

## Direct one-pot highly enantioselective assembly of polyketide and carbohydrate synthons

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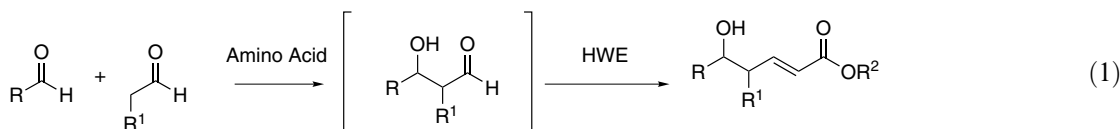
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**Abstract**—A short, direct, catalytic, enantioselective synthesis of polyketide segments and carbohydrates is presented. The novel, direct, one-pot, organocatalytic asymmetric tandem cross-aldol/Horner–Wittig–Emmons reactions assemble polyketide and carbohydrate derivatives in good yield with 93–98% ee. The one-pot catalytic asymmetric tandem reaction was applied to a highly enantioselective formal de novo synthesis of the rare carbohydrate, L-altrose.

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The rapidly growing development of glycobiology and carbohydrate based pharmaceuticals demands the increased development of reaction design and method advancement for the selective construction of natural and unnatural carbohydrates.<sup>1</sup> In this context, the de novo synthesis of carbohydrates is of immense importance.<sup>2,3</sup> However, most conventional monosaccharide

of biomimetic, catalytic, asymmetric, one-pot and tandem reactions.<sup>9,10</sup> Based on retrosynthetic analyses, we envisioned that a one-pot, direct, asymmetric, tandem aldol–Horner–Wittig–Emmons (HWE) sequence would be an excellent catalytic entry for the enantioselective synthesis of polyketide and carbohydrate derivatives (Eq. 1).

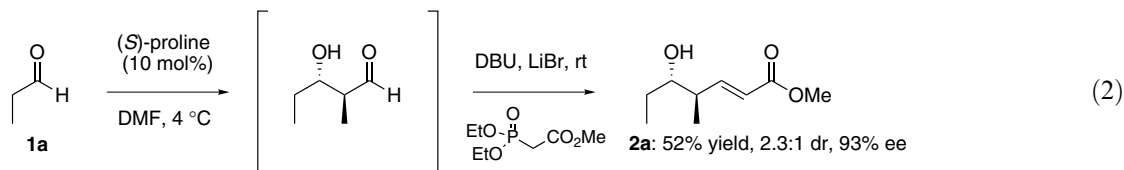


syntheses start from the chiral pool and involve multiple steps and require protective group strategies and subsequent reduction–oxidation steps.<sup>4</sup> The reduction of protective group strategies can be accomplished by the use of enzymes as catalysts for the highly selective de novo synthesis of carbohydrates<sup>5</sup> and polyketide natural products.<sup>6</sup> Organocatalysis is a rapidly expanding research field within asymmetric catalysis.<sup>7</sup> Most recently, amino acid catalysis was added to the repertoire of carbohydrate synthesis.<sup>8</sup> Inspired by Nature's ability to assemble complex molecules from simple precursors in an asymmetric and economic fashion,<sup>6</sup> we have begun a research programme that focuses on the development

Herein, we describe a novel, direct, one-pot, organocatalytic asymmetric aldol–HWE reaction that yields polyketide and carbohydrate derivatives in good yield with 93–98% ee.

In an initial experiment, propionaldehyde (2 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of (*S*)-proline (10 mol %) in DMF (0.5 mL). After 15 h of vigorous stirring at 4 °C, the temperature was increased to room temperature and LiBr (1.5 mmol), methyl 2-(diethoxyphosphoryl)acetate (1.5 mmol) and DBU (228 mg, 1.5 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture. After stirring for 4 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was passed directly through a silica gel column to give the pure natural product mycinonic acid ester **2a** in 52% yield with 2.3:1 dr (*anti:syn*) and 93% ee (Eq. 2).<sup>11,12</sup>

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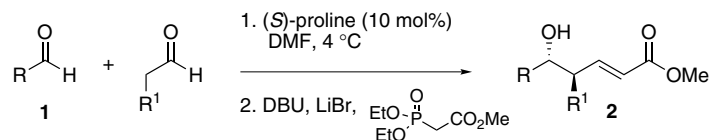
Encouraged by this result, we investigated the one-pot direct organocatalytic asymmetric tandem aldol/HWE reaction with a set of different aldehydes **1** as substrates (Table 1).

The direct one-pot catalytic asymmetric reactions proceeded smoothly and were highly chemo- and enantioselective. For instance, the catalytic enantioselective reactions with acceptor aldehydes **1b** and **1c** gave the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated- $\delta$ -hydroxy esters **2b** with an 11:1 dr and 96% ee, and **2c** with a 10:1 dr and 98% ee, respectively.<sup>13</sup> Thus, the reactions with aldehydes **1b** and **1c** as acceptors were slightly more stereoselective as compared to the reaction with propionaldehyde **1a**. The  $\delta$ -hydroxytriketide products **2** are useful synthons for the synthesis of polyketide macrolactones. Moreover, the direct one-pot organocatalytic asymmetric reaction was also performed with  $\alpha$ -benzyloxyacet-aldehyde **1d** as the donor to give carbohydrate derivative **2d** in 60% yield with a 4:1 dr and 98% ee.<sup>14</sup> In order to

show further the synthetic utility of the amino acid-catalyzed one-pot direct asymmetric tandem cross-aldol/HWE reaction, carbohydrate derivative **2d** was converted in one step, with high diastereoselectivity, to altronic acid **3d** with a 98% ee by catalytic dihydroxylation (Scheme 1).<sup>15,16</sup> Thus, the novel catalytic one-pot reaction is a direct asymmetric entry to altronic acid derivatives. Next, altronic acid **3d** was converted to the corresponding altronic  $\delta$ -lactone **4d**. Subsequent dibenzylation furnished perbenzylated  $\delta$ -lactone **4d'** and comparison of the optical rotation ( $[\alpha]_D^{25} +10.1$  (*c* 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); literature:  $[\alpha]_D^{24} +14.3$  (*c* 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)<sup>16</sup>) with the literature established that L-altronic acid  $\delta$ -lactone **4d'** had been assembled in an asymmetric fashion by (*S*)-proline catalysis.<sup>17</sup> Hence, the stereochemical outcome is in accordance with previous (*S*)-proline catalyzed direct cross-aldol reactions.<sup>8</sup>

Furthermore, we performed a two-step, organocatalytic, asymmetric, self-aldol, Wittig sequence that gave isomer

**Table 1.** One-pot, direct, organocatalytic, asymmetric, tandem cross-aldol/HWE reactions



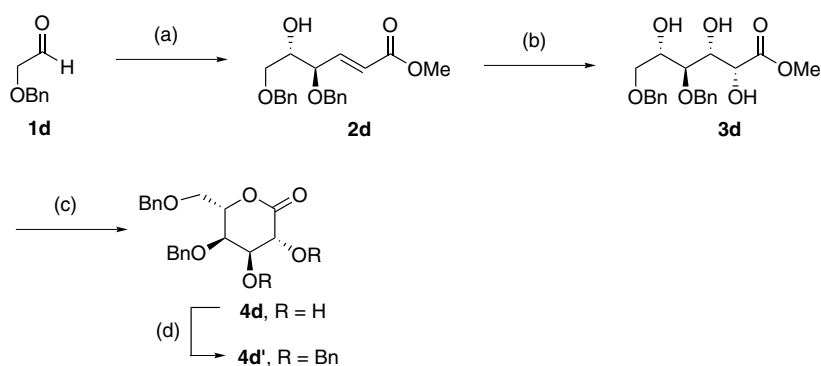
Entry	R	R <sup>1</sup>	Product	Yield <sup>a</sup> (%)	dr <sup>b</sup>	ee <sup>c</sup> (%)
1	Et	Me	<b>2a</b>	52	2.3:1	93
2	<i>i</i> -Pr	Me	<b>2b</b>	58	11:1	96
3	<i>c</i> -Hexyl	Me	<b>2c</b>	59	10:1	98
4	CH <sub>2</sub> OBn	OBn	<b>2d</b>	60 <sup>d</sup>	4:1	98

<sup>a</sup> Isolated yield of pure product **2** after silica gel column chromatography.

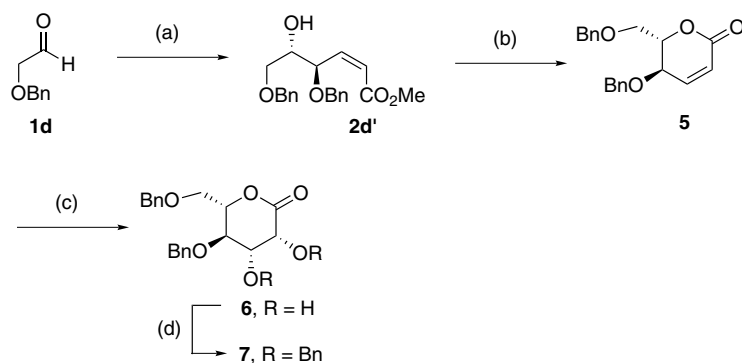
<sup>b</sup> Determined by NMR analyses.

<sup>c</sup> Determined by chiral phase GC or HPLC analyses.

<sup>d</sup> The whole reaction sequence was performed at room temperature.



**Scheme 1.** Reagents and conditions: (a) cat. (*S*)-proline, aldehyde **1d**, DMF, 4 °C, 48 h then (EtO)<sub>2</sub>POCH<sub>2</sub>COOMe, LiCl, DBU, rt, 60% for **2d**; (b) cat. OsO<sub>4</sub>, NMO, acetone–H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1, rt, 74% for **3d** >19:1 dr; (c) cat. CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 80% for **4d**; (d) BnBr, *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI, NaH, THF, rt, 56% for **4d'**.



**Scheme 2.** Reagents and conditions: (a) (i) cat. (*S*)-proline, aldehyde **1d**, DMF, rt, 48 h; (ii) (Ph)<sub>3</sub>PCHCOOMe, MeOH, rt; (b) cat. *p*-TsOH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 51% (three steps) for **5**, 3:1 dr (trans:cis 3:1), 97% ee; (c) cat. OsO<sub>4</sub>, NMO, acetone–H<sub>2</sub>O 1:1, rt, 60% for **6** >19:1 dr; (d) BnBr, *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NI, NaH, THF, rt, 50% for **7**.

**2d'** in a 3:1 (*Z*:*E*) ratio with 3:1 dr and 97% ee (Scheme 2).

Lactonization in the presence of *p*-toluenesulfonic acid gave δ-lactone **5** in a 51% overall yield (three steps) with 97% ee.<sup>18</sup> Highly diastereoselective dihydroxylation (>19:1 dr)<sup>15</sup> afforded mannoic acid δ-lactone **6** that was dibenzylated to give the corresponding perbenzylated carbohydrate **7**.<sup>19,20</sup> Comparison of the optical rotation [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> –1.0 (*c* 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); literature: *ent*-7 [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup> +0.37 (*c* 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)<sup>17</sup> and the NMR data of **7** to the literature confirmed that *L*-mannoic δ-lactone is furnished by (*S*)-proline catalysis.<sup>20</sup>

In summary, we have developed a direct organocatalytic tandem asymmetric cross-aldol-HWE reaction. The reaction proceeds with excellent chemo- and enantioselectivity and furnishes polyketide and carbohydrate derivatives in good yield with up to 10:1 dr and 93–98% ee. Moreover, altronic acid and mannoic δ-lactone with 98% and 97% ee, respectively, were synthesized by subsequent highly diastereoselective catalytic dihydroxylation. Thus, the combination of biomimetic one-pot catalytic asymmetric reactions and diastereoselective catalytic dihydroxylation is a direct route to carbohydrate derivatives.

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Compound **2c**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +13.3$  (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.10 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.04–1.87 (br m, 11H), 2.56–2.60 (m, 1H), 3.20–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.8 Hz, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  17.1, 26.1, 26.4, 26.6, 27.9, 29.8, 39.3, 41.0, 51.7, 79.4, 121.8, 151.1, 167.2. Chiral GC: 97% ee, CP-Chirasil-DexCB column, temperature programme: 110 °C, hold 6.5 min, 110–160 °C, rate: 2 °C/min, hold 6.5 min, 160–200 °C, rate: 80 °C/min, hold 5 min, major isomer:  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 35.259 min; minor isomer:  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 34.954 min.
  - Compound **2d**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -5.1$  (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.38–7.26 (m, 10H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.93–3.90 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.59–3.56 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  51.8, 70.5, 71.9, 72.4, 73.6, 78.7, 123.9, 127.97, 128.04, 128.1, 128.5, 128.60, 128.64, 137.7, 137.9, 145.1, 166.4; HPLC: 98% ee (Daicel Chiralpak AD, *i*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 96:4, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm); major isomer:  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 81.06 min; minor isomer:  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 72.00 min.
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  - Compound **5**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -34.5$  (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.40–7.20 (m, 10H), 6.83 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.66–4.45 (m, 6H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 2.1 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  162.8, 146.5, 137.8, 137.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 120.8, 80.3, 73.8, 72.5, 69.0, 68.2. HPLC: 97% ee (Daicel Chiralpak AD, *i*-hexane/*i*-PrOH = 96:4, flow rate: 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm); major isomer:  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 40.28 min; minor isomer:  $t_{\text{R}}$  = 44.71 min.
  - Compound **6**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -70.9$  (*c* 1.0,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  2.81 (br s, 1H), 3.34 (br s, 1H), 3.69–3.78 (m, 2H), 4.04–4.08 (m, 2H), 4.41–4.46 (m, 2H), 4.50–4.52 (m, 2H), 4.55–4.67 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.37 (m, 10H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  67.7, 68.1, 69.5, 71.9, 72.3, 73.8, 79.5, 128.0, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 128.9, 137.1, 137.8, 172.8.
  - Compound **7**:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} -1$  (*c* 0.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ); literature, *ent-7*:  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} +0.37$  (*c* 0.1,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ), Mahmud, T.; Tornus, I.; Egelkrot, E.; Wolf, E.; Uy, C.; Floss, H. G.; Lee, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 6973. All the spectroscopic data were identical to Mahmud et al.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  3.67–3.76 (m, 3H), 3.89–3.92 (m, 1H), 3.97–4.00 (m, 1H), 4.18–4.21 (m, 1H), 4.38–4.42 (m, 2H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 4.61–4.71 (m, 2H), 4.83 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17–7.32 (m, 20H).