De Novo Asymmetric Synthesis of Protected 5-O-Carbamoylpolyoxamic Acid

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Abstract: The synthesis of 5-*O*-carbamoylpolyoxamic acid from a non carbohydrate precursor was achieved in 12 steps and 7% yield starting from chiral α , β -epoxyaldehyde readily available from *cis*-2-butene-1,4-diol. The main steps concern the Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation of a suitable chosen allylic alcohol, the use of thiazolyl group for carbon homologation, the stereo- and regioselective opening of the epoxide and the transformation of the primary alcohol to the acid functionality of the final product.

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Polyoxins form an important class of antifungal antibiotics isolated from the culture broths of Streptomyces cacoi var. asoensis by Isono and coworkers.^{1,2} They act as competitive inhibitors of the enzyme chitin synthase (E.C.2.4.1.16). This enzyme catalyses the production of chitin, a linear β -1,4-*N*-acetyl glucosamine polymer that constitutes one of the major structural components of the fungal cell walls.³ Among these compounds, polyoxin D is used as an agricultural antifungal agent to treat rice sheath blight and pear black spot.⁴ Polyoxins are peptidonucleosides comprising a nucleosidic aminoacid moiety connected by a peptide linkage to an unusual hydroxylated aminoacid, the 5-O-carbamoylpolyoxamic acid (except for polyoxins E and G) (Figure). As a consequence of the potent antifungal activity associated with this type of peptidyl nucleosides, a variety of chemical syntheses of the nucleosidic⁵ and polyoxamic parts⁶ have been reported over the years, most of them based on carbohydrate templates as starting materials. A number of polyoxamic acid syntheses have been reported utilising L-tartric acid. A very useful strategy towards the synthesis of the nucleosidic part (thymine polyoxin C) and 5-O-carbamoylpolyoxamic acid have been developed from D-serinal by Garner and Park.^{5c,6c} Only Trost and co-workers have described a de novo asymmetric synthesis of polyoxamic acid using a Pd-based opening of a vinyl epoxide by phtalamide, in the presence of a chiral ligand.⁶¹

We have recently described the synthesis of a thymine 2'-deoxypolyoxin C analogue⁷ from a non carbohydrate precursor. It was achieved in ten steps and 9% yield, starting from a chiral γ , δ -epoxy- β -hydroxyester readily available from *cis*-2-butene-1,4-diol. Herein, we would like to report a de novo stereocontrolled access to the protected 5-*O*-carbamoylpolyoxamic acid starting from the same achiral precursor. Our methodology is based on four key steps (Scheme 1): a) Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation,



Figure

b) homologation of the epoxyaldehyde, c) stereo- and regioselective opening of the oxirane and, d) epimerisation of the C2 carbon on the aldehyde.

The (2R,3R)-4-(tertbutyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2,3-epoxybutan-1-al (1) is obtained in three steps and 56% yield after monoprotection, Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation⁸ using (-)DET as chiral agent (ee = 84%) and Doering oxidation⁹ of the corresponding epoxyalcohol. Condensation of compound 1 with 2-trimethylsilylthiazole¹⁰ and deprotection of the silvlated intermediate 2 leads exclusively to the anti-2,3-epoxythiazolyl compound 3a in 86% yield after silica gel purification. The stereochemical assignment of the aldol product **3a** was established by conversion to the six membered acetonide (Scheme 2). Reduction of compound 3a in the presence of RedAl in THF and treatment of the 1,3-diol 4 formed with 2,2-dimethoxypropane with *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (catalytic) leads to the six membered acetonide 5. ¹H NMR analysis of the coupling constants and ¹³C NMR shifts of the acetal carbons¹¹ correspond to a syn configuration of compound 5 and thus an anti configuration for compound 3a. The diastereoselectivity observed is in agreement with the results concerning addition of 2-trimethylsilylthiazole on α , β -alkoxy aldehydes.^{10a}



Reagents and conditions: (a) 1.5 equiv 2-trimethylsilylthiazole, CH_2Cl_2 , -30 °C to r.t.; (b) Amberlite IR 120, MeOH (86% from 1); (c) 5 equiv NaN₃, 2.5 equiv NH₄Cl, reflux (93%); (d) (CH₃)₂C(OCH₃)₂, *p*-toluenesulfonic acid, PhCH₃, 30 min, reflux (93%); (e) i) 1.2 equiv TMSTf, CH₃CN, molecular sieves 4 Å, ii) 2 equiv NaBH₄, MeOH, iii) HgCl₂, MeCN/H₂O (10:1); (f) K₂CO₃, MeOH, 0 °C, 12 h; (g) NaBH₄, MeOH (36% from 5); (h) H₂, Pd/C (10%), EtOH/H₂O (9:1); (i) Boc₂O, CH₂Cl₂ (87%); (j) *p*-nitrophenylchloroformate, pyridine, 30 min then NH₃, MeOH, 1 h, 0 °C (70%); (k) HF/pyridine, THF/pyridine (100%); (l) BAIB, TEMPO, CH₃CN/H₂O (48%) Scheme 1

Considering the absolute configuration of the final polyoxamic acid, we have to reverse the configuration of the carbon atom C1 of compound **3a**. Oxidation of compound **3a** in the presence of dimethylsulfoxide and acetic anhydride gives the corresponding ketone **6** in 94% yield (Scheme 3). Reduction of the ketone **6** in presence of sodium borohydride or K-selectride (Table), gives as the major or sole compound the adduct **3a**. *syn*-Adduct **3b** was only obtained in 20% yield when operating with two equivalents of NaBH₄ at -78 °C. It is noteworthy that this result is in contrast with that obtained from reduction of α , β -alkoxythiazolyl ketones which are reported to give the *syn*-adducts under the same experimental conditions.^{10a}

In order to circumvent this problem, a different approach was investigated. Stereo- and regioselective opening of the oxirane under non-chelating conditions with sodium azide and ammonium chloride¹² gives a mixture of regioisomers **7a** and **7b** (**7a/7b** = 90/10) easily separated by silica gel chromatography (93% global yield). Protection of the diol 7a in the presence of 2,2-dimethoxypropane gives acetonide 8 in 93% yield that was followed by demasking of the thiazolyl group to the corresponding aldehyde 9. The thiazol to formyl protocol consists of a three reaction sequence (N-methylation, reduction, and metal assisted hydrolysis), each step taking place under almost neutral or non oxidative conditions.^{10a,d} This one pot transformation affords the aldehyde 9 in 89% yield which is further transformed without any purification. Treatment of the aldehyde under basic conditions (K₂CO₃, MeOH) allows the epimerisation of the C2 carbon of the aldehyde and leads exclusively to the more stable epimer **10**. Reduction of aldehyde with sodium borohydride affords alcohol 11, which is obtained in 36% yield starting from compound 8 after silica gel purification. Reduction of the azido functionality (H₂, Pd/C) followed by tert-butyloxycarbonyl protection of the amino derivative 12 yields compound 13 (87% for the two steps). The primary alcohol is then carbamoylated via a two steps procedure using p-nitrophenylchloroformate in pyridine and treatment of the



Scheme 2



Scheme 3

carbamate intermediate at 0 °C with methanolic ammonia^{10c} to give compound **14** in 70% yield. The *tert*butyldiphenylsilyl group is then removed quantitatively with HF/pyridine and the primary alcohol **15** was oxidised to the corresponding acid **16** in 48% yield through one step oxidation using BAIB (bis-acetoxyiodobenzene) with a catalytic amount of TEMPO¹³ (2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-1-piperidinyloxy) free radical. Acid **16** shows spectral properties (¹H, ¹³C) identical to those of literature.^{10c,6m}

In conclusion this methodology, based on the use of suitably chosen epoxyalcohol, can lead to the protected 5-*O*carbamoylpolyoxamic acid **16** obtained in 12 steps and 7.0% overall yield from epoxyaldehyde **1**. It compares with that of the only group⁶¹ which realised the de novo synthesis of polyoxamic acid. An advantage of the methodology resides also in the possibility of creating any epimer of this optically active aminoacid compound. Further work dealing with construction of the nucleoside moiety and applications of these results to the total synthesis of polyoxin J is currently underway.

All chemicals were obtained from commercial suppliers. Solvents were distilled prior to use. THF, Et₂O were distilled over Na; CH₂Cl₂ was distilled over CaH₂; and pyridine over KOH. TLC was performed on silica gel 60-coated aluminium sheets (Merck) with detection UV at 254 nm. Products were purified by medium pressure liquid chromatography. The following spectrometers were used to record physical data. NMR: Bruker 250 MHz (250 MHz for ¹H and 62.9 MHz for ¹³C using CDCl₃ with internal TMS as reference). IR: Perkin–Elmer 1725X. MS: Nermag R10-10. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer 241 polarimeter.

(1*S*,2*R*,3*S*)-4-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-2,3-epoxy-1-(thiazol-2-yl)butanol (3a)

At -30 °C, to a solution of epoxyaldehyde **1** (4.2 g, 12.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (58 mL) was added slowly a solution of 2-trimethylsilylthiazole (3 mL, 18.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL).The mixture was stirred for 20 minutes at -30 °C and 12 h at r.t. CH₂Cl₂ was evaporated to give the compound **2**. To a solution of the crude product in MeOH (58 mL) was added Amberlite IR120 (2 g), and the mixture was stirred for 6 h at r.t. After filtration and concentration, the resi-

Reducing agent	Conditions	3a/3b	Yield %
NaBH ₄	2 equiv MeOH, −78°C	80/20	99
NaBH ₄	2 equiv MeOH, 0°C to r.t.	80/20	70
K-selectride	2 equiv THF, −78°C	100/0	62

due was chromatographed on silica gel with petroleum ether/Et₂O, 5:5 ($R_f = 0.22$) to give compound **3a**; yield: 4.5 g (86%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = +24.6^{\circ} (c \ 0.92, \text{CHCl}_{3}).$

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3466, 3133, 1050 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.0 Hz, CH thiazole), 7.73– 7.68 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.47–7.35 (m, 7H, phenyl and CH thiazole), 4.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H1), 4.04 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.5, 11.0 Hz, H4), 3.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.3, 11.0 Hz, H4), 3.37 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.1, 7.3 Hz, H2), 3.35 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 4.1, 5.3, 5.5 Hz, H3), 1.08 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

 ^{13}C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.4 (Cq thiazole), 142.4 (CHN thiazole), 135.9, 135.8, 135.8, 132.6, 130.1, 127.9 (phenyl), 119.8 (CHS thiazole), 89.9 (C1), 62.5 (C4), 58.3, 56.8 (C3 and C2), 28.8 (Me TB-DPS), 19.2 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z = 426 (MH⁺, 100%).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₇NO₃SSi: C, 64.90; H, 6.39; N, 3.29. Found: C, 64.90; H, 6.35; N, 3.23.

(1S,3R)-4-tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-1,3-dihydroxy-1-(thiazol-2-yl)-butane (4)

At 0 °C, a solution of RedAl (3.5 M, 121 μ L, 0.70 mmol) in toluene was added to a solution of **3a** (60 mg, 0,14 mmol) in THF (1.7 mL). The mixture was stirred for 3 h at r.t. After dilution with Et₂O, the mixture was slowly hydrolysed with H₂O (2.3 mL). After stirring for 1 h, the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 8:2 (R_f = 0.28) to give 10 mg of compound **4** (16%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.70–7.63 (m, 5H, phenyl and CHN), 7.42–7.26 (m, 7H, phenyl and CHS), 5.28 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.8, 9.5 Hz, H1), 4.17 (m, 1H, H3), 3.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 3.6, 10.2 Hz, H4), 3.53 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 10.2 Hz, H4), 2,10 (m, 2H, H2), 1,07 (s, 9H, Me TBDPS).

(1S,3R)-1,3-Dioxyisopropylidene-4-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-1-(thiazol-2-yl)-butane (5)

A mixture of compound **4** (10 mg, 0.023 mmol), dimethoxypropane (500 μ L) and *p*-tolunesulfonic acid (0.5 mg) in anhyd toluene (2 mL) was refluxed for 15 min. At r.t., the mixture was hydrolysed with sat. NaHCO₃, and the aqueous phase was extracted with toluene. The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 7:24:6 (R_f = 0.22) to give 10 mg of compound **5** (91%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.78–7.64 (m, 5H, phenyl and CHN), 7.39–7.26 (m, 7H, phenyl and CHS), 5.28 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.9, 11.8 Hz, H1), 4.13 (m, 1H, H3), 3.74 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.2, 10.4 Hz, H4), 3.58 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 10.4 Hz, H4), 2.16 (m, 2H, H2), 1.53 (s, 3H, acetonide), 1.48 (s, 3H, acetonide), 1.05 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 172.4 (Cq thiazole), 142.2 (CHN), 135.7, 133.8, 132.4, 129.6, 127.6 (phenyl), 119.0 (CHS), 97.7 (Cq acetonide), 70.0, 69.5 (C1 and C3), 67.2 (C4), 34.9 (C2), 29.8 (Me acetonide), 26.8 (Me TBDPS), 19.8 (Me acetonide), 19.1 (Cq TBDPS).

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(2*S*,3*S*)-4-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy-2,3-epoxy-1-(thiazol-2-yl)butan-1-one (6)

To a solution of compound **3a** (124 mg, 0.28 mmol) in dimethylsulfoxide (1.4 mL) was slowly added freshly distilled acetic anhydride (630 μ L). After stirring for 12 h at r.t., sat. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added, and stirring was maintained for 5 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organic layers were washed with H₂O, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed with petroleum ether/Et₂O, 6:4 (R_f = 0.30) to give 111 mg of compound **6** (94%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = +9.1^{\circ} (c \ 0.55, \text{CHCl}_{3}).$

IR (CHCl₃): v = 1696 (C=O), 1111 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 8.08$ (d, 1H, J = 3.0 Hz, CHN), 7.75 (d, 1H, J = 3.0 Hz, CHS), 7.60–7.52 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.42–7.26 (m, 6H, phenyl), 4.82 (d, 1H, J = 4.3 Hz, H2), 3.96 (dd, 1H, J = 7.0, 13.5 Hz, H4), 3.70 (dd, 1H, J = 5.7, 13.5 Hz, H4), 3.70 (ddd, 1H, J = 4.3, 5.7, 7.0 Hz, H3), 0.92 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 186.1 (C1), 165.2 (Cq thiazole), 145.3 (CHN thiazole), 135.5, 135.4, 132.9, 129.8, 127.8, 127.7 (phenyl), 126.8 (CHS thiazole), 60.8 (C4), 59.1, 55.5 (C2 and C3), 26.6 (Me TBDPS), 19.1 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z (%) = 299 (100), 424 (MH⁺, 25,), 441 (MNH₄⁺, 2.6)

Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{25}NO_3SSi$: C, 65.25; H, 5.95; N, 3.31. Found: C, 64.55; H, 6.07; N, 3.36.

Reduction with K-selectride

At -78 °C, to a solution of compound **6** (160 mg, 0.380 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was slowly added a solution 1 M of K-selectride (760 μ L) in THF. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C and then hydrolysed at 0 °C with H₂O (1 mL). THF was evaporated, and the residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and H₂O. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), concentrated and the resulting crude product was chromatographed with petroleum ether/Et₂O, 5:5 (R_f=0.22) to yield 100 mg of **3a** (62%).

Reduction with NaBH₄

At 0 °C (or at -78 °C), NaBH₄ (20 mg, 0.522 mmol) was added to compound **6** (110 mg, 0.261 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL). After stirring for 1 h at r.t.(or -78 °C), acetone (1 mL) was added. The mixture was concentrated and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc and washed with H₂O. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent evaporated. The residue was chromatographed with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 30:56:17 (R_{f3a} = 0.27, R_{f3b} = 0.20) to yield 60 mg of compound **3a**, 12 mg of **3b** and 7 mg of ketone **6** (70%).

(1*R*,2*R*,3*S*)-4-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2,3-epoxy-1-(thiazol-2-vl)-butan-1-ol (3b)

IR (film): v = 3349, 1110 (C-O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.2 Hz, CHN), 7.70–7.62 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.47–7.35 (m, 7H, phenyl and CHS), 4.35 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.0, 9.2 Hz, H1), 3.88 (m, 1H, H2), 3.85–3.81 (m, 2H, H4), 3.37 (m, 1H, H3), 2.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, OH), 1,08 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

Reaction of 3a with NaN₃/NH₄Cl

A mixture of compound **3a** (4.5 g, 10.6 mmol), NaN₃ (3.44 g, 5 equiv) and NH₄Cl (2.5 equiv) in MeOH/H₂O, 8:1 (100 mL) was refluxed for 44 h. The MeOH was evaporated and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc (3:56:14) to give 4.2 g of compound **7a** (R_f = 0.30) and 400 mg of compound **7b** (R_f = 0.18) (global yield = 93%).

(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-3-Azido-4-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-2-hydroxy-1-(thiazol-2-yl)-butanol (7a)

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = -16.0^{\circ} (c \ 0.58, \text{CHCl}_3).$

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3607, 3453, 3074, 2114, 1058 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.75–7.61 (m, 5H, phenyl and CHN), 7.46–7.31 (m, 7H, phenyl and CHS), 4.99 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H1), 4.07–3.77 (m, 4H, H2, H3 and H4), 1.08 (s, 9H, Me TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 172.4 (Cq thiazole), 142.1 (CHN), 135.6, 132.7, 129.9, 127.9 (phenyl), 119.7 (CHS thiazole), 73.7 (C1), 71.7 (C2), 64.8 (C4), 62.9 (C3), 26.8 (Me TBDPS), 19.1 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z = 469 (MH⁺, 100%).

Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₈N₄O₃SSi: C, 58.95; H, 6.02; N, 11.95. Found: C, 59.01; H, 5.91; N, 11.66.

(1*S*,2*R*,3*S*)-2-Azido-4-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-3-hydroxy-1-(thiazol-2-yl)-butanol (7b)

IR (film): v = 3665, 3072, 2110 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.75–7.61 (m, 5H, phenyl and CHN), 7.46–7.31 (m, 7H, phenyl and CHS), 5.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.6 Hz, H1), 4.06 (m, 1H, H3), 3.96 (t, 1H, *J* = 3.6 Hz, H2), 3.82–3.77 (m, 2H, H4), 1.08 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 172.0 (Cq thiazole), 142.4 (CHN thiazole), 135.9, 132.9, 129.9, 127.9 (phenyl), 119.9 (CHS thiazole), 73.7 (C1), 72.9 (C2), 66.6 (C3), 64.8 (C4), 26.9 (Me TBDPS), 19.2 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z = 469 (MH⁺, 100%).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{23}H_{28}N_4O_3SSi: C, 58.95; H, 6.02; N, 11.95$. Found: C, 59.10; H, 6.05; N, 11.80.

(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*)-3-Azido-1,2-dioxyisopropylidene-4-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-(1-thiazol-2-yl)-butane (8)

To a solution of compound **7a** (936 mg, 2.0 mmol) in anhyd toluene (30 mL) were added dimethoxypropane (7.5 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (38 mg, 0.2 mmol), and the mixture was refluxed for 20 min. It was then diluted with toluene and hydrolysed with sat. NaHCO₃. The organic phase was washed with H₂O, dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 8:16:2 (R_f = 0.30) to afford 945 mg of compound **8** (93%).

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = -7.9^{\circ} (c \ 0.66, \text{CHCl}_{3}).$

IR (CHCl₃): $v = 3100, 2125, 1054 \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 3.2 Hz, CHN), 7.70–7.45 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.45–7.35 (m, 6H, phenyl), 5.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H1), 4.62 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.0, 7.2 Hz, H2), 3.88 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.6, 10.0 Hz, H4), 3.77 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.5, 10.0 Hz, H4), 3.46 (ddd; 1H, *J* = 4.0, 5.6, 6.5 Hz, H3), 1.70 and 1.44 (2s, 6H, acetonide), 1.05 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 170.1 (Cq thiazole), 143.0 (CHN thiazole), 135.7, 132.9, 129.9, 127.8 (phenyl), 119.8 (CHS thiazole), 110.4 (Cq acetonide), 77.1 (C1), 76.7 (C2), 64.3 (C4), 61.1 (C3), 26.7 (Me TBDPS), 26.6, 24.8 (Me acetonide), 19.0 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z = 509 (MH⁺, 100%).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{32}N_4O_3SSi: C, 61.39; H, 6.34; N, 11.01.$ Found: C, 61.28; H, 6.22; N, 10.80.

(2S,3S,4R)-4-Azido-2,3-dioxyisopropylidene-5-*tert*-butyldiphe-nylsilyloxy-pentanol (11)

A mixture of compound **8** (960 mg, 1.89 mmol) and activated molecular sieves 4 Å (4 g) in anhyd MeCN (20 mL) was stirred for 10 min. at r.t., and then methyltriflate (267 μ L, 2.27 mmol) was added. The suspension was stirred for 35 min. at r.t. and concentrated to dryness. The residue was diluted in MeOH (20 mL), cooled to 0 °C, treated with NaBH₄ (142 mg, 3.80 mmol), and stirred for 40 min. Acetone (2 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The suspension was filtered through Celite and concentrated. The crude product was then dissolved in MeCN/H₂O, 10:1 (20 mL) and the solution treated with HgCl₂ (500 mg) in 2 mL of the same solvent mixture. The mixture was stirred for 30 min., filtered through Celite and concentrated. The crude product was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with 10% aqueous KI. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in Et₂O and quickly filtered through a pad of Fluorisil. After concentration, aldehyde **9** (760 mg) was obtained as a clear yellow syrup (89%).

Compound 9

IR (\overline{CHCl}_3): v = 3074, 2959, 2111, 1729 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.80$ (d, 1H, J = 2.0 Hz, H1), 7.70–7.65 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.46–7.26 (m, 6H, phenyl), 4.52 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.3 Hz, H2), 4.35 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 8.3 Hz, H3), 3.95 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7, 10.4 Hz, H5), 3.87 (dd, 1H, J = 5.6, 10.4 Hz, H5), 3.46 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.0, 5.6, 7.7 Hz, H4), 1.70 and 1.44 (2s, 6H, acetonide), 1.05 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 202.4 (C1), 135.6, 132.8, 130.0, 129.7, 128.2, 127.9 (phenyl), 111.2 (Cq acetonide), 80.4, 78.4 (C2 and C3), 63.6 (C5), 59.9 (C4), 26.7 (Me TBDPS), 26.9, 24.5 (Me acetonide), 19.2 (Cq TBDPS).

A mixture of aldehyde **9** (760 mg, 1.68 mmol) and K_2CO_3 (232 mg, 1.68 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was stirred for 12 h at 0 °C. After dilution with H₂O, MeOH was evaporated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O and the combined organic layers were washed with sat. NaCl and dried (Na₂SO₄). Concentration afforded 760 mg of the epimer **10** (100%).

Compound 10

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3073, 2934, 2111, 1733 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 9.76$ (d, 1H, J = 1.6 Hz, H1), 7.70–7.65 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.46–7.26 (m, 6H, phenyl), 4.34 (dd, 1H, J = 1.6, 7.0 Hz, H2), 4.18 (dd, 1H, J = 3.4, 7.0 Hz, H3), 3.91–3.85 (m, 2H, H5), 3.47 (m, 1H, H4), 1.49 and 1.39 (2s, 6H, acetonide), 1.06 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 201.3 (C1), 135.6, 132.8, 130.0, 129.7, 127.9, 127.8 (phenyl), 111.9 (Cq acetonide), 81.5, 76.2 (C2 and C3), 63.8 (C5), 62.6 (C4), 26.7 (Me TBDPS), 26.4, 26.1 (Me acetonide), 19.1 (Cq TBDPS).

To a solution of aldehyde **10** (750 mg, 1.65 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL) was added NaBH₄ (63 mg, 1.65 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 min. at 0 °C, and 3 h at r.t. Acetone was then added (6 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. The solvents were evaporated and the residue was dissolved with CH₂Cl₂ and sat. NaCl. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The crude product was chromatographed on silica gel with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 70:24:6 (R_f = 0.17) to afford 310 mg of compound **11** (41%).

Compound 11

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3679 (OH), 3055 (CH arom.), 2112 (N₃), 1111 (C-O) cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.69–7.40 (m, 10H, phenyl), 4.09 (ddd, 1H, J = 3.6, 4.4, 8.3 Hz, H2), 3.98 (dd, 1H, J = 3.3, 8.3 Hz, H3), 3.90 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 10.0 Hz, H5), 3.82 (dd, 1H, J = 4.9, 10.0 Hz, H5), 3.76 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 12.1 Hz, H1), 3.59 (dd, 1H, J = 4.4, 12.1 Hz, H1), 3.37 (ddd, 1H, J = 3.3, 4.9, 7.5 Hz, H4), 1.85 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.42 and 1.38 (2s, 6H, acetonide), 1.07 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 135.7, 132.8, 130.0, 129.7, 127.9 (phenyl), 109.9 (Cq acetonide), 77.8, 76.2 (C2 and C3), 64.3 (C5), 62.6 (C4), 61.7 (C1), 27.2 (Me acetonide), 26.8 (Me TBDPS), 26.7 (Me acetonide), 19.2 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z = 473 (MNH₄⁺, 100%).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{26}H_{33}N_4O_3SSi: C, 63.27; H, 7.30; N, 9.22.$ Found: C, 63.30; H, 7.00; N, 9.10.

(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-4-(*tert*-Butyloxycarbonylamino)-2,3-dioxyisopropylidene-5-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-pentanol (13)

A suspension of alcohol **11** (300 mg, 0.66 mmol) and 10% Pd/C (74 mg) in EtOH/H₂O. 9:11 (8.3 mL) was degassed and then pressurised with H₂. After stirring for 4 h, the suspension was filtered on Celite and then concentrated in vacuo to give 256 mg of compound **12** (90%).

Compound 12

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.87-7.25$ (m, 10H, phenyl), 4.01 (dt, 1H, J = 4.6, 8.4 Hz, H2), 3.87 (dd, 1H, J = 3.7, 8.4 Hz, H3), 3.77 (dd, 1H, J = 4.9, 10.1 Hz, H5), 3.60 (dd, 1H, J = 7.5, 10.1 Hz, H5), 3.63 (d, 2H, J = 4.6 Hz, H1), 3.07 (ddd, 1H, J = 3.7, 4.9, 7.5 Hz, H4), 2.24 (m, 3H, OH and NH₂), 1.36 and 1.33 (2s, 6H, acetonide), 1.06 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 135.6, 133.3, 133.2, 129.9, 127.8 (phenyl), 108.7 (Cq acetonide), 79.0, 77.4 (C2 and C3), 65.8 (C5), 62.3 (C1), 53.1 (C4), 27.1, 26.9 (Me acetonide), 26.7 (Me TBDPS), 19.3 (Cq TBDPS).

A mixture of compound **12** (256 mg, 0.60 mmol) and Boc₂O (130 mg, 0.60 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (12 mL) was stirred for 12 h at r.t. After concentration, the residue was chromatographed on silica gel with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc (5:4:1) to afford 300 mg of compound **13** (95%).

Compound 13

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3607, 3445, 1708, 1109 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 7.69–7.63 (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.43–7.33 (m, 6H, phenyl), 4.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.5 Hz, NH), 4.18 (dd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 8.5 Hz, H3), 3.90 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.0, 10.0 Hz, H5), 3.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.5, 10.0 Hz, H5), 3.82 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 1.0, 5.0, 5.5, 9.5 Hz, H4), 3.71 (m, 3H, H1+H2), 2.14 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.53 (s, 9H, Boc), 1.45 and 1.42 (2s, 6H, acetonide), 1.04 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 156.0 (C=O Boc), 135.6, 133.3, 129.8, 127.8, 127.7 (phenyl), 109.0 (Cq acetonide), 79.7 (Cq Boc), 77.1, 76.2 (C2 and C3), 64.1 (C5), 61.6 (C1), 51.0 (C4), 28.4 (Me Boc), 27.4, 27.0 (Me acetonide), 26.8 (Me TBDPS), 19.2 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z (%) = 530 (MH⁺, 100), 547 (MNH₄⁺, 7).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{29}H_{43}NO_6Si:$ C, 65.75; H, 8.18; N, 2.64. Found: C, 65.70; H, 8.24; N, 2.60.

(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*)-4-(*tert*-Butyloxycarbonylamino)-1-*O*-carbamoyl-2,3-dioxyisopropylidene-5-*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-pentanol (14)

To compound **13** (60 mg, 0.113 mmol) in pyridine (500 μ L) was added *p*-nitrophenylchloroformate (34 mg, 0.169 mmol). After being stirred for 30 min., the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with sat. NaHCO₃ and then with sat. NaCl. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The carbonate intermediate was dissolved in MeOH (1.5 mL) and a 7 N solution of NH₃ in MeOH (600 μ L) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and MeOH was evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc, 3:56:14 (R_f = 0.19) to afford 45 mg of compound **14** (70%).

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3546, 3436, 3074, 2961, 1731, 1711, 1112 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.69-7.65$ (m, 4H, phenyl), 7.43-7.34 (m, 6H, phenyl), 4.87-4.76 (d and large s, 3H, J = 9.8 Hz, NHBoc and NH₂), 4.22 (d, 2H, J = 5.1 Hz, H1), 4.19 (dd, 1H, J = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, H3), 4.00 (td, 1H, J = 5.1, 8.0 Hz, H2), 3.98 (dddd, 1H, J = 1.5, 5.8, 8.3, 9.8 Hz, H4), 3.72 (dd, 1H, J = 5.8, 9.9 Hz, H5), 3.65 (dd, 1H, J = 8.3, 9.9 Hz, H5), 1.42 (s, 9H, Boc), 1.41 and 1.39 (2s, 6H, acetonide), 1.05 (s, 9H, TBDPS).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 156.3, 155.7 (C=O), 135.6, 133.2, 129.7, 127.7, 127.6 (phenyl), 109.4 (Cq acetonide), 79.7 (Cq acetonide), 76.6, 75.0 (C2 and C3), 64.5, 63.8 (C1 and C5), 50.8 (C4), 28.3 (Me Boc), 26.9, 26.8 (Me acetonide), 19.2 (Cq TBDPS).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z (%) = 573 (MH⁺, 100), 590 (MNH₄⁺, 26.5).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{44}O_7N_2Si$: C, 62.91; H, 7.74; N, 4.89. Found: C, 62.83; H, 7.68; N, 4.89.

(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-2-(*tert*-Butyloxycarbonylamino)-5-O-carbamoyle-3,4-dioxyisopropylidene-pentanol (15)

To a solution of **14** (34 mg, 0.059 mmol) in a mixture of THF/pyridine ($300 \ \mu L/150 \ \mu L$) was added HF/pyridine ($120 \ \mu L$), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at r.t. It was then diluted with EtOAc and hydrolysed with sat. NaHCO₃. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel with CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc (8:2) to give 20 mg of alcohol **15** (100%).

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3621, 3507, 3438, 3054, 2978, 1729, 1708 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.12$ (d and large s, 3H, J = 10 Hz, NHBoc and NH₂), 4.25 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 11.5 Hz, H1), 4.20 (dd, 1H, J = 4.5, 11.5 Hz, H1), 4.06 (dd, 1H, J = 1.0, 8.5 Hz, H3), 3.98 (td, 1H, J = 5.0, 8.5 Hz, H2), 3.84 (dddd, 1H, J = 1.0, 4.7, 6.3, 10.0 Hz, H4), 3.74 (dd, 1H, J = 4.7, 11.0 Hz, H5), 3.64 (dd, 1H, J = 6.3, 11.0 Hz, H5), 3.30 (large s, 1H, OH), 1.43 (s, 9H, Boc), 1.42 and 1.38 (2s, 6H, acetonide).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 156.6, 156.3 (C=O), 109.8 (Cq acetonide), 80.1 (Cq Boc), 78.3, 75.5 (C2 and C3), 68.0 (C5), 64.3 (C1), 50.7 (C4), 28.3 (Me Boc), 26.9 (Me acetonide).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z (%) = 335 (MH⁺, 100), 352 (MNH₄⁺, 54.8).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_{26}N_2O_7{:}$ C, 50.29; H, 7.84; N, 8.38; Found C, 50.30; H, 7.78; N, 8.30.

(2*S*,3*S*,4*S*) 2-(*tert*-Butyloxycarbonylamino)-5-*O*-carbamoyle-3,4-dioxyisopropylidene pentanoic Acid (16)

To a solution of compound **15** (32 mg, 0.096 mmol) in CH₃CN/H₂O (300 μ L/300 μ L) were added TEMPO (3 mg, 0.019 mmol) and BAIB (67 mg, 0.21 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 5 h at r.t. and then concentrated. The residue was chromatographed with a gradient from CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc (7:3) to EtOAc to give 16 mg of compound **16** (48%); mp: 60 °C.

IR (CHCl₃): v = 3674 - 3000, 3510, 3436, 3054, 2978, 1729, 1708 cm⁻¹.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 9.64 (s, 1H, COOH), 5.37–5.30 (d and large s, 3H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, NHBoc and NH₂), 4.52 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, H2), 4.38 (m, 1H, H3), 4.30 (m, 2H, H5), 4.00 (m, 1H, H4), 1.46 (s, 9H, Boc), 1.43 and 1.40 (2s, 6H, acetonide).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 173.1, 157.1, 156.2 (C=O), 110.2 (Cq acetonide), 80.7 (Cq Boc), 78.5, 75.0 (C2 and C3), 64.0 (C5), 52.9 (C2), 28.3 (Me Boc), 26.9 (Me acetonide).

MS (DCI, NH₃): m/z (%) = 158 (100), 349 (MH⁺, 12.5), 366 (MNH₄⁺, 13.9).

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