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# Synthetic Studies on Quinocarcin and Its Related Compounds. 4.<sup>1, 2</sup>

## Total Synthesis of Enantiomeric Pairs of Quinocarcin and 10-Decarboxyquinocarcin

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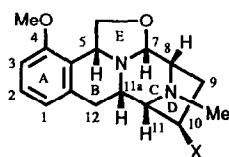
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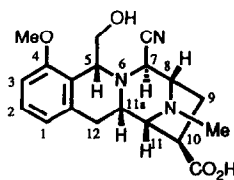
**Abstract:** The title synthesis was accomplished by featuring (i) aldol coupling of the 3-methylanisole **11** with 5-substituted- or 3,5-disubstituted- 2-formylpyrrolidine **4** or **5**, (ii) highly diastereoselective reduction of 1,3-disubstituted isoquinolines **14** and **33** to control stereochemistries at the C5 and C11a positions in 10-decarboxyquinocarcin (**2**) and quinocarcin (**1**), respectively, simultaneously in a single step, and (iii) intramolecular amination of amino aldehydes **21** and **41** to construct the requisite ABCD ring systems **22** and **42** as key steps.

(-)-Quinocarcin (**1**), isolated from *Streptomyces melanovinaceus* has been the subject of recent synthetic endeavors due to its unique structure and notable antitumor activity. Cyanation of **1** with sodium cyanide or potassium cyanide can produce the more stable 7-cyano congener, DX-52-1 (**3**), which still retains significant antitumor activity. It is also reported that treatment of **3** with silver nitrate can cleanly regenerate **1**.<sup>2a</sup>

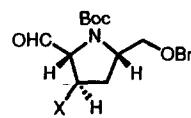
As described in the preceding papers,<sup>2c</sup> we have succeeded in establishing efficient and enantioselective routes to 5-substituted- and 3,5-disubstituted-2-formylpyrrolidines (**4**, *ent*-**4**, **5**, and *ent*-**5**) corresponding to the key D-ring fragments of enantiomeric pairs of 10-decarboxyquinocarcin (**2** and *ent*-**2**) (the ABCDE ring system of **1**) and quinocarcin (**1** and *ent*-**1**). In the fourth part of this series of papers, we wish to report full details of the total synthesis of enantiomeric pairs of **1** and **2** employing **4**, *ent*-**4**, **5**, and *ent*-**5** as the key D-ring fragments.<sup>1d</sup> Our synthetic strategy for **1** and **2** involves the following 3 key steps: (i) aldol coupling of the 2-methylanisole **11** with **4** or **5** (Scheme 1 and Scheme 4); (ii) highly diastereoselective reduction of 1,3-disubstituted isoquinolines **14** and **33** to control stereochemistries at the C5 and C11a positions in **2** and **1**, respectively, simultaneously in a single step (Scheme 1 and Scheme 4); (iii) intramolecular amination



**1** : X=CO<sub>2</sub>H  
**2** : X=H



**3**



**4** : X=H  
**5** : X=CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM

formation of the amino aldehydes **21** and **41** produced *in situ* by removal of the *N*<sub>2</sub>-protecting group in tetrahydroisoquinolines **20** and **40** to construct the requisite ABCD ring systems **22** and **42**, respectively (Scheme 1 and Scheme 4).

## Results and Discussion

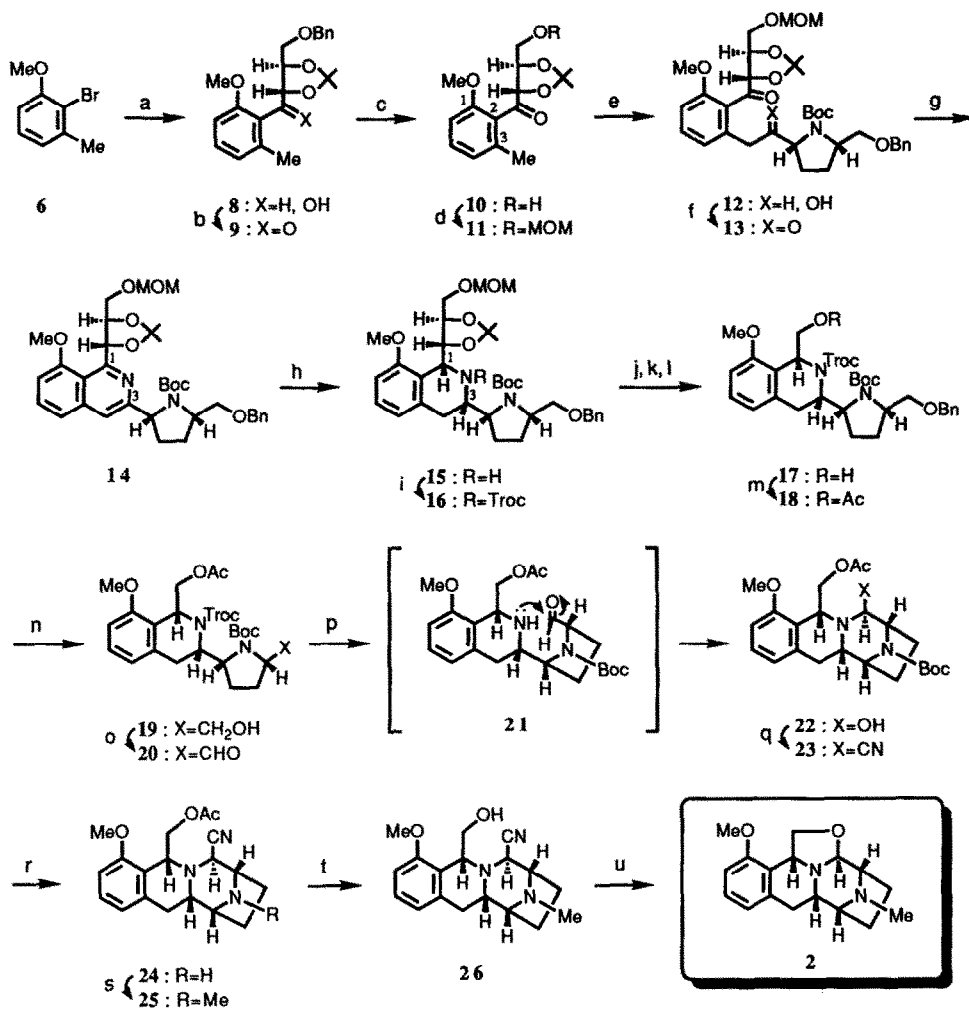
### 1. Total Synthesis of an Enantiomeric Pair of 10-Decarboxyquinocarcin (**2** and *ent*-**2**)

At first, the total synthesis of 10-decarboxyquinocarcin (**2**) was investigated as shown in Scheme 1. Thus, 2-bromo-3-methylanisole (**6**)<sup>2a</sup> was converted to the ketone **9** having a chiral auxiliary by coupling of the aryl lithium generated from **6** with 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-D-threose<sup>2a,b</sup> (**7**), followed by Collins oxidation of an epimeric mixture of the resulting secondary alcohol **8**. In order to directly introduce the D-ring fragment **4** into **9**, the aldol coupling of **9** with **4** was examined under various reaction conditions. However, these initial attempts met with failure presumably due to instability of the benzyl protecting group in **9** under the basic conditions.<sup>5</sup> After extensive experimentation, the aldol coupling was finally realized by exchanging the benzyl group in **9** with a methoxymethyl group. Thus, debenylation of **9** and subsequent protection of the resulting alcohol **10** provided the corresponding methoxymethyl ether **11**. The toluate anion generated *in situ* by treatment of **11** with lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) in tetrahydrofuran at -78°C, was allowed to react with **4** in the presence of *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA), providing the desired coupling product **12** as an inseparable diastereomeric mixture in 48% yield along with a recovery of the starting material **11** (46%) and **4** (47%). It is worth mentioning that the chiral auxiliary (4-methoxymethoxymethyl-3,3-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl group) present at the C<sub>2</sub> position in **11** plays a key role for directed metalation of the C<sub>3</sub>-methyl group.<sup>6</sup> Oxidation of the highly hindered secondary hydroxyl group in **12** was best achieved by employing Jones reagent, giving rise to diketone **13** in 68% yield.<sup>7</sup> Further treatment of **13** with aqueous ammonia afforded the key isoquinoline derivative **14** in a good yield.

Crucial reduction of **14** with sodium cyanoborohydride in an acidic medium at 0°C proceeded in a completely diastereoselective manner, providing the tetrahydroisoquinoline **15** as a sole product in an almost quantitative yield. The stereostructure of **15** was unambiguously confirmed based on the 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the 2-oxazolidinone derivative derived from **15** (*vide infra*). Protection of the amino group of **15** with 2,2,2-trichloroethyl chloroformate<sup>8</sup> (TrocCl) in pyridine gave the carbamate **16**, which was further converted to alcohol **17** by sequential acidic hydrolysis of both the acetonide and methoxymethyl groups, oxidative cleavage of the triol moiety, and reduction of the resulting aldehyde.

With the requisite absolute stereochemistries and carbon framework set up, we next focused our attention to construction of the ABCD ring system of **2**. Towards this end, sequential protection of the primary alcohol in **17**, debenylation of the resulting acetate **18**, and Swern oxidation of the primary alcohol **19** provided aldehyde **20**. The final crucial step was envisaged to be the intramolecular cyclization of the amino aldehyde **21** generated *in situ* by removal of the Troc group of **17**, to furnish the desired tetracyclic ring system **22**. In the event, treatment of **20** with zinc powder in the presence of aqueous acetic acid in tetrahydrofuran<sup>8</sup> at ambient temperature smoothly produced the tetracyclic hemiaminal **22**. While **22** was fairly labile, immediate exposure of **22** to trimethylsilyl cyanide in the presence of zinc chloride<sup>9</sup> resulted in the formation of sturdy amino nitrile **23** in 58% overall yield from **20**. To complete the projected synthesis, removal of the Boc (*tert*-butoxycarbonyl) group in **23** with trifluoroacetic acid followed by reductive

Scheme 1

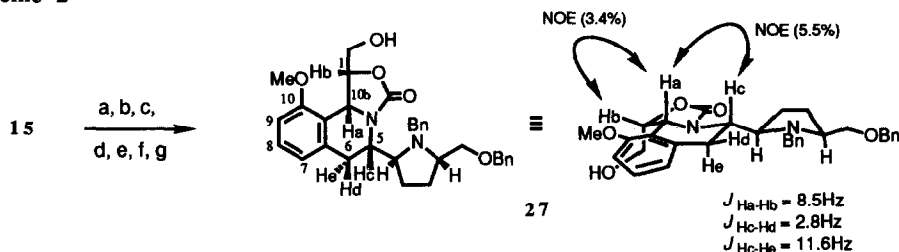


**reagents and conditions:** a) <sup>n</sup>BuLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O, -78°C; 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-*D*-threose (7), -78°C, 99% b) Collins oxid., 98% c) H<sub>2</sub>, Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>-C, MeOH, rt, 98% d) MOMCl, Pr<sub>2</sub>EtN, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 92% e) LDA, THF, -78°C; TMEDA; 4, -78°C, 48% f) Jones oxid., 68% g) 14M NH<sub>3</sub>, THF, rt, 72% h) NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, conc. HCl-MeOH(1:100), 0°C, 98% i) TrocCl, Py, rt, 88% j) 12M HCl, MeOH, rt k) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O(10:1v/v), rt, 68% (3 steps) m) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP, Py, rt, 100% n) H<sub>2</sub>, 10%Pd-C, EtOAc, rt, 86% o) (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78°C; Et<sub>3</sub>N, 95% p) Zn, THF-H<sub>2</sub>O-AcOH(5:1:1v/v/v), rt q) TMSCN ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 58% (2 steps) r) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 91% s) 37% HCHO, NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, MeOH, rt, 72% t) 1M NaOH, MeOH, rt, 83% u) AgNO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 83%

methylation of the resulting amine **24** with a combination of aqueous formaldehyde and sodium cyanoborohydride in methanol,<sup>10</sup> giving rise to the corresponding *N*-methyl derivative **25**. Finally, saponification of **25** afforded 10-decarboxy-DX-52-1 (**26**), which was further treated with silver nitrate according to the reported method,<sup>11</sup> providing 10-decarboxyquinocarcin (**2**) (the ABCDE ring system of **1**).

In order to confirm stereochemistries at the newly formed C1 and C3 positions (isoquinoline numbering)

## Scheme 2

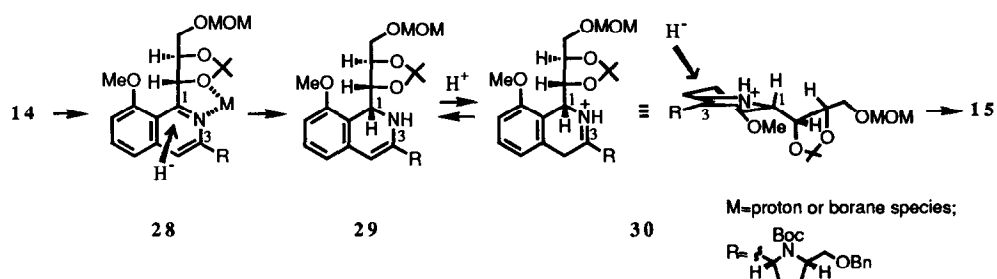


**reagents and conditions:** a)  $\text{ClCO}_2\text{Me}$ ,  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , rt b)  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , rt c)  $\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{MeOH}$ , rt d)  $\text{NaIO}_4$ ,  $\text{MeOH-H}_2\text{O}$ (10:1v/v), rt e)  $\text{NaBH}_4$ ,  $\text{MeOH-H}_2\text{O}$ (10:1v/v), rt f)  $\text{TMSBr}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , rt g)  $\text{BnBr}$ , aq. $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , rt, 61% (7 steps)

in **15**, it was converted to the 2-oxazolidinone **27** as shown in **Scheme 2**. The 400 MHz  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of **27** exhibited the coupling constant of 8.5 Hz for Ha and Hb, establishing their *cis*-relationships.<sup>2a,b</sup> NOEs of 3.4% and 5.5% were observed between the signals due to Ha and Hb and between the signals due to Ha and Hc, respectively. These results obviously revealed that the newly formed tetrahydropyridine ring in **27** takes a half-chair conformation and that Ha, Hb, and Hc are all in *cis*-relationships. Moreover, the coupling constant of 2.8 Hz (axial-equatorial) was observed for Hc and Hd, and that of 11.6 Hz (axial-axial) was recorded for Hc and He. Based on these spectral features, the stereostructure of **15** could be rigorously assigned as depicted.

High diastereoselectivity observed for the reduction of **14** can be accounted for by the sequential 2-step asymmetric induction similar to that described in the preceding paper.<sup>2b</sup> Thus, as shown in **Scheme 3**, the first hydride attack may proceed through the well-known Cram's cyclic model (see, **28**) and second one may occur under an influence of the so-called stereoelectronic effect (see, **30**).

## Scheme 3

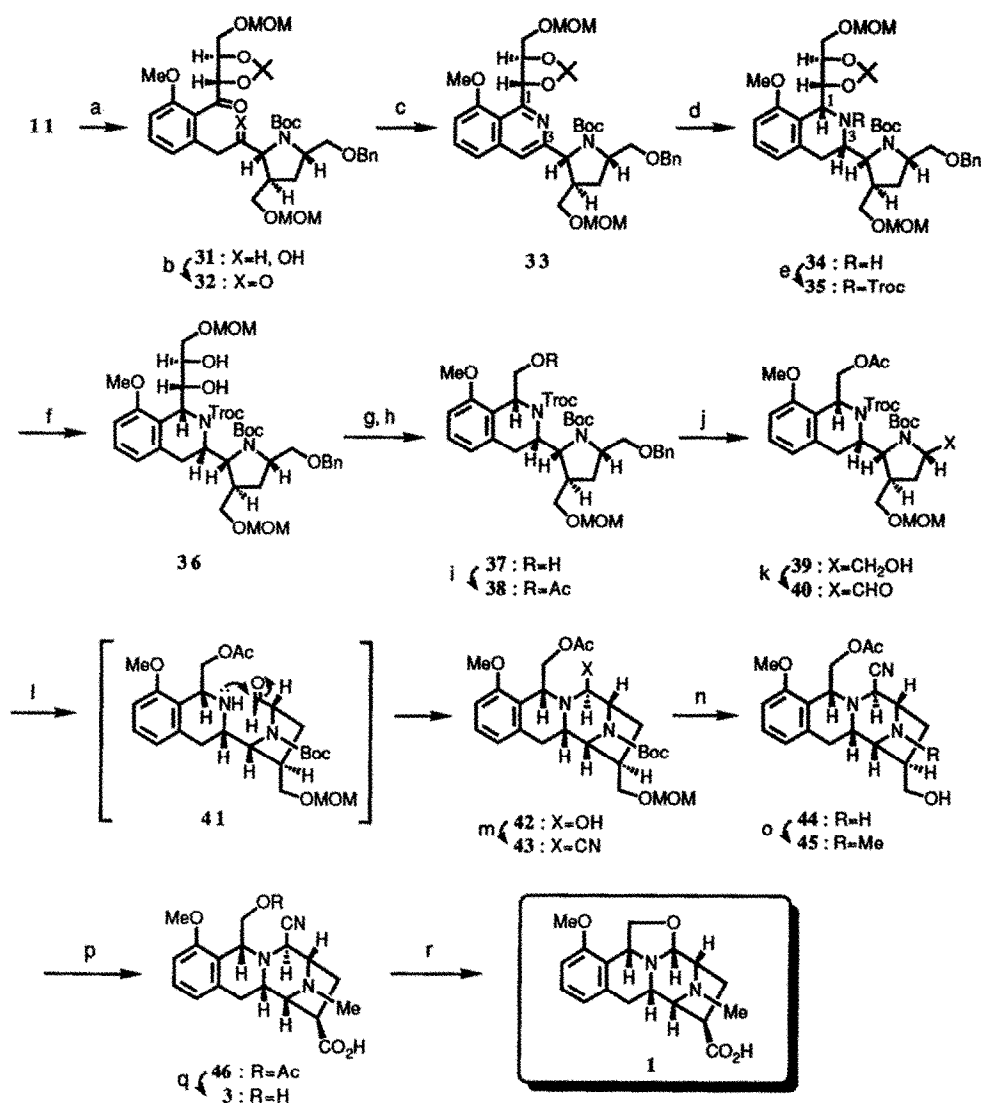


By employing 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-*L*-threose (*ent*-**7**) and (2*S*,5*R*)-5-benzyloxymethyl-2-formylpyrrolidine derivative (*ent*-**4**) instead of the *D*-isomer (**7**) and the (2*R*,5*S*)-isomer (**4**), respectively, enantiomeric 10-decarboxyquinocarcin (*ent*-**2**) was synthesized in the same manner as described above.

2. Total Synthesis of an Enantiomeric Pair of Quinocarcin (**1** and *ent*-**1**)

Having established the synthetic scheme to an enantiomeric pair of the ABCDE ring system (**2** and *ent*-**2**), we next undertook the total synthesis of an enantiomeric pair of **1** as shown in **Scheme 4**. Thus,

Scheme 4



**reagents and conditions:** a) LDA, THF, -78°C; TMEDA; 5, -78°C, 51% b) Jones oxid., 42% c) 14M NH<sub>3</sub>, THF, rt, 67% d) NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, conc. HCl-MeOH(1:100), 0°C, 93% e) TrocCl, Py, rt, 85% f) FeCl<sub>3</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub>, CHCl<sub>3</sub>, rt, 86% g) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O (10:1), rt h) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH-H<sub>2</sub>O(10:1), rt, 84%(2 steps) i) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP, Py, rt, 91% j) H<sub>2</sub>, 10%Pd-C, EtOAc, rt, 82% k) (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78°C; Et<sub>3</sub>N, 99% l) Zn, THF-H<sub>2</sub>O-AcOH(5:1:1), rt m) TMSCN, ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 39%(2 steps) n) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, 82% o) MeI, <sup>1</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>EtN, MeCN, 38°C, 68% p) Jones oxid., 79% q) 1M NaOH, MeOH, rt, 86% r) AgNO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, rt, 81%

employing **5** instead of **4**, the 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate **35** could be produced *via* **31-34** starting from **11** by the reaction sequence similar to that described for the preparation of **16**. It is noteworthy that the crucial reduction of **33** took place with complete diastereoselectivity similarly to that of **14**. Chemoselective hydrolysis of the acetonide function in **35** turned out to be effected by employing a combination of ferric

chloride and silica gel developed by Kim *et al.*,<sup>12</sup> giving rise to the desired diol **36** in 86% yield.<sup>13</sup> This was further converted to amino alcohol **44** via **37-43** in a fashion analogous to that for the preparation of **24**. To complete the total synthesis of **1**, **44** was next subjected to selective *N*-methylation<sup>9</sup> to afford alcohol **45** in 68% yield. Oxidation of **45** with Jones reagent followed by saponification of the resulting carboxylic acid **46** gave DX-52-1 (**3**). Finally, **3** was treated with silver nitrate under the same conditions as reported,<sup>11</sup> providing **1**, mp 183-226°C (dec.) [lit.,<sup>14</sup> mp >170°C (dec.)],  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  -30.6° (c 0.48, H<sub>2</sub>O) [lit.,<sup>14</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  -32.0° (c 0.50, H<sub>2</sub>O)]. The spectroscopic properties (IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, MS) were identical with those of authentic sample of (-)-**1** which was kindly provided by Drs. T. Hirata and H. Saito, Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd.

By employing *ent*-**11** prepared from 2-bromo-3-methylanisole (**6**) and 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-L-threose (*ent*-**7**), and (2*S*,3*S*,5*R*)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-2-formyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidine (*ent*-**5**) instead of **11** and the (2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-pyrrolidine **5**, respectively, enantiomeric quinocarcin (*ent*-**1**) was synthesized in the same manner as described above.

Results of antitumor activity assay of the synthesized compounds (**23**, *ent*-**23**, **24**, *ent*-**24**, **25**, *ent*-**25**, **26**, *ent*-**26**, **2**, *ent*-**2**, **46**, *ent*-**46**, **3**, *ent*-**3**, **1**, and *ent*-**1**) are the subject of the accompanying paper.<sup>15</sup>

## Conclusion

As mentioned above, we have succeeded in completing the total synthesis of enantiomeric pairs of **1** and **2** by featuring (i) aldol coupling of the 3-methylanisoles **11** and *ent*-**11** with the 2-formylpyrrolidines **4** and *ent*-**4** or **5** and *ent*-**5**, (ii) novel diastereoselective reduction of 1,3-disubstituted isoquinolines **14**, *ent*-**14**, **33**, and *ent*-**33** to control stereochemistries at the C<sub>5</sub> and C<sub>11a</sub> positions in **2**, *ent*-**2**, **1**, and *ent*-**1**, respectively, and (iii) intramolecular amination of amino aldehydes **21**, *ent*-**21**, **41**, and *ent*-**41** to complete the requisite tetracyclic ring systems **22**, *ent*-**22**, **42**, and *ent*-**42** as key steps. Since the explored synthetic scheme seems to be highly general and flexible to prepare various structural types of quinocarcin congeners, these studies may open opportunity for developing novel anticancer agents. Further synthetic efforts on various quinocarcin congeners and evaluation of their cytotoxic and antitumor activity are the subject of the accompanying paper.<sup>15</sup>

## Experimental

**General.** All melting points were determined with a Yamato MP-21 micro melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Measurements of optical rotations were performed with a Horiba SEPA-200 automatic digital polarimeter. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were measured with a Hitachi R-90H (90MHz) and a Bruker AM-400 (400MHz) spectrometer. The chemical shifts were expressed in ppm using tetramethylsilane ( $\delta=0$ ) and/or residual solvents such as chloroform ( $\delta=7.25$ ), benzene ( $\delta=7.20$ ), and CD<sub>3</sub>OD ( $\delta=3.35$ ) as internal standards. The following abbreviations are used: singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (quint), sextet (sxt), multiplet (m), and broad (br). Infrared (IR) spectral measurements were carried out with a JASCO A-202 and a JASCO FT/IR-5300 spectrometer. Low resolution mass (MS) spectra were taken with a Hitachi RMU-6MG spectrometer, and high resolution mass (HRMS) spectra were obtained on a Hitachi M-80A spectrometer. Routine monitoring of reactions was carried out using Merck 60 F254 silica gel, glass-supported TLC plates. Unless otherwise noted, flash column chromatography was performed with indicated solvents on Wakogel C-300. Solvents and commercial reagents were dried and purified before use. Ether and tetrahydrofuran were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl and dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride under argon.

### 2-[1-[(4*R*,5*R*)-5-benzyloxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]-1-hydroxymethyl]-3-methylanisole (**8**) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-**8**)

a) Preparation of **8**: *n*-Butyllithium in hexane (1.65 M solution, 15.6 ml, 26 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 2-bromo-3-methylanisole<sup>2a</sup> (**6**) (2.00 g, 10 mmol) in dry ether (150 ml) at -78°C under argon. After 30 min, a solution of 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-D-threose<sup>2a,b</sup> (6.22 g, 26 mmol) in dry ether (20 ml) was added slowly, and the mixture was further stirred for 45 min at -78°C and allowed to warm up to 0°C. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (30 ml), and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (350 ml). The extract was washed successively with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:1→2:1) to give **8** (3.68 g, 99%) as a

mixture of two diastereomers. This material was directly used for the next step without separation. In a small scale experiment, this mixture was further separated by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 10:1→2:1) to give pure samples of less polar and more polar **8** in a ratio of 75:25.

**Less polar 8**: colorless oil. IR (neat): 3550, 3075, 3050, 3000, 2950, 2875, 1740, 1600, 1585, 1490, 1480, 1450, 1420, 1370, 1250, 1230, 1180, 1170, 1130, 1080, 1050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.35 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 1.43 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 2.38 (3H, s, *ArMe*), 3.69 (1H, dd,  $J=10.4, 6.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 3.79 (3H, s, *ArOMe*), 3.80 (1H, dd,  $J=10.4, 2.9$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 3.96 (1H, d,  $J=11.0$  Hz, OH), 4.22 (1H, ddd,  $J=8.4, 7.9$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 4.41 (1H, ddd,  $J=7.9, 6.2, 2.9$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 4.64 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.88 (1H, dd,  $J=11.0, 8.4$  Hz,  $\text{CHOH}$ ), 6.75 (1H, d,  $J=8.1$  Hz, aromatic proton), 6.81 (1H, d,  $J=8.1$  Hz, aromatic proton), 7.14 (1H, t,  $J=8.1$  Hz, aromatic proton), 7.25-7.39 (5H, m, aromatic protons). EIMS  $m/z$ : 372 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 357 [(*M-Me*) $^+$ ], 314 [(*M-Me* $_2\text{CO}$ ) $^+$ ], 221, 151, 91. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 372.1935. Found: 372.1943.

**More polar 8**: colorless oil. IR (neat): 3525, 3075, 3050, 3000, 2950, 2875, 1600, 1585, 1500, 1475, 1450, 1380, 1370, 1250, 1210, 1180, 1170, 1130, 1080, 1050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.46 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 1.48 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 2.36 (3H, s, *ArMe*), 3.02 (1H, dd,  $J=10.9, 10.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 3.03 (1H, dd,  $J=10.9, 10.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 3.66-3.78 (1H, m, OH), 3.79 (3H, s, *ArOMe*), 3.91 (1H, ddd,  $J=10.8, 8.4, 3.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 4.33 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.39 (1H, dd,  $J=8.4, 7.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 5.03 (1H, dd,  $J=9.3, 7.6$  Hz,  $\text{CHOH}$ ), 6.67 (1H, d,  $J=8.1$  Hz, aromatic proton), 6.75 (1H, d,  $J=8.1$  Hz, aromatic proton), 7.11 (1H, t,  $J=8.1$  Hz, aromatic proton), 7.14-7.34 (5H, m, aromatic protons). EIMS  $m/z$ : 372 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 357 [(*M-Me*) $^+$ ], 314 [(*M-Me* $_2\text{CO}$ ) $^+$ ], 221, 151, 91. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 372.1934. Found: 372.1918.

b) Preparation of *ent-8*: The same treatments of **6** (2.20 g, 11 mmol) and 4-*O*-benzyl-2,3-*O*-isopropylidene-*L*-threose<sup>2a,b</sup> (6.84 g, 27 mmol) as described for the preparation of **8** gave *ent-8* (3.87 g, 95%) as a mixture of two diastereomers. This material was directly used for the next step without further separation. In a small scale experiment, this mixture was further separated by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 10:1→2:1) to give pure samples of less polar and more polar *ent-8* in a ratio of 75:25.

**Less polar ent-8**: colorless oil. The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for less polar **8**.

**More polar ent-8**: colorless oil. The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for more polar **8**.

#### 2-[(4*S*,5*R*)-5-Benzyloxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-3-methylanisole (**9**) and Its Enantiomer (*ent-9*)

a) Preparation of **9**: Pyridine (10.4 ml, 0.14 mol) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of chromium (VI) oxide (5.40 g, 54 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (150 ml) containing dry celite (20 g) at room temperature under argon. After 15 min, a solution of **8** (2.00 g, 5.4 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (30 ml) was added slowly to the above mixture, and stirring was continued for 45 min at room temperature. The resulting mixture was diluted with ether (450 ml) and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was washed successively with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and brine, then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 10:1→3:1) to give **9** (1.96 g, 98%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +3.5^\circ$  (c 1.03,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR (neat): 3100, 3070, 3025, 2950, 1805, 1710, 1605, 1585, 1500, 1480, 1460, 1440, 1380, 1370, 1270, 1220, 1170, 1100, 1040, 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.34 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 1.46 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 2.23 (3H, s, *ArMe*), 3.53 (1H, dd,  $J=10.6, 5.9$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 3.64 (1H, dd,  $J=10.6, 3.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 3.73 (3H, s, *ArOMe*), 4.42 (1H, ddd,  $J=7.7, 6.0, 3.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 4.54 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.77 (1H, d,  $J=7.7$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 6.71 (1H, d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, aromatic proton), 6.78 (1H, d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, aromatic proton), 7.21-7.34 (6H, m, aromatic protons). EIMS  $m/z$ : 370 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 355 [(*M-Me*) $^+$ ], 312 [(*M-Me* $_2\text{CO}$ ) $^+$ ], 221, 149, 91. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_5$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 370.1804. Found: 370.1779.

b) Preparation of *ent-9*: The same treatments of *ent-8* (3.85 g, 10 mmol) as described for the preparation of **9** from **8** gave *ent-9* (3.71 g, 97%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -3.2^\circ$  (c 1.10,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for **9**.

#### 2-[(4*S*,5*R*)-5-Hydroxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-3-methylanisole (**10**) and Its Enantiomer (*ent-10*)

a) Preparation of **10**: A mixture of **9** (1.44 g, 3.9 mmol) and 20% palladium hydroxide on carbon (290 mg) in methanol (30 ml) was stirred for 15 h at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere (1 atm). The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:1) to give **10** (1.07 g, 98%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} +11.3^\circ$  (c 0.66,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR (neat): 3525, 3025, 2975, 1740, 1710, 1605, 1590, 1475, 1440, 1385, 1300, 1270, 1220, 1170, 1120, 1090, 1050, 1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.32 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 1.45 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 2.02 (1H, br s, OH), 2.26 (3H, s, *ArMe*), 3.62 (1H, br d,  $J=11.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 3.81 (3H, s, *ArOMe*), 3.85 (1H, br dd,  $J=11.0, 3.1$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 4.32 (1H, ddd,  $J=7.6, 4.2, 3.1$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 4.83 (1H, d,  $J=7.6$  Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}(\text{O}-)\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ), 6.76 (1H, d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, aromatic proton), 6.82 (1H, d,  $J=8.0$  Hz, aromatic proton), 7.26 (1H, t,  $J=8.0$  Hz, aromatic protons). EIMS  $m/z$ : 280 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 265 [(*M-Me*) $^+$ ], 149, 91, 59. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 280.1309. Found: 280.1319.

b) Preparation of *ent-10*: The same treatments of *ent-9* (3.65 g, 9.9 mmol) as described for the preparation of **10** from **9** gave *ent-10* (2.60 g, 94%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -12.9^\circ$  (c 0.88,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for **10**.

**2-[(4*S*,5*R*)-5-Methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-3-methylanisole (11) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-11)**

a) Preparation of 11: Chloromethyl methyl ether (9.19 ml, 0.12 mol) was added to a stirred solution of 10 (3.08 g, 11 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (200 ml) containing *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (25.1 ml, 0.15 mol) at room temperature under argon. After 17 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (600 ml). The organic layer was washed with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 5:1) to give 11 (3.28 g, 92%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +6.1^\circ$  (c 1.24, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3025, 2970, 2920, 1705, 1600, 1590, 1475, 1440, 1385, 1300, 1270, 1220, 1160, 1090, 1040, 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.33 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 1.46 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 2.26 (3H, s, ArMe), 3.31 (3H, s, CH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.60 (1H, dd, J=10.9, 6.3 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.72 (1H, dd, J=10.9, 2.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.80 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.42 (1H, ddd, J=7.8, 6.3, 2.9 Hz, CH(O-)CH(O-)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.61 (1H, d, J=6.8 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.63 (1H, d, J=6.8 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.74 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz, CH(O-)CH(O-)CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 6.76 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, aromatic proton), 6.82 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, aromatic proton), 7.25 (1H, t, J=8.0 Hz, aromatic proton). EIMS *m/z*: 324 (M<sup>+</sup>), 309 [(M-Me)<sup>+</sup>], 266[(M-Me<sub>2</sub>CO)<sup>+</sup>], 149, 91, 54. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 324.1571. Found: 324.1576.

b) Preparation of *ent*-11: The same treatments of *ent*-10 (2.58 g, 9.2 mmol) as described for the preparation of 11 from 10 gave *ent*-11 (2.81 g, 94%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -6.0^\circ$  (c 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 11.

**(2*R*,5*S*)-5-Benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-2-[[2-[(4*S*,5*R*)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-3-methoxyphenyl]-1-hydroxyethyl]pyrrolidine (12) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-12)**

a) Preparation of 12: A solution of 11 (2.00 g, 6.2 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (80 ml) was added to a stirred solution of lithium diisopropylamide (62 mmol) [prepared from *n*-butyllithium in hexane (1.6 M solution, 38.8 ml, 62 mmol) and diisopropylamine (10.0 ml, 71 mmol)] in dry tetrahydrofuran (100 ml) at -78°C under argon. After 1 h, *N,N,N',N'*-tetramethylethylenediamine (11.0 ml, 74 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued for 1 h at -78°C. A solution of (2*R*,5*S*)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-2-formylpyrrolidine (4)<sup>2c</sup> (7.36 g, 22.8 mmol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (80 ml) was added, and the mixture was further stirred for 2 h at -78°C. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (30 ml), and the mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (800 ml) and the extract was washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* afforded a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 10:1→2:1) to give 12 (pale yellow caramel, 1.91 g, 48%) as a mixture of two diastereomers along with 11 (921 mg, 46% recovery) and 4 (3.46g, 47% recovery). The adduct (12) was directly used for the next reaction without further separation. IR (neat): 3475, 3000, 2950, 1740, 1700, 1605, 1590, 1480, 1460, 1380, 1305, 1260, 1250, 1220, 1170, 1130, 1140 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.42 (15H, br s, <sup>1</sup>Bu and acetonide), 1.65-2.20 (4H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H<sub>2</sub> and pyrrolidine ring C4-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.36-2.58 (2H, m), 2.62-3.00 (1H, m), 3.13 (3H, br s, CH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.19-4.20 (8H, m), 3.85 (3H, br s, ArOMe), 4.35-4.60 (4H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe and OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.78 (1H, br d, J=8.0 Hz, COCH(O-)CH(O-)), 6.76 (2H, br d, J=8.0 Hz, aromatic proton), 7.16-7.65 (6H, m, aromatic proton). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening was observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS *m/z*: 644 [(M+1)<sup>+</sup>], 626 [(M-OH)<sup>+</sup>], 625 [(M-H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup>], 570 [(M-OH-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)<sup>+</sup>], 522, 468, 412, 368, 290, 190, 91, 57. HRMS calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub> [(M-H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup>]: 625.3247. Found: 625.3245.

b) Preparation of *ent*-12: The coupling reaction of *ent*-11 (2.78 g, 8.6 mmol) with (2*S*,5*R*)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-2-formylpyrrolidine (*ent*-4)<sup>2c</sup> (10.1 g, 31.5 mmol) as described for the preparation of 12 from 11 and 4 gave *ent*-12 (pale yellow caramel, 2.58 g, 47%) as a mixture of two diastereomers along with *ent*-11 (1.25 g, 45% recovery) and *ent*-4 (1.19 g, 46% recovery). The adduct (*ent*-12) was directly used for the next reaction without further separation. The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of *ent*-12 were identical with those recorded for 12.

**(2*R*,5*S*)-5-Benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-2-[[2-[(4*S*,5*R*)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-3-methoxyphenyl]acetyl]pyrrolidine (13) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-13)**

a) Preparation of 13: 2.6 M Jones reagent (4.80 ml, 12 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of 12 (2.16 g, 3.36 mmol) in acetone (180 ml) containing dry celite (5.5 g) at room temperature. After 20 min, 2-propanol (15 ml) and saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (80 ml) were added successively, and the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (600 ml). The resulting mixture was filtered through a pad of celite, and the filtrate was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1) to give 13 (1.46 g, 68%) as a pale yellow caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +37.2^\circ$  (c 0.65, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3000, 2950, 1730, 1700, 1605, 1590, 1480, 1460, 1440, 1390, 1370, 1340, 1300, 1265, 1220, 1170, 1110, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.32 (3H, br s, acetonide Me), 1.41 (9H, s, <sup>1</sup>Bu), 1.55 (3H, br s, acetonide Me), 1.85-2.20 (4H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H<sub>2</sub> and pyrrolidine ring C4-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.32 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.48-4.16 (6H, m, CH(O-)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CO and pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 3.83 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.22-4.48 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H), 4.57 (2H, br s OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.66 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.83 (1H, br d, J=8.0 Hz, COCH(O-)CH(O-)), 6.87 (2H, br d, J=8.0 Hz, aromatic protons), 7.22-7.47 (6H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening was observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS *m/z*: 641 (M<sup>+</sup>), 626



[(M-Me)<sup>+</sup>], 610 [(M-OMe)<sup>+</sup>], 520, 494, 420, 366, 290, 246, 190, 149, 91, 57. HRMS calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O [ (M-Me)<sup>+</sup>]: 626.2963. Found: 626.2967.

b) Preparation of *ent*-13: The same treatments of *ent*-12 (2.56 g, 4.0 mmol) as described for the preparation of 13 from 12 gave *ent*-13 (1.56 g, 61%) as a pale yellow caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -36.4° (c 0.45, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 11.

**3-[(2*R*,5*S*)-5-Benzoyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-[(4*R*,5*R*)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]-8-methoxyisoquinoline (14) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-14)**

a) Preparation of 14: 38% Aqueous ammonia (7.00 ml, 0.16mol) was added to a stirred solution of 13 (964 mg, 1.5 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (40 ml) at room temperature. After 15 h, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (200 ml), and the extract was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1) to give 14 (690 mg, 72%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +65.0° (c 0.77, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3000, 2950, 1700, 1620, 1570, 1460, 1390, 1370, 1310, 1260, 1220, 1170, 1105, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.12 (6H, br s, <sup>1</sup>Bu), 1.26 (3H, br s, <sup>1</sup>Bu), 1.49 (3H, br s, acetonide Me), 1.58 (3H, br s, acetonide Me), 2.02-2.14 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H2 or pyrrolidine ring C4-H2), 2.14-2.26 (0.5H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H2 or pyrrolidine ring C4-H2), 2.26-2.37 (1.5H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H2 or pyrrolidine ring C4-H2), 3.32 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.71 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 6.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.78-3.94 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn), 3.84 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 2.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.00 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.18-4.33 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.62 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.67 (2H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.88-5.04 (0.5H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H), 5.04-5.12 (0.5H, m, pyrrolidine C2-H), 5.30 (1H, br s, CH(O)-CH(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 6.03 (1H, d, J=8.2 Hz, CH(O)-CH(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 6.89 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.11-7.37 (6H, m, aromatic protons), 7.47 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C6-H), 7.55 (1H, br s, C4-H). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS m/z: 622 (M<sup>+</sup>), 607 [(M-Me)<sup>+</sup>], 591 [(M-OMe)<sup>+</sup>], 501 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sup>+</sup>], 401, 389, 297, 229, 190, 170, 114, 91, 57. HRMS calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>46</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 622.3231. Found: 622.3225.

b) Preparation of *ent*-14: The same treatments of *ent*-13 (1.52 g, 2.4 mmol) as described for the preparation of 14 from 13 gave *ent*-14 (1.03 g, 61%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -67.4° (c 0.87, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 14.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-3-[(2*R*,5*S*)-5-Benzoyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-[(4*R*,5*R*)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]-8-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (15) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-15)**

a) Preparation of 15: Sodium cyanoborohydride (840 mg, 13 mmol) was added in small portions to a stirred solution of 14 (415 mg, 0.66 mmol) in 37% aqueous hydrochloric acid-methanol (1:100) (120 ml) at 0°C. After 2 h, the mixture was made alkaline with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide and extracted with ethyl acetate (500 ml). The extract was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1) to give 15 (409 mg, 98%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -40.8° (c 0.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2980, 2950, 1700, 1590, 1470, 1460, 1380, 1260, 1250, 1220, 1170, 1110, 1050 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.41 (9H, s, <sup>1</sup>Bu), 1.42 (3H, s, acetonide Me), 1.49 (3H, br s, acetonide Me), 1.62-1.86 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H2 or pyrrolidine ring C4-H2), 1.89-1.99 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 1.97 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H and NH), 2.51 (1H, dd, J=14.9, 2.2 Hz, C4-H), 2.61 (1H, dd, J=14.9, 11.0 Hz, C4-H), 2.73 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 1.8 Hz, C3-H), 2.94 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 7.5 Hz, pyrrolidine ring C2-H), 3.15 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.32 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 3.50-3.67 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn), 3.79 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.88-4.40 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.32-4.41 (1H, m, CH(O)-CH(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.37 (1H, d, J=6.5 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.39 (1H, d, J=6.5 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.47 (1H, dd, J=8.2, 2.9 Hz, CH(O)-CH(O)-CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.50 (1H, d, J=12.2 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.79 (1H, d, J=12.2 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.79 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.66 (2H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H and C7-H), 7.10 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C6-H), 7.28 (5H, br s, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS m/z: 627 [(M+1)<sup>+</sup>], 611 [(M-Me)<sup>+</sup>], 451 [(M-CH(O)CMe<sub>2</sub>O)CH-CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM)<sup>+</sup>], 351 [(M-CH(O)CMe<sub>2</sub>O)CHCH<sub>2</sub>OMOM-Boc)<sup>+</sup>], 336, 229, 190, 160, 91, 57, 43. HRMS calcd for C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [(M+1)<sup>+</sup>]: 627.3643. Found: 627.3646.

b) Preparation of *ent*-15: The same treatments of *ent*-14 (1.00 g, 1.6 mmol) as described for the preparation of 15 from 14 gave *ent*-15 (0.98 g, 97%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +41.2° (c 0.75, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 15.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 3-[(2*R*,5*S*)-5-benzoyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-[(4*R*,5*R*)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (16) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-16)**

a) Preparation of 16: 2,2,2-Trichloroethyl chloroformate (0.85 ml, 6.2 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 15 (390 mg, 0.62 mmol) in pyridine (24 ml) at room temperature. After 15 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (130 ml). The organic layer was washed successively with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:1) to give 16 (438 mg, 88%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +8.0° (c 0.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR

(neat): 3000, 2950, 1720, 1700, 1600, 1480, 1450, 1370, 1305, 1280, 1260, 1220, 1170, 1160, 1120, 1110, 1050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.32 (3H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.41 (6H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.55 (6H, br s, acetamide Me x 2), 1.72-1.89 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 1.89-1.97 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.04-2.13 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or C4-H), 2.12-2.28 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or C4-H), 2.80 (1H, br s, C4-H), 3.05-3.60 (4H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ , C4-H, and C3-H), 3.40 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 3.65 (2H, br s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 2.51 (1H, dd,  $J=14.9$ , 2.2 Hz, C4-H), 2.61 (1H, dd,  $J=14.9$ , 11.0 Hz, C4-H), 2.94 (1H, dd,  $J=10.8$ , 7.5 Hz, pyrrolidine ring C2-H), 3.78 (4H, s,  $\text{ArOMe}$  and  $\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 4.01 (1H, dd,  $J=10.9$ , 1.8 Hz,  $\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 4.16-4.32 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H and pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.55 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.60 (1H, d,  $J=7.4$  Hz,  $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CCl}_3$ ), 4.70 (1H, d,  $J=6.8$  Hz,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 4.72 (1H, d,  $J=6.8$  Hz,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 4.85 (1H, d,  $J=7.4$  Hz,  $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CCl}_3$ ), 5.97 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.70 (2H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H and C7-H), 7.17 (1H, t,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C6-H), 7.22-7.35 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 802 [(M+2) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 2], 800 ( $\text{Me}^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3), 789 [(M-Me+4) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  x 2,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ], 787 [(M-Me+2) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 2], 785 [(M-Me) $^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3], 629 [(M-CH( $\text{OCMe}_2\text{O}$ )CHCH $_2\text{OMOM}$ +4) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  x 2,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ], 627 [(M-CH( $\text{OCMe}_2\text{O}$ )CHCH $_2\text{OMOM}$ +2) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 2], 625 [(M-CH( $\text{OCMe}_2\text{O}$ )CHCH $_2\text{OMOM}$ ) $^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3], 573, 571, 569, 529, 527, 525, 456, 454, 452, 424, 422, 420, 338, 336, 334, 290, 190, 91, 57, 43.

b) Preparation of *ent*-16: The same treatments of *ent*-15 (0.96 g, 1.5 mmol) as described for the preparation of 16 from 15 gave *ent*-16 (1.12 g, 91%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -7.9 $^\circ$  (c 0.61,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 16.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 3-[(2*R*,5*S*)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-hydroxymethyl-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (17) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-17)**

a) Preparation of 17: 37% Aqueous hydrochloric acid (5.00 ml, 51 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 16 (400 mg, 0.50 mmol) in methanol (45 ml) at room temperature. After 5 h, the mixture was neutralized with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide and diluted with ethyl acetate (200 ml). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, whose solution in methanol-water (10:1) (70 ml) was treated with sodium periodate (1.10g, 5.1 mmol) for 15 h at room temperature. Sodium borohydride (195 mg, 5.1 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued for 30 min at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid (5 ml), and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (200 ml). The extract was washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and brine, then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:1) to give 17 (328 mg, 68%, 3 steps) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +13.9 $^\circ$  (c 0.72,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR (neat): 3450, 2950, 2930, 1680, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1420, 1380, 1300, 1260, 1160, 1120, 1080, 1050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.29 (4H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.35 (5H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.74-1.99 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 1.99-2.18 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H and/or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.18-2.40 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.75 (1H, br dd,  $J=16.4$ , 6.7 Hz, C4-H), 2.99 (1H, br d,  $J=16.4$  Hz, C4-H), 3.67 (5H, br s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  and C3-H), 3.83 (3H, s,  $\text{ArOMe}$ ), 4.01 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.43 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.54 (2H, br s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.78-4.90 (2H, m,  $\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CCl}_3$ ), 5.73 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.68 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 6.72 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.16 (1H, t,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C6-H), 7.29-7.39 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 629 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ +4) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  x 2,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ], 627 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ +2) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 2], 625 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ) $^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3], 573 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ -C4H8+4) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  x 2,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ], 571 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ -C4H8+2) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 2], 569 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ -C4H8) $^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3], 529 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ -Boc+4) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$  x 2,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ], 527 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ -Boc+2) $^+$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 2], 525 [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ -Boc) $^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3], 352, 350, 348, 338, 336, 334, 287, 190, 91, 57. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$  [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ) $^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3]: 625.1636. Found: 625.1617.

b) Preparation of *ent*-17: The same treatments of *ent*-16 (1.10 g, 1.4 mmol) as described for the preparation of 17 from 16 gave *ent*-17 (640 mg, 71%, 3 steps) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -14.0 $^\circ$  (c 1.01,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_6$  [(M- $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ) $^+$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$  x 3]: 625.1636. Found: 625.1652. The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 16.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 1-acetoxymethyl-3-[(2*R*,5*S*)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (18) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-18)**

a) Preparation of 18: Acetic anhydride (1.50 ml, 16 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 17 (149 mg, 0.23 mmol) in pyridine (10 ml) containing a catalytic amount of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (15.0 mg, 0.12 mmol) at room temperature under argon. After 12 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 ml). The organic layer was washed successively with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and brine, then dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 4:1) to give 18 (159 mg, 100%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +31.7 $^\circ$  (c 0.52,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR (neat): 2960, 2920, 2850, 1740, 1710, 1690, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1420, 1380, 1360, 1320, 1290, 1270, 1250, 1230, 1170, 1120, 1090, 1050  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.28 (9H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$ ), 1.59-1.75 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 1.93-2.15 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H and/or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.02 (1.5H, s, Ac), 2.04 (1.5H, s, Ac), 2.28-2.48 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.77 (1H, br dd,  $J=16.8$ , 7.0 Hz, C4-H), 2.99 (1H, br d,  $J=16.8$  Hz, C4-H), 3.68 (2H, br s,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 3.83 (3H, s,  $\text{ArOMe}$ ), 4.01 (1.5H, br

s, 1H of pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H and 0.5H of C3-H), 4.17-4.33 (1.5H, m, 1H of pyrrolidine ring C2-H or C5-H and 0.5H of C3-H), 4.55 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph or CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.60 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph or CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.81 (1H, br t, J=9.6 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 4.90 (0.5H, br d, J=9.6 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 4.97 (0.5H, br d, J=9.6 Hz, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 5.73 (1H, br d, J=9.6 Hz, C1-H), 6.70 (2H, br d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H and C7-H), 7.18 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C6-H), 7.25-7.39 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS m/z: 702 [(M+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 700 [(M+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 698 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3), 629 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 627 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 625 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 352, 350, 348, 338, 336, 334, 290, 190, 91, 57.

b) Preparation of *ent*-18: The same treatments of *ent*-17 (632 mg, 0.96 mmol) as described for the preparation of 18 from 17 gave *ent*-18 (639 mg, 95%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -31.6° (c 0.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 18.

**(1R,3R)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 1-acetoxymethyl-3-[(2R,5S)-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5-hydroxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (19) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-19)**

a) Preparation of 19: A mixture of 18 (175 mg, 0.25 mmol) and 10% palladium on carbon (500 mg) in ethyl acetate (40 ml) was stirred for 15 min at room temperature under hydrogen atmosphere (1 atm). The catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1) to give 19 (131 mg, 86%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +46.7° (c 2.85, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3450, 2960, 2930, 2830, 1740, 1710, 1690, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1420, 1380, 1360, 1330, 1310, 1300, 1270, 1250, 1230, 1160, 1120, 1080, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.24 (3H, br s, <sup>4</sup>Bu), 1.25 (1.5H, br s, <sup>4</sup>Bu), 1.27 (4.5H, br s, <sup>4</sup>Bu), 1.70 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or C4-H), 1.93 (1.5H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H and/or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.02 (3H, s, Ac), 2.02-2.14 (1.5H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H and/or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 3.06 (2H, br s, C4-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.58 (1H, br s, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.80 (1H, br s, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.84 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.06 (1.5H, br s, 1H of pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H and 0.5H of C3-H), 4.32 (1.5H, m, 1H of pyrrolidine ring C2-H or C5-H and 0.5H of C3-H), 4.48 (1H, br t, J=7.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.53-4.70 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.70-4.94 (2H, m, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 5.85 (1H, br d, J=6.8 Hz, C1-H), 6.73 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 6.78 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.22 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C6-H). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS m/z: 612 [(M+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 610 [(M+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 608 (M<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3), 539 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 537 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 535 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 483 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 3, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 481 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 479 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 352, 350, 348, 338, 336, 334, 287, 200, 173, 160, 144, 100, 57. HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]: 535.1166. Found: 533.1161.

b) Preparation of *ent*-19: The same treatments of *ent*-18 (631 mg, 0.90 mmol) as described for the preparation of 19 from 18 gave *ent*-19 (451 mg, 82%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -50.4° (c 0.69, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 19.

**(1R,3R)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 1-acetoxymethyl-3-[(2R,5S)-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5-formylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (20) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-20)**

a) Preparation of 20: Dimethyl sulfoxide (0.242 ml, 3.4 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (2 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of oxalyl chloride (0.149 ml, 1.7 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (10 ml) at -78°C under argon. After 10 min, a solution of 19 (112 mg, 0.18 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (4 ml) was added slowly, and stirring was continued for 15 min at -78°C. After addition of triethylamine (0.474 ml, 3.4 mmol), the mixture was gradually warmed up to -25°C and further stirred for 30 min. The resulting mixture was diluted with water (5 ml) and then extracted with ethyl acetate (80 ml). The extract was washed successively with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 4:1→2:1) to give 20 (106 mg, 95%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +42.7° (c 0.94, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2970, 2930, 2810, 1730, 1710, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1410, 1380, 1360, 1320, 1250, 1170, 1190, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.32 (3H, br s, <sup>4</sup>Bu), 1.43 (6H, br s, <sup>4</sup>Bu), 1.83 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H or pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.02-2.30 (3H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H<sub>2</sub> and/or pyrrolidine ring C4-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.03 (3H, s, Ac), 3.03 (1H, br s, C4-H), 3.22 (1H, br t, J=15.3 Hz, C4-H), 3.84 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.22 (0.5H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.40 (2H, br s, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.55 (0.5H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.78 (1.5H, br s, 1H of CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub> and 0.5H of pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.92 (1H, br s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 5.87 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.74 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 6.79 (1H, br d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.24 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C6-H), 9.54 (0.7H, br s, CHO), 9.65 (0.3H, br s, CHO). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS m/z: 537 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 535 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 533 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 481 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 479 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 477 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 412, 410, 408, 352, 350, 348, 338, 336, 334, 173, 160, 98, 57. HRMS calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]: 533.1011. Found: 533.0987.

b) Preparation of *ent*-20: The same treatments of *ent*-19 (448 mg, 0.74 mmol) as described for the preparation of 20 from 19 gave *ent*-20 (438 mg, 98%) as a colorless caramel. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> -45.0° (c 0.57, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 20.

**(5R,7R,8S,11R,11aS)-5-Acetoxyethyl-13-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-7-cyano-4-methoxy-5,7,8,9,10,11,11a,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (23) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-23)**

a) Preparation of 23: Zinc powder (565 mg, 8.7 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 20 (65.8 mg, 0.11 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran-acetic acid-water (5:1:1) (30 ml) at room temperature under argon. After 30 min, the mixture was neutralized with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and diluted with ethyl acetate (120 ml). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave (5R,7R,8S,11R,11aS)-5-acetoxyethyl-13-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-7-hydroxy-4-methoxy-5,7,8,9,10,11,11a,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (22) (62.8 mg), which was dissolved in dry dichloromethane (7 ml). The dichloromethane solution was treated with trimethylsilyl cyanide (22.0 μl, 0.16 mmol) and zinc chloride (16.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) for 10 min at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (3 ml) and ethyl acetate (60 ml), and the organic layer was washed with brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 4:1 → 2:1) to give 23 (27.7 mg, 58%, 2 steps) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +21.7^\circ$  (c 0.62, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2970, 2930, 2830, 2350, 1720, 1695, 1590, 1460, 1410, 1380, 1360, 1320, 1260, 1230, 1160, 1100, 1080, 1050, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.48 (9H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.63-1.78 (1H, m, C9-H or C10-H), 1.84 (1H, br d, J=10.8 Hz, C9-H or C10-H), 1.94 (2H, br td, J=10.8, 3.5 Hz, C9-H<sub>2</sub> and/or C10-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.04 (3H, s, Ac), 2.51-2.64 (2H, m, C12-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.00 (1H, br dd, J=8.8, 4.6 Hz, C11a-H), 3.82 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.96 (1H, dd, J=11.3, 6.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 3.98 (1H, br s, C7-H), 4.21 (1H, br s, C8-H or C11-H), 4.35-4.43 (2H, m, C5-H and CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.50 (1H, br s, C8-H or C11-H), 6.71 (1H, br d, J=7.9 Hz, C1-H or C3-H), 6.74 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C1-H or C3-H), 7.17 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C2-H). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS *m/z*: 368 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 312 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)<sup>+</sup>], 268 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc)<sup>+</sup>], 98, 57. CIMS (isobutane) *m/z*: 442 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>]: 368.1972. Found: 368.1962.

b) Preparation of *ent*-23: The same treatments of *ent*-20 (431 mg, 0.71 mmol) as described for the preparation of 23 from 20 gave *ent*-23 (198 mg, 63%, 2 steps) as a colorless caramel *via ent*-22.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -21.4^\circ$  (c 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 23.

**(5R,7R,8S,11R,11aS)-5-Acetoxyethyl-7-cyano-4-methoxy-5,7,8,9,10,11,11a,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (24) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-24)**

a) Preparation of 24: Trifluoroacetic acid (85.0 μl, 1.1 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 23 (48.5 mg, 0.11 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) at room temperature under argon. After 5 h, the mixture was made alkaline with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and extracted with ethyl acetate (50 ml). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate) to give 24 (34.1 mg, 91%) as a colorless caramel. IR (neat): 3300, 2950, 2840, 2380, 2340, 1740, 1659, 1595, 1470, 1460, 1440, 1420, 1380, 1320, 1260, 1230, 1200, 1060, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.61-1.71 (1H, m, C9-H or C10-H), 1.76-1.95 (3H, m, C9-H<sub>2</sub> or C10-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.04 (3H, s, Ac), 2.46 (1H, dd, J=14.7, 2.6 Hz, C12-H), 2.57 (1H, dd, J=14.7, 11.4 Hz, C12-H), 2.86 (1H, dt, J=9.4, 1.8 Hz, C11a-H), 3.32 (1H, d, J=6.4 Hz, C8-H or C11-H), 3.67 (1H, dd, J=6.4, 2.5 Hz, C8-H or C11-H), 3.82 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.85 (1H, s, NH), 3.96 (1H, s, C7-H), 3.97 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 5.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.32 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 2.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.40 (1H, dd, J=5.8, 2.9 Hz, C5-H), 6.71 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C3-H), 6.73 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C1-H), 7.16 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C2-H). EIMS *m/z*: 341 (M<sup>+</sup>), 315 [(M-CN)<sup>+</sup>], 268 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 199, 149, 68, 43. HRMS calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 341.1738. Found: 341.1742.

b) Preparation of *ent*-24: The same treatments of *ent*-23 (181 mg, 0.41 mmol) as described for the preparation of 24 from 23 gave *ent*-24 (122 mg, 87%) as a colorless caramel. The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 23.

**(5R,7R,8S,11R,11aS)-5-Acetoxyethyl-7-cyano-4-methoxy-13-methyl-5,7,8,9,10,11,11a,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (25) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-25)**

a) Preparation of 25: Sodium cyanoborohydride (4.35 mg, 69 μmol) was added to a stirred solution of 24 (33.8 mg, 99 μmol) in methanol (3 ml) containing 37% aqueous formaldehyde (8.23 μl, 0.10 mmol) at room temperature. After 1 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 ml), and the organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1) to give 25 (25.3 mg, 72%) as a colorless caramel. Recrystallization from hexane-ethyl acetate gave an analytical sample of 25 as colorless prisms, mp 61-62.5 °C and  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +16.0^\circ$  (c 0.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2940, 2900, 2840, 2350, 1730, 1590, 1470, 1440, 1300, 1260, 1230, 1150, 1130, 1100, 1070, 1050 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ: 1.45-1.57 (4H, m, C9-H<sub>2</sub> and C10-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.57 (3H, s, Ac), 1.97 (3H, s, NMe), 2.01 (1H, dd, J=14.3, 2.1 Hz, C12-Heq), 2.35 (1H, dd, J=14.3, 11.8 Hz, C12-Hax), 2.47 (1H, dt, J=6.3, 1.0 Hz, C11-H), 2.76 (1H, ddd, J=5.4, 3.0, 2.1 Hz, C8-H), 3.03 (1H, dt, J=11.8, 2.1 Hz, C11a-H), 3.12 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.54 (1H, d, J=3.0 Hz, C7-H), 4.12 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 4.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.51 (1H, dd, J=10.8, 2.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.63 (1H, dd, J=4.7, 2.9 Hz, C5-H), 6.32 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C3-H), 6.58 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C1-H), 7.00 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C2-H). EIMS *m/z*: 355 (M<sup>+</sup>), 329 [(M-CN)<sup>+</sup>], 296 [(M-OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 282 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 201, 122, 82, 43. HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 355.1894. Found: 355.1880.

b) Preparation of *ent*-25: The same treatments of *ent*-24 (116 mg, 0.34 mmol) as described for the preparation of 25 from 24 gave *ent*-25 (83.4 mg, 69%) as a colorless caramel. Recrystallization from hexane-ethyl acetate gave an analytical sample of 25 as

colorless prisms, mp 61–62 °C and  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -13.8° (c 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 25.

**(5*R*,7*R*,8*S*,11*R*,11*aS*)-7-Cyano-5-hydroxymethyl-4-methoxy-13-methyl-5,7,8,9,10,11,11*a*,12-oxatahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (10-decarboxy-DX-52-1) (26) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-26)**

a) Preparation of 26: 1*M* Sodium hydroxide (0.70 ml, 0.70 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 25 (33.5 mg, 94 μmol) in methanol (4 ml) at room temperature. After 2 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 ml), and the organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 1:1) to give 26 (24.5 mg, 83%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +27.3° (c 0.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3400, 2940, 2870, 1590, 1470, 1440, 1380, 1370, 1290, 1260, 1150, 1120, 1070, 1040, 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ: 1.17–1.35 (2H, m, C<sub>9</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.37–1.52 (2H, m, C<sub>10</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 1.79 (1H, br s, OH), 1.94 (3H, s, NMe), 1.96 (1H, dd, J=15.1, 2.6 Hz, C<sub>12</sub>-Heq), 2.34 (1H, dd, J=15.1, 12.6 Hz, C<sub>12</sub>-Hax), 2.43 (1H, dt, J=6.0, 1.2 Hz, C<sub>11</sub>-H), 2.71 (1H, ddd, J=5.6, 2.9, 1.6 Hz, C<sub>8</sub>-H), 3.02 (1H, dt, J=11.8, 2.0 Hz, C<sub>11a</sub>-H), 3.13 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.41 (1H, d, J=3.0 Hz, C<sub>7</sub>-H), 3.69 (1H, br d, J=11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.72 (1H, br d, J=11.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.49 (1H, t, J=3.5 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>-H), 6.15 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>-H), 6.58 (1H, d, J=8.1 Hz, C<sub>1</sub>-H), 7.01 (1H, t, J=8.1 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>-H). EIMS *m/z*: 313 (M<sup>+</sup>), 282 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sup>+</sup>], 201, 122, 82, 42. HRMS calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 313.1788. Found: 313.1784.

b) Preparation of *ent*-26: The same treatments of *ent*-25 (73.2 mg, 0.21 mmol) as described for the preparation of 26 from 25 gave *ent*-26 (56.1 mg, 87%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -25.9° (c 0.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 26.

**10-Decarboxyquinocarcin (2) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-2)**

a) Preparation of 2: Silver nitrate (11.8 mg, 70 μmol) was added to a stirred solution of 26 (19.8 mg, 63 μmol) in methanol (2 ml) at room temperature under argon. After 1 h, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate-methanol, 3:1) to give 2 (15.0 mg, 83%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -13.0° (c 0.23, MeOH). IR (KBr): 2925, 2850, 1580, 1470, 1260, 1180, 1140, 1090, 1060, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ: 2.02–2.23 (2H, m, C<sub>9</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.27–2.42 (2H, m, C<sub>10</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.53 (1H, dd, J=12.3, 2.6 Hz, C<sub>12</sub>-Heq), 2.34 (1H, dd, J=15.1, 12.6 Hz, C<sub>12</sub>-Hax), 2.43 (1H, dt, J=6.0, 1.2 Hz, C<sub>11</sub>-H), 2.71 (1H, ddd, J=5.6, 2.9, 1.6 Hz, C<sub>8</sub>-H), 3.02 (1H, dt, J=12.3, 11.1 Hz, C<sub>11a</sub>-H), 2.81 (3H, s, NMe), 3.35–3.37 (1H, m, C<sub>8</sub>-H), 3.39 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 7.2 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>-H), 3.69 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 2.8 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>-H), 3.78 (1H, br d, J=6.3 Hz, C<sub>11</sub>-H), 3.81 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.03–4.09 (1H, m, 11a-H), 4.54 (1H, dd, J=7.3, 2.8 Hz, C<sub>5</sub>-H), 4.55 (1H, d, J=3.1 Hz, C<sub>7</sub>-H), 6.74 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz, C<sub>3</sub>-H), 6.84 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz, C<sub>1</sub>-H), 7.16 (1H, t, J=7.8 Hz, C<sub>2</sub>-H). EIMS *m/z*: 286 (M<sup>+</sup>), 257[(M-CHO)<sup>+</sup>], 256 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup>], 230, 204, 149, 69. HRMS calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 286.1679. Found: 286.1652.

b) Preparation of *ent*-2: The same treatments of *ent*-26 (51.2 mg, 0.16 mmol) as described for the preparation of 2 from 26 gave *ent*-2 (37.4 mg, 80%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +12.0° (c 0.43, MeOH). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 2.

**(1*R*,5*R*,10*bR*)-5-[(2*R*,5*S*)-1-Benzyl-5-benzyloxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-hydroxymethyl-10-methoxy-3-oxo-1,5,6,10*b*-tetrahydro-3*H*-oxazolo[4,3-*a*]isoquinoline (27)**

Methyl chloroformate (24.1 μl, 0.31 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of 15 (39.0 mg, 62 μmol) in chloroform (1.5 ml) containing triethylamine (52.0 μl, 0.37 mmol) at room temperature. After 3 h, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was dissolved in methanol (1.8 ml). 37% Aqueous hydrochloric acid (0.30 ml, 3.1 mmol) was added to the methanolic solution at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The mixture was neutralized with 10% aqueous sodium hydroxide and diluted with ethyl acetate (20 ml). The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was dissolved in methanol (2 ml). The methanolic solution was treated with sodium hydroxide (34.9 mg, 0.62 mmol) for 3 h at room temperature. The mixture was neutralized with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate (20 ml). The extract was washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was dissolved in methanol-water (10:1) (2 ml). The methanolic solution was treated with sodium periodate (66.7 mg, 0.31 mmol) for 13 h at room temperature. Sodium borohydride (11.8 mg, 0.31 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued for 30 min at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid (0.2 ml), and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (20 ml). The extract was washed with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was dissolved in dichloromethane (1.8 ml). Bromotrimethylsilane (40.9 μl, 0.31 mmol) was added to the above dichloromethane solution, and stirring was continued for 1 h at room temperature. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to give a residue, which was dissolved in dichloromethane (1.5 ml) containing saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate (0.5 ml). The mixture was treated with benzyl bromide (0.149 ml, 1.2 mmol) for 15 h at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 ml), and the organic layer was washed with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid, saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:1→1:1) to give 27 (20.1 mg, 61%, 7 steps) as a colorless caramel. IR (neat): 3430, 3030, 2930, 2850, 1750, 1600, 1580, 1490, 1470, 1450, 1440, 1410, 1380, 1360, 1335, 1300, 1260, 1230, 1210, 1170, 1070, 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.62–1.70 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C<sub>4</sub>-H), 1.91–2.02 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C<sub>3</sub>-H and pyrrolidine ring C<sub>4</sub>-H), 2.02–2.14 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C<sub>3</sub>-H), 2.62 (1H, dd, J=16.1 Hz, C<sub>6</sub>-

(Hax), 2.86 (1H, dd,  $J=16.1, 2.8$  Hz, C6-Heq), 2.99 (1H, ddd,  $J=11.6, 10.2, 2.8$  Hz, C5-H), 3.05-3.20 (3H, m, pyrrolidine ring C5-H, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, and CH<sub>2</sub>OBn), 3.28 (1H, dd,  $J=12.2, 5.6$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.31 (1H, dd,  $J=8.4, 4.1$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn), 3.80 (3H, s, C10-OMe), 3.86 (1H, d,  $J=13.5$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>Bn), 3.94 (1H, d,  $J=13.5$  Hz, NCH<sub>2</sub>Bn), 4.10 (1H, ddd,  $J=10.2, 7.4, 3.4$  Hz, pyrrolidine ring C2-H), 4.33 (1H, d,  $J=12.1$  Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.37 (1H, d,  $J=12.1$  Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 5.03 (1H, ddd,  $J=8.4, 5.7, 2.6$  Hz, C1-H), 5.25 (1H, d=8.4 Hz, C10b-H), 6.62 (1H, d,  $J=8.2$  Hz, C7-H or C9-H), 6.72 (1H, d,  $J=8.2$  Hz, C7-H or C9-H), 7.15-7.38 (11H, m, C8-H and Ph x 2). EIMS  $m/z$ : 528 (M<sup>+</sup>), 511 [(M-OH)<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 528.2769. Found: 528.2766.

**(2R,3R,5S)-5-Benzyloxymethyl-1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-2-[[2-[(4S,5R)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-3-methoxyphenyl]-1-hydroxyethyl]-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidine (31) and Its Enantiomer (ent-31)**

a) Preparation of 31: Coupling reaction of 11 (2.78 g, 8.5 mmol) with (2R,3R,5S)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-2-formyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidine (5)<sup>2c</sup> (11.9 g, 30 mmol) under the same conditions as described for the preparation of 12 gave 31 (pale yellow caramel, 3.14 g, 51%) as a mixture of two diastereomers along with 11 (1.25 g, 45% recovery) and 5 (5.11 g, 43% recovery) after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 10:1→1:1). The adduct (31) was directly used for the next step without further separation. IR (neat): 3420, 2970, 2930, 2880, 1740, 1690, 1580, 1465, 1450, 1380, 1360, 1335, 1300, 1255, 1210, 1165, 1150, 1105 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.42 (15H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu and acetonide Me x 2), 2.02-2.22 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.70-3.06 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 3.17 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.36 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.27-4.35 (11H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM x 2, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CH(OH), pyrrolidine ring C2-H, and pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 3.87 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.38-4.95 (3H, m, COCH(O-)CH(O-)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM and CH(OH)), 4.56 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.60 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.63 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 6.62-6.95 (2H, m, aromatic protons), 7.10-7.42 (6H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening was observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 700 [(M-OH)<sup>+</sup>], 699 [(M-H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup>], 641 [(M-H<sub>2</sub>O-Me<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup>], 585, 524, 480, 435, 264, 202, 161, 91, 57, 45. CIMS (isobutane)  $m/z$ : 718 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>54</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>11</sub> [(M-H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup>]: 699.3615. Found: 699.3641.

b) Preparation of *ent*-31: The same treatments of *ent*-11 (3.12 g, 9.6 mmol) and (2S,3S,5R)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-2-formyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidine (*ent*-5)<sup>2c</sup> (13.2 g, 34 mmol) as described for the preparation of 31 from 11 and 5 gave *ent*-31 (pale yellow caramel, 3.66 g, 53%) as a mixture of two diastereomers along with *ent*-11 (1.34 g, 43% recovery) and *ent*-5 (5.41 g, 41% recovery). The adduct (*ent*-31) was directly used for the next step without further separation. The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 31.

**(2R,3R,5S)-5-Benzyloxymethyl-1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-2-[[2-[(4S,5R)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-3-methoxyphenyl]acetyl]-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidine (32) and Its Enantiomer (ent-32)**

a) Preparation of 32: Treatments of 31 (3.02 g, 4.2 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 13 from 12 gave 32 (1.27 mg, 42%) as a colorless caramel after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:3).  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  -12.1° (c 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2950, 2930, 2880, 1730, 1690, 1585, 1470, 1450, 1380, 1365, 1300, 1260, 1210, 1170, 1150, 1110, 1070, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.44 (15H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu and acetonide Me x 2), 1.85-2.33 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.65-3.05 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 3.33-4.33 (10H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM x 2, ArCH<sub>2</sub>CO, pyrrolidine ring C2-H, and pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 3.35 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.38 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.85 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.35-4.90 (2H, m, COCH(O-)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.55 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.64 (4H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe x 2), 6.62-6.95 (2H, m, aromatic protons), 7.20-7.45 (6H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening was observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 700 [(M-Me)<sup>+</sup>], 684 [(M-OMe)<sup>+</sup>], 628 [(M-OMe-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)<sup>+</sup>], 594, 494, 440, 364, 264, 202, 148, 91, 57, 45. CIMS (isobutane)  $m/z$ : 716 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>12</sub> [(M-Me)<sup>+</sup>]: 700.3329. Found: 700.3330.

b) Preparation of *ent*-32: The same treatments of *ent*-31 (3.52 g, 4.9 mmol) as described for the preparation of 32 from 31 gave *ent*-32 (1.44 g, 41%) as a pale yellow caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +13.0° (c 1.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 32.

**3-[(2R,3R,5S)-5-Benzyloxymethyl-1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-[(4R,5R)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4-carbonyl]-8-methoxyisoquinoline (33) and Its Enantiomer (ent-33)**

a) Preparation of 33: Treatments of 32 (1.23 g, 1.7 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 14 from 13 gave 33 (805 mg, 67%) as a colorless caramel after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:3).  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +23.1° (c 0.78, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2975, 2930, 2880, 1690, 1620, 1560, 1455, 1380, 1365, 1310, 1260, 1210, 1170, 1150, 1110, 1070, 1040, 1000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.28 (3H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu or acetonide Me), 1.46 (6H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu or acetonide Me), 1.55 (3H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu or acetonide Me), 1.75 (3H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu or acetonide Me), 1.90-2.30 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.65-3.05 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 3.05-4.18 (7H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM x 2, and pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 3.12 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.36 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.02 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.10-4.95 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H and CH(O-)CH(O-)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.25 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.60 (2H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.65 (2H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 6.50 (1H, d,  $J=8.2$  Hz, CH(O-)CH(O-)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 6.89 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.10-7.62 (8H, m, aromatic protons and C4-H). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were

observed for this  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 696 ( $\text{M}^+$ ), 681  $[(\text{M-Me})^+]$ , 665  $[(\text{M-OMe})^+]$ , 605  $[(\text{M-CH}_2\text{Ph})^+]$ , 575  $[(\text{M-CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph})^+]$ , 552, 475, 451, 355, 264, 202, 91, 57, 45. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}$  ( $\text{M}^+$ ): 696.3619. Found: 696.3619.

b) Preparation of *ent*-33: The same treatments of *ent*-32 (1.42 g, 2.0 mmol) as described for the preparation of 33 from 32 gave *ent*-33 (843 mg, 61%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-24.7^\circ$  (c 1.38,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 33.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-3-[(2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-5-Benzoyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-[(4*R*,5*R*)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]-8-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline (34) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-34)**

a) Preparation of 34: Treatments of 33 (789 mg, 1.1 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 15 from 14 gave 34 (738 mg, 93%) as a colorless caramel after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 1:3). IR (neat): 3350, 2920, 2850, 1690, 1580, 1470, 1450, 1380, 1370, 1330, 1300, 1250, 1210, 1170, 1150, 1100, 1070, 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.38 (3H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$  or acetonide Me), 1.42 (9H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$  and/or acetonide Me), 1.53 (3H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$  and/or acetonide Me), 1.92-2.16 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H2), 2.28-2.38 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 2.47 (1H, br s, NH), 2.66 (2H, br s, C4-H2), 2.90 (1H, br s, C3-H), 3.18 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 3.33 (1H, dd,  $J=10.5, 2.4$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 3.35-3.44 (2H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 3.37 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 3.67 (1H, dd,  $J=10.5, 3.2$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 3.72-3.78 (1.5H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$  and pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 3.79 (3H, s,  $\text{ArOMe}$ ), 3.88 (0.5H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 3.93 (1H, br dd,  $J=10.7, 9.31$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$ ), 4.00 (0.5H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.07 (0.5H, br t,  $J=6.8$  Hz, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.10-4.18 (1H, m,  $\text{CH}(\text{O-})\text{CH}(\text{O-})\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 4.46 (1H, d,  $J=6.7$  Hz,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.52 (1H, d,  $J=6.7$  Hz,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.54 (1H, d,  $J=4.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 4.55 (1H, d,  $J=4.8$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 4.57-4.66 (1H, m,  $\text{CH}(\text{O-})\text{CH}(\text{O-})\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 4.61 (1H, d,  $J=6.5$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 4.63 (1H, d,  $J=6.4$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 5.16 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.64 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 6.68 (1H, d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.10 (1H, t,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C6-H), 7.28-7.34 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 701  $[(\text{M}+1)^+]$ , 525  $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM})^+]$ , 469  $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM-C}_4\text{H}_8)^+]$ , 425  $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM-Boc})^+]$ , 336, 264, 202, 160, 91, 57. HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$   $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM})^+]$ : 525.2961. Found: 525.2948.

b) Preparation of *ent*-34: The same treatments of *ent*-33 (835 mg, 1.2 mmol) as described for the preparation of 34 from 33 gave *ent*-34 (756 mg, 91%) as a colorless caramel. The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 34.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 3-[(2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-5-benzoyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-[(4*R*,5*R*)-5-methoxymethoxymethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (35) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-35)**

a) Preparation of 35: Treatments of 34 (735 mg, 1.0 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 16 from 15 gave 35 (781 mg, 85%) as a colorless caramel after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1).  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $-21.2^\circ$  (c 1.25,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). IR (neat): 2970, 2930, 2880, 1710, 1685, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1380, 1330, 1275, 1210, 1165, 1150, 1105, 1160, 1705, 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$ : 1.23 (6H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$  or/and acetonide Me), 1.42 (9H, br s,  $^t\text{Bu}$  or/and acetonide Me), 2.01-2.10 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.11-2.22 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.58 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 2.86 (1H, br s, C4-H), 3.05 (1H, br t,  $J=10.6$  Hz, C4-H), 3.25-3.38 (1H, m, C3-H), 3.38-3.44 (2H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 3.36 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 3.39 (3H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 3.59-3.78 (1H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 3.80 (3H, s,  $\text{ArOMe}$ ), 3.82-3.92 (1H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ ), 3.97-4.33 (5H, m,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OBn}$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$ , pyrrolidine ring C2-H, pyrrolidine ring C5-H, and  $\text{CH}(\text{O-})\text{CH}(\text{O-})\text{CH}_2\text{OMOM}$  and  $\text{NCO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CCl}_3$ ), 4.56 (2H, br s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{Ph}$ ), 4.61 (2H, s,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 4.71 (1H, d,  $J=6.4$  Hz,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 4.75 (1H, d,  $J=6.4$  Hz,  $\text{OCH}_2\text{OMe}$ ), 4.90 (1H, d,  $J=11.9$  Hz,  $\text{NCO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CCl}_3$ ), 5.94 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.65 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 6.72 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.15 (1H, t,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C6-H), 7.22-7.35 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 863  $[(\text{M-Me}+4)^+, ^{37}\text{Cl} \times 2, ^{35}\text{Cl}]$ , 861  $[(\text{M-Me}+2)^+, ^{37}\text{Cl}, ^{35}\text{Cl} \times 2]$ , 859  $[(\text{M-Me})^+, ^{35}\text{Cl} \times 3]$ , 703  $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM}+4)^+, ^{37}\text{Cl} \times 2, ^{35}\text{Cl}]$ , 701  $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM}+2)^+, ^{37}\text{Cl}, ^{35}\text{Cl} \times 2]$ , 699  $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM})^+, ^{35}\text{Cl} \times 3]$ , 647, 645, 643, 603, 601, 599, 481, 479, 477, 451, 364, 338, 336, 334, 264, 202, 160, 91, 57, 45. CIMS (isobutane)  $m/z$ : 879  $[(\text{M}+4)^+, ^{37}\text{Cl} \times 2, ^{35}\text{Cl}]$ , 877  $[(\text{M}+2)^+, ^{37}\text{Cl}, ^{35}\text{Cl} \times 2]$ , 875  $[(\text{M}+1)^+, ^{35}\text{Cl} \times 3]$ . HRMS calcd for  $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{42}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$   $[(\text{M-CH}(\text{OCMe}_2\text{O})\text{CHCH}_2\text{OMOM})^+]$ : 699.2004. Found: 699.1992.

b) Preparation of *ent*-35: The same treatments of *ent*-34 (750 mg, 1.1 mmol) as described for the preparation of 35 from 34 gave *ent*-35 (824 mg, 88%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$   $+22.6^\circ$  (c 1.01,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ). The IR,  $^1\text{H-NMR}$ , and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 35.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 3-[(2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-5-benzoyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-[(1*R*,2*R*)-1,2-dihydroxy-3-methoxymethoxypropyl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (36) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-36)**

a) Preparation of 36: Ferric chloride adsorbed on silica gel<sup>12</sup> (769 mg, 0.30 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 35 (795 mg, 0.90 mmol) in chloroform (70 ml) at room temperature. After 15 h, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (270 ml) and

filtered. The filtrate was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 1:2) to give **36** (652 mg, 86%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +5.7^\circ$  (c 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3450, 2930, 2880, 1710, 1695, 1595, 1470, 1470, 1450, 1385, 1370, 1335, 1290, 1260, 1210, 1170, 1150, 1110, 1080, 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.41 (9H, s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 2.14 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.18-2.27 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.58 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 2.86 (1H, br s, C4-H), 3.24-3.62 (6H, m, C4-H, C3-H, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn, and CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.35 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.36 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.63-3.78 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.81-4.00 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H and CH(OH)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.86 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.08-4.22 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H and CH(OH)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.51 (1H, br d, J=12.2 Hz, NCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 4.54 (1H, d, J=12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn or CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.57 (1H, d, J=12.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn or CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.59 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn or CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.62 (1H, d, J=8.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn or CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.66 (2H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.92 (1H, br d, J=12.2 Hz, NCO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 5.31 (1H, br s, OH), 6.10 (1H, br d, J=2.6 Hz, C1-H), 6.78 (2H, br d, J=8.2 Hz, C5-H and C7-H), 7.20 (1H, t, J=8.1 Hz, C6-H), 7.24-7.36 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS *m/z*: 703 [(M-CH(OH)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 701 [(M-CH(OH)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 699 [(M-CH(OH)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 645, 643, 641, 603, 601, 599, 451, 364, 264, 202, 160, 91, 57, 45, 31. CIMS (isobutane) *m/z*: 839 [(M+H+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 837 [(M+H+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 835 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>42</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [(M-CH(OH)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>O-MOM)<sup>+</sup>]: 699.2003. Found: 699.1978.

b) Preparation of *ent*-**36**: The same treatments of *ent*-**35** (815 mg, 0.93 mmol) as described for the preparation of **36** from **35** gave *ent*-**36** (684 mg, 88%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -6.5^\circ$  (c 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for **36**.

**(1R,3R)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 3-[(2R,3R,5S)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-1-hydroxymethyl-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (37) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-37)**

a) Preparation of **37**: Sodium periodate (1.66 g, 7.7 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of **36** (645 mg, 0.77 mmol) in methanol-water (10:1) (100 ml) at room temperature. After 12 h, sodium borohydride (293 mg, 7.7 mmol) was added in small portions, and stirring was continued for 30 min at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with 3% aqueous hydrochloric acid (10 ml), and the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (200 ml). The organic layer was washed successively with saturated aqueous sodium hydrogen carbonate, saturated aqueous thiosulfate, and brine, then dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1) to give **37** (472 mg, 84%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -5.1^\circ$  (c 0.73, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3400, 2945, 2930, 1710, 1675, 1595, 1475, 1455, 1410, 1395, 1365, 1340, 1310, 1270, 1255, 1235, 1215, 1165, 1150, 1130, 1090, 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.41 (9H, s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 2.11 (2H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C4-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.50 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 2.83 (1H, br dd, J=15.8, 10.6 Hz, C4-H), 2.99 (1H, br dd, J=15.8, 8.1 Hz, C4-H), 3.35 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.33-3.44 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn), 3.51-3.61 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBn), 3.73 (1H, br t, J=9.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.79 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.85-4.06 (3H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM and CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.21 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.42-4.54 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H and CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 4.60 (1H, d, J=11.8 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.58 (1H, d, J=11.8 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph), 4.59 (1H, d, J=3.5 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.62 (1H, d, J=3.5 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.90 (1H, br s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 5.76 (1H, br s, OH), 6.11 (1H, br d, J=7.4 Hz, C1-H), 6.68 (1H, br d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 6.72 (1H, br d, J=7.9 Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.15 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C6-H), 7.29-7.36 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS *m/z*: 703 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 701 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 699 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 646 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 645 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 643 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 603 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH-Boc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 601 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH-Boc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 599 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH-Boc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 364, 338, 336, 334, 264, 202, 160, 91, 57, 45. CIMS (isobutane) *m/z*: 735 [(M+H+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 733 [(M+H+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 731 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>42</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]: 699.2004. Found: 699.1994.

b) Preparation of *ent*-**37**: The same treatments of *ent*-**36** (67.5 mg, 81  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of **37** from **36** gave *ent*-**37** (52.0 mg, 88%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +5.6^\circ$  (c 0.82, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for **37**.

**(1R,3R)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 1-acetoxymethyl-3-[(2R,3R,5S)-5-benzyloxymethyl-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (38) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-38)**

a) Preparation of **38**: Treatments of **37** (467 mg, 0.64 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of **18** from **17** gave **38** (449 mg, 91%) as a colorless caramel after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:1).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -29.3^\circ$  (c 0.86, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2940, 2930, 2890, 2850, 1720, 1710, 1690, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1420, 1380, 1360, 1310, 1290, 1250, 1220, 1170, 1110, 1100, 1090, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.45 (9H, s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.98-2.06 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 1.99 (3H, s, Ac), 2.11-2.21 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H), 2.57 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H),



2.86 (2H, br d,  $J=8.7$  Hz, C3-H2), 3.34 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.40 (1H, br dd,  $J=10.2, 7.6$  Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OBN), 3.48-3.59 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OBN and C3-H), 3.63-3.74 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.74-3.79 (1H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.82 (3H, br s, ArOMe), 4.10 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.25 (1H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.45-4.61 (1H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ac), 4.45 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph or CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.57 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ph or CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 4.67 (1H, br t,  $J=5.1$  Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>Ac), 4.76 (2H, br s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 6.08 (1H, br dd,  $J=7.5, 5.1$  Hz, C1-H), 6.62 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 6.76 (1H, br d,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C5-H or C7-H), 7.19 (1H, t,  $J=7.9$  Hz, C6-H), 7.25-7.38 (5H, m, aromatic protons). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 739 [(M-Cl+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 737 [(M-Cl)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 703 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 701 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 699 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 646 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-<sup>t</sup>Bu+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 645 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-<sup>t</sup>Bu+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 643 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-<sup>t</sup>Bu)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 603 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 601 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 599 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 481, 479, 477, 451, 364, 264, 202, 160, 91, 57. CIMS (isobutane)  $m/z$ : 773 [(M+H+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 775 [(M+H+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 773 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>47</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> [(M-Cl)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2]: 737.2614. Found: 737.2633.

b) Preparation of *ent*-38: The same treatments of *ent*-37 (51.5 mg, 71 μmol) as described for the preparation of 38 from 37 gave *ent*-38 (53.3 mg, 89%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +30.7^\circ$  (c 0.86, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 38.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 1-acetoxymethyl-3-[(2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5-hydroxymethyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (39) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-39)**

a) Preparation of 39: Treatments of 38 (441 mg, 0.57 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 19 from 18 gave 39 (320 mg, 82%) as a colorless caramel after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:2).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -22.8^\circ$  (c 0.49, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3430, 2960, 2880, 1740, 1700, 1690, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1430, 1380, 1360, 1320, 1240, 1230, 1170, 1130, 1110, 1090, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.46 (9H, s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.50-1.72 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H2), 1.99 (3H, s, Ac), 2.52 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C3-H), 2.89 (1H, br s, C4-H), 3.00 (1H, br s, C4-H), 3.31-3.62 (6H, m, C3-H, CH<sub>2</sub>OH and OCH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.35 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.81 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.12 (1H, br s, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.32-4.48 (3H, m, pyrrolidine ring C2-H or pyrrolidine ring C5-H and CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.59 (1H, d,  $J=6.6$  Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.62 (1H, d,  $J=6.6$  Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.85 (1H, br s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 4.97 (1H, br s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 6.22 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.75 (2H, br d,  $J=8.1$  Hz, C5-H and C7-H), 7.21 (1H, br t,  $J=8.1$  Hz, C6-H). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 687 [(M+H+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 685 [(M+H+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 683 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 649 [(M-Cl+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 647 [(M-Cl)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 613 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 611 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 609 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 555 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C4H9+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 553 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C4H9+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 551 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C4H9)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 481, 479, 477, 352, 350, 348, 338, 336, 334, 274, 174, 160, 114, 57. HRMS calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>41</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub> [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]: 683.1903. Found: 683.1933.

b) Preparation of *ent*-39: The same treatments of *ent*-38 (52.5 mg, 68 μmol) as described for the preparation of 39 from 38 gave *ent*-39 (39.4 mg, 85%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +24.2^\circ$  (c 0.81, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 39.

**(1*R*,3*R*)-2,2,2-Trichloroethyl 1-acetoxymethyl-3-[(2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-1-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-5-formyl-3-methoxymethoxymethylpyrrolidin-2-yl]-8-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-2(1*H*)-isoquinolinecarboxylate (40) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-40)**

a) Preparation of 40: Treatments of 39 (320 mg, 0.47 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 20 from 19 gave 40 (316 mg, 99%) as a colorless caramel after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 3:2).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -19.5^\circ$  (c 0.41, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2930, 2880, 1740, 1710, 1590, 1470, 1450, 1440, 1380, 1360, 1310, 1270, 1260, 1230, 1170, 1130, 1080, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.45 (9H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 2.00 (3H, s, Ac), 2.02-2.20 (2H, m, pyrrolidine ring C4-H2), 2.50-2.92 (2H, br, pyrrolidine ring C3-H and C4-H), 3.01 (1H, br s, C4-H), 3.36 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.38-3.56 (3H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM and C3-H), 3.83 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.08-4.75 (4H, br, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc, pyrrolidine ring C2-H, and pyrrolidine ring C5-H), 4.82 (2H, br s, CO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CCl<sub>3</sub>), 6.14 (1H, br s, C1-H), 6.78 (2H, br s, C5-H and C7-H), 7.21 (1H, br s, C6-H), 9.70 (1H, br s, CHO). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate and 2,2,2-trichloroethyl carbamate groups, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS  $m/z$ : 645 [(M-Cl)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 611 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 609 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 607 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 555 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C4H8+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 553 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C4H8+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 551 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C4H8)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 511 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 509 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 507 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3], 410, 408, 406, 352, 350, 348, 338, 336, 334, 272, 218, 173, 160, 110, 57. CIMS (isobutane)  $m/z$ : 685 [(M+H+4)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl x 2, <sup>35</sup>Cl], 683 [(M+H+2)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>37</sup>Cl, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 2], 681 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>34</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>, <sup>35</sup>Cl x 3]: 607.1378. Found: 607.1351.

b) Preparation of *ent*-40: The same treatments of *ent*-39 (30.8 mg, 45  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of 40 from 39 gave *ent*-40 (30.7 mg, 100%) as a colorless caramel.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +20.9^\circ$  (c 0.65, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 40.

**(5*R*,7*R*,8*S*,10*R*,11*R*,11*aS*)-5-Acetoxyethyl-13-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-7-cyano-4-methoxy-10-methoxymethoxymethyl-5,7,8,9,10,11,11*a*,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (43) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-43)**

a) Preparation of 43: Treatments of 40 (301 mg, 0.44 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 23 from 20 gave 43 (88.8 mg, 39%, 2 steps) as a colorless amorphous powder *via* (5*R*,7*R*,8*S*,10*R*,11*R*,11*aS*)-5-acetoxyethyl-13-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-7-hydroxy-4-methoxy-10-methoxymethoxymethyl-5,7,8,9,10,11,11*a*,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (42) after purification by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 4:1→2:1).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +10.9^\circ$  (c 0.41, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 2960, 2930, 2830, 1730, 1690, 1590, 1470, 1410, 1380, 1320, 1260, 1230, 1160, 1100, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.46 (3H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.48 (6H, br s, <sup>t</sup>Bu), 1.90-2.06 (2H, m, C9-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.03 (3H, s, Ac), 2.04 (1H, s, Ac), 2.51-2.60 (1H, m, C10-H), 2.60-2.72 (2H, m, C12-H<sub>2</sub>), 3.01 (1H, br d, J=9.2, 5.3 Hz, C11*a*-H), 3.19-3.34 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OMOM), 3.38 (3H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 3.81 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.95 (1H, dd, J=11.0, 6.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 3.97-4.03 (1H, m, C7-H), 4.12 (1H, br s, C11-H), 4.35-4.44 (2H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc and C7-H), 4.52 (1H, br d, J=6.3 Hz, C8-H), 4.62 (2H, br s, OCH<sub>2</sub>OMe), 4.67 (1H, br d, J=7.3 Hz, C5-H), 6.71 (1H, br d, J=7.9 Hz, C1-H or C3-H), 6.74 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C1-H or C3-H), 7.17 (1H, br t, J=7.9 Hz, C2-H). Due to the presence of rotamers in the *tert*-butyl carbamate group, extensive line broadening and, in some instances, doubling of signals were observed for this <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum. EIMS *m/z*: 442 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 386 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)<sup>+</sup>], 342 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc-Boc)<sup>+</sup>], 199, 160, 80, 57. CIMS (isobutane) *m/z*: 516 [(M+H)<sup>+</sup>]. HRMS calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>]: 442.2340. Found: 442.2340.

b) Preparation of *ent*-43: The same treatments of *ent*-40 (30.2 mg, 44  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of 43 from 40 gave *ent*-43 (9.6 mg, 42%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -9.3^\circ$  (c 0.96, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 43.

**(5*R*,7*R*,8*S*,10*R*,11*R*,11*aS*)-5-Acetoxyethyl-7-cyano-10-hydroxymethyl-4-methoxy-5,7,8,9,10,11,11*a*,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (44) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-44)**

a) Preparation of 44: Treatments of 43 (87.4 mg, 0.17 mmol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 24 from 23 gave 44 (51.6 mg, 81%) as a colorless amorphous powder after purification by column chromatography (ethyl acetate-methanol, 10:1).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +27.6^\circ$  (c 0.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3380, 3350, 2930, 2830, 1730, 1590, 1470, 1430, 1380, 1260, 1230, 1130, 1100, 1050, 1040, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.90 (1H, br s, OH), 1.77 (1H, ddd, J=12.4, 6.6, 4.1 Hz, C9-H), 1.82 (1H, br s, NH), 1.98 (1H, dd, J=12.4, 8.9 Hz, C9-H), 2.04 (3H, s, Ac), 2.41 (1H, sxt, J=4.2 Hz, C10-H), 2.53 (1H, dd, J=14.7, 2.6 Hz, C12-H), 2.63 (1H, dd, J=14.7, 11.4 Hz, C12-H), 2.83 (1H, br dt, J=11.4, 1.0 Hz, C11*a*-H), 3.24 (1H, s, C11-H), 3.56 (1H, , dd, J=10.0, 5.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.71 (1H, , dd, J=10.0, 4.1 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.74 (1H, dd, J=6.6, 2.3 Hz, C8-H), 3.82 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.94 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 6.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.10 (1H, d, J=2.3 Hz, C7-H), 4.34 (1H, dd, J=6.0, 2.8 Hz, C5-H), 4.38 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 2.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 6.72 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C3-H), 6.75 (1H, d, J=7.9 Hz, C1-H), 7.18 (1H, t, J=7.9 Hz, C2-H). EIMS *m/z*: 371 (M<sup>+</sup>), 298 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 199, 160, 68, 43. HRMS calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 371.1843. Found: 371.1858.

b) Preparation of *ent*-44: The same treatments of *ent*-43 (9.5 mg, 18  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of 44 from 43 gave *ent*-44 (6.0 mg, 88%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -27.1^\circ$  (c 0.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 44.

**(5*R*,7*R*,8*S*,10*R*,11*R*,11*aS*)-5-Acetoxyethyl-7-cyano-10-hydroxymethyl-4-methoxy-13-methyl-5,7,8,9,10,11,11*a*,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-*b*]isoquinoline (45) and Its Enantiomer (*ent*-45)**

a) Preparation of 45: A stirred solution of 44 (47.6 mg, 0.13 mmol) in acetonitrile (16 ml) containing iodomethane (0.162 ml, 2.6 mmol) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.670 ml, 3.8 mmol) was heated at 60°C for 3 h. After cooling, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (70 ml), and the organic layer was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Concentration of the solvent *in vacuo* gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography (hexane-ethyl acetate, 2:3) to give 45 (33.6 mg, 68%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +28.8^\circ$  (c 0.63, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3450, 2950, 2900, 2860, 1740, 1600, 1470, 1480, 1450, 1380, 1360, 1290, 1260, 1230, 1180, 1140, 1090, 1070, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.18 (1H, br s, OH), 1.41 (1H, ddd, J=12.8, 6.4, 5.5 Hz, C9-H), 1.60 (3H, s, Ac), 1.64 (1H, dd, J=12.8, 9.0 Hz, C9-H), 2.13 (1H, dd, 14.5, 2.3 Hz, C12-Heq), 2.23 (1H, quint, J=7.6 Hz, C10-H<sub>2</sub>), 2.30 (3H, s, NMe), 2.47 (1H, dd, J=14.5, 12.0 Hz, C12-Hax), 2.61 (1H, s, C11*a*-H), 2.87 (1H, br dt, J=6.4, 1.0 Hz, C8-H), 3.09 (1H, br dt, J=12.0, 1.0 Hz, C11*a*-H), 3.14 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.27 (1H, dd, J=9.9, 7.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.34 (1H, dd, J=9.9, 6.5 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.51 (1H, d, J=2.4 Hz, C7-H), 4.12 (1H, dd, J=10.9, 4.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.52 (1H, dd, J=10.9, 3.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.65 (1H, dd, J=4.9, 3.0 Hz, C5-H), 6.33 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C3-H), 6.61 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C1-H), 7.01 (1H, t, J=8.0 Hz, C2-H). EIMS *m/z*: 385 (M<sup>+</sup>), 312 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 201, 152, 112, 82, 43. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 385.2000. Found: 385.2007.

b) Preparation of *ent*-45: The same treatments of *ent*-44 (6.0 mg, 16  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of 45 from 44 gave *ent*-45 (4.6 mg, 75%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -27.6^\circ$  (c 0.46, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 45.

**(5R,7R,8S,10R,11R,11aS)-5-Acetoxyethyl-7-cyano-4-methoxy-13-methyl-5,7,8,9,10,11,11a,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-b]isoquinoline-10-carboxylic acid (46) and Its Enantiomer (ent-46)**

a) Preparation of 46: 2.6 M Jones reagent (322  $\mu$ l, 0.84 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred suspension of 45 (32.3 mg, 84  $\mu$ mol) in acetone (4 ml) containing dry celite (300 mg) at room temperature. After 30 min, 2-propanol (1 ml) was added, and the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (30 ml) and filtered through a pad of celite. The filtrate was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate-chloroform, 10:1) to give 46 (26.4 mg, 79%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +18.4^\circ$  (c 0.38, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3440, 2900, 2830, 1730, 1590, 1470, 1380, 1330, 1260, 1230, 1130, 1090, 1070, 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.54 (3H, s, Ac), 1.73 (1H, dd, J=13.2, 9.7 Hz, C9-H), 2.14 (3H, s, NMe), 2.24 (1H, d, J=14.7 Hz, C12-H), 2.43 (2H, br quint, J=10.6 Hz, C9-H and C12-H), 2.80 (1H, br d, J=5.0 Hz, C8-H), 2.98-3.03 (2H, m, C10-H and C11a-H), 3.13 (3H, s, ArOMe), 3.30 (1H, br s, C11-H), 3.46 (1H, d, J=1.9 Hz, C7-H), 4.06 (1H, dd, J=10.9, 4.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.45 (1H, dd, J=10.9, 3.0 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc), 4.60 (1H, dd, J=4.9, 3.0 Hz, C5-H), 6.31 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C3-H), 6.55 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C1-H), 6.98 (1H, t, J=8.0 Hz, C2-H). EIMS m/z: 399 (M<sup>+</sup>), 373 [(M-CN)<sup>+</sup>], 326 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OAc)<sup>+</sup>], 234, 201, 174, 126, 82, 42. HRMS calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>): 399.1792. Found: 399.1789.

b) Preparation of ent-46: The same treatments of ent-45 (4.6 mg, 12  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of 46 from 45 gave ent-46 (4.6 mg, 83%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -18.8^\circ$  (c 0.40, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 46.

**(5R,7R,8S,10R,11R,11aS)-7-Cyano-5-hydroxymethyl-4-methoxy-13-methyl-5,7,8,9,10,11,11a,12-octahydro-8,11-iminoazepino[1,2-b]isoquinoline-10-carboxylic acid (DX-52-1) (3) and Its Enantiomer (ent-3)**

a) Preparation of 3: Treatments of 46 (26.3 mg, 66  $\mu$ mol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 26 from 25 gave 3 (20.7 mg, 88%) as a colorless amorphous powder after purification by column chromatography (ethyl acetate-methanol, 5:1). Recrystallization from ether-methanol gave an analytical sample of 3 as a white solid, mp 202-205 °C (dec.) [lit., <sup>11a</sup> 190-195 °C (dec.)] and  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +24.7^\circ$  (c 0.32, MeOH). IR (KBr): 3400, 2900, 2830, 1580, 1465, 1380, 1330, 1260, 1230, 1120, 1090, 1070, 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$ : 2.15 (1H, dd, J=13.2, 9.7 Hz, C9-H), 2.34 (3H, s, NMe), 2.56-2.64 (2H, m, C9-H and C12-H), 2.24 (1H, d, J=14.7 Hz, C12-H), 2.71 (1H, dd, J=14.6, 11.6 Hz, C12-H), 2.89 (1H, d, J=11.6 Hz, C11a-H), 3.29 (1H, dd, J=9.7, 5.8 Hz, C10-H), 3.44 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 6.7 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.49 (2H, br s, C8-H, C11-H), 3.77 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 2.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.84 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.20 (1H, dd, J=6.6, 2.5 Hz, C5-H), 4.32 (1H, d, J=2.5 Hz, C7-H), 6.75 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C3-H), 6.83 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C1-H), 7.16 (1H, t, J=8.0 Hz, C2-H). EIMS m/z: 326 [(M-CH<sub>2</sub>OH)<sup>+</sup>], 274, 204, 160, 82, 28. These spectra were identical with those of an authentic sample of (+)-DX-52-1 kindly provided by Drs. T. Hirata and H. Saito, Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd..

b) Preparation of ent-3: The same treatments of ent-46 (3.9 mg, 9.7  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of 3 from 47 gave ent-46 (3.0 mg, 89%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} -25.8^\circ$  (c 0.31, MeOH). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 3.

**(-)-Quinocarcin (1) and (+)-Quinocarcin (ent-1)**

a) Preparation of 1: Treatments of 3 (20.0 mg, 56  $\mu$ mol) in a similar manner to that described for the preparation of 2 from 26 gave 1 (14.9 mg, 81%) as a colorless amorphous powder after purification by column chromatography (Diaion CHP-20P, water-methanol, 10:1). Recrystallization from ether-methanol gave an analytical sample of 1 as a white solid, mp 183-226 °C (dec.) [lit., <sup>14</sup> mp >170 °C (dec.)] and  $[\alpha]_D^{22} -30.6^\circ$  (c 0.48, H<sub>2</sub>O) [lit., <sup>14</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{22} -32.0^\circ$  (c 0.50, H<sub>2</sub>O)]. IR (KBr): 3350, 2900, 2830, 1740, 1590, 1470, 1390, 1350, 1260, 1230, 1120, 1090, 1070, 1040  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$ : 2.50 (1H, dd, J=13.5, 10.3 Hz, C9-H), 2.65 (2H, br dd, J=14.6, 2.6 Hz, C9-H and C12-H), 2.74-2.84 (1H, m, C12-H), 2.79 (3H, s, NMe), 3.35-3.46 (2H, m, C10-H and C11a-H), 3.40 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.68 (1H, dd, J=10.7, 2.9 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.83 (3H, s, ArOMe), 4.10 (2H, br s, C8-H and C11-H), 4.56 (1H, dd, J=7.2, 2.8 Hz, C5-H), 4.59 (1H, d, J=3.1 Hz, C7-H), 6.77 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C3-H), 6.85 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz, C1-H), 7.17 (1H, t, J=8.0 Hz, C2-H). EIMS m/z: 302 [M-CO], 301 [(M-CHO)<sup>+</sup>]. SIMS m/z: 331 [M+H]. These spectra were identical with those of an authentic sample of (-)-quinocarcin (1) kindly provided by Drs. T. Hirata and H. Saito, Kyowa Hakko Kogyo Co., Ltd..

b) Preparation of ent-1: The same treatments of ent-3 (3.0 mg, 8.4  $\mu$ mol) as described for the preparation of 1 from 3 gave ent-1 (2.3 mg, 84%) as a colorless amorphous powder.  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +29.8^\circ$  (c 0.23, H<sub>2</sub>O). The IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and mass spectra of this sample were identical with those recorded for 1.

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