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A New Methodology for the Stereoselective Synthesis of 4-Substituted Butenolides: Asymmetric Michael Addition Reaction of 2-(Trimethylsilyloxy)furans to Oxazolidinone Enoates

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Abstract: Chiral Lewis acid promoted Michael addition of 2-(trimethylsityloxy)furans to oxazolidinone enoates (2) in the presence of hexafluoroisopropanol proceeded stereoselectively to give 4-substituted butenolides in good yields. A 1:1 complex prepared in situ from Sc(OTI)₃ and 3.3'-bis(diethylaminomethyl)-1,1'-bi-2-naphthol 5b showed excellent anti-selectivity and moderate enantioselectivity, while Cu(OTf)₂-bis(oxazoline) complex exhibited excellent enantioselectivity and moderate to good anti-selectivity. © 1997 Elsevier Science Ltd.

Butenolides exist as subunits of many natural products¹ and also serve as the precursors for the synthesis of densely substituted chiral γ -lactone compounds.² Therefore, much effort has been directed toward exploitation of the methodology for efficient synthesis of chiral butenolides. 2-(Trialkylsilyloxy)furans have been widely used for this purpose, since they are nucleophiles and react with various electrophiles such as ketone,³ aldehyde,^{3a,4} acetal,^{3a,5} nitrone,⁶ enone⁷, and allyl halide⁸ in the presence of Lewis acid to afford the corresponding 4-substituted butenolides. In these reactions, Michael reaction has an advantage over the other reactions, because it provides the butenolide bearing a C4-substituent functionalized at its terminal carbon which allows the further extension of the substituent. Accordingly, Michael reaction is expected to become an efficient tool for the synthesis of various butenolide derivatives, if enantio- and diastereoselectivities of the reaction are controlled by some means. Fukuyama *et al.* have reported that Michael addition reaction of 2-ethylthio-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)furan to chalcone derivative proceeds with high diastereoselectivity to give a key intermediate for the synthesis of mitomycins, ^{7b,c} while only moderate diastereoselectivity was observed in the

TMSO 0 + R² NO + R¹
$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2} R^{2

Scheme 1

reaction of simple trimethylsilyloxyfurans and chalcones.^{7a} Still, no enantioselective version of this type of reaction has been reported.⁹ In order to clarify the scope of this useful reaction, we examined the Lewis acid promoted Michael addition reaction of 2-(trimethylsilyloxy)furans to oxazolidinone enoates (Scheme 1) using a chiral scandium(III) or a copper(II)-bis(oxazoline) complex as a catalyst.¹⁰

Initially, we examined the addition reaction of 1a to 2a in the presence of several Lewis acids and found that metal triflates such as Sc(OTf)₃¹¹ and Cu(OTf)₂ promoted the reaction to give *anti-3a* exclusively, though the yield of 3a was only modest (Table 1, entries 1 and 2). The low yield was caused by the formation of an undesired Diels-Alder type adduct 7, as discussed later (*vide infra*, Scheme 3). On the other hand, Kobayashi *et al.* have recently demonstrated that Sc(OTf)₃ or Yb(OTf)₃ modified with (R)-1,1'-bi-2-naphthol [(R)-BINOL] and a tertiary amine is an effective catalyst for asymmetric Diels-Alder reaction. ¹² In this reaction, the axial

Table 1. Michael reaction of 1a and 2aa)

entry	catalyst	yield (%) ^{b)}	anti-3a: syn-3ac)	% ced)
1	Sc(OTf) ₃ (5 mol%)	36	>50 : 1	-
2	$Cu(OTf)_2$ (5 mol%)	38	>50:1	-
3e)	Sc(OTf) ₃ (5 mol%)			
	(R)-BINOL (6 mol%)	35	22:1	12
4e)	Et ₃ N (7 mol%) Sc(OTf) ₃ (5 mol%)	48	>50 : 1	18
	(R)-4 (R= Et, 6 mol%)			

- a) All reactions were carried out in dichloromethane at 0 °C.
- b) Isolated yield of a mixture of anti- and syn-mixture.
- c) Determined by ¹H NMR (270 MHz).
- d) Determined by HPLC (Daicel Chiralpak AD; hexane/i-PrOH= 2:1).
- e) Reaction was carried out in the presence of MS 4A.

chirality of BINOL has been considered to be transmitted to the reaction site through the bulky tertiary amine which binds to BINOL by hydrogen-bond. Based on these reports, we next examined the reaction of 1a and 2a using a combination of Sc(OTf)₃, (R)-BINOL, and Et₃N as a catalyst but both the chemical yield and enantiomeric excess of the desired product were found to be only modest (entry 3). In the meantime, we have reported that optically active N,N,N',N'-tetraalkyl-BINOL-3,3'-dicarboxamides (4) are efficient chiral auxiliaries for asymmetric Simmons-Smith cyclopropanation of allylic alcohols¹³ and for enantioselective diethylzinc addition to aldehydes. ^{13b,14} As an intramolecular hydrogen bond between phenolic hydrogen and carbonyl oxygen was considered to fix the conformation of the amide moiety in 4, we expected that Sc(OTf)₃-4 would serve as a chiral catalyst for the present reaction. Although *anti-selectivity* was high, both the chemical yield and enantioselectivity were again only modest (entry 4).

We reasoned that the amide alkyl groups of ligand 4 directing away from the reaction site could not induce asymmetry in the product effectively (Fig. 1). Led by this consideration and Kobayashi's reports, ¹² we designed new BINOL-derived compound 5 bearing tertiary aminomethyl groups at 3,3'-carbons, expecting that the 3- and 3'-substituents would be fixed to direct their N-alkyl groups toward the reaction site by intramolecular hydrogen-bond formation. The ligands 5a-d were prepared by reduction of the corresponding diamides 4a-d

Fig. 1

with LiAlH4 (Scheme 2). The optical purity of the resulting diamine 5 was verified (>99% ee) by HPLC analysis using chiral column (Daicel Chiralcel OD-R).

Scheme 2

With the new ligands obtained, we next examined the reaction of 1 and 2 under various reaction conditions (Table 2). When a Sc(OTf)3 (5 mol%) and 5b (6 mol%) system was used as a chiral catalyst in CH₂Cl₂, the reaction of **1a** and **2a** proceeded with excellent diastereoselectivity (anti:syn = >50:1) and good enantioselectivity (73% ee, entry 1), but the chemical yield was still unsatisfactory. The major side product of this Lewis acid-catalyzed reaction was again a Diels-Alder type adduct 7 which was probably produced by Dieckmann condensation of the intermediary enolate 6 (Scheme 3). It was also observed that the enantioselectivity of the reaction dropped considerably without activated molecular sieves (MS) 4A, 15 but the reaction rate and the diastereoselectivity were not affected by the presence or absence of MS 4A (entry 2). To avoid the undesired side reaction, we carried out the reaction in the presence of 1 equiv. of an alcohol such as 2propanol or t-butyl alcohol which was expected to accelerate the quenching of the enolate. However, addition of I equiv. of alcohols decreased enantioselectivity to some extent, though the chemical yield was improved as expected (entries 3 and 4). These results suggested that coordination of water or alcohol did not affect the catalytic activity of the Sc(OTf)3-5b system but caused some change in the coordination sphere of the Sc ion. Based on this analysis, we next used hexafluoroisopropyl alcohol (HFIP) which is more acidic but has poor coordinating ability, as an additive. 16 As expected, the reaction proceeded with high chemical yield and a similar level of stereoselectivity as compared with the reaction without alcohol (entries 5 and 6).

We next examined the solvent effect (entries 5 vs. 7-9) and the effect of aminoalkyl groups in ligand 5 (entries 5 vs. 10-12) on stereoselectivity under the above improved conditions. However, the reaction using diethylamino compound 5b in dichloromethane was found to be the optimal conditions. Use of the other group III metal triflates or Yb(OTf)₃ instead of Sc(OTf)₃ decreased both enantio- and diastereoselectivity (entries 5 vs. 13-15). The reaction of 3-methyl-2-(trimethylsilyloxy)furan 1b and 2a under the optimized reaction conditions

Table	2. Michael	reaction of 1	and 2 in the	presence of	M(OTT)3-	BINOL-deri	ved diamino	e 5 comp	lex ^a)
entry	substrate	ligand	metal	solvent	additive	yield(%)b	anti : syn	% eec)	confign.
1	1a + 2a	5b (R= Et)	Sc(OTf) ₃	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-	44	>50 : 1	73	(R,R)
2 ^{d)}	**	п	"	ш	-	45	>50:1	37	(R,R)
3	n	Ħ	II .	"	i-PrOH	78	>50:1	49	(R,R)
4	11	**	II	**	t-BuOH	86	>50:1	50	(R,R)
5	u	n	н	**	HFIP	80	>50:1	65	(R,R)
6e)	**	"	**	"	11	86	>50:1	68	(R,R)
7	11	**	11	toluene	#	80	>50:1	55	(R,R)
8	11	**	11	Ph-Cl	**	87	>50:1	52	(R,R)
9	н	**	"	DCE()	"	81	>50:1	48	(R,R)
10	"	5a (R= Me)	**	CH_2Cl_2	**	72	44 : 1	29	(R,R)
11	**	5c (R= Pr)	11	11	**	69	39:1	51	(R,R)
12	11	5c (R = i-Pr)	"	11	11	68	>50:1	34	(R,R)
13	**	5b (R= Et)	$Y(OTf)_3$	u	n	87	39:1	0	-
14	11	u	La(OTf)3	u	n	62	1.6 : 1	28	(R,R)
15	"	**	Yb(OTf) ₃	11	n .	65	12:1	10	(R,R)
16	1b + 2a	"	Sc(OTf)3	II .	~	64	41:1	60	(R,R)
17	11	u	ti .	"	HFIP	94	>50:1	56	(R,R)
18	1a + 2b	"	**	11	n	59		41g)	(R)

Table 2. Michael reaction of 1 and 2 in the presence of M(OTf)₃-BINOL-derived diamine 5 complex^{a)}

- a) All reactions were carried out at 0 °C in the presence of 5 mol% of metal triflate, 6 mol % of 5 and powdered MS 4A, unless otherwise mentioned.
- b) The yield refers to the total yield of syn- and anti-isomers.
- c) The value of % ee of *anti*-isomer. Determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel chiralpak AD; hexanc/i-PrOH = 2:1), unless otherwise mentioned.
- d) The reaction was carried out in the absence of MS 4A.
- e) Ten mol% of Sc(OTf)3 and 12 mol% of 5b were used.
- f) Dichloroethane
- g) Determined by HPLC analysis (Daicel chiralpak AD; hexane/i-PrOH = 1:1).

also proceeded with high diastereo- and moderate enantioselectivity (entry 17). On the other hand, the reaction of **1a** and acryloyl derivative **2b** showed modest enantioselectivity (entry 18).

Scheme 3

Since Cu(OTf)₂ showed high diastereoselectivity (vide supra), we also examined the reaction using a chirally modified Cu(OTf)₂ as a catalyst. It has already been reported that a combination of copper(II) triflate and bis(oxazoline) ligands constitutes excellent chiral catalysts for various asymmetric reactions, ¹⁷ including the Diels-Alder reaction of oxazolidinone enoates. ¹⁸ Thus, we were intrigued by the Michael reaction of 1 and

(S)

enoate 2 using a $Cu(OTf)_2$ -bis(oxazoline) complex as the catalyst. ¹⁹ As shown in Table 3, excellent enantioselectivity (>90% ee) was observed in the reactions of crotonoyl derivative 2a, although the diastereoselectivity was moderate to good. Again, addition of HFIP was found to be essential to achieve high chemical yield (cf. entries 1 and 2). The reaction with 2b showed moderate enantioselectivity (entry 4).²⁰

Table 3	. Michael additi	on of I and 2 in	the presence of C	$U(OH)_2$ (5 mc	o1%) and 8	(6 mol%)a)
entry	substrate	additive	yield(%)	anti : syn	% ee	confign.
1	1a + 2a	-	37	10.5 : 1	92	(S,S)
2	**	HFIP	89	8.5:1	95	(S,S)
3	1b + 2a	**	95	24:1	91	(S,S)

Table 3. Michael addition of 1 and 2 in the presence of Cu(OTf)₂ (5 mol%) and 8 (6 mol%)^{a)}

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1a + 2b

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Determination of the Stereochemistry of Michael Adducts (3a, 3b and 3c)

The stereochemistry of the major isomer of Michael adducts (3a and 3b) was determined as follows. The major isomer of 3a which was obtained by the reaction using $Sc(OTf)_3-(R)-5b$, crystallized out in an optically pure form upon recrystallization of the crude 3a from ethyl acetate and hexane. The major isomer of 3b (91% ee) which was obtained by the reaction using $Cu(OTf)_2-(S,S)-8$, also crystallized out as a single crystal. X-ray analysis of these single crystals of 3a and 3b revealed that both compounds possessed an *anti*-relationship between two stereogenic centers as shown in Figure 2.

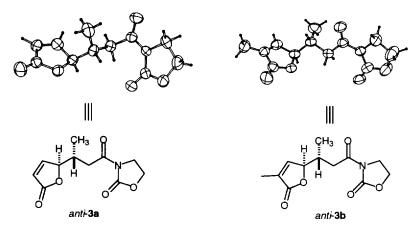


Figure 2. X-Ray structures of anti-3a and anti-3b

To determine the absolute configuration of (-)-anti-3a and (+)-anti-3b, both compounds were converted to the corresponding esters of (R)- and (S)-methoxy-(2-naphthyl)acetic acids (2NMA), which were known to be strong chiral anisotropic reagents.²¹ Thus, the Michael adducts were initially hydrogenated using 10% Pd on carbon as catalyst in AcOEt to give butyrolactones 9a,b (Scheme 4). Treatment of 9a,b with LiAlH₄ in THF provided triols 10a,b, the primary hydroxy groups of which were protected as tert-butyldiphenylsilylethers

a) All reactions were carried out in dichloromethane at 0 °C in the presence of MS 4A.

using 4-N,N-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP)-pyridine as bases in CH₂Cl₂ to afford alcohols 11a,b. Condensation of 2NMA and alcohols 11a,b was accomplished by using 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC·HCl) and DMAP in CH₂Cl₂ to give the corresponding 2NMA esters 12a,b. From the sign of δ (δ_R - δ_S) (ppm) values (see experimental section), the absolute configuration of the C4 carbon of 12a was determined to be S.^{21b} Thus, the configuration of (-)-anti-3a was proven to be R,R. In an identical manner, the configuration of (+)-anti-3b was determined to be S,S. That is, a Sc(OTf)₃-(R)-5 system gave the (R,R)-isomer of 3a,b preferentially and a Cu(OTf)₂-(S,S)-8 system did the (S,S)-isomer.

The absolute configuration of the (+)-3c was also determined according to the Kusumi's procedure 21b (vide supra) after its conversion to the corresponding (R)- and (S)-2NMA esters. Thus, the Michael adducts (+)-3c was first treated with $Ti(O^iPr)_4$ in i-PrOH to give the corresponding isopropyl ester 13. Reduction

Scheme 5

of ester 13 with diisobutylaluminium hydride (DIBAH) and n-butyllithium in toluene²² gave triol 14. The primary hydroxy groups in 14 were protected as *tert*-butyldiphenylsilylethers using DMAP and triethylamine as bases in acetonitrile to afford alcohol 15. Alcohol 15 and 2NMA were condensed by using EDC·HCl and DMAP in CH₂Cl₂ to give the corresponding 2NMA ester 16. From the sign of δ (δ_R - δ_S) (ppm) values (see experimental section), the absolute configuration of the C4 carbon of 16 was determined to be S.^{21b} Thus, the configuration of (+)-3c was proven to be S.

The origin of high *anti*-selectivity observed in the reactions of 1 and 2a is unclear at present. However, the sense of enantioface selection by the Cu(II)-bis(oxazoline) catalyst may be explained by using the structure proposed for the copper-bis(oxazoline) catalyst loaded with an oxazolidinone enoate (Fig. 3). ¹⁸ The approach of the substrate from the sterically less hindered bottom side leads to the expected product. On the other hand,

Figure 3

our knowledge on the structure of the scandium-BINOL diamide complex loaded with an oxazolidinone enoate is immature and it is too early to discuss the detailed mechanism of enantioface selection by the scandium complex. However, a 1:1 complex of Sc(OTt)₃ and 5 seems to be responsible for the present reaction, because the reaction was sluggish when two equivalents of chiral ligand to Sc(OTt)₃ were used.

In conclusion, we could demonstrate that two types of chiral Lewis acid catalysts promoted Michael addition of 2-(trimethylsilyloxy)furans to oxazolidinone enoates with good chemical yield and high stereoselectivity in the presence of HFIP which suppressed the undesired tandem Michael-Dieckmann condensation reaction by quenching the intermediary enolate. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first example of asymmetric and catalytic Michael addition reaction of 2-(trimethylsilyloxy)furans.

Experimental

All melting points are uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded at 270 MHz on a JEOL EX-270 or at 400 MHz on a JEOL GX-400 instrument. Signals are expressed as ppm down field from tetramethylsilane used as an internal standard (δ value in CDCl₃) unless otherwise described. IR spectra were obtained with a SHIMADZU FTIR-8600 or JEOL JIR-6500W instrument. Optical rotation was measured with a JASCO DIP-360 automatic digital polarimeter. EI mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMX DX-300 instrument. High resolution mass (HRMS) spectra were recorded on a JOEL JMS-SX/SX 102A instrument. Column chromatography was conducted on Silica Gel BW-820-MH, 70-200 mesh ASTM, available from FUJI SILYSIA CHEMICAL LTD. Preparative thin layer chromatography was performed on 0.5 mm x 20 cm x 20 cm E. Merck silica gel plate (60 F-254). Solvents were dried and distilled shortly before use. Reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen or argon if necessary. Compounds 4a-d were prepared according to the reported procedure. ^{13b}

(R)-3,3'-Bis(N,N-dimethylaminomethyl)-2,2'-dihydroxy-1,1'-binaphthyl (5a)

To a solution of diamide 4a (325 mg, 0.76 mmol) in THF (10 ml) was added LiAlH₄ (116 mg, 3.0 mmol) at 0 °C. After being refluxed for 4h, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched with saturated potassium fluoride solution (0.25 ml). Insoluble materials were filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with pH 7 phosphate buffer and brine, and the separated organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography of the residue (CHCl₃-MeOH = 25:1) and crystallization from MeOH gave 5a (179 mg, 59%) as a white powder. Mp 250-251 °C (decomp.); MS m/z 400(M⁺). $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +11.8° (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 11.5 (bs, 2H), 7.78 (d, J= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (s, 2H), 7.29-7.11 (m, 6H), 4.13 (d, J= 13.5 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (d, J= 13.5 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 12H); IR (KBr): 3438, 2950, 2829, 1627, 1508, 1470, 1435, 1417, 1346, 1315, 1248, 889, 752. Found: C, 77.78; H, 7.01; N, 6.92%. Calcd for C₂₆H₂₈N₂O₂: C, 77.97; H, 7.05; N, 6.99%. The enantiomeric purity of 5a (> 99% ee) was measured by HPLC [Daicel Chiralcel OD-R; 0.46 cm x 25 cm; CH₃CN: 0.5N NaClO₄ = 3:2, flow rate 0.5 ml min⁻¹; T_R 16.9 min for (R)-5a, 25.0 min for (R)-5a].

Compounds **5b-d** were prepared in the same manner as described above. Spectral data and physical properties of these compounds are as follows.

(R)-3,3'-Bis(N, N-diethylaminomethyl)-2,2'-dihydroxy-1,1'-binaphthyl (5b)

White crystals; yield 61%; Mp 138-139 °C; MS m/z 456(M+). $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +147° (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 11.8 (bs, 2H), 7.75 (d, J= 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 2H), 7.24-7.15 (m, 6H), 4.17 (d, J= 12.9 Hz, 2H), 3.91 (d, J= 12.9 Hz, 2H), 2.76-2.56 (m, 8H), 1.08 (t, J= 7.3 Hz, 12H); IR (KBr): 2972, 2827, 1626, 1506, 1477, 1427, 1387, 1348, 1315, 1246, 1194, 1107, 881, 750. Found: C, 78.77; H, 7.99; N, 6.08%. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₆N₂O₂: C, 78.91; H, 7.95; N, 6.13%. The enantiomeric purity (> 99% ee) was measured by HPLC [Daicel Chiralcel OD-R; 0.46 cm x 25 cm; CH₃CN: 0.5N NaClO₄ = 3:2, flow rate 0.5 ml min⁻¹; T_R 47.0 min for (R)-5b, 54.4 min for (S)-5b].

(R)-3,3'-Bis(N,N-dipropylaminomethyl)-2,2'-dihydroxy-1,1'-binaphthyl (5c)

White crystals; yield 47%; Mp 165-166 °C; MS m/z 512(M+). $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +115° (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 11.5 (bs, 2H), 7.75 (d, J= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.15 (m, 6H), 4.17 (d, J= 14.2 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (d, J= 14.2 Hz, 2H), 2.58-2.47 (m, 8H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 8H), 0.87-0.82 (m, 12H); IR (KBr): 3436, 2960, 2933, 2873, 2823, 1466, 1429, 1257, 746. Found: C, 79.60; H, 8.70; N, 5.40%. Calcd for C₃₄H₄₄N₂O₂: C, 79.65; H, 8.65; N, 5.46%.

(R)-3,3'-Bis(N, N-diisopropylaminomethyl)-2,2'-dihydroxy-1,1'-binaphthyl (5d)

White crystals; yield 42%; Mp 214-215 °C; MS m/z 512(M+). $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{21}$ +161° (c 0.57, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 11.8 (bs, 2H), 7.73 (d, J= 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (s, 2H), 7.24-7.10 (m, 6H), 4.18 (d, J= 14.5 Hz, 2H), 4.06 (d, J= 14.5 Hz, 2H), 3.26-3.17 (m, 4H), 1.14-1.11 (m, 24H); IR (KBr): 2962, 1462, 1427, 1369, 1250, 1170, 744. Found: C, 79.48; H, 8.61; N, 5.35%. Calcd for C₃₄H₄₄N₂O₂: C, 79.65; H, 8.65; N, 5.46%.

General Procedure for the Michael Addition Reaction of 2-(Trimethylsilyloxy)furans.

Sc(OTf)₃ (6.2 mg, 13 μ mol) and diamine **5b** (6.8 mg, 15 μ mol) were dissolved in 0.5 ml of CH₂Cl₂ in the presence of activated molecular sieves 4A (30 mg) and stirred for 30 min at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. To the mixture were added a CH₂Cl₂ solution (0.5 ml) of **2a** (38.8 mg, 0.25 mmol), HFIP (26 μ l, 0.25 mmol), and **1a** (50 μ l, 0.3 mmol) and the whole mixture was stirred for 15 h at the temperature. The mixture was quenched with water and filtered through a pad of Celite to remove insoluble materials. The filtrate was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and separated from the water layer. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane-AcOEt = 3:7) to afford **3a** (48 mg, 80% yield) as a mixture of *anti*- and *syn*-isomers. The mixture was recrystallized twice from hexane-AcOEt to give *anti*-**3a** (27 mg, 45%) of >99% ee.

The reaction with Cu(OTf)₂-8 complex was carried out in the same manner as described for the reaction with Sc(OTf)₃-5b complex, except that Cu(OTf)₂-8 complex was used instead of Sc(OTf)₃-5b complex. Spectral data and physical properties of the Michael adducts are as follows.

(R,R)-3-(2',5'-Dihydro-5'-oxo-2'-furyl)butanoyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (3a)

White crystals; Mp 88-89 °C; MS m/z 240(M+). $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ -75.4° (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.53 (dd, J= 1.3 and 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (dd, J= 2.0 and 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (ddd, J= 1.3, 2.0 and 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.48-4.41 (m, 2H), 4.07-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.16 (dd, J= 5.9 and 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, J= 7.6 and 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.44 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr): 1759, 1687, 1398, 1369, 1342, 1219, 1165, 1093, 1014, 758. Found: C, 55.18; H, 5.48; N, 5.79%. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₃NO₅: C, 55.23; H, 5.48; N, 5.85%. HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak AD; 0.46 cm x 25 cm; hexane/i-PrOH= 2:1, flow rate 0.5 ml min⁻¹; T_R 42.5 min for (R, R)-form, 49.6 min for (R, R)-form].

Crystal data for *anti*-3a: Chemical formula $C_{11}H_{13}NO_5$, M = 239.23, monoclinic, space group $P2_1$, a = 9.490 (1) Å, b = 9.122 (1) Å, c = 6.587 (1) Å, $\beta = 97.74$ (1)°, V = 565.1 (2) Å³, μ (Cu K α) = 0.908 mm⁻¹, Dx = 1.405 g·cm⁻³, R = 0.034.

(S,S)-3-(2',5'-Dihydro-4'-methyl-5'-oxo-2'-furyl)butanoyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (3b)

White crystals; Mp 100-101 °C; MS m/z 253 (M+). $[\alpha]_D^{17}$ +38.9° (c 1.0, CHCl₃, 91% ee); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.49 (dd, J= 1.3 and 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (ddd, J= 1.7, 2.0 and 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47-4.44 (m, 2H), 4.07-4.01 (m, 2H), 3.16 (dd, J= 5.6 and 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dd, J= 7.6 and 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.59-2.44 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr) 1794, 1745, 1695, 1390, 1335, 1279, 1211, 1153, 1082, 1053, 1016, 980, 760. Found: C, 56.62; H, 6.04; N, 5.48%. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₅NO₅: C, 56.91; H, 5.97; N, 5.53%. HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak AD; 0.46 cm x 25 cm; hexane/i-PrOH= 2:1, flow rate 0.5 ml min⁻¹; T_R 33.8 min for (R, R)-form, 45.0 min for (R, R)-form].

Crystal data for *anti*-**3b**: Chemical formula $C_{12}H_{15}NO_5$, M = 253.25, monoclinic, space group $P2_1$, a = 12.417 (1) Å, b = 6.343 (1) Å, c = 8.112 (1) Å, $\beta = 95.19$ (1)°, V = 636.3 (2) Å³, $\mu(Cu K\alpha) = 0.833 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $Dx = 1.321 \text{ g·cm}^{-3}$, R = 0.038.

$(+) \hbox{-} 3\hbox{-} (2', 5' \hbox{-} Dihydro-5' \hbox{-} oxo-2' \hbox{-} furyl) propanoyl-1, 3\hbox{-} oxazolidin-2\hbox{-} one \quad (3c)$

White crystals; Mp 83-85 °C; MS m/z 225 (M+). $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +23.0° (c 3.09, CHCl₃, 64% ee); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.49 (dd, J= 1.3 and 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, J= 2.0 and 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.20-5.14 (m, 1H), 4.47-4.41 (m, 2H), 4.06-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.19-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.20 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.88 (m, 1H); IR (KBr): 1770, 1755, 1689, 1387, 1302, 1223, 1176, 1014. Found: C, 53.24; H, 4.93; N, 6.30%. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₁NO₅: C, 53.33; H, 4.92; N, 6.22%. HPLC analysis [Daicel Chiralpak AD; 0.46 cm x 25 cm; hexane/i-PrOH= 1:1, flow rate 0.5 ml min⁻¹; T_R 32.0 min for (S)-form, 43.6 min for (S)-form].

Determination of Absolute Configuration of Michael adduct 3a

A solution of optically pure (-)-anti-3a (284 mg, 1.19 mmol) in AcOEt (15 ml) containing 10% Pd-C (50 mg) was stirred under H₂ (1 atm) at room temperature overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a solid, which was recrystallized from hexane-AcOEt to yield 240 mg (84 %) of 3-(5'-oxotetrahydro-2'-furyl)butanoyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (9a) as white crystals. Mp 110-111 °C; MS m/z 241(M+). $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ +31.5° (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 4.46-4.30 (m, 3H), 4.09-3.99 (m, 2H), 3.33 (d, J= 5.9 and 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J= 7.3 and 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.51 (m, 2H), 2.44-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.02 (d, J= 6.9 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr): 1786, 1759, 1686, 1389, 1282, 1194, 1128, 1016, 756. Found: C, 54.82; H, 6.41; N, 5.70%. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₅NO₅: C, 54.77; H, 6.27; N, 5.81%.

To a solution of **9a** (230 mg, 0.95 mmol) in THF (5 ml) was added LiAlH₄ (72 mg, 1.89 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 4 h at the temperature, the mixture was quenched with saturated potassium fluoride solution (0.2 ml). Insoluble materials were filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel chromatography of the residue (CHCl₃-MeOH = 10:1) afforded 63 mg (41%) of 3-methyl-1,4,7-heptanetriol (**10a**) which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

To a solution of the above triol **10a** (30 mg, 0.19 mmol), DMAP (4.5 mg, 0.037 mmol), and pyridine (38 μl, 0.93 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 ml) and THF (0.5 ml) was added *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (TBDPSCl) (96

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μl, 0.37 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred overnight at room temperature, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water. The separated organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography of the residue (hexane-AcOEt = 10:1) afforded 83 mg (70%) of 1,7-bis(rerrbutyldiphenylsilyloxy)-3-methyl-4-heptanol (11a) as a colorless oil. MS m/z 639 (M⁺). [α]_D¹⁷ -2.5° (c 2.2, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.73–7.66 (m, 10H), 7.45–7.33 (m, 10H), 3.78-3.62 (m, 4H), 3.47-3.42 (m, 1H), 2.04 (bs, 1H), 1.74-1.42 (m, 7H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.87 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H), IR (oil): 2958, 2931, 2858, 1427, 1113, 823, 739, 702, 505. Found: C, 75.00; H, 8.49%. Calcd for C₄₀H₅₄O₃Si₂: C, 75.18; H, 8.52%.

A small amount (5 mg) of 11a, 2 equivs. of (R)- or (S)-methoxy-(2-naphthyl)acetic acid, 3 equivs. of EDC-HCl, and 0.2 equivs. of DMAP were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and allowed to stand overnight at room temperature. The mixture was directly loaded on preparative TLC and developed with hexane-AcOEt = 9:1. A zone containing the desired ester 12a was collected and eluted with AcOEt. After evaporation, the residue was dissolved in CDCl₃. The (R)-2NMA ester: 1 H NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.87-7.30 (m, 27H), 4.88-4.82 (m, 2H), 3.73-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.43(s, 3H), 3.37-3.27 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.08 (m, 2H), 1.04-1.00 (m, 10H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.77 (d, J= 6.8 Hz, 3H). The (S)-2NMA ester: 1 H NMR (400 MHz) δ 7.87-7.30 (m, 27H), 4.88-4.82 (m, 2H), 3.73-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.53-3.36 (m, 5H), 1.77-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.43 (m, 5H), 1.04-1.00 (m, 10H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 0.45 (d, J= 6.8 Hz, 3H). The relevant 1 H NMR spectroscopic data of 2NMA esters 12a were collected according to the Kusumi's procedure 21 b and described in Table 4. All the signals were reasonably assigned by analyzing the 1 H- 1 H COSY spectra. From the sign of $\Delta\delta$ (δ_R - δ_S) (ppm) values, it was concluded that the absolute configuration of the C4-carbon in 12a was S.

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Table 4. ¹H NMR data (chemical shifts and $\Delta\delta$ values) of 12a

	δR (ppm)	δS (ppm)	$\Delta\delta \left(\delta R - \delta S\right)$
a	3.32	3.62	-0.30
b	1.14	1.55	-0.39
c	1.45	1.59	-0.14
d	4.84	4.87	-0.03
е	1.88	1.72	+0.16
f	0.77	0.45	+0.32
g	1.72	1.56	+0.16
	1.26	1.03	+0.23
h	3.67	3.44	+0.23

Determination of Absolute Configuration of Michael adduct 3b

A solution of compound (+)-anti-3b (213 mg, 0.84 mmol, 91% ee) in AcOEt (8 ml) containing 10% Pd-C (40 mg) was stirred under H₂ (1 atm) at room temperature overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford 213 mg (99 %) of 3-(4'-methyl-5'-oxo-tetrahydro-2'-furyl)butanoyl-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one (9b) as a solid. Mp 125-127 °C; MS m/z 255 (M+). [α]_D¹⁷ -29.8° (c 0.50, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 4.45-4.39 (m, 1H), 4.20 (ddd, J= 5.3, 8.9 and 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06-4.00 (m, 2H), 3.25 (dd, J= 5.9 and 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J= 7.6 and 16.5 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, J= 5.3, 8.6 and 12.2 Hz, 1H), 2.38-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.93 (s, 3H), 1.55 (ddd, J= 10.6, 12.2 and 16.8 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, J= 7.9 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H); IR (KBr): 1790,

1759, 1697, 1387, 1196, 1157, 1014. Found: C, 56.28; H, 6.85; N, 5.45%. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₇NO₅: C, 56.46; H, 6.71; N, 5.49%.

To a solution of **9b** (168 mg, 0.66 mmol) in THF (3 ml) was added LiAlH₄ (50 mg, 1.33 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 4h at the temperature, the mixture was quenched with saturated potassium fluoride solution (0.1 ml). Insoluble materials were filtered through a pad of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Silica gel chromatography of the residue (CHCl₃-MeOH = 10:1) afforded 2,5-dimethyl-1,4,7-heptanetriol (10b, 65 mg, 56%), which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

To a solution of the above triol **10b** (65 mg, 0.37 mmol), DMAP (9.0 mg, 0.074 mmol), and pyridine (75 μ l, 0.93 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 ml) was added TBDPSCl (0.20 ml, 0.75 mmol) at 0°C. After being stirred overnight at room temperature, the mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography of the residue (hexane-AcOEt = 9:1) afforded 1,7-bis(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2,5-dimethyl-4-heptanol (**11b**, 127 mg, 53%) as a colorless oil. MS m/z 653 (M+), 595. $[\alpha]_D^{17}$ +3.8° (c 6.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.76–7.66 (m, 10H), 7.48–7.29 (m, 10H), 3.78-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.58-3.48 (m, 3H), 1.97-1.62 (m, 6H), 1.55-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.89 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H), IR (oil): 2958, 2931, 2858, 1471, 1427, 1113, 823, 739, 702, 613, 505. Found: C, 75.15; H, 8.54%. Calcd for C4₁H₅₆O₃Si₂: C, 75.41; H, 8.64%.

A small amount (5 mg) of 11b, 2 equivs. of (R)- or (S)-methoxy-(2-naphthyl)acetic acid, 3 equivs. of EDC-HCl, and 0.2 equivs. of DMAP were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and allowed to stand overnight at room temperature. The mixture was directly loaded on preparative TLC and developed with hexane-AcOEt = 9:1. A zone containing the desired ester 12b was collected and eluted with AcOEt. After concentration under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in CDCl₃. The (R)-2NMA ester: ¹H NMR(270 MHz): δ 7.87-7.27 (m, 27H), 5.01-4.97 (m, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.54-3.35 (m, 7H), 1.20-1.85 (m, 4H), 1.15-0.97 (m, 20H), 0.88 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.45 (d, J= 6.9 Hz, 3H). The (S)-2NMA ester: ¹H NMR(270 MHz): δ 7.87-7.29 (m, 27H), 5.00-4.94 (m, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 3.70-3.49 (m, 2H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.13 (d, J= 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.05-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.31-1.00 (m, 12H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.78 (d, J= 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.62 (d, J= 6.6 Hz, 3H). The relevant ¹H NMR spectroscopic data of 2NMA esters 12b were collected according to the Kusumi's procedure^{21b} and described in Table 5. All the signals were reasonably assigned by analyzing the ¹H-¹H COSY spectra. From the sign of $\Delta\delta$ (δ_R - δ_S) (ppm) values, it was concluded that the absolute configuration of the C4-carbon in 12b was R.

Table 5. ¹H NMR data (chemical shifts and $\Delta\delta$ values) of 12b

	δR (ppm)	δS (ppm)	$\Delta\delta (\delta R - \delta S)$
a	3.48	3.13	+0.35
b	1.65	1.13	+0.52
c	0.85	0.62	+0.23
d	1.80	1.63	+0.17
	1.12	1.02	+0.10
e	4.99	4.98	+0.01
f	1.67	1.90	-0.23
g	0.42	0.78	-0.36
h	1.54	1.68	-0.14
	1.00	1.25	-0.25
i	3.48	3.65	-0.17

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Determination of Absolute Configuration of Michael adduct 3c

To a solution of (+)-3c (96 mg, 0.43 mmol) in *i*-PrOH (2 ml) was added titanium tetraisopropoxide (0.26 ml, 0.86 mmol) at room temperature. After being refluxed for 7 h, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with 2N HCl (5 ml). After vigorous stirring for 1h, the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The extract was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed on silica gel (hexane-AcOEt = 7:3) to afford 13 (75 mg, 89% yield) as a colorless oil. $\{\alpha\}_D^{25}$ +32.6° (c 0.88, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.46 (dd, J= 1.6 and 5.9 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J= 2.0 and 5.9 Hz, 1H), 5.18-5.11 (m, 1H), 5.01 (hept, J= 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dt, J= 7.6 and 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dt, J= 6.3 and 16.8 Hz, 1H), 2.21 (dddd, J= 4.3, 6.3, 7.6 and 14.2 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (ddt, J= 6.3, 7.6 and 14.2 Hz, 1H), 1.24 (d, J= 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J= 6.3 Hz, 3H); IR (oil): 2981, 2937, 1755, 1728, 1375, 1165, 1109, 823. Found: C, 60.36; H, 7.11%. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₄O₄: C, 60.59; H, 7.12%.

n-Butyllithium (0.9 ml, 1.63 mol dm⁻³ in hexane) was added to a solution of diisobutylaluminium hydride (1.6 ml, 0.95 mol dm⁻³ in hexane) in toluene (2.6 ml) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 30 min, ester 13 (50 mg, 0.25 mmol) in toluene (1 ml) was added dropwise and allowed to gradually warm to room temperature. The mixture was quenched with MeOH (1 ml) and saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartrate (5 ml) was added. After vigorously stirred for 1 h, the organic layer was removed. The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃-EtOH (3:1) and the combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography of the residue (CHCl₃-MeOH = 10:1) afforded 14 (23 mg, 62%), which was used for the next reaction without further purification.

To a solution of the above triol **14** (23 mg, 0.16 mmol), DMAP (9.0 mg, 0.074 mmol), and triethylamine (100 µl, 0.79 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) was added TBDPSCl (90 µl, 0.35 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred overnight at the temperature, the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and washed with water. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography of the residue (hexane-AcOEt = 19:1~9:1) afforded 1,7-bis(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-2-hepten-4-ol (**15**, 48 mg, 49%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -9.6° (*c* 0.55, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.74–7.62 (m, 10H), 7.46–7.31 (m, 10H), 5.67 (ddd, J= 5.6, 6.6 and 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (ddd, J= 1.6, 8.2 and 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (ddd, J= 1.6, 6.6 and 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21-4.12 (m, 1H), 4.20 (ddd, J= 1.6, 5.6 and 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t, J= 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.58-1.43 (m, 4H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H). IR (oil): 2957, 2932, 2858, 1472, 1427, 1113, 823, 740, 702, 613. Found: C, 75.08; H, 8.09%. Calcd for C₃₉H₅₀O₃Si₂: C, 75.19; H, 8.09%.

A small amount (5 mg) of **15**, 4 equivs. of (*R*)- or (*S*)-methoxy-(2-naphthyl)acetic acid, 6 equivs. of EDC-HCl, and 0.4 equivs. of DMAP were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and allowed to stand overnight at room temperature. The mixture was directly loaded on preparative TLC and developed with hexane-AcOEt = 8:2. A zone containing the desired ester **16** was collected and eluted with AcOEt. After concentration under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in CDCl₃. The (*R*)-2NMA ester: ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.90-7.26 (m, 27H), 5.74 (dt, J= 5.6 and 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.42-5.28 (m, 2H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.34 (d, J= 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.45-3.32 (m, 2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 1.65-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.15 (m, 2H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.95 (s, 9H). The (*S*)-2NMA ester: ¹H NMR (270 MHz): δ 7.90-7.26 (m, 27H), 5.61 (dt, J= 5.9 and 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.41-5.30 (m, 1H), 5.18 (ddt, J= 1.6, 9.2 and 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J= 1.6 and 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.55 (t, J= 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 1.65-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H). The relevant ¹H NMR spectroscopic data of 2NMA esters **16** were collected according to the Kusumi's procedure^{21b} and described in Table 6. All the signals were reasonably assigned by analyzing the ¹H-¹H COSY spectra. From the sign of $\Delta\delta$ (δ_R - δ_S) (ppm) values, it was concluded that the absolute configuration of the C4-carbon in **16** was S.

δR (ppm)	δS (ppm)	$\Delta\delta (\delta R - \delta S)$
4.34	4.26	+0.26
5.74	5.61	+0.13
5.32	5.18	+0.14
5.35	5.35	0.00
1.37	1.57	-0.20
1.00	1.32	-0.32
3.37	3.55	-0.18
	4.34 5.74 5.32 5.35 1.37 1.00	4.34 4.26 5.74 5.61 5.32 5.18 5.35 5.35 1.37 1.57 1.00 1.32

Table 6. ¹H NMR data (chemical shifts and $\Delta\delta$ values) of **16**

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