

Asymmetric Synthesis of Fused Bicyclic α-Amino Acids Having a Hexahydro-cyclopenta[c]pyridine Skeleton via Intramolecular Pauson-Khand Reaction of 1-Sulfonimidoyl-Substituted 5-Azaoct-1-en-7-ynes

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An asymmetric synthesis of fused bicyclic amino acids having a hexahydro-cyclopenta[c]pyridine skeleton and carrying besides an enone structural element a substituent at the β -position is described. The key steps of the synthesis are a highly selective allylation of *N*-tert-butylsulfonyl imino ester with bis(allylsulfoximine)titanium complexes and a highly diastereoselective Pauson–Khand cycloaddition of sulfonimidoyl-substituted γ , δ -unsaturated α -amino acid esters carrying a substituent at the β -position and a propargyl group at the N-atom. The cyclization is accompanied by a reductive cleavage of the sulfoximine group of the primary cyclization product. Surprisingly, the removal of the sulfoximine group proceeds with inversion of the configuration at the S-atom and gives *N*-methyl-phenylsulfinamide with \geq 98% ee. Deprotection of the bicyclic *N*-tert-butylsulfonyl-fonyl-protected amino acid ester was accomplished through treatment with CF₃SO₃H under anhydrous conditions. The enantio- and diastereomerically pure sulfoximine-substituted γ , δ -unsaturated α -amino acid esters used as starting material were obtained through a highly regio-and diastereoselective allylation of *N*-tert-butylsulfonyl imino ester with acyclic bis(allylsulfoximine)-titanium complexes, described previously.

Introduction

The synthesis of conformationally constrained α -amino acids and their incorporation into peptides are currently topics of high interest.^{1,2} The restricted conformational flexibility of such peptidomimetics can have large effects on their biological activity and metabolic stability.² Much sought after are fused bicyclic α -amino acids having the N-atom incorporated into a ring system.³ Many of these amino acids display interesting pharmacological activities,⁴ and they have served as building blocks for the synthesis of peptidomimetics.¹ We have been interested in the asymmetric synthesis of the bicyclic amino acid esters **1**, which contain a hexahydro-cyclopenta[*c*]pyridine skeleton and carry besides an enone structural element a substituent at the β -position (Scheme 1). Because of the cyclopentenone ring of **1**, synthesis of a large number of highly substituted analogues can be envisioned. With the exception of the *N*-tosyl-substituted parent compound (R = H),⁵ amino acids of type **1** were not known up to now. The bicyclic amino acid esters **1** and their derivatives should be interesting building blocks for the syn-

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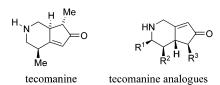
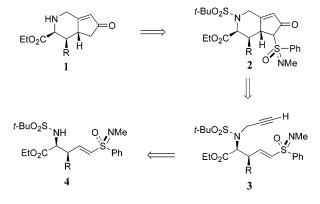


FIGURE 1. Tecomanine and potential analogues.

SCHEME 1. Retrosynthetic Analysis of Bicyclic Amino Acid Derivatives 1



thesis of peptidomimetics, and they could exhibit interesting biological activities as bicyclic analogues of pipecolic acid.⁶ Besides these applications, amino acid esters 1 could perhaps also serve as starting materials for the synthesis of analogues of the alkaloid tecomanine, which shows a strong hypoglycemic activity (Figure 1).⁷ We envisioned a synthesis of 1 through a Pauson-Khand cycloaddition⁸ of the sulfonimidoyl-substituted envnes **3**. derived from the (*svn*.*E*)-configured γ . δ -unsaturated α -amino acid esters 4. We have recently described a flexible asymmetric synthesis of 4 through a highly regio- and diastereoselective allylation of N-tert-butylsulfonyl imino ester with acyclic bis(allylsulfoximine)titanium complexes.⁹ Support for the feasibility of a Pauson-Khand cycloaddition of enynes 3 came from the work of Bolton et al., who showed that the cycloaddition of the parent N-tosyl-substituted enyne (R = H) being devoid, however, of a substituent at the δ -position, proceeded with high diastereoselectivity to give the corresponding bicyclic N-tosyl amino acid.⁵ Although intramolecular Pauson-Khand reactions involving sulfonyl- and sulfinyl-substituted alkenes have been described,10 it remained to be seen whether alkenyl sulfoximines of type 3 are also

SCHEME 2. γ -Amino Alkylation of Allylic Sulfoximines 5

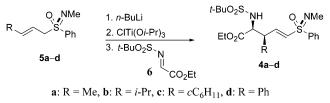


 TABLE 1.
 Asymmetric Synthesis of the Amino Acid

 Derivatives 4a-d

allylic sulfoximine	amino acid derivative	chemical yield (%)	isolated yield (%)	dr
5a	4a	90	67	≥99:1
5b	4b	93	85	≥99:1
5c	4 c	92	77	$\geq 99:1$
5d	4d	96	82	\geq 99:1

amendable to a [2+2+1]-cycloaddition. *N*-Methyl sulfoximines are Lewis bases,¹¹ a feature that could perhaps prevent cobalt complexes of **3** from undergoing such a cycloaddition. In the final step of the synthesis of **1** it was planned to remove the sulfonimidoyl group of **2** reductively.¹²

Results and Discussion

Synthesis of the Enynes. The enantio- and diastereomerically pure α -amino acid derivatives **4a**-**d** were obtained in good yields (Scheme 2, Table 1) through the successive treatment of the allylic sulfoximines **5a**-**d**¹³ with *n*-BuLi, 2 equiv of ClTi(O*i*-Pr)₃, and the *N*-tertbutylsulfonyl α -imino ester **6** in THF at -78 °C.⁹ Because of the much more facile cleavage of *N*-tert-butylsulfonylamines as compared to *N*-tosylamines,¹⁴ the amino alkylation of **5a**-**d** was carried out with **6**, whose synthesis we have reported recently,⁹ and not with the corresponding *N*-tosyl analogue.¹⁵ Treatment of sulfonamides **4a**-**d** with propargyl bromide in DMF in the presence of Cs₂CO₃ afforded the enynes **3a**-**d**, respectively (Scheme 3, Table 2) in high yields.

Pauson–Khand Reaction. Treatment of enynes 3a-d with 1.1 equiv of $Co_2(CO)_8$ for 30 min in THF led to their complete conversion to the cobalt complexes 7a-d, which were isolated by chromatography but not further characterized (vide infra). We were pleased to see that complexes 7a-d gave upon treatment with 6 equiv of *N*-morpholine-*N*-oxide (NMO) in two portions over a period of 4 h at -78 °C and warming the reaction mixture to room temperature directly the sulfonimidoyl-free bicyclic amino acid derivatives 9a-d in approximately 95% purity. The bicyclic amino acid derivatives were generally obtained as single diastereomers (¹H NMR) (Table 3, entries 1-4), except in the case of the phenyl-substituted

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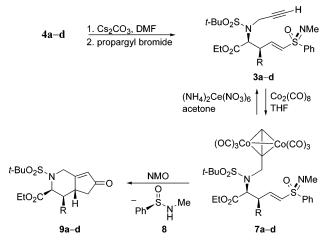
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SCHEME 3. Synthesis and Pauson–Khand Cycloaddition of Enynes 3



a: R = Me, **b**: R = i-Pr, **c**: $R = cC_6H_{11}$, **d**: R = Ph

TABLE 2.Synthesis of Enynes 3a-d

amino acid derivative	enyne	yield (%)
4a	3a	95
4b	3b	94
4 c	3c	91
4d	3c 3d	96

TABLE 3.Pauson-Khand Cycloaddition of Enynes3a-d

						sulfinamide 8	
entry	enyne	condi- tions ^a	amino acid derivative	yield (%)	dr^b	yield (%)	ee ^c (%)
1	3a	Ι	9a	49	≥98:2	70	≥98
2	3b	Ι	9b	51	\geq 98:2	68	$\geq \! 98$
3	3c	Ι	9c	55	\geq 98:2	66	$\geq \! 98$
4	3d	Ι	9d	60	93:7	71	$\geq \! 98$
5	3b	II	9b	35	85:15	d	e
6	3b	III	9b	30	66:34	d	е

^{*a*} I: THF, -78 °C, 3 equiv of NMO, 1 h, rt, 1 h, -78 °C, 3 equiv of NMO. II: CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 3 equiv of NMO, 1 h, rt, 1 h, 0 °C, 3 equiv of NMO. III: MeCN, 81 °C, 2 h. ^{*b*} Determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ^{*c*} Determined by GC on chiral stationary phase. ^{*d*} Not isolated. ^{*e*} Not determined.

amino acid 9d. which, under the conditions used, was contaminated with a small amount of its diastereomer (entry 4). Preparative HPLC of **9a**-c afforded the pure bicyclic enones in medium to good overall yields, based on 3a-c. Surprisingly, treatment of 3b with NMO in CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C gave **9b** with lower diastereoselectivity and yield (Table 3, entry 5). The ¹H NMR spectra of **9a-d** in $[D_6]$ -benzene at room temperature showed an overlap and a line broadening of the signals of 1-H and 3-H. We tentatively ascribe the line broadening to a restricted rotation around the N-S bond. The configuration of 9b was assigned by ¹H NOE experiments in [D₆]-benzene at 50 °C. Recording the spectra at the higher temperature resulted in a better line separation and a sharpening of the signals of 1-H and 3-H. The NOE experiment revealed strong NOE's between 3-H and 4-H, 4-H and 5-H α , and 4a-H and 5-H β , respectively, which proved their cis relationship (Figure 2). The lack of NOE's between 4-H and 4a-H, and 4a-H and 5-H α is indicative

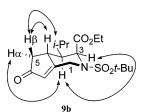


FIGURE 2. Observed NOE's of amino acid derivative 9b.

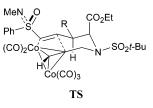


FIGURE 3. Transition state model for the Pauson–Khand cycloaddition of eynes **3**.

of their trans relationship. According to the magnitudes of the vicinal coupling constants $J_{4-H,4a-H} = 12.4$ Hz and $J_{3-H,4-H} = 5.2$ Hz of **9b** in CDCl₃, its six-membered ring adopts in solution preferentially a chairlike conformation in which the ester group is in a pseudoaxial and the R substituent in a pseudoequatorial position. This was supported by the magnitudes of the vicinal coupling constants of **1d** (vide infra). Because of similar chemical shifts and magnitudes of coupling constants, the same configuration was assigned to **9a**, **9c**, and **9d**.

The highly diastereoselective formation of **9a**–**d** could be rationalized by assuming that the intramolecular addition of the C–Co bond to the double bond occurs via the transition state **TS** in which the ester group is placed in a pseudoaxial position while the substituent at the β -position, the double bond, and the *tert*-butylsulfonyl group are placed in pseudoequatorial positions (Figure 3).

We were surprised to see that the Pauson-Khand reaction of $3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d}$ was accompanied by a reductive cleavage of the sulfonimidoyl group of 2a-d, which ought to be the primary cyclization products (cf. Scheme 1). In all cases the (R)-configured sulfinamide $\mathbf{8}^{12,16}$ with $\geq 98\%$ ee was isolated as a second reaction product in similar yields as **9a**-**d**. Thus, the reductive cleavage of the sulfonimidoyl group of 2a-d had occurred under inversion of configuration at the S-atom. It is interesting to note in this context that intramolecular Pauson-Khand reactions involving alkenyl sulfones and alkenyl sulfoxides are apparently not accompanied by a desulfurization of the corresponding α -sulfonyl- and α -sulfinyl-substituted cyclopentenone derivatives.¹⁰ To see whether the desulfurization is caused in some way by NMO, the Pauson-Khand reaction of 3b was carried out in boiling MeCN by omitting NMO (Table 3, entry 6). Under these conditions the sulfonimidoyl free amino acid derivative 9b was also obtained, albeit with a much lower diastereoselectivity and yield. Finally the structure of the cobalt complexes 7a-d was probed by chemical means to evaluate whether it is the complex formation that causes the reductive removal of the sulfonimidoyl group. Treat-

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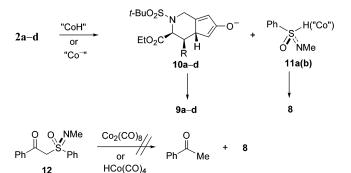
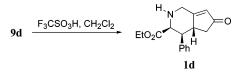


FIGURE 4. Putative substitution of the sulfonimidoyl group of the keto sulfoximines with inversion at the S-atom and model experiments.

ment of complex 7a with $(NH_4)_2Ce(NO_3)_6$ in acetone¹⁷ led to a quantitative recovery of sulfoximine 3a (cf. Scheme 3). Therefore we conclude that the desulfurization occurs after the Pauson-Khand process at the stage of 2a-d. Reductive defunctionalizations during Pauson-Khand reactions have been described previously for α -halo cyclopentenone derivatives.¹⁸ It has been suggested that an allylic hydridocobalt complex,¹⁹ derived from the alkyne cobalt complex, is responsible for the reduction of the α -halo ketone.^{18b} The formation of sulfinamide **8** with inversion of configuration would lend support to the notion that the reduction of **2a-d** may be caused at least in part by an allylic hydridocobalt complex derived from 7a-d, since the alternative reduction of 2a-d by a single electron-transfer mechanism should proceed under retention of configuration at the S-atom (Figure 4).^{11,12} Thus, reaction of 2a-d with such a hydridocobalt species could give enolates 10a-d and the S-H sulfoximine 11a. Protonation of the former during workup and isomerization of the latter compound would afford 9a-d and 8, respectively. However, we have not been able to isolate reaction products, which might have given information as to the intermediate formation of such hydridocobalt complexes, nor did we carry out experiments to trap such putative allylic cobalt complexes derived from 7a-d. Besides the hydridocobalt mechanism, a substitution of the sulfonimidoyl group of **2a**-**d** with nucleophilic cobalt compounds could also be envisioned,²⁰ which might be present in the reaction mixture, with formation of a cobalt-sulfinamide complex **11b**, which upon workup could deliver 8. Two simple test reactions were carried out with the ketosulfoximine 12²¹ as a model compound for 2a-d. However, treatment of 12 with either $Co_2(CO)_8$ or HCo(CO)₄, which was prepared from Co₂(CO)₈ and hydrogen as an equilibrium mixture,²² did not lead to cleavage of the starting material, which was recovered in almost quantitative yield.

SCHEME 4. Deprotection of the Amino Group



In concluding the asymmetric synthesis of amino acid esters of type **1**, the amino acid derivative **9d** was treated with 3 equiv of CF₃SO₃H in CH₂Cl₂ for 30 min, which afforded the amino acid ester **1d** in 85% yield (Scheme 4). In contrast to the ¹H NMR spectra of the *N*-sulfonyl derivatives **9a**-**d** the ¹H NMR spectrum of the amino acid derivative **1d** exhibited sharp signals, which allowed an analysis. According to the magnitudes of the coupling constants $J_{3-H,4-H} = 5.3$ Hz and $J_{4-H,4a-H} = 12.4$ of **1d** the amino acid derivative adopts in solution a chairlike conformation similar to that of **9a-d**.

Conclusion and Summary

We have demonstrated that the Pauson-Khand cycloaddition of 1-sulfonimidoyl-substituted 5-azaoct-1-en-7-ynes carrying an ester group at C-4 and a substituent at C-3 provides a highly diastereoselective access to fused bicyclic amino acids containing the hexahydrocyclopenta[c]pyridine skeleton. The starting materials for the synthesis of the 5-azaoct-1-en-7-ynes were obtained enantio- and diastereomerically pure through a highly selective allylation of N-tert-butylsulfonyl imino ester with enantiomerically pure bis(allylsulfoximine)titanium complexes. A notable feature of this Pauson-Khand cyclization involving alkenyl sulfoximines is the concomitant reductive cleavage of the sulfonimidoyl group of the cyclization products, which, remarkably, proceeds under inversion of configuration at the S-atom. The mechanism of this transformation is not known at present and further investigations are required for a better understanding.

Experimental Section

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Sulfonimidoyl-Substituted N-Propargyl Amino Acid Esters 3 (*GP1*). To a solution of the amino acid ester 4 (1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added Cs_2CO_3 (1.2 mmol). After the suspension had been stirred for 15 min at room temperature, it was cooled in an ice bath to 0 °C. Propargyl bromide was added (2.0 mmol, 80% in toluene) and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. Then DMF was removed in vacuo and aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL) was added to the residue. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (EtOAc) gave **3** as a light vellow oil.

General Procedure for the Pauson–Khand Reaction (*GP2*). To a solution of ester **3** (1 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added $Co_2(CO)_8$ (1.1 mmol). The brown solution was stirred until TLC indicated complete conversion of the starting material (30 min). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and NMO was added (3 mmol). After the mixture had been stirred for 1 h at -78 °C, it was warmed to room temperature within 1 h and then cooled to -78 °C. An additional portion of NMO (3 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred first for 1 h at -78 °C and then for 1 h at room temperature. Then the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was subsequently washed with EtOAc. Concentration of the organic phase in vacuo and flash chromatography (EtOAc) of the

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residue afforded **9** of 95% purity and sulfinamide **8** as a white solid. The ee value of sulfinamide **8** was determined by GC: heptakis-(2,3-di-*O*-methyl-6-*O*-tert-butyldimethylsilyl)- β -cyclodextrin (Hydrodex- β -6-TBDM, Macherey & Nagel), 25 m, 0.25 mm, 100 kPa, T = 120 °C, 2 min; 5 K/min 160 °C, 5 min; 5 K/min 200 °C, 30 min. $R_t(S) = 21.2$ min; $R_t(R) = 23.5$ min.

(+)-(E,S₅,2S,3R)-5-[N-Methyl-S-phenylsulfonimidoyl]-3-methyl-2-[(2-methyl-propane-2-sulfonyl)-prop-2-ynylamino]-pent-4-enoic Acid Ethyl Ester (3a). Following GP1, reaction of sulfoximine 4a (1.0 g, 2.32 mmol) with Cs₂CO₃ (983 mg, 2.78 mmol) and propargyl bromide (0.52 mL, 4.64 mmol, 80% in toluene) afforded the N-propargyl amino ester derivative **3a** (1.03 g, 95%) as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D$ +46.4 (*c* 1.33, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.13 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 1.32 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 9 H), 2.26 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.74 (s, 3 H), 3.18 (m, 1 H), 3.76 (dq, J = 10.9, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.97 (dq, J = 10.9, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.08-4.20 (br m, 1 H),4.25 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.40 (br d, J = 19.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.48 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (dd, J = 14.8, 8.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.50-7.60 (m, 3 H), 7.83–7.89 (m, 2 H). 13 C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 13.9 (d), 17.8 (d), 24.6 (d), 29.2 (d), 35.3 (u), 37.1 (d), 61.4 (u), 62.6 (u), 64.2 (d), 72.7 (u), 80.0 (u), 128.7 (d), 129.4 (d), 131.7 (d), 132.8 (d), 138.8 (u), 146.0 (d), 169.8 (u). IR (CHCl₃) v 3302 (w), 3272 (w), 2980 (m), 2938 (m), 2877 (w), 2805 (w), 1737 (s), 1630 (w), 1447 (m), 1383 (w), 1323 (s), 1247 (s), 1132 (s), 1080 (w), 1024 (m), 973 (w), 868 (m), 814 (w) cm⁻¹. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (rel intensity, %) 467 [M⁺ - 1] (3), 347 (21), 271 (14), 223 (30), 209 (17), 194 (16), 182 (12), 163 (12), 149 (17), 140 (40), 131 (20), 125 (54), 120 (19), 107 (16), 82 (16), 77 (13), 57 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂N₂O₅S₂ (468.63): C, 56.38; H, 6.88; N, 5.98. Found: C, 56.73; H, 6.71; N, 5.81.

(−)-(3*S*,4*R*,4a*R*)-2,3,4,4a,5,6-Hexahydro-4-methyl-2-(2-methyl-propane-2-sulfonyl)-6-oxo-1*H*-cyclopenta[*c*]pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid Ethyl Ester (9a). Following *GP2*, reaction of 3a (262 mg, 0.56 mmol) with Co₂(CO)₈ (210 mg, 0.61 mmol) and NMO (392 mg, 3.36 mmol) gave 9a (94 mg, 49%) as a white solid and 8 (61 mg, 70%) of ≥98% ee as a white solid.

8: [α]_D –168.3 (*c* 0.91, acetone).

9a: mp 112 °C; $[\alpha]_D - 44.2$ (*c* 1.82, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 300 MHz) δ 0.63 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.12 (s, 9 H), 1.35 (m, 1 H), 1.53 (dd, J = 18.3, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.11 (dd, J = 18.3, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.36 (br m, 1 H), 3.91 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 2 H), 4.35–4.67 (br m, 3 H), 5.65 (s, 1 H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 75 MHz) δ 14.1 (d), 16.4 (d), 24.1 (d), 39.8 (u), 40.7 (d), 41.7 (d), 45.8 (u), 60.9 (u), 61.0 (d), 61.4 (u), 129.0 (d), 170.6 (u), 171.8 (u), 204.9 (u). IR (KBr) $\tilde{\nu}$ 3677 (w), 3443 (m), 2980 (m), 2937 (m), 1732 (s), 1708 (s), 1636 (s), 1479 (m), 1452 (m), 1384 (m), 1320 (s), 1260 (m), 2109 (s), 1175 (s), 1125 (s), 1064 (w), 1024 (m), 1002 (m), 953 (m), 916 (m), 898 (m), 861 (w), 834 (w), 808 (w) cm⁻¹. MS (CI, methane) m/z (rel intensity, %) 344 [M⁺ + 1] (28), 252 (11), 224 (100). HRMS (EI, 70 eV, M⁺⁻ [C₄H₉SO₂]) calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NO₃ 222.113018, found 222.113145.

Preparation of the Dicobalt Carbonyl Alkyne Complex 7a and Its Oxidative Demetalation with Ceric Ammonium Nitrate. To a stirred solution of **3a** (103 mg, 0.22) mmol) in dry acetone (10 mL) was added Co₂(CO)₈ (83 mg, 0.24 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 1 h TLC showed the complete consumption of **3a** and the mixture was cooled to -78 °C. A solution of (NH₄)₂Ce(NO₃)₆ (0.84 g, 1.54 mmol) in dry acetone (20 mL) was added. After the mixture had been stirred for 2 h at -78 °C, it was warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional hour. Then the mixture was poured into brine (20 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (5 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried (MgSO₄). Concentration in vacuo gave **3a** (99 mg, 96%) as a light yellow oil.

(-)-(3*S*,4*R*,4a*R*)-2,3,4,4a,5,6-Hexahydro-6-oxo-4-phenyl-1H-cyclopenta[c]-pyridine-3-carboxylic Acid Ethyl Ester (1d). To a solution of 9d (137 mg, 0.33 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) was added a 0.25 M solution of F₃CSO₃H in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred 1 h and 2 M NaOH (1 mL) was added. After 5 min the mixture was diluted with aqueous NH₄Cl (10 mL). Then it was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 5 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried (MgSO₄). Flash chromatography (EtOH:n-hexane, 2:1) gave 1d (82 mg, 85%) as a yellow liquid that turned brown upon standing in air. $[\alpha]_D = 2.5$ (c 0.61, CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz) δ 0.64 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.22 (br s, 1 H), 1.60 (dd, J = 18.4, J = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.23 (dd, J = 18.4, 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.28 (dd, J = 5.3, 12.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.21 (d, J = 14.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.53 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.60-3.70 (m, 3 H), 4.00 (d, J = 14.3 Hz), 5.73 (t, J = 1.5 Hz), 6.92-6.95 (m, 2 H), 6.99-7.09 (m, 3 H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz,) δ 13.8 (d), 39.2 (d), 41.3 (u), 43.4 (u), 53.5 (d), 59.7 (u), 60.9 (d), 126.8 (d), 127.1 (d), 127.4 (d), 128.4 (d), 139.3 (u), 171.2 (u), 176.8 (u), 205.3 (u). IR (CHCl₃) $\tilde{\nu}$ 3324 (m), 3062 (m), 2983 (s), 2935 (m), 1725 (s), 1628 (m), 1545 (m), 1497 (w), 1449 (m), 1377 (m), 1190 (s), 1076 (w), 1030 (s), 934 (w), 901 (w), 856 (m) cm⁻¹. MS (EI, 70 eV) m/z (rel intensity, %) 285 [M⁺] (2), 212 (100), 184 (15), 167 (8), 155 (7), 141 (11), 128 (11), 118 (12), 117 (20), 115 (32), 103 (11), 94 (14), 91 (80), 80 (10), 78 (14), 77 (30). HRMS (EI, 70 eV) calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₃ 285.136493, found 285.136329.

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