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# Lipase-catalyzed kinetic resolution of ethyl 3-aryl-3-hydroxypropionate: preparation of the side chain of a novel carbapenem, J-114,870

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#### Abstract

An optically active 3-aryl-3-hydroxypropionate 3a was prepared by lipase-catalyzed kinetic hydrolysis of a diastereomeric mixture of 3-aryl-3-( $\alpha$ -chloroacetoxy)propionate 6 in good conversion yield with adequate purity (>95% de). This enzymatic reaction proceeded with great efficiency as measured by reaction rate, chemical yield and stereoselectivity. The compound 3a was converted to J-114,870 1a, a novel ultra-broad spectrum carbapenem, without significant epimerization. © 2000 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

#### 1. Introduction

In the course of investigating new carbapenems, we synthesized J-114,870 1a which possesses a unique trans-3,5-disubstituted pyrrolidin-3-ylthio side-chain at the C-2 position of the 1βmethylcarbapenem<sup>1</sup> nucleus, and found that this novel carbapenem had an ultra-broad antimicrobial spectrum covering clinically important strains such as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and Pseudomonas aeruginosa.<sup>2</sup> Using (2R,4R)-4-hydroxy-2-phenylpyrrolidine derivative 4 as a precursor,<sup>3</sup> the side chain of J-114,870 was synthesized using lipase as a biocatalyst, or by chemical asymmetric synthesis.<sup>4</sup>

Biocatalysts have often played an important role in the preparation of homochiral compounds that are not obtained easily by conventional chemical reactions. In particular, lipase<sup>5</sup> has been applied to many transformations such as kinetic resolution of racemic compounds<sup>6</sup> and asymmetric synthesis of chiral 1,3-propanediols<sup>7</sup> because of its wide susceptibility of substrates, stability under various conditions, and commercial availability. Enzymatic resolution of a diastereomeric mixture of ethyl 3-aryl-3-hydroxy propionate 3 was considered to be a practical method for preparing homochiral thiol 2a, a side chain of J-114,870 1a (Fig. 1). Herein, we describe in detail the lipase-mediated resolution of a diastereomeric mixture of 3-aryl-3-hydroxypropionate 3 and the following transformation to a side chain of J-114,870.

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Figure 1. Synthesis of J-114,870 1a

#### 2. Results and discussion

# 2.1. Synthesis and enzymatic resolution of the chloroacetates 6

Commercially available (R)-4-hydroxy-2-pyrrolidone was converted into 2,4-cis-disubstituted pyrrolidine 4 with high enantiomeric purity (>99.5% de) according to our previous report.<sup>3</sup> The aldehyde 4 was subjected to aldol condensation with ethyl acetate by the action of lithium hexamethyldisilazide (LHMDS) at  $-78^{\circ}$ C to provide a diastereomeric mixture of 3-aryl-3-hydroxypropionate 3 (ca. 10% de) (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1. Synthesis of key intermediate 3a and conversion into J-114,870 1a

Enzyme-catalyzed acylation of alcohol 3 using vinyl acetate, isopropenyl acetate or acetic anhydride as an acetylating agent did not proceed with acceptable yield or selectivity. Enzyme hydrolysis of acetylated 3 afforded similar unsatisfactory results.

Next, diastereomers 3 were converted into the corresponding chloroacetates 6 by treatment with chloroacetyl chloride and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP), and the resulting chloroacetates 6 were hydrolyzed by using several enzymes in phosphate buffer (Table 1). When lipase LIP<sup>8</sup> was used (entry 1), the reaction proceeded with the highest selectivity (E value<sup>9</sup> = 747) and ended within 2 hours. It should be noted that prolonged reaction time did not diminish the diastereomeric excess of the hydrolyzed product. Sufficient diastereomeric excesses were also obtained by lipase PS<sup>10</sup> (entry 5), lipase MY (entry 10) and lipase Type VII (entry 13) with a longer reaction time (14 h).

Lipase-catalyzed hydrolysis of chloroacetates **6** was carried out using buffer solutions between pH 5 and 9 (Table 2). The results showed that the appropriate pH for this lipase-catalyzed reaction was 7.0–8.5, which provided both diastereomers **3a** and **6b** with sufficient enantiomeric purity (>95% de). Reactions conducted below pH 6.5 did not complete and the remaining **6b** showed moderate diastereomeric excess.

# 2.2. Application to the large scale synthesis

Thus, a diastereomeric mixture of benzyl alcohol 3 was successfully resolved by the lipase-catalyzed hydrolysis of the corresponding chloroacetates 6 with good diastereoselectivity to afford the hydrolyzed product 3a with (R)-configuration and intact 6b. Under optimized conditions, hydrolysis of 1000 g of alcohol 3 took place smoothly to provide 3a (400 g) and 6b (390 g), both of which showed excellent enantiomeric purity (>99% de). Chloroacetate 6b was easily hydrolyzed by means of aqueous ammonia in ethanol to yield (S)-alcohol 3b. The optically active alcohol 3a thus obtained could be converted into Alloc-protected amino compound 7a by the conventional procedure, as described in Scheme 1, without any appreciable epimerization of the resolved stereogenic center. Amino ester 7a was transformed into J-114,870 1a according to reported procedures, including coupling reaction of the side chain thiol 2a with allyl-protected  $1\beta$ -methylcarbapenem diphenylphosphate 5.

# 2.3. Determination of the stereochemistry of alcohols 3a and 3b

Absolute configuration of the stereogenic center (C7') of **3a** and **3b** was determined by the application of the advanced Mosher's method<sup>11</sup> to the MTPA esters **8a** and **8b**, which were obtained from the secondary alcohols **3a** and **3b**, respectively, by acylation with (+)-MTPA-Cl in the presence of DMAP and successive removal of the Boc group by TFA (Fig. 2). Comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the MTPA esters **8a** and **8b** indicated that the resolved stereogenic center of **3a** was (*R*)- and hence **3b** had (*S*)-configuration (Fig. 2, Table 3).

#### 3. Conclusions

A diastereomeric mixture of the 3-aryl-3-( $\alpha$ -chloroacetoxy)propionate 6 was successfully converted into the enantiopure 3-aryl-3-hydroxypropionates 3a and 3b in good conversion yield via the lipase-catalyzed kinetic resolution process. Of all the enzymes tested, lipase LIP was the

Table 1 Effect of the enzyme<sup>a</sup>

Entry	Enzyme	Source	Time	3a	6b	E value <sup>n</sup>	
			(h)	% de <sup>j</sup> (% yield)	% dem (% yield)		
1	Lipase LIP <sup>b</sup>	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	2	99 (44)	95 (38)		
2	Lipase LIPb,c	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	14	98 (42)	76 (48)	228	
3	Lipase LIP <sup>b,d</sup>	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	14	98 (32)	35 (62)	140	
4	Lipase LIPb,e	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	14	$N.D.^k$			
5	Lipase PS <sup>f</sup>	Pseudomonas cepacia	14	96 (47)	96 (36)	194	
6	Lipase M10 <sup>f</sup>	Mucor javanicus	14	N.R. <sup>1</sup>			
7	Lipase A6 <sup>f</sup>	Aspergillus niger	14	$N.R.^{1}$			
8	Lipase F-AP15 <sup>f</sup>	Rhizopus javanicus	14	$N.R.^{1}$			
9	Newlase F <sup>f</sup>	Rhizopus niveus	14	$N.R.^{1}$			
10	Lipase MY <sup>g</sup>	Candida cylindracea	14	94 (42)	97 (30)	136	
11	Lipase <sup>h</sup>	Steapsin	14	N.R.1	,		
12	Lipase Type II <sup>i</sup>	Porcine pancreas	14	$N.D.^k$			
13	Lipase Type VII <sup>i</sup>	Candida cylindracea	14	98 (42)	93 (34)	340	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Standard conditions: 6 50 mg, enzyme 50 mg, acetone 0.5 ml, phosphate buffer (0.1 M, pH 7.0) 1.0 ml.

most efficient catalyst as measured by stereoselectivity, reaction time and feasibility of large-scale preparation. In addition, enantiopure alcohol **3a** could be converted into J-114,870 **1a**, a novel ultra-broad spectrum carbapenem, without appreciable epimerization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Purchased from TOYOBO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Enzyme 25 mg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Enzyme 5 mg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> Enzyme 1 mg.

f Purchased from AMANO.

g Purchased from MEITO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>h</sup> Purchased from TOKYO KASEI.

i Purchased from SIGMA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>j</sup> Determined by HPLC analysis using the chiral phase column (CHIRALCEL OD-H, DAICEL).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>k</sup> Not determined.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No reaction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>m</sup>Determined by HPLC (see footnote j) of the corresponding alcohol 3b.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>n</sup>  $E = \ln\{1 - c[1 + 3a(ee)]\}/\ln\{1 - c[1 - 3a(ee)]\}, c = 6b(ee)/[6b(ee) + 3a(ee)]$  (Ref. 9).

Table 2
Effect of pH<sup>a</sup>  $\begin{array}{c}
\text{Lipase LIPa} \\
\mathbf{6} & \longrightarrow \mathbf{3a + 6b}
\end{array}$ 

рН	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9
% de of <b>3a</b>	95.2	97.0	98.8	99.1	98.9	98.8	99.4	98.9	98.3
% de of <b>6b</b>	5.7	3.8	18.2	71.0	95.4	95.4	$> 99.8^{b}$	$> 99.8^{\rm b}$	$> 99.8^{\rm b}$
E value	41	68	237	425	747	747	> 2293	>1171	>869

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Conditions: 6 50 mg, lipase LIP 50 mg, acetone 0.5 ml, phosphate buffer (0.1 M) 1.0 ml.

MTPA:  $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethoxy)phenylacetyl TFA: trifluoroacetic acid

Figure 2. Conversion of 3a and 3b into MTPA ester 8a and 8b

#### 4. Experimental

### 4.1. General methods

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VXR-300 (300 MHz) spectrometer and a JEOL JNM-A500 (500 MHz) spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNM-A500 (500 MHz). IR absorption spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-200 spectrometer. Specific rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-370 polarimeter. Mass spectra (MS) were measured on a JEOL JMS-SX102A spectrometer. The silica-gel TLC was performed with Merck Kieselgel F<sub>254</sub> precoated plates. The silica gel used for column chromatography was WAKO gel C-300. All reactions involving air-sensitive reagents were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere using syringe-septum cap techniques.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> 3a was not detectable by HPLC analysis.

Proton	2	3	4	5	2′	3′	7′	8′	10'	11′
8a	4 112		4.462	2.932	7.439	7.352	6.404	2.735	4.034	1.177
	4.112	2.412		3.051		1.332		3.014	4.061	
8b	4.080		4.457	2.923	7.370	7.197	6.344	2.740	4.117	1.227
		2.412	4.457	3.041					4.152	
$\Delta \delta \times 10^{-3} \text{ ppm}$	-32		5	-9	-69	155	-60	+5	+83	+50
		$\pm 0$	-5	-10		<b>—155</b>		+10	+91	

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Table 3 \\ ^1H NMR of MTPA esters {\bf 8a} and {\bf 8b} \end{tabular}$ 

# 4.2. Synthesis of the substrates 6

# 4.2.1. (2R,4R)-1-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-4-tert-butyldimethylsiloxy-2-[4-(1-hydroxy-2-(ethoxy-carbonyl)ethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine 3

To a solution of LHMDS (1 M in THF, 308 ml, 308 mmol) in THF (300 ml), EtOAc (31.5 ml, 323 mmol) was added dropwise at  $-78^{\circ}$ C. After stirring for 1 h at  $-78^{\circ}$ C, a solution of **4** (50.0 g, 123 mmol) in THF (200 ml) was added dropwise to the mixture over 1 h at  $-78^{\circ}$ C. The reaction mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc=7:1–3:1) to give **3** (55.5 g, 91%) as a yellow oil. IR (KBr)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2931, 1736, 1697, 1398, 1367, 1254, 1159, 1093, 839, 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.03 (6H, s), 0.79 (9H, s), 1.15 (6H, s), 1.27 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 1.44 (3H, s), 1.87 (1H, m), 2.48 (1H, m), 2.70 (2H, m), 3.41 (1H, m), 3.84 (1H, m), 4.18 (2H, q, J=7.4 Hz), 4.37 (1H, m), 4.72 (0.7H, m), 4.88 (0.3H, m), 5.11 (1H, m), 7.23 (2H, d, J=8.2 Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, J=9.6 Hz); FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>SiNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 516.2757. Found 516.2783.

# 4.2.2. (2R,4R)-1-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-4-tert-butyldimethylsiloxy-2-[4-(1-chloroacetoxy-2-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine 6

To a solution of 3 (1032 g, 2.09 mol) and DMAP (1268 g, 10.4 mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2000 ml), chloroacetyl chloride (1056 g, 9.35 mol) was added under a nitrogen atmosphere at 0°C. After the completion of the reaction, 6N hydrochloric acid was added to the reaction mixture to quench excess DMAP. The organic phase was washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc=5:1) to give 6 (922 g, 77%) as a yellow oil. IR (KBr)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2956, 1743, 1697, 1396, 1365, 1257, 1172, 1093, 837, 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.02 (6H, s), 0.78 (9H, s), 1.14 (6H, s), 1.24 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 1.45 (3H, s), 1.87 (1H, m), 2.47 (1H, m), 2.76 (1H, m), 3.01 (1H, m), 3.42 (1H, m), 3.80 (1H, m), 4.02 (2H, dd, J=17.4, 14.7 Hz), 4.14 (2H, q, J=7.1 Hz), 4.37 (1H, m), 4.72 (0.7H, m), 4.93 (0.3H,

m), 6.23 (1H, dd, J=9.3, 4.7 Hz), 7.26 (4H, m); FAB-HRMS calcd for  $C_{28}H_{44}CINO_7SiNa$  (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 592.2473. Found 592.2477.

### 4.3. Enzymatic resolution of the substrates 6

4.3.1. (2R,4R)-1-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-4-tert-butyldimethylsiloxy-2-[4-((R)-1-hydroxy-2-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine **3a** and (2R,4R)-1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-4-tertbutyl-dimethylsiloxy-2-[4-((S)-1-chloroacetoxy-2-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine **6b** 

To a solution of 6 (922 g, 1.62 mol) in acetone (9.2 l) and 0.1 M phosphate buffer (18.4 l, pH 8.0), lipase LIP (TOYOBO, 1.0 kg) was added and the mixture was stirred for 22 h at room temperature. After lipase was removed by filtration through a pad of Celite<sup>®</sup>, the filtrate was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 l) and extracted three times with EtOAc (40 l). The organic layer was washed with brine (10 1), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc=7:1-3:1) to give **6b** (389 g, 42%) as a yellow oil and **3a** (407 g, 52%, >99% de by HPLC) as a yellow oil. **6b**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -13.2 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2956, 1741, 1697, 1396, 1365, 1255, 1162, 1092, 837, 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.03 (6H, s), 0.79 (9H, s), 1.16 (6H, s), 1.24 (3H, t, J=7.3Hz), 1.46 (3H, s), 1.87 (1H, m), 2.47 (1H, m), 2.75 (1H, m), 3.01 (1H, m), 3.40 (1H, m), 3.81 (1H, m), 4.02 (2H, dd, J=17.3, 14.6 Hz), 4.14 (2H, q, J=7.3 Hz), 4.37 (1H, m), 4.72 (0.7H, m), 4.93 (0.3H, m), 6.24 (1H, dd, J=9.1, 4.8 Hz), 7.26 (4H, m); FAB-HRMS calcd for  $C_{28}H_{44}CINO_7SiNa (M+Na)^+$ : 592.2473. Found 592.2476. **3a**:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +54.2 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $v_{\text{max}}$  2933, 1734, 1697, 1398, 1367, 1254, 1159, 1093, 837, 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.03 (6H, s), 0.79 (9H, s), 1.16 (6H, s), 1.27 (3H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 1.44 (3H, s), 1.86 (1H, m), 2.50 (1H, m), 2.70 (2H, m), 3.39 (1H, m), 3.84 (1H, m), 4.18 (2H, q, J=7.4 Hz), 4.37 (1H, m), 4.72 (0.7H, m), 4.89 (0.3H, m), 5.11 (1H, m), 7.23 (2H, d, J=8.7 Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, J=10.0 Hz)Hz); FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>SiNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 516.2757. Found 516.2756. The enantiomeric purity of 3a was determined by HPLC analysis: column, Chiralcel OD-H (Daicel,  $4.6\phi \times 250$  mm); eluent, n-hexane: i-PrOH = 95:5; flow rate, 1.0 ml/min; detection, UV 250 nm; rt, 9.3 min (3b) and 11.3 min (3a).

4.3.2. (2R,4R)-1-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-4-tert-butyldimethylsiloxy-2-[4-((S)-1-hydroxy-2-(ethoxy-carbonyl)ethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine **3b** 

To a solution of **6b** (389 g, 683 mmol) in EtOH (2 l), 25% aqueous ammonia (800 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 0.5 h at 15°C. The reaction mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O (5 l) and the whole was extracted with EtOAc (6 l). The organic layer was washed successively with 1N HCl (5 l), a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 l) and brine (5 l), and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc=5:1–3:1) to give **3b** (310 g, 92%, >99% de by HPLC) as a yellow oil; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +12.8 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2931, 1734, 1697, 1398, 1367, 1254, 1159, 1092, 837, 777 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.03 (6H, s), 0.79 (9H, s), 1.16 (6H, s), 1.25 (3H, t, J=7.4 Hz), 1.44 (3H, s), 1.87 (1H, m), 2.50 (1H, m), 2.70 (2H, m), 3.41 (1H, m), 3.84 (1H, m), 4.18 (2H, q, J=7.4 Hz), 4.37 (1H, m), 4.72 (0.7H, m), 4.88 (0.3H, m), 5.11 (1H, m), 7.23 (2H, d, J=8.5 Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, J=8.9 Hz); FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>43</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>SiNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup>: 516.2757. Found 516.2739.

4.4. Synthesis of the MTPA esters **8a** and **8b** for determination of absolute configuration

4.4.1. (2R,4R)-4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxy-2-[4-((R)-1-[(R)- $(\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)-phenylacetoxy]-2-(ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenylpyrrolidine **8a** 

To a solution of 3a (327 mg, 0.662 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 ml), DMAP (324 mg, 2.65 mmol) and (S)-(+)- $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetyl chloride ((S)-(+)-MTPA-Cl, 247  $\mu$ l, 1.32 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 1 h at the same temperature,  $H_2O$  was added to the reaction mixture. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $CHCl_3$ . The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$ , and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (n-hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) to give a colorless oil (405 mg, 86%).

To a solution of the material obtained above (100 mg, 0.141 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 ml), TFA (100 µl) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at same temperature and then for 1.5 h at room temperature. The mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O and the whole mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with a saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH = 10:1) to give **8a** (39 mg, 45%) as a yellow oil. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +52.8 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $\nu_{max}$  2954, 1749, 1257, 1173, 1122, 1020, 837, 777, 721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.08 (6H, s), 0.90 (9H, s), 1.17 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 1.73 (1H, m), 2.42 (1H, m), 2.73 (1H, dd, J=16.2, 4.5 Hz), 2.93 (1H, dd, J=11.7, 4.4 Hz), 3.02 (2H, m), 3.41 (3H, s), 4.07 (3H, m), 4.45 (1H, m), 6.40 (1H, dd, J=9.7, 4.4 Hz), 7.35 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.9, 18.0, 25.8, 40.7, 44.1, 55.3, 56.9, 60.8, 61.9, 73.6, 74.3, 84.2, 122.0, 124.3, 127.1, 127.38, 127.42, 128.1, 129.4, 132.1, 136.4, 145.1, 165.4, 169.1; FAB-HRMS calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>43</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>Si (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 610.2812. Found 610.2803.

4.4.2. (2R,4R)-4-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxy-2-[4-((S)-1-[(R)-( $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -(trifluoromethyl)-phenylacetoxy]-2-ethoxycarbonyl)ethyl)phenyl]pyrrolidine **8b** 

By using the same procedure for preparing **8a** described above, **3b** (391 mg, 0.792 mmol) was condensed with (*S*)-(+)-MTPA-Cl to give a colorless oil (505 mg, 90%). The obtained material (100 mg, 0.141 mmol) was then treated with TFA to afford **8b** (44 mg, 51%) as a yellow oil. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +22.8 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr)  $\nu$ <sub>max</sub> 2956, 1749, 1257, 1171, 1122, 1022, 837, 777, 721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.08 (6H, s), 0.90 (9H, s), 1.23 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz), 1.73 (1H, m), 2.41 (1H, m), 2.74 (1H, dd, J=16.5, 4.0 Hz), 2.92 (1H, dd, J=11.7, 4.6 Hz), 3.03 (2H, m), 3.51 (3H, s), 4.12 (3H, m), 4.46 (1H, m), 6.35 (1H, dd, J=10.0, 3.9 Hz), 7.29 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.0, 18.0, 25.8, 41.0, 44.1, 55.5, 56.9, 60.9, 62.0, 73.7, 74.5, 84.4, 122.0, 124.3, 126.7, 127.23, 127.24, 128.1, 129.4, 132.0, 136.4, 144.9, 165.2, 169.5; FAB-HRMS calcd for  $C_{31}H_{43}F_3NO_6Si$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup>: 610.2812. Found 610.2806.

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