

Synthesis and Conformational Analysis of Bicyclic Extended Dipeptide Surrogates

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Regio- and diastereoselective reactions of a homoproline enolate enable the synthesis of novel extended dipeptide surrogates. Bicyclic carbamate 9 and fused β -lactam scaffold 11 were prepared from L-pyroglutamic acid via substrate-controlled electrophilic azidation. Synthesis of orthogonally protected hexahydropyrrolizine, hexahydropyrrolizinone, and hexahydropyrroloazepinone dipeptide surrogates relied on allylation of proline derivative 5, followed by Curtius rearrangement to introduce the N-terminal carbamate group. A total of six azabicycloalkane derivatives were evaluated for conformational mimicry of extended dipeptides by a combination of X-ray diffraction and molecular modeling. Analysis of putative backbone dihedral angles and N- to C-terminal dipeptide distances indicate that compounds ($\alpha'S$)-14b and 21 approximate the conformation of dipeptides found in β -sheets, while tripeptide mimic 28 is also highly extended in the solid state. Structural data suggest that ring size and relative stereochemistry have a profound effect on the ability of these scaffolds to act as β -strand mimetics and should inform the design of related conformational probes.

Introduction

The β -strand consists of a highly extended or "sawtooth" amino acid arrangement and is the simplest peptide secondary structure motif. β -Strands lack intramolecular hydrogen bonds between backbone residues and typically interact with complementary peptide chains to form β -sheets. These supersecondary structures are key recognition elements in protein—protein and protein—DNA interactions relevant to cell proliferation, infectious diseases, and neurological disorders.¹ The biological relevance of such interactions has prompted

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the design and synthesis of various peptidomimetic β -strand inducers. Nucleation of β -strand conformations in model systems has generally relied on β -hairpin templates that facilitate intramolecular backbone contacts between peptide appendages and extended peptide surrogates that replace short sections of the peptide backbone.²

While conformationally extended peptidomimetics have often been employed to study the dynamics of β -sheet formation,³ a number of important enzymatic and protein surface binding events involve interactions with the sidechain pharmacophores of isolated β -strand substrates.^{2,4}

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Extended peptide mimics:



FIGURE 1. Selected examples of β -strand peptidomimetics.

For example, farnesyl transferases and Akt (PKB), both of which are implicated in oncogenesis, are notable examples of proteins that recognize single β -strand peptides⁵ as well as constrained isosteres.⁶ Previously reported scaffolds often feature substituted aromatic motifs to impart backbone rigidity (Figure 1).^{2b,3g,6a,7} Artificial β -strands composed entirely of nonpeptidic subunits have also been developed as potential disruptors of protein–protein interactions.⁸



FIGURE 2. Design of azabicycloalkane-based dipeptide surrogates.

In efforts toward β -strand peptidomimetics targeting cell signaling pathways, our laboratory is pursuing the synthesis of constrained scaffolds to mimic the conformational and electronic properties of extended peptides. Although rigid dipeptide mimics have been extensively studied with respect to turn nucleation, extended dipeptide surrogates are less common.⁹ Peptidomimetics based on azabicycloalkane scaffolds, for example, have been widely employed as peptide turn inducers, and their synthesis has been the subject of comprehensive reviews.¹⁰ Conceptually, these scaffolds arise from a 3-amino (Freidinger-type) lactam constraint,¹¹ followed by additional covalent tethering to afford structures of type A (Figure 2). We envisioned that a 4-, 5-, or 6-amino lactam constraint (transposition of the carbonyl group) could be introduced in conjunction with a second backbone tether to provide scaffolds of type B. The unique azabicycloalkane substitution pattern and highly constrained ψ, ϕ , and ω dihedral angles are designed to maintain a sawtooth peptide backbone arrangement.

Here, we report our efforts toward novel dipeptide surrogates based on structure B. The synthesis of these scaffolds

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SCHEME 1. Diastereoselective Azidation of Homoproline Derivative 3



relies on regio- and diastereoselective reactions of a homoproline enolate and subsequent elaboration into bicyclic core structures. The current work highlights the synthetic versatility of key chimeric proline intermediates and explores the ability of our scaffolds to mimic the conformation of extended dipeptides. Although structures such as B are devoid of amino acid side chain functionality, the established role of the extended peptide conformation in molecular recognition suggests that these surrogates could serve as useful β -strand inducers and conformational probes.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis. We recently reported the diastereoselective electrophilic azidation of a homoproline en route to analogues of the *Pseudomonas* siderophore pyochelin (Scheme 1).¹² In our studies, it became apparent that the ability to react enolates of 2 with alkylating reagents could lead to synthetically useful and diversely substituted proline derivatives. Although similar alkylations of urethane-protected homoprolines have been reported to proceed uneventfully,¹³ we found that the enolates formed from 2 failed to give satisfactory yields of α' -substituted products. In most cases, we recovered unreacted starting material along with ring-opened enoates resulting from reverse-Michael addition. In contrast, when the urethane protecting group was replaced with a methyl substituent (3), azidation in the presence of LiHMDS and 2,4,6-triisopropylbenezensulfonyl azide afforded 4 in 71% isolated yield. Analysis of the crude product mixture by ¹H NMR revealed the presence of only one diastereomer, later identified as the anti isomer by X-ray diffraction of an advanced intermediate. The stereochemical outcome can be rationalized by minimization of 1,3-allylic strain and reaction with the electrophile on the less hindered face of the enolate.¹⁴

Although derivative 4 served as a useful precursor to the carbapyochelins (which also harbor an N-Me group), failed attempts at demethylation¹⁵ severely limited the synthetic utility of the azidation product. We then evaluated the Nbenzyl group as a more convenient protecting group alternative. As shown in Scheme 2, acidolysis of the Boc group of 2a was followed by benzylation to give derivative 5 in 67% yield. Electrophilic azidation of 5 under the same conditions used for 3^{12} resulted in low conversion, indicating that the benzyl group has a deleterious effect on the reaction. After some optimizitaion it was found that the addition of HMPA in the presence of 2.2 equiv of KHMDS and 2.0 equiv of 2,4,6-triisopropylbenezensulfonyl azide gave 84% yield of the desired product (6a) after acetic acid quenching. We later confirmed that HMPA was essential to ensure good conversions in the reactions of 5 with other electrophiles. Similar conditions in the presence of methylbromoacetate afforded 45% isolated yield of 6b, while the use of allyl bromide resulted in 95% yield of 6c. As with proline 3, only one diastereomer was observed in reactions with the enolate derived from 5. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction carried out on 6a confirmed the expected stereochemistry at the newly formed α' chiral center.

Intermediate 6a was elaborated into novel bicyclic scaffolds as depicted in Scheme 2. Azide reduction and Boc protection gave rise to the orthogonally protected bis-amino acid 7. Ethyl ester reduction with lithium borohydride then afforded amino alcohol 8 in high yield. Finally, carbamate scaffold 9 was obtained after hydrogenolysis and treatment of the crude amine with 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole. A 1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-7one scaffold (11) was also efficiently prepared from intermediate 7 by way of protecting group removal and treatment with Mukaiyama's condensation reagent. Although β -lactam 11 shares its core structure with the carbapencillins and is reminiscent of β -turn-inducing azabicycloalkanes, its evaluation in the context of dipeptide mimicry has not been previously investigated. Unfortunately, although 11 was stable to flash chromatography over silica gel, we found that an unsoluble gel formed during attempted acidolysis of the N-Boc group (TFA/ DCM) and even upon prolonged exposure to CHCl₃.

We next turned our attention to the synthesis of larger bicyclic lactams starting from **6b** and **6c** (Scheme 3). Although we previously observed modest conversion of **5** into triester **6b**, the introduction of a methoxycarbonylmethyl group allowed rapid access to a hexahydropyrrolizinone scaffold. Hydrogenolysis of the *N*-benzyl group, followed by heating in toluene, resulted in selective lactamization to afford **12** in 89% yield. Somewhat surprisingly, we found that treatment of diester **12** with 1 M aqueous LiOH in MeOH resulted in isolation of the diacid as the major product. The unusual lability of the *tert*-butyl ester required the use of 1.5 equiv of LiOH and close monitoring to effect selective saponification.¹⁶ Although near-quantitave yield of **13** was obtained, the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra revealed

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SCHEME 2. Synthesis of Scaffolds 9 and 11^a



^{*a*}(brsm = based on recovered starting material).





significant epimerization despite the mild hydrolysis conditions. The inseparable acids were then subjected to Curtius rearrangement in the presence of various alcohols to give carbamates 14a-c as diastereomeric mixtures.

In order to prepare a homologous hexahydropyrroloazepinone core, allyl derivative **6c** was subjected to crossmetathesis with benzyl acrylate to give **15**. Removal of both benzyl groups and concomitant reduction of the alkene was followed by lactamization in the presence of HBTU (*O*-benzotriazole-N, N, N', N'-tetramethyl-uronium-hexafluorophosphate) to give **16**. As with **12**, alkaline hydrolysis of the ethyl ester resulted in two diastereomeric lactam products. However, in this case the *tert*-butyl ester group remained intact in the presence of 1 M aqueous NaOH. The mixture of diastereomers were then subjected to Curtius rearrangement to give compounds 17, which were separable by careful column chromatography over silica gel. 1D NOE studies revealed a correlation between the carbamate N–H proton and H_{δ} in only one of the two diastereomers of 17. These results confirmed that epimerization occurs at the α' rather than α center and allowed stereochemical assignment of each product.

To circumvent the configurational lability of 12 and 16, we opted to change the order of operations in our synthetic strategy. As shown in Scheme 4, the ethyl ester of 6c was efficiently hydrolyzed without epimerization in the presence of 2 M aqueous NaOH and catalytic tetrabutylammonium hydroxide at 50 °C.¹⁷ Curtius rearrangement in the presence of 2,2,2-trichloroethanol then afforded orthogonally protected diamino acid 19 in good yield. Hexahydropyrrolizinone 21 was formed via oxidative olefin cleavage, followed by aldehyde oxidation, hydrogenolysis, and lactamization in the presence of HBTU. To access the hexahydropyrroloazepinone variant (23), intermediate 19 was subjected to cross metathesis prior to hydrogenation and condensation. We found the hydrogenation steps particularly challenging as a result of the lability of the chlorine atoms of the trichloroethoxycarbonyl (Troc) protecting groups. The use of Pearlman's catalyst was required for efficient removal of the N-benzyl group, but the des-chloro ethyl carbamate analogues of 21 and 23 were also isolated as side products. Optimized hydrogenation conditions and careful monitoring of reaction progress did, however, provide 21 and 23 as single diastereomers suitable for incorporation into peptide host sequences.

The synthesis of a [5,7]-fused carbamate from *N*-trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl derivative **24** was also investigated (Scheme 5). In this case, dihydroxylation and cleavage of olefin **24** was followed by aldehyde reduction and debenzylation. Treatment of the resulting amine with 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (CDI) resulted in the formation of hexahydropyrrolizine **26** instead of the desired seven-membered cyclic

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SCHEME 4. Diastereoselective Synthesis of 21 and 23



SCHEME 5. Unexpected Formation of Hexahydropyrrolizine 26



carbamate, likely through 5-*exo-tet* displacement.¹⁸ Attempts to carry out the same transformation with triphosgene and nitrophenylchloroformate also failed to provide carbamate **27**.

We next carried out the coupling of our scaffolds in order to demonstrate their suitability for incorporation into peptides (Scheme 6). Various attempts to selectively remove the *N*-Boc group in **9** under mildly acidic conditions resulted in concomitant *tert*-butyl ester cleavage. The previously observed sensitivity of the *tert*-butyl ester in compound **12** SCHEME 6. C-Terminal Coupling of Scaffolds 9, 21, and 23



toward hydrolysis prompted us to investigate aqueous base as a selective deprotection alternative. We found that 2 M aqueous NaOH at room temperature was effective for providing the carboxylic acid in high yield. Coupling to phenylalanine methyl ester proceeded uneventfully to give tripeptide mimic **28** in diastereomerically pure form, indicating negligible epimerization during hydrolysis and C-terminal condensation. In the case of lactams **21** and **23**, *tert*-butyl ester cleavage with TFA was followed by condensation with phenylalanine *tert*-butyl ester to give **29** and **30**, which were also diastereomerically pure by RP-HPLC and NMR.

Finally, we sought to demonstrate the ability to introduce lactam constraints following incorporation into a short peptide (Scheme 7). We utilized the configurationally stable *N*-benzyl derivative **19** as a starting material for dipetide formation. Cross-metathesis, hydrogenation, and lactamization, as described above, afforded tripeptide mimic **30** in an slightly higher overall yield relative to the route in Scheme 6. Analysis by RP-HPLC and NMR revealed a single diastereomer. Compound **31** was also transformed into lactam **29** in reasonable yield and high diastereomeric purity. This strategy represents a potentially useful alternative in cases where peptide coupling to preformed bicyclic scaffolds may present a challenge.

Configurational and Conformational Analysis. The ability of the above-described azabicycloalkanes to act as structurally defined dipeptide surrogates was evaluated by a combination of X-ray crystallography and molecular modeling. With respect to β -strand mimicry, we have targeted scaffolds that severely restrict the ψ and ϕ dihedral angles of sequential amino acid residues (in addition to the ω torsion defined by the central *trans* amide bond). In β -sheet peptides, ψ and ϕ torsions are generally of similar magnitude (in the range of 113° to 139°) but of opposite sign.^{9,19} This alternation is critical for maintaining an extended conformation over longer sections of a peptide. Because of the transposition of the carbonyl group in our scaffolds, we have labeled the dihedral angles in relation to the backbone torsions they are meant to replace, as shown in Figure 3.

The X-ray structure of ($\alpha'S$)-14b, the major isomer of which crystallized out of EtOAc/hexanes, is shown in Figure 4A. In the solid state, ($\alpha'S$)-14b exhibits an "up-down" relationship between the N-H and C-terminal carbonyl group reminiscent of a sawtooth extended dipeptide. Moreover, the distance between the terminal nitrogen and carbonyl carbon is 5.7 Å, as compared to ~5.9 Å typically found across the dipeptide of a

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SCHEME 7. Introduction of Lactam Constraint after Incorporation





FIGURE 3. Backbone torsions and N-to-C dipeptide distance for β -strands and synthetic dipeptide surrogates.

 β -strand. Examination of the putative ψ_1 and ϕ_2 dihedral angles in ($\alpha'S$)-14b reveals values of -112.8° and $+102.4^{\circ}$, respectively. These values correspond well to the torsions found in a typical parallel β -sheet peptide.²⁰ In addition, the ω surrogate dihedral angle is $+156.8^{\circ}$, which deviates only slightly from the ideal 180° despite the tetrahedral geometry at C5. Bicyclic lactam **21**, which differs only in *N*-terminal protection, is expected to exhibit the same conformational characteristics as ($\alpha'S$)-14b. Since **21** is readily accessible in diastereomerically pure form, it should serve as a useful building block for the introduction of a β -strand dipeptide mimic into host structures.

Hexahydropyrroloazepinone **23** yielded diffraction quality crystals by slow evaporation from diethyl ether/hexanes (Figure 4B). Although the putative ϕ_2 angle in compound **23** is close to that found in hexahydropyrrolizinone ($\alpha'S$)-**14b**, the ψ_1 torsion deviates significantly as the result of the axial disposition of the Troc-carbamate substituent. Moreover, the putative ω angle is more acute relative to that in the hexahydropyrrolizinone scaffold. Taken together, these constraints result in an N- to C-terminal distance much shorter (4.8 Å) than that expected for an extended dipeptide.

Although we did not obtain diffraction quality crystals of carbamate scaffold 9, we did obtain an X-ray structure of phenylalanyl derivative 28 (Figure 4C). Interestingly, this compound features two intermolecular H-bonds at either end of the bicyclic scaffold and exists as a head-to-tail dimer in the solid state. Since the rigid core is intended to replace a sawtooth dipeptide, the observed conformation for the N-H and carbonyl groups deviates from the expected alternating

pattern (both the hydrogen bond donor and acceptor are oriented in the same direction, linking the two molecules in a macrocyclic motif). In addition to crystal packing forces, this conformation is assumed to be largely dependent on the stereochemical relationship between the chiral centers of the bicyclic scaffold. As opposed to compounds ($\alpha'S$)-14b and 23, the terminal acyloxyamine in 28 resides on the *exo* face of the ring system. This difference is clearly manifested in the ψ_1 dihedral angle of +171.4°,²¹ which is not only higher magnitude but of the same sign as the ϕ_1 torsion. As with ($\alpha'S$)-14b, the distance between the terminal nitrogen and the scaffold carbonyl carbon in 28 was near that observed in an ideal extended dipeptide (5.9 Å for each molecule in the dimer).

Azabicycloalkanes 11, ($\alpha' R$)-17, and 26 represent additional scaffolds that were synthetically accessible but not initially targeted as β -strand mimics. Still, we sought to evaluate their conformational properties by molecular modeling after attempts to obtain diffraction quality crystals were unsuccessful. We performed a conformational search using Macromodel with the MM3* force field.²² In each case the 50 lowest energy conformers exhibited only slight differences in the constrained dihedral angles. Calculated torsions and distances from molecular mechanics (given for the lowest energy conformer) are shown in Table 1.

As expected, azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-7-one scaffold 11 exhibits ψ_1 and ϕ_2 angles that are of the same sign (as in the case of 28), owing to the exo carbamate substituent. The low energy conformer of compound ($\alpha' R$)-17 features a similar relationship, in addition to a putative ω torsion that deviates significantly from planarity. Energy minimization of hexahydropyrrolizine 26, which lacks a carbonyl group, resulted in an opening of the ψ_1 torsion relative to the bicyclic lactam. However, the calculated ω dihedral angle closes as the result of a change in nitrogen bond order. Although scaffold 26 is not isoelectronic with a native peptide backbone, its structure and conformation suggest potential utility as an extended dipeptide scaffold. We further note that compound 26 was also synthesized in a more direct manner from 24 by oxidation followed by hydrogenolysis (75% overall vield).23

Finally, the X-ray structures in Figure 4 serve to establish the relative configuration of each bicyclic scaffold. The *anti* relationship resulting from functionalization of **5** is thus

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⁽²¹⁾ Measured torsions and distances for **28** are given as the average between the two molecules in the dimer.

⁽²²⁾ See Supporting Information for details.

⁽²³⁾ See Experimental Section for details.



FIGURE 4. X-ray structures and calculated torsions in degrees for compounds ($\alpha'S$)-14b, 23, and 28 (most hydrogens omitted for clarity).

TABLE 1. Calculated Torsions (deg) and Distances (Å) for 11, $(\alpha' R)$ -17, and 26 from MM3* Conformational Searches²²

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scaffold	ψ_1	ϕ_2	ω	N···CO distance
11	+116.0	+115.6	+148.0	5.4
$(\alpha' R)$ -17	+160.3	+105.0	+111.6	5.9
26	-147.3	+147.1	+121.2	6.0

confirmed, supporting the proposed $A^{1,3}$ -minimized stereochemical model for the *N*-benzyl series. The structure of **23** also provides confirmation of the proposed stereochemistry of **21** and **26**, both of which are derived from allylated intermediate **6c**.

Conclusion

We have prepared a series of novel azabicycloalkanes as potential extended dipeptide surrogates via regio- and stereoselective reactions of a chimeric homoproline enolate. Orthogonally protected bicyclic scaffolds are obtained in reasonable overall yields and high diastereomeric purities. Conformational analysis by X-ray diffraction and molecular modeling indicate that relative stereochemistry and ring size have a profound effect on key dihedral angles. Hexahydropyrrolizinones ($\alpha'S$)-14b and 21 share a number of conformational characteristics with extended dipeptides found in parallel β -sheets. Scaffold 9 may also serve as a useful extended dipeptide surrogate based on X-ray structure data obtained for tripeptide mimic 28. The synthetic routes described here highlight the versatility of proline derivative 5 and should allow access to additional probes of local peptide conformation. We are currently pursuing the synthesis of functionalized derivatives to mimic a wider array of extended dipeptides. Studies on the incorporation of selected scaffolds into β -strand peptides involved in oncogenic signaling are also underway in our laboratory.

Experimental Section

General. Unless stated otherwise, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under a positive pressure of argon or nitrogen gas using dry solvents. Commercial grade reagents and solvents were used without further purification except where noted. Diethyl ether, toluene, dimethylformamide dichloromethane, and tetrahydrofuran were purified by solvent purification system. Other anhydrous solvents were purchased directly from chemical suppliers. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates (0.25 mm). Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel (60 μ m particle size). The purity of all compounds was judged by TLC analysis (single spot/two solvent systems) using a UV lamp, CAM (ceric ammonium molybdate), ninhydrin, or basic KMnO₄ stain-(s) for detection purposes. NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are reported as δ using residual solvent as an internal standard. Analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a C₁₈ reverse phase analytical column. HPLC elution was carried out with a 20 min linear gradient of MeCN in water (each containing 0.1% formic acid buffer).

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-(2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (5). A solution of 2a (9.50 g, 26.6 mmol) in 10% TFA/DCM was stirred at rt for 5 h. The reaction solution was diluted with EtOAc and evaporated under reduced pressure (dilution and evaporation was repeated two times). The resulting sticky foam was dissolved in 150 mL of acetone, treated with benzyl bromide (7.90 mL, 66.5 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (36.7 g, 266 μ mol), and stirred for 1 d. The resulting white suspension was filtered through a Celite pad and rinsed with excess acetone. The filtrate was evaporated to afford a white slurry, which was then dissolved in water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (3% to 20% EtOAc/ hexanes as eluent) afforded 5 as a colorless oil (6.15 g, 67% over 2 steps, 72% based on recovered starting material). $[\alpha]^{25}$ $P_{\rm D} - 74.5$ (c 3.6, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, ČDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.16 (m, 5H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1, 2H), 3.94 (d, J = 13.6, 1H), 3.80 (d, J =13.6, 1H), 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.3, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 14.5, 3.9, 1H), 2.26 (ddd, J = 17.2, 13.4, 8.8, 2H), 2.06 (ddd, J =18.4, 12.9, 9.7, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 172.5, 139.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.1, 80.7, 63.9, 60.4, 58.9, 52.9, 40.3, 29.7, 28.4, 27.9, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₉NO₄ 348.21693, found 348.21646.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 5-((S)-1-Azido-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-benzylpyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (6a). A solution of 5 (1.00 g, 2.88 mmol) in 20 mL of THF under argon at -78 °C was treated with KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 12.7 mL, 6.34 mmol) and stirred for 45 min. HMPA (1.10 mL, 6.34 mmol) was added, and the reaction was stirred another 15 min at the same temperature. A solution of 2.4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonyl azide (1.78 mL, 5.76 mmol) in 2.0 mL of THF was cannulated into the reaction mixture. After 2-3 min the reaction was quenched with glacial acetic acid ($830 \,\mu$ L, 14.4 mmol) and stirred for 16 h with gradual warming to rt. The reaction solution was evaporated, taken up in 10% aq NaHCO₃, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **6a** as a white solid (930 mg, 84%). Mp $82-84^{\circ}$; $[\alpha]^{25}$ -80.0 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.21 (m, 5H), 4.20 (qd, J = 7.2, 2.7, 2H), 4.08 (d, J = 2.6, 1H), 4.03 (d, J = 13.3, 1H), 3.94 (d, J = 13.3, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 7.1, 1H), 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 169.1, 138.9, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 81.0, 64.7, 64.6, 64.5, 61.9, 53.6, 28.9, 28.3, 25.5, 14.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₈N₄O₄, 389.21833, found 389.22139, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 411.20028, found 411.20342.

(S)-1-Ethyl 4-Methyl 2-((2S,5S)-1-benzyl-5-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)succinate (6b). A solution of 5 (1.00 g, 2.88 mmol) in 12 mL of THF under argon at -78 °C was treated dropwise with KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 7.49 mL, 3.75 mmol) and stirred for 30 min. HMPA (1.10 mL, 6.34 mmol) was added and stirred another 10 min at the same temperature. Methyl bromoacetate (580 μ L, 6.34 mmol) was then added dropwise into the mixture, and the reaction was stirred for 40 min. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 6b as a colorless oil (540 mg, 45%, 79% borsm). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ -39.9 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.18 (m, 5H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.96 (d, J = 13.3, 1H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 3.24 (dt, J = 10.4, 3.8, 1H), 2.76 (dd, J = 16.8, 3.6, 1H), 2.67 (dd, J =16.7, 10.4, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 173.8, 173.6, 139.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.3, 80.9, 63.8, 62.0, 60.9, 52.8, 51.9, 43.7, 29.6, 28.6, 28.4, 25.2, 14.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) $[MH]^+$ calcd for C₂₃H₃₃NO₆ 420.23806, found 420.23877, [M +Na]⁺ calcd 442.22001, found 442.2197.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-((S)-1-ethoxy-1-oxopent-4-en-2-vl)pvrrolidine-2-carboxvlate (6c). Triester 6c was prepared from 5 following the same procedure described for 6b, with methyl bromoacetate in place of allyl bromide. Purification of the crude rmaterial by flash chromatography over silica gel (5%) EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 6c as a colorless oil (3.20 g, 95%). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 55.8 (c 1.0, CHCl_3); {}^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3)$ δ 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.74 (ddt, J = 17.0, 10.1, 6.8, 1H), 5.04 (ddd, J =17.1, 3.2, 1.5, 2H, 4.96 (m, 1H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.96 (d, J = 13.7)1H), 3.83 (d, J = 13.6, 1H), 3.64 (dt, J = 9.3, 3.7, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 0.3, 3.7, 1H), 3.J = 7.0, 1H), 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 3H), 1.73 (dd, J = 11.3, 8.6, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 173.8, 139.8, 137.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.1, 116.1, 80.8, 64.1, 63.2, 60.5, 53.1, 48.4, 29.5, 28.8, 28.4, 25.5, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C23H33NO4 388.24901, found 388.24665.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-((S)-1-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (7). A solution of **6a** (810 mg, 2.10 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.21 g, 4.62 mmol) in 12 mL of THF was refluxed for 2 h, and 500 μ L of water was added. After another 24 h of refluxing, triethylamine (880 μ L, 6.30 mmol) was added followed by di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (590 mg, 2.73 mmol), and the reaction was stirred for an additional 24 h at rt. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 7 as a thick colorless oil (920 mg, 94%). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ – 26.9 (c 0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.16 (m, 1H), 4.49 (m, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 7.1, 2H), 4.02 (d, J = 12.6, 1H), 3.77 (d, J =12.8, 2H), 3.40 (d, J = 7.0, 1H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.45 (m, 18H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 171.9, 156.1, 139.0, 129.2, 128.4, 127.3, 80.9, 79.9, 63.4, 62.5, 61.4, 54.7, 52.3, 28.6, 28.3, 28.1, 25.0, 14.4, 1.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₃₈N₂O₆ 463.28026, found 463.28064, $[M + Na]^+$ calcd 485.26221, found 485.26586.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-((S)-1-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-2-hydroxyethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (8). A solution of 7 (870 mg, 1.88 mmol) in Et₂O under argon atmosphere at rt was treated with LiBH₄ (2 M in THF, 1.60 mL, 3.20 mmol) and stirred for 6.5 h. The reaction was guenched with 1 M ag NaOH (4 mL) and stirred for 10 min. After dilution with water, the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 m. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 8 as a white solid (730 mg, 92%). Mp 113–115°; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ -47.3. (c 1.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.43 (bs, 1H), 5.01 (bs, 1H), 3.94 (d, J = 13.2, 1H), 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.60 (m, 3H), 3.45 (d, J = 7.4, 1H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.76(dd, J = 12.4, 9.9, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H);¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 158.4, 138.8, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 81.2, 80.3, 65.8, 63.4, 62.7, 54.6, 52.8, 28.6, 28.4, 28.2, 24.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₃₆N₂O₅421.26970, found 421.27058, $[M + Na]^+$ calcd 443.25164, found 443.25554.

(4*S*,4a*S*,7*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 4-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-1-oxohexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*c*][1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (9). A solution of 8 (715 mg, 1.70 mmol) in 7 mL of MeOH was treated with 250 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred under H₂ (balloon) at rt for 2.5 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a Celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a thick colorless oil (562 mg, quantitative yield).

The above amino alcohol (360 mg, 1.09 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of THF and treated with triethylamine (230 μ L, 1.64 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (130 mg, 1.09 mmol), and 1,1'carbonyldiimidazole (880 mg, 5.45 mmol), respectively. After stirring for 3.5 h at rt, the reaction mixture was evaporated, taken up in EtOAc, and washed with 1 M aq HCl. The aqueous layer was dried over anhydrous Na2SO4, filtered, and evaporated. The crude residue was adsorbed onto silica gel and purified by flash chromatography over silica (60% to 80% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to afford 9 as a white solid (357 mg, 92%). Mp 208-210°-(dec); $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 43.1 (c \, 0.6, \text{CHCl}_3); ^{1}\text{H NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$ 4.76 (d, J = 8.8, 1H), 4.37 (t, J = 8.3, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 10.5, 4.6, J)1H), 3.98 (t, J = 10.7, 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.52 (td, J = 9.4, 5.0,1H), 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 155.1, 151.7, 82.2, 80.8, 68.5, 61.6, 60.8, 48.2, 31.5, 28.5, 28.2, 28.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₂O₆ 357.20201, found 357.20442, $[M + Na]^+$ calcd 379.18396, found 379.18658.

(*S*)-2-((*2S*,*5S*)-5-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-(*tert*butoxycarbonylamino)acetic Acid (10). A solution of 7 (280 mg, 605 μ mol) in 6 mL of THF/H₂O (1:1) at rt was treated with LiOH (78.8 mg, 1.88 mmol) and stirred for 7 h. The reaction solution was evaporated under reduced pressure. The aqueous layer was washed with Et₂O, acidified with 1 M aq HCl, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to afford a white solid (250 mg, 96%). [α]²⁵_D -15.5 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.45 (bs, 1H), 4.45 (bs, 1H), 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.45 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.3, 172.1, 157.0, 137.1, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9, 81.8, 80.6, 63.9, 63.5, 54.9, 52.8, 28.6, 28.3, 28.2, 25.2.

The above acid (200 mg, 460 μ mol) was dissolved in 2 mL of MeOH and treated with 69 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred under H₂ (balloon) for 1.25 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a Celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to afford **10** as a white solid (160 mg, quantitative yield). Mp 163–165° (dec); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (m, 2H), 5.96 (d, J = 6.4, 1H), 4.23 (m, 1H), 4.15 (t, J = 7.2, 1H), 3.94 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.7, 1H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 168.6, 157.0, 84.0, 80.0, 62.7, 59.5, 54.6, 28.6, 28.5, 28.1, 26.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₂O₆ 345.20201, found 345.20310, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 367.18396, found 367.18288.

(2S,5S,6S)-tert-Butyl 6-(tert-Butoxycarbonylamino)-7-oxo-1azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylate (11). A solution of Mukaiyama's reagent (210 mg, 810 µmol) in 15 mL of acetonitrile was treated with triethylamine (240 µL, 1.70 mmol) and heated to 70 °C. A solution of 10 (70.0 mg, 203 µmol) in 15 mL of acetonitrile was cannulated into the mixture, and the reaction was allowed to cool to rt gradually and stirred for 2 days. The reaction solution was evaporated, taken up in EtOAc, and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 11 as a sticky colorless oil (57.0 mg, 86%). $[\alpha]^{25}$ -58.1 (c 0.4, DMSO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta 5.36 (d, J =$ 8.5, 1H, 4.57 (d, J = 8.4, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.8, 1H), 3.78 (t, J)J = 5.8, 1H), 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.24 (dt, J = 11.4, 6.4, 1H), 2.13 (dt, J = 14.1, 7.4, 1H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, J = 2.3, 18H). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 7.81 (d, J = 8.6, 1H), 4.35 (d, J = 8.6, 1H) 1H), 4.19 (dd, J = 7.7, 5.7, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.7, 170.7, 155.3, 81.7, 79.3, 63.1, 63.0, 59.9, 34.8, 28.8, 28.5, 28.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for $C_{16}H_{26}N_2O_5$ 327.19217, found 327.19028, $[M + Na]^+$ calcd 349.17339, found 349.17259.

(1S,5S,7aS)-5-tert-Butyl 1-Ethyl 3-oxohexahydro-1H-pyrrolizine-1,5-dicarboxylate (12). A solution of 6b (295 mg, 703 µmol) in 4 mL of MeOH was treated with 100 mg of 20% Pd/C and stirred for 3 h under H_2 (balloon) atmosphere. The reaction solution was filtered through a Celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to afford a yellowish oil, which was then dissolved in 5 mL of toluene and stirred at 90 °C for 20 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to furnish 12 as a pale yellow solid (186 mg, 89% over 2 steps). Mp 64–66°; $[\alpha]^{25}$ -140.2 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.39 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.6, 1H), 4.29 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 7.4, 2.4, 2H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 1H),1.45 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 171.8, 171.3, 82.1, 62.6, 61.4, 56.4, 39.7, 35.2, 31.4, 28.2, 27.7, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₃NO₅ 298.16490, found 298.16433, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 320.14684, found 320.14613.

(5*S*,7a*S*)-5-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-3-oxohexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine-1-carboxylic Acid (13). A solution of 12 (218 mg, 734 μmol) in 5 mL of THF/H₂O (1:1) at rt was treated with LiOH (45.0 mg, 1.07 mmol) and stirred for 15 min. The reaction was diluted with 1 M aq HCl, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated to afford 13 as a \sim 3:1 mixture of diastereomers (196 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.70 (bs, 1H), 4.36 (m, 2H), 3.48 (td, *J* = 8.0, 6.2, 1H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 1.5H), 2.27 (s, 0.5H), 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 175.5, 174.8, 172.7, 171.1, 170.8, 82.5, 82.3, 63.9, 62.7, 56.4, 55.7, 45.8, 39.9, 37.8, 35.7, 32.3, 31.8, 31.6, 28.2, 27.8.; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NO₅ 270.13360, found 270.13479, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 292.11554, found 292.11663.

(35,7aS)-tert-Butyl 7-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-5-oxohexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (14a). A solution 13 (140 mg, 520 mmol) in toluene at 50 °C was treated with triethylamine (181 μ L, 1.30 mmol) followed by diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) (281 mL, 1.30 mmol), dropwise. The reaction was stirred from 50 to 110 °C over 1 h and at 110 °C for 4.5 h. Benzyl alcohol (107 μ L, 1.04 mmol) was added, and the reaction was stirred at 110 °C for 20 h. The reaction solution was evaporated under reduced pressure and adsorbed onto silica gel. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **14a** as a ~3:1 mixture of diastereomers (118 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 5.11 (m, 2H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.1, 1.5H), 4.09 (m, 0.25H), 3.86 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 6.5, 0.25H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 8.6, 0.25H), 2.64 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 7.3, 0.25H), 2.39 (m, 1H), 1.224 (d, *J* = 17.1, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 170.8, 156.2, 136.4, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 82.2, 67.2, 66.0, 55.7, 49.4, 42.0, 32.5, 28.2, 24.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₅ 375.19217, found 375.19207, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 397.17339, found 397.17330.

(3*S*,7a*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 7-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonylamino)-5-oxohexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (14b). *N*-Boc derivative 14b was prepared from 13 following the same procedure described for 14a, with *tert*-butyl alcohol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/ hexanes as eluent) afforded 14b as a ~3:1 mixture of diastereomers (26%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.95 (dd, *J* = 21.2, 6.8, 1H), 4.29 (m, 3H), 4.00 (m, 0.25 H), 3.82 (m, 0.25), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.61 (m, 0.25H), 2.43 (m, 1.25H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 17.0, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.88 (bs, 1H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.43 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 171.1, 170.9, 155.5, 82.1, 82.0, 80.2, 66.2, 56.0, 55.6, 48.7, 41.9, 32.4, 32.0, 30.9, 28.6, 28.5, 28.2, 24.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₂O₅ 341.20710, found 341.20804, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 363.18904, found 363.18941.

(3*S*,7a*S*)-*tert*-Butyl 5-Oxo-7-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)hexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (14c). *N*-Teoc derivative 14c was prepared from 13 following the same procedure described for 14a, with 2-trimethylsilylethanol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 14c as a ~3:1 mixture of diastereomers (57%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.25 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.12 (dd, J = 17.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.21 (d, J = 17.0, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.93 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 172.2, 157.8, 83.4, 67.3, 65.0, 57.2, 56.9, 50.5, 43.3, 33.7, 33.2, 32.1, 29.5, 25.8, 19.2, 0.00; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₃₂N₂O₅Si 385.21533, found 385.21625, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 407.19727, found 407.19812.

(S)-1-Benzyl 6-Ethyl 5-((2S,5S)-1-benzyl-5-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)hex-2-enedioate (15). A solution of 6c (100 mg, 258 μ mol) in 1.70 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was treated with methyl acrylate (418 µL, 2.58 mmol) and Grubbs' second generation catalyst (21.0 mg, 24.7 µmol) and stirred for 1d at 65 °C. The reaction solution was evaporated under reduced pressure and adsorbed onto silica gel. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 15 as a 14:1 mixture of E:Z isomers (72.0 mg, 53%, 66% based on recovered starting material). Data given for the E isomer: ${}^{1}H$ NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40-7.17 (m, 10H), 6.89 (dt, J 15.5, 7.1, 1H, 5.84 (d, J = 15.7, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, J = 7.1, J)2H), 3.89 (q, J = 13.5, 2H), 3.70 (dt, J = 9.6, 3.5, 1H), 3.53 (d, J = 7.4, 1H), 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.50 (ddd, J = 14.7, 10.5, 7.5, 1H), 2.05 (ddd, J = 21.2, 10.6, 6.4, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 2H),1.44 (s, 9H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.7, 173.7, 166.5, 148.5, 139.5, 136.3, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 127.3, 122.2, 80.9, 66.2, 64.5, 63.2, 60.8, 53.3, 47.2, 28.7, 28.4, 27.7, 25.3, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for $C_{31}H_{39}NO_6$ 522.280501, found 522.28167, $[M + Na]^+$ calcd 544.26696, found 544.26345.

(3*S*,9*S*,9a*S*)-3-*tert*-Butyl 9-Ethyl 5-oxooctahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo-[1,2-*a*]azepine-3,9-dicarboxylate (16). A solution of 15 (165 mg, $317 \,\mu$ mol) in 3 mL of MeOH was treated with 80 mg of Pd(OH)₂/ C, and the reaction was stirred under H_2 (balloon) for 1.25 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a Celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH/EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a thick oil, which was then dissolved in DMF and treated with triethylamine (86.0 µL, 620 µmol), HBTU (140 mg, 370 µmol), and hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) (8.50 mg, 62.9 μ mol). The reaction was stirred for 24 h. The reaction solution was evaporated at 60 °C under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1 M aq HCl and 10% aq Na₂CO₃. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 16 as a colorless oil (75.0 mg, 73%, 2 steps). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 57.8 (c \ 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3)$; ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 4.36 (\text{dd}, J = 9.1, 2.3, 1\text{H}), 4.23 (\text{dt}, J = 9.5, 1.2)$ 1.9, 1H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.70 (bs, 1H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1, 3H); ${}^{13}C$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 172.6, 172.1, 81.3, 61.9, 60.9, 60.0, 47.3, 38.1, 32.7, 31.3, 28.2, 27.4, 19.9, 14.4; HRMS $(\text{ESI-TOF})(m/z)[\text{MH}]^+ C_{17}H_{27}NO_5 326.19690$, found 326.19382.

(3S,9aS)-tert-Butyl 9-(Benzyloxycarbonylamino)-5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-3-carboxylate (17). A solution of 16 (41.0 mg, 138 µmol) in 2 mL of THF/MeOH (2:1) was treated with 1 mL of 1 M aq NaOH and stirred at 40 °C for 4.5 h. The reaction was diluted with water and the solution mixture was washed with Et_2O . After acidification to pH < 3 with 1 M aq HCl, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the carboxylic acid as a $\sim 2:1$ mixture of diastereomers. (36.0 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) & 7.88 (bs, 1H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 2.77 (s, 0.5H), 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.33 (m, 1.5H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 2.01–1.70 (m, 4H), 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.1, 177.1, 174.9, 174.7, 172.0, 171.3, 81.8, 81.6, 62.3, 61.3, 60.1, 59.6, 50.0, 46.8, 37.8, 36.9, 33.2, 32.7, 31.5, 30.5, 28.2, 27.6, 27.3, 21.7, 19.7.

The above distereomeric mixture of carboxylic acids was subjected to the same Curtius rearrangement conditions described for **14a**. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded ($\alpha'S$)-**17** (22% isolated yield, 2 steps) as a colorless oil and ($\alpha'R$)-**17** (38% isolated yield, 2 steps) as a white solid.

Data for ($\alpha'S$)-17a: [α]²⁵_D -60.9 (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 10.0, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.7, 1H), 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.02 (m, 3H), 1.85-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 171.5, 156.3, 136.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 81.7, 67.3, 62.1, 61.4, 52.4, 38.1, 35.5, 30.6, 28.2, 27.9, 18.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₃₀N₂O₅ 403.22347, found 403.22247, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 435.20469, found 425.20439.

Data for ($\alpha' R$)-**17a**: mp 121–123°; [α]²⁵_D – 57.9 (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (m, 5H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 1.9, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 9.4, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.09 (m, 3H), 1.68 (m, 5H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 171.7, 156.2, 136.4, 129.7, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 81.5, 67.3, 63.7, 61.4, 52.6, 37.4, 37.0, 28.2, 27.8, 27.1, 22.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₃₀N₂O₅ 403.22347, found 403.22207, [M + Na]⁺ calcd 435.20469, found 425.20409.

(S)-2-((2S,5S)-1-Benzyl-5-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)pent-4-enoic Acid (18). A solution of 6c (1.00 g, 2.58 mmol) in 17 mL of MeOH was treated with 13 mL of 2 M aq NaOH and tetrabutylammonium hydroxide (134 μ L, 516 μ mol) as a phase transfer catalyst and stirred at 50 °C for 24 h. The reaction solution was concentrated, acidified to pH = 3 with 1 M aq HCl, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford **18** as a white solid (870 mg, 94%); mp 76–78°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –104.2 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.1, 6.8, 1H), 5.08 (m, 2H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 13.2, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 13.2, 1H), 3.75 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 3.2, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 2.65 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 6.4, 2.7, 1H), 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.9, 172.4, 137.7, 136.0, 129.1, 128.9, 127.90, 117.3, 81.5, 64.2, 62.5, 53.9, 49.1, 33.2, 28.3, 28.2, 28.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₁H₂₉NO₄ 360.21766, found 360.21856.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-((S)-1-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)but-3-enyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (19). N-Troc derivative 19 was prepared from 18 following the same procedure described for 14a, with 2,2,2-tricloroethanol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 19 as a colorless oil $(75\%); [\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 48.7 (c \, 1.1, \text{CHCl}_3); ^{1}\text{H NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$ δ 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.75 (ddt, J = 16.8, 10.2, 6.9, 1H), 5.08 (m, 3H), 4.72 (q, J = 12.1, 2H), 4.04 (d, J = 13.9, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 13.9, 1H), 1H), 3.78 (tdd, J = 9.7, 4.5, 2.9, 1H), 3.56 (m, 2H), 2.56 (dt, J = 14.2, 5.3, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.95 (tt, J = 12.0, 8.3, 1H), 1.74 (dd, J = 12.7, 8.3, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 154.7, 139.7, 135.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 117.6, 96.1, 80.9, 74.6, 65.1, 64.1, 54.7, 54.5, 35.8, 29.1, 28.4, 27.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for $C_{23}H_{31}Cl_3N_2O_4$ 505.14222, found 505.14626, $[M + Na]^+$ calcd 527.12416, found 527.12359.

(S)-3-((2S,5S)-1-Benzyl-5-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)-3-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)propanoic Acid (20). A solution of **19** (100 mg, 197 μ mol) in 2.5 mL of THF/H₂O (3:1) was treated with 4-methylmorpholine N-oxide (51.0 mg, $435 \,\mu$ mol) and osmium tetroxide (2.5% solution in 2-methyl-2-propanol, 220 μ L, 20.0 μ mol). After 2 h of stirring at rt, the resulting diol intermediate was treated with sodium periodate (93.0 mg, $435 \,\mu$ mol), and the reaction was stirred for another 15 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded the aldehyde as a colorless thick oil (95.0 mg, 95%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (t, J = 2.5, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, J = 12.0, 10.8, 7.6, 5H), 5.14 (d, J = 8.8, 1H) 4.72 (m, 2H), 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dt, 1H))J = 9.8, 2.9, 1H), 3.51 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, J = 15.6, 6.0, 12.4, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, J = 15.6, 8.1, 2.7, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.91 (tt, J = 12.0, 8.4, 1H), 1.77 (dd, J = 12.9, 8.4, 1H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.7, 173.2, 154.3, 138.8, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 95.7, 81.2, 74.8, 64.9, 64.5, 54.4, 49.3, 44.9, 28.8, 28.3, 25.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₂H₂₉Cl₃N₂O₅ 507.12220, found 507.11920.

A solution of the above aldehyde (65.0 mg, 128 µmol) in 0.7 mL of t-BuOH was treated with amylene (160 μ L, 1.52 mmol) and cooled to 0 °C. A solution of NaH₂PO₄ (158 mg, 1.15 mmol) and NaClO2 (87.0 µL, 767 µmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction was stirred from 0 to 10 °C over 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq Na2S2O3 and diluted with brine. The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 3 with 1 M aq HCl and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (from 70% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded carboxylic acid 20 as a thick colorless oil (67.0 mg, 90%). $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{\rm D}$ –43.6 (c 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.45 (d, J = 8.7, 1H), 4.77 (m, 2H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.11 (dd, J = 31.3, 10.1, 1H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.67 (d, J = 9.8, 1H), 3.49 (dd, J = 14.8, J)7.3, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.6, 1H), 2.51 (ddd, J = 23.8, 15.5, J = 23.8, J = 23.7.4, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 172.6, 154.3, 137.7, 129.2, 128.8, 127.8, 95.8, 81.5, 74.8, 64.4, 64.1, 54.1, 50.3, 36.1, 28.9, 28.3, 25.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [M – H][–] calcd for C₂₂H₂₉-Cl₃N₂O₆ 521.10184, found 521.10280.

(3S,7S,7aS)-tert-Butyl 5-Oxo-7-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)hexahydro-1H-pyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (21). A solution of 20 (60.0 mg, 116 µmol) in 2 mL of THF was treated with 25 mg of Pd(OH)₂/C, purged with H₂ and stirred under H₂ (balloon) for 7.5 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a Celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH/EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a thick oil, which was then dissolved in 3 mL of acetonitrile, treated with triethylamine (53.0 µL, 378 µmol), HBTU (62.0 mg, 164 µmol), and HOBt (3.00 mg, 25.0 µmol), and stirred at rt for 20 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and washed with 1 M aq HCl followed by 10% aq Na₂CO₃. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% to 100% EtOAc/ hexanes as eluent) afforded 21 as a white solid (20.0 mg, 42%, 2 steps) in addition to 10 mg of the corresponding ethyl carbamate. Data for **21**: mp 147–149°; $[\alpha]^{25}$ D = -120.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.93 (d, J = 8.3, 1H), 4.78 (d, J =12.0, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 12.9, 7.4, 1H), 4.32 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.4, 2H), 3.19 (dd, J = 16.9, 7.1, 1H), 2.45 (dtd, J = 16.9, 7.1, 1H)12.7, 8.3, 4.2, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 17.0, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 170.7, 154.5, 95.7, 82.3, 74.7, 65.9, 55.7, 49.8, 42.1, 32.5, 28.2, 24.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₁Cl₃- N_2O_5 415.05888, found 415.05815, $[M + Na]^+$ calcd 437.04083, found 437.03907.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-((S)-5-(benzyloxy)-5-oxo-1-((2,2,2trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)pent-3-enyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (22). A solution of 19 (265 mg, 520 µmol) in 750 µL of dichloroethane was treated with benzyl acrylate (850 mg, 5.23 mmol) and Grubbs' second generation catalyst (40.0 mg, 47.1 µmol) and stirred at 65 °C for 1 d (catalyst was added in 3 portions). The reaction solution was evaporated and adsorbed onto silica gel. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (0% to 20% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 22 as a 7.4:1 mixture of E:Z isomers (210 mg, 62%, 87%, borsm). Data given for the *E* isomer: $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 26.4 (c \, 0.5, \text{CHCl}_3)$; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.30 (m, 10H), 6.92 (dt, J = 14.6, 7.1, 1H), 5.87 (d, J =15.6, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 5.3, 1H), 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.73 (m, 2H), 3.90 (m, 3H), 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.69 (dt, J = 13.4, 4.8, 1H), 2.24 (m, 2H),1.94 (tt, J = 12.0, 8.4, 1H), 1.77 (dd, J = 12.7, 8.5, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 166.1, 154.5, 146.2, 139.5, 136.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 123.4, 96.0, 81.1, 74.6, 66.4, 65.3, 64.4, 54.5, 53.7, 33.7, 29.0, 28.4, 26.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₃₇Cl₃N₂O₆ 639.17900, found 639.17605.

(3S,9S,9aS)-tert-Butyl 5-Oxo-9-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)octahydro-1*H*-pyrrolo[1,2-*a*]azepine-3-carboxylate (23). A solution of 22 (82.0 mg, 128 µmol) in 2.5 mL of THF was treated with 30.0 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred for 6 h at rt under H₂ (balloon) atmosphere. The reaction was filtered through a Celite pad, rinsed with EtOAc, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting amino acid was dissolved in acetonitrile and treated with triethylamine (54.0 µL, 384 µmol), HBTU (63.0 mg, 166 μ mol), and HOBt (3.50 mg, 25.9 μ mol). After 24 h of stirring at rt, the reaction was evaporated and dissolved in EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1 M aq HCl and 10% aq Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% to 80% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to afford 23 as a white solid (30.0 mg, 53%, over 2 steps) along with 10 mg of the corresponsing ethyl carbamate. Data for 23: mp 198–200°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –51.8 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.21 (d, J = 10.2, 1H),

4.83 (d, J = 12.1, 1H), 4.64 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.5, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 4.07 (dt, J = 9.7, 3.3, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 14.5, 6.9, 1H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.36 (tt, J = 12.5, 8.3, 1H), 2.15 (ddd, J = 12.6, 10.6, 6.3, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 186 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.0, 171.5, 154.6, 121.6, 81.8, 74.7, 62.2, 61.2, 52.9, 38.1, 35.4, 30.6, 28.2, 27.9, 18.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₅-Cl₃N₂O₅ 443.09090, found 443.09069, [M + Na]⁺ 465.07212, found 465.07230.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-((S)-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)but-3-envl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (24). N-Teoc derivative 24 was prepared from 18 following the same procedure described for 14a, with 2-trimethylsilylethanol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 24 as a colorless oil (58%). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ – 58.9 (c 2.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.75 (d, J = 9.0, 1H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 4.02 (d, J = 14.1, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 14.0, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.48 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.8, 2H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H),2.05 (m, 1H), 1.90 (tt, J = 12.5, 8.6, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 12.7, 8.4, 1H), 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 0.95 (dd, J = 16.9, 8.5, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H)9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 158.0, 141.1, 136.9, 129.9, 129.8, 128.4, 118.5, 82.1, 66.3, 65.3, 64.3, 55.6, 55.3, 37.2, 30.4, 29.6, 28.2, 19.2, 0.00; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₄₂N₂O₄Si 475.29866, found 475.29934.

(2S,5S)-tert-Butyl 1-Benzyl-5-((S)-3-hydroxy-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)propyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (25). A solution of 24 (90.0 mg, 190 µmol) in 2.5 mL of THF/H₂O (3:1) was treated with 4-methyl morpholine N-oxide (54.0 mg, 464 μ mol) and osmium tetroxide (2.5% solution in 2-methyl 2-propanol, 231 μ L, 22.7 μ mol). After stirring at rt for 2 h, the resulting diol intermediate was treated with sodium periodate (99.0 mg, 464 μ mol) and stirred for another 15 h. The reaction was guenched with 5% aq Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded the desired aldehyde as a colorless thick oil (60.0 mg, 66%). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 55.3 (c \, 0.6, \text{CHCl}_3)$; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.69 (d, J = 8.3, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.94 (dd, J = 41.0, 13.5, 2H), 3.50 (dt, J = 9.9, 3.0, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, J = 15.4, 6.1, 2.7, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J = 13.8, 9.1, 1H), 2.17 (tt, J = 12.0, 9.6, 1H), 1.86 (tt, J = 12.0, 8.4, 1H), 1.71 (dd, J = 12.8, 8.5, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 0.93 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.3, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5, 174.5, 157.6, 140.2, 130.2, 129.9, 128.7, 82.3, 66.0, 65.9, 64.9, 55.6, 50.1, 46.6, 30.1, 29.6, 26.9, 19.2, 0.0.

A solution of above aldehyde (50.0 mg, 105 μ mol) in 2 mL of THF was treated with NaBH₄ (6.00 mg, 157 μ mol) and stirred for 30 min at rt. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford **25** as a sticky foam (50.0 mg, quantitative yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.02 (d, J = 9.0, 1H), 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.99 (d, J = 13.7, 1H), 3.84 (d, J = 13.6, 2H), 3.59 (m, 3H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.89 (m, 3H), 1.69 (dd, J = 12.8, 8.4, 1H), 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 0.95 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 159.2, 140.4, 130.0, 129.9, 128.6, 82.2, 66.2, 66.1, 64.9, 60.7, 55.9, 52.8, 37.2, 30.2, 29.6, 29.1, 19.2, 0.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₅H₄₂N₂O₅Si 479.29358, found 479.29459, [M + Na]⁺ 501.27552, found 501.27650.

(3S,7S,7aS)-tert-Butyl 7-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)hexahydro-1*H*-pyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (26). Method A. A solution of 25 (48.0 mg, 100 μ mol) in 2 mL of MeOH was treated with 20 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred for 1.5 h at rt under H₂ (balloon) atmosphere. The reaction was filtered through a Celite pad, rinsed with MeOH/EtOAc, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting colorless oil was dissolved in 2 mL of THF and treated with triethylamine (41.8 μ L, 300 μ mol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (12.2 mg, 100 μ mol), and 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (81.0 mg, 500 μ mol). The reaction was stirred under argon atmosphere at rt for 20 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with EtOAc, and washed with sat. aq NH₄Cl. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (70% to 100% EtOAc/ hexanes as eluent) afforded **26** as a colorless oil (30.0 mg, 82%).

Method B. Bicyclic amine 26 was also prepared from 24 via alkene oxidation as described above, followed by treatment of the intermediate aldehyde (40.0 mg, 84.0 µmol) with 20.0 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C in 2 mL of MeOH. After stirring for 20 h at rt under H₂ (balloon) atmosphere, the reaction was filtered through a Celite pad, rinsed with MeOH/EtOAc, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (70% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes and then 5% MeOH/EtOAc as eluents) afforded 26 as a colorless oil (29.0 mg, 93% for the last step). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ – 30.0 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.44 (d, J = 7.5, 1H), 4.13 (m, 3H), 3.82 (dd, J = 14.1, 7.0, 1H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dt, J = 11.0, 7.1, J)1H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dt, J = 21.9, 9.3, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); 3 C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 157.8, 82.2, 71.4, 69.1, 64.7, 54.4, 53.5, 34.3, 33.3, 29.6, 27.1, 19.2, 0.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₃₄N₂O₄Si 371.23606, found 371.23664.

Boc-[5,6-carbamate]-Phe-OMe (28). A solution of 9 (164 mg, 440 μ mol) in 4 mL of MeOH was treated with 5 mL of 2 M aq NaOH at rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the aqueous layer was washed with Et₂O. The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 3, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the desired carboxylic acid as a white solid (120 mg, 87%).

The above carboxylic acid (24.0 mg, 79.9 μ mol) was dissolved in 2 mL of MeCN and treated with triethylamine (33.5 μ L, 240 µmol), HBTU (40.0 mg, 105 µmol), and HOBt (2.00 mg, 16.0 μ mol) and stirred for 5 min before adding phenylalanine methyl ester (20.0 mg, 100 µmol). After stirring at rt for 20 h, the reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1 M aq HCl followed by 10% aq Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (70% to 80% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 28 as a white solid (23.0 mg, 60%, 2 steps). Mp 140–142°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ -26.5 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.2, 1H), 4.85 (td, J = 8.0, 5.5, 1H), 4.63 (d, J = 8.7, 1H), 4.38 (t, J = 8.1, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.4, 1H), 3.90 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 7.5, 1H), 3.72 (m, 3H), 3.29 (td, *J* = 9.8, 5.7, 1H), 3.20 (dd, J = 13.9, 5.4, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.9, 7.9, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.10 (ddd, J = 11.2, 6.6, 4.1, 1H), 1.98 (m, 1H),1.60 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 170.8, 155.0, 153.3, 136.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 127.1, 68.2, 61.7, 61.6, 53.5, 52.7, 48.1, 37.8, 31.3, 28.6, 28.5, 26.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₃₁N₃O₇ 462.22420, found 462.22620, $[M + Na]^+$ 484.20542, found 484.20800.

Troc-[5,5-lactam]-Phe-OtBu (29). A solution of **21** (15.0 mg, 36.0 μ mol) in 1.5 mL of 75% THF/DCM was stirred at rt for 6.5 h. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc and evaporated under reduced pressure (dilution and evaporation was repeated three more times). The resulting colorless oil was dissolved in 1.5 mL of acetonitrile, treated with triethylamine (30.0 μ L, 216 μ mol), HBTU (17.7 mg, 46.8 μ mol), and HOBt (972 μ g, 7.20 μ mol), and stirred for 5 min before the addition of phenylalanine *tert*-butyl ester (12.0 mg, 47.0 μ mol). After stirring at rt for 20 h, the reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure and

diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1 M aq HCl followed by 10% aq Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **29** as a thick oil (15.0 mg, 74%, 2 steps). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ -83.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.9, 2H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H), 4.69 (m, 3H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 7.5, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 7.9, 1H), 4.04 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 6.0, 1H), 3.12 (ddd, *J* = 24.4, 15.6, 6.8, 2H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 6.9, 1H), 2.34 (m, 3H), 1.83 (dtd, *J* = 9.0, 6.7, 2.6, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 170.6, 170.0, 154.4, 136.6, 129.7, 128.4, 127.1, 95.6, 82.5, 74.7, 66.4, 56.9, 54.1, 49.4, 42.1, 38.1, 30.5, 28.2, 24.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₃₀Cl₃N₃O₆ 562.12730, found 562.12662, [M + Na]⁺ 584.10924, found 584.10870.

Compound **29** was also obtained from **33** as follows: A solution of **33** (50.0 mg, 74.5 μ mol) in 1.5 mL of MeOH at rt was treated with 18 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred for 2 h under H₂ (balloon). The reaction was filtered through a Celite pad, rinsed with MeOH/EtOAc, and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a white solid, which was then dissolved in 2 mL of DMF and treated with triethylamine (20.8 μ L, 149 μ mol), HBTU (37.0 mg, 96.8 μ mol), and HOBt (2.00 mg, 14.9 μ mol), respectively. After 20 h of stirring at rt, the reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1 M aq HCl followed by 10% aq Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **29** as a colorless oil (23.0 mg, 54%, 2 steps).

Troc-[5,7-lactam]-Phe-OtBu (30). Tripeptide mimic 30 was prepared from 23 using the same two-step procedure described for 29. Purification of the crude material by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 30 as a white solid (42.0 mg, 77%, 2 steps). Mp 97–99°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –9.62 (*c* 1.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.62 (d, J = 7.7, 1H), 5.36 (d, J = 10.1, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 12.1, 1H), 4.66 (m, 3H), 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.09 (dd, J = 5.9, 3.6, 2H), 2.60 (dd, J = 14.1, 6.8, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.03 (m, 3H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 171.1, 170.7, 154.6, 136.4, 129.9, 128.5, 127.1, 95.7, 82.6, 74.7, 62.3, 61.5, 53.8, 53.1, 38.3, 38.0, 35.4, 31.3, 28.2, 27.5, 18.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₂₆H₃₄Cl₃N₃O₆ 590.15860, found 590.15828, [M + Na]⁺ 612.14054, found 612.14093.

Compound **30** was also obtained from **32** following the same procedure use to convert **33** to **29**. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **30** as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, 53% 2 steps).

Dipeptide 31. Compound 31 was prepared from 19 using the same two-step procedure described for 29. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 31 as a white solid (100 mg, 77% 2 steps). Mp 116–118°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –21.1 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.09 (dd, J = 7.5, 1.5, 2H), 6.35 (d, J =8.0, 1H), 5.73 (ddt, J = 14.0, 10.2, 7.0, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 13.3, J5.4, 2H), 4.94 (d, J = 9.3, 1H), 4.71 (m, 3H), 3.84 (m, 3H), 3.45 (dd, J = 8.1, 1.5, 1H), 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.46 (dt, J =14.3, 5.2, 1H), 2.08 (m, 3H), 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 170.7, 154.5, 139.3, 136.5, 134.5, 129.6, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 118.0, 96.0, 82.5, 74.7, 65.4, 64.6, 53.5, 53.4, 52.9, 38.3, 36.7, 28.6, 28.2, 28.1, 27.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH] calcd for $C_{32}H_{40}Cl_3N_3O_5$ 652.21064, found 652.21560, $[M + Na]^+$ 674.19258, found 674.20121.

Dipeptide 32. A solution of **31** (105 mg, 160 μ mol) in 1 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was treated with Grubbs' second generation catalyst (13.0 mg, 18.0 μ mol) and benzyl acrylate (296 mg, 1.83 mmol) and stirred for 24 h at 65 °C. The reaction was

evaporated, adsorbed onto silica gel, and purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (20% to 40% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to afford **32** as a thick colorless oil (102 mg, 80%, 97% borsm). Data for the *E* isomer: $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} - 15.8$ (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (m, 13H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.8, 2H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 15.6, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 9.5, 1H), 4.70 (m, 3H), 3.90 (m, 3H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 6.9, 1H), 3.35 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 4.4, 1H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 170.8, 166.0, 154.4, 145.5, 139.2, 136.4, 136.2, 129.6, 128.8, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 123.7, 95.8, 82.6, 74.6, 66.4, 65.4, 64.7, 53.7, 53.1, 52.9, 38.3, 34.8, 28.8, 28.1, 27.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₄₀H₄₆Cl₃N₃O₇ 786.24741, found 786.25238, [M + Na]⁺ 808.22936, found 808.23375.

Dipeptide 33. A solution of 31 (180 mg, 276 µmol) in 6 mL of THF/H₂O (4:2) at rt was treated with 4-methylmopholine Noxide (71.1 mg, 607 µmol) and osmium tetroxide (2.5% solution in 2-methyl 2-propanol, $308 \,\mu\text{L}$, $30.0 \,\mu\text{mol}$) and stirred for 4.5 h. Sodium periodate (130 mg, 607 μ mol) was then added into the diol intermediate, and the reaction was stirred for 14 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc, and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (20% to 40% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded the desired aldehyde as a colorless oil (110 mg, 61%). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ -39.7 (c 2.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.62 (t, J = 2.5, 1H), 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.00 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.8, 2H), 5.87 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 5.14 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 5.14J = 8.7, 1H, 4.72 (m, 3H), 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 7.6, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.0, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.3, 1H), 2.67 (ddd, J = 15.6, 6.2, 2.6, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, J = 15.7, 7.7, 2.5, 1H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.61 (ddt, J = 12.3, 6.6, 3.6, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.5, 172.9, 170.7, 154.2, 138.8, 136.2, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 95.6, 82.6, 74.8, 65.0, 64.7, 53.9, 52.9, 49.1, 45.4, 38.4, 29.0, 28.1, 26.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z)

 $\left[MH\right]^{+}$ calcd for $C_{31}H_{38}Cl_{3}N_{3}O_{6}$ 654.18990, found 654.18966, $\left[M+Na\right]^{+}$ 676.17184, found 676.17397.

A solution of the above aldehyde (56.0 mg, $85.5 \,\mu$ mol) in 500 μ L of *t*-BuOH was treated with amylene (108 μ L, 1.02 mmol) and cooled to 0 °C. A solution of NaH₂PO₄ (105 mg, 765 µmol) and NaClO₂ (58.0 µL, 510 µmol) in water (1.00 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction was stirred at 0-10 °C over 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 5, and the mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes and 10% MeOH/EtOAc as eluent) afforded **33** as a thick colorless oil (51.0 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (m, 8H), 7.07 (d, J = 6.3, 2H), 6.45 (m, 1H), 5.53 (bs, 1H), 4.71 (dt, J = 20.3, 8.3, 3H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.79-3.46 (m, 2H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.75 (dd, J = 16.3, 7.2, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 16.2, 6.1, 1H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.05–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 175.4, 171.8, 170.6, 154.3, 136.4, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 95.7, 82.6, 74.8, 65.3, 64.5, 53.8, 53.4, 49.7, 38.1, 36.9, 29.0, 28.1, 25.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]⁺ calcd for C₃₁H₃₈Cl₃N₃O₇ 670.18481, found 670.18508, $[M + Na]^+$ 692.16675, found 692.16718.

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