# An Enantioselective Synthesis of an $11-\beta$ -HSD-1 Inhibitor via an Asymmetric Methallylation Catalyzed by (S)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL

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# **Supporting Information**



**ABSTRACT:** An efficient asymmetric synthesis of  $11-\beta$ -HSD inhibitor 1 has been accomplished in five linear steps and 53% overall yield, starting from the readily available 3-chloro-1-phenylpropan-1-one. The key feature of the synthesis includes an asymmetric methallylation of 3-chloro-1-phenylpropan-1-one catalyzed by the highly effective organocatalyst (*S*)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL under solvent-free and metal-free conditions.

11- $\beta$ -Hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase-1 (11- $\beta$ -HSD-1) is an enzyme that catalyzes the reduction of the inactive glucocorticoid cortisone to active glucocorticoid cortisol.<sup>1</sup> An elevated circulating glucocorticoid level has been correlated to several metabolic comorbidities, including obesity, diabetes, dyslipidemia, and atherosclerosis.<sup>2,3</sup> Compound 1 is a clinical candidate developed as an 11- $\beta$ -HSD-1 inhibitor for the treatment of type II diabetes (Figure 1). In order to support early development



Figure 1. Structure of  $11-\beta$ -HSD-1 inhibitor 1.

activities, an efficient and economical chemical process amenable to production of multikilogram quantities of **1** was required. Herein, we report a practical and expedient synthesis of the target compound, featuring an asymmetric methallylation catalyzed by (S)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL.<sup>4</sup>

The retrosynthetic analysis of **1** is outlined in Scheme 1. We envisioned that **1** could be accessed from the bromide **2** and the boronic acid **3** via a Suzuki–Miyaura coupling. The tertiary

alcohol 2 could be derived from the alkene 4, which could be accessed by cyclization of tertiary alcohol 5 and chiral isocyanate 6. It was speculated that 5 could be derived from the readily available ketone 7. The major synthetic challenge to develop an efficient and cost-effective chemical process for the synthesis of 1 was identifying an efficient method to install the tertiary chiral stereocenter of the tertiary alcohol 5.

Over the past decade, numerous methodologies have been reported for the asymmetric allylation of ketones,<sup>5,6</sup> but the corresponding asymmetric methylallylation has less precedence. Walsh and co-workers reported the first catalytic asymmetric methallylation of ketones, employing tetramethylallylstannane, in 2006.<sup>7</sup> Shortly thereafter, a chromium-catalyzed enantiose-lective addition of allyl bromide to ketones was described by the Sigman group,<sup>8</sup> and one example was reported for asymmetric methylallylation.<sup>9</sup> In both cases, toxic metals such as tin and chromium were necessary for the transformation. On the other hand, the direct application of the optimized and well-developed conditions for allylation process due to the unclear and elusive mechanistic differences between the two processes.<sup>10</sup> For example, no reaction was observed with methallyl pinacolboronate **8** in DMF under the conditions for allylation

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# Scheme 1. Retrosynthetic Analysis of 1



(eq 1).<sup>11</sup> A solvent switch to 2-Me-THF led to 92% conversion. However, low enantioselectivity (62:38) was observed.

In 2006, an efficient organocatalytic asymmetric allylation of ketones catalyzed by (S)-3,3'-Br<sub>2</sub>-BINOL was reported by Schaus and co-workers.<sup>12</sup> Further mechanistic studies by the same group demonstrated the possibility of lowering the catalyst loadings [2.0 mol % (*S*)-3,3'-Br<sub>2</sub>-BINOL].<sup>13</sup> Our investigation revealed that the use of (S)-3,3'-Br<sub>2</sub>-BINOL for the *methallylation* of ketone 7 with cyclic boronate **9** gave reasonable enantioselectivity (Table 1, entry 1). However, the

#### Table 1. Asymmetric Methyallylation of 7



<sup>*a*</sup>All reactions were performed with ketone 7 (1.0 equiv) and boronate 9 (1.2 equiv) under nitrogen. <sup>*b*</sup>The er was determined by the chiral HPLC of the reaction mixture.

reactions turned out to be sluggish, giving 61% conversion after 10 h in the presence of 5.0 mol % catalyst. Our results indicated that the use of chiral BINOLs containing  $CF_{3}^{,14}$  CO<sub>2</sub>Me, or  $SO_2CF_3^{,15}$  at 3,3'-positions gave essentially no enantioselectivity (entries 2–4).

On the other hand, when Cl substituents were introduced at 3,3'-positions of BINOL, the methallylation with ketone 7 proved to be faster than the reaction with 3,3'-Br<sub>2</sub>-BINOL,<sup>16</sup> giving 70% conversion and good enantioselectivity (91:9 er, entry 5). Encouraged by these results, we decided to install a stronger electron-withdrawing halogen, fluorine, at the 3,3'-positions of BINOL. It turned out that (*S*)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL was a highly effective catalyst for the methallylation of 7. The catalyst (*S*)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL was prepared efficiently in four steps from a widely available chiral BINOL in 85% overall yield (Scheme 2).<sup>4</sup> With a 5.0 mol % catalyst loading, the reaction gave 98% conversion with 87:13 enantioselectivity.

In order to develop an efficient chemical process for the methylallylation of ketone 7, we set out to optimize the reaction parameters, including the catalyst loading and the reaction temperature (see Supporting Information). With 20 mol % (S)- $3_{,3}'$ - $F_2$ -BINOL, the reaction reached completion in less than 4 h at 23 °C, affording the allylation product 5 with 87:13 er. With employment of 3 mol % catalyst, the reaction required 24 h to reach complete conversion, while maintaining the same stereoinduction. To shorten the reaction time, the effect of reaction temperature was investigated. It was found that the reaction became faster at a higher temperature without erosion of the enantioselectivity (30, 40, 50, and 60 °C). Full conversion was observed in all cases after 9 h. When the reaction was performed at 0 °C to investigate the temperature effect on the enantioselectivity, no enantioselectivity improvement was observed, and the reaction became very sluggish and gave 33% conversion after 22 h. When 1.1 equiv of boronate 9 was used, the reaction went to completion with 86:14 er, which indicated that the protodeboronation of 9 in the presence of (S)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL was negligible. Current reactions tolerate up to 3.0 equiv of t-AmOH in the presence of 2 mol % catalyst at 40 °C. It was observed that the reaction became slightly slower with more t-AmOH. To demonstrate the efficiency of the catalyst, the reactions were performed with 1.0 mol % (S)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL. The reactions gave full conversion after 24 h with slightly decreased enantioselectivity. Considering the ease of catalyst recovery, 3 mol % (S)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL was used for the current chemical process in the presence of 1.4 equiv of boronate 9 and 1.0 equiv of t-AmOH. Under our optimized conditions, the methallylation of ketone 7 went to completion in a reasonably short time (9 h) at 40–45  $^\circ \text{C}.$  The product 5 was isolated as a solution in toluene with 87:13 er and 95% yield.

# Scheme 2. Synthesis of (S)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL



Scheme 3. Synthesis of 4 via an Asymmetric Methallylation



Scheme 4. Synthesis of 2 via Sequential Epoxidation and Reduction



Table 2. Synthesis of 1 via the Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of 2 and  $3^{a}$ 

	HO BOH HO	Pd <u>3.0 equiv K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub></u> solvent, 80 °C Ph <sup>v</sup>	Me Me OH le 1	N. Me Ph <sup>v</sup> Me	Me H H
entry	Pd/L	loading (mol %)	solvent	<i>t</i> (h)	1:11 <sup>b</sup>
1	1:4 $Pd(OAc)_2/PPh_3$	0.2	IPA	30	83:17
2	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (dppf)·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.2	IPA	5	99:1.0
3	PdCl <sub>2</sub> (dppf)·CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.1	IPA	6	98.5:1.5
4	$PdCl_2(dppf) \cdot CH_2Cl_2$	0.1	EtOH	10	98:2

<sup>*a*</sup>All of the reactions were conducted with 2 (2.0 g, 4.6 mmol), 3 (0.98 g, 87.0 wt %, 5.5 mmol, 1.2 equiv),  $K_2CO_3$  (1.92 g, 13.88 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and IPA (10 mL) unless noted elsewhere. <sup>*b*</sup>The ratio of 1 and 11 was determined by HPLC.

With the enantiomerically enriched allyl-tertiary alcohol **5** in hand, the installation of the cyclic carbamate **4** was attempted. In the presence of 4.5 equiv of DBU, the cyclization of **5** and enantiopure isocyanate  $6^{17,18}$  in refluxing THF gave 65% yield and generated multiple impurities. The use of NaHMDS increased the yield to 80%. Further optimization led to the identification of LHMDS as the optimal base for the cyclization, affording the adduct **4** in quantitative yield. After removal of the THF by distillation followed by crystallization in toluene, the product **4** was isolated with 98:2 dr. To simplify the isolation, toluene was used as the single solvent for the cyclization. After the reaction of **5** and isocyanate **6** was complete, the product **4** was isolated with greater than 98:2 dr in 75% yield (Scheme 3).

Direct hydration was first attempted to convert **4** to **2** with  $Co(acac)_2$  as the catalyst in 2-propanol.<sup>19,20</sup> However, the reaction stalled with 62% conversion after 4 h at 75 °C, even in the presence of 40 mol %  $Co(acac)_3$ . At this stage, we focused on conversion of **4** to **2** via a sequential epoxidation and

reduction process.<sup>21</sup> Various epoxidation reagents, including MMPP, NaBO<sub>3</sub>, NIS, urea-hydrogen peroxide (UHP), and Oxzone, were investigated.<sup>22</sup> MMPP (magnesium monoperoxyphthalate hexahydrate)<sup>23</sup> was identified as an economical and mild oxidizing agent, affording the epoxidation product 10 in 97% yield (Scheme 4). To convert the epoxide 10 to tertiary alcohol 2, a series of reducing reagents, including BH<sub>3</sub>-Et<sub>3</sub>N<sup>2</sup> BH<sub>3</sub>-THF,<sup>25</sup> and superhydride (LiBHEt<sub>3</sub>),<sup>26</sup> were tested. Eventually, LiBHEt3 was determined to be optimal to reduce the epoxide 10 to the alcohol 2. However, the quench of excess LiBHEt<sub>3</sub> with hydrogen peroxide was highly exothermic. The slow addition of hydrogen peroxide was required, which made the workup process time-consuming during the scale-up. We speculated that this might be diminished by the use of a catalytic amount of LiBHEt<sub>3</sub>, which could be regenerated during the reduction in the presence of stoichiometric LiBH<sub>4</sub>. Indeed, the reaction proceeded with 1.2 equiv of LiBH<sub>4</sub> and 0.10 equiv of LiBHEt<sub>3</sub>, affording greater than 90% yield after 10

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h at room temperature. When 0.05 equiv of LiBHEt<sub>3</sub> was applied, the reaction was slow, giving 84% conversion after 22 h. Meanwhile, some unknown impurities were observed. Further optimization allowed the reaction to achieve completion with 0.3 equiv of LiBH<sub>4</sub> and 0.10 equiv of LiBHEt<sub>3</sub>, producing the tertiary alcohol **2** with 96% yield after 3 h at 35 °C. As such, the alkene **4** was elaborated to the tertiary alcohol **2** in 93% yield and 99.0% dr via a sequential epoxidation and reduction process (Scheme 4).

To convert the bromide **2** to **1**, the installation of the pyridinone ring via a Suzuki–Miyaura coupling was attempted. The catalyst screen indicated that  $PdCl_2(dppf)_2 \cdot CH_2Cl_2^{27}$  was superior to  $Pd(OAc)_2/PPh_3$  (Table 2, entries 1 and 2). The reaction with 0.2 mol %  $PdCl_2(dppf)_2 \cdot CH_2Cl_2$  in IPA provided less of the desbromo byproduct **11** in a shorter reaction time under the same conditions. When the catalyst loading of  $PdCl_2(dppf)_2 \cdot CH_2Cl_2$  was reduced from 0.2 to 0.1 mol %, the reaction still worked well (Table 2, entry 3). A solvent switch from IPA to EtOH slowed the reaction and produced more desbromo product **11** (Table 2, entry 4). Eventually, the Suzuki–Miyaura coupling of **2** and **3** was performed on a multikilogram scale with 0.1 mol %  $PdCl_2(dppf)_2 \cdot CH_2Cl_2$  in IPA at 80 °C, affording the coupling product **1** as a white solid in 95% yield.

In summary, a highly efficient asymmetric synthesis of  $11-\beta$ -HSD inhibitor 1 has been accomplished in five linear steps with 53% overall yield. The key feature of this synthesis includes an asymmetric methallylation of 7 catalyzed by a highly effective (*S*)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL under solvent-free conditions. The entire process was successfully demonstrated on a multikilogram scale without complication.

### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General.** All reactions were performed in an oven-dried flask under nitrogen. Unless otherwise noted, reagents were commercially available and were used without purification. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  (ppm) relative to TMS in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as the internal standard (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) or the residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> signal (<sup>13</sup>C NMR). HPLC conditions for reaction monitoring and quantitation: column Halo C18, 4.6 × 150 mm, 2.7  $\mu$ m particle size; column temperature at 25 °C; mobile phase A (0.2% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> in water), mobile phase B (acetonitrile), flow rate 1.2 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, gradient program from 30% B to 70% B over 6 min, and then to 85% B over 1 min, and then to 98% B over 0.5 min, and held at 98% B for 4.5 min;  $\lambda$  = 220 nm. The samples for HPLC were diluted with CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

(*R*)-3-((*S*)-1-(4-Bromophenyl)ethyl)-6-(2-methylallyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one 4. To a stirred mixture of the ketone 7 (150.0 g, 98 wt %, 0.87 mol), (*S*)-3,3'-F<sub>2</sub>-BINOL (8.49 g, 26.1 mmol), and *t*-amyl alcohol (77.08 g, 0.87 mol, 1.0 equiv) was added the boronate 9 (218.4 g, 94.2 wt %, 1.4 equiv) under nitrogen. The mixture was stirred for 9 h at 35–40 °C. After the mixture was cooled to 20-25 °C, 0.1 M HCl (600 mL) in water was added in one portion. After 0.5 h, toluene (600 mL) was added to extract the product. The organic phase was washed successfully with 1 M NaOH (600 mL) and water (2 × 300 mL). Removal of the solvent gave the product 5 (185.7 g) with 87:13 er and 95% yield.

Chiral HPLC conditions: Chiralcel OJ-RH, 4.6 × 150 mm, 5  $\mu$ m; mobile phase A (acetonitrile), mobile phase B (0.1% HCO<sub>2</sub>H in water, adjusted with NH<sub>4</sub>OH to pH 4.0), 40:60 A/B;  $\lambda$  = 220 nm; flow rate 1.3 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. The samples for HPLC were diluted with MeOH. (*R*)-**5**, *t* = 6.29 min, (*S*)-**5**, *t* = 7.16 min.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.30–7.40 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.26 (m, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.53–3.60 (m, 1H), 3.10–3.17 (m, 1H), 2.60–2.49 (dd, 2H, J = 13.7, 47.7 Hz), 2.52 (s, 1H), 2.24–2.40 (m, 2H), 1.29 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 144.5, 141.7, 128.3, 126.9, 125.1, 116.5, 74.5, 51.5, 46.4, 40.2, 24.3. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>/

TOF): m/z calcd for  $C_{13}H_{21}CINO_3^+$  (M + NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) 242.13061, found 242.1297.

A mixture of 5 (13.0 g, 57.85 mmol) and 6 (13.08 g, 57.85 mmol) in toluene (65 mL) was cooled to 10  $^{\circ}$ C. A solution of LHMDS in toluene (1 M, 63.65 mL, 63.63 mmol) was added below 25  $^{\circ}$ C. After complete addition, the mixture was stirred at 22  $^{\circ}$ C for 1.5 h. After the mixture was cooled to 10  $^{\circ}$ C, 1.5 M hydrochloric acid (42 mL, 63.0 mmol) was added below 25  $^{\circ}$ C. Then, heptane (9 mL) was added. After a phase cut, the organic layer was washed with water (2 × 24 mL). Most of the solvent in the organic layer was removed by distillation (~26 mL of the solvent remained in the flask). Heptane (130 mL) was added. The solid was collected by filtration and dried to give the product 4 (18.0 g) with 98:2 dr and 75% yield.

HPLC conditions: Halo C8, 4.6 × 150 mm, 2.7  $\mu$ m; mobile phase A (acetonitrile), mobile phase B (0.2% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) in water, from 30% A to 70% A over 6 min, and then to 85% A over 1 min, and then to 98% A over 0.5 min;  $\lambda$  = 220 nm; flow rate 1.2 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. The samples for HPLC were diluted with MeOH. (*R*,*S*)-4, *t* = 8.51 min, (*S*,*S*)-4, *t* = 8.64 min.

Mp: 117–119 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39–7.30 (m, 5H), 7.17 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.48 Hz), 6.67 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.24 Hz), 5.60 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.96, 13.96 Hz), 4.88 (t, 1H, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 4.68 (bs, 1H), 2.91–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.63 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 2.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.8 Hz), 2.36–2.22 (m, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.49 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.04 Hz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz):  $\delta$  153.5, 141.9, 140.4, 138.3, 131.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.6, 124.9, 121.1, 116.4, 83.1, 52.6, 50.9, 36.1, 30.0, 24.3, 15.2. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>/TOF): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 414.1063, found 414.1059. Optical rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +8.1$  (*c* = 0.26, MeOH).

(S)-3-((S)-1-(4-Bromophenyl)ethyl)-6-(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one 2. To a flask were added the alkene 4 (10.0 g, 24.86 mmol) and MeOH (40 mL) under nitrogen. The mixture was warmed to 35 °C to obtain a solution. MMPP (14.3 g, 86 wt %, 24.86 mmol) was added in four portions at 0.5 h intervals. After 3.5 h, the reaction was complete. The mixture was cooled to 20 °C. Water (80 mL) was added to obtain a suspension. After being stirred at 20 °C for 1 h, the solid was collected by filtration and then rinsed with 1:2 MeOH/water (30 mL). After being dried, 10.4 g of the epoxide product 10 was isolated as a white solid with 97% yield.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.39–7.29 (m, 5H), 7.20 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.60 Hz), 7.73 (t, 2H, *J* = 9.20 Hz), 5.62 (m, 1H), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.59 (m, 0.5H), 2.39 (m, 0.5H), 2.33–1.96 (m, 6H), 1.93–1.49 (m, 4.5 H), 1.01 (s, 1.5H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz):  $\delta$  153.1, 141.6, 141.3, 138.2, 131.3, 131.3, 128.9, 128.7, 128.0, 127.9, 125.0, 124.6, 121.2, 121.2, 82.8, 82.3, 54.6, 54.2, 54.1, 54.0, 52.8, 52.8, 50.2, 50.1, 36.1, 36.0, 31.8, 31.0, 22.6. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>/TOF): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>24</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 430.1012, found 430.1014.

To a stirred solution of **10** (9.7 g, 22.57 mmol) in dry THF (9.7 mL) were added LiBH<sub>4</sub> (3.39 mL, 2.0 M, 6.77 mmol, 0.3 equiv) in THF and LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (2.26 mL, 1.0 M, 2.26 mmol, 0.1 equiv) below 30 °C. After being stirred at 35 °C for 3 h, the mixture was cooled to 20 °C. The reaction was quenched with a mixture of acetone (0.5 mL) and MeOH (20 mL). A solution of  $H_2O_2$  (0.55 g, 35%, 5.64 mmol) in 1 mL of water was added. After being stirred at 25–35 °C for 0.5 h, the mixture was cooled to 22 °C, and then 7 mL of water was added. After the mixture was added at 22–25 °C. After 1.5 h at 22 °C, the solid was collected by filtration and then rinsed with 30 mL of MeOH/ water (1:2 v/v) and then 20 mL of heptane. After being dried, the solid was slurried in 1:3 EtOAc/heptane (40 mL) to give 9.35 g of **2** as a white solid with 96% yield and >99.0% dr.

Mp: 153–155 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.28 (m, SH), 7.24–7.22 (m, 2H), 6.81–6.79 (m, 2H), 5.61 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.04, 13.92 Hz), 2.86–2.81 (m, 1H), 2.46–2.27 (m, 3H), 2.20–2.15 (m, 3H), 1.48 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.17 (bs, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz):  $\delta$  153.0, 142.4, 138.2, 131.3, 128.8, 128.8, 127.7, 124.9, 121.3, 83.9, 71.0, 53.7, 52.9, 36.1, 33.1, 31.9, 30.4, 15.2. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>/ TOF): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>26</sub>BrNO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 432.1169, found 432.1167. Optical rotation: [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> = +16.1 (*c* = 0.34, MeOH).

(S)-6-(2-Hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-3-((S)-1-(4-(1-methyl-2oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-4-yl)phenyl)ethyl)-6-phenyl-1,3-oxazinan-2-one 1. To a clean flask were added 2 (50.0 g, 115.65 mmol), 3 (19.45, 127.21 mmol, 1.1 equiv), Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (94.4 mg, 0.12 mmol, 0.1 mol %), K2CO3 (47.95 g, 346.94 mmol, 3 equiv), and IPA (250 mL) under N2. After the mixture was pumped and refilled with  $N_2$  three times, the mixture was heated to  $\hat{80}$   $\hat{C}$  for 3–5 h. A solution of N-acetyl-L-cysteine (1.89 g, 11.56 mmol, 0.1 equiv) in IPA (50 mL) was added. After 2 h at 80 °C, water (150 mL) was added. The mixture was cooled to 40 °C, and then a small amount of insoluble, off-white solid was filtered off and then washed with 3:1 IPA/water (100 mL). After a phase cut to remove the bottom aqueous layer, distillation of the top layer was performed at 81-83 °C and 760 Torr to reduce the mixture to less than 0.5% water. During the distillation, IPA (1000 mL) was added to maintain the volume of the content (~250 mL). The batch was cooled to 60-65 °C and then seeded with 50 mg of 1-IPA solvate in 0.5 mL of IPA. After being stirred at 60–65 °C for 0.5 h, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C over 2 h. After 1 h, the solid was collected and then rinsed with chilled IPA (0-5 °C, 100 mL). After being dried at 40 °C under vacuum, 50.6 g of 1 was obtained as a white solid in 95% yield.

Mp: 93–95 °C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.37–7.28 (m, 8H), 7.01 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.52 Hz), 6.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.64 Hz), 6.35 (dd, 1H, *J* = 2.04, 7.04 Hz), 5.69 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.08, 14.0 Hz), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.90–2.86 (m, 1H), 2.47–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.15 (m, 6H), 1.54 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz):  $\delta$  163.2, 153.1, 151.2, 142.4, 140.7, 138.2, 136.3, 128.8, 127.6, 127.6, 126.5, 125.0, 116.7, 105.4, 84.0, 71.1, 53.8, 53.2, 37.4, 36.2, 33.2, 31.9, 30.4, 15.3. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>/TOF): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> (M + H<sup>+</sup>) 461.2435, found 461.2422. Optical rotation:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +23.0$  (*c* = 0.20, MeOH).

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