## Dehydrooligopeptides. XVII. Practical Syntheses of All of the Diastereomers of N,N-Protected 2,3-Diaminobutanoic Acids from L- and D-Threonine Derivatives<sup>1)</sup>

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Syntheses of all of the diastereomers of 2,3-diaminobutanoic acids, found in some peptide antibiotics and toxins, were accomplished. The four isomers were derived mainly through two pathways including  $S_N 2$  inversions of the  $\beta$ -substituent of L- or D-threonine derivatives. The various protecting groups and effective nucleophiles for the  $S_N 2$  inversion were examined.

Some kinds of peptide antibiotics and toxins comprise one or more diastereomers of 2, 3-diaminobutanoic acid (H-Dab-OH) and another unusual  $\alpha$ -amino acid, such as an  $\alpha$ -dehydroamino acid. For example, it is wellknown that both lavendomycin<sup>2)</sup> and antrimycins<sup>3)</sup> (cirratiomycins),<sup>4)</sup> produced by Streptomyces (St.) lavendulea and St. xanthocidicus MGl25-CFl (St. cirratus 248-Sg2), respectively, contain a (2S, 3S)-Dab-OH residue, amphomycin,<sup>5)</sup> produced by St. canus, and so on,  $^{6)}$  as well as a (2S,3S)- and/or (2S,3R)-Dab-OH residue. Convenient syntheses of (2S,3S)- and (2S.3R)-Dab-OH derivatives<sup>7)</sup> from L-allothreonine and L-threonine, respectively, as well as those of the abovementioned lavendomycin and antrimycin Dv, were recently reported by Schmidt et al.<sup>8-10)</sup> However, there has been no report concerning a synthetic study of the other diastereomers, (2R,3S)- and (2R,3R)-Dab-OH.

During the course of the total synthesis of eight kinds of antrimycins<sup>1)</sup> we have also briefly reported on the synthesis of  $(2S,3S)-N^2$ -Boc- $N^3$ -Cbz-Dab-OH (1a) (Cbz=benzyloxycarbonyl) from N-t-butoxycarbonyl-L-threonine (Boc-L-Thr-OH) (2a).<sup>1,11)</sup> Here, we wish to report in detail on a few synthetic pathways for 1a and the other three diastereomers  $(N^2,N^3$ -diprotected (2R,3R)-, (2S,3R)-, and (2R,3S)-Dab-OH (1b, 1c, and 1d)) from Boc-L- and D-Thr-OH (2a and 2b).

The configurational structures of the four diaster comers of  $N^2, N^3$ -diprotected Dab-OH (1) are illustrated in Fig. 1.

## Results and Discussion

Syntheses of (2S,3S)- and (2R,3R)-Diaminobutanoic Acids (1a and 1b). To establish a general

synthetic method, the syntheses of (2S,3S)- and (2R, 3R)-Dab-OH (1a and 1b) from 2a and 2b, respectively, were studied variously, and successfully developed, as shown in Schemes 1, 2, 3, and 4.

First of all, the esterification of 2a with  $CH_3I$  in the presence of KHCO<sub>3</sub>, followed by a reduction of the formed Boc-L-Thr-OMe (3a) with NaBH<sub>4</sub>, gave the starting material (2R,3R)-2-(Boc-amino)butane-1,3-diol (4). The selective protection of the primary hydroxyl group of 4 with t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl) in the presence of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) and Et<sub>3</sub>N gave the corresponding t-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS)oxybutanol (5). Furthermore, mesylation of the secondary hydroxyl group of 5 with methanesulfonyl chloride (MsCl) in the presence of Et<sub>3</sub>N gave the  $O^1, O^3$ -diprotected butane-1,3-diol (6).

Subsequently, the reaction of 6 with NaN<sub>3</sub> in hexa-

a) CH<sub>3</sub>I, KHCO<sub>3</sub>, EtOAc, b) TBSCI, DMPA, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>CI<sub>2</sub>, c) MsCI, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>CI<sub>2</sub>, d) 70% AcOH Scheme 1.

a) Na, NH<sub>3</sub>, b) MsCl, Pyridine Scheme 2.

methylphosphoric triamide (HMPA) in the presence of 15-crown-5 was achieved to give the expected (2S,3S)-3-azido-2-(Boc-amino)-1-butanol (7). The catalytic hydrogenolysis of the azido group of 7 with 10% Pd/C, followed by acylation with CbzCl in the presence of Et<sub>3</sub>N, gave the corresponding  $N^2, N^3$ -diprotected (2S,3S)-2,3-diamino-1-butanol (8). Finally, deprotection of the TBS group with 70% AcOH and then Jones oxidation of the corresponding O-free diaminobutanol (9) obtained gave the expected 1a in 81% yield (Scheme 1).

In addition, alternative routes for the synthesis of 1a from 2a were also studied in the following manner.

The protection of 2a with benzyl bromide (BnBr) in dimethylformamide (DMF) in the presence of NaH gave Boc-L-Thr(Bn)-OH (10), which was then reduced with NaBH<sub>4</sub> to give the corresponding (2R,3R)-3-ben-

zyloxy-2-(Boc-amino)-1-butanol (11). The subsequent conversion of 11 with 2,2-dimethoxypropane (DMP) in the presence of dl-camphor-10-sulfonic acid (CSA) gave (R)-4-[(R)-1-(benzyloxy)ethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (12). Then, the deprotection of the benzyl group alone by a Birch reduction gave the corresponding 4-(1-hydroxyethyl) derivative (13). Mesylation of 13 with MsCl gave (R)-4-[(R)-1-(mesyloxy)ethyl derivative (14), which was reacted with NaN<sub>3</sub> to give the (S)-4-[(S)-1-azidoethyl] derivative (15). Subsequently, as in the case of 7, consecutive hydrogenolysis and acylation of 15 gave the corresponding 4-[1-(Cbzamino)ethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine derivative (16). Finally, deprotection of the isopropylidene group of 16 by treating with 70% AcOH gave 9 in 90% yield, as shown in Scheme 2.

By comparing the above two routes with respect to the yields and the reaction steps, the first synthetic method is thought to be preferable to the second method via 12. To further shorten the synthetic pathway to 1a, and to simplify the procedures, the first method was extensively modified. Namely, the mesylation of 3a with MsCl gave Boc-L-Thr(Ms)-OMe (17), 12) which was immediately reduced with NaBH<sub>4</sub> to give the corresponding 3-mesyloxy-1-butanol (18). Even though no protecting group was used to the 1-hydroxyl group of 18, the desirable substitution with NaN<sub>3</sub> took place beautifully to give 3-azido-1-butanol (19) in 82% yield. Finally, as in the case of 7, the successive hydrogenolysis and acylation of 19 gave 9 in only four steps from 3a (Scheme 3).

From the above results, the third improved synthetic method can be said to be significantly simple and more practical. In effect, as shown in Scheme 4, the enantiomer (2R,3R)-Dab-OH (1b) was also readily synthesized in good overall yield from 2b via successive Boc-D-Thr(Ms)-OMe (20), (2S,3S)-3-mesyloxy (21)-, (2R,3R)-3-azido (22)-, and (2R,3R)-3-(Cbz-amino)-1-butanol (23) in four steps.

Consequently, by comparing the above three synthetic methods for 1, it can be seen that the third method is the most available. However, in the syntheses of (2S,3R)- and (2R,3S)-Dab-OH (1c and 1d), the second method using the 1,3-oxazolidine derivative was found to be effective.

Syntheses of (2S,3R)- and (2R,3S)-Diaminobutanoic Acids (1c and 1d). For the synthesis of 1c and 1d from 2a and 2b, a double inversion at the C-3 position is necessary. However, all attempts using (2R,3R)-18 and (2S,3S)-21 were unsuccessful. Therefore, the above-mentioned second method was applied to the syntheses of 1c and 1d.

First, since trifluoromesyl (Tf) and tosyl (Tos) groups are more electron-attractive than the Ms group, the TfO and TosO groups as the leaving group in 13 were thought to be superior to the mesyloxy (MsO) group. However, attempts to isolate the corresponding tosy-

late (24) and triflate (25), derived by sulfonations of 13 with toluenesulfonyl chloride (TosCl) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid anhydride (Tf<sub>2</sub>O), respectively, were unsuccessful. Namely, the formed intermediates, 24 and 25, were very labile, and undesirable intramolecular substitution-cyclization occurred either immediately or gradually to give unstable oxazolo[3,4-c]oxazole (26). The structure and reaction mechanism could be understood based on the spectral data (IR and  $^1$ H NMR) and the recently reported literature,  $^{13}$  as shown in Scheme 5.

Consequently, direct substitution of the hydroxyl group of 13 by using the other nucleophile was examined, and was successful in the following ways. According to Scheme 6, the reaction of 13 with BzOH in the presence of triphenylphosphine (Ph<sub>3</sub>P) and diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD)<sup>14)</sup> gave the corresponding (R)-4-[(S)-1-benzoyloxy)ethyl] (27). Subsequent deprotection of the benzoyl group with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> gave the corresponding (R)-4-[(S)-1-(hydroxy)ethyl] derivative (28). Furthermore, mesylation of 28 with MsCl and a subsequent inversion reaction of the mesyloxy derivative (29) with  $NaN_3$  gave the expected (S)-4-[(R)-1azidoethyll derivative (30). Then, the hydrogenolysis of the azido group of 30 with 10% Pd/C, followed by acylation with CbzCl, gave the (S)-4-[(R)-1-(Cbz-amino)ethyll derivative (31), which was further deprotected with 70% AcOH into 32, and finally oxidized to give the expected (2S,3R)-Dab-OH (1c).

Quite similarly as in the case of 1c from 2a, the enantiomer (2R,3S)-Dab-OH (1d) was also synthesized from Boc-D-Thr(Bn)-OH (33) via successive (2S,3S)-2-(Boc-amino)-3-benzyloxy-1-butanol (34), (S)-4-[(S)-1-(benzyloxy)ethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (35), the corresponding (S)-4-[(S)-1-(hydroxy)ethyl] (36)-, (S)-4-[(R)-1-(benzoyloxy)ethyl] (37)-, (S)-4-[(R)-1-(hydroxy)ethyl] (38)-, (S)-4-[(R)-1-(mesyloxy)ethyl] (39)-, (R)-4-[(S)-1-azidoethyl] (40)-, and (R)-4-[(S)-1-(Cbz-amino)ethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine (41) and final  $N^2,N^3$ -diprotected-(2R,3S)-2,3-diamino-1-butanol derivatives (42) in good yields, respectively

b) MsCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

a) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, Scheme 6.

(Scheme 7).

The melting points, elemental analyses, and specific rotations of the four diastereomers of the diaminobutanol derivatives (9, 23, 32, 42) and 1a—d are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.

In conclusion, we believe that the practical synthetic method for all Dab diastereomers is sufficiently applicable to the synthesis of other  $\alpha,\beta$ -diamino acids, and is useful for the studying of the correlation between the structure and the bioactivity of the peptides containing an appropriate diamino acid residue.

## Experimental

The melting points were determined using a Yamato (Model Mp-21) micro-melting point apparatus, and were uncorrected. The IR spectra were recorded using a Hitachi EPI-G2 spectrometer. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were measured with JEOL EX90 and FX 200 spectrometers in  $CDCl_3$  and  $DMSO-d_6$  with tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The optical rotations were measured with a DIP-4 polarimeter (Japan Spectroscopic Co., Ltd).

Starting Materials. Boc-L-Thr-OH (2a) and Boc-D-Thr-OH (2b) were purchased from Nippon Rikagaku Yakuhin Co., Ltd.

Boc-L- and D-Thr-OMe (3a and 3b). To a solution of 2a or 2b (1.00 g, 45.6 mmol) in DMF (70 ml) was added KHCO<sub>3</sub> (9.14 g, 91.2 mmol), followed by the addition of CH<sub>3</sub>I (4.6 ml, 73.0 mmol). After stirring for 5 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was poured into water (200 ml) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3×30 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine (3×10 ml), and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The concentration in vacuo gave a syrupy 3a or 3b, which was used in the next reaction without purification.

(2R,3R)-2-(t-Butoxycarbonyl)aminobutane-1,3-A solution of **2a** (2.0 g, 9.1 mmol), diol (4) from 2a. N-hydroxysuccinimide (HOSu) (1.16 g, 10.0 mmol) and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) (2.07 g, 10.0 mmol) in THF (15 ml) was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, and then at room temperature for 5 h. The deposited DCC urea was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. To a solution of the residue in THF (20 ml), a suspension of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (1.04 g, 27.4 mmol) in EtOH (5 ml) was added; the reaction mixture was then stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, quenched by adding saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 ml) and concentrated in vacuo. The obtained residue was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3×20 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine (2×20 ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The concentration in vacuo gave a crude syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (2:1 v/v) to give 4 as a colorless syrup. Yield 96%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 1.6^{\circ}$  (c 1.20, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3400, 1690, 1527 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.21 (d, 3H, J=6.2 Hz), 1.45 (s, 9H), 3.40-4.40 (m, 6H), 5.44

b) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, Scheme 7.

a) Na, NH<sub>3</sub>,

Table 1.  $N^2, N^3$ -Diprotected 2,3-Diamino-1-butanol Derivatives (9, 23, 32, 42)

Compound	Mp <sup>a)</sup>	$Found/\%^{b)}$			$[lpha]_{ m D}^{ m  c)}$
No.	$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	C	Н	N	0
9(2S, 3S)	129—131	60.12	7.86	8.23	-9.8~(c~0.9)
<b>23</b> $(2R, 3R)$	130—131	60.09	7.60	8.09	+10.1~(c~0.5)
<b>32</b> $(2S, 3R)$	9395	60.07	7.60	8.17	+27.3~(c~1.7)
<b>42</b> $(2R, 3S)$	9395	60.03	7.86	8.26	-25.4~(c~1.6)

Colorless needles from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc. b) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 60.34; H, 7.74; N, 8.28%. c) Measured in MeOH at 25—26 °C.

 $N^2, N^3$ -Diprotected 2,3-Diaminobutanoic Acid (1)

Compound	Mp <sup>a)</sup>	Found/% <sup>b)</sup>			$[lpha]_{ m D}^{ m c)}$
No.	$^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$	$\overline{\mathbf{C}}$	Н	N	0
<b>1a</b> $(2S, 3S)$	112-113	57.82	6.83	7.96	-21.0 (c 0.3)
<b>1b</b> $(2R, 3R)$	112-113	57.97	6.74	7.88	+21.1 (c 1.0)
<b>1c</b> $(2S, 3R)$	190 - 191	57.60	6.26	7.69	+11.6 (c 1.5)
<b>1d</b> $(2R, 3S)$	190—191	57.52	6.85	7.88	$-11.8 \ (c\ 1.5)$

a) Colorless needles from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc. b) Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C, 57.94; H, 6.87; N, 7.95%. c) Measured in MeOH at 25—26 °C.

(br d, 1H, NH). Found: C, 52.63; H, 9.34; N, 6.46%. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 52.66; H, 9.33; N, 6.82%.

1,3-Diol (4) from 3a. To a solution of **3a** (2.0 g, 8.6 mmol) in EtOH (15 ml) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.65 g, 17 mmol) at 0 °C. After this was stirred for 1.5 h, the resulting mixture was returned to room temperature for 1.5 h, and quenched by adding a saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (50 ml). After removing the organic solvent in vacuo, the obtained residue was extracted with EtOAc (3×10 ml). The combined extracts were washed three times with brine  $(3\times20)$ ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave a syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column

using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (2:1 v/v) to give 4. Yield 85%.

(2R,3R)-2-(t-Butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-(t-butyldimethyl)siloxy-3-butanol (5). To a solution of 4 (1.0 g, 4.9 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.82 ml, 5.9 mmol) and DMAP (30 mg, 0.24 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) were added TBSCl (0.74 g, 4.9 mmol). After this was stirred for 6 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (20 ml). The resultant solution was washed with water (2×10 ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave a colorless syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (4:1 v/v) to give **5** as a colorless syrup. Yield 71%. The syrup crystallized gradually. Mp 68—70 °C.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  -16.4° (c 1.48, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3458, 1692, 1503 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =0.08 (s, 6H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 1.19 (d, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 3.30 (br d, 1H), 3.85 (dq, 1H), 3.85 (dABq, 2H), 4.15 (ddq, 1H, J=6.4 and 2.0Hz), 5.18 (br d, 1H, J=8.1 Hz). Found: C, 56.08; H, 10.70; N, 4.36%. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si: C, 56.39; H, 10.41; N, 4.39%.

(2R,3R)-2-(t-Butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-(t-butyldimethyl)siloxy-3-(methylsulfonyloxy)butane (6). To a solution of 5 (0.60 g, 1.9 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.32 ml, 2.3 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 ml) was added MsCl (0.15 ml, 1.9 mmol) at 0 °C. After this was stirred for 4 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was added to CHCl<sub>3</sub> (20 ml). The resultant solution was washed with water  $(2\times10)$ ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave a syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (4:1 v/v) to give **6** as a colorless syrup. Yield 88%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -2.0° (c 1.20, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3400, 1740, 1530 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =0.08 (s, 6H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.48 (d, 3H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.63—3.75 (m, 3H), 4.74 (br d, 1H), 5.03 (dq, 1H, J=3.5 Hz). Found: C, 47.09; H, 8.89; N, 3.66%. Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{35}NO_6SSi\cdot 1/2H_2O: C, 47.26; H, 8.92; N, 3.44\%.$ 

(2S,3S)-3-Azido-2-(t-butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-(tbutyldimethyl)siloxybutane (7). To a solution of 6  $(0.40~\mathrm{g},~1.0~\mathrm{mmol})$  and 15-crown-5  $(0.23~\mathrm{g},~1.0~\mathrm{mmol})$  in HMPA (1.5 ml) was added NaN<sub>3</sub> (0.33 g, 5.1 mmol) at 55 °C. After this was stirred for 3 h, the reaction mixture was added to EtOAc (30 ml). The resultant solution was washed with brine (10 ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave an oily residue, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (15:1 v/v) to give 7 as a colorless oil. Yield 87%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +13.6^{\circ}$  (c 0.75, MeOH). IR (KBr) 2098, 1722, 1503 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HNMR  $\delta$ =0.03 (s, 6H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 1.25 (d, 3H, J=6.4 Hz), 1.38 (s, 9H), 3.46—3.86 (m, 4H), 4.74 (br d, 1H). Found: C, 51.93; H, 9.48; N, 15.97%. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si: C, 52.29; H, 9.36; N, 16.27%.

(2S, 3S)- 3- (Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino- 2- (t- butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-(t-butyldimethyl)siloxybutane A solution of 7 (0.50 g, 1.5 mmol) in EtOH (5 ml) was hydrogenolyzed catalytically with 10% Pd/C (0.1 g) for 2 h at room temperature. After removing the catalyst, the filtrate was stirred together with Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.26 ml, 1.9 mmol) and benzyl chloroformate (0.25 ml, 1.7 mmol) for 1 h at room temperature, and then concentrated in vacuo. The obtained residue was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (30 ml) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 ml), and then brine (2×10 ml), and finally dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave crude crystals, which were purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (4:1 v/v) to give colorless crystals. Recrystallization from hexane gave 8 as colorless needles. Yield 81%. Mp 96-98 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -17.1° (c 1.31, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3358, 1686, 1533 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =0.07 (s, 6H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 1.20 (d, 3H, J=6.8 Hz), 1.44 (s, 9H), 3.50—4.09 (m, 4H), 5.04 (br d, 1H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 5.87 (br d, 1H), 7.36 (s, 5H). Found: C, 60.78; H, 9.25; N, 6.14%. Calcd for  $C_{23}H_{40}N_2O_5Si$ : C, 61.03; H, 8.91; N, 6.19%.

(2S,3S)-3-(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2-(t-butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-butanol (9). A solution of 8 (0.50 g, 1.1 mmol) in 70% AcOH (10 ml) was stirred for 12 h at room temperature, and then concentrated in vacuo to give colorless crystals. Recrystallization from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc gave 9 as a colorless needles. Yield 90%. IR (KBr) 3352, 1689, 1542 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.24 (d, 3H, J=7.0 Hz), 1.43 (s, 9H), 3.27—3.80 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 5.12 (br d, 1H), 5.22 (br d, 1H), 7.35 (s, 5H).

(2S,3S)-3-(Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2-(t-butoxycarbonyl)aminobutanoic Acid (1a). A solution of 9 (0.60 g, 1.8 mmol) in acetone (30 ml) was treated with Jones reagent, with stirring, at 0 °C for 1 h, then quenched with 2propanol (3 ml). The deposited precipitates were filtered off, and the filtrate was added to saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 ml). After removing the organic solvent in vacuo, the aqueous solution was washed with diethyl ether (2×15 ml) and then acidified to pH 4 with citric acid, and extracted with EtOAc (3×20 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine (3×10 ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave colorless crystals, which were recrystallized from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc to give 1a as a colorless needles. IR (KBr) 3500, 3340, 1695, 1530 cm<sup>-1</sup>. 200 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$ =1.02 (d, 3H, J=6.8 Hz), 1.38 (s, 9H), 3.97 (m, 1H), 4.16 (dd, 1H, J=8.8 and 6.3 Hz), 5.01 (s, 2H), 6.94 (br d, 1H, J=8.8 Hz), 7.21 (br d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.33 (s, 5H). 200 MHz  $^{13}$ C NMR (DMSO $d_6$ )  $\delta = 16.2, 28.2, 47.4, 57.2, 65.2, 78.3, 127.5, 127.7, 128.4,$ 137.2, 155.4, 155.7, 172.2.

Boc-L-Thr(Bn)-OH (10). To a solution of 2a (5.0 g,

22 mmol) in DMF (80 ml) was added NaH (55% dispersion in mineral oil, 2.1 g, 48 mmol), with stirring, at -15 °C. After this was stirred for 2 h, benzyl bromide (2.9 ml, 24 mmol) was further added to the mixture, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (100 ml) and washed with diethyl ether (2×50 ml). The aqueous solution was acidified with citric acid and extracted with EtOAc (3×50 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine (3×30 ml), and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave a residual syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (2:1 v/v) to give a colorless syrup. After the syrup gradually crystallized, the crystals were recrystallized from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc to give colorless prisms. Yield 85%. Mp 112—114 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +15.8° (c 1.10, MeOH). Lit, <sup>15)</sup> Mp 115—116 °C.  $[\alpha]_D$  +15.8° (c 1.1, MeOH).

(2R,3R)-3-Benzyloxy-2-(t-butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-butanol (11). A solution of **10** (3.0 g, 9.7 mmol), HOSu (1.2 g, 10.70 mmol), and DCC (2.2 g, 11 mmol) in THF (30 ml) was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and at room temperature for 6 h. The deposited DCC urea was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The obtained residue was dissolved in THF (30 ml), and then treated with a suspension of NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.70 g, 19 mmol) in EtOH (10 ml) at 0 °C. After this, it was stirred for 30 min, and the resulting mixture was quenched by adding saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 ml). Evaporation of the organic solvent in vacuo gave a residue, which was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3×20 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine (2×20 ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave a syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (2:1 v/v) to give 11 as a colorless syrup. Yield 75%.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{26}$  +8.6° (c 1.20, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3348, 1698, 1503 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.22 (d, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 3.16 (br s, 1H), 3.48—3.74 (m, 3H), 3.84 (dq, 1H, J=2.5 and 6.0 Hz), 4.30 and 4.60 (ABq, 2H, J=12.0 Hz), 5.09 (br s, 1H), 7.27 (s, 5H). Found: C, 64.79; H, 8.52; N, 4.93%. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 65.06; H, 8.53; N, 4.74%.

(R)-4-[(R)-1-(Benzyloxy)ethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (12). After a solution of 11 (2.0 g, 6.1 mmol), dl-camphor-10-sulfonic acid (40 mg) and 2,2-dimethoxypropane (10 ml) in acetone (20 ml) had been stirred for 6 h at room temperature, it was neutralized with Et<sub>3</sub>N. The reaction mixture was then evaporated, and the residue was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (5:1 v/v) to give 12 as a colorless syrup. Yield 88%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -13.4° (c 1.60, MeOH). IR (KBr) 2936, 1700, 1456 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.18 (d, 3H, J=5.5 Hz), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 3.80—4.28 (m, 4H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 7.25 (s, 5H). Found: C, 67.96; H, 8.72; N, 4.19%. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 68.03; H, 8.71; N, 4.18%.

(R)-3-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(R)-1-hydroxyethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine (13). To a solution of 12 (3.2 g, 9.7 mmol) in NH<sub>3</sub> (60 ml) was added Na (ca. 3.3 g) with stirring at -78 °C. After this was stirred for 1 h, excess NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added. The resulting mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature until the dissolved NH<sub>3</sub> disappeared. The reaction mixture was first dissolved in EtOAc (150 ml) and washed with brine (3×40 ml), and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo

gave a residual syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (4:1 v/v) to give colorless crystals. Recrystallization from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc gave 13 as colorless prisms. Yield 76%. Mp 88—89 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{24}$  –16.1° (c 1.40, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3442, 1698, 1458 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.19 (d, 3H, J=6.0 Hz), 1.48 (s, 12H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 3.72—4.36 (m, 5H). Found: C, 59.13; H, 9.44; N, 5.75%. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 58.75; H, 9.45; N, 5.71%.

(R)-3-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2, 2-dimethyl-4- $\lceil (R)$ -1-(methylsulfonyloxy)ethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine (14). a solution of 13 (1.0 g, 4.1 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 ml) was added MsCl (0.63 ml, 8.1 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.15 ml, 8.1 mmol) with stirring at -10 °C. After this was stirred for 5 min, the reaction mixture was added to diethyl ether (40 ml). The resultant solution was washed with brine (20 ml), 10% citric acid (20 ml), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 ml) and then brine (20 ml), and finally dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave colorless crystals, which were recrystallized from hexane to give 14 as colorless needles. Yield 90%. Mp 80—82 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +3.2° (c 1.0, MeOH). IR (KBr) 1698, 1365, 1176, 912 cm<sup>-1</sup>. 200 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR (65 °C)  $\delta$ =1.39 (d, 3H, J=6.8 Hz), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 3.60—3.75 (m, 1H), 3.93—4.19 (m, 2H), 5.01—5.20 (m, 1H). Found: C, 48.51; H, 7.51; N, 4.21%. Calcd for  $C_{13}H_{25}NO_6S$ : C, 48.24; H, 7.73; N, 4.33%.

(S)-4-[(S)-1-Azidoethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (15). A solution of 14 (1.8 g, 5.5 mmol), NaN<sub>3</sub> (2.0 g, 31 mmol) and 15-crown-5 (0.2 ml) in HMPA (1 ml) was stirred for 5 h at 70 °C. Excess NaN<sub>3</sub> was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (10:1 v/v) to give 15 as a colorless syrup. Yield 75%. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25.5</sup> +33.3° (c 2.10, MeOH). IR (KBr) 2104, 1698 cm<sup>-1</sup>. 200 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR (65 °C)  $\delta$ =1.21 (d, 3H, J=6.8 Hz), 1.49 (s, 12H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 3.75—3.97 (m, 4H). Found: C, 53.42; H, 8.33; N, 20.94%. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 53.31; H, 8.20; N, 20.73%.

(S)-4-[(S)-1-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-3-tbutoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (16). A solution of 15 (1.0 g, 3.2 mmol) in EtOH (20 ml) was treated catalytically with 10% Pd/C (100 mg) at room temperature for 6 h. After removing the catalyst, Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.57 ml, 4.1 mmol) and benzyl chloroformate (0.65 ml, 3.5 mmol) were added to the resultant solution. After this was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in  $\mathrm{CHCl}_3$  (50 ml) and washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 ml), and then brine (2×20 ml), and finally dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave crude crystals, which were recrystallized from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc to give 16 as colorless needles. Yield 70%. Mp 88—89 °C.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{24}$  +72.1° (c 1.21, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3352, 1701, 1527 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.22 (d, 3H, J=6.1 Hz), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 3.65—4.15 (m, 4H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.88 (br d, 1H), 7.32 (s, 5H). Found: C, 63.35; H, 7.81; N, 7.31%. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{30}N_2O_5$ : C, 63.47; H, 7.99; N, 7.40%.

Compound 9 from 16. A solution of 16 (1.0 g, 2.6 mmol) in 70% AcOH (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to give colorless crystals. Recrystallization from a

mixture of hexane and EtOAc gave  $\bf 9$  as colorless needles. Yield 90%.

Boc-L-Thr(Ms)-OMe (17). To a solution of 3a (4.0 g, 17 mmol) and pyridine (14 ml, 17 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 ml) was added MsCl (1.5 ml, 19 mmol) with stirring at 0 °C. After this was stirred for 1 h and at room temperature for 3 h, the reaction mixture was washed with 0.5 M HCl (2×20 ml, M=mol dm<sup>-3</sup>), and then brine (3×20 ml), and finally dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave an oil, which was used to next reaction without purification. Yield about 70%. IR (KBr) 1716, 1515, 1368 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ=1.22 (d, 3H, J=6.1 Hz), 1.47 (s, 9H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 4.51 (dd, 1H), 5.13—5.44 (m, 2H).

(2R,3R)- 2- (t- Butoxycarbonyl)amino- 3- (methylsulfonyloxy)butanol (18). To a solution of 17 (3.0) g, 9.6 mmol) in EtOH (20 ml) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.73 g, 19 mmol) at 0 °C. After this was stirred for 1 h and at room temperature for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by adding aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 ml). Evaporation of organic solvent gave a residue, which was extracted with EtOAc (3×50 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine (3×30 ml) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave a syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (2:1 v/v) to give **18** as a colorless syrup. Yield 75%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25.5} + 5.6^{\circ}$  (c 1.10, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3400, 1704, 1521, 1368 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta = 1.22$  (d, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 1.44 (s, 9H), 2.52 (br s, 1H), 3.07 (s, 3H), 3.68 (d, 2H), 3.96 (ddd, 1H), 4.91 (br d, 1H), 5.09 (dq, 1H). Found: C, 42.44; H, 7.38; N, 5.08%. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S: C, 42.39; H, 7.47; N, 4.94%.

(2S,3S)-3-Azido-2-(t-butoxycarbonyl)amino-1-butanol (19). Similarly as in the case of 15, the azidation of 18 was carried out to give a syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (5:1 v/v) to give 19 as a colorless syrup. Yield 82%. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>18</sup> +41.1° (c 0.80, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3370, 2110, 1701, 1515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ=1.22 (d, 3H, J=6.6 Hz), 1.46 (s, 9H), 2.53 (br s, 1H), 3.48—3.91 (m, 4H), 5.18 (br d, 1H). Found: C, 46.75; H, 7.75; N, 23.81%. Calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 46.95; H, 7.88; N, 24.33%.

Compound 9 from 19. Similarly as in the case of 9 from 8, the catalytic hydrogenolysis of 19 with 5% Pd/C, and then acylation with CbzCl were carried out to give 9.

Boc-D-Thr(Ms)-OMe (20). Similarly as in the case of 17, the mesylation of 3b with MsCl was performed to give 20 (75%) as a colorless syrup, which was used in the next reaction without further purification.

(2S,3S)-2-(t-Butoxycarbonyl)amino-3-(methylsulfonyl)oxy-1-butanol (21). Similarly as in the case of 18, the reduction of 20 with NaBH<sub>4</sub> was performed to give 21 (75%) as a colorless syrup, which was used in the next reaction without further purification.

(2R, 3R)- 3- Azido- 2- (t- butoxycarbonyl)amino- 1-butanol (22). Similarly as in the case of 19, the azidation of 21 with NaN<sub>3</sub> was carried out to give 22 as a colorless syrup. Yield 80%.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{19}$  -43.6° (c 0.90, MeOH). Found: C, 46.78; H, 7.79; N, 24.25%. Calcd for  $C_9H_{18}N_2O_3$ : C, 46.95; H, 7.88; N, 24.33%.

(2R, 3R)- 3- (Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino- 2- (t- but-oxycarbonyl)amino-1-butanol (23). Similarly as in the case of 9 from 19, the catalytic hydrogenolysis of 22 with

5% Pd/C and the acylation with CbzCl were performed to give colorless crystals. Recrystallization from a mixture of hexane and EtOAc gave 23 as colorless needles. Yield 85%.

(2R, 3R)-3- (Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2- (t- but-oxycarbonyl)aminobutanoic Acid (1b). Similarly as in the case of 1a, the Jones oxidation of 23 was performed to give 1b as colorless needles. Yield 65%.

(4S,5R)-4,8,8-Trimethyl-1-aza-3,7-dioxabicyclo-[3.3.0]octan-2-one (26). To a solution of 13 (0.1 g, 0.6 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 ml) was added pyridine (0.43 ml, 5.5 mmol) and Tf<sub>2</sub>O or TosCl (0.50 mmol) under cooling. After this was stirred for 30 min and at room temperature for 3 h, the reaction mixture was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (15 ml) and washed successively with 0.5 M-HCl (2×10 ml) and brine (10 ml), and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration in vacuo gave a syrup, which was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (2:1 v/v) to give 26 as an unstable colorless syrup. Yield 70%. IR (KBr) 2986, 1758, 1392 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.36 (d, 3H, Me), 1.70 (s, 3H, Me), 3.42 (s, 3H, Me), 3.74 (dd, 1H, H-4b), 3.93 (dd, 1H, H-4a, J=9.0 Hz), 4.36 (ddd, 1H, H-5, J=6.1and 8.0 Hz), 4.67 (dq, 1H, H-6, J=6.0 and 8.0 Hz).

(R)- 4- [(S)- 1- (Benzoyloxy)ethyl]- 3- t- butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (27). To a solution of 13 (2.0 g, 8.2 mmol) in THF (20 ml) was added a solution of Ph<sub>3</sub>P (6.85 g, 26.1 mmol) in THF (10 ml) and benzoic acid (5.0 g, 40.9 mmol) in benzene (20 ml) at 0 °C. After this was stirred for 8 min, a solution of diethyl azodicarboxylate (6.4 ml, 40.6 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added to the resulting solution. After it was stirred for an additional 10 min and allowed to stand at room temperature for 5 h, the reaction mixture was added to EtOAc (50 ml). The resultant solution was washed with 10% citric acid (3×30 ml), then with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>  $(3\times30 \text{ ml})$  and finally with brine  $(3\times30 \text{ ml})$ . The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified on a silica-gel column using a mixture of CHCl3 and acetone (7:1~v/v) to give 27 as a colorless syrup. Yield 70%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 2.6^{\circ}$  (c 1.0, MeOH). IR (KBr) 2980, 2978, 1701, 1695 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.43 (d, 3H, J=6.6 Hz), 1.59 (s, 15H), 3.92-4.52 (m, 3H), 5.62(dq, 1H), 7.34—8.44 (m, 5H). Found: C, 65.19; H, 7.77; N, 3.90%. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>: C, 65.31; H, 7.79; N, 4.01%.

(R)-3-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(S)-1-hydroxyethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine (28). To a solution of 27 (2.0 g, 5.7 mmol) in MeOH (15 ml) was added  $K_2CO_3$  (1.4 g, 10.1 mmol) at room temperature. After this was stirred for 12 h, the excess  $K_2CO_3$  was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified on a silicagel column using a mixture of hexane and EtOAc (4:1 v/v) to give 28 as a colorless syrup. Yield 90%.  $[\alpha]_D^{24}$  +36.2° (c 1.15, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3466, 1698, 1515 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.16 (d, 3H, J=4.4 Hz), 1.50 (s, 12H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 3.75—4.27 (m, 5H). Found: C, 58.31; H, 9.32; N, 5.60%. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{23}NO_4$ : C, 58.75; H, 9.45; N, 5.71%.

(R)-3-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2, 2- dimethyl-4-[(S)-1-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine (29). Similarly as in the case of 14, the mesylation of 28 was performed to give 29, which was used in the next reaction without purification. 200 MHz  $^1$ H NMR (65  $^\circ$ C)  $\delta$ =1.40 (d, 3H, J=6.4 Hz), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 3.93—4.07 (m, 3H), 5.04—5.19 (m, 1H).

(S)-4-[(R)-1-Azidoethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (30). Similarly as in the case of 15, the azidation of 29 was carried out to give 30 as a colorless syrup. Yield 85%. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25.5</sup>  $-0.9^{\circ}$  (c 2.0, MeOH). IR (KBr) 2980, 2116, 1704 cm<sup>-1</sup>. 200 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR (65 °C)  $\delta$ =1.21 (d, 3H, J=6.8 Hz), 1.47 (s, 12H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 3.76—4.22 (m, 4H). Found: C, 53.60; H, 8.24; N, 20.44%. Calcd for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 53.32; H, 8.20; N, 20.73%.

(S)-4-[(R)-1-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (31). Similarly as in the case of 16, the successive hydrogenolysis of 30 and acylation with CbzCl was performed to give 31 as a colorless syrup. Yield 70%.  $[\alpha]_{0}^{25.5}$  +1.4° (c 1.10, MeOH). IR (KBr) 3352, 1701, 1527 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$ =1.22 (d, 3H, J=6.1 Hz), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 3.65—4.14 (m, 4H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.88 (br d, 1H), 7.37 (s, 5H). Found: C, 63.66; H, 8.11; N, 7.31%. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 63.47; H, 7.99; N, 7.40%.

(2S, 3R)- 3- (Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino- 2- (t- but-oxycarbonyl)amino-1-butanol (32). Similarly as in the case of 9 from 16, the deprotection of 31 with 70% AcOH was performed to give 32 as colorless needles. Yield 90%. IR (KBr) 3478, 1695, 1668, 1548 cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$ =1.20 (d, 3H, J=6.8 Hz), 1.41 (s, 9H), 3.22—4.07 (m, 5H), 5.08 (s, 2H), 5.14 (br d, 1H, NH), 5.79 (br d, 1H, NH), 7.39 (s, 5H).

(2S, 3R)- 3- (Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino- 2- (t- butoxycarbonyl)aminobutanoic Acid (1c). Similarly as in the case of 1a, the oxidation of 32 was performed to give 1c as colorless needles. Yield 65%. IR (KBr) 3382, 2974, 1695, 1599, 1518 cm<sup>-1</sup>. 200 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ=1.07 (d, 3H, J=6.4 Hz), 1.38 (s, 9H), 3.97—4.20 (m, 2H), 5.00 (s, 2H), 6.89 (br d, 1H, NH), 6.72 (br d, 1H, NH), 7.17 (br d, 1H, J=9.7 Hz), 7.33 (s, 5H). 200 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO- $d_6$ ) δ=18.4, 28.2, 47.7, 57.8, 65.4, 78.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.4, 137.1, 155.5, 155.9, 172.1.

Boc-D-Thr(Bn)-OH (33). Similarly as in the case of 10, the benzylation of 2b was performed to give 33 as colorless prisms. Yield 87%.

(2S,3R)-3-Benzyloxy-2-(t-butoxycarbonyl)aminobutanol (34). Similarly as in the case of 11, the reduction of 33 was performed to give 34 as colorless syrup. Yield 75%. Found: C, 64.80; H, 8.60; N, 4.78%. Calcd for  $C_{16}H_{25}NO_4$ : C, 65.05; H, 8.53; N, 4.74%.

(S)-4-[(S)-1-(Benzyloxy)ethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (35). Similarly as in the case of 12, the acetonation of 34 was carried out to give 35 as a colorless syrup. Yield 88%.  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{25}$  -13.4° (c 1.60, MeOH). Found: C, 67.68; H, 8.64; N, 4.09%. Calcd for  $\rm C_{19}H_{29}NO_4$ : C, 68.03; H, 8.71; N, 4.18%.

(S)-3-t-Butoxycarbonyl-4-[(S)-1-hydroxyethyl]-2, 2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (36). Similarly as in the case of 13, the debenzylation of 35 was performed to give 36 as a colorless syrup. Yield 79%.  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  -11.9° (c 1.19, MeOH). Found: C, 58.75; H, 9.45; N, 5.78%. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{23}NO_4$ : C, 58.75; H, 9.45; N, 5.71%.

(S)-4-[(R)-1-(Benzyloxy)ethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (37). Similarly as in the case of 27, the benzylation of 36 was performed to give 37 as a colorless syrup. Yield 71%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  +2.6° (c 1.0, MeOH). Found: C, 65.55; H, 7.83; N, 3.95%. Calcd for  $C_{19}H_{27}NO_4$ : C, 65.31; H, 7.79; N, 4.01%.

- (S)-3-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(R)-1-hydroxyethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine (38). Similarly as in the case of 28, the hydrolysis of 37 was performed to give 38 as a colorless syrup. Yield 89%.  $[\alpha]_D^{24} 39.4^{\circ}$  (c 1.33, MeOH). Found: C, 58.59; H, 9.35; N, 5.48%. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{23}NO_4$ : C, 58.75; H, 9.45; N, 5.71%.
- (S)-3-t-Butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-4-[(R)-1-(methanesulfonyloxy)ethyl]-1,3-oxazolidine (39). Similarly as in the case of 29, the mesylation of 38 was carried out to give 39, which was used to next reaction without purification.
- (R)-4-[(S)-1-Azidoethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (40). Similarly as in the case of 30, the azidation of 39 was carried out to give 40 as a colorless syrup. Yield 83%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25.5}$  -0.9° (c 2.0, MeOH). Found: C, 53.39; H, 7.76; N, 21.01%. Calcd for  $C_{12}H_{22}N_4O_3$ : C, 53.32; H, 8.20; N, 20.73%.
- (R)-4-[(S)-1-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)ethyl]-3-t-butoxycarbonyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-oxazolidine (41). Similarly as in the case of 31, the successive hydrogenolysis of 40 and acylation with CbzCl was performed to give 41 as a colorless syrup. Yield 75%.  $[\alpha]_D^{25.5}$  +1.4° (c 1.10, MeOH). Found: C, 63.24; H, 8.07; N, 6.94%. Calcd for  $C_{20}H_{30}N_2O_5$ : C, 63.47; H, 7.99; N, 7.40%.
- (2R, 3S)-3- (Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2- (t- but-oxycarbonyl)amino-1-butanol (42). Similarly as in the case of 32, the deprotection of 41 with 70% AcOH was performed to give 42 as colorless needles. Yield 92%.
- (2R, 3S)-3- (Benzyloxycarbonyl)amino-2-(t-but-oxycarbonyl)aminobutanoic Acid (1d). Similarly as in the case of 1c, the oxidation of 42 was performed to give 1d as colorless needles. Yield 63%.

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