Supporting Information for

Allenyl Azide Cycloaddition Chemistry: Application to the Total Synthesis of (±)-

Meloscine

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General Experimental

Unless otherwise stated all, moisture- and oxygen-sensitive reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under a nitrogen atmosphere. Dry acetonitrile, dichloromethane, diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, and triethylamine were obtained by passing these solvents through activated alumina columns. Reagents were purchased at the highest commercial quality and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Thin layer chromatography was carried out on EMD 0.25 mm silica gel plates with UV visualization or by potassium permanganate or ceric ammonium molybdate stain. Purification of products via flash chromatography¹ was performed with 40-63 µm silica gel and the solvent system indicated. Melting points are uncorrected. High resolution mass spectra were obtained according to the specified technique and were performed at the Pennsylvania State University Proteomics and Mass Spectrometry Core Facility, University Park, PA. X-Ray data was obtained at Pennsylvania State University X-Ray Crystallography Facility, University Park, PA.

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1-Azido-3-(2-bromophenyl)-6-(triisopropylsilyloxy)hex-4-yn-3-yl Methyl **Carbonate (13).** A solution of triisopropyl(prop-2-ynyloxy)silane² (9.78 g, 46.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (150 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and *n*-butyllithium (2.5 M in hexanes, 18.4 mL, 46.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at -78 °C, after which time a solution of 3-azido-1-(2-bromophenyl)propan-1-one³ (12) (9.00 g, 35.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (150 mL) was added by canula. The mixture was stirred for 18 h, warming to 25 °C. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and methyl chloroformate (11.7 g, 123 mmol, 9.58 mL) was added dropwise. The cooling bath was removed and the solution was allowed to stir for 18 h. Water (100 ml) was added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 150 mL). The combined organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a dark yellow oil which was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give carbonate 13 as a pale yellow oil (14.0 g, 84%). IR (thin film) 2099, 1762 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (dd, J = 7.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (dd, J =7.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (dt, J = 7.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (td, J = 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.60 (m, 1H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.05 (m, 21H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) 152.7, 137.0, 135.6, 130.4, 130.0, 127.3, 118.8, 89.1,

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80.8, 80.0, 54.8, 52.0, 47.2, 38.9, 17.9, 11.9; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) [M+NH₄⁺] calcd for C₂₃H₃₈N₄O₄SiBr 541.1846, found 541.1866.



3a-(2-Bromophenyl)-4-(4-methyl-2,6,7-trioxa-bicyclo[2.2.2]octan-1-yl)-6-((triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl)-2,3,3a,4-tetrahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole (8). А solution of 1-[(E)-2-iodoethenyl]-4-methyl-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane⁴ (0.200 g,0.709 mmol) in Et₂O (3 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and tert-butyllithium (1.7 M in npentane, 2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, at which time a solution of zinc chloride (0.106 g, 0.780 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added via cannula. The cooling bath was removed and the solution was allowed to warm to 25 °C and then stirred for 1 h. A solution of Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.041 g, 0.036 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and carbonate 13 in THF (1 mL) were added sequentially via cannula. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C until TLC (10:90 ethyl acetate:hexanes) indicated that the starting material was consumed. The reaction mixture was poured into a separatory funnel containing ice and saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (10 ml). The organic layer was drawn off and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 5 ml), washed with brine (1 x 10 ml) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* at a bath temperature not exceeding 40 °C to give crude unstable allene 10.

⁴ Su, Y.; Jung, Y.; Seo, S.; Min, K.; Shin, D.; Lee, Y.; Kim, S.; Park, H. J. Org. Chem. 2002, 67, 4127-4137.

The crude allene mixture was dissolved in toluene (75 mL, 0.003 M) and sparged with a stream of nitrogen for 30 minutes. The solution was heated to 110 °C for 1.5 h and then concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ (5% to 10% to 20 % EtOAc/3% triethylamine/hexanes) to give a yellow solid. The solid was triturated with hexanes and the crystals were collected by vacuum filtration to give 0.069 g (55%) of **8** as a white solid. Conducting the above reaction on the following scale: 1-[(E)-2-iodoethenyl]-4-methyl-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octane (3.10 g, 11.0)mmol), tert-butyllithium (1.7 M in n-pentane, 17.1 mL, 29 mmol), zinc chloride (1.94 g, 14.3 mmol), Pd(PPh₃)₄ (0.63 g, 0.55 mmol), **13** (3.75 g, 7.15 mmol) gave **8** (0.98 g, 43%). mp 159-163 °C; IR (thin film) 1639 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45 (d, J= 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (br s, 1H), 7.12 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3, 1H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 3.94 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64-3.51 (m, 7H), 3.32 (br s, 1H), 3.05 (s, 1H), 1.93 (td, J=11.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.19-1.07 (m, 21H), 0.66 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.8, 143.2, 141.9, 139.5, 135.0, 134.1, 128.0, 126.0, 123.5, 108.7, 72.5, 66.7, 63.9, 60.2, 59.5, 43.5, 30.7, 18.4, 14.9, 12.3; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) $[M+NH_4^+]$ calcd for C₂₉H₄₃NO₄BrSi 576.2145, found 576.2128.

X-Ray Analysis of 8.



A colorless plate shaped crystal of **8** ($C_{29}H_{42}BrNO_4Si$) with approximate dimensions 0.10 x 0.33 x 0.50 mm, was used for the X-ray crystallographic analysis. The X-ray intensity data were measured at 123(2) K, cooled by Rigaku-MSC X-Stream 2000, on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD area detector system equipped with a graphite monochromator and a MoK α fine-focus sealed tube ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) operated at 1600 watts power (50 kV, 32 mA). The detector was placed at a distance of 5.8 cm from the crystal.

A total of 1950 frames were collected with a scan width of 0.3° in ω and an exposure time of 5 seconds/frame. The total data collection time was about 6 hours. The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame integration algorithm. The integration of the data using a Triclinic unit cell yielded a total of 21654 reflections to a maximum θ angle of 28.27° (0.90 Å resolution), of which 7066 were independent, completeness = 98.8%, R_{int} = 0.0437, R_{sig} = 0.0601 and 4654 were greater than $2\sigma(I)$. The final cell constants: a = 8.533(4)Å, b = 12.505(5)Å, c = 14.664(6)Å, $\alpha = 72.580(7)^\circ$, $\beta = 77.245(6)^\circ$, $\gamma = 78.328(6)^\circ$, volume = 1440.3(11)Å³, are

based upon the refinement of the XYZ-centroids of 2022 reflections above $20\sigma(I)$ with 2.474° < θ <24.214°. Analysis of the data showed negligible decay during data collection. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the multiscan technique (SADABS). The ratio of minimum to maximum apparent transmission was 0.5071.

The structure was solved and refined using the Bruker SHELXTL (Version 6.1) Software Package, using the space group P-1, with Z = 2 for the formula unit, C29 H42 Br N O4 Si . The final anisotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement on F² with 332 variables converged at R1 = 8.09%, for the observed data and wR2 = 26.17% for all data. The goodness-of-fit was 1.096 . The largest peak on the final difference map was 2.075 $e^{-}/Å^{3}$ and the largest hole was -1.763 $e^{-}/Å^{3}$. Based on the final model, the calculated density of the crystal is 1.330 g/cm³ and F(000) amounts to 608 electrons.



3a-(2-Bromophenyl)-4-(4-methyl-2,6,7-trioxabicyclo[2.2.2]octan-1-yl)-6-

(((triisopropylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-2,3,3a,4,5,6-hexahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole (15). A Parr bomb was charged with 8 (0.700 g, 1.21 mmol), 1,4-dioxane (12.0 mL), triethylamine (0.085 mL, 0.61g, 0.61 mmol), and 5% platinum on carbon (0.311 g, 0.061 mmol, 5 mol%). The bomb was sealed, purged with hydrogen gas three times, and then pressurized with hydrogen gas (1400 psi), and stirred at 40 °C for 18 hours. The gas was vented and an additional 0.05 equivalents of 5% platinum on carbon were added. The bomb was then resealed, purged with hydrogen gas three times, pressurized to 1400 psi of hydrogen gas, and stirred at 40 °C for 18 hours. This sequence was repeated until TLC (10:90 ethyl acetate:hexanes) indicated that the starting material was completely consumed. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite, rinsing with EtOAc, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a light yellow oil, which was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ (5% EtOAc/3% triethylamine/hexanes) to give **15** (0.566 g, 80%) as a clear oil. IR (thin film) 2246, 2215, 1667cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (major isomer, 300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (app td, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (app td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 9.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.60 (m, 8H), 3.21 (app dd, *J* = 12.8, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 2.12-2.35 (m, 3H), 2.05 (m, 1H), 1.12-1.04 (m, 21H), 0.73 (s, 3H); ¹³C (major isomer, 75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 191.1, 138.5, 134.9, 132.3, 127.8, 125.7, 124.2, 108.7, 72.2, 66.8, 65.0, 64.2, 53.4, 41.9, 41.7, 31.0, 29.9, 18.0, 14.6, 12.0; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) [M+H⁺] calcd for C₂₉H₄₅NO₄BrSi 578.2301, found 578.2298.



tert-Butyl-3a-(2-bromophenyl)-6-(hydroxymethyl)-4-(4-methyl-2,6,7-

trioxabicyclo [2.2.2] octan-1-yl)hexahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-1(2H)-carboxylate (16). A solution of Super Hydride (1.0 M in THF, 10 mL, 10 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of 15 (0.586 g, 1.01 mmol) in THF (10.1 mL). There was an initial vigorous evolution of gas that subsided quickly. The mixture was heated at reflux for 72 h and then cooled to 0 °C, and the excess hydride was destroyed by the slow addition of ice. Saturated ammonium chloride solution (10 mL) was added and the biphasic solution was stirred for 1 h. Ethyl acetate (10 ml) was added and the organic layer was drawn off.

The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (1 x 15 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was filtered and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude amine was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10.0 mL) and triethylamine (0.706 mL, 0.512 g, 5.06 mmol), Boc₂O (0.442 g, 2.03 mmol), and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.035 g, 0.506 mmol) were added sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 25 °C and an additional portion of Boc₂O (0.111 g, 0.506 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred for an additional 48 h and then concentrated in *vacuo* to give a white oil. This crude mixture was dissolved in acetonitrile (10 mL) and extracted with hexanes (5 x 10 mL). The combined hexanes extracts were concentrated in *vacuo* to give a clear oil.

The crude oil was dissolved in THF (10.0 mL) and *n*-Bu₄NF solution (1.0 M in THF, 5.0 mL, 5.0 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at 25 °C and then was diluted with water (20.0 mL) and ethyl acetate (15.0 mL) was added. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (1 x 10.0 mL) and dichloromethane (2 x 10.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude alcohol was purified by column chromatography on SiO₂ (1% to 4% to 10% ethyl acetate/3% triethylamine/hexanes) to give alcohol **16** (0.317 g, 59%) as white crystals. mp 82-86 °C; IR (thin film) 3441, 2244, 1667 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (app. t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (app t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.17 (d, *J* = 9.5, 1H), 3.51-3.37 (m, 9H), 3.30 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.88-2.75 (m, 3H), 2.31 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (app. q, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (m, 1H, overlapping with H₂O), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.56 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.5, 141.1, 134.1,

129.0, 127.1, 126.0, 125.8, 109.5, 80.3, 71.8, 65.3, 64.4, 61.4, 47.6, 45.1, 42.3, 34.8, 30.0, 28.3, 28.1, 14.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) [M+H⁺] calcd for C₂₅H₃₅NO₆Br 524.1648, found 524.1657.



tert-Butyl-3a-(2-bromophenyl)-6,6-bis(hydroxymethyl)-4-(4-methyl-2,6,7-

trioxa-bicyclo[2.2.2]octan-1-yl)-hexahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-1(2H)-carboxylate

(17). A microwave reaction tube was charged with alcohol 16 (0.167 g, 0.318 mmol), water saturated dichloromethane (3.20 mL) and 2,6-lutidine (0.184 mL, 0.171 g, 1.59 mmol). Dess-Martin periodinane (0.405 g, 0.955 mmol) was added in a single portion and the tube was flushed with nitrogen and then sealed with a Teflon cap. The reaction mixture was heated via microwave irradiation to 65 °C for 30 min and then cooled to 25 °C. A 1:1 solution (3 mL) of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃: saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ was added and the biphasic mixture was stirred until all of the solids had dissolved and the mixture was clear. The mixture was poured into a separatory funnel and the organic layer was drawn off. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a pale yellow oil.

The oil was dissolved in ethylene glycol (3.18 mL) and dichloromethane (0.100 mL). Aqueous formaldehyde (37% w/w, 1.43 mL, 1.56 g, 19.1 mmol) and potassium hydroxide (0.371 g, 5.62 mmol) were added sequentially. The reaction solution was heated to 50 $^{\circ}$ C and stirred at that temperature for 48 h. The reaction solution was cooled

to 25 °C, diluted with brine (15.0 mL), and extracted with dichloromethane (4x10.0 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a white foam. The foam was purified by column chromatography (1% to 5% to 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to give diol **17** (0.149 g, 84%, mixture of rotamers) as a white solid. mp 208-212 °C; IR (thin film) 3492, 1659 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (major rotamer, 300 MHz CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (app dd, J = 7.8, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.21-7.11 (m, 2H), 7.01 (app dt, J = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.9 (s, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 11.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (app t, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.48-3.38 (m, 7H), 3.32 (dd, J = 6.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (app t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 13.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H) 2.88 (dt, J = 11.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.14, (dt, J = 12.3, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.07-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 0.59 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (major rotamer, 75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.6, 140.6, 134.1, 129.1, 127.2, 126.1, 126.0, 109.3, 80.4, 71.8, 69.6, 68.1, 67.9, 61.7, 49.1, 47.1, 45.0, 34.3, 31.8, 30.1, 28.4, 14.3; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) [M+H⁺] calc'd for C₂₆H₃₇NO₇Br 554.1753, found 554.1773.



tert-Butyl-3a-(2-bromophenyl)-4-carbamoyl-6,6-bis(hydroxymethyl)-

hexahydrocyclopenta[b]pyrrole-1(2H)-carboxylate (18). Orthoester 17 (0.119 g, 0.0214 mmol) was dissolved in 10% (v/v) H_3PO_4/THF (3.00 mL). The solution was stirred at 25 °C until consumption of the orthoester was indicated by TLC (10 MeOH:CH₂Cl₂). The solution was transferred to a Parr bomb and isopropyl alcohol (5.00

mL) was added. The bomb was purged with NH_3 gas three times, pressurized with 100 PSI NH₃ gas, and stirred for 30 min while connected to the NH₃ tank. The bomb was sealed and heated to 120 °C for 20 h. The bomb was cooled to 25 °C, the ammonia gas was vented, and the reaction solution in the bomb was allowed to sit for 1 h to give a milky suspension. The suspension was filtered through Celite and concentrated in vacuo to give a yellow solid. The solid was purified via column chromatography on SiO_2 (1%-5%-10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to give **18** as a white solid, as a 2:1 mixture of rotamers (0.068) g, 68%). mp 206 °C (decomp); IR (solid) 3331, 2151, 1662 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (major rotamer, 300 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.59 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.07 (m, 2H), 4.95 (s, 1H, overlapping with HOD), 4.17 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.71 (d, J =10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.87 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.26 (m, 3H), 1.66 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (both rotamers, 75 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 179.6, 179.4, 157.1, 156.2, 143.1, 142.9, 136.4, 130.1, 130.0, 129.5, 129.4, 128.3, 128.2, 123.0, 122.9, 82.0, 81.9, 72.0, 71.3, 68.6, 67.9, 67.2, 66.3, 65.3, 63.2, 62.9, 51.4, 50.5, 50.4, 50.3, 46.5, 46.3, 36.4, 34.9, 34.1, 34.1, 28.9, 28.7; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) $[M+H^+]$ calc'd for C₂₁H₃₀N₂O₅Br 469.1361, found 469.1338.



(3aR,5aS,11bR)-tert-Butyl 4,4-Bis(hydroxymethyl)-6-oxo-3a,4,5,5a,6,7-

hexahydro-1H-pyrrolo[3',2':2,3]cyclopenta[1,2-c]quinoline-3(2H)-carboxylate (19). To a solution of primary amide 18 (0.008 g, 1.44×10^{-2} mmol) in DMSO (0.200 mL) in a

microwave reactor tube was added Cs₂CO₃ (0.650 g, 0.198 mmol), copper (I) iodide $(0.004 \text{ g}, 1.98 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol})$, and 1,10-phenanthroline $(0.007 \text{ g}, 3.97 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mmol})$. The tube was flushed with N_2 , sealed with a Teflon cap, and heated to 110 °C via microwave irradiation for 30 min. The solution was cooled to 25 °C, filtered through Celite, rinsing with CH₂Cl₂, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a blue residue. The residue was purified by preparatory thin layer chromatography on SiO₂ (5% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂, applying the crude mixture to the TLC plate using no more than 10% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to give lactam **19** as a yellow solid (0.006 g, 78%, mixture of rotamers). mp 218-221 °C; IR (thin film) 3241, 1661 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (both rotamers, 500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.30 (m, 1H), 7.19 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 0.6H, major rotamer), 4.42 (s, 0.4H, minor rotamer), 3.99 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54-3.37 (m, 3H), 2.98 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, J = 12.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.64 (t, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 6H), 1.28 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (both rotamers, 125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 173.6, 173.1, 156.7, 155.9, 136.8, 129.2, 129.0, 128.0, 127.6, 125.3, 125.1, 116.9, 116.8, 82.0, 81.9, 76.6, 75.0, 68.0, 67.2, 64.0, 62.0, 60.0, 58.9, 53.4, 52.6; 48.2, 47.9 (overlapping with CD₃OD), 40.5, 39.8, 37.2, 36.5, 30.8, 28.8, 28.6; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) [M+H⁺] calc'd for C₂₁H₂₉N₂O₅ 389.2076, found 389.2103.



(3aS,5aS,11bR)-3-Allyl-4,4-divinyl-2,3,3a,4,5,5a-hexahydro-1H-

pyrrolo[3',2':2,3] cyclopenta[1,2-c]quinolin-6(7H)-one (6). To a solution of lactam **19** (0.007 g, 1.80×10^{-2} mmol) in water saturated CH₂Cl₂ (0.180 mL) in a microwave reactor

tube was added Dess-Martin periodinane (0.076 g, 0.180 mmol). The tube was flushed with nitrogen, sealed with a Teflon cap, and heated to 65 °C via microwave irradiation for 30 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to 25 °C and 3.00 mL of a 1:1 mixture of saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate:saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ was added and the biphasic solution was stirred until all of the solids had dissolved and the mixture was clear. The mixture was poured into a separatory funnel and the organic layer was drawn off. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 5.00 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the unstable 1,3-dialdehyde as a pale yellow oil.

A suspension of methyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (0.129 g, 0.360 mmol) in THF (0.300 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and a solution of NaHMDS (1.0 M in THF, 0.34 mL, 0.34 mmol) was added dropwise. The suspension was stirred at -78 °C for 1.5 h. The previously prepared 1,3-dialdehyde was dissolved in 0.150 mL of THF and added via cannula to the ylide suspension, rinsing the flask with an additional 0.150 mL of THF. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C and stirred at that temperature for 72 h. Saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (5.00 mL) and ethyl acetate (5.00 mL) were added. The organic layer was drawn off and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (1 x 5.00 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 5.00 mL). The combined organics were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give **20** as a brown oil.

The crude oil was dissolved in 10% (v/v) TFA/CH₂Cl₂ (3.00 mL) and stirred for 4 h at 25 °C. The reaction solution was concentrated in *vacuo* and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (3.00 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (5.00 mL) were added. The organic layer was drawn off and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 5 mL). The combined

organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give the crude free amine as a brown oil. The oil was dissolved in MeCN (0.500 mL), and K₂CO₃ (0.015 g, 0.11 mmol) and allyl bromide (0.010 mL, 0.11 mmol) were added sequentially. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at 25 °C, then water (3.00 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (3.00 mL) were added. The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel, the organic layer was drawn off, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 3.00 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a brown residue. The residue was purified on SiO_2 (5% to 15% EtOAc/hexanes) to give **6** as a colorless oil (0.004 g, 57%). IR (thin film) 1674 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.79 (br s, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (td, J = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (td, J = 7.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (dd, J = 17.7, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.93 (dddd, J = 17.4, 10.2, 7.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dd, J = 17.5, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30-5.09 (m, 10.1)4H), 4.94 (dd, J = 10.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (dd, J = 17.6, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 1H), 3.29 (dt, J = 10.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (dd, J = 13.7, 7.5, 1H), 2.94 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.0Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, J = 10.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd, J = 12.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (dd, J = 12.6, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.02-1.97 (m, 2H); ¹³C (150 Hz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 143.0, 140.6, 135.8, 134.4, 130.0, 127.7, 127.3, 123.7, 116.9, 115.3, 114.4, 113.7, 87.6, 58.6, 56.9, 55.6, 53.4, 50.5, 43.7, 41.4; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) $[M+H^+]$ calc'd for C₂₁H₂₅N₂O 321.1967, found 321.1961.



(6bR,6b1S,12aS,13aS)-12a-vinyl-2,6b1,7,8,10,12a,13,13a-octahydro-1H-

indolizino[1',8':2,3,4]cyclopenta[1,2-c]quinolin-1-one (±-Meloscine) (5). To a solution of 6 (0.0023g, 0.0072 mmol) in toluene (2.0 mL) was added Hoveyda-Grubb's 2nd generation catalyst (0.00023 g, 0.00036 mmol) in toluene (0.10 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C for 24 h and then cooled to 25 °C and concentrated in vacuo to give a brown residue. The residue was purified via column chromatography on SiO_2 (hexanes -1%-2%-4% MeOH/CH₂Cl₂) to give **5** as a white solid (0.0014 g, 76%). mp 205-210 °C; IR (thin film) 1672 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H)1H), 6.01 (ddd, J = 10.0, 5.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (dd, J = 9.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dd, J =17.4, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (s, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 - 3.08 (m, 2H), 2.96 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (td, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 - 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 - 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 - 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (t, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 - 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (t, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 - 3.08 (m, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 16.1, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.8.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (dd, J = 12.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.22 - 2.08 (m, 2H), 1.96 (dt, J = 12.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.4, 143.2, 135.0, 132.4, 127.9, 127.7, 127.6, 127.0, 123.9, 115.1, 112.6, 82.5, 56.8, 53.0, 51.0, 48.1, 46.8, 43.4, 42.2; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) $[M+H^+]$ calc'd for C₁₉H₂₁N₂O 293.1654, found 293.1643.



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