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An Aza-Payne Rearrangement-Epoxide Ring Opening Reaction of 2-Aziridinemethanols in a One-pot Manner: A Regio- and Stereoselective Synthetic Route to Diastereomerically Pure N-Protected 1,2-Amino Alcohols

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Abstract: A regio- and stereoselective synthetic route to diastereomerically pure 1,2-amino alcohols via a one-pot aza-Payne rearrangement - epoxide ring opening reaction of 2-aziridinemethanols is reported. Copyright © 1996 Elsevier Science Ltd

Due to the important role played by 1,2-amino alcohols as chiral auxiliaries and chiral building blocks in the preparation of biologically active compounds, the development of versatile and new methodology for the synthesis of 1,2-amino alcohols in optically active form has emerged as an important and challenging synthetic endeavor for organic chemists.¹⁾

Acyclic chiral 1,2-amino alcohols can be prepared by the following fundamental routes: i) reduction of chiral amino acids;²⁾ ii) epoxide-opening reaction of chiral oxiranes by the use of nitrogen nucleophiles such as amines and azides;³⁾ iii) selective ring opening reaction of 1,2-cyclic sulfates with a wide variety of amines and azides;⁴⁾ iv) stereoselective addition reaction of nucleophiles to chiral amino carbonyl compounds,⁵⁾ and osmium-catalyzed asymmetric aminohydroxylation of olefins in the presence of chiral ligands.⁶⁾ Recently, activated aziridine derivatives have been employed in the formation of N-protected 1,3-amino alcohols as intermediates in a number of important synthetic transformations.⁷⁾ One very important aspect of aziridine ring-opening reactions is that they are usually stereospecific, producing synthetically useful amino alcohols with inversion of configuration at the site of the ring opening via an S_N2 mechanism.⁸⁾ However, except for a few cases,⁹⁾ there have been no systematic investigations toward a simple and effective method for synthesizing chiral N-protected 1,2-amino alcohols of type 5 (Scheme 1) from readily available chiral 2-aziridinemethanols.

Scheme 1 R = H, alkyl, phenyl, or benzyloxymethyl, etc

We have been interested in synthetically useful ring-opening reactions of aziridine-ring bearing compounds with various nucleophilic reagents in connection with synthetic studies on bioactive compounds of stereochemically well defined structure.¹⁰⁾ It was our expectation to be able to synthesize stereochemically pure N-protected 1,2-amino alcohols in a stereo- and regioselective manner in a one-pot sequence starting from 2-aziridinemethanols by successive treatment with base and various nucleophilic reagents as shown in Scheme

1. In principle, reaction of 2-aziridinemethanol 1 with bases such as potassium hydride (KH), followed by nucleophilic reagents in a one-pot manner, could afford one or a mixture of three primary alcohols 2, 3, and 4 and a secondary alcohol 5 via the anionic intermediates A and B. Thus, it is not an easy matter to predict whether a, b, c, or d would be the major reaction pathway.

Recently, we reported that the aza-anionic energy minimum of type **B** was predicted to be 18.6 kcal mol⁻¹ lower than the oxa-anionic minimum of type **A** at the RHF/3-21+G* level.^{10e)} In actuality, N-alkylsulfonyl- or arylsulfonyl-2-aziridinemethanols did yield N-protected epoxyamines in good isolated yields upon exposure to KH followed by quenching at low temperature. Taking advantage of these results, we decided to investigate simple transformation reactions of various 2-aziridinemethanols into N-protected 1,2-amino alcohols of type 5 (Scheme 1) in a one-pot manner. The rearrangement-epoxide ring opening reaction scenario does in fact lead to the stereochemically pure 1,2-amino alcohols via the path d in Scheme 1. We now detail how this approach is a viable and potentially useful route to stereodefined functionalized 1,2-amino alcohols from readily available chiral 2-aziridinemethanols.

Results and Discussion

The requisite 2-aziridinemethanols 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 for the present study were readily prepared in acceptable yields by our published methods^{10c)} from (2S,3R)-threonine, (2R,3R)-allo-threonine, (2R,3R)-alphenyl-2,3-epoxy alcohol,¹¹⁾ commercially available (1S,2S)-(+)-2-amino-1-phenyl-1,3-propanediol, (2S,3R)-3-benzyloxymethyl-2,3-epoxy alcohol,¹²⁾ and (2S,3S)-3-benzyloxymethyl-2,3-epoxy alcohol,¹³⁾ respectively.

Initial experiments with aziridinemethanol 6 revealed that KH was superior to sodium hydride or lithium diisopropylamide as a base, and it was therefore used for all experiments reported herein. Reaction of 6 and 7 with KH (2 equiv.) in THF at 0 °C for 1 h, was followed by the addition of Me₂Cu(CN)Li₂·2LiBr (5 equiv.)¹⁴⁾ by syringe in a one-pot manner, and the entire mixture was then stirred for 1 h at the same temperature to yield the single N-protected 1,2-amino alcohols 12 and 14, respectively (Scheme 2). These transformations could be achieved by successive treatment with KH (2 equiv.) and the lower order cyanocuprate MeCu(CN)Li·LiBr (5 equiv.) in comparable yields. Although conversion of 6 and 7 to 12 and 14 can be carried out in one pot by exposing to KH (1 equiv.) and organocopper reagents (1 equiv.), the overall yields of products in this method are considerably lower. The presence of an excess of KH does not exert any influence on the organocopper reactions of intermediate epoxy aza-anions of type B in Scheme 1. This contrasted with our previous work 10a,e) where the direct reaction of either 6 and 7 with MeCu(CN)Li-LiBr gave a 4:6 mixture of 1,2-amino alcohols 12 and 14. As stated above, in a series of bases, KH gave the best results in combination with 5 equivalents of organocopper reagent. It should be clearly noted that the use of MeLi-LiBr or MeMgBr instead of MeCu(CN)Li·LiBr or Me₂Cu(CN)Li₂·2LiBr did not result in clean transformations. In a similar manner, reaction of the anionic equilibrium mixture, derived from 6 or 7 by exposure to KH, with Bu₂Cu(CN)Li₂ afforded the single product 13 or 15 in 89 or 88% isolated yields, respectively. We were unable to detect any

regio- or stereoisomeric compounds in these reactions. Structural and stereochemical assignments for the amino alcohols 12, 13, 14, and 15 were made by comparison of spectral data (${}^{1}H$ NMR, IR, and $[\alpha]_{D}$) with those of authentic samples. 10e) Other 2-aziridine methanols 8-11 have been converted into the corresponding N-protected amino alcohols 16-21 in stereo- and regionselctive manners in good yields by reaction with organocopper reagents.

The usefulness of this one-pot regio- and stereoselective method would be enhanced if it could be successfully extended to other nucleophiles. Alkylthio and arylthio functionalities play an important role in chemical transformations. ¹⁵⁾ As shown in Scheme 3, the reactions of 6 and 7 with KH followed by PhSH in a one-pot manner gave the diastereomerically pure phenylthio amino alcohols 22 and 24 in 91 and 88% yields, respectively. Similar treatment of 6 and 7 with KH and t-BuSH yielded only t-butylthio amino alcohols 23 and 25. ¹⁶⁾ Other 2-aziridinemethanols 8-11 could easily be converted into the corresponding phenylthio amino alcohols 26 -29 in good yields.

Protected 1,2-amino alcohols bearing a nitrile group could also be prepared in a one-pot manner as shown in Scheme 4. The reaction of 6 with KH followed by the sequential addition of Me₃SiCN (3 equiv.) and Yb(CN)₃ (0.2 equiv.)¹⁷⁾ yielded the nitrile 30 in 66% yield after flash chromatographic purification. The low yield of 30 could be attributed to the instability of the siloxy group in 30. In light of this, sequential treatment of 6 with KH, Me₃SiCN in the presence of Yb(CN)₃ and Bu₄NF (1.5 equiv.) yielded the cyano amino alcohol 31 in 90% isolated yield as the sole product. Results obtained for the four other 2-aziridinemethanols 7, 8, 9, and 11 are summarized in Scheme 4. All aziridines afforded the corresponding cyano amino alcohols 32, 33, 34 and 35 in high isolated yields by successive exposure to KH, Me₃SiCN-Yb(CN)₃, and Bu₄NF. Thus, the reaction appears to be quite general, giving yields which are good to excellent.

Reagents: i) KH (2 eq.); ii) Me₃SiCN (3 eq.), Yb(CN)₃ (0.2 eq.); iii) n-Bu₄NF (1.5 eq.)

Since the useful reaction conditions for the synthesis of functionalized 1,2-amino alcohols from 2. aziridinemethanols were established, the use of hetero-organocopper reagents was briefly investigated next. As can be seen from Scheme 5, some protected 1,2-amino alcohols bearing a tributylstannyl group (36, 37, and 38) were obtained in moderate yields via the treatment of 2-azridinemethanols 6, 9, and 10 with KH followed by (Bu₃Sn)₂Cu(CN)Li₂.¹⁸⁾ All attempts to enhance the isolated yields were fruitless.

Scheme 5

Synthesis of diamino alcohols from aziridines was also investigated. Attempts to use either dibenzylamine or lithium dibenzylamide to effect the epoxide ring opening of an anionic intermedate derived from 2aziridinemethanol 6 were unsuccessful, and the desired diamino alcohol 39 was obtained in only 1-15% yield under otherwise identical reaction conditions. Fortunately, use of the higher order amide cuprate, (Bn₂N)₂Cu(CN)Li₂, ¹⁹) overcame the problem and yielded diastereomerically pure diamino alcohols 39, 40, and 41 from aziridines 6, 9, and 11 in high yields as shown in Scheme 5.²⁰ In all reactions listed in Scheme 5, no evidence for unreacted starting material was detected by TLC analysis of the crude reaction product(s).

Reagents: i) 30% H₂O₂ -MeOH, K₂CO₃; ii) KOH-MeOH-H₂O; iii) CH₂N₂-Et₂O; iv) KH (2 eq.); v) [(Me(CH₂)₁₃]₂Cu(CN)(MgCl)₂ (5 eq.); vi) H₂/PtO₂ in 1 N-HCl-MeOH; vii) 2,2-dimethoxypropane acetone, BF3-Et2O; viii) Na/NH3, Boc2O; ix) 3N-HCl

In view of the synthetic utility of the above described reactions, it was of interest to examine whether these transformation products could be useful as synthetic intermediates. As shown in Scheme 6, the hydroxy amino nitriles 31 and 34 were treated with an alkaline hydrogen peroxide to yield amides 42 and 43, respectively, in moderate yields. Upon successive treatment of the amide 43 with 2N-KOH in MeOH, 5% hydrochloric acid, and ethereal diazomethane, the amino acid methyl ester 44 was obtained in 80% yield. (2R,3S)- and (2S,3S)-C18-dihydrosphingosines 49 and 54 also can be readily synthesized in good yields from 2-aziridinemethanols 11 and 10, respectively, as shown in Scheme 6 via a sequence of reactions.²¹⁾

In conclusion, although yields were not necessarily optimized, an attractive one-pot regio- and stereoselective synthetic route to 1,2-amino alcohols from readily available 2-aziridinemethanols has been developed. Isolation or purification of intermediates resulting from the aza-Payne rearrangement is not necessary. This methodology leads to a series of useful diastereomerically pure amino alcohols which can be utilized in the synthesis of more complex molecules such as unusual amino acids.

Experimental Section

General Methods. All reactions were carried out under a positive pressure of argon, and glassware and syringes were dried in an electric oven at 100 °C prior to use. Ethereal MeLi (as complex with LiBr) and *n*-BuLi were purchased from Aldrich and Nacalai Tesque, respectively. CuCN was obtained from Mitsuwa Chemicals and dried in an Abderhalden under vacuum at rt. Melting points are uncorrected. Nominal (LR-MS) and exact mass (HR-MS) spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-01SG-2 or JMS-HX/HX 110A mass spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra (270 or 300 NHz) were recorded in CDCl3 unless otherwise specified. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million downfield from internal Me₄Si (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of double doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet). Optical rotations were measured in CHCl3 with a JASCO DIP-360 digital polarimeter. For flash chromatography, silica gel 60 H (silica gel for thin-layer chromatography, Merck) or silica gel 60 (finer than 230 mesh, Merck) was employed. For HPLC, Cosmosil-5SL (10 x 250 mm, Nacalai Tesque) was employed.

(2S,3S)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-pentanol (12). To a stirred suspension of 40 mg (1 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at - 78 °C under argon wa-s added 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the strring was continued for 1 h. To the mixture was added by syringe 6 mL of a 0.42 M solution of Me₂Cu(CN)Li₂·2LiBr (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) in THF-Et₂O (1:1), prepared from CuCN (224 mg, 2.5 mmol) and 3.3 mL of a 1.5 M solution of MeLi-LiBr (5 mmol) in Et₂O, at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 h. The reaction was quenched with 4 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl-28% NH₄OH (1:1) solution with vigorous stirring at -78 °C. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O-CH₂Cl₂ (4:1) and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (2:1) gave 128 mg (99% yield) of the title compound 12 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:3). mp 90 °C; $[\alpha]^{32}$ D - 3.3 (c 0.546, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) 3550, 3400, 1598 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3 H), 1.44 (m, 2 H), 1.80 (broad s, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.21-3.37 (m, 2 H), 4.78 (m, 1 H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉NO₃S: C, 56.01; H, 7.44; N, 5.44. Found: C, 55.74; H, 7.50; N, 5.33.

(2S,3S)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-octanol (13). To a stirred suspension of 40 mg (1 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at - 78 °C under argon was added 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the stirring was continued for 1 h. To the mixture was added by syringe 6 mL of a 0.42 M solution of Bu₂Cu(CN)Li₂ (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) in *n*-hexane-THF (1:1), prepared from 224 mg of CuCN (2.5 mmol) and 3 mL of a 1.69 M solution of *n*-BuLi (5 mmol) in *n*-hexane, at - 78 °C and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the stirring was continued for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with 4 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl-28% NH₄OH (1:1) solution with vigorous stirring at - 78 °C. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O-CH₂Cl₂ (4:1) and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (2:1) gave 133 mg (89% yield) of the title compound 13 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from Et₂O; mp 79 °C; $[\alpha]^{32}$ D - 8.0 (c 0.67, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (tripletoid m, 3 H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.10-1.40 (m, 8 H), 1.76 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.24 (dddd, J = 17.2, 10.6, 6.8, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.39 (m, 1 H), 4.70 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.78 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅NO₃S: C, 60.17; H, 8.42; N, 4.68. Found: C, 60.02; H, 8.52; N, 4.74.

- (2S,3R)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-pentanol (14). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 12 from alcohol 6, 60.3 mg (0.25 mmol) of alcohol 7 was converted into 58 mg (90% yield) of the title compound 14. Colorless needles from Et₂O; mp 108 °C; $[\alpha]^{27}_D$ 27.3 (c 0.81, CHCl₃); IR (CHCl₃) 3550, 3400, 3290, 1600 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.31-1.45 (m, 2 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.34 (m, 1 H), 3.48 (m, 1 H), 4.73 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.78 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉NO₃S: C, 56.01; H, 7.44; N, 5.44. Found: C, 55.75; H, 7.53; N, 5.30.
- (2S,3R)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-octanol (15). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 13 from alcohol 6, 60.3 mg (0.25 mmol) of 7 was converted into 66 mg (88% yield) of the title compound 15. Colorless crystals from Et₂O. mp 120 °C; $\{\alpha\}^{20}_D$ 21.5 (c 0.80, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.87 (tripletoid m, 3 H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.21-1.45 (m, 8 H), 1.89 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (dddd, J = 16.7, 9.9, 6.8, 3.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (m, 1 H), 4.90 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.28-7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅NO₃S: C, 60.17; H, 8.42; N, 4.68. Found: C, 60.03; H, 8.31; N, 4.60.
- (15,2R)-1-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenyl-2-butanol (16). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 12 from alcohol 6, 91 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 8 was converted into 89.5 mg (93% yield) of the title compound 16. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:3). mp 133 °C; $[\alpha]^{33}D + 34.6$ (c 0.69, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3 H), 1.11 (m, 1 H), 1.34 (m, 1 H), 1.81 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.32 (s, 3 H), 3.79 (dddd, J = 12.8, 6.7, 3.9, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.33 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.67 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.03-7.16 (m, 7 H), 7.49-7.52 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃S: C, 63.92; H, 6.63; N, 4.39. Found: C, 63.72; H, 6.74; N, 4.34.
- (1*R*,2*R*)-1-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenyl-2-butanol (17). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 12 from alcohol 6, 121.4 mg (0.4 mmol) of alcohol 9 was converted into 96 mg (75% yield) of the title compound 17. Colorless crystals from Et₂O; mp 133 °C; [α]³²_D 60.4 (c 0.91, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.34-1.47 (m, 2 H), 2.04 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.33 (s, 3 H), 3.62 (m, 1 H), 4.25 (dd, J = 7.4, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.55 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.01-7.18 (m, 7 H), 7.49-7.53 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃S: C, 63.92; H, 6.63; N, 4.39. Found: C, 63.75; H, 6.65; N, 4.25.
- (1*R*,2*R*)-1-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenyl-2-heptanol (18). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 13 from alcohol 6, 121.4 mg (0.4 mmol) of alcohol 9 was converted into 136 mg (94% yield) of the title compound 18. Colorless crystals from Et₂O. mp 105 °C; [α]²⁰_D 48.9 (c 0.65, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.84 (tripletoid m, 3 H), 1.09-1.42 (m, 8 H), 1.88 (d, J = 4.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 3.69 (m, 1 H), 4.24 (dd, J = 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.46 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.03-7.18 (m, 7 H), 7.50-7.54 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₇NO₃S: C, 66.45; H, 7.53; N, 3.87. Found: C, 66.22; H, 7.53; N, 3.75.
- (2S,3S)-1-Benzyloxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-pentanol (19). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 12 from alcohol 6, 69.5 mg (0.2 mmol) of alcohol 10 was converted into 71 mg (98% yield) of the title compound 19 as a colorless oil. [α]²⁰_D + 36.6 (c 0.93, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.76 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.18-1.42 (m, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.75 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.31 (m, 1 H), 3.52 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.71 (m, 1 H), 4.37 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.41 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.21-7.38 (m, 7 H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₅NO₄S: C, 62.79; H, 6.93; N, 3.85. Found: C, 62.78; H, 7.13; N, 3.88.
- (2*R*,3*S*)-1-Benzyloxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-pentanol (20). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 12 from alcohol 6, 69.5 mg (0.2 mmol) of alcohol 11 was converted into 72 mg (99% yield) of the title compound 20 as colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:3). mp 112 °C; [α]²⁰D 21.1 (c 0.828, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3 H), 1.34-1.50 (m, 2 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.28 (ddd, J = 7.5, 7.5, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.35-3.45 (m, 2 H), 3.68 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.8

- Hz, 1 H), 4.35 (s, 2 H), 5.36 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.19-7.38 (m, 7 H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{25}NO_4S$: C, 62.79; H, 6.93; N, 3.85. Found: C, 62.52; H, 7.04; N, 3.84.
- (2*R*,3*S*)-1-Benzyloxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-octanol (21). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 13 from alcohol 6, 104.2 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 11 was converted into 111 mg (91% yield) of the title compound 21 as colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:3). mp 62 °C; [α]²⁰D 17.3 (c 0.765, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86 (tripletoid m, 3 H), 1.19-1.43 (m, 6 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.8, 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.41-3.50 (m, 2 H), 3.69 (dd, J = 10.0, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.34 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.39 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.35 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.19-7.38 (m, 7 H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₁NO₄S: C, 65.16; H, 7.70; N, 3.45. Found: C, 65.02; H, 7.62; N, 3.29.
- (2R,3S)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenylthio-2-butanol (22). To a stirred suspension of 40 mg (1 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at 78 °C under argon was added 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and to stir at this temperature for 1 h. To the mixture was added 0.062 mL (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) of PhSH at 0 °C, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature then stirred at this temperature for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with 2 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl solution with vigorous stirring at 78 °C. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (2:1) gave 160 mg (91% yield) of the title compound 22 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:5); mp 82 °C; [α]³³_D 44.9 (c 0.616, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.04 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.64 (dd, J = 3.0, 0.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (dd, J = 13.9, 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.02 (dd, J = 13.9, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.37-3.49 (m, 2 H), 4.82 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.22-7.35 (m, 7 H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), *m/z*, 352 (MH⁺), 334, 224, 198 (base peak), 155, 123, 91. HR-MS (FAB), *m/z*, Calcd for C₁₇H₂₂NO₃S₂ (MH⁺): 352.1041. Found: 352.1045.
- (2R,3S)-1-tert-Butylthio-3-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-2-butanol (23). To a stirred suspension of 40 mg (1 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at 78 °C under argon was added 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the stirring was continued at this temperature for 1 h. To the mixture was added 0.068 mL (0.6 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) of tert-BuSH at 0 °C, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and the stirring was continued for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with 2 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl solution with vigorous stirring at 78 °C. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with n-hexane-EtOAc (2:1) gave 116 mg (70% yield) of the title compound 23 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from n-hexane-Et₂O (1:1); mp 106 °C; [α]³³D 50.8 (c 1.00, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.11 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3 H), 1.28 (s, 9 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.51 (dd, J = 13.1, 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.61 (dd, J = 13.1, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, J = 2.7, 0.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.37 (m, 1 H), 3.48 (m, 1 H), 4.84 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.79 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅NO₃S₂: C, 54.35; H, 7.60; N, 4.23. Found: C, 54.28; H, 7.69; N, 4.16.
- (2S,3S)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenylthio-2-butanol (24). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 22 from alcohol 6, 60.3 mg (0.25 mmol) of alcohol 7 was converted into 78 mg (88% yield) of the title compound 24 by treatment with KH (20 mg, 0.5 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h followed by 0.031 mL (0.3 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) of PhSH at room temperature for 1 h. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:4); mp 116 °C; [α]³³_D 10.8 (c 0.723, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.59 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.79 (dd, J = 13.8, 9.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.07 (dd, J = 13.8, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.45 (m, 1 H), 3.56 (ddd, J = 9.1, 7.8, 3.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.83 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.22-7.33 (m, 7 H), 7.70-7.74 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₁NO₃S₂: C, 58.09; H, 6.02; N, 3.99. Found: C, 57.80; H, 6.09; N, 3.99.
- (25,38)-1-tert-Butylthio-3-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-2-butanol (25). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 23 from alcohol 6, 72.4 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 7 was converted into 59 mg (59% yield) of the title compound 25. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:1). mp 70 °C; $[\alpha]^{30}$ D 16.4 (c 0.761, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.27 (s, 9 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.46 (dd, J = 12.8, 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.66 (dd, J = 12.8, 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.69 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (m, 1 H), 3.55 (m, 1 H), 4.99 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.80 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 332 (MH⁺), 276,

- 258, 198, 155, 87 (base peak). HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for $C_{15}H_{26}NO_3S_2$ (MH⁺): 332.1354. Found: 332.1337.
- (25,3S)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-phenyl-1-phenylthio-2-propanol (26). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 22 from alcohol 6, 91 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 8 was converted into 80 mg (64% yield) of the title compound 26 by treatment with KH (24 mg, 0.6 mmol) at 0 °C for 1 h followed by 0.037 mL (0.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) of PhSH at room temperature for 1 h. 26: colorless crystals from Et₂O; mp 146 °C; $[\alpha]^{30}_D$ + 5.2 (c 0.643, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.52 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.55 (dd, J = 13.9, 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.88 (dd, J = 13.9, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.94 (ddd, J = 8.8, 8.8, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.48 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.56 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.02-7.28 (m, 12 H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NO₃S₂: C, 63.90; H, 5.61; N, 3.39. Found: C, 63.61; H, 5.52; N, 3.46.
- (2S,3R)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-phenyl-1-phenylthio-2-propanol (27). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 22 from alcohol 6, 151.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 9 was converted into 184 mg (89% yield) of the title compound 27. Colorless crystals from Et₂O. mp 144 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}D 13.9$ (c 0.776, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.68 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.91 (dd, J = 14.0, 8.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.03 (dd, J = 14.0, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.75 (ddd, J = 8.2, 8.2, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.41 (dd, J = 7.1, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.56 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.00-7.26 (m, 12 H), 7.48-7.51 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₃NO₃S₂: C, 63.90; H, 5.61; N, 3.39. Found: C, 63.95; H, 5.50; N, 3.26.
- (2*R*,3*S*)-4-Benzyloxy-3-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenylthio-2-butanol (28). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 22 from alcohol 6, 104.2 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 10 was converted into 126.5 mg (92% yield) of the title compound 28 as colorless crystals from Et₂O. mp 117 °C; $[α]^{20}D + 21.1$ (c 0.804, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.75 (dd, J = 13.8, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.86 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.95 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.48-3.54 (m, 2 H), 3.60 (dddd, J = 9.0, 4.5, 4.5, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (m, 1 H), 4.37 (s, 2 H), 5.17 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.16-7.32 (m, 12 H), 7.72-7.75 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇NO₄S₂: C, 62.99; H, 5.95; N, 3.06. Found: C, 63.15; H, 6.02; N, 2.99.
- (2*R*,3*R*)-4-Benzyloxy-3-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenylthio-2-butanol (29). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 22 from alcohol 6, 104.2 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 11 was converted into 128.9 mg (94% yield) of the title compound 29 as colorless crystals from Et₂O. mp 115 °C; [α]²⁰D 23.0 (c 0.60, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.39 (s, 3 H), 2.90 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (dd, J = 14.0, 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.17 (dd, J = 14.0, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.28 (dd, J = 9.7, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.46 (m, 1 H), 3.61 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (dd, J = 9.7, 2.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.34 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.38 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.21 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.17-7.34 (m, 12 H), 7.64-7.67 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₇NO₄S₂: C, 62.99; H, 5.95; N, 3.06. Found: C, 63.08; H, 5.94; N, 3.02.
- (35,4S)-4-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-trimethylsilyloxypentanenitrile (30). To a stirred suspension of 40 mg (1 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at 78 °C under argon was added 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C then stirred at this temperature for 1 h. To the mixture were added 0.2 mL of Me₃SiCN (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) and 2 mL of a 0.05 M solution of Yb(CN)₃ (0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) in a 9:1 mixture of THF and *n*-hexane at 0 °C and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature then stirred at this temperature for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with 2 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl solution with vigorous stirring at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (3:1) gave 112 mg (66% yield) of the title compound 30 as a colorless oil. [α]³⁰D 17.0 (c 0.406, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.17 (s, 9 H), 0.98 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.46 (m, 2 H), 3.39 (m, 1 H), 3.87 (ddd, J = 6.5, 6.5, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.69 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.78 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 341 (MH+, base peak), 325, 198, 155, 91, 73. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅N₂O₃SSi (MH+): 341.1355. Found: 341.1348.
- (3S,4S)-3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylaminopentanenitrile (31). To a stirred suspension of 40 mg (1 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at 78 °C under argon was added 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2

mL of THF, and then the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the stirring was continued for 1 h. To the mixture were added 0.2 mL of Me₃SiCN (1.5 mmol, 3 equiv.) and 2 mL of a 0.05 M solution of Yb(CN)₃ (0.1 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) in a 9:1 mixture of THF and *n*-hexane at 0 °C and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature then stirred at this temperature for 2 h. To the mixture was added 0.75 mL of a 1.0 M solution of *n*Bu₄NF (0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF at 0 °C, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature then stirred for 15 min. The reaction was quenched with 3 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl solution with vigorous stirring at - 78 °C. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the extract was washed successively with 5% citric acid, saturated brine, 5% NaHCO₃, and water, and dried over MgSO₄. Concentration under reduced pressure gave an oily residue which was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (1:1) to yield 121 mg (90% yield) of the title compound 31 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from Et₂O-MeOH (1:1); mp 178 °C; [α]²⁹D - 66.5 (c 0.49, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 0.76 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.42-2.58 (m, 2 H), 3.13 (ddd, J = 13.7, 6.8, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.32 (m, 1 H), 3.67 (ddd, J = 8.1, 4.4, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.37-7.40 (m, 2 H), 7.68-7.72 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆N₂O₃S: C, 53.71; H, 6.01; N, 10.44. Found: C, 53.73; H, 5.97; N, 10.35.

- (3R,4S)-3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylaminopentanenitrile (32). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 31 from alcohol 6, 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 7 was converted into 115 mg (86% yield) of the title compound 32 as a colorless oil. [α] 20 _D 39.1 (c 0.42, CHCl₃); 1 H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 2.44 (s, 3 H), 2.50-2.67 (m, 2 H), 3.29-3.39 (m, 2 H), 3.96 (m, 1 H), 5.21 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.28-7.35 (m, 2 H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 269 (MH+), 198, 155, 139, 91 (base peak), 79. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇N₂O₃S (MH+): 269.0960. Found: 269.0956.
- (3R,4S)-3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-4-phenylbutanenitrile (33). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 31 from alcohol 6, 121.4 mg (0.4 mmol) of alcohol 8 was converted into 89 mg (67% yield) of hydroxy nitrile 33 as colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:5). mp 157 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ + 35.3 (c 0.43, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.34 (s, 3 H), 2.44 (m, 2 H), 2.90 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.32 (m, 2 H), 5.69 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.02-7.30 (m, 7 H), 7.45-7.55 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₃S: C, 61.80; H, 5.49; N, 8.48. Found: C, 61.76; H, 5.62; N, 8.22.
- (3R,4R)-3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-4-phenylbutanenitrile (34). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 31 from alcohol 6, 151.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 9 was converted into 140 mg (85% yield) of hydroxy nitrile 34 as colorless crystals from MeOH-Et₂O (1:1). mp 162 °C; [α]²⁰D 5.9 (c 1.02, MeOH); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 2.29 (s, 3 H), 2.49 (dd, J = 16.8, 7.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.60 (dd, J = 16.8, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.31 (m, 2 H), 3.98 (ddd, J = 8.9, 4.6, 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.34 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.06-7.13 (m, 7 H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O₃S: C, 61.80; H, 5.49; N, 8.48. Found: C, 61.99; H, 5.52; N, 8.70.
- (3S,4R)-5-Benzyloxy-3-hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylaminopentanenitrile (35). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 31 from alcohol 6, 139 mg (0.4 mmol) of alcohol 11 was converted into 142 mg (95% yield) of nitrile 35 as colorless crystals from Et₂O. mp 136 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ 32.3 (c 0.736, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.56 (dd, J = 17.0, 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.77 (dd, J = 17.0, 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.00 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.27 (m, 1 H), 3.60 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.95 (ddd, J = 14.9, 6.9, 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.40 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.17-7.40 (m, 7 H), 7.64-7.68 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₂₂N₂O₄S: C, 60.94; H, 5.92; N, 7.48. Found: C, 60.79; H, 5.90; N, 7.32.
- (2R,3S)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-tributylstannyl-2-butanol (36). To a stirred suspension of 24 mg (0.6 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at 78 °C under argon was added 72.4 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the stirring was continued at this temperature for 1 h. To the mixture was added by syringe 6.6 mL of a 0.23 M solution of (Bu₃Sn)₂Cu(CN)Li₂ (1.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) in *n*-hexane-THF(2:3), prepared from 134 mg (1.5 mmol) of CuCN, 1.8 mL of a 1.64 M *n*-hexane solution of *n*-BuLi (3 mmol), and 1.8 mL of bis(tributyltin) (3.6 mmol), at 78 °C and the mixture was allowed to warm to 40 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 4 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl-28%

- NH₄OH (1:1) solution with vigorous stirring at 78 °C. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc-Et₃N (15:4:1) gave 108 mg (68% yield) of the title compound **36** as a colorless oil. [α]²⁰D 44.6 (c 1.4, CHCl₃); ¹H-NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.70-0.95 (m, 17 H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3 H), 1.21-1.59 (m, 12 H), 1.86 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.11 (m, 1 H), 3.59 (ddd, J = 10.0, 10.0, 4.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.60 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.78 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₄₃NO₃SSn: C, 51.89; H, 8.14; N, 2.63. Found: C, 52.13; H, 8.42; N, 2.64.
- (25,3R)-3-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-phenyl-1-tributylstannyl-2-propanol (37). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 36 from alcohol 6, 91 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 9 was converted into 93 mg (52% yield) of the title compound 37 as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_{\rm D}$ 2.1 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H-NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.68-0.97 (m, 17 H), 1.22-1.50 (m, 12 H), 1.89 (m, 1 H), 2.34 (s, 3 H), 3.91 (m, 1 H), 4.13 (dd, J = 7.1, 4.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 6.99-7.18 (m, 7 H), 7.51-7.54 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₄₅NO₃SSn: C, 56.58; H, 7.63; N, 2.36. Found: C, 56.68; H, 7.90; N, 2.32.
- (2S,3R)-5-Benzyloxy-3-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-tributylstannyl-2-butanol (38). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 36 from alcohol 6, 104.2 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 10 was converted into 80 mg (42% yield) of the title compound 38. 38: a colorless oil; $[\alpha]^{20}D$ 15.1 (c 0.74, CHCl3); ¹H-NMR (270 MHz, CDCl3) δ 0.58-0.91 (m, 17 H), 1.20-1.54 (m, 12 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.71 (m, 1 H), 3.18 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (dd, J = 9.6, 4.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (dd, J = 9.6, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.96 (m, 1 H), 4.36 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.20-7.38 (m, 7 H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₄₉NO₄SSn: C, 56.44; H, 7.74; N, 2.19. Found: C, 56.34; H, 7.98; N, 2.03.
- (2S,3S)-1-(N,N-Dibenzyl)amino-3-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-2-butanol (39). To a stirred suspension of 40 mg (1 mmol) of KH in 2 mL of THF at - 78 °C under argon was added 120.7 mg (0.5 mmol) of alcohol 6 in 2 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C and the stirring was continued for 1 h. To the mixture was added by syringe 8 mL of a 0.31 M solution of (Bn₂N)₂Cu(CN)Li₂ (2.5 mmol, 5 equiv.) in n-hexane-THF (2:3), prepared from 224 mg of CuCN (2.5 mmol) and 8 mL of a 0.62 M solution of Bn₂NLi in a 5:3 mixed solvent of THF and n-hexane, at - 78 °C and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C then stirred at this temperature for 1.5 h. The reaction was quenched with 4 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl-28%NH₄OH (1:1) solution with vigorous stirring at - 78 °C. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O-CH₂Cl₂ (4:1) and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with n-hexane-EtOAc (3:1) gave 199 mg (91% yield) of the title compound 39 as a crystalline mass. 39: colorless crystals from Et₂O; mp 136 °C; [α]²⁰D -56.0 (c 1.01, CHCl₃); ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 2.31 (dd, J = 13.7, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.58 (dd, J = 12.9, 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.17 (m, 1 H), 3.35 (s, 1 H), 3.39 (s, 1 H), 3.41 (m, 1 H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 10.4, 3.5, 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.73 (s, 1 H), 3.77 (s, 1 H), 7.21-7.35 (m, 12 H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 2 H).Anal. Calcd for C₂₅H₃₀N₂O₃S: C, 68.46; H, 6.89; N, 6.39. Found: C, 68.34; H, 7.01; N, 6.31. LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 439 (MH+), 437, 210, 91 (base peak). HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₂₅H₃₁N₂O₃S (MH+): 439.2055. found: 439.2057.
- (2R,3R)-1-(N,N-Dibenzyl)amino-3-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1-phenyl-2-propanol (40). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 39 from alcohol 6, 91 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 9 was converted into 142 mg (94% yield) of the title compound 40 as a colorless oil. $[α]^{20}D + 2.5$ (c 0.72, CHCl₃); ^{1}H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.32 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (dd, J = 13.0, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.64 (dd, J = 13.0, 10.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.37 (s, 1 H), 3.42 (s, 1 H), 3.48 (m, 1 H), 3.68 (s, 1 H), 3.73 (s, 1 H), 3.76 (m, 1 H), 4.12 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.49 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.97-7.41 (m, 19 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 501 (MH+), 499, 210, 120, 91 (base peak). HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₃₀H₃₃N₂O₃S (MH+): 501.2212. Found: 501.2215.
- (2R,3S)-1-Benzyloxy-4-(N,N-dibenzyl)amino-2-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-butanol (41). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 39 from alcohol 6, 104.2 mg (0.3 mmol) of alcohol 11 was converted into 144 mg (88% yield) of the title compound 41 as a colorless oil; $[\alpha]^{20}D 41.3$ (c 1.05, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (s, 3 H), 2.45 (m, 1 H), 2.65 (dd, J = 13.0, 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.03 (dd,

 $J = 9.6, 3.8 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}), 3.21 \text{ (m, 1 H)}, 3.35 \text{ (dd, } J = 9.6, 2.7 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H)}, 3.40 \text{ (s, 1 H)}, 3.45 \text{ (s, 1 H)}, 3.51 \text{ (s, 1 H)}, 3.56 \text{ (s, 1 H)}, 3.64 \text{ (ddd, } J = 8.4, 8.4, 5.8 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H)}, 4.12 \text{ (d, } J = 11.4 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H)}, 4.20 \text{ (d, } J = 11.4 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H)}, 5.23 \text{ (d, } J = 8.4 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H)}, 7.11-7.35 \text{ (m, 17 H)}, 7.61-7.65 \text{ (m, 2 H)}. Anal. Calcd for <math>C_{32}H_{36}N_2O_4S$: C, 70.56; H, 6.66; N, 5.14. Found: C, 70.27; H, 6.61; N, 5.26.

(3S,4S)-3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylaminopentanamide (42). To a stirred solution of hydroxy nitrile 31 (188 mg, 0.7 mmol) in 10 mL of 30%H₂O₂-MeOH (1:1) at room temperature was added 103 mg of K₂CO₃, and the mixture was heated under reflux for 6 h. The whole was concentrated under reduced pressure to a semisolid, which was extracted with EtOAc-CHCl₃ (3:1). The extract was washed with brine and dried over MgSO₄. The usual workup and flash chromatography over silica gel with EtOAc gave 129 mg (64 % yield) of the title compound 42 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from MeOH-Et₂O (1:1); mp 205 °C; [α]²⁰_D - 67.8 (c 0.51, MeOH); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 0.73 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 2.13 (m, 2 H), 2.38 (s, 3 H), 2.51 (m, 1 H), 3.13 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (m, 1 H), 4.86 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 7.36-7.39 (m, 2 H), 7.68-7.71 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₈N₂O₄S: C, 50.34; H, 6.34; N, 9.78. Found: C, 50.51; H, 6.49; N, 9.16. LR-MS (CI), m/z, 287 (MH⁺), 270 (base peak), 269, 198, 157, 88. HR-MS (CI), m/z, Calcd for C₁₂H₁₉N₂O₄S (MH⁺): 287.1065. Found: 287.1066.

(3R,4R)-3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-4-phenylbutanamide (43). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 42 from hydroxy nitrile 31, 660 mg (2 mmol) of hydroxy nitrile 34 was converted into 376 mg (54% yield) of the title compound 43. Colorless crystals from MeOH-Et₂O (3:1); mp 199 °C; [α]²⁰D - 17.1 (c 0.53, MeOH); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CD₃OD) δ2.24-2.39 (m, 3 H), 2.29 (s, 3 H), 3.31 (m, 1 H), 4.10 (m, 1 H), 4.32 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1 H), 7.06-7.14 (m, 7 H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₀N₂O₄S: C, 58.60; H, 5.79; N, 8.04. Found: C, 58.09; H, 5.76; N, 7.81.

Methyl (3R,4R)-3-Hydroxy-4-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-4-phenylbutanoate (44). To a stirred solution of 43 (86 mg, 0.247 mmol) in 2 mL of MeOH was added 1.24 mL (2.47 mmol) of 2N KOH at room temperature, and the mixture was heated under reflux for 8 h. After the mixture was acidified with 3 mL of 2 N-HCl at 0 °C, 5 mL of ethereal CH₂N₂ was added to the mixture at - 30 °C, and stirring was continued for 30 min at 0 °C. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the extract was washed with brine, 5% NaHCO₃, and brine and dried over MgSO₄. The usual workup and flash chromatography over silica gel with n-hexane-EtOAc (1:1) gave 72 mg (80% yield) of the title compound 44 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from n-hexane-Et₂O (1:4); mp 106 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ - 33.0 (c 1.06, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.33 (s, 3 H), 2.40 (dd, J = 16.7, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.54 (dd, J = 16.7, 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.25 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 4.14 (m, 1 H), 4.28 (dd, J = 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.62 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.04-7.20 (m, 7 H), 7.46-7.49 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₁NO₅S: C, 59.49; H, 5.82; N, 3.85. Found: C, 59.79; H, 5.90; N, 3.80.

(2*R*,3*S*)-1-Benzyloxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-octadecanol (45). To a stirred suspension of 80 mg (2 mmol) of KH in 5 mL of THF at - 78 °C under argon was added 347 mg (1 mmol) of alcohol 11 in 5 mL of THF, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C then stirred at this temperature for 1 h. To the mixture was added by syringe 20 mL of a 0.25 M solution of [CH₃(CH₂)₁₃]₂Cu(CN)(MgCl)₂ (5 mmol, 5 equiv.) in THF, prepared from 448 mg of CuCN (5 mmol) and 10 mL of a 1.0 M solution of [CH₃(CH₂)₁₃]MgCl (10 mmol) in THF, at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with 10 mL of a saturated NH₄Cl-28% NH₄OH (1:1) solution with vigorous stirring at -78 °C. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and the usual workup followed by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (3:1) gave 505 mg (93% yield) of the title compound 45 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:3); mp 85 °C; [α]²⁰_D - 12.0 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.18-1.39 (m, 28 H), 2.40-2.43 (m, 1 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.26 (m, 1 H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.48 (m, 1 H), 3.69 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.34 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.19-7.38 (m, 7 H), 7.71-7.74 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₅₁NO₄S: C, 70.42; H, 9.42; N, 2.57. Found: C, 70.25; H, 9.64; N, 2.46.

(2R,3S)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylaminooctadecane-1,3-diol (46). Benzyl ether 45 (150 mg, 0.275 mmol) in a mixed solvent of 5%-HCl (0.2 mL) and MeOH (4 mL) was subjected to catalytic hydrogenolysis

over PtO₂ (30 mg) at atmospheric pressure for 2 h. The catalyst was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to leave an oily residue, which was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (1:2) to yield 105 mg (84% yield) of the title compound **46** as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from Et₂O; mp 97 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ + 5.3 (c 0.19, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.14-1.47 (m, 28 H), 2.35 (m, 2 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.14 (m, 1 H), 3.52 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (m, 1 H), 3.89 (m, 1 H), 5.50 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.30-7.33 (m, 2 H), 7.76-7.79 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), *m/z*, 456 (MH⁺), 438, 302, 214, 172, 155, 136, 91 (base peak). HR-MS (FAB), *m/z*, Calcd for C₂₅H₄₆NO₄S (MH⁺): 456.3147. Found: 456.3142.

- (4S,5R)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-pentadecyl-5-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1,3-dioxane (47). To a stirred solution of 46 (100 mg, 0.22 mmol) in a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL), 2,2-dimethoxypropane (0.54 mL, 4.4 mmol), and acetone (0.16 mL, 2.2 mmol) at 0 °C was added boron trifluoride etherate (0.1 mL), and the whole was stirred for 18 h with warming to room temperature. The mixture was poured into a stirred cold saturated NaHCO3 solution (5 mL) and the stirring was continued for 1 h with warming to room temperature. The mixture was extracted with El_2O and the extract was washed with water and dried over MgSO4. The usual workup and flash chromatography over silica gel with *n*-hexane-EtOAc (4:1) gave 99 mg (91% yield) of the title compound 47 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane- El_2O (3:1); mp 69 °C; $[\alpha]^{2O}_D$ 22.7 (c 0.299, $CHCl_3$); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.10-1.58 (m, 28 H), 1.31 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H), 2.43 (s, 3 H), 3.12 (m, 1 H), 3.39 (m, 2 H), 3.71 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (m, 1 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.74-7.77 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 496 (MH+), 438, 214, 172, 155 (base peak), 139, 91. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for $C_{28}H_{50}NO_{4}S$ (MH+): 496.3460. Found: 496.3448.
- (4S,5R)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-pentadecyl-5-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-1,3-dioxane (48). To a stirred solution of 95 mg (0.192 mmol) of 47 in a mixture of 20 mL of liquid ammonia and 5 mL of Et₂O at 78 °C was added sodium (300 mg) in small portions at 78 °C until a blue coloration persisted. The mixture was allowed to warm to 35 °C, and the stirring was continued at this temperature for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with 1 mL of t-BuOH at 78 °C, and the mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to leave a semisolid. To the above residue were added 3 mL of H₂O, 5 mL of Et₂O, and 670 mg (3.07 mmol) of (Boc)₂O at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O and the extract was washed with water and dried over MgSO₄. The usual workup and flash chromatography over silica gel with n-hexane-EtOAc (5:1) gave 40 mg (47% yield) of the title compound 48 as a crystalline mass. Colorless crystals from n-hexane-Et₂O (5:1); mp 65 °C; [α]²⁰_D 27.7 (c 0.26, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.18-1.62 (m, 28 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H), 1.41 (s, 3 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H), 3.50 (m, 3 H), 3.90 (m, 1 H), 4.36 (m, 1 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 442 (MH+), 386, 370, 328 (base peak), 284, 282, 95. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₂₆H₅₂NO₄ (MH+): 442.3896. Found: 442.3900.
- (2R,3S)-2-Aminooctadecane-1,3-diol hydrochloride (49). To a stirred solution of 48 (19 mg, 0.043 mmol) in 2 mL of THF was added 0.5 mL of 3 N-HCl at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 2 h with warming to room temperature. Concentration under reduced pressure gave a colorless semisolid. Recrystallization from a mixed solvent of MeOH-Et₂O (1:1) gave 14.3 mg (99% yield) of the title compound 49 as colorless crystals from MeOH-Et₂O (1:1). mp 90-92 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}D$ 8.6 (c 0.21, MeOH); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 0.90 (m, 3 H), 1.10-1.41 (m, 28 H), 3.19 (m, 1 H), 3.69 (dd, J = 11.6, 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.79 (m, 1 H), 3.83 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.3 Hz, 1 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 302 (MH⁺, base peak), 300, 284, 154, 136, 60. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₁₈H₄₀NO₂ (MH⁺): 302.3059. Found: 302.3053.
- (2S,3S)-1-Benzyloxy-2-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-3-octadecanol (50). By a procedure identical with that described for the synthesis of 45 from alcohol 11, 347 mg (1 mmol) of alcohol 10 was converted into 488 mg (90% yield) of the title compound 50. Colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (5:1); mp 66 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}D$ + 22.1 (c 0.57, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 0.98-1.33 (m, 28 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 2.71 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.26 (m, 1 H), 3.56 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 2 H), 3.77 (m, 1 H), 4.39 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.44 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.19 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.22-7.38 (m, 7 H), 7.72-7.75 (m, 2 H). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₅₁NO₄S: C, 70.42; H, 9.42; N, 2.57. Found: C, 70.24; H, 9.29; N, 2.59.

- (2S,3S)-2-(4-Methylphenyl)sulfonylaminooctadecane-1,3-diol (51). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 46 from 45, 320 mg (0.587 mmol) of 50 was converted into 244 mg (91% yield) of 51 as colorless crystals from *n*-hexane-Et₂O (1:4). mp 81 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ + 12.3 (c 0.51, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 0.97-1.36 (m, 28 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 2.62 (m, 2 H), 3.15 (m, 1 H), 3.71 (m, 2 H), 3.80 (m, 1 H), 5.46 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.29-7.32 (m, 2 H), 7.76-7.80 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 456 (MH⁺), 302, 214, 172, 155, 136, 91 (base peak). HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₂₅H₄₆NO₄S (MH⁺): 456.3147. Found: 456.3141.
- (4S,5S)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-pentadecyl-5-(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino-1,3-dioxane (52). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 47 from diol 46, 216 mg (0.475 mmol) of diol 51 was converted into 222 mg (94% yield) of acetonide 52 as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ + 14.3 (c 0.67, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.04-1.43 (m, 28 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H), 2.41 (s, 3 H), 3.11 (m, 1 H), 3.46 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (m, 1 H), 3.85 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.22 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.27-7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.75-7.78 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 496 (MH+), 438, 214, 184, 155 (base peak), 139, 91. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₂₈H₅₀NO₄S (MH+): 496.3460. Found: 496.3449.
- (4S,5S)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-pentadecyl-5-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-1,3-dioxane (53). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 48 from 47, 200 mg (0.404 mmol) of 52 was converted into 135 mg (76% yield) of 53 as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{20}_D + 11.5$ (c 0.47, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.19-1.40 (m, 28 H), 1.40 (s, 3 H), 1.45 (s, 12 H), 3.50 (m, 1 H), 3.75 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.90 (ddd, J = 6.2, 6.2, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.05 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 5.29 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 442 (MH⁺), 386, 370, 328 (base peak), 284, 282, 95. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₂₆H₅₂NO₄ (MH⁺): 442.3896. Found: 442.3903.
- (2S,3S)-2-Aminooctadecane-1,3-diol hydrochloride (54). By a procedure identical with that described for the preparation of 49 from 48, 41 mg (0.093 mmol) of 53 was converted into 31 mg (99% yield) of 54 as colorless crystals from CHCl₃. mp 75-77 °C; $[\alpha]^{20}_D$ 10.4 (c 0.79, MeOH); ¹H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (m, 3 H), 1.10-1.40 (m, 28 H), 1.82 (m, 2 H), 3.37-4.05 (m, 3 H), 4.98 (m, 1 H), 7.75 (m, 2 H). LR-MS (FAB), m/z, 302 (MH+, base peak), 300, 284, 154, 136, 60. HR-MS (FAB), m/z, Calcd for C₁₈H₄₀NO₂ (MH+): 302.3059. Found: 302.3061.

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