

# Asymmetric Syntheses of Methyl *N,O*-Diacetyl-D-3-*epi*-daunosaminide and Methyl *N,O*-Diacetyl-D-ristosaminide

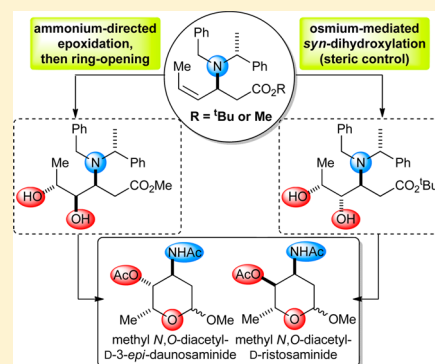
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## S Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** Ab initio asymmetric syntheses of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-3-*epi*-daunosaminide and methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-ristosaminide, employing diastereoselective epoxidation and dihydroxylation, respectively, of alkyl (3*S*, $\alpha$ *R*,*Z*)-3-[*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]hex-4-enoates as the key steps, are reported. The requisite substrates were readily prepared using the conjugate additions of lithium (*R*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amide to methyl and *tert*-butyl (*E*)-hexa-2-en-4-ynoates followed by diastereoselective alkyne reduction. *syn*-Dihydroxylation using OsO<sub>4</sub> proceeded under steric control on the 4*Re*,5*Re* face of the olefin to give the corresponding diol, which subsequently underwent lactonization. Meanwhile, epoxidation using F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>3</sub>H in conjunction with F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H proceeded on the opposite 4*Si*,5*Si* face of the olefin under hydrogen-bonding control from the in situ formed ammonium ion. Treatment of the intermediate epoxide with concd aq H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> promoted highly regioselective ring-opening (distal to the in situ formed ammonium moiety) to give the corresponding diol (completing overall the formal *anti*-dihydroxylation of the olefin), which then underwent lactonization under the reaction conditions. Elaboration of these diastereoisomeric lactones through hydrogenolysis, *N*-Boc protection, reduction, methanolysis, and acetate protection gave methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-3-*epi*-daunosaminide and methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-ristosaminide.



## INTRODUCTION

An amino sugar is any species resulting from the formal replacement of any of the nonglycosidic hydroxyl groups of a monosaccharide with an amino group. The amino sugar family of compounds comprises a structurally diverse array of species, and an important, specific subclass of these are the 2,3,6-trideoxy-3-aminohexoses: daunosamine **1**,<sup>1</sup> 3-*epi*-daunosamine **2**,<sup>2</sup> ristosamine **3**,<sup>3,4</sup> and acosamine **4**.<sup>5</sup> These compounds have attracted considerable interest, mainly due to their occurrence as the glycosidic fragment of a variety of naturally occurring and synthetic anthracycline antibiotics,<sup>6</sup> for example, naturally occurring daunorubicin **5**,<sup>7</sup> doxorubicin **6**,<sup>8</sup> and carubicin **7**<sup>9</sup> and the synthetic analogues idarubicin **8**<sup>10</sup> and epirubicin **9**<sup>11</sup> (Figure 1).

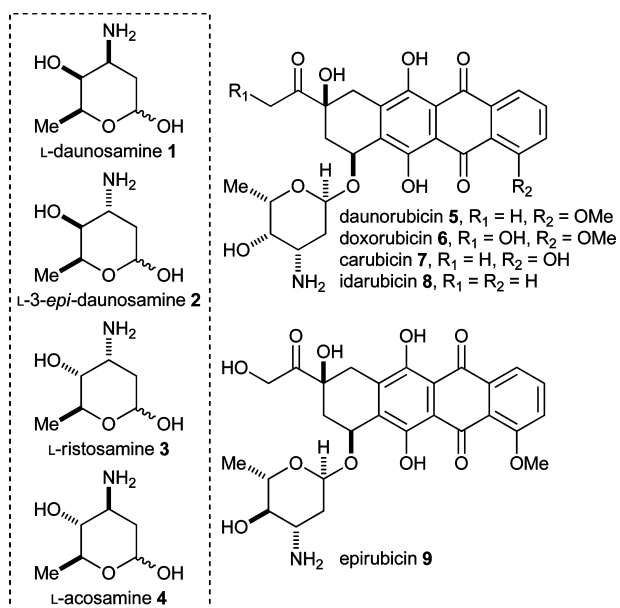
As a result of these potential therapeutic applications, a range of approaches to enable syntheses of the 2,3,6-trideoxy-3-aminohexoses have been developed,<sup>12</sup> with the majority of these commencing with carbohydrate-derived starting materials as the sources of chirality.<sup>13</sup> In contrast, relatively few asymmetric syntheses have been reported.<sup>14</sup> We have shown that (*E*)-configured  $\beta$ -amino- $\gamma,\delta$ -unsaturated esters such as **10**, which are readily derived from conjugate addition of lithium (*R*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amide to the requisite ester of (*E,E*)-hexa-2,4-dienoic acid (sorbic acid), are valuable precursors for the synthesis of amino sugars through their oxidative functionalization in a diastereoselective manner.<sup>15–17</sup>

For example, treatment of **10** with 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub> followed by *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (*m*-CPBA) gave an ~70:30 mixture of lactones **13** and **14**. This is consistent with a completely diastereoselective (>95:5 dr), ammonium-directed epoxidation<sup>18,19</sup> of the 4*Si*,5*Re* face<sup>20</sup> of **10** to give epoxide **11**, followed by regioselective ring-opening at the C(5)-oxirane carbon atom (distal to the in situ formed ammonium moiety) to give the corresponding diol **12** (overall a formal *anti*-dihydroxylation of the olefin). Lactonization of **12** under the acidic reaction conditions upon attack of either the C(4)-hydroxyl group or the C(5)-hydroxyl group at the carbonyl group gives  $\gamma$ -lactone **13** or  $\delta$ -lactone **14**, respectively. The mixture of lactones **13** and **14** was converted to the corresponding 2,3,6-trideoxy-3-aminohexose, viz. L-acosamine **4**, which was isolated as the corresponding *N,O*-diacetyl-protected methyl glycoside **15** in only seven steps and 15% overall yield from sorbic acid<sup>15</sup> (Scheme 1).

Herein, efficient asymmetric syntheses of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-3-*epi*-daunosaminide and methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-ristosaminide are reported, which employ highly diastereoselective epoxidation and dihydroxylation, respectively, of (*Z*)-configured  $\beta$ -amino- $\gamma,\delta$ -unsaturated esters **16** as the key steps. From the outset of these studies, it was expected that these

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**Figure 1.** Structures of L-daunosamine 1, L-3-epi-daunosamine 2, L-ristosamine 3, L-acosamine 4, and the anthracycline antibiotics daunosaminic 5, doxorubicin 6, carubicin 7, idarubicin 8, and epirubicin 9.

substrates would favor a conformation with the C(5)–C(6) bond parallel to the C(3)–H bond to minimize 1,3-allylic strain.<sup>21</sup> In this conformation, the (bulky) *N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino substituent is placed above one face of the olefin. Invoking this as the reactive conformation, dihydroxylation using OsO<sub>4</sub> under either Upjohn<sup>22</sup> or Donohoe<sup>23</sup> conditions was expected to proceed, in both cases, on the sterically more accessible 4*Re*,5*Re* face<sup>20</sup> of the olefin (opposite to the amino group) owing to the absence of any potential hydrogen-bond donors.<sup>24</sup> This would result in the formation of diol 19. In contrast, sequential treatment with a strong Brønsted acid and a peracid (e.g., 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub> and *m*-CPBA, as employed with 10) was anticipated to result in ammonium-directed epoxidation on the opposite 4*Si*,5*Si* face<sup>20</sup> of the olefin. Subsequent regioselective ring-opening of the

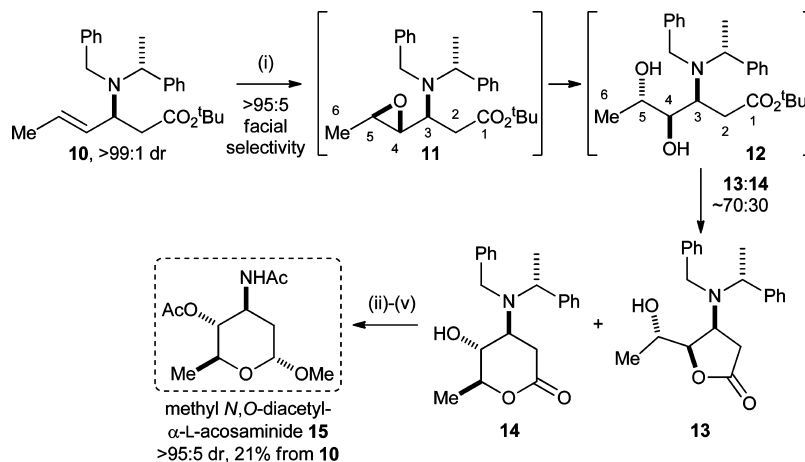
intermediate epoxide 17 was expected to occur at C(5), distal to the ammonium moiety where its destabilizing electron-withdrawing influence on the transition state is less pronounced,<sup>25</sup> to give the corresponding diol 18. This transformation constitutes a formal *anti*-dihydroxylation of the olefin. Diols 18 and 19 represent precursors to the corresponding 2,3,6-trideoxy-3-amino sugars, viz. D-3-epi-daunosamine 2 and D-ristosamine 3, respectively (Figure 2).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

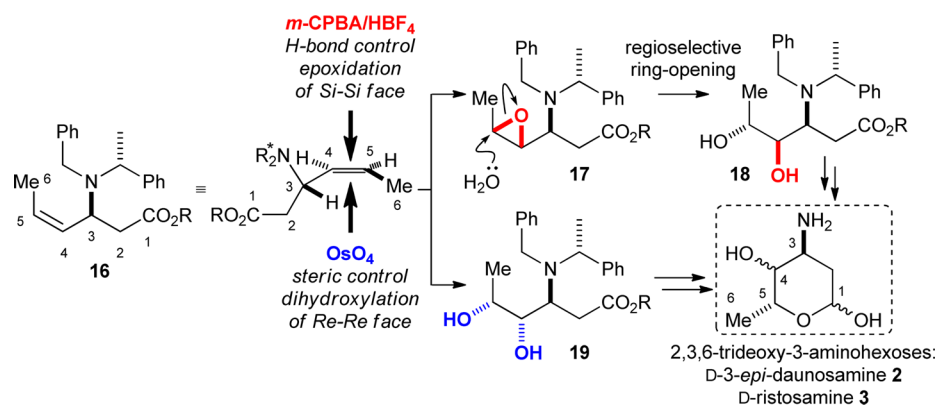
A scalable synthesis of the requisite  $\beta$ -amino esters 25 (R = Me) and 26 (R = <sup>t</sup>Bu) was first developed. A one-pot Swern/Wittig reaction<sup>26</sup> of propargylic alcohol 20 using Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me as the ylide resulted in the formation of an 80:20 mixture of enyne diastereoisomers, from which the major product (*E*)-21 (<sup>3</sup>J<sub>2,3</sub> = 15.9 Hz) was isolated in 64% yield as a single diastereoisomer (>99:1 dr). Conjugate addition of lithium (*R*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amide to (*E*)-21 gave the corresponding  $\beta$ -amino ester 23 in 61% isolated yield and 93:7 dr. The absolute (3*S*, $\alpha$ *R*)-configuration within 23 was assigned by reference to the transition-state mnemonic developed by us to rationalize, and reliably predict, the very high levels of diastereoselectivity observed upon conjugate addition of this class of lithium amide.<sup>27</sup> Subsequent reduction of  $\beta$ -amino ester 23 upon treatment with Lindlar's catalyst<sup>28</sup> gave  $\beta$ -amino ester 25 in 95:5 dr [(*Z*):(*E*) ratio], which was isolated in 83% yield and >95:5 dr (Scheme 2). The relative configuration within 25 was unambiguously established by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis,<sup>29</sup> with the absolute (3*S*, $\alpha$ *R*,*Z*)-configuration being assigned from the known (*R*)-configuration of the  $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl fragment. The predicted solution-phase conformation was consistent with the observed solid-state conformation of 25. From this solid-state analysis, the assigned absolute configuration within  $\beta$ -amino ester 23 was also confirmed. In a directly analogous manner, the corresponding *tert*-butyl  $\beta$ -amino ester (3*S*, $\alpha$ *R*,*Z*)-26 was prepared from propargylic alcohol 20 in 35% overall yield and >95:5 dr (Scheme 2).

**Asymmetric Synthesis of Methyl *N,O*-Diacetyl-D-3-epi-daunosaminide.** Treatment of 25 with 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub> followed by *m*-CPBA under our previously reported con-

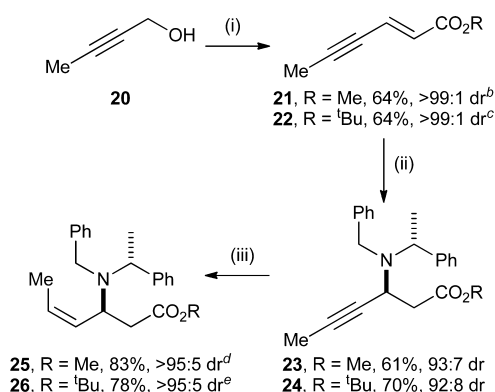
### Scheme 1<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub>, *m*-CPBA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 48 h; (ii) H<sub>2</sub>, Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, Boc<sub>2</sub>O, EtOAc, rt, 48 h; (iii) DIBAL-H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 30 min; (iv) MeOH, HCl, rt, 48 h; (v) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DMAP, rt, 30 min.



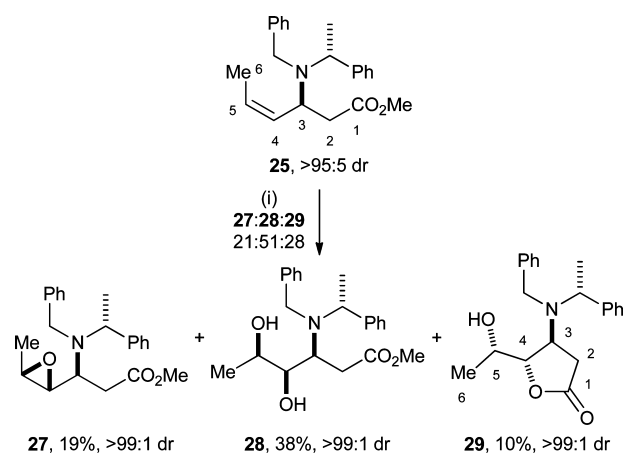
**Figure 2.** Proposed synthesis of the 2,3,6-trideoxy-3-aminohexoses D-3-*epi*-daunosamine **2** and D-ristosamine **3** via diastereoselective epoxidation and dihydroxylation, respectively, of  $\beta$ -amino esters **16**.

Scheme 2<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) (ClCO)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, Et<sub>3</sub>N, -78 °C to rt, 1 h, then Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCO<sub>2</sub>R, rt, 18 h; (ii) lithium (*R*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amide, THF, -78 °C, 2 h; (iii) Pd/CaCO<sub>3</sub>, quinoline, H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm), EtOAc, rt, 2 h. <sup>b</sup>Crude ratio 80:20 [(*E*):(*Z*)]. <sup>c</sup>Crude ratio 90:10 [(*E*):(*Z*)]. <sup>d</sup>Crude ratio 95:5 [(*Z*):(*E*)]. <sup>e</sup>Crude ratio 96:4 [(*E*):(*E*)].

ditions<sup>15</sup> resulted in complete conversion of starting material to a complex mixture of products, of which the three major components were identified as epoxide **27**, diol **28**, and  $\gamma$ -lactone **29**<sup>16</sup> in the ratio 21:51:28, respectively. Chromatographic purification of these polar compounds proved difficult, but nonetheless samples of **27**, **28**, and **29** were isolated in 19, 38, and 10% yield, respectively, and in >95% purity (Scheme 3). The relative configuration within lactone **29** was confirmed unambiguously by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis,<sup>29</sup> with the absolute (3*S*,4*S*,5*S*, $\alpha$ *R*)-configuration following from the known (*R*)-configuration of the  $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl group. The stereochemistry within diol **28** was initially tentatively assigned by comparison of its <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum with that of the known *tert*-butyl ester analogue:<sup>17</sup> the chemical shifts corresponding to the protons on the carbon backbone and the *N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl) fragment of these two species were essentially identical; however the configurations within both epoxide **27** and diol **28** were subsequently assigned unambiguously by chemical correlation (*vide infra*).

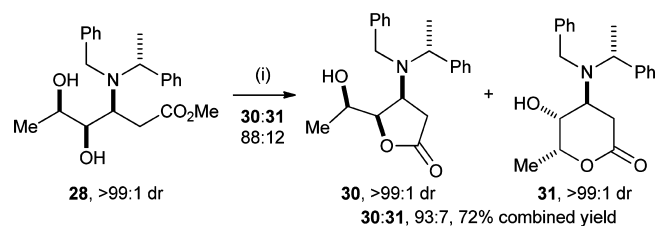
In order to probe the origin of the products of this oxidation reaction, the behavior of epoxide **27** and diol **28** under the acidic conditions of the reaction was next studied. Treatment of diol **28** with 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> resulted in the formation of an 88:12 mixture of the known  $\gamma$ -lactone **30**<sup>16</sup> as the major

Scheme 3<sup>a</sup>

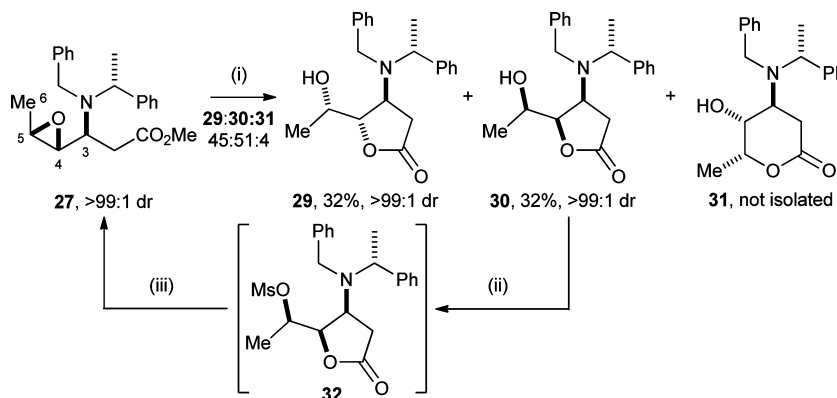
<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub>, *m*-CPBA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 48 h.

product and a minor product assigned as the corresponding  $\delta$ -lactone **31**, which were isolated as a 93:7 mixture in 72% combined yield (Scheme 4). The presence of  $\delta$ -lactone **31** was supported by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift, <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H <sup>3</sup>*J* coupling constant, and COSY analyses. In addition, analysis of the mixture of **30** and **31** by IR absorption spectroscopy revealed bands consistent with the presence of both a  $\gamma$ -lactone ( $\nu_{\max}$  1773 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and a  $\delta$ -lactone ( $\nu_{\max}$  1728 cm<sup>-1</sup>). Formation of  $\gamma$ -lactone **30** as the major product in this reaction allowed unambiguous assignment of the stereochemistry within diol **28**.

When epoxide **27** was treated with 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, a 45:51:4 mixture of  $\gamma$ -lactone **29**,<sup>16</sup>  $\gamma$ -lactone **30**,<sup>16</sup> and  $\delta$ -lactone **31**, respectively, was produced. Purification and

Scheme 4<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 48 h.

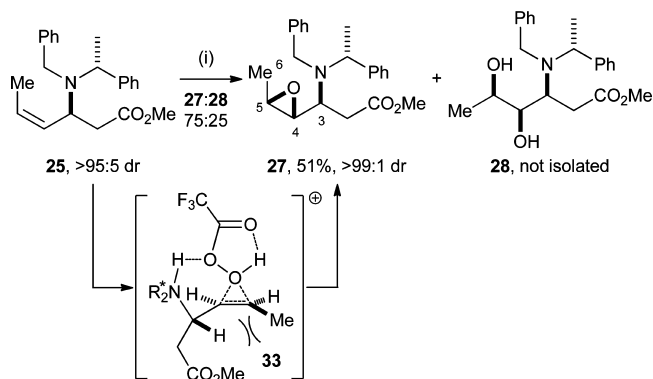
Scheme 5<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 48 h; (ii) MsCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to rt, 1 h; (iii) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 12 h.

separation via chromatography gave **29** in 32% yield and >99:1 dr, and **30**, also in 32% yield and >99:1 dr. Treatment of a sample of  $\gamma$ -lactone **30** with mesyl chloride (MsCl) gave the corresponding mesylate **32**, which upon treatment with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in MeOH gave complete conversion to epoxide **27**, which was isolated in 26% yield and >99:1 dr, thus unambiguously establishing its stereochemistry (Scheme 5).

The production of a mixture of  $\gamma$ -lactones **29** and **30** upon treatment of epoxide **27** with 40% aq HBF<sub>4</sub> suggests two competing mechanisms for lactone formation are occurring under these conditions. S<sub>N</sub>2-type ring-opening of epoxide **27** upon attack of H<sub>2</sub>O at C(5), distal to the in situ formed ammonium moiety,<sup>25,30</sup> gives the intermediate diol **28**. Subsequent lactonization of **28** through attack of the C(4)-hydroxyl group at the ester carbonyl gives  $\gamma$ -lactone **30**. Alternatively, ring-opening of epoxide **27** may occur via a formal *S*-*exo-trig*<sup>31</sup> cyclization by attack of the ester carbonyl group at C(4), followed by hydrolysis to give  $\gamma$ -lactone **29** directly. The conformational bias of **27** may serve to promote this latter pathway: the ester functionality would presumably be held in relatively close proximity to the approach trajectory necessary to effect attack at C(4). The production of  $\gamma$ -lactone **29** from  $\beta$ -amino ester **25** may therefore be attributable solely to the fate of a single intermediate epoxide **27** under the reaction conditions. However, the possibility that **29** arises from the corresponding diastereoisomeric epoxide undergoing S<sub>N</sub>2-type ring-opening upon regioselective attack of H<sub>2</sub>O at C(5) followed by lactonization cannot be excluded from the data available. Hence, this precludes assessment of the diastereoselectivity of epoxidation of **25** under these conditions. In order to probe the levels of diastereoselectivity in the epoxidation process, reaction of **25** under conditions which enabled isolation of the intermediate epoxide in a directly analogous system<sup>15</sup> was investigated. Treatment of **25** with F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H<sup>32</sup> in the presence of F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H gave complete conversion to a 75:25 mixture of epoxide **27** and diol **28**. The formation of **28** in this reaction can be rationalized by regioselective S<sub>N</sub>2-type ring-opening of **27** occurring in situ upon attack of trifluoroacetate anion at C(5), followed by hydrolysis of the labile trifluoroacetate functionality upon basic aqueous workup.<sup>33</sup> Chromatographic purification of the crude reaction mixture allowed isolation of **27** in 51% yield and >99:1 dr, although **28** did not elute from the column in this case. From all these data it could be concluded that the epoxidation diastereoselectivity is complete (>95:5 dr in favor of reaction

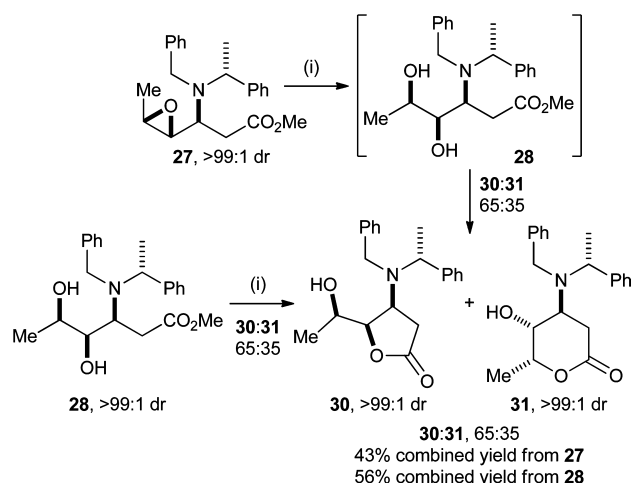
on the 4*Si*,5*Si* face),<sup>20</sup> consistent with an ammonium-directed process proceeding via transition-state model **33** (Scheme 6).

Scheme 6<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to rt, 16 h.

With an efficient method for the preparation of epoxide **27** in hand, a method to effect its regioselective ring-opening was examined. Treatment of **27** with concd aq H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in 1,4-dioxane resulted in the formation of a 65:35 mixture of  $\gamma$ -lactone **30**<sup>16</sup> and  $\delta$ -lactone **31**, which were isolated as a 65:35 mixture in 43% combined yield. This product distribution is consistent with initial formation of diol **28** being followed by lactonization and, indeed, treatment of a sample of **28** with concd aq H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> under identical conditions gave a 65:35 mixture of **30** and **31**, which were isolated as a 65:35 mixture in 56% combined yield. Although formed as a mixture, importantly the stereochemistries within **30** and **31** are identical and so both these lactones would converge upon the same final 2,3,6-trideoxy-3-amino sugar product (Scheme 7).

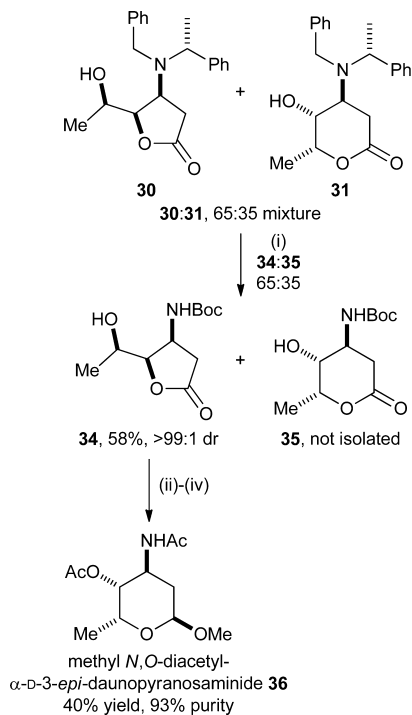
Hydrogenolysis of the 65:35 mixture of  $\gamma$ -lactone **30** and  $\delta$ -lactone **31** in the presence of di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (Boc<sub>2</sub>O) in EtOAc gave a 65:35 mixture of two species, assigned as the corresponding *N*-Boc protected lactones **34**<sup>16</sup> and **35**. Chromatographic purification allowed isolation of **34** in 58% yield and >99:1 dr, although **35** did not elute from the column and so was not isolated. Treatment of  $\gamma$ -lactone **34** with diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL-H) gave a mixture of the corresponding lactols (as mixtures of anomers), which were

Scheme 7<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) concd aq H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 1,4-dioxane, H<sub>2</sub>O, rt, 12 h.

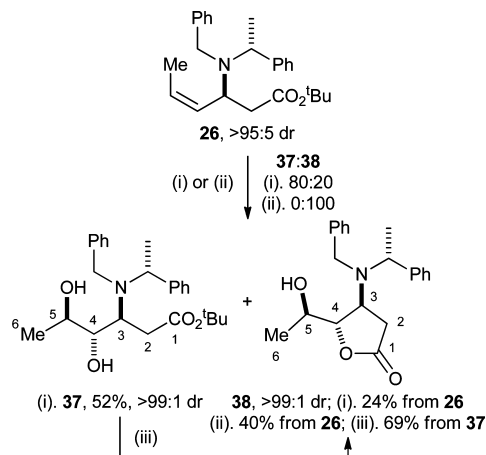
treated with HCl in MeOH followed by peracetylation to give the known methyl *N,O*-diacetyl- $\alpha$ -D-3-*epi*-daunopyranosaminide **36**,<sup>34</sup> which was isolated in 40% yield and 93% purity<sup>35</sup> over three steps from **34**. The <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopic data for this sample of **36** were entirely consistent with those previously reported,<sup>34</sup> thus confirming the stereochemical assignments of all intermediates (Scheme 8).

**Asymmetric Synthesis of Methyl *N,O*-Diacetyl-D-ristosaminide.** Using the protocol originally reported by the Upjohn Company,<sup>22</sup> treatment of **26** with 0.1 equiv of OsO<sub>4</sub> and 4 equiv of *N*-methylmorpholine-*N*-oxide (NMO) gave an

Scheme 8<sup>a</sup>

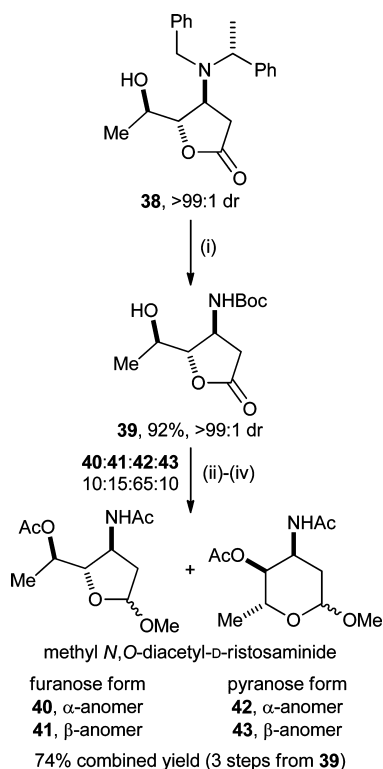
<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) Boc<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>2</sub>, Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C, MeOH, rt, 48 h; (ii) DIBAL-H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 30 min; (iii) HCl, MeOH, rt, 16 h; (iv) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DMAP, rt, 12 h.

80:20 mixture of two species, which were identified as diol **37** and  $\gamma$ -lactone **38**. Chromatography on silica gel allowed the isolation of **37** in 52% yield and >99:1 dr, and **38** in 24% yield and >99:1 dr (Scheme 9). The relative configuration within **37** was unambiguously established via single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis,<sup>29</sup> with the absolute (3*S*,4*S*,5*R*, $\alpha$ *R*)-configuration being assigned from the known absolute (*R*)-configuration of the  $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl fragment. The isolated yield of **38** (24%) is greater than the theoretical maximum suggested by the crude product ratio, which suggests that **37** undergoes partial lactonization during chromatography to give **38**. In support of this assertion, treatment of **37** with F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H resulted in formation of **38** as the only product, which was isolated in 69% yield. Therefore, the absolute (3*S*,4*S*,5*R*, $\alpha$ *R*)-configuration within **38** was unambiguously established. From this result, the diastereofacial selectivity of the dihydroxylation reaction in favor of reaction on the 4*Re*,5*Re* face<sup>20</sup> can be inferred as >95:5. The procedure reported by Donohoe et al. for *syn*-dihydroxylation using OsO<sub>4</sub> in conjunction with *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) was also investigated,<sup>23</sup> and cleavage of the intermediate osmate ester using tris(hydroxymethyl)phosphine<sup>36</sup> gave  $\gamma$ -lactone **38** as the only product in 40% isolated yield after chromatography. The stereochemical outcome of the Upjohn dihydroxylation is known to be controlled by steric and/or stereoelectronic factors,<sup>24</sup> and in the absence of any potential hydrogen-bond donors, the Donohoe procedure<sup>23</sup> should also result in dihydroxylation of the sterically more accessible face of the expected solution-phase conformation of  $\beta$ -amino ester **26** (Scheme 9).

Scheme 9<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i) OsO<sub>4</sub>, NMO, THF, H<sub>2</sub>O, rt, 16 h; (ii) OsO<sub>4</sub>, TMEDA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 1 h, then P(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>3</sub>N, SiO<sub>2</sub>, rt, 48 h; (iii) F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 12 h.

Hydrogenolysis of  $\gamma$ -lactone **38** in the presence of Boc<sub>2</sub>O gave *N*-Boc-protected  $\gamma$ -lactone **39**<sup>37</sup> in 92% isolated yield and >99:1 dr (Scheme 10). The relative configuration within **39** was unambiguously confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.<sup>29</sup> Sequential reduction of **39** with DIBAL-H, treatment with HCl in MeOH, and peracetylation resulted in equilibration to give an approximate 10:15:65:10 mixture of the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -anomers of the furanose and pyranose forms of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-ristopyranosaminide **40–43**, respectively (i.e., all possessing the same stereochemistry at all nonanomeric

Scheme 10<sup>a</sup>

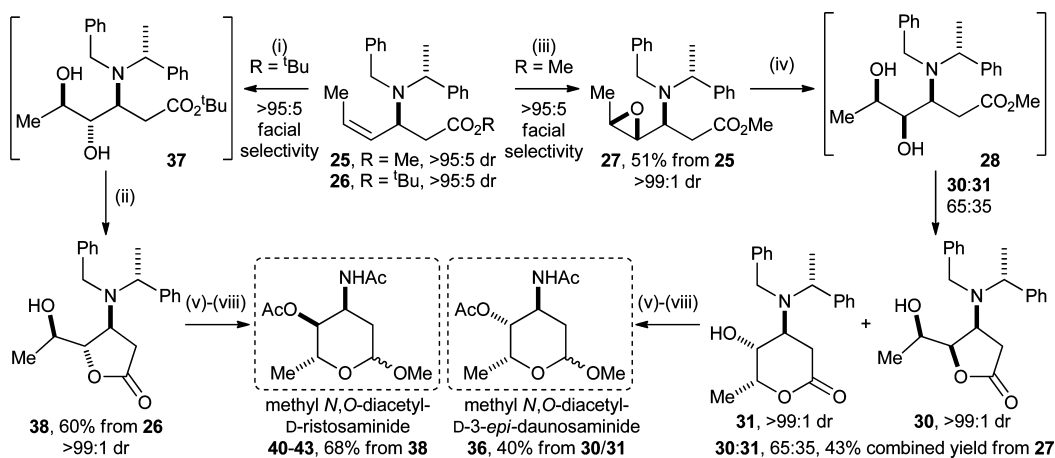
<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i)  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , rt, 48 h; (ii)  $\text{DIBAL-H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , 30 min; (iii)  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , rt, 16 h; (iv)  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , pyridine, DMAP, rt, 12 h.

stereocenters). In a related approach, Sibi reported the formation of a mixture of all four possible  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -anomers of the furanose and pyranose forms of methyl *N*-benzoyl-*D*-ristosaminide, although the relative amount of each of these components was not quantified and their identities were not assigned.<sup>37</sup> However, in our study, partial separation of the mixture of **40**–**43** was achieved via chromatography, enabling the isolation of a sample of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl- $\beta$ -*D*-ristofuranosaminide **41** in 15% overall yield (three steps from

**39**), in >99:1 dr and 95% purity,<sup>38</sup> and methyl *N,O*-diacetyl- $\alpha$ -*D*-ristopyranosaminide **42** in 48% overall yield (three steps from **39**) and >99:1 dr, along with a 70:30 mixture of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl- $\alpha$ -*D*-ristofuranosaminide **40** and methyl *N,O*-diacetyl- $\beta$ -*D*-ristopyranosaminide **43** in 11% combined yield (3 steps from **39**). The identities of and relative configurations within **40**–**43** were established by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopic analyses (COSY, HSQC, HMBC, and NOE). Furthermore, the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopic data for our sample of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl- $\alpha$ -*D*-ristopyranosaminide **43** were entirely consistent with those previously reported<sup>39</sup> (Scheme 10).

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, efficient asymmetric syntheses of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-*D*-3-*epi*-daunosaminide and methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-*D*-ristosaminide have been developed that utilize a highly diastereoselective conjugate addition and a highly diastereoselective epoxidation or dihydroxylation, respectively, as the key steps to introduce the stereochemistry. Conjugate addition of lithium (*R*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amide to  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated esters facilitates the preparation of alkyl (3*S*, $\alpha$ *R*,*Z*)-3-[*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]hex-4-enoates **25** and **26**. These systems favor a solution-phase conformation with the C(5)–C(6) bond parallel to the C(3)–H bond in order to minimize 1,3-allylic strain. In this conformation, the (bulky) *N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino substituent is placed above one face of the olefin, which allows for its oxidative functionalization in a diastereoselective manner, under either steric control or hydrogen-bonding control. *syn*-Dihydroxylation of **26** ( $\text{R} = \text{tBu}$ ) using  $\text{OsO}_4$  (under Upjohn or Donohoe conditions) proceeded on the least hindered *4Re,5Re* face of the olefin (opposite the amino group) to give the corresponding diol **37**, which upon lactonization results in  $\gamma$ -lactone **38** only. Meanwhile, epoxidation of **25** ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}$ ) using  $\text{F}_3\text{CCO}_3\text{H}$  in conjunction with  $\text{F}_3\text{CCO}_2\text{H}$  proceeded on the *4Si,5Si* face under hydrogen-bonding control from the in situ formed ammonium ion. Subsequent regioselective ring-opening of the intermediate epoxide **27** in concd aq  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  proceeded at the carbon atom distal to the ammonium moiety to give the corresponding diol **28** (a formal *anti*-dihydroxylation process), which lactonized under the reaction conditions to give a

Scheme 11<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Reagents and conditions: (i)  $\text{OsO}_4$ ,  $\text{NMO}$ ,  $\text{THF}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , rt, 16 h; (ii)  $\text{F}_3\text{CCO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , rt, 12 h; (iii)  $\text{F}_3\text{CCO}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{F}_3\text{CCO}_3\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , rt, 16 h; (iv) concd aq  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , 1,4-dioxane,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , rt, 12 h; (v)  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , rt, 48 h; (vi)  $\text{DIBAL-H}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ , 30 min; (vii)  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , rt, 16 h; (viii)  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ , pyridine, DMAP, rt, 12 h.

mixture of  $\gamma$ -lactone **30** and  $\delta$ -lactone **31** (both possessing the same stereochemistry). Elaboration of either the mixture of lactones **30** and **31**, or  $\gamma$ -lactone **38** via hydrogenolysis, *N*-Boc protection, reduction with DIBAL-H, methanolysis, and peracetylation gave mixtures of the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -anomers of the pyranose and furanose forms of methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-3-*epi*-daunosaminide **36** and methyl *N,O*-diacetyl-D-ristosaminide **40–43**, respectively (Scheme 11). The ready availability of the enantiomeric  $\beta$ -amino ester starting materials [i.e., derived from conjugate addition of lithium (*S*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amide] renders these strategies equally applicable to the syntheses of either enantiomeric form of this important product class, and further applications of this methodology will be reported in due course.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Experimental Details.** All reactions involving organometallic or other moisture-sensitive reagents were carried out under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere using standard vacuum line techniques and glassware that was flame-dried and cooled under nitrogen before use. Solvents were dried according to the procedure outlined by Grubbs and co-workers.<sup>40</sup> *m*-CPBA was supplied as a 70–77% slurry in water and titrated according to the procedure of Swern<sup>41</sup> immediately before use. Water was purified by an Elix UV-10 system. Organic solvents were used as supplied (analytical or HPLC grade) without prior purification. Organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or MgSO<sub>4</sub>, as stated. Thin layer chromatography was performed on aluminum plates coated with 60 F<sub>254</sub> silica. Plates were visualized using UV light (254 nm) or 1% aq KMnO<sub>4</sub>. Flash column chromatography was performed on Kieselgel 60 silica on a glass column.

Melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded using an ATR module. Selected characteristic peaks are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR spectra were recorded in the deuterated solvent stated. The field was locked by external referencing to the relevant deuterium resonance. <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY and <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>13</sup>C HMQC analyses were used to establish atom connectivity. Accurate mass measurements were run on a MicroTOF instrument internally calibrated with polyalanine.

**Methyl (*E*)-Hex-2-en-4-ynoate 21.** DMSO (2.6 mL, 37.1 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (COCl)<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mL, 34.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (224 mL) at –78 °C. After 5 min, a solution of **20** (2.00 g, 28.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added. The resultant mixture was stirred at –60 °C for a further 1 h before the addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N (7.95 mL, 57.1 mmol). The resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt, and Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCO<sub>2</sub>Me (9.54 g, 28.5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at rt. Saturated aq Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL) was then added, and the resultant mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (200 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo to give an 80:20 mixture of (*E*):(*Z*) diastereoisomers. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 99:1) gave **21** as a yellow oil (2.27 g, 64%, >99:1 dr):  $\nu_{\max}$  (film) 2222 (C≡C), 1719 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 2.01 (3H, dd, *J* 2.4, 0.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (3H, s, OMe), 6.13 (1H, dd, *J* 15.9, 0.6 C(3)H), 6.74 (1H, dq, *J* 15.9, 2.4, C(2)H);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.6 (C(6)), 51.6 (OMe), 96.4 (C(4), C(5)), 126.3 (C(2)), 128.9 (C(3)), 166.5 (C(1)); *m/z* (FI<sup>+</sup>) 124 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (FI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M]<sup>+</sup>) requires 124.0524; found 124.0523.

**tert-Butyl (*E*)-Hex-2-en-4-ynoate 22.** DMSO (2.6 mL, 37.1 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (COCl)<sub>2</sub> (2.9 mL, 34.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (224 mL) at –78 °C. After 5 min, a solution of **20** (2.00 g, 28.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added. The resultant mixture was stirred at –60 °C for a further 1 h before the addition of Et<sub>3</sub>N (7.95 mL, 57.1 mmol). The resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt, and Ph<sub>3</sub>P=CHCO<sub>2</sub>tBu (10.7 g, 28.5 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at rt. Saturated aq Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (200 mL) was then added, and the resultant mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (200 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in

vacuo to give a 90:10 mixture of (*E*):(*Z*) diastereoisomers. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 99:1) gave **22** as a yellow oil (3.00 g, 64%, >99:1 dr):  $\nu_{\max}$  (film) 2222 (C≡C), 1717 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.44 (9H, s, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.97 (3H, dd, *J* 2.5, 0.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 6.02 (1H, dd, *J* 15.8, 0.6, C(3)H), 6.58 (1H, dq, *J* 15.8, 2.5, C(2)H);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.7 (C(6)), 27.9 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 80.7 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 95.4 (C(4), C(5)), 124.9 (C(2)), 131.3 (C(3)), 165.4 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 167 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 167.1067; found 167.1068.

**Methyl (3*S*, $\alpha$ R)-3-[*N*-Benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]hex-4-ynoate 23.** *n*-BuLi (2.50 M in hexanes, 11.9 mL, 24.5 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe to a stirred solution of (*R*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amine (5.99 g, 28.4 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at –78 °C. After the solution was stirred for 30 min, a solution of **21** (2.20 g, 17.9 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at –78 °C was added dropwise via cannula. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for a further 2 h before addition of satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 40 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed sequentially with 10% aq citric acid (30 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1) gave **23** as a colorless oil (3.62 g, 61%, 93:7 dr): [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –136.5 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\max}$  (film) 2233 (C≡C), 1731 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.51 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, C( $\alpha$ )Me), 1.89 (3H, d, *J* 2.4, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 2.48 (1H, dd, *J* 14.6, 6.6, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.59 (1H, dd, *J* 14.6, 8.5, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.47 (3H, s, OMe), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* 14.3, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.88 (1H, d, *J* 14.3, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 3.98 (1H, q, *J* 6.8, C( $\alpha$ )H), 4.00 (1H, ddq, *J* 8.6, 6.6, 2.2, C(3)H), 7.18–7.41 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.6 (C(6)), 13.4 (C( $\alpha$ )Me), 41.0 (C(2)), 46.6 (C(3)), 51.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.5 (OMe), 57.2 (C( $\alpha$ )), 77.2, 81.1 (C(4), C(5)), 126.7, 126.8 (*p*-Ph), 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 128.9 (*o,m*-Ph), 140.4, 143.9 (*i*-Ph), 170.9 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 336 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 336.1958; found 336.1953.

**tert-Butyl (3*S*, $\alpha$ R)-3-[*N*-Benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]hex-4-ynoate 24.** *n*-BuLi (2.50 M in hexanes, 0.75 mL, 1.86 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe to a stirred solution of (*R*)-*N*-benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amine (406 mg, 1.93 mmol) in THF (4.0 mL) at –78 °C. After the solution was stirred for 30 min, a solution of **22** (200 mg, 1.20 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at –78 °C was added dropwise via cannula. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for a further 2 h before addition of satd aq NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3 mL). The resultant mixture was allowed to warm to rt and then extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed sequentially with 10% aq citric acid (10 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1) gave **24** as a colorless oil (318 mg, 70%, 92:8 dr): [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{20}$  –66.5 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\max}$  (film) 2230 (C≡C), 1727 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.40 (9H, s, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.50 (3H, d, *J* 6.9, C( $\alpha$ )Me), 1.87 (3H, d, *J* 2.2, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 2.37–2.42 (2H, m, C(2)H<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (1H, d, *J* 14.5, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.83 (1H, d, *J* 14.5, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 3.96 (1H, q, *J* 6.9, C( $\alpha$ )H), 4.00–4.03 (1H, m, C(3)H), 7.17–7.37 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 3.6 (C(6)), 14.8 (C( $\alpha$ )Me), 28.0 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 42.2 (C(2)), 47.3 (C(3)), 51.6 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 57.9 (C( $\alpha$ )), 78.1 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 80.2, 80.7 (C(4), C(5)), 126.6, 126.7 (*p*-Ph), 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.6 (*o,m*-Ph), 140.9, 144.2 (*i*-Ph), 170.1 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 378 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 378.2428; found 378.2429.

**Methyl (3*S*, $\alpha$ R,*Z*)-3-[*N*-Benzyl-*N*-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]hex-4-enoate 25.** A mixture of **23** (2.60g, 7.75 mmol), Pd/CaCO<sub>3</sub> (5 wt % Pd, 780 mg, 30% w/w of substrate) and quinoline (27  $\mu$ L, 6.08 mmol) in degassed EtOAc (15 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm) at rt for 2 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short plug of Celite (eluent EtOAc) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 95:5 mixture of (*Z*):(*E*) diastereoisomers. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1) gave **25** as a white solid (2.17 mg, 83%, >95:5 dr); mp 43–46 °C; [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{20}$  +24.0 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\max}$  (film) 1740 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.36 (3H, d, *J* 6.8, C( $\alpha$ )Me), 1.58 (3H, d, *J* 5.5, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 2.24 (1H, dd, *J* 13.9, 7.7, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.58 (1H, *J* 13.9, 5.3, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.49

(3H, s, OMe), 3.70 (1H, d, *J* 14.8, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.88 (1H, d, *J* 14.8, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 4.00 (1H, q, *J* 6.8, C( $\alpha$ H)), 4.09 (1H, dt, *J* 8.9, 7.3, C(3)H), 5.54–5.64 (2H, m, C(4)H, C(5)H), 7.19–7.39 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.4 (C(6)), 14.8 (C( $\alpha$ Me)), 39.6 (C(2)), 50.2 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.3 (OMe), 51.5 (C(3)), 56.3 (C( $\alpha$ )), 126.0, 126.6, 127.8, 127.9, 128.1, 128.4, 130.3 (*o,m,p*-Ph, C(4), C(5)), 141.2, 144.3 (*i*-Ph), 171.9 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 338 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 338.2115, found 338.2112.

**tert-Butyl (3S, $\alpha$ R,Z)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-hex-4-enoate 26.** A mixture of **24** (130 mg, 0.34 mmol), Pd/CaCO<sub>3</sub> (5 wt % Pd, 26 mg, 20% w/w of substrate), and quinoline (27  $\mu$ L, 0.07 mmol) in degassed EtOAc (5 mL) was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm) at rt for 1 h 20 min. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short plug of Celite (eluent EtOAc) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 96:4 mixture of (Z):(E) diastereoisomers. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/Et<sub>2</sub>O, 19:1) gave **26** as a colorless oil (102 mg, 78%, >95:5 dr): [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{20}$ ] –24.5 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film) 1784 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.36 (9H, s, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.38 (3H, d, *J* 6.6, C( $\alpha$ Me)), 1.56 (3H, d, *J* 5.0, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 2.18 (1H, dd, *J* 13.6, 9.1, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.50 (1H, *J* 13.6, 5.2, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.70 (1H, d, *J* 14.8, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.80 (1H, d, *J* 14.8, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 4.01–4.09 (2H, m, C( $\alpha$ H), C(3)H), 5.52–5.61 (2H, m, C(4)H, C(5)H), 7.15–7.42 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.6 (C(6)), 16.4 (C( $\alpha$ Me)), 28.0 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 40.6 (C(2)), 50.5 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 52.0 (C(3)), 57.1 (C( $\alpha$ )), 80.0 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 126.2, 126.5, 126.9, 127.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 130.5 (*o,m,p*-Ph, C(4), C(5)), 141.7, 144.6 (*i*-Ph), 171.0 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 402 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NaNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) requires 402.2404, found 402.2405.

**Methyl (3S,4R,5S, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-4,5-epoxyhexanoate 27.** (F<sub>3</sub>CCO)<sub>2</sub>O (0.33 mL, 2.37 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of urea hydrogen peroxide (836 mg, 8.89 mmol) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) at 0 °C, and the resultant solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. A solution of **25** (200 mg, 0.52 mmol) and F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.12 mL, 1.48 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) was then added, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 16 h at rt. The reaction mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, and satd aq Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (~3 mL) was added until starch iodide paper indicated no remaining oxidant. The resultant mixture was then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and washed with 2.0 M aq NaOH (2  $\times$  10 mL). The combined aqueous washings were extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2  $\times$  10 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 75:25 mixture of **27** and **28**, respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent PhMe/EtOAc, 4:1) gave **27** as a colorless oil (107 mg, 51%, >99:1 dr): [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{20}$ ] +8.8 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film) 3062, 3028, 2973, 2251 (C–H), 1737 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.18 (3H, d, *J* 5.4, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.49 (3H, d, *J* 6.6, C( $\alpha$ Me)), 2.24 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 6.5, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.51 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 7.6, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.04–3.12 (2H, m, C(4)H, C(5)H), 3.14–3.19 (1H, m, C(3)H), 3.50 (3H, s, OMe), 3.86 (1H, d, *J* 14.2, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.95 (1H, d, *J* 14.2, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 4.09 (1H, q, *J* 6.9, C( $\alpha$ H)), 7.21–7.41 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.4 (C(6)), 16.8 (C( $\alpha$ Me)), 36.5 (C(2)), 50.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.5 (OMe), 52.8 (C(3)), 53.0 (C(5)), 56.4 (C(4)), 57.0 (C( $\alpha$ )), 126.7, 126.8 (*p*-Ph), 127.9, 128.0, 128.1, 128.7 (*o,m*-Ph), 140.7, 144.0 (*i*-Ph), 171.4 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 354 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 354.2064, found 354.2062.

**Methyl (3S,4R,5S, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-4,5-epoxyhexanoate 27, Methyl (3S,4R,5R, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-4,5-dihydroxyhexanoate 28, and (3S,4S,5S, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-5-hydroxy-4-hexanolactone 29.** HBF<sub>4</sub> (40% aq, 0.23 mL, 1.48 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **25** (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.9 mL), and the resultant solution was stirred at rt for 5 min. Then *m*-CPBA (75%, 272 mg, 1.19 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued for 48 h at rt. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) and washed sequentially with satd aq Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (2  $\times$  5 mL) and satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). The combined aqueous washings were extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$  5 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 21:51:28 mixture of **27**, **28** and **29**, respectively. Purification via flash

column chromatography (eluent PhMe/EtOAc, 4:1) gave **27** as a colorless oil (18 mg, 19%, >99:1 dr). Further elution gave **29** as white solid (9 mg, 10%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup> mp 129–134 °C (lit.<sup>16</sup> mp 132–136 °C); [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{20}$ ] +112.6 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) [lit.<sup>16</sup> [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{26}$ ] +101.2 (c 1.6 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)];  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.37 (3H, d, *J* 6.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.42 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, C( $\alpha$ Me)), 2.02 (1H, dd, *J* 18.6, 9.1, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.11 (1H, dd, *J* 18.6, 7.3, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.66 (1H, d, *J* 14.8, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* 14.8, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 3.83 (1H, q, *J* 7.0, C( $\alpha$ H)), 4.01–4.05 (2H, m, C(3)H, C(5)H), 4.12 (1H, dd, *J* 6.0, 2.8, C(4)H), 7.27–7.43 (10H, m, Ph). Further elution gave **28** as colorless oil (37 mg, 38%, >99:1 dr): [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{20}$ ] +36.7 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film) 3428 (O–H), 3062, 3029, 2973, 2933, 2848 (C–H), 1730 (C=O);  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.32 (3H, d, *J* 6.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.47 (3H, d, *J* 7.1, C( $\alpha$ Me)), 1.80 (1H, dd, *J* 16.9, 1.7, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.14 (1H, dd, *J* 16.9, 9.0, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.26 (1H, d, *J* 7.6, C(4)H), 3.54 (1H, d, *J* 13.9, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.62 (3H, s, OMe), 3.70–3.78 (2H, m, C(3)H, C(5)H), 3.86 (1H, d, *J* 13.9, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 3.92 (1H, q, *J* 7.1, C( $\alpha$ H)), 7.27–7.43 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 19.6 (C( $\alpha$ Me)), 20.2 (C(6)), 32.0 (C(2)), 51.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 51.8 (OMe), 54.1 (C(3)), 56.9 (C( $\alpha$ )), 66.6 (C(5)), 74.4 (C(4)), 127.4, 127.7 (*p*-Ph), 128.1, 128.4, 128.7, 128.8 (*o,m*-Ph), 138.7, 139.7 (*i*-Ph), 173.3 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 372 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>30</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 372.2169, found 372.2165.

**(3S,4S,5S, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-5-hydroxy-4-hexanolactone 29 and (3S,4R,5R, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-5-hydroxy-4-hexanolactone 30.** HBF<sub>4</sub> (40% aq, 44  $\mu$ L, 0.28 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **27** (20 mg, 0.06 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.1 mL), and the resultant solution was stirred at rt for 48 h. Saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 mL) was added, and the resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$  1 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 45:55 mixture of **29** and **30**, respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 3:1) gave **29** as a white solid (6 mg, 32%, >99:1 dr).<sup>16</sup> Further elution gave **30** as a white solid (6 mg, 32%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup> mp 133–135 °C (lit.<sup>16</sup> mp 132–136 °C); [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{25}$ ] +75.8 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) [lit.<sup>16</sup> [ $\alpha_{\text{D}}^{26}$ ] +101.2 (c 1.6 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)];  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.42 (3H, d, *J* 6.1, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.47 (3H, d, *J* 7.1, C( $\alpha$ Me)), 1.98 (1H, dd, *J* 17.8, 6.5, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.16 (1H, dd, *J* 17.8, 8.4, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.77 (2H, app s, NCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.95 (1H, q, *J* 7.1, C( $\alpha$ H)), 4.05 (1H, dt, *J* 8.4, 6.6, C(3)H), 4.35 (1H, dd, *J* 6.6, 5.8, C(4)H), 4.40 (1H, app quintet, *J* 5.8, C(5)H), 7.15–7.41 (10H, m, Ph).

**(3S,4R,5R, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-5-hydroxy-4-hexanolactone 30 and (3S,4R,5R, $\alpha$ R)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-( $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl)amino]-4-hydroxy-5-hexanolactone 31.** Method A. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (concd aq, 37  $\mu$ L, 0.71 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 drops) were added to a stirred solution of **27** (50 mg, 0.14 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h and then concentrated in vacuo. Saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) was added to the residue, and the resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$  2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 65:35 mixture of **30** and **31**, respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1) gave a 65:35 mixture of **30** and **31** as a colorless oil (21 mg, 43% combined yield).<sup>16</sup> Data for mixture:  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  (film) 3419 (O–H), 3061, 3028, 2975, 2930, 2850 (C–H), 1773 (C=O,  $\gamma$ -lactone), 1728 (C=O,  $\delta$ -lactone); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 340 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 340.1907, found 340.1912. Data for **31**:  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.35 (3H, d, *J* 6.7, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.44 (3H, d, *J* 6.4, C( $\alpha$ Me)), 2.14 (1H, dd, *J* 17.0, 6.3, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.25 (1H, dd, *J* 17.0, 10.8, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.36 (1H, ddd, *J* 10.8, 7.8, 6.3, C(3)H), 3.70 (1H, d, *J* 14.5, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.79 (1H, d, *J* 14.5, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 3.84 (1H, dd, *J* 7.8, 4.4, C(4)H), 3.90–3.92 (1H, m, C( $\alpha$ H)), 4.54 (1H, dq, *J* 6.7, 4.4, C(5)H), 7.15–7.41 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 15.5 (C(6)), 21.4 (C( $\alpha$ Me)), 30.9 (C(2)), 50.3 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 54.7 (C(3)), 57.8 (C( $\alpha$ )), 68.2 (C(4)), 75.7 (C(5)), 127.4, 127.5 (*p*-Ph), 128.1, 128.2, 129.0 (*o,m*-Ph), 137.8, 141.7 (*i*-Ph), 170.7 (C(1)).

Method B. HBF<sub>4</sub> (40% aq, 63  $\mu$ L, 0.40 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **28** (30 mg, 0.08 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 mL), and the resultant solution was stirred at rt for 48 h. Saturated aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub>



(0.5 mL) was added, and the resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give an 88:12 mixture of **30** and **31**, respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1) gave a 93:7 mixture of **30** and **31** as a colorless oil (22 mg, 72% combined yield).

**Method C.** H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (concd aq, 14 μL, 0.27 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 drop) were added to a stirred solution of **28** (20 mg, 0.05 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h and then concentrated in vacuo. Satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) was added to the residue and the resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 65:35 mixture of **30** and **31**, respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1) gave a 65:35 mixture of **30** and **31** as a colorless oil (10 mg, 56% combined yield).

**(3S,4R,5R,αR)-4-[N-Benzyl-N-(α-methylbenzyl)amino]-5-(methanesulfonyloxy)-4-hexanolactone 32.** MsCl (33 μL, 0.42 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **30** (90 mg, 0.42 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (74 μL, 0.53 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at 0 °C. The resultant solution was stirred at rt for 1 h, washed with satd aq CuSO<sub>4</sub> (5 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo to give **32** as a yellow oil (110 mg). Purification of an aliquot via flash column chromatography (eluent CHCl<sub>3</sub>/iPrOH, 95:5) gave an analytical sample (>95% purity): [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +117.1 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); ν<sub>max</sub> (ATR) 3029, 2975, 2938 (C–H), 1786 (C=O); δ<sub>H</sub> (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.45 (3H, d, J 7.2, C(α)Me), 1.71–1.74 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.74 (3H, d, J 6.3, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 2.21 (1H, dd, J 18.4, 8.0, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.97 (3H, s, SO<sub>2</sub>Me), 3.70 (1H, d, J 14.5, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.82 (1H, d, J 14.5, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 3.89 (1H, q, J 7.2, C(α)H), 4.07–4.10 (1H, m, C(3)H), 4.41 (1H, dd, J 8.9, 6.3, C(4)H), 5.17 (1H, dq, J 8.9, 6.3, C(5)H), 7.19–7.45 (10H, m, Ph); δ<sub>C</sub> (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 18.2 (C(6)), 18.4 (C(α)Me), 32.2 (C(2)), 38.6 (SO<sub>2</sub>Me), 51.8 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 53.9 (C(3)), 56.7 (C(α)), 77.8 (C(5)), 84.6 (C(4)), 127.7, 127.8, 128.0, 128.7, 128.8, 129.1 (*o,m,p*-Ph), 137.7, 139.2 (*i*-Ph), 175.1 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 418 ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub>S<sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) requires 440.1502, found 440.1492.

K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (182 mg, 1.32 mmol) was added to a solution of **32** (90 mg, 0.22 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h and then concentrated in vacuo. The residue was partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 5 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent CHCl<sub>3</sub>/iPrOH, 95:5) gave **27** as oil colorless oil (24 mg, 26% from **30**, >99:1 dr).

**(3S,4R,5R)-3-(N-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino)-5-hydroxy-4-hexanolactone 34.** Boc<sub>2</sub>O (92 mg, 0.42 mmol) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (50% w/w of substrate, 65 mg) were added sequentially to a solution of a 65:35 mixture of **30** and **31** (130 mg, 0.38 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL). The resultant suspension was placed under H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm) and stirred vigorously at rt for 48 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short plug of Celite (eluent MeOH) and concentrated in vacuo to give a 65:35 mixture of **34** and **35**, respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 1:1) gave **34** as a white solid (54 mg, 58%, >99:1 dr):<sup>16</sup> mp 156–161 °C (lit.<sup>16</sup> mp 159–162 °C); [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> –39.2 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) [lit.<sup>16</sup> [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> –52.5 (c 2.1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>)]; δ<sub>H</sub> (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.38 (3H, d, J 6.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.45 (9H, s, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 2.59 (1H, dd, J 17.8, 8.2, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.82 (1H, dd, J 17.8, 9.4, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 4.08–4.12 (1H, m, C(5)H), 4.45 (1H, d, J 7.5, C(4)H), 4.76 (1H, app quintet, J 8.5, C(3)H), 5.47 (1H, d, J 8.2, NH).

**Methyl N,O-Diacetyl-D-3-epi-α-daunopyranosaminide 36.** DIBAL-H (1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0.5 mL, 0.5 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe (over 1 min) to a stirred solution of **34** (35 mg, 0.14 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) at –78 °C. The resultant mixture was stirred for 30 min at –78 °C. MeOH (~0.5 mL) was then added dropwise until effervescence ceased. Saturated aq Rochelle salt (10 drops) was then added, and the resultant suspension was stirred at rt for 16 h before being filtered through Celite (eluent MeOH) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in anhydrous MeOH

(0.2 mL), and HCl (1.25 M in MeOH, 0.4 mL) was added. The resultant solution was stirred at rt for 48 h before being concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in pyridine (0.3 mL), Ac<sub>2</sub>O (0.3 mL) and DMAP (1 mg) were added, and the resultant solution was stirred at rt for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL), EtOAc (2 mL), and satd aq CuSO<sub>4</sub> (2 mL). The resultant solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 2 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent PhMe/iPrOH, 4:1) gave **36** as a colorless oil (10 mg, 40% from **34**, 93% purity):<sup>34,35</sup> ν<sub>max</sub> (film) 3407 (N–H), 2973, 2941, 2857, 2831 (C–H), 1739 (C=O, ester), 1693 (C=O, amide); δ<sub>H</sub> (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.12 (3H, d, J 6.5, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.62 (1H, dd, J 14.5, 0.9, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.99 (3H, s, COMe), 2.13 (3H, s, COMe), 2.15–2.20 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.41 (3H, s, OMe), 4.10 (1H, q, J 6.5, C(5)H), 4.15 (1H, ddt, J 7.2, 5.0, 2.4, C(3)H), 4.80–4.82 (2H, m, C(1)H, C(4)H), 6.82 (1H, br d, J 6.9, NH); δ<sub>C</sub> (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 16.7 (C(6)), 20.9, 23.5 (COMe), 28.3 (C(2)), 44.5 (C(3)), 55.3 (OMe), 61.3 (C(5)), 69.1 (C(4)), 98.6 (C(1)), 169.0, 169.8 (COMe); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 268 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) requires 268.1155, found 268.1158.

Data for minor (7%) component:<sup>35</sup> δ<sub>H</sub> (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.19 (3H, d, J 6.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.95 (1H, d, J 13.6 C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.05–2.09 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.10 (3H, s, COMe), 2.17 (3H, s, COMe), 3.38 (3H, s, OMe), 3.95–3.97 (1H, m, C(5)H), 4.20–4.23 (1H, m, C(3)H), 5.02–5.04 (1H, m, C(4)H), 5.41 (1H, d, J 3.5, C(1)H), 6.47 (1H, br d, J 10.1, NH); δ<sub>C</sub> (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 16.8 (C(6)), 21.4, 23.7 (COMe), 30.8 (C(2)), 44.4 (C(3)), 55.0 (OMe), 60.0 (C(5)), 69.2 (C(4)), 99.1 (C(1)), 168.9, 170.5 (COMe).

**tert-Butyl (3S,4S,5R,αR)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-(α-methylbenzyl)amino]-4,5-dihydroxyhexanoate 37 and (3S,4S,5R,αR)-3-[N-Benzyl-N-(α-methylbenzyl)amino]-5-hydroxy-4-hexanolactone 38.** Donohoe Oxidation. OsO<sub>4</sub> (147 mg, 0.58 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **26** (200 mg, 0.53 mmol) and TMEDA (111 μL, 0.74 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (8 mL) at –78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 1 h and then allowed to warm to rt over a further 15 min before being concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL), the resultant solution was stirred, and P(CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sub>3</sub> (6.56 g, 52.6 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.47 mL, 10.6 mmol) were added sequentially. After the mixture was stirred for 5 min, excess silica gel (~5 g) was added, and stirring was continued at rt for a further 48 h. The resultant suspension was concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 1:1) gave **38** as a colorless oil (72 mg, 40% from **26**, >99:1 dr): [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +109.1 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); ν<sub>max</sub> (film) 3422 (O–H), 1777 (C=O); δ<sub>H</sub> (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.32 (3H, d, J 6.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.44 (3H, d, J 7.3, C(α)Me), 1.95–2.01 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.04–2.09 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.47 (1H, br s, OH), 3.65 (1H, d, J 14.5, NCH<sub>A</sub>), 3.75 (1H, d, J 14.5, NCH<sub>B</sub>), 3.83 (1H, q, J 7.3, C(α)H), 4.01–4.05 (1H, m, C(3)H), 4.05–4.10 (1H, m, C(5)H), 4.23 (1H, dd, J 4.7, 3.5, C(4)H), 7.23–7.45 (10H, m, Ph); δ<sub>C</sub> (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 18.3 (C(6)), 19.2 (C(α)Me), 30.1 (C(2)), 50.4 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 53.4 (C(3)), 57.8 (C(α)), 68.4 (C(5)), 87.2 (C(4)), 127.3, 127.7 (*p*-Ph), 127.7, 127.9, 128.5, 128.6 (*o,m*-Ph), 139.3, 140.8 (*i*-Ph), 176.6 (C(1)); *m/z* (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 362 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NNaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) requires 362.1727, found 362.1727.

**Upjohn Oxidation.** OsO<sub>4</sub> (13 mg, 0.03 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **26** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol) in THF (4 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL), followed by a solution of NMO (246 mg, 2.10 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h. Saturated aq Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (2 mL) was then added, and the resultant mixture was allowed to stir at rt for a further 1 h. The mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL), and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo to give 80:20 mixture of **37** and **38**, respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1) gave **37** as a yellow oil that crystallized upon standing (113 mg, 52%, >99:1 dr): mp 80–82 °C; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +53.7 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); ν<sub>max</sub> (film) 3452 (O–H), 1740 (C=O); δ<sub>H</sub> (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 1.26 (3H, d, J 6.3, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.41 (9H, s, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 1.48 (3H, d, J 6.3, C(α)Me), 1.79 (1H, dd, J 16.7, 1.3,

C(2) $H_A$ , 2.21 (1H, dd,  $J$  16.7, 9.5, C(2) $H_B$ ), 2.24 (1H, d,  $J$  8.5, C(4)OH), 3.37–3.45 (1H, m, C(4)H), 3.52 (1H, d,  $J$  13.9,  $NCH_A$ ), 3.69 (1H, td,  $J$  9.5, 1.3, C(3)H), 3.85–3.90 (3H, m, C(5)H), C( $\alpha$ )H,  $NCH_B$ ), 5.44 (1H, br s, C(5)OH), 7.25–7.44 (10H, m, Ph);  $\delta_C$  (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 19.3 (C(6)), 19.6 (C( $\alpha$ )Me), 28.0 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 34.5 (C(2)), 51.9 (NCH<sub>2</sub>), 56.9 (C(3)), 57.3 (C( $\alpha$ )), 72.4 (C(5)), 75.9 (C(4)), 81.0 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 127.4, 127.6 (*p*-Ph), 128.1, 128.5, 128.8, 129.0 (*o,m*-Ph), 138.7, 140.3 (*i*-Ph), 173.7 (C(1));  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 436 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 60); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + H]<sup>+</sup>) requires 414.2639, found 414.2632. Further elution gave **38** as a colorless oil (43 mg, 24%, >99:1 dr).

**Lactonization of 37.** F<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>H (0.5 mL) was added to a stirred solution of **37** (100 mg, 0.24 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mL) at rt. The resultant solution was stirred for 12 h at rt before being neutralized (to pH 7) by the dropwise addition of satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (~2 mL). The resultant mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 1:1) gave **38** as a colorless oil (57 mg, 69%, >99:1 dr).

**(3S,4S,5R)-3-(N-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino)-5-dihydroxy-4-hexanolactone 39.** Boc<sub>2</sub>O (141 mg, 0.65 mmol) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (50% w/w of substrate, 100 mg) were added sequentially to a solution of **38** (200 mg, 0.59 mmol) in MeOH (3 mL). The resultant suspension was placed under H<sub>2</sub> (5 atm) and stirred vigorously at rt for 48 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short plug of Celite (eluent MeOH) and concentrated in vacuo. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent 30–40 °C petroleum ether/EtOAc, 1:1) gave **39** as a white solid (132 mg, 92%, >99:1 dr):<sup>37</sup> mp 104–107 °C (lit.<sup>37</sup> 108–110 °C);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –24.4 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) [lit.<sup>37</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –24.5 (c 0.4 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>);  $\delta_H$  (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 1.33 (3H, d,  $J$  6.3, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.46 (9H, s, CMe<sub>3</sub>), 2.46 (1H, dd,  $J$  18.2, 5.7, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.75 (1H, br s, OH), 3.02 (1H, dd,  $J$  18.2, 9.0, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.98–4.02 (1H, br m, C(5)H), 4.10–4.16 (1H, m, C(4)H), 4.35–4.42 (1H, m, C(3)H), 4.87 (1H, d,  $J$  5.4, NH).

**Methyl N,O-Diacetyl- $\alpha$ -D-ristofuranosaminide 40–43.** DIBAL-H (1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1.42 mL, 1.42 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe (over 1 min) to a stirred solution of **39** (100 mg, 0.41 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) at –78 °C. The resultant mixture was stirred for 30 min at –78 °C. MeOH (~1 mL) was then added dropwise until effervescence ceased. Saturated aq Rochelle salt (20 drops) was then added, and the resultant suspension was stirred at rt for 16 h before being filtered through Celite (eluent MeOH) and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in anhydrous MeOH (1 mL), and HCl (1.25 M in MeOH, 1 mL) was added. The resultant solution was stirred at rt for 48 h before being concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in pyridine (0.5 mL), Ac<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) and DMAP (1 mg) were added, and the resultant solution was stirred at rt for 12 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL), EtOAc (3 mL) and satd aq CuSO<sub>4</sub> (5 mL). The resultant solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with satd aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 3 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated in vacuo to give a 10:15:65:10 mixture of **40**, **41**, **42**, and **43** respectively. Purification via flash column chromatography (eluent PhMe/<sup>1</sup>PrOH, 4:1) gave methyl N,O-diacetyl- $\alpha$ -D-ristopyranosaminide **42** as a colorless oil (30 mg, 48% from **39**, >99:1 dr):<sup>4,34f,39</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +173.9 (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>) [lit.<sup>4</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  –134 (c 0.5 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>34f</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –130.4 (c 0.49 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39a</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –130.8 (c 0.5 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39b</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +134.5 (c 0.92 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39c</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –130.1 (c 1.2 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39d</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –132 (c 0.62 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39e</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –126 (c 1.27 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39fg</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  +127.6 (c 0.3 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39h</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  –141 (c 0.35 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39i</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –134 (c 2.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); lit.<sup>39j</sup> for enantiomer  $[\alpha]_D^{26}$  –136 (c 0.02 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  (film) 3413 (N–H), 2937, 2872, 2833 (C–H), 1737 (C=O, ester), 1655 (C=O, amide);  $\delta_H$  (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 1.18 (3H, d,  $J$  6.3, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.83 (1H, ddd,  $J$  14.7, 2.8, 1.1, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.97 (3H, s, COMe), 1.98 (3H, s, COMe), 2.03 (1H, dt,  $J$  14.7, 4.2, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.39 (3H, s, OMe), 3.91 (1H, dq,  $J$  10.1, 6.3, C(5)H), 4.51 (1H, dd,  $J$  10.1, 3.8, C(4)H), 4.57 (1H, qd,  $J$  8.0, 4.1,

C(3)H), 4.72 (1H, d,  $J$  3.2, C(1)H), 6.79 (1H, br d,  $J$  8.5, NH);  $\delta_C$  (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 17.4 (C(6)), 20.8, 23.6 (COMe), 33.1 (C(2)), 43.5 (C(3)), 55.2 (OMe), 61.6 (C(5)), 72.9 (C(4)), 98.2 (C(1)), 169.6, 170.2 (COMe);  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 268 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) requires 268.1155, found 268.1159. Further elution gave methyl N,O-diacetyl- $\beta$ -D-ristofuranosaminide **41** as a colorless oil (10 mg, 15% from **39**, 95% purity);<sup>38</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +37.8 (c 0.5 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\nu_{max}$  (film) 3283 (N–H), 2938, 2857, 2827 (C–H), 1736 (C=O, ester), 1672 (C=O, amide);  $\delta_H$  (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 1.29 (3H, d,  $J$  6.5, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.78 (1H, app d,  $J$  13.4, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.97 (3H, s, COMe), 2.06 (3H, s, COMe), 2.11–2.16 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.38 (3H, s, OMe), 3.83 (1H, dd,  $J$  4.1, 2.5, C(4)H), 4.59–4.63 (1H, m, C(3)H), 4.99 (1H, qd,  $J$  6.5, 4.1, C(5)H), 5.07 (1H, d,  $J$  4.4, C(1)H), 6.24 (1H, br d,  $J$  8.8, NH);  $\delta_C$  (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 16.2 (C(6)), 21.3, 23.5 (COMe), 39.0 (C(2)), 48.6 (C(3)), 54.8 (OMe), 70.3 (C(5)), 88.3 (C(4)), 105.3 (C(1)), 168.7, 170.4 (COMe);  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 268 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) requires 268.1155, found 268.1157. Further elution gave a 70:30 mixture of methyl N,O-diacetyl- $\alpha$ -D-ristofuranosaminide **40** and methyl N,O-diacetyl- $\beta$ -D-ristopyranosaminide **43** as a colorless oil (7 mg, 11% from **39**). Data for mixture:  $\nu_{max}$  (film) 3286 (N–H), 2937 (C–H), 1735 (C=O, ester), 1653 (C=O, amide);  $m/z$  (ESI<sup>+</sup>) 268 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>, 100); HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NNaO<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) requires 268.1155; found 268.1154. Data for **40**:  $\delta_H$  (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 1.30 (3H, d,  $J$  6.6, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.88–1.94 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 1.98 (3H, s, COMe), 2.07 (3H, s, COMe), 2.35 (1H, d,  $J$  13.3, 7.3, 1.4, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 3.35 (3H, s, OMe), 3.79 (1H, t,  $J$  5.5, C(4)H), 4.58 (1H, dd,  $J$  7.9, 6.0, C(3)H), 5.00 (1H, dd,  $J$  6.6, 5.5, C(5)H), 5.04 (1H, dd,  $J$  5.7, 1.4, C(1)H), 5.55 (1H, br d,  $J$  5.4, NH);  $\delta_C$  (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 15.8 (C(6)), 21.3, 23.4 (COMe), 39.7 (C(2)), 50.5 (C(3)), 55.2 (OMe), 71.0 (C(5)), 86.1 (C(4)), 105.0 (C(1)), 169.5, 170.6 (COMe). Data for **43**:<sup>34b</sup>  $\delta_H$  (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 1.38 (3H, d,  $J$  6.9, C(6)H<sub>3</sub>), 1.85–1.87 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>A</sub>), 2.00 (3H, s, COMe), 2.02–2.05 (1H, m, C(2)H<sub>B</sub>), 2.10 (3H, s, COMe), 3.44 (3H, s, OMe), 3.91–3.96 (1H, m, C(5)H), 4.63–4.69 (2H, m, C(1)H, C(3)H), 4.73–4.75 (1H, m, C(4)H), 6.41 (1H, d,  $J$  4.7, NH);  $\delta_C$  (125 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ ) 18.8 (C(6)), 21.1, 23.5 (COMe), 33.1 (C(2)), 42.1 (C(3)), 55.8 (OMe), 70.5 (C(5)), 73.0 (C(4)), 99.2 (C(1)), 169.0, 170.2 (COMe).

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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