

# Supporting Information

for

## **Carbamate-directed benzylic lithiation for the diastereo- and enantioselective synthesis of diaryl ether atropisomers**

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### **Experimental details and spectral data**

## **General procedures:**

### **1. Metallation–quench**

The diaryl ether (1 equiv), dissolved in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 cm<sup>3</sup>), was freeze-thaw degassed under an atmosphere of argon. *sec*-BuLi solution (1.6 equiv) was added dropwise at -78 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min (or the specified time if stated). The reaction was quenched with the electrophile and stirred at -78 °C for the time stated. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated and the organic phase was washed with water, brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent removed under reduced pressure.

### **2. Metallation—quench in the presence of (-)-sparteine**

Diaryl ether (1 equiv) and freshly distilled (-)-sparteine **1** (1.6 equiv) were dissolved in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O and freeze-thaw degassed under an atmosphere of argon. *sec*-BuLi solution (1.6 equiv) was added dropwise at -78 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min (or the specified time if stated). The reaction was quenched with the electrophile and stirred at -78 °C for the time stated. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated and the organic phase was washed with water and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and the solvent removed under reduced pressure.

### **3. Tin–lithium exchange–quench**

A solution of the stannane (1 equiv) in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) was freeze-thaw degassed under an atmosphere of Argon. *n*-BuLi solution (1.5 equiv) was added dropwise to the

solution at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h (or the specified time if stated). The reaction was quenched with the desired electrophile and stirred at  $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  with warming to rt over 16 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution and diluted using EtOAc. The layers were separated and the organic phase was washed with water, brine, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and the solvent removed under reduced pressure.

***2-(2-tert-Butylphenoxy)-1,3-bis(methoxymethyl)benzene (6).***

2-(2-tert-Butylphenoxy)-1,3-bis(hydroxymethyl)benzene (**8**) (0.4 g, 1.45 mmol, 1 equiv) dissolved in anhydrous THF ( $10\text{ cm}^3$ ) was added under stirring to a suspension of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil) (0.35 g, 14.4 mmol, 6 equiv) in THF ( $10\text{ cm}^3$ ) under  $\text{N}_2$  and stirred for 30 min at rt. MeI ( $0.28\text{ cm}^3$ , 4.34 mmol, 3 equiv) was added and the mixture stirred for 16 h, and quenched by addition of water. The solution was diluted using EtOAc, the organic phase washed with water, and brine, dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (2:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a white solid (0.39 g, 79%). m.p  $103\text{--}104\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  $R_f = 0.84$  (9:1 petrol:EtOAc).  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.50 (2H, d,  $J$  7.5, H-1), 7.30-7.26 (2H, m, H-2 and H-3), 7.00-6.95 (2H, m, H-4 and H-5), 6.20 (1H, dd,  $J$  8 and 1.5, H-6), 4.4 – 4.2 (4H, CH AB m, H-7), 3.3 (6H, s, H-9) and 1.54 (9H, s, H-8);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 156.9, 148.8, 136.8, 132.0, 128.6, 127.2, 126.5, 125.6, 121.4, 112.6, 69.3, 58.4, 35.0 and 29.8.; ES+  $m/z$  337 (M + Na); HRMS found M + Na 337.1776,  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3\text{Na}$  requires 337.1775.

**(2-(2-*tert*-butylphenoxy)-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene) bis(diisopropylcarbamate) (10).**

Diol **8** (0.1 g, 0.35 mmol, 1 equiv), NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil) (0.08 g, 2.1 mmol, 6 equiv), 18-crown-6 ether (0.002 g), and anhydrous ether (20 cm<sup>3</sup>) were charged to a flask at rt and stirred for 30 min. Diisopropylcarbamoyl chloride (0.24 g, 1.40 mmol, 4 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the solution heated to reflux (35 °C) for 16 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O and the organic phase was washed with water and brine, and then dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a colourless oil turning into a white solid on standing (0.16 g, 87%). m.p. 92–94 °C; *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.33 (9:1 petrol:EtOAc); δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.40 (2H, d, *J* 7.5, H-1), 7.26 (1H, dd, *J* 8 and 2, H-3), 7.22 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H-2), 6.89-6.79 (2H, m, H-4 and H-5), 6.18 (1H, dd, *J* 8, and 2, H-6), 5.04 – 4.84 (4H AB m, H-8), 3.99 – 3.50 (4H br m, H-9) 1.45 (9H, s, H-7) and 1.15 – 1.00 (24H, br m, H-10); δ<sub>c</sub> (100MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 156.9, 155.1, 149.9, 137, 131.1, 129.8, 127.3, 127.1, 125.4, 121.6, 112.7, 61.6, 45.9 (br), 35, 29.9, 21.3 and 20.70 (br).; ES+ *m/z* 563.4 (M + Na+); HRMS found: M + Na+ 541.3633, C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> requires 541.3636.

**(2-(2-*tert*-Butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-1,3-phenylene)bis(methylene)bis(diisopropylcarbamate) (11)**

Diol **9** (1.0 g, 3.73 mmol, 1 equiv), NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil) (0.90 g, 22.35 mmol, 6 equiv), 18-crown-6 ether (0.02 g, *catalytic*), and anhydrous ether (200 cm<sup>3</sup>) were charged to a flask at rt and stirred for 30 min. Diisopropylcarbamoyl chloride (1.76 g, 14.9 mmol, 4 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture and the solution

heated to reflux (35 °C) for 16 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of water and the organic phase was washed with water and brine, and then dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a colourless oil turning into a white solid on standing (1.50 g, 72%). m.p. 96–98 °C. *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.38 (9:1 petrol:EtOAc); δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.26 (2H, d, *J* 7.6, H-1), 7.17 (1H, dd, *J* 7.5 and 1.5, H-3), 7.02 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H-2), 6.89 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H-4), 6.84 (1H, dd, *J* 7.5 and 1.5, H-5), 4.96 – 4.82 (4H AB m, H-8), 3.95 – 3.65 (4H br m, H-9) 1.73 (3H, s, H-6), 1.37 (9H, s, H-7) and 1.15 – 1.05 (24H, bd, *J* 6, H-10); δ<sub>C</sub> (100MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 155.1, 154.5, 152.1, 139.7, 130.5, 129.5, 127.5, 126.9, 125.5, 123.7, 122.6, 61.5, 45.9 (br), 35.3, 30.4, 21.2 (br) and 18.1.; ES+ *m/z* 577 (M + Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS found M + Na 577.3618, C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Na requires 577.3612.

***Diisopropylcarbamic acid 1-{2-(2-tert-butylphenoxy)-3-[(diisopropylcarbamoyloxy)methyl]phenyl}-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl ester (12)***

Carbamate **10** (0.14 g, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *sec*-BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes) (0.31 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.41 mmol, 1.6 equiv), acetone (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (14 cm<sup>3</sup>) were treated as described in the general procedure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.095 g, 63%). *R*<sub>f</sub> = 0.10 (9:1 petrol:EtOAc); δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.55 (1H, dd, *J* 8 and 1.5, H-1), 7.40 (1H, dd, *J* 8 and 1.5, H-1), 7.30-7.20 (2H, m, H-2 and H-3), 6.81 (2H, dd, *J* 6 and 1.5 H-4 and H-5), 6.13 (1H, dd, *J* 6, and 1.5, H-6), 5.80 (1H, br s, H-11), 4.99–4.75 (2H AB m, H-8), 4.00-3.45 (4H, br m, H-9) 1.49 (9H, s, H-7), 1.18 (6H, br s, H-12) and 1.12–1.00 (24H, bm, H-10); δ<sub>C</sub> (100MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 157.0, 155.4, 155.1, 150.1, 136.8,

132.5, 130.7, 130.0, 128.9, 127.4, 126.9, 125.1, 121.9, 114.0, 76.5, 73.6, 61.9, 45.4 (br), 34.9, 30.1, 27.1, 25.4, and 20.5 (br).; ES+  $m/z$  621.5 (M + Na<sup>+</sup>); HRMS found M + H<sup>+</sup> 599.4048, C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires 599.4055.

***Diisopropylcarbamic acid 1-{2-(2-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-3-[(diisopropyl-carbamoyloxy)methyl]phenyl}-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl ester (13a)***

Carbamate **11** (0.13 g, 0.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *sec*-BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes) (0.28 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.37 mmol, 1.6 equiv), acetone (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (13 cm<sup>3</sup>) were treated as described in general procedure 1. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.10 g, 75%).

The product was also synthesised by treatment of carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with *sec*-BuLi (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), (–)-sparteine (0.07 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), acetone (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) as described in general procedure 2. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.12 g, 86%). HPLC: (R,R-Whelk-O1), eluting with hexane:IPA 97:3 at 1.0 ml/min; retention times 14.04 min (major) and 15.85 min (minor). Material of 50% ee had  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +28$  (c = 1.000, chloroform).

The product was also synthesised by treatment of stannane **13e** (0.05 g, 0.09 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with *n*-BuLi (2.4 M in hexanes) (0.06 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.14 mmol, 1.5 equiv), acetone (0.5 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (5 cm<sup>3</sup>) as described in general procedure 3. The

crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.02 g, 27%).

$R_f$  = 0.13 (9:1 petrol:EtOAc);  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ) 7.49 (1H, dd,  $J$  8 and 1.5, H-1), 7.21-7.15 (2H, m, H-1 and H-3), 7.05 (1H, t,  $J$  8, H-4), 6.86 (1H, t,  $J$  7.5, H-2), 6.78 (1H, dd,  $J$  7.5, and 1, H-5), 6.51 (1H, s, H-11) 4.62 – 4.32 (2H AB m, H-8), 3.93–3.50 (4H br m, H-9), 1.6 (3H, s, H-6), 1.41 (9H, s, H-7), 1.24 (6H, d,  $J$  4, H-12), and 1.10 (24H, dd,  $J$  21 and 7, H-10);  $\delta_C$  (100MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ) 155.2, 155.0, 152.4, 139.3, 130.9, 130.2, 129.7, 129.1, 127.8, 126.4, 125.4, 123.6, 122.5, 75.5, 73.8, 60.8, 46.0 (br), 35.4, 30.3, 26.9, 26.0, 21.4 (br) and 18.2.; ES+  $m/z$  635 ( $M + Na^+$ ), HRMS found  $M + H^+$  613.4229,  $C_{36}H_{57}N_2O_6$  requires 613.4212.

***Diisopropylcarbamic acid {2-(2-tert-butyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-3-[(diisopropyl-carbamoyloxy)methyl]phenyl}-(1-hydroxycyclobutyl)methyl ester (13b)***

Carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *sec*-BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes) (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), cyclobutanone (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) were treated as described in general procedure 1. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a clear gum (0.06 g, 56%).

The product was also synthesised by treatment of carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with *sec*-BuLi (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), (–)-sparteine (0.07 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), cyclobutanone (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) as described in general procedure 2. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a clear gum (0.028 g, 26%).

HPLC: (R,R-Whelk-O1), eluting with hexane:IPA 97:3 at 1.0 ml/min; retention times 14.79 min (major) and 16.89 min (minor). Material of 46% ee had  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +9$  (c = 0.100, chloroform).

$R_f = 0.10$  (9:1 petrol:EtOAc);  $\delta_H$  (500 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ) 7.66 (1H dd,  $J$  7.5 and 1.5, H-1), 7.30 (1H, dd,  $J$  8 and 1, H-1), 7.24 (1H, br d,  $J$  7, H-3), 7.15 (1H, t,  $J$  7.5, H-2), 6.94 (1H, t,  $J$  7.5, H-4), 6.87 (1H, br d,  $J$  7, H-5), 6.67 (1H, br s, H-11), 4.73-4.45 (2H, AB m, H-8), 4.05-3.60 (4H, br m, H-9), 3.22 (1H, s, H-14), 2.55-2.50 (1H, br m, H-12), 2.35-2.28 (1H, br m, H-12), 2.17-1.95 (4H, br m, H-12 and H-13), 1.70 (3H, s, H-6), 1.26 (9H, s, H-7), 1.22-1.15 (24 H, br m, H-10).;  $\delta_C$  (100MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ) 155.1, 155.0, 152.2, 139.3, 130.95, 130.0, 129.0, 127.8, 126.5, 125.4, 123.6, 122.6, 78.0, 73.9, 60.8, 45.9 (br), 35.4, 33.4, 32.0, 30.4, 21.1 (br), 18.3 and 12.5.; ES+  $m/z$  647 (M + Na+); HRMS found M + Na 647.4028,  $C_{37}H_{56}N_2O_6$  Na requires 647.4036.

***Diisopropylcarbamic acid {2-(2-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-3-[(diisopropyl-carbamoyloxy)methyl]phenyl}trimethylsilanylmethyl ester (13c)***

Carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *sec*-BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes) (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), TMSCl (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) were treated as described in general procedure 1. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.079 g, 70%).

The product was also synthesised by treatment of carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with *sec*-BuLi (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), (–)-sparteine (0.07 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), TMSCl (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) as described in general procedure 2. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography



(9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.08 g, 72%). HPLC: (R,R-Whelk-O1), eluting with hexane:IPA 97:3 at 1.0 ml/min; retention times 9.54 min (major) and 10.81 min (minor). Material of 56% ee had  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +52$  (c = 1.000, chloroform).

The product was also synthesised by treatment of stannane **13e** (0.05 g, 0.09 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with *n*-BuLi (2.4 M in hexanes) (0.06 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.14 mmol, 1.5 equiv), TMSCl (0.5 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (5 cm<sup>3</sup>) as described in general procedure 3. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.037 g, 33%).

$R_f = 0.60$  (9:1 petrol:EtOAc);  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.31 (1H, dd, *J* 8 and 2, H-1), 7.20 (1H, dd, *J* 8 and 2, H-1), 7.16 (1H, dd, *J* 8 and 2, H-3), 7.08 (1H, t, *J* 8, H-2 or H-4), 6.90 (1H, t, *J* 8, H-2 or H-4), 6.84 (1H, br dd, *J* 7.5 and 1, H-5), 6.28 (1H, s, H-11), 4.63-4.35 (2H, AB m, H-8), 3.90-3.76 (4H, br m, H-9), 1.64 (3H, s, H-6), 1.36 (9H, s, H-7) 1.11 (12H, br d, *J* 4, H-10), 1.04 (12H, br d, *J* 4, H-10) and 0.00 (9H, s, H-12).;  $\delta_C$  (100MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 153.7, 153.5, 149.1, 137.3, 131.5, 129.6, 126.7, 126.3, 125.0, 123.6, 121.6, 121.2, 64.3, 59.5, 44.6 (br), 33.9, 28.8, 19.7 (br), 16.8 and -4.2.; ES+ *m/z* 649 (M + Na<sup>+</sup>), HMRS Found M + Na 649.3996 C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>58</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si Na requires 649.4008.

***Diisopropylcarbamic acid 1-{2-(2-tert-butyl-6-methylphenoxy)-3-[(diisopropyl-carbamoyloxy)methyl]phenyl}-2-oxopropyl ester (13d)***

Carbamate 11 (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *sec*-BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes) (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), acetic anhydride (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) were treated as described in general procedure 1. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.11 g, 69%).

The product was also synthesised by treatment of carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with *sec*-BuLi (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), (–)-sparteine (0.07 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv) and acetic anhydride (1.0 cm<sup>3</sup>) as described in general procedure 2. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.10 g, 66%). HPLC: (R,R-Whelk-O1), eluting with hexane:IPA 97:3 at 1.0 ml/min; retention times 11.89 min (major) and 16.11 min (minor). Material of 60% ee had  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +102$  (c = 0.9, chloroform).

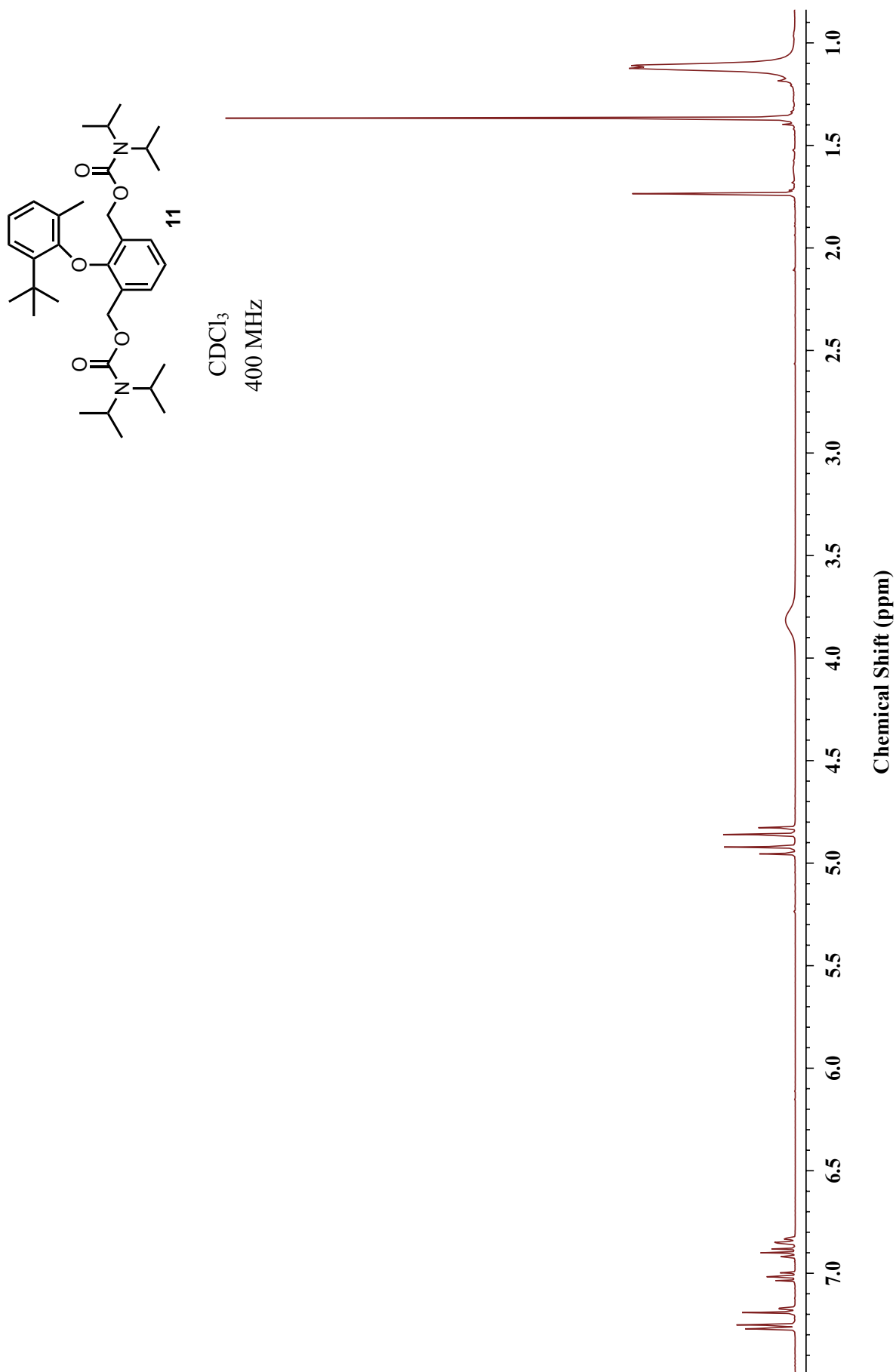
$R_f = 0.29$  (9:1 petrol:EtOAc);  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.38 (1H, dd,  $J$  7.5 and 2, H-1), 7.33-7.29 (2H, m, H-1 and H-3), 7.13 (1H, t,  $J$  7.5, H-2), 6.98 (1H, t,  $J$  8, H-4), 6.88 (1H, dd,  $J$  7.5 and 1, H-5), 6.54 (1H, s, H-11), 4.92-4.70 (2H, AB m, H-8), 4.05-3.75 (4H, br m, H-9), 2.14 (3H, s, H-12), 1.74 (3H, s, H-6), 1.52 (9H, s, H-7), 1.35-1.15 (24H, br m, H-10).;  $\delta_C$  (100MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 202.8, 154.5, 154.3, 152.7, 139.4, 131.2, 130.7, 129.6, 127.6, 127.4, 125.7, 124.0, 123.3, 74.1, 61.1, 45.6 (br), 35.4, 30.5, 26.8, 20.9 (br), and 18.3.; ES+  $m/z$  619 (M + Na<sup>+</sup>), HRMS Found M + H 597.3889, C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires 597.3899.

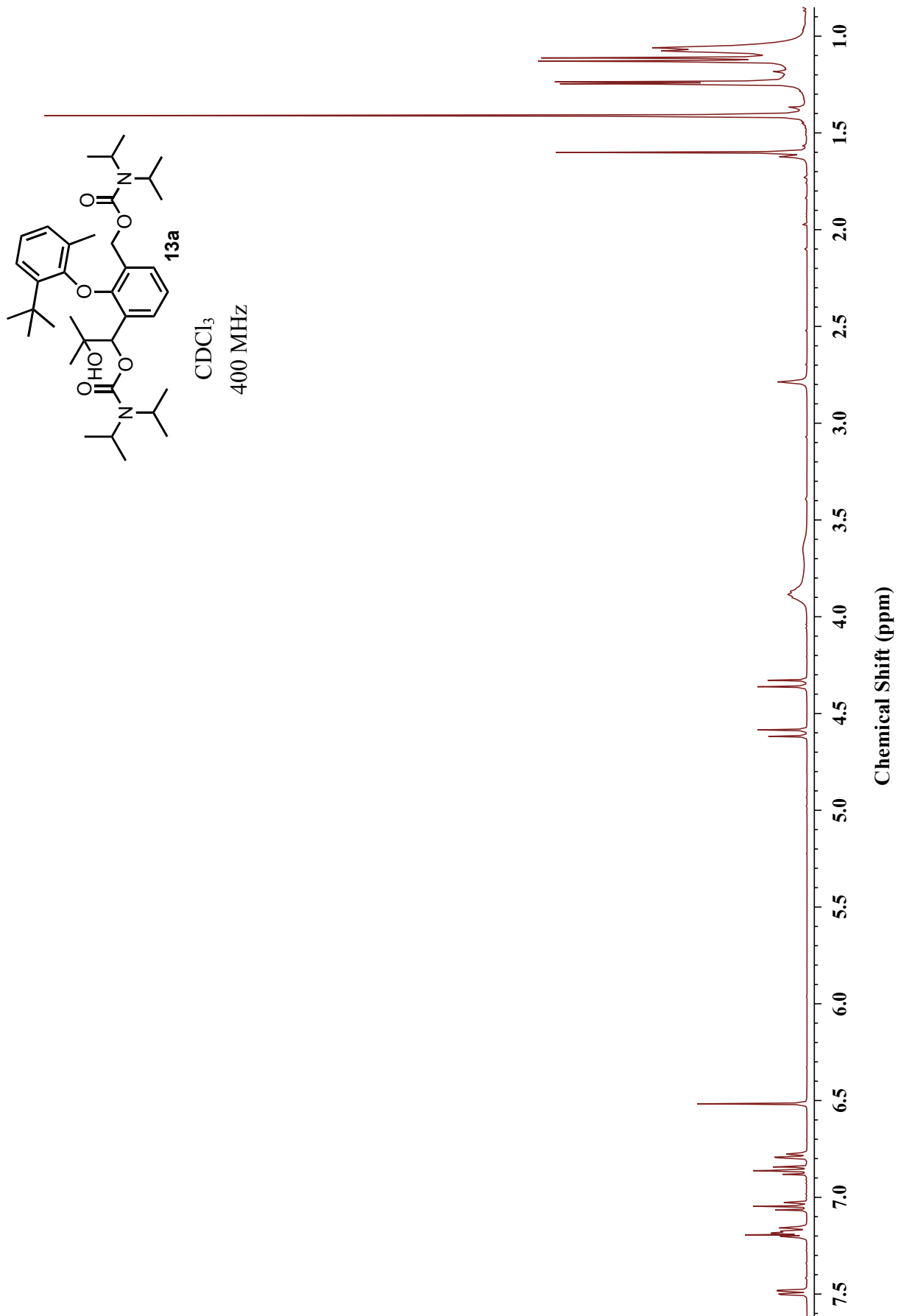
***Diisopropylcarbamic acid {2-(2-tert-butyl-6-methyl-phenoxy)-3-[(diisopropyl-carbamoyloxy)methyl]phenyl}tributylstannanylmethyl ester (13e)***

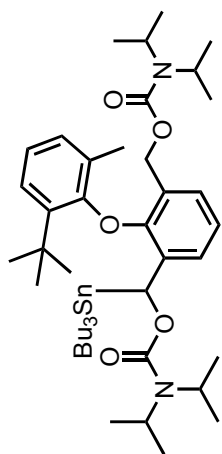
Carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv), *sec*-BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes) (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), SnBu<sub>3</sub>Cl (0.5 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) were treated as described in general procedure 1. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.088 g, 58%) and as a mixture of diastereomers in the ratio 9:1. HPLC: minor diastereomer elutes first, (R,R-Whelk-O1), eluting with hexane:IPA 97:3 at 1.0 ml/min;

retention times 3.13 min and 6.29 min; major diastereomer elutes second, (R,R-Whelk-O1), eluting with hexane:IPA 97:3 at 1.0 ml/min; retention times 5.84 min and 6.63 min; The product was also synthesised by treatment of carbamate **11** (0.1 g, 0.18 mmol, 1.0 equiv) with *sec*-BuLi (0.22 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), (–)-sparteine (0.07 cm<sup>3</sup>, 0.29 mmol, 1.6 equiv), Bu<sub>3</sub>SnCl (1 cm<sup>3</sup>, excess) and anhydrous ether (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) as described in general procedure 2. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (9:1 petrol:EtOAc) to yield the product as a light yellow oil (0.094 g, 62%). HPLC: (R,R-Whelk-O1), eluting with hexane:IPA 97:3 at 1.0 ml/min; retention times 5.84 min (minor) and 6.63 min (minor). Material of 50% ee had  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -21$  (c = 1.000, chloroform).  $R_f = 0.29$  (9:1 petrol:EtOAc);  $\delta_H$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.27-7.16 (3H, m, H-1 and H-3), 7.07 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H-2 or H-4), 6.97 (1H, t, *J* 7.5, H-2 or H-4), 6.91 (1H, dd, *J* 7.5 and 1.5, H-5), 5.92 (1H, s, H-11<sub>MINOR</sub>), 5.50 (1H, s, H-11<sub>MAJOR</sub>), 5.10-4.98 (2H, AB m, H-8<sub>MAJOR</sub>), 4.75-4.55 (2H, s, H-8<sub>MINOR</sub>), 4.10-3.85 (3H, br m, H-9), 3.70 – 3.60 (1H, br m, H-9), 1.80 (3H, s, H-6), 1.41 (9H, s, H-7), 1.40-1.27 (9H, m, H-14), 1.22-1.14 (24H, br m, H-10), 1.02 (3H, br m, H-12), 0.84 (9H, t, *J* 7.5, H-12), 0.72 (6H, q, *J* 8, H-13).;  $\delta_C$  (100MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 155.4, 155.2, 151.2, 139.4, 130.6, 130.5, 127.3, 126.8, 125.7, 123.6, 122.5, 123.3, 74.1, 62.0, 58.08, 46.1 (br), 35.4, 30.4, 29.1, 27.6, 21.5 (br), 20.5, 18.6, 13.7 and 10.7.; ES+ *m/z* 867 (M + Na<sup>+</sup>).

## Representative NMR Spectra







13e  
2:1 ratio of  
diastereoisomers

CDCl<sub>3</sub>  
400 MHz

