dd, J 25.3, 6.1, C(4)  $H_3$ ), 1.66 (1H, br s, OH), 3.10 (2H, d, J 13.5, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.66 (1H, d, J 9.7, C(1)H), 3.88 (2H, d, J 13.5, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.66 (1H, ddd, J 14.0, 9.7, 2.9, C(2)H), 5.25 (1H, app dqd, J 46.7, 6.3, 2.9, C(3) H), 7.24–7.53 (15H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.2 (d, J 22.4, C(4)), 54.6 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 64.2 (d, J 8.0, C(1)), 71.7 (d, J 21.6, C(2)), 91.7 (d, J 164, C(3)), 127.3, 128.0, 128.4, 128.5, 129.1, 130.0, 134.2 (*Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) -180.7 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 749 ([2M +  $Na^{+}$ , 99), 386 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 95), 364 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100), 344 ([M -F]<sup>+</sup>, 47); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{24}H_{27}FNO^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 364.2071, found 364.2058.

tert-Butyl (S,Z)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-(hexadec-1'-en-1'-yl)oxazolidine-3-carboxylate (71) and tert-Butyl (S,E)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-(hexadec-1'-en-1'-yl)oxazolidine-3-carboxylate (72). NaHMDS (1.0 M in THF, 28 mL, 28 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of (n-pentadecyl)triphenylphosphonium bromide (16.7 g, 30.2 mmol) in THF (300 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 30 min. The mixture was cooled to -78 °C and n-hexane (450 mL) was added, followed by the dropwise addition of a solution of 70 (3.01 g, 13.1 mmol) in THF (150 mL). The resultant mixture was then allowed to warm to rt with stirring over 42 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (2 × 100 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $2 \rightarrow 20\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 71 as a colorless oil  $(4.26 \text{ g}, 77\%, >99:1 \text{ dr})^{:49} R_f 0.38 (30-40 °C \text{ petroleum ether}/\text{Et}_2O, 9:1); [\alpha]_D^{20} -41.9 (c 1.0 \text{ in CHCl}_3); {lit.}^{49a} \text{ for enantiomer } [\alpha]_D^{26} +53.5 (c 1.0 \text{ in CHCl}_3); \text{lit.}^{49b} \text{ for enantiomer } [\alpha]_D^{21} +50.7 (c 0.9 \text{ in CHCl}_3);$ CHCl<sub>3</sub>)];  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.88 (3H, app t, J 6.8, C(16')H<sub>3</sub>), 1.20–1.64 (24H, m,  $C(4')H_2$ - $C(15')H_2$ ), 1.93–2.25 (2H, br m, C(3') $H_2$ ), 3.64 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 3.2, C(5) $H_A$ ), 4.06 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 6.2, C(5) H<sub>B</sub>), 4.49-4.78 (1H, br m, C(4)H), 5.33-5.57 (2H, br m, C(1')H, C(2')H). Further elution gave 72 as a white semisolid (378 mg, 7%, >99:1 dr):<sup>49</sup>  $R_f$  0.28 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 9:1);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +3.5 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); {lit.<sup>49b</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  –5.7 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)};  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.88 (3H, app t, J 6.8, C(16')H<sub>3</sub>), 1.22–1.66 (24H, m,  $C(4')H_2$ - $C(15')H_2$ ), 1.98–2.06 (2H, m, C(3') $H_2$ ), 3.71 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 2.0, C(5) $H_A$ ), 4.01 (1H, dd, J 8.7, 6.0, C(5)  $H_{\rm B}$ ), 4.14–4.50 (1H, br m, C(4)H), 5.34–5.72 (2H, m, C(1')H, C(2')H)

(S,Z)-2-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)octadec-3-en-1-ol (74). Concentrated aq HCl (1.7 mL) was added to a stirred solution of 71 (4.26 g, 10.1 mmol, >99:1 dr) in MeOH (32 mL), and the resultant mixture was heated at reflux for 17 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) and 1 M aq NaOH (100 mL), and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with 1 M aq NaOH ( $2 \times 50$  mL), and the combined aqueous layers were extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were then dried and concentrated in vacuo. BnBr (2.6 mL, 22 mmol), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.17 g, 30.2 mmol), and EtOH (50 mL) were added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was heated at reflux for 4 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (2 × 100 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $2{\rightarrow}20\%$  Et\_2O in 30–40 °C petroleum ether) gave 74 as a colorless oil (4.21 g, 90%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.28 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 9:1);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +7.9 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  3461 (O–H), 3086, 3063, 3028, 3005, 2922, 2852 (C–H), 1029, 744, 729;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.90 (3H, app t, J 6.8, C(18)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.19-1.45 (24H, m, C(6)  $H_2$ -C(17) $H_2$ ), 1.87–2.04 (2H, m, C(5) $H_2$ ), 3.33 (1H, dd, J 10.4, 5.2,

C(1) $H_A$ ), 3.36 (2H, d, J 13.5, N(C $H_AH_BPh$ )<sub>2</sub>), 3.60 (1H, app t, J 10.4, C(1) $H_B$ ), 3.65–3.73 (1H, app td, J 10.1, 5.2, C(2)H), 3.91 (2H, d, J 13.5, N(C $H_AH_BPh$ )<sub>2</sub>), 5.38–5.46 (1H, m, C(3)H), 5.80 (1H, app dt, J 11.0, 7.5, C(4)H), 7.23–7.35 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.1 (C(18)), 22.7, 28.1, 29.37, 29.39, 29.5, 29.6, 29.66, 29.70, 30.0, 31.9 (C(5)-C(17)), 53.5 (N(C $H_2Ph$ )<sub>2</sub>), 56.8 (C(2)), 61.2 (C(1)), 122.1 (C(4)), 127.2 (p-Ph), 128.5, 128.8 (o,m-Ph), 137.3 (C(3)), 139.3 (i-Ph); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 464 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NO<sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 464.3887, found 464.3871.

(2R,3S,4S)-2-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-4-fluorooctadecane-1,3diol (75) and (2S,3S,4R)-2-Tetradecyl-4-(N,N-dibenzylamino)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (81). Following general procedure 2, 74 (2.78 g, 6.00 mmol, >99:1 dr) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (34 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (1.6 mL, 12 mmol) and m-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 24 mL, 12 mmol) for 18 h. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (82.9 mg, 0.60 mmol) and MeOH (15 mL) were then added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between H<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL), and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>  $(2 \times 50 \text{ mL})$ , and the combined organic layers were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give a 67:16:18 mixture of 75:76:81. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $5 \rightarrow$ 40% EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 81 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to a white solid (397 mg, 14%, >99:1 dr):  $R_{f}$  0.54 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1); mp 44–45 °C;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{2c}$ +1.9 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  3455, 3381 (O–H), 3086, 3062, 3028, 2917, 2850 (C-H), 1067, 1028, 747, 732, 697; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.90 (3H, app t, J 6.7,  $C(14')H_3$ ), 1.13–1.65 (26H, m,  $C(1')H_2$ -C(13')H<sub>2</sub>), 3.37 (1H, app td, J 7.5, 1.6, C(4)H), 3.57-3.67 (3H, m,  $C(5)H_A$ , N( $CH_AH_BPh$ )<sub>2</sub>), 3.68–3.74 (1H, m, C(2)H), 3.79 (2H, d, J 14.2, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.07 (1H, app t, J 8.6, C(5)H<sub>B</sub>), 4.27-4.33 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 7.21–7.39 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.1 (C(14')), 22.7, 26.3, 28.6, 29.4, 29.56, 29.58, 29.7, 29.8, 31.9 (C(1')-C(13')), 55.7  $(N(CH_2Ph)_2)$ , 68.4 (C(5)), 71.1 (C(4)), 74.0 (C(3)), 82.9 (C(2)), 127.1 (p-Ph), 128.3, 128.7 (o,m-Ph), 139.2 (i-*Ph*); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 480 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>  $\left(\left[M+H\right]^{+}\right)$  requires 480.3836, found 480.3814. Further elution gave 75 as a colorless oil which solidified on standing to an oily, white solid (1.42 g, 47%, >99:1 dr): R<sub>f</sub> 0.27 (30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1); mp 34–36 °C;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ –17.2 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  3383 (O–H), 3085, 3062, 3027, 2953, 2916, 2849 (С<br/>–H), 746, 723, 697;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.90 (3H, app t, J 6.8, C(18)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.19-1.58 (25H, m,  $C(5)H_{A}$ ,  $C(6)H_2$ - $C(17)H_2$ ), 1.66–1.81 (1H, m,  $C(5)H_B$ ), 1.89 (1H, br s, OH), 3.05 (1H, app dt, J 9.0, 5.4, C(2)H), 3.65-3.78 (3H, m, C(3)H,  $N(CH_AH_BPh)_2$ ), 3.88–3.97 (2H, m,  $C(1)H_2$ ), 4.01 (2H, d, J 13.4, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 4.43-4.61 (1H, m, C(4)H), 7.23-7.36 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.1 (C(18)), 22.7, 25.5 (d, J 4.0), 29.35, 29.43, 29.5, 29.6, 29.65, 29.69, 30.8 (d, J 20.8), 31.9 (C(5)-C(17)), 54.7 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 59.1 (C(1)), 59.4 (d, J 4.0, C(2)), 69.8 (d, J 20.8, C(3)), 93.4 (d, J 173, C(4)), 127.4 (p-Ph), 128.6, 129.1 (o,m-*Ph*), 138.9 (*i*-*Ph*);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –197.9 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 500  $([M + H]^+, 100);$  HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{32}H_{51}FNO_2^+$  ( $[M + H]^+$ ) requires 500.3898, found 500.3892

(R,R,R)-2-(N,N-Dibenzylamino)-4-fluorooctadecane-1,3-diol (76). HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (2.6 mL, 19 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 7.7 mL, 3.9 mmol) were sequentially added to 74 (446 mg, 0.96 mmol, >99:1 dr), and the resultant mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min. The reaction mixture was then added dropwise to a stirred mixture of satd aq Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (80 mL). EtOAc (100 mL) was then added, and the resultant mixture was stirred vigorously for 10 min. The layers were separated, the organic layer was washed with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2  $\times$  50 mL), and the combined aqueous layers were extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 50$  mL). The combined organic layers were then dried and concentrated in vacuo to give a 18:66:16 mixture of 75:76:77. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 7→60% EtOAc in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 75 as a yellow oil (33.1 mg, 7%, >99:1 dr): Rf 0.49 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 7:3). Further elution gave 76 as a yellow oil which solidified on standing to a pale yellow wax (267 mg, 56%, >99:1 dr):  $R_{f}$ 0.26 (30-40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 7:3);  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20}$  +13.3 (c 1.0 in

CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  3376 (O–H), 3085, 3029, 2952, 2919, 2850 (C–H), 1113, 1022, 744, 698;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.90 (3H, app t, *J* 6.8, C(18)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.19–1.78 (26H, m, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>-C(17)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.67 (1H, br s, OH), 2.89 (1H, app q, *J* 6.2, C(2)H), 3.73 (2H, d, *J* 13.9, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.80–3.91 (4H, m, C(1)H<sub>A</sub>, C(3)H, N-(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.95 (1H, dd, *J* 11.4, 6.6, C(1)H<sub>B</sub>), 4.64 (1H, app ddt, *J* 48.3, 8.6, 4.2, C(4)H), 7.22–7.36 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.1 (C(18)), 22.7, 25.1 (d, *J* 4.8), 29.4, 29.5, 29.6, 29.66, 29.70, 31.2 (d, *J* 20.8), 31.9 (C(5)-C(17)), 54.6 (N(CH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 59.0 (C(1)), 59.3 (d, *J* 3.2, C(2)), 71.8 (d, *J* 19.2, C(3)), 93.9 (d, *J* 170, C(4)), 127.2 (*p*-Ph), 128.4, 128.9 (*o*,*m*-Ph), 139.3 (*i*-Ph);  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –196.3 (m); *m*/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 500 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>31</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 500.3898, found 500.3883.

(2S, 3R, 4R)-2-Tetradecyl-4-(N, N-dibenzylamino)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (77). Following general procedure 2, 74 (139 mg, 0.30 mmol, >99:1 dr) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) was treated with HBF<sub>4</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (0.82 mL, 6.0 mmol) and *m*-CPBA (0.5 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1.2 mL, 0.6 mmol) for 18 h to give a 12:88 mixture of 75:77. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution,  $2 \rightarrow 20\%$  Et<sub>2</sub>O in 30-40 °C petroleum ether) gave 77 as a colorless oil (105 mg, 73%, >99:1 dr):  $R_f 0.17 (30-40 \,^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ petroleum ether/Et}_2O, 9:1); [\alpha]_D^{20}$ -19.1 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3423 (O-H), 3086, 3063, 3028, 2923, 2853 (C-H), 749, 698;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.90 (3H, app t, J 6.8,  $C(14')H_3$ , 1.20–1.54 (26H, m,  $C(1')H_2$ - $C(13')H_2$ ), 3.25–3.33 (1H, m, C(4)H), 3.64 (2H, d, J 13.9, N( $CH_AH_BPh_2$ ), 3.68–3.74 (1H, m,  $C(5)H_A$ , 3.74 (2H, d, J 13.9, N(CH<sub>A</sub>H<sub>B</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub>), 3.82 (1H, dd, J 5.3, 1.8, C(3)H), 3.90-3.96 (2H, m, C(2)H, C(5)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.99 (1H, br s, OH), 7.25–7.38 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 14.1 (C(14')), 22.7, 25.8, 29.4, 29.6, 29.66, 29.69, 31.9, 34.3 (C(1')-C(13')), 56.0  $(N(CH_2Ph)_2)$ , 65.4 (C(4)), 68.2 (C(5)), 73.7 (C(3)), 86.6 (C(2)), 127.5 (p-Ph), 128.5, 129.0 (o,m-Ph), 137.6 (i-Ph); m/z (FI<sup>+</sup>) 479 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (FI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>49</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 479.3758, found 479.3771.

(25,3*R*,4*R*)-2-Tetradecyl-4-aminotetrahydrofuran-3-ol [(–)-2*epi-Jaspine B*] (78). Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (47.3 mg, 50% w/w with respect to 77) was added to a vigorously stirred solution of 77 (94.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, >99:1 dr) in degassed EtOAc (1.0 mL), and the resultant suspension was stirred at rt under H<sub>2</sub> (5 atm) for 4.5 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite (eluent EtOAc) and concentrated in vacuo to give 78 as a white solid (31.9 mg, 53%, >99:1 dr):<sup>36</sup> mp 94–96 °C; {lit.<sup>36b</sup> mp 106–108 °C};  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –13.3 (*c* 1.0 in MeOH); {lit.<sup>36b</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +16.4 (*c* 0.85 in MeOH)};  $\delta_H$ (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.88 (3H, app t, *J* 6.8, C(14')H<sub>3</sub>), 1.18–1.65 (26H, m, C(1')H<sub>2</sub>-C(13')H<sub>2</sub>), 2.21 (3H, br s, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.40 (1H, dd, *J* 8.6, 6.8, C(5)H<sub>A</sub>), 3.43–3.50 (1H, m, C(2)H), 3.58–3.66 (2H, m, C(3)H, C(4)H), 4.12 (1H, dd, *J* 8.6, 6.3, C(5)H<sub>B</sub>).

(25,35,4*R*)-2-Tetradecyl-4-aminotetrahydrofuran-3-ol [(+)-4*epi-Jaspine B*] (82).  $Pd(OH)_2/C$  (47.3 mg, 50% w/w with respect to 81) was added to a vigorously stirred solution of 81 (94.6 mg, 0.20 mmol, >99:1 dr) in degassed MeOH (1.0 mL) and the resultant suspension was stirred at rt under H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm) for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite (eluent MeOH) and concentrated in vacuo to give 82 as a white solid (54.3 mg, 92%, >99:1 dr):<sup>39</sup> mp 83–85 °C;  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +1.4 (*c* 1.0 in MeOH);  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.88 (3H, app t, *J* 6.7, C(14')H<sub>3</sub>), 1.17–1.70 (26H, m, C(1') H<sub>2</sub>-C(13')H<sub>2</sub>), 1.92 (3H, br s, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>), 3.41 (1H, dd, *J* 9.2, 3.4, C(5)H<sub>A</sub>), 3.45–3.52 (1H, m, C(2)H), 3.80–3.85 (1H, m, C(3)H), 3.87–3.94 (1H, m, C(4)H), 4.22 (1H, dd, *J* 9.2, 6.0, C(5)H<sub>B</sub>).

(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-2-Amino-4-fluorooctadecane-1,3-diol [4-Deoxy-4-fluoro-L-*xylo*-phytosphingosine] (85). Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (624 mg, 50% w/w with respect to 75) was added to a vigorously stirred solution of 75 (1.25 g, 2.50 mmol, >99:1 dr) in degassed MeOH (25 mL), and the resultant suspension was stirred at rt under H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm) for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite (eluent MeOH) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL), and the resultant solution was washed with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), then dried and concentrated in vacuo to give 85 as a white solid (799 mg, quant, >99:1 dr): mp 97–98 °C; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>2</sub> –6.7 (*c* 1.0 in MeOH);  $\nu_{max}$  3376, 3324 (O–H, N–H), 2916, 2850 (C–H), 1470, 1115, 1035, 748;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, MeOH-*d*<sub>4</sub>) 0.91 (3H, app t, J 6.9, C(18)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.22–1.86 (26H, m, C(5)H<sub>2</sub>-C(17)H<sub>2</sub>), 2.90 (1H, app q, J 5.3, C(2)H), 3.46–3.58 (2H, m, C(1)H<sub>A</sub>, C(3)H), 3.64 (1H, dd, J 10.9, 5.3, C(1)H<sub>B</sub>), 4.58 (1H, app ddt, J 48.5, 8.8, 3.7, C(4)H);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, MeOH- $d_4$ ) 13.5 (C(18)), 22.7, 25.2 (d, J 4.8), 29.5, 29.68, 29.70, 29.72, 29.72, 29.78, 29.80, 31.4 (d, J 20.8), 32.1 (C(5)-C(17)), 54.4 (d, J 4.0, C(2)), 63.4 (C(1)), 72.3 (d, J 18.4, C(3)), 94.9 (d, J 171, C(4));  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, MeOH- $d_4$ ) –198.5 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 342 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 45), 320 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>39</sub>FNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 320.2959, found 320.2949.

(R,R,R)-2-Amino-4-fluorooctadecane-1,3-diol [4-Deoxy-4-fluoro-L-lyxo-phytosphingosine] (86). Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (65.3 mg, 50% w/w with respect to 76) was added to a vigorously stirred solution of 76 (131 mg, 0.26 mmol, >99:1 dr) in degassed MeOH (2.6 mL), and the resultant suspension was stirred at rt under  $H_2$  (1 atm) for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of Celite (eluent MeOH) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL), and the resultant solution was washed with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), then dried and concentrated in vacuo to give 86 as a white solid (83.1 mg, quant, >99:1 dr): mp 96–98 °C;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ +5.2 (c 1.0 in MeOH); ν<sub>max</sub> 3353, 3287 (O-H, N-H), 2914, 2848 (C-H), 1469, 1077, 1055, 1042, 880;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz, MeOH- $d_4$ ) 0.92 (3H, app t, J 6.9, C(18) $H_3$ ), 1.13–1.71 (25H, m, C(5) $H_A$ , C(6) $H_2$ -C(17) $H_2$ ), 1.78-1.91 (1H, m, C(5)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.96 (1H, br s, C(2)H), 3.41 (1H, app dd, J 28.1, 6.3, C(3)H), 3.53–3.61 (1H, m, C(1)H<sub>A</sub>), 3.81 (1H, app d,  $J 8.2, C(1)H_{\rm B}$ , 4.64–4.80 (1H, m, C(4)H);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100 MHz, MeOH- $d_4$ ) 14.5 (C(18)), 23.8, 26.4 (d, J 4.8), 30.5, 30.68, 30.73, 30.76, 30.81, 30.82, 30.84, 32.3 (d, J 21.0), 33.1 (C(5)-C(17)), 55.0 (C(2)), 64.6 (C(1)), 74.3 (d, J 18.1, C(3)), 94.4 (d, J 172, C(4));  $\delta_{\rm F}$  (377 MHz, MeOH- $d_4$ ) -200.4 (m); m/z (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 342 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 59), 320 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>)  $C_{18}H_{39}FNO_2^+$  ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 320.2959, found 320.2951.

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

#### **S** Supporting Information

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra and CIFs (for structures CCDC 879943–879947). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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