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Asymmetric Formal Synthesis of (-)-Swainsonine by a Highly Regioselective and Diastereoselective Allylic Amination Using Chlorosulfonyl Isocyanate

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A concise asymmetric formal synthesis of (-)-swainsonine from readily available D-erythronolactone is described. The key steps include a highly diastereoselective amination of a chiral benzylic ether, which occurs with the retention of

Introduction

Polyhydroxylated indolizidine alkaloids are among the most interesting discoveries in the field of natural products.^[1] They are widely distributed in many plants and microorganisms and have been reported to exhibit a range of biological activities that include immunoregulatory, anti-HIV, and anticancer activities.^[2] Consequently, a variety of natural or non-natural polyhydroxylated indolizidine alkaloids have been prepared and evaluated for their clinical applications.^[3] (-)-Swainsonine (1, see Figure 1) is a polyhydroxylated indolizidine alkaloid that was isolated first from the fungal plant pathogen Rhizoctonia leguminicola^[4] and later from the Australian plant Swainsona canescens,^[5] the North American spotted locoweed plant Astragalus lentiginosus,^[6] and the fungus Metarhizium anisoplia.^[7] (-)-Swainsonine is a potent inhibitor of the Golgi enzyme α mannosidase II, an enzyme required for the maturation of N-linked oligosaccharides of newly formed glycoproteins.^[8] Compound 1 is also reported to block lysosomal α -mannosidase, which causes the accumulation of oligomannoside chains in cells exposed to the drug.^[9] Furthermore, this molecule exhibits interesting activity against some mammalian tumor cell lines^[10] and possesses immunomodulatory and antiviral activities.^[11,12] Although the structurally related indolizidine alkaloid (+)-castanospermine (2) has received considerable attention as an immunoregulatory substance,^[13] the synthesis and biological evaluation of swainsonine and analogues thereof have been the subjects of intensive research. Because of the unique structural features stereochemistry using chlorosulfonyl isocyanate, and a palladium-catalyzed decarboxylative N-allylation of an allyl carbamate.

and interesting biological activities, several methods have been developed for the synthesis of 1.^[14–18] Given the structural relationship of swainsonine to carbohydrates^[15] and α -amino acids,^[16] it is not surprising that most of the syntheses use these compounds as starting materials. One synthesis relies on a series of asymmetric synthetic reactions to construct the stereogenic centers.^[17] In a recent example that uses a carbohydrate as a chiral pool, Wardrop and coworkers reported the total synthesis of 1 from 2,3-O-isopropylidene-D-erythrose through the diastereoselective addition of an acylnitrenium ion to an alkene to form the pyrrolidine framework.^[15h] In another example that uses a chiral pool, Chemla et al. described the asymmetric total synthesis of 1 from readily available D-erythronolactone through the addition of allenylmetals to chiral α , β -alkoxy sulfinvlimines.^[15i] In a representative example of an asymmetric synthesis, Ham and co-workers demonstrated the asymmetric total synthesis of 1 through a palladium-catalyzed formation of an oxazoline, a diastereoselective dihydroxylation, and a diastereoselective allylation reaction as the key steps.^[17k] Bates and Dewey reported the asymmetric formal synthesis of 1 that started from tetrahydrofuran and employed a gold-catalyzed allene cyclization and palladium-catalyzed alloc contraction as the key steps.^[18d]



Figure 1. Structures of (-)-swainsonine (1), (+)-castanospermine (2), and (-)-lentiginosine (3).

As part of an ongoing research program that is aimed at developing asymmetric total syntheses of biologically active alkaloids.^[19] we recently described a facile strategy for the

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construction of the indolizidine alkaloid (–)-lentiginosine (3) based on the regioselective and diastereoselective allylic amination of polybenzyl ethers using chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (CSI).^[20] In connection with our previous work regarding the stereoselective amination of various allylic ethers using CSI, we herein describe an asymmetric formal synthesis of (–)-swainsonine (1) that starts from commercially available D-erythronolactone. The key steps include a highly stereoselective amination of 1,2-*anti*-substituted benzyl ether using chlorosulfonyl isocyanate and a palladium-catalyzed decarboxylative *N*-allylation of an allyl carbamate.

Results and Discussion

The total synthesis of indolizidine alkaloid 1 was achieved by starting with 4, which was prepared from commercially available D-erythronolactone according to a literature report (see Scheme 1).^[21] The reduction of lactone 4 with diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL-H) in CH₂Cl₂ at -78 °C followed by a Wittig reaction of the resulting lactol afforded olefin 5 as an inseparable mixture of *cis* and *trans* isomers (*cis/trans*, 1.9:1) in 79% yield. The isomerization of the olefin in the diastereomeric mixture of 5 by treatment with 2,2'-azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN) and thiophenol exclusively gave *trans* olefin 6. The homologation of two carbons to construct the piperidine ring was performed by the oxidation of alcohol 6 and a subsequent Wittig reaction using a stabilized ylide to afford 7 as a separable mixture

of *cis* and *trans* isomers (*cis/trans*, 1:2) in 83% yield. We then sought the selective reduction of α,β -unsaturated ester 7 to give saturated primary alcohol 9, which left the internal alkene intact and was accomplished in either a single step or over two consecutive steps. An attempt to perform a onepot reduction of α , β -unsaturated ester 7 with LiAlH₄ afforded a 1:1 mixture of the desired saturated alcohol 9 and the undesired allylic alcohol concomitant with ester 8 in a 71% combined yield. In view of these unsuccessful results, we changed our synthetic plan to a two-step transformation, which involved a partial reduction of the olefin in α,β unsaturated ester 7 and subsequent reduction of the ester group. After an extensive screening of the optimal reaction conditions, we found that a combination of sodium borohydride and cuprous chloride in the presence of cyclohexene furnished our desired α , β -saturated ester 8 in 95% yield.^[22] The reduction of ester 8 under standard conditions [LiAlH₄, tetrahydrofuran (THF)] afforded primary alcohol 9, which was subjected to an Appel reaction (PPh₃, CBr₄, and Et₃N) to furnish compound 10 in 87% yield.

Next, the diastereoselectivity of the reaction of 10 and chlorosulfonyl isocyanate was examined under various conditions, and the selected results are summarized in Table 1. As shown in Entry 1, the reaction in dichloromethane at 0 °C gave the desired product 11 and its diastereomer in a ratio of 10:1. After screening different solvents under otherwise identical conditions, toluene was found to be most effective for this reaction. As shown in Entry 4, the reaction in toluene exclusively afforded compound 11 in 83% yield



Scheme 1.



Scheme 3.

with an excellent diastereoselectivity (dr 16:1). The diastereoselectivity of compound 11 can be explained by a neighboring group effect, whereby the orientation of the NHCbz (Cbz = benzyloxycarbonyl) group retains the original configuration by double inversion of the configuration.^[19]

Table 1. Selected results for optimization of the diastereoselective amination of $10^{\rm [a]}\,$

Entry	Solvent	Time [h]	% Yield ^[b]	$dr^{[c]}$
1	CH_2Cl_2	10	87	10:1
2	CCl_4	18	75	10:1
3	<i>n</i> -hexane	24	85	12:1
4	toluene	12	83	16:1

[a] Reagents and conditions: (i) **10** (1 equiv.), chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (3 equiv.), Na₂CO₃ (4.5 equiv.), solvent (0.25 M), 0 °C; (ii) aqueous saturated solution of Na₂SO₃, room temp., 12 h. [b] Isolated yield by flash column chromatography. [c] Diastereomeric ratio (dr) was determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

First, we envisioned the selective removal of the Cbz protecting group in compound **12** to give piperidine **13**, which can then be converted into the indolizidine framework through an *N*-allylation and a ring-closing metathesis reaction (see Scheme 2). Thus, compound **11** was treated with KO*t*Bu to afford compound **12**, which was then subjected to various reaction conditions to remove the Cbz protecting group as shown in Table 2. Nevertheless, these attempts



Scheme 2.

Table 2. Reaction conditions for removing Cbz protecting group of **12**.

Entry	Reaction conditions	% Yield
1	LiOH (10 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane/H ₂ O (4:1), 120 °C, 18 h	n.r. ^[a]
2	KOH (10 equiv.), 1,4-dioxane/H ₂ O (4:1), 120 °C, 18 h	n.r.
3	Pd(OAc) ₂ , Et ₃ SiH, Et ₃ N, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , reflux, 24 h	n.r.

[a] n.r.: no reaction.

were unsuccessful and led to recovery of most of the starting material or decomposition of the starting material.^[23]

Thus, we focused our synthetic protocol to the removal of the Cbz and benzyl protecting groups followed by an intramolecular cyclization to obtain the piperidine ring (see Scheme 3). To our delight, the treatment of 11 with BCl₃ in dichloromethane removed the Cbz and benzyl groups followed by an intramolecular cyclization to provide piperidine 14. To obtain target compound 16 for the formal synthesis of (-)-swainsonine (1), the introduction of a tert-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS) group to 14 and subsequent N-allylation was performed under standard reaction conditions. However, the direct *N*-allylation of **15** by using allyl iodide or allyl bromide provided poor yields of the desired compound 16 (see Table 3). On the other hand, the introduction of an allyloxycarbonyl group (see Table 3, Entry 5) followed by a palladium-catalyzed decarboxylative N-allylation^[24] of allyl carbamate 17 proved to be a highly satisfactory route, which provided compound 16 in 85% yield. The spectroscopic data and the specific rotation of 16 were in full agreement with the reported literature value.^[18a]

Table 3. Reaction conditions for allylation and allyloxycarbonylation of 15.

Entry	Reaction conditions	% Yield 16 ^[a] 17 ^[a]	
1	allyl iodide, K ₂ CO ₃ , MeCN, 50 °C,	6	
	10 h		
2	allyl iodide, KOtBu, 80 °C, 10 h	4	
3	allyl bromide, NaH, DMF, ^[b] r. t., 10 h	5	
4	allyl iodide, NaH, DMF, r. t., 10 h	10	
5	allyl chloroformate, Na ₂ CO ₃ , CH ₂ Cl ₂ ,		83
	r. t., 4 h		

[a] Isolated yield by flash column chromatography. [b] DMF = N, N-dimethylformamide.

Conclusions

In summary, we have described a concise formal synthesis of (–)-swainsonine from readily available D-erythronolactone in 11 linear steps (13.4% overall yield) through a highly diastereoselective amination of a chiral benzylic ether, which occurs with the retention of stereochemistry using chlorosulfonyl isocyanate, and a palladium-catalyzed

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decarboxylative *N*-allylation of an allyl carbamate. It is believed that this synthetic strategy can be applied to the preparation of a broad range of biologically active compounds that contain a chiral amine moiety.

Experimental Section

General Methods: Commercially available reagents were used without additional purification, unless otherwise stated. All reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopic data were recorded with a Varian Unit 500 MHz spectrometer using CDCl₃ solutions, and the chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm) relative to the residual CHCl₃ $\delta_{\rm H}$ (δ = 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR) and CDCl₃ $\delta_{\rm C}$ (δ = 77.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR) as internal standards. Resonance patterns are reported with the notations s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), and m (multiplet). In addition, the notation br. is used to indicate a broad signal. Coupling constants (J) are reported in Hertz (Hz). IR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Infrared spectrophotometer and are reported in cm⁻¹. Optical rotations were measured with a Jasco P1020 polarimeter. Thin layer chromatography was carried out using plates coated with Kieselgel 60F₂₅₄ (Merck). For flash column chromatography, E. Merck Kieselgel 60 (230-400 mesh) was used. High resolution mass spectra were recorded with a JEOL JMS-600 spectrometer.

(2R,3S)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol (5): To a stirred solution of 4 (9.0 g, 30.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (300 mL) cooled to -78 °C was added DIBAL-H (1.0 M in toluene, 42 mL). The resulting solution was mixed at -78 °C for 1 h and then was quenched with a mixture of Na₂SO₄·10H₂O/Celite (2:1) until mixing became difficult. At this time, the cooling bath was removed, and a sufficient amount of dichloromethane was added to afford a vigorously stirring solution. The stirring was then continued for 10 h. The solution was then filtered, and the filter cake was washed with EtOAc (2×500 mL). Concentration of the filtrate afforded the crude lactol (8.8 g) as an oil, which was used without further purification. To a stirred solution of dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO, 10.4 mL, 146.5 mmol) in anhydrous THF (100 mL) was added NaH (60% in mineral oil, 3.5 g, 87.9 mmol) at 0 °C under N₂. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and then cooled to 0 °C. Benzyltriphenylphosphonium chloride (34.2 g, 87.9 mmol) was added in one portion, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then cooled to 0 °C. A solution of lactol (8.8 g, 29.3 mmol) in anhydrous THF (46 mL) was slowly added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. After cooling, the reaction mixture was quenched with an aqueous saturated solution of NH₄Cl (50 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (200 mL), and the organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1) to afford 5 (8.87 g, 23.7 mmol, 79% yield; *cis/trans*, 1.9:1) as a colorless syrup; $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.26 (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.18-2.38 (m, 1 H), 3.59-3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.76-3.83 (m, 2 H), 4.11-4.14 (m, 0.34 H), 4.17 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 0.66 H), 4.44 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 0.34 H), 4.51–4.73 (m, 3.66 H), 5.69 (dd, J = 11.5, 10.0 Hz, 0.66 H), 6.18 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 0.34 H), 6.63 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 0.34 H), 6.88 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 0.66 H), 7.08–7.42 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 62.4, 62.7, 70.5, 70.9, 73.1, 74.6, 80.9, 81.1, 81.5, 126.9, 127.3, 127.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 129.2, 130.2, 134.5, 135.0, 136.7, 138.0, 138.3, 138.4 ppm. HRMS [chemical ionization (CI)]: calcd. for $C_{25}H_{25}O_3 \; [M-H]^+$ 373.1806; found 373.1804.

(2R,3S,E)-2,3-Bis(benzyloxy)-5-phenylpent-4-en-1-ol (6): To a stirred solution of 5 (4.5 g, 12.0 mmol) in anhydrous benzene (120 mL) were added PhSH (0.6 mL, 6.0 mmol) and AIBN (394 mg, 2.4 mmol) at room temperature under N₂. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 3 h. The resulting mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/ EtOAc, 4:1) to afford 6 (3.78 g, 10.08 mmol, 84% yield) as a colorless syrup; $R_{\rm f} = 0.26$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1). $[a]_{\rm D}^{22} = +51.8$ (*c* = 2.5, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 3448, 3030, 2872, 1721, 1602, 1494, 1452,$ 1365, 1094, 971, 747, 697, 610 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 2.23 (br. s, 1 H), 3.60–3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (br. s, 2 H), 4.11– 4.14 (m, 1 H), 4.45 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.59–4.71 (m, 2 H), 6.18 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.63 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.20-7.43 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 62.4, 70.9, 73.1, 80.8, 81.5, 126.8, 127.3, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 134.6, 136.6, 138.3, 138.4 ppm. HRMS (CI): calcd. for $C_{25}H_{25}O_3 [M - H]^+$ 373.1806; found 373.1804.

(4*R*,5*S*,6*E*)-Methyl 4,5-Bis(benzyloxy)-7-phenylhepta-2,6-dienoate (7): To a stirred solution of oxalyl chloride $(2 \text{ M in CH}_2\text{Cl}_2,$ 10.6 mL, 21.15 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) at -78 °C was added DMSO (3.3 mL, 47 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) over 20 min, and the mixture was stirred for 40 min. Then, alcohol 6 (3.52 g, 9.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added over 30 min, and the mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h. Triethylamine (7.2 mL, 51.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added over 20 min, and the white slurry was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. To the reaction mixture was added methyl(triphenylphosphoranylidene) acetate (7.3 g, 21.6 mmol) in one portion, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h as it warmed to room temperature. Water (50 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the two layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 75 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO4, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 8:1) to afford 7 (3.34 g, 7.80 mmol, 83% yield; cis/trans, 1:2) as a colorless oil. Data for cis isomer: $R_{\rm f} = 0.37$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 8:1). $[a]_{\rm D}^{22} = -2.3$ (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 3258, 3030, 2862, 1723, 1495, 1452, 1199,$ 1074, 825, 772, 697 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.64 (s, 3 H), 4.12–4.15 (m, 1 H), 4.54–4.71 (m, 4 H), 5.34–5.37 (m, 1 H), 5.96 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.19–6.28 (m, 2 H), 6.54 (d, J =16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.22–7.39 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* = 51.5, 70.7, 72.0, 76.9, 116.5, 122.3, 126.7, 126.9, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.4, 128.7, 133.9, 136.8, 138.7, 138.8, 147.2, 166.4 ppm. Data for *trans* isomer: $R_f = 0.35$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 8:1). $[a]_{D}^{22} = +23.1$ (c = 1.0, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 3258, 2864,$ 1724, 1452, 1274, 1219, 1170, 1072, 772, 697 $\rm cm^{-1}.~^1H~NMR$ $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3)$: $\delta = 3.76 \text{ (s, 3 H)}, 4.02-4.13 \text{ (m, 2 H)}, 4.44-$ 4.68 (m, 4 H), 6.09–6.18 (m, 2 H), 6.61 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.01 (dd, J = 16.0, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.18–7.40 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3)$: $\delta = 51.8$, 70.8, 71.9, 80.6, 81.9, 123.3, 126.6, 126.9, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 134.7, 136.6, 138.0, 138.3, 145.8, 166.7 ppm. HRMS (CI): calcd. for C₂₈H₂₇O₄ [M – H]⁺ 427.1919; found 427.1909.

(4*R*,5*S*,*E*)-Methyl 4,5-Bis(benzyloxy)-7-phenylhept-6-enoate (8): To a stirred solution of α , β -unsaturated ester 7 (3.0 g, 7.0 mmol) in MeOH (117 mL) were added NaBH₄ (1.32 g, 35 mmol), CuCl (0.55 g, 5.6 mmol), and cyclohexene (2.8 mL, 28 mmol) at -78 °C. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 24 h, and during this period of time, it turned from green to brown. Then, the reaction mixture

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was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between a saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl (50 mL) and Et_2O (150 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (4×120 mL). The organic layer was dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 8:1) to afford 8 (2.86 g, 6.65 mmol, 95% yield) as a colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.30$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 8:1). $[a]_{D}^{22} = +68.7$ (c = 1.4, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} =$ 3259, 3029, 2863, 1737, 1603, 1495, 1447, 1364, 1218, 1171, 1077, 772, 698, 611 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.89–1.99 (m, 2 H), 2.34–2.47 (m, 2 H), 3.60 (s, 3 H), 3.61–3.65 (m, 1 H), 3.99-4.01 (m, 1 H), 4.49 (dd, J = 12.0, 11.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.67-4.73(m, 2 H), 6.24 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.24–7.42 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 26.6, 30.3, 51.7, 70.6, 73.1, 80.6, 82.3, 126.8, 127.2, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 134.5, 136.7, 138.7, 138.8, 174.3 ppm. HRMS (CI): calcd. for $C_{28}H_{29}O_4$ [M – H]⁺ 429.2058; found 429.2066.

(4R,5S,E)-4,5-Bis(benzyloxy)-7-phenylhept-6-en-1-ol (9): To a stirred solution of 8 (2.8 g, 6.5 mmol) in anhydrous THF (43 mL) was added LiAlH₄ (0.74 g, 19.5 mmol) at 0 °C under N₂. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and then was carefully quenched with H₂O (5 mL) and HCl (1 M solution, 10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 2:1) to afford 10 (2.54 g, 6.31 mmol, 97% yield) as a colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.33$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 2:1). $[a]_{D}^{22} = +59.2$ (c = 1.2, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} =$ 3259, 3029, 2866, 1495, 1452, 1362, 1218, 1066, 971, 772, 697, 613 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.56–1.73 (m, 4 H), 3.60-3.64 (m, 3 H), 4.02 (dd, J = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.45-4.76 (m, 4 H), 6.26 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.61 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.20–7.42 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 27.9, 29.1, 63.2, 70.7, 73.1, 81.6, 82.5, 126.8, 127.4, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 134.4, 136.7, 138.7, 138.8 ppm. HRMS (CI): calcd. for $C_{27}H_{31}O_3$ [M + H]⁺ 403.2280; found 403.2273.

[(3S,4R,E)-7-Bromo-1-phenylhept-1-ene-3,4-diyl]bis(oxy)bis(methylene)dibenzene (10): To a stirred solution of 9 (2.3 g, 5.71 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (29 mL) were added PPh₃ (4.94 g, 18.8 mmol), CBr₄ (3.1 g, 9.42 mmol), and Et₃N (14 mL) at 0 °C under N₂. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 3 h and then quenched with H_2O (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 20 mL). The organic layer was washed with H_2O and brine, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 10:1) to afford 10 (2.31 g, 4.97 mmol, 87% yield) as a colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.32$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 10:1). $[a]_{\rm D}^{23} = +57.1$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 3259, 3061, 3029, 2926, 2864, 1739, 1602, 1495, 1452,$ 1363, 1256, 1207, 1098, 1029, 971, 742 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 1.71-2.04$ (m, 4 H), 3.32-3.37 (m, 2 H), 3.58-3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.98–4.01 (m, 1 H), 4.44 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.56 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.68–4.73 (m, 2 H), 6.26 (dd, J = 16.0, 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.62 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.25–7.43 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3): \delta = 29.1, 30.0, 34.2, 70.6, 73.0, 80.8, 82.3,$ 126.8, 126.9, 127.3, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.8, 134.5, 136.7, 138.7 ppm. HRMS (CI): calcd. for C₂₇H₂₈BrO₂ $[M - H]^+$ 463.1273; found 463.1273.

Benzyl (3*S*,4*R*,*E*)-4-(Benzyloxy)-7-bromo-1-phenylhept-1-en-3-ylcarbamate (11): To a stirred solution of 10 (2.2 g, 4.73 mmol) in anhydrous toluene (19 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (2.3 g, 21.3 mmol),

and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. This mixture was added to chlorosulfonyl isocyanate (1.2 mL, 14.2 mmol) at 0 °C under N₂. It was stirred at 0 °C for 12 h and then quenched with H_2O (3 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2×30 mL). The organic layer was added to a solution of aqueous saturated Na₂SO₃ (30 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 5:1) to afford 11 (2.0 g, 3.93 mmol, 83% yield) as a pale yellow syrup; $R_f = 0.32$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 5:1). $[a]_{D}^{22} = +22.2$ (c = 0.4, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 3259$, 1720, 1219, 1074, 773 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.65–1.75 (m, 2 H), 1.94 (br. s, 2 H), 3.37 (br. s, 2 H), 3.60 (br. s, 1 H), 4.51 (br. s, 1 H), 4.55-4.64 (m, 2 H), 5.07-5.13 (m, 3 H), 6.17 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.58 (br. s, 1 H), 7.22–7.37 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3): \delta = 28.9, 29.4, 33.7, 55.7, 67.1, 72.4, 80.3,$ 121.3, 125.5, 126.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.3, 128.8, 133.3, 136.7, 156.0 ppm. HRMS (CI): calcd. for $C_{28}H_{31}BrNO_3$ [M + H]⁺ 508.1483; found 508.1487.

(2S,3R)-Benzyl 3-(Benzyloxy)-2-styrylpiperidine-1-carboxylate (12): To a stirred solution of 11 (1.8 g, 3.54 mmol) in THF (18 mL) was slowly added potassium tert-butoxide (0.47 g, 4.2 mmol) at 0 °C under N₂. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then was quenched with H₂O (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 8:1) to afford 12 (1.2 g, 2.80 mmol, 79% yield) as a colorless syrup; $R_{\rm f} = 0.30$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 8:1). $[a]_{\rm D}^{23} = +49.3$ (*c* = 2.3, CHCl₃). IR (neat): \tilde{v} = 3029, 2947, 1697, 1650, 1496, 1424, 1307, 1264, 1199, 1127, 874, 750 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 1.42 (br. s, 1 H), 1.60–1.71 (m, 1 H), 1.89–2.15 (m, 2 H), 3.05 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.64 (br. s, 1 H), 4.09–4.17 (m, 1 H), 4.52-4.67 (m, 2 H), 5.09-5.22 (m, 2 H), 5.25 (br. s, 1 H), 6.10 (dd, J = 16.0, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.45 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.18–7.44 (m, 15 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 19.8, 25.0, 40.0, 67.4, 70.5, 74.9, 77.1, 125.4, 126.6, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.5, 128.6, 128.7, 128.8, 128.9, 132.3, 136.8, 137.2, 138.8, 156.6 ppm. HRMS (EI): calcd. for $C_{28}H_{29}NO_3$ [M]⁺ 427.2147; found 427.2136.

(2S,3R)-2-Styrylpiperidin-3-ol (14): To a stirred solution of 11 (0.54 g, 1.061 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (21 mL) was added BCl₃ (1.0 M in CH₂Cl₂, 66 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 24 h and then quenched with MeOH (20 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for an additional 1 h. The resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by ion-exchange resin DOWEX 50WX8-100 (NH₄OH, 0.5 M solution) to afford 14 (123 mg, 0.605 mmol, 57% yield) as a white solid; m.p. 174.6 °C. $R_{\rm f} = 0.13 \; ({\rm CH}_2 {\rm Cl}_2 / {\rm CH}_3 {\rm OH} / {\rm NH}_4 {\rm OH}, \; 90:10:0.15). \; [a]_{\rm D}^{27} = +66.4 \; (c$ = 0.4, CH₃OH). IR (neat): \tilde{v} = 3269, 2926, 2826, 1354, 1070, 924, 864, 744, 692 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 1.59–1.67 (m, 1 H), 1.77-1.85 (m, 1 H), 2.01-2.09 (m, 1 H), 2.13-2.18 (m, 1 H), 3.01-3.02 (m, 1 H), 3.31 (t, J = 3.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.33-3.37 (m, 1 H), 3.66 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.73–3.78 (m, 1 H), 6.29 (dd, J =16.0, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.89 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.29–7.39 (m, 3 H), 7.45–7.51 (m, 2 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD): δ = 20.4, 30.3, 43.0, 63.2, 67.7, 121.4, 126.7, 128.6, 128.7, 135.7, 138.3 ppm. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₃H₁₇NO [M]⁺ 203.1310; found 203.1312.

(2S,3R)-3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-styrylpiperidine (15): To a stirred solution of 14 (349 mg, 0.837 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂

(11 mL) were added 2,6-lutidine (0.44 mL, 1.842 mmol) and TBSOTf (0.790 mL, 1.675 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 h and then was guenched with a solution of aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (CH2Cl2/CH3OH/ NH₄OH, 90:10:0.15) to afford 15 (242 mg, 0.762 mmol, 91% yield) as a colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.42$ (CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH/NH₄OH, 90:10:0.15). $[a]_{D}^{27} = +185.9 \ (c = 0.03, \text{CHCl}_3)$. IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 2926, 2854, 1739,$ 1464, 1364, 1253, 1099, 969, 926, 837, 776, 747 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$: $\delta = 0.04$ (s, 3 H), 0.07 (s, 3 H), 0.88 (s, 9 H), 1.45-1.50 (m, 1 H), 1.74-1.80 (m, 2 H), 2.04-2.08 (m, 2 H), 2.68 (dt, J = 11.8, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.08 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.13 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.44-3.46 (m, 1 H), 6.31 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.60 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.24–7.40 (m, 5 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta = -4.3, -4.1, 18.2, 25.3, 26.0, 26.0, 29.9, 34.8,$ 45.9, 66.1, 72.9, 126.4, 127.5, 128.7, 131.7, 137.3 ppm. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₁₉H₃₁NOSi [M]⁺ 317.2175; found 317.2177.

(2S,3R)-Allyl 3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-styrylpiperidine-1carboxylate (17): To a stirred solution of 15 (51 mg, 0.161 mmol) in anhydrous CH₂Cl₂ (1.1 mL) were added allyl chloroformate (0.05 mL, 0.481 mmol) and sodium carbonate (426 mg, 0.402 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and then was quenched with a solution of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 mL). The resulting mixture was then diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). The mixture was washed with H₂O, dried with MgSO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (n-hexanes/EtOAc, 20:1) to afford 17 (53.8 mg, 0.134 mmol, 83% yield) as a colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.41$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 10:1). $[a]_{\rm D}^{27} = +224.6$ (c = 0.1, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 2952, 2929, 2856, 1701, 1465, 1417, 1375,$ 1252, 1197, 1129, 1091, 1304, 964, 923, 891, 836 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$: $\delta = 0.07$ (s, 3 H), 0.09 (s, 3 H), 0.89 (s, 9 H), 1.35 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.64-1.69 (m, 2 H), 1.98-2.02 (m, 1 H),2.98 (dt, J = 13.3, 2.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.95–3.01 (m, 1 H), 4.12 (d, J =12.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.55–4.65 (m, 2 H), 4.88 (br. s, 1 H), 5.16–5.19 (m, 1 H), 5.27–5.31 (m, 1 H), 5.91–5.96 (m, 1 H), 6.13 (dd, J = 16.1, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.46 (dd, J = 16.1, 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.22–7.38 (m, 5 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = -4.7, -4.6, 18.3, 19.2,$ 25.9, 27.8, 39.9, 60.0, 66.1, 68.9, 117.2, 125.4, 126.5, 127.9, 128.8, 132.0, 133.5, 136.8, 156.4 ppm. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₂₃H₃₅NO₃Si [M]⁺ 401.2386; found 401.2384.

(2S,3R)-1-Allyl-3-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-styrylpiperidine (16): To a stirred solution of 17 (38.3 mg, 0.095 mmol) in THF (2.5 mL) was added tetrakis(triphenylphosphane)palladium (11 mg, 0.01 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (n-hexanes/ EtOAc, 20:1) to afford 16 (28.9 mg, 0.081 mmol, 85%) as a colorless oil; $R_{\rm f} = 0.28$ (*n*-hexanes/EtOAc, 20:1). $[a]_{\rm D}^{27} = +73.6$ (c = 1.3, CHCl₃). IR (neat): $\tilde{v} = 3079, 3027, 2929, 2790, 2709, 1739, 1642,$ 1600, 1494, 1463, 1360, 1253, 1101, 969, 916, 836 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta = -0.14 \text{ (s, 3 H)}, -0.01 \text{ (s, 3 H)}, 0.77 \text{ (br. s, 9)}$ H), 1.31-1.39 (m, 1 H), 1.54-1.62 (m, 1 H), 1.68-1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.96-2.01 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.80 (dd, J = 13.9, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.95 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.47–3.52 (m, 2 H), 5.08– 5.13 (m, 2 H), 5.81–5.89 (m, 1 H), 6.00 (dd, J = 15.9, 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.52 (dd, J = 15.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.18–7.36 (m, 5 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ* = -4.3, -4.2, 18.1, 23.6, 25.9, 34.3, 41.8, 51.9, 58.8, 72.2, 73.3, 117.9, 126.4, 127.4, 128.7, 129.1, 129.3, 130.8, 134.2, 135.2, 137.2 ppm. HRMS (EI): calcd. for C₂₂H₃₅NOSi [M]⁺ 357.2488; found 357.2492.

Supporting Information (see footnote on the first page of this article): 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra for all compounds.

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