Enantioconvergent Synthesis of (+)-Aphanorphine via Asymmetric Pd-Catalyzed Alkene Carboamination.

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Supporting Information

Experimental procedures, characterization data for new compounds, and copies of NMR spectra.

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General: All reactions were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere in flame-dried glassware. Tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium and (R)-Siphos-PE were purchased from Strem Chemical Co. and used without further purification. All reagents were obtained from commercial sources and were used as obtained. Toluene, THF, methylene chloride and diethyl ether were purified using a GlassContour solvent purification system. The yields reported in the Supporting Information describe the result of a single experiment, whereas the yields reported in Schemes 1–4 are average yields of two or more experiments. Thus, the yields reported in the Supporting Information may differ from those shown in Schemes 1–4.

Experimental Procedures and Compound Characterization Data.

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tert-Butyl (2-oxopropyl)carbamate (10).¹ A flame-dried flask was cooled under a stream of nitrogen and charged with pyridinium chlorochromate (12.3 g, 57 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). The flask was cooled in an ice-water bath and (\pm)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxypropyl)carbamate (5.0 g in 10 mL CH₂Cl₂, 28.5 mmol) was added to the solution. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight at rt, then Et₂O (100 mL) was added. The resulting black tar was filtered through a plug of silica gel and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 4.7 g (96%) of the title compound as a yellow oil. Spectroscopic properties were consistent with those reported in the literature.¹ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.21 (s, br, 1 H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 2 H), 2.18 (s, 3 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H).



(±)-*tert*-Butyl (2-hydroxy-2-methylpent-4-en-1-yl)carbamate (11). A flame-dried flask was cooled under a stream of nitrogen and charged with a solution of allylmagnesium bromide (92 mL, 1 M in Et₂O) and additional Et₂O (25 mL). The resulting solution was cooled in an ice-water bath and a solution of *tert*-butyl (2-oxopropyl)carbamate (8.0 g, 46 mmol) in Et₂O (25 mL) was added slowly via syringe. The resulting mixture was warmed to rt and stirred until the starting material was consumed as judged by TLC analysis (ca. 1.5 h). The mixture was then cooled in an ice-water bath and the reaction was quenched by the slow addition of water (100 mL). The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 100 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to afford 9.3 g (94%) of the title compound as a brown oil that was used without further purification. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.95–5.81 (m, 1 H), 5.21–5.07 (m, 2 H), 4.90 (s, br, 1 H), 3.13 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.40 (s, 1 H), 2.23 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H), 1.16 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.7, 133.4, 118.3, 79.1, 72.2, 49.6, 44.2, 28.1, 24.1; IR (film) 3369, 1694 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): 238.1417 (238.1419 cale for C₁₁H₂₁NO₃, M + Na⁺).



(±)-*tert*-Butyl {2-methyl-2-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]pent-4-en-1-yl}carbamate (5). A flame-dried round bottom flask equipped with a stirbar was cooled under a stream of nitrogen and charged with (±)-*tert*-butyl (2-hydroxy-2-methylpent-4-en-1-yl)carbamate (5.0 g, 23 mmol). Neat 1- (trimethylsilyl)-1H-imidazole (6.8 mL, 46 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt until the starting material had been consumed as judged by TLC analysis (ca. 4 h). Water (10 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 6.0 g (90%) of the title compound as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.87–5.73 (m, 1 H), 5.09–5.01 (m, 2 H), 4.74 (s, br, 1 H), 3.16–2.99 (m, 2 H), 2.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 1.45 (s, 9 H), 1.19 (s, 3 H), 0.13 (s, 9 H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.1, 133.9, 117.9, 79.0, 75.7, 50.0, 45.2, 28.3, 24.9, 2.5; IR (film) 3368, 1720 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): 310.1815 (311.1833 calcd for C₁₄H₂₉NO₃Si, M + Na⁺).



(+)-(2*S*,4*RS*)-*tert*-Butyl 2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-methyl-4-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]pyrrolidine-1carboxylate (6a-b). A flame-dried Schlenk tube was cooled under a stream of nitrogen and charged with $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (191 mg, 0.2 mmol), (*R*)-Siphos-PE (303 mg, 0.06 mmol) and NaO'Bu (960 mg, 0.5 mmol). The tube was evacuated and backfilled with nitrogen three times, then a solution of (±)-*tert*-butyl {2-methyl-2-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]pent-4-en-1-yl}carbamate (3.0 g, 10 mmol) and 4-bromoanisole (3.74 g, 20 mmol) in toluene (30 mL) was added via syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 1 min then was immersed in 90 °C oil bath and stirred overnight (ca 14 h). The mixture was then cooled to room temperature and saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (10 mL) was added. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 3.1 g (75%) of the title compound as a pale yellow oil. The product was judged to be a 1:1 mixture of rotamers and a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers by ¹H NMR analysis. Data are for the mixture. $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D}$ +18.4 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17–7.03 (m, 2 H), 6.86–6.78 (m, 2 H), 4.19–3.82 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.76–3.10 (m, 2 H), 2.93–2.54 (m, 2 H), 1.94–1.79 (m, 1 H), 1.77–1.66 (m, 1 H), 1.55–1.47 (m, 9 H), 1.33–1.26 (m, 3 H), 0.14 (s, 4.5 H), 0.07 (s, 4.5 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 157.7, 154.9, 154.7, 154.3, 130.8, 130.5, 130.3, 130.2, 130.0, 126.5, 113.6, 113.5, 113.4, 113.3, 79.0, 78.9, 78.8, 78.6, 78.0, 77.8, 77.6, 59.9, 59.7, 59.1, 59.0, 58.8, 58.2, 57.9, 54.7, 46.6, 45.5, 44.5, 43.4, 39.6, 39.4, 38.3, 38.2, 28.3, 28.1, 28.0, 26.6, 26.5, 24.8, 24.7, 2.2, 1.9, 1.8, 1.7; IR (film) 2972, 1699, 1684 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): 416.2228 (416.2233 calcd for C₂₁H₃₅NO₄Si, M + Na⁺).



(+)-(5S,3RS)-5-(4-Methoxybenzyl)-3-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ol $(12a-b).^{2}$ А round bottomed flask equipped with a stirbar was charged with (+)-(2S,4RS)-tert-Butyl 2-(4methoxybenzyl)-4-methyl-4-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate and CH₂Cl₂ (7.6 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C, trifluoroacetic acid (5.7 mL, 76.2 mmol) was added, and the solution was warmed to rt and stirred until the starting material had been consumed as judged by TLC analysis (ca. 10 min). The reaction mixture was diluted with water, basified with NH₄OH, and transferred to a separatory funnel. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was dissolved in THF (5 mL) and the resulting solution was added to a stirring solution of triethylamine (3.2 mL, 22.9 mmol), tosyl chloride (2.18 mg, 11.4 mmol) and THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at rt, then saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 2.3 g (80%) of the title compound as a colorless oil.² The product was judged to be a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers by ¹H NMR analysis. Data are for

the mixture. $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ +65.7 (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82–7.73 (m, 2 H), 7.36–7.30 (m, 2 H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1.2 H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 0.8 H), 6.88–6.80 (m, 2 H), 4.02–3.94 (m, 0.5 H), 3.83–3.75 (m, 3.5 H), 3.42–3.37 (m, 1 H), 3.30–3.21 (m, 1 H), 3.18–3.07 (m, 1 H), 3.03 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 0.6 H), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 13.6 Hz, 0.4 H), 2.44–2.41 (m, 3 H), 1.84–1.74 (m, 1 H), 1.64–1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.19 (m, 1 H), 1.09 (s, 2 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 158.3, 143.7, 143.6, 133.9, 130.9, 130.6, 130.0, 129.8, 129.7, 129.6, 127.8, 127.7, 113.9, 113.7, 76.1, 76.0, 61.7, 61.6, 61.5, 61.0, 55.2, 45.5, 43.2, 41.1, 41.0, 25.4, 24.1, 21.5 (5 peaks are incidentally equivalent).



(+)-(1S,4S)-8-Methoxy-1-methyl-3-tosyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-1,4-methanobenzo[d]azepine (13).³ A flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with aluminum trichloride (8.0 g, 60 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The flask was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of (+)-(5S,3RS)-5-(4methoxybenzyl)-3-methyl-1-tosylpyrrolidin-3-ol (2.15 g, 5.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added via syringe. The resulting mixture was allowed to slowly warm to rt and was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was then poured into a solution of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (50 mL). The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 1.2 g (60%) of the title compound as a pale yellow solid. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be 81% ee by chiral HPLC analysis (Chiralpak AD-H 0.46 cm x 25 cm, 1 % *i*PrOH/hexanes, 1 mL/min, $\lambda = 254$ nm, RT = 8.0 and 9.8 min). Spectroscopic properties were consistent with those previously reported in the literature. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{23}$ +16.0 (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂) [for ent-13 lit.³ $[\alpha]^{27}$ _D -16.9 (c 0.89, CHCl₃)]; mp: 137–140 °C (lit.³ mp 136–138 °C); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.97 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.72 (dd, J = 2.6, 8.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.41-4.35 (m, 1)1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.40 (dd, J = 1.2, 8.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.11 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.02 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.93 (dd, J = 2.8, 16.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.42 (s, 3 H), 1.79 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.50–1.38 (m, 4 H).



(+)-(2S,4RS)-tert-Butyl 4-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-methylpyrrolidine-1-carboxylate (14a-b). A round-bottom flask was charged with (+)-(2S,4RS)-tert-butyl 2-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4methyl-4-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]pyrrolidine-1-carboxylate 0.254 (100)mg, mmol) and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (0.51 mL, 0.51 mmol) 1 M solution in THF) and the resulting solution was stirred until the starting material had been consumed as judged by TLC analysis (ca. 1 h). The reaction mixture was diluted with water (5 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) then was transferred to a separatory funnel. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 73 mg (90%) of the title compound as a colorless viscous oil. The product was judged to be a 1:1 mixture of rotamers and a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers by ¹H NMR analysis. Data are for the mixture. $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ +23.0 (c 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18–7.02 (m, 2 H), 6.84-6.78 (m, 2 H), 4.24-3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.70-3.08 (m, 2.5 H), 3.00-2.60 (m, 1.5 H), 1.96–1.70 (m, 2 H), 1.51 (s, 9 H), 1.38–1.24 (m, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.9. 155.1, 154.6, 131.1, 130.4, 130.1, 113.7, 79.4, 77.2, 76.1, 75.7, 75.2, 59.9, 59.5, 59.3, 58.2, 57.7, 55.0, 45.1, 44.5, 43.0, 42.5, 39.7, 39.5, 38.5, 38.1, 28.5, 26.7, 24.7; IR (film) 3420, 1682 cm⁻¹; MS (ESI): 344.1833 (344.1838 calcd for $C_{18}H_{27}NO_4$, M + Na⁺).



(+)- (1*S*,4*S*)-8-Methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-1,4-methanobenzo[*d*]azepine (S1). A flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with (+)-(1*S*,4*S*)-8-methoxy-1-methyl-3-tosyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1H-1,4-methanobenzo[*d*]azepine (1.1 g, 3.1 mmol) and xylene (15 mL). A solution of Red-Al was added (3.5 M in toluene, 3.3 mL, 11.4 mmol) and the mixture was heated to reflux for 1 h. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, diluted with ether and quenched with a few drops of water. The solution was filtered through a pad of celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The

crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 450 mg (71%) of the title compound as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}+38.2$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1 H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 8.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.85–3.79 (m, 4 H), 3.11–3.02 (m, 2 H), 2.92 (d, *J* = 10 Hz, 1 H), 2.78 (m, 2 H), 1.96–1.92 (m, 1 H), 1.86 (d, *J* = 11 Hz, 1 H), 1.49 (s, 3 H).



(-)-8-*O*-methylaphanorphine (15). A flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with (+)-(1*S*,4*S*)-8-methoxy-1-methyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-1*H*-1,4-methanobenzo[*d*]azepine (300 mg, 1.5 mmol), a solution of 37% aqueous formalin (1.8 mL) and formic acid (2.8 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 100 °C for 1.5 h, then cooled to rt, diluted with water (10 mL), and basified with 10% NaOH solution. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel to afford 294 mg (90%) of the title compound as a pale yellow oil. Spectroscopic properties are consistent with those previously reported in the literature. $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ – 5.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃), [lit.⁴ [α]²⁷_D –7.4 (*c* 0.35, CHCl₃)]; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 6.68 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (s, 3 H), 3.42 (m, 1 H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 16.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.88–2.84 (m, 2 H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.48 (s, 3 H), 2.02 (ddd, *J* = 1.2, 5.6, 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.48 (s, 3 H).



(+)-aphanorphine (16). Demethylation of (–)-8-*O*-methylaphanorphine was carried according to reported procedure.⁵ A flame-dried round-bottom flask was charged with 15 (40 mg, 0.18 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and cooled to -30 °C. BBr₃ (1.0 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.36 mL) was added slowly dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -30 °C, 30 min at -20 °C, 30 min at -10 °C and then 30 min at 0 °C. The reaction was quenched at 0 °C with aqueous NaHCO₃ and

extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was taken up in 2 mL of 3 M NaOH and heated at 100 °C for 5 min. The solution was acidified with 1 M HCl and basified with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude solid was triturated with acetone to afford 23 mg (63%) of the title compound as a white solid. Spectroscopic properties are consistent with the present literature. $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ +28.0 (*c* 0.1, MeOH) [lit.⁴ $[\alpha]^{27}_{D}$ +37.5 (*c* 0.16, MeOH)]; mp 202–208 °C (lit.⁴ mp 215–222). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 6.89 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1 H), δ 6.67 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), δ 6.56 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.38 (m, 1 H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 16.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.85 (m, 2 H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.40 (s, 3 H), 2.01 (q, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.44 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 156.6, 148.6, 131.2, 125.2, 114.5, 110.9, 72.7, 63.4, 44.3, 42.8, 42.1, 36.7, 21.7.

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