

An Unusual Ambiphilic Carbenoid Equivalent in Amide-Cyclopropanation

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General Information. Dichloromethane was distilled from P₂O₅ prior to use. Commercially available ketones, and aldehydes were used as received (Lancaster, Acros, Aldrich, Tedia, RDH). Titanium tetrachloride was purchased from Fluka Chemie AG. Magnesium powder (ca 50 mesh) was purchased from Lancaster Synthesis Ltd. Flash chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh). All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of N₂. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature. High-resolution mass spectra were determined on a Jeol JMS-HX 110 spectrometer.

General procedure for amide-cyclopropanation:

To a 0 °C suspension consisting of Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.8 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added over a 2-min period a solution of amide **4a** (219 mg, 1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and THF (1 mL). After being stirred for 20 min at 0 °C, the resulting green-black mixture was stirred for an additional 4 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was recooled to 0 °C. Saturated potassium carbonate solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried, evaporated, and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give *N*-[1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclopropyl]morpholine **6a** (187 mg, 81% yield) as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3083, 3062, 2952, 2933, 2890, 1673, 1602, 1584, 1495 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.21-7.03 (m, 5 H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4 H), 2.46-2.42 (m, 6 H), 1.69-1.65 (m, 2 H), 0.53 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 0.31 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.50, 128.34, 128.13, 125.73, 67.63, 49.75, 44.23, 33.63, 32.43, 12.69; high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO: 231.1623. Found: 231.1616. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO: C, 77.88; H, 9.15; N, 6.05. Found: C, 78.09; H, 9.10; N, 6.02.

N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclopropyl]pyrrolidine **6b**: Following the general procedure, 203 mg of **4b** (1 mmol) and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.8 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 153 mg (71%) of **6b** as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.20-7.07 (m, 5 H), 2.70-2.66 (m, 2 H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 4 H), 1.74-1.70 (m, 2 H), 1.58-1.55 (m, 2 H), 0.67 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 4.8 Hz, 2 H), 0.29 (dd, *J*

= 6.4, 4.8 Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.66, 128.27, 128.21, 125.64, 48.41, 40.01, 34.10, 33.14, 23.70, 10.91; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}$: 229.1830. Found: 229.1823. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}$: C, 83.79; H, 10.11; N, 6.11. Found: C, 83.67; H, 10.03; N, 6.07.

***N*-[1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclopropyl]pyrrolidine 6c**: Following the general procedure, 217 mg (1 mmol) of **4c** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 174 mg (76%) of **6c** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.20-7.06 (m, 5 H), 2.57 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 4 H), 2.49-2.45 (m, 2 H), 1.78-1.74 (m, 2 H), 1.48-1.43 (m, 4 H), 1.35-1.32 (m, 2 H), 0.63 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 0.39 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.75, 128.26, 128.10, 125.60, 50.70, 44.56, 33.73, 31.63, 26.65, 24.86, 13.30; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}$: 215.1674. Found: 215.1665. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}$: C, 83.67; H, 9.83; N, 6.50. Found: C, 83.43; H, 9.77; N, 6.60.

***N*-(1-phenylcyclopropyl)morpholine 6d**: Following the general procedure, 191 mg (1 mmol) of **4d** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 130 mg (64%) of **6d** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.19-7.06 (m, 5 H), 3.52 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4 H), 2.32 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 4 H), 0.84 (dd, $J = 6.4, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 0.66 (dd, $J = 6.4, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 136.92, 131.12, 127.67, 127.31, 67.27, 50.11, 49.35, 14.18; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}$: 203.1311. Found: 203.1308.

***N*-[1-(cyclohexyl)cyclopropyl]morpholine 6e**: Following the general procedure, 197 mg (1 mmol) of **4e** and Mg (288 mg, 12 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 153 mg (73%) of **6e** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 3.53 (t, $J = 4.8, 4$ H), 2.32 (t, $J = 4.8, 4$ H), 1.72-1.55 (m, 6 H), 1.20-0.98 (m, 5 H), 0.54 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.4$ Hz, 2 H), 0.26 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.4$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 67.77, 50.85, 48.97, 42.09, 31.24, 26.79, 26.49, 10.42; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$: 209.1780. Found: 209.1771.

***N,N*-Dimethyl[1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclopropyl]amine 6f**: Following the general procedure, 177 mg (1 mmol) of **4f** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 142 mg (75%) of **6f** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.19-7.04 (m, 5 H), 2.46-2.42 (m, 2 H), 2.26 (s,

6 H), 1.74-1.70 (m, 2 H), 0.63 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 0.36 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.53, 128.30, 128.08, 125.68, 44.07, 41.20, 33.51, 30.36, 13.57; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}$: 189.1517. Found: 189.1516.

***N,N*-Diethyl[1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclopropyl]amine 6g:** Following the general procedure, 205 mg (1 mmol) of **4g** and Mg (288 mg, 12 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 145 mg (67%) of **6g** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.20-7.06 (m, 5 H), 2.58 (q, $J = 7.2$, 4 H), 2.50-2.46 (m, 2 H), 1.72-1.68 (m, 2 H), 1.03 (t, $J = 7.2$, 6 H), 0.66 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.4$ Hz, 2 H), 0.39 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.4$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.75, 128.30, 128.12, 125.64, 46.94, 42.30, 33.56, 33.09, 14.97, 13.54; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}$: 217.1831. Found: 217.1828.

***N*-Benzyl-*N*-ethyl[1-(2-phenylethyl)cyclopropyl]amine 6h:** Following the general procedure, 267 mg (1 mmol) of **4h** and Mg (288 mg, 12 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 173 mg (62%) of **6h** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.32-7.08 (m, 5 H), 3.74 (s, 2 H), 2.57 (q, $J = 7.2$, 2 H), 2.53-2.49 (m, 2 H), 1.78-1.74 (m, 2 H), 0.93 (t, $J = 7.2$, 3 H), 0.69 (dd, $J = 6.4, 4.4$ Hz, 2 H), 0.40 (dd, $J = 6.4, 4.4$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 142.68, 141.77, 128.32, 128.13, 127.96, 127.91, 126.38, 125.66, 58.50, 45.85, 42.94, 34.33, 33.70, 14.73, 14.09; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}$: 279.1987. Found: 279.1980.

***N*-Benzyl-*N*-methylcyclopropylamine 6i:** Following the general procedure, 149 mg (1 mmol) of **4i** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 82 mg (51%) of **6i** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.26-7.11 (m, 5 H), 3.55 (s, 2 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 1.55 (tt, $J = 7.2, 3.6$ Hz, 1 H), 0.46-0.43 (m, 2 H), 0.33-0.29 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.34, 129.33, 128.01, 126.81, 62.18, 41.86, 38.42, 7.06; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$: 161.1204. Found: 161.1201.

***N*-Benzyl-*N*-ethylcyclopropylamine 6j:** Following the general procedure, 163 mg (1 mmol) of **4j** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 88 mg (50%) of **6j** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.29-7.11 (m, 5 H), 3.64 (s, 2 H),

2.52 (q, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2 H), 1.63-1.58 (m, 1 H), 0.98 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3 H), 0.45-0.41 (m, 2 H), 0.33-0.29 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.95, 129.27, 127.93, 126.67, 58.95, 48.19, 35.81, 11.90, 7.15; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}$: 175.1361. Found: 175.1364.

4-Benzyl-4-azaspiro[2.6]nonane 6k: Following the general procedure, 203 mg (1 mmol) of **4k** and Mg (288 mg, 12 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 155 mg (72%) of **6k** as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3062, 3026, 2923, 2853, 1493, 1462 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.29-7.11 (m, 5 H), 3.82 (s, 2 H), 2.68 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2 H), 1.59-1.46 (m, 8 H), 0.74 (dd, $J = 6.0, 3.6$ Hz, 2 H), 0.35 (dd, $J = 6.0, 3.6$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (1005 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.47, 128.40, 128.02, 126.51, 55.26, 49.47, 44.43, 34.63, 27.35, 25.83, 25.60, 16.64; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}$: 215.1674. Found: 215.1680.

4-Benzyl-4-azaspiro[2.4]heptane 6l: Following the general procedure, 175 mg (1 mmol) of **4l** and Mg (288 mg, 12 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 138 mg (74%) of **6l** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.36-7.11 (m, 5 H), 3.26 (s, 2 H), 2.65-2.62 (m, 2 H), 1.68-1.64 (m, 4 H), 0.75 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.8$ Hz, 2 H), 0.28 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.8$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 139.84, 128.75, 128.17, 126.73, 55.13, 52.71, 47.16, 32.69, 22.26, 8.61; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{N}$: 187.1354. Found: 187.1347.

4-Benzyl-4-azaspiro[2.5]octane 6m: To a -10°C suspension consisting of Mg (288 mg, 12 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added over a 2-min period a solution of amide **4m** (189 mg, 1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) and THF (1 mL). After being stirred for 16 h at -10°C , the reaction mixture was warmed to 0°C . Saturated potassium carbonate solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried, evaporated, and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 129 mg (64%) of **6m** as a colorless oil: ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.31-7.11 (m, 5 H), 3.76 (s, 2 H), 2.68 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2 H), 1.57-1.52 (m, 2 H), 1.27-1.23 (m, 4 H), 0.68 (dd, $J = 5.6, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H), 0.27 (dd, $J = 6.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.44, 128.68, 128.08, 126.57, 54.01, 47.73, 42.80, 27.79, 24.48, 18.29, 14.62; high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}$: 201.1518. Found: 201.1513.

4-Benzyl-4-azaspiro[2.3]hexane 6n: To a -10°C suspension consisting of Mg (288 mg, 12 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 0.8 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) was added over a 2-

min period a solution of amide **4n** (161 mg, 1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) and THF (1 mL). After being stirred for 16 h at -10 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C. Saturated potassium carbonate solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried, evaporated, and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 116 mg (67%) of **6n** as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.36-7.07 (m, 5 H), 3.25 (s, 2 H), 3.10 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 0.61 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 0.16 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 4.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.92, 128.38, 128.11, 126.73, 58.02, 51.35, 50.77, 26.62, 6.29; high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅N: 172.1204. Found: 173.1212.

***N*-[1-(2,2-ethylenedioxypropyl)cyclopropyl]morpholine 6o**: Following the general procedure, 215 mg (1 mmol) of **4o** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.8 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 159 mg (70%) of **6g** as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 3.53 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 3.47-3.43 (m, 4 H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 1.85 (s, 2 H), 1.39 (s, 3 H), 0.65 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2 H), 0.63 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 109.96, 67.16, 64.13, 49.10, 41.45, 38.76, 24.41, 13.53; high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₂H₂₁NO₃: 227.1522. Found: 227.1513.

***N*-[1-(2-phenylthioethyl)cyclopropyl]morpholine 6p**: Following the general procedure, 251 mg (1 mmol) of **4p** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.8 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 189 mg (72%) of **6p** as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.33-6.91 (m, 5 H), 3.45 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 2.78-2.74 (m, 2 H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 1.69-1.65 (m, 2 H), 0.45 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 0.26 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.56, 129.17, 128.81, 125.76, 67.51, 49.75, 44.03, 31.60, 31.24, 12.48; high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NOS: 263.1344. Found: 263.1346.

***N*-[1-(4-trimethylsilyl-3-butynyl)cyclopropyl]morpholine 6q**: Following the general procedure, 239 mg (1 mmol) of **4q** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.8 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 141 mg (56%) of **6q** as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 2957, 2899, 2853, 2174, 1117 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 3.43 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 2.14-2.10 (m, 2 H), 1.60-1.57 (m, 2 H), 0.44 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 0.24 (s, 9 H), 0.20 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.0 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 107.42, 84.59, 67.58, 49.65, 43.86, 30.53, 17.91, 12.36, 0.07; high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₄H₂₅NOSi: 251.1705. Found: 251.1707.

***N*-[1-(4-methyl-3-pentenyl)cyclopropyl]morpholine 6r:** Following the general procedure, 197 mg (1 mmol) of **4r** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.8 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 155 mg (74%) of **6r** as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3009, 2958, 2927, 2914, 1675, 1116 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.17-5.12 (m, 1 H), 3.52 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 1.97-1.91 (m, 2 H), 1.67 (s, 3 H), 1.54 (s, 3 H), 1.51-1.47 (m, 2 H), 0.54 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.0 Hz, 2 H), 0.35 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.0 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 131.30, 124.50, 67.67, 49.70, 44.05, 29.82, 25.76, 25.62, 17.63, 12.73; high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₃H₂₃NO: 209.1780. Found: 209.1774.

***N*-[1-(3-butenyl)cyclopropyl]morpholine 6s:** Following the general procedure, 169 mg (1 mmol) of **4s** and Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.8 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) gave a crude reaction mixture. Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 134 mg (74%) of **6s** as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3077, 3002, 2954, 2929, 2852, 1678, 1452, 1117 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.77-5.67 (m, 1 H), 5.01 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.50 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 4.8, 4 H), 1.92-1.86 (m, 2 H), 1.48-1.44 (m, 2 H), 0.50 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 2 H), 0.26 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 4.4 Hz, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 138.78, 114.15, 67.61, 49.64, 43.93, 31.40, 29.12, 12.66; high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₁H₁₉NO: 181.1467. Found: 181.1462.

***N*-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-2,2,3,3-tetradeuterocyclopropyl]morpholine 7a:** To a 0 °C suspension consisting of Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in ClCH₂CH₂Cl, 0.8 mL) in ClCH₂CH₂Cl (4 mL) was added over a 2-min period a solution of CD₂Cl₂ (0.3 mL, 4.5 mmol) and amide **4a** (219 mg, 1 mmol) in ClCH₂CH₂Cl (1 mL) and THF (1 mL). After being stirred for 4 h at 0 °C, the resulting green-black mixture was stirred for an additional 6 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was recooled to 0 °C. Saturated potassium carbonate solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried, evaporated, and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 185 mg (80%) of **7a** as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3083, 3062, 2952, 2933, 2890, 2201, 1673, 1602, 1584, 1495 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.21-7.03 (m, 5 H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 4 H), 2.45-2.42 (m, 6 H), 1.68-1.64 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.46, 128.34, 128.13, 125.74, 67.58, 49.73, 43.95, 33.60, 32.20, 12.5-11.0 (multiplet); high-resolution MS *m/e* Calcd for C₁₅H₁₇D₄NO: 235.1874. Found: 235.1870.

4-Benzyl-2,2,3,3-tetradeutero-4-azaspiro[2.6]nonane 7k: To a 0 °C suspension consisting of Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl₄ (0.8 mmol, 1 M in ClCH₂CH₂Cl, 0.8 mL) in

$\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ (4 mL) was added over a 2-min period a solution of CD_2Cl_2 (0.3 mL, 4.5 mmol) and amide **4k** (203 mg, 1 mmol) in $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}$ (1 mL) and THF (1 mL). After being stirred for 4 h at 0 °C, the resulting green-black mixture was stirred for an additional 6 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was recooled to 0 °C. Saturated potassium carbonate solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL). Purification by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 150 mg (70%) of **7k** as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3062, 3026, 2923, 2853, 2207, 1493, 1462 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.29-7.11 (m, 5 H), 3.82 (s, 2 H), 2.68 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2 H), 1.59-1.44 (m, 8 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 140.72, 128.34, 128.01, 126.45, 55.28, 49.44, 44.10, 34.61, 27.37, 25.90, 25.70, 16.46-15.34 (multiplet); high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{17}\text{D}_4\text{N}$: 187.1354. Found: 187.1347.

***N*-[1-(4-methyl-3-pentenyl)-2,2,3,3-tetradeuterocyclopropyl]morpholine 7r**: To a 0 °C suspension consisting of Mg (192 mg, 8 mmol) and TiCl_4 (0.8 mmol, 1 M in $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$, 0.8 mL) in $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ (4 mL) was added over a 2-min period a solution of CD_2Cl_2 (0.3 mL, 4.5 mmol) and amide **4r** (197 mg, 1 mmol) in $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}$ (1 mL) and THF (1 mL). After being stirred for 4 h at 0 °C, the resulting green-black mixture was stirred for an additional 6 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was recooled to 0 °C. Saturated potassium carbonate solution (10 mL) was added and the mixture was diluted with ether (20 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried, evaporated, and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (elution with 1:6 ethyl acetate-hexane). to give 155 mg (74%) of **7r** as a colorless oil: IR (neat) 3009, 2958, 2927, 2914, 2204, 1675, 1116 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 5.17-5.12 (m, 1 H), 3.52 (t, $J = 4.8$, 4 H), 2.47 (t, $J = 4.8$, 4 H), 1.97-1.91 (m, 2 H), 1.67 (s, 3 H), 1.54 (s, 3 H), 1.50-1.46 (m, 2 H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 131.24, 124.48, 67.66, 49.67, 43.68, 29.62, 25.73, 25.61, 17.60, 12.5-11.3 (multiplet); high-resolution MS m/e Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{19}\text{D}_4\text{NO}$: 213.2031. Found: 213.2029.

























































































