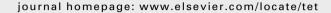
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Alkylation and aldol reactions of acyl derivatives of N-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-O-tert-butylhydroxylamine: asymmetric synthesis of α -alkoxy-, α -substituted- β -alkoxy- and α , β -dialkoxyaldehydes

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ABSTRACT

Treatment of a range of O-protected glycolate derivatives of the chiral auxiliary N-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-O-tert-butylhydroxylamine with KHMDS in the presence of 18-crown-6 followed by addition of an alkyl halide generates α -substituted derivatives with very high levels of diastereoselectivity. Alternatively, reaction of the potassium enolate of a propanoate or O-protected glycolate derivative of N-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-O-tert-butylhydroxylamine with a range of aldehydes gives syn-aldol products with high levels of diastereoselectivity. These adducts may be reductively cleaved with LiAlH₄ to give enantiopure α -alkoxy-, α -substituted- β -alkoxy- and α , β -dialkoxy-ldehydes in good yield.

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1. Introduction

Chiral glycolate enolates are useful synthetic intermediates for the preparation of α-hydroxy carbonyl compounds through stereoselective alkylation reactions, and α,β-dihydroxy carbonyl compounds through stereoselective aldol reactions, as demonstrated by the application of both these approaches to the synthesis of complex natural product targets. We have recently reported that N-acyl derivatives of N-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-O-tert-butylhydroxylamine 1 are able to act as chiral Weinreb amide equivalents.^{2,3} Treatment of N-acyl derivatives 2 with KHMDS followed by an alkyl halide proceeds with high levels of diastereoselectivity (>95:5 dr) to give the corresponding α -substituted derivatives 3 in good yield and as single diastereoisomers (>99:1 dr) after purification. We have rationalized the stereochemical outcome of these alkylation reactions by invoking a chiral relay mechanism. 4 Treatment of 3 with LiAlH₄ or MeLi gives direct access to the corresponding α -stereogenic aldehyde or ketone **4** (Fig. 1).

As part of our ongoing exploitation of this auxiliary for the synthesis of enantiopure building blocks, we examined the preparation of glycolate derivatives of 1 and their subsequent stereoselective alkylation and aldol reactions, followed by reductive cleavage to facilitate the preparation of α -hydroxy- and α , β -dihydroxyaldehydes. The results of these investigations are delineated herein.

Figure 1. Alkylation of chiral Weinreb amide equivalents **2**, derived from *N*-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-*O-tert*-butylhydroxylamine **1**, and cleavage to give homochiral carbonyl compounds **4**. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl.].

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2. Results and discussion

2.1. Synthesis of α -alkoxyacetyl derivatives of N-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-0-tert-butylhydroxylamine

 α -Alkoxy hydroxamates **5–7** were prepared upon treatment of the diastereoisomerically pure camphorsulfonic acid (CSA) salt (R)- $1\cdot(-)$ -CSA [or (S)- $1\cdot(+)$ -CSA]² with the requisite O-protected glycolic acid chloride under Schotten–Baumann⁶ conditions (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1. Reagents and conditions: (i) ROCH $_2$ COCl, NaOH (2 M aq), CH $_2$ Cl $_2$, 0 °C to rt. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl. PMB=4-methoxybenzyl. † Reaction performed in both enantiomeric series].

Although this method was generally high yielding, preparation of some of the *O*-protected glycolic acid chlorides required multistep syntheses. We have previously shown that acylation of 4-al-kyl-5,5-dimethyloxazolidin-2-one (SuperQuat) chiral auxiliaries with bromoacetyl bromide can be followed by displacement of bromide ion with a secondary amine to give α -aminoacetyl SuperQuat derivatives for use in aldol reactions, and it was anticipated that a similar approach could be employed for the preparation of the desired glycolate derivatives of **1**. Acylation of (R)-**1**·(-)-CSA with bromoacetyl bromide and K₂CO₃ in CH₂Cl₂ gave N-bromoacetyl hydroxamate **8** in quantitative yield after chromatography (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2. Reagents and conditions: (i) BrCH $_2$ COBr, K $_2$ CO $_3$, CH $_2$ Cl $_2$, 0 °C. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl.].

Attempted preparation of 4-methoxybenzyloxyacetyl adduct 7 from bromide 8 by displacement with sodium 4-methoxybenzyloxide (prepared by treatment of 4-methoxybenzylalcohol with NaH) gave 50% conversion to 7. An attempt to drive the reaction to completion by increasing the number of equivalents of alkoxide resulted in >90% consumption of starting material to give a mixture of the required product and the diastereoisomeric acetals 10 and 11 [whose absolute C(2)-configurations were not assigned]. Chromatography allowed isolation of the desired product 7 and the less polar acetal 10 in 24 and 32% yield, respectively. Repeated column chromatography failed to afford a pure sample of the more polar acetal diastereoisomer 11. Optimisation of this reaction to favour the production of 7 revealed that long reaction times and the use of excess alkoxide were deleterious, and resulted in decomposition of required product 7 to acetals 10 and 11. However, when the displacement reaction was conducted with 1.05 equiv of sodium 4-methoxybenzyloxide in the presence of 15-crown-5 and catalytic tetrabutylammonium iodide in THF, a 90:5:5 mixture of 7:10:11 (along with trace amounts of other unknown impurities) was produced, from which **7** was isolated in 61% yield after chromatography. This procedure is readily applicable to gram-scale synthesis, and enabled the synthesis of glycolate derivatives 6 and 9 in good yield by use of allyl alcohol and 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl alcohol in an analogous reaction protocol, respectively (Scheme 3).

Scheme 3. Reagents and conditions: (i) NaH (1.5 equiv), PMBOH (2.0 equiv), THF, 0 °C to rt, 6 h; (ii) NaOR (1.05 equiv), 15-crown-5, Bu₄N⁺I⁻ (cat), THF, 0 °C to rt, 2 h. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl. PMB=4-methoxybenzyl. DMB=3,4-dimethoxybenzyl. † Reaction performed in the opposite enantiomeric series].

The production of the diastereoisomeric acetals 10 and 11 in these reactions was unexpected. The corresponding O-benzyl and O-allyl compounds 13-16 were also produced as the major products when (R)-8 was treated with an excess of the corresponding alkoxide ion in the absence of tetrabutylammonium iodide. There appear to be two plausible mechanisms for this interesting rearrangement. Displacement of bromide by alkoxide gives the corresponding alkoxyacetyl adduct; in the presence of excess alkoxide, this species may be deprotonated to give an enolate 12, which may rearrange by two possible pathways. Homolytic fission of the weak N-O bond leads to a radical pair 19, contained in a solvent cage.⁹ The electrophilic tert-butoxy radical attacks the enolate radical anion to give 21, which gives the diastereoisomeric acetal products upon work-up. This mechanism is analogous to that of the well-known [1,2]-Wittig rearrangement of ethers¹⁰ and the Stevens rearrangement of quaternary ammonium salts.¹¹ Alternatively, heterolytic fission of the N-O bond, assisted by the oxygen lone pair, results in an ion pair 20 confined within a solvent cage. The tert-butoxide anion attacks the oxonium moiety to form 21, leading to the acetals upon work-up. This mechanism also has a close relative in β -lactam chemistry ¹² where it is possible to add nucleophiles to the α -carbon of the enolate of a β -lactam derivative bearing a good leaving group on the nitrogen atom. In order to probe these mechanistic hypotheses (i.e., that the diastereoisomeric acetals result from an enolate decomposition pathway), hydroxamate (S)-9 was treated with KHMDS; the solution turned pale vellow, consistent with the presence of the enolate, and was held at -78 °C for 1 h. After aqueous work-up 1 H NMR spectroscopic analysis revealed only the presence of starting material (quantitative mass return), indicating that the potassium enolate of (S)-9 is stable at -78 °C. However, when the experiment was repeated and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C over 30 min, an 80:20 mixture of the diastereoisomeric acetals 17 and **18** was produced. Chromatography allowed partial separation, giving a sample enriched in the major diastereoisomer in 86:14 dr and 73% yield, and a sample enriched in the minor diastereoisomer in 58:42 dr and 17% yield. An analogous procedure applied to (S)-5 gave an 80:20 mixture of acetals 13 and 14. Chromatography allowed the isolation of the major diastereoisomer in 53% yield and >95:5 dr, and the minor diastereoisomer in 10% yield and 93:7 dr, after further purification by crystallisation. Similar treatment of (R)-**6** resulted in the formation of 15 and 16 (80:20 dr) as the only products; no trace of any products resulting from a [2,3]-Wittig rearrangement were

Scheme 4. Reagents and conditions: (i) NaH, ROH, THF, 0 °C to rt, 2 h; (ii) KHMDS, THF, -78 °C to 0 °C, 1 h. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl. PMB=4-methoxybenzyl. DMB=3,4-dimethoxybenzyl. *Combined yield for both diastereoisomers].

noted. In contrast to these observations, we have previously reported that the potassium enolate of (*RS*)-**22** does not fragment or rearrange upon warming,² which suggests that the presence of the oxygen atom within **5–7** and **9** is important in promoting this enolate fragmentation reaction (Scheme 4).

2.2. Alkylation reactions of α -alkoxyacetyl hydroxamates

With an efficient route to a range of α -alkoxyacetate derivatives 5-7 and 9 in hand, attention focused on their diastereoselective elaboration by enolate alkylation. Having established that the potassium enolate derived from the O-DMB glyoxalate derivative 9 was stable at -78 °C but rearranged upon warming to rt, it was hoped that enolate alkylation reactions of 5-7 and 9 could be carried out at -78 °C as our previous studies in this area have revealed enolates derived from hydroxamates such as 22 are highly reactive, even at -78 °C, and undergo efficient alkylation reactions with less reactive alkyl halides such as ethyl iodide.² Under our previously reported conditions, ^{2,4} treatment of **5** with KHMDS in THF at -78 °C followed by addition of MeI gave 23 in 98:2 dr. Chromatographic purification gave (2R,1'S)-23 in 74% yield and >99:1 dr. The relative configuration within 23 was assigned by analogy to the alkylation reactions of the simple acyl derivatives (e.g., 22),^{2,4} with the absolute configuration being assigned from the known (S)-stereocentre within the chiral auxiliary. Encouraged by this initial result, alkylation with less reactive electrophiles was investigated. Unfortunately, treatment of 5 with KHMDS followed by ethyl iodide or pentyl iodide returned only staring material in both cases. When the alkylation reaction with pentyl iodide was allowed to warm slowly to rt, an 80:20 mixture of the diastereoisomeric acetals 13 and 14 was produced, indicating that enolate fragmentation, rather than alkylation, was the favoured pathway (Scheme 5).

Scheme 5. Reagents and conditions: (i) KHMDS, THF, $-78\,^{\circ}$ C, 30 min, then MeI, $-78\,^{\circ}$ C, 8 h; (ii) KHMDS, THF, $-78\,^{\circ}$ C, 30 min, then $C_5H_{11}I$, $-78\,^{\circ}$ C to rt, 24 h. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl.].

These results suggest that the enolate derived from **5** is less nucleophilic than those of the standard acyl derivatives of the chiral auxiliary 1 (e.g., the enolate derived from 22). It was therefore reasoned that the reactivity of the enolate needed to be increased to allow efficient alkylation by a range of unactivated electrophiles. We have previously demonstrated that benzylation of the potassium enolate derived from hydroxamate 22 proceeds with high levels of diastereoselectivity at -78 °C both in the absence and presence of 18-crown-6.4 It was hoped that employing this additive with hydroxamate 5 would generate the corresponding (more reactive) 'naked' enolate, which may undergo alkylation at -78 °C. Deprotonation of 5 in the presence of 18-crown-6 followed by addition of pentyl iodide at -78 °C gave >90% conversion to a single diastereoisomer (>95:5 dr) of alkylated product. Purification gave **28** in 63% yield and >99:1 dr. Encouraged by these results, a range of alkylation reactions of hydroxamates 5–7 and 9 were performed. In each case, excellent levels of diastereoselectivity were noted and

	R	conditions	R'X	product	dr ^a	yield % ^b
5 [‡]	Bn	(i)	Mel	23 [‡]	>95:5	74
5	Bn	(ii)	Mel	23	>95:5	81
5	Bn	(i)	allylBr	25	>95:5	37
5	Bn	(ii)	allylBr	25	>95:5	95
5	Bn	(ii)	ÉtI	26	>95:5	79
5	Bn	(ii)	ArCH ₂ Br	27	>95:5	81
5 6 [†]	Bn	(ii)	C ₅ H ₁₁ I	28	>95:5	63
6 [†]	allyl	(i)	Mel	29 [†]	>95:5	quant
6 [†]	allyl	(ii)	Mel	29 [†]	>95:5	96
6	allyl	(ii)	allylBr	30	>95:5	76
6 [†]	allyl	(ii)	Prl	31 [†]	>95:5	62
6	allyl	(ii)	BnBr	32	>95:5	88
7 [†]	PMB	(ii)	C₅H₁₁I	33 [†]	>95:5	87
9	DMB	(ii)	Mel	34	>95:5	51
9	DMB	(ii)	Prl	35	>95:5	92

Scheme 6. Reagents and conditions: (i) KHMDS, THF, $-78 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$, 30 min, then R'X, $-78 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$, 8 h; (ii) KHMDS, 18-crown-6, THF, $-78 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$, 30 min, then R'X, $-78 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$, 8 h. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl. PMB=4-methoxybenzyl. DMB=3,4-dimethoxybenzyl. Ar=2-bromophenyl. ^aCrude. ^bIsolated yield of major diastereoisomer (>99:1 dr). [†]Reaction performed in the opposite enantiomeric series. [‡]Reaction performed in both enantiomeric series].

the alkylated products **23** and **25–35** were isolated as single diastereoisomers (>99:1 dr) after purification by column chromatography. In each case, the configuration of the newly formed stereocentre within the major diastereoisomeric product was assigned by analogy to the simple alkyl systems and in the case of **29** was proven unambiguously by independent synthesis from methyl (*S*)-lactate (Scheme 6).

2.3. Cleavage of α -alkoxyacetyl hydroxamates: synthesis of α -alkoxyacetyl aldehydes, ketones and iodolactones

Reduction of hydroxamate (2S,1'R)-23 with LiAlH₄ gave the known aldehyde (S)- 36^{13} and auxiliary (R)-1. Separation was achieved by precipitation of $(R)-1\cdot(-)$ -CSA from pentane, which allowed isolation of (S)-36 in quantitative yield and 97:3 er, and (R)-1 in 87% yield and >99:1 er¹⁴ after basification and extraction. The enantiomeric purity of 36 was determined by reduction to the known alcohol 39^{13,15} and conversion to the corresponding Mosher's ester.¹⁶ The specific rotation of **39** { $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +40.0 (c 0.1 in CHCl₃); lit.¹³ $[\alpha]_D$ +45.9 (c 6.4 in CHCl₃); lit.¹⁵ $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +44.7 (c 3.5 in CHCl₃)} confirmed the absolute (S)-configuration, and with it the absolute (2S,1'R)-configuration within hydroxamate 23, since the auxiliary was known to have the (R)-configuration. This analysis also established that the facial selectivity observed in the enolate alkylation of α -benzyloxyacetate derivative **5** was identical to that previously reported for standard acyl derivatives such as **22**.^{2,4} An analogous procedure applied to hydroxamates 25 and 26 gave aldehydes **37**¹⁷ and **38**,¹⁸ which were assessed to be 98:2 er in both cases by reduction to alcohols **40**¹⁷ and **41**,^{18c} and subsequent conversion to the corresponding Mosher's esters¹⁶ (Scheme 7).

Rather than isolate the aldehyde directly, it could be readily trapped by treatment of the crude reaction mixture with an ylide. Reduction of hydroxamate (2R,1'S)-23 with LiAlH₄ and treatment of the crude product mixture with Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me gave a 30:20:50 mixture of olefin isomers (R,E)-42 (for which ${}^{3}I_{2,3}=15.8 \text{ Hz}$) and (R,Z)-43 (for which ${}^3J_{2,3}$ =11.8 Hz), and auxiliary 1, which were isolated in 49, 32 and 95% yield, respectively, from 23. Despite their relatively frequent occurrence in the literature 19 there appears to be some discrepancy concerning the specific rotations of 42 and 43. For (R,E)-**42**, we obtained $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +67.0 (*c* 1.2 in CHCl₃); cf. lit. for enantiomer^{19a} $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ –44 (c 0.2 in CHCl₃); lit. for enantiomer^{19g} $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -34.8 (*c* 1.2 in CHCl₃). For (*R*,*Z*)-**43** we obtained $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -55.9 (*c* 0.7 in CHCl₃); cf. lit. for enantiomer^{19a} $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ +36 (*c* 0.6 in CHCl₃); lit. for enantiomer^{19b} $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ +25.5 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); lit.^{19j} $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -49.2 (*c* 0.5 in CHCl₃). However, the previously reported preparative routes to these compounds either perform a Wittig reaction in protic solvents or a Wadsworth-Emmons-type olefination reaction using a Group I metal hydride as the base. Either of these conditions could easily cause racemisation of the stereochemically labile aldehyde **36**.²⁰ It is notable that the specific rotations obtained by Valverde et al. 19a and Annunziata et al. 19b, 19g (who report values for both isomers) are smaller than the values obtained by us by factors of approximately 0.5 and 0.65, respectively, for both isomers, suggesting that that the aldehyde starting material 36 may have been racemised at some stage. In order to determine the enantiomeric purity of (R,E)-42 and (R,Z)-43, the racemates were prepared by an identical route, starting from (2RS,1'SR)-23, and analysis of these samples by chiral HPLC showed (R,E)-42 and (R,Z)-43 to be of 99:1 er and 98:2 er, respectively. Thus, little or no racemisation occurs during the Wittig reaction under our conditions and, therefore, the specific rotations determined here are reliable (Scheme 8).

Scheme 7. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, -10 °C; (ii) (+)-CSA, pentane. [†Reaction performed in the opposite enantiomeric series].

Scheme 8. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, -10 °C; (ii) Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me, CH₂Cl₂, -10 °C to rt.

The reduction/Wittig olefination procedure was repeated for **23** using Ph₃P=CHCON(Me)(OMe). This afforded α , β -unsaturated Weinreb amide **44** in a much improved (E)/(Z) ratio of 90:10. The C=C bond geometry within **44** was readily assigned from the coupling constant of 15.9 Hz between the vinylic protons in the ¹H NMR spectrum. This reaction sequence was also applied to hydroxamates **31** and **33** to produce the α , β -unsaturated Weinreb amides **45** and **46** as the major products $[(E)/(Z) \ge 93:7]$ in each case], which were isolated in good yield as single diastereoisomers after chromatographic separation from auxiliary **1**. The vinylic coupling constants in the ¹H NMR spectra of **45** and **46** (15.7 Hz for **45**, 15.4 Hz for **46**) were indicative of a *trans*-configured olefin (Scheme 9).

Scheme 9. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, -10 °C; (ii) Ph₃P=CHCON(Me)(OMe), CH₂Cl₂, -10 °C to rt.

Weinreb amide **46** was oxidatively debenzylated by treatment with CAN to provide **47** in 90% yield, which has been used for the synthesis of the fatty-acid metabolite Coriolic acid **48** reported by Bennani and Sharpless²¹ (Scheme 10).

Scheme 10. Reagents and conditions: (i) CAN, MeCN, H₂O.

Treatment of (2R,1'S)-**23** with methyllithium gave a 50:50 mixture of methyl ketone **49** and auxiliary (S)-**1**, which were separated by flash column chromatography to give **49** in 84% yield and >99:1 er, ²² and auxiliary **1** in 82% yield and >99:1 er. ¹⁴ A halogen-metal exchange cyclisation procedure using 2-bromobenzyl substituted hydroxamate

27 gave indanone **50** and auxiliary (*S*)-**1**, which were separated by precipitation of (*S*)-**1**·(+)-CSA from pentane, followed by distillation of the residue to afford **50** in 89% yield and >99:1 er.²² Auxiliary (*S*)-**1** was recovered in 74% yield and >99:1 er¹⁴ upon basification of the precipitate and basic aqueous extraction (Scheme 11).

Scheme 11. Reagents and conditions: (i) MeLi, Et₂O, -15 °C; (ii) ¹BuLi (2 equiv), Et₂O, -78 °C.

Reaction of **25** with I_2 in THF/ H_2 O required eight days before the starting material was consumed; failure to let the reaction proceed to completion caused problems in the purification of the products. The reaction produced a number of by-products, and the *trans/cis* ratio was tentatively assigned as 85:15. Nevertheless, **51** was isolated in 46% yield and >99:1 dr after flash column chromatography. The trans relative configuration within **51** was assigned on the basis of a 1 H NMR NOE difference experiment (Scheme 12).

Scheme 12. Reagents and conditions: (i) I_2 , THF/ H_2O (3:1).

2.4. Aldol reactions of α -alkyl and α -alkoxy hydroxamates

Having developed efficient methodology for the asymmetric synthesis of α -alkoxy substituted compounds, attention was turned to the production of β -alkoxy- and α,β -dialkoxy substituted derivatives. It was hoped that this goal could be achieved by employing an asymmetric aldol reaction. Enolate aldol reactions of hydroxamate **22** were first investigated. Treatment of **22** with KHMDS in THF at -78 °C gave a bright yellow solution, consistent with enolate formation. Addition of benzaldehyde followed by aqueous work-up after 5 min gave >90% conversion to **52** in >95:5 dr. Purification gave **52** in 72% yield and >99:1 dr. The relative configuration within **52** was unambiguously established by single-

crystal X-ray analysis, with the absolute (2S,3S,1'R)-configuration being assigned from the known (R)-configuration of the auxiliary (Fig. 2); furthermore the determination of a Flack parameter²³ for the structure of +0.17(1), which satisfies the criterion for a reliable assignment of absolute configuration of a material known to be homochiral,²⁴ allowed the absolute (2S,3S,1'R)-configuration to be confirmed. Further analysis of the X-ray crystal structure of **52** revealed that the relative configuration of the nitrogen atom induced by the adjacent stereogenic carbon centre is in contrast to that in the X-ray structure of the alkylated hydroxamate derivative **3** (R=Bn, R'=Me) previously reported by us,² and that a hydrogenbond is present between the C(3)-hydroxyl and carbonyl group. The hydrogen-bonded chelate has a flattened chair-type conformation,

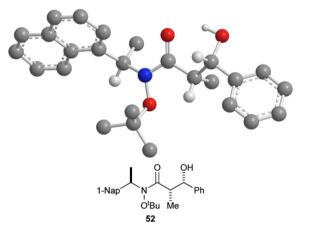


Figure 2. Chem3D representation of the single-crystal X-ray structure of **52** (some H atoms omitted for clarity).

minor isomer **53** observed in the crude reaction mixture was assigned a *syn*-relative configuration based upon the ${}^{3}J_{2,3}$ coupling constant of 3.2 Hz²⁶ (Scheme 13).

In order to test the generality of this asymmetric aldol reaction, the reaction was performed using a variety of aldehydes. Reaction of the potassium (Z)-enolate of **22** with pivalaldehyde gave **54** in 98:2 dr. Three diastereoisomeric products were noted in the reaction with cinnamaldehyde, with the ratio of the major diastereoisomer to the sum of the others being conservatively assigned as >95:5. Aldol reaction with isobutyraldehyde resulted in incomplete conversion to 56 as the major diastereoisomeric product and was accompanied by the formation of significant quantities of side products, thought to be aldehyde self-condensation products. Both these observations are consistent with the relatively high basicity of the potassium enolate promoting proton transfer from the enolisable aldehyde to the enolate; the resultant aldehyde enolate presumably then undergoes self-aldol reaction. When the reaction was run at -95 °C, the diastereoselectivity of the reaction remained the same although 56 was isolated in an improved 61% yield and 97:3 dr. Finally, the aldol methodology was tested using acetaldehyde, which gave 57 in 95:5 dr, which was isolated in 60% yield and 95:5 dr. In each case, the absolute configuration within the major diastereoisomeric product was assigned by analogy to that unambiguously established for the reaction with benzaldehyde to give **52**; in some cases the value of the ${}^{3}J_{2,3}$ coupling constant could be obtained (3.0-3.5 Hz) and was also supportive of these assignments (Scheme 14).

The stereochemical outcome of these enolate aldol reactions demonstrates that the facial selectivity observed is identical to that noted upon enolate alkylation. Furthermore the high level of diastereoselectivity observed here is notable, given that Group I metal enolates usually show low levels of selectivity in their enolate re-

Scheme 13. Reagents and conditions: (i) KHMDS, THF, -78 °C, 30 min, then PhCHO, THF, -78 °C, 5 min.

in which the C(2)-methyl group adopts a pseudo-axial position. Adoption of the usual auxiliary conformation would result in a rather severe steric interaction between the tert-butyl group and the pseudo-axial C(2)-methyl group (conformation 52A). In order to avoid this unfavourable structure, the tert-butyl group prefers to occupy the opposite face (conformation 52B), with the nitrogen lone-pair syn-periplanar to it, i.e., a conformation about the N-O bond in accordance with the preferred conformation for hydroxylamine itself,²⁵ in which lone pairs and bonds are eclipsed to minimise lone pair-lone pair interactions. It is interesting to note that an intramolecular hydrogen bond is formed, rather than the putative preferred auxiliary conformation at nitrogen:⁴ this suggests that more energy is gained from the former than is lost by adoption of an alternative conformation by the hydroxamate fragment, although this may be a result of crystal packing effects. In solution, it was noted that the ${}^3J_{2,3}$ coupling constant of 2.1 Hz was diagnostic of a *syn*-relationship.²⁶ Following this analysis, the

Scheme 14. Reagents and conditions: (i) KHMDS, THF, $-78 \,^{\circ}$ C, 30 min, then RCHO, THF, $-78 \,^{\circ}$ C, 2 h. [aCrude. bPurified].

actions. Although the relative *syn*-configurations within **52** and **54–57** would be consistent with that predicted by reaction of the intermediate potassium (*Z*)-enolate through a chelated, Zimmerman–Traxler,²⁷ chair-like transition state, this seems unlikely due

Figure 3. Postulated transition state 58 for aldol reaction of the potassium (Z)-enolate derived from hydroxamate 22.

to the known, low Lewis acidity of potassium ions. In order to probe the role of the potassium counter-ion, reaction with benzaldehyde was repeated but in the presence of 18-crown-6. The diaster-eoselectivity of the reaction and yield of aldol products remained unaffected, which may therefore suggest that the reaction proceeds through reaction of the potassium (Z)-enolate [or 'naked' (Z)-enolate] through an open transition state²⁸ such as **58**, with enolate diastereofacial selectivity consistent with our proposed chiral relay model, which accounts for the high diastereofacial selectivity of alkylation⁴ (Fig. 3).

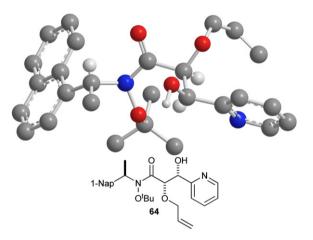


Figure 4. Chem3D representation of the single-crystal X-ray structure of **64** (some H atoms omitted for clarity).

Reaction of the potassium (Z)-enolate of N-allyloxyacetyl hydroxamate **6** with benzaldehyde was next investigated, ²⁹ which gave aldol product 61 in 96:4 dr. Purification gave 61 in 92% yield and >99:1 dr. When the reaction was repeated in the presence of 18-crown-6, the diastereoselectivity and yield of the reaction remained high. Application to a range of aldehydes (acetaldehyde, butyraldehyde and pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde) gave similarly high levels of selectivity with the major products being isolated in modest to good yield after chromatography. The relative configuration within the pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde adduct 64 was established unambiguously by single-crystal X-ray analysis, with the absolute (2S,3R,1'R)-configuration being assigned from the known (R)-configuration within the auxiliary (Fig. 4). Therefore, the absolute configurations within the other aldol products 61-63 were assigned by analogy, with this analysis suggesting that the facial selectivities in the propanoate and glycolate aldol reactions are the same in this case.³⁰ The similar levels of selectivity observed when the reaction with benzaldehyde was performed either in the presence or absence of 18-crown-6 underscores the insignificant role of the potassium counterion in these reactions and is in accordance with an open transition state²⁸ analogous to **58**. In a similar manner, aldol reactions of the O-benzyl, O-PMB and O-DMB hydroxamates 5, 7 and 9 with a range of aliphatic, aromatic and heteroaromatic aldehydes were performed and proceeded with modest to good levels of diastereoselectivity. On occasion, the presence of impurities in the ¹H NMR spectra of the crude reaction mixtures prevented the determination of the reaction diastereoselectivity. Reactions with acetaldehyde and 1-decanal proceeded to incomplete conversion, consistent with deprotonation of the aldehyde by the basic enolate; these transenolisation processes

Scheme 15. Reagents and conditions: (i) KHMDS, THF, -78 °C, 30 min, then R'CHO, -78 °C, 8 h; (ii) KHMDS, 18-crown-6, THF, -78 °C, 30 min, then R'CHO, -78 °C, 8 h. [1-Nap=1-naphthyl. PMB=4-methoxybenzyl. DMB=3,4-dimethoxybenzyl. †Reaction performed in the opposite enantiomeric series. ^aCrude. ^bPurified].

also resulted in the production of large amounts of impurities derived from polymerisation of the aldehyde. Chromatography gave the desired aldol products **59**, **60** and **65–76** in modest to good yield. In all cases, the relative configurations within the products were assigned by analogy to those proven unambiguously for **52** and **64** and, in several cases, measurement of the 1 H NMR 3 $J_{2,3}$ coupling constants were possible; the small values recorded ($J_{2,3}$ =1.0–3.0 Hz) are consistent with the assigned *syn*-configurations within these aldol adducts²⁶ (Scheme 15).

2.5. Cleavage of $\beta\text{-alkoxy}$ hydroxamates: synthesis of $\alpha,\beta\text{-dialkoxyaldehydes}$

Having obtained a number of aldol products with high diastereoisomeric purity, attention was turned to their transformation into enantiomerically enriched products. Reductive cleavage of the propanoate adducts with LiAlH₄ to produce α-alkylβ-hydroxy-aldehydes was first examined. Prior to this, it was deemed prudent to protect the β-hydroxy group, in order to prevent problems of retro-aldol reaction during cleavage or isolation of the aldehyde products: benzyl, tert-butyldimethylsilyl (TBDMS) and benzyloxymethyl (BOM) were investigated for this purpose. Initially, it was hoped that a one-pot aldol reaction/O-protection sequence may be developed, making use of the high nucleophilicity of the intermediate potassium aldolate by its interception with benzyl bromide. Aldol reaction of the enolate derived from 22 with benzaldehyde was performed at -78 °C before the addition of benzyl bromide, and then the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C. Analysis of the crude reaction product showed the production of several diastereoisomeric products 77, consistent with a reduction in selectivity occurring through a retro-aldol/realdol process as the temperature was allowed to rise. This prediction was reinforced by treatment of the diastereoisomerically pure aldol product 52 with KHMDS and benzyl bromide at 0 °C, which gave the same mixture of O-benzylated products 77 observed previously and the C-benzylated product 78,2 which presumably arises from a retro-aldol fragmentation of the potassium aldolate followed by trapping of the so-formed potassium enolate by benzyl bromide² (Scheme 16).

Scheme 17. Reagents and conditions: (i) TBDMSCI, imidazole, DMF; (ii) BOMCI, ⁱPr₂NEt, CH₂Cl₂, Bu₄NI, 48 h.

BOM protected adducts **80** and **81** with LiAlH₄ under the standard conditions allowed exclusive production of the corresponding aldehydes (as single diastereoisomers, indicating that no epimerisation was occurring during the cleavage step) and auxiliary (R)-**1**. Attempts to isolate the aldehydes by flash column chromatography on silica gel were unsuccessful due to partial decomposition. Instead, the aldehydes were trapped by performing a Wittig reaction on the crude reduction mixture to produce unsaturated esters **82** and **83**, which were obtained as single diastereoisomers after flash column chromatography. The (E)-geometry of the olefins was determined from the characteristic ¹H NMR ³J coupling constants of 15.9 Hz in both **82** and **83**. In both cases auxiliary (R)-**1** was recovered in high yield and >99:1 er¹⁴ (Scheme 18).

Attempted application of an analogous procedure to facilitate the preparation of α,β -dihydroxyaldehydes unfortunately met with failure: treatment of **59** with BOMCl, $^i Pr_2 NEt$ and TBAI in CH₂Cl₂ returned a complex mixture of unidentified products. However, when the aldol reaction of **5** with benzaldehyde was performed and quenched with an excess of methyl iodide at low temperature, it proved possible to trap the intermediate potassium aldolate to give an 83:17 mixture of the diastereoisomeric products **84** and **88**, respectively. The absence of acetals **13** and **14** and starting material **5** suggests rapid, complete alkylation of the potassium aldolate anion occurs at a temperature which is sufficiently low such that the enolate decomposition pathway does not compete at an appreciable rate; the observation that the diastereoselectivities are slightly lower than those of the aldol reactions themselves is consistent

Scheme 16. Reagents and conditions: (i) KHMDS, THF, -78 °C, 30 min, then PhCHO, -78 °C, 8 h, then BnBr, -78 °C to rt; (ii) KHMDS, THF, 0 °C, 30 min, then BnBr.

Protection of the hydroxyl group within **52** and **55** without recourse to the formation of an intermediate aldolate was investigated. Thus, O-protection upon treatment with TBDMSCl and BOMCl was achieved in high yield under mild conditions to give **79–81** in good yield (Scheme 17).

Attempts to cleave the auxiliary within O-silyl protected $\bf 79$ with LiAlH $_4$ failed: at $-10\,^{\circ}$ C the reaction was prohibitively slow, and allowing it to warm to rt led to a complex mixture of products, possibly due to over-reduction and/or protecting group loss. Presumably, the bulky protecting group hinders nucleophilic attack at the carbonyl group; it may also prevent chelation to the β -oxygen atom, which may otherwise assist the cleavage reaction. However, treatment of both O-

with a degree of reversibility at the temperature of aldolate alkylation. Application to reaction of **6** and **9** with benzaldehyde, and **6** with acetaldehyde, gave mixtures of the corresponding diastereoisomeric products **85–87** (major products) and **89–91** (minor products). In each case, chromatographic purification gave samples of the major diastereoisomers **84–87** and in two cases it was possible to isolate and fully characterise samples of the minor diastereoisomers (**88** and **91**), for which the alternative relative *syn*configuration was tentatively assigned (Scheme 19).

Treatment of **85** with LiAlH₄ resulted in the exclusive production of a 50:50 mixture of the corresponding aldehyde and auxiliary (R)-1. The crude mixture was treated with Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me in the

Scheme 18. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, -10 °C; (ii) Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me, CH₂Cl₂, -10 °C to rt.

Scheme 19. Reagents and conditions: (i) KHMDS, THF, $-78\,^{\circ}$ C, then RCHO, then Mel (15 equiv), $-78\,^{\circ}$ C to rt. [†Reaction performed in the opposite enantiomeric series. acrude. bpurified].

presence of powdered 3 Å molecular sieves to give **92** (${}^{3}J_{2,3}$ =15.7 Hz) in 95:5 dr. Purification gave auxiliary (R)-1 in 86% yield and >99:1 er¹⁴ and olefin **92** in 59% yield and 95:5 dr from **85** (Scheme 20).

Scheme 20. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, -15 °C; (ii) Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me, 3 Å MS, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to rt.

Reductive cleavage of **87** gave a 50:50 mixture of the corresponding aldehyde and auxiliary (*S*)-**1**, which was treated, without purification, with LiAlH₄. Chromatographic purification of the crude reaction product gave auxiliary (*S*)-**1** in 91% yield and >99:1 er¹⁴ and alcohol **93** in 98% yield and >99:1 dr from **87** (Scheme 21).

Scheme 21. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, $-15\,^{\circ}$ C; (ii) pH7 phosphate buffer, pentane, 0 $^{\circ}$ C.

Alcohol **93** was subsequently debenzylated using DDQ to give *syn***-94**.³¹ The *anti*-alcohol **95**³² was absent by ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture. Column chromatography and recrystallisation from pentane afforded **94** in 87% yield and >99:1 dr. The *syn*-configuration within **94** further confirms the *syn*-diastereoselectivity of the aldol reactions (Scheme 22).

An alternative strategy for protection of the O-allyl glycolate aldol adducts was also devised via formation of an acetal through allyl isomerisation. Although refluxing $\bf 61$ or $\bf 62$ with Wilkinson's catalyst for 3 h returned starting material, and reaction for extended periods (>24 h) resulted in extensive decomposition to unknown product mixtures, refluxing $\bf 62$ with trans-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂ (0.33 equiv) in tert-

Scheme 22. Reagents and conditions: (i) DDQ, CH₂Cl₂/H₂O (5:1).

butanol for 18 h³³ gave the required product **97** as a 75:25 mixture of diastereoisomers. Chromatography gave **97** in 47% yield, as an 88:12 mixture of diastereoisomers. The reaction of **61** with 0.1 equiv of trans-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂ gave **96** as an 86:14 mixture of diastereoisomers, in 72% isolated yield (and 86:14 dr) after chromatography. The palladium-catalysed procedure provided high yields of *O*-protected aldol adducts in a single, experimentally simple synthetic step, and the low diastereoselectivity of cyclisation is not believed to be a drawback of this approach since the diastereoisomerism is only a feature of the protecting group (Scheme 23).

Scheme 23. Reagents and conditions: (i) *trans*-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂, ^tBuOH, reflux.

Reductive cleavage of **96** using LiAlH₄, to give a 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (S)-**1** and the corresponding aldehyde, which was treated with LiAlH₄ without further purification to give a mixture of (S)-**1** and alcohol **98**. Purification by column chromatography afforded auxiliary (S)-**1** in 89% yield and >99:1 er¹⁴ and alcohol **98** as a single diastereoisomer (of unknown configuration at the acetal stereogenic centre) in 53% yield from **96** (Scheme 24).

Similarly, sequential treatment of **96** with LiAlH₄ followed by $Ph_3P = CHCO_2Me$ gave a mixture of auxiliary (S)-**1**, and (E)-olefin **99** in 95:5 dr. Purification by chromatography gave (S)-**1** in 80% yield and >99:1 er¹⁴ and (E)-**99** in 80% yield and 95:5 dr (Scheme 25).

Scheme 24. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, $-15\,^{\circ}$ C; (ii) pH7 phosphate buffer, pentane, 0 $^{\circ}$ C.

Scheme 25. Reagents and conditions: (i) LiAlH₄, THF, -15 °C; (ii) Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me, 3 Å MS, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to rt.

3. Conclusion

The chiral auxiliary N-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-O-tert-butylhydroxylamine has been used to promote highly diastereoselective alkylation reactions on an α -alkoxyacetate side chain. These reactions generally require the addition of 18-crown-6 to enhance the rate of alkylation and suppress the enolate rearrangement which occurs at temperatures above -78 °C. The alkylated α -alkoxyacetate derivatives are readily transformed into α-alkoxy aldehydes, ketones and iodolactones with high enantiomeric purity. A number of O-protected γ-hydroxy-α,βunsaturated carbonyl compounds were also produced by a sequential reductive cleavage/Wittig reaction procedure. Alternatively, aldol reaction of the potassium enolate gave syn-aldol products upon reaction with an aldehyde. Good diastereocontrol over both newly generated stereogenic centres was observed. After suitable protection of the β-hydroxyl group, the aldol products may be reductively cleaved with LiAlH4 to afford aldehydes with high diastereoisomeric and enantiomeric purity. Thus, the chiral auxiliary N-1-(1'-naphthyl)ethyl-O-tert-butylhydroxylamine has been shown to be effective for the synthesis of a range of chiral oxygen-containing molecules in high enantiomeric purity.

4. Experimental

4.1. General experimental

All reactions involving organometallic or other moisture-sensitive reagents were carried out under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere using standard vacuum line techniques and glassware that was flame dried and cooled under nitrogen before use. Solvents were dried according to the procedure outlined by Grubbs et al., 34 or by distillation from sodium benzophenone ketyl (THF). KHMDS was titrated according to an amalgamation of the procedures reported by Duhamel and Plaquevent, 35 and Lin and Paquette. 36 Other solvents and reagents were used as supplied (analytical or HPLC grade) without prior purification. Organic layers were dried over MgSO₄. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminium plates coated with 60 F₂₅₄ silica. Plates were visualised using UV light (254 nm), iodine, 1% aq KMnO₄, or 10% ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid. Flash column chromatography was performed on Kieselgel 60 silica.

Elemental analyses were recorded by the microanalysis service of the Dyson Perrins Laboratory, University of Oxford, UK, or the Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, University of Oxford, UK. Melting points were recorded on a Gallenkamp Hot Stage apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter with a water-jacketed 10 cm cell. Specific rotations are reported in 10^{-1} deg cm² g⁻¹ and concentrations in g/100 mL. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer as either a thin film on NaCl plates (film) or a KBr disc (KBr), as stated. Selected characteristic peaks are reported in cm⁻¹. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance spectrometers in the deuterated solvent stated. Spectra were recorded at rt unless otherwise stated. The field was locked by external referencing to the relevant deuteron resonance. The ¹³C NMR spectra of many of hydroxamate derivatives contained peaks that were very broad (and in some cases absent). Low-resolution mass spectra were recorded on either a VG MassLab 20-250 or a Micromass Platform 1 spectrometer. Accurate mass measurements were run on either a Bruker Micro-TOF internally calibrated with polyalanine, or a Micromass GCT instrument fitted with a Scientific Glass Instruments BPX5 column (15 m \times 0.25 mm) using amyl acetate as a lock mass.

4.1.1. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-benzyloxyacetamide (R)-**5**.

2-Benzyloxyacetyl chloride (4.50 g, 24.4 mmol) was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of 2 M aq NaOH (20 mL, 40 mmol) and (R)- $1\cdot$ (-)-CSA (5.78 g, 12.2 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) at 0 °C. After 48 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between 1 M ag NaOH (100 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 19:1; increased to pentane/Et₂O, 4:1) gave (R)-5 as a colourless oil (4.44 g, 93%); R_f 0.35 (pentane/Et₂O, 9:1); found C, 76.9; H, 7.6; N, 3.3%; $C_{25}H_{29}NO_3$ requires C, 76.7; H, 7.5; N, 3.6%; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +28.6 (c 1.1 in CHCl₃); $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{film})$ 1683 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ_{H} (500 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 70 °C) 0.64 (9H, br s, CMe₃), 1.63 (3H, d, I 6.8, C(1')Me), 4.22 (1H, d, J 16.6, C(2)H_A), 4.34 (1H, d, J 16.6, C(2)H_B), 4.63 (1H, d, 1 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.68 (1H, d, 1 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 6.25 (1H, q, J 6.8, C(1')H), 6.98-7.67 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.42-8.46 (1H, br m, *Ar*); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 27.7, 55.0, 69.0, 73.3, 82.6, 124.9, 125.7, 126.1, 126.6, 127.9, 128.3, 128.5, 133.6, 137.5; *m/z* (APCI⁺) 392 $([M+H]^+, 100\%).$

Analogous treatment of (*S*)-**1**·(+)-CSA gave (*S*)-**5** as a colourless oil; $[\alpha]_{0}^{23}$ -28.9 (*c* 1.6 in CHCl₃).

4.1.2. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-allyloxyacetamide 6.

2-Allyloxyacetyl chloride (4.39 g, 23.8 mmol) was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of 2 M aq NaOH (10 mL, 20 mmol) and (R)- $1\cdot$ (-)-CSA (3.03 g, 6.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) at 0 °C. After 48 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between 1 M aq NaOH (100 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 10:1) gave **6** as a colourless oil (1.19 g, 55%); found C, 73.4; H, 7.9; N, 4.4%; C₂₁H₂₇NO₃ requires C, 73.9; H, 8.0; N, 4.1%; [α] $^{23}_{D}$ +33.9 (c 1.2 in CHCl₃); ν _{max}(film) 1686 (C=O),

1600 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.66 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.60 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 4.03–4.17 (2H, m, OCH₂CH=CH₂), 4.21 (1H, d, J 16.0, C(2)H_A), 4.28 (1H, d, J 16.0, C(2)H_B), 5.01–5.05 (1H, m, CH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.10–5.14 (1H, m, CH=CH_AH_B), 5.89 (1H, ddt, J 17.3, 10.5, 5.5, CH=CH₂), 6.20 (1H, q, J 6.9, C(1')H), 7.16–7.37 (3H, m, Ar), 7.50–7.61 (3H, m, Ar), 8.37 (1H, d, J 8.4, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.0, 27.7, 55.0, 69.0, 72.4, 82.6, 118.0, 124.9, 125.7, 126.1, 126.5, 128.6, 133.6, 134.3, 135.5, 176.0; m/z (APCI⁺) 342 ([M+H]⁺, 100%).

4.1.3. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-(4"-methoxyben-zyloxy)acetamide 7.

2-(4'-Methoxybenzyloxy)acetyl chloride (3.10 g, 14.5 mmol) was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred mixture of 2 M ag NaOH (11 mL, 22 mmol) and (R)- $1\cdot$ (-)-CSA (3.44 g, 7.24 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at 0 °C. After 48 h, the reaction mixture was partitioned between 1 M aq NaOH (100 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), the layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×100 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 3:1) gave **7** as a colourless oil (2.39 g, 78%); found C, 73.7; H, 7.5; N, 3.4%; C₂₆H₃₁NO₄ requires C, 74.1; H, 7.4; N, 3.3%; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +28.9 (c 1.2 in CHCl₃); $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{film})$ 1682 (C=O), 1613 (C=C), 1587 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (250 MHz, PhMe- $d_{\rm 8}$, 70 °C) 0.65 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.64 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.37 (3H, s, OMe), 4.26 (1H, d, J 16.1, C(2)H_A), 4.33 (1H, d, J 16.1, C(2)H_B), 4.60 (1H, d, J 11.4, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.67 (1H, d, J 11.4, OCH_AH_BAr), 6.24 (1H, q, J 6.9, C(1')H), 6.71-6.76 (4H, m, Ar), 7.18-7.39 (4H, m, Ar), 7.54-7.62 (2H, m, Ar), 8.41 (1H, d, I 8.5, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.0, 27.6, 55.1, 68.6, 72.9, 82.5, 113.8, 124.1, 124.9, 125.7, 126.1, 126.5, 128.7, 129.6, 129.9, 132.0, 133.6, 136.0, 159.4, 176.0; m/z (APCI⁺) 444 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 422.2325; C₂₆H₃₂NO₄⁺ ([M+H]⁺) requires

4.1.4. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-bromoacetamide 8.

K₂CO₃ (12.0 g, 86.9 mmol) was added to a vigorously stirred solution of (R)- $1\cdot$ (-)-CSA (6.87 g, 14.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (300 mL). The resulting slurry was cooled to 0 °C and bromoacetyl bromide (6.30 mL, 72.3 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was left to stir for 2 h, before the addition of H₂O (200 mL) and the addition of K₂CO₃ until pH > 11 was achieved. The resultant mixture was stirred for a further 10 min (to ensure consumption of any unreacted bromoacetyl bromide). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2×50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 9:1) gave 8 as a colourless oil (5.3 g, 100%); R_f 0.30 (pentane/Et₂O, 9:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +16.7 (c 4.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2977 (C-H), 1666 (C=O), 1368, 1093; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (200 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.89 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.82 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 4.12-4.18 (2H, m, C(2)H₂), 6.10-6.30 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.40–7.90 (6H, m, Ar), 8.20–8.23 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.3, 27.6, 28.9, 56.6, 83.5, 123.8, 123.9, 125.2, 125.9, 126.3, 126.8, 129.0, 133.8, 173.1; *m*/*z* (ESI⁺) 366 ([M+H]⁺, ⁸¹Br, 96%), 364 ([M+H]⁺, ⁷⁹Br, 100%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 364.0906; C₁₈H₂₃⁷⁹BrNO₂⁺ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 364.0912.

4.1.5. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-(4"-methoxybenzyloxy)acetamide **7** and (R)-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (ξ)-2-(4"-methoxybenzyloxy)-2-tert-butoxyacetamide **10** from **8**.

p-Methoxybenzyl alcohol (0.13 mL, 1.13 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min to a stirred slurry of NaH (34 mg, 0.85 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. A solution of 8 (206 mg, 0.56 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. After 6 h, the reaction was guenched by addition of satd aq NH₄Cl (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 9:1: increased to Et₂O) gave **7** as a colourless oil (56 mg, 24%). Further elution gave 10 [of unknown configuration at C(2') as a colourless oil (76 mg, 32%, >99:1 dr): R_f 0.20 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -7.1 (c 0.2 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3418 (N-H), 2962 (C-H), 1683 (C=O), 1515, 1260, 1099, 1024; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.19 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.69 (3H, d, I 6.8, C(1')Me), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 4.51 (1H, d, J 10.9, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.61 (1H, d, J 10.9, OCH_AH_BAr), 5.09 (1H, s, C(2)H), 5.90–5.93 (1H, m, C(1')H), 6.87 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar), 6.93 (1H, br d, J 8.5, NH), 7.28–7.90 (8H, m, Ar), 8.11 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃), 21.0, 28.4, 44.4, 55.2, 67.0, 76.1, 93.6, 113.7, 122.3, 123.3, 125.1, 125.7, 126.3, 128.2, 128.6, 129.4, 129.5, 130.8, 133.8, 138.1, 159.1, 167.8; m/z (ESI⁺) 444 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 422 ([M+H]⁺, 11%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 444.2151; C₂₆H₃₁NNaO₄⁺ $([M+Na]^+)$ requires 444.2145.

4.1.6. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-allyloxyacetamide **6** from **8**.

Allyl alcohol (0.74 mL, 10.9 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min to a stirred slurry of NaH (414 mg, 10.4 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. 15-Crown-5 (2.15 mL, 10.9 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (100 mg) were added, and stirring was continued at rt while a solution of **8** (3.61 g, 9.9 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of satd aq NH₄Cl (30 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3×30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 19:1; increased to Et₂O) gave **6** as a colourless oil (2.5 g, 75%).

4.1.7. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-(4"-methoxyben-zyloxy)acetamide **7** from **8**.

4-Methoxybenzylalcohol (2.03 mL, 16.3 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min to a stirred slurry of NaH (623 mg, 15.6 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. 15-Crown-5 (3.12 mL, 15.6 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (100 mg) were added, and stirring was continued at rt while a solution of **8** (5.41 g, 14.8 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched

by addition of satd aq NH₄Cl (30 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3×30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 9:1; increased to Et₂O) gave **7** as a colourless oil (3.80 g, 61%).

4.1.8. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl 2-(3"",4""-dimethoxy-benzyloxy)acetamide **9** from **8**.

3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl alcohol (2,25 mL, 15.5 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min to a stirred slurry of NaH (592 mg, 14.8 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. 15-Crown-5 (2.96 mL, 14.8 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (100 mg) were added, and stirring was continued at rt while a solution of 8 (5.15 g, 14.1 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of satd aq NH₄Cl (20 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3×30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 1:1) gave **9** as a colourless oil (4.73 g, 74%); R_f 0.20 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –21.4 (c 2.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2975 (C– H), 1684 (C=O), 1594, 1516, 1464, 1419, 1368; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.72 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.77 (3H, d, I 6.5, C(1')Me), 3.88 (3H, s, OMe), 3.90 (3H, s, OMe), 4.29–4.31 (2H, m, C(2)H₂), 4.60 (1H, d, J 11.3, OCH_AH-_BAr), 4.67 (1H, d, J 11.3, OCH_AH_BAr), 6.35–6.37 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.82 (1H, d, I 8.1, Ar), 6.90 (1H, dd, I 8.1, 1.8, Ar), 7.01 (1H, d, I 1.8, Ar), 7.41-7.88 (6H, m, Ar), 8.33–8.35 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.9, 27.6, 55.3, 55.8, 55.9, 68.6, 73.2, 82.6, 110.7, 111.4, 120.9, 124.2, 124.8, 125.6, 126.1, 126.5, 128.5, 128.6, 130.0, 133.5, 148.7, 149.0, 177.5; *m*/*z* (ESI⁺) 474 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 452 ([M+H]⁺, 13%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 474.2256; C₂₇H₃₃NNaO₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 474.2251.

4.1.9. (S)-N-1'-(1"-Naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-benzyloxy-2-tert-butoxyacetamide and (S)-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S)-2-benzyloxy-2-tert-butoxyacetamide 13 and 14.

From (S)-5: KHMDS (1.38 mmol) was added to a solution of 5 (279 mg, 0.71 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at this temperature for 10 min, then allowed to warm to 0 °C over 30 min and stirred for a further 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of pH 7 phosphate buffer (2 mL) and the mixture was concentrated in vacuo to give an 80:20 mixture of 13:14. Purification via flash chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave the major diastereoisomer 13 as a colourless oil, which was crystallised from pentane to give a cream powder (147 mg, 50%, >99:1 dr); found C, 76.75; H, 7.55; N, 3.4%; C₂₅H₂₉NO₃ requires C, 76.7; H, 7.5; N, 3.6%; R_f 0.20 (pentane/Et₂O, 4:1); mp 67–68 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +8.0 (c 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 3255 (N– H), 1685 (C=O), 1638 (C=O), 1599 (C=C); δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.21 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.71 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 4.60 (1H, d, J 11.2, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.70 (1H, d, J 11.2, OCH_AH_BPh), 5.15 (1H, s, C(2)H), 5.96 (1H, q, J 7.0, C(1')H), 6.98 (1H, br d, J 8.4, NH), 7.30–8.15 (12H, m, Ar, *Ph*); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 21.1, 28.5, 44.5, 67.2, 76.3, 93.8, 122.4, 123.4, 125.2, 125.8, 126.5, 127.7, 128.0, 128.3, 128.4, 128.8, 130.9, 133.9, 137.4, 138.1, 167.8; m/z (CI⁺) 414 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 392 $([M+H]^+, 30\%)$; HRMS (CI^+) found 392.2219; $C_{25}H_{30}NO_3^+$ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 392.2220.

4.1.10. (R)-N-1'-(1"-Naphthyl)ethyl (S)-2-benzyloxy-2-tert-butoxyacetamide and (R)-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-benzyloxy-2-tert-butoxyacetamide **13** and **14**.

From (R)-8: Benzyl alcohol (0.79 mL, 7.60 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min to a stirred slurry of NaH (292 mg, 7.30 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 20 min. A solution of 8 (2.22 g, 6.08 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 h, the reaction was guenched by addition of satd ag NH₄Cl (20 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3×30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 19:1; increased to Et₂O) gave **13** as a colourless oil (876 mg, 37%, 92:8 dr); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -7.1 (c 0.9 in CHCl₃). Further elution gave **14** as a colourless oil (989 mg, 42%, 86:14 dr); R_f 0.15 (pentane/Et₂O, 4:1); $δ_H$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃), 1.31 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.71 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 4.44 (2H, ABq, OCH₂Ph), 5.18 (1H, s, C(2)H), 5.97 (1H, q, J 7.0, C(1')H), 6.95 (1H, br d, J 8.5, NH), 7.20–8.20 (12H, m, Ar, Ph); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 20.8, 28.6, 44.3, 66.8, 76.4, 93.9, 122.5, 123.3, 125.2, 125.9, 126.5, 127.5, 127.9, 128.1, 128.4, 128.5, 128.8, 131.0, 133.9, 137.4, 138.0, 167.7.

4.1.11. (R)-N-1'-(1"-Naphthyl)ethyl (S)-2-allyloxy-2-tert-butoxyacetamide and (R)-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-allyloxy-2-tert-butoxyacetamide **15** and **16**.

Allyl alcohol (70 µL, 1.07 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min to a stirred slurry of NaH (39 mg, 1.07 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 1 h. A solution of 8 (300 mg, 0.82 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of satd aq NH₄Cl (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 10:1; increased to Et₂O) gave a mixture of 15 and 16. Recrystallisation from pentane gave 15 as colourless needles (105 mg, 28%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.20 (pentane/ Et₂O, 4:1); found C, 73.6; H, 8.3; N, 4.0%; $C_{21}H_{27}NO_3$ requires C, 73.9; H, 8.0; N, 4.1%; mp 56–58 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ –1.0 (c 0.9 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 3264 (N-H), 1688 (C=O), 1647 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.18 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.69 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(1')Me), 4.06-4.18 (2H, m, $CH_2CH=CH_2$), 5.04 (1H, s, C(2)H), 5.15-5.33 $(2H, m CH=CH_2), 5.90-5.94 (1H, m, C(1')H), 5.95 (1H, ddt, J 11.2,$ 10.4, 5.6, CH₂CH=CH₂), 6.92 (1H, br d, J 8.4, NH), 7.54-7.45 (5H, m, Ar), 7.87 (1H, dd, J 8.5, 1.4, Ar), 8.10 (1H, d, J 8.4, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 21.0, 28.4, 44.4, 66.2, 76.1, 93.6, 117.2, 122.3, 123.3, 125.1, 125.7, 126.3, 128.7, 130.9, 133.8, 134.0, 138.1, 167.8; m/z (APCI⁺) 342 ([M+H]⁺, 100%). Concentration of the mother liquors gave **16** as a colourless oil (17 mg, 6%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.20 (Et₂O:pentane 1:4); ν_{max} (KBr) 3303, 3242 (N–H), 1686, 1654 (C=O), 1599 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.18 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.69 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(1')Me), 3.90-3.97 (2H, m, CH₂CH=CH₂), 5.08 (1H, s, C(2)H), 5.09 (1H, dd, J 10.5, 1.4, CH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.16 (1H, dd, J 17.2, 1.4, CH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.82 (1H, ddt, J 17.2, 10.5, 5.3, CH₂CH=CH₂), 5.91–5.95 (1H, m, C(1')H), 6.90 (1H, br d, J 8.4, NH), 7.45–7.55 (4H, m, Ar), 7.81 (1H, d, J 8.1, Ar), 7.87–7.89 (1H, m, Ar), 8.11 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 20.9, 28.5, 44.3, 65.8, 76.3, 93.7, 117.0, 122.4, 123.4, 125.2, 125.8, 126.4, 128.3, 128.8, 131.0, 133.9, 138.0, 167.8; m/z (APCl⁺) 364 ([M+Na]⁺), 342 ([M+H]⁺, 40%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 342.2071; $C_{21}H_{28}NO_{3}^{+}$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 342.2064.

4.1.12. (S)-N-1'-(1"-Naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-(3",4"-dimethoxybenzyl)-2-tert-butoxyacetamide and (S)-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S)-2-(3",4"-dimethoxybenzyl)-2-tert-butoxyacetamide **17** and **18**.

KHMDS (0.70 mmol) was added to a solution of 9 (227 mg, 0.50 mmol) in THF (6 mL) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was stirred at this temperature for 20 min, then allowed to warm to rt over 30 min and stirred for a further 30 min. The reaction was quenched by addition of pH 7 phosphate buffer (0.4 mL) and the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was redissolved in Et₂O (100 mL) and filtered through a silica gel/MgSO₄ plug (eluent Et₂O. 200 mL). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Exhaustive flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 1:1; increased to Et₂O) gave 17 as a colourless oil (166 mg, 73%, 86:14 dr); R_f 0.60 (Et₂O); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -4.1 (c 1.2 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3417 (N-H), 2974 (C-H), 1682 (C=O), 1516, 1264, 1159, 1138; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.19 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.69 (3H, d, I 6.8, C(1')Me), 3.87 (3H, s, OMe), 3.88 (3H, s, OMe), 4.54 (1H, d, J 11.0, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.62 (1H, d, J 11.0, OCH_A H_B Ar), 5.11 (1H, s, C(2)H), 5.91–5.94 (1H, m, C(1')H), 6.81-6.96 (4H, m, NH, Ar), 7.43-7.52 (4H, m, Ar), 7.80 (1H, d, J 7.8, Ar), 7.87 (1H, d, J 7.5, Ar), 8.11 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 21.1, 28.5, 44.5, 55.8, 55.9, 67.2, 76.3, 93.6, 110.8, 111.4, 120.5, 122.4, 123.4, 125.2, 125.8, 126.4, 128.3, 128.8, 130.0, 130.9, 133.9, 138.1, 148.6, 148.9, 167.9; m/z (ESI⁺) 474 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 452 ([M+H]⁺, 5%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 474.2263; C₂₇H₃₃NNaO₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 474.2251. Further elution gave 18 (39 mg, 17%, 61:39 dr); R_f 0.50 (Et₂O); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) [selected peaks] 1.30 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.69 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(1')Me), 3.78 (3H, s, OMe), 3.86 (3H, s, OMe), 4.38 (2H, A₂, OCH₂Ar), 5.16 (1H, s, C(2)H); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 20.9, 28.6, 44.3, 55.7, 55.8, 66.9, 76.4, 93.8, 110.7, 111.2, 120.3, 122.5, 123.4, 125.2, 125.9, 126.4, 128.4, 128.8, 129.9, 131.0, 138.0, 148.5, 148.8, 167.8.

4.2. General procedure for enolate alkylations

Titration procedure: KHMDS in PhMe solution (ca. 0.5 M) was added dropwise to a solution of an accurately weighed sample of menthol (ca. 150 mg in 3 mL of PhMe), containing a trace of (*E*)-*N*-benzylidenebiphenyl-4-amine as an indicator, at 0 °C. A single drop of excess KHMDS caused the formation of an intense blue colouration.³⁷ The titration was repeated twice more by the addition of a further aliquot of menthol.

Freshly titrated KHMDS (ca. 0.5 M in PhMe) was added dropwise to a degassed solution of the substrate and 18-crown-6 in THF at $-78\,^{\circ}\text{C}$. After stirring for 30 min at this temperature, the requisite alkylating agent was added dropwise and stirring was continued at $-78\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ for the time stated. The reaction was then quenched by the dropwise addition of pH 7 phosphate buffer and allowed to warm to rt. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in Et₂O and filtered through a short, silica/MgSO₄ plug (eluent Et₂O). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified as described.

4.2.1. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-benzyloxypropanamide **23**.

Compound (S)-5 (97 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.28 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (280 mg, 1.06 mmol) in THF (2 mL) and MeI (0.47 mL, 0.75 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 1 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 23 in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave 23 as a colourless oil, which crystallised upon prolonged standing (82 mg, 81%, >99:1 dr); found C, 77.3; H, 8.0; N, 3.3%; $C_{26}H_{31}NO_3$ requires C, 77.0; H, 7.7; N, 3.45%; mp 63–65 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -41.8 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1683 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 70 °C) 0.64 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.39 (3H, d, J 6.7, $C(3)H_3$), 1.62 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 4.45 (1H, d, J 12.0, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.57 (1H, q, J 6.7, C(2)H), 4.80 (1H, d, J 12.0, OCH_AH_BPh), 6.36 (1H, q, J 6.9, C(1')H), 6.96–7.62 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.55 (1H, br d, I 8.5, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.0, 16.3, 27.6, 55.8, 70.9, 73.0, 82.6, 124.7, 125.1, 125.9, 126.5, 126.6, 127.9, 128.0, 128.6, 128.9, 129.0, 132.5, 133.9, 135.8, 138.4, 180.2; *m*/*z* (CI⁺) 406 ([M+H]⁺, 100%).

Analogous treatment of (*R*)-**5** gave (2*S*,1'*R*)-**23** as a colourless oil; $[\alpha]_D^{23} + 42.1$ (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃).

4.2.2. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl(R)-2-benzyloxypent-4-enamide **25**.

Compound (S)-5 (491 mg, 1.25 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.38 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (687 mg, 2.6 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and allyl bromide (324 µL, 3.75 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 1.5 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 25 in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave 25 as a colourless oil (511 mg, 95%, >99:1 dr); found C, 78.0; H, 7.95; N, 3.35%; $C_{28}H_{33}NO_3$ requires C, 77.9; H, 7.7; N, 3.25%; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +56.4 (c 1.7 in CHCl₃); $\nu_{\rm max}$ (film) 1680 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 70 °C) 0.64 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.63 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 2.39–2.64 (2H, m, $C(3)H_2$), 4.47 (1H, d, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.56 (1H, dd, J 8.0, 4.0, C(2)H), 4.84 (1H, d, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.95- $5.08(2H, m, C(5)H_2), 5.99(1H, ddt, J17.1, 10.2, 6.9, C(4)H), 6.38(1H, q, f)$ J 6.9, C(1')H), 6.97–7.62 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.54 (1H, d, J 8.5, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.3, 27.7, 35.0, 55.8, 71.2, 76.8, 82.8, 117.5, 124.6, 125.1, 125.9, 126.6, 127.9, 128.6, 128.9, 129.0, 132.5, 133.9, 134.5, 135.7, 138.4, 178.6; m/z (APCI⁺) 454 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 432 ([M+H]⁺, 20%).

4.2.3. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-benzyloxybutanamide **26**.

Compound (S)-5 (670 mg, 1.71 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.38 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (700 mg, 2.65 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and EtI (410 μ L, 5.13 mmol) according to the *general*

procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 6 h before being quenched. ^1H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **26** in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave **26** as a colourless oil (567 mg, 79%, >99:1 dr); found C, 77.5; H, 8.1; N, 3.6%; C₂₇H₃₃NO₃ requires C, 77.3; H, 7.9; N, 3.3%; [α] $_0^{21}$ +50.1 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1676 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe- d_{R} , 70 °C) 0.64 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.64 (3H, t, J 7.4, C(4)H₃), 1.63 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 1.68–1.92 (2H, m, C(3)H₂), 4.45 (1H, dd, J 7.6, 3.9, C(2)H), 4.45 (1H, d, J 12.0, OCH_AH_BPh), 6.39 (1H, q, J 6.9, C(1')H), 6.97–7.63 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.58 (1H, d, J 8.5, Ar); δ_{C} (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.1, 16.3, 23.7, 27.7, 55.7, 71.2, 78.3, 82.5, 124.7, 125.0, 125.9, 126.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.0, 132.5, 133.9, 135.8, 138.6, 179.4; m/z (CI+) 442 ([M+Na]+, 100%), 420 ([M+H]+, 50%).

4.2.4. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-benzyloxy-3-(2"-bromophenyl)propanamide **27**.

Compound (S)-5 (517 mg, 1.32 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.45 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (700 mg, 2.65 mmol) in THF (10 mL) and 2-bromobenzylbromide (990 mg, 3.96 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 6 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture (250 MHz, PhMe- d_8 , 70 °C) showed the presence of **27** in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave 27 as a colourless glass (595 mg, 81%, >99:1 dr); found C, 68.3; H, 6.1; N, 2.5%; $C_{32}H_{34}BrNO_3$ requires C, 68.6; H, 6.1; N, 2.5%; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +44.7 (c 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 1673 (C=O), 1599 (C=C); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 70 °C) 0.76 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.69 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(1')Me), 3.15 $(1H, dd, J 13.7, 7.8, C(3)H_A), 3.33 (1H, dd, J 13.7, 5.5, C(3)H_B), 4.49$ (1H, d, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.76 (1H, d, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.95 (1H, dd, J 7.8, 5.5, C(2)H), 6.12 (1H, br q, J 6.8, C(1')H), 6.67 (1H, dt, J 7.7, 1.7, Ar), 6.86 (1H, dt, J 7.5, 1.2, Ar), 6.97-7.61 (13H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.36 (1H, br s, Ar); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 17.3, 27.7, 36.9, 58.0, 71.3, 75.6, 83.1, 124.5, 125.1, 125.2, 125.8, 126.6, 126.8, 127.3, 127.7, 128.4, 128.9, 132.5, 132.7, 133.9, 137.3, 138.2; m/z (CI⁺) 562 ([M+H]⁺, ⁸¹Br, 100%), 560 ([M+H]⁺, ⁷⁹Br, 100%).

4.2.5. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-benzyloxyheptanamide **28**.

Compound (*S*)-**5** (1.42 g, 3.61 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was treated with KHMDS (10.6 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (2.80 g, 10.6 mmol) in THF (20 mL) and 1-iodopentane (1.41 mL, 10.8 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 5 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **28** in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave **28** as a colourless oil (1.05 g, 63%, >99:1 dr); found C, 78.1; H, 8.6; N, 3.3%; C₃₀H₃₉NO₃ requires C, 78.05; H, 8.5; N, 3.0%; $[\alpha]_0^{22}$ +60.5 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1676 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe- d_8 , 70 °C) 0.74 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.82 (3H, t, J 6.7, C(7)H₃), 1.11–1.51 (6H, m, C(4)H₂–C(6)H₂), 1.58–1.83 (2H, m, C(3)H₂) overlapping 1.69

(3H, d, J7.0, C(1')Me), 4.45 (1H, d, J11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.51 (1H, dd, J7.7, 4.1, C(2)H), 4.82 (1H, d, J11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 6.29 (1H, q, J7.0, C(1')H), 6.97–7.63 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.55 (1H, d, J8.5, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 13.9, 16.4, 22.3, 25.0, 27.7, 30.3, 31.5, 56.4, 71.2, 82.5, 124.7, 125.0, 125.8, 126.5, 126.7, 127.7, 127.8, 128.2, 128.5, 128.8, 128.9, 132.5, 133.9, 135.7, 138.6, 179.5; m/z (Cl⁺) 462 ([M+H]⁺, 100%). Further elution gave returned starting material (S)-5 (462 mg, 31%).

4.2.6. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S)-2-allyloxypropanamide **29**.

Compound (R)-6 (200 mg, 0.59 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.70 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (400 mg, 1.52 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and MeI (0.15 mL, 2.43 mmol) according to the general pro*cedure.* The reaction was held at -78 °C for 5 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **29** in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 19:1; increased to 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave **29** as a colourless oil, which crystallised upon prolonged standing to yield colourless needles (200 mg, 96%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.30 (30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +29.0 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2978 (C–H), 1681 (C=O), 1512, 1371, 1238, 1109; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.82 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.23 (3H, d, J 6.2, C(3)H₃), 1.77 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.93 (1H, dd, J 12.6, 6.0, OCH_AH_BCH=CH₂), 4.22 (1H, $dd_{J}12.6, 4.7, OCH_{A}H_{B}CH=CH_{2}, 4.49(1H, q_{J}6.2, C(2)H), 5.17-5.33(2H, q_{J}6.2, C(2)H), 5.17-5.34(2H, q_{J}6.2, C(2)H), 5.17-5.34(2H, q_{J}6.2, C$ m, OCH₂CH=CH₂), 5.96-5.99 (1H, m, OCH₂CH=CH₂), 6.29-6.32 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.41–7.87 (6H, m, Ar), 8.38–8.41 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.3, 16.4, 27.8, 56.0, 70.1, 73.3, 82.5, 117.1, 124.3, 124.8, $125.6, 126.3, 128.6, 128.7, 132.1, 133.6, 134.8, 135.5, 179.8; m/z (ESI^+) 378$ ([M+Na]+, 100%), 356 ([M+H]+, 91%); HRMS (ESI+) found 356.2216; $C_{22}H_{30}NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 356.2220.

4.2.7. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1''-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-allyloxypent-4-enamide **30**.

Compound (S)-6 (200 mg, 0.59 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.70 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (400 mg, 1.52 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and allyl bromide (0.12 mL, 1.36 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 5 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **30** in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 9:1; increased to 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 3:2) gave **30** as a colourless oil, which crystallised upon prolonged standing to yield colourless needles (170 mg, 76%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.65 (pentane/Et₂O, 3:2); mp 74– 76 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23} + 41.7$ (c 0.5 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2978 (C-H), 1682 (C=O), 1370, 1170, 1100, 1092; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.83 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.78 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.19–2.21 (1H, br m, C(3)H_A), 2.41–2.44 (1H, br m, $C(3)H_B$), 3.90 (1H, dd, J 13.0, 6.0, $OCH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.26 (1H, dd, J13.0, 4.7, OCH_AH_BCH=CH₂), 4.42 (1H, dd, J 8.6, 3.0, C(2)H), 4.99-5.01 $(2H, br m, C(5)H_2), 5.18 (1H, app dq, J 10.4, 1.4, OCH_2CH = CH_AH_B), 5.30$ (1H, app dq, J 17.3, 1.5, OCH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.81-5.84 (1H, m, $CH_2CH=CH_2$), 5.92–5.96 (1H, m, $CH_2CH=CH_2$), 6.31–6.34 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.41–7.88 (6H, m, Ar), 8.38–8.41 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.3, 27.8, 55.7, 70.4, 77.2, 82.7, 117.0, 117.1, 124.4, 124.8, 125.6, 126.3, 126.4, 128.6, 128.7, 132.2, 133.6, 134.2, 134.8, 135.5, 178.3; *m/z* (ESI^+) 404 ($[M+Na]^+$, 100%), 382 ($[M+H]^+$, 80%); HRMS (ESI^+) found 404.2194; $C_{24}H_{31}NNaO_3^+$ ($[M+Na]^+$) requires 404.2196.

4.2.8. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S)-2-allyloxypentanamide 31.

Compound (R)-6 (311 mg, 0.91 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.19 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (470 mg, 1.78 mmol) in THF (8 mL) and 1-iodopropane (0.18 mL, 1.82 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 5 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 31 in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 19:1; increased to 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave **31** as a colourless oil, which crystallised upon prolonged standing to yield colourless needles (215 mg, 62%, >99:1 dr); mp 64 °C; R_f 0.30 (pentane/Et₂O, 9:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –40.7 (c 2.2, CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2963 (C– H), 1678 (C=O), 1456, 1368, 1238, 1170, 1144, 1111, 1092; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.78 (3H, br t, J 6.8, C(5)H₃), 0.86 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.28–1.35 (3H, br m, $C(3)H_A$, $C(4)H_2$), 1.55–1.58 (1H, br m, $C(3)H_B$), 1.79 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 3.86 (1H, dd, J 12.7, 6.0, OCH_AH_BCH=CH₂), 4.24 (1H, dd, J 12.7, 4.3, OCH_AH_BCH=CH₂), 4.34-4.38 (1H, br m, C(2)H), 5.16-5.33 (2H, m OCH₂CH=CH₂), 5.95-5.99 (1H, m, OCH₂CH=CH₂) 6.25-6.28 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.41-7.86 (6H, m, Ar), 8.40–8.43 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 13.8, 16.3, 18.7, 27.8, 32.4, 56.1, 70.4, 77.2, 82.4, 116.8, 124.5, 124.7, 125.6, 126.2, 126.4, 128.5, 128.6, 132.2, 133.6, 135.0, 135.4, 179.2; m/z (ESI⁺) 406 ([M+Na]+, 100%), 384 ([M+H]+, 96%); HRMS (ESI+) found 384.2556; $C_{24}H_{34}NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 384.2533.

4.2.9. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-allyloxy-3-phenylpropanamide **32**.

Compound (S)- $\mathbf{6}$ (200 mg, 0.59 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.70 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (400 mg, 1.52 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and benzyl bromide (0.14 mL, 1.17 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 5 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 32 in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 19:1; increased to 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave **32** as a colourless oil, which crystallised upon prolonged standing to yield colourless needles (222 mg, 88%, >99:1 dr); mp 79-82 °C; R_f 0.40 $(30-40 \, ^{\circ}\text{C petrol/Et}_2\text{O}, \, 9:1); \, [\alpha]_D^{23} - 3.2 \, (c \, 0.9 \, \text{in CHCl}_3); \, \nu_{\text{max}} \, (\text{film})$ 2973 (C-H), 1678 (C=O), 1453, 1091; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.92 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.85 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.51 (1H, br m C(3)H_A), 2.77-2.80 (1H, br m, $C(3)H_B$), 3.75–3.78 (1H, m, $OCH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.16 $(1H, app dd, J 13.1, 4.6, OCH_AH_BCH = CH_2), 4.49 - 4.52 (1H, m, C(2)H),$ 5.02-5.06 (2H, m, $OCH_2CH=CH_2$), 5.69-5.72 (1H, m, OCH₂CH=CH₂), 6.23-6.27 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.18-7.29 (5H, m, Ar), 7.32–7.87 (6H, m, Ar), 8.42–8.45 (1H, m, Ar); δ_{C} (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.7, 27.9, 56.6, 70.4, 78.3, 82.9, 116.5, 124.3, 124.9, 125.6, 126.3, 126.5, 128.0, 128.6, 128.7, 129.6, 133.6, 134.6, 138.4, 175.8; m/z (CI⁺) 432 ([M+H]+, 46%); HRMS (CI+) found 432.2528; C₂₈H₃₄NO₃+ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 432.2533.

4.2.10. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S)-2-(4"-methoxy-benzyloxy)heptanamide **33**.

Compound (S)-7 (2.20 g, 5.22 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was treated with KHMDS (11.7 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (2.50 g, 9.46 mmol) in THF (20 mL) and 1-iodopentane (2.04 mL, 10.8 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 4 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **33** in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave 33 as a colourless oil (2.23 g, 87%, >99:1 dr); found C, 75.5; H, 8.6; N, 2.7%; $C_{31}H_{41}NO_4$ requires C, 75.7; H, 8.4; N, 2.85%; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –53.1 (c 1.7 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1675 (C=O), 1614, 1587 (C=C); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 70 °C) 0.72 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.84 (3H, t, J 7.4, $C(7)H_3$), 1.10–1.59 (6H, m, $C(4)H_2$ – $C(6)H_2$), 1.61–1.86 (2H, m, $C(3)H_2$) overlapping 1.68 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 3.36 (3H, s, OMe), 4.42 (1H, dd, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.52 (1H, dd, J 7.8, 3.8, C(2)H), 4.82 (1H, d, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BAr), 6.35 (1H, q, J 7.0, C(1')H), 6.74 (2H, app d, J 8.6, Ar), 7.64-7.18 (8H, m, Ar), 8.61 (1H, d, I 8.5, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1, 16.4, 22.4, 25.1, 27.8, 30.3, 31.5, 55.1, 55.3, 70.8, 76.8, 82.4, 113.7, 124.5, 124.8, 125.6, 126.2, 126.5, 128.7, 129.2, 130.4, 132.3, 133.7, 135.4, 159.2, 179.2; m/z (APCI⁺) 514 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 492 ([M+H]⁺, 50%). Further elution gave returned starting material (R)-7 (181 mg, 8%).

4.2.11. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-(3"",4"'-dimethoxybenzyloxy)propanamide **34**.

Compound (S)-9 (161 mg, 0.36 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.50 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (200 mg, 0.76 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and MeI (0.13 mL, 2.09 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 4 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 34 in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1; increased to 30-40 °C petrol/Et2O, 1:1) gave 34 as a white foam (84 mg, 51%, >99:1 dr); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +28.6 (c 3.3 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2977 (C-H), 1678 (C=O), 1594 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.67 (9H, br s, CMe₃), 1.26 (3H, d, J 6.5, C(3)H₃), 1.75 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.83 (3H, s, OMe), 3.86 (3H, s, OMe), 4.42 (1H, d, J 11.6, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.49 (1H, q, J 6.5, C(2)H), 4.69(1H, d, J 11.6, OCH_AH_BAr), 6.30-6.34(1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.79 (1H, d, J 8.2, Ar), 6.90 (1H, dd, J 8.1, 1.6, Ar), 6.99 (1H, s, Ar), 7.30-7.89 (6H, m, Ar), 8.39–8.41 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.0, 16.3, 27.6, 55.8, 55.9, 70.7, 72.7, 82.5, 110.8, 111.1, 120.3, 124.4, 124.8, 125.6, 126.3, 128.6, 128.7, 130.6, 132.2, 133.6, 135.5, 148.6, 149.0, 179.8; m/z (ESI⁺) 488 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 466 ([M+H]⁺, 16%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 488.2419; C₂₈H₃₅NNaO₅⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 488.2402.

4.2.12. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (R)-2-($3^{"'}$, $4^{"'}$ -dimethoxybenzyloxy)pentanamide **35**.

Compound (*S*)-**9** (272 mg, 0.60 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.78 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (300 mg, 1.14 mmol) in

THF (8 mL) and 1-iodopropane (0.12 mL, 1.21 mmol) according to the general procedure. The reaction was held at -78 °C for 4 h before being quenched. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 35 in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 9:1; increased to 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave **35** as a colourless oil, which solidified upon prolonged standing to yield an amorphous solid (274 mg, 92%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.15 (30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 5:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +50.9 (c 1.4 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2961 (C– H), 1675 (C=O); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.74 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.78 (3H, t, $[7.0, C(5)H_3]$, [1.35-1.43] (3H, br m, $[C(3)H_A]$, $[C(4)H_2]$, [1.58-1.65] (1H, br m, C(3)H_B) 1.78 (3H, d, I 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.85 (3H, s, OMe), 3.87 (3H, s, OMe), 4.34 (1H, d, J 11.9, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.35–4.40 (1H, br m, C(2)H), 4.74 (1H, d, J 11.9, OCH_AH_BAr), 6.29–6.34 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.79 (1H, d, J 8.2, Ar), 6.88 (1H, dd, J 8.2, 1.7, Ar), 6.99 (1H, s, Ar), 7.41–7.87 (6H, m, Ar), 8.42–8.46 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 13.8, 16.2, 18.9, 27.8, 32.4, 55.7, 55.9, 56.0, 71.0, 77.2, 82.4, 110.7, 110.9, 120.1, 124.5, 124.7, 125.6, 126.2, 126.4, 128.6, 128.7, 130.9, 132.3, 133.6, 135.4, 148.4, 149.9, 179.4; m/z (ESI⁺) 516 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 494 $([M+H]^+, 45\%);$ HRMS (ESI^+) found 494.2907; $C_{30}H_{40}NO_5^+$ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 494.2896.

4.2.13. (S)-2-Benzyloxypropanal **36**.

Compound (2S,1'R)-**23** (130 mg, 0.32 mmol) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 1 mL, 1 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give an approximate 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (R)-1 and aldehyde (S)-36.

The crude mixture of auxiliary (R)-1 and aldehyde (S)-36 was dissolved in pentane (2.5 mL), the solution was stirred and (-)-CSA (149 mg, 0.64 mmol) was added. After 1 h a white precipitate had formed, which was collected by filtration. The filtrate was passed through a short plug of silica gel (eluent Et₂O) and concentrated in vacuo to give (S)-36 as a colourless oil (53 mg, quant); 13 [α] 23 23 25 $^{$

4.2.14. (R)-2-Benzyloxypent-4-enal 37.

Compound (2R,1'S)-**25** (297 mg, 0.69 mmol) was dissolved in THF (4 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-15\,^{\circ}$ C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 2 mL, 2 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-15\,^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH

7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give an approximate 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and aldehyde (R)-37.

The crude mixture of auxiliary (*S*)-**1** and aldehyde (*R*)-**37** was dissolved in pentane (2.5 mL), the solution was stirred and (+)-CSA (321 mg, 1.38 mmol) was added. After 1 h a white precipitate had formed, which was collected by filtration. The filtrate was passed through a short plug of silica gel (eluent Et₂O) and concentrated in vacuo to give (*R*)-**37** as a colourless oil (130 mg, 93%); 17 [α] $_{\rm b}^{23}$ +68.6 (*c* 2.0 in CHCl₃); {lit. for enantiomer ca. 82% ee¹⁷ [α] $_{\rm b}^{25}$ -46.4 (*c* 2.5 in CHCl₃)}; δ _H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.54–2.48 (2H, m, C(3)H₂), 3.85 (1H, dt, *J* 6.4, 1.9, C(2)H), 4.61 (1H, d, *J* 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.70 (1H, d, *J* 11.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 5.12–5.21 (2H, m, C(5)H₂), 5.83 (1H, ddt, *J* 17.1, 10.1, 6.9, C(4)H), 7.27–7.38 (5H, m, *Ph*), 9.67 (1H, d, *J* 1.9, C(1)H). The precipitate was basified by the addition of satd aq NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and the mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give (*S*)-**1** as a colourless oil (142 mg, 85%, >99:1 er).

4.2.15. (R)-2-Benzyloxybutanal 38.

Compound (2R,1'S)-**26** (275 mg, 0.66 mmol) was dissolved in THF (4 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 2 mL, 2 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated in vacuo to give an approximate 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and aldehyde (R)-38.

The crude mixture of auxiliary (*S*)-**1** and aldehyde (*R*)-**38** was dissolved in pentane (2.5 mL), the solution was stirred and (+)-CSA (307 mg, 1.32 mmol) was added. After 1 h a white precipitate had formed, which was collected by filtration. The filtrate was passed through a short plug of silica gel (eluent Et₂O) and concentrated in vacuo to give (*R*)-**38** as a colourless oil (115 mg, 98%); 18 [α] $_0^{23}$ +93.6 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); {lit. for enantiomer 18a [α] $_0^{20}$ -95 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); lit. for enantiomer 18b [α] $_0^{23}$ -98.3 (*c* 0.95 in CHCl₃)); δ_H (200 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.02 (3H, t, *J* 7.2, C(4)H₃), 1.77 (2H, q, *J* 7.2, C(3)H₂), 3.73 (1H, dt, *J* 7.2, 2.1, C(2)H), 4.58 (1H, d, *J* 11.7, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.71 (1H, d, *J* 11.7, OCH_AH_BPh), 7.22-7.39 (5H, m, *Ph*), 9.69 (1H, d, *J* 2.1, C(1)H). The precipitate was basified by the addition of satd aq NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and the mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give (*S*)-**1** as a colourless oil (65 mg, 85%, >99:1 er).

4.2.16. (S)-2-Benzyloxypropan-1-ol **39**.

Compound (*S*)-**36** (10 mg, 0.06 mmol) was dissolved in THF (1 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-15\,^{\circ}$ C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 2 mL, 2 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-15\,^{\circ}$ C for 10 min. The reaction mixture was quenched with solid Na₂SO₄·10H₂O. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O (50 mL) and filtered through a short plug of MgSO₄ (eluent Et₂O). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to give (*S*)-**39** as a colourless oil (8 mg, 80%, 97:3 er); ^{13,15} [α] $_{0}^{21}$ +40.0

(c 0.1 in CHCl₃); {lit.¹³ [α]_D +45.9 (c 6.4 in CHCl₃); lit.¹⁵ [α]_D²⁰ +44.7 (c 3.5 in CHCl₃)}; δ _H (200 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.19 (3H, d, J 6.2, C(3)H₃), 2.13 (1H, br s, OH), 3.50–3.74 (3H, m, C(1)H₂, C(2)H), 4.50 (1H, d, J 11.6, CH_AH_BPh), 4.67 (1H, d, J 11.6, CH_AH_BPh), 7.27–7.36 (5H, m, Ph).

4.2.17. Methyl (R,E)-4-benzyloxypent-2-enoate 42 and methyl (R,Z)-4-benzyloxypent-2-enoate 43.

$$MeO_2C$$
 OBn + OBn OBn Me Me $(R,E)-42$ $(R,Z)-43$

Compound (2R,1'S)-23 (302 mg, 0.75 mmol) was dissolved in THF (4 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-15\,^{\circ}$ C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 2.2 mL, 2.2 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-15\,^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 $^{\circ}$ C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give an approximate 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and aldehyde (R)-36.

The crude mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and aldehyde (R)-36 was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me (513 mg, 1.49 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/ Et₂O, 10:1) gave auxiliary (S)-1 (173 mg, 95%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave (R,Z)-43 as a colourless oil (53 mg, 32%, >99:1 dr, 98:2 er); 19 [α] 23 –55.9 (c 0.7 in CHCl₃); {lit. for enantiomer} 19a [α] 20 +36 (c 0.6 in CHCl₃); lit. for enantiomer^{19b} [α]_D²⁵ +25.5 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); lit. ^{19j} [α]_D²⁵ –49.2 (c 0.5 in CHCl₃)}; δ _H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.33 (3H, d, J6.5, C(5)H₃), 3.72 (3H, s, OMe), 4.44 (1H, d, J 11.6, CH_AH_BPh), 4.52 (1H, d, J 11.6, CH_AH_BPh), 5.15–5.19 (1H, m, C(4)H), 5.87 (1H, app dd, J 11.8, C(2)H), 6.25 (1H, dd, J 11.8, 8.4, C(3)H), 7.24-7.36 (5H, m, Ph). Further elution gave (R,E)-42 as a colourless oil (81 mg, 49%); ¹⁹ $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ +67.0 (c 1.2 in CHCl₃); {lit. for enantiomer 19a $[\alpha]_{D}^{\overline{2}0}$ -44 (c 0.2 in CHCl₃); lit. for enantiomer^{19g} [α]_D²³ –34.8 (c 1.2 in CHCl₃)}; δ_H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.33 (3H, d, J 6.5, C(5)H₃), 3.77 (3H, s, OMe), 4.10-4.14 (1H, m, C(4)H), 4.43 (1H, d, J 11.9, CH_AH_BPh), 4.58 (1H, d, J 11.9, CH_AH_BPh), 6.04 (1H, dd, J 15.8, 1.5, C(2)H), 6.91 (1H, dd, J 15.8, 6.1, C(3)H), 7.26–7.36 (5H, m, Ph).

4.2.18. N-Methoxy-N-methyl (R,E)-4-benzyloxypent-2-enamide 44.

Compound (2R,1'S)-**23** (250 mg, 0.62 mmol) was dissolved in THF (4 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-15\,^{\circ}$ C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 2 mL, 2 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-15\,^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 $^{\circ}$ C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give an approximate 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and aldehyde (R)-36.

The crude mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and aldehyde (R)-36 was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and cooled to 0 °C, then Ph₃P=CHCON (Me)(OMe) (447 mg, 1.23 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in

vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 10:1) gave auxiliary (*S*)-**1** (143 mg, 95%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave (*R,E*)-**44** as a colourless oil (125 mg, 82%); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +39.8 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1666 (C=O), 1638 (C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.32 (3H, d, *J* 6.6, C(5)*H*₃), 3.23 (3H, s, N*Me*), 3.66 (3H, s, O*Me*), 4.15 (1H, app quintet d, *J* 6.2, 1.0, C(4)*H*), 4.42 (1H, d, *J* 11.9, CH_AH_BPh), 4.57 (1H, d, *J* 11.9, CH_AH_BPh), 6.60 (1H, d, *J* 15.9, C(2)*H*), 6.91 (1H, dd, *J* 15.9, 6.2, C(3)*H*), 7.23–7.32 (5H, m, *Ph*); δ_{C} (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 20.8, 32.3, 61.7, 70.7, 74.3, 118.7, 127.8, 128.6, 138.5, 148.0, 166.7; m/z (CI⁺) 250 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 250.1445; C₁₄H₂₀NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺) requires 250.1438.

4.2.19. N-Methoxy-N-methyl (S,E)-4-allyloxynona-2-enamide 45.

Compound (2S,1'R)-31 (271 mg, 0.66 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-15\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 2 mL, 2 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at −15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 $^{\circ}$ C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH2Cl2 (1 mL) and cooled to 0 °C, then Ph₃P=CHCON(Me)(OMe) (478 mg, 5.26 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/EtOAc, 2:1) gave auxiliary (*R*)-1 (154 mg, 96%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave (*S*,*E*)-45 as a colourless oil (130 mg, 77%, >99:1 dr); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -22.7 (*c* 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1667 (C=O), 1639 (C=C); δ_{H} (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.82 (3H, $t, J 6.8, C(9)H_3), 1.14-1.59 (8H, m, C(5)H_2-C(8)H_2), 3.20 (3H, s, NMe),$ 3.65 (3H, s, OMe), 3.81 (1H, app ddt, J 12.7, 5.7, 1.4, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 3.89 (1H, app q, I 6.3, C(4)H), 3.89 (1H, app ddt, I 12.7, 5.7, 1.4, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 5.11 (1H, dq, J 10.5, 1.4, $CH_2CH=CH_AH_B$), 5.21 (1H, dq, J 17.2, 1.4, CH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.84 (1H, ddt, J 17.2, 10.5, 5.7, CH₂CH=CH₂), 6.50 (1H, d, J 15.7, C(2)H), 6.78 (1H, dd, J 15.7, 6.3, C(3)H); δ_{C} (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 13.8, 22.4, 24.7, 31.6, 32.2, 34.9, 61.7, 69.9, 78.5, 117.0, 119.2, 135.0, 147.3, 166.6; m/z (CI⁺) 256 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 256.1913; $C_{14}H_{26}NO_3^+$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 256.1907. Further elution gave an impure sample of the (S,Z)-isomer (9 mg, \sim 5%); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.87 (3H, t, J 6.8, C(9)H₃), 1.19– 1.68 (8H, m, C(5)H₂-C(8)H₂), 3.23 (3H, s, NMe), 3.70 (3H, s, OMe), 3.91 (1H, app ddt, J 12.8, 5.6, 1.2, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.02 (1H, app ddt, J 12.8, 5.6, 1.2, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.92–4.96 (1H, m, C(4)H), 5.15 (1H, app dt, I 10.4, 1.2, $CH_2CH=CH_AH_B$), 5.26 (1H, dq, I 17.2, 1.2, $CH_2CH=CH_AH_B$), 5.92 (1H, app ddt, / 17.2, 10.4, 5.6, $CH_2CH=CH_2$), 6.03 (1H, dd, / 11.8, 8.7, C(3)H), 6.38 (1H, d, / 11.8, C(2)H).

4.2.20. N-Methoxy-N-methyl (S,E)-4-(4'-methoxybenzyloxy)nona-2-enamide **46**.

Compound (2S,1'R)-33 (1.3 g, 2.63 mmol) was dissolved in THF (20 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 7.9 mL, 7.9 mmol) was added dropwise via

syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and cooled to 0 °C, then Ph₃P=CHCON(Me)(OMe) (1.90 g, 5.26 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/EtOAc, 10:1) gave auxiliary (R)-1 (649 mg, quant, >99:1 er). Further elution gave (S,E)-46 as a colourless oil (783 mg, 89%, >99:1 dr); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ –50.8 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1666 (C=0), 1637, 1614, 1587 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.83-0.90 (3H, m, C(9) H_3), 1.22-1.68 (8H, m, C(5) H_2 -C(8) H_2), 3.27(3H, s, NMe), 3.71 (3H, s, OMe), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 3.98 (1H, app q, J 6.2, C(4)H), 4.32 (1H, d, J 11.4, CH_AH_BAr), 4.54 (1H, d, J 11.4, CH_AH_BAr), 6.60 (1H, dJ 15.4, C(2)H), 6.87–6.94 (1H, dd, J 15.4, 6.2, C(3)H) overlapping 6.88 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar), 7.27 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.0, 22.5, 24.9, 31.6, 32.3, 35.1, 55.2, 61.7, 70.5, 78.0, 113.7, 119.2, 129.3, 130.4, 147.2, 159.1, 166.4; *m*/*z* (APCI⁺) 336 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (CI^+) found 336.2170; $C_{19}H_{30}NO_4^+$ ($[M+H]^+$) requires 336.2169. Further elution gave an impure sample of the (S,Z)-isomer (53 mg, ~6%); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.86 (3H, t, J 6.8, C(9)H₃), 1.20–1.69 (8H, m, C(5)H₂-C(8)H₂), 3.22 (3H, s, NMe), 3.69 (3H, s, OMe), 3.78 (3H, s, OMe), 4.36 (1H, d, J11.2, CH_AH_BAr), 4.46 (1H, d, J11.2, CH_AH_BAr), 4.99– 5.02 (1H, m, C(4)H), 6.07 (1H, dd, J 11.9, 8.6, C(3)H), 6.38 (1H, d, J 11.9, C(2)H), 6.85 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar), 7.25 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar).

4.2.21. N-Methoxy-N-methyl (S,E)-4-hydroxynona-2-enamide 47.

Compound 46 (203 mg, 0.61 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (4 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to 0 °C. A solution of CAN (995 mg, 1.82 mmol) in H₂O (2 mL) was added dropwise and stirring was maintained at 0 °C for 2 h. The solution was allowed to warm to rt over a further 1 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with brine (20 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/EtOAc, 3:2) gave **47** as a colourless oil (118 mg, 90%);²¹ $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +26.1 (c 0.4 in CHCl₃); $\nu_{\rm max}$ (film) 3414 (O–H), 1661, 1621 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.87-0.90 (3H, m, C(9)H₃), 1.20-1.63 (8H, m, $C(5)H_2-C(8)H_2$), 3.25 (3H, s, NMe), 3.71 (3H, s, OMe), 4.34 (1H, app dq, J 5.9, 1.3, C(4)H), 6.61 (1H, d, J 15.3, C(2)H), 6.97 (1H, dd, J 15.3, 4.9, C(3)H); $\delta_C(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ 13.9, 22.4, 24.8, 31.6, 32.3, 36.7, 61.7, 71.3, 117.2, 149.3, 166.7; m/z (APCI⁺) 216 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 216.1600; C₁₁H₂₂NO₃⁺ ([M+H]⁺) requires 216.1594.

4.2.22. (R)-3-Benzyloxybutanone 49.

Compound (2R,1'S)-23 (248 mg, 0.61 mmol) was dissolved in Et₂O (2 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-10\,^{\circ}$ C in a salt/ice bath. MeLi (1.6 M in Et₂O, 1.15 mL, 1.84 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-10\,^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (12 mL) at $0\,^{\circ}$ C. The mixture

was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give an approximate 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (*S*)-1 and ketone 49. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/ Et₂O, 4:1) gave (*S*)-1 as a colourless oil (122 mg, 82%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave (*R*)-49 as a colourless oil (92 mg, 84%); found C, 74.2; H, 8.0%; C₁₁H₁₄O₂ requires C, 74.1; H, 7.9%; [α] $_{\rm B}^{\rm C3}$ +47.9 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl₃); $\nu_{\rm max}$ (film) 1719 (C=O); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (200 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.36 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, C(4)H₃), 2.21 (3H, s, C(1)H₃), 3.93 (1H, q, *J* 6.9, C(3)H), 4.50 (1H, d, *J* 11.7, CH_AH_BPh), 4.59 (1H, d, *J* 11.7, CH_AH_BPh), 7.28–7.39 (5H, m, *Ph*); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 17.1, 24.9, 71.9, 80.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.7, 137.8, 211.8; m/z (Cl⁺) 196 ([M+NH₄]⁺, 100%), 179 ([M+H]⁺, 45%).

4.2.23. (R)-2-Benzyloxyindan-1-one 50.

Compound (2R,1'S)-**27** (221 mg, 0.39 mmol) was dissolved in Et₂O (3 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-78\,^{\circ}$ C in a dry-ice/acetone bath. ^fBuLi (1.5 M in pentane, 0.53 mL, 0.79 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-78\,^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to a stirred solution pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo to give an approximate 50:50 mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and indanone (R)-50.

The crude mixture of auxiliary (S)-1 and indanone (R)-50 was dissolved in pentane (2.5 mL), the solution was stirred and (+)-CSA (181 mg, 0.78 mmol) was added. After 1 h a white precipitate had formed, which was collected by filtration. The filtrate was passed through a short plug of silica gel (eluent Et₂O) and concentrated in vacuo to give an oil, which was further purified by vacuum distillation (bp ca. 200 °C, 0.1 mmHg) to give (R)-50 as a colourless oil (84 mg, 89%); found C, 80.55; H, 6.0%; C₁₆H₁₄O₂ requires C, 80.65; H, 5.9%; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +46.1 (*c* 1.05 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1722 (C=O); δ_H (200 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.01 (1H, dd, J 17.0, 4.5, C(3)H_A), 3.46 (1H, dd, J 17.0, 7.6, C(3)H_B), 4.34 (1H, dd, J 7.6, 4.5, C(2)H), 4.86 (1H, d, J 11.8, CH_AH_BPh), 5.64 (1H, d, J 11.8, CH_AH_BPh), 7.45-7.32 (7H, m, Ar), 7.61 (1H, dt, J 6.6, 1.2, Ar), 7.78 (1H, d, J 7.4, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 33.8, 72.4, 79.0, 124.4, 126.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.7, 135.1, 135.8, 137.9, 151.1, 204.3; m/z (CI⁺) 256 ([M+NH₄]⁺, 100%), 239 ([M+H]⁺, 60%). The precipitate was basified by the addition of satd aq NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and the mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give (S)-1 as a colourless oil (71 mg, 74%, >99:1 er).

4.2.24. (3R,5S)-3-Benzyloxy-5-iodomethyltetrahydrofuran-2-one 51.

Compound (2R,1'S)-**25** (215 mg, 0.5 mmol) was dissolved in THF/H₂O (v/v 3:1, 2.5 mL) and iodine (379 mg, 1.5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for eight days. The reaction was quenched by the addition of 1 M aq Na₂S₂O₃ (15 mL). Satd aq NaHCO₃ (15 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated in vacuo to give **51** in 85:15 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave a white powder, which was further purified by

recrystallisation from pentane to give **51** as a colourless solid (76 mg, 46%, >99:1 dr); found C, 43.5; H, 3.8%; $C_{12}H_{13}IO_3$ requires C, 43.4; H, 3.95%; $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ +53.1 (c 0.5 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 1773 (C=O); δ_H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.19 (1H, app dt, J 14.0, 7.3, C(4) H_A), 2.48 (1H, ddd, J 14.0, 6.8, 4.0, C(4) H_B), 3.30 (1H, dd, J 10.6, 7.1, C H_AH_BI), 3.40 (1H, dd, J 10.6, 4.3, CH_A H_BI), 4.26 (1H, dd, J 7.3, 4.0, C(3)H), 4.69 (1H, d, J 11.6, CH_A H_BPh), 7.32–7.38 (5H, m, Ph); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.4, 36.2, 72.2, 73.5, 77.0, 128.3, 128.6, 136.8, 173.7; m/z (CI⁺) 350 ([M+NH₄]⁺, 100%).

4.3. General procedure for enolate aldol reactions

Freshly titrated KHMDS (ca. 0.5 M in PhMe) was added dropwise to a degassed solution of the substrate and in THF at $-78\,^{\circ}$ C. After stirring for 30 min at this temperature, the requisite aldehyde (freshly distilled or dried) was added dropwise (neat or as a solution in THF) and stirring was continued at $-78\,^{\circ}$ C for 2 h. The reaction was then quenched by the dropwise addition of pH 7 phosphate buffer and allowed to warm to rt. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in Et₂O and filtered through a short, silica/MgSO₄ plug (eluent Et₂O). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified as described.

4.3.1. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S,S)-2-methyl-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanamide **52**.

Compound (R)-22 (501 mg, 2.31 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.84 mmol) in THF (6 mL) and benzaldehyde (508 μL, 6.93 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 52 in 98:2 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave a white solid, which was recrystallised from pentane to give 52 as colourless crystals (485 mg, 72%, >99:1 dr); found C, 77.0; H, 7.7; N, 3.4%; C₂₆H₃₁NO₃ requires C, 77.0; H, 7.7; N, 3.45%; mp 137–138 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +22.8 (c. 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 3448 (O-H), 1639 (C=O), 1597 (C=C); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 70 °C) 0.81 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.31 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(2)Me), 1.61 (3H, d, J6.9, C(1')Me), 3.37 (1H, dq, J6.9, 2.7, C(2)H), 3.81 (1H, br s, OH), 4.97 (1H, br d, J 2.7, C(3)H), 6.08 (1H, q, J 6.9, C(1')H), 6.96–7.64 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.17 (1H, d, J 8.4, Ar); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.0, 27.7, 42.8, 75.2, 83.2, 124.0, 125.4, 125.8, 126.1, 126.7, 127.3, 128.3,128.7, 129.1, 133.9, 141.8, 183.1; m/z (CI⁺) 406 ([M+H]⁺, 100%).

4.3.2. X-ray crystal structure determination for **52**. Data were collected using an Enraf-Nonius MACH3 diffractometer with graphite monochromated Cu K α radiation using standard procedures at 190 K. The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR92); all non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. Hydrogen atoms were added at idealised positions. The structure was refined using CRYSTALS.³⁸

X-ray crystal structure data for **52** [C₂₆H₃₁NO₃]: M=405.54, orthorhombic, space group P 2₁ 2₁, a=9.0403(5) Å, b=11.4794(4) Å, c=22.682(2) Å, V=2353.8(2) Å³, Z=4, μ =0.553 mm⁻¹, colourless plate, crystal dimensions=0.13×0.32×0.58 mm³. A total of 2494 unique reflections were measured for 5< θ <27 and 2160 reflections were used in the refinement. The final parameters were wR_2 =0.046 and R_1 =0.041 [I>3.0 σ (I)], Flack enantiopole=0.17(1).

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication number CCDC 745789. Copies of the

data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [fax: +44(0) 1223 336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

4.3.3. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl(S,S)-2,4,4-trimethyl-3-hydroxypentanamide **54**.

Compound (*R*)-**22** (194 mg, 0.65 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.71 mmol) in THF (2 mL) and pivalaldehyde (211 μ L, 1.95 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **52** in 98:2 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave **54** as a colourless oil (151 mg, 60%, >99:1 dr); $[\alpha]_{2}^{D1}$ –22.5 (*c*. 0.9 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 3468 (O–H), 1646 (C=O); δ_{H} (250 MHz, toluene- d_{8} , 90 °C) 0.85 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.92 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.22 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, C(2)Me), 1.69 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, C(1')Me), 3.22–3.26 (2H, br m, C(3)H, OH), 3.36 (1H, dq, *J* 6.9, 1.1, C(2)H), 6.02 (1H, q, *J* 7.0, C(1')H), 7.19–7.37 (3H, m, *Ar*), 7.53–7.63 (3H, m, *Ar*), 8.23 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, *Ar*); δ_{C} (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.4, 17.0, 27.0, 27.6, 35.2, 37.0, 57.0, 76.0, 82.9, 124.0, 125.2, 125.8, 126.4, 126.5, 128.7, 129.0, 133.9, 184.0; m/z (CI⁺) 386 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 386.2683; $C_{\text{24}}H_{\text{36}}NO_{3}^{+}$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 386.2690.

4.3.4. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R,E)-2-methyl-3-hydroxy-5-phenylpent-4-enamide **55**.

Compound (R)-22 (504 mg, 1.68 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.85 mmol) in THF (6 mL) and cinnamaldehyde (636 µL, 5.04 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 55 in >95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave 55 as a colourless glass (565 mg, 78%, >99:1 dr); found C, 78.0; H, 7.7; N, 3.0%; $C_{28}H_{33}NO_3$ requires C, 77.9; H, 7.7; N, 3.25%; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +27.8 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 3436 (O–H), 1651 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 90 °C) 0.79 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.30 (3H, d, I 6.9, C(2)Me), 1.67 (3H, d, I 7.0, C(1')Me), 3.24–3.34 (1H, br s, OH), 3.29 (1H, dq, J 6.9, 3.8, C(2)H), 4.50-4.53 (1H, m, C(3)H), 6.12-6.21 (1H, m, C(1')H) overlapping 6.16 (1H, dd, J 15.9, 5.5, C(4)H), 6.70 (1H, d, J 15.9, C(5)H), 6.97–7.62 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.21 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 10.0, 27.8, 41.8, 72.3, 83.1, 125.2, 125.7, 126.6, 127.6, 128.6, 129.0, 131.0, 133.7, 136.9, 182.2; m/z (ESI⁺) 449 $([M+NH_4]^+, 20\%), 432 ([M+H]^+, 100\%).$

4.3.5. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl(2S,3R)-2,4-dimethyl-3-hydroxypentanamide **56**.

Compound (R)-**22** (287 mg, 0.96 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.05 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and isobutyraldehyde (261 μ L, 3.0 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **56** in 92:8 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave

a colourless oil, which was crystallised from pentane at $-30\,^{\circ}$ C to give **56** as colourless blocks (151 mg, 42%, 97:3 dr); found C, 74.1; H, 9.2; N, 3.7%; C₂₃H₃₃NO₃ requires C, 74.4; H, 8.95; N, 3.8%; mp 63-64 °C; [α] $_{D}^{G1}$ -6.4 (c 0.8 in CHCl₃); ν _{max} (KBr) 3488 (O-H), 1641 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ _H (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 90 °C) 0.71 (3H, d, J 6.8, Me), 0.81 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.04 (3H, d, J 6.8, Me), 1.17 (3H, d, J 6.8, Me), 1.67 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 1.61–1.73 (1H, m, C(4)H), 3.22–3.29 (2H, m, C(2)H, C(3)H), 3.32 (1H, br s, OH), 6.07 (1H, q, J 7.0, C(1')H), 7.19–7.37 (3H, m, Ar), 7.53–7.62 (3H, m, Ar), 8.21 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); δ c (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.1, 17.5, 18.8, 19.4, 27.7, 30.4, 37.3, 56.5, 76.0, 82.8, 123.7, 125.0, 125.5, 125.5, 126.3, 128.8, 133.6, 136.1, 183.4; m/z (APCl⁺) 394 ([M+Na] $^+$, 30%), 372 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%).

4.3.6. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-methyl-3-hydroxybutanamide **57**.

Compound (S)-22 (288 mg, 0.96 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.06 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and propanal (161 µL, 2.89 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 57 in 95:5 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave a colourless oil, which was crystallised from pentane at -30 °C to give **57** as colourless blocks (197 mg, 60%, 95:5 dr); found C, 73.6; H, 8.65; N. 4.0%: C₂₁H₂₉NO₃ requires C. 73.4: H. 8.5: N. 4.1%: mp 105–107 °C: $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +5.5 (c 1.45 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 3420 (O–H), 1636 (C=O); δ_{H} (250 MHz, PhMe-d₈, 90 °C) 0.77 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.08 (3H, d, I 6.4, C(4)H₃), 1.20 (3H, d, I 7.0, C(2)Me), 1.67 (3H, d, I 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.98-3.08 (1H, br s, OH) overlapping 3.03 (1H, dq, J 7.0, 3.5, C(2)H), 3.99 (1H, dq, J 6.4, 3.5, C(3)H), 6.14 (1H, q, J 7.0, C(1')H), 7.22 (1H, app t, J 7.9, Ar), 7.29–7.36 (2H, m, Ar), 7.55 (1H, app d, J 8.2, Ar), 7.61 (2H, app d, J 7.3, Ar), 8.21 (1H, d, J 8.4, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 9.6, 18.0, 19.9, 27.7, 41.6, 55.5, 67.1, 82.9, 123.5, 125.0, 126.1, 126.4, 128.5, 128.8, 136.2, 133.6, 182.8; *m*/*z* (APCI⁺) 366 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 344 $([M+H]^+, 50\%).$

4.3.7. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-benzyloxy-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanamide **59**.

Compound (R)-5 (175 mg, 0.45 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.63 mmol) in THF (8 mL) and benzaldehyde (0.14 mL, 1.34 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 59 in 86:14 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 3:1; increased to Et₂O) gave **59** as a colourless oil (167 mg, 75%, 95:5 dr); R_f 0.35 (30– 40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –25.7 (c 1.3 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3459 (O-H), 2977 (C-H), 1674 (C=O), 1600 (C=C), 1512, 1495, 1454, 1393, 1368; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.73 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.87 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.94 (1H, br s, OH), 4.39 (1H, d, J 12.4, CH_AH_BPh), 4.68 (1H, d, J 1.7, C(2)H), 4.77 (1H, d, J 12.4, CH_AH_BPh), 5.01-5.05 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 6.34-6.37 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.96-7.69 (16H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.46–8.49 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.2, 27.8, 57.2, 71.5, 71.7, 79.3, 83.1, 124.1, 124.9, 125.7, 126.4, 127.5, 127.6, 128.1, 128.2, 128.7, 132.1, 133.6, 135.4, 137.3, 141.1, 176.7; m/z (ESI⁺) 520 ([M+Na]+, 100%), 498 ([M+H]+, 18%); HRMS (ESI+) found 520.2456; C₃₂H₃₅NNaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 520.2458.

4.3.8. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-benzy-loxy-3-hydroxybutanamide **60**.

Compound (R)-5 (217 mg, 0.56 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.78 mmol) in THF (8 mL) and acetaldehyde (244 mg, 5.55 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 60 in 80:20 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 1:1) gave **60** as a colourless oil (180 mg, 75%, 80:20 dr); R_f 0.25 (30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –38.3 (c 1.6 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3467 (O–H), 2976 (C–H), 1674 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.67 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.27 (3H, d, J6.5, C(4)H₃), 1.82 (3H, d. 16.9, C(1')Me), 2.44-2.48 (1H, br m, OH), 4.18-4.22 (1H, br m, C(3)H). $4.42(1H, d, J2.1, C(2)H), 4.51(1H, d, J12.0, CH_AH_BPh), 4.94(1H, d, J12.0, L12.0, L$ CH_AH_BPh), 6.41–6.46 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.26–7.90 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.41–8.45 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.9, 20.2, 27.8, 55.9, 66.6, 71.6, 79.6, 82.8, 124.2, 124.8, 125.2, 125.5, 125.7, 126.3, 127.7, 127.9, 128.3, 128.4, 128.7, 128.8, 132.2, 133.6, 135.5, 137.7, 177.0; *m/z* (ESI⁺) 458 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 436 ([M+H]⁺, 33%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 458.2316; C₂₇H₃₃NNaO₄ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 458.2302.

4.3.9. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-allyloxy-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanamide **61**.

Compound (S)-6 (593 mg, 1.74 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was treated with KHMDS (2.61 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and benzaldehyde (0.53 mL, 5.22 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 61 in 96:4 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30- $40 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ petrol/Et₂O, 5:1) gave **61** as a colourless oil (720 mg, 92%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.20(30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 5:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +8.5 (c 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3400 (O–H), 2976 (C–H), 1666 (C=O); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.85 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.84 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 2.92 (1H, br s, OH) 3.84 (1H, app dd, J 12.9, 4.8, CHAHBCH=CH2), 4.22 (1H, app dd, J 12.9, 4.4, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.65–4.68 (1H, br m, C(2)H), 5.01–5.06 (3H, br m, OCH₂CH=CH₂, C(3)H), 5.69-5.73 (1H, m, CH₂CH=CH₂), 6.32-6.36 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.25–7.88 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.41–8.46 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.2, 27.9, 56.8, 70.8, 71.8, 79.4, 83.2, 117.1, 124.1, 124.4, 124.9, 125.2, 125.6, 125.7, 126.4, 126.6, 127.5, 128.0, 128.7, 128.8, 133.6, 134.1, 135.4, 136.6, 141.0, 176.8; m/z (ESI⁺) 470 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 448 ([M+H]+, 57%); HRMS (ESI+) found 448.2497; C₂₈H₃₄NO₄+ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 448.2482.

4.3.10. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-allyloxy-3-hydroxybutanamide **62**.

Compound (S)-**6** (540 mg, 1.58 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.85 mmol) in THF (20 mL) and acetaldehyde (0.44 mL, 7.92 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1) gave

a white solid, which was further purified by recrystallisation from pentane to give **62** as colourless blocks (548 mg, 90%, >95:5 dr); R_f 0.15 (30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1); mp 92–93 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +25.1 (c 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3460 (O–H), 2978 (C–H), 1672 (C=O), 1371, 1093; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.78 (9H, s, CMe_3), 1.23, (3H, d, CMe_3), 1.81 (3H, d, CMe_3), 1.23, (3H, d, CMe_3), 1.81 (3H, d, CMe_3), 1.24, (3H, d, CMe_3), 1.85 (1H, app dd, CMe_3), 1.87 (2) CMe_3 , 1.10, 4.32–4.36 (2H, br m, C(2) CMe_3), 4.11–4.15 (1H, br m, C(3) CMe_3), 4.32–4.36 (2H, br m, C(2) CMe_3), 1.11, CH₂CH=CH₂), 5.22 (1H, dd, CMe_3), 1.11, CH₂CH=CH₂H₃, 5.31 (1H, dd, CMe_3), 1.12, CH₂CH=CH₄H₃), 5.95–5.99 (1H, m, CMe_3), 1.14, 1.15

4.3.11. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-allyloxy-3-hydroxyhexanamide **63**.

Compound (S)- $\mathbf{6}$ (250 mg, 0.73 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.95 mmol) in THF (9 mL) and butyraldehyde (158 mg, 2.20 mmol) according to the general procedure. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/ Et₂O, 4:1) gave **63** as a colourless oil (166 mg, 55%, 95:5 dr); R_f 0.20 $(30-40 \,^{\circ}\text{C petrol/Et}_2\text{O}, 4:1); [\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} +22.7 \,(c \, 1.0 \, \text{in CHCl}_3); \nu_{\text{max}} \,(\text{film})$ 3472 (O-H), 2993 (C-H), 1682 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.82 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.87 (3H, t, J 7.1, C(6)H₃), 1.25-1.65 (4H, m, $C(4)H_2$, $C(5)H_2$), 1.83 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.07–2.10 (1H, br m, OH), 3.89-3.92 (2H, br m, C(3)H, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.35 (1H, app dd, J12.8, 4.5, CH_AH_BCH=CH₂), 4.42 (1H, app s, C(2)H), 5.21 (1H, dd, J 10.8, 1.2, CH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.30 (1H, dd, J 17.3, 1.2, CH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.93-5.96 (1H, m, CH₂CH=CH₂), 6.32-6.35 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.42-7.88 (6H, m, Ar), 8.40–8.43 (1H, br m, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 13.9, 16.0, 18.9, 27.9, 36.4, 56.4, 69.8, 70.8, 78.9, 82.7, 117.4, 125.2, 125.5, 125.6, 125.8, 126.4, 128.3, 128.6, 128.8, 133.6, 135.4, 134.6, 177.4; m/z (ESI⁺) 436 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 414 ([M+H]⁺, 18%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 436.2451; C₂₅H₃₅NNaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 436.2458.

4.3.12. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-allyloxy-3-hydroxy-3-(2"-pyridyl)propanamide **64**.

Compound (*R*)-**6**(461 mg, 1.35 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.89 mmol) in THF (10 mL) and pyridine-2-carbox-aldehyde (0.26 mL, 2.70 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **64** in 94:6 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 2:1; increased to 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 1:1) gave a colourless oil, which was crystallised from pentane at -30 °C to give **64** as colourless blocks (402 mg, 66%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.40 (30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 1:1); mp 98–100 °C; [α] $_D^{23}$ –3.5 (*c* 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν _{max} (film) 3460 (O–H), 2977 (C–H), 1674, (C=O), 1591, 1369, 1112, 1070; δ _H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.87 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.87 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.51 (1H, br s, OH) 3.80 (1H, app dd, *J* 13.3, 6.0, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.16 (1H, dd, *J* 13.3, 4.7, $CH_AH_BCH=CH_2$), 4.94 (1H, app d, *J* 17.5, $CH_2CH=CH_2H_B$), 4.99 (1H, d,

J 10.5, CH₂CH=CH_AH_B), 5.17–5.20 (1H, br m, C(2)H), 5.24–5.27 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 5.56–5.60 (1H, m, OCH₂CH=CH₂) 6.42–6.48 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.13–7.88 (9H, m, Ar), 8.46–8.50 (1H, br m, Ar), 8.52 (1H, d, J 4.6, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.9, 27.9, 56.5, 70.9, 72.0, 79.2, 83.1, 116.9, 120.7, 121.5, 122.0, 124.3, 124.9, 125.7, 125.9, 126.5, 128.8, 132.3, 133.6, 134.4, 135.7, 136.2, 136.7, 148.4, 160.1, 176.8; m/z (ESI⁺) 471 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 449 ([M+H]⁺, 32%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 449.2440; C₂₇H₃₃N₂O⁴₄ ([M+H]⁺) requires 449.2435.

4.3.13. X-ray crystal structure determination for **64**. Data were collected using an Enraf-Nonius $\kappa\text{-CCD}$ diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation using standard procedures at 190 K. The structure was solved by direct methods (SIR92); all nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. Hydrogen atoms were added at idealised positions. The structure was refined using CRYSTALS. 38

X-ray crystal structure data for **64** [C_{27} H $_{27}$ N $_2$ O $_4$]: M=443.52, monoclinic, space group C 2, a=25.6677(9) Å, b=8.0723(3) Å, c=12.5059(4) Å, β =108.6000(17)°, V=2455.85(15) Å 3 , Z=4, μ = 0.081 mm $^{-1}$, colourless block, crystal dimensions=0.20×0.20×0.20 mm 3 . A total of 2970 unique reflections were measured for 5< θ <27 and 2670 reflections were used in the refinement. The final parameters were wR_2 =0.059 and R_1 =0.054 [I>1.0 σ (I)].

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication number CCDC 745790. Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK [fax: +44(0) 1223 336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

4.3.14. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-(4"-methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanamide **65**.

Compound (R)-7 (103 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.37 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and benzaldehyde (0.08 mL, 0.74 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 65 in 87:13 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane; increased to Et₂O) gave **65** as a colourless oil (112 mg, 87%, 87:13 dr); R_f 0.20 (pentane/Et₂O 4:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –14.3 (c 1.5 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3420 (O-H), 2974 (C-H), 1674 (C=O), 1613 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.74 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.86 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me) 3.76 (3H, s, OMe), 4.32 (1H, d, J 11.9, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.65–4.67 (2H, br m, C(2)H, OCH_AH_BAr), 5.04 (1H, br d, J 3.2, C(3)H), 6.34–6.36 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.72 (2H, d, I 8.4, Ar), 7.34 (2H, d, I 8.0, Ar), 7.28-7.89 (11H, m, Ar), 8.45–8.48 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.2, 27.8, 55.3, 56.9, 71.3, 71.7, 79.1, 83.1, 113.6, 122.4, 123.4, 124.9, 125.3, 125.7, 126.4, 126.5, 127.4, 128.2, 128.3, 128.8, 129.1, 129.3, 130.9, 132.1, 133.5, 133.6, 135.4, 138.4, 159.2, 176.9; *m/z* (ESI⁺) 550 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 528 ([M+H]⁺, 5%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 550.2579; $C_{33}H_{37}NNaO_5^+$ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 550.2564.

4.3.15. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-($4^{'''}$ -methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxybutanamide ${\bf 66}$.

Compound (R)-**7** (111 mg, 0.26 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.40 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and acetaldehyde (0.15 mL,

2.63 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 66 in 69:31 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 4:1) gave **66** as a colourless oil (84 mg, 69%, 87:13 dr); R_f 0.15 (pentane/Et₂O, 4:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –30.5 (c 0.8 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3462 (O-H), 2975 (C-H), 1674 (C=O), 1613 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.69 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.24 (3H, d, 16.3, C(4)H₃), 1.82 (3H, d, 16.9, C(1')Me), 2.49-2.51 (1H. br m. OH), 3.80 (3H. s. OMe), 4.17-4.20 (1H. br m. C(3)H), 4.37-4.41 (1H, br m, C(2)H), 4.43 (1H, d, I 11.5, CH_AH_BAr), 4.85 $(1H, d, I 11.5, CH_AH_BAr), 6.42-6.45 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.88 (2H, d, I 8.5, I)$ Ar), 7.34 (2H, d, I 8.5, Ar), 7.43-7.88 (6H, m, Ar), 8.41-8.44 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.8, 20.1, 27.8, 55.2, 55.9, 66.5, 71.3, 79.4, 82.7, 113.6, 124.2, 124.7, 125.4, 125.6, 126.3, 128.6, 128.7, 129.2, 129.3, $129.4, 129.6, 133.5, 133.6, 135.4, 159.3, 177.0; m/z (ESI^+) 488 ([M+Na]^+,$ 100%), 466 ([M+H]+, 4%); HRMS (ESI+) found 488.2424; $C_{28}H_{35}NNaO_5^+$ ([M+Na]+) requires 488.2407.

4.3.16. (*R*)-*N*-tert-Butoxy-*N*-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-(4^{"'}-methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-(4^{"'}-nitrophenyl)propanamide **67**.

Compound (R)-7 (100 mg, 0.24 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.36 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (112 mg, 0.74 mmol) in THF (1 mL) according to the general procedure. Purification via exhaustive flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/ Et_2O , 1:1) gave **67** as a colourless oil (66 mg, 49%, >95:5 dr); R_f 0.20 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –11.9 (c 0.6 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3440 (O-H), 2976 (C-H), 1668 (C=O), 1610 (C=C) 1515, 1346 (NO₂), 1249, 1109, 1092, 1069; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.87 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.92 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me) 3.75 (3H, s, OMe), 4.24 (1H, d, J 12.0, CH_AH_BAr), 4.61 (1H, d, J1.5, C(2)H), 4.68 (1H, d, J12.0, CH_AH_BAr), 4.97–5.01 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 6.23–6.25 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.70 (2H, d, J 8.5, Ar), 6.91 (2H, d, J 8.5, Ar), 7.33–8.41 (10H, m, Ar), 8.39–8.41 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.6, 27.9, 55.2, 57.6, 71.3, 72.5, 78.3, 83.6, 113.6, 122.9, 123.2, 123.3, 123.7, 123.9, 124.9, 125.5, 125.6, 125.8, 126.4, 126.9, 127.3, 128.5, 128.7, 129.2, 130.9, 133.7, 134.9, 135.7, 147.3, 159.3, 175.7; m/z (ESI⁺) 595 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 573 ([M+H]⁺, 7%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 595.2441; C₃₃H₃₆N₂NaO₇ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 595.2415.

4.3.17. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-(4"-methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-(pyridin-2""-yl)propanamide **68**.

Compound (*R*)-**7** (120 mg, 0.29 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.43 mmol) in THF (6 mL) and pyridine-2-carbox-aldehyde (91 mg, 0.86 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/ Et₂O, 4:1) gave **68** as a colourless oil (109 mg, 72%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.15 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -26.8 (*c* 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3460 (O–H), 2975 (C–H), 1682 (C—O), 1613 (C—C); δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.76 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.88 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.49–3.51 (1H, br m, OH), 3.75 (3H, s, OMe), 4.27 (1H, d, *J* 11.9, CH_AH_BAr), 4.64 (1H, d, *J* 11.9, CH_AH_BAr), 5.13 (1H, d, *J* 2.0, C(2)H), 5.26 (1H, d, *J* 2.0, C(3)H), 6.45–6.47 (1H, br m, C(1')H) 6.68 (2H, d, *J* 8.6, *Ar*), 6.83 (2H, d, *J* 8.4, *Ar*), 7.18–7.89 (9H, m, *Ar*), 8.49–8.51 (1H, br m, *Ar*); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.9, 27.8, 55.2, 56.6, 71.3, 72.0, 78.9, 83.0, 113.4, 120.8, 122.0, 122.4, 124.3, 124.9, 125.7, 126.5, 127.9, 128.7, 129.0, 129.6, 133.6, 135.7, 136.2, 148.4, 159.0, 160.2, 177.6; m/z (ESI⁺) 551 ([M+Na]⁺, 8%),

529 ([M+H] $^+$, 100%); HRMS (ESI $^+$) found 529.2712; $C_{32}H_{37}N_2O_5^+$ ([M+H] $^+$) requires 529.2697.

4.3.18. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-(4"-methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-4,4-dimethylpentanamide **69**.

Compound (R)-7 (90 mg, 0.21 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.32 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and pivalaldehyde (74 mL. 0.86 mmol) according to the general procedure. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 4:1) gave **68** as a colourless oil (103 mg, 95%, 90:10 dr); R_f 0.25 (pentane/Et₂O, 4:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -34.1 (c 0.9 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3566 (O–H), 2958 (C–H), 1682 (C=0), 1614 (C=C), 1515, 1249, 1110, 1037; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.86 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.93 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.93 (3H, d, I 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.05–2.07 (1H, br m, OH), 3.09 (1H, br d, I 8.2, C(3)H), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 4.28 (1H, d, J 10.7, CH_AH_BAr), 4.66 (1H, d, J 10.7, CH_AH_BAr), 4.74 (1H, app s, C(2)H), 6.19 (1H, q, I 7.0, C(1')H) 6.87 (2H, d, J 8.6, Ar), 7.33 (2H, d, J 8.5, Ar), 7.45-7.88 (6H, m, Ar), 8.54 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.4, 26.8, 27.9, 35.6, 55.2, 58.3, 68.0, 71.2, 75.3, 82.9, 113.6, 124.4, 124.8, 125.5, 126.2, 126.5, 128.7, 128.8, 129.6, 129.8, 132.2, 133.7, 135.2, 159.2, 178.4; m/z (ESI+) 530 $([M+Na]^+, 100\%), 508 ([M+H]^+, 16\%); HRMS (ESI^+) found$ 508.3069; $C_{31}H_{42}NO_5^+$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 508.3057.

4.3.19. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S,S)-2-(4"-methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-(thiophen-2"-yl)propanamide **70**.

Compound (R)-7 (112 mg, 0.27 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.40 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and thiophene 2-carboxaldehyde (0.74 mL, 0.80 mmol) according to the general procedure. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 5:1) gave **70** as a colourless oil (115 mg, 81%, 90:10 dr); R_f 0.50 $(Et_2O:pentane 1:1); [\alpha]_D^{23} - 19.1 (c 0.9 in CHCl_3); \nu_{max}(film) 3422 (O-1)$ H), 2973 (C-H), 1679 (C=O), 1613 (C=C), 1514, 1463, 1393, 1368, 1250, 1174, 1110; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.69 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.85 (3H, d, I 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.02-3.06 (1H, br m, OH), 3.79 (3H, s, OMe), 4.46 (1H, d, J11.3, CH_AH_BAr), 4.70 (1H, d, J2.3, C(2)H), 4.76 (1H, d, J11.3, CH_AH_BAr), 5.37 (1H, br d, J 2.3, C(3)H), 6.39-6.42 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.82 (2H, d, J 8.5, Ar), 6.95–6.98 (2H, m, Ar), 7.20 (2H, d, J 8.5, Ar), 7.25–7.89 (7H, m, Ar), 8.41–8.45 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.1, 27.8, 55.2, 56.6, 68.4, 71.7, 79.4, 83.1, 113.7, 122.4, 123.4, 124.1, 124.6, 124.9, 125.2, 125.7, 126.3, 128.3, 128.7, 128.8, 129.3, 129.6, 133.6, 135.4, 159.3, 176.2; m/z (ESI⁺) 556 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 556.2123; C₃₁H₃₅NNaO₅S⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 556.2128.

4.3.20. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S,S)-2-(4"-methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-(furan-2""-yl)propanamide **71**.

Compound (*R*)-**7** (99 mg, 0.24 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.35 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and 2-furan 2-carbox-aldehyde (0.58 mL, 0.71 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/

Et₂O, 9:1) gave **71** as a colourless oil (87 mg, 71%, 88:12 dr); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –24.8 (*c* 0.9 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3455 (O–H), 2976 (C–H), 1682 (C=O), 1613 (C=C), 1514, 1369, 1248, 1112, 1081; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.66 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.83 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, C(1')Me), 2.98 (1H, br s, OH), 3.77 (3H, s, OMe), 4.43 (1H, d, *J* 11.9, CH_AH_BAr), 4.72 (1H, d, *J* 11.9, CH_AH_BAr), 4.86 (1H, d, *J* 2.9, C(2)H), 5.19 (1H, d, *J* 2.9, C(3)H), 6.35–6.38 (2H, m, Ar), 6.41–6.45 (1H, br m, C(1')H) 6.79 (2H, d, *J* 8.6, Ar), 7.08 (2H, d, *J* 8.6, Ar), 7.35–7.89 (7H, m, Ar), 8.40–8.44 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.9, 27.7, 55.2, 56.2, 67.0, 71.4, 77.2, 83.1, 106.8, 110.4, 113.7, 124.2, 124.8, 125.5, 125.7, 126.3, 126.4, 128.7, 128.8, 129.3, 129.4, 132.2, 133.6, 135.5, 141.5, 154.3, 159.2, 176.4; m/z (ESI⁺) 540 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 518 ([M+H]⁺, 9%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 518.2531; C₃₁H₃₆NO₆⁺ ([M+H]⁺) requires 518.2537.

4.3.21. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-(4^m -methoxybenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-(3^m , 4^m -methylenedioxyphenyl)propanamide **72**.

Compound (R)-7 (100 mg, 0.24 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.36 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and piperonal (112 mg, 0.74 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 72 in 81:19 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 4:1) gave **72** as a colourless oil (89 mg. 66%. 82:18 dr); R_f 0.30 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -6.8 (c 0.6 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3466 (O-H), 2975 (C-H), 1669 (C=O), 1613 (C=C), 1513, 1247, 1093, 1038; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.75 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.85 (3H, d, I 6.9, C(1')Me), 2.86-2.90 (1H, br m, OH), 3.75 (3H, s, OMe), 4.35 (1H, d, J 11.7, CH_AH_BAr), 4.61 (1H, d, J 2.0, C(2)H), 4.70 (1H, d, J 11.7, CH_AH_BAr), 4.90–4.93 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 5.92–5.98 (2H, m, OCH₂O), 6.30-6.35 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.73-7.89 (13H, m, Ar), 8.42-8.45 (1H, br m, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.3, 27.8, 55.2, 57.0, 71.4, 71.6, 79.2, 83.2, 100.9, 107.4, 107.8, 107.9, 113.6, 119.9, 123.4, 124.1, 124.9, 125.2, 125.5, 126.1, 128.3, 129.3, 132.1, 133.6, 135.4, 146.8, 147.4, 159.2, 176.6; m/z (ESI⁺) 594 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 594.2460; $C_{34}H_{37}NNaO_{7}^{+}$ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 594.2462.

4.3.22. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-(3^m , 4^m -dimethoxybenzloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanamide **73**.

Compound (S)-8 (589 mg, 1.31 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.96 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and benzaldehyde (0.40 mL, 3.92 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 73 in 83:17 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 1:1) gave 73 as a white foam $(556 \text{ mg}, 77\%, 85:15 \text{ dr}); R_f 0.60 (Et_2 O); [\alpha]_D^{23} +21.9 (c 1.7 \text{ in CHCl}_3);$ ν_{max} (film) 3454 (O-H), 2975 (C-H), 1674 (C=O), 1594 (C=C), 1515, 1435, 1368, 1264, 1239, 1158, 1112, 1029; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.72 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.86 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 2.95-2.98 (1H, br m, OH), 3.66 (3H, s, OMe), 3.81 (3H, s, OMe), 4.38 (1H, d, J 12.1, CH_AH_BAr), 4.69 (1H, d, J 12.0, CH_AH_BAr), 4.69 (1H, d, J 1.6, C(2)H), 5.02-5.06 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 6.34–6.38 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.55–7.90 (14H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.46–8.50 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.2, 27.8, 55.7, 55.8, 57.1, 71.4, 71.6, 79.0, 83.1, 110.5, 110.6, 120.0, 120.2, 122.4, 123.4, 124.1, 124.9, 125.5, 125.8, 126.4, 127.4, 128.2, 128.7, 129.3, 129.9, 130.9, 133.9, 135.4, 141.4, 148.5, 148.9, 176.8; *m/z* (ESI⁺) 580 $([M+Na]^+, 100\%)$, 558 $([M+H]^+, 5\%)$; HRMS (ESI^+) found 580.2693; $C_{34}H_{39}NNaO_6^+$ $([M+Na]^+)$ requires 580.2670.

4.3.23. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-(3"',4"-dimethoxybenzloxy)-3-hydroxybutanamide **74**.

Compound (S)-8 (510 mg, 1.13 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.58 mmol) in THF (10 mL) and acetaldehyde (0.45 mL, 7.96 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 74 in 80:20 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 1:1) gave **74** as a white foam $(252 \text{ mg}, 45\%, 80:20 \text{ dr}); R_f 0.50 \text{ (Et}_2 \text{O}); [\alpha]_D^{23} + 41.4 \text{ (c } 1.2 \text{ in CHCl}_3);$ ν_{max} (film) 3482 (O-H), 2973 (C-H), 1674 (C=O), 1515, 1464, 1369, 1263, 1158, 1091, 1029; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.65 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.24 (3H, d, J 6.6, C(4)H₃), 1.80 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 2.44 (1H, br s, OH), 3.85 (3H, s, OMe), 3.88 (3H, s, OMe), 4.16-4.20 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 4.37 (1H, d, J 2.1, C(2)H), 4.44 (1H, d, J 11.8, CH_AH_BAr), 4.85 (1H, d, J 11.8, CH_AH_BAr), 6.41–6.44 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.77–7.89 (9H, m, Ar), 8.40–8.43 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.8, 20.2, 27.8, 55.8, 55.9, 66.5, 71.6, 79.3, 82.7, 110.7, 111.1, 120.4, 124.2, 124.8, 125.5, 125.7, 126.4, 128.7, 128.8, 130.2, 132.2, 133.6, 135.4, 148.7, 149.0, 177.1; m/z (ESI⁺) 518 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 496 ([M+H]⁺, 6%); HRMS (ESI^{+}) found 518.2518; $C_{29}H_{37}NNaO_{6}^{+}$ ($[M+Na]^{+}$) requires 518.2513.

4.3.24. (*S*)-*N*-tert-Butoxy-*N*-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2*R*,3*S*)-2-(3"",4"-dimethoxybenzloxy)-3-hydroxy-3-(pyridin-2""-yl)propanamide **75**.

Compound (S)-8 (247 mg, 0.55 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.77 mmol) in THF (6 mL) and pyridine-2-carboxaldehyde (0.10 mL, 1.09 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **75** in 80:20 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 1:1; increased to Et₂O) gave **75** as a colourless foam (97 mg, 32%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.2 (Et₂O); $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$ +25.0 (c 0.9 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3501 (O–H), 2973 (C–H), 1683 (C=0), 1591 (C=C), 1516, 1464, 1263, 1158, 1138, 1029; δ_H (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.76 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.88 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.48-3.53 (1H, br m, OH), 3.70 (3H, s, OMe), 3.82 (3H, s, OMe), 4.30 (1H, d, J 11.9, CH_AH_BAr), 4.62 (1H, d, J 11.9, CH_AH_BAr), 5.19 (1H, app s, C(2)H), 5.24– 5.27 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 6.44–6.46 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.50–6.53 (1H, m, Ar), 6.65 (1H, d, J 8.7, Ar), 7.15–7.89 (10H, m, Ar), 8.48–8.51 (2H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.9, 27.8, 55.7, 55.8, 56.5, 71.7, 72.0, 79.0, 83.1, 110.4, 110.9, 120.1, 120.7, 121.9, 124.3, 124.9, 125.5, 125.7, 126.3, 128.2, 128.6, 130.1, 132.3, 133.6, 135.7, 136.2, 148.5, 148.7, 160.3, 177.5; m/z (ESI⁺) 581 ([M+Na]⁺, 26%), 559 ([M+H]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 559.2805; $C_{33}H_{39}N_2O_6^+$ requires ([M+H]⁺) 559.2803.

4.3.25. (*S*)-*N*-tert-Butoxy-*N*-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2*R*,3*S*)-2-(3[™],4[™]-dimethoxybenzloxy)-3-hydroxy-4,4-dimethylpentanamide **76**.

Compound (S)-**8** (180 mg, 0.40 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.60 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and pivalaldehyde (0.95 mL, 0.86 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. ¹H NMR

spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 76 in 85:15 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent pentane/Et₂O, 3:1) gave 76 as a colourless oil (155 mg, 72%, 86:14 dr); R_f 0.30 (pentane/Et₂O, 3:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +38.6 (c1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3566 (O–H), 2956 (C–H), 1674 (C=O), 1516, 1465, 1393, 1369, 1263, 1240, 1160, 1111, 1029; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.87 (9H, s, CMe₃), 0.95 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.93 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.00-2.05 (1H. br m. OH), 3.08-3.10 (1H. br m. C(3)H), 3.87 (3H. s. OMe), 3.88 (3H, s, OMe), 4.30 (1H, d, J 11.1, CH_AH_BAr), 4.70 (1H, d, J 11.1, CH_AH_BAr), 4.71–4.74 (1H, br m, C(2)H), 6.18 (1H, d, I 7.0, C(1')H), 6.79–7.88 (9H, m, Ar), 8.53 (1H, br d, I 8.4, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.6, 26.8, 27.9, 35.5, 55.7, 55.9, 58.4, 71.4, 75.3, 77.3, 82.9, 110.6, 111.4, 120.4, 124.4, 124.8, 125.5, 126.2, 126.5, 128.7, 128.8, 130.2, 132.2, 133.7, 135.1, 148.6, 148.8, 178.3; m/z (ESI⁺) 560 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 538 ([M+H]+, 4%); HRMS (ESI+) found 538.3176; $C_{32}H_{44}NO_6^+$ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 538.3163.

4.3.26. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S,S)-2-methyl-3-tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy-3-phenylpropanamide **79**.

TBDMSCl (40 mg, 0.27 mmol) and imidazole (37 mg, 0.54 mmol) were added sequentially to a stirred solution of 52 (88 mg, 0.22 mmol) in DMF (1 mL). After stirring for two days, H₂O (10 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave **79** as a colourless oil (90 mg, 80%); $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ –19.4 (c 1.9 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 1654 (C=O); δ_{H} $(250 \text{ MHz}, \text{ PhMe-}d_8, 90 \,^{\circ}\text{C}) -0.16 \, (3\text{H, s, Si}Me), 0.09 \, (3\text{H, s, Si}Me),$ 0.63 (9H, s, SiCMe₃), 0.93 (9H, s, OCMe₃), 1.26 (3H, br d, J 6.7, C(2)Me), 1.52 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(1')Me), 3.57 (1H, dq, J 8.5, 6.7, C(2)H), 5.04 (1H, d, J 8.5, C(3)H), 6.10 (1H, q, J 6.8, C(1')H), 6.97-7.60 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.23 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) -5.1, -4.7, 15.9, 18.1, 25.7, 27.7, 82.2, 125.0, 125.6, 126.4, 126.4, 127.6, 127.9, 128.0, 128.8, 133.7, 137.0, 143.0; *m*/*z* (APCI⁺) 542 ([M+Na]⁺, 40%), 520 ([M+H]+, 100%); HRMS (CI+) found 520.3247; C₃₂H₄₆NO₃Si+ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 520.3241.

4.3.27. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (S,S)-2-methyl-3-benzyloxymethoxy-3-phenylpropanamide **80**.

Compound 52 (415 mg, 1.02 mmol) was dissolved in CH2Cl2 (1 mL) and Bu₄NI (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added. Di-iso-propylethylamine (1.07 mL, 6.1 mmol) and BOMCl (ca. 90% pure, 810 µL, 4.1 mmol) were then added sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 days. H₂O (10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for a further 6 h. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ $(3\times10 \text{ mL})$ and the combined organic extracts were dried, filtered through a short plug of alumina (grade V, eluent CH₂Cl₂), then concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave 80 as a colourless oil (503 mg, 94%); found C, 77.6; H, 7.6; N, 2.7%; C₃₄H₃₉NO₄ requires C, 77.7; H, 7.5; N, 2.7%; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -63.0 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 1653 (C=O), 1600 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (250 MHz, PhMe- $d_{\rm 8}$, 90 °C) 0.66 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.24 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(2)Me), 1.55 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(1')Me), 3.68 (1H, dq, J 8.5, 6.8, C(2)H), 4.40 (1H, d, J 12.0, OCH_AH_BO), 4.58 (2H, A₂, CH₂Ph), 4.60 (1H, d, J 12.0, OCH_AH_BO), 5.01 (1H, d, J 8.5, C(3)H), 6.14 (1H, q, J 6.8, C(1')H), 6.97–7.61 (16H, m, Ar), 8.30 (1H, d, J 8.3, Ar); δ_C (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.1, 27.9, 42.0, 54.0, 69.8, 80.9, 82.5, 92.6, 124.5, 125.1, 125.8, 126.5, 126.6, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 128.9, 133.8, 136.8, 138.0, 140.0, 180.0; m/z (APCI⁺) 526 ([M+H]⁺, 100%).

4.3.28. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R,E)-2-methyl-3-benzyloxymethoxy-5-phenylpent-4-enoate **81**.

Compound 55 (552 mg, 1.02 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and Bu₄NI (100 mg, 0.3 mmol) was added. Di-iso-propylethylamine (1.12 mL, 6.4 mmol) and BOMCl (ca. 80% pure, 1.1 mL, 4.1 mmol) were then added sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for two days. H₂O (10 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for a further 6 h. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×10 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried, filtered through a short plug of alumina (grade V, eluent CH₂Cl₂), then concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave 81 as a colourless oil (677 mg, 94%); found C, 78.2; H, 7.75; N, 2.9%; C₃₆H₄₁NO₄ requires C, 78.4; H, 7.5; N, 2.5%; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ –75.4 (c 0.9 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 1654 (C=O), 1599 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (250 MHz, PhMe- $d_{\rm 8}$, 90 °C) 0.75 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.46 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(2)Me), 1.61 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 3.57 (1H, app quintet, J 6.9, C(2)H), 4.45-4.82 (5H, m, C(3)H, OCH₂OCH₂Ph), 6.28-6.37 (1H, m, C(1')H) overlapping 6.33 (1H, dd, J 16.0, 7.9, C(4)H), 6.62 (1H, d, J 16.0, C(5)H), 6.97-7.53 (15H, m, Ar, *Ph*), 7.59 (1H, *J* 8.1, *Ar*), 8.37 (1H, d, *J* 8.3, *Ar*); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (125 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.1, 16.0, 27.9, 41.0, 54.0, 69.6, 79.5, 82.4, 91.6, 124.4, 124.8, 125.5, 126.6, 127.6, 127.7, 127.9, 128.3, 128.5, 133.5, 134.2, 136.4, 137.8, 180.0; m/z (CI⁺) 552 ([M+H]⁺, 100%).

4.3.29. Methyl (4R,5S,E)-4-methyl-5-benzyloxymethoxy-5-phenylpent-2-enoate **82**.

Compound 80 (160 mg, 0.3 mmol) was dissolved in THF (2 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 0.9 mL, 0.9 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and cooled to 0 °C, then Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me (203 mg, 0.61 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 6:1) gave auxiliary (R)-1 (67 mg, 91%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave a colourless oil, which was crystallised from pentane to give 82 as yellow needles (99 mg, 96%, >99:1 dr); found C, 74.1; H, 7.3%; C₂₁H₂₄O₄ requires C, 74.1; H, 7.1%; mp 53–54 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –105.8 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (KBr) 1724 (C=0), 1657 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.14 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(4)Me), 2.76 (1H, app d sextet, J 6.6, 1.1, C(4)H), 3.69 (3H, s, OMe), 4.51 (1H, d, J 11.6, CH_AH_BPh), 4.66 (1H, d, J 7.1, OCH_AH_BO), 4.73 (1H, d, J 11.6, CH_AH_BPh), 4.75 (1H, d, J 7.1, OCH_AH_BO), 5.76 (1H, dd, J 15.8, 1.1, C(2)H), 6.99 (1H, dd, J 15.8, 7.7, C(3)H), 7.26–7.38 (10H, m, Ph); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.6, 43.0, 51.4, 69.9, 80.9, 92.5, 121.3, 127.7, 127.9, 128.1, 128.5, 128.6, 138.0, 139.6, 150.9, 167.2; m/z (ESI⁺) 358 $([M+NH_4]^+, 100\%).$

4.3.30. Methyl (4R,5S,E,E)-4-methyl-5-benzyloxymethoxy-7-phenyl-hept-2,6-dienoate **83**.

Compound 81 (252 mg, 0.46 mmol) was dissolved in THF (4 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-15\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (50 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×50 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and cooled to 0 °C, then Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me (306 mg, 0.61 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave auxiliary (R)-1 (103 mg, 93%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave 83 as a colourless oil (131 mg, 93%, >99:1 dr); found C, 75.2; H, 7.1%; C₂₃H₂₆O₄ requires C, 75.4; H, 7.15%; $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ –122.4 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 1723 (C=O), 1657 (C=C), 1600 (C=C); $\delta_{\rm H}$ (300 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.20 (3H, d, J 6.8, C(4)Me), 2.72 (1H, app d sextet, I 6.8, 1.0, C(4)H), 3.75 (3H, s, OMe), 4.29 (1H, dd, I 8.3, 5.5, C(5)H), 4.66 (1H, d, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BO), 4.77 (1H, d, J 11.8, OCH_AH_BO), 4.79 (1H, d, J 7.0, CH_AH_BPh), 4.90 (1H, d, J 7.0, CH_AH_BPh), 5.95 (1H, dd, J 15.9, 1.1, CH, olefin), 6.08 (1H, dd, J 15.9, 8.3, CH, olefin), 6.62 (1H, d, J 15.9, CH, olefin), 7.16 (1H, dd, J 15.9, 7.3, CH, olefin), 7.26–7.43 (10H, m, Ar); δ_C (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 14.9, 41.4, 51.5, 69.8, 79.8, 91.8, 121.3, 126.4, 126.7, 127.8, 127.8, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 136.2, 137.9, 150.6, 167.0; m/z (ES⁺) 384 ([M+NH₄]⁺, 100%), 367 ([M+H]⁺, 5%).

4.4. General procedure for enolate aldol reactions and tandem O-methylation

Freshly titrated KHMDS (ca. 0.5 M in PhMe) was added dropwise to a degassed solution of the substrate and in THF at $-78\,^{\circ}\text{C}$. After stirring for 30 min at this temperature, the requisite aldehyde (freshly distilled or dried) was added dropwise (neat or as a solution in THF) and stirring was continued at $-78\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 2 h. MeI was then added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at $-78\,^{\circ}\text{C}$ for a further 10 min before being allowed to warm to rt over 12 h. The reaction was then quenched by the dropwise addition of pH 7 phosphate buffer. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in Et₂O and filtered through a short, silica/MgSO₄ plug (eluent Et₂O). The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified as described.

4.4.1. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-benzyloxy-3-methoxy-3-phenylpropanamide **84**.

Compound (*R*)-**5** (187 mg, 0.48 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.67 mmol) in THF (6 mL), benzaldehyde (0.15 mL, 1.43 mmol) and then Mel (0.45 mL, 7.17 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **84:88** in 83:17 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane; increased to Et₂O) gave **84** as a colourless oil (176 mg, 72%, 96:4 dr); R_f 0.50 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -74.5 (c 2.2 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2978 (C–H), 1682 (C=O), 1600 (C=C), 1512, 1495, 1454, 1393, 1369, 1239,1173,1092; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.79 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.80 (3H, d, J

7.0, C(1')Me), 2.81 (1H, br s, OMe), 4.42 (1H, br d, J 12.8, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.47 (1H, br d, I 2.6, C(2)H), 4.64-4.69 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 4.81 (1H, d, I 12.9, OCH_AH_BPh), 6.19–6.22 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.80–7.89 (16H, m, Ar, *Ph*), 8.47–8.50 (1H, br m, *Ar*); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.5, 27.8, 56.5, 57.2, 71.4, 79.4, 81.0, 83.1, 124.4, 125.0, 125.5, 126.3, 126.8, 127.2, 127.3, 127.7, 128.0, 128.1, 128.5, 128.6, 133.7, 135.4, 137.8, 138.1, 175.2; *m/z* (ESI⁺) 534([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 512([M+H]⁺, 25%); HRMS(ESI⁺) found 512.2787; $C_{33}H_{38}NO_4^+$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 512.2801. Further elution gave **88** as a colourless oil (24 mg, 10%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.65 (pentane/ Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ –27.5 (c 1.1 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2976 (C–H), 1668 (C=O), 1513, 1454, 1368, 1247, 1092; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.88 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.78 (3H, br d, I 6.5, C(1')Me), 3.27 (1H, br s, OMe), 4.55–4.59 (2H, br m, C(2)H, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.84 (1H, br d, J 12.1, OCH_AH_BPh), 4.93-4.96 (1H, br m, C(3)H), 5.55–6.05 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.85–7.90 (16H, m, Ar, Ph), 7.98 (1H, br d, J 7.9, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 18.5, 27.3, 57.3, 72.1, 79.8, 82.3, 82.9, 123.0, 125.3, 125.6, 126.3, 127.2, 127.5, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.9, 133.5, 138.2, 174.2; *m/z* (ESI⁺) 534 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 512 ([M+H]+, 53%); HRMS (ESI+) found 534,2621; $C_{33}H_{37}NNaO_4^+$ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 534.2620.

4.4.2. (R)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2S,3R)-2-allyloxy-3-methoxy-3-phenylpropanamide **85**.

Compound (R)-6 (200 mg, 0.59 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was treated with KHMDS (0.75 mmol) in THF (5 mL), benzaldehyde (0.15 mL, 1.47 mmol) and then MeI (0.36 mL, 5.87 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of 85:89 in 88:12 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et2O, 9:1; increased to pentane/Et₂O, 1:1) gave **85** as a colourless oil, which solidified upon prolonged standing to give a pale yellow amorphous solid (195 mg, 73%, >99:1 dr), R_f 0.30 (pentane/Et₂O, 2:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +52.5 (c 1.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2978 (C–H), 1683 (C=O), 1369, 1091; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.93 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.75 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 2.81 $(3H, br s, OMe) 3.82-3.85 (1H, br m, OCH_AH_BCH=CH_2), 4.23 (1H, dd, I)$ 13.3, 4.5, OCH_A H_B CH=CH₂), 4.51 (1H, d, I3.1, C(2)H), 4.61 (1H, d, I3.0, C(3)H), 4.92-4.97 (2H, m, $CH_2CH=CH_2$), 5.60-5.63 (1H, br m, $OCH_2CH=CH_2$) 6.17-6.21 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.25-7.85 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.45–8.48 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.4, 27.9, 56.5, 57.1, 71.0, 79.8, 81.2, 83.1, 116.4, 124.4 125.0, 125.5, 126.3, 126.8, 127.8, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.4, 132.2, 133.5, 134.7, 135.4, 138.0, 175.4; *m*/*z* (ESI^{+}) 462 ($[M+H]^{+}$, 10%); HRMS (ESI^{+}) found 462.2650; $C_{29}H_{36}NO_{4}^{+}$ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 462.2644.

4.4.3. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-allyloxy-3-methoxybutanamide **86**.

Compound (*S*)-**6** (380 mg, 1.11 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.50 mmol) in THF (9 mL), acetaldehyde (0.15 mL, 2.61 mmol) and then MeI (1.00 mL, 16.2 mmol) according to the *general procedure*. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 19:1; increased to Et₂O) gave **86** as a colourless oil (248 mg, 56%, >99:1 dr), R_f 0.20 (pentane/Et₂O, 3:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23} + 40.8$ (c 2.0 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2976 (C–H), 1678 (C=O), 1370,

1093; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.85 (9H, s, C Me_3), 1.15, (3H, d, J 6.3, C(4) H_3), 1.81 (3H, d, J 7.0, NapCHMe), 3.10 (3H, br s, OMe), 3.85 (1H, dq, J 6.3, 3.5, C(3)H), 3.91–3.94 (1H, br m, OC H_4 H_BCH=CH₂), 4.32 (1H, d, J 3.3, C(2)H), 4.36 (1H, dd, J 13.1, 4.3, OCH₄H_BCH=CH₂), 5.17 (1H, dd, J 10.4, 0.8, OCH₂CH=C H_4 H_B), 5.28 (1H, dd, J 17.3, 1.5, OCH₂CH=CH₄H_B), 5.92–5.96 (1H, br m, OCH₂CH=CH₂) 6.30–6.33 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 7.41–7.85 (6H, m, Ar), 8.45–8.48 (1H, br m, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 15.3, 16.3, 27.9, 56.0, 56.4, 71.1, 74.9, 80.1, 82.7, 117.0, 124.5, 124.8, 125.6, 126.3, 126.6, 128.5, 128.6, 132.3, 133.6, 135.1, 135.5, 175.0; m/z (ESI⁺) 422 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 400 ([M+H]⁺, 40%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 400.2487; C₂₄H₃₄NO₄ ([M+H]⁺) requires 400.2488.

4.4.4. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2R,3S)-2-($3^{'''}$, $4^{'''}$ -dimethoxybenzyloxy)-3-methoxy-3-phenylpropanamide **87**.

Compound (S)-9 (540 mg, 1.20 mmol) in THF (8 mL) was treated with KHMDS (1.55 mmol) in THF (8 mL), benzaldehyde (0.24 mL, 2.39 mmol) and then MeI (0.99 mL, 16.0 mmol) according to the general procedure. ¹H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude reaction mixture showed the presence of **87:91** in 88:12 dr. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/Et₂O, 3:2; increased to pentane/Et₂O, 2:3) gave 87 as a colourless oil (433 mg, 63%, 96:4 dr); R_f 0.25 (pentane/Et₂O); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +52.8 (c 2.8 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2976, 2936 (C–H), 1680 (C=O), 1594 (C=C), 1515, 1465, 1370, 1264, 1237, 1092, 1029; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.79 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.80 (3H, d, 17.0, C(1')Me), 2.77 (3H, br s, OMe), 3.60 (3H, s, OMe), 3.79 (3H, s, OMe), 4.42 (1H, br d, J 12.6, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.49 (1H, d, J 2.7, C(2)H), 4.64 (1H, app br s, C(3)H), 4.71 (1H, d, J 12.6, OCH_AH_BAr), 6.19–6.22 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.52–6.55 (3H, br m, Ar), 7.26–7.85 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.46–8.49 (1H, br m, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 16.5, 27.8, 55.6, 55.8, 56.5, 57.1, 71.4, 79.1, 80.9, 83.1, 110.4, 110.4, 119.8, 124.4, 125.0, 125.5, 126.2, 126.5, 126.8, 127.7, 128.0, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 130.4, $132.2, 133.7, 135.3, 138.2, 148.2, 148.7, 175.2; m/z (ESI^+) 594 ([M+Na]^+,$ 100%), 572 ($[M+H]^+$, 3%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 572.3013; $C_{35}H_{42}NO_6^+$ $([M+H]^+)$ requires 572.3012. Further elution gave **91** as a colourless oil (36 mg, 5%, >99:1 dr); R_f 0.35 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +17.0 (c 1.3 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2927 (C-H), 1668 (C=O), 1594, 1515 (C=C), 1368, 1264, 1238, 1158, 1138, 1090, 1029; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.88 (9H, br s, CMe₃), 1.79 (3H, br d, I 6.4, C(1')Me), 3.25 (3H, br s, OMe), 3.72 (3H, br s, OMe), 3.84 (3H, br s, OMe), 4.52-4.57 (2H, br m, C(2)H, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.74 (1H, d, I 11.9, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.95 (1H, app br s, C(3)H), 5.78-5.81 (1H, br m, C(1')H), 6.62-6.66 (3H, br m, Ar), 7.28-7.90 (12H, m, Ar, Ph); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 18.5, 27.3, 55.7, 55.8, 57.2, 72.2, 79.6, 81.9, 82.9, 110.4, 110.8, 120.0, 123.0, 125.3, 125.6, 126.3, 126.9, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.6, 128.9, 130.6, 133.5, 138.3, 148.2, 148.7, 174.1; m/z (ESI⁺) 594 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 572 ([M+H]⁺, 39%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 572.3010; $C_{35}H_{42}NO_6^+$ ([M+H]⁺) requires 572.3012.

4.4.5. Methyl (R,R,E)-4-allyloxy-5-methoxy-5-phenylpenten-2-eno-ate **92**.

Compound **85** (261 mg, 0.57 mmol) was dissolved in THF (3 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to $-15\,^{\circ}$ C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄(1 M in THF, 1.7 mL, 1.7 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-15\,^{\circ}$ C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7

phosphate buffer solution (15 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×15 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and 3 Å powdered molecular sieves (\sim 50 mg) were added. The resultant slurry was cooled to 0 °C. Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me (189 mg, 0.57 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petrol/EtOAc, 9:1) gave auxiliary (R)-1 (118 mg, 86%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave **92** as a colourless oil (93 mg, 59%, 95:5 dr); R_f 0.30 $(Et_2O:pentane 1:9); [\alpha]_D^{23} + 38.9(c 1.1 in CHCl_3); \nu_{max}(film) 2970(C-H),$ 1724 (C=0), 1436, 1273, 1168, 1102; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 3.27 (3H, s, OMe), 3.70 (3H, s, OMe), 3.95 (1H, ddt, J 13.0, 5.9, 1.3, OCH_AH_BCH=CH₂), 4.06 (1H, ddt, J 13.1, 5.3, 1.4, OCH_AH_BCH=CH₂), 4.15 (1H, td, J 5.8, 1.4, C(4)H), 4.24 (1H, d, J 5.8, C(5)H), 5.14 (1H, ddd, J 10.5, 2.9, 1.4, $OCH_2CH = CH_AH_B$), 5.21 (1H, ddd, J 17.3, 3.2, 1.5, $OCH_2CH = CH_AH_B$), 5.78–5.83 (1H, m, OCH₂CH=CH₂), 5.92 (1H, dd, J 15.7, 1.4, C(2)H), 6.68 (1H, dd, J 15.7, 5.8, C(3)H), 7.26–7.37 (5H, m, Ph); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 51.5, 57.2, 71.1, 81.0, 85.6, 117.2, 122.6, 127.6, 128.1, 128.2, 134.3, 137.6, 145.1, 166.4; *m/z* (ESI⁺) 299 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 299.1253; C₁₆H₂₀NaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 299.1259.

 $4.4.6.~(2R,3S)-2-(3',4'-Dimethoxybenzloxy)-3-methoxy-3-phenyl-propan-1-ol~{\bf 93}.$

Compound 87 (383 mg, 0.67 mmol) was dissolved in THF (5 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 2.01 mL, 2.01 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in THF (1 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 1.34 mL, 1.34 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at −15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 6:1) gave auxiliary (S)-1 (149 mg, 91%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave **93** as a colourless oil (233 mg, 98%); R_f 0.10 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +32.2 (c 2.4 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3458 (O– H), 2935 (C–H), 1593 (C=C), 1516, 1454, 1264, 1237, 1028; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.16 (1H, t, J 5.9, OH), 3.28 (3H, s, OMe), 3.35–3.38 $(1H, m, C(1)H_A), 3.48-3.52 (1H, m, C(1)H_B), 3.64-3.67 (1H, m, C(2)H),$ 3.86 (3H, s, OMe), 3.87 (3H, s, OMe), 4.36 (1H, d, J 6.2, C(3)H), 4.54 (1H, d, J 11.4, OCH_AH_BAr), 4.71 (1H, d, J 11.4, OCH_AH_BAr), 6.82–6.92 (3H, m, Ar), 7.19–7.43 (5H, m, Ph); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 55.8, 55.9, 57.1, 62.0, 73.5, 82.2, 85.2, 110.8, 111.2, 120.5, 127.4, 128.1, 128.4, 130.9, 138.3, 148.6, 148.9; m/z (ESI⁺) 355 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 355.1515; $C_{19}H_{24}NaO_5^+$ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 355.1521.

4.4.7. (2R,3S)-3-Methoxy-3-phenyl-propane-1,2-diol **94**.

DDQ (110 mg, 0.49 mmol) was added to a solution of 93 (164 mg, 0.49 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂:H₂O (v/v 5:1, 5 mL) and the mixture was stirred

at rt for 18 h and then concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent CHCl₃/MeOH, 9:1) and recrystallisation from pentane gave **94** as fine colourless needles (78 mg, 87%), ³¹ mp 71 °C; [α] $_{0}^{23}$ +102.9 (c 1.2 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 3370 (O–H), 2881 (C–H), 1461, 1310, 1264, 1119, 1038; δ_{H} (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.36–2.39 (1H, br m, OH), 3.27 (3H, s, OMe), 3.35 (1H, dd, J 11.8, 4.7, C(1) H_{A}), 3.55 (1H, dd, J 11.8, 3.1, C(1) H_{A}), 3.75 (1H, ddd, J 8.1, 4.7, 3.1, C(2)H), 4.21 (1H, d, J 8.1, C(3)H), 7.30–7.42 (5H, m, Ph); δ_{C} (50 MHz, CDCl₃) 56.8, 62.4, 75.7, 84.6, 127.7, 128.6, 128.8, 137.9; HRMS (CI⁺) found 200.1289; C₁₀H₁₈NO $_{3}^{+}$ ([M+NH₄] $_{+}^{+}$) requires 200.1287.

4.4.8. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1''-naphthyl)ethyl (2 ξ ,4R,5S)-2-ethyl-5-phenyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carboxamide **96**.

trans-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂ (16 mg, 0.08 mmol) was added to a solution of **61** (340 mg, 0.76 mmol) in degassed ^tBuOH (9 mL). The resultant solution was heated at reflux for 18 h, cooled to rt and diluted with MeOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite® (eluent MeOH) and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane/ Et₂O, 19:1; increased to pentane/Et₂O, 4:1) gave **96** as a colourless oil (246 mg, 72%); R_f 0.25 (pentane/Et₂O, 19:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +10.4 (c 1.8 in CHCl₃); ν_{max} (film) 2976 (C-H), 1682 (C=O), 1600 (C=C), 1455, 1369, 1265, 1169; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.75 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.06 (3H, t, J 7.0, C(2)CH₂CH₃), 1.86 (3H, d, J 7.0, C(1')Me), 1.90–1.93 (2H, m, $C(2)CH_2CH_3$, 4.87–4.90 (1H, br m, C(4)H), 5.01–5.04 (1H, br m, C(5)H), 5.36 (1H, t, 15.0, C(2)H), 6.21 (1H, br q, 16.8, C(1')H), 7.10–7.90 (11H, m, Ar, Ph), 8.35–8.37 (1H, br m, Ar); δ_C (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.4, 16.9, 27.5, 27.7, 56.9, 79.5, 81.0, 83.4, 108.0, 124.3, 124.8, 125.4, 125.6, 126.4, 127.2, 128.1, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 129.1, 132.0, 133.6, 135.1, 138.8, 175.6; *m*/*z* (ESI⁺) 470 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 448 ([M+H]⁺, 82%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 470.2316; C₂₈H₃₃NNaO₄⁺ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 470.2307.

4.4.9. (S)-N-tert-Butoxy-N-1'-(1"-naphthyl)ethyl (2ξ ,4R,5S)-2-ethyl-5-methyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carboxamide **97**.

trans-Pd(NH₃)₂Cl₂ (37 mg, 0.17 mmol) was added to a solution of **62** (200 mg, 0.52 mmol) in degassed ^tBuOH (8 mL). The resultant solution was heated at reflux for 18 h, cooled to rt and diluted with MeOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was then filtered through Celite® (eluent MeOH) and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (gradient elution, pentane; increased to pentane/Et₂O, 9:1) gave **97** as a colourless oil (94 mg, 47%); $R_f 0.35$ (pentane/Et₂O, 4:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23} - 37.6$ (c 0.9 in CHCl₃); $\nu_{\rm max}$ (film) 2976 (C-H), 1683 (C=O), 1456, 1371, 1239, 1166; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 0.83 (9H, s, CMe₃), 1.04 (3H, t, J 7.6, C(2)CH₂CH₃), 1.29 (3H, d, J 6.4, C(5)Me), 1.79 (3H, d, J 6.9, C(1')Me), 1.85–1.89 (2H, m, C(2)CH₂CH₃), 4.10-4.13 (1H, br m, C(5)H), 4.71-4.75 (1H, br m, C(4)H), 5.18 (1H, t, J 5.0, C(2)H), 6.34 (1H, br q, J 6.9, C(1')H), 7.41-7.88 (6H, m, Ar), 8.38–8.42 (1H, br m, Ar); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 8.4, 16.4, 18.3, 27.4, 27.9, 56.3, 75.7, 79.4, 83.4, 106.3, 124.3, 124.7, 125.7, 126.2, 126.5, 128.5, 128.9, 132.1, 133.6, 135.2, 176.7; m/z (ESI⁺) 408 ([M+Na]⁺, 100%), 386 ([M+H]⁺, 67%); HRMS (ESI⁺) found 408.2149; $C_{23}H_{31}NNaO_4^+$ ([M+Na]⁺) requires 408.2151.

4.4.10. (2ξ,4S,5S)-2-(Ethyl-5-phenyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methanol **98**.

Compound 96 (200 mg, 0.45 mmol) was dissolved in THF (3 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 1.34 mL, 1.34 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30-40 °C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in THF (1 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to −15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 1.34 mL, 1.34 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (25 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 $^{\circ}$ C petrol (3×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 4:1) gave auxiliary (S)-1 (96 mg, 89%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave **98** as a colourless oil (49 mg, 53%); R_f 0.55 (pentane/Et₂O, 1:1); $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +3.2 (c 1.7 in CHCl₃); v_{max} (film) 3437 (O–H), 2931, 2889 (C–H), 1455, 1119, 1045; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.04 (3H, t, J 7.6, C(3)CH₂CH₃), 1.80 (2H, app. dq, J 7.6, 4.6, C(3)CH₂CH₃), 2.25-2.28 (1H, br m, OH), 3.72-3.75 (1H, br m, CHAHBOH), 3.93 (1H, br app d, J 12.5, CHAHBOH), 3.98-4.01 (1H, m, C(4)H), 4.86 (1H, d, J 7.6, C(5)H), 5.33 (1H, t, J 4.6, C(2)H), 7.30–7.40 (5H, m, *Ph*); δ_{C} (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.9, 27.5, 61.3, 78.4, 84.7, 106.2, 126.1, 128.1, 128.7, 139.4; m/z (CI⁺) 208 ([M]⁺, 39%), 191 (100%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 226.1440; $C_{12}H_{20}NO_3^+$ ([M+NH₄]⁺) requires 226.1443.

4.4.11. Methyl $(2'\xi,4'S,5'S,E)-3-(2'-ethyl-5'-phenyl-1',3'-dioxolan-4'-yl)-propenoate$ **99**.

Compound 96 (220 mg, 0.49 mmol) was dissolved in THF (3 mL) and the resultant solution was cooled to -15 °C in a salt/ice bath. LiAlH₄ (1 M in THF, 1.48 mL, 1.48 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe, and the reaction mixture was stirred at -15 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was transferred dropwise via cannula to stirred pH 7 phosphate buffer solution (15 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with 30–40 °C petrol (3×15 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and 3 Å powdered molecular sieves (\sim 50 mg) were added. The resultant slurry was cooled to 0 °C. Ph₃P=CHCO₂Me (164 mg, 0.49 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 16 h before being concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30-40 °C petrol/Et₂O, 9:1) gave auxiliary (S)-1 (96 mg, 80%, >99:1 er). Further elution gave 99 as a colourless oil (104 mg, 80%, 95:5 dr); R_f 0.25 (pentane/Et₂O, 9:1); [α]_D²³ +2.9 (c 1.7 in CHCl₃); ν _{max} (film) 2973, 2881 (C–H), 1728 (C=O), 1456, 1199, 1031; $\delta_{\rm H}$ (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 1.05 (3H, t, J 7.5, C(2')CH₂CH₃), 1.79-1.82 (2H, m, $C(2')CH_2CH_3$, 3.76 (3H, s, OMe), 4.40 (1H, ddd, J7.9, 5.6, 1.4, $C(5')H_A$), 4.66 (1H, d, J7.9, C(4')H), 5.40 (1H, t, J4.6, C(2')H), 6.12 (1H, dd, J15.7, 1.4, C(2)*H*), 6.97 (1H, dd, *J* 15.7, 5.6, C(3)*H*), 7.30–7.40 (5H, m, *Ph*); $\delta_{\rm C}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.7, 27.7, 51.8, 82.4, 83.4, 106.8, 122.8, 126.1, 128.0, 128.7, 137.9, 142.3, 166.2; m/z (CI⁺) 263 ([M+H]⁺, 47%), 205 (100%); HRMS (CI⁺) found 263.1283; C₁₅H₁₉O₄ ([M+H]⁺) requires 263.1283.

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