Cyclizations of Substituted Benzylidene-3-alkenylamines: Synthesis of the Tricyclic Core of the Martinellines

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The martinellines (**1** and **2**) are natural products that possess both interesting biological activity and chemical structure. During the investigation of a hetero Diels—Alder route to these molecules, alternate Lewis acid-dependent cyclizations of (2'-amino-*N*-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5'-chlorobenzylidene)-3-butenylamine (**10**) were observed. The reaction of a variety of imines with TMSOTf or TiCl₄ led to the formation of different heterocycles including iminodibenzo[*b*,*f*][1,5]diazocines, hexahydropyrido[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-6-ones, tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-5-ones, 2-arylpiperidines, and 2-arylpyrrolidines. Tetrahydropyrrolo[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-5-one **54**, obtained via this new methodology, was used as an intermediate in the synthesis of the tricyclic ring system (**65**) of the martinellines.

Preparations from the root bark of *Martinella* species have been used by Amazon Indian tribes for the treatment of a variety of eye ailments including conjunctivitis.¹ Fractionation of an ethanolic extract of *Martinella iquitosensis* root bark by workers at Merck led to the isolation of martinelline (1) and martinellic acid (2) (Figure 1). These compounds showed modest activity as bradykinin receptor antagonists, which could contribute to the antiinflammatory effect of the root bark preparations. Additionally, martinelline demonstrated antagonist activity at histaminergic, α -adrenergic, and muscarinic receptors as well as weak antibacterial activity, which could further contribute to the efficacy of the folkloric preparations.

The martinellines are interesting from a chemical standpoint due to the pyrroloquinoline ring system, which had not been previously detected in a natural product.¹ Several groups have recently published synthetic approaches to the tricyclic core of these natural products, but the total synthesis of 1 or 2 has not yet been achieved.² Our initial retrosynthetic analysis revolved around an intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction of an o-quinone methide imide (o-azaxylene) formed in situ from an imine (Scheme 1). This material could conceivably arise from the deprotonation of the aniline or via Lewis acid activation of same. The appeal of this disconnection was that it would set all three stereocenters of the martinellines in one step. The relative stereochemistry at C-2 and C-2a would be controlled by the double bond geometry of the dienophile and it was proposed that the 5,6-fused ring system would prefer to be cis, which would set the desired relative stereochemistry at C-2a

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Figure 1. Martinellines and their numbering system.

Scheme 1



and C-5a. Although numerous examples of Diels–Alder reactions of *o*-quinone imides³ or *o*-quinone methides⁴ with terminal amido substitution exist, only a single example of a species containing nitrogen atoms at both positions has been reported.^{5,6}

Results and Discussion

Model Reactions. A model imine was prepared to study the proposed Diels-Alder reaction. A para-



substituted aniline (**3** or **4**) was protected as the *tert*-butyl carbamate (**5** or **6**) in order to direct ortho-lithiation with *sec*-butyllithium (Scheme 2). When ethyl *p*-aminobenzoate (**3**) was used as the starting material the *o*-lithiation was unsuccessful. Thus, *p*-chloroaniline (**4**) was used to rapidly enter into an appropriately substituted aldehyde (**8**) for the model system. The reduction of 3-butenenitrile with lithium aluminum hydride gave amine **9**, which was condensed with aldehyde **8** to give imine **10**.



Figure 2. ¹H NMR evidence for intramolecular hydrogen bonding.

The Diels—Alder adduct (11) was not observed under a variety of reaction conditions including heat, acid, and base (eq 1). Also unsuccessful were attempts to activate the imine using a variety of electrophiles including acetic anhydride, methylchloroformate, 2,2,2-trichloroethylchloroformate, chlorotrimethylsilane, methyl iodide, boron trifluoride diethyl etherate, and ytterbium triflate.



The inability to externally activate the imine may be due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding as shown in Figure 2. This hypothesis is supported by the observations that the ¹H NMR signal of the aniline hydrogen shifts significantly downfield when **6** is formylated at the ortho position (8), and shifts even further downfield after imine formation (10). If this hydrogen bond is indeed responsible for the lack of electrophile activation at the imine nitrogen lone pair (and therefore lack of diene formation), then use of an alternate aniline protecting group might ultimately permit [4 + 2] cyclization. In light of other developments, however, this tactic was not pursued.

Although **11** was not formed in any of the reactions of imine **10**, two alternate products were observed. The reaction of **10** with TMSOTf in the presence of triethylamine gave iminodibenzo[b, f][1,5]diazocine **12** in 85% yield (eq 2). The reaction of **10** with TiCl₄/Ti(OiPr)₄ gave hexahydropyrido[1,2-c]quinazolin-6-ones **13** and **14**, in a total of 47% yield (eq 3). The Lewis acid-dependent formation of both heterocycles from imine **10** warranted further investigation.⁶



The iminodibenzo[*b*,*f*][1,5]diazocine ring system has been observed in a variety of reactions involving *o*aminobenzaldehydes.⁷ Recent reports have described the preparation of this ring system from the reaction of primary amines with the iminophosphorane derived from 2-azidobenzaldehyde.⁸ In the present case, **12** probably arises from the pseudodimerization of the deprotected⁹ aniline derived from imine **10** (Scheme 3).

The formation of the hexahydropyrido[1,2-c]quinazolin-6-one ring system was interesting primarily because it appeared to occur via an imine–olefin cyclization with an unusual acyl iminium intermediate (Scheme 4). This intermediate may close directly as shown but may also involve an isocyanate intermediate. Chloride addition could occur along with C–C bond formation to give the isomer shown. Alternatively, nonstereospecific trapping of an initially formed cation could account for the formation of both stereoisomers.

Many methods for the addition of alkenes to iminium species have been developed for the formation of a variety of heterocycles.¹⁰ A key feature in a number of applications of such olefin cyclizations is the use of a silyl group to direct the ring closure via stabilization of the develop-

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Scheme 3



Scheme 4



ing β -carbocation. The use of a silvl directing group in quinazolinone formation merited exploration for its potential application toward the formation of the pyrroloquinolone ring system.

A number of additional imines were prepared to explore the formation of iminodibenzo[*b*,*f*][1,5]diazocines, hexahydropyrido[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-6-ones, and related heterocycles (Table 1). Imine 25 was formed via condensation of aldehyde 8 with amine 15. Imines 26-31 were formed from reaction of the corresponding aldehyde with amine 9. The preparation of imines 32-36 required allyl silanes 21 and 24, which were themselves prepared from known precursors (Scheme 5). Thus, alcohols 1911 and 22¹² were converted to the corresponding azides (21 and 24, respectively) via mesylation followed by azide displacement. In a one-pot Staudinger/aza-Wittig reaction, each azide was reacted with triphenylphosphine to form the corresponding iminophosphorane prior to the addition of an aldehyde to give imines 32-36. These reactions afforded imines in high yields, which were used without further purification.

Table 1. Formation of Imines 25-36





^a Reaction conditions: (a) DHP, *p*-TsOH, 88%; (b) *n*-BuLi, then TMSCH₂OTf or TMSCH₂I, 50–81%; (c) MeOH, *p*-TsOH, 84%; (d) H₂, Lindlar's catalyst, quinoline, 90%; (e) MsCl, Et₃N, 97%; (f) NaN₃, 91%; (g) LAH, 61%; (h) MsCl, Et₃N, 95%; (f) NaN₃, 91%.

The first set of imines (**10**, **25**, and **26**) were investigated for their differential reactivity with a variety of Lewis acids (Table 2). The reaction of TMSOTf with either imine **10** or **25** gave iminodibenzo[b,f][1,5]diazocine **12** or **37**, respectively (entries 1 and 4). The absence of triethylamine lowered the yield of this transformation

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Table 2.Lewis Acid-Promoted Cyclization of Imines 10,25. and 26



^{*a*} Formed as a >9:1 ratio of α/β chloride epimers (based on ¹H NMR). ^{*b*} Not isolated. ^{*c*} Reaction run in refluxing CH₂Cl₂.

39 (65)^c

h

TiCl₄

6

26

Н

Н

(cf. entry 1 vs eq 2). The reaction of these imines with TiCl₄ led to varying mixtures of iminodibenzo[*b*,*f*][1,5]diazocines and hexahydropyrido[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-6-ones (entries 2, 5, and 6). However, in contrast to the results with TiCl₄/Ti(OiPr)₄ (eq 3), the hexahydropyrido[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-6-one diastereomeric ratio was >9:1. This suggests that the lower Cl⁻ concentration in the mixed Lewis acid system may favor stepwise addition (Scheme 4). Additionally, treatment of imine **10** with Ti(OiPr)₄ alone did not promote either reaction pathway (entry 3).

Imines 27-31 allowed for exploration of the imineolefin reaction in the absence of urea formation (Table 3). This series of reactions was carried out at CH₂Cl₂ reflux for 72 h. This increased reaction time and temperature was needed for product formation. Although some product (40-44) was obtained from each of these examples, none approached efficiencies consistent with synthetic utility. Neither starting material nor other products could be cleanly isolated from these low-yielding cases. On the other hand, those examples containing an o-NHBoc substituent gave consistently higher yields and cleaner products, observations that are consistent with the mechanism for the examples involving acyl iminium ion formation prior to attack by the olefin as shown in Scheme 4. Interestingly, the stereochemistry of the piperidine products depended upon the electronic nature of the aromatic ring, with trans products preferred from Ar = Ph and for electron-rich aromatics. As the electronicwithdrawing character of the aromatic ring was increased, the amount of cis isomer went up. The trans isomer favored in the former cases might arise from a transition structure in which the aryl group occupies a pseudoaxial orientation to avoid steric interactions with the titanium presumably bound to the nitrogen atom (Figure 3). The cis isomers could result from an increasing incursion of a stepwise process, possibly involving a ring flip of the initially formed carbocation adduct. These points were not further examined due to the relatively poor yields of these processes.

The final set of imines investigated contained the allyl silane substituent (Table 4). The *cis*-allyl silane gave a higher yield and higher diastereomeric ratio than the *trans*-allyl silane (entries 1 and 2). In the case of the



Figure 3. Comparison of possible transition structures for cyclization reactions: synchronous cyclization/trapping cases resulting from (a) carbamate activation or (b) Lewis acid activation, or (c) stepwise cyclization followed by trapping via conformationally mobile intermediates (trapping step not shown; however, see Scheme 4 for an analogous example).

 Table 3. TiCl₄-Promoted Cyclization Reactions of Imines 27-31

R ³ R ²		N	TiCl ₄	, CH ₂ eflux	2Cl2	R ³ R ²	
entry	imine	R ₁	R_2	R_3	product	yield (%)	trans/cis ^a
1	27	Н	Н	Н	40	25	19:1
2	28	Н	OCH_3	Н	41	18	9:1
3	29	Н	NO ₂	Η	42	31	1:3
4	30	Н	CO ₂ CH ₃	Η	43	52	7:3
5	31	NO_2	Н	Cl	44	$\leq 21^{b}$	1:19

^a Based on ¹H NMR integration. ^b Product impure.

unprotected aniline, an imine-olefin reaction was not seen, instead iminodibenzo[b, f][1,5]diazocine **46** was formed (entry 3). Once again, imine-olefin cyclizations in the absence of urea formation gave lower yields (entries 4 and 5). Also, both pyrrolidine products (**47** and **48**) appeared to be unstable on silica gel and were therefore not obtained cleanly.

Although imine 34 underwent pseudodimerization in the presence of TiCl₄, it was worthy of further study because the aniline hydrogens showed no evidence of hydrogen bonding to the imine nitrogen (2H at δ 6.39 in the ¹H NMR). When trichloroacetic anhydride (TCAA) was used in an attempt to activate the imine to initiate diene formation, two different heterocycles were observed depending on the amount of TCAA present. When 1.1 equiv of TCAA was used, the product was not readily identified by spectroscopic methods. Instead, it was necessary to prepare imine 49 which underwent cyclization with TCAA to give a product (50) that was unambiguously identified by X-ray crystallography (Scheme 6). Spectral comparisons with 50 allowed for the identification of urea 52 as the product of the reaction shown in Scheme 7. When this reaction was run at lower temperatures (83 °C), it was possible to isolate imine 51 which could then be carried on to urea 52 upon heating at 130 °C. These results further support the intermediacy of an acyl iminium ion in the previously described imine-olefin cyclizations. However, in this case, the acyl iminium ion intermediate is trapped by the trichloromethyl group liberated from the amide intermediate (51) upon urea formation.

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Table 4. TiCl₄-Promoted Cyclization Reactions of Imines 32-36



entry	imine	R_1	alkene geometry	product	yield (%)	diastereomeric ratio ^a
1	32	NHBoc	Z	45	62 - 75	19:1
2	33	NHBoc	E	45	55	3:1
3	34	NH_2	Z	46	39	Ь
4	35	NO_2	Z	47	$\leq 23^{c}$	d
5	36	NHPiv	Z	48	$\leq 31^{c}$	17:3

^a Based on ¹H NMR integration. ^b Not applicable. ^c Product impure. ^d Not determined.



Having seen that the first equivalent of TCAA reacted with the aniline nitrogen and that higher temperatures (>83 °C) were needed for amide **51** to react further, an excess of TCAA (5 equiv) was used at room temperature in an attempt to activate the imine prior to urea formation. Apparently the excess TCAA successfully activated the imine, since imine-olefin product **53** was formed (Scheme 8). This product was identified as the trans diastereomer when basic hydrolysis led to the formation of urea **54**, previously seen as the minor product of the cyclization of imines **32** and **33** (Table 4).









 a Reaction conditions: (a) NaH, TsCl, 90%; (b) 50% aq NaOH, 65%; (c) AcCl, DMAP, Pyr, 85%; (d) I_2, 84%.

Application to the Synthesis of the Martinelline Ring System. Imine–olefin product **45**, obtained in up to 75% yield from imine **32**, was seen as a useful intermediate in martinelline synthesis due to the cis relationship of the pyrrolidine substituents. The urea moiety in **45** was hydrolyzed by activation with *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride followed by NaOH treatment to give pyrrolidine **56** (Scheme 9). After acylation of the pyrrolidine nitrogen, iodoamidation gave pyrroloquinoline **58**. The tricyclic core of martinelline was thus obtained with complete control over relative stereochemistry, as established by an X-ray crystallographic analysis of pyrroloquinoline **58**.

A similar sequence was also carried out in a series including the carbomethoxy group present in the natural product (Scheme 10). Aldehyde **61** was formed from carbamate **5** in three steps and 66% overall yield. In these experiments, a ca. 2:1 mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-alkene



^a Reaction conditions: (a) Br_2 , HOAc, 100%; (b) *n*- $Bu_3Sn-(CH=CH_2)$, (Ph₃P)₄Pd, 85%; (c) O₃, then DMS, 78%; (d) **21/24**, PPh₃, 100–123% (crude); (e) TiCl₄, 80%; (f) NaH, TsCl, 91%; (g) 50% aq NaOH, (h) H₂SO₄, MeOH, 57% over two steps, (i) I₂, 44%.

isomers (21/24) was used in the synthesis of **62**. The cyclization of imine **62** gave urea **63** as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers (17:3, cis/trans). Tosylation of urea **63** gave **64**, which was subjected to basic hydrolysis conditions. Hydrolysis of the ester accompanied urea hydrolysis; thus, re-esterification was required prior to the iodoamination reaction which gave pyrroloquinoline **66** (isolated as a single diastereomer).

Summary

A variety of interesting heterocycles can be formed from the Lewis acid-mediated cyclizations of imines. In respect to the martinellines, the in situ formation of an acyl iminium ion aided in imine—olefin cyclization yield and diastereoselectivity, while the use of an allyl silane directed ring closure for pyrrolidine formation. In another key step, haloamidation gave the tricyclic core ring system. This advanced intermediate is suitably functionalized for the elongation of the C-2 side chain and further elaboration to form the martinellines.

Experimental Section

General methods have been published.¹³

Materials. Except where noted, all starting materials were purchased from Aldrich, Fluka, Fisher, Lancaster, or TCI chemical companies and used as received. The following known compounds were prepared by literature procedures: ethyl 4-(*N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl)aminobenzoate (**5**),¹⁴ *N*-tert-butoxycarbonyl)aminobenzoate (**5**),¹⁶ *N*-tert-butoxy-carbonyl-4-chloroaniline (**6**),¹⁵ 3-buten-1-amine (**9**),¹⁶ *N*-tert-

butoxycarbonylaniline,¹⁵ 2-amino-*N-tert*-butoxycarbonylbenzaldehyde,¹⁷ 2-aminobenzaldehyde.¹⁸ Known compounds prepared by modified procedures have been included in the supplemental information: 4-[(tetrahydropyran-2-yl)oxy]-1butyne (**16**), 5-[(tetrahydropyran-2-yl)oxy]-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-pentyne (**17**), 5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-pentyn-1-ol (**18**), (*Z*)-5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-penten-1-ol (**19**), (*Z*)-1-methanesulfonyloxy-5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-pentene (**20**), (*E*)-5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-penten-1-ol (**22**), (*E*)-1-methanesulfonyloxy-5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-pentene (**23**), *N*-(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropionamide, and *N*-(4chloro-2-formylphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropionamide.

2-Amino-N-tert-butoxycarbonyl-5-chlorobenzaldehyde (8). To a solution of 6^{15} (3.00 g, 13.2 mmol) in THF (20.0 mL) at -78 °C under argon was added s-BuLi (1.3 M in cyclohexane, 25.0 mL, 32.5 mmol) dropwise over 5 min. The reaction was stirred for 15 min at -78 °C and then at -20 °C for 3.5 h. DMF was added, and the reaction was stirred at -20 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between H₂O and Et₂O (50 mL each). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (2 \times 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (19: 1) to give 1.82 g of 8 (54%) as white plates: mp 115 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.51 (s, 9H), 7.46 (dd, J = 9.1, 2.5Hz, 1H), 7.54 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.41 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 9.80 (s, 1H), 10.26 (br s, 1H); 13 C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.1, 81.2, 119.9, 122.0, 126.4, 134.8, 135.6, 140.2, 152.5, 193.6; IR (KBr) 3370, 2980, 1715 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 256 (M⁺ + H), 217, 156, 127, 57; HRMS calcd for C12H15NO3Cl 256.0740, found 256.0754.

(2'-Amino-*N*-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5'-chlorobenzylidene)-**3-butenylamine (10).** A mixture of **8** (0.50 g, 2.0 mmol) and **9**¹⁶ (0.28 g, 3.9 mmol) was heated to 90 °C for 1 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, and the excess amine was removed under reduced pressure to give 0.60 g (99%) of crude imine as a pale yellow solid: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.52 (s, 9H), 2.46 (m, 2H), 3.70 (td, *J* = 6.6, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 5.04–5.18 (m, 2H), 5.95 (m, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 11.92 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.3, 35.6, 60.6, 80.1, 116.5, 119.5, 121.4, 125.8, 130.9, 132.2, 135.9, 139.3, 153.4, 162.6; IR (KBr) 2980, 1710 cm⁻¹; MS (Cl) *m*/*z* 309 (M⁺ + H), 253, 235, 208, 167, 57; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₂N₂O₂Cl 309.1370, found 309.1372.

(6R*,12S*)-2,8-Dichloro-13-(but-3-enyl)-6,12-iminodibenzo[b,f][1,5]-5,6,11,12-tetrahydrodiazocine (12). To a solution of 10 (0.10 g, 0.32 mmol) in chlorobenzene (3.0 mL) at 0 °C was added TMSOTf (0.10 mL, 0.52 mmol) dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over 1 h, and then triethylamine (0.09 mL, 0.65 mmol) was added. After 4 h, the reaction was guenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (0.5 mL). The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and then washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (5 mL), dried (Na₂-SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) to give 47.9 mg (81%) of a white foam: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 4.57 (br s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 5.01-5.11 (m, 2H), 5.81 (m, 1H), 6.52 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 49.3, 65.5, 116.2, 117.4, 123.3, 125.1, 127.7, 128.6, 135.9, 139.2; IR (film) 3390, 2930, 2840 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 346 (M⁺ + H), 304, 290, 209, 72; HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₁₈Cl₂N₃ 346.0878, found 346.0882.

TiCl₄/Ti(OiPr)₄-Promoted Imine–Olefin Cyclization of 10. To a solution of Ti(OiPr)₄ (1.2 mL, 4.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (45 mL) at room temperature was added TiCl₄ (0.44 mL, 4.0 mmol). After 10 min, the solution was cooled to -78 °C. Then,

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a solution of **10** (0.25 g, 0.81 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added, and the reaction was warmed to room temperature. After 6 h, the reaction was quenched with 10% aqueous NaOH (50 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×50 mL). The combined organic extracts were then dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Repeated silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes/2% Et₂NH (30/19/1) gave 76 mg (34%) of **13** and 29 mg (13%) of **14**.

(10*R**,11a*S**)-2,10-Dichloro-5,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydropyrido[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-6-one (13): yellow solid; mp 240–241.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.86 (qd, *J* = 12.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.69 (td, *J* = 13.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (tt, *J* = 11.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dq, *J* = 13.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 35.4, 43.2, 44.2, 55.7, 57.5, 115.3, 120.9, 125.4, 127.1, 128.7, 134.3, 152.3; IR (KBr) 3180, 2280, 1655 cm⁻¹; MS (EI) *m/z* 270 (M⁺ + H), 235, 181, 55; HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₃Cl₂N₂O: C, 53.16; H, 4.46; N, 10.33. Found: C, 52.99; H, 4.20; N, 10.00.

(10*R**,11a*R**)-2,10-Dichloro-5,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydropyrido[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-6-one (14): white solid; mp 242.5– 243 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*-DMSO) δ 1.79 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 2.08 (m, 2H), 3.02 (td, *J* = 12.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (br s, 1H), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (m, 2H), 9.49 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, *d*-acetone) δ 31.6, 37.6, 40.1, 51.9, 58.5, 115.0, 121.7, 124.8, 125.3, 128.1, 135.7, 151.6; IR (KBr) 3180, 1660 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m*/*z* 271 (M⁺ + H), 235, 181, 74; HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₃Cl₂N₂O 271.0405, found 271.0379.

(Z)-5-Azido-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-pentene (21). To a solution of 20¹¹ (3.20 g, 13.5 mmol) in DMF (50.0 mL) at room temperature was added sodium azide (3.52 g, 54.1 mmol). The reaction was heated to 110 °C over 45 min. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and partitioned between H₂O and Et₂O (50 mL each). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3×100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure at room temperature. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with pentane/Et₂O (9:1) to give 2.25 g (91%) of a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (s, 9H), 1.50 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (m, 2H), 3.26 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 5.55 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –1.8, 18.8, 26.8, 51.2, 122.2, 128.9; IR (film) 3005, 2080 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 184 (M⁺ + H), 156, 90, 73; HRMS calcd for C₈H₁₈N₃Si 184.1270, found 184.1283.

(E)-5-Azido-1-(trimethylsilyl)-2-pentene (24). To a solution of $\mathbf{23}^{12}$ (0.65 g, 2.7 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) at room temperature was added sodium azide (0.71 g, 11 mmol). The reaction was heated to 110 °C over 1 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and partitioned between H₂O and Et₂O (10 mL each). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3 \times 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure at room temperature. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with pentane/Et₂O (19:1) to give 0.45 g (91%) of a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.00 (s, 9H), 1.44 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (m, 2H), 3.24 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 5.22 (m, 1H), 5.54 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –2.1, 22.9, 32.3, 51.5, 123.8, 130.0; IR (film) 2940, 2080 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m*/*z* 184 (M⁺ + H), 156, 90, 73; HRMS calcd for C₈H₁₈N₃Si 184.1270, found 184.1252.

(*E*)-3-Penten-1-amine (15). Prepared based on literature procedure.¹⁶ The crude product was purified by distillation: bp 93–95 °C; colorless liquid, 3.25 g (62%); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.54 (m, 3H), 1.99 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.57 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 5.23 (m, 2H), 5.39 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.7, 36.5, 41.4, 127.0, 128.3; IR (film)

3400 (br), 2920 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 86 (M⁺ + H), 69; HRMS calcd for C₅H₁₂N 86.0970, found 86.0963.

(2'-Amino-*N*-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5'-chlorobenzylidene)*trans*-3-pentenylamine (25). A mixture of **8** (0.50 g, 2.0 mmol) and **15** (0.33 g, 3.9 mmol) was heated to 90 °C for 1.5 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, and the excess amine was removed under reduced pressure to give 0.63 g of crude imine as a pale yellow solid: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.66 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 3H), 2.38 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.61 (m, 2H), 5.52 (m, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 18.0, 28.3, 34.2, 61.2, 80.1, 119.5, 121.5, 125.7, 127.1, 128.2, 130.8, 132.2, 139.3, 152.4, 162.5; IR (KBr) 2970, 1705, 1635 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m*/*z* 323 (M⁺ + H), 267, 249, 167, 57; HRMS calcd for C₁₇H₂₄N₂O₂Cl 323.1526, found 323.1509.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Imines with Amine 9. A mixture of the aldehyde (0.10-0.50 g) and **9** (1.5 equiv) was heated to 90 °C for 2 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, and the excess amine was removed under reduced pressure to give the crude imine, which was used without further purification.

3-Butenyl-(2'-amino-*N***-***tert***-butoxycarbonylbenzylidene)amine (26).** Prepared by the general procedure: yellow oil, 0.12 g; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.54 (s, 9H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 3.68 (m, 2H), 5.05–5.18 (m, 2H), 5.96 (m, 1H), 7.00 (m, 1H), 7.27 (dd, J = 7.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34 (m, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 12.01 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 28.4, 35.4, 60.6, 79.7, 116.3, 118.0, 120.2, 120.9, 131.2, 133.0, 136.2, 140.8, 153.6, 163.9; IR (film) 3400 (br) 3060, 1710, 1625 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m*/*z* 275 (M⁺ + H), 219, 201, 174, 133, 57; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₃N₂O₂ 275.1760, found 275.1765.

(N-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-2'-amino-5'-chlorobenzylidene)-[(Z)-5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-pentenyl]amine (32). A solution of 21 (0.51 g, 2.8 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (0.76 g, 2.9 mmol) in THF (5.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Next, 8 (0.71 g, 2.8 mmol) was added, and the reaction was heated at reflux for 16 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, triturated with ether, filtered through Florisil, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 1.12 g of a crude yellow oil: ¹H NMR $(300 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 0.02 \text{ (s, 9H)}, 1.52 \text{ (s, 1H)}, 2.39 \text{ (q, } J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (m, 1H), 5.49 (m, 1H), 7.24 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 12.00 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –1.86, 18.6, 28.2, 28.6, 61.0, 79.8, 119.3, 121.3, 123.8, 125.6, 127.4, 130.7, 132.1, 139.3, 153.3, 162.3; IR (film) 2990, 1710, 1625 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 395 (M⁺ + H), 339, 321, 167, 73, 57; HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₃₂ClN₂O₂Si 395.1922, found 395.1939.

(N-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-2'-amino-5'-chlorobenzylidene)-[(E)-5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-pentenyl]amine (33). A solution of 24 (0.25 g, 1.4 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (0.36 g, 1.4 mmol) in THF (3.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. Next, 8 was added, and the reaction was heated at reflux for 18 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, triturated with ether, filtered through Florisil, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 0.57 g of a crude yellow oil: 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.03 (s, 9H), 1.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 2.43 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.7Hz, 2H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 11.98 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -2.1, 22.8, 28.2, 34.4, 61.8, 80.0, 119.5, 121.5, 125.4, 125.7, 128.7, 130.8, 132.1, 139.3, 153.4, 162.4; IR (film) 2960, 1710, 1630 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 395 (M⁺ + H), 339, 263; HRMS calcd for C20H32ClN2O2Si 395.1921, found 395.1949.

(2'-Amino-5'-chlorobenzylidene)-[(Z)-5-(trimethylsilyl)-**3-pentenyl]amine (34).** A solution of **21** (1.41 g, 7.71 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (2.02 g, 7.71 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. Next, 2-amino-5chlorobenzaldehyde¹⁸ was added and the reaction was heated at reflux for 16 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, triturated with ether, filtered through Florisil, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 3.09 g of a crude dark yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (s, 9H), 1.49 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (td, J = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (m, 1H), 5.49 (m, 1H), 6.39 (br s, 2H), 6.59 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –1.8, 18.6, 29.1, 61.5, 116.7, 124.2, 127.2, 128.4, 128.5, 130.3, 132.1, 146.9, 162.5; IR (film) 3460, 3250, 3005, 1630 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* 295 (M⁺ + H), 279, 263, 167, 73; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₂₄ClN₂Si 295.1397, found 295.1410.

TiCl₄-Promoted Imine–**Olefin Cyclization of 10.** To a solution of **10** (0.10 g, 0.32 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) at 0 °C was added TiCl₄ (0.14 mL, 1.3 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. After 24 h, the reaction was quenched with 10% aqueous NaOH (5 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were then dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (2:1 to 1:3) to give 31.1 mg (35%) of **13** and 7.4 mg (13%) of **12**.

(6*R**,12*S**)-2,8-Dichloro-13-((*E*)-pent-3-enyl)-6,12iminodibenzo[b,f][1,5]-5,6,11,12-tetrahydrodiazocine (37). To a solution of 25 (0.10 g, 0.31 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5.0 mL) at 0 °C was added TMSOTf (0.09 mL, 0.47 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. After 3 h, the reaction was quenched with 10% aqueous NaOH (5 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were then dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (3:1) to give 36 mg (64%) of a tan foam: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.62 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 2.29 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 4.57 (br s, 2H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 5.40 (m, 1H), 5.48 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.3 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H); 13 C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 17.9, 31.0, 49.9, 65.5, 117.3, 123.2, 125.1, 126.7, 127.6, 128.2, 128.5, 139.2; IR (KBr) 3390, 2920, 1600 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 360 (M⁺ + H), 49; HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}Cl_2N_3$ 360.1034, found 360.1023. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₁₉Cl₂N₃: C, 63.34; H, 5.32; N, 11.66. Found: C, 62.88; H, 5.59; N, 11.15.

(10R*,11R*,11aS*)-2,10-Dichloro-5,8,9,10,11,11a-hexahydro-11-methylpyrido[1,2-c]quinazolin-6-one (38). To a solution of 25 (0.10 g, 0.31 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5.0 mL) at 0 °C was added TiCl₄ (0.14 mL, 1.3 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. After 24 h, the reaction was quenched with 10% aqueous NaOH (5 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were then dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (2:1) to give 23 mg (40%) of 38 as a tan foam and 26 mg (30%) of 37 a tan solid. An analytical sample of 38 was crystallized from EtOH/CH₃CN: colorless prisms; mp 245-246 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.08 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 2.13 (qd, J = 12.6, 4.7Hz, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.77 (td, J = 13.1, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (td, J = 10.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J =8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 15.4, 35.3, 44.1, 44.3, 63.6, 64.1, 115.4, 119.7, 126.4, 127.6, 128.8, 135.1, 154.0; IR (KBr) 3180, 3070, 1645 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 285 (M⁺ + H), 249, 181, 85; Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₄-Cl₂N₂O: C, 54.75; H, 4.95; N, 9.82. Found: C, 55.02; H, 5.04; N, 9.56. X-ray data for this compound are available in the Supporting Information.

General Procedure for Imine–Olefin Cyclizations of Imines. To a solution of the imine (0.10 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at room temperature was added TiCl₄ (5.0 equiv). The reaction was heated at reflux for 72 h and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction was quenched by slow addition of 10% aqueous NaOH (10 mL) and was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were then dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give cyclized product after silica gel chromatography.

(10R*,11aS*)- and (10R*,11aR*)-2-Chloro-5,8,9,10,11,-11a-hexahydropyrido[1,2-c]quinazolin-6-one (39). Prepared by the general procedure except the reaction was run for 24 h. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (1:1) to give 0.056 g (65%) of a white solid as a 19:1 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration, mp 214-214.5 °C dec. Major isomer, $(10R^*, 11a\breve{S}^*)$ -**39**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.87 (qd, J =12.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (q, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.70 (td, J = 13.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (tt, J = 11.8, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 11.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (dq, J = 13.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) & 35.5, 43.2, 44.4, 56.1, 57.9, 114.0, 119.4, 122.2, 125.3, 128.7, 135.6, 152.6; IR (film) 3165, 3015, 1640 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m*/*z* 237 (M⁺ + H), 201, 147; HRMS calcd for C12H14ClN2O 237.0794, found 237.0812. Minor isomer, (10R*,11aR*)-39 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.16 (m, 1H), 3.27 (m, 1H), 5.04 (m, 1H).

(2*R**,4*S**)- and (2*R**,4*R**)-4-Chloro-2-phenylpiperidine (40). Prepared by the general procedure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 0.030 g (25%) of a pale yellow solid as a 94:6 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration, mp 58-59 °C. Major isomer, (2R*,4S*)-40: 1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.88 (br s, 1H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 3.02 (dq, J = 11.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (td, J = 11.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 10.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (t, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.37 (m, 2H); 13 C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.5, 41.3, 42.1, 55.3, 58.2, 126.7, 127.3, 128.5, 144.0; IR (film) 3440 (br), 3240, 2930 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 196 (M⁺ + H), 160, 131, 118, 91; HRMS calcd for $C_{11}H_{15}ClN$ 195.0893, found 196.0909. Minor isomer, $(2R^*, 4R^*)$ -40 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.22 (m, 1H), 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 3.22 (m, 1H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 4.03 (m, 1H).

(2*R**,4*S**)- and (2*R**,4*R**)-4-Chloro-2-(4'-methoxyphenyl)piperidine (41). Prepared by the general procedure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 0.022 g (18%) of a pale yellow solid as a 9:1 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration, mp 71–74 °C. Major isomer, (2*R**,4*S**)-41: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.75–2.34 (m, 5H), 3.30 (dt, *J* = 11.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (td, *J* = 11.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (m, 2H), 7.28 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.3, 41.3, 41.9, 54.7, 55.3, 58.1, 113.8, 127.7, 127.9, 158.9; IR (KBr) 3420 (br), 3305, 2935 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* 226 (M⁺ + H), 190, 161; HRMS calcd for C₁₂H₁₇CINO 226.0998, found 226.0985. Minor isomer, (2*R**,4*R**)-41 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.21 (m, 1H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 4.00 (m, 1H).

(2R*,4S*)- and (2R*,4R*)-4-Chloro-2-(4'-nitrophenyl)piperidine (42). Prepared by the general procedure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 0.037 g (31%) of a light orange solid as a 3:1 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration: mp 77-80 °C. Major isomer, $(2R^*, 4S^*)$ -42: ¹H NMŘ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.77 (q, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (m, 2H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.83 (td, J = 12.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dq, J = 12.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 11.3, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 7.56 (m, 2H), 8.18 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) & 37.0, 45.6, 46.6, 57.4, 61.3, 124.3, 127.9, 151.1; IR (film) 3300 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 241 (M⁺ + H), 205; HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₄ClN₂O₂ 241.0744, found 241.0753. Minor isomer, $(2R^*, 4R^*)$ -42 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.99 (m, 1H), 2.07 (m, 2H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 11.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (t, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.6, 41.4, 42.7, 55.3, 57.9, 124.2, 128.0, 147.7, 152.1.

(2*R**,4*S**)- and (2*R**,4*R**)-4-Chloro-2-(4'-carbomethoxyphenyl)piperidine (43). Prepared by the general procedure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 0.062 g (52%) of a light orange solid as a 7:3 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration, mp 58.5–61 °C. Major isomer, (2*R**,4*S**)-43: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.95 (m, 2H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 3.03 (m, 1H), 3.32 (td, J = 11.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.22 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.99 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 33.3, 41.0, 42.1, 51.9, 55.0, 57.8, 126.6, 129.1, 129.7, 149.3, 166.8; IR (film) 3400 (br), 3300, 2930, 1695 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 254 (M⁺ + H), 218; HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₁₇ClNO₂ 254.0948, found 254.0948. Minor isomer, (2 R^* , 4 R^*)-43 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.30 (m, 1H), 2.81 (td, J = 12.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 11.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 36.7, 45.1, 46.2, 52.0, 57.3, 61.2, 126.5, 129.3, 129.8, 148.4, 166.7.

(2*R**,4*S**)- and (2*R**,4*R**)-4-Chloro-2-(5'-chloro-2'-nitrophenyl)piperidine (44). Prepared by the general procedure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 0.025 g (21%) of a yellow oil as an approximately 9:1 mixture of product to impurity which may include the minor diastereomer, based on ¹H NMR integration: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, minor impurities present) δ 1.77 (q, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (qd, *J* = 12.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.82 (td, *J* = 12.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 4.01 (m, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 36.4, 44.0, 46.1, 55.7, 56.4, 125.8, 128.5, 129.1, 139.6, 140.0, 147.0; IR (film) 3300, 3080 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* 275 (M⁺ + H); HRMS calcd for C₁₁H₁₃Cl₂N₂O₂ 275.0354, found 275.0333.

(1R*,10bR*)-9-Chloro-1-ethenyl-2,3,6,10b-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]quinazolin-5-one (45). To a solution of 32 (0.50 g, ca. 1.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at room temperature was added TiCl₄ (0.70 mL, 6.4 mmol). The reaction was quenched after 18.5 h with 10% aqueous NaOH (50 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 0.23 g (75%) of a pale yellow solid as a 19:1 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR. This solid was crystallized from acetone/H₂O or CH₂Cl₂/CH₃CN to get an analytical sample of 45. Colorless or light yellow prisms, respectively: mp 213.5-215 °C (after crystallization from CH₂Cl₂/CH₃CN); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, \dot{CDCl}_3) δ 2.01 (ddd, J = 12.6, 8.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 4.6 Hz,1H), 5.07-5.19 (m, 2H), 5.59 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 7.13 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 29.4, 43.0, 45.6, 61.4, 115.3, 117.5, 119.8, 126.4, 126.7, 128.1, 135.6, 136.3, 153.1; IR (KBr) 3270, 3065 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 249 (M⁺ + H), 194, 165. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₃ClN₂O: C, 62.78; H, 5.27; N, 11.26. Found: C, 62.82; H, 5.40; N, 11.24. X-ray data for this compound are available in the Supporting Information.

(6*R**,12*S**)-2,8-Dichloro-13-(pent-4-enyl)-6,12-iminodibenzo[b,f][1,5]-5,6,11,12-tetrahydrodiazocine (46). To a solution of 34 (0.25 g, ca. 0.62 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature was added TiCl₄ (0.34 mL, 3.1 mmol). The reaction was quenched with 10% aqueous NaOH (10 mL) after 16 h and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) to give 43.4 mg (39%) of a white foam: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.70 (m, 2H), 2.09 (dd, J = 14.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 4.56 (br s, 2H), 4.87 (s, 2H), 4.94–5.03 (m, 2H), 5.79 (m, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.99 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 26.8, 31.3, 49.3, 65.5, 114.9, 117.3, 123.2, 125.2, 127.6, 128.5, 138.1, 139.3; IR (film) 3400, 2930, 2850 cm $^{-1}$; MS (CI) $m\!/z\,360$ $(M^+ + H)$, 304, 290, 206, 84; HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{20}Cl_2N_3$ 360.1034, found 360.1014. Anal. Calcd for C19H19Cl2N3: C, 63.34; H, 5.32; N, 11.66. Found: C, 63.32; H, 4.87; N, 11.28.

(2*R**,3*R**)- and (2*R**,3*S**)-2-(5'-Chloro-2'-nitrophenyl)-3-ethenylpyrrolidine (47). To a solution of 35 (0.20 g, ca. 0.54 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was added TiCl₄ (0.27 mL, 2.5 mmol). The reaction was quenched after 24 h with 10% aqueous NaOH (20 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/ hexanes (2:1) to give 33 mg (23%) of a brown oil as a 19:1 mixture of product to impurity which may include the minor diastereomer, based on ¹H NMR integration: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, minor impurities present) δ 1.80 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.16 (br s, 1H), 2.57 (m, 1H), 3.21 (m, 2H), 4.68 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (m, 1H), 4.99 (m, 1H), 5.81 (m, 1H), 7.31 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 32.2, 46.0, 52.7, 62.0, 115.6, 125.7, 127.6, 129.1, 138.6 (2 carbons), 139.3, 141.7; IR (film) 3060 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 253 (M⁺ + H), 239; HRMS calcd for $C_{12}H_{14}ClN_2O_2$ 253.0744, found 253.0766. Minor isomer (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.20 (m, 2H), 5.20 (m, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.47 (m, 1H).

(2'R*,3'R*)- and (2'R*,3'S*)-N-[4'-Chloro-2'-(3"-ethenylpyrrolidin-2"-yl)phenyl]-2,2-dimethylpropionamide (48). To a solution of 36 (0.10 g, ca. 0.23 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added TiCl₄ (0.15 mL, 1.4 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 24 h, then quenched with 10% aqueous NaOH (10 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2: 1) to give 22 mg (31%) of a brown oil as a 17:3 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration. Major isomer, (2' R^* ,3' R^*)-**48**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDČl₃) δ 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (td, J = 9.3, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 4.89 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (m, 1H), 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (dd, J =8.4, 2.5 Hz, 1H). Minor isomer, (2'R*,3'S*)-48 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.33 (s, 9H), 2.68 (m, 1H), 3.04 (m, 1H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 4.12 (m, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 8.6 Hz,1H), 5.22 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (m, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.12 (m, 1H), 7.18 (m, 1H). This compound was not characterized further.

(2R*,3S*)-2-(5'-Chloro-2'-(2,2,2-trichloroacetyl)aminophenyl)-1-(2,2,2-trichloroacetyl)-3-ethenylpyrrolidine (53). To a solution of 34 (0.10 g, ca. 0.30 mmol) in CH_3CN (5.0 mL) was added trichloroacetic anhydride (0.27 mL, 1.5 mmol). After 16.5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (15 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (3 \times 5 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (15:1) gave impure product (67 mg) which was crystallized from acetone/hexane to give 50 mg (33%) of waxy colorless prisms: mp 200.5-202 °C; 1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.98 (m, 1H), 2.36 (m, 1H0, 3.04 (m, 1H), 3.95 (td, J = 11.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (ddd, J = 11.4, 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.00–5.09 (m, 2H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 9.48 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 32.3, 50.2, 51.1, 63.3, 92.6, 92.7, 117.6, 126.6, 127.4, 129.0, 133.2, 133.3, 135.3, 135.9, 160.1, 160.6; IR (KBr) 3310 (br), 2970, 1700, 1650 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 518 (M⁺ + NH₄), 511 $(M^+ + H)$, 479, 367, 117, 96; HRMS calcd for $C_{16}H_{13}Cl_7N_2O_2$ 510.8875, found 510.8862.

(1R*,10bS*)-9-Chloro-1-ethenyl-2,3,6,10b-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]quinazolin-5-one (54). To a solution of 53 (0.050 g, 0.097 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL) was added a solution of K₂CO₃ (0.5 g, 3.6 mmol) in H₂O (2 mL). The reaction was heated at reflux for 20 h, then cooled to room temperature and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 14 mg (59%) of light yellow flakes: mp 213-214 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDČl₃) Š 1.90 (m, 1H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (d, J = 10.3Hz, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.95 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, J =8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (br s, 1H); 13 C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 30.9, 43.5, 49.8, 60.3, 114.8, 117.9, 123.2, 124.6, 127.0, 128.3, 135.9, 138.1, 152.8; IR (film) 3430, 3190, 3080, 1670 cm $^{-1}$; MS (CI) m/z 249 (M $^+$ + H), 194, 165. Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{13}ClN_2O$: C, 62.78; H, 5.27; N, 11.26. Found: C, 62.42; H, 5.42; N, 10.95.

(1R*,10bR*)-9-Chloro-6-p-toluenesulfonyl-1-ethenyl-2,3,6,10b-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c/quinazolin-5-one (55). To a solution of 45 (4.00 g, 16.1 mmol) in THF (400 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 2.00 g, 50.0 mmol). After 1 h, p-toluenesulfonyl chloride (3.40 g, 17.8 mmol) was added, and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature while stirring for an additional 15 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (100 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (1: 1) to give 5.80 g (90%) of a dark yellow solid. An analytical sample was prepared by crystallization from CH₃CN/CH₂Cl₂. Dark tan cubes: mp 184–184.5 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.96 (m, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 3.33 (m, 1H), 3.52 (td, J = 11.5, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (dd, J = 11.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.22 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (m, 1H), 7.02 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (dd, J =8.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (m, 3H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) & 21.6, 30.6, 44.3, 45.2, 59.5, 118.4, 122.4, 127.2, 127.7, 128.1, 128.3, 129.7, 130.5, 134.1, 134.9, 137.5, 144.7, 149.4; IR (KBr) 2960 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 403 (M⁺ + H); HRMS calcd for $C_{20}H_{20}ClN_2O_3S$ 403.0883, found 403.0861.

(2R*,3R*)-2-(5'-Chloro-2'-p-toluenesulfonylaminophenyl)-3-ethenylpyrrolidine (56). A solution of 55 (5.80 g, 14.4 mmol) in THF/MeOH/50% aqueous NaOH (3:2:1, 150 mL) was heated at reflux for 96 h. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C, acidified to pH \sim 1 with 10% HCl, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 \times 200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with CH2Cl2/MeOH/EtNH2 (97:2:1) to give 3.52 g (65%) of a tan solid: mp 61-62.5 °C, mp (HCl salt) 222-225 °C (dec); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.87 (m, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.95 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dt, J = 9.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 4.37 (m, 1H), 4.61 (dd, J = 10.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J =16.9 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (dt, J = 16.9, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 2.4Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) & 21.5, 32.0, 45.4, 48.5, 66.2, 116.3, 119.0, 127.0, 127.4, 127.6, 127.8, 129.4, 129.6, 137.0, 137.5, 137.7, 143.4; IR (film) 3320, 3070, 1475 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 377 $(M^+ + H)$, 221, 167; HRMS calcd for $C_{19}H_{22}ClN_2O_2S$ 377.1090, found 377.1112.

(2R*,3R*)-1-Acetyl-2-(5'-chloro-2'-p-toluenesulfonylaminophenyl)-3-ethenylpyrrolidine (57). To a solution of 56 (0.50 g, 1.3 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5.0 mL) at room temperature was added DMAP (16 mg, 0.13 mmol), pyridine (0.16 mL, 2.0 mmol), and acetyl chloride (0.14 mL, 2.0 mmol). After 3 h, saturated aqueous NaHCO3 (5 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2: 1) to give 0.48 g (85%) of a pale yellow solid as a 3:2 mixture of rotamers, based on ¹H NMR integration: mp 67.5-69 °C; Major rotamer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*-DMSO) δ 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 3.27 (m, 1H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (m, 1H), 5.34 (m, 1H), 5.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 9.48 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, d-DMSO) & 21.0, 22.0, 26.4, 45.5, 47.1, 59.2, 116.6, 126.5, 127.0, 127.8, 129.8, 130.9, 133.3, 135.5, 135.8, 136.8, 138.4, 143.6, 168.8; IR (KBr) 3060, 2950 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z419 (M⁺ + H), 263; HRMS calcd for $C_{21}H_{24}ClN_2O_3S$ 419.1196, found 419.1203. Minor rotamer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, d-DMSO) δ 1.98 (s, 3H), 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.05 (m, 1H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 10.4, 1H), 4.89 (m, 1H), 5.10 (m, 1H), 5.29 (m, 1H), 6.94 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (dd, J = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H),

7.71 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 9.79 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, *d*-DMSO) δ 20.9, 22.4, 28.6, 45.0, 46.6, 57.2, 116.1, 123.9, 126.6, 126.9, 127.1, 127.2, 128.9, 129.7, 134.1, 135.2, 137.1, 143.3, 168.9.

(3aR*,4R*,9bS*)-1-Acetyl-8-chloro-4-(iodomethyl)-5-ptoluenesulfonyl-2,3,3a,4,5,9b-hexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[3,2*c*]quinoline (58). To a solution of 57 (0.10 g, 0.24 mmol) in CH_3CN (5.0 mL) at room temperature was added I_2 (0.61 g, 2.4 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 24 h and then cooled to room temperature and diluted with Et₂O (20 mL). The resulting solution was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (5 mL), 10% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (3 \times 10 mL), and saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/ hexanes (2:1) to give 0.11 g (84%) of a yellow solid. An analytical sample was crystallized from CH₂Cl₂/CH₃CN: thick colorless prisms; mp 189.5-190 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.91 (m, 1H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.01 (m, 1H), 3.11 (t, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 10.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (m, 2H), 4.84 (m, 1H), 5.43 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (m, 3H); 13 C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.1, 21.5, 22.5, 28.1, 38.0, 46.7, 52.0, 57.7, 121.7, 127.1, 128.4, 128.8, 129.9, 130.0, 131.5, 132.0, 137.5, 144.5, 171.1; IR (KBr) 3440 (br), 3130, 3015, 1625 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 545 (M⁺ + H), 375, 263, 249, 219, 112, 91, 65, 43; Anal. Calcd for C21H22-ClIN₂O₃S: C, 46.29; H, 4.07; N, 5.14. Found: C, 46.08; H, 4.23; N, 5.44. X-ray data for this compound are available in the Supporting Information.

Êthyl **3-Bromo-4-(***N-tert-***butoxycarbonyl)aminoben**zoate (59). Bromine (12.0 mL, 233 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 5¹⁴ (35.0 g, 132 mmol), sodium acetate (43.0 g, 524 mmol), and acetic acid (700 mL). After 41 h, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C, 50% aqueous NaOH (600 mL) was added slowly, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 500 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 10% aqueous NaOH (2×150 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (150 mL), then dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (4:1) to give 45.9 g (100%) of a pale pink solid: mp 82.5-84 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (br s, 1H), 7.95 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 28.2, 61.1, 81.8, 111.3, 118.4, 125.5, 129.8, 133.6, 140.2, 151.8, 165.1; IR (KBr) 3380, 2960, 1720, 1690 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 344 (M⁺ + H), 305, 288, 243, 224, 198, 57. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₈BrNO₄: C, 48.55; H, 5.27; N, 4.07. Found: C, 48.63; H, 5.18; N, 3.82.

Ethyl 4-(N-tert-Butoxycarbonyl)amino-3-ethenylbenzoate (60). A solution of 59 (7.50 g, 21.8 mmol) and 2,6-ditert-butyl-4-methylphenol (50 mg) in toluene (50 mL) was deoxygenated with argon. The flask and reflux condenser were covered with aluminum foil. Next, (Ph₃P)₄Pd (1.25 g, 1.08 mmol) and tributyl(vinyl)tin (9.00 mL, 30.8 mmol) were added, and the mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, filtered through a short pad of silica gel and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (9:1) to give 5.40 g (85%) of a thick pale yellow oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 5.52 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (dd, $\hat{J} = 17.3$, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (br s, 1H), 6.77 (dd, J = 17.3, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J = 8.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H),8.02 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 8.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.4, 28.3, 60.8, 81.3, 119.1, 119.8, 125.0, 127.5, 128.9, 130.0, 131.4, 139.3, 152.3, 166.3; IR (film) 3320 (br), 2960, 1720 (sh), 1695 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 292 (M⁺ + H), 236,191, 57. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₁NO₄: C, 65.96; H, 7.27; N, 4.81. Found: C, 65.81; H, 7.33; N, 4.53.

Ethyl 4-(*N***-***tert***-Butoxycarbonyl)amino-3-formylben-zoate (61).** Alkene **60** (4.00 g, 13.7 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , cooled to -78 °C, and then ozone was bubbled through the solution until it turned blue (ca. 30 min). The reaction was

quenched with DMS (2.0 mL), allowed to warm to room temperature, and then was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (5:1) to give 3.13 g (78%) as a white solid: mp 100.5–101 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 4.40 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 8.20 (dd, J = 8.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 9.96 (s, 1H), 10.60 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (1006 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 28.2, 61.2, 81.3, 117.9, 120.5, 123.6, 136.7, 137.9, 145.3, 152.4, 165.1, 194.6; IR (KBr) 3250, 2985, 1715, 1695 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m/z* 294 (M⁺ + H), 255, 238, 194, 57. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₉NO₅: C, 61.42; H, 6.53; N, 4.78. Found: C, 61.45; H, 6.83; N, 4.80.

(N-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-2'-amino-5'-carbethoxybenzylidene)-[(Z)-5-(trimethylsilyl)-3-pentenyl]amine (62). A solution of 21 (0.12 g, 0.65 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (0.17 g, 0.65 mmol) in THF (5.0 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Next, 61 (0.19 g, 0.65 mmol) was added, and the reaction was heated at reflux for 20 h. The reaction was then cooled to room temperature, concentrated under reduced pressure, triturated with ether, filtered through Florisil, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 0.35 g of a crude colorless oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (s, 9H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.54 (s, 9H), 2.40 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.42 (m, 1H), 5.50 (m, 1H), 8.00 (m, 2H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 12.38 (br s, 1H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ –1.8, 14.4, 18.7, 28.3, 28.7, 60.8, 61.0, 80.3, 117.4, 119.6, 122.8, 123.9, 127.5, 132.4, 134.7, 144.7, 153.2, 163.1, 165.9; IR (film) 2960, 2940, 1715, 1700 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m*/*z* 433 (M⁺ + H), 377, 279, 263, 208, 194, 183; HRMS calcd for C23H37N2O4Si 433.2522, found 433.2526. This compound was used immediately in the next step without further purification.

(1R*,10bR*)- and (1R*,10bS*)-9-Carbethoxy-1-ethenyl-2,3,6,10b-tetrahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c]quinazolin-5-one (63). To a solution of 62 (9.13 g, ca. 21.1 mmol, as a ca. 2:1 mixture of Z and E isomers, based on ¹H NMR integration) in CH₂Cl₂ (500 mL) at room temperature was added TiCl₄ (12.0 mL, 109 mmol). After 18 h, 10% aqueous NaOH (500 mL) was added slowly, and the reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 400 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2:1) to give 4.83 g (80%) of a light yellow solid as a 17:3 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration, mp 161-164 °C. Major isomer, (1R*,10bR*)-63: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 4.33 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 5.59 (m, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (s, 1H), 7.82 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 9.33 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.3, 29.0, 43.1, 45.6, 60.7, 61.5, 113.8, 117.4, 117.8, 123.7, 128.7, 129.9, 135.6, 141.7, 153.0, 166.1; IR (KBr) 3180, 2960, 1685, 1660 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 287 (M⁺ + H), 232. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈N₂O₃: C, 67.12; H, 6.34; N, 9.78. Found: C, 67.09; H, 6.32; N, 9.55. Minor isomer, (1R*,10bS*)-63 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 3.00 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.47 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 17.1Hz, 1H), 5.99 (m, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 14.2, 30.6, 43.5, 50.1, 60.4, 60.6, 117.7, 121.0, 123.8, 126.3, 130.1, 138.3, 141.5, 153.3, 166.5.

(1*R**,10b*R**)- and (1*R**,10b*S**)-9-Carbethoxy-6-*p*-toluenesulfonyl-1-ethenyl-2,3,6,10b-tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo-[1,2-*c*]quinazolin-5-one (64). To a solution of 63 (2.0 g, 7.0 mmol) in THF (150 mL) at 0 °C was added NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 0.80 g, 20 mmol). After 45 min, *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (1.6 g, 8.4 mmol) was added and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After an additional 22 h, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (100 mL) was added slowly and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 150 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude

product was purified by silica gel chromatography with hexanes/EtOAc (2:1) to give 2.8 g (91%) of a yellow solid as a 17:3 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration, mp 148.5–151.5 °C. Major isomer, (1R*,10bR*)-64: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.98 (dd, J = 12.6, 6.9Hz, 1H), 2.25 (m, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 3.44 (m, 1H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J)= 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.25 (dd, J = 17.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.94 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (m, 1H), 8.15 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 21.2, 30.2, 44.2, 45.1, 59.4, 60.9, 118.2, 120.4, 126.2, 126.6, 128.0, 128.7, 128.8, 129.3, 129.5, 134.8, 137.1, 139.0, 144.6, 148.9; IR (KBr) 2960, 2880, 1705 (sh), 1690 cm $^{-1}$; MS (CI) $\mathit{m/z}$ 441 (M $^+$ + H). Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{24}N_2O_5S:~C,~62.71;~H,~5.49;~N,~6.36.$ Found: C, 62.35; H, 5.72; N, 6.37. Minor isomer, (1R*,10bS*)-64 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.05 (m, 1H), 3.38 (m, 1H), 3.82 (m, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 9.6 Hz)1H), 5.42 (m, 1H), 6.01 (m, 1H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.3Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.0, 21.4, 30.9, 44.6, 48.2, 59.0, 117.8, 120.2, 125.2, 126.1, 127.3, 128.1, 129.1, 130.2, 137.2, 139.2.

(2R*,3R*)- and (2R*,3S*)-2-(5'-Carbomethoxy-2'-p-toluenesulfonylaminophenyl)-3-ethenylpyrrolidine (65). A solution of 64 (2.50 g, 5.68 mmol) in THF/MeOH/50% aqueous NaOH (3:2:1, 120 mL) was heated at reflux for 67 h. The reaction was acidified to $pH \sim\!\! 1$ with 10% HCl and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 200 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give 2.41 g of crude 2-(5'-carboxy-2'-p-toluenesulfonylaminophenyl)-3-ethenylpyrrolidine as a brown oil: IR (KBr) 3650-2300 (br), 3400, 3050, 1645 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 387 (M⁺ + H), 259, 189; HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₂₃N₂O₄S 387.1378, found 387.1375. To a solution of the crude acid (2.41 g) in MeOH (100 mL) was added concentrated H₂SO₄ (0.5 mL). The reaction was heated at reflux for 20 h, then cooled to room temperature and concentrated. To the resulting residue was added saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (50 mL). This aqueous solution was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with CH₂Cl₂/MeOH (19:1) to give 1.31 g (57% over two steps) of a white foam as a 17:3 mixture of diastereomers, based on ¹H NMR integration. Major isomer, $(2R^*, 3R^*)$ -**65**: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.90 (m, 1H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 3.11 (m, 1H), 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.53 (m, 2H), 4.70 (m, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 7.23 (d, J =8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 31.8, 45.1, 48.5, 51.8, 66.7, 116.3, 116.5, 122.9, 124.3, 126.8, 129.4, 129.5, 131.2, 136.5, 137.9, 143.2, 144.4, 166.6; IR (KBr) 3440 (br), 2930, 1690, 1590 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) m/z 401 (M⁺ + H), 191; HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₅N₂O₄S 401.1535, found 401.1559. Minor isomer, $(2R^*, 3S^*)$ -65 (diagnostic peaks only): ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.74 (m, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.85 (m, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 7.21 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.76 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 21.4, 31.2, 44.2, 49.2, 51.9, 68.9, 116.9, 118.3, 123.4, 125.9, 126.7, 129.5, 129.7, 131.2, 137.1, 137.8, 143.4, 166.6

(3a R^* ,4 R^* ,9b S^*)-8-Carbomethoxy-4-(iodomethyl)-5-*p*toluenesulfonyl-2,3,3a,4,5,9b-hexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[3,2*c*]quinoline (66). To a solution of 65 (0.50 g, 1.2 mmol) in CH₃CN (30 mL) at room temperature was added iodine (3.0 g, 12 mmol). The reaction was heated at reflux for 21 h, then cooled to room temperature, and diluted with Et₂O (200 mL). The resulting solution was washed with saturated NaHCO3 (20 mL) and 10% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (3 × 25 mL). The combined aqueous layers were extracted with Et₂O (50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), decanted, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography with EtOAc/hexanes (2: 1) to give 0.29 g (44%) of a beige foam: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.82 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.92 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 2H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 4.17 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (m, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (dd, J = 8.6, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100.6 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.5, 21.6, 32.8, 43.0, 46.1, 52.1, 56.4, 61.2, 122.9, 127.0, 127.5, 129.6, 129.9, 131.4, 131.7, 136.9, 138.7, 144.6, 166.2; IR (KBr) 3410, 2930, 1700 cm⁻¹; MS (CI) *m*/*z* 527 (M⁺ + H), 401, 342, 91; HRMS calcd for C₂₁H₂₄IN₂O₄S: 527.0501, found 527.0511.

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