# Supporting Information Total Syntheses of (–)-Pyrimidoblamic Acid and P-3A

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3-(tert-Butyl) 5-Ethyl 1-Amino-4-methyl-1H-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate (9a). A solution of potassium t-butoxide (1 M in NMP, 17 mL) was added to a solution of 8a (15.3 mmol, 3.9 g) in NMP (20 mL) at 20 °C. After 30 min, a solution of O-4-nitrobenzoylhydroxylamine (17.6 mmol, 3.2 g) in NMP (15 mL) was added at < 25 °C. The mixture was stirred at 20 °C for 45 min, at which time LC/MS analysis showed complete conversion of 8a. The reaction mixture was quenched with addition of 7% aqueous NaCl and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were combined, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, and saturated aqueous NaCl before being dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 20% EtOAc-hexanes) to yield **9a** as a ~2:1 mixture of N-amination regioisomers (3.01 g, 73%). Isomer A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.68 (s, 2H), 4.38 (g, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 9H), 1.39 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 162.4, 160.3, 135.2, 126.6, 125.0, 83.9, 60.9, 28.4 (3C), 14.5, 10.5. Isomer B: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  6.58 (s, 2H), 4.41 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 9H), 1.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  161.7, 161.1, 136.8, 125.9, 124.8, 81.9, 61.7, 28.4 (3C), 14.3, 10.6; IR for mixture (film) v<sub>max</sub> 3334, 3235, 2979, 2934, 1709, 1582, 1446, 1369, 1298, 1243, 1168, 1131, 1092, 1017, 842, 786 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 270.1445 (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 270.1448).

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  $N$   $O'Bu$ 

**4-(***tert***-Butyl) 6-Ethyl 5-Methyl-1,2,3-triazine-4,6-dicarboxylate (5a)**. A 20% aqueous solution of KHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) was added dropwise at 25 °C to a solution of **9a** (0.74 mmol, 200 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.5 mL). A solution of iodine (1.11 mmol, 283 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added to the emulsion at 25 °C. After complete addition, the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at ambient temperature and monitored by TLC. After 5 h, the reaction was quenched with addition of 10% aqueous sodium thiosulfate. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 15% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **5a** as an orange oil (149 mg, 75%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  4.55 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.62 (s,

3H), 1.67 (s, 9H), 1.47 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  163.3, 162.4, 153.9, 152.0, 126.7, 85.9, 63.4, 28.2 (3C), 14.2, 14.1; IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2981, 2937, 1732, 1459, 1371, 1296, 1248, 1178, 1148, 1101, 1050, 1015, 841, 815, 744, 716 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 268.1298 (C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 268.1292).

(S)-2-((((S)-3-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidin-4-yl)methyl)amino)-4-oxo-4-(tritylamino)butanoic Acid (10). A solution of (R)-(+)-3-Boc-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine-4carboxaldehyde (7, 6.06 mmol, 1.4 g) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) at 25 °C was treated with N'-trityl-L-asparagine (6, 3.03 mmol, 1.1 g) and powdered 4Å molecular sieves. The suspension was stirred for 15 min before NaBH(OAc)<sub>3</sub> (7.58 mmol, 1.6 g) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h under argon. The reaction was quenched with the slow addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> until gas evolution ceased. The mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O and the product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phases were combined, filtered through Celite, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) using a gradient elution of 5% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to elute the less polar by-products and then 10% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to elute 10 (1.6 g, 84%) as an amorphous white solid:  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} + 8.3$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz, 55 °C)  $\delta$  7.26 (m, 15H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.98 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.11 (m, 3H), 2.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 16.7 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H); IR (film)  $v_{\text{max}}$ 3056, 2979, 2934, 2882, 1679, 1529, 1492, 1447, 1388, 1377, 1366, 1251, 1170, 766, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 588.3072 (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 588.3068).

(S)-tert-Butyl-4-((((S)-1-Amino-1,4-dioxo-4-(tritylamino)butan-2-yl)amino)methyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine-3-carboxylate (11). A suspension of 10 (0.73 mmol, 0.43 g) and HOBt (0.88 mmol, 0.12 g) in anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (7.3 mL) under argon at 0 °C was treated with EDCI•HCl (0.88 mmol, 0.17 g). The reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and a 0.5 M solution of NH<sub>3</sub> in THF (2.92 mmol, 5.8 mL) was added quickly by syringe. Upon complete addition, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C and stir for 30 min at which time the reaction was judged complete by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, redissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  and purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) using a gradient elution of 70% EtOAc–hexanes to elute the less polar by-products and then 5% MeOH– $CH_2Cl_2$  to elute 11 (0.35 g, 81%) as an amorphous white solid:  $[\alpha]^{23}_D$  +28 (c 1.0,  $CHCl_3$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $CD_3CN$ , 500 MHz, 60 °C)  $\delta$  8.22 (s, 1H), 7.28 (m, 15H), 6.69 (bs, 1H), 5.76 (bs, 1H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.39 (m, 1H), 2.75 (m, 2H), 2.57

(m, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 3H); IR (film)  $v_{\text{max}}$  3301, 1670, 1525, 1492, 1448, 1390, 1367, 1257, 1173, 1085, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 587.3238 (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 587.3228).

(S)-tert-Butyl-4-((((S)-1-Cyano-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)amino)methyl)-2,2-

dimethyloxazolidine-3-carboxylate (12). A solution of 11 (1.5 mmol, 0.88 g) in anhydrous THF (15 mL) at 0 °C was treated with *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (6.0 mmol, 1 mL). This mixture was treated with a 50% wt. solution of T3P in EtOAc (6.0 mmol, 3.6 mL). Upon complete addition, the reaction mixture was warmed at 50 °C and allowed to stir until complete conversion was noted by TLC (~2 h). The reaction was quenched with addition of water and the product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phases were combined, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 50% EtOAc–hexanes) to provide 12 (0.8 g, 94%) as an amorphous white solid:  $[\alpha]^{23}_{\rm D}$  +3.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.28 (m, 15H), 3.97 (dd, J = 5.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (m, 2H), 3.77 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (m, 1H), 2.70 (m, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.46 (s, 3H); IR (film) v<sub>max</sub> 3305, 3056, 2978, 2928, 2873, 1690, 1660, 1597, 1527, 1492, 1448, 1389, 1367, 1259, 1171, 1087, 847, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 569.3121 (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 569.3122).

(S)-tert-Butyl-4-((((S)-1-Amino-1-(hydroxyimino)-4-oxo-4-(tritylamino)butan-2-

**yl)amino)methyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine-3-carboxylate (13)**. A solution of **12** (0.03 mmol, 17 mg) dissolved in absolute EtOH (0.5 mL) at 25 °C was treated with a 50% aqueous solution of NH<sub>2</sub>OH (0.12 mmol, 8 μL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C until complete conversion of starting material was observed by TLC (~12 h). The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and the residue dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 5% MeOH–CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The product **13** was isolated as a white amorphous solid (16 mg, 90%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_{\rm D}$  +24 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.28 (m, 15H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 3.79 (m, 2H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 5.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.51 (m, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 3H); IR (film)  $v_{\rm max}$  3320, 3057, 2980, 2930, 1663, 1597, 1492, 1448, 1392, 1366, 1257, 1173, 1103, 851, 753, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 602.3337 (C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>5</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 602.3337).

**4-tert-Butyl-6-Ethyl-2-((S)-1-((((S)-3-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidin-4-yl)methyl)amino)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)-5-methylpyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (14). Amidine preparation:** A solution of **13** (0.083 mmol, 50 mg) in MeOH (3 mL) was treated with glacial AcOH (0.170 mmol, 10 μL) followed by a spatula tip of Raney<sup>®</sup> 2800 Nickel as an aqueous cake. This suspension was stirred at 25 °C until complete consumption of the amidoxime was evident by TLC. The reaction mixture was filtered through a Celite plug and concentrated in vacuo without allowing the temperature of the sample to increase above 30 °C. The residue was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and concentrated two additional times to remove residual MeOH. The resulting residue was treated with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) followed by 1 N aqueous NaOH (2 mL). This mixture was shaken briefly before the organic layer was extracted, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo, without allowing the temperature of the sample to increase above 30 °C, to yield the free-based amidine **4** (41 mg, 84%). The resulting residue was then briefly dried under high vaccuum and used within 1 h.

*Inverse electron demand Diels-Alder reaction:* A solution of powdered 4 Å molecular sieves and 1,2,3-triazine **5a** (0.034 mmol, 9.0 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (35 μL) cooled to 5 °C was treated with a solution of crude amidine **4** (0.017 mmol, 10 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (50 μL) dropwise. This mixture was stirred at 5 °C for 14 h at which time the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stir for 6 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **14** as a tan film (7.4 mg, 54%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_{\rm D}$  +0.32 (*c* 0.48, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.80 (s, 1H), 7.20 (m, 15H), 4.43 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (dd, J = 4.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.67 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (m, 5H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.40 (bs, 12H), 1.36 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2975, 2928, 1735, 1690, 1550, 1491, 1447, 1367, 1250, 1155, 1082, 1034, 844, 734, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 808.4278 (C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>57</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 808.4280).

**4-tert-Butyl-6-Ethyl-2-((S)-1-((tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)(((S)-3-(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidin-4-yl)methyl)amino)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)-5-methylpyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (15)**. A solution of **14** (0.021 mmol, 17 mg) in anhydrous THF was treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.084 mmol, 16 mg) followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.074 mmol, 16 mg) at 25 °C. The reaction

mixture was warmed at 50 °C and stirred for 12 h, upon which complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated, redissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30% EtOAc–hexanes). Product **15** was isolated as a white film (17 mg, 90%):  $\left[\alpha\right]^{23}_{D}$ –22 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C)  $\delta$  7.33–7.17 (m, 16H), 4.94 (bs, 1H), 4.40 (qd, J = 2.7, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.88 (ddd, J = 3.0, 5.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (bs, 1H), 3.48 (m, 1H), 3.07 (bs, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.35 (bs, 9H), 1.20 (bs, 9H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2975, 2931, 1737, 1694, 1559, 1488, 1424, 1390, 1368, 1254, 1162, 1074, 851, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 908.4824 (C<sub>51</sub>H<sub>65</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 908.4804).

(S)-tert-Butyl-4-(((tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)((S)-1-(4-(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-6-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)-3-oxo-3-

(tritylamino)propyl)amino)methyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidine-3-carboxylate (16). A solution of 15 (0.018 mmol, 16 mg) in THF:MeOH (800 µL, 3:1) was treated with 1 N aqueous NaOH (135 µL) dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C. After 10 min, complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction mixture was quenched with addition of 1 N aqueous HCl to a pH < 4 and the product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was concentrated and lyophilized. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous <sup>t</sup>BuOH (200 µL), to which Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.040 mmol, 6 μL) and DPPA (0.036 mmol, 8 μL) were added at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed at reflux and monitored by TLC. After 4 h, complete conversion was noted and the reaction mixture was concentrated. The residue was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30% EtOAc-hexanes). Product 16 was isolated as a white amorphous solid (13 mg, 78% for 2-steps):  $[\alpha]^{23}_D$  –24 (c 0.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.32–7.19 (m, 15H), 5.00–4.73 (m, 1H), 4.26–4.15 (m, 1H), 4.15–4.06 (m, 1H), 3.93–3.83 (m, 1H), 3.83–3.67 (m, 1H), 3.56–3.43 (m, 1H), 3.13–2.87 (m, 2H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.42–1.10 (m, 18H); IR (film)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2978, 2960, 2928, 1688, 1578, 1563, 1490, 1392, 1325, 1285, 1251, 1161, 1090, 1021, 847, 768, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 951.5219 ( $C_{53}H_{70}N_6O_{10} + H^+$  requires 951.5226).

tert-Butyl-2-((5*S*,8*S*)-6-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-8-(hydroxymethyl)-12,12-dimethyl-3,10-dioxo-1,1,1-triphenyl-11-oxa-2,6,9-triazatridecan-5-yl)-6-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methylpyrimidine-4-carboxylate (17). Compound 16 (0.013 mmol, 12 mg) was dissolved in MeOH (200 μL) and *p*-TsOH monohydrate (0.006 mmol, 1.2 mg) was added in one portion at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 3 h, upon which time complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction was quenched with the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phases were combined, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 40% EtOAc-hexanes) to yield 17 as a film (8.3 mg, 72%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_D$ -27 (*c* 0.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 7.47 (s, 1H), 7.32–7.18 (m, 15H), 5.69–5.53 (m, 1H), 4.94–4.85 (m, 1H), 3.82–3.73 (m, 1H), 3.73–3.61 (m, 1H), 3.61–3.47 (m, 3H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.95–2.81 (m, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.23 (bs, 9H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  3315 (broad), 2979, 2931, 1679, 1559, 1493, 1394, 1248, 1157, 1096, 1053, 846, 752, 702, 631, 584 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF *m/z* 911.4909 (C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>66</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 911.4913).

(S)-3-((tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)((S)-1-(4-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-6-((tertbutyloxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methylpyrimidin-2-yl)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)amino)-2-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)propanoic Acid (18). A solution of 17 (0.011 mmol, 10 mg) in acetone (200 μL) cooled to 0 °C was treated with a solution of 2.5 M Jones' reagent (12 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, upon which time complete conversion was noted by TLC. Isopropanol (100 µL) was added dropwise to quench the reaction. Concentration under a stream of nitrogen provided a residue that was redissolved in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and EtOAc. The organic layer was collected, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and The resulting residue was purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 50% EtOAc-hexanes concentrated. containing 1-2% AcOH). The carboxylic acid 18 was isolated as a white amorphous solid (9 mg, 88%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_D$  -7.5 (c 0.53, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C)  $\delta$  7.49 (s, 1H), 7.28–7.19 (m, 15H), 4.99–4.88 (m, 1H), 4.32–4.21 (m, 1H), 3.88–3.79 (m, 1H), 3.61–3.54 (m, 1H), 3.37–3.25 (m, 3H), 3.06–2.87 (m, 2H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.26 (bs, 9H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2962, 2925, 2852, 1692, 1561, 1492, 1452, 1393, 1367, 1317, 1258, 1156, 1096, 1021, 844, 799, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 925.4687 ( $C_{50}H_{64}N_6O_{11} + H^+$  requires 925.4706).

tert-Butyl-2-((5*S*,8*S*)-6-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-8-carbamoyl-12,12-dimethyl-3,10-dioxo-1,1,1-triphenyl-11-oxa-2,6,9-triazatridecan-5-yl)-6-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)-5-methylpyrimidine-4-carboxylate (19). A solution of 18 (0.005 mmol, 4.6 mg) and HOBt (0.006 mmol, 0.8 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (125 μL) at 0 °C was treated with EDCI (0.006 mmol, 1.2 mg). Upon complete addition of EDCI, the reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 30 min, before being re-cooled to 0 °C and the addition of 0.5 M NH<sub>3</sub> in THF (40 μL). Precipitation formed as a consequence of the addition. The reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 30 min, upon which time complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction mixture was loaded directly onto a PTLC plate (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and purified using 3% MeOH–CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the eluent. Compound 19 was isolated as a white film (4.4 mg, 95%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ –8.9 (*c* 0.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 7.45 (s, 1H), 7.31–7.19 (m, 15H), 4.96–4.86 (m, 1H), 4.24 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.88–3.80 (m, 1H), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.38–3.26 (m, 1H), 3.00–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.47 (s, 9H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.36–1.16 (m, 9H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2976, 2925, 2854, 1728, 1689, 1558, 1492, 1452, 1412, 1393, 1368, 1247, 1158, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF *m/z* 924.4862 (C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>65</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 924.4865).

$$\begin{array}{c|c} H_2N & O & NH_2 \\ \hline N & N & O \\ \hline N & N & O \\ H_2N & O & O \\ \end{array}$$

6-Amino-2-((S)-3-amino-1-(((S)-2,3-diamino-3-oxopropyl)amino)-3-oxopropyl)-5methylpyrimidine-4-carboxylic Acid ((-)-Pyrimidoblamic Acid, 2). Compound 19 (0.006 mmol, 6 mg) was dissolved in TFA:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500 µL, 3:2). This reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by LC/MS. After 16 h, complete conversion to the desired product was observed. The reaction was quenched by dropwise addition of MeOH and concentrated under a nitrogen stream. The resulting residue was purified by reverse-phase HPLC (C18, 25 x 100 mm, 8 mL/min, R<sub>T</sub> = 9.6 min) utilizing a H<sub>2</sub>O:CH<sub>3</sub>CN gradient to yield the TFA salt of 2. The isolated residue was treated with 1 N aqueous HCl to provide the desired HCl salt of (-)-pyrimidoblamic acid (2) as an off white amorphous solid (1.9 mg, quant.) identical in all respects with authentic material:  $\left[\alpha\right]^{23}_{D}$  -30 (c 0.07, H<sub>2</sub>O);  $\operatorname{lit}^{1}\left[\alpha\right]^{25}_{D}$  -27 (c 0.12,  $H_2O$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  4.22 (dd, J = 5.6, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, J = 4.5, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 4.6, 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 6.8, 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 5.4, 15.8 Hz, 1H),2.82 (dd, J = 7.7, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  175.6, 174.4, 172.4, 171.1, 167.0, 162.3, 111.6, 57.8, 53.2, 47.7, 39.0, 11.9; IR (neat)  $v_{\text{max}}$  3456, 3247, 1695, 1681, 1557, 1161, 1078, 820 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 326.1563 ( $C_{12}H_{19}N_7O_4 + H^+$  requires 326.1571).

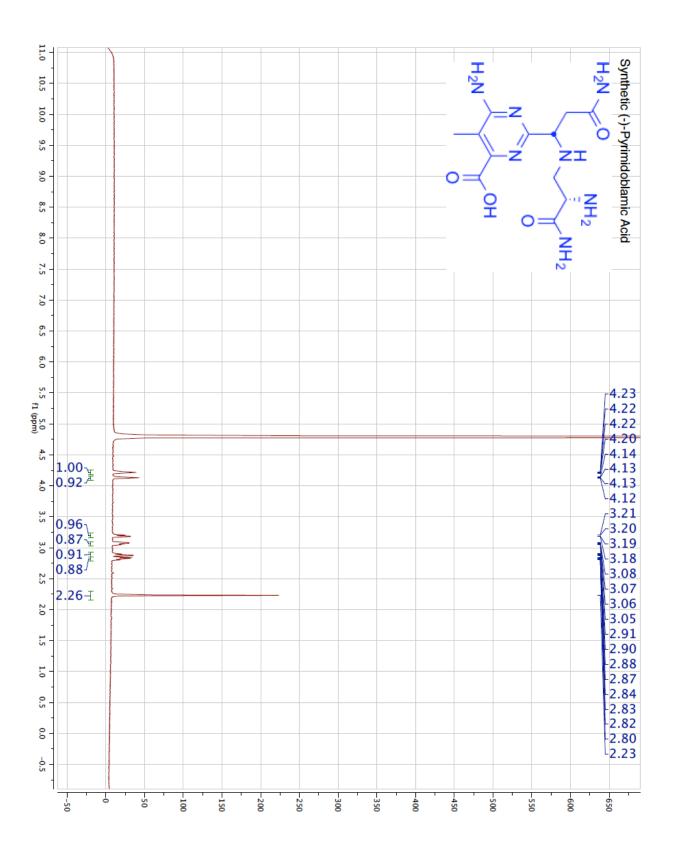
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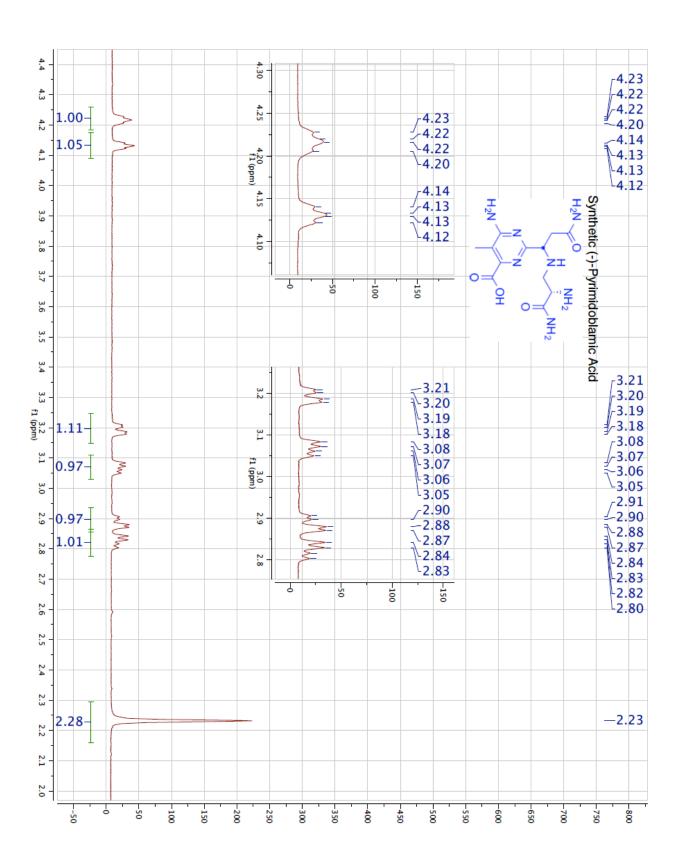
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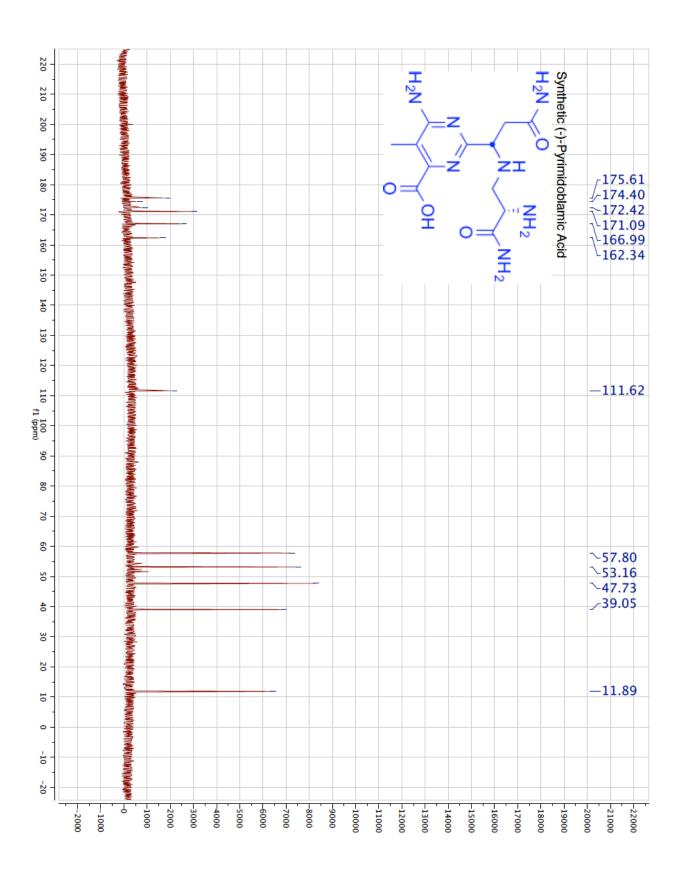
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#### <sup>13</sup>C NMR Comparison

| Synthetic Pyrimidoblamic Acid<br>(150 MHz, D <sub>2</sub> O)                                | Authentic Pyrimidoblamic Acid <sup>2</sup> (100 MHz, D <sub>2</sub> O) |
|---|--|
| 175.6<br>174.4<br>172.4<br>171.1<br>167.0<br>162.3<br>111.6<br>57.8<br>53.2<br>47.7<br>39.0 | Not Reported   |







**4-(***tert*-**Butyl) 6-Ethyl 5-Methyl-2-phenethylpyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (20)**. A solution of **5a** (0.075 mmol, 20 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (160 μL) at 25 °C was treated with a solution of free-based 3-phenylpropanimidamide (0.037 mmol, 5.5 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (125 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 16 h, upon which time the mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **20** as a clear oil (9.0 mg, 66%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 7.31–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.20–7.17 (m, 1H), 4.48 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.36–3.29 (m, 2H), 3.19–3.12 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 9H), 1.43 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 168.1, 165.4, 164.7, 160.3, 158.1, 141.4, 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 126.1, 123.0, 84.4, 62.6, 40.4, 34.4, 28.3 (3C), 14.3, 14.2; IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  2977, 2927, 1736, 1556, 1453, 1406, 1370, 1253, 1224, 1163, 1135, 1045, 845, 751, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 371.1963 (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 371.1965).

**4-(***tert*-**Butyl) 6-Ethyl 2-Phenethylpyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (21)**. A solution of **5b** (0.079 mmol, 20 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (170 μL) at 25 °C was treated with a solution of free-based 3-phenylpropanimidamide (0.04 mmol, 6.0 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (135 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 h, upon which time the mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 20% EtOAchexanes) to yield **21** as a clear oil (12.7 mg, 89%):  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz) δ 8.30 (s, 1H), 7.32–7.23 (m, 4H), 7.21–7.16 (m, 1H), 4.52 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.54–3.45 (m, 2H), 3.27–3.17 (m, 2H), 1.65 (s, 9H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz) δ 172.3, 164.1, 162.6, 158.8, 157.5, 141.2, 128.7 (2C), 128.5 (2C), 126.2, 117.5, 84.1, 63.0, 41.0, 34.4, 28.1 (3C), 14.4; IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  2980, 2931, 1746, 1727, 1555, 1386, 1454, 1386, 1370, 1276, 1256, 1202, 1157, 1103, 1025, 844, 756, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 357.1816 (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 357.1809).

**4-(tert-Butyl) 6-Ethyl 5-Methyl-2-phenylpyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (22)**. A solution of **5a** (0.094 mmol, 25 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL) at 25 °C was treated with a solution of free-based benzamidine (0.062 mmol, 7.5 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 16 h, upon which time the mixture was cooled to 25 °C, filtered through Celite, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 10% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **22** as a clear oil (13.2 mg, 62%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.54–8.39 (m, 2H), 7.54–7.39 (m, 3H), 4.50 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.46 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 165.5, 164.8, 162.4, 160.5, 158.4, 136.4, 131.2, 128.64 (2C), 128.59 (2C), 123.5, 84.3, 62.5, 28.3 (3C), 14.4, 14.3; IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  2981, 2930, 1736, 1555, 1454, 1397, 1373, 1292, 1254, 1161, 1134, 1095, 1044, 846, 748, 721, 695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 343.1658 (C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 343.1652).

**4-(***tert***-Butyl) 6-Ethyl 2-Phenylpyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (23)**. A solution of **5b** (0.090 mmol, 22.7 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL) at 25 °C was treated with a solution of free-based benzamidine (0.066 mmol, 8.0 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 16 h, upon which time the mixture was cooled to 25 °C, filtered through Celite, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 15% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **23** as a clear oil (12.7 mg, 49%):  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 8.61–8.59 (m, 2H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.55–7.50 (m, 3H), 4.54 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.49 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 166.0, 164.3, 162.8, 159.0, 157.8, 136.4, 131.8, 129.0 (2C), 128.8 (2C), 117.6, 84.0, 62.9, 28.2 (3C), 14.4; IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  2981, 2930, 1746, 1727, 1555, 1458, 1377, 1279, 1256, 1216, 1187, 159, 1104, 1020, 845, 737, 694 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 329.1497 (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 329.1496).

**4-(***tert*-**Butyl**)-6-**Ethyl-5-Methyl-2-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate** (24). A solution of **5a** (0.094 mmol, 25 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL) at 25 °C was treated with a solution of free-based picolinimidamide (0.062 mmol, 7.5 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 16 h, upon which time the mixture was cooled to 25 °C, filtered through Celite, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 50% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **24** as a clear oil (16.3 mg, 77%):  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.84 (ddd, J = 0.9, 1.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (dt, J = 1.0, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (td, J = 1.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (ddd, J = 1.2, 4.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 9H), 1.44 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 165.1, 164.3, 161.1, 160.8, 159.1, 153.6, 150.2, 137.3, 125.3, 124.3, 84.6, 62.7, 53.6, 28.3 (3C), 14.4, 14.3; IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  2980, 2930, 1732, 1553, 1443, 1395, 1373, 1289, 1257, 1161, 1138, 1091, 1045, 844, 751 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 344.1616 (C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 344.1605).

**4-(tert-Butyl) 6-Ethyl 2-(Pyridin-2-yl)pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (25)**. A solution of **5b** (0.099 mmol, 25 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL) at 25 °C was treated with a solution of free-based picolinimidamide (0.066 mmol, 8.0 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (200 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 16 h, upon which time the mixture was cooled to 25 °C, filtered through Celite, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 45% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **25** as a clear oil (13.6 mg, 63%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz) δ 8.90–8.84 (m, 1H), 8.63 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.88 (tt, J = 5.2, 10.7 Hz, 1H), 7.47–7.41 (m, 1H), 4.55 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.68 (s, 9H), 1.48 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 165.0, 164.1, 162.4, 159.4, 158.5, 153.6, 150.5, 137.2, 125.7, 124.7, 119.1, 84.3, 63.2, 28.1 (3C), 14.3; IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  2981, 2932, 1729, 1555, 1446, 1377, 1258, 1224, 1191, 1159, 1108, 1018, 842, 753, 676 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 330.1454 (C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 330.1448).

**3-(***tert***-Butyl) 5-Ethyl 1-Amino-1***H***-pyrazole-3,5-dicarboxylate (9b)**. Following the N-amination procedure described in the formation of **9a**, compound **9b** was generated from **8b** (4.6 mmol, 1.1 g). The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 20% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **9b** as a mixture of regioisomers as a white amorphous solid (0.84 g, 72%). Isomer A:  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.16 (s, 1H), 6.08 (bs, 2H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  161.6, 159.3, 137.3, 128.6, 111.9, 83.9, 61.3, 28.3 (3C), 14.5. Isomer B:  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  7.25 (s, 1H), 6.08 (bs, 2H), 4.36 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 150 MHz)  $\delta$  160.6, 160.1, 139.0, 127.6, 111.7, 82.1, 61.9, 28.3 (3C), 14.3; IR for mixture (film)  $\nu_{max}$  3334, 3243, 2979, 2935, 1708, 1588, 1528, 1448, 1392, 1369, 1283, 1221, 1158, 1104, 1026, 845, 764, 721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 256.1285 (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 256.1292).

**4-(***tert***-Butyl) 6-Ethyl 1,2,3-Triazine-4,6-dicarboxylate (5b)**. Compound **5b** was prepared from **9b** (0.78 mmol, 0.20 g) following the procedure used to prepare **5a**. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 15% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **5b** as a yellow oil (135 mg, 68%):  $^{1}$ H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 4.60 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.69 (s, 9H), 1.50 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 162.5, 161.1, 152.1, 151.0, 117.2, 85.8, 63.9, 28.1 (3C), 14.3; IR (film)  $ν_{max}$  2981, 2937, 1729, 1573, 1459, 1370, 1333, 1258, 1160, 1096, 1018, 955, 840, 799, 764, 721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 254.1135 (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 254.1135).

**4-(tert-Butyl) 6-Ethyl 2-((S)-1-((((S)-3-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidin-4-yl)methyl)amino)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (26)**. A solution of **13** (0.166 mmol, 100 mg) in MeOH (6 mL) was treated with glacial AcOH (0.34 mmol, 20 μL) followed by a spatula tip of Raney<sup>®</sup> 2800 Nickel as an aqueous cake. This suspension was stirred at 25 °C until complete consumption of the amidoxime was evident by TLC. The reaction was filtered through a Celite plug and concentrated in vacuo without

allowing the temperature of the sample to increase above 30 °C. The residue was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and concentrated two additional times to remove residual MeOH. The resulting residue was treated with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) followed by 1 N aqueous NaOH (4 mL). This mixture was shaken briefly before the organic layer was extracted, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in vacuo, without allowing the temperature of the sample to increase above 30 °C, to yield the free-based amidine 4 (82 mg, 84 %). The resulting residue was then briefly dried under high vacuum and used within 1 h.

*Inverse electron demand Diels–Alder reaction:* A solution of powdered 4 Å molecular sieves and 1,2,3-triazine **5b** (0.136 mmol, 35 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (280 μL) at 25 °C was treated with a solution of crude amidine **4** (0.068 mmol, 40 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (175 μL) dropwise. This mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h at which time the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>) using a gradient elution of 30% EtOAc–hexanes to elute unreacted 1,2,3-triazine **5b** and then 60% EtOAc–hexanes to yield **26** (41 mg, 76%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_{\rm D}$  +0.40 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.35–7.07 (m, 15H), 4.45 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.32 (dd, J = 4.9, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80–3.65 (m, 3H), 2.81 (dd, J = 7.7, 15.4 Hz, 2H), 2.74 (dd, J = 5.0, 15.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, J = 8.6, 11.6 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.39 (m, 15H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2979, 2930, 1689, 1551, 1492, 1391, 1257, 1155, 1086, 1021, 843, 803, 738, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 794.4115 (C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> + H<sup>+</sup>, requires 794.4123).

**4-(***tert*-Butyl) **6-Ethyl 2-(**(*S*)-1-((*tert*-Butyloxycarbonyl)(((*S*)-3-(*tert*-butyloxycarbonyl)-2,2-dimethyloxazolidin-4-yl)methyl)amino)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)pyrimidine-4,6-dicarboxylate (27). A solution of **26** (0.026 mmol, 21 mg) in anhydrous THF was treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.104 mmol, 10.5 mg) followed by Boc<sub>2</sub>O (0.091 mmol, 20 mg) at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed at 50 °C and stirred for 12 h, upon which complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated, redissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30% EtOAc–hexanes). Product **27** was isolated as a white film (20 mg, 87%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_D$ -25 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.23 (s, 1H), 7.33–7.18 (m, 15H), 5.25–4.96 (m, 1H), 4.51–4.34 (m, 2H), 4.23 (bs, 1H), 4.18 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (bs, 1H), 3.79 (bs, 1H), 3.60 (bs, 1H), 3.11 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 9H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.45–1.15 (m, 18H), 1.38 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2979, 1687, 1556, 1490, 1423, 1392, 1257, 1159, 1081, 1021, 847, 753, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF *m/z* 894.4644 (C<sub>50</sub> H<sub>63</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 894.4647).

tert-Butyl-(S)-4-(((tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)((S)-1-(4-(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-6-((tertbutyloxycarbonyl)amino)pyrimidin-2-yl)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)amino)methyl)-2,2dimethyloxazolidine-3-carboxylate (28). A solution of 27 (0.017 mmol, 15 mg) in THF: BuOH (400 μL, 3:1) was treated with 1 N aqueous NaOH (17 μL) dropwise at 25 °C. After 12 h, complete conversion was observed by TLC. The reaction was quenched with the addition of 1 N aqueous HCl to a pH < 4 and the product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was concentrated and lyophilized. The residue was redissolved in anhydrous <sup>t</sup>BuOH (500 µL), to which Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.025 mmol, 3.6 μL) and DPPA (0.023 mmol, 5.0 μL) were added at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed at reflux and monitored by TLC. After 12 h, complete conversion was noted and the reaction mixture was concentrated. The residue was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and purified by flash chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 30% EtOAc-hexanes) to provide 28 as a white amorphous solid (9.8 mg, 82% for 2-steps):  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$  –19 (c 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz,  $60 \,^{\circ}$ C)  $\delta$  8.18 (s, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.38–7.13 (m, 16H), 5.16–4.68 (m, 1H), 4.30–4.06 (m, 2H), 3.98–3.85 (m, 1H), 3.80–3.66 (m, 1H), 3.55–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.11–2.97 (m, 2H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.48–1.09 (m, 24H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2978, 2932, 1740, 1693, 1566, 1493, 1391, 1368, 1326, 1244, 1159, 1102, 1078, 848, 768, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF *m/z* 937.5061  $(C_{52}H_{68}N_6O_{10} + H^+ \text{ requires } 937.5069).$ 

*tert*-Butyl 2-((5*S*,8*S*)-6-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-8-(hydroxymethyl)-12,12-dimethyl-3,10-dioxo-1,1,1-triphenyl-11-oxa-2,6,9-triazatridecan-5-yl)-6-((*tert*-

**butoxycarbonyl)amino)pyrimidine-4-carboxylate (29)**. Compound **28** (0.0096 mmol, 9.0 mg) was dissolved in MeOH (200 μL) and *p*-TsOH monohydrate (0.0048 mmol, 1.0 mg) was added in one portion at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 3 h, upon which time complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction was quenched with the addition saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phases were combined, washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 40% EtOAc–hexanes) to yield **29** as a film (7.3 mg, 85%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_D$  –36 (*c* 0.64, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.42 (s, 1H), 7.29–7.21 (m, 15H), 5.64 (bs, 1H), 4.95–4.86 (m, 1H), 3.93–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.68–3.49 (m, 4H), 3.21–3.10 (m, 1H), 2.99–2.83 (m, 1H), 1.56 (s, 9H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.35–1.08 (m, 9H); IR (film)

 $v_{\text{max}}$  2978, 2930, 1739, 1691, 1569, 1496, 1456, 1394, 1368, 1327, 1248, 1159, 774, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 897.4751 ( $C_{49}H_{64}N_6O_{10} + H^+$  requires 897.4756).

(S)-3-((tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)((S)-1-(4-(tert-butyloxycarbonyl)-6-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)pyrimidin-2-yl)-3-oxo-3-(tritylamino)propyl)amino)-2-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)propanoic Acid (30). A solution of 29 (0.0055 mmol, 5.0 mg) in acetone (200 µL) cooled to 0 °C was treated with a solution of 2.5 M Jones' reagent (6.5 µL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, upon which time complete conversion was noted by TLC. Isopropanol (100 µL) was added dropwise to quench the reaction. Concentration under a stream of nitrogen provided a residue that was redissolved in a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and EtOAc. The organic layer was collected, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 50% EtOAc-hexanes containing 1-2% AcOH). The carboxylic acid 30 was isolated as a white amorphous solid (4.9 mg, 98%):  $\left[\alpha\right]^{23}$ <sub>D</sub> -15 (c 0.49, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H), 7.30–7.20 (m, 15H), 5.02-4.84 (m, 1H), 4.44-4.34 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.06–2.89 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.35–1.13 (m, 9H); IR (film)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2974, 2928, 2855, 1737, 1692, 1568, 1511, 1493, 1451, 1393, 1367, 1245, 1153, 1097, 1024, 994, 841, 799, 767, 735, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 911.4549 ( $C_{49}H_{62}N_6O_{11} + H^+$  requires 911.4549).

tert-Butyl-2-((5*S*,8*S*)-6-(tert-Butyloxycarbonyl)-8-carbamoyl-12,12-dimethyl-3,10-dioxo-1,1,1-triphenyl-11-oxa-2,6,9-triazatridecan-5-yl)-6-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)-pyrimidine-4-carboxylate (31). A solution of 30 (0.0065 mmol, 6.0 mg) and HOBt (0.0078 mmol, 1.1 mg) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (175 μL) at 0 °C was treated with EDCI (0.0078 mmol, 1.5 mg). Upon complete addition of EDCI, the reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 30 min, before being re-cooled to 0 °C and addition of 0.5 M NH<sub>3</sub> in THF (52 μL). Precipitation formed as a consequence of the addition. The reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C and stirred for 30 min, upon which time complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction mixture was loaded directly onto a PTLC plate (SiO<sub>2</sub>) and purified using 5% MeOH–CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as the eluent. Compound 31 was isolated as a white film (5.5 mg, 93%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_D$ –20 (c 0.37, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.25 (s, 1H), 7.41 (s, 1H), 7.32–7.20 (m,

15H), 5.00–4.80 (m, 1H), 4.38–4.29 (m, 1H), 3.90–3.79 (m, 1H), 3.62–3.49 (m, 1H), 3.44–3.25 (m, 1H), 3.04–2.82 (m, 1H), 1.58 (s, 9H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H), 1.37–1.09 (m, 9H); IR (film)  $v_{max}$  2963, 2927, 2855, 1738, 1663, 1567, 1493, 1455, 1393, 1366, 1258, 1151, 1090, 1019, 868, 798, 769, 736, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 910.4704 ( $C_{49}H_{63}N_7O_{10} + H^+$  requires 910.4709).

**6-Amino-2-((S)-3-Amino-1-(((S)-2,3-diamino-3-oxopropyl)amino)-3-oxopropyl)pyrimidine-4-carboxylic Acid (32)**. Compound **31** (0.005 mmol, 4.5 mg) was dissolved in TFA:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (400 μL, 3:1). This reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature and monitored by LC/MS. After 16 h, complete conversion to the desired product was observed. The reaction was quenched by dropwise addition of MeOH and concentrated under a nitrogen stream. The resulting residue was redissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O and flushed through a pipette column (C18, 100% H<sub>2</sub>O) to yield the TFA salt of **32**. The isolated residue was treated with 1 N aqueous HCl to provide the desired HCl salt of **32** as a white amorphous solid (1.3 mg, 87%): [α]<sup>23</sup><sub>D</sub> –28 (*c* 0.16, H<sub>2</sub>O); lit<sup>2</sup> [α]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> –23 (*c* 0.065, H<sub>2</sub>O); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 600 MHz) δ 7.09 (s, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 5.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 4.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 4.8, 13.7 Hz, 1H), 3.19–3.15 (m, 1H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 5.4, 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 7.7, 16.0 Hz, 1H); IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  3442, 3236, 1700, 1678, 1498, 1152, 1062, 819 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF *m/z* 312.1415 (C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>4</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 312.1415).

**2-((5***S***,8***S***)-6-(***tert***-Butyloxycarbonyl)-8-carbamoyl-12,12-dimethyl-3,10-dioxo-1,1,1-triphenyl-11-oxa-2,6,9-triazatridecan-5-yl)-6-((***tert***-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)pyrimidine-4-carboxylic Acid (33). A solution of 31 (0.0087 mmol, 8.0 mg) in THF:MeOH (220 μL, 3:1) was treated with 1 N aqueous NaOH (17.4 μL) at 25 °C. After 4 h, complete conversion was noted by TLC. The reaction was quenched with addition of 1 N aqueous HCl and the product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide pure 33 as a white amorphous solid (7.2 mg, 97%): [\alpha]^{23}\_{D} –31 (***c* **0.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C) δ 8.36 (bs, 1H), 7.46 (bs, 1H), 7.30–7.22 (m, 15H), 5.66 (bs, 1H), 4.99 (bs, 1H), 4.33 (bs, 1H), 3.84–3.80 (m, 1H), 3.52 (bs, 1H), 2.98 (bs, 1H), 1.55 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.30 (bs, 9H); IR (film) v\_{max} 2971, 2927, 1740, 1686, 1570, 1507, 1494, 1448, 1420, 1367, 1329, 1232, 1156, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF** *m/z* **854.4082 (C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>10</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 854.4083).** 

tert-Butyl-4-((S)-3-(((S)-1-(tert-Butyloxy)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)amino)-2-(2-((5S,8S)-6-(tertbutoxycarbonyl)-8-carbamoyl-12,12-dimethyl-3,10-dioxo-1,1,1-triphenyl-11-oxa-2,6,9triazatridecan-5-yl)-6-((tert-butyloxycarbonyl)amino)pyrimidine-4-carboxamido)-3oxopropyl)-1H-imidazole-1-carboxylate (34). A solution of 33 (0.004 mmol, 3.5 mg) in DMF (75 μL) was treated with a solution of N<sup>(Im)</sup>-Boc-L-His-L-Ala-O'Bu (0.008 mmol, 3.0 mg) in DMF (25 µL), HOBt monohydrate (0.0044 mmol, 0.6 mg), and EDCI (0.0044 mmol, 0.8 mg) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 20 h and then concentrated under a nitrogen stream. The resulting residue was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and rinsed with 1 N aqueous HCl. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by PTLC (SiO<sub>2</sub>, 3% MeOH-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). Compound 34 was isolated as a white amorphous solid (4.0 mg, 89%):  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$  –11 (c 0.27, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>CN, 500 MHz, 60 °C)  $\delta$  9.65 (s, 1H), 8.57 (s, 1H), 8.41 (s, 1H), 7.47–7.36 (m, 15H), 5.81 (bs, 1H), 5.56 (t, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.84– 4.80 (m, 1H), 4.48-4.42 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.06-3.93 (m, 1H), 3.83-3.63 (m, 1H), 3.17–3.05 (m, 2H), 2.53–2.40 (m, 1H), 1.79 (s, 9H), 1.74 (s, 9H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.49 (bs, 9H), 1.34 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H); IR (film)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2927, 1691, 1508, 1394, 1251, 1154, 717, 686, 672 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 1218.6191 (C<sub>63</sub>H<sub>83</sub>N<sub>11</sub>O<sub>14</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 1218.6193).

$$\begin{array}{c|c} H_2N & O & NH_2 \\ \hline & N & \hline & NH_2 \\ \hline & N & NH_2 \\ \hline & N$$

(6-Amino-2-((*S*)-3-amino-1-(((*S*)-2,3-diamino-3-oxopropyl)amino)-3-oxopropyl)pyrimidine-4-carbonyl)-L-histidyl-L-alanine (P-3A, 3). Compound 34 (0.003 mmol, 3.5 mg) was treated with 1.2 mL TFA:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3:1) and stirred at room temperature. After 5 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under a nitrogen stream. The residue was redissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O and passed through a C18 pipette column. The fractions containing product were lyophilized to provide the TFA salt of 3. The residue was redissolved in 1 N aqueous HCl and lyophilized to provide 3 as the HCl salt (2.0 mg, quant.): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 600 MHz)  $\delta$  8.61 (s, 1H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 4.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (t, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (q, J = 7.3

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Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 5.2, 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (dd, J = 5.7, 14.0 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (dd, J = 7.1, 15.4 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (dd J = 7.6, 15.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 5.3, 16.7 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 7.0, 16.6 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz) δ 178.6, 176.2, 173.4, 170.8, 167.5, 166.8, 164.5, 155.6, 136.0, 130.4, 120.0, 106.3, 62.1, 55.0, 52.6, 51.3, 48.8, 38.2, 29.3, 18.5; IR (neat)  $v_{max}$  3307, 3188, 1684, 1654, 1634, 1559, 1538, 1517, 1457, 1414, 1359, 1265, 1162, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRESI-TOF m/z 520.2371 (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>11</sub>O<sub>6</sub> + H<sup>+</sup> requires 520.2375).

## <sup>1</sup>H NMR Comparison

| <b>Synthetic P-3A</b> (600 MHz, D <sub>2</sub> O)   | <b>Authentic P-3A</b> <sup>2</sup> (400 MHz, D <sub>2</sub> O)   |
|---|--|
| 8.61 (s, 1H)<br>7.33 (s, 1H)<br>7.08 (s, 1H)<br>4.90 (t, $J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H)<br>4.67 (t, $J = 6.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H)<br>4.49 (t, $J = 5.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H)<br>4.39 (q, $J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H)<br>3.71 (dd, $J = 5.2$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H)<br>3.61 (dd, $J = 5.7$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H)<br>3.41 (dd, $J = 7.1$ , 15.4 Hz, 1H)<br>3.32 (dd, $J = 7.6$ , 15.3 Hz, 1H)<br>3.14 (dd, $J = 5.3$ , 16.7 Hz, 1H)<br>3.08 (dd, $J = 7.0$ , 16.6 Hz, 1H)<br>1.40 (d, $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H) | 8.60 (s, 1H) 7.32 (s, 1H) 7.07 (s, 1H) 4.90 (t, $J = 7.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H) 4.64 (t, $J = 6.7 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H) 4.49 (t, $J = 5.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H) 4.37 (q, $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H) 3.71 (dd, $J = 5.2$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H) 3.58 (dd, $J = 5.8$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H) 3.41 (dd, $J = 6.8$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H) 3.32 (dd, $J = 7.6$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H) 3.10 (dd, $J = 7.0$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H) 3.06 (dd, $J = 5.5$ , 14.0 Hz, 1H) 1.41 (d, $J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H) |

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### <sup>13</sup>C NMR Comparison

| <b>Synthetic P-3A</b> (150 MHz, D <sub>2</sub> O) | <b>Authentic P-3A</b> <sup>2</sup> (100 MHz, D <sub>2</sub> O) |
|---|--|
| 178.6   | 178.8  |
| 176.2   | 176.3  |
| 173.4   | 173.4  |
| 170.8   | 170.9  |
| 167.5   | 167.6  |
| 166.8   | 166.8  |
| 164.5   | 164.8  |
| 155.6   | 155.6  |
| 136.0   | 136.0  |
| 130.4   | 130.5  |
| 120.0   | 120.0  |
| 106.3   | 106.2  |
| 62.1  | 62.1   |
| 55.0  | 55.1   |
| 52.6  | 52.7   |
| 51.3  | 51.6   |
| 48.8  | 48.8   |
| 38.2  | 38.4   |
| 29.3  | 29.3   |
| 18.5  | 18.5   |

