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bicyclo[2.1.1]hexanes as phenyl bioisosteres

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报告简介:

Bicyclo[2.1.1]hexanes are bridged bicyclic scaffolds with well-defined exit vectors that are becoming increasingly popular building blocks in medicinal chemistry since they represent saturated bioisosteres of disubstituted phenyl rings. In this context, the development of enantioselective strategies that enable the obtainment of phenyl bioisosteres with control of the tridimensionality is highly desirable since enantiomers often display a completely different behavior in biological systems. Herein we disclose the development of unprecedented enantioselective catalytic strategies to obtain differently disubstituted bicyclo[2.1.1]hexanes. These enantioenriched sp³-hybridized skeletons are appropriate mimics of ortho- and meta-substituted phenyl rings, representing versatile building blocks for the construction of a variety of drug analogues. Retention of the biological activity of the bicyclo[2.1.1]hexane-containing analogues in the specific proteins targeted by the original drugs has been confirmed. Moreover, their cytotoxicity in a panel of cancer cell lines was evaluated, observing markedly differential effects for the two enantiomers and, in some cases, a substantial improvement over the corresponding sp²-based drugs. This showcased that the control of the absolute configuration has an impact on the biological properties of the bioisostere-containing drug analogues, opening new avenues for lead optimization in drug discovery.