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An improved synthesis of chiral 1-[α-(1-azacycloalkyl)benzyl]-2-naphthols

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Abstract—An improved synthesis of homochiral $1-[\alpha-(1-azacycloalkyl)benzyl]-2-naphthols and <math>1-[\alpha-(2-arylpiperidyl)benzyl]-2-naphthols has been achieved by employing diastereomerically pure <math>\alpha$ -benzotriazolyl 1-azacycloalka[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazines as homochiral precursors, which were obtained by condensation between nonracemic Betti base and dialdehydes in the presence of benzotriazole.

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1. Introduction

Metal ion catalyzed asymmetric reactions are amongst the more recognized methods in current asymmetric chemistry, where homochiral ligands play an important role in the reactivity and stereoselectivity. Recently, many unnatural homochiral amino-phenol compounds have been reported as excellent ligands for this purpose.^{1,2} Among them, the derivatives of chiral N,Ndialkylated Betti base **1** (Chart 1) are gaining increasing importance.²

Previously,² homochiral N,N-dialkylated Betti base 1 was prepared either by the resolution of the corresponding racemic isomers or by the Mannich reaction of chiral amines rather than by the alkylation of nonracemic Betti base (S)-2 or (R)-2. However, we have recently achieved the synthesis of enantiopure $1-[\alpha-(1-aza$ cycloalkyl)benzyl]-2-naphthols **3a–c** from (S)-Betti bases (S)-2.³ Compounds 3a-c showed excellent chiral inductions in the asymmetric addition of Et₂Zn to arylaldehydes. However, their preparation suffered from using large amounts of solvent and as a result, application to bulk synthesis was limited. Herein, we report an improved procedure, in which 3a-c and 4a-e, a group of analogues of 3b with increased steric hindrance, were prepared conveniently without the drawbacks that occurred in the previous procedures.





(S)-N,N-Dialkylated Betti Base 1

(S)-Betti Base (S)-2



Chart 1.

2. Results and discussions

Recently, Katritzky has reported an elegant method to construct the α -benzotriazolyl 1-azacycloalka[2,1-*b*]-[1,3]oxazoles **5a**-**b** by the condensation between (*R*)-(+)-2-phenylglycinol and dialdehydes in the presence of BtH (benzotriazole) (Scheme 1).⁴ The flexible behavior of Bt-as a leaving group in **5a** and **b**, allowing reduction and substitution under very convenient conditions, attracted our interest for the synthesis of **3a**-**c** and **4a**-**e**.

Following the Katritzky's procedure,^{4b} a mixture of (S)-**2**, pentane-1,5-dialdehyde and BtH in CH₂Cl₂ was stirred at room temperature for 2 h, with the desired product pyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine **6b** being separated

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Scheme 1.

tediously from the mixture with 32% yield. However, when the reaction was performed at 0 °C for 5 h, **6b** was obtained as the unique product in 91% yield (Scheme 2). The diastereopurity of **6b** was proven by its benzyl proton appearing as a singlet peak at $\delta = 5.28$ ppm in the ¹H NMR. (*R*)-Configurations for both newly formed stereogenic carbons were deduced from single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis (Fig. 1).⁵ Similarly, replacement of pentane-1,5-dialdehyde by butane-1,4-dialdehyde and hexane-1,6-dialdehyde, the five- and sevenmembered azacyclic analogues **6a** and **6c**, were obtained, respectively, in high yields (93% and 91%) and diastereopurity.

Although NaBH₄ is frequently used to cleave C–Bt or C–O bonds in oxazoles at room temperature, it failed with our oxazines. For example, oxazine **6b** was treated with NaBH₄ at room temperature for 2h to give a mixture, containing the partially reduced product. When





Figure 1. The structure of compound 6b.

the reaction time was prolonged (5 h), the enantiomeric excess of **3b** decreased. However, we found that both C–Bt and C–O bonds in **6a–c** can be cut clearly by LiAlH₄ at -5 °C within 1 h to afford chiral ligands **3a–c** in high yields (89–94%) without any loss of enantiomeric excess (Scheme 2).

As **3b** showed the best chiral induction among **3a–c** and the Bt- group was readily substituted by Grignard reagents, a group of novel chiral ligands with high steric hindrance 4a-e were designed and synthesized. As shown in Scheme 3, the intermediate 6b was treated with PhMgBr 7a at -5 °C for 2.5 h to yield 8a as a single diastereoisomer in 91% yield. When compared with the arylation of 5b, the current procedure can be performed under very mild conditions rather than at -78 °C for 12 h.^{4b} Under similar conditions, the arylations of **6b** with other ArMgBr 7b-e gave the corresponding 8b-e in high yields and diastereoselectivity. The arylated carbons in 8a-e were assigned (R)-configurations, deduced from the single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of 8e (Fig. 2).⁶ Finally, the reduction of 8a-e with LiAlH₄ yielded the target products 4a-e in 84-92% yields. It is interesting to note that the most hindered compounds, 8e and 4e, gave the best yields.

3. Conclusion

Nonracemic Betti base when condensed with dialdehydes in the presence of BtH (benzotriazole) produced a



а	C_6H_5	91	86
b	4-MeC ₆ H ₄	84	87
с	$4-ClC_6H_4$	85	85
d	$4-PhC_6H_4$	82	84
е	1-Naphthyl	93	92

Scheme 3.



Figure 2. The structure of compound 8e.

group of diastereopure chiral precursors α -benzotriazolyl 1-azacycloalka[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazines **6a–c** in high yields. Reduction of **6a–c** with LiAlH₄ yielded chiral ligands 1-[α -(1-azacycloalkyl)benzyl]-2-naphthols **3a–c** conveniently. Moreover, **6b** can be arylated with ArMgBr, followed by reduction with LiAlH₄ to give a group of chiral potential ligands 1-[α -(2-arylpiperidyl)benzyl]-2-naphthols **4a–e**.

4. Experimental

4.1. General considerations

All melting points were determined on a Yanaco melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet FT-IR 5DX spectrometer as KBr pellets. The ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF-300 spectrometer in CDCl₃ with TMS as the internal reference. The *J* values are given in hertz. MS spectra were obtained on a VG-ZAB-HS mass spectrometer with 70 eV. The elemental analyses were performed on a Perkin–Elmer 240C instrument. Optical rotations were determined on a Perkin–Elmer 241 polarimeter. PE is petroleum ether (60–90 °C).

4.2. General procedure for the preparation of compounds 6a-c

A mixture of (S)-2 [as salt of L-(+)-tartaric acid, 3.99 g, 10 mmol], dialdehyde (aqueous solution, 12 mmol), and benzotriazole (1.43 g, 12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) was stirred at 0 °C under nitrogen for 4 h. The resulting mixture was then washed with an aqueous solution of NaOH (1.0 M) to remove any excess benzotriazole. The organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After the removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by recrystallization to give the desired product **6**.

4.2.1. (7a*R*,10*R*,12*S*)-10-(1-Benzotriazolyl)-12-phenyl-7a, **8,9,10-tetrahydro-12***H***-naphtho[1,2-***e***]pyrrolo[2,1-***b***][1,3]oxazine 6a. Using butane-1,4-dialdehyde, 6a was obtained as white crystals in 93% yield; mp 138–139 °C (EtOAc), [\alpha]_D^{25} = +101.6 (***c* **1.25, CHCl₃); Found: C, 77.21; H, 5.46; N, 13.46. C₂₇H₂₂N₄O: C, 77.49; H, 5.30; N, 13.39; v_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3057, 2930, 1622, 1466; \delta_H 7.10– 8.21 (m, 13H), 6.68–6.70 (m, 2H), 6.21–6.25 (m, 1H), 5.40–5.42 (m, 1H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 2.35–2.92 (m, 4H); \delta_C 152.3, 147.7, 142.1, 132.6, 131.7, 130.1, 129.6 (2C), 129.0, 128.9, 128.7 (2C), 127.8, 127.7, 127.2, 127.0, 124.7, 123.9, 123.2, 120.2, 119.0, 111.9, 110.0, 85.9, 54.8, 30.3, 28.9;** *m/z***: 418 (M⁺, 0.27%), 300 (36), 231 (100), 202 (61).**

4.2.2. (7a*R*,11*R*,13*S*)-11-(1-Benzotriazolyl)-13-phenyl-8, 9,10,11-tetrahydro-7a*H*,13*H*-naphtho[1,2-*e*]pyrido[2,1-*b*]-[1,3]oxazine 6b. Using pentane-1,5-dialdehyde (25%)

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aqueous solution), **6b** was obtained as white crystals in 91% yield; mp 196–197 °C (EtOH), $[\alpha]_{25}^{25} = +152.6$ (*c* 1.6, CHCl₃); Found: C, 77.77; H, 5.71; N, 12.91. C₂₈H₂₄N₄O: C, 77.75; H, 5.59; N, 12.95; v_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2900, 1620, 1440; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 6.78–8.18 (m, 15H), 5.89 (m, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 4.72–4.75 (m, 1H), 2.32–2.68 (m, 2H), 2.16–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.87–1.95 (m, 2H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 152.3, 147.2, 141.8, 132.7, 132.4, 130.1, 129.9 (2C), 129.6, 128.9, 128.5 (2C), 127.8, 127.6, 127.2, 124.7, 123.8, 122.8, 120.8, 119.0, 118.5, 112.1, 110.1, 81.8, 56.5, 31.2, 29.7, 18.2; m/z: 432 (M⁺, 0.01%), 313 (26), 231 (100), 202 (20).

4.2.3. (7a*R*,12*R*,14*S*)-12-(1-Benzotriazolyl)-14-phenyl-7a,8,9,10,11,12-hexahydro-14*H*-naphtho[1',2':5,6][1,3]oxazino[2,1-*b*]azepine 6c. Using hexane-1,6-dialdehyde, 6c was obtained as white crystals in 91% yield; mp 205– 206 °C (EtOAc), $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +146.2$ (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); Found: C, 77.87; H, 5.81; N, 12.71. C₂₉H₂₆N₄O: C, 78.00; H, 5.87; N, 12.55; v_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3057, 2916, 1622, 1468; δ_H 7.73–7.79 (m, 3H), 7.09–7.36 (m, 12H), 5.52 (s, 1H), 4.62–4.66 (m, 1H), 2.44 (s, 1H), 1.47–1.77 (m, 8H); δ_C 152.6, 143.6, 143.0, 131.7, 129.2, 129.1, 128.6 (2C), 128.4, 128.2, 127.9 (2C), 127.7, 127.1, 126.5, 125.9, 123.9, 123.1, 122.8, 119.6, 119.4, 119.2, 114.3, 86.7, 82.4, 54.7, 54.1, 35.5, 24.6; *m/z*: 327 (M⁺–BtH, 2.74%), 232 (45), 231 (100), 202 (19).

4.3. General procedure for the preparation of compounds 3a-c

To a suspension of LiAlH₄ (1.4 g, 30 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) was added a solution of **6** (10 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) at -5 °C under nitrogen. One hour later (monitored by TLC), a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction and the resulting mixture stirred for another 0.5 h at the same temperature. After removal of most of the THF in vacuum, the residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×20 mL). The organic layers were washed with H₂O and brine, and dried over MgSO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, 5% EtOAc in PE) to give the desired products **3a–c**.

4.3.1. (*S*)-1-(α -Pyrrolidinylbenzyl)-2-naphthol 3a. By reduction of 6a, 3a was obtained as white crystals in 89% yield; mp 159–160 °C (EtOAc–PE); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +179.8$ (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃) {lit.^{3b} mp 159–161 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +179.1$ (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃)}.

4.3.2. (*S*)-1-(α -Piperidylbenzyl)-2-naphthol 3b. By reduction of 6b, 3b was obtained as white crystals in 94% yield; mp 194–195 °C (EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +194.3$ (*c* 2.0, CHCl₃) {lit.^{3b} mp 194–195 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +193.8$ (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃)}.

4.3.3. (*S*)-1-(α -Azepanylbenzyl)-2-naphthol 3c. By reduction of 6c, 3c was obtained as white crystals in 93% yield;

mp 118–119 °C (EtOAc–PE); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +183.2$ (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃) {lit.^{3b} mp 117–117.5 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +184.4$ (*c* 0.34, CHCl₃)}.

4.4. General procedure for the preparation of compounds 8a-e

To a cold solution (ice-water bath) of **6b** (0.86 g, 2 mmol) in dry Et₂O (80 mL) was added ArMgBr **7** (4 mmol) dropwise under nitrogen. The resultant mixture was stirred for 2–3 h (monitored by TLC), after which a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (10 mL) was added to quench the reaction at 0 °C. The separated organic layer was washed with an aqueous solution of NaOH (1.0 M, 30 mL), water (30 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After removal of the solvent, the residue was purified by chromatography (silica gel, PE) to give the pure product **8**.

4.4.1. (7a*R*,11*R*,13*S*)-11,13-Diphenyl-8,9,10,11-tetrahydro-7a*H*,13*H*-naphtho[1,2-*e*]pyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine 8a. Using PhMgBr 7a, compound 8a was obtained as white crystals in 91% yield; mp 158–159 °C (PE); $[\alpha]_{2}^{25} = +110.1$ (*c* 0.21, CHCl₃); Found: C, 85.97; H, 6.34; N, 3.63. C₂₈H₂₅NO requires: C, 85.90; H, 6.44; N, 3.58; ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2943, 2860, 1601, 1452, 1237; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 7.06–7.67 (m, 16H), 5.47 (s, 1H), 5.14–5.18 (t, 1H), 3.44–3.48 (t, 1H), 2.04–2.30 (m, 2H), 1.70–1.76 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.57 (m, 2H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ 150.7, 144.3, 138.3, 131.0, 130.6 (2C), 129.3 (2C), 129.2, 128.8, 128.2, 128.0, 127.9 (2C), 127.5 (2C), 127.0, 126.6, 123.2, 122.5, 118.5, 115.3, 82.7, 62.0, 57.3, 38.0, 32.6, 21.5; *m/z*: 391 (M⁺, 0.14%), 231 (100), 202 (32), 77 (12).

4.4.2. (7a*R*,11*R*,13*S*)-11-(4-Methylphenyl)-13-phenyl-8, 9,10,11-tetrahydro-7a*H*,13*H*-naphtho[1,2-*e*]pyrido[2,1-*b*]-[1,3]oxazine 8b. Using 4-MePhMgBr 7b, 8b was obtained as white crystals in 84% yield; mp 122–123 °C (PE); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +97.1$ (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃); Found: C, 85.72; H, 6.55; N, 3.26. C₂₉H₂₇NO requires: C, 85.89; H, 6.71; N, 3.49; v_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2925, 1622, 1599, 1232; δ_H 6.94–7.74 (m, 15H), 5.12–5.18 (m, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.44–3.50 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.59–2.03 (m, 5H), 1.18–1.22 (m, 1H); *m/z*: 405 (M⁺, 0.14%), 231 (100), 202 (32), 91 (19).

4.4.3. (7a*R*,11*R*,13*S*)-11-(4-Chlorophenyl)-13-phenyl-8, 9,10,11-tetrahydro-7a*H*,13*H*-naphtho[1,2-*e*]pyrido[2,1-*b*]-[1,3]oxazine 8c. Using 4-ClPhMgBr 7c, 8c was obtained as white crystals in 85% yield; mp 138–140 °C (PE); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +124 (c \ 0.1, CHCl_3)$; Found: C, 78.73; H, 5.51; N, 3.34. C₂₈H₂₄ClNO requires: C, 78.95; H, 5.68; N, 3.29; ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2950, 1623, 1598, 1234; δ_H 7.06–7.77 (m, 15H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.15–5.18 (m, 1H), 3.69–3.74 (m, 1H), 1.78–2.19 (m, 2H), 1.59–2.03 (m, 4H); *m/z*: 425 (M⁺, 0.54%), 231 (100), 202 (32).

4.4.4. (7a*R*,11*R*,13*S*)-11-(4-Phenylphenyl)-13-phenyl-8, 9,10,11-tetrahydro-7a*H*,13*H*-naphtho[1,2-*e*]pyrido[2,1-*b*]-

[1,3]oxazine 8d. Using 4-PhPhMgBr **7d, 8d** was obtained as white crystals in 82% yield; mp 151–152 °C (PE); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +95.4$ (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃); Found: C, 87.12; H, 6.05; N, 3.15. C₃₄H₂₉NO requires: C, 87.33; H, 6.25; N, 3.00; v_{max} (cm⁻¹) 2926, 1622, 1600, 1231; δ_{H} 6.72–7.70 (m, 20H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 4.04–4.10 (t, 1H), 3.44–3.48 (t, 1H), 2.34–2.38 (m, 2H), 1.57–1.70 (m, 4H); *m/z*: 467 (M⁺, 0.09%), 231 (100), 202 (37).

4.4.5. (7a*R*,11*R*,13*S*)-11-(1-Naphthyl)-13-phenyl-8,9,10, 11-tetrahydro-7a*H*,13*H*-naphtho[1,2-*e*]pyrido[2,1-*b*][1,3]oxazine 8e. Using 1-naphthylMgBr 7e, 8e was obtained as white crystals in 93% yield; mp 190–190.5 °C (PE); $[\alpha]_{2}^{25} = +290.5$ (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃); Found: C, 87.22; H, 6.35; N, 3.26. C₃₂H₂₇NO requires: C, 87.04; H, 6.16; N, 3.17; v_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3060, 2941, 2863, 1625, 1241; δ_{H} 7.62–7.91 (m, 6H), 7.41–7.49 (m, 3H), 6.98–7.19 (m, 7H), 6.78– 6.80 (m, 2H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 5.20–5.25 (m, 1H), 4.20–4.24 (m, 1H), 2.29–2.33 (m, 1H), 1.23–1.98 (m, 5H); δ_{C} 150.8, 139.3, 138.3, 134.7, 131.4, 131.3 (3C), 129.6, 129.4 (2C), 128.8, 128.3 (3C), 128.0, 127.9, 126.7 (2C), 126.2, 125.8, 123.2, 122.6, 111.5, 115.2, 83.1, 57.3, 36.2, 32.6, 32.0, 21.8; *m/z*: 441 (M⁺, 0.36%), 231 (100), 202 (29), 180 (29), 128 (15).

4.5. General procedure for the preparation of compounds 4a–e

To a stirred suspension of LiAlH₄ (0.14 g, 3 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) was added a solution of **8** (10 mmol) in THF (30 mL) dropwise at -5 °C under nitrogen. After stirring at this temperature for 2 h (monitored by TLC), the mixture was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (20 mL) with the resulting mixture stirred for another 30 min. The mixture was then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×30 mL) and the combined organic layers washed with H₂O, brine and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed to yield a crude product, which was purified by chromatography (silica gel, 2% EtOAc in PE) to give **4**.

4.5.1. (*S*)-1-[α -[(*R*)-2-Phenylpiperidyl]benzyl]-2-naphthol **4a.** By reduction of **8a**, **4a** was obtained as white crystals in 86% yield; mp 154–155 °C (EtOAc), [α]_D²⁵ = +46.8 (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃); Found: C, 85.31; H, 7.06; N, 3.48. C₂₈H₂₇NO requires: C, 85.46; H, 6.92; N, 3.56; ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3120, 2960, 2805, 2505, 1620, 1238; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 15.61 (s, 1H), 6.92–8.14 (m, 16H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 2.90–3.69 (d, J = 8.9, 1H), 1.20–2.01 (m, 8H); m/z: 393 (M⁺, 0.14%), 231 (100), 202 (32).

4.5.2. (*S*)-1-[α -[(*R*)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)piperidyl]benzyl]-2-naphthol 4b. By reduction of 8b, 4b was obtained as white crystals in 87% yield; mp 134–135 °C (EtOAc), [α]_D²⁵ = +28.9 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃); Found: C, 85.26; H, 7.21; N, 3.35. C₂₉H₂₉NO requires: C, 85.47; H, 7.17; N, 3.44; ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3059, 2936, 1623, 1599; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 12.49 (s, 1H), 6.91–8.02 (m, 15H), 5.06 (s, 1H), 2.77–2.82 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 3H), 1.10–2.34 (m, 8H); *m/z*: 407 (M⁺, 0.14%), 231 (100), 202 (32), 91 (19).

4.5.3. (*S*)-1-[α -[(*R*)-2-(4-Chlorophenyl)piperidyl]benzyl]-2-naphthol 4c. By reduction of 8c, 4c was obtained as white crystals in 85% yield; mp 109–110 °C (EtOAc), [α]_D²⁵ = +54.6 (*c* 0.2, CHCl₃); Found: C, 75.42; H, 6.17; N, 3.31. C₂₈H₂₆CINO requires: C, 75.58; H, 6.12; N, 3.27; ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3056, 2960, 1623, 1599, 1238; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 14.90 (s, 1H), 6.97–8.30 (m, 16H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 2.88–3.65 (m, 1H), 1.20–2.01 (m, 8H); *m/z*: 427 (M⁺, 0.03%), 313 (18), 231 (100), 202 (18).

4.5.4. (*S*)-1-[α -[(*R*)-2-(4-Phenylphenyl)piperidinyl]benzyl]-2-naphthol 4d. By reduction of 8d, 4d was obtained as white crystals in 84% yield; mp 159–160 °C (EtOAc), $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +64.6 \ (c \ 0.1, CHCl_3)$; Found: C, 86.89; H, 6.71; N, 2.95. C₃₄H₃₁NO requires: C, 86.96; H, 6.65; N, 2.98; $\nu_{\text{max}} \ (\text{cm}^{-1}) \ 3058, 2964, 1620, 1597, 1235; \delta_{\text{H}} 14.64 \ (\text{s}, 1\text{H}), 6.97-8.30 \ (\text{m}, 20\text{H}), 5.57 \ (\text{s}, 1\text{H}), 2.79-3.04 \ (\text{m}, 1\text{H}), 1.20-2.01 \ (\text{m}, 8\text{H}); m/z: 469 \ (\text{M}^+, 0.05\%), 231 \ (100), 202 \ (18).$

4.5.5. (*S*)-1-[α -[(*R*)-2-(1-Naphthyl)piperidyl]benzyl]-2naphthol 4e. By reduction of 8e, 4e was obtained as white crystals in 92% yield; mp 176–177 °C (EtOAc), [α]_D²⁵ = +194.5 (*c* 0.3, CHCl₃); Found: C, 86.89; H, 6.71; N, 2.90. C₃₂H₂₉NO requires: C, 86.65; H, 6.59; N, 3.16; ν_{max} (cm⁻¹) 3060, 2940, 1623, 1599, 1238; $\delta_{\rm H}$ 14.52 (s, 1H), 6.97–8.30 (m, 18H), 5.48 (s, 1H), 2.78–3.61 (m, 1H), 1.20–2.01 (m, 8H); *m/z*: 443 (M⁺, 0.03%), 313 (18), 231 (100), 202 (18).

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