Diastereoselective Addition of Allyl Reagents to Variously N-Monoprotected and N,N-Diprotected L-Alaninals

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Diastereoselective C₃-elongation processes of *N*-Boc-, *N*-Z-, *N*-Bn-*N*-Boc-, and *N*-Bn-*N*-Z-L-alaninals (Boc='BuOCO, Z=PhCH₂OCO, Bn=PhCH₂) using various allyl reagents, such as allyl bromide in the presence of Zn/aqueous NH₄Cl solution, of SnCl₂·2 H₂O/NaI or of Mg/CuCl₂·2 H₂O, as well as allyltrichlorosilane, are described. A substantially different influence of the *N*-protecting groups replacing either one or two amino protons was observed, allowing the selective synthesis of either the *syn*- or *anti*-diastereoisomer as a major product.

1. Introduction. – Many natural products have been synthesized starting from chiral α -aminocarbaldehydes [1]. The most straightforward and commonly encountered process is the addition of various types of nucleophiles to these important building blocks [1][2]. Among them, allylation of aldehydes to homoallylic alcohols is an important synthetic pathway to aminodeoxysugars, which are components of naturally occurring antibiotics [3]. Furthermore, the homoallylic adducts provide access to hydroxyethylene peptide isosteres which could play a role as potent inhibitors of proteolytic enzymes [4]. Among various types of additions, the Barbier-type reaction has recently become very popular [5]. The use of aqueous media for the Barbier reaction offers some considerable advantages: the direct use of H₂O-soluble compounds without derivatization and the general avoidance of anhydrous solvents allow for an easier and environmentally friendlier synthesis than experienced with traditional methods. Asymmetric chain elongation of the α -aminocarbaldehyde group can favor syn- or anti-diastereoselectivity depending on the effects of the protective group at the α -amino functionality, allylation method, solvent, etc. So far, Giannis et al. [6] showed that the reaction of N-monoprotected serinals with allyl halides proceeds smoothly to give the desired homoallylic alcohols in moderate yields as a mixture of syn- and anti-diastereoisomers. The stereochemical course of the reaction in aqueous medium is similar to that in organic solvents.

Recently, we reported on the diastereoselective C_3 -elongation of N-tosyl- and N-benzyl-N-tosyl-L-alaninal by means of various allyl reagents under different reaction conditions [7]. A large difference of the influence of the N-protecting groups replacing either one or two amino protons on all C_3 - and C_4 -elongation processes was observed. In the case of the addition to N-tosyl-L-alaninal, we obtained a good syn-diastereoselectivity (3:1) but a very poor yield (only 20%). With the diprotected N-benzyl-N-tosyl-L-alaninal, the direction of asymmetric induction was reversed, which was explained by substantial changes in the nature of the amino group, varying from

chelating to sterically demanding. In many cases, the tosyl protection is difficult to remove when mild conditions are required. The reaction with the N,N-diprotected L-alaninal afforded both a moderate diastereoselectivity and a moderate chemical yield. Thus, we considered it very important and interesting, especially from the synthetic point of view, to extend our studies to other types of variously N-protected α -aminocarbaldehydes with the intention to improve the diastereoselectivity. For this purpose, we decided to study the addition reactions of the two allyl reagents $\bf 2a$ and $\bf 2b$ to the N,N-diprotected and N-monoprotected L-alaninals $\bf 1a-d$ (Scheme 1).

All L-alaninals $\mathbf{1a} - \mathbf{d}$ were obtained from the respective α -amino alcohols using the TEMPO (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yloxy radical) oxidation method [8]. In all reactions shown in *Scheme 1*, *syn/anti*-mixtures of the diastereoisomeric products $\mathbf{3}$ and $\mathbf{4}$, respectively, were obtained (throughout this paper, we use the *syn/anti* notation as proposed by *Masamune* and co-workers [9]).

2. Results and Discussion. – 2.1. C_3 -Elongation of the N,N-Diprotected L-Alaninals **1a** and **1b**. We chose for these studies N-Bn-N-Boc and N-Bn-N-Z protections of the amino group (Bn = PhCH₂, Boc = 'BuOCO, Z = PhCH₂OCO). On addition of allyl bromide **2a** to the N,N-diprotected aldehydes **1a** and **1b**, a high (*Table*, Entries 1, 2, 5, and 7) or very high (Entries 3 and 6) anti-diastereoselectivity was observed. Yields were generally also very high, except in the case of the addition of **2a** performed in the presence of magnesium and copper(II) chloride hydrate [10] (Entries 3 and 7).

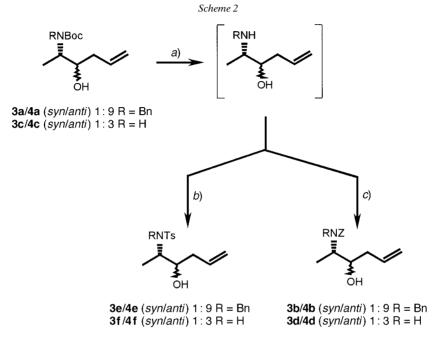
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Entry	Aldehyde	Allyl reagent	Modifying additives	Solvent	Temp.	Time [h]	Yield [%]	Ratio syn/anti
1	1a	2a	Zn/aq. NH ₄ Cl soln.	THF	r.t.	3.5	99	3a/4a 20:80
2	1a	2a	SnCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O/NaI	THF	r.t.	2.5	82	3a/4a 16:84
3	1a	2a	Mg/CuCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	DMF	r.t.	20	11	3a/4a 5:95
4	1a	2b	-	DMF	0°	2	29	3a/4a 5:95
5	1b	2a	Zn/aq. NH ₄ Cl soln.	THF	r.t.	3	99	3b/4b 10:90
6	1b	2a	SnCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O/NaI	DMF	r.t.	1	90	3b/4b 5:95
7	1b	2a	Mg/CuCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	THF	r.t.	20	30	3b/4b 10:90
8	1b	2b	-	DMF	0°	5	72	3b/4b 5:95
9	1c	2a	Mg/CuCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	THF	r.t.	22	65	3c/4c 37:63
10	1c	2b	-	DMF	0°	2	90	3c/4c 75:25
11	1d	2a	Mg/CuCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O	THF	r.t.	24	53	3d/4d 40:60
12	1d	2b	-	DMF	0°	2	87	3d/4d 75:25

Addition of allyltrichlorosilane (**2b**) [11] to *N*,*N*-diprotected L-alaninals **1a** and **1b** gave very interesting results, *i.e.*, almost exclusively *anti*-adducts **4a** and **4b** were obtained (*Entries 4* and 8). With *N*-Bn-*N*-Boc-L-alaninal **1a**, the yield was very low. It seems most likely that this aldehyde is not stable enough under the reaction conditions; we did not isolate any unreacted **1a**. Thus, the use of the Boc or Z instead of the tosyl protection causes the improvement of the *anti*-diastereoselectivity from 77:23 to 95:5 [7]. In summary, we can obtain *anti*-adducts with very high diastereoselection and in very good yield using allyltrichlorosilane (**2b**) or allyl bromide (**2a**) in the presence of tin(II) chloride dihydrate.

- 2.2. C_3 -Elongation of N-Monoprotected α -Aminocarbaldehydes **1c** and **1d**. Simple addition of allylmagnesium chloride or of allylzinc reagent to N-Boc- or N-Z-Lalaninals 1c and 1d, respectively, resulted in a moderate yield and low syndiastereoselectivity, in agreement with literature data [12]. Thus, we turned our attention to the Barbier-type reaction [13]. Addition of allyl bromide (2a) in the presence of aqueous ammonium chloride [6][13] or of tin(II) chloride dihydrate and sodium iodide [14] to aldehydes 1c and 1d led to better yields than in the case of addition to the N-Ts-L-alaninal, but unfortunately, we did not observe any diastereoselectivity. When we used magnesium in the presence of copper(II) chloride hydrate [10] instead of zinc or tin(II) chloride, addition of 2a to N-monoprotected L-alaninals 1c and 1d gave mixtures of diastereoisomers with moderate anti-diastereoselectivity (Table, Entries 9 and 11). Aiming at finding a more selective allylation of Nmonoprotected L-alaninals 1c and 1d, we decided to try allyltrichlorosilane (2b) as reagent. We observed the same level of diastereoselectivity (3:1) as for the addition to N-Ts-L-alaninal, but the yield was much better (Entries 10 and 12). In summary, we can selectively obtain either the syn- or the anti-diastereoisomer as a major product. With allyl bromide (2a) in the presence of magnesium and copper(II) chloride hydrate as an allylation reagent, pronounced anti-diastereoselectivity was observed, whereas in the case of addition of allyltrichlorosilane (2b), syn-diastereoselectivity (3:1) was observed.
- 2.3. Determination of the Diastereoisomer Ratio 3/4 (syn/anti). For the N,N-diprotected products 3a and 3b as well as 4a and 4b, the determination of the syn/anti ratio was based on the integration of the separated signals derived from one of the diastereotopic protons at the double bond. The thus-established ratios were confirmed by analytical HPLC (LiChrospher-100-NH₂). In the case of the N-monoprotected diastereoisomeric adducts 3c and 3d as well as 4c and 4d, the syn/anti pairs were unseparable by any chromatographic method. Determination of the syn/anti ratio was, therefore, based on their ¹H-NMR spectra, i.e., on the integration of the Me signals.
- 2.4. Chemical Correlations. Having determined the extent of asymmetric induction, we studied its direction by establishing the configuration of the products. In both cases of N,N-diprotected and N-monoprotected adducts 3 and 4, we used the method of chemical correlations as shown in Scheme 2, because the anti-configuration of adduct 4e and the syn-configuration of adduct 3f are known from X-ray studies [7]. The syn/anti mixture of adducts 3a and 4a (1:9) was transformed into the mixture 3e/4e in which the anti-N-Bn-N-Ts-adduct 4e was the major diastereoisomer, thus establishing that the adduct 4a possesses anti-configuration. The same mixture 3a/4a (1:9) was then transformed into the mixture 3b/4b with preserved level of diastereoselectivity (1:9);

hence, the adduct **4b** has the *anti*-configuration. Similar correlations were carried out for the *N*-monoprotected products **3c/4c** as well as for **3d/4d** (*Scheme 2*). Thus, on addition of allyltrichlorosilane (**2b**) to the *N*-monoprotected aldehydes **1c** and **1d**, the *syn*-diastereoisomer was formed as the major one.



a) CF₃COOH, CH₂Cl₂, r.t. b) TsCl, Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, $0^{\circ} \rightarrow$ r.t. c) PhCH₂OCOCl (= ZCl), NaHCO₃, AcOEt, 0° .

2.5. Stereochemical Course of the Additions. For all additions with N-monoprotected L-alaninals, diastereoselectivity is independent of the protecting group used, but it depends on the method applied. Direction of the asymmetric induction can be explained by three transition states \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , or \mathbf{C} , as shown in the Fig.

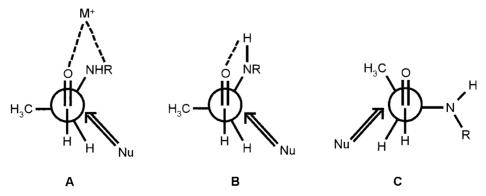


Figure. Possible transition states for the nucleophilic addition

Attack by allyl reagents occurs from the less-hindered side of the chelation-controlled cyclic Cram [15] model $\bf A$ or $\bf B$, formed as a consequence of the H-bonding between NH and the carbonyl group, giving the syn-amino alcohols $\bf 3c$ and $\bf 3d$. But in the Felkin-Anh [16] model $\bf C$, this attack leads to anti amino alcohols $\bf 4c$ and $\bf 4d$. In agreement with this commonly accepted stereochemical model, addition of allylmagnesium chloride to aldehydes $\bf 1c$ and $\bf 1d$ led to syn-adducts according to the cyclic transition states $\bf A$ or $\bf B$. But in the case of addition of allylzinc bromide or allyl bromide in the presence of magnesium and copper(II) chloride hydrate, the Felkin-Anh model $\bf C$ should operate because we observed anti-diastereoselection. In the case of the N-monoprotected α -aminocarbaldehydes $\bf 1c$ and $\bf 1d$, addition of the allyl reagents led to syn-adducts, according to the cyclic transition state formed as a consequence of the H-bonding between NH and the carbonyl group or to the similar chelation-controlled cyclic Cram model $\bf B$. In the case of the addition to N,N-diprotected $\bf L$ -alaninals $\bf 1a$ and $\bf 1b$, leading preferentially to anti-adducts $\bf 4a$ and $\bf 4b$, the Felkin-Anh model should operate.

3. Conclusion. – Along with previous results from this laboratory concerning the influence of N-mono- and N,N-diprotection on the stereochemical course of cycloaddition, the present results establish the rationale for planning diastereoselective syntheses that involve C_3 -elongation processes. The results obtained appear to yield key information for further studies on asymmetric syntheses involving α -aminocarbaldehydes and for a better knowledge of the rules governing the stereochemical course of organometal addition to chiral α -aminocarbaldehydes.

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Experimental Part

General. Flash column chromatography (FC): silica gel 60 (Merck, 200 – 400 mesh). M.p.: Kofler hot-stage apparatus; uncorrected. Optical rotations: JASCO-DIP-360 polarimeter with a thermally jacketed 10-cm cell. IR Spectra: Perkin-Elmer-1640-FTIR spectrophotometer NMR Spectra: Bruker-AM-500 spectrometer at 500 (1 H) or 125 MHz (13 C); chemical shifts δ in ppm rel. to SiMe₄ (= 0.00 ppm), and coupling constants J in Hz. Mass spectra: AMD-604-Intectra instrument using the electron-impact (EI) technique; m/z (rel. %).

Addition of Allyl Reagents 2 to Protected α -Aminocarbaldehydes 1. Method A: Addition of Allyl Bromide (2a) in the Presence of Zn/NH_4Cl . Allyl bromide (2a; 2 mmol) was added dropwise at r.t. to the stirred suspension of Zn powder (2 equiv.), the α -aminocarbaldehyde (1 mmol), sat. aq. NH₄Cl soln. (0.5 ml), and THF (10 ml). After stirring at r.t. for several hours (TLC monitoring), the mixture was extracted with Et₂O (2 × 10 ml), the combined extract dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated, and the residue worked up as described in [7].

Method B: Addition of Allyl Bromide (2a) in the Presence of $SnCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O/NaI$. To a stirred soln. of the α -aminocarbaldehyde (1 mmol) and allyl bromide (2a; 1.5 mmol) in DMF (10 ml), $SnCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ (1.5 mmol) was added, followed by NaI (1.5 mmol). After stirring for several hours (TLC monitoring), a sat. aq. NH₄F soln. (10 ml) and Et₂O (10 ml) were added. The aq. layer was separated and re-extracted with Et₂O (2 × 10 ml) and the combined extract worked up as described in Method A.

Method C: Addition of Allyl Bromide (2a) in the Presence of Mg/CuCl₂·2 H₂O. Allyl bromide (2a; 2.5 mmol) was added dropwise at r.t. under Ar to a stirred suspension of Mg powder (2.5 equiv.), CuCl₂·2 H₂O (2.5 mmol), the α -aminocarbaldehyde (1 mmol), and THF (5 ml). The mixture was stirred for several hours (TLC monitoring). Then it was quenched with 1N HCl and extracted with Et₂O (3×10 ml). The combined extracts were worked up as described in Method A.

Method D: Addition of Allyltrichlorosilane (**2b**). A soln. of the α -aminocarbaldehyde (1 mmol) and allyltrichlorosilane (**2b**; 1.2 mmol) in DMF (6 ml) was stirred at 0° for several hours (TLC monitoring). Then it

was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl soln. (10 ml) and extracted with Et₂O (3×10 ml). The combined extracts were worked up as described in *Method A*.

 $(2S,3S)-\ and\ (2S,3R)-2-\{Benzyl\{(tert-butoxy)carbonyl\}amino\}hex-5-en-3-ol\ (\textbf{3a}\ and\ \textbf{4a},\ resp.;\ \textbf{3a}/\textbf{4a}\ 1:4).$ IR (film): 3440, 2977, 2933, 1689, 1667, 1453, 1409, 1366, 1248, 1167, 1015, 913, 701. \[^1\text{H-NMR}\ ((D_8)\tolurne, 90\circ)\]: 73 – 7.0 $(m, 5\ arom.\ H)$; 5.88 $(ddt, J=16.9, 10.5, 6.9, 0.2\ H,\ CHCH_2)$; 5.69 $(ddt, J=17.1, 10.3, 6.9, 0.8\ H,\ CHCH_2)$; 5.02 $(m, 0.2\ H,\ CHCH_2)$; 5.0–4.9 $(m, 0.8\ H,\ CHCH_2)$; 4.45 $(m, 0.2\ H,\ CH_2\Delta r)$; 4.4–4.2 $(m, 1.8\ H,\ CH_2\Delta r)$; 3.80 $(m, 0.8\ H,\ CHN)$; 3.70 $(m, 0.2\ H,\ CHN)$; 3.59 $(m, 0.2\ H,\ CHOH)$; 3.52 $(ddt, J=6.9, 4.2, 6.9, 0.8\ H,\ CHOH)$; 2.20 $(m, 0.2\ H,\ CH_2(All))$; 2.1–2.0 $(m, 1.8\ H,\ CH_2(All))$; 1.38 $(s, 7.2\ H,\ Bu)$; 1.37 $(s, 1.8\ H,\ Bu)$; 1.18 $(d, J=7.0, 2.4\ H,\ Me)$; 1.06 $(d, J=7.0, 0.6\ H,\ Me)$. \[^1^3C-NMR\ $((D_8)\tolurne, 90\circ)$: 156.9; 156.5; 140.5; 140.2; 135.9; 135.8; 128.7; 128.6; 128.0; 127.9; 127.3; 127.2; 117.0; 116.9; 80.1; 80.0; 74.4; 74.0; 65.9; 58.8; 58.5; 51.6; 51.1; 40.2; 39.9; 28.6; 28.5; 15.8; 15.5. EI-MS: 305 $(0.3,\ M^+)$, 234 (29), 208 (4), 178 (92), 134 (82), 91 (100), 57 (47). HR-EI-MS: 305.21008 $(C_{18}H_{27}NO_3^+,M^+,\ calc.\ 305.1991)$. Anal. calc. for $C_{18}H_{27}NO_3$ (305.2): C 70.8, H 8.9, N 4.6; found: C 70.6, H 8.9, N 4.6.

 $(2S,3S)-\ and\ (2S,3R)-2-\{Benzyl[\ (benzyloxy)carbonyl]\ amino]\ hex-5-en-3-ol\ (\textbf{3b}\ and\ \textbf{4b},\ resp.;\ \textbf{3b/4b}\ 1:4).$ IR (film): 3443, 2977, 1692, 1678, 1453, 1415, 1330, 1244, 1211, 1027, 915, 733, 698. 1 H-NMR ((D_8)\ toluene, 90°): 7.2 – 7.0 (m, 10\ arom. H.); 5.9 – 5.8 (m, 0.2 H, CHCH₂); 5.7 – 5.6 (m, 0.8 H, CHCH₂); 5.09, 5.06 (AB, J = 12.4, 1 H each, OCH₂Ar); 4.99 (m, 0.4 H, CHCH₂); 5.0 – 4.9 (m, 1.6 H, CHCH₂); 4.50 (m, 0.2 H, CH₂Ar); 4.4 – 4.3 (m, 1.8 H, CH₂Ar); 3.81 (br. s, 1 H, CHN); 3.62 (br. s, 1 H, CHOH); 2.2 – 2.1 (m, 0.2 H, CH₂(All)); 2.1 – 2.0 (m, 1.8 H, CH₂(All)); 1.18 (d, J = 7.0, 2.4 H, Me); 1.05 (d, J = 7.0, 0.6 H, Me). 13 C-NMR ((D₈)\ toluene, 90°): 157.5; 157.1; 139.9; 139.6; 137.7; 137.6; 135.8; 135.7; 135.6; 128.7; 128.6; 128.5; 128.4; 128.4; 128.3; 127.5; 127.4; 117.1; 74.2; 73.8; 67.7; 65.9; 58.8; 51.2; 51.0; 40.1; 39.7; 15.9; 15.5. LSI-MS: 362 ([M + Na $^+$]), 340 ([M + H $^+$]). HR-LSI-MS: 340.1915. (C₂₁H₂₆NO $_3^+$, [M + H $^+$]; calc. 340.1913). Anal. calc. for C₂₁H₂₅NO₃ (339.2): C 74.3, H 7.4, N 4.2; found: C 74.3, H 7.6, N 4.2.

(2S,3S)- and (2S,3R)-2-[[(tert-Butoxy)carbonyl]amino]hex-5-en-3-ol (3c and 4c, resp.; 3c/4c 1:1). 1 H-NMR ((D₈)toluene, 90°): 5.8–5.7 (m, 1 H, CHCH₂); 4.96 (m, 2 H, CHCH₂); 4.77 (br. s, 1 H, NH); 3.7–3.6 (m, 1 H, CHN); 3.50 (ddd, J = 6.5, 6.5, 3.7, 0.5 H, CHOH); 3.31 (ddd, J = 7.7, 5.1, 3.4, 0.5 H, CHOH); 2.44 (br. s, 1 H, OH); 2.2–2.1 (m; 1 H, CH₂(All)); 2.1–2.0 (m, 1 H, CH₂(All)); 1.39 (s, 4.5 H, 'Bu); 1.38 (s, 4.5 H, 'Bu); 1.03 (d, J = 6.8, 1.5 H, Me); 0.96 (d, J = 6.8, 1.5, Me). 13 C-NMR ((D₈)toluene, 90°): 156.3; 156.0; 135.6; 135.5; 117.3; 117.2; 79.1; 79.0; 74.3; 74.0; 51.0; 50.5; 39.5; 39.0; 28.7; 28.6; 18.5; 14.6. EI-MS: 215 (0.7, M⁺), 144 (34), 142 (18), 118 (100), 100 (4), 88 (66), 81 (8), 74 (12). HR-EI-MS: 215.1524 (C₁₁H₂₁NO₃, M⁺; calc. 215.1521). Anal. calc. for C₁₁H₂₁NO₃ (215.15): C 61.7, H 9.9, N 6.5; found: C 61.6, H 10.0, N 6.5.

(2S,3S)- and (2S,3R)-2-{[(Benzyloxy)carbonyl]amino]hex-5-en-3-ol (3d and 4d, resp.; 3d/4d 3:1). IR (KBr): 3315, 1686, 1542, 1323, 1289, 1267, 1038, 919, 731, 697. 1 H-NMR ((D₈)toluene, 90°): 7.3 – 7.0 (m, 5 arom. H); 5.7 – 5.6 (m, 1 H, CHCH₂); 5.04 (s, 2 H, OCH₂Ar); 4.97 (m, 1 H, CHCH₂); 4.93 (m, 1 H, CHCH₂); 4.68 (br. s, 1 H, NH); 3.65 (m, 1 H, CHN); 3.42 (m, 1 H, CHOH); 2.0 – 1.9 (m, 2 H, CH₂(All)); 1.67 (br. s, 1 H, OH); 0.99 (d, J = 6.7, 0.1 H, Me); 0.92 (d, J = 6.7, 2.9 H, Me). 13 C-NMR ((D₈)toluene, 90°): 156.2; 137.8; 135.3; 129.3; 128.7; 128.5; 128.2; 117.4; 73.6; 66.8; 51.3; 38.9; 14.5. EI-MS: 249 (0.2, M⁺), 208 (1.8), 178 (10), 134 (16), 91 (100), 88 (27). HR-EI-MS: 249.1363 (C₁₄H₁₉NO $_3$, M⁺; calc. 249.1365). Anal. calc. for C₁₄H₁₉NO₃ (249.15): C 67.4, H 7.7, N 5.6; found: C 67.4, H 7.5, N 5.7.

General Procedures for Chemical Correlations. Removal of the Boc protecting group: To a stirred soln. of the N-Boc-protected or N-Bn-N-Boc-diprotected adduct (1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml), CF_3COOH (5 mmol) was added dropwise at r.t. Stirring was continued at r.t. until the disappearance of the substrate was noted (TLC). Then the mixture was diluted with sat. NaHCO₃ soln. (10 ml) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 5 ml). The combined extracts were washed with brine (10 ml), dried (MgSO₄), and evaporated. The crude product was used for further treatment.

Introduction of the tosyl [17] or (benzyloxy)carbonyl [18] protecting group was carried out according to the known literature procedures.

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