## Supporting Information

for

# The enantioselective synthesis of (S)-(+)-mianserin and (S)-(+)-epinastine 

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## Experimental procedures, spectroscopic and analytical data, and copies of NMR spectra for all described compounds

## General Methods

All reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers and were used without further purification. The NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE spectrometer operating at 500 MHz or 300 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}$ and at 125 MHz or 75 MHz for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR. The spectra were measured in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ and are given as $\delta$ values (in ppm) relative to TMS. Mass spectra were collected on a Quatro LC Micromass and a LCT Micromass TOF HiRes apparatus. The IR spectra were recorded using Shimadzu FTIR-8400S spectrometer. Optical rotation was measured on a PerkinElmer 247 MC polarimeter. TLC analyses were performed on silica gel plates (Merck Kiesegel $\mathrm{GF}_{254}$ ) and visualized using UV light or iodine vapour. Column chromatography was carried out at atmospheric pressure using Silica Gel 60 (230400 mesh, Merck) or aluminium oxide and using chloroform or dichloromethane or mixtures of chloroform/methanol. The optical purity was determined by HPLC analysis using Chiralcel OD-H column. Melting points were determined on a Melting Point Meter KSP1D and were uncorrected. All solvents used in the reactions were anhydrous. The single crystal X-ray measurements were performed on an Oxford Diffraction Excalibur R CCD к-axis diffractometer using monochromatic Cu Ka radiation. After initial corrections and data reduction, intensities of reflections were used to solve and consecutively refine structures using SHELXS97 and SHELXL97 programs [1].

## N -(2-Benzylphenyl)-2-(1,3-dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yl)acetamide (5)

To a stirred solution of $3(10.00 \mathrm{~g}, 54.57 \mathrm{mmol})$ and triethylamine $(15.21 \mathrm{~mL}, 109.10$ mmol ) in 200 mL CHCl 3 at $5-10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ a solution of phthalylglycyl chloride $4(14.64 \mathrm{~g}$,
$65,48 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added dropwise over 30 min . During the chloride addition the product precipitated. The mixture was stirred additionally at $24^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min and then chloroform ( 1.50 L ) was added to completely dissolve the product. The organic phase was washed with water ( 300 mL ), $5 \%$ sodium carbonate solution (300 mL ) and water ( 300 mL ) and dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The solution was concentrated in vacuo to $1 / 3$ of the initial volume and after cooling to $10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the precipitated product was filtered off to give $17.60 \mathrm{~g}(87 \%)$ of product 5 as pale beige solid; $\mathrm{mp}=234-235$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (KBr): 3269, 3063, 3026, 1772, 1732, 1666, 1587, 1541, 1413, 1257, 1211, 952, $715 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 3.99$ (s, 2 H ), 4.30 (s, 2 H ), 7.05-7.18 ( $\mathrm{m}, 7 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.22-7.30 (m, 2H, Ar), 7.75-7.77 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.85-7.87 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 38.3,41.6,123.8,124.1,125.8,126.7,127.7,128.1$, 128.9, 128.9, 131.0, 131.4, 131.9, 134.3, 135.1, 138.7, 164.2, 167.6; HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{Na}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$: 393.1215; found: 393.1223.

## 2-(11H-Dibenzo[b,e]azepin-6-ylmethyl)isoindole-1,3-dione (6)

The suspension of $5(4.0 \mathrm{~g}, 10.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}(40 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{POCl}_{3}(40 \mathrm{~mL}$, 214.57 mmol ) were heated at reflux for 3 h . The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and 150 mL of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ was added. After cooling to $5{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the organic solution was alkalized with 50 mL of a $10 \%$ solution of $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(\mathrm{aq})$. After phase separation, the water layer was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(80 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with water ( 50 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The isolation by column chromatography on a silica gel with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ gave compound 6 ( $1.38 \mathrm{~g}, 36 \%$ ) as pale yellow crystals; $\mathrm{mp}=208-209^{\circ} \mathrm{C}([2] \mathrm{mp}=205.5-$ $\left.207.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) . \mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{CCl}_{4}\right): 1776,1724,1419,1392,1107,949 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 500 MHz , $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 3.61$ (s, 2 H ), $5.09(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.04-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.25-7.28$ (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.36-7.39 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.57-7.59 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.68-7.72 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Pht}$ ), 7.84-7.88 (m, 2 H , Pht); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 38.7,44.6,123.4,125.3,126.2,126.2$,
126.5, 126.8, 127.0, 127.0, 130.6, 131.3, 132.3, 133.9, 143.3, 144.8, 161.8, 168.2. HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 353.1290$; found: 353.1281.

## (6S)-2-(6,11-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e]azepin-6-ylmethyl)isoindole-1,3-dione (7)

The catalyst $(R, R)-11$ was preformed from $\left[\operatorname{RuCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)\right]_{2}(9.25 \mathrm{mg}, 18.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol}), N-$ tosyl-( $1 R, 2 R$ )-cyclohexanediamine (TsCYDN) (11.41 mg, $42.53 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ ( $51.04 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in $6 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{CH} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. To a solution of imine $6(0.65 \mathrm{~g}, 1.85 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( 25 mL ) a 5:2 formic acid/triethylamine mixture $(5.0 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was introduced followed by the addition of the pre-formed catalyst. The mixture was then stirred at $23-25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . After this time $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added and the reaction mixture was alkalized with solid $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$. The layers were separated and the water layer was extracted twice with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with brine ( 20 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residual oil was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ as eluent to afford 436 mg (65\%) of compound $(S)-(+)-5$ as pale yellow crystals $[\alpha]_{D}{ }^{23}=+62.8$ (c 1; $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ); recrystallization from chloroform: methanol: diethyl ether ( $24 \mathrm{~mL}: 24 \mathrm{~mL}: 12 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) mixture gave 400 mg of pure enantiomer; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=$ +68.1 (c 1, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{mp}=244.7-245.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \operatorname{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): 3373,3034,2939,1774,1697$, 1604, 1496, 1390, 1274, 1074, 962, 758, $713 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ $3.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), 4.24-4.34 (m, 2 H ), $4.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1 H , methylene bridge), 4.22 (dd, $J_{1}=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methine), $6.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ 8.0 Hz, 1 H, Ar), 6.60-6.63 (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 6.90-6.93(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.00(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1$ $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar})$, 7.15-7.25 (m, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.71-7.74 (m, 2 H, Pht), 7.84-7.88 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Pht}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 39.8,42.3,55.0,117.9,118.7,123.5,124.0,124.7,127.0$, 127.5, 128.2, 130.1, 131.9, 134.2, 136.8, 139.6, 144.8, 168.7; HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}^{+}\right.$: 377.1266 ; found: 377.1275.

Monocrystals of 7 suitable for crystallographic measurements were obtained from a chloroform/methanol/diethyl ether mixture by slow evaporation. The absolute structure of the studied crystal, and hence the absolute configuration of the compound was determined based on the value of the Flack parameter [3]. Since its value for the structure shown in Figure 1 was approximately 0 , the molecular structure has the depicted configuration. The data were deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre under the number CCDC 1058969.
(6R)-2-(6,11-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e]azepin-6-ylmethyl)isoindole-1,3-dione (7)
The enantiomer (6R)-(-)-5 was obtained as a pale yellow crystals using (S,S)-11 catalyst formed from $\left[\operatorname{RuCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)\right]_{2}$ and N -tosyl-(1S,2S)-cyclohexanediamine (TsCYDN); $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=-62.2$; recrystallization from chloroform/methanol/diethyl ether (1:1:0.5) mixture gave pure enantiomer; $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}=-68.3$ (c 1, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ); $\mathrm{mp}=244.1-$ $245.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
(土)-2-(6,11-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e]azepin-6-ylmethyl)isoindole-1,3-dione (7) [4] To a stirred solution of imine $6(0.22 \mathrm{~g}, 0.62 \mathrm{mmol})$ in a mixture of DMF ( 120 mL ) and formic acid ( $57.4 \mathrm{mg}, 1.25 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) $10 \% \mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}(50 \mathrm{mg})$ was added and the resulting suspension was shaken for 3 hours at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in a hydrogen atmosphere (balloon). The ethanolic solution was filtered through celite and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The oily residue was purified with column chromatography on silica gel using $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ as eluent to afford $0.21 \mathrm{~g}(95 \%)$ of racemic amine 7 as pale yellow solid; mp $=214.2-215.6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
(6S)-(-)-[6-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-ylmethyl)-6,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,e]azepin-5-yl]oxoacetic acid ethyl ester (8)

To a stirred suspension of $(S)-(+)-7(256 \mathrm{mg}, 0.72 \mathrm{mmol})$ and triethylamine $(0.15 \mathrm{~mL}$, 1.08 mmol ) in 10 mL of dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the solution of ethyl oxalyl chloride ( 0.12 $\mathrm{mL}, 1.08 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 4 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added over 10 min . During addition of chloride
a clear solution was formed. After $15 \mathrm{~min} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$, water $(6 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $10 \%$ $\mathrm{HCl}_{\mathrm{aq}}$ solution ( 1.5 mL ) were added. The layers were separated and the organic layer was washed with water ( $2 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. After evaporation of the solvent, the residual oil was purified with column chromatography on silica gel using chloroform as eluent. The purification gave 308 mg (94\%) of compound (S)-(-)-8 as colorless crystals; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=-307\left(c\right.$ 1, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{mp}=172-173{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \operatorname{IR}\left(\mathrm{CCl}_{4}\right): 1720$, 1680, 1498, 1394, 1354, 1211, $1016 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 0.94(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $3.63\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, methylene bridge), 3.81 (dd, $J_{1}=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\left.J_{2}=14.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 3.90-4.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.65\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{1}=4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=14.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 4.67$ (d, $J=15.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), 6.59 ( $\mathrm{d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methine), 7.18-7.29 (m, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.35-7.40 (m, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.71-7.80 (m, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.88-7.93$ (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 13.5,39.5,44.2,55.0,61.6,123.5,127.2,127.6,127.6$, $128.9,129.8,130.0,130.4,132.0,134.2,135.0,135.4,140.8,162.0,162.3,168.4 ;$ HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 455.1607$; found: 455.1620.

## ( $\pm$ )-(-)-[6-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydroisoindol-2-yImethyl)-6,11-dihydro-

## dibenzo[b,e]azepin-5-yl]oxoacetic acid ethyl ester (8)

The racemate was prepared in the same manner as pure enantiomer; $\mathrm{mp}=210.5-$ $211.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
(S)-(+)-1,2,9,13b-Tetrahydro-2,4a-diazatribenzo[a,c,e]cycloheptene-3,4-dione (9)

Compound $8(0.29 \mathrm{~g}, 0.64 \mathrm{mmol})$ and hydrazine ( $0.12 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.83 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 12 mL of $99.8 \%$ ethanol were heated at reflux for 2 h . After evaporation of volatile components, the residual solid was purified by column chromatography on silica gel using chloroform/methanol $0-2 \% \mathrm{MeOH}$ as a solvent system to afford 153 mg ( $90 \%$ yield) of compound $(S)-(+)-9$ as colorless solid; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=+274.6\left(c\right.$ 1, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{mp}=236-237$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR (KBr): 3186, 3030, 2885, 1722, 1683, 1489, 1417, 1346, 1070, $754 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 3.46\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, methylene bridge) $3.58\left(\mathrm{dt}, J_{1}=\right.$
$\left.4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=13.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 3.90(\mathrm{t}, J=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), $5.27\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{1}=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, methine), 7.05-7.07 (m, 1 $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.12-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.22-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \operatorname{Ar}), 7.35(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar})$, $8.87(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 38.3,46.2,61.5,127.4$, $127.5,127.7,128.3,128.4,128.6,128.9,129.3,132.9,136.3,139.2,140.2,158.0$, 158.9. HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 301.0953$; found: 301.0945.

## ( $\pm$ )-(+)-1,2,9,13b-Tetrahydro-2,4a-diazatribenzo[a,c,e]cycloheptene-3,4-dione (9)

The racemate was prepared in the same manner as pure enantiomer; $m p=274-275$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
(14bS)-(+)-1,2,3,4,10,14b-Hexahydrodibenzo[c,f]pyrazino[1,2-a]azepine (10)
To a stirred suspension of $9(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 10 mL of dry diethyl ether was added 3.0 mL of $1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{LiAlH}_{4}$ solution in THF, and then the suspension was stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h and heated at reflux for 0.5 h . After cooling to room temperature, 30 mL of $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and 0.6 mL of water were added to the reaction mixture, the precipitate was filtered off and additionally extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. After evaporation of the solvent, the residual oil was purified by column chromatography on alumina using chloroform/methanol $0-2 \%$ MeOH as a solvent system to afford $72 \mathrm{mg}(81 \%$ yield) of compound $(S-(+)-10$ in the form of beige solid; $[\alpha]_{D}{ }^{23}=+502(c \quad 0.5, \mathrm{MeOH})\left\{[5][\alpha]_{D}{ }^{25}=+504\right.$ (c 1, DMF; [6] $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=-497(c$ 1, MeOH $)$ for $(R)$-isomer $\} ; \mathrm{mp}=112-113^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left([5] \mathrm{mp}=128-130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. IR ( $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$ ): 3064, 3022, 2926, 2854, 1681, 1492, 1446, 1263, 1236, $1134 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 1.86$ (bs, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}\right), 3.00-3.15$ (m, 4 H$), 3.20-3.27(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.29\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, methylene bridge), $3.94\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{1}=2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, methine), $4.85\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$, methylene bridge), $6.86\left(\mathrm{td}, J_{1}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=7.5\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar})$, 6.95-7.13 (m, $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.17$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$
$38.8,46.6,52.8,56.0,68.8,118.9,122.2,126.5,126.5,126.9,127.2,128.1,129.4$, 137.4, 139.2, 140.0, 148.9. HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 251.1548$; found: 251.1559.

## ( $\mathbf{~}$ )-1,2,3,4,10,14b-Hexahydrodibenzo[c,f]pyrazino[1,2-a]azepine (10)

The racemate was prepared in the same manner as pure enantiomer; pale brown oil ([7] oil; [8] $\mathrm{mp}=83-84^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ).
(14bS)-(+)-1,2,3,4,10,14b-Hexahydro-2-methyldibenzo[c,f]pyrazino[1,2-a]azepine (1)

To a stirred solution of $10(42 \mathrm{mg}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 8 mL of dry THF potassium carbonate ( $24.35 \mathrm{mg}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and then the solution of methyl iodide ( $10.4 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 1 mL THF was introduced. The suspension was stirred at 24$25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2.5 h and evaporated in vacuo. To the residue 26 mL of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ and 8 mL of water was added. The layers were separated and the water layer was extracted twice with 8 mL CHCl 3 . The combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and after evaporation of the solvent, the residual brown oil was purified with column chromatography on silica gel using chloroform/methanol $0-1 \% \mathrm{MeOH}$ as a solvent system to afford 30 mg ( $67 \%$ yield) of compound $(S)-(+)-1$ in the form of solidifying oil; during purification step a small degree of product decomposition was observed; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=+469.2\left(c\right.$ 1, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{23}=+436.5\left(c\right.$ 1, EtOH) $\left\{[9][\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=+450(c 0.26\right.$, $\mathrm{EtOH})\} ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=+428.0(c \quad 0.5, \mathrm{MeOH})\left\{[5][\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=+469.0\right.$ (c 1, MeOH) $)$. Enantiomeric purity was determined by HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, hexane:2propanol $=80: 20,1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min}, S$ isomer 5.6 min$) . \mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{CCl}_{4}\right): 3064,3022,2939,2794$, 1492, 1446, 1251, $1132 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta$ 2.37-2.42 (m, 4 H ), 2.46 (t, $J=10.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.92\left(\mathrm{dt}, J_{1}=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 3.02\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{1}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}\right.$ $=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.25-3.28(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), $3.42\left(\mathrm{td}, J_{1}=3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 4.14\left(\mathrm{dd}, J_{1}=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right.$,
methine), 4.81 (d, $J=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), $6.87\left(\mathrm{td}, J_{1}=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=7.5\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.00-7.02(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.05-7.13(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.16\left(\mathrm{td}, J_{1}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=\right.$ $7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 38.8,45.6,51.0,55.4,64.6,66.2$, 119.0, 122.3, 126.5, 126.6, 127.0, 127.3, 128.1, 129.5, 137.1, 139.3, 139.8, 148.4. HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 265.1705$; found: 265.1712.
( $\pm$ )-1,2,3,4,10,14b-Hexahydro-2-methyldibenzo[c,f]pyrazino[1,2-a]azepine (1)
The racemate was prepared in the same manner as pure enantiomer; $\mathrm{mp}=109.5$ $110.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left([10] \mathrm{mp}=111-113{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$. The HPLC analysis (Chiracel OD-H, hexane/2propanol $=80: 20,1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, R$ isomer 5.0 min and $S$ isomer 5.6 min$)$.

## (6S)-(+)-6-Aminomethyl-6,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e]azepine (13)

Compound 7 ( $100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.28 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and hydrazine ( $0.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 11.16 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 4 mL of $99.8 \%$ ethanol were heated at reflux for 5 h . After evaporation of volatile components, the residual solid was purified with column chromatography on silica gel using chloroform/methanol $0-3 \% \mathrm{MeOH}$ as a solvent system to afford $57 \mathrm{mg}(90 \%$ yield) of compound $(S)-(+)-13$ as pale beige solid; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=+160.1\left(c\right.$ 1, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{mp}=90-91.5$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. IR $\left(\mathrm{CCl}_{4}\right): 3356,3061,3022,2947,2868,1604,1477,1315,1257,114 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 1.39$ (bs, 2H, $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ ), 3.07-3.28 (m, 2 H ), 3.92 ( $\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=25.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), $4.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=25.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), 4.70 ( $\mathrm{m}, 1$ H , methine), 6.62 (dd, $\left.J_{1}=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}\right), 6.68\left(\mathrm{td}, J_{1}=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J_{2}=\right.$ $12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar})$, 6.96-7.08 (m, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 7.16-7.21 (m, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 75 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): ~ \delta 39.9,46.9,59.0,118.6,119.3,125.8,126.6,126.8,127.4,127.5,128.6$, 129.7, 137.98, 139.6, 145.8; HRMS (ESI): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$: 225.1392; found: 225.1384.
(13bS)-(+)-3-Amino-9,13b-dihydro-1 H-dibenz[c,f]imidazo[1,5-a]azepine (2)
To a stirred at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ solution of amine 13 ( $57 \mathrm{mg}, 0.25 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 1 mL of $99.8 \%$ ethanol, solution of $\mathrm{BrCN}(30 \mathrm{mg}, 0.28 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 0.5 mL of THF was added. After 2 h
to the reaction mixture ethanol ( 6 mL ) and $25 \% \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{OH}$ solution ( $44.40 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.56$ mmol ) were added and the mixture was concentrated. The residual oil was purified with column chromatography on silica gel using chloroform/methanol $0-2 \% \mathrm{MeOH}$ as a solvent system to afford 61 mg ( $96 \%$ yield) of compound $(S)-(+)-2$ as pale beige solid; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{23}=+220.6\left(\mathrm{c} 1, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ; \mathrm{mp}=279-280^{\circ} \mathrm{C} . \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}): 3203,3099,1662$, 1585, 1558, 1489, $758 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 2.02$ (bs, NH-tautomeric form); 3.58 (d, $J=14.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), 3.72 (t, $J=9.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}$ ), $4.39\left(\mathrm{t}, J=9.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right), 4.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=14.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methylene bridge), $5.43(\mathrm{t}$, $J=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, methine), 7.01-7.03 (m, 1 H, Ar), 7.21-7.28 (m, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.36-7.49$ (m, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}$ ), 8.85 (bs, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 38.4,50.7,63.0$, 126.3, 127.8, 128.0, 128.4, 129.0, 129.5, 130.2, 130.7, 132.1, 134.2, 134.7, 158.1 . HRMS (ESI): $m / z$ calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{3}[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}: 250.1344$; found: 250.1353 .

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