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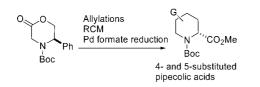
Asymmetric Synthesis of 4- and 5-Substituted Pipecolic Esters by Ring-Closing Metathesis and Palladium-Catalyzed Formate Reduction

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Asymmetric synthesis of 4- and 5-substituted pipecolic esters was achieved by the sequence of allylation, ring-closing metathesis, and palladium-catalyzed formate reduction.

Synthesis of 4- and 5-substituted pipecolic acids has received attention because these compounds are components of some biologically very potent molecules.¹ For example, the FDA-approved thrombin inhibitor Argatroban contains 4-methylpipe-colic acid, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) protease inhibitor Palinavir incorporates 4-hydroxypipecolic acid.^{2,3} 5-Hydroxypipecolamide was found in TNF- α , an effective tumor necrosis-converting enzyme inhibitor (Figure 1).⁴ Kadouri–Puchot's group developed a clever method to synthesize 4-methyl- and 4-hydroxypipecolic acids asymmetrically, where

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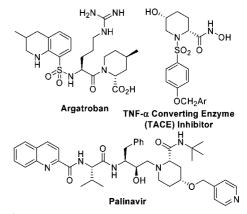
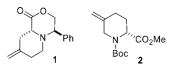


FIGURE 1. Compounds containing 4- and 5-substituted pipecolic acids.

the 4-methylenelactone **1** serves as the key synthetic intermediate.⁵ Recently, we reported the sequence of ring-closing metathesis (RCM) and the following regioselective palladiumcatalyzed formate reduction to form *N*-heterocycles bearing an exo-olefin.⁶ Therefore, the problem of regioselectivity in modifying the cycloalkenes formed by RCM is circumvented. We report herein our progress in applying this methodology to prepare the lactone **1** and the corresponding 5-methylenepipecolic acid derivative **2**.



The chiral glycine enolate synthon, 5-phenylmorpholin-2-one (3),⁷ was alkylated with 2-(iodomethyl)allyl benzoate $(4)^8$ to give diastereomerically pure 5 (Scheme 1). The Boc protecting group was removed with trifluoroacetic acid, and diene 6 for RCM was generated after N-allylation. Several common practices for the allylation on the secondary amine were tested (Table 1). We found that the typical reaction conditions for N-alkylation provided a low yield and product accompanied by the hydrolyzed lactone.9 Instead, using the sterically hindered diisopropylethylamine and anhydrous acetonitrile as the reaction solvent provided the desired product cleanly. Later, we found that microwave irradiation at 150 °C improved the yield to 70%.¹⁰ Ring-closing metathesis under acidic conditions gave the oxazin-1-one 7. The stereochemistry of 7 was confirmed by ${}^{1}H^{-1}H$ COSY and NOE experiment. The key intermediate, exo-olefin 1, was produced after the palladium-catalyzed formate reduction. Use of 2-di-tert-butylphosphino-2'-methylbiphenyl (8) as a

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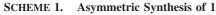
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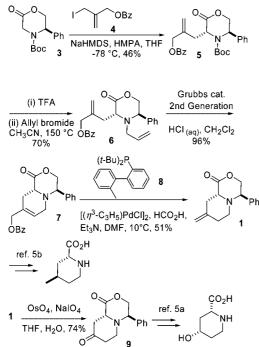
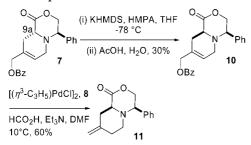


 TABLE 1.
 Reaction Conditions for N-Allylation To Prepare 6

entry	base	solvent	temp (°C)	time (h)	yield (%)
1	Na ₂ CO ₃ , Bu ₄ NBr	CH ₃ CN	75	14	13 ^a
2	Ag ₂ O, CaSO ₄	C_6H_6	60	14	0^b
3	(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₂ NEt	CH ₃ CN	75	14	14
4	(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₂ NEt	CH ₃ CN	120^{c}	0.8	25
5	(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₂ NEt	CH ₃ CN	150°	0.6	70

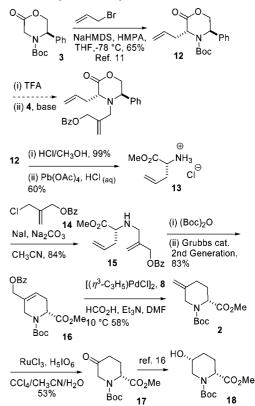
^{*a*} Accompanied with hydrolyzed lactone (41%). ^{*b*} Starting material recovered. ^{*c*} Microwave irradiation (150 W, sealed tube).

SCHEME 2. Epimerization of 7



complexing agent gave 1 as the only product. Its oxidation was achieved with osmium tetroxide and sodium periodate to provide ketone 9,^{5a} the precursor to (2R,4S)-4-hydroxypipecolic acids. To form the other enantiomeric pipecolic acids, the 9a stereocenter of 7 was inverted by a deprotonation/protonation protocol to give diastereomer 10,¹¹ which was then converted to the *exo*olefin 11 (Scheme 2).

Alternating the sequence of the two allylations also allows the preparation of 5-substituted pipecolic acids (Scheme 3). Thus, allylation of **3** with allyl bromide proceeded readily to give **12**.¹¹ However, *N*-allylation of the deprotected **12** with **4** was difficult. To facilitate the second allylation, the chiral auxiliary was removed to generate the methyl allylglycinate **13**,¹² SCHEME 3. Asymmetric Synthesis of 2



a primary amine that smoothly underwent *N*-allylation with **14** to afford diene **15**. Subsequent protection followed by RCM gave the unsaturated pipecolic ester **16** in good yield.¹³ Palladium-catalyzed, regioselective formate reduction then yielded 5-methylenepipecolic ester **2**,¹⁴ which could be oxidized to the ketone **17**.¹⁵ This could be selectively reduced in turn to the *cis*-5-hydroxypipecolic ester **18**.¹⁶

In conclusion, both 4- and 5-substituted pipecolic acids can be prepared by the sequence of asymmetric allylation, ringclosing metathesis and palladium-catalyzed, regioselective formate reduction. The ability to form both isomeric methylenepipecolic acids by this methodology demonstrates the generality of the reaction. The introduction of the functionalized allyl halides 4 or 14^8 makes conversion of the *endo* olefin to the *exo* position practical and clearly increases the synthetic application of metathesis.

Experimental Section

(3*R*,5*R*)-*tert*-Butyl 3-(2-Benzoyloxymethylallyl)-2-oxo-5-phenylmorpholine-4-carboxylate (5). To a solution of 3 (390 mg, 1.4 mmol), allyl iodide 4 (510 mg, 1.7 mmol), and hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA, 367 μ L, 2.1 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (NaHMDS, 2 M in THF, 1.05 mL, 2.1 mmol) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for another 2 h at -78 °C, quenched with sat. NH₄Cl_(aq) (5 mL), warmed to rt, diluted with water (5 mL), and extracted with diethyl ether (3 ×

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10 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with sat. NaCl_(aq) (10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/ hexanes, 1:3; R_f 0.27) to give **5** (292 mg, 0.65 mmol, 46%) as a colorless solid. Mp 117.0–120.0 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ –130.0 (*c* 2.51, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.24 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 5.18 (s, 1H), 5.17–5.04 (m, 2H), 4.94–4.88 (m, 2H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (s, 1H), 1.24–1.11 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.4, 166.1, 153.5, 139.9, 138.9, 133.0, 129.9, 129.7, 128.8, 128.3, 127.7, 125.3, 117.2, 81.3, 69.7, 66.4, 55.9, 54.7, 37.7, 27.8; HRMS-FAB (*m*/*z*) [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₃₀O₆N 452.2073, found 452.2082; IR (neat) 3031, 2976, 2930, 1757, 1716, 1698, 1270, 1119 cm⁻¹.

(3R,5R)-2-(4-Allyl-2-oxo-5-phenylmorpholin-3-ylmethyl)allyl Benzoate (6). A solution of 5 (447.3 mg, 0.93 mmol) and trifluoroacetic acid (2 mL) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was stirred at rt for 1 h. The solvent and TFA were removed under vacuum. The solution of deprotected 5, allyl bromide (560 mg, 4.6 mmol), diisopropylethyl amine (360 mg, 2.78 mmol), and acetonitrile (3.5 mL) was placed in a pressure tube that was heated to 150 °C (150 W, monitored by IR temperature sensor) over 10 min, then this temperature was maintained for another 40 min. After cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexanes, 1:3; R_f 0.45) to give 6 (254.5 mg, 0.65 mmol, 70%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} - 8.4$ (*c* 1.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (dd, J = 8.3, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.44–7.41 (m, 2H), 7.34–7.27 (m, 5H), 5.70–5.62 (m, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J =0.65 Hz, 1H), 5.14–5.08 (m, 2H), 4.90 (q, J = 10.9 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (dd, J = 11.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45-4.41 (m, 1H), 4.28-4.25 (m, 1H)1H), 3.99 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 14, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 166.1, 140.0, 137.7, 134.3, 133.1, 130.0, 129.6, 128.8, 128.4, 128.0, 127.3, 118.8, 116.3, 70.2, 67.1, 58.3, 56.8, 52.4, 32.6; HRMS-FAB (m/z) [M + H]⁺ calcd for C24H26NO4 392.1862, found 392.1852; IR (neat) 3064, 3030, 2952, 1749, 1720, 1653, 1601, 1451, 1270, 1111 cm⁻¹.

(4R,9aR)-8-Benzoyloxymethyl-4-phenyl-3,4,9,9a-tetrahydro-6Hpyrido[2,1-c][1,4]oxazin-1-one (7). Five drops of 1 N hydrochloric acid was added to a solution of 6 (90 mg, 0.23 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL), and the solvent and excess HCl were then removed under vacuum to give the protonated 6. Another 4 mL of CH₂Cl₂ and Grubbs catalyst¹⁷ (9.5 mg, 0.115 mmol) were added to the flask, and the resulting solution was refluxed for 3 h. After being cooled to rt, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), washed with sat. NaHCO3(aq) (5 mL), dried (Na2SO4), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexanes, 1:3; R_f 0.22) to give 7 (80 mg, 0.22 mmol, 96%) as a colorless solid. Mp 147.0-148.0 °C(dec; $[\alpha]^{20}{}_{D}$ +42.5 (*c* 2, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.03-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.37–7.29 (m, 5H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 4.65 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (dd, J = 11.1, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.05–4.03 (m, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (s, 2H), 2.59 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.0, 166.2, 135.2, 133.1, 130.2, 129.9, 129.6, 128.9, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 122.8, 72.8, 67.4, 58.0, 55.1, 48.3, 26.9; HRMS-FAB (m/z) [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₁NO₄Na 386.1368, found 386.1374; IR (neat): 3061, 3030, 2953, 2925, 2801, 1743, 1718, 1600, 1452, 1270, 1110 cm⁻¹.

4*R*,9a*R*)-8-Methylene-4-phenylhexahydropyrido[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazin-1-one (1).^{5a} Allyl palladium chloride dimer (6.05 mg, 0.017 mmol) and 2-di-*tert*-butylphosphino-2'-methylbiphenyl (20.6 mg, 0.066 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (0.5 mL) and the mixtue was stirred for 5 min. Formic acid (37.4 μ L, 0.99 mmol), triethylamine (139 μ L, 0.99 mmol), and **7** (60 mg, 0.17 mmol) in DMF (1.1 mL) were added in that order. After being stirred at 10 °C for 6 h and rt for 16 h under nitrogen, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexanes, 1:3; R_f 0.47) to give **1** (20.2 mg, 0.083 mmol, 51%). [α]²⁰_D -38 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.29 (m, 5H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.64 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.52-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.29 (td, *J* = 11.5, 3 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.18 (m, 1H), 2.04 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.8, 143.4, 135.0, 128.8, 128.5, 109.8, 72.8, 59.2, 58.5, 51.5, 35.1, 32.1; HRMS-FAB (*m*/*z*) [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₂ 244.1338, found 244.1342; IR (neat) 3030, 2947, 2908, 1742, 1653, 1494, 1455, 1224 cm⁻¹.

(4R,9aR)-4-Phenylhexahydropyrido[2,1-c][1,4]oxazine-1,8-dione (9). To a solution of 1 (28 mg, 0.115 mmol) in THF (0.7 mL) and water (0.7 mL) were added osmium tetroxide (OsO4 2.5 wt % in t-BuOH, 59 μ L, 5.7 \times 10⁻³ mmol) and sodium periodate (NaIO₄, 123.2 mg, 0.58 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1.5 h, quenched with sat. Na₂S₂O₃ (3 mL), and extracted with ether $(3 \times 5 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexanes, 1:1; R_f 0.47) to give 9 (21 mg, 0.086 mmol, 74%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ -2.0 (c 0.53, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.34 (m, 5H), 4.61 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (dd, J = 11.3, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, J = 7.1, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 8.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (dd, J = 7.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 2.69-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.49-2.43 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.3, 168.8, 134.8, 129.7, 129.1, 128.1, 72.5, 58.9, 57.5, 48. 9, 41.0, 39.5; HRMS-FAB (m/z) [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C14H15NO3Na 268.0950, found 268.0949; IR (neat) 2960, 2922, 1746, 1723, 1577, 1455, 1227 cm⁻¹.

(4R,9aS)-8-Benzoyloxymethyl-4-phenyl-3,4,9,9a-tetrahydro-6Hpyrido[2,1-c][1,4]oxazin-1-one (10). Potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (KHMDS, 0.5 M in toluene, 368 µL, 0.18 mmol) was added to a solution of 7 (33.4 mg, 0.092 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at -78°C, and this solution was stirred for 0.5 h. Hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA, 33 μ L, 0.18 mmol) and acetic acid (80%, 35 μ L, 0.46 mmol) were added to the solution at -78 °C. After the addition, the mixture was stirred for 15 min, quenched with sat. NH₄Cl_(aq) (3 mL), and warmed to rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (5 mL) and extracted with ether (3 \times 5 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water (10 mL) and sat. NaCl_(aq) (10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexanes, 1:3; R_f 0.41) to give **10** (10 mg, 0.028 mmol, 30%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ -118.2 (*c* 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) & 8.05-8.02 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.52 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.35 (m, 7H), 5.66 (dd, J = 3.2, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 4.36 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J = 11.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 10.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.37-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.19-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.63–2.54 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 169.1, 166.2, 135. 5, 133.1, 131.3, 129.9, 129.7, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.4, 122.4, 72.7, 67.2, 64.1, 60.3, 51.6, 30.1; HRMS-FAB (m/z) [M + $Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{22}H_{21}NO_4Na$ 386.1368, found 386.1372; IR (neat) 3030, 2932, 2852, 1742, 1717, 1652, 1456, 1269, 1100 cm⁻¹.

(4*R*,9a*S*)-8-Methylene-4-phenylhexahydropyrido[2,1-*c*][1,4]oxazin-1-one (11). The procedure used to prepare 1 was followed. Starting with 10 (10 mg, 0.028 mmol), the *exo*-olefin 11 (4.0 mg, 0.016 mmol, 60%) was produced after column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexanes, 1:3; R_f 0.78) as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_{\rm D}$ –126.3 (*c* 0.25, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.29 (m, 5H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.35–4.18 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.99–2.90 (m, 2H), 2.85–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.44–2.35 (m, 1H), 2.20–2.08 (m, 2H), 1.71 (td, *J* = 11.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.9, 143.9, 136.3, 129.0, 128.7, 128.3, 109.9, 72.9, 64.7, 64.3, 53.0,

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36.6, 33.6; HRMS-FAB (m/z) [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₁₈NO₂ 244.1338, found 244.1335; IR (neat) 3069, 2945, 1746, 1455, 1179 cm⁻¹.

(R)-Methyl N-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-4-methylenepiperidine-2-carboxylate (2). Allyl palladium chloride dimer (4.3 mg, 0.012 mmol) and 2-di-tert-butylphosphino-2'-methylbiphenyl (14.6 mg, 0.047 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (0.4 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 5 min. Formic acid (26.6 µL, 0.7 mmol), triethylamine (98.1 µL, 0.70 mmol), and 16 (44 mg, 0.12 mmol) in DMF $(770 \,\mu\text{L})$ were added in that order. After being stirred at 10 °C for 6 h and rt for 16 h under nitrogen, the reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (SiO2, EtOAc/ hexanes, 1:9; R_f 0.31) to give 2 (17.2 mg, 0.068 mmol, 58%) as a light yellow oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$ +61.8 (c 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.89 (s, 0.5H), 4.84 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 0.5H), 4.37 (d, J = 13 Hz, 0.5H), 4.25 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 0.5H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.69-3.57 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.08-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.76 (s, 1H), 1.45-1.41 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (rotamer) 172.4, 155.5, 141.6, 110.2, 110.0, 80.3, 54.8, 53.6, 52.1, 48.2, 46.9, 29.7, 28.3, 27.3; HRMS-FAB (m/z) [M + H]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₂₂O₄N 256.1549, found 256.1551; IR (neat) 3075, 2973, 2929, 1745, 1702, 1659, 1172 cm⁻¹

(*R*)-Methyl *N*-(*tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl)-4-oxopiperidine-2-carboxylate (17).¹⁶ To a solution of 2 (20 mg, 0.08 mmol) in CCl₄ (100 μ L), acetonitrile (100 μ L), and water (0.7 mL) were added ruthenium(III) chloride (0.8 mg, 3.9×10^{-3} mmol) and periodic acid (53.6 mg, 0.24 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2.5 h, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and washed with water (3 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concen-

trated. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (SiO₂, EtOAc/hexanes, 1:5; R_f 0.23) to give **17** (10.7 mg, 0.042 mmol, 53%) as a colorless oil. [α]²⁰_D +2.4 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (rotamer) 4.80–4.75 (m, 0.5H), 4.58–4.55 (m, 0.5H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 0.5H), 4.27 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 0.5H), 3.88 (dd, *J* = 25.3 Hz, 19 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.45–2.37 (m, 2H), 2.37–2.31 (m, 1H), 2.17–2.07 (m, 0.5H), 2.07–2.02 (m, 0.5H), 1.43–1.37 (m, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ (rotamer) 205.5, 172.5, 172.2, 162.7, 154.8, 154.3, 81.4, 54.5, 53.0, 52.4, 52.3, 50.9, 35.9, 35.7, 28.2, 23.8, 23.6; IR (neat) 2956, 2922, 2851, 1742, 1713, 1152 cm⁻¹.

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