

## Single and Double Asymmetric Induction in Diels-Alder Cycloadditions with Chiral Acylnitroso Dienophiles

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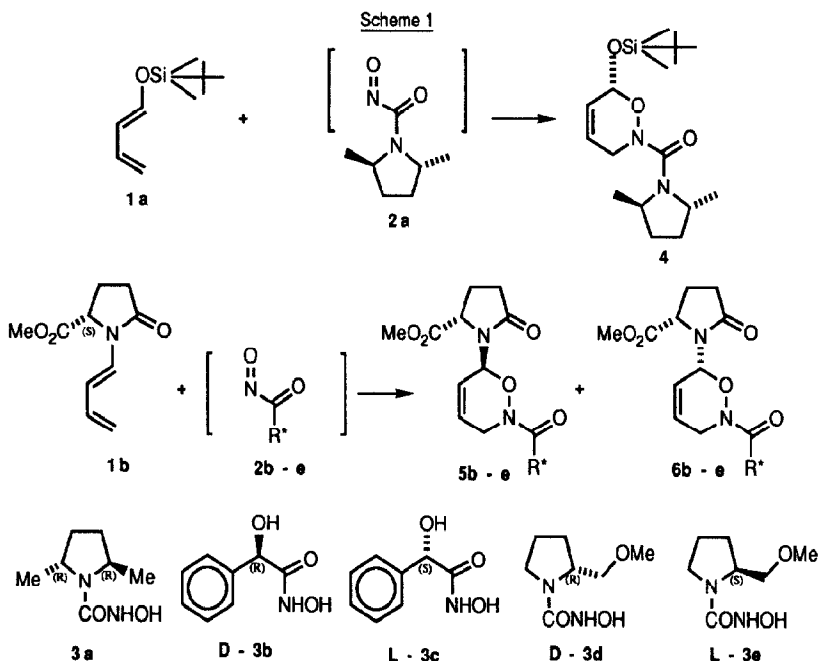
**Abstract** : Diels-Alder reaction of the achiral 1-silyloxybutadiene **1a** with the chiral acylnitroso dienophile **2a** gave cycloadduct **4** in high diastereomeric excess (*d.e.* > 98 %), a result which is undoubtedly due to the C-2 symmetrical chiral dimethylpyrrolidine inductor. Excellent *d.e.* was also observed when the (R)-prolinol dienophile **2d** was reacted with the chiral diene **1b** (*d.e.* = 96 %), whereas cycloaddition of the (S) enantiomer **2e** with **1b** gave only poor asymmetric induction (*d.e.* = 4 %). These two latter examples nicely illustrate the influence of "matched pair" (**1b/2d**) versus "mismatched pair" (**1b/2e**) upon double asymmetric induction. All herein reported Diels-Alder cycloadditions were regiospecific.

**Introduction.** - Single asymmetric Diels-Alder cycloadditions can in principle be achieved according to the following three methodologies : i) with a chiral diene ; ii) with a chiral dienophile ; iii) with a chiral Lewis acid catalyst. The concept of *double asymmetric induction* has been developed by S. Masamune who made use of a combination of any two of the above cited three methodologies<sup>1</sup>. In actual fact double asymmetric induction in Diels-Alder reactions are mostly performed by letting a chiral diene react with a chiral dienophile. Along these lines it was found that a given enantiomer (of, say, a diene) may lead to a pronounced diastereoselectivity when reacted with one enantiomer of a given dienophile, whereas reaction with the second enantiomer led to a strongly reduced diastereoselectivity. By convention the first pair of reactants is called a *matched pair*, the second one a *mismatched pair*<sup>1</sup>.

We describe herein two types of stereospecific syntheses, the primary step being in all instances an asymmetric hetero-Diels-Alder cycloaddition with a chiral acylnitroso dienophile. The first approach we used is a *single asymmetric Diels-Alder cycloaddition* in which the achiral 1-silyloxybutadiene **1a**<sup>2</sup> was reacted with the chiral acylnitroso dienophile **2a**. The handedness of **2a** is due to the C-2 symmetrical 2,5-dimethyl-pyrrolidine<sup>3</sup>. This latter type of chiral acylnitroso dienophiles is known to lead to excellent asymmetric induction (*d.e.* values of up to 99 %)<sup>4,5</sup>.

In the second approach one takes advantage of *double asymmetric synthesis*, as defined above, by using : i) enantiomerically pure acylnitroso dienophiles **2b/2c**, and **2d/2e**, which were easily formed from D- and L-mandelic acid, and from D- and L-O-methylprolinol, respectively<sup>6</sup> ; ii) enantiomerically pure N-dienyl-L-methylpyroglutamate **1b** as the common and unique chiral diene partner<sup>7,8</sup>. When reacted with cyclohexa-1,3-diene (achiral partner) the chiral acylnitroso dienophiles **2b/2c** and **2d/2e** were known to give the expected cycloadducts with moderate asymmetric induction : *d.e.* = 58-75 % with **2b/2c**<sup>9</sup>, *d.e.* = 68 % with **2d/2e**<sup>6,10</sup>. As to the chiral diene **1b**, when reacted with achiral acylnitroso dienophiles, it was shown to lead to *d.e.* values of up to 84 %<sup>7</sup>.

The acylnitroso derivatives **2a-2e** are highly reactive and short-lived entities. They must be prepared *in situ* (in the presence of their diene partners) by oxidation of the corresponding hydroxamic acids **3a-3e** with tetra-n-propylammonium periodate in chloroform or in methylene chloride<sup>11</sup>.



**Asymmetric Diels-Alder cycloaddition reactions.** - Cycloaddition of siloxydiene **1a** with the dimethylpyrrolidine dienophile **2a** gave cycloadduct **4** as the only reaction product (*d.e.* > 98 %). This result is reminiscent of those reported recently when **2a** had been reacted with cyclohexadiene<sup>5</sup>. In both instances asymmetric induction proved to be excellent.

As to double asymmetric induction with diene **1b** ((S) configuration), it proved to be strongly dependent on the (R) or the (S) configuration of the dienophiles (see **Table 1**). Asymmetric induction turned out to be poor when **1b** was reacted with the L-mandelic acid derivative **2c** ((S) configuration) or with the L-O-methylprolinol derivative **2e** ((S) configuration), since the corresponding diastereomers **5c/6c** and **5e/6e** were formed in about equal amounts (**Table 1**).

When using the enantiomeric dienophiles ((R) configuration), *i.e.* **2b** and **2d**, the results were quite different. Dienophile **2b** led to a moderate asymmetric induction which proved to be similar in magnitude to the one observed with cyclohexadiene<sup>6,9</sup>. As to cycloaddition of diene **1b** with dienophile **2d**, it turned out to be almost diastereospecific (*d.e.* = 96 %), the minor cycloadduct **6d** being formed in trace amounts only (*ca.* 2 %). The pronounced discrepancy which is observed when comparing these two series is best explained by considering the results which had been obtained when **1b** was reacted with the acylnitroso derivative of phenylacetic acid whose structure is comparable to mandelic acid. In this latter instance the asymmetric induction was poor too<sup>7</sup>.

Since single asymmetric induction was quite acceptable when **1b** was reacted with the achiral carbamoyl derivative Me<sub>2</sub>N-CO-N=O (*d.e.* = 84 %)<sup>2</sup>, the concept of double asymmetric induction<sup>1</sup> was expected to lead to a high *d.e.* value when using a chiral carbamoyl dienophile. This could be nicely checked with the chiral dienophile **2d** which forms a *matched pair* with the chiral diene **1b** (*d.e.* = 96 %): clearly steric interactions in the transition state leading to **5d** must be minimized. The *mismatched pair*, *i.e.* **1b** and **2e**, was then predicted to lead to a poor asymmetric induction, which is indeed observed (*d.e.* = 2 %).

The same concept seems to apply - to a lesser extend though - to the mandelic acid series, the *matched pair* being **1b** + **2b** (*d.e.* = 46 %), the *mismatched pair* **1b** + **2c** (*d.e.* = 10 %).

**Table 1.** - Single asymmetric cycloaddition of achiral diene **1a** with chiral dienophile **2a**, and double asymmetric induction of chiral diene **1b** with chiral dienophiles **2b-2e**.

Dienes	Chiral dienophiles	Cycloadducts formed	Relative amounts (%) <sup>a)</sup>	<i>d.e.</i> (%)
<b>1a</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>4</b>	> 99	>98
<b>1b</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>5b/6b</b>	73:27	46
<b>1b</b>	<b>2c</b>	<b>5c/6c</b>	55:45 <sup>b)</sup>	10
<b>1b</b>	<b>2d</b>	<b>5d/6d</b>	98:2	96
<b>1b</b>	<b>2e</b>	<b>5e/6e</b>	52:48 <sup>b)</sup>	4

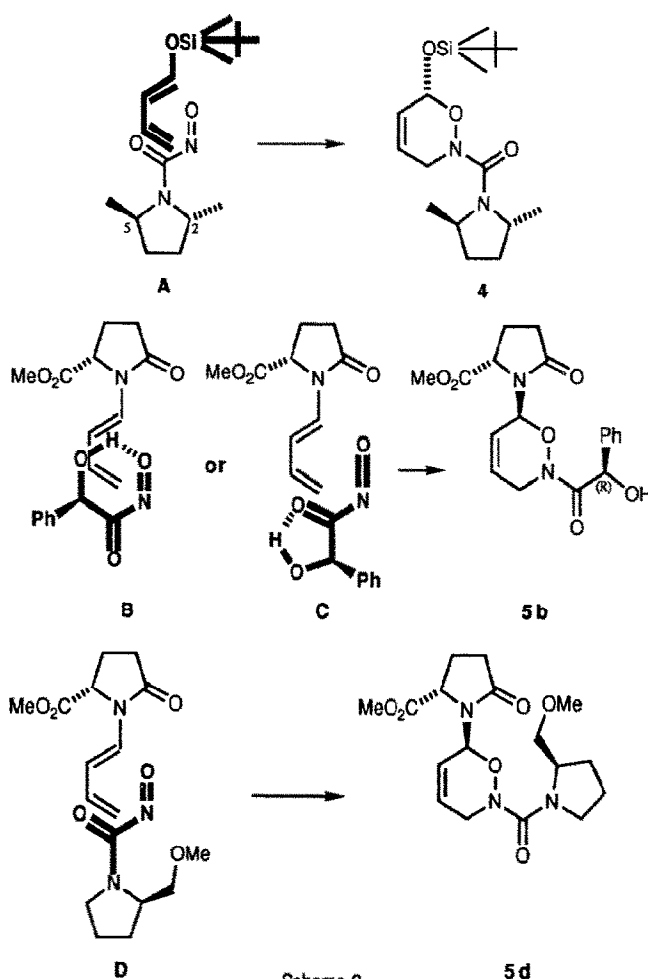
a) as determined by <sup>13</sup>C-NMR on the crude reaction products

b) or *vice versa*.

**Mechanistic interpretations.** - The absolute configuration has been established for adducts **4**, **5b** and **6b** (see below : last chapter). Therefore we feel entitled to propose reasonable geometries for the transition states (TS) which lead to these cycloadducts. With one prerequisite though : *endo* approach is postulated in all instances, since secondary orbital interactions should occur between the diene-MO and the acyl-MO (of the acylnitroso partner).

Single asymmetric induction. - Along this line of thought the absolute stereostructure of **4** can only be accounted for if the dienophile reacts from its *s-cis* conformation, as depicted in the postulated transition state **A** (Scheme 2) : Me-C(2) plays the dominant role as a directing group, the diene approaching from the less hindered side. A very similar interpretation had also been reached to account for the asymmetric cycloaddition of chiral carbamoylnitroso dienophiles with cyclohexadiene<sup>4,5,6,10</sup>.

Double asymmetric induction with the D-mandelic acid series. - As described above, only in the D-series of the mandelic acid derivatives does one observe a certain degree of asymmetric induction (*d.e.* = 46%). The absolute stereostructure of the major cycloadduct **5b** being known (see below), we postulate either geometry **B** or geometry **C** for the transition state which leads to **5b**, steric interactions being kept at a minimum in both instances. The conformation of the chiral diene **1b**, has already been discussed in a previous paper;<sup>7</sup> the amide of the  $\gamma$ -lactam should be coplanar, and in the *s-trans* conformation, with respect to the butadienyl moiety, as indicated in **B** and **C** (Scheme 2). The conjugation is then strongest between these two  $\pi$ -functionalities<sup>12</sup>.

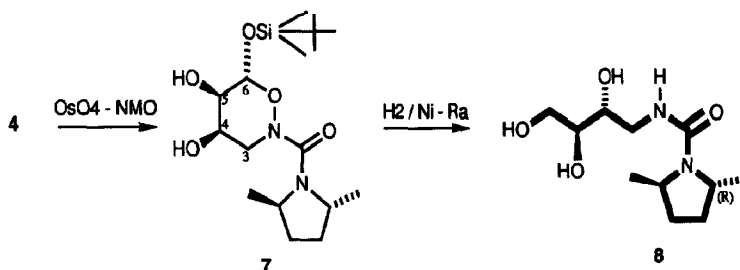


Intramolecular hydrogen bonding of the D-mandelic acid derivative **2b** induces a conformational stiffening, either in the *s-trans* conformation which leads to **TS B**, or in the *s-cis* conformation which leads to **TS C**. Both H-bonded conformations of **2b** permit to explain the formation of the major cycloadduct **5b**. Some similar conclusions had been reached in order to explain the asymmetric Diels-Alder cycloaddition of **2b** with cyclohexadiene<sup>6</sup>.

Double asymmetric induction with the O-methylprolinol series. - The absolute stereostructure of the major cycloadduct **5d** is not known with certainty. Nevertheless two arguments point to the absolute configuration as depicted in **5d** (Scheme 2) : i) let us assume an *s-trans* conformation between the amide and the butadienyl moieties of **1b**, as already discussed above ; ii) by analogy with the *s-cis* conformation of **2a** (Diels-Alder TS), let us assume that the acylnitroso dienophile occurs in its *s-cis* conformation too. It follows that the most likely TS for the cycloaddition of **1b** with **2d** is as indicated in **D** (Scheme 2), with steric interactions being kept at a minimum in the D-series only.

**Synthesis of chiral aminoerythritol 8.** - Starting from the major Diels-Alder cycloadduct **4**, the reaction sequence leading to the expected aminoerythritol **8** was straightforward<sup>2</sup>. *cis*-Hydroxylation of **4** was achieved with OsO<sub>4</sub> (catalytic amounts) in the presence of N-methylmorpholine N-oxide (NMO) as the cooxidant. It led to **7** in which the *cis*-diol functionality is *anti* with respect to the silyloxy group. Raney nickel catalysed hydrogenolysis of the N-O bond, followed by two consecutive reaction steps ( i) elimination of the silyloxy group ; ii) catalytic reduction of the ensuing aldehyde) gave ultimately the expected chiral L-amino-1-desoxy-erythritol derivative **8**.

Scheme 3



**Structural analyses.** - That all Diels-Alder cycloadducts *i.e.* **4**, **5b-5e**, and **6b-6e** - which are described herein, are formed diastereospecifically could easily be demonstrated by <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (see Table 3). In all instances the methylene C(3) atom appears at δ 40-45 ppm, proving thereby that it is connected to the N-atom of the former nitroso dienophile.

Conformation and stereostructure of diol **7** was ascertained in a straightforward manner by <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (Table 2) : a large <sup>3</sup>J<sub>5,6</sub> and a rather small <sup>3</sup>J<sub>4,5</sub> are measured : clearly H-C(5) and H-C(6) are in a *trans*-, C(4) and H-C(5) in a *cis*-topology.

The absolute stereostructures of diol **7** and of the minor cycloadduct **6b** were ascertained by X-ray diffraction analyses (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

Table 2 :  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  -Data of adducts **4**, **5b-e**, **6b-e** and of diol **7**. 250 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\delta$  in ppm, J in Hz, internal standard TMS.

	$\delta$	Hax-C(3)	Heq-C(3)	H-C(4)	H-C(5)	H-C(6)	H-C(3')	H-C(5')	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	H-C(2'')	H-C(5'')	CH <sub>2</sub> -C(2'')	OMe	Other data	T(K)	
<b>4</b>	4.16	3.68	5.98	5.69	5.47	-	-	4.39	-	4.39	4.39	-	-	SIMe <sub>2</sub> :0.15; tBu:0.92, Me-C(2''), Me-C(5'')		
<b>1.15, H-C(3'')</b>																
<b>5b</b>	4.16	4.26	6.04	5.66	6.22	2.40, 2.10	3.97	3.69	5.46	-	-	-	-	Ar:7.2-7.4, OH:2.22, H-C(4''):1.49, 1.72	323	
<b>6b</b>	4.05	4.18	6.15	5.63	5.68	2.82, 2.39	4.18	3.75	5.41	-	-	-	-	Ar:7.3-7.4, OH:4.16, H-C(4''):2.1-2.4	323	
<b>5c or 6c, A<sup>b</sup></b>	3.92	4.54	6.06	5.69	6.05	2.5	4.35	3.74	5.36	-	-	-	-	Ar:7.3-7.4, OH:1.44, H-C(4''):2.05, 2.5	303	
<b>6c or 5c, B<sup>b</sup></b>	3.71	4.59	6.14	5.67	6.26	2.75, 2.43	4.19	3.31	5.48	-	-	-	-	Ar:7.2-7.4, OH:3.77, H-C(4''):2.1-2.3	328	
<b>5d</b>	4.02	3.90	6.13	5.61	6.16	2.58, 2.3	4.55	3.75	4.23	3.56, 3.33	3.34	3.34	H-C(4''):H-C(3''), H-C(4''):1.7-2.3	323		
<b>6d</b>	3.83	3.83	6.19	5.46	6.26	2.74, 2.40	4.21	3.67	4.23	3.52, 3.37	3.33	3.33	H-C(4''):H-C(3''), H-C(4''):1.6-2.2	328		
<b>5e or 6e, A<sup>b</sup></b>	3.89	3.89	6.11	5.61	6.27	2.57, 2.40	4.39	3.76	4.20	3.51, 3.35	3.35	3.35	H-C(4''):H-C(3''), H-C(4''):2.35, 1.7-2.0	303		
<b>6e or 5e, B<sup>b</sup></b>	3.80	4.09	6.23	5.61	6.15	2.78, 2.39	4.23	3.69	4.19	3.55-3.35	3.58, 3.33	3.34	H-C(4''):H-C(3''), H-C(4''):1.7-2.5	303		
<b>7</b>	3.39	4.29	4.05	3.36	4.77	-	-	-	4.34	4.34	-	-	-	SIMe <sub>2</sub> :0.17; tBu:0.94; Me-C(2''), Me-C(5''):1.17, H-C(3''), H-C(4''):1.55, 2.13	300	
<b>4</b>	17.8	J3ax,3eq	J3ax,4	J3eq,4	J3ax,4	J3ax,5	J3eq,5	J3ax,6	J3eq,6	J4,5	J4,5	J4,6	J5,6			
<b>5bc</b>	18.1		3.1	3.7	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.8	10.2	10.2	1.1	2.4			
<b>6b</b>	18.0		3.1	3.2 <sup>d</sup>	2.3	2.2 <sup>d</sup>	2.2	2.2	2.2 <sup>d</sup>	10.4	10.4	1.8	3.0			
<b>5c or 6c, A</b>	18.1		2.4	3.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	1.8	10.2	10.2	1.4	3.0			
<b>5c or 6c, B</b>	17.8		1.9	4.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.2	10.3	10.3	1.4	3.6			
<b>5d</b>	17.8		3.2	3.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	nd	10.4	10.4	1.8	2.5			
<b>6d</b>	17.4		3.2	3.2 <sup>d</sup>	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.0	10.2	10.2	1.8	3.0			
<b>5e or 6e, A</b>	nd		2.7	3.2 <sup>d</sup>	2.1	2.6 <sup>d</sup>	2.3 <sup>d</sup>	-	2.0	10.0	10.0	2.0	2.6			
<b>5e or 6e, B</b>	17.9		2.7	4.0	2.1	2.1	2.5 <sup>d</sup>	2.6	1.8	10.2	10.2	1.8	2.3			
<b>7</b>	15.2		2.1	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	10.2	10.2	1.8	2.6			
										3.7	3.7	-	7.7			

a) C(3') refers to the pyrrolidone moiety, C(4'') to the pyrrolidone or mandelic acid moiety

b) A is the isomer of highest Rf, B the isomer of lowest Rf

c) for the pyrrolidone moiety (the a index refers to the more shielded protons) : J3'a,3'b=17.0 ; J4'a,4'b=13.2 ; J3'a,4'b=2.2 ; J3'b,4'a=11.3 ; J3'b,4'b=9.1 ; J4'a,5=9.4 ; J4'b,5=1.8

d) mean values

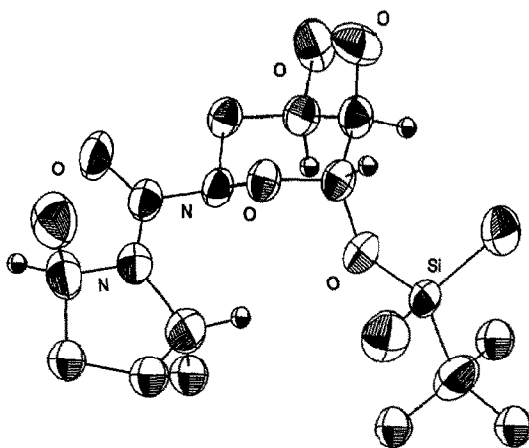


Figure 1.- ORTEP plot of 7 : 50 % probability ellipsoids. Most H-atoms omitted for clarity.

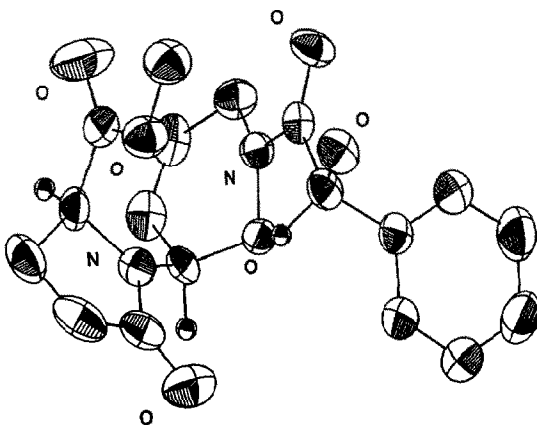


Figure 2.- ORTEP plot of 6b : 50 % probability ellipsoids. Most H-atoms omitted for clarity.

**Crystal Data.** - Compound **7** C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Si, M=374.55, monoclinic, a=8.928(5), b=8.939(4), c=13.937(7) Å, β=102.99(5)°, U=1071.24 Å<sup>3</sup> (by least squares refinement of diffractometer angles for 25 independent, automatically centered reflections, λ=0.71069 Å), space group P2<sub>1</sub> (no.4), Z=2, D<sub>c</sub>=1.162 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, F(000)=408. Colourless crystals mounted in a 0.3 mm Lindemann capillary, μMo-Kα=1.0 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Intensity data were collected on a Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer, ω-2θ scan, graphite-monochromated MoKα radiation ; 2346 independent reflections measured [± h,k,l] ; 2<θ<27°, 2213 with F>3σ(F). No correction for absorbance was applied. The structure was solved by direct methods. Anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement for all non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were calculated and fixed with isotropic thermal U-values of 0.07. Final R=0.07 using unit weights.

Compound **6b** C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, M=360.367, orthorhombic, a=7.678(5), b=12.682(3), c=17.746(6) Å, U=1727.96 Å<sup>3</sup> (by least squares refinement of diffractometer angles for 25 independent, automatically centered reflections, λ=0.71069 Å), space group P2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2 (no. 18), Z=4, D<sub>c</sub>=1.386 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, F(000)=760. Colourless crystals mounted in a 0.3 mm Lindemann capillary, μMo-Kα=0.65 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Data were collected using the same scan mode as above ; 1840 independent reflections measured [h,k,l] ; 2<θ<28°, 1428 with F>2σ(F). No correction for absorbance was applied. The structure was solved by direct methods. Anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement for all non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were calculated and fixed with isotropic thermal U-values of 0.07. Final R and R' [w=σ<sup>2</sup>(2Fo+g(Fo))<sup>2</sup>]-1=0.069 and 0.065.

Programs used (Microvaxll, Cryst. Lab. Chemistry Department, University of Basle) and sources of scattering factors were reported in refs<sup>13,14</sup>. Fractional atomic coordinates and U<sub>eq</sub> values [Beq=8π<sup>2</sup>(U<sub>11</sub>+U<sub>22</sub>+U<sub>33</sub>)/3] for structure **7** and **6b** are listed in a separate **Table** which is available upon request (supplementary material).

It follows that the absolute configurations of **4** and of **5b** are known too. As to the most likely absolute configuration of the major cycloadduct **5d**, we discussed it in terms of mechanistic considerations (see above).

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**Experimental Part**

**General.** - Flash chromatography (FC) : silica gel (Merck 60 ; 230-400 mesh). TLC : Al roll silica gel (Merck 60 E254). M.p. : Kofler hot bench or Büchi SMP 20 apparatus ; corrected. IR spectra (cm<sup>-1</sup>) : Perkin-Elmer 157-G. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra : Bruker AC-F-250 ; tetramethylsilane TMS (<sup>1</sup>H-NMR) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) = 77.0 or  $\delta$ (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) = 128.0 with respect to TMS ; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR) as internal references ;  $\delta$  in ppm and J in Hz. High resolution (HR) MS were measured on a MAT-311 spectrometer at the University of Rennes. Microanalyses were carried out by the Service Central de Microanalyses of the CNRS, Vernaison.

**Starting Materials.** - Raney-nickel (slurry in H<sub>2</sub>O), nPr<sub>4</sub>NiO<sub>4</sub>, N-methylmorpholine-N-oxide (NMO), D- and L-mandelic acid were purchased from Fluka, (S) and (R)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine from Merck-Schuchardt.

The usual solvents were freshly distilled. The chlorinated ones were kept over Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.

**Hydroxamic acids. -**

**D- or L-Methylmandelate** : to a soln. of HCl 10 % in MeOH (25 ml) was added D- or L-mandelic acid (5 g, 33 mmol). After 2h at r.t., toluene was added and the soln. evaporated to give the esters (5.3-5.4 g, 96-100 %).

**D(-)-Methylmandelate** : m.p. : 50-52° (cyclohexane/benzene 20:1) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -176 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (ref<sup>15</sup> : m.p. : 55.5° (petrol-ether) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = -174.2 (c=0.58, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)). IR(KBr) : 3525, 1735, 1260, 1185, 1080, 690. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.36 (m, Har.) ; 5.18 (s, H-C(2)) ; 3.76 (s, OMe).

**L(+)-Methylmandelate** : m.p. = 52° (cyclohexane/benzene 20:1) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +178 (c=1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (ref<sup>15</sup> : m.p. = 55.5° (petrol-ether) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = + 173.5 (c=0.97, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)). IR(KBr) : 3450, 1735, 1200, 1090, 1060, 735, 690. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) ; 7.36 (m, Har.) ; 5.19 (s, H-C(2)) ; 3.76 (s, OMe).

**D(-) and L(+)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetohydroxamic acid 3b,c** were prepared from the corresponding methyl mandelate according to 6 :

**(2R)-(-)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetohydroxamic acid 3b** : (beige crystals ; 73 %) ; m.p. = 155°, dec. (AcOEt/MeOH 8:1) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -61 (c = 2.5, H<sub>2</sub>O) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -48 (c=0.6, MeOH) (lit.<sup>6</sup> : m.p. = 157.8, dec. (AcOEt) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -46 (c=0.6, MeOH)). IR(KBr) (other allotropic form of product described in 6) : 3300, 1680, 1630, 1070, 735, 700.

**(2S)-(+)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetohydroxamic acid 3c** : (beige crystals, 75 %) ; m.p. = 158°, dec. (AcOEt/MeOH 8:1) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +63 (c = 2.5, H<sub>2</sub>O) ; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +46 (c = 0.6 ; MeOH) (lit. <sup>9b</sup> : m.p. = 137.8°, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> = -164 (c = 2.5, H<sub>2</sub>O)). IR(KBr) : 3475, 3290, 1675, 1625, 1450, 1070, 720, 690. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>OD 3:1) : 7.36 (m, Har.) ; 5.08 (s, H-C(2)) ; 3.01 (bs, OH, NHOH).

**(2R)-(+)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine-N-carbohydroxamic acid 3d** : a soln. of (R)-(+)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine (0.86 ml, 6.95 mmol) and C-phenoxy-carbohydroxamic acid<sup>6</sup> (1.41 g, 9.2 mmol, 1.32 eq.) in anh. pyridine (10 ml) was stirred overnight under Ar at 30°. The pyridine was evaporated by azeotropic distillation with toluene. Acid 3d was separated by FC (AcOEt/EtOH 8:2) and isolated as pinkish

crystals (1.43 g, 95 %); m.p. = 89-90° (AcOEt/*i*Pr<sub>2</sub>O 2:1). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = +92.5 (c = 1.0, MeOH). IR(KBr) : 3290, 3200, 1650, 1450, 1375, 1090, 765, 655. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR : (250 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) : 8.08 and 6.41 (2bs, NHOH); 3.97 (m, H-C(2)); 3.65 (m, Hb-C(5)); 3.25-3.45 (m, 3H, Ha-C(5), H-C( $\alpha$ )); 3.37 (s, OMe); 2.01 (m, Ha-C(3)), 1.84 (Hb-C(3), Ha-C(4)); Hb-C(5); 1.63 (m, Hb-C(4)).

-(2S)-(-)-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine-N-carbohydroxamic acid **3e** was prepared according to **6**, (2R,5R) 2,5 dimethylpyrrolidine N-carbohydroxamic acid **3a** according to **5**.

### Cycloadducts

**General procedure** : to a stirred soln. of diene **1a** or **1b** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 g in 10 ml) at 0°C, containing *ca* 50 beads of 4 Å molecular sieves, was added *n*Pr<sub>4</sub>NIO<sub>4</sub> (1/3 mol/mol of acid **3**) and then portionwise the hydroxamic acid (1-3 eq.). After *ca.* 4h the red soln. was diluted with ether, treated with 1N Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and finally with brine (3x). The aq. phases were extracted again with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined org. soln. dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The rate of minor to major adduct was determined by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR with the crude residue.

(6S)-6-(*t*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-[(2R,5R)-2,5-dimethylpyrrolidine-1-carbonyl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazine **4** - Was prepared from **1a** (0.49 g, 2.7 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml), *n*Pr<sub>4</sub>NIO<sub>4</sub> (0.34 g, 0.8 mmol) and (R)-acid **3a**<sup>5</sup> (0.42 g, 2.7 mmol). The crude product was purified by FC (AcOEt/cyclohexane 2:8) to give **4** (0.455 g, 50 %) as colourless crystals, m.p. : 55° (pentane at -20°). IR(KBr) : 2950, 2920, 2880, 2850, 1650, 1460, 1400, 1365, 1335, 1260, 1250. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR : see **Table 2**. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR : see **Table 3**. Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si (340.55) : C 59.96, H 9.48, N 8.22 ; found : C 59.9, H 9.6, N 8.1.

(6S)-2-[(R)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetyl]-6-[(S)-5-methoxycarbonyl-2-oxo-pyrrolidine-1-yl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazine **5b** and its (6R) diastereoisomer **6b** - Compounds **5b/6b** were prepared from **1b** (56 mg, 0.28 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 ml), *n*Pr<sub>4</sub>NIO<sub>4</sub> (38 mg, 0.1 mmol) and (R)-acid **D-3b** (47 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1 eq.). The crude product was separated by TLC (AcOEt) to give **1b** (22 mg, 41 %), **5b** (R<sub>f</sub>=0.4, 22 mg, 22 %), **6b** (R<sub>f</sub>=0.25, 10 mg, 10 %). Larger scale experiments were performed with 2 eq. of acid **D-3b**.

**Compound 5b** : yellow resin. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +101 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR(film) : 3450, 2950, 1740, 1715, 1705, 1685, 1670, 1650, 1435, 1395, 1375, 1280, 1205. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR : see **Table 2**. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR : see **Table 3**. MS, m/z (%) : 360(10), 196(40), 195(100), 144(44), 136(95), 108(19), 107(54), 105(15), 84(69), 83(25), 79(42), 77(32). HR-MS : 360.1316 (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, M<sup>+</sup>, calc. 360.1321).

**Compound 6b** : colourless prisms, m.p. : 144°. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = +14 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR(film) : 3450, 2950, 1735, 1715, 1705, 1685, 1670, 1650, 1435, 1395, 1275, 1205. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR : see **Table 2**. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR : see **Table 3**. MS, m/z (%) : 196(19), 195(43), 144(25), 136(45), 108(10), 107(29), 84(100), 83(14), 79(21), 77(16). HR-MS : 360.1316 (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, M<sup>+</sup>, calc. 360.1321).

(6S)-2-[(S)-2-hydroxy-2-phenylacetyl]-6-[(SS)-methoxycarbonyl-2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazine **5c** and its (6R) diastereomer **6c** - Compounds **5c/6c** were prepared from **1b** (268 mg, 1.37 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.5 ml), *n*Pr<sub>4</sub>NIO<sub>4</sub> (282 mg, 0.74 mmol) and (S)-acid **L-3c** (334 mg, 2.0 mmol, 1.5 eq.). The crude product was separated by TLC (AcOEt) to give adduct A (R<sub>f</sub> = 0.35 ; 92 mg, 19 %) and adduct B (R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 ;

69 mg, 14 %).

**Adduct A (5c or 6c)** : yellow resin,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -87$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR(film) : 3440, 2950, 1740, 1710, 1670, 1650, 1395, 1280, 1210.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  : see **Table 2**.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  : see **Table 3**. MS,  $m/z$  (%) : 196(26), 195(53), 144(27), 136(69), 107(46), 105(16), 91(21), 84(100), 83(22), 79(37), 77(19), 55(15). HR-MS : 360.1333 ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{M}^+$ , calc. 360.1321).

**Adduct B (6c or 5c)** : yellow resin,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -128$  ( $c = 0.65$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR(film) : 3450, 2980, 1740, 1720, 1705, 1690, 1670, 1650, 1435, 1400, 1375, 1275, 1210.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  : see **Table 2**.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  : see **Table 3**. MS,  $m/z$  (%) : 196(14), 195(34), 144(18), 136(34), 107(14), 84(100), 79(10), 77(10). HR-MS : 360.1316 ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{M}^+$ , calc. 360.1321).

(6S)-6-[(S)-5-methoxycarbonyl-2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-[(R)-2-(methoxymethyl)-pyrrolidin-1-carbonyl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazine 5d and its (6R)-diastereomer 6d - Compounds **5d** and **6d** were prepared from **1b** (128 mg, 0.66 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 ml),  $n\text{Pr}_4\text{NIO}_4$  (144 mg, 0.38 mmol) and (R)-acid D-3d (191 mg, 1.1 mmol, 1.7 eq.). The crude product was separated by FC (AcOEt) to give successively **1b** (13 mg, 10 %), **5d** (106 mg, 44 %) and **6d**. **6d** (3 mg, ~1 %) was purified by TLC (AcOEt,  $R_f$  of **5d** = 0.30,  $R_f$  of **6d** = 0.2).

**Compound 5d** : yellow resin.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -18$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR(film) : 3480, 2950, 1740, 1710, 1650, 1400, 1205.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  : see **Table 2**.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  : see **Table 3**. MS,  $m/z$  (%) : 195(8), 142(100), 136(13), 114(11), 84(8), 82(21), 71(12). HR-MS : 367.1740 ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{M}^+$ , calc. 367.1743).

**Compound 6d** : yellow resin, characterised only by  $^1\text{H}$ - and  $^{13}\text{C}$ -NMR.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  : see **Table 2**.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  : see **Table 3**.

(6S)-6-[(S)-5-methoxycarbonyl-2-oxo-pyrrolidin-1-yl]-2-[(S)-2-(methoxymethyl)-pyrrolidin-1-carbonyl]-3,6-dihydro-2H-1,2-oxazine 5e and its diastereomer 6e - Compounds **5e** and **6e** were prepared from **1b** (57 mg, 0.29 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.5 ml),  $n\text{Pr}_4\text{NIO}_4$  (34 mg, 0.09 mmol) and (S)-acid L-3e (51 mg, 0.29 mmol, 1 eq.). The crude product was separated by TLC (AcOEt) to give **1b** (47 mg, 55 %), adduct A ( $R_f = 0.3$ , 18 mg, 17 %), Adduct B ( $R_f = 0.2$ , 20 mg, 19 %).

**Adduct of highest  $R_f$ , A, 5e (or 6e)** : yellowish resin.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -71$  ( $c = 0.9$ ;  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR(film) : 3390, 2960, 2890, 1745, 1715, 1650, 1405, 1365, 1205, 1180, 1115, 1080, 1065.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  : see **Table 2**.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  : see **Table 3**. MS,  $m/z$  (%) : 195(7), 142(100), 136(14), 114(16), 110(7), 82(34), 70(69), 55(9). HR-MS : 367.1740 ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{M}^+$ , calc. 367.1743).

**Adduct of lowest  $R_f$ , B 6e (or 5e)** : yellowish resin.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -68$  ( $c = 1.4$ ;  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR(film) : 3490, 2960, 2890, 1740, 1715, 1640, 1405, 1370, 1200, 1110.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  : see **Table 2**.  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  : see **Table 3**. MS,  $m/z$  (%) : 211(7), 142(100), 136(7), 114(12), 110(5), 82(24), 70(16). HR-MS : 367.1740 ( $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$ ,  $\text{M}^+$ , calc. 367.1743).

[4R, 5R, 6S]-6-(t-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-[(2R, 5R)-2,5-dimethylpyrrolidine-1-carbonyl]-tetrahydro-2H-1,2-oxazine-4,5-diol 7 - To a stirred solution of **4** (0.52 g, 1.54 mmol) in acetone/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (8 ml/1 ml) was added

NMO (0.42 g, 3.08 mmol) and a solution of OsO<sub>4</sub> 16 (12 ml). After 1 d, acetone (10 ml) and silicagel (2 g) were added. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the residue was purified by FC (AcOEt/cyclohexane 7:3) to give pure **7** (0.54 g, 94 %). Colourless crystals : m.p. 102-102.5° (hexane). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -63 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR(KBr) : 3590, 3365, 2960, 2930, 2880, 2855, 1640, 1420, 1250, 1135, 1105, 1090. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR : see Table 2. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 62.8 MHz) : 161.1(CO), 98.1(C(6)), 73.3(C(5)), 68.3(C(4)), 54.8(C(2'),C(5')), 50.2(C(3)), 30.6(C(3'), C(4')), 25.6((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C), 19.6(CH<sub>3</sub>-C(2'), CH<sub>3</sub>-C(5')), 19.0 (Me<sub>3</sub>C) -4.5, -4.7(2CH<sub>3</sub>-Si). Anal. calc. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si (374.56) ; C 54.56, H 9.16, N 7.49, Si 7.51 ; found : C 54.3, H 9.3, N 7.3, Si 7.5.

[2S,3R]-4-[(2R,5R)-2,5-Dimethylpyrrolidine-1-carbonyl] aminobutane-1,2,3 triol **8**. - A solution of **7** (139 mg, 0.37 mmol) in EtOH (5 ml) was hydrogenolysed with H<sub>2</sub> (1 atm.) 1d. at 40°C over Ni-Ra (previously washed under H<sub>2</sub> in EtOH). After filtration on celite, the solvent was evaporated, the solid recrystallised : **8** (66 mg, 72 %) ; colourless crystals. m.p. = 110° (AcOEt, iPr<sub>2</sub>O). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -36.4 (c = 1.0, MeOH). <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 250 MHz) : 3.90 (m, H-C(2'), H-C(5')), 3.75-3.55 (m, 2H, H-C(1), H-C(2), H-C(3)) ; 3.30 (m, 2H, H-C(4)), 2.12 and 1.53 (2m, 4H, H-C(3'), H-C(4')), 1.05 (d, Me-C(2'), Me-C(5')). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 62.8 MHz) : 159.3(CO), 74.0 (C(2)), 72.4 (C(3)), 63.8 (C(1)), 54.1 (C(2'),C(5')), 43.8 (C(4)), 30.8 (C(3'), C(4')), 20.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>-C(2'), CH<sub>3</sub>-C(5')). Anal. calc. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (246.31) : C 53.64, H 9.00, N 11.37 ; found : C 53.5, H 9.0, N 11.2.

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Table 3 : <sup>13</sup>C-NMR-Data of adducts **4**, **5b-e**, **6b-e**, **6b-e**; δ in ppm, internal standard TMS or CDCl<sub>3</sub> (δCDCl<sub>3</sub> = 77.0 ppm)

	C(3)	C(4)	C(5)	C(6)	C(2')	C(3')	C(4')	C(5')	CO <sub>2</sub> Me	NC=O	C(2'')	C(3'')	C(4'')	C(5'')	Other data
<b>4</b>	44.3	126.6	126.7	92.7	-	-	-	-	-	159.3	54.1	30.3	30.3	54.1	Me <sub>3</sub> C:18.2, CMe <sub>3</sub> :20.1, SiMe <sub>2</sub> :4.1, -5.0, MeC(2''), MeC(3''):25.7
<b>5b</b>	43.3	122.0	126.7	77.7	173.0	29.0	23.3	52.5	175.9	57.3	rd	71.2	-	-	Ar-C <sub>3</sub> :139.4 C <sub>3</sub> :127.5 C <sub>m</sub> :128.6 Cp:128.3
<b>6b</b>	42.6	121.8	126.7	78.8	172.8	29.5	24.3	52.9	176.2	58.0	rd	71.5	-	-	Ar-C <sub>3</sub> :138.4 C <sub>3</sub> :127.5 C <sub>m</sub> :128.5 Cp:128.1
<b>5c</b> or <b>6c</b> , <b>A<sup>c</sup></b>	42.1	121.6	127.1	78.1	172.9 <sup>b</sup>	29.1	24.2	52.7	175.9	58.5	172.1 <sup>b</sup>	70.6	-	-	Ar-C <sub>3</sub> :138.5 C <sub>3</sub> :127.0 C <sub>m</sub> :128.6 Cp:128.6
<b>6c</b> or <b>5c</b> , <b>B<sup>c</sup></b>	41.4	122.5	127.3	79.5	171.8 <sup>b</sup>	29.4	23.0	52.2	176.0	56.6	171.4 <sup>b</sup>	71.2	-	-	Ar-C <sub>3</sub> :139.4 C <sub>3</sub> :127.3 C <sub>m</sub> :128.3 Cp:127.9
<b>5d</b>	45.3	121.6	128.7	76.2	172.8	28.7	24.0	51.9	175.2	57.4	159.0	57.4	27.2	23.5	CH <sub>2</sub> -C(2'') : 72.6, OMe : 58.4
<b>6d</b>	46.1	123.4	129.9	76.5	172.5	27.7	24.8	52.2	175.8	58.0	159.4	56.9	29.7	23.5	CH <sub>2</sub> -C(2'') : 73.2, OMe : 59.0
<b>5e</b> or <b>6e</b> , <b>A<sup>c</sup></b>	45.9	122.8	129.2	78.3	~173	27.9	24.5	52.6	176.0	57.9	~159	56.9	29.4	24.2	CH <sub>2</sub> -C(2'') : 73.2, OMe : 59.0
<b>6e</b> or <b>5e</b> , <b>B<sup>c</sup></b>	45.3	122.4	130.3	76.9	172.7	27.7	24.6	52.4	176.0	58.0	159.0	57.3	29.7	23.8	CH <sub>2</sub> -C(2'') : 73.1, OMe : 59.0

a : C(1) refers to the pyrrolidone moiety, C(1'') to the pyrrolidine or mandelic acid moiety.

b : C(2') or N-C=O

c : A is the isomer of highest R<sub>f</sub>, B the isomer of lowest R<sub>f</sub>.