

[2,3]-Sigmatropic Rearrangements of 3-Sulfinyl Dihydropyrans: Application to the Syntheses of the Cores of *ent*-Dysiherbaine and Deoxymalayamicin A

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The [2,3]-signatropic rearrangement of a variety of configurationally stable diastereomeric allylic sulfinyl dihydropyrans, produced by base-promoted cyclization of sulfinyl dienols, has been studied. In some cases, the efficient transformation of these substrates into dihydropyranols required an in-depth study of reaction conditions, with the preferred protocol relying on the use of DABCO in warm toluene. This methodology has been applied to the syntheses of the cores of *ent*-dysiherbaine and deoxymalayamicin A by means of efficient tethered aminohydroxylations.

Introduction

The[2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement of allylic sulfoxides to allylic sulfenates originally developed by Mislow,¹ Braverman,² and Evans³ is a reversible process that can cause the racemization of allylic sulfoxides I, via the intermediate sulfenate esters II, that can transform into enantiomeric sulfoxides III (Scheme 1).⁴ The presence of a suitable thiophile can cleave the O–S bond in the sulfenate intermediate, rendering the process irreversible by removing the sulfur atom and leading to an allylic alcohol IV. Allylic alcohols are important substructures in many bioactive products and also key building blocks in organic synthesis since they can be involved in a variety of stereocontrolled chemical transformations that allow

for the creation of new functionalities.⁵ The conversion of sulfoxides into allylic alcohols has been widely used with synthetic purposes since it may benefit from the chiral auxiliary properties of sulfoxides, and represents an easy procedure for removal of the sulfur moiety which usually is not present in final synthetic targets.⁶

During the past few years our group has developed the stereocontrolled cyclization of hydroxy sulfinyl dienes with different bases depending on the diene geometry to obtain configurationally stable sulfinyl dihydropyrans **3**–**6** with 2,3-*trans* and 2,3-*cis* relative configuration (Scheme 2).⁷ These substrates present a peculiar arrangement of functionalities that suggests that different reactivities should be considered, for instance, under basic reaction conditions; these include oxygen β -elimination and cleavage of the dihydropyran ring, epimerization α to the sulfoxide, and for 2,3-*trans* substrates the possible pyrolitic *syn*-elimination of the sulfoxide moiety.

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SCHEME 1. Signatropic Rearrangement of Allylic Sulfoxides







SCHEME 3. Signatropic Rearrangement of Allylic Sulfoxides



Moreover, the intrinsic configurational stability of the majority of these allylic sulfoxides suggests that the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement is not a favored pathway for these substrates. In this paper we report in full our studies on the reactivity of these allylic sulfoxides in the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement under different conditions. In addition, the application of this methodology to the syntheses of the cores of *ent*-dysiherbaine and deoxymalayamicin A by means of efficient tethered aminohydroxylations is also described.

Results and Discussion

Sigmatropic Rearrangement of 2,3-trans Sulfinyl Dihydropyrans. Within the context of exploring the reactivity of our sulfinyl dihydropyrans, we first studied the sigmatropic rearrangement of diastereomeric 2,3-trans substrates **3b** and **6b** under standard conditions [P(OMe)₃/MeOH] to obtain the corresponding 3,6-trans allylic alcohols. For substrate **6b** the reaction worked well in 12 h, while diastereomer **3b** afforded poor yields and long reaction times were required (Scheme 3). Sulfinyl dihydropyrans **3b** and **6b** are enantiomeric except for the configuration at sulfur, and yet they adopt different preferred conformations; this suggests that conformational factors could also be determinant for the viability of the sigmatropic process.

TABLE 1. Signatropic Rearrangement Using $P(OMe)_3$ and Et_2NH as Thiophiles

R ² ⁿ O'''R	p-Tolthiophil		+ R ² R ²	0 "R ¹
3a R ¹ = <i>n</i> -Bu, 3b R ¹ = Ph, R 3c R ¹ = Ph, R 3d R ¹ = Ph, R	R ² = H k ² = H k ² = (S)-Me k ² = (<i>R</i>)-Me	7a $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 =$ 7b $R^1 = Ph$, $R^2 = H$ 7c $R^1 = Ph$, $R^2 = (S)$ 7d $R^1 = Ph$, $R^2 = (H)$	H 8a R ¹ 8b R ¹ S)-Me 8c R ¹ R)-Me 8d R ¹	= n -Bu R ² = H = Ph, R ² = H = Ph, R ² = (<i>S</i>)-Me = Ph, R ² = (<i>R</i>)-Me
entry	substrate	thiophile	7:8 ratio	yield
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	3a 3a 3b 3b 3c 3c 3c 3d	$\begin{array}{c} P(OMe)_{3}\\ Et_{2}NH\\ P(OMe)_{3}\\ Et_{2}NH\\ P(OMe)_{3}\\ P(OMe)_{3}\\ Et_{2}NH\\ P(OMe)_{3}\\ Et_{2}NH\\ P(OMe)_{3}\end{array}$	100:0 89:11 100:0 85:15 100:0 100:0 73:27 100:0	$ 19\% \\ 85\% \\ 50\%^{a} \\ 60\% \\ 27\% \\ 22\%^{b} \\ 91\%^{c} \\ 72\% $

 a 50% of starting material recovered. b Temperature 60 °C, 39% of a mixture of intermediates formed by MeOH capture was isolated (see Supporting Information). c 8% of vinyl sulfoxide is isolated.

To the moment, these conformational factors that may cause such a great difference in reactivity have been scarcely documented for this process probably due to the intrinsic configurational instability at sulfur of most allylic sulfoxides. Since our methodology provided all four diastereomers of substituted 3-sulfinyl dihydropyrans in some cases and they were configurationally stable to a certain extent, we had a unique opportunity to examine the behavior of all possible diastereomers in the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement. Therefore, we decided to carry out a thorough study of the process with different substrates and conditions with the intent of finding optimized conditions to obtain synthetically useful dihydropyranols in a relatively short reaction sequence.

Trying to improve the process for less reactive substrates like 3b, we tried other thiophilic agents such as Et₂NH, improving yields, but obtaining mixtures of 3,6-trans and 3,6-cis diastereomers, 7 and 8 (Table 1). For aliphatic substrate 3a the reaction with P(OMe)₃ afforded only the expected trans alcohol 7a but in low yield (Table 1, entry 1). The use of Et₂NH improved the yield but a mixture of isomers was obtained (Table 1, entry 2). The behavior was similar for substrate 3b with an aromatic substituent (Table 1, entries 3 and 4) and also for 2,6disubstituted sulfinyl dihydropyran 3c (Table 1, entries 5 and 7). When the rearrangement of 3c with P(OMe)₃ was carried out at higher temperature, a mixture of products resulting from capture of the intermediates with MeOH was obtained along with the product (Table 1, entry 6). In contrast, diasteromeric substrate 3d afforded 7d as a single isomer and in good yield by reaction with P(OMe)₃ (Table 1, entry 8). The different selectivities found for Et₂NH relative to P(OMe)₃ suggested that different reaction pathways were operative for these thiophiles.

These results may be rationalized qualitatively on the basis of the relative ease of attaining the reactive conformations that place the sulfoxide in a pseudoaxial position with the oxygen atom oriented toward the double bond for different diastereomeric allylic sulfoxides. The conformational analysis of the substrates based on chemical shifts and coupling constants show that the preferred conformations for **6b** and **3d** place the sulfoxide in a pseudoequatorial position (Figure 1, conformers **V** and **VII**), while isomers **3a**-**c** locate the sulfoxide in a





We hypothesized that formation of the major cis products and products of the enantiomeric configuration at C-6, could imply an epimerization at position 3 and/or a ring openingclosing sequence (Scheme 4), which would give rise to the formation of cis isomers 4 which are known to transform into alcohols 8 easily.^{7b} Therefore, to address this possibility, we examined the behavior of dienyl sulfoxides 1, precursors of dihydropyrans 3, under these reaction conditions. Interestingly it was possible to carry out the cyclization and sigmatropic rearrangement in one step for all substrates studied, obtaining slightly different selectivities from the process with sulfinyl dihydropyrans 3. Changing from MeOH to an aprotic solvent like DMF (Table 2, entry 7), improved the selectivity but with diminished yield due to formation of a considerable amount of the corresponding vinyl sulfoxide.¹³ The use of lower excess of reagent did not have much effect on the selectivity (Table 2, entry 8). For Z, E diene 2b (not shown) in DMF, a complex reaction mixture was recovered along with starting material.

The slightly different selectivities found for ent-7a-b and 8a-b when carrying out the reaction from 3a-b or from 1a-b is likely to reflect the possibility of at least two potential reaction pathways for the process supporting the hypothesis of coexistence of epimerization at C-3 and ring opening-closing sequences. The minor *trans* product *ent-7a* obtained from the reaction of diene 1a (Table 2, entry 6) was not enantiomerically pure (50% ee, see below). The fact that products of the enantiomeric series were obtained suggested the possibility of formation of both diastereomers of *cis* and *trans* dihydropyrans under the reaction conditions, each of them evolving preferentially through the most reactive isomers (Scheme 4). A tentative rationalization of these results may even involve a partial isomerization to obtain dihydropyrans with enantiomeric configuration at C-2, 5 or 6



FIGURE 1. Proposed reactive conformations for 6b and 3a-d.

pseudoaxial arrangement (Figure 1, conformers IX and XI).^{7b,8} In addition, the chemical shift patterns for H-2 and H-4 in the case of isomers 3a-c suggest that the preferred conformer may place the oxygen atom away from the allylic moiety.

In the case of **6b** and **3d**, a simple conformational change from one chair conformer to the alternative chair (**6b**) or to a boat conformer (**3d**) would lead to the required pseudoaxial arrangements (Figure 1, conformers **VI** and **VIII**),⁹ with the *p*-tolyl group away from the dihydropyran ring in both cases. It should be noted that the alternative chair conformer for **3d** (not shown) would present severe 1,3-diaxial interactions. For substrates **3a**–**c**, a conformational change around the carbon–sulfur bond would be required to reach the reactive conformation. The resulting reactive conformers for **3a,b** (Figure 1, conformer **X**) and for **3c** (Figure 1, conformer **XII**) would place the bulky

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TABLE 2. Cyclization and Sigmatropic Rearrangement with Na₂S·9H₂O



^{*a*} Deprotected alcohols **8g** and *ent*-**7g** were obtained. ^{*b*} Reaction carried out in DMF; ¹H NMR of the crude product was a 70:4:26 mixture of **8a**, *ent*-**7a** and the corresponding vinyl sulfoxide (8% isolated yield) (not shown, see Supporting Information). ^{*c*} Reaction carried out with 6.7 equiv of Na₂S·9H₂O.

SCHEME 4. Possible Reaction Pathway for the Formation of Alcohols 8 and *ent*-7



or simply that the cyclizations of dienols 1 have diminished selectivities under these conditions. Furthermore, it appears that Na_2S is sufficiently basic to promote epimerization at C-3 and/ or ring-cleavage for sulfinyl dihydropyrans 3 leading to dienols 1 or 2.

At this stage, we had not found a satisfactory solution for the sigmatropic rearrangement of 2,3-*trans* substrates **3**, the most readily available diastereomers from our methodology. Therefore, we explored other possibilities that could solve this problem and lead to an improvement of the process for these substrates. It has been reported that solvent effects have a profound influence on the rate of [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangements.^{1b,14} Usually, polar solvents stabilize sulfoxides by solvation decreasing the sulfoxide-sulfenate conversion rate. There are examples in the literature where a change of solvent modulates the reactivity of allylic sulfoxides, from obtaining the pyrolitic *syn*- elimination product in MeOH to affording the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement product in benzene.^{9b,15}

In addition to the thiophiles already mentioned, many different thiophilic bases, such as piperidine, K₂CO₃, Mg(OMe)₂, or DABCO, have been used in the past to carry out the conversion of allylic sulfoxides to allylic alcohols with variable results.¹⁶ In the context of previous studies on the cyclization of hydroxy sulfinyl dienes with phosphazenes in different solvents, we had obtained small amounts of rearrangement product (allylic alcohol) so we decided to explore the use of hindered bases as thiophilic agents for the process.^{7b} A change of solvent from MeOH to toluene, which allowed for an increase in the reaction temperature from 50 to 70 °C and at the same time might influence the viability and rate of the process, perhaps favoring the desired [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement, led us from 2,3trans sulfoxides 3 to trans allylic alcohols 7 with complete stereoselectivity and good yields. We studied several hindered bases under the new conditions and the results are gathered in Table 3. The use of BEMP apparently caused some epimerization of the starting material, affording *trans* alcohols and a small amount of cis isomer (Table 3, entry 1). Amine and amidine type bases such as DABCO (Table 3, entries 2-5), DBU (Table 3, entries 6, 7 and 8), DBN (Table 3, entry 9) or quinuclidine (Table 3, entry 10), afforded the expected product with complete selectivity for substrates bearing aromatic and aliphatic substituents as well as for the C-4 substituted derivative 3h.^{17,18} In contrast, the yield for the reaction with $P(OMe)_3$ was only

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TABLE 3. Sigmatropic Rearrangement with Hindered Bases





3a $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ **3b** $R^1 = Ph$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ **3e** $R^1 = (CH_2)_2 OTBDPS$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ **3h** $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = Me$

7a $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ **7b** $R^1 = Ph$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ **7e** $R^1 = (CH_2)_2OTBDPS$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ **7e** $R^1 = (CH_2)_2OTBDPS$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$

7h $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = Me$



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8a $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ 8b $R^1 = Ph$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ 8e $R^1 = (CH_2)_2OTBDPS$, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = H$ 8h $R^1 = n$ -Bu, $R^2 = H$, $R^3 = Me$

entry	substrate	base	7:8 ratio	yield
1	3a	BEMP	97:3	84%
2	3a	DABCO	100:0	77%
3	3b	DABCO	100:0	90%
4	3e	DABCO	100:0	93%
5	3h	DABCO	100:0	41%
6	3a	DBU	100:0	53%
7	3b	DBU	100:0	92%
8	3e	DBU	100:0	70%
9	3b	DBN	100:0	67%
10	3b	Quinuclidine	100:0	69%
11	3a	P(OMe) ₃	100:0	42%
12	3a	Et ₂ NH	100:0	83%

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improved slightly with the new conditions (Table 3, entry 11). It appears that the effect of the solvent is the main cause for the improvement in the stereoselectivity, as the reaction of **3a** with Et_2NH in toluene yields only *trans* product (Table 3, entry 12; compare to Table 1, entry 2). We hypothesized that toluene would minimize solvation of the oxygen atoms and therefore would lead to less restricted conformations around the sulfur-carbon bond, allowing for the oxygen to be placed in the appropriate position to interact with the allylic center.

Sigmatropic Rearrangement of 2,3-*cis* Sulfinyl Dihydropyrans. The reaction of 2,3-*cis* isomers 4 with $P(OMe)_3$ in MeOH proceeded smoothly for substrates with aliphatic and aromatic substituents (Scheme 5), leading to the expected 3,6*cis* alcohols 8 as single isomers in moderate to good yields. The conformational analysis for 4a-b suggested a pseudoaxial arrangement of the sulfoxide, with the oxygen oriented toward the double bond and the *p*-tolyl group facing away from the ring (Figure 2). Since it seems that no change of conformation is required to adopt the required conformation, the process is likely to have a lower activation energy which would explain the fact that these substrates rearrange almost spontaneously at room temperature in CH₂Cl₂ solution.

In contrast, diastereomeric 2,3-*cis* substrate **5a** was not reactive with $P(OMe)_3$ (Table 4, entry 1). When the conditions were changed to Et₂NH at 65 °C, we obtained a mixture of

 TABLE 4.
 Sigmatropic Rearrangement of cis Isomer 5a

<u>Н</u> О 5а	P S p-Tol thiophile H MeOH, 50-65 °C or toluene 70 °C	0//. + 	on-Bu
entry	thiophile agent	ent-7a:ent-8a ratio	yield
1	P(OMe) ₃	_	<i>a</i>
2	Et ₂ NH	72:28	$100\%^{a}$
3	$Na_2S \cdot 9H_2O$	100:0	$70\%^{a}$
4	DABCO	0:100	$48\%^{b}$
5	Et ₂ NH	0:100	53% ^c





FIGURE 2. Proposed conformations for 4a-b.

isomers with the *trans* isomer *ent*-**7a** as the major product (note that the main product should be *cis* as the process is expected to occur with retention of configuration). This suggests a possible epimerization at position 3 of the sulfoxide to give a reactive *trans* substrate similar to **6b** that would rearrange easily to form the *trans* allylic alcohol. The low value of the optical rotation of diastereomerically pure *ent*-**7a** derived from 2,3-*cis* substrate **5a** (Table 4, entry 3, see Supporting Information) suggests that, to some extent, the reaction pathway in this case involves aring-cleavage followed by cyclization and rearrangement.

In contrast, under the new conditions, 2,3-*cis* sulfoxide **5a** gave the expected *cis* isomer *ent*-**8a** as a single product, but only in moderate yields (Table 4, entries 4 and 5). The reactive conformation for **5a** (Figure 3) would place the *p*-tolyl group pointing toward the dihydropyran ring thus leading to strong steric interactions with the *cis* side chain at C-2.

Stereochemical Assignments. Since the spectroscopic data for *ent*-**7b** was ambiguous ($J_{2ax-3} = 5.4 \text{ Hz}$, $J_{2eq-3} = 4.4 \text{ Hz}$) we prepared acetate *ent*-**9b** by acetylation and the inversion product

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FIGURE 3. Proposed reactive conformer for 5a.





ent-10b by a Mitsunobu protocol.¹⁹ The coupling constants between H₃-H_{2eq} and H₃-H_{2ax} indicated a pseudoaxial arrangement for H₃ for ent-9b and pseudoequatorial in ent-10b. This represented a 3,6-trans relative stereochemistry for acetate ent-9b and therefore for the precursor alcohol ent-7b. Based on coupling constants values for H2 and H3 we could determine the preferred conformation for alcohols 7a-e, where the hydroxyl group is in a pseudoequatorial position ($J_{2eq-3} = 4.7$ Hz, $J_{2ax-3} = 6.7$ Hz) except for **7c** where the methyl substituent in C-2 is pseudoequatorial, with the phenyl and hydroxyl groups pseudoaxial. For 8a-e the hydroxyl groups were pseudoaxial, except for alcohol 8c which adopted a conformation where both methyl and hydroxyl substituents had a pseudoequatorial arrangement. To confirm the stereochemistry assigned to 7a and 8b they were converted into acetates 10a and 10b by Mitsunobu inversion and acetylation respectively (Scheme 6), that had coupling constants values similar to those obtained for ent-10b. The same procedures were followed for alcohols 7c and 8c both affording acetate 10c, and diastereomeric acetate 9c by acetylation of 7c.



Derivatization of 7a and 8a

SCHEME 8. Derivatization of ent-7a and ent-8

SCHEME 7.



The absolute stereochemistry of allylic alcohols **7a** (from **3a** and DABCO) and **8a** (from **3a** and Na₂S and independently, from **4a** and P(OMe)₃) was determined by the preparation of the (*S*) and (*R*)-methoxyphenyl acetates **11**, **12**, **13** and **14** (Scheme 7).¹² In addition, we have examined several derivatizations of products obtained with other thiophiles to gain insight on their absolute configurations, and therefore on the possible reaction pathways (Scheme 8).

The reaction with (+)-MPA of practically diastereomerically pure ent-7a, derived from the cyclization and rearrangement of 1a with Na₂S·9H₂O, afforded only two diastereomers in 25:75 ratio, indicating that ent-7a had 50% ee (Scheme 8), and also that alcohol ent-7a obtained in this manner had enantiomeric configuration at C-6, thus supporting the hypothesis of ring opening-closing sequence. Shielding effects observed on H-4 showed that the assignment for the alcohols was in agreement with the results observed. On the other hand, a 63:37 diastereomeric mixture of ent-7a and ent-8a, obtained from the reaction of 5a with Et_2NH , was derivatized with (+)-MPA to afford a 69:31 mixture of diastereomers ent-12a and ent-14a along with recovered starting material and traces of 13a. This showed that the alcohols were epimers at C-3, and that more than one mechanism could be operating in the reaction, since a small amount of 13a of the enantiomeric series was observed in the mixture.

Finally, 2,6-disubstituted alcohols **7c**, **7d** and **8c** were also derivatized with (+)-MPA to confirm their enantiomeric purity to produce esters **11c**, **11d** and **13c** respectively as single isomers (Scheme 9). Due to lack of sufficient amounts of these samples



FIGURE 4. Structure of (-)-dysiherbaine and malayamicin A.

Derivatization of 7c, 7d, and 8c SCHEME 9.



we could not carry out the reaction with (\pm) -MPA, so strictly, the absolute configuration for these alcohols could not be confirmed. However, a spectroscopic analysis related to the previous one was done for all 2-methoxy-2-phenylacetic derivatives, observing that the methyl group at C-2 in 11c and 11d was shielded while H-4 was shielded in 13c relative to the precursor alcohols. These results were similar to those observed for alcohols 7a and 8a and their corresponding methoxyphenyl acetates. Therefore assuming a similar behavior for alcohols 7c-d and 8c we tentatively assigned the absolute configurations shown in Scheme 9.

Synthetic Applications. Having developed efficient conditions to perform the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement of 2,3trans substrates 3 in good yields and selectivities, we addressed the synthetic applications of the process. We focused our attention in natural products such as (-)-dysiherbaine 15 and malayamicin A 17 (Figure 4) with a bicyclic tetrahydropyrantetrahydrofuran core. (-)-Dysiherbaine is a neurotoxic aminoacid first isolated in 1997 from the marine sponge Dysidea herbacea that presents very interesting biological activity as a potent agonist of non-NMDA type glutamate receptors in the central nervous system.²⁰ The structure of 15 was determined by extensive spectroscopic studies to be an unprecedented diamino dicarboxylic acid, which is characterized by a structurally novel cis-fused hexahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyran ring system containing a glutamate substructure. The potent biological



FIGURE 5. Initial retrosynthetic scheme

SCHEME 10. Model Studies for the Initial Approach to ent-16



activity and structural novelty has led to many approaches toward the synthesis of dysiherbaine.²¹ On the other hand, malayamicin A 17, a bicyclic C-nucleoside that exhibits fungicide activity, was isolated from the soil organism Streptomyces malaysiensis, and its structure was proposed by detailed NMR studies and by degradation. The structure and stereochemistry of 17 was confirmed by a stereocontrolled total synthesis from D-ribonolactone,²² and that methodology has been used to prepare semisynthetic analogues, N-malayamicin A and related purine and pyrimidine nucleosides.²³ In view of this background, we considered exploring an approach to the synthesis of ent-16, the enantiomer of a known intermediate in the total synthesis of (-)-dysiherbaine,^{21e} and to tricyclic intermediate 18, the core of deoxymalayamicin A (Figure 4). We report herein a full account of our studies toward the synthesis of ent-dysiherbaine,^{6b} based on the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement of sulfinyl dihydropyrans and a Donohoe tethered aminohydroxylation.²⁴ This last strategy has also been used by other groups to install the amino diol and create the four contiguous stereocenters in the tetrahydropyran ring of (-)-dysiherbaine.^{21e,k}

Our initial retrosynthetic analysis implied the formation of a carbamate derivative A that could be obtained from an allylic sulfone **B** with the appropriate functionalization at C-2. (Figure 5). At this stage, we chose to carry out a model study to test the viability of the early steps of the sequence (Scheme 10).

Readily available allylic sulfinyl dihydropyran 3b (Scheme $(10)^7$ was subjected to dihydroxylation affording sulforyl diol 19 and elimination to obtain vinyl sulfone 20. Formation of benzyl carbamate 21 and cyclization under basic conditions afforded oxazolidinone 22 in excellent yield.⁸ This model substrate presented the relative stereochemistry enantiomeric to dysiherbaine aside from the sulfone-bearing center. A reasonable option to convert a structure related to 22 into the required functionality would imply the transformation of the sulfone moiety into a carbonyl group,²⁵ and a straightforward reduction to the desired α -hydroxyl functionality. Typically this transformation requires a metalation at the sulfone-bearing center and capture of the anion with an oxygen-based electrophile. The structure of these intermediates, with two good leaving groups

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flanking the reactive metalated sulfone, suggested that competing β -eliminations could be important in this case. These considerations, along with the considerable length of the synthetic plan, prevented us from pursuing this route further.

Taking advantage of the possibility of obtaining 3,6-*cis* and *trans* dihydropyranols from a common sulfinyl dihydropyran, we evaluated an alternative approach starting from an allylic sulfoxide related to **3b** with the appropriate functionalization at C-2 that could be transformed into alcohols **C** and **E** by a [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement in the presence of a thiophile,⁶ and subsequently into **D** and **F** respectively by a tethered aminohydroxylation protocol (Scheme 11). Structure **D** after transformations of the side chain at C-2 could be converted into *ent*-**16**, enantiomer of the intermediate used in a total synthesis of (–)-dysiherbaine.^{21c} From intermediate **F** a similar strategy could be applied to prepare **18** which presents the bicyclic core and functionality of deoxymalayamicin A.

To test the viability of the initial part of the synthetic scheme for *ent*-**16**, we focused on the known and easily available compound **3a** (Scheme 12) that underwent a smooth sigmatropic rearrangement under the new conditions, to produce the corresponding *trans* allylic alcohol stereoselectively that was converted into *cis* isomer **8a** by a Mitsunobu reaction.¹⁹ As already discussed, the less readily available sulfoxide **4a** could be directly transformed into **8a** in one step and in good yield. Treatment of allylic alcohol **8a** with trichloroacetylisocyanate followed by aqueous K₂CO₃ in MeOH afforded carbamate **23a** in excellent yield. Aminohydroxylation of carbamate **23a**, under the conditions originally described by Donohoe,^{24a} gave the

SCHEME 11. Synthetic Strategy for the Syntheses of *ent*-16 and 18







desired product **24a** in 21-24% yield, along with 15-33% recovered starting material.^{26,27} All efforts to improve the yield of this transformation, including a change of ligand to $(DHQ)_2PHAL$, changes of the batches and sources of reagents, etc., proved to be fruitless. Nonetheless, this model study was completed by *N*-methylation to afford **25a** in 66\% yield.

At this stage we decided to carry on with the formal synthesis of *ent*-dysiherbaine, with the expectation that the outcome of the aminohydroxylation could be improved for the precise substrate required and our efforts are gathered in Scheme 13. We started the synthesis from commercially available 4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-butyne **27f** in order to prepare sulfinyl dihydropyran **3f**. The synthesis of the corresponding alkynyl sulfoxide took place in very low yield, and the sigmatropic rearrangement of **3f** with Na₂S • 9H₂O (Table 2, entry 5) planned to obtain **8f**, led to the 3,6-*cis* deprotected derivative **8g** as we have already discussed. Unfortunately selective protection of the primary alcohol to generate **8f** was not efficient and therefore we considered using the TBDPS derivative instead, expecting it to be stable in the sigmatropic rearrangement step.²⁸ Therefore

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we started the synthesis from 3-butyn-1-ol **26** and after protection of the hydroxyl group as a TBDPS ether, alkynyl sulfoxide **28e** was formed by reaction with EtMgBr and (-)-menthyl *p*-toluenesulfinate in excellent yield.

Hydrostannylation of 28e and tin-iodine exchange, led to vinyl iodide **30e** that underwent a Stille coupling with hydroxy vinyl stannane 31 to give sulfinyl diene 1e in excellent yield. Base-promoted cyclization with LDA afforded sulfinyl dihydropyran 3e as a single isomer. The sigmatropic rearrangement using Na₂S·9H₂O surprisingly led to similar results to the TBDMS derivative (89% cis:trans, 94:6 deprotected derivatives 8g and ent-7g as seen in Table 2, entry 4). We hypothesized that sulfenic acids formed in the sigmatropic rearrangement could be effecting cleavage of the silvl group, but addition of excess K₂CO₃ in the reaction media was not effective to avoid desilvlation. Fortunately the optimized conditions for the [2,3]sigmatropic rearrangement (DABCO, toluene) worked perfectly on allylic sulfoxide 3e to produce allylic alcohol 7e that was inverted by a Mitsunobu protocol to give 3,6-cis alcohol 8e. It should be pointed out that, under different conditions, diene 1e leads to allylic alcohol 8e in one or two steps (Scheme 14). Reaction of 1e with phosphazene P₂-'Bu afforded the expected product **3e**, along with 2,3-*cis* sulfinyl dihydropyran $4e^7$ with moderate selectivity, which could be easily transformed into alcohol 8e by sigmatropic rearrangement with P(OMe)₃. Cyclization of 1e with BEMP, afforded 3e and a considerable amount of 8e obtaining the desired substrate in one step from the diene with moderate selectivity.

Treatment of alcohol **8e** with trichloroacetylisocyanate followed by aqueous K_2CO_3 as described above for the model substrate gave carbamate **23e** in excellent yield (98%) (Scheme 15). Carbamate **23e** was submitted to the original conditions for aminohydroxylation,^{24a} to afford a disappointing 26% yield

SCHEME 14. Alternative Procedures To Obtain Alcohol 8e

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of oxazolidinone **24e**, along with 50% recovered starting material. In addition, **24e** was often produced along with variable amounts of a regioisomeric oxazolidinone **34e** that could be originated due to the presence of base in the reaction media; related isomerizations have been described by Chamberlin and Handa.^{21k,27} This isomerization, along with the poor yield obtained for the aminohydroxylation, represented a major drawback for the success of the sequence.

At this time Donohoe reported a modification on the original conditions for the tethered aminohydroxylation that entailed the use of N-sulfonyloxy derivatives.^{24g} This new protocol allowed for the reaction to proceed without chlorinating agent (t-BuOCl) or hydroxide base. Encouraged by this alternative we decided to examine the modified procedure for the aminohydroxylation and the required N-sulfonyloxy carbamate was readily prepared by sequential reaction of alcohol 8e with carbonyldiimidazole and hydroxylamine to obtain 32e, followed by sulfonylation to afford 33e in good yield. We first studied the aminohydroxylation for the tosyloxy derivative, but the yields were low (25%) and the starting material was not recovered. In contrast, the mesitylsulfonyloxy derivative 33e resulted more stable and gave higher yields in the key step. The tethered aminohydroxylation worked very well on this substrate leading to the expected oxazolidinone 24e that contains the four contiguous cis stereocenters of the target. The regiochemistry of the product was confirmed by NOE measurements on acetate 37e. Cleavage of the silyl ether of 24e with Dowex (no reaction was observed with TBAF) afforded diol 35e and selective oxidation of the primary alcohol to the acid with TEMPO with concurrent cyclization led to butyrolactone **36e**.²⁹ Finally an *N*-methylation, completed the synthesis of tricyclic structure ent-16 that had identical data to that described in the literature, except for the sign and magnitude of the specific rotation (see Experimental Section).^{21c,30}

Since *trans* alcohol **7e** was readily accessible from sulfoxide **3e** in one step, we examined the application of this methodology to access an isomeric product with a *trans*-fused bicyclic structure like the core of deoxymalayamicin A. To test the aminohydroxylation reaction with the *trans* substituted substrate, we first explored the process for model substrate **7a** (Scheme 16). Hydroxycarbamate **38a** was prepared as described before, and after sulfonylation afforded the required *N*-sulfonyloxy precursor for the aminohydroxylation step. Under optimized conditions, oxazolidinone **40a** was obtained as a single product with good yield. The regiochemistry of the product was again confirmed by NOE interactions on acetate **41a**.

⁽³⁰⁾ Similar conditions to those previously used for the model substrate with MeI, BaO, and Ba(OH)₂ led to complex reaction mixtures, where only traces of the desired product could be identified.

SCHEME 15. Synthesis of ent-16





Once we had secured that the aminohydroxylation was effective for the *trans* model substrate, we carried out the sequence from alcohol **7e** (Scheme 17). Reaction with carbonyldiimidazole and hydroxylamine led to **38e** that after sulfonylation with mesitylsulfonyl chloride afforded aminohydroxylation precursor **39e**. The aminohydroxylation of **39e** proceeded smoothly to give oxazolidinone **40e** as a single product. Cleavage of the silyl group with Dowex, and selective oxidation of the primary alcohol with TEMPO with concurrent cyclization as observed for the *cis* series, led to butyrolactone **18**. Unfortunately this intermediate had limited stability and led to ring opening degradation products upon standing for a few days in solution in CDCl₃.

In conclusion, we have studied the [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement of allylic sulfinyl dihydropyrans, under different conditions with various thiophilic agents. Under standard conditions [P(OMe)₃/MeOH], the products were obtained in low yields for the less reactive substrates; the yields were better using Et₂NH or Na₂S·9H₂O in MeOH, but mixtures of diastereomers were obtained. Tertiary amines in toluene and slightly higher temperatures afforded the desired allylic alcohols stereoselec-



tively and in moderate to excellent yields. We have applied these conditions to the formal synthesis of *ent*-dysiherbaine from commercially available 3-butyn-1-ol and from a common intermediate of this route, a new approach to the core of deoxymalayamicin A was explored. Thus, related structures *ent*-16 and *trans*-fused isomer 18 were prepared from a common precursor using a [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement and a tethered aminohydroxylation as key steps.

Experimental Section

(+)-(S_s)-*tert*-Butyldiphenyl[4-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-but-3-ynyloxy]silane (28e). From alkyne 27e (558 mg, 1.81 mmol, 2.2 equiv), Mg turnings (40 mg, 1.65 mmol, 2 equiv), EtBr (0.14 mL, 1.81 mmol, 2.2 equiv) and (–)-menthyl *p*-toluenesulfinate (242 mg, 0.823 mmol, 1 equiv), according to the general procedure described in the Supporting Information (22 h) alkynyl sulfoxide 28e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (5–30% EtOAc-hexane) afforded 28e (340 mg, 0.761 mmol, 92%) as a colorless oil. R_f 0.22 (20% EtOAc-hexane). $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +30.4 (c = 1.30). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 1.01 (s, 9 H,), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.65 (t, 2 H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.77 (t, 2 H, J = 6.6 Hz), 7.28 (d, 2 H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.32–7.44 (m, 6 H), 7.61 (d, 2 H, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.61 (d, 2 H, J = 7.6 Hz), 7.66 (d, 2 H, J = 8.2 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.1, 21.4, 23.8, 26.6 (3 C), 61.0, 79.1, 102.9, 125.0 (2 C), 127.7 (4 C), 129.7 (2 C), 130.1 (2 C), 133.0, 135.4 (5 C), 140.9, 142.1. IR (film): 3069, 3045, 2955, 2931, 2878, 2854, 2185, 1590, 1472, 1428, 1113, 1061, 810, 737, 703 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 893 [2M + 1]⁺, 447 [M + 1]⁺, 469 [M + Na]⁺, 369 [M - Ph]⁺ (100%).

(-)-(*S,E*)-*tert*-Butyldiphenyl[4-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-4-(tributylstannyl)but-3-enyloxy]silane (29e). From alkynyl sulfoxide 28e (884 mg, 1.98 mmol), Bu₃SnH (0.6 mL, 2.2 mmol, 1.1 equiv) and Pd(Ph₃P)₄ (46 mg, 0.04 mmol, 0.02 equiv), according to the general procedure described in the Supporting Information (15 h) a 90:10 mixture of stannanes 29e and 29e' was obtained. Purification by chromatography (2–20% EtOAc-hexane) afforded 29e (1.22 g, 1.65 mmol, 83%) and 29e' (127 mg, 0.172 mmol, 9%) as colorless oils.

Data for 29e: R_f 0.26 (10% EtOAc-hexane). [α]²⁰_D -38.9 (c = 0.84). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.80-1.01 (m, 15 H), 1.05 (s, 9 H), 1.13-1.52 (m, 12 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.66 (m, 1 H), 2.90 (m, 1 H), 3.78 (t, 2 H, J = 6.1 Hz), 6.38 (dd, 1 H, J = 7.6, 6.3 Hz), 7.18 (d, 2 H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.34-7.44 (m, 8 H), 7.65 (d, 4 H, J = 7.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 11.3 (3 C), 13.6 (3 C), 19.2, 21.2, 26.8 (3 C), 27.2 (3 C), 28.7 (3 C), 35.8, 62.7, 124.4, 127.7 (2 C), 129.5 (3 C), 129.7 (4 C), 133.4, 133.5, 135.5 (4 C), 139.9, 142.3, 145.6, 157.8. IR (film): 3069, 3045, 2956, 2928, 2857, 1587, 1488, 1463, 1428, 1378, 1112, 1039, 942, 822, 805, 736, 702 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 761 [M + Na]⁺, 681 [M - 'Bu]⁺ (100%).

Data for (-)-(*R,E*)-*tert*-Butyldiphenyl[4-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-3-(tributylstannyl)but-3-enyloxy]silane, 29e': R_f 0.10 (10% EtOAc-hexane). [α]²⁰_D -63.3 (c = 1.40). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 0.80 (m, 15 H), 1.06 (s, 9 H), 1.11-1.38 (m, 12 H), 2.35 (s, 3 H), 3.04 (m, 2 H), 3.60 (td, 1 H, J = 9.5, 6.2 Hz), 3.73 (td, 1 H, J = 9.5, 6.2 Hz), 6.18 (s, 1 H), 7.18 (d, 2 H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.34-7.44 (m, 8 H), 7.64-7.70 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 10.1 (3 C), 13.5 (3 C), 19.2, 21.3, 26.8 (3 C), 27.1 (2 C), 28.6 (3 C), 28.8, 39.0, 63.3, 124.2, 127.7 (4 C), 129.7 (2 C), 129.8 (2 C), 133.5, 135.5 (3 C), 135.6 (3 C), 140.6, 141.9, 145.5, 155.8. IR (film): 3069, 3045, 2957, 2929, 2857, 1590, 1492, 1464, 1428, 1378, 1111, 1081, 1043, 822, 808, 739, 702 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 761 [M + Na]⁺ (100%).

(-)-(S,E)-tert-Butyl[4-iodo-4-(p-tolylsulfinyl)but-3-enyloxy]diphenylsilane (30e). From stannane 29e (1.22 g, 1.65 mmol) and iodine (502 mg, 1.98 mmol, 1.2 equiv), according to the general procedure described in the Supporting Information (1 h 30 min) iodide 30e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (5-20%) EtOAc-hexane) afforded 30e (814 mg, 1.42 mmol, 86%) as a colorless oil. $R_f 0.38$ (30% EtOAc-hexane). $[\alpha]^{20}_D - 51.0$ (c = 0.67). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 1.07 (s, 9 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 2.92 (m, 2 H), 3.82 (t, 2 H, J = 6.2 Hz), 6.93 (t, 1 H, J = 7.7 Hz), 7.19 (d, 2 H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.36–7.46 (m, 8 H), 7.63–7–67 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.0, 21.3, 26.7 (3 C), 36.4, 62.1, 115.8, 124.2 (2 C), 127.7 (4 C), 129.6 (2 C), 129.7, 132.9, 133.0, 135.3 (5 C), 139.6, 141.4, 148.7. IR (film): 3069, 3045, 2955, 2930, 2858, 1590, 1491, 1472, 1428, 1390, 1111, 1089, 942, 819, 810, 703 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 1171 [2M + Na]⁺, 597 [M + Na]⁺ (100%), 497 [M - Ph]⁺. Anal. calcd for C₂₇H₃₁IO₂SSi: C, 56.44; H, 5.44; I, 22.09; S, 5.58. Found: C, 56.36; H, 5.58; I, 21.96; S, 5.56.

(-)-(*S*)-2-(*Z*)-4-(*Z*)-7-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-4-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)hepta-2,4-dien-1-ol (1e). From iodide 30e (801 mg, 1.39 mmol), stannane 31 (1.2 equiv, 828 mg of 70:30 mixture 31 and 31', 1.67 mmol 31), BHT (306 mg, 1.39 mmol), Ph₃As (85 mg, 0.278 mmol) and Pd₂(dba)₃·CHCl₃ (72 mg, 0.07 mmol), according to the general procedure described in the Supporting Information (21 h), diene 1e was obtained as a single isomer. Purification by chromatography (15–50% EtOAc-hexane) afforded 1e (662 mg, 1.31 mmol, 94%) as a colorless oil. R_f 0.17 (50% EtOAc-hexane). [α]²⁰_D –34.8 (c = 0.71). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 1.06 (s, 9 H), 2.36 (s, 3 H), 2.57 (dd, 1 H, J = 8.5, 4.7 Hz), 2.92 (ap q, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.82 (m, 3 H), 4.01 (m, 1 H), 5.57 (d, 1 H, J = 11.3 Hz), 5.99–6.10 (m, 2 H), 7.18 (d, 2 H, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.30–7.45 (m, 8 H), 7.63–7.67 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 21.3, 26.8 (3 C), 32.1, 58.1, 63.0, 121.4, 124.3, 127.8 (3 C), 129.7 (3 C), 129.8 (3 C), 133.3 (2 C), 135.5 (4 C), 137.9, 138.2, 138.3, 141.0, 142.3. IR (film): 3401, 3069, 3045, 2955, 2931, 2858, 1590, 1471, 1428, 1390, 1112, 1039, 809, 753, 703 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 1031 [2M + Na]⁺, 527 [M + Na]⁺ (100%), 505 [M + 1]⁺. Anal. calcd for C₃₀H₃₆O₃SSi: C, 71.39; H, 7.19; S, 6.35. Found: C, 71.43; H, 7.13; S, 6.39.

(-)-(2*S*,3*R*,*R*_S)-*tert*-Butyldiphenyl-{2-[3-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]-ethoxy}silane (3e), and (2*S*,3*S*,*R*_S)-*tert*-Butyldiphenyl-{2-[3-(*p*-tolylsulfinyl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl]ethoxy}silane (4e). From dienyl sulfoxide 1e (37 mg, 0.073 mmol) and P₂-'Bu (40 μ L, 0.08 mmol, 1.1 equiv) according to the general procedure D described in the Supporting Information (3 min), a 65:35 mixture of dihydropyrans 4e and 3e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0–10% Et₂O–CH₂Cl₂) afforded 3e (15 mg, 0.030 mmol, 41%) and 4e (19 mg, 0.038 mmol, 52%) as colorless oils. Allylic sulfoxide 4e was unstable; rapid sigmatropic rearrangement occurred to produce alcohol 8e, and this prevented the complete characterization of the sulfoxide.

Data for 3e: $R_f 0.16$ (30% EtOAc-hexane). $[\alpha]^{20}{}_{\rm D} - 109.9$ (c = 0.95). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 1.03 (s, 9 H), 1.93 (q, 2 H, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.31 (s, 3 H), 3.27 (ap t, 1 H, J = 1.0 Hz), 3.77 (dd, 1 H, J = 10.0, 5.4 Hz), 3.84 (dt, 1 H, J = 10.4, 7.0 Hz), 3.95 (ap d, 2 H, J = 2.2 Hz), 4.35 (m, 1 H), 5.30 (ddd, 1 H, J = 10.5, 4.6, 2.4 Hz), 5.90 (ap d, 1 H, J = 10.3 Hz), 7.23 (d, 2 H, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.32–7.44 (m, 6 H), 7.51 (d, 2 H, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.63–7.67 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 21.5, 26.8 (3 C), 34.3, 61.5, 65.4 (2 C), 67.6, 116.6, 125.5 (2 C), 127.7 (4 C), 129.6 (4 C), 132.2, 133.5, 133.6, 135.6 (4 C), 138.3, 142.0. IR (film) 3069, 3047, 2955, 2930, 2859, 1590, 1493, 1472, 1428, 1390, 1261, 1186, 1112, 1084, 1047, 940, 812, 738, 703 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 1031 [2M + Na]⁺, 527 [M + Na]⁺ (100%), 505 [M + 1]⁺.

Partial Data for 4e: R_f 0.33 (20% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 1.04 (s, 9 H), 2.09–2.20 (m, 1 H), 2.33–2.42 (m, 1 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.95 (dt, 1 H, J = 5.6, 2.8 Hz), 3.86 (quint, 1 H, J = 5.1 Hz), 3.98 (ddd, 1 H, J = 10.2, 8.5, 4.6 Hz), 4.13 (dm, 1 H, J = 17.3 Hz), 4.19 (m, 1 H), 4.34 (dm, 1 H, J = 17.3 Hz), 5.33 (m, 1 H), 6.23 (ddd, 1 H, J = 11.9, 2.8, 1.5 Hz), 7.27–7.35 (m, 3 H), 7.36–7.42 (m, 7 H), 7.63–7.68 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 21.3, 26.9 (3 C), 36.0, 60.0, 64.1, 66.2, 71.5, 115.7, 124.1 (2 C), 127.7 (3 C), 129.6 (2 C), 129.7 (3 C), 133.6, 133.8, 135.0, 135.5 (4 C), 139.5, 140.8. MS (ES): 1031 [2M + Na]⁺, 527 [M + Na]⁺ (100%), 505 [M + 1]⁺.

(+)-(3S,6S)-6-[2-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-3-ol (7e). From sulfoxide 3e (114 mg, 0.226 mmol) and DABCO (30 mg, 0.271 mmol, 2 equiv), according to the general procedure H described in the Supporting Information (17 h) alcohol 7e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0-15% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) afforded 7e (80 mg, 0.209 mmol, 93%) as a colorless oil. $R_f 0.25$ (15% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂). [α]²⁰_D +35.8 (c = 1.20). ¹H NMR $(300 \text{ MHz}) \delta 1.03 \text{ (s, 9 H)}, 1.64 \text{ (d, 1 H, } J = 8.3 \text{ Hz}), 1.74 \text{ (ap q, })$ 2 H, J = 6.0 Hz), 3.41 (dd, 1 H, J = 11.2, 6.3 Hz), 3.73 (quint, 1 H, J = 5.6 Hz), 3.82 (dt, 1 H, J = 10.4, 7.0 Hz), 3.95 (dd, 1 H, J= 11.3, 4.5 Hz), 4.11 (br s, 1 H), 4.31 (tm, 1 H, J = 7.5 Hz), 5.79 (ddd, 1 H, J = 11.2, 1.9, 1.0 Hz), 5.85 (dt, 1 H, J = 10.3, 2.2 Hz), 7.33-7.44 (m, 6 H), 7.61-7.68 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz), HSQC δ 19.2 (^{*t*}Bu), 26.8 (3 C, ^{*t*}Bu), 36.6 (<u>CH</u>₂CH₂OTBDPS), 60.1 (CH₂OTBDPS), 62.9 (C-6), 68.1 (C-2), 70.4 (C-3), 127.6 (4 C), 127.7 (C-5), 129.6, 132.9, 133.7 (C-4), 133.8, 135.5 (3 C), 135.6 (2 C). IR (film): 3383, 3068, 3045, 2955, 2930, 2855, 1471, 1428, 1184, 1112, 1086, 823, 734, 702 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 405 [M + Na]⁺ (100%), 383 $[M + 1]^+$. Anal. calcd for $C_{23}H_{30}O_3Si: C, 72.21; H,$ 7.90. Found: C, 72.26; H, 8.02.

(-)-(**3***R*,**6S**)-**6**-[**2**-(*tert*-**Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl**]-**3**,**6**-dihydro-**2***H*-**pyran-3-ol** (**8e**). From sulfoxide **4e** (19 mg, 0.038 mmol) and P(OMe)₃ (45 μ L, 0.54 mmol, 10 equiv), according to the general procedure A described in the Supporting Information (4 h) alcohol **8e** was obtained. Purification by chromatography $(0-15\% \text{ EtOAc-} CH_2Cl_2)$ afforded **8e** (12 mg, 0.031 mmol, 83%) as a colorless oil.

From alcohol 7e (364 mg, 0.951 mmol), PPh₃ (748 mg, 2.85 mmol, 3 equiv), p-nitrobenzoic acid (476 mg, 2.85 mmol, 3 equiv), and DIAD (0.55 mL, 2.85 mmol, 3 equiv), according to the general Mitsunobu procedure B described in the Supporting Information (1 h 30 min), ester 8e' was obtained. Purification by chromatography (5-20% EtOAc-hexane) afforded impure 8e' (640 mg, 0.951 mmol, 100%) as a yellow oil. From impure ester 8e' and K_2CO_3 (263 mg, 1.90 mmol) according to the general procedure (1 h 30 min), alcohol 8e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0-10% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) afforded **8e** (293 mg, 0.766 mmol, 81%) as a colorless oil. $R_f 0.37$ (20% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂). $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ -39.8 (c = 1.07). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 1.04 (s, 9 H), 1.70–1.86 (m, 2 H), 2.33 (d, 1 H, J = 2.0 Hz), 3.64 (dd, 1 H, J = 12.0, 2.2 Hz), 3.78 (ap q, 1 H, J = 5.4 Hz), 3.85 (m, 2 H, H-6), 3.92 (dt, 1 H, J = 12.0, 1.3 Hz), 4.21 (ap td, 1 H, J = 7.3, 1.7 Hz), 5.85 (dd, 1 H, J = 10.1, 1.3 Hz), 5.95 (ddt, 1 H, J = 10.0, 4.9, 1.7 Hz), 7.33-7.44 (m, 6 H), 7.66 (m, 4 H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 26.8 (3 C), 37.9, 60.0, 62.6, 70.7, 71.4, 126.4, 127.6 (4 C), 129.6 (2 C), 133.8, 133.9, 134.5, 135.6 (4 C). IR (film): 3391, 3069, 3045, 3009, 2955, 2930, 2854, 1471, 1428, 1259, 1112, 1090, 1028, 822, 804, 758, 702 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): $405 [M + Na]^+ (100\%)$.

(-)-(3R,6S)-6-[2-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-3-yl carbamate (23e). From alcohol 8e (25 mg, 0.065 mmol), trichloroacetyl isocyanate (10 µL, 0.078 mmol, 1.2 equiv), and K₂CO₃ (aq) (0.1 mL, 0.195 mmol, 3 equiv), according to general procedure K described in the Supporting Information (5 h 30 min), carbamate 23e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (5-20% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) afforded 23e (27 mg, 0.063 mmol, 98%) as a white solid. $R_f 0.32$ (20% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂). mp 103-105 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –64.3 (c = 1.02). ¹H NMR (300 MHz), COSY δ 1.03 (s, 9 H, ^{*t*}Bu), 1.80 (q, 2 H, J = 5.4 Hz, <u>CH₂CH₂OTBDPS</u>), 3.70 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.1, 2.5 Hz, H-2), 3.78 (ap dd, 1 H, J = 10.3, 5.3 Hz, <u>CH2</u>OTBDPS), 3.87 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 10.5, 6.7 Hz, <u>CH2</u>OTBDPS), 4.03 (d, 1 H, J = 13.0 Hz, H-2), 4.22 (m, 1 H, H-6), 4.64 (br s, 2 H, NH₂), 4.91 (m, 1 H, H-3), 5.91 (dm, 1 H, J = 10.4 Hz, H-4), 5.99 (d, 1 H, J = 10.4 Hz, H-5), 7.33–7.43 (m, 6 H, Ar–H), 7.64 (m, 4 H, Ar-H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 26.8 (3 C), 37.7, 59.9, 65.3, 68.1, 70.9, 122.2, 127.6 (3 C), 129.6, 133.7, 133.8, 135.5 (3 C), 135.6 (3 C), 136.7, 156.3 (C=O). IR (KBr): 3463, 3385, 3350, 3069, 2955, 2931, 2857, 1716, 1590, 1428, 1387, 1308, 1112, 1036, 823, 757, 702 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 448 $[M + Na]^+$ (100%). Anal. calcd for C₂₄H₃₁SiNO₄: C, 67.73; H, 7.34; N, 3.29. Found: C, 67.81; H, 7.18, N, 3.41.

(-)-(3R,6S)-6-(2-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-3-yl hydroxycarbamate (32e). From alcohol 8e (56 mg, 0.146 mmol), N,N'-carbonyldiimidazole (71 mg, 0.438 mmol, 3 equiv), imidazole (40 mg, 0.584 mmol, 4 equiv) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (51 mg, 0.73 mmol, 5 equiv), according to general procedure L described in the Supporting Information (17 h), hydroxy carbamate 32e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0-20% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) afforded 32e (55 mg, 0.125 mmol, 86%) as a colorless oil. $R_f 0.18$ (15% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂). $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ -47.9 (c = 0.39). ¹H NMR (300 MHz), COSY δ 1.03 (s, 9 H, ^{*t*}Bu), 1.76 (m, 3 H, <u>CH</u>₂CH₂OTBDPS, OH), 3.70 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 13.0, 2.3 Hz, H-2), 3.76 (dd, 1 H, J = 10.4, 5.2 Hz, <u>CH₂OTBDPS</u>), 3.85 (dt, 1 H, J = 10.3, 6.7 Hz, <u>CH₂OTBDPS</u>), 4.03 (d, 1 H, J = 13.2 Hz, H-2), 4.23 (m, 1 H, H-6), 4.97 (m, 1 H, H-3), 5.89 (dd, 1 H, J = 10.2, 4.7 Hz, H-4), 6.00 (d, 1 H, J = 10.4 Hz, H-5), 6.79 (br s 1 H, NH), 7.30–7.43 (m, 6 H, Ar–H), 7.64 (m, 4 H, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 26.8 (3 C), 37.6, 59.8, 66.5, 67.8, 71.0, 121.6, 127.6 (4 C), 129.6 (2 C), 133.7, 133.8, 135.6 (4 C), 137.2, 158.7. IR (film): 3306, 3069, 3045, 2955, 2931, 2854, 1723, 1471, 1428, 1262, 1112, 1028, 822, 801, 739, 702 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 464 $[M + Na]^+$ (100%). Anal. calcd for C₂₄H₃₁SiNO₅: C, 65.28; H, 7.08; N, 3.17. Found: C, 65.44; H, 7.18, N, 3.31.

(-)-(3*R*,6*S*)-6-(2-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-3-yl mesitylsulfonyloxycarbamate (33e). From hydroxy carbamate 32e (94 mg, 0.213 mmol), mesitylsulfonyl chloride (47 mg, 0.213 mmol) and Et₃N (89 µL, 0.639 mmol, 3 equiv), according to the general procedure described in the Supporting Information (30 min) 33e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (5-20% EtOAc-hexane) afforded **33e** (117 mg, 0.188 mmol, 88%) as a colorless oil. $R_f 0.23$ (20% EtOAc-hexane). $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D -41.9 (c = 0.98). ¹H NMR (300 MHz) δ 1.03 (s, 9 H), 1.77 (m, 2 H), 2.28 (s, 3 H), 2.64 (s, 6 H), 3.59 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.2, 2.7 Hz), 3.72-3.89 (m, 3 H), 4.18 (m, 1 H), 4.81 (d, 1 H, J = 2.2 Hz), 5.71 (dd, 1 H, J = 10.2, 5.0 Hz), 5.98 (d, 1 H, J = 10.3 Hz), 6.94 (s, 2 H), 7.33-7.41 (m, 6 H), 7.64 (m, 4 H), 7.83 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 21.1, 22.9 (2 C), 26.8 (3 C), 37.5, 59.8, 67.2, 67.6, 70.8, 120.9, 127.6 (5 C), 128.2, 129.6 (2 C), 131.7, 133.6, 133.7, 135.5 (5 C), 137.7, 142.0, 144.4, 155.1. IR (film): 3220, 3065, 3047, 2931, 2884, 2857, 1769, 1603, 1472, 1428, 1373, 1232, 1193, 1180, 1111, 1028, 824, 740, 704 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 646 $[M + Na]^+$ (100%).

(-)-(3aR,6S,7S,7aR)-6-(2-(*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl)-7-hydroxytetrahydro-1*H*-pyrano[4,3-*d*]oxazol-2(6*H*)-one (24e). From carbamate 23e (30 mg, 0.070 mmol), NaOH (0.8 mL, 0.08 M, 0.063 mmol, 0.9 equiv), 'BuOCl (8 mg, 0.070 mmol, 1 equiv), 'Pr₂NEt (5 μ L, 0.004 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and K₂OsO₂(OH)₄ (2 mg, 0.006 mmol, 0.08 equiv) according to general procedure M described in the Supporting Information (25 h), 24e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0–50% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) afforded 24e (8 mg, 0.018 mmol, 26%) as a colorless oil and 34e (8 mg, 0.018 mmol, 26%) as a white solid, along with recovered starting material (14 mg, 0.033 mmol, 48%).

From carbamate **33e** (110 mg, 0.176 mmol), ${}^{1}\text{Pr}_2\text{NEt}$ (5 μ L, 0.009 mmol, 0.05 equiv) and K₂OsO₂(OH)₄ (4 mg, 0.011 mmol, 0.06 equiv) according to general procedure L described in the Supporting Information (4 h), **24e** was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0–50% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂) afforded **24e** (60 mg, 0.136 mmol, 77%) as a colorless oil.

Data for 24e: $R_f 0.21$ (50% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂). $[\alpha]^{20}_D - 8.7$ (c =0.85). ¹H NMR (300 MHz), COSY δ 1.02 (s, 9 H, ^tBu), 1.73 (m, 1 H, <u>CH₂CH₂OTBDPS</u>), 1.91 (m, 1 H, <u>CH₂CH₂OTBDPS</u>), 3.22 (d, 1 H, J = 8.7 Hz, OH), 3.45 (dd, 1 H, J = 8.6, 4.4 Hz, H-6), 3.55-3.66 (m, 3 H, H-4, H-7, H-7a), 3.72, (q, 1 H, J = 5.0 Hz, <u>CH</u>₂OTBDPS), 3.80 (m, 1 H, <u>CH</u>₂OTBDPS), 4.27 (d, 1 H, J =14.3 Hz, H-4), 4.39 (dd, 1 H, J = 6.1, 2.3 Hz, H-3a), 6.30 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.32-7.42 (m, 6 H, Ar-H), 7.59-7.63 (m, 4 H, Ar-H). NOESY-2D CH2CH2OTBDPS/OH. 13C NMR (75 MHz), HSQC, DEPT δ 19.2 (^{*t*}Bu), 26.9 (3 C, ^{*t*}Bu), 34.2 (<u>CH₂CH₂OTBDPS</u>), 54.2 (C-7), 59.7 (CH2OTBDPS), 66.6 (C-4), 66.9 (C-7a), 73.5 (C-3a, C-6), 127.7 (4 C), 129.7 (2 C), 133.6, 135.5 (5 C), 161.7 (C-2). IR (CHCl₃): 3414, 3068, 3045, 2955, 2930, 2857, 1749, 1630, 1428, 1390, 1213, 1112, 1089, 1014, 953, 824, 703 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 464 $[M + Na]^+$ (100%). Anal. calcd for $C_{24}H_{31}NO_5Si$: C, 65.28; H, 7.08; N, 3.17. Found: C, 65.42; H, 7.24; N, 3.05.

Data for (+)-(**3***aS*,**4***S*,**7***R*,**7***aS*)-**4**-(2-(*tert*-**Butyldiphenylsilyloxy**)**ethyl**)-**7**-hydroxytetrahydro-1*H*-pyrano[**4**,**3**-*d*]oxazol-2(6*H*)-one, **3**4e: *R_f* 0.10 (50% EtOAc-CH₂Cl₂). mp 155–157 °C. [α]²⁰_D +27.7 (*c* = 0.61). ¹H NMR (300 MHz), COSY δ 1.03 (s, 9 H, 'Bu), 1.90 (ddt, 1 H, *J* = 13.7, 9.1, 4.7 Hz, <u>CH₂</u>CH₂OTBDPS), 2.01 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 13.1, 9.2, 4.5 Hz, <u>CH₂</u>CH₂OTBDPS), 2.79 (d, 1 H, *J* = 9.3 Hz, OH), 3.36 (d, 1 H, *J* = 12.5 Hz, H-6), 3.63–3.85 (m, 4 H, H-7, H-4, H-7a, <u>CH₂</u>OTBDPS), 3.89 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.4, 4.3 Hz, <u>CH₂</u>OTBDPS), 3.99 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 12.2, 2.4 Hz, H-6), 4.30 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 6.0, 2.1 Hz, H-3a), 5.77 (br s, 1 H, NH), 7.24–7.44 (m, 6 H, Ar–H), 7.61–7.65 (m, 4 H, Ar–H). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 19.2, 26.9 (3 C), 33.9, 53.8, 59.5, 64.8, 68.8, 72.6, 75.7, 127.7 (4 C), 129.7 (2 C), 133.6, 135.5 (4 C), 161.1. IR (CHCl₃): 3367, 2955, 2925, 2854, 1717, 1646, 1447, 1428, 1248, 1093, 834 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 464 [M + Na]⁺ (100%).

(-)-(3aR,6S,7S,7aR)-7-Hydroxy-6-(2-hydroxyethyl)tetrahydro-1H-pyrano[4,3-d]oxazol-2(6H)-one (35e). From oxazolone 24e (100 mg, 0.226 mmol) and DOWEX (113 mg, 0.5 g/mmol) according to the general procedure described in the Supporting Information (3 days), alcohol 35e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0-30% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) afforded **35e** (33 mg, 0.162 mmol, 72%) as a white solid. Rf 0.28 (20% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂). mp 144-146 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ -15.0 (c = 0.16 acetone). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD), COSY δ 1.61 (dtd, 1 H, J = 14.2, 7.1, 4.4 Hz, <u>CH</u>₂CH₂OH), 1.87 (ddt, 1 H, J = 14.3, 8.9, 5.4 Hz, <u>CH₂CH₂OH</u>), 3.36 (ddd, 1 H, J =8.9, 4.3, 0.7 Hz, H-6), 3.49 (d, 1 H, J = 4.6 Hz, H-7), 3.59 (dd, 2 H, J = 7.1, 5.4 Hz, <u>CH₂OH</u>), 3.70 (dd, 1 H, J = 14.2, 2.9 Hz, H-4), 3.72 (dd, 1 H, J = 6.4, 4.7 Hz, H-7a), 4.18 (d, 1 H, J = 14.2 Hz, H-4), 4.36 (dd, 1 H, J = 6.6, 2.7 Hz, H-3a), 4.50 (s, 3 H, NH, 2 OH). ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 35.6, 55.0, 59.3, 67.4, 67.6, 74.9, 75.4, 163.9. IR (CCl₄): 3402, 2960, 2927, 2854, 1739, 1656, 1583, 1550, 1442, 1257, 1239, 1214, 1154, 1093, 1048, 973 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 226 $[M + Na]^+$ (100%), 204 $[M + 1]^+$. Anal. calcd for C₈H₁₃NO₅: C, 47.29; H, 6.45; N, 6.89. Found: C, 47.37; H, 6.53; N, 7.02.

(-)-(3aR,5aS,8aS,8bS)-Hexahydro-2H-furo[2',3':5,6]pyrano[4,3-d]-[1,3]oxazole-2,7(1H)-dione (36e). From alcohol 35e (11 mg, 0.054 mmol), TEMPO (4 mg, 0.022 mmol, 0.4 equiv) and bis(acetoxy)iodobenzene (71 mg, 0.216 mmol, 4 equiv) according to the general procedure described in the Supporting Information (22 h), 36e was obtained. Purification by chromatography (0-20% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) afforded **36e** (9 mg, 0.045 mmol, 84%) as a white solid. R_f 0.34 (20% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂). mp 177–179 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –70.1 (c = 0.71acetone). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD), COSY δ 2.48 (dd, 1 H, J = 17.6, 2.4 Hz, H-6), 2.85 (dd, 1 H, J = 17.6, 5.6 Hz, H-6), 3.64 (dd, 1 H, J = 14.0, 2.1 Hz, H-4), 4.02 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.9, 1.2 Hz, H-4), 4.18 (dd, 1 H, J = 7.7, 5.8 Hz, H-8b), 4.32 (ddd, 1 H, J = 6.0, 3.7, 2.3 Hz, H-5a), 4.51 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.8, 3.8 Hz, H-8a), 4.53 (ddd, 1 H, J = 8.2, 2.1, 1.3 Hz, H-3a). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz), HSQC δ 38.2 (C-6), 50.5 (C-8b), 65.7 (C-4), 73.5 (C-5a), 73.6 (C-3a), 76.4 (C-8a), 162.4 (C-2), 176.6 (C-7). IR (KBr): 3444, 3313, 2926, 1789, 1752, 1725, 1634, 1384, 1231, 1166, 1131, 1094, 1061, 1032, 964, 915 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 254 [M + Na + MeOH]⁺ (100%), 232 $[M + 1 + MeOH]^+$, 222 $[M + Na]^+$, 200 $[M + 1]^+$.

(-)-(3aR,5aS,8aS,8bS)-1-Methylhexahydro-2H-furo[2',3':5,6]pyrano[4,3-d][1,3]oxazole-2,7(1H)-dione (*ent*-16). To a cold suspension (-40 °C) of NaH (2 mg, 0.080 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF-DMF (1:1) (0.8 mL, 10 mL/mmol substrate) MeI was added (10 μ L, 0.16

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mmol, 2 equiv) and the solution was stirred for 5 min. A solution of substrate 36e (16 mg, 0.080 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF-DMF (1: 1) (0.4 mL, 5 mL/mmol substrate) was added and the reaction was stirred at -40 °C for 5 h and then warmed to rt. When no more evolution was observed (TLC) the reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (4 mL/mmol) solution and H₂O (4 mL/mmol), and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×4 mL/mmol). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 mL/mmol), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by chromatography (0-10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) afforded ent-16 (10 mg, 0.047 mmol, 59%) as a white solid that was recrystallized from CH₂Cl₂-Et₂O along with recovered starting material (3 mg, 0.015 mmol, 19%). Rf 0.39 (10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂). mp 185-186 °C. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ –91.8 (c = 0.40 MeOH). (Lit. for 16 +39.3 (c = 0.41 MeOH). ¹H NMR (300 MHz), COSY δ 2.69 (dd, 1 H, J = 17.8, 1.9 Hz, H-6), 2.79 (dd, 1 H, J = 17.8, 4.9 Hz, H-6), 2.97 (s, 3 H, Me), 3.71 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.9, 2.9 Hz, H-4), 3.97 (dd, 1 H, J = 7.5, 5.5 Hz, H-8b), 4.17 (dd, 1 H, J = 13.9, 2.2 Hz, H-4), 4.33 (ddd, 1 H, J = 5.0, 3.3, 1.7 Hz, H-5a), 4.46 (dt, 1 H, J = 7.5, 2.7 Hz, H-3a), 4.58 (dd, 1 H, J = 5.4, 3.2 Hz, H-8a). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, D₂O) δ 30.3, 38.7, 54.2, 64.3, 71.4, 73.6, 76.0, 161.7, 179.1. IR (KBr): 2941, 1791, 1754, 1439, 1228, 1170, 1115, 1032, 913 cm⁻¹. MS (ES): 268 $[M + Na + MeOH]^+$ (100%), 236 $[M + Na]^+$, 214 $[M + 1]^+$. Anal. calcd for C₉H₁₁NO₅: C, 50.70; H, 5.20; N, 6.57. Found: C, 50.82; H, 5.34; N, 6.61.

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