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Synthesis and Conformational Analysis of Bicyclic Extended Dipeptide Surrogates

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Abstract

Regio- and diastereoselective reactions of a homoproline enolate enable the synthesis of novel extended dipeptide surrogates. Bicyclic carbamate **9** and fused β -lactam scaffold **11** were prepared from L-pyroglutamic acid via substrate-controlled electrophilic azidation. Synthesis of orthogonally-protected hexahydropyrrolizine, hexahydropyrrolizinone, and hexahydropyrroloazepinone dipeptide surrogates relied on allylation of proline derivative **5**, followed by Curtius rearrangement to introduce the N-terminal carbamate group. A total of six azabicycloalkane derivatives were evaluated for conformational mimicry of extended dipeptides by a combination of x-ray diffraction and molecular modeling. Analysis of putative backbone dihedral angles and N- to C-terminal dipeptide distances indicate that compounds ($\alpha'S$)-**14b** and **21** approximate the conformation of dipeptides found in β -sheets, while tripeptide mimic **28** is also highly extended in the solid state. Structural data suggest that ring size and relative stereochemistry have a profound effect on the ability of these scaffolds to act as β -strand mimetics and should inform the design of related conformational probes.

Keywords

Beta-strands; peptidomimetics; proline; extended peptides; dipeptide surrogates; azabicycloalkanes; constrained amino acids

Introduction

The β -strand consists of a highly extended or "sawtooth" amino acid arrangement and is the simplest peptide secondary structure motif. β -strands lack intramolecular hydrogen bonds between backbone residues and typically interact with complimentary peptide chains to form β -sheets. These super-secondary structures are key recognition elements in protein-protein and protein-DNA interactions relevant to cell proliferation, infectious diseases and neurological disorders.¹ The biological relevance of such interactions has prompted the design and synthesis of various peptidomimetic β -strand inducers. Nucleation of β -strand conformations in model systems has generally relied on β -hairpin templates that facilitate intramolecular backbone contacts between peptide appendages and extended peptide surrogates that replace short sections of the peptide backbone.²

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While conformationally extended peptidomimetics have often been employed to study the dynamics of β -sheet formation,³ a number of important enzymatic and protein surface binding events involve interactions with the side-chain pharmacophores of isolated β -strand substrates.^{2,4} For example, farnesyl transferases and Akt (PKB), both of which are implicated in oncogenesis, are notable examples of proteins that recognize single β -strand peptides⁵ as well as constrained isosteres.⁶ Previously reported scaffolds often feature substituted aromatic motifs to impart backbone rigidity (Figure 1).^{2b,3g,6a,7} Artificial β -strands comprised entirely of non-peptidic subunits have also been developed as potential disruptors of protein-protein interactions.⁸

In efforts toward β -strand peptidomimetics targeting cell signaling pathways, our laboratory is pursuing the synthesis of constrained scaffolds to mimic the conformational and electronic properties of extended peptides. Although rigid dipeptide mimics have been extensively studied with respect to turn nucleation, extended dipeptide surrogates are less common.⁹ Peptidomimetics based on azabicycloalkane scaffolds, for example, have been widely employed as peptide turn inducers and their synthesis has been the subject of comprehensive reviews.¹⁰ Conceptually, these scaffolds arise from a 3-amino (Freidinger-type) lactam constraint,¹¹ followed by additional covalent tethering to afford structures of type A (Figure 2). We envisioned that a 4-, 5-, or 6-amino lactam constraint (transposition of the carbonyl group) could be introduced in conjunction with a second backbone tether to provide scaffolds of type B. The unique azabicycloalkane substitution pattern and highly constrained ψ , ϕ , and ω dihedral angles are designed to maintain a sawtooth peptide backbone arrangement.

Here, we report our efforts toward novel dipeptide surrogates based on structure B. The synthesis of these scaffolds relies on regio- and diastereoselective reactions of a homoproline enolate and subsequent elaboration into bicyclic core structures. The current work highlights the synthetic versatility of key chimeric proline intermediates and explores the ability of our scaffolds to mimic the conformation of extended dipeptides. Although structures such as B are devoid of amino acid side chain functionality, the established role of the extended peptide conformation in molecular recognition suggests that these surrogates could serve as useful β -strand inducers and conformational probes.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis

We recently reported the diastereoselective electrophilic azidation of a homoproline en route to analogs of the *Pseudomonas* siderophore pyochelin (Scheme 1).¹² In our studies, it became apparent that the ability to react enolates of **2** with alkylating reagents could lead to synthetically useful and diversely substituted proline derivatives. Although similar alkylations of urethane-protected homoprolines have been reported to proceed uneventfully, ¹³ we found that the enolates formed from **2** failed to give satisfactory yields of α' -substituted products. In most cases, we recovered unreacted starting material along with ring-opened enoates resulting from reverse-Michael addition. In contrast, when the urethane protecting group was replaced with a methyl substituent (**3**), azidation in the presence of LiHMDS and 2,4,6-triisopropylbenezensulfonyl azide afforded **4** in 75% isolated yield. Analysis of the crude product mixture by ¹H NMR revealed the presence of only one diastereomer, later identified as the *anti* isomer by x-ray diffraction of an advanced intermediate. The stereochemical outcome can be rationalized by minimization of 1,3-allylic strain and reaction with the electrophile on the less hindered face of the enolate.¹⁴

While derivative **4** served as a useful precursor to the carbapyochelins (which also harbor an N-Me group), failed attempts at demethylation¹⁵ severely limited the synthetic utility of the

azidation product. We then evaluated the *N*-benzyl group as a more convenient protecting group alternative. As shown in Scheme 2, acidolysis of the Boc group of **2a** was followed by benzylation to give derivative **5** in 67% yield. Electrophilic azidation of **5** under the same conditions used for 3^{12} resulted in low conversion, indicating that the benzyl group has a deleterious effect on the reaction. After some optimizitation it was found that the addition of HMPA in the presence of 2.2 equivalents of KHMDS and 2.2 equivalents of 2,4,6-triisopropylbenezensulfonyl azide gave 84% yield of the desired product (**6a**) after acetic acid quenching. We later confirmed that HMPA was essential to ensure good conversions in the reactions of **5** with other electrophiles. Similar conditions in the presence of methylbromoacetate afforded 45% isolated yield of **6b**, while the use of allyl bromide resulted in 95% yield of **6c**. As with proline **3**, only one diastereomer was observed in reactions with the enolate derived from **5**. Single-crystal x-ray diffraction carried out on **6a** confirmed the expected stereochemistry at the newly formed α' chiral center.

Intermediate **6a** was elaborated into novel bicyclic scaffolds as depicted in Scheme 2. Azide reduction and Boc protection gave rise to the orthogonally protected bis-amino acid **7**. Ethyl ester reduction with lithium borohydride then afforded amino alcohol **8** in high yield. Finally, carbamate scaffold **9** was obtained after hydrogenolysis and treatment of the crude amine with 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole. A 1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-7-one scaffold (**11**) was also efficiently prepared from intermediate **7** by way of protecting group removal and treatment with Mukaiyama's condensation reagent. Although β -lactam **11** shares its core structure with the carbapencillins and is reminiscent of β -turn-inducing azabicycloalkanes, its evaluation in the context of dipeptide mimicry has not been previously investigated. Unfortunately, while **11** was stable to flash chromatography over silica gel, we found that an unsoluble gel formed during attempted acidolysis of the *N*-Boc group (TFA/DCM), and even upon prolonged exposure to CHCl₃.

We next turned our attention to the synthesis of larger bicyclic lactams starting from **6b** and **6c** (Scheme 3). Although we previously observed modest conversion of **5** into triester **6b**, the introduction of a methoxycarbonylmethyl group allowed rapid access to a hexahydropyrrolizinone scaffold. Hydrogenolysis of the *N*-benzyl group, followed by heating in toluene, resulted in selective lactamization to afford **12** in 89% yield. Somewhat surprisingly, we found that treatment of diester **12** with 1M aq. LiOH in MeOH resulted in isolation of the diacid as the major product. The unusual lability of the *tert*-butyl ester required the use of 1.5 equivalents of LiOH and close monitoring to effect selective saponification.¹⁶ Although near-quantitave yield of **13** was obtained, the ¹H and ¹³C NMR specta revealed significant epimerization despite the mild hydrolysis conditions. The inseparable acids were then subjected to Curtius rearrangement in the presence of various alcohols to give carbamates **14a–c** as diastereomeric mixtures.

In order to prepare a homologous hexahydropyrroloazepinone core, allyl derivative **6c** was subjected to cross-metathesis with benzyl acrylate to give **15**. Removal of both benzyl groups and concomitant reduction of the alkene was followed by lactamization in the presence of HBTU (*O*-benzotriazole-*N*,*N*,*N'*,*N'*-tetramethyl-uronium-hexafluoro-phosphate) to give **16**. As with **12**, alkaline hydrolysis of the ethyl ester resulted in two diastereomeric lactam products. However, in this case the *tert*-butyl ester group remained intact in the presence of 1M aq. NaOH. The mixture of diastereomers were then subjected to Curtius rearrangement to give compounds **17**, which were separable by careful column chromatography over silica gel. 1D nOe studies revealed a correlation between the carbamate N-H proton and H_{δ} in only one of the two diastereomers of **17**. These results confirmed that epimerization occurs at the α' rather than α center, and allowed stereochemical assignment of each product.

To circumvent the configurational lability of **12** and **16**, we opted to change the order of operations in our synthetic strategy. As shown in Scheme 4, the ethyl ester of **6c** was efficiently hydrolyzed without epimerization in the presence of 2M aq. NaOH and catalytic tetrabutylammonium hydroxide at 50° C.¹⁷ Curtius rearrangement in the presence of 2,2,2-trichloroethanol then afforded orthogonally-protected diamino acid **19** in good yield. Hexahydropyrrolizinone **21** was formed via oxidative olefin cleavage, followed by aldehyde oxidation, hydrogenolysis, and lactamization in the presence of HBTU. To access the hexahydropyrroloazepinone variant (**23**), intermediate **19** was subjected to cross metathesis prior to hydrogenation and condensation. We found the hydrogenation steps particularly challenging due to the lability of the chlorine atoms of the trichloroethoxycarbonyl (Troc) protecting groups. The use of Pearlman's catalyst was required for efficient removal of the *N*-benzyl group, but the des-chloro ethyl carbamate analogs of **21** and **23** were also isolated as side products. Optimized hydrogenation conditions and careful monitoring of reaction progress did, however, provide **21** and **23** as single diastereomers suitable for incorporation into peptide host sequences.

The synthesis of a [5,7]-fused carbamate from *N*-trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl derivative **24** was also investigated (Scheme 5). In this case, dihydroxylation and cleavage of olefin **24** was followed by aldehyde reduction and debenzylation. Treatment of the resulting amine with 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (CDI) resulted in the formation of hexahydropyrrolizine **26** instead of the desired 7-membered cyclic carbamate, likely through 5-*exo*-tet displacement. ¹⁸ Attempts to carry out the same transformation with triphosgene and nitrophenylchloroformate also failed to provide carbamate **27**.

We next carried out the coupling of our scaffolds in order to demonstrate their suitability for incorporation into peptides (Scheme 6). Various attempts to selectively remove the *N*-Boc group in **9** under mildly acidic conditions resulted in concomitant *tert*-butyl ester cleavage. The previously observed sensitivity of the *tert*-butyl ester in compound **12** toward hydrolysis prompted us to investigate aqueous base as a selective deprotection alternative. We found that 2M aq. NaOH at room temperature was effective for providing the carboxylic acid in high yield. Coupling to phenylalanine methyl ester proceeded uneventfully to give tripeptide mimic **28** in diastereomerically pure form, indicating negligible epimerization during hydrolysis and C-terminal condensation. In the case of lactams **21** and **23**, *tert*-butyl ester to give **29** and **30**, which were also diastereomerically pure by RP-HPLC and NMR.

Finally, we sought to demonstrate the ability to introduce lactam constraints following incorporation into a short peptide (Scheme 7). We utilized the configurationally stable *N*-benzyl derivative **19** as a starting material for dipetide formation. Cross-metathesis, hydrogenation, and lactamization, as described above, afforded tripeptide mimic **30** in an slightly higher overall yield relative to the route in Scheme 6. Analysis by RP-HPLC and NMR revealed a single diastereomer. Compound **31** was also transformed into lactam **29** in reasonable yield and high diastereomeric purity. This strategy represents a potentially useful alternative in cases where peptide coupling to pre-formed bicyclic scaffolds may present a challenge.

Configurational and Conformational Analysis

The ability of the above described azabicycloalkanes to act as structurally defined dipeptide surrogates was evaluated by a combination of x-ray crystallography and molecular modeling. With respect to β -strand mimicry, we have targeted scaffolds that severely restrict the ψ and ϕ dihedral angles of sequential amino acid residues (in addition to the ω torsion defined by the central *trans* amide bond). In β -sheet peptides, ψ and ϕ torsions are generally of similar magnitude (in the range of 113° to 139°), but of opposite sign.^{9,19} This alternation

is critical for maintaining an extended conformation over longer sections of a peptide. Due to the transposition of the carbonyl group in our scaffolds, we have labeled the dihedral angles in relation to the backbone torsions they are meant to replace, as shown in Figure 3.

The x-ray structure of ($\alpha'S$)-14b, the major isomer of which crystallized out of EtOAc/ hexanes, is shown in Figure 4A. In the solid state, ($\alpha'S$)-14b exhibits an "up-down" relationship between the N-H and C-terminal carbonyl group reminiscent of a sawtooth extended dipeptide. Moreover, the distance between the terminal nitrogen and carbonyl carbon is 5.7Å, as compared to ~5.9Å typically found across the dipeptide of a β -strand. Examination of the putative ψ_1 and ϕ_2 dihedral angles in ($\alpha'S$)-14b reveals values of -112.8° and +102.4°, respectively. These values correspond well to the torsions found in a typical parallel β -sheet peptide.²⁰ In addition, the ω surrogate dihedral angle is +156.8°, which deviates only slightly from the ideal 180° despite the tetrahedral geometry at C5. Bicyclic lactam **21**, which differs only in *N*-terminal protection, is expected to exhibit the same conformational characteristics as ($\alpha'S$)-14b. Since **21** is readily accessible in diastereomerically pure form, it should serve as a useful building block for the introduction of a β -strand dipeptide mimic into host structures.

Hexahydropyrroloazepinone **23** yielded diffraction quality crystals by slow evaporation from diethyl ether/hexanes (Figure 4B). While the putative φ_2 angle in compound **23** is close to that found in hexahydropyrrolizinone ($\alpha'S$)-**14b**, the ψ_1 torsion deviates significantly as the result of the axial disposition of the Troc-carbamate substituent. Moreover, the putative ω angle is more acute relative to that in the hexahydropyrrolizinone scaffold. Taken together, these constraints result in an N- to C-terminal distance much shorter (4.8 Å) than that expected for an extended dipeptide.

Although we did not obtain diffraction quality crystals of carbamate scaffold **9**, we did obtain an x-ray structure of phenylalanyl derivative **28** (Figure 4C). Interestingly, this compound features two intermolecular H-bonds at either end of the bicyclic scaffold and exists as a head-to-tail dimer in the solid state. Since the rigid core is intended to replace a sawtooth dipeptide, the observed conformation for the N-H and carbonyl groups deviates from the expected alternating pattern (both the hydrogen bond donor and acceptor are oriented in the same direction, linking the two molecules in a macrocyclic motif). In addition to crystal packing forces, this conformation is assumed to be largely dependent on the stereochemical relationship between the chiral centers of the bicyclic scaffold. As opposed to compounds ($\alpha'S$)-**14b** and **23**, the terminal acyloxyamine in **28** resides on the *exo* face of the ring system. This difference is clearly manifested in the ψ_1 dihedral angle of +171.4°,²¹ which is not only higher magnitude, but of the same sign as the ϕ_1 torsion. As with ($\alpha'S$)-**14b**, the distance between the terminal nitrogen and the scaffold carbonyl carbon in **28** was near that observed in an ideal extended dipeptide (5.9 Å for each molecule in the dimer).

Azabicycloalkanes **11**, ($\alpha'R$)-**17**, and **26** represent additional scaffolds that were synthetically accessible, but not initially targeted as β -strand mimics. Still, we sought to evaluate their conformational properties by molecular modeling after attempts to obtain diffraction quality crystals were unsuccessful. We performed a conformational search using Macromodel with the MM3^{*} force field.²² In each case the 50 lowest energy conformers exhibited only slight differences in the constrained dihedral angles. Calculated torsions and distances from molecular mechanics (given for the lowest energy conformer) are shown in Table 1.

As expected, azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptan-7-one scaffold **11** exhibits ψ_1 and ϕ_2 angles that are of the same sign (as in the case of **28**), owing to the *exo* carbamate substituent. The low energy conformer of compound ($\alpha'R$)-**17** features a similar relationship, in addition to a putative ω

torsion that deviates significantly from planarity. Energy minimization of hexahydropyrrolizine **26**, which lacks a carbonyl group, resulted in an opening of the ψ_1 torsion relative to the bicyclic lactam. However, the calculated ω dihedral angle closes as the result of a change in nitrogen bond order. Although scaffold **26** is not isoelectronic with a native peptide backbone, its structure and conformation suggest potential utility as an extended dipeptide scaffold. We further note that compound **26** was also synthesized in a more direct manner from **24** by oxidation followed by hydrogenolysis (75% overall yield). ²³

Finally, the x-ray structures in Figure 4 serve to establish the relative configuration of each bicyclic scaffold. The *anti* relationship resulting from functionalization of **5** is thus confirmed, supporting the proposed $A^{1,3}$ -minimized stereochemical model for the *N*-benzyl series. The structure of **23** also provides confirmation of the proposed stereochemistry of **21** and **26**, both of which are derived from allylated intermediate **6c**.

Conclusion

We have prepared a series of novel azabicycloalkanes as potential extended dipeptide surrogates via regio- and stereoselective reactions of a chimeric homoproline enolate. Orthogonally-protected bicyclic scaffolds are obtained in reasonable overall yields and high diastereomeric purities. Conformational analysis by x-ray diffraction and molecular modeling indicate that relative stereochemistry and ring size have a profound effect on key dihedral angles. Hexahydropyrrolizinones (α 'S)-14b and 21 share a number of conformational characteristics with extended dipeptides found in parallel β -sheets. Scaffold 9 may also serve as a useful extended dipeptide surrogate based on x-ray structure data obtained for tripeptide mimic 28. The synthetic routes described here highlight the versatility of proline derivative 5 and should allow access to additional probes of local peptide conformation. We are currently pursuing the synthesis of functionalized derivatives to mimic a wider array of extended dipeptides. Studies on the incorporation of selected scaffolds into β -strand peptides involved in oncogenic signaling are also underway in our laboratory.

Experimental Section

General

Unless stated otherwise, reactions were performed in flame-dried glassware under a positive pressure of argon or nitrogen gas using dry solvents. Commercial grade reagents and solvents were used without further purification except where noted. Diethyl ether, toluene, dimethylformamide dichloromethane, and tetrahydrofuran were purified by solvent purification system. Other anhydrous solvents were purchased directly from chemical suppliers. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using silica gel 60 F254 precoated plates (0.25 mm). Flash chromatography was performed using silica gel (60 μ m particle size). The purity of all compounds was judged by TLC analysis (single spot/two solvent systems) using a UV lamp, CAM (ceric ammonium molybdate), ninhydrin, or basic KMnO₄ stain(s) for detection purposes. NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz spectrometer. ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are reported as δ using residual solvent as an internal standard. Analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed C₁₈ reverse phase analytical column. HPLC elution was carried out with a 20 min linear gradient of MeCN in water (each containing 0.1% formic acid buffer).

(2S,5S)-tert-butyl 1-benzyl-5-(2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (5)

A solution of **2a** (9.50 g, 26.6 mmol) in 10% TFA/DCM was stirred at rt for 5 h. The reaction solution was diluted with EtOAc and evaporated under reduced pressure (dilution

and evaporation was repeated two times). The resulting sticky foam was dissolved in 150 mL of acetone and treated with benzyl bromide (7.90 mL, 66.5 mmol) and K₂CO₃ (36.7 g, 266 µmol) and stirred for 1 d. The resulting white suspension was filtered through a celite pad and rinsed with excess acetone. The filtrate was evaporated to afford a white slurry, which was then dissolved in water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (3% to 20% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **5** as a colorless oil (6.15 g, 67% over 2 steps, 72% based on recovered starting material). $[a]^{25}_{D}$ -74.5 (*c* 3.6, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38–7.16 (m, 5H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.1, 2H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 13.6, 1H), 3.80 (d, *J* = 13.6, 1H), 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.3, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 3.9, 1H), 2.26 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 13.4, 8.8, 2H), 2.06 (ddd, *J* = 18.4, 12.9, 9.7, 1H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 172.5, 139.8, 128.8, 128.4, 127.1, 80.7, 63.9, 60.4, 58.9, 52.9, 40.3, 29.7, 28.4, 27.9, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₀H₂₉NO₄ 348.21693, found 348.21646.

(2S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 5-((S)-1-azido-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-1-benzylpyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (6a)

A solution of 5 (1.00 g, 2.88 mmol) in 20 mL of THF under argon at -78° C was treated with KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 12.7 mL, 6.34 mmol) and stirred for 45 min. HMPA (1.10 mL, 6.34 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred another 15 min at the same temperature. A solution of 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzenesulfonyl azide (1.78 mL, 5.76 mmol) in 2.0 mL of THF was cannulated into the reaction mixture. After 2–3 min the reaction was quenched with glacial acetic acid (830µL, 14.4 mmol) and stirred for 16 h with gradual warming to rt. The reaction solution was evaporated, taken up in 10% aq. NaHCO₃, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% EtOAc/ hexanes as eluent) afforded **6a** as a white solid (930 mg, 84%). mp 82–84°; $[\alpha]^{25}$ –80.0 (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35–7.21 (m, 5H), 4.20 (qd, *J* = 7.2, 2.7, 2H), 4.08 (d, J = 2.6, 1H), 4.03 (d, J=13.3, 1H), 3.94 (d, J = 13.3, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 7.1, 1H), 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 173.6, 169.1, 138.9, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 81.0, 64.7, 64.6, 64.5, 61.9, 53.6, 28.9, 28.3, 25.5, 14.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₀H₂₈N₄O₄, 389.21833, found 389.22139, [M+Na⁺] calcd 411.20028, found 411.20342.

(S)-1-ethyl 4-methyl 2-((2S,5S)-1-benzyl-5-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)succinate (6b)

A solution of 5 (1.00 g, 2.88 mmol) in 12 mL of THF under argon at -78° C was treated dropwise with KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 7.49 mL, 3.75 mmol) and stirred for 30 min. HMPA (1.10 mL, 6.34 mmol) was added and stirred another 10 min at the same temperature. Methyl bromoacetate (580 μ L, 6.34 mmol) was then added dropwise into the mixture and the reaction stirred for 40 min. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH_4Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 6b as a colorless oil (540 mg, 45%, 79% borsm). [α]²⁵_D -39.9 (c 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33–7.18 (m, 5H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 13.3, 1H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 3.24 (dt, *J* = 10.4, 3.8, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 3.6, 1H), 2.67 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 10.4, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 173.9, 173.8, 173.6, 139.2, 128.9, 128.5, 127.3, 80.9, 63.8, 62.0, 60.9, 52.8, 51.9, 43.7, 29.6, 28.6, 28.4, 25.2, 14.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH] + calcd for C₂₃H₃₃NO₆ 420.23806, found 420.23877, [M+Na⁺] calcd 442.22001, found 442.2197.

(2S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 1-benzyl-5-((S)-1-ethoxy-1-oxopent-4-en-2-yl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (6c)

Triester **6c** was prepared from **5** following the same procedure described for **6b**, with methyl bromoacetate in place of allyl bromide. Purification of the crude rmaterial by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **6c** as a colorless oil (3.20 g, 95%). [α]²⁵_D -55.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.74 (ddt, *J* = 17.0, 10.1, 6.8, 1H), 5.04 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 3.2, 1.5, 2H), 4.96 (m, 1H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.96 (d, *J* = 13.7, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 13.6, 1H), 3.64 (dt, *J* = 9.3, 3.7, 1H), 3.49 (d, *J* = 7.0, 1H), 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.93 (m, 3H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 8.6, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 173.8, 139.8, 137.0, 128.8, 128.5, 127.1, 116.1, 80.8, 64.1, 63.2, 60.5, 53.1, 48.4, 29.5, 28.8, 28.4, 25.5, 14.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₃H₃₃NO₄ 388.24901, found 388.24665.

(2S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 1-benzyl-5-((S)-1-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl) pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (7)

A solution of **6a** (810 mg, 2.10 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.21 g, 4.62 mmol) in 12 mL THF was refluxed for 2 h and 500 µL of water was added. After refluxing another 24 h triethylamine (880 µL, 6.30 mmol) was added followed by di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (590 mg, 2.73 mmol) and the reaction was stirred for an additional 24 h at rt. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **7** as a thick colorless oil (920 mg, 94%). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –26.9 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.16 (m, 1H), 4.49 (m, 1H), 4.20 (q, *J* = 7.1, 2H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 12.6, 1H), 3.77 (d, *J* = 12.8, 2H), 3.40 (d, *J* = 7.0, 1H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.45 (m, 18H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6, 171.9, 156.1, 139.0, 129.2, 128.4, 127.3, 80.9, 79.9, 63.4, 62.5, 61.4, 54.7, 52.3, 28.6, 28.3, 28.1, 25.0, 14.4, 1.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₅H₃₈N₂O₆ 463.28026, found 463.28064, [M+Na⁺] calcd 485.26221, found 485.26586.

(2 S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 1-benzyl-5-((S)-1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-2hydroxyethyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (8)

A solution of **7** (870 mg, 1.88 mmol) in Et₂O under argon atmosphere at rt was treated with LiBH₄ (2M in THF, 1.60 mL, 3.20 mmol) and stirred for 6.5 h. The reaction was quenched with 1M aq. NaOH (4 mL) and stirred for 10 min. After dilution with water, the mixture was stirred vigorously for 30 m. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **8** as a white solid (730 mg, 92%). mp 113–115°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –47.3. (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.43 (bs, 1H), 5.01 (bs, 1H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 13.2, 1H), 3.78 (m, 2H), 3.60 (m, 3H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 7.4, 1H), 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.76 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 9.9, 1H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 158.4, 138.8, 129.1, 128.6, 127.5, 81.2, 80.3, 65.8, 63.4, 62.7, 54.6, 52.8, 28.6, 28.4, 28.2, 24.8; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₃H₃₆N₂O₅ 421.26970, found 421.27058, [M+Na⁺] calcd 443.25164, found 443.25554.

(4S,4aS,7S)-*tert*-butyl 4-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-1-oxohexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-c] [1,3]oxazine-7-carboxylate (9)

A solution of **8** (715 mg, 1.70 mmol) in 7 mL of MeOH was treated with 250 mg of 20% $Pd(OH)_2/C$ and stirred under H_2 (balloon) at rt for 2.5 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a thick colorless oil (562 mg, quantitative yield).

The above amino alcohol (360 mg, 1.09 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of THF and treated with triethylamine (230 µL, 1.64 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (130 mg, 1.09 mmol), and 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (880 mg, 5.45 mmol) respectively. After stirring 3.5 h at rt the reaction was evaporated, taken up in EtOAc, and washed with 1M aq. HCl. The aqueous layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The crude residue was adsorbed onto silica gel and purified by flash chromatography over silica (60% to 80% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to afford **9** as a white solid (357 mg, 92%). mp 208–210°(dec); $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ –43.1 (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.76 (d, *J* = 8.8, 1H), 4.37 (t, *J* = 8.3, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.6, 1H), 3.98 (t, *J* = 10.7, 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.52 (td, *J* = 9.4, 5.0, 1H), 2.36 (m, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.6, 155.1, 151.7, 82.2, 80.8, 68.5, 61.6, 60.8, 48.2, 31.5, 28.5, 28.2, 28.0; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₂O₆ 357.20201, found 357.20442, [M +Na⁺] calcd 379.18396, found 379.18658.

(S)-2-((2S,5S)-5-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)-2-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)acetic acid (10)

A solution of **7** (280 mg, 605 µmol) in 6 mL of THF:H₂O (1:1) at rt was treated with LiOH (78.8 mg, 1.88 mmol) and stirred for 7 h. The reaction solution was evaporated under reduced pressure. The aqueous layer was washed with Et₂O, acidified with 1M aq. HCl, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to afford a white solid (250 mg, 96%). [α]²⁵_D –15.5 (*c* 0.9, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (m, 5H), 5.45 (bs, 1H), 4.45 (bs, 1H), 4.13 (m, 1H), 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.45 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.3, 172.1, 157.0, 137.1, 129.4, 128.7, 127.9, 81.8, 80.6, 63.9, 63.5, 54.9, 52.8, 28.6, 28.3, 28.2, 25.2.

The above acid (200 mg, 460 µmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of MeOH and treated with 69 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred under H₂ (balloon) for 1.25 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to afford **10** as a white solid (160 mg, quantitative yield). mp 163–165° (dec); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (m, 2H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 6.4, 1H), 4.23 (m, 1H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 7.2, 1H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 6.7, 1H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 168.6, 157.0, 84.0, 80.0, 62.7, 59.5, 54.6, 28.6, 28.5, 28.1, 26.9; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₂O₆ 345.20201, found 345.20310, [M+Na⁺] calcd 367.18396, found 367.18288.

(2S,5S,6S)-*tert*-butyl 6-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-7-oxo-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylate (11)

A solution of Mukaiyama's reagent (210 mg, 810 µmol) in 15 mL of acetonitrile was treated with triethylamine (240 µL, 1.70 mmol) and heated to 70°C. A solution of **10** (70.0 mg, 203 µmol) in 15 mL of acetonitrile was cannulated into the mixture and the reaction was allowed to cool to rt gradually and stirred for 2 days. The reaction solution was evaporated, taken up in EtOAc, and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **11** as a sticky colorless oil (57.0 mg, 86%). [α]²⁵_D –58.1 (*c* 0.4, DMSO); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) d 5.36 (d, *J* = 8.5, 1H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 5.8, 1H), 3.78 (t, *J* = 5.8, 1H), 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.24 (dt, *J* = 11.4, 6.4, 1H), 2.13 (dt, *J* = 14.1, 7.4, 1H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, *J* = 2.3, 18H). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 7.81 (d, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 5.7, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 174.7, 170.7, 155.3, 81.7, 79.3, 63.1, 63.0, 59.9, 34.8, 28.8,

28.5, 28.2; (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₆H₂₆N₂O₅ 327.19217, found 327.19028, [M +Na⁺] calcd 349.17339, found 349.17259.

(1S,5S,7aS)-5-tert-butyl 1-ethyl 3-oxohexahydro-1H-pyrrolizine-1,5-dicarboxylate (12)

A solution of **6b** (295 mg, 703 µmol) in 4 mL of MeOH was treated with 100 mg of 20% Pd/C and stirred for 3h under H₂ (balloon) atmosphere. The reaction solution was filtered through a celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to afford a yellowish oil, which was then dissolved in 5 mL of toluene and stirred at 90 °C for 20 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to furnish **12** as a pale yellow solid (186 mg, 89% over 2 steps). mp 64–66°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{ D}}$ –140.2 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.39 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 6.6, 1H), 4.29 (m, 1H), 4.17 (m, 2H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 2.4, 2H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.71 (s, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 171.8, 171.3, 82.1, 62.6, 61.4, 56.4, 39.7, 35.2, 31.4, 28.2, 27.7, 14.5; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₅H₂₃NO₅ 298.16490, found 298.16433, [M+Na⁺] calcd 320.14684, found 320.14613.

(5S,7aS)-5-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-3-oxohexahydro-1H-pyrrolizine-1-carboxylic acid (13)

A solution of **12** (218 mg, 734 µmol) in 5 mL of THF:H₂O (1:1) at rt was treated with LiOH (45.0 mg, 1.07 mmol) and stirred for 15 min. The reaction was diluted with 1M aq. HCl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated to afford **13** as a ~3:1 mixture of diastereomers (196 mg, 99%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.70 (bs, 1H), 4.36 (m, 2H), 3.48 (td, *J* = 8.0, 6.2, 1H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 1.5H), 2.27 (s, 0.5H), 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.7, 175.5, 174.8, 172.7, 171.1, 170.8, 82.5, 82.3, 63.9, 62.7, 56.4, 55.7, 45.8, 39.9, 37.8, 35.7, 32.3, 31.8, 31.6, 28.2, 27.8.; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₃H₁₉NO₅ 270.13360, found 270.13479, [M+Na]+ calcd 292.11554, found 292.11663.

(3S,7aS)-*tert*-butyl 7-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-5-oxohexahydro-1H-pyrrolizine-3carboxylate (14a)

A solution **13** (140 mg, 520 mmol) in toluene at 50 °C was treated with triethylamine (181 μ L, 1.30 mmol) followed by diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) (281 mL, 1.30 mmol), dropwise. The reaction was stirred from 50 °C to 110 °C over 1 h and at 110 °C for 4.5 h. Benzyl alcohol (107 μ L, 1.04 mmol) was added and the reaction was stirred at 110 °C for 20 h. The reaction solution was evaporated under reduced pressure and adsorbed onto silica gel. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **14a** as a ~3:1 mixture of diastereomers (118 mg, 60%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 5.11 (m, 2H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.1, 1.5H), 4.09 (m, 0.25H), 3.86 (dt, *J* = 13.1, 6.5, 0.25H), 3.13 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 8.6, 0.25H), 2.64 (dt, *J* = 8.8, 7.3, 0.25H), 2.39 (m, 1H), 2.24 (d, *J* = 17.1, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.89 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 170.8, 156.2, 136.4, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 82.2, 67.2, 66.0, 55.7, 49.4, 42.0, 32.5, 28.2, 24.6; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₀H₂₆N₂O₅ 375.19217, found 375.19207, [M+Na]+ calcd 397.17339, found 397.17330.

(3S,7aS)-*tert*-butyl 7-(*tert*-butoxycarbonylamino)-5-oxohexahydro-1H-pyrrolizine-3carboxylate (14b)

N-Boc derivative **14b** was prepared from **13** following the same procedure described for **14a**, with *t*-butanol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **14b** as a ~3:1 mixture of diastereomers (26%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.95 (dd, *J* = 21.2, 6.8, 1H), 4.29 (m,

3H), 4.00 (m, 0.25 H), 3.82 (m, 0.25), 3.12 (dd, J = 17.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.79 (m, 1H), 2.61 (m, 0.25H), 2.43 (m, 1.25H), 2.22 (d, J = 17.0, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.88 (bs, 1H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.43 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.8, 171.1, 170.9, 155.5, 82.1, 82.0, 80.2, 66.2, 56.0, 55.6, 48.7, 41.9, 32.4, 32.0, 30.9, 28.6, 28.5, 28.2, 24.7; (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₇H₂₈N₂O₅ 341.20710, found 341.20804, [M+Na]+ calcd 363.18904, found 363.18941.

(3S,7aS)-*tert*-butyl 5-oxo-7-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)hexahydro-1Hpyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (14c)

N-Teoc derivative **14c** was prepared from **13** following the same procedure described for **14a**, with 2-trimethylsilylethanol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **14c** as a ~3:1 mixture of diastereomers (57%); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.25 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.24 (m, 2H), 4.11 (m, 2H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 17.0, 7.2, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.21 (d, *J* = 17.0, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.93 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2, 172.2, 157.8, 83.4, 67.3, 65.0, 57.2, 56.9, 50.5, 43.3, 33.7, 33.2, 32.1, 29.5, 25.8, 19.2, 0.00. (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₈H₃₂N₂O₅Si 385.21533, found 385.21625, [M+Na]+ calcd 407.19727, found 407.19812.

(S)-1-benzyl 6-ethyl 5-((2S,5S)-1-benzyl-5-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)hex-2enedioate (15)

A solution of **6c** (100 mg, 258 µmol) in 1.70 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was treated with methyl acrylate (418 µL, 2.58 mmol) and Grubbs' 2nd generation catalyst (21.0 mg, 24.7 µmol) and stirred for 1d at 65° C. The reaction solution was evaporated under reduced pressure and adsorbed onto silica gel. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **15** as a 14:1 mixture of *E*:*Z* isomers (72.0 mg, 53%, 66% based on recovered starting material). Data given for the *E* isomer: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.17 (m, 10H), 6.89 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 7.1, 1H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 15.7, 1H), 5.16 (s, 1H), 4.11 (q, *J* = 7.1, 2H), 3.89 (q, *J* = 13.5, 2H), 3.70 (dt, *J* = 9.6, 3.5, 1H), 3.53 (d, *J* = 7.4, 1H), 2.63 (m, 2H), 2.50 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 10.5, 7.5, 1H), 2.05 (ddd, *J* = 21.2, 10.6, 6.4, 1H), 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.23 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.7, 173.7, 166.5, 148.5, 139.5, 136.3, 128.8, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.4, 127.3, 122.2, 80.9, 66.2, 64.5, 63.2, 60.8, 53.3, 47.2, 28.7, 28.4, 27.7, 25.3, 14.5; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₃₁H₃₉NO₆ 522.280501, found 522.28167, [M+Na]+ calcd 544.26696, found 544.26345.

(3S,9S,9aS)-3-*tert*-butyl 9-ethyl 5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-3,9-dicarboxylate (16)

A solution of **15** (165 mg, 317 µmol) in 3 mL of MeOH was treated with 80 mg of Pd(OH)₂/ C and the reaction was stirred under H₂ (balloon) for 1.25 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH/EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a thick oil, which was then dissolved in DMF and treated with triethylamine (86.0 µL, 620 µmol), HBTU (140 mg, 370 µmol), and hydroxybenzotriazole (HOBt) (8.50 mg, 62.9 µmol). The reaction was stirred for 24 h. The reaction solution was evaporated at 60°C under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1M aq. HCl and 10% aq. Na₂CO₃. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **16** as a colorless oil (75.0 mg, 73%, 2 steps). [α]²⁵_D –57.8 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.36 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 2.3, 1H), 4.23 (dt, *J* = 9.5, 1.9, 1H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 2.70 (bs, 1H), 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.24 (t, *J* = 7.1, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9,

172.6, 172.1, 81.3, 61.9, 60.9, 60.0, 47.3, 38.1, 32.7, 31.3, 28.2, 27.4, 19.9, 14.4; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ C₁₇H₂₇NO₅ 326.19690, found 326.19382.

(3S,9aS)-*tert*-butyl 9-(benzyloxycarbonylamino)-5-oxooctahydro-1H-pyrrolo[1,2a]azepine-3-carboxylate (17)

A solution of **16** (41.0 mg, 138 µmol) in 2 mL of THF:MeOH (2:1) was treated with 1 mL of 1M aq. NaOH and stirred at 40 °C for 4.5 h. The reaction was diluted with water and the solution mixture was washed with Et₂O. After acidification to pH < 3 with 1M aq. HCl, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the carboxylic acid as a ~2:1 mixture of diastereomers. (36.0 mg, 96%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.88 (bs, 1H), 4.41 (m, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 2.77 (s, 0.5H), 2.60 (m, 2H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.33 (m, 1.5H), 2.11 (m, 2H), 2.01–1.70 (m, 4H), 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.1, 177.1, 174.9, 174.7, 172.0, 171.3, 81.8, 81.6, 62.3, 61.3, 60.1, 59.6, 50.0, 46.8, 37.8, 36.9, 33.2, 32.7, 31.5, 30.5, 28.2, 27.6, 27.3, 21.7, 19.7.

The above distereomeric mixture of carboxylic acids was subjected to the same Curtius rearrangement conditions described for **14a**. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded (α 'S)-**17** (22% isolated yield, 2 steps) as a colorless oil and (α 'R)-**17** (38% isolated yield, 2 steps) a a white solid.

Data for ($\alpha'S$)-**17a**: [α]²⁵_D -60.9 (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (m, 5H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 10.0, 1H), 4.43 (d, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 4.16 (d, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.7, 1H), 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.02 (m, 3H), 1.85–1.54 (m, 4H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 171.5, 156.3, 136.4, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 81.7, 67.3, 62.1, 61.4, 52.4, 38.1, 35.5, 30.6, 28.2, 27.9, 18.2; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH] + calcd for C₂₂H₃₀N₂O₅ 403.22347, found 403.22247, [M+Na]+ calcd 435.20469, found 425.20439.

Data for ($\alpha'R$)-**17a**: mp 121–123°; [α]²⁵_D –57.9 (*c* 1.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (m, 5H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 1.9, 2H), 4.74 (d, *J* = 9.4, 1H), 4.39 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 3.82 (t, *J* = 8.6, 1H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.27 (m, 1H), 2.09 (m, 3H), 1.68 (m, 5H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 171.7, 156.2, 136.4, 129.7, 128.8, 128.5, 128.4, 81.5, 67.3, 63.7, 61.4, 52.6, 37.4, 37.0, 28.2, 27.8, 27.1, 22.1; (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₂H₃₀N₂O₅ 403.22347, found 403.22207, [M+Na]+ calcd 435.20469, found 425.20409.

(S)-2-((2S,5S)-1-benzyl-5-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)pent-4-enoic acid (18)

A solution of **6c** (1.00 g, 2.58 mmol) in 17 mL of MeOH was treated with 13 mL of 2M aq. NaOH and tetrabutylammonium hydroxide (134 μ L, 516 μ mol) as a phase transfer catalyst and stirred at 50° C for 24 h. The reaction solution was concentrated, acidified to pH = 3 with 1M aq. HCl, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford **18** as a white solid (870 mg, 94%); mp 76–78°; [α]²⁵D –104.2 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (m, 5H), 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.1, 6.8, 1H), 5.08 (m, 2H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 13.2, 1H), 3.97 (d, *J* = 13.2, 1H), 3.75 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 3.2, 1H), 3.52 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 2.65 (ddd, *J* = 8.8, 6.4, 2.7, 1H), 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.28 (m, 1H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.9, 172.4, 137.7, 136.0, 129.1, 128.9, 127.90, 117.3, 81.5, 64.2, 62.5, 53.9, 49.1, 33.2, 28.3, 28.2, 28.1; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₁H₂₉NO₄ 360.21766, found 360.21856.

(2S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 1-benzyl-5-((S)-1-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)but-3enyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (19)

N-Troc derivative **19** was prepared from **18** following the same procedure described for **14a**, with 2,2,2-tricloroethanol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **19** as a colorless oil (75%); $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –48.7 (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (m, 5H), 5.75 (ddt, *J* = 16.8, 10.2, 6.9, 1H), 5.08 (m, 3H), 4.72 (q, *J* = 12.1, 2H), 4.04 (d, *J* = 13.9, 1H), 3.91 (d, *J* = 13.9, 1H), 3.78 (tdd, *J* = 9.7, 4.5, 2.9, 1H), 3.56 (m, 2H), 2.56 (dt, *J* = 14.2, 5.3, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.95 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 8.3, 1H), 1.74 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 8.3, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9, 154.7, 139.7, 135.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.3, 117.6, 96.1, 80.9, 74.6, 65.1, 64.1, 54.7, 54.5, 35.8, 29.1, 28.4, 27.1; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₃H₃₁Cl₃N₂O₄ 505.14222, found 505.14626, [M+Na]+ calcd 527.12416, found 527.12359.

(S)-3-((2S,5S)-1-benzyl-5-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)-3-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)propanoic acid (20)

A solution of **19** (100 mg, 197 µmol) in 2.5 mL of THF:H₂O (3:1) was treated with 4methylmorpholine N-oxide (51.0 mg, 435 µmol) and osmium tetroxide (2.5 % solution in 2methyl-2-propanol, 220 µL, 20.0 µmol). After 2 h stirring at rt, the resulting diol intermediate was treated with sodium periodate (93.0 mg, 435 µmol) and the reaction was stirred for another 15 h. The reaction was quenched with 5 % aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded the aldehyde as a colorless thick oil (95.0 mg, 95%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.58 (t, *J* = 2.5, 1H), 7.28 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 10.8, 7.6, 5H), 5.14 (d, *J*=8.8, 1H) 4.72 (m, 2H), 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.57 (dt, *J* = 9.8, 2.9, 1H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, *J* = 15.6, 6.0, 2.4, 1H), 2.47 (ddd, *J* = 15.6, 8.1, 2.7, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.91 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 8.4, 1H), 1.77 (dd, *J* = 12.9, 8.4, 1H), 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.7, 173.2, 154.3, 138.8, 128.9, 128.7, 127.6, 95.7, 81.2, 74.8, 64.9, 64.5, 54.4, 49.3, 44.9, 28.8, 28.3, 25.7; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH] + calcd for C₂₂H₂₉Cl₃N₂O₅ 507.12220, found 507.11920.

A solution of the above aldehyde (65.0 mg, 128 µmol) in 0.7 mL of *t*-BuOH was treated with amylene (160 µL, 1.52 mmol) and cooled to 0° C. A solution of NaH₂PO₄ (158 mg, 1.15 mmol) and NaClO₂ (87.0 µL, 767 µmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was stirred from 0° C to 10° C over 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 3with 1M aq. HCl and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (from 70% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded carboxylic acid **20** as a thick colorless oil (67.0 mg, 90%). [α]²⁵_D –43.6 (*c* 0.4, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (m, 5H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 8.7, 1H), 4.77 (m, 2H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 31.3, 10.1, 1H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 9.8, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 7.3, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 6.6, 1H), 2.51 (ddd, *J* = 23.8, 15.5, 7.4, 1H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.8, 172.6, 154.3, 137.7, 129.2, 128.8, 127.8, 95.8, 81.5, 74.8, 64.4, 64.1, 54.1, 50.3, 36.1, 28.9, 28.3, 25.6; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [M-H]-calcd for C₂₂H₂₉Cl₃N₂O₆ 521.10184, found 521.10280.

(3S,7S,7aS)-*tert*-butyl 5-oxo-7-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)hexahydro-1Hpyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (21)

A solution of **20** (60.0 mg, 116 μ mol) in 2 mL of THF was treated with 25 mg of Pd(OH)₂/C was purged with H₂ and stirred under H₂ (balloon) for 7.5 h. The reaction solution was

filtered through a celite pad and rinsed with excess MeOH/EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a thick oil, which was then dissolved in 3 mL of acetonitrile and treated with triethylamine (53.0 µL, 378 µmol), HBTU (62.0 mg, 164 µmol), and HOBt (3.00 mg, 25.0 µmol) and stirred at rt for 20 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in EtOAc and washed with 1M aq. HCl followed by 10% aq. Na₂CO₃. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% to 100 % EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 21 as a white solid (20.0 mg, 42%, 2 steps) in addition to 10 mg of the corresponding ethyl carbamate. Data for **21**; mp 147–149°; $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D -120.3 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.93 (d, J = 8.3, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 12.9, 7.4, 1H), 4.32 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.4, 2H), 3.19 (dd, J = 16.9, 7.1, 1H), 2.45 (dtd, J = 12.7, 8.3, 4.2, 1H), 2.30 (d, J = 17.0, 1H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.7, 170.7, 154.5, 95.7, 82.3, 74.7, 65.9, 55.7, 49.8, 42.1, 32.5, 28.2, 24.5; (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₅H₂₁Cl₃N₂O₅ 415.05888, found 415.05815, [M+Na]+ calcd 437.04083, found 437.03907.

(2S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 1-benzyl-5-((S)-5-(benzyloxy)-5-oxo-1-((2,2,2trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)pent-3-enyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (22)

A solution of **19** (265 mg, 520 µmol) in 750 µL of dichloroethane was treated with benzyl acrylate (850 mg, 5.23 mmol) and Grubbs' 2nd generation catalyst (40.0 mg, 47.1 µmol) and stirred at 65° C for 1 d (catalyst was added in 3 portions). The reaction solution was evaporated and adsorbed onto silica gel. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (0% to 20 % EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **22** as a 7.4:1 mixture of *E:Z* isomers (210 mg, 62%, 87%, borsm). Data given for the *E* isomer: $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –26.4 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (m, 10H), 6.92 (dt, *J* = 14.6, 7.1, 1H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 15.6, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 5.3, 1H), 5.12 (m, 2H), 4.73 (m, 2H), 3.90 (m, 3H), 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.69 (dt, *J* = 13.4, 4.8, 1H), 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.94 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 8.4, 1H), 1.77 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 8.5, 1H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 166.1, 154.5, 146.2, 139.5, 136.2, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.5, 123.4, 96.0, 81.1, 74.6, 66.4, 65.3, 64.4, 54.5, 53.7, 33.7, 29.0, 28.4, 26.6; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+]+ calcd for C₃₁H₃₇Cl₃N₂O₆ 639.17900, found 639.17605.

(3S,9S,9aS)-*tert*-butyl 5-oxo-9-((2,2,2-trichloroethoxy)carbonylamino)octahydro-1Hpyrrolo[1,2-a]azepine-3-carboxylate (23)

A solution of 22 (82.0 mg, 128 µmol) in 2.5 mL of THF was treated with 30.0 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred for 6 h at rt under H₂ (balloon) atmosphere. The reaction was filtered through a celite pad, rinsed with EtOAc, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting amino acid was dissolved in acetonitrile and treated with triethylamine (54.0 μ L, 384 µmol), HBTU (63.0 mg, 166 µmol), and HOBt (3.50 mg, 25.9 µmol). After 24 h stirring at rt the reaction was evaporated and dissolved in EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1M aq. HCl and 10 % aq. Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% to 80% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to afford 23 as a white solid (30.0 mg, 53%, over 2 steps) along with 10 mg of the corresponsing ethyl carbamate. Data for 23: mp 198–200°; $[\alpha]^{25}$ D = 51.8 $(c \ 0.8, \text{CHCl}_3); ^1\text{H} \text{NMR} (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 5.21 (d, J = 10.2, 1\text{H}), 4.83 (d, J = 12.1, 1\text{H}),$ 4.64 (d, J = 12.0, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 8.7, 1.5, 1H), 4.19 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 4.07 (dt, J = 9.7, 3.3, 1H), 2.63 (dd, J = 14.5, 6.9, 1H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.36 (tt, J = 12.5, 8.3, 1H), 2.15 (ddd, J = 12.6, 10.6, 6.3, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 186 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 175.0, 171.5, 154.6, 121.6, 81.8, 74.7, 62.2, 61.2, 52.9, 38.1, 35.4, 30.6, 28.2, 27.9, 18.2; (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₇H₂₅Cl₃N₂O₅ 443.09090, found 443.09069, [M+Na]+ 465.07212, found 465.07230.

(2S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 1-benzyl-5-((S)-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)but-3enyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (24)

N-Teoc derivative **24** was prepared from **18** following the same procedure described for **14a**, with 2-trimethylsilylethanol in place of benzyl alcohol. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (5% to 10% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **24** as a colorless oil (58%). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –58.9 (*c* 2.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.75 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 14.1, 1H), 3.86 (d, *J* = 14.0, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 4.8, 2H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.90 (tt, *J* = 12.5, 8.6, 1H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 12.7, 8.4, 1H), 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 0.95 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 8.5, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.9, 158.0, 141.1, 136.9, 129.9, 129.8, 128.4, 118.5, 82.1, 66.3, 65.3, 64.3, 55.6, 55.3, 37.2, 30.4, 29.6, 28.2, 19.2, 0.00; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₆H₄₂N₂O₄Si 475.29866, found 475.29934.

(2S,5S)-*tert*-butyl 1-benzyl-5-((S)-3-hydroxy-1-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)propyl)pyrrolidine-2-carboxylate (25)

A solution of **24** (90.0 mg, 190 µmol) in 2.5 mL of THF:H₂O (3:1) was treated with 4methyl morpholine N-oxide (54.0 mg, 464 µmol) and osmium tetroxide (2.5% solution in 2methyl 2-propanol, 231 µL, 22.7 µmol). After stirring at rt for 2 h, the resulting diol intermediate was treated with sodium periodate (99.0 mg, 464 µmol) and stirred for another 15 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (50% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded the desired aldehyde as a colorless thick oil (60.0 mg, 66%). [α]²⁵_D -55.3 (*c* 0.6, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.69 (d, *J* = 8.3, 1H), 4.32 (m, 1H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 41.0, 13.5, 2H), 3.50 (dt, *J* = 9.9, 3.0, 1H), 3.45 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, *J* = 15.4, 6.1, 2.7, 1H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 13.8, 9.1, 1H), 2.17 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 9.6, 1H), 1.86 (tt, *J* = 12.0, 8.4, 1H), 1.71 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 8.5, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 0.93 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 5.3, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 201.5, 174.5, 157.6, 140.2, 130.2, 129.9, 128.7, 82.3, 66.0, 65.9, 64.9, 55.6, 50.1, 46.6, 30.1, 29.6, 26.9, 19.2, 0.0.

A solution of above aldehyde (50.0 mg, 105 µmol) in 2 mL of THF was treated with NaBH₄ (6.00 mg, 157 µmol) and stirred for 30 min at rt. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford **25** as a sticky foam (50.0 mg, quantitative yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23 (m, 5H), 5.02 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 4.12 (m, 2H), 3.99 (d, *J* = 13.7, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 13.6, 2H), 3.59 (m, 3H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.24 (m, 1H), 1.89 (m, 3H), 1.69 (dd, *J* = 12.8, 8.4, 1H), 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 0.95 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.7, 159.2, 140.4, 130.0, 129.9, 128.6, 82.2, 66.2, 66.1, 64.9, 60.7, 55.9, 52.8, 37.2, 30.2, 29.6, 29.1, 19.2, 0.0; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₅H₄₂N₂O₅Si 479.29358, found 479.29459, [M+Na]+ 501.27552, found 501.27650.

(3S,7S,7aS)-*tert*-butyl 7-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonylamino)hexahydro-1Hpyrrolizine-3-carboxylate (26)

Method A: A solution of **25** (48.0 mg, 100 μ mol) in 2 mL of MeOH was treated with 20 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred for 1.5 h at rt under H₂ (balloon) atmosphere. The reaction was filtered through a celite pad, rinsed with MeOH/EtOAc and evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting colorless oil was dissolved in 2 mL of THF and treated with triethylamine (41.8 μ l, 300 μ mol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (12.2 mg, 100 μ mol), and 1,1'- carbonyldiimidazole (81.0 mg, 500 μ mol). The reaction was stirred under argon atmosphere

at rt for 20 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, diluted with EtOAc, and washed with sat. aq. NH₄Cl. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (70% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **26** as a colorless oil (30.0 mg, 82%).

Method B: Bicyclic amine **26** was also prepared from **24** via alkene oxidation as described above, followed by treatment of the intermediate aldehyde (40.0 mg, 84.0 µmol) with 20.0 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C in 2 mL of MeOH. After stirring for 20 h at rt under H₂ (balloon) atmosphere, the reaction was filtered through a celite pad, rinsed with MeOH/EtOAc, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (70% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes and then 5% MeOH/EtOAc as eluents) afforded **26** as a colorless oil (29.0 mg, 93% for the last step). $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –30.0 (*c* 0.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.44 (d, *J* = 7.5, 1H), 4.13 (m, 3H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 7.0, 1H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dt, *J* = 11.0, 7.1, 1H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.99 (dt, *J* = 21.9, 9.3, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 0.96 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4, 157.8, 82.2, 71.4, 69.1, 64.7, 54.4, 53.5, 34.3, 33.3, 29.6, 27.1, 19.2, 0.0; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₁₈H₃₄N₂O₄Si 371.23606, found 371.23664.

Boc-[5,6-carbamate]-Phe-OMe (28)

A solution of **9** (164 mg, 440 μ mol) in 4 mL of MeOH was treated with 5 mL of 2M aq. NaOH at rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure and the aqueous layer was washed with Et₂O. The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 3, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford the desired carboxylic acid as a white solid (120 mg, 87%).

The above carboxylic acid (24.0 mg, 79.9 µmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of MeCN and treated with triethylamine (33.5 µL, 240 µmol), HBTU (40.0 mg, 105 µmol), and HOBt (2.00 mg, 16.0 µmol) and stirred for 5 min before adding phenylalanine methyl ester (20.0 mg, 100 µmol). After stirring at rt for 20 h, the reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1M aq. HCl followed by 10% aq. Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (70% to 80% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded 28 as a white solid (23.0 mg, 60%, 2 steps). mp 140–142°; $[\alpha]^{25}$ _D –26.5 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.25 \text{ (m, 5H)}, 7.05 \text{ (d, } J = 8.2, 1\text{H}), 4.85 \text{ (td, } J = 8.0, 5.5, 1\text{H}), 4.63 \text{ (d, } J = 8.0,$ J = 8.7, 1H, 4.38 (t, J = 8.1, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 10.4, 4.4, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 13.4, 7.5, 1H), 3.72 (m, 3H), 3.29 (td, *J* = 9.8, 5.7, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 5.4, 1H), 3.04 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 7.9, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.10 (ddd, J = 11.2, 6.6, 4.1, 1H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.1, 170.8, 155.0, 153.3, 136.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.7, 127.1, 68.2, 61.7, 61.6, 53.5, 52.7, 48.1, 37.8, 31.3, 28.6, 28.5, 26.1; (ESI-TOF) (*m/z*) [MH] + calcd for C₂₃H₃₁N₃O₇ 462.22420, found 462.22620, [M+Na]+ 484.20542, found 484.20800.

Troc-[5,5-lactam]-Phe-OtBu (29)

A solution of **21** (15.0 mg, 36.0 µmol) in 1.5 mL of 75% THF/DCM was stirred at rt for 6.5 h. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc and evaporated under reduced pressure (dilution and evaporation was repeated three more times). The resulting colorless oil was dissolved in 1.5 mL of acetonitrile and treated with triethylamine (30.0 µL, 216 µmol), HBTU (17.7 mg, 46.8 µmol), and HOBt (972 µg, 7.20 µmol) and stirred for 5 min before adding phenylalanine *tert*-butyl ester (12.0 mg, 47.0 µmol). After stirring at rt for 20 h, the reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1M aq. HCl followed by 10% aq. Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and

evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **29** as a thick oil (15.0 mg, 74%, 2 steps). $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{\rm D}$ –83.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 7.23 (m, 3H), 7.12 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.9, 2H), 5.97 (d, *J* = 8.4, 1H), 4.69 (m, 3H), 4.45 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 7.5, 1H), 4.31 (t, *J* = 7.9, 1H), 4.04 (dt, *J* = 9.1, 6.0, 1H), 3.12 (ddd, *J* = 24.4, 15.6, 6.8, 2H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 13.9, 6.9, 1H), 2.34 (m, 3H), 1.83 (dtd, *J* = 9.0, 6.7, 2.6, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 170.6, 170.0, 154.4, 136.6, 129.7, 128.4, 127.1, 95.6, 82.5, 74.7, 66.4, 56.9, 54.1, 49.4, 42.1, 38.1, 30.5, 28.2, 24.6; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₄H₃₀Cl₃N₃O₆ 562.12730, found 562.12662, [M+Na]+ 584.10924, found 584.10870.

Compound **29** was also obtained from **33** as follows: A solution of **33** (50.0 mg, 74.5 µmol) in 1.5 mL of MeOH at rt was treated with 18 mg of 20% Pd(OH)₂/C and stirred for 2 h under H₂ (balloon). The reaction was filtered through a celite pad, rinsed with MeOH/ EtOAc, and evaporated under reduced pressure to afford a white solid, which was then dissolved in 2 mL of DMF and treated with triethylamine (20.8 µL, 149 µmol), HBTU (37.0 mg, 96.8 µmol), and HOBt (2.00 mg, 14.9 µmol) respectively. After 20 h stirring at rt, the reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure and diluted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 1M aq. HCl followed by 10% aq. Na₂CO₃, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **29** as a colorless oil (23.0 mg, 54%, 2 steps)

Troc-[5,7-lactam]-Phe-OtBu (30)

Tripeptide mimic **30** was prepared from **23** using the same two-step procedure described for **29.** Purification of the crude material by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **30** as a white solid (42.0 mg, 77%, 2 steps). mp 97–99°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –9.62 (*c* 1.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 5H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 7.7, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 10.1, 1H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 12.1, 1H), 4.66 (m, 3H), 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 3.6, 2H), 2.60 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.8, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.03 (m, 3H), 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 171.1, 170.7, 154.6, 136.4, 129.9, 128.5, 127.1, 95.7, 82.6, 74.7, 62.3, 61.5, 53.8, 53.1, 38.3, 38.0, 35.4, 31.3, 28.2, 27.5, 18.0; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₂₆H₃₄Cl₃N₃O₆ 590.15860, found 590.15828, [M+Na]+ 612.14054, found 612.14093.

Compound **30** was also obtained from **32** following the same procedure use to convert **33** to **29**. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% to 100% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **30** as a colorless oil (32.0 mg, 53% 2 steps).

Dipeptide 31

Compound **31** was prepared from **19** using the same two-step procedure described for **29**. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (30% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) afforded **31** as a white solid (100 mg, 77% 2 steps). mp 116–118°; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –21.1 (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.09 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 1.5, 2H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1H), 5.73 (ddt, *J* = 14.0, 10.2, 7.0, 1H), 5.08 (dd, *J* = 13.3, 5.4, 2H), 4.94 (d, *J* = 9.3, 1H), 4.71 (m, 3H), 3.84 (m, 3H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5, 1H), 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.46 (dt, *J* = 14.3, 5.2, 1H), 2.08 (m, 3H), 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 170.7, 154.5, 139.3, 136.5, 134.5, 129.6, 128.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 127.3, 127.2, 118.0, 96.0, 82.5, 74.7, 65.4, 64.6, 53.5, 53.4, 52.9, 38.3, 36.7, 28.6, 28.2, 28.1, 27.2; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₃₂H₄₀Cl₃N₃O₅ 652.21064, found 652.21560, [M+Na]+ 674.19258, found 674.20121.

Dipeptide 32

A solution of **31** (105 mg, 160 µmol) in 1 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was treated with Grubbs' 2nd generation catalyst (13.0 mg, 18.0 µmol) and benzyl acrylate (296 mg, 1.83 mmol) and stirred for 24 h at 65° C. The reaction was evaporated, adsorbed onto silica gel, and purified by flash chromatography over silica gel (20% to 40% EtOAc/hexanes as eluent) to afford **32** as a thick colorless oil (102 mg, 80%, 97% borsm). Data given for the *E* isomer: $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ –15.8 (*c* 1.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (m, 13H), 7.07 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.8, 2H), 6.92 (m, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 8.1, 1H), 5.88 (d, *J* = 15.6, 1H), 5.16 (s, 2H), 4.96 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 9.5, 1H), 4.70 (m, 3H), 3.90 (m, 3H), 3.46 (d, *J* = 6.9, 1H), 3.35 (dt, *J* = 8.9, 4.4, 1H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.3, 170.8, 166.0, 154.4, 145.5, 139.2, 136.4, 136.2, 129.6, 128.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.4, 127.4, 127.3, 123.7, 95.8, 82.6, 74.6, 66.4, 65.4, 64.7, 53.7, 53.1, 52.9, 38.3, 34.8, 28.8, 28.1, 27.1; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₄₀H₄₆Cl₃N₃O₇ 786.24741, found 786.25238, [M+Na]+ 808.22936, found 808.23375.

Dipeptide 33

A solution of 31 (180 mg, 276 µmol) in 6 mL of THF:H₂O (4:2) at rt was treated with 4methylmopholine N-oxide (71.1 mg, 607 µmol) and osmium tetroxide (2.5% solution in 2methyl2-propanol, 308 µL, 30.0 µmol) and stirred for 4.5 h. Sodium periodate (130 mg, 607 µmol) was then added into the diol intermediate and the reaction was stirred for 14 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (20% to 40% EtOAc/ hexanes as eluent) afforded the desired aldehyde as a colorless oil (110 mg, 61%). $[\alpha]^{25}$ -39.7 (c 2.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.62 (t, J = 2.5, 1H), 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.00 (dd, J = 6.5, 2.8, 2H), 5.87 (d, J = 8.1, 1H), 5.13 (d, J = 8.7, 1H), 4.72 (m, 3H), 4.35 (m, 1H), 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 6.0, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 14.0, 6.3, 1H), 2.67 (ddd, J = 15.6, 6.2, 2.6, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, J = 15.7, 7.7, 2.5, 1H), $2.27 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.61 (ddt, J = 12.3, 6.6, 3.6, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); {}^{13}C$ NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) & 199.5, 172.9, 170.7, 154.2, 138.8, 136.2, 129.5, 128.8, 128.7, 128.6, 127.5, 127.3, 95.6, 82.6, 74.8, 65.0, 64.7, 53.9, 52.9, 49.1, 45.4, 38.4, 29.0, 28.1, 26.0; (ESI-TOF) (m/z) [MH]+ calcd for C₃₁H₃₈Cl₃N₃O₆ 654.18990, found 654.18966, [M +Na]+ 676.17184, found 676.17397.

A solution of above aldehyde (56.0 mg, 85.5 µmol) in 500 µL of *t*-BuOH was treated with amylene (108 µL, 1.02 mmol) and cooled to 0° C. A solution of NaH₂PO₄ (105 mg, 765 µmol) and NaClO₂ (58.0 µL, 510 µmol) in water (1.00 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction was stirred from 0° C to 10° C over 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 5% aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and diluted with brine. The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 5 and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography over silica gel (60% to 100 % EtOAc/ hexanes and 10% MeOH/EtOAc as eluent) afforded **33** as a thick colorless oil (51.0 mg, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (m, 8H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 6.3, 2H), 6.45 (m, 1H), 5.53 (bs, 1H), 4.71 (dt, *J* = 20.3, 8.3, 3H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.79–3.46 (m, 2H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 16.3, 7.2, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 6.1, 1H), 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.05–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.4, 171.8, 170.6, 154.3, 136.4, 129.5, 129.4, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7, 128.1, 127.3, 95.7, 82.6, 74.8, 65.3, 64.5, 53.8, 53.4, 49.7, 38.1, 36.9, 29.0, 28.1, 25.8; (ESI-TOF) (*m*/*z*) [MH]+ calcd for C₃₁H₃₈Cl₃N₃O₇ 670.18481, found 670.18508, [M+Na]+ 692.16675, found 692.16718.

Supplementary Material

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Extended peptide mimics:











antiparallel: $\psi = +135^{\circ}$, $\phi = -139^{\circ}$ parallel: $\psi = +113^{\circ}$, $\phi = -119^{\circ}$



Corresponding torsions in extended dipeptide surrogates

Figure 3.

Backbone torsions and N-to-C dipeptide distance for β -strands and synthetic dipeptide surrogates.



Figure 4.

X-ray structures and calculated torsions, in degrees, for compounds ($\alpha'S$)-14b, 23, and 28 (most hydrogens omitted for clarity).











Scheme 3. Epimerization en route to bicyclic lactams 14 and 17.



Scheme 4. Diastereoselective synthesis of 21 and 23.



Scheme 5. Unexpected formation of hexahydropyrrolizine 26.



Scheme 6. C-terminal coupling of scaffolds 9, 21, and 23.



Scheme 7. Introduction of lactam constraint after incorporation.

Table 1

Calculated torsions (in degrees) and distances (in Å) for **11**, ($\alpha'R$)-**17**, and **26** from MM3^{*} conformational searches.²²

scaffold	Ψ1	φ ₂	ω	NCO distance
11	+116.0	+115.6	+148.0	5.4
(α' <i>R</i>)- 17	+160.3	+105.0	+111.6	5.9
26	-147.3	+147.1	+121.2	6.0