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Kinetic and thermodynamic aspects in the 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of five-membered cyclic nitrones to α , β -unsaturated γ - and δ -lactones

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Abstract—The 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of five-membered ring nitrones to the α , β -unsaturated δ -lactones is kinetically controlled, whereas the same reactions involving γ -lactones, upon heating and prolonged reaction times, display visible reversibility of the reaction and as the consequence, the formation of the more stable, thermodynamic products can be observed. Owing to this and to the high stereoselectivity of the cycloaddition, δ -lactones can be used for kinetic resolution of racemic nitrones whereas γ -ones cannot. In addition the reversibility of the cycloaddition, as well as racemization of 5-substituted 2-(5*H*)-furanones (γ -lactones), complicates the composition of the post-reaction mixtures and may lead to the formation of partially racemic adducts. The possible asymmetric transformation of cycloaddition involving γ -lactones, which eventually provide the most stable thermodynamic products in high yield, cannot be performed due to the low stability of cyclic nitrones which undergo decomposition. © 2007 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

Recently we have reported that the 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition of nitrones 1–4 to α,β -unsaturated γ -5, 6 and δ -lactones 7-10 constitutes an interesting example of a double asymmetric induction, where the chirality elements of each reactant may influence stereoselectivity either in concert or in opposite manner.^{1–5} Although, in general, 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition involving nitrones is thermally reversible,⁶ the results of our investigations have been interpreted on the assumption that the cycloaddition is kinetically controlled. In the case of δ -lactones, such an assumption appeared reasonable since we have never observed any reversibility of these reactions. In the case of γ -lactones, however, upon heating and prolongation of the reaction time, the reversibility of the cycloaddition has been observed, and the presence of more stable thermodynamic products has been detected. Moreover, in the case of γ -lactone $\mathbf{6}$, a partial racemization can occur and consequently adducts derived from 6 and *ent*-6 are formed.

Contrary to the corresponding additions involving δ -lactones, where only the *exo* approach of reactants was ob-

served, with the exception of the formation of a small amount of the *endo* adduct reported by Font et al.⁷ for compound 7, γ -lactones 5 and 6 can add nitrone in both the *exo* and *endo* mode. Recently Langlois et al.⁸ have reported the *endo* approach of oxazoline N-oxide and unsaturated δ -lactone in the mismatched pair and explained that by the interaction between the positively charged iminoether fragment in the nitrone and the lactone carbonyl group. The *endo* addition of the reactants is energetically more demanding than the *exo* addition and might occur if none of the substituents present in the lactone or nitrone hinders such approach and when there is an additional secondary interaction that favors the *endo* transition state.

The high preference of the *anti* addition to the terminal acetoxymethyl group in the δ -lactones 8–10 and to the 3-*tert*-butoxy group of the nitrones 2 and 3 has been observed. The 4-*tert*-butoxy substituent present in 3 played a secondary role. In the case of mismatched pairs, the configuration of the 4-*O*-acetoxy substituent in lactones 9 and 10 becomes the decisive factor controlling the outcome of the addition.⁴

The cycloaddition of 2 mol equiv of racemic δ -lactones 8/ ent-8 and nitrones 2 or 3 showed significant kinetic resolutions.^{1,2} In the case of the nitrone 2, D-glycero lactone 8 was less reactive and could be isolated in 95% yield and

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81% ee,² whereas in the case of nitrone **3**, L-glycero lactone *ent*-**8** is less reactive and was isolated in 86% yield and 77% ee.¹



The lack of the *endo* approach of reactants in the case of δ lactones 8–10 suggested the examination of the cycloaddition involving racemic nitrone 11/*ent*-11. One would expect an effective kinetic resolution of 11/*ent*-11 using both δ -lactones 9, 10 and γ -lactone 12. Moreover, in the case of mismatched pairs at higher temperature, or under high pressure, due to steric reasons, one could expect the *endo* addition even for δ -lactones.

The stereocontrolled formation of the desired configuration of the cycloadduct will allow us to design an efficient targetoriented synthesis. Recently, using nitrones 2 and 3, and lactones 7 and 10, we have demonstrated a convenient approach to indolizidine^{3,9} and pyrrolizidine¹⁰ alkaloids.

2. Results and discussion

Reaction between lactone 5 and nitrone 2 in toluene solution at room temperature afforded two adducts *endo-anti* 13 and *exo-anti* 14 in a ratio of about 1:3, respectively, and in 75% yield (Table 1).⁵ The same reaction in boiling toluene revealed after 48 h the presence of *exo-syn* adduct 15. Prolongation of the reaction time led to a reduction of the content of the *endo* compound 13. After 5 days,

Fable 1.	Cycloaddition	of 2 and 5 in	toluene solution	under reflux
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Entry	Time (h)	Yield (%)	Cycloadducts ratio ^a (%)		
			13	14	15
1	48	73	17	64	19
2	96	67	12	67	29
3	120	65	8	46	46
4	196	56	4	35	58
5	48 ^b	75	25	75	

^a All data are average of five runs.

^b Reaction performed at room temperature.⁵

the proportion of 13:14:15 was found to be 1:6:6 whereas after 7 days it was 1:9:14, respectively (Scheme 1). At the same time the vield of the reaction was decreased to 65%and 56%. Under the same condition the exo-anti adduct 14 underwent slow rearrangement to the exo-syn 15; after 7 days of reflux the mixture contained 40% of 14 and 60% of 15 (Table 2). It shows that the adduct exo-svn 15, not observed under kinetic control of the reaction, is thermodynamically the most stable one (Tables 1 and 2). It should be stressed that our results throw a new light on the work of the Brandi et al. published in a review article,¹¹ which for the cycloaddition of the nitrone 2 and the lactone 5 reported the formation of two exo adducts 14 and 15 in a ratio of about 5:1, respectively; the endo adduct 13 has not been found. The configuration of adducts 13-15 was established by NMR spectra and confirmed by X-ray analysis (Fig. 1).¹²





Table 2. Isomerization of 14 (exo-anti) in toluene

Entry	Time	Ratio of 14/15 ^a
1	24 h	93:7
2	48 h	63:37
3	90 h	48:52
4	7 d	39:61
5	12 d	30:61
6	16 d	40:60

^a All data are average of three runs.

A similar transformation was observed for the adducts of the mismatched pair, nitrone **2** and lactone **6** (Table 3). The previously reported standard reaction in toluene solution (47 h at room temperature followed by 1 h reflux[†]) provided a mixture of three products **16–18** in a ratio of about 21:27:52 (Scheme 2). The prolongation of the reaction time to 96 h under reflux showed 4% of **19**. The *endo*

[†]Examination of 1-h reflux of the reaction mixture did not show any change of the adducts' ratio.



Figure 1. Molecular structures of the compounds 13-15 with the crystallographical numbering scheme.¹²

Table 3. Cycloaddition of nitrone 2 to the lactone 6

Entry	Solvent	Additive	Time	Yield (%)	Cycloadducts ratio ^a (%)			
					16	17	18	19
1	PhMe		47 h (rt) 1 h (reflux)	89	21	27	52	_
2	PhMe	_	48 h (reflux)	72	23	23	48	6
3	PhMe	Et ₃ N (10%)	54 h (rt), 1 h (reflux)	66	18	24	43	15
4	PhMe	Et ₃ N (10%)	60 h (reflux)	75	11	15	39	35
5	Et ₃ N		9 d (rt)	90		11	25	64
6	Et ₃ N	_	5 d (reflux)	66	8	15	42	35
7	Et ₃ N	H ₂ O (5%)	7 d (rt)	41	—		20	80

^a All data are average of five runs.

adduct 18 which was the main product of the cycloaddition, refluxed in toluene solution for 24 h showed the unreacted substrate and two new products: the *exo-anti* adduct 17 and the cycloadduct 19 in a ratio of about 8:1:3, respectively. Observation of the formation of the adduct 19 which should be thermodynamically the most stable (the matched approach of 2 and ent-6) suggested a possible shift of the reaction towards 19 as the sole product upon prolongation of the reaction time. As a consequence of such an asymmetric transformation, lactone 6 could be used in both enantiomeric forms or as a racemate since the configuration of the final product would be determined by the configuration of nitrone 2. To accelerate the racemization of lactone 6,¹³ triethylamine was added. The highest content of 19 (19:18 equal 4:1) was found for the use of triethylamine in the presence of a small amount of water as the solvent (Table



3). The overall yield of the transformation, however, was decreased significantly to afford products in 41% only. It was shown that upon prolongation of heating and in the presence of a base, both reactants (the nitrone and the lactone) underwent decomposition.

Racemic nitrone 11/ent-11 was obtained from D-arabinose following known procedure.¹⁴ The reaction sequence proceeds via an intermediate that belongs to C_s symmetry point group. Enantiomerically pure nitrone 11 can be obtained by an alternative way involving intramolecular alkylation of an oxime.^{15–17}

In the case of cycloaddition between racemic nitrone 11/ ent-11 and lactones 8 and 10 one could expect that matched pairs, involving 11, should approach almost exclusively in the *anti-exo* mode to provide adducts 20 and 21, respectively, whereas mismatched pairs involving ent-11 could react via both exo and endo mode.

The cycloaddition of lactone **8** to 2 equiv of the racemate **11**/*ent*-**11** at room temperature for 5 days resulted in a visible kinetic resolution and exclusively afforded adduct **20** in 79% yield and unreacted nitrone *ent*-**11** with 64% ee in 60% yield (Table 4). Reaction between **8** and 1 equiv of **11**/*ent*-**11** in boiling toluene for 4 days gave besides **20** (92%) adduct **22** (8%) in low 22% yield. The reaction of enantiomerically pure nitrone *ent*-**11** with **8** under the same conditions showed two products, adducts **22** and **24**, in the ratio of about 4:1, respectively, in 51% yield; product of the *endo* approach **26** was not found.

Similar results were obtained for lactone 10 and the racemate 11/ent-11. 1:2 Proportion of reactants, after 6 days, afforded adduct 21 as a sole product in 82% yield and the

Table 4. Kinetic resolution of nitrones 11/11ent by lactones 8, 10 and 12

Entry	Lactone	Nitrone	Lactone/nitrone ratio	Temperature	Time	Yield (%)	Diastereoisomers' ratio (%)
1	8	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:2	rt	5 d	79	100(20)
2	8	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	rt	6 d	36	100(20)
3	8	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	Reflux	4 d	22	92(20), 8(24)
4	8	11ent	1:1	Reflux	5 d	51	80(22), 20(24)
5	9	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:2	rt	7 d	79	95(28), 5(29)
6	9	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	rt	8 d	36	67(28), 33(29)
7	9	11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	Reflux	3 d	51	64(28), 36(29)
8	10	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:2	rt	6 d	82	100(21)
9	10	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	rt	7 d	65	82(21), 12(25), 6(23)
10	10	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	Reflux	5 d	33	67(25), 33(21)
11	10 ^a	11ent	1:1	50 °C	24 h	74	67(25), 33(23)
12	12	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	rt	7 d	68	71(30), 23(32), 6(31)
13	12	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	Reflux	7 d	49	57(30), 41(32), 2(31)
14	12	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:2	rt	7 d	95	76(30), 24(32)
15	12	11/11 <i>ent</i>	1:2	Reflux	7 d	72	58(30), 28(32), 14(31)
16	12	11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	rt	14 d	84	80(32), 20(31)
17	12/12 <i>ent</i> ^b	1/11 <i>ent</i>	1:1	rt	5 d	64	95(<i>rac</i> -30), 2(<i>rac</i> -32), 3(<i>rac</i> -31)

^a Reaction performed under high pressure (11 kbar).

^b Obtained via racemization of **12** under basic condition (Et₃N in aq EtOH, 1 h).¹³



Figure 2. Molecular structure of the compounds 20 and 28 with the crystallographical numbering scheme.³

unreacted nitrone ent-11 in 53% yield (Table 4). Optically pure nitrone ent-11 was obtained when the cycloaddition involved 1.6 equiv of the racemate 11/ent-11. Under the same conditions, 1:1 proportion of reactants, besides 21, led to unseparable mixture of two other adducts 23 and 25, in the ratio of about 82:12:6, respectively, in 65% yield. Reaction of enantiomerically pure nitrone ent-11 with 10 at 50 °C for 24 h showed two products, adduct 23 and 25 in the ratio of about 2:1, respectively, in 74% yield. In the case of both mismatched pairs 8/ent-11 and 10/ent-11 cycloaddition proceeded in lower yields than in corresponding matched pairs 8/11 and 10/11 providing exo adducts only (Table 4). The formation of endo adducts 26 and 27 was not observed. The configuration of compounds 20-25 was proven by ¹H NMR, coupling constants between H-1a, H-2, H-5a, H-5b and H-6 protons and NOEs. Additionally the structure and configuration of 20 was confirmed by X-ray crystal structure determination (Fig. 2).¹²

Cycloaddition of D-*erythro* lactone **9** with 2 equiv of racemic nitrone **11**/*ent*-**11** at room temperature for 7 days afforded two adducts **28** and **29** in a ratio of about 95:5, respectively, and 79% yield.



Under the same conditions and a 1:1 ratio of both reactants, adducts 28 and 29 were formed in a ratio of

about 2:1, respectively; the yield of the reaction dropped to 36%. Cycloaddition of 9 with 1 equiv of 11/ent-11 in boiling toluene for 3 days provided 28 and 29 in a ratio of about 2:1 and in 51% yield. The structure and configuration of 28 was proven by X-ray crystallography (Fig. 2).¹²



In order to increase the stability of dipolarophile, for the investigation of the cycloaddition between racemic nitrone 11/ent-11 and a chiral γ -lactone, we decided to use *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl-protected compound 12. Bearing in mind the results of the cycloaddition of 2 and 6, presented above, one could expect that the cycloaddition of the γ -lactone 12 with racemic nitrone 11/ent-11 under kinetic control would lead to an interesting kinetic resolution providing the *exo* adduct 30 with 11 and the *endo* one 32 with *ent*-11.

Cycloaddition of lactone 12 to 1 equiv of the racemate 11/ ent-11 at room temperature for 7 days led to the formation of three adducts 30–32 in a ratio of about 71:6:23, respectively, in 68% overall yield (Table 4).

Under reflux for 7 days, the content of the endo adduct 32 raised significantly and only trace amounts of compound 31 were detected (Table 4). The yield, however, dropped to 49%. Cycloaddition of 12 with 2 equiv of racemic nitrone 11/ent-11 at room temperature for 7 days afforded two adducts 30 and 32 in a ratio of about 3:1, respectively. Under reflux in toluene solution the content of adducts derived from ent-11 was increased. Reaction of 12 with ent-11 provided adducts 32 and 31 in a ratio of 4:1, respectively. The proportions of stereoisomers 30-32 were determined by HPLC. One can expect, however, that reversibility of the cycloaddition and racemization of the lactone 12 can provide enantiomeric forms of adducts: 30ent by epimerization of 31 at C-2 and 31ent by similar epimerization of 30. Both processes should eventually result in the decrease of enantiomeric excess of 30 and 31. The process of racemization of 31 cannot be observed due to the low content of this stereoisomer in the reaction mixture and the highest stability of the adduct 30. The first process, however, the formation of ent-30 from 31 can be easily observed. For example, heating of the mixture of adducts 32 and 31 (in the ratio 4:1) in toluene solution revealed the formation of *ent-30* after 3 days to give an *ent-30*:31:32 ratio equal to 12:67:21, respectively. The prolongation of the reaction time, however, decreased the content of 31 and 32, whereas it did not significantly increase the content of *ent-30*. This was caused by the decomposition of the nitrone *ent-11*, formed via *retro*-cycloaddition, and testified that its decomposition was faster than the cycloaddition to both enantiomeric forms of the lactone 12/ent-12. The presence of *ent-30* was detected by NMR spectra and by HPLC on the chiral column[‡] and compared with the chromatogram of the racemic adduct 30/ent-30 obtained by cycloaddition of both racemic nitrone and lactone.

3. Conclusions

The results we have reported herein show that δ -lactones are attractive dipolarophiles which can be used for the kinetic resolution of a racemic nitrone. This resulted from the fact that cycloadditions involving δ -lactones are not reversible and usually form one predominating adduct, or in many cases, produce a single product. The corresponding transformations involving γ -lactones are more complicated. As we showed, cycloadditions to γ -lactones proceeded with lower diastereoselectivity, when compared with the cycloaddition to six-membered ones because of the possible formation of endo adducts. Moreover, the reversibility of cycloaddition, as well as racemization of 5-substituted 2-(5H)-furanones, additionally complicates the composition of the post-reaction mixtures and may lead to the formation of partially racemic products. The possible asymmetric transformation, which eventually would provide the most stable thermodynamic product, cannot be performed effectively due to the low stability of cyclic nitrones. As a result, γ -lactones are less attractive in target-oriented synthesis.

4. Experimental

4.1. General

Melting points were determined by using Köfler hot-stage apparatus with microscope and are uncorrected. Proton and carbon NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX 500 Avance Spectrometer at 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively, using deuterated solvents and TMS as an internal standard. Chemical shifts are reported as δ values in ppm and coupling constants are in Hertz. Infrared spectra were obtained on an FT IR-1600 Perkin–Elmer spectrophotometer. The optical rotations were measured with a JASCO J-1020 digital polarimeter. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on ESI-TOF Mariner spectrometer (Perspective Biosystem). X-ray analysis was performed on Nonius MACH3 diffractometer. HPLC chromatography was recorded on Merck LaChrom

[‡]HPLC: column Chiralcel[®] OD-H, hexane:*i*-propanol 90:10, 1 mL/min, retention times: 15.7 min **30**, 27.3 min **30***ent*.

chromatograph equipped with Hitachi Pump L-2130 and Hitachi Diode Array Detector L-2450.

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on aluminium sheets silica gel 60 F_{254} (20 × 20 × 0.2) from Merck. Column chromatography (CC) was carried out using Merck silica gel 230–400 mesh. The TLC spots were visualized by treatment with alcoholic solution of ninhydrine (spray) and heating.

All solvents were dried and purified by the standard techniques.

Nitrone 2,¹⁸ lactones 5^{19} and 6^{20} were obtained following literature procedure. Silylated lactone 12 were prepared according to literature procedure.²¹ Racemic nitrone 11/*ent*-11 was obtained from D-arabinose following known procedure.¹⁴ Enantiomerically pure nitrones 11 and *ent*-11 were obtained by intramolecular alkylation of corresponding 2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-D- and L-erythrose oxime.^{15–17}

4.2. Cycloaddition of lactones 5 and 6 to nitrone 2

General procedure: A solution of lactone **5** or **6** (0.375 mmol) and nitrone **2** (78.5 mg, 0.500 mmol) in solvent (Table 1; 5 mL) was stirred under nitrogen for periods of time as shown in Table 1. Subsequently, the solvent was evaporated and the product isolated by chromatography using hexane–ethyl acetate 1:2 v/v as an eluent. Two fractions were collected; the first one contained both *exo*-adducts.[§] (TLC, $R_{\rm f}$ 0.5, ethyl acetate–hexane 2:1) while the second fraction contained *endo*-adduct (TLC, $R_{\rm f}$ 0.3, ethyl acetate–hexane 2:1).

4.3. Isomerization of 14 (exo-anti)

4.3.1. General procedure. Solution of 30 mg of adduct 14 (0.124 mmol) in 5 mL of dry toluene was heated at reflux under nitrogen for appropriate period of time (Table 2). Subsequently, the solvent was evaporated and mixture of 14/15 was isolated by chromatography on silica gel using hexane–ethyl acetate 1:2 v/v as an eluent.

4.3.2. (1a*S*,4a*R*,4b*S*,5*S*)-5-*tert*-Butoxy-hexahydrofuro[3,4*d*]pyrrolo[1,2-*b*]isoxazol-4(3*H*)-one 15. Mp 102–103 °C (benzene–diethyl ether 1:1); $[\alpha]_D = +1.2$ (*c* 0.4, CH₂Cl₂); IR (film): *v* 1771 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 4.13 (1H, ddd, *J* 7.1, 5.3, 1.7 Hz, H-1a), 4.03 (1H, dd, *J* 10.4, 1.7 Hz, H-2), 3.74 (1H, dd, *J* 7.3, 1.3 Hz, H-4b), 3.59–3.54 (2H, m, H-2', H-5), 3.35 (1H, dd, *J* 7.1, 1.3 Hz, H-4a), 3.11 (1H, ddd, *J* 13.3, 7.7, 3.6 Hz, H-7), 2.58 (1H, ddd, *J* 13.3, 10.0, 7.0 Hz, H-7'), 1.64 (1H, dddd, *J* 12.8, 10.0, 7.7, 5.9 Hz, H-6), 1.46 (1H, dddd, *J* 12.8, 7.2, 7.0, 3.6 Hz, H-6'), 0.97 (9H, s, *t*-Bu); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 177.1, 77.6, 73.9, 73.7, 72.5, 71.5, 53.2, 50.1, 34.1, 28.2; HR MS (ESI) *m/z* [M+H]⁺ Calcd for C₁₂H₂₀NO₄ 242.1387. Found 242.1379.

4.4. Cycloaddition of lactone 8 to nitrone ent-11

4.4.1. General procedure. Lactone **8** (34 mg, 0.2 mmol) and nitrone **11***ent* (31 mg, 0.2 mmol) were dissolved in dry toluene (5 mL) and refluxed for 5 days under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction progress was monitored by TLC chromatography (hexane–ethyl acetate 1:4). After the solvent was evaporated, the residue was chromatographed (ethyl acetate–hexane 70:30 v/v) to afford **22** (27 mg, 41%, $R_f = 0.28$) and **24** (7 mg, 10%, $R_f = 0.45$).

4.4.2. (1a*R*,3*S*,5a*R*,5b*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-3-Acetoxymethyl-hexahydro-6,7-*O*-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-*b*]-pyrano[3,4-*d*]-isoxazol-5(3*H*)-one **20.** Mp 100–102 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +37.3$ (*c* 0.9, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): *v* 1740, 1234 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 4.89 (ddd, 1H, *J* 6.6, 5.2, 1.0 Hz, H-7), 4.86 (d, 1H, *J* 6.6 Hz, H-6), 4.80 (dddd, 1H, *J* 11.3, 5.4, 3.6, 2.0 Hz, H-3), 4.74 (ddd, 1H, *J* 8.8, 3.7, 2.0 Hz, H-1a), 4.26 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.2, 3.6 Hz, CH*H*OAc), 4.20 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.2, 5.4 Hz, CH*H*OAc), 3.86 (d, 1H, *J* 7.9 Hz, H-5b), 3.50 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.3, 1.0 Hz, H-8), 3.23 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.8, 7.9 Hz, H-5a), 2.97 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.3, 5.2 Hz, H-8'), 2.10 (s, 3H, OAc), 2.00 (dt, 1H, *J* 15.1, 2.0 Hz, H-2), 1.91 (ddd, 1H, *J* 11.3, 3.7 Hz, H-2'), 1.50, 1.31 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.4, 168.7, 112.3, 81.4, 78.5, 76.4, 73.0, 72.6, 64.8, 58.3, 49.2, 29.7, 26.2, 24.7, 20.6; MS HR (ESI) *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺, Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO₇Na: 350.1210. Found: 350.1227.

4.4.3. (1aS,3S,5aS,5bR,6R,7S)-3-Acetoxymethyl-hexahydro-6,7-O-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-b]-pyrano[3,4-d]isoxazol-5(3H)-one 22. Colourless crystals; mp 158-161 °C; $[\alpha]_{D} = -3.7$ (*c* 0.4, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): *v* 1747, 1241 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 4.92 (ddd, 1H, J 6.5, 5.5, 2.5 Hz, H-7), 4.86 (dd, 1H, J 6.5, 1.9 Hz, H-6), 4.67 (ddd, 1H, J 10.3, 9.5, 6.7 Hz, H-1a), 4.40 (dddd, 1H, J 11.8, 5.9, 3.6, 1.5 Hz, H-3), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J 12.1, 3.6 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.22 (dd, 1H, J 12.1, 5.9 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.07 (dd, 1H, J 5.9, 1.9 Hz, H-5b), 3.43 (dd, 1H, J 13.1, 2.5 Hz, H-8), 3.28 (dd, 1H, J 9.5, 5.9 Hz, H-5a), 3.18 (dd, 1H, J 13.1, 5.5 Hz, H-8'), 2.22 (ddd, 1H, J 13.7, 6.7, 1.5 Hz, H-2), 2.10 (s, 3H, OAc), 1.77 (ddd, 1H, J 13.7, 11.8, 10.3 Hz, H-2'), 1.52, 1.32 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.6, 169.4, 113.1, 83.5, 79.5, 74.7, 73.5, 72.4, 65.0, 59.9, 49.6, 30.3, 26.6, 24.9, 20.7; HR MS (ESI) m/z [M+Na]⁺, Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO₇. Na: 350.1210. Found: 350.1231.

4.4. (1a*R*,3*S*,5a*R*,5b*S*,6*R*,7*S*)-3-Acetoxymethyl-hexahydro-6,7-*O*-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-*b*]-pyrano[3,4-*d*]-isoxazol-5(3*H*)-one 24. Colourless oil; $[\alpha]_D = +20.5$ (*c* 0.1, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): 1739, 1733, 1229 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.08 (ddd, 1H, *J* 11.2, 5.5, 3.4, 2.1 Hz, H-3), 4.86 (ddd, 1H, *J* 6.3, 5.3, 1.0 Hz, H-7), 4.80 (dd, 1H, *J* 6.3, 5.3 Hz, H-6), 4.65 (ddd, 1H, *J* 8.0, 3.4, 3.2 Hz, H-1a), 4.27 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.2, 3.4 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.20 (dd, 1H, *J* 12.2, 5.5 Hz, CHHOAc), 3.88 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.0, 1.2 Hz, H-5a), 3.77 (dd, 1H, *J* 5.3, 1.2 Hz, H-5b), 3.63 (br d, 1H, *J* 15.5 Hz, H-8), 3.05 (dd, 1H, *J* 15.5, 5.3 Hz, H-8'), 2.10 (s, 3H, OAc), 2.05 (ddd, 1H, *J* 14.5, 3.2, 2.1 Hz, H-2), 1.84 (ddd, 1H, *J* 14.5, 11.2, 3.4 Hz, H-2'), 1.49, 1.33 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); HR MS (ESI) *m*/*z*

[§]The 14:15 ratio was determined by NMR spectra in benzene- d_6 .

 $[M+Na]^+$, Calcd for $C_{15}H_{21}NO_7Na$: 350.1210. Found 350.1222.

4.5. Kinetic resolution of 11/ent-11

4.5.1. General procedure. Lactone 10 (228 mg, 1.0 mmol) and racemic nitrone 11/ent-11 (267 mg, 1.6 mmol) were dissolved in dry toluene (40 mL) and the reaction was carried out for 6 days at room temperature (under nitrogen). The reaction was monitored by TLC chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate 1:1, $R_f = 0.28$). After this, the solvent was evaporated and residue purified by column chromatography—at first cycloadduct 21 was eluted by using a mixture of hexane–ethyl acetate (1:1 v/v) and then residue on column was eluted by a mixture of methylene chloridemethanol (90:10 v/v) affording 110 mg of pure ent-11 (39%) as colourless crystals. The optical purity of (+)-ent-11 was confirmed by chiral HPLC chromatography. Chiral HPLC chromatography: Chiralpak AS[®], *i*-propanol (100%), sample concentration 1 mg/mL, flow rate 0.3 mL/min, retention times: 66.0 min (-)-11 and 72.6 min (+)-ent-11.

4.5.2. (+)-3,4-Isopropylidenodioxypyrroline-1-oxide *ent*- **11.** Mp 101.5–102.5 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{30} = +26.1$ (*c* 0.56, CH₂Cl₂); Ref. 14b $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +27.7$ (*c* 0.46, CH₂Cl₂); for **11**: Ref. 14b $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -28$ (*c* 0.46, CH₂Cl₂); Ref. 15 $[\alpha]_D^{26} = -26.3$ (*c* 0.50, CH₂Cl₂); Ref. 16 $[\alpha]_D = -26.5$ (*c* 0.83, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): *v* 1580 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 6.89 (q, 1H, *J* 1.6 Hz, H-2), 5.30 (br d, 1H, *J* 6.4 Hz, H-3), 4.92 (ddd, 1H, *J* 6.5, 5.2, 1.3 Hz, H-4), 4.14 (ddd, 1H, *J* 15.2, 5.4, 1.9 Hz, H-5), 4.06 (dq, 1H, *J* 15.2, 1.3 Hz, H-5'), 1.46, 1.39 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 132.5, 112.2, 79.8, 73.6, 67.9, 27.2, 25.7; HR MS (ESI) *m*/*z* [M+H]⁺, Calcd for C₇H₁₂NO₃: 158.0812. Found: 158.0804; HPLC: retention time 72.6 min.

4.5.3. (1a*S*,2*R*,3*R*,5a*R*,5b*S*,6*S*,7*R*)-2-Acetoxy-3-acetoxy-methyl-hexahydro-6,7-*O*-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-*b*]-pyrano[3,4-*d*]isoxazol-5(3*H*)-one 21. Colourless crystals; mp 106–108 °C; $[\alpha]_D = +30.7$ (*c* 0.8, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): *v* 1747, 1223 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.08 (dd, 1H, *J* 2.6, 1.1 Hz, H-2), 4.93 (dd, 1H, *J* 6.2, 1.1 Hz, H-3), 4.91 (ddd, 1H, *J* 6.6, 5.5, 2.1 Hz, H-7), 4.80 (dd, 1H, *J* 6.6, 1.8 Hz, H-6), 4.51 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.6, 2.6 Hz, H-1a), 4.23 (m, 2H, CH₂OAc), 3.85 (dd, 1H, *J* 6.5, 1.8 Hz, H-5b), 3.44 (dd, 1H, *J* 13.0, 2.1 Hz, H-8), 3.38 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.6, 6.5 Hz, H-5a), 3.08 (dd, 1H, *J* 13.0, 5.5 Hz, H-8'), 2.11, 2.09 (2s, 6H, 2×OAc), 1.50, 1.31 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 170.2, 169.3, 167.4, 113.1, 82.4, 79.1, 76.5, 75.1, 73.7, 65.8, 61.8, 59.3, 48.6, 26.4, 24.7, 20.6, 20.6; HR MS (ESI) *m*/z [M+Na]⁺, Calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₉Na: 408.1265. Found: 408.1284.

4.5.4. (1a*R*,2*R*,3*R*,5a*S*,5b*R*,6*R*,7*S*)-2-Acetoxy-3-acetoxymethyl-hexahydro-6,7-*O*-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-*b*]pyrano[3,4-*d*]isoxazol-5(3*H*)-one 23. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) taken for the mixture 23 and 25, δ : 4.84 (dd, 1H, *J* 2.0, 1.1 Hz, H-2), 4.78 (ddd, 1H, *J* 6.9, 5.6, 1.1 Hz, H-3), 4.43 (ddd, 1H, *J* 6.6, 5.8, 3.8 Hz, H-7), 4.28 (d, 1H, *J* 7.9 Hz, H-1a), 4.18 (dd, 1H, *J* 6.6, 2.7 Hz, H-6), 4.09 (dd, 1H, *J* 11.6, 6.9 Hz, *CH*HOAc), 4.05 (dd, 1H, *J* 11.6, 5.6 Hz, CH*H*OAc), 3.46 (dd, 1H, *J* 3.3, 2.7 Hz, H-5b), 3.11 (dd, 1H, *J* 13.8, 3.8 Hz, H-8), 3.00 (dd, 1H, *J* 13.8, 5.8 Hz, H-8'), 2.53 (ddd, 1H, *J* 7.9, 3.3, 2.0 Hz, H-5a), 1.56, 1.53 (2s, 6H, $2 \times OAc$), 1.46, 1.16 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) taken for the mixture **23** and **25**, δ : 170.3, 169.7, 169.5, 114.3, 85.5, 80.7, 75.8, 74.1, 72.8, 67.7, 61.8, 60.4, 51.0, 26.9, 24.8, 20.7, 20.7; HR MS (ESI) *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺ taken for the mixture **23** and **25**, Calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₉Na: 408.1265. Found: 408.1265.

4.5.5. (1aS,2R,3R,5aR,5bS,6R,7S)-2-Acetoxy-3-acetoxymethyl-hexahydro-6,7-O-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-b]pyrano[3,4-d]isoxazol-5(3H)-one 25. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) taken for the mixture 23 and 25, δ : 5.30 (ddd, 1H, J 6.8, 5.4, 1.4 Hz, H-3), 5.28 (dd, 1H, J 3.5, 1.4 Hz, H-2), 4.58 (dd, 1H, J 8.2, 3.5 Hz, H-1a), 4.23 (dd, 1H, J 11.7, 6.8 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.14 (dd, 1H, J 11.7, 5.4 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.10 (dd, 1H, J 6.3, 5.3 Hz, H-7), 4.00 (d, 1H, J 8.2 Hz, H-5a), 3.96 (dd, 1H, J 6.3, 5.2 Hz, H-6), 3.53 (d, 1H, J 15.7 Hz, H-8), 3.24 (d, 1H, J 5.2 Hz, H-5b), 2.35 (dd, 1H, J 15.7, 5.3 Hz, H-8'), 1.57, 1.44 (2s, 6H, 2×OAc), 1.37, 1.06 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) taken for the mixture 23 and 25, δ : 170.3, 169.6, 169.4, 113.2, 82.9, 82.0, 75.2, 75.2, 74.3, 66.6, 62.1, 59.8, 47.3, 26.2, 23.9, 20.7, 20.7.

4.5.6. (1aS,2S,3R,5aR,5bS,6S,7R)-2-Acetoxy-3-acetoxymethyl-hexahydro-6,7-O-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-b]pyrano[3,4-d]isoxazol-5(3H)-one 28. Colourless crystals; mp 63–65 °C; $[\alpha]_{D} = +95.2$ (c 0.8, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): v 1746. 1218 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 5.10 (dd, 1H, J 9.4, 3.4 Hz, H-2), 4.99 (ddd, 1H, J 9.4, 3.9, 2.6 Hz, H-3), 4.94 (ddd, 1H, J 6.6, 5.6, 3.1 Hz, H-7), 4.76 (dd, 1H, J 6.6, 2.7 Hz, H-6), 4.74 (dd, 1H, J 8.4, 3.4 Hz, H-1a), 4.37 (dd, 1H, J 12.6, 3.9 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.28 (dd, 1H, J 12.6, 2.6 Hz, CHHOAc), 3.92 (dd, 1H, J 4.9, 2.7 Hz, H-5b), 3.56 (dd, 1H, J 8.4, 4.9 Hz, H-5a), 3.38 (dd, 1H, J 13.6, 3.1 Hz, H-8), 3.32 (dd, 1H, J 13.6, 5.6 Hz, H-8'), 2.12, 2.08 (2s, 6H, $2 \times OAc$), 1.50, 1.32 (2s, 6H, $C(CH_3)_2$); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ : 170.3, 169.6, 167.3, 113.7, 83.3, 79.8, 77.3, 73.4, 72.0, 66.3, 61.4, 60.2, 50.8, 26.6, 24.8, 20.7, 20.6; HR MS (ESI) m/z $[M+Na]^+$, Calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₉Na: 408.1265. Found: 408.1272.

(1aR,2S,3R,5aS,5bR,6R,7S)-2-Acetoxy-3-acetoxy-4.5.7. methyl-hexahydro-6,7-O-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-b]**pyrano**[3,4-*d*]isoxazol-5(3*H*)-one 29. Colourless oil; $[\alpha]_D =$ -2.9 (c 0.2, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): v 1745, 1203 cm⁻¹; NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 5.22 (dd, 1H, J 9.1, 7.6 Hz, H-2), 4.96 (ddd, 1H, J 6.6, 5.8, 3.8 Hz, H-7), 4.76 (dd, 1H, J 6.6, 3.2 Hz, H-6), 4.49 (dd, 1H, J 9.6, 7.6 Hz, H-1a), 4.43 (ddd, 1H, J 9.1, 5.1, 2.5 Hz, H-3), 4.38 (dd, 1H, J 12.4, 5.1 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.22 (dd, 1H, J 12.4, 2.5 Hz, CHHOAc), 4.10 (dd, 1H, J 3.8, 3.2 Hz, H-5b), 3.64 (dd, 1H, J 9.6, 3.8 Hz, H-5a), 3.42 (dd, 1H, J 13.9, 5.8 Hz, H-8), 3.32 (dd, 1H, J 13.9, 3.8 Hz, H-8'), 2.11, 2.08 (2s, 6H, $2 \times OAc$), 1.52, 1.33 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 170.5, 168.9, 167.8, 114.1, 84.7, 80.6, 76.3, 75.5, 74.7, 67.0, 61.2, 60.4, 50.2, 26.9, 24.9,

20.7, 20.6; HR MS (ESI) m/z [M+Na]⁺, Calcd for C₁₇H₂₃NO₉Na: 408.1265. Found: 408.1276.

4.6. Synthesis of lactone 12

4.6.1. (5S)-5-(tert-Butyldiphenylsiloxymethyl)-2(5H)-furanone 12. To a solution of 6 (1.016 g, 8.9 mmol) and imidazole (0.864 g, 12.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C was added *tert*-butyldiphenylsilvl chloride (3.143 g. 2.9 mL. 11.4 mmol). After 45 min, the reaction was quenched by addition of water (20 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic extracts were dried over sodium sulfate. Evaporation of the solvent followed by chromatographical purification yielded 12 (2.923 g, by enfoliatographical purification yielded 12 (2.923 g, 97%) as colourless crystals: mp 79–81 °C (diethyl ether-benzene 1:1), Ref. 22 79–80 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -80.6$ (c 1.33, CH₂Cl₂), Ref. 22 $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -83.0$ (c 1.6, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): v 1755 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆ without aromatic protons) δ: 6.40 (dd, 1H, J 5.7, 1.6 Hz, H-3), 5.63 (dd, 1H, J 5.7, 2.0 Hz, H-4), 4.31 (dddd, 1H, J 4.4, 4.3, 2.0, 1.6 Hz, H-5), 3.52 (dd, 1H, J 11.0, 4.3 Hz, CHHOSiPh₂t-Bu), 3.37 (dd, 1H, J 11.0, 4.4 Hz, CHHOSiPh2t-Bu), 1.07 (s, 9H, t-Bu); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ : 171.9, 152.7, 122.7, 82.7, 63.5, 26.9, 19.4; HR MS (ESI) m/z [M+Na]⁺, Calcd for C₂₁H₂₄O₃NaSi: 375.13869. Found: 375.13859.

4.7. Cycloaddition of lactone 12 to racemic nitrone 11/ent-11

4.7.1. General procedure. Solution of lactone **12** and nitrone **11**/*ent*-**11** in dry toluene (10 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature under nitrogen (for reagents' ratio see Table 4). The reaction progress was monitored by HPLC chromatography (LiChrospher Si60[®], hexane–isopropanol 97:3 v/v, flow rate 1 mL/min, sample concentration 1 mg/ mL, retention times: 9.1 min **30**, 9.5 min **32**, 12.5 min **12** and 28.4 min **31**). After that solvent was evaporated, the adducts were isolated by chromatography on silica gel by using mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate as a eluent (5:1 v/v).

4.7.2. (1aS,2R,4aR,4bS,5S,6R)-2-tert-Butyldiphenylsiloxymethyl-hexahydro-5,6-O-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo-[1,2*b*]-furo[3,4-*d*]isoxazol-4(3*H*)-one 30. Colourless oil; $[\alpha]_{D} =$ +22.5 (c 0.4, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): v 1776, 1113 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6 , without aromatic protons) δ : 4.62 (ddd, 1H, J 6.7, 6.0, 4.5 Hz, H-6), 4.49 (dd, 1H, J 7.5, 1.3 Hz, H-1a), 4.30 (ddd, 1H, J 2.9, 2.3, 1.3 Hz, H-2), 4.26 (dd, 1H, J 6.7, 4.1 Hz, H-5), 4.03 (dd, 1H, J 4.1, 1.6 Hz, H-4b), 3.54 (dd, 1H, J 11.4, 2.9 Hz, CHHO-SiPh₂t-Bu), 3.43 (dd, 1H, J 7.5, 1.6 Hz, H-4a), 3.34 (dd, 1H, J 14.2, 6.0 Hz, H-7), 3.26 (dd, 1H, J 11.4, 2.3 Hz, CHHOSiPh₂t-Bu), 3.08 (dd, 1H, J 14.2, 4.5 Hz, H-7'), 1.38, 1.16 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂), 1.06 (s, 9H, t-Bu); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ: 174.9, 114.5, 85.8, 85.0, 81.8, 78.7, 76.6, 64.3, 60.8, 54.2, 27.2, 26.9, 25.2, 19.3; HR MS (ESI) m/z [M+H]⁺, Calcd for C₂₈H₃₆NO₆Si: 510.23064. Found: 510.2311.

4.7.3. (1a*S*,2*R*,4a*R*,4b*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-2-*tert*-Butyldiphenylsiloxymethyl-hexahydro-5,6-*O*-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo-[1,2*b*]-furo[3,4-*d*]isoxazol-4(3*H*)-one 32. Colourless oil; $[\alpha]_D =$ -5.6 (*c* 0.2, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): *v* 1775, 1112 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆, without aromatic protons) δ: 5.38 (dd, 1H, *J* 6.5, 1.8 Hz, H-5), 4.71 (ddd, 1H, *J* 6.5, 5.7, 2.8 Hz, H-6), 4.48 (d, 1H, *J* 6.8 Hz, H-1a), 4.08 (dd, 1H, *J* 2.9, 1.9 Hz, H-2), 3.94 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.8, 1.8 Hz, H-4b), 3.58 (dd, 1H, *J* 11.5, 2.9 Hz, CHHOSiPh₂*t*-Bu), 3.46 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.8, 6.8 Hz, H-4a), 3.41 (dd, 1H, *J* 13.3, 2.9 Hz, H-7), 3.15 (dd, 1H, *J* 13.3, 5.7 Hz, H-7'), 3.10 (dd, 1H, *J* 11.5, 1.9 Hz, CHHOSiPh₂*t*-Bu), 1.49, 1.14 (2s, 6H, C(CH₃)₂), 1.02 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ: 175.1, 112.6, 83.1, 83.1, 80.3, 79.9, 74.4, 64.2, 61.6, 52.1, 27.0, 26.8, 24.9, 19.2; HR MS (ESI) *m*/*z* [M+Na]⁺, Calcd for C₂₈H₃₅NO₆NaSi: 532.21259. Found: 532.2109.

4.7.4. (1aR,2R,4aS,4bR,5R,6S)-2-tert-Butyldiphenyl-siloxymethyl-hexahydro-5,6-O-isopropylidenedioxy-pyrrolo[1,2-b]furo[3,4-d]isoxazol-4(3H)-one 31. Colourless oil; $\lceil \alpha \rceil_D =$ -11.5 (c 0.25, CH₂Cl₂); IR(film): v 1775, 1112 cm⁻¹; ⁻¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, without aromatic protons) δ : 4.97 (ddd, 1H, J 6.5, 6.0, 4.5 Hz, H-6), 4.80 (dd, 1H, J 7.2, 5.2, Hz, H-1a), 4.60 (dd, 1H, J 6.5, 4.9 Hz, H-5), 4.58 (ddd, 1H, J 6.6, 6.0, 5.2 Hz, H-2), 4.03 (dd, 1H, J 10.9, 6.0 Hz, CHHOSiPh₂t-Bu), 3.99 (dd, 1H, J 10.9, 6.6 Hz, CHHOSiPh₂t-Bu), 3.88 (d, 1H, J 4.9 Hz, H-4b), 3.68 (d, 1H, J 7.2 Hz, H-4a), 3.54 (dd, 1H, J 14.6, 6.0 Hz, H-7), 3.14 (dd, 1H, J 14.6, 4.5 Hz, H-7'), 1.52, 1.33 (2s, 6 H, C(CH₃)₂), 1.06 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ : 174.1, 114.7, 85.4, 82.8, 82.0, 76.0, 75.9, 62.0, 61.1, 53.6, 27.2, 27.0, 25.1, 19.5; HR MS (ESI) m/z [M+Na]⁺, Calcd for C₂₈H₃₅NO₆NaSi: 532.21259. Found: 532.2146.

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