

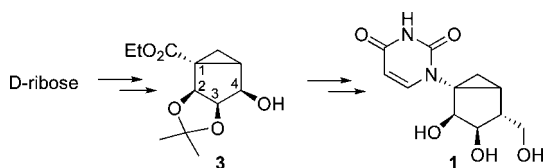
Synthesis of Enantiomerically Pure (S)-Methanocarbaribo Uracil Nucleoside Derivatives for Use as Antiviral Agents and P2Y Receptor Ligands

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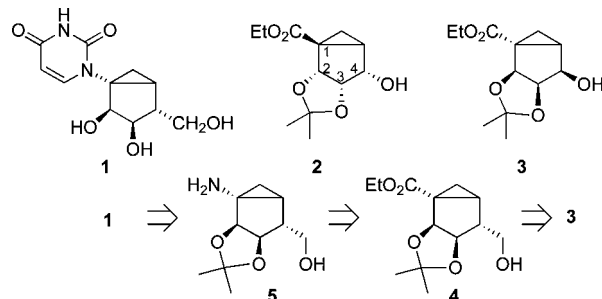
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We have developed an approach toward enantiomerically pure (S)-methanocarba ribonucleosides based on several functional group transformations on a sensitive bicyclo[3.1.0]-hexane system. D-Ribose was transformed into methanocarba alcohol **3** followed by conversion of the OH group to a nitrile with inversion of configuration at C4. The nitrile group was subsequently reduced in two stages to the 5'-hydroxymethyl group. An ester group appended to a tertiary carbon (C1) was transformed to an amino group as a nucleobase precursor.

Recent studies of the SAR of nucleosides and nucleotides as antiviral agents and receptor ligands have reported that conformational constraint of the ribose ring of such ligands allows the identification of preferred conformations of the normally freely interconverting sugar ring. Use of the methanocarba bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane ring system, which can be fixed in a North (N) or South (S) rigid envelope conformation,¹ as a ribose substitute has greatly aided these studies. For example, (S)-methanocarbothymidine specifically inhibits the growth of herpes simplex virus type 1 thymidine kinase-transduced

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osteosarcoma cells without the toxicity of its North counterpart.² In the study of the GPCRs (G protein-coupled receptors) that respond to extracellular nucleosides (adenosine receptors) and nucleotides (P2Y receptors), the preference for a North (N) or South (S) ribose conformation depends on the receptor subtype.^{1,3-5} The P2Y₆ receptor for UDP prefers the (S)-methanocarba analogue of dUDP, which is more potent than the corresponding 2'-deoxyriboside, dUDP. This knowledge is now being used to design additional nucleotide analogues having enhanced potency and selectivity for a given receptor subtype. (N)-Methanocarba analogues of 2'-deoxyadenosine 3',5'-bisphosphates constitute the most potent and selective antagonists of the P2Y₁ receptor, which have potential as antithrombotic agents.^{5,6}

Synthetic methods for methanocarba nucleosides have undergone refinement based on carbene cyclopropanation, metathesis, and other reactions.⁷⁻¹⁰ However, only the racemic form of (S)-methanocarba ribonucleosides has so far been reported.⁹ Our approach toward enantiomerically pure (S)-methanocarbanucleoside **1** (Scheme 1) was based on a previously published synthesis of (N)-methanocarba-based agonists of the A₃ adenosine receptor.¹¹ The synthesis of the North template started from L-ribose and involved as a key intermediate compound **2**. A closer look at its enantiomer **3** and the target (S)-methanocarba derivative **1** revealed a similar carbocyclic skeleton possessing an identical configuration of the two OH groups at positions 2 and 3. Enantiomer **3** can be therefore

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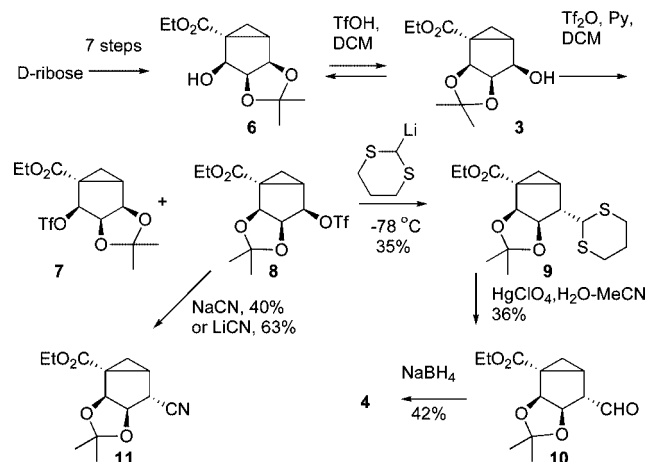
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converted into the target (*S*)-methanocarbanucleotide **1** through (a) replacement of the C4 hydroxyl with a CH₂OH group accompanied by inversion of configuration at C4 and (b) conversion of the ester group into a 2,4-pyrimidinedione ring.

Our initial synthetic plan (Scheme 1) involved conversion of alcohol **3** into alcohol **4** through substitution with a one-carbon nucleophilic synthon. Subsequent transformations of alcohol **4** included converting the ester function into a primary amino group followed by final assembly of the uracil ring.

Preparation of alcohol **6** (Scheme 2) from *D*-ribose followed a published procedure for the synthesis of its enantiomer¹² and was accomplished in 6% overall yield.¹³ Subsequent acid-catalyzed rearrangement of alcohol **6** provided a 60:40 equilibrium mixture of alcohols **3** and **6** that could not be separated chromatographically. The equilibrium mixture was enriched to a ratio of 80:20 by the selective crystallization of alcohol **6**, leading to further enhancement to a ratio of 90:10 through recrystallization. The resulting mixture of alcohols **3** and **6** was converted into the corresponding triflates **7** and **8**, which could be separated chromatographically. However, due to instability of triflates **7** and **8** all subsequent experiments were done with the mixture without purification.

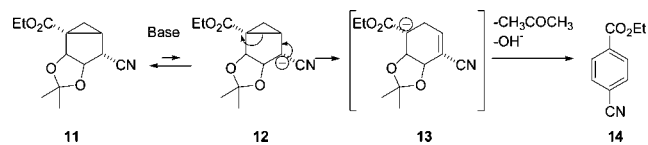
A first attempt at substitution with a one-carbon nucleophilic synthon involved reaction of triflate **8** with 2-lithio 1,3-dithiane (Scheme 2). Although triflate **8** was found to be unstable under the reaction conditions the nucleophilic substitution provided the desired dithiane **9** in 35% yield. The reaction proceeded with inversion of configuration at C4, as evidenced by a change in the coupling constants $J_{3,4}$ and $J_{4,5}$ from 6 Hz to 0 in the ¹H NMR spectrum. Subsequent mercury perchlorate-assisted hydrolysis of dithiane **9** resulted in aldehyde **10** in low yield, most probably due to the instability of the compound. Final reduction of aldehyde **10** with NaBH₄ provided target alcohol **4**.

Since the overall yield of alcohol **4** by this method was low, we tried an alternative one-carbon nucleophilic synthon. Nucleophilic substitution in triflate **8** with sodium cyanide (Scheme 2) provided the nitrile **11**, although in only 40% yield; however, replacement of sodium cyanide with lithium cyanide resulted in improved yield. Furthermore, we found that separation of triflates **8** and **7** was not necessary, and a 90:10 mixture of these

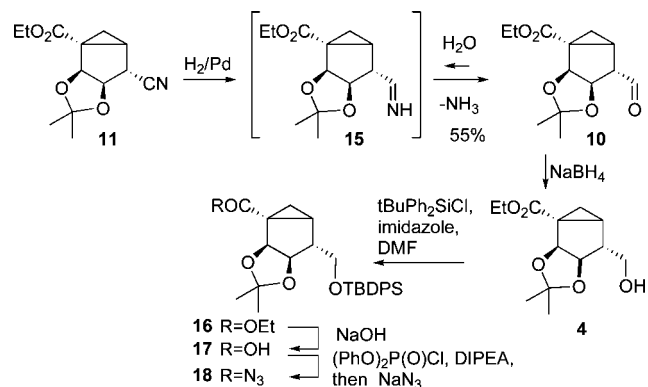
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isomers could be subjected to nucleophilic substitution to provide nitrile **11** as the only isomer in 63% yield.¹⁴

Our original synthetic plan involved hydrolysis of the ester group in nitrile **11** followed by a Curtius rearrangement. However, basic hydrolysis of nitrile **11** with NaOH in MeOH–H₂O (Scheme 3) resulted in formation of either ethyl 4-cyanobenzoate or 4-cyanobenzoic acid rather than the expected plain hydrolysis of the carboxylic group. The same outcome was observed with other reagents commonly used for basic hydrolysis, such as H₂O–Et₃N or K₂CO₃.

Since (*N*)-methanocarpa derivatives are generally stable to bases, the observed transformation is undoubtedly related to the presence of an acidic proton at the α -position to the cyano group. The most probable mechanism of the rearrangement involves C4 deprotonation followed by ring-opening of the cyclopropane ring driven by the strain of the bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane system and aromatization of the resulting carbanion through sequential β -eliminations to give ethyl 4-cyanobenzoate **14**.

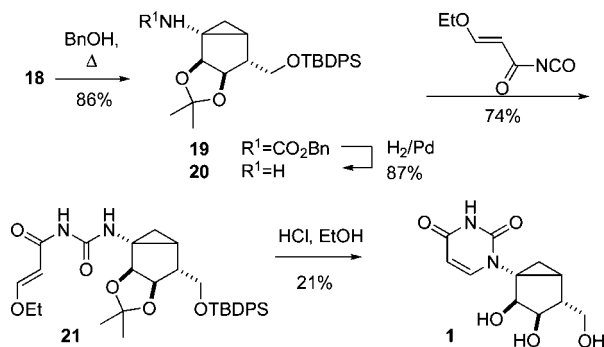
We surmised that the undesired transformation could be avoided by decreasing the acidity of the α -proton at C4. This can be most easily accomplished through a reduction of the cyano group to obtain a CH₂OH group. However, reduction of the cyano group of the nitrile was complicated since complex hydrides that are most commonly used for such transformations are incompatible with the ester functionality of nitrile **11**. This problem was solved through the catalytic hydrogenation of nitrile **11** (Scheme 4). Although catalytic hydrogenation of nitriles is most commonly used for the preparation of amines,¹⁵ we found that the reaction could be stopped at the stage of aldehyde **10**. Conducting the hydrogenation in a MeOH–H₂O–AcOH solution resulted in rapid hydrolysis of the initially formed imine **15**, thus preventing its further reduction. The resulting unstable aldehyde **10** was immediately reduced with NaBH₄ to yield alcohol **4** in 55% overall yield.

TBDPS protection of alcohol **4** produced silyl ether **16**, which was hydrolyzed into acid **17** (Scheme 4). Acid **17** was converted into the corresponding azide **18** through formation of a mixed

(14) Triflate **7** presumably does not produce the corresponding nitrile.

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anhydride followed by reaction with sodium azide. Thermal rearrangement of azide **18** was conducted in the presence of benzyl alcohol and resulted in the Cbz-protected amine **19**, which was deprotected by hydrogenation to afford amine **20** (Scheme 5).

Building of the uracil ring from amine **20** followed a previously described procedure for the syntheses of chiral 2'-deoxyribo versions of (S)-methanocarbanucleosides.¹⁶ Reaction of the amine **20** with an 3-ethoxyacryloyl isocyanate¹⁶ afforded the urea **21** in 70% yield. Cyclization of **21** with ethanolic HCl resulted in the concomitant removal of the acetal and TBDPS protection of the hydroxyl groups, to yield the target (S)-methanocarba nucleoside **1** in 21% yield from compound **21**.

In conclusion, we have developed an approach toward enantiomerically pure (S)-methanocarba nucleosides based on functional group transformation on a sensitive bicyclo[3.1.0]hexane system. These derivatives are now suitable for detailed studies in biological systems.

Experimental Section

(1S,2S,5S,3R,4R)-1-Ethoxycarbonyl-4-cyano-2,3-O-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxybicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (11). A solution of alcohol **3** (0.97 g, 4 mmol) and pyridine (0.35 g, 4.4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (8.8 mL) at 0 °C was treated dropwise over a period of 2 min with a solution of trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (1.24 g, 4.4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (8.8 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min more after the addition was completed, and hexane (25 mL) was added. After 5 min the resulting suspension was filtered through a pad of silica gel and the silica gel was washed with a 30% EtOAc–hexane mixture (100 mL). The combined organic filtrates were evaporated at room temperature, the resulting residue of the triflate was dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) at 0 °C, and a 0.5 M solution of lithium cyanide in DMF (7.8 mL) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, dissolved in a 50% EtOAc–hexane mixture (50 mL), washed with water (2 \times 10 mL) and brine (1 \times 10 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% to 20% EtOAc–hexane) to afford **11** as colorless oil (0.63 g, 2.5 mmol, 63%); $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} -77.9$ (c 1.82, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.54 (d, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 4.90 (d, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.18 (s, 1H), 2.40 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.7, 9.6$ Hz), 1.67 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.4, 9.3$ Hz), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, 1H, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 170.9, 119.1, 112.9, 85.7, 80.7, 61.5, 35.6, 34.8, 26.0, 24.2, 19.3, 14.2.

(1S,2S,5S,3R,4R)-1-Ethoxycarbonyl-2,3-O-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[3.1.0]hexanecarboxylate (4). **Method A.** A solution of nitrile **11** (0.25 g, 1 mmol) in MeOH (3

mL), H_2O (1.5 mL), and HOAc (0.5 mL) was treated with 10% Pd/C (20 mg). The flask was filled with hydrogen and stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The mixture of unreacted nitrile **11** and aldehyde **10** was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc (30 mL), washed with satd $\text{NaHCO}_3\text{--H}_2\text{O}$ solution until CO_2 evolution ceased, dried (Na_2SO_4), and evaporated at room temperature. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (20% to 30% EtOAc–hexane) to afford the crude aldehyde, which was dissolved in MeOH (5 mL) and treated with NaBH_4 (20 mg, 0.5 mmol), followed by acetone (1 mL) after 10 min). The reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL), washed with brine (3 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4), and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (20 to 30% EtOAc–hexane) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.14 g, 0.55 mmol, 55%). $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} -18.35$ (c 0.60, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.36 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 4.59 (d, 1H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.66 (br m, 2H), 2.37 (t, 1H, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 1.99 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.0, 9.3$ Hz), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.42 (t, 1H, $J = 5.2$ Hz), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.25 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.8, 110.0, 85.0, 80.5, 64.6, 60.9, 46.8, 37.6, 35.5, 26.2, 24.1, 19.6, 14.2.

(1S,2S,5S,3R,4R)-1-Ethoxycarbonyl-4-[(tert-butyl)diphenylsilyloxy]g, 3.1 mmol) and imidazole (0.10 g, 1.5 mmol) in DMF methyl]-2,3-O-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxybicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (16). To a stirred solution of alcohol **4** (0.80 g, 3.1 mmol) and imidazole (0.10 g, 1.5 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) was added neat *tert*-butyldiphenylchlorosilane (1.26 g, 4.5 mmol) followed by the dropwise addition of triethylamine (0.81 g, 8 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h at room temperature, diluted with 20% EtOAc–hexane (50 mL), washed with water (2 \times 20 mL) and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (0% to 20% EtOAc–hexane) to give silyl ether **16** as a colorless oil (1.05 g, 2.1 mmol, 69%); $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} -45.8$ (c 0.98, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.42 (m, 6H), 5.37 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.57 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.65 (br. m, 2H), 2.35 (t, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 2.07 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.0, 9.6$ Hz), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.41 (t, 1H, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.05 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 172.9, 135.7, 133.1, 129.9, 127.8, 110.9, 85.5, 80.9, 65.9, 60.9, 46.7, 38.1, 36.2, 26.9, 26.3, 24.2, 19.9, 19.2, 14.3.

(1S,2S,5S,3R,4R)-4-[(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)methyl]-2,3-O-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxybicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-1-carboxylic Acid (17). A solution of silyl ether **16** (1.0 g, 2 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was treated with 6 M NaOH (4 mL) and stirred under reflux for 2 h, evaporated, neutralized with conc HCl, and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% to 50% EtOAc–hexane) to afford **17** as a colorless oil (0.71 g, 1.5 mmol, 76%); $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} -51.5$ (c 0.80, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.39 (m, 6H), 5.32 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.53 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.65 (br m, 2H), 2.38 (t, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 2.15 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.27 (t, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.05 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.8, 135.7, 133.1, 129.9, 127.9, 111.1, 85.2, 80.4, 65.8, 46.8, 37.8, 36.9, 26.9, 26.3, 24.2, 20.7, 19.2.

(1S,2S,5S,3R,4R)-1-Azidocarbonyl-4-[(tert-butyl)diphenylsilyloxy)methyl]-2,3-O-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxybicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (18). A solution of acid **17** (0.70 g, 1.5 mmol) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.20 g, 1.6 mmol) in acetone (15 mL) at room temperature was treated with neat diphenylchlorophosphate (0.43 g, 1.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min followed by treatment with aqueous sodium azide (0.13 g in 2 mL, 2 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min and evaporated at room temperature, then the residue was partitioned between water (10 mL) and CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL). The organic layer was dried (Na_2SO_4) and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (10 to 30% EtOAc–hexane) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.67 g, 0.13 mmol, 88%); $[\alpha]^{20}_{\text{D}} -63.0$ (c 0.48, CHCl_3); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.63 (m,

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4H), 7.35 (m, 6H), 5.21 (d, 1H, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 4.45 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.59 (d, 2H, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 2.29 (t, 1H, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.4, 135.7, 133.1, 130.0, 127.9, 111.2, 85.4, 80.4, 65.8, 46.2, 41.1, 38.3, 26.9, 26.3, 24.2, 21.9, 19.3.

***N*-{[(1*S*,2*S*,5*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-1-Benzoyloxycarbamino]-4-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)methyl]-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxybicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (19)}**. A solution of azidoketone **18** (0.67 g, 1.3 mmol) and benzyl alcohol (1 mL) in toluene (20 mL) was refluxed for 5 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated, then the residue was twice purified by flash chromatography (5% methanol–chloroform, then 30% EtOAc–hexane) to afford title compound as a colorless oil (0.54 g, 1.1 mmol, 69%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -24.7$ (c 1.08, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.78 (br d, 4H), 7.37 (m, 11H), 5.32 (br s, 1H), 5.18 (br s, 2H), 5.05 (br d, 1H, $J = 5$ Hz), 4.57 (br d, 1H, $J = 6$ Hz), 3.97 (br s, 2H), 2.42 (br t, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 1.08 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.1, 156.2, 136.6, 135.8, 135.7, 129.8, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 133.8, 111.0, 84.1, 83.4, 66.6, 65.3, 47.7, 46.0, 31.4, 27.0, 26.3, 24.2, 19.4, 17.7.

[(1*S*,2*S*,5*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-1-Amino-4-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)methyl]-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxybicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (20)}. A solution of benzyl carbamate **19** (0.63 g, 1.1 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was stirred under hydrogen in the presence of 10% Pd on carbon (50 mg) for 2 h at atmospheric pressure. The reaction mixture was filtered and the residue was evaporated to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (0.42 g, 0.96 mmol, 87%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -22.9$ (c 0.68, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.42 (m, 6H), 4.68 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 4.48 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 3.68 (m, 2H, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 2.17 (t, 1H, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 1.6 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 0.97 (t, 1H, $J = 4.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.7, 133.4, 129.9, 127.8, 88.5, 84.7, 66.4, 48.5, 47.0, 32.0, 27.1, 26.9, 26.4, 24.4, 19.4, 18.1.

[(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-1-(3-Ethoxyacryloyl)aminocarbonyl-4-[(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxybicyclo[3.1.0]hexane (21)}. To a solution of 3-ethoxyacrylic acid (2 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added neat oxalyl chloride (2 mmol) and DMF (0.02 g). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min, then was evaporated at room temperature. The residue was dissolved in toluene (5 mL) and stirred with silver cyanate (4 mmol) for 4 h. The resulting solution was filtered, and a 1.25 mL aliquot of the solution was

evaporated for reaction with amine **20**. The evaporated aliquot was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) and added to a precooled (-78 °C) solution of amine **20** (0.20 g, 0.46 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 14 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the title urea as a pale yellow oil (0.20 g, 0.34 mmol, 74%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -32.7$ (c 0.44, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.09 (s, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.57 (d, 1H, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 7.36 (m, 6H), 5.16 (d, 1H, $J = 12$ Hz), 5.05 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 4.43 (d, 1H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 3.82 (m, 4H), 2.34 (t, 1H, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 1.67 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.8, 9.0$ Hz), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.23 (m, 7H), 1.05 (s, 9H); ^{13}C (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.4, 163.0, 155.1, 135.6, 133.8, 129.7, 127.7, 110.9, 97.8, 83.8, 83.5, 67.6, 65.3, 47.9, 45.2, 31.4, 27.0, 26.3, 24.1, 19.4, 17.4, 14.5.

1-[(1*S*,2*S*,5*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-2,3-Dihydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)bicyclo[3.1.0]hexyl]-1,3-dihydropyrimidine-2,4-dione (1). A solution of urea **21** (0.20 g, 0.34 mmol) in ethanol (3 mL) was added conc HCl (0.1 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 5 h, then evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (0 to 20% MeOH–chloroform) to afford compound as amorphous solid (18 mg, 0.071 mmol, 21%); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -51.6$ (c 0.64, MeOH); ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 7.50 (d, 1H, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 5.59 (d, 1H, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 4.43 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.83 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.60 (m, 2H), 2.07 (t, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 1.60–1.70–1 (m, 2H), 0.90 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 184.9, 151.1, 105.3, 78.8, 76.0, 67.7, 56.2, 54.3, 29.4, 18.5, 13.5.

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