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#### Abstract

Malaria is a serious mosquito-borne disease affecting the majority of Earth's southern hemisphere. While consistent efforts to curb malaria spread throughout $20^{\text {th }}$ and early $21^{\text {st }}$ century were largely successful, the recent rise in resistance to antimalarial treatments resulted in an increasing incidence rate and stalling mortality rate. This trend clearly signifies the need for the development of novel antimalarial agents able to circumvent current drug-resistance mechanisms.

In 2014, in collaboration with Prof. Maria Belen Cassera from the University of Georgia, our group found that compound $\mathbf{1 a}(1 R, 3 S$-MMV008138), discovered from the publicly available Malaria Box, targets an essential biosynthetic pathway (MEP pathway) of malaria-causing parasite Plasmodium falciparum. Analogs of 1a synthesized in our laboratory were found effective against multi-resistant Dd2 strain of P. falciparum which, together with an absence of MEP pathway in humans, suggests that potent analogs of 1a may be safe and efficient antimalarial drug candidates.

The initial bioassay studies determined that only one of four possible MMV008138 stereoisomers satisfactorily inhibits the target PfIspD enzyme. Thus, a secure determination of stereochemistry in 1a analogs was of utmost importance to the structure-activity relationship studies performed in our group. The second chapter of this work discusses the validation of the previously known empirical stereoassignment method based on analysis of relative shift of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR resonances between cis and trans diastereomers and compares it to a new method based


on ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ coupling constants developed in our laboratory. We demonstrate that the new method relying on the analysis of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling is reliable over large samples of experimental data and suitable even when only a single diastereomer is produced in the synthetic process. Importantly, the origin of ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ coupling constants is well understood, unlike the source of relative differences in ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts observed in the older method. The empirical observations for both stereoassignment methods are supported by extensive density-functional theory calculations, which validate the new ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling-based assignment but do not provide a conclusive explanation for the origin of the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR-based method.

In the third chapter, we discuss the replacement of the carboxylic acid moiety in 1a by alternative functional groups promising improved toxicity and bioavailability profile. The total synthesis of tetrazole (trans-23a) and phosphonic acid (( $\pm$ )-62a) derivatives of 1a is discussed in detail. The tetrazole analog 23a was previously synthesized in the Carlier group as a diastereomeric mixture of cis and trans isomers ( $\mathrm{dr}=3: 7$ ), and it was tested for growth inhibition of multi-resistant P. falciparum with promising results. Later, the synthesis was revisited to obtain a stereochemically pure sample of trans-23a, which was expected to show improved potency compared to the original sample. Furthermore, the synthesis of pure trans-23a confirmed the accuracy of the previous assignment of cis and trans diastereomers in the mixture. Unfortunately, neither analog showed an improvement in potency relative to $\mathbf{1 a}$.

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## GENERAL AUDIENCE ABSTRACT

The most severe form of malaria disease is caused by the parasite, Plasmodium falciparum, which gives rise to over 200 million infections and more than 400 thousand deaths every year, the majority of which affect young children. In recent years, the effectiveness of clinically used antimalarial medicines decreased due to an increase in drug-resistant strains of P. falciparum. Therefore, there is an urgent need for new antimalarial agents that could bypass the emerging resistance.

A promising candidate for a new antimalarial drug is a molecule named MMV008138. This molecule exists in four distinct forms called stereoisomers. Stereoisomers are molecules with the same chemical formula, but the atoms in each molecule are positioned differently. Only one of MMV008138's four stereoisomers (1a) was effective in killing the $P$. falciparum. The second chapter of this work discusses a new method for identifying stereoisomers in molecules like MMV008138. We demonstrate that the new method is both reliable and simpler than the previously used procedures.

The third chapter of this dissertation discusses the preparation of two new compounds based on the structure of 1a that contain modifications promising improved biological activity. Unfortunately, neither of these two molecules was able to kill the P. falciparum efficiently.

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## 1 Overview of $\boldsymbol{P}$. falciparum's biology and methods to fight malaria

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease caused in humans by one of five species of Plasmodium parasite. The most prevalent species in Africa is Plasmodium falciparum, which is also associated with the most severe disease outcomes. Although the incidence of malaria cases was steadily declining until 2014, since then, a slow increase in new cases has been observed every year (Figure 1.1). In 2019, there have been an estimated 229 million new cases, $94 \%$ of which were diagnosed in Africa. In the same year, 409 thousand deaths were reported, $67 \%$ of which were among children under the age of five. Since 2016, the previously steady decrease in mortality began to stall. Moreover, emerging resistance to antimalarial drugs and insecticides used for mosquito control has resulted in a renewed increase in malaria incidence in past years. ${ }^{1}$ Consequently, there is currently a dire need to explore novel treatment and control methods to eradicate malaria.


Figure 1.1 Malaria incidence and mortality globally and in Africa in years 2000-2019. Graph was produced with data from World Malaria Report 2020 (License: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO). ${ }^{1}$

### 1.1 Epidemiology of falciparum malaria

The pathogen causing the most severe form of malaria $-P$. falciparum is most widely spread in Africa, where it is responsible for up to $99.7 \%$ of local malaria cases, but is also endemic to SouthEast Asia (50\%), Eastern Mediterranean (71\%), and the Western Pacific Region (65\%, Figure 1.2). ${ }^{2}$ The worldwide incidence of malaria infection decreased from 7.1 to $5.7 \%$ among the population at risk between 2010 and 2014. Unfortunately, since 2014, the rise of resistance to the current prophylactic and therapeutic methods caused a significant slowdown in malaria eradication efforts. ${ }^{2}$


Figure 1.2 Status of global malaria incidence rates in 2018. The incidence is reported as a number of cases per 1000 people at risk. Reproduced from World Malaria Report 2019 (License: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO). ${ }^{2}$

### 1.2 Clinical outcomes of falciparum malaria

The demographic most at risk in areas with stable transmission of $P$. falciparum includes young children and pregnant women. Initial infection by P. falciparum presents itself with non-specific symptoms, including fever, headaches, nausea, and muscle pain, but may also be connected to severe outcomes with clearly differentiated clinical symptoms among various age groups. Severe
falciparum malaria in children often results in coma (also called cerebral malaria), respiratory distress leading to tissue hypoxia, and severe anemia. Among adults, severe malaria usually presents itself with hepatic and renal dysfunctions and pulmonary edema. The risk of developing severe malaria declines rapidly with age in areas endemic to $P$. falciparum due to naturally acquired immunity, however, the susceptibility to infection persists. ${ }^{3}$

### 1.3 Transmission and life cycle

The members of Plasmodium spp. spend their complex lifecycle alternating between two hosts - mosquitos of the Anopheles genus and a vertebrate host, such as humans. P. falciparum is transmitted into a human host by a bite from an infected female Anopheles mosquito. Shortly after, they infect hepatocytes and begin a brief, asymptomatic liver stage, followed by a blood stage responsible for the aforementioned clinical symptoms of malaria. During the blood stage, most parasites reproduce asexually, while a small portion of the parasites turns to sexual reproduction and form gametocytes, the transmissible form of the parasite that can be ingested by another mosquito during a blood meal. The single cycle of $P$. falciparum's sexual reproduction occurs within the mosquito host, producing sporozoites that are ready to infect another human host. ${ }^{3,4}$ Thus, the P. falciparum's life cycle can be divided into four major phases - mosquito, liver, blood, and transmission phase.

### 1.3.1 Mosquito phase and transmission to the human host

The mosquito phase of P. falciparum's life cycle starts with the ingestion of gametocytes by a female Anopheles mosquito during a blood meal from an infected host (Figure 1.3). Xanthurenic acid present in a mosquito's gastrointestinal tract, together with a drop in temperature and increase in the environment's pH , initializes gametogenesis. Both male and female gametocytes lose the erythrocyte membrane and differentiate into spherical gametes. Male gametes then undergo
exflagellation - a set of three DNA replication cycles to produce and release up to eight motile microgametes. ${ }^{4,5}$ Fertilization of a female gamete leads to the formation of a zygote, which then undergoes meiosis and transforms into an ookinete. Unlike spherical zygotes, elongated ookinetes are capable of motility, tissue traversal, and invasion. Shortly after their formation, ookinetes permeate the peritrophic matrix surrounding the blood meal and continue across epithelial cells. The migration is over when an ookinete exits the basal end of the epithelium, attaches to the midgut wall, and transforms into an oocyst. The oocyst maturation takes 10-12 days, during which many mitotic cycles occur, forming sporozoites. Mature oocyst then erupts to release thousands of sporozoites into the mosquito's hemolymph, which then carries them to all mosquito's tissues, including salivary glands. The sporozoites adhere to salivary glands and invade the salivary ducts, where they further mature and become infectious to mammalian hosts. ${ }^{4}$


Figure 1.3 Mosquito stage of $P$. falciparum life cycle. ${ }^{4}$ Republished with permission of Annual Reviews, Inc., from Malaria parasite development in the mosquito and infection of the mammalian host, Aly et al. Annu. Rev. Microbiol. 2009, 68, 195-221; permission conveyed through Copyright Clearance Center, Inc.

### 1.3.2 Asymptomatic liver phase (pre-erythrocytic phase)

When an infected Anopheles mosquito takes a blood meal, P. falciparum sporozoites are injected into the host's dermis and initiate the migration part of the pre-erythrocytic phase of their life cycle (Figure 1.4). During the first 1-3 hours after the bite, sporozoites rely solely on their gliding motility to reach the bloodstream. When they find and penetrate a blood vessel, the sporozoites travel through the cardiovascular system to the liver where they find and invade suitable hepatocytes. ${ }^{3,4}$ The sporozoites then form parasitophorous vacuole membrane (PVM) inside of the hepatocyte and undergo schizogony to form up to forty thousand merozoites per infected hepatocyte. This stage of development takes about ten days and culminates in a release of merosomes, vesicular structures which transport thousands of merozoites into the bloodstream where they are released. ${ }^{3}$

## Endothelial cells



Hepatocyte

Figure 1.4 Pre-erythrocytic stage of P. falciparum life cycle. ${ }^{3}$ Adapted from Cell, vol. 167, Cowman et al., Malaria: biology and disease, p. 610-524, 2016, with permission from Elsevier.

### 1.3.3 Symptomatic blood stage

The merozoites released into a blood vessel rapidly attack and invade available red blood cells (Figure 1.5). ${ }^{6}$ The merozoite invasion into an erythrocyte takes only about two minutes. Upon entry, merozoite forms a new PVM, which is sealed when merozoite is fully incorporated along with the erythrocyte plasma membrane. Subsequent schizogony takes about two days and results in an explosive release of 16-32 merozoites which infect other erythrocytes. ${ }^{3}$


Figure 1.5 Asexual replication of $P$. falciparum during the blood stage of its life cycle. ${ }^{3}$ Adapted from Cell, vol. 167, Cowman et al., Malaria: biology and disease, p. 610-524, 2016, with permission from Elsevier.

### 1.3.3.1 Ring stage of asexual development

The ring stage follows directly after the incorporation of merozoite into the erythrocyte and is characterized by extensive remodeling of the infected red blood cell (iRBC). The parasite induces
the formation of Maurer's clefts - vesicular structures used for trafficking of proteins from the parasite to the iRBC surface, and most of the parasite's activity within the iRBC is focused on the expression and export of Plasmodium proteins. Notably, the ring stage is also the only stage of asexual reproduction in which the iRBCs are mobile and found in blood samples of infected patients. ${ }^{6}$

### 1.3.3.2 Trophozoite stage of asexual development

Approximately 24 hours after infection, the iRBC is transformed into an immobilized, hemoglobin-consuming trophozoite stage. This phase of the cycle is characterized by a rapid increase in hemoglobin metabolism and the parasite's growth. ${ }^{6}$ The trophozoite stage expresses the $P$. falciparum erythrocyte membrane protein 1 (PfEMP1), allowing it to adhere to the cell wall of a blood capillary and to avoid splenic clearance. ${ }^{3,6}$ The high diversity of PfEMP1's tissuespecific binding receptors allows the parasite to infect a wide variety of tissues, sequester in peripheral capillaries, and even avoid destruction by the immune system through switching between antigenically distinct isoforms of PfEMP $1 .{ }^{7}$

### 1.3.3.3 Schizont stage of asexual development

The transition from trophozoite to schizont stage is not accompanied by any significant morphological changes of the iRBC. The parasite steadily grows, and its food vacuole moves towards the center of the parasite (10-15 hours before rupture). About 3-4 hours before rupture, the parasite occupies most of the iRBC, invagination of the parasitical plasma membrane is detectable, and Maurer's clefts are disassembled. About 2 hours before the iRBC ruptures, cell division is initiated to form up to 32 merozoites. Subsequently, the host cell with mature merozoites ruptures, and the released merozoites re-infect healthy erythrocytes. ${ }^{6}$

### 1.3.4 Sexual development and transmission to the mosquito

The commitment of an asexual schizont to differentiate into non-dividing male or female gametocytes relies on the DNA-binding protein PfAP2-G, which activates early gametocyte gene transcription. ${ }^{8}$ The exact molecular basis of the merozoite's commitment to sexual development is unknown; however, some environmental stimuli (e.g., high parasitemia or exposure to antimalarial drugs) have been shown to cause this developmental switch. ${ }^{3}$ The decision to undergo gametocytogenesis is made in the last preceding asexual replication cycle when all merozoites formed in the schizont commit to becoming either male or female gametocyte. The factors that determine gametocyte sex are not well understood, but the ratio seems to be female-biased. ${ }^{5}$ The sexual development of $P$. falciparum is a complex process lasting 10-14 days and consisting of five morphologically distinctive stages depicted in Figure 1.6. ${ }^{9}$ To avoid clearance by the immune system or spleen during the long gametocytogenesis, the immature gametocytes of $P$. falciparum are sequestered in parenchyma - the extravascular compartment of bone marrow in which erythropoiesis happens. ${ }^{10}$

The sexual merozoites and young gametocytes are either formed in parenchyma from committed asexual schizonts already sequestered in bone marrow, or they find their way to the parenchyma from the vascular system. ${ }^{9}$ While the early gametocyte stages (I and II) express a number of membrane proteins, including $P f$ EMP1, that allow them to adhere to bone marrow cells, ${ }^{5}$ later stages of gametocyte development no longer have these membrane proteins, and their sequestration inside parenchyma relies on a different mechanism. ${ }^{10}$ The exact mechanism of laterstage gametocyte sequestration is not known; however, increased rigidity of gametocytes in stages II-IV of the development may play a role by mechanically trapping the gametocytes within the parenchyma. The increase in rigidity of stage II-IV gametocytes is at least partially caused by the
development of an extensive microtubule cytoskeleton, which is also responsible for the elongated shape of the gametocytes. ${ }^{11}$ The protein synthesis and hemoglobin digestion of gametocytes cease by the end of stage III, and further nucleic acid synthesis is restricted to the synthesis of RNA in preparation for exflagellation and rapid nuclear division upon transmission to the Anopheles host. In stage IV, the parasite occupies most of the host cell, and the sex of the gametocyte can be distinguished under a microscope. ${ }^{5}$ After reaching the maturation in stage V , the cytoskeleton is disassembled, and a highly deformable mature gametocyte can re-enter the bloodstream. High deformability of the crescent shape gametocyte enables it to transit through interendothelial slits inside the spleen and thus allows it to survive in circulation. ${ }^{11}$ Even though the maximum survival time of a mature gametocyte is estimated to be three weeks, the mean circulation time is only about six days. ${ }^{5,10}$


Figure 1.6 Sexual development of P. falciparum. Adapted by permission from Springer Nature Customer Service Centre GmbH: Springer Nature, Nat. Rev. Microbiol., Plasmodium asexual growth and sexual development in the haematopoietic niche of the host, Venugopal et al. 2020.

### 1.4 Prevention of falciparum malaria

Prevention of malaria infection is nowadays focused primarily on vector control via distribution of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) and application of indoor residual spraying (IRS). On an individual scale, the use of topical repellents or insecticide-treated clothing is also common. Methods directly targeting the Plasmodium spp. include vaccine development, which unfortunately has not reached commercial availability yet, and the use of antimalarial medicines for chemoprevention. The prophylactic use of antimalarials is usually recommended to travelers
and pregnant women in areas endemic to $P$. falciparum. Prophylactic antimalarial drugs are discussed in Subchapter 1.5. ${ }^{12}$

### 1.4.1 Malaria vaccine

The high complexity of the parasite's biology and life cycle discussed in the previous section poses great challenges for the development of a vaccine against malaria. Currently, there is no commercially available vaccine; however, over 20 vaccine candidates are now being evaluated in clinical trials. The most advanced vaccine candidate - RTS, S/AS01 recently succeeded in the Phase 3 clinical trial. ${ }^{13}$ The protection offered by this first-generation vaccine targeting sporozoite infection is likely to be partial and temporary, and, in order to obtain a genuinely efficient vaccine for malaria eradication, the development of further vaccine generations will be necessary. The landmarks set for a positive evaluation of the first-generation vaccine are more than $50 \%$ efficacy over at least one year. New landmarks set for next generations already call for at least 75\% efficacy over a two-year period. ${ }^{14}$

### 1.4.2 Vector control

An Anopheles mosquito, as the only natural source of malaria transmission, presents itself as an ideal target for vector control. The majority of vector control efforts are focused on adult female Anopheles, primarily via the application of insecticides. The use of chemical pesticides dates back as early as the $19^{\text {th }}$ century, which has been revolutionized by the discovery of new insecticides during the $20^{\text {th }}$ century. ${ }^{15}$ Notable success in malaria control was achieved by the employment of dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT). The use of DDT is currently banned in many countries due to its environmental toxicity, persistence, and ability to accumulate in various human tissues. ${ }^{12,}$ 15 The World Health Organization (WHO) still allows the use of DDT under specific circumstances, when no alternative equally effective insecticide is available, and with strict
adherence to safety guidelines established by the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. ${ }^{12}$

Insecticides are usually applied as IRS, used to treat ITNs, or as space spraying in emergency scenarios. The space spraying distributes fine aerosol of fast-acting insecticide or can be applied as spraying with several insecticides within a short time frame. This method, used for the rapid decrease in active mosquitoes' population, is discouraged by current WHO guidelines due to a lack of evidence about its efficiency. ${ }^{12}$ IRS and ITNs - including long-lasting ITNs with required efficiency for at least three years, are the method of choice for malaria vector control in sub-Saharan Africa. ${ }^{15}$ Both of these indoor methods successfully reduce malaria transmission by more than $90 \%$; however, they have only limited effect on malaria prevalence in the region. ${ }^{16}$ Typically, IRS and ITNs are not combined because the added benefit of an additional insecticide method has been shown to be negligible in most scenarios. ${ }^{12}$ The ITNs are typically treated with pyrethroid class of insecticides, which is known for minimal mammalian toxicity, ${ }^{15}$ and thus the current WHO guidelines recommend that if a combination of ITNs and IRS is required, the IRS must be based on a different class of insecticides. Resistance to the insecticides used for ITNs and IRS is rising moderately and, so far, has not led to a failure of vector control methods. However, as the cautious use of insecticides is the necessary first step, the development of new insecticides is necessary to fight emerging mosquito resistance. ${ }^{12,16}$

Apart from widely used ITNs and IRS, other methods of vector control are being developed. Additional chemical control consists of poisoned sugar baits targeting both male and female sugar-feeding mosquitos and the introduction of insecticide-coated membranes inside of house air ventilation ducts. Notable efforts have been made in larval control by introduction of aquatic predators and use of chemical and bacterial larvicides. ${ }^{15,16}$

Genetic modification methods to reduce the malaria-transmitting mosquito population have been developed as well. Notable examples of genetically modified mosquitoes are sterile male mosquitoes or mosquitoes artificially infected with Wolbachia bacteria, which is symbiotic to Anopheles mosquitoes affecting its reproduction cycle. Mosquitoes carrying Wolbachia are incompatible with Wolbachia-free mosquitoes or mosquitoes infected by a different strain of Wolbachia. Progenies resulting from the mating of incompatible mosquitoes are not viable. The recent discovery of CRISPR gene editing techniques allowed for the development of gene drive mosquitoes that can rapidly spread desirable traits by traditional sexual reproduction. An example of a desirable trait in the genetically modified mosquito is the inability to transmit Plasmodium pathogen into the human host. ${ }^{15-17}$

### 1.5 Treatment of falciparum malaria

The first historically used antimalarial drug was quinine, a natural product found in the bark of cinchona trees native to South America, which was introduced to western medicine by Spanish monks in the early $17^{\text {th }}$ century who used it in the form of a crude bark extract. ${ }^{18}$ Pure quinine was isolated much later, in 1820, by French chemists Pierre Pelletier and Joseph Caventou. However, soon it became the medicine of choice to treat malaria in both Europe and the United States. ${ }^{18,19}$ Advances in the production of synthetic quinoline-type antimalarials, such as chloroquine and mefloquine, throughout the $20^{\text {th }}$ century played a significant role in eliminating malaria from many parts of the world. Another important antimalarial agent is artemisinin, isolated from the plant Artemisia annua in China in 1972. Artemisinin and its derivatives are currently routinely used in malaria treatment. ${ }^{20}$ Commercially available antimalarials can be classified into several categories based on their structure and mode of action. Representative examples of these drugs are shown in Figure 1.7. ${ }^{21}$ The current guidelines provided by WHO in response to the rise in antimalarial
resistance discourage the use of single drugs and instead promote combinational therapy based on artemisinin and one or more other antimalarials. ${ }^{22}$






Figure 1.7 Examples of clinically used antimalarial agents

### 1.5.1 Quinoline-type antimalarials

The original malaria drug quinine is a representative of quinoline-type antimalarials (Figure 1.7A). Due to many side effects related to treatment with quinine, its use is currently limited. Nonetheless, quinine is still valuable for treating uncomplicated multi-drug-resistant malaria and severe malaria when intravenous medication administration is necessary. ${ }^{20}$ Moreover, quinine is one of the few antimalarials considered safe to use during the first trimester of pregnancy. ${ }^{22}$

The first notable quinoline-containing synthetic antimalarial drug was chloroquine, introduced to the market in 1946, which played a significant role in malaria eradication efforts. By the end of the 1950s, large-scale prophylactic use of chloroquine resulted in the development of chloroquine-resistant strains of $P$. falciparum that are now found in most regions with endemic malaria. Nonetheless, chloroquine is still used against sensitive parasites due to its low cost and minimal side effects. ${ }^{20}$ The mechanism of chloroquine's action stems from targeting the trophozoite stage of asexual reproduction, where it inhibits polymerization of heme into hemozoin which, unlike heme, is non-toxic to the parasite. ${ }^{21}$

Mefloquine was developed after the Vietnam War in response to high levels of chloroquine-resistant malaria infections in the U.S. military. ${ }^{20}$ The widespread use in Asia resulted in a drastic decrease in the efficiency of mefloquine monotherapy; however, it is still highly effective against most chloroquine-resistant $P$. falciparum strains. ${ }^{21}$ Despite the number of structural similarities with chloroquine, mefloquine inhibits endocytosis and catabolism of hemoglobin rather than hindering the detoxification of hemoglobin metabolites. ${ }^{23}$ The use of mefloquine is limited due to its high cost and neuropsychiatric side effects observed in some patients. ${ }^{20,21}$

### 1.5.2 Antifolates, mitochondrial inhibitors, and antibiotics

Antifolate antimalarials are used as a combination of two active compounds, each targeting one enzyme in P. falciparum's folate mechanism and thus depleting the parasite of essential folate cofactors (Figure 1.7B). The two targeted enzymes are dihydropteroate synthase (DHPS) and dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR). ${ }^{24,25}$ DHPS inhibitors alone show only minimal efficacy against $P$. falciparum and simultaneously exhibit serious toxicity; however, they act synergistically when administered with DHFR inhibitors increasing potency of the latter. ${ }^{21,25}$ A notable example of antifolate combination therapy is sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (Fansidar ${ }^{\circledR}$ ), which became popular for its low cost and efficacy comparable to chloroquine. ${ }^{21}$ Fansidar's use is very limited nowadays, both due to the rapid emergence of resistance and because prolonged use was connected to lifethreatening side effects. ${ }^{20,21}$

Another DHFR inhibitor used for malaria treatment and prophylaxis is a prodrug proguanil, which converts to the active species cycloguanil in vivo via oxidation by cytochrome P450. ${ }^{20,} 22$ Similarly to sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine treatment, resistance developed soon after cycloguanil's introduction. Consequently, the drug cannot be used as a monotherapy. ${ }^{21}$ Alternative use for the proguanil was found in combination with atovaquone. Atovaquone is a ubiquinone analog that interferes with the cytochrome electron transport system, resulting in the collapse of membrane potential in the parasite's mitochondria. Atovaquone is not used independently because of the high treatment failure rate linked to the rapid development of resistance. The selection for resistant parasites is significantly decreased when atovaquone and proguanil are used together. This therapeutic combination is considered safe and is recommended by WHO for prophylactic use. ${ }^{22}$

Several antibiotics are also known to have antimalarial activity (Figure 1.7C). Their mechanism of action is based on inhibition of procaryote-like RNA and protein synthesis inside a
vestigial organelle called the apicoplast, which will be discussed in more detail later. ${ }^{20}$ The cytocidal activity of antibiotics exhibits a so-called delayed death phenotype when the affected parasite dies only in the second replication cycle after exposure to the treatment. This delay leads to a clinically significant time gap between drug administration and improvement of malaria symptoms and could be fatal in non-immune patients. Consequently, antibiotics are employed only in combination with faster-acting antimalarial agents. ${ }^{21}$ Antibiotics commonly used in combination therapy include doxycycline and clindamycin. ${ }^{22}$

### 1.5.3 Artemisinin-based antimalarials

The key structural feature responsible for the antimalarial activity of artemisinin and its semisynthetic derivatives is their endoperoxide moiety (Figure 1.7D). Upon entry of the parasite, the endoperoxide can interact with iron(II) released from hemoglobin metabolites produced by Plasmodium. This reaction then forms oxygen free radicals and carbon-centered radicals. The exact mechanism of action of these radicals is not clear, but parasite death resulting from oxidative stress, alkylation of parasite's proteins and heme, or blockade of calcium channels were proposed. ${ }^{26}$ Artemisinin is potent against all erythrocytic stages of the parasite life cycle, particularly the early ring stages. Unlike most other known antimalarials, artemisinin is also effective against $P$. falciparum gametocytes. ${ }^{27}$ The clinical use of the parent drug, artemisinin, is limited by its low bioavailability resulting from poor aqueous solubility. This problem was ameliorated by the development of derivatives with increased water solubility. Representative examples are shown in Figure $1.7 E .{ }^{26}$ Artemisinin derivatives, which can rapidly decrease parasitemia in patient's blood, in combination with other, slow-acting antimalarials (termed artemisinin combination therapies or ACTs ), are now recommended by the WHO as the first line of treatment for most malaria cases. ${ }^{22}$

### 1.5.4 Resistance to antimalarial drugs

The development of $P$. falciparum's resistance to antimalarials represents a major obstacle in malaria eradication efforts. As mentioned in previous sections, practically all antimalarials introduced in the $20^{\text {th }}$ century resulted in the rise of resistant strains. Treatments with artemisinin derivatives, used in broader clinical practice since the early 2000s, initially appeared to avoid the unfortunate fate of their predecessors. ${ }^{27,28}$ The delayed clearance phenotype, suggesting early stages of resistance, was first observed in 2007 in western Cambodia where patients have prescribed an artemisinin-based monotherapy or ACTs. ${ }^{29}$

As of 2020, the resistance of $P$. falciparum to multiple ACTs is widely spread throughout the Greater Mekong subregion of South-East Asia (Figure 1.8). ${ }^{30}$ Even though few sporadic reports of loss of ACTs efficacy in the African region emerged in recent years, ACTs remain highly effective to treat African P. falciparum strains and are preferred as the first line of treatment in the region by WHO. ${ }^{31}$ Genetic studies of resistance-related mutations in parasites collected from blood samples of patients in the Greater Mekong subregion show that specific mutations are contained within a localized Plasmodium population. Therefore, the risk of resistance spread by the artemisinin-insensitive parasite is deemed to be low. A much greater risk to the wide spread of ACTs resistance is caused by the fact that, unlike more complicated resistance patterns of older drugs, the artemisinin resistance is caused by a single point mutation in the PfKelch13 gene and may easily emerge within a population of artemisinin-susceptible Plasmodium spp. ${ }^{30}$ The PfKelch13 gene encodes the parasite's Kelch13 propeller protein responsible for endocytosis of hemoglobin in the early ring stage of asexual development. Inactivation of this protein leads to a lack of available iron(II) inside the early ring stage targeted by artemisinin, and consequently
reduces the iron(II)-mediated opening of the endoperoxide bridge of artemisinin (and derivatives). Inactivation of PfKelch13 is also consistent with observation of prolonged development of ring stage among artemisinin-resistant parasites. ${ }^{32}$


Figure 1.8 Prevalence of delayed clearance phenotype (left) and emerging resistance to multiple ACTs (right) in the Greater Mekong region. The left figure is reproduced with permission from Ashley et al. 2014, Copyright Massachusetts Medical Society. Reference Ashley et al. 2014. The right figure is reproduced from World Malaria Report 2018, License: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO. ${ }^{33,34}$

### 1.6 The search for a new target

Like other living organisms, Plasmodium parasites rely, among other things, on the biosynthesis of isoprenoid precursors for their survival. These precursors - isopentyl pyrophosphate (IPP) and dimethylallyl pyrophosphate (DMAPP), can be synthesized either via the mevalonate (MVA) pathway or the methylerythritol phosphate (MEP) pathway (Scheme 1.1). The MVA pathway is utilized by animals, fungi, and archaea, while the MEP pathway is found in eubacteria, green algae, and apicomplexan protozoa. Even though higher plants use both aforementioned biosynthetic pathways to produce isoprenoid precursors, the pathways are strictly
compartmentalized within the plant cell. Specifically, the MVA pathway is located in the cytosol and MEP pathway in chloroplasts. ${ }^{35,36}$ In the Plasmodium spp., the MEP pathway is localized solely within a vestigial plastid organelle called apicoplast. The apicoplast, surrounded by four bounding membranes, has been incorporated into the Plasmodium's cell via secondary endosymbiosis of apicoplast-containing red algae. ${ }^{37,38}$ The difference between human isoprenoid biosynthesis via MVA pathway and MEP pathway used by Plasmodium spp. makes the apicoplast organelle and the MEP pathway enzymes contained within it promising targets for the development of human-safe antimalarials. ${ }^{38,39}$ Supplementation of IPP can reverse growth inhibition of blood-stage P. falciparum, both after treatment with an MEP pathway inhibitor and after a complete loss of the apicoplast. ${ }^{40}$ Consequently, IPP supplementation can be used as a diagnostic tool for the identification of compounds targeting the apicoplast system. ${ }^{40}$





Scheme 1.1 MEP pathway (in red) and mevalonate pathway (in blue). ${ }^{35}$

### 1.7 MMV008138 and its analogs

The lead compound investigated in our group - MMV008138, was identified from an open-access compound library, Malaria Box, assembled by Medicine for Malaria Ventures (MMV). ${ }^{41}$ The Malaria Box consists of 400 compounds selected based on phenotypic screening of nearly six million compounds from research libraries of GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital, against P. falciparum..$^{41,42}$ The MMV008138 was the only compound in the set exhibiting both satisfactory growth inhibition ( $>95 \%$ at $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ) and rescue of the parasite upon supplementation with IPP ( $>60 \%$ survival with the addition of $200 \mu \mathrm{M}$ of IPP) - parameters set by our collaborator Dr. Cassera. ${ }^{43}$ Further studies revealed that MMV008138 targets the IspD enzyme within the MEP pathway. ${ }^{44,45}$ Because the stereochemistry of Malaria Box compounds was not
disclosed, Dr. Yao in the Carlier group synthesized all four stereoisomers of the MMV008138, and the growth inhibition assay showed $(1 R, 3 S)$-MMV008138 (1a) to be the most potent stereoisomer. ${ }^{46}$ The same conclusion was independently reached by other research groups as well. ${ }^{44,45}$ Several cis analogs of the MMV008138 with ( $1 S, 3 S$ )- stereochemistry ( $\mathbf{2 a}, \mathbf{2 b}, \mathbf{2 e}, \mathbf{2 g}$, $\mathbf{2 a a}, \mathbf{2 a i}, \mathbf{2 a k}, \mathbf{2 a m})$ were evaluated, but their growth inhibition potency was low and the focus of the structure-activity relationship (SAR) studies turned solely to the trans $(1 R, 3 S)$ - analogs. ${ }^{46,47}$

Unfortunately, a protein crystal structure of the PffspD has not been obtained to this day. Attempts to model the structure of PfIspD have been made based on homology with known crystal structures of IspD in other species. ${ }^{48}$ However, in vitro enzyme inhibition studies showed that 1a does not inhibit IspD homologs isolated from Escherichia coli, Arabidopsis thaliana, or Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The IspD of Plasmodium vivax showed only weak to no inhibition by 1a in two independent studies. ${ }^{44,45}$ These results are not entirely surprising, considering the presence of additional domains in the primary amino acid sequence of PflspD that are absent in homologous IspDs. Moreover, the conserved portions of the $P f \mathrm{IspD}$ sequence share $\leq 30 \%$ identity with homologous IspDs, including $P v$ IspD. The purpose and tertiary structure of this domain are still to be explored. ${ }^{45}$ Thus, the use of molecular docking calculations to inform SAR design based on homologous structures may not yield reliable results.


Figure 1.9 Comparison of the full-length amino acid sequence of PfIsD and $A t \mathrm{IspD}$ and sequence of crystallized $A t \mathrm{IspD}$ construct. The figure was produced by our collaborator Dr. Maxim Totrov.

The initial SAR studies performed in the Carlier group focused primarily on the effects of the D-ring substitution (Scheme 1.2, 1a-an). These D-ring variants were synthesized via PictetSpengler reaction from L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride (Trp-OMe $\cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ ) and the corresponding aldehyde (3a-an). The resulting ester diastereomers, 4a-an and 5a-an, were separated by column chromatography and individually hydrolyzed using Amberlyst resin (Scheme 1.2). ${ }^{46,47}$ Stereochemistry of the ester intermediates $\mathbf{4 a}$-an and $\mathbf{5 a}$-an was assigned using an empirical method based on ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts developed in the early 1980s. ${ }^{49}$ A new method for reliable assignment of these stereoisomers utilizing ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR was developed in our laboratory and will be discussed in detail in Chapter 2 of this work.


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 cis $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{MeOH}, \mathrm{THF} \\ & \mathrm{RT}, 24 \mathrm{~h}\end{aligned}$

cis


3al

3ai C


3aj


3ak
2a, 2b, 2e, 2g,
2aa, 2ai, 2ak, 2am


Scheme 1.2 Synthetic pathway to D-ring variants of MMV008138.
The growth inhibition potency of the synthesized compounds against the Dd2 strain of P. falciparum was evaluated by SYBR Green assay. SYBR Green is a dye with low intrinsic
fluorescence, which upon interaction with double-stranded DNA (via intercalation and minorgroove binding), dramatically enhances its fluorescent emission. ${ }^{50}$ Because mature red blood cells lack nuclei, and thus DNA, the treatment of $P$. falciparum culture in the presence of potential inhibitor with SYBR Green dye will detect growth inhibition as a function of decreasing fluorescence intensity. ${ }^{51}$ Furthermore, MEP was confirmed as a biological target by the IPP rescue assay. As discussed previously, the MEP pathway is solely responsible for the production of essential isoprenoid precursors - IPP and DMAPP, in P. falciparum. Consequently, growth inhibition resulting from the lack of isoprenoid precursors can be reverted by IPP supplementation. ${ }^{43}$ Several synthesized analogs were also tested against recombinant target enzyme $-P f I s p D$. The results of SAR studies suggest that the $2^{\prime}, 4$ '-substitution pattern and the presence of halogen are necessary for satisfactory growth inhibition and $P f$ fspD inhibition (Table 1.1). ${ }^{46,47,52}$

Table 1.1 Overview of biological activity of MMV008138 D-ring variants synthesized in Carlier lab. ${ }^{a}$ Unpublished work, synthesized by me. ${ }^{b}$ Synthesized by Mr. Jopaul Mathew.

|  | X | P. falciparum Dd2 strain $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ (nM) | \% Rescue with $200 \mu \mathrm{M}$ IPP | $\underset{(\mathrm{nM})}{P_{50}}$ | Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $250 \pm 70$ | $100 @ 2.5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $44 \pm 15$ | 46, 52 |
| ent-1a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | >10,000 | ND | $>1000$ | 46 |
| 2a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | >10,000 | ND | >1000 | 46 |
| ent-2a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $3000 \pm 200$ | $60 @ 10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $>1000$ | 46 |
| 1b | H | >10,000 | ND | $>5000$ | 46,47 |
| 2b | H | >10,000 | ND | ND | 46 |
| 1c | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $3280 \pm 990$ | $60 @ 10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $\sim 1000$ | 46, 47 |
| 1d | $4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $1170 \pm 60$ | $50 @ 10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $510 \pm 90$ | 46,47 |
| 1e | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | $410 \pm 40$ | $100 @ 2.5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $82 \pm 10$ | 46 |
| 2 e | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | >10,000 | ND | ND | 46 |
| 1f | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $700 \pm 90$ | $100 @ 2.5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $260 \pm 50$ | 46 |
| 1 g | 2', 4'- $\mathrm{F}_{2}$ | $780 \pm 175$ | $100 @ 5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $230 \pm 10$ | 46 |
| 2g | 2', 4'-F2 | >10,000 | ND | ND | 46 |
| 1h | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $860 \pm 80$ | $100 @ 5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $140 \pm 30$ | 47 |
| 1 i | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}$ | $433 \pm 55$ | $100 @ 10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $100 \pm 10$ | 47 |
| 1j | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $320 \pm 60$ | $100 @ 5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $34 \pm 11$ | 47 |
| 1k | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $360 \pm 40$ | $100 @ 5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $31 \pm 4$ | 47 |


| 11 | 2', 4'- $\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ | $590 \pm 20$ | $100 @ 10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | $84 \pm 14$ | 47 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1m | $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $6000 \pm 500$ | ND | ND | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 1n | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $1,600 \pm 100$ | $90 @ 10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | ND | ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 10 | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}$ | $784 \pm 40$ | 100 @ $2.5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | ND | a |
| 1p | 2'-I, 4'-F | $970 \pm 180$ | 100 @ 10 | $140 \pm 70$ | 47 |
| 1q | 2'-F, 4'-I | $3343 \pm 496$ | 100 @ 10 | $130 \pm 20$ | 47 |
| 1r | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{I}$ | $1500 \pm 200$ | 80 @ 10 | ND | 47 |
| 1s | $2^{\prime}$-F, 4'-Me | $1909 \pm 110$ | ND | ND | 52 |
| 1t | 2'-Me, 4'-F | $2799 \pm 258$ | ND | ND | 52 |
| 1u | 2'-Br, 4'-Me | $890 \pm 93$ | 100 | ND | 52 |
| 1v | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Me}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $1444 \pm 117$ | 100 | ND | 52 |
| 1w | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | $>5000$ | ND | ND | 47 |
| 1x | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $2500 \pm 600$ | ND | ND | 47 |
| 1y | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ | NI @ 10000 | ND | ND | 47 |
| 1z | 2', 4'-( $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | $>10,000$ | ND | > 5000 | 46, 47 |
| 1aa | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | $\mathrm{IC}_{70} \sim 10 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | ND | $\sim 1000$ | 46,47 |
| 2 aa | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | $>10,000$ | ND | ND | 46 |
| 1ab | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | >20,000 | ND | > 5000 | , 47 |
| 1ac | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | >10,000 | ND | $\mathrm{NI} @ 0.5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ | 47 |
| 1ad | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | >20,000 | ND | ND | 46 |
| 1ae | $2^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $1800 \pm 150$ | 80 @ 10 | ND | 47 |
| 1af | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}, 6$ '- ${ }^{\prime}$ | $972 \pm 110$ | 100 | ND | 52 |
| 1ag | 2', 3', 4'-F3 | $\sim 20,000$ | ND | ND | 47 |
| 1ah | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | >10,000 | ND | ND | 47 |
| 1ai | 2,4-dichlorobenzyl | >10,000 | ND | ND | 47 |
| 2 ai | 2,4-dichlorobenzyl | >10,000 | ND | ND | 52 |
| 1aj | 5-chlorothiophen-2-yl | >10,000 | ND | ND | 2 |
| 1ak | 3-chloropyridin-4-yl | >10,000 | ND | ND | 52 |
| 2 ak | 3 -chloropyridin-4-yl | >10,000 | ND | ND | 52 |
| 1al | 5-chloropyridin-2-yl | $4274 \pm 465$ | ND | ND | 52 |
| 1 am | 4,6-dichloropyridin-3-yl | $2171 \pm 680$ | ND | ND | 52 |
| 2 am | 4,6-dichloropyridin-3-yl | >10,000 | ND | ND | 52 |
| 1an | cyclohexyl | >10,000 | ND | ND | 53, 6 |

When D-ring modifications did not yield an analog with improved potency to 1a, further SAR studies followed, with modifications in the A-, B-, and C- rings (Scheme 1.2). Methyl substitution on C 1 in the same D -ring variants, as seen in analogs $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$, and $\mathbf{d}$, resulted in a complete loss of potency. ${ }^{47,54}$ Methyl substitution of D-ring variant a on either C3, N2, or N9 also led to a loss of potency. ${ }^{52}$ Analogs of $\mathbf{1 a}$ bearing fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, or a methyl- substitution on the A-ring were also prepared, and several of them exhibited good growth inhibition potency of P. falciparum (Dd2 strain). However, none of these analogs was equipotent or better than 1a. ${ }^{52,}$
${ }^{55}$ Even though 1a shows the highest growth inhibition potency in the series, it still faces several significant drawbacks, such as poor metabolic stability ( $\mathrm{t}_{1 / 2}$ in liver microsomes $\left.=14.5 \mathrm{~min}\right)$ and suboptimal bioavailability (growth inhibition $\mathrm{IC}_{50}=250 \pm 70 \mathrm{nM}$, while PffspD $\mathrm{IC}_{50}=44 \pm$ $15 \mathrm{nM}) .{ }^{47,52} \mathrm{We}$ tried to address some of these problems by preparing $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ isosteres of $\mathbf{1 a}$. These analogs will be discussed in detail in Chapter 3. In the following chapter, I describe a new method to assign stereochemistry in 1,3-disubstituted tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines, such as $\mathbf{4 a}$ and its cisisomer.

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## 2 Stereoassignment of 1,3-disubstituted-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{-1} \mathbf{H}$ coupling constants

This chapter represents an expanded and slightly revised version of an article we published in 2019. ${ }^{1}$ The growth inhibition potency of MMV008138 analogs strongly depends on the absolute stereochemistry of the molecule, as shown in Table 1.1: the $(1 R, 3 S)$-configuration is essential. Therefore, in evaluating new analogs, we need to be certain that each possesses that configuration. Since the C3 configuration of MMV008138 analogs is controlled by choice of $(S)$ - or $(R)$ tryptophan methyl ester used in the Pictet-Spengler reaction, the challenge is reduced to separating and correctly identifying the desired trans- or $(1 R, 3 S)$-stereoisomer, from the undesired cis- or $(1 S, 3 S)$-stereoisomer. X-ray crystallography would, of course, be the gold standard method but getting X-ray quality crystals of every analog is likely not achievable. As shown below, a range of methods to identify the relative configuration of substituted tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines (TH $\beta \mathrm{C}$ ) have been developed over time; however, these methods present inherent problems in either range of applicability, ease of performance, or lack of theoretical support for empirical data. To counter some of these limitations, we have developed a reliable method for assignment of cis- and transstereochemistry in 1,3 -disubstituted $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{Cs}$ based on analysis of ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ coupling constants in ${ }^{1}$ H NMR. In addition, empirical data based on a selection of diastereomeric pairs of MMV008138 analog precursors were supplemented with density-functional theory calculations that gave us valuable insights into the conformational preference of these molecules and its effect on spectral analysis.

### 2.1 Methods for stereoassignment in tetrahydro- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$-carbolines

A frequently used method for assignment of relative stereochemistry in 1,3-disubstituted TH $\beta \mathrm{Cs}$ compares C 1 and $\mathrm{C} 3{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts between cis and trans diastereomers. ${ }^{2-6}$ The method was formally introduced by the research group of Prof. Cook in 1980. According to the empirical method, both C 1 and C 3 signals are expected to be shifted upfield in the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR of the transdiastereomer relative to the cis- (Figure 2.1). ${ }^{7}$ The same conclusion was concurrently reached by Prof. Pindur, who examined a series of $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{C}$ acids and esters with aromatic substitution on C 1 and who additionally observed a downfield chemical shift in H1 of trans diastereomer and H3 of cis diastereomer. ${ }^{8}$ It should be noted that the difference between cis and trans chemical shifts of H1 and H3 tends to be small and, in some cases, inconsistent and thus cannot be used for general stereochemistry assignment. ${ }^{7}$ The rationale for the upfield chemical shift of C 1 and C 3 provided by both Cook and Pindur is based on the so-called $\gamma$-effect resulting from steric interactions within the tetrahydropyridine ring. Further discussion of this phenomenon will be provided in Subsection 2.2. ${ }^{7,8}$

While the relative C 1 and C 3 chemical shifts of cis- and trans-diastereomers are consistent in 1,3-disubstituted TH $\beta$ Cs, it has been noted that other substitution patterns, for example, 1,1,3trisubstituted $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{Cs}$, do not always follow this empirical rule. ${ }^{9}$ A further problem of this widely used method lies in the necessity to obtain ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of both diastereomers. This is especially burdensome if the synthetic approach yields selectively only one diastereomer.


Figure 2.1 Example of Cook's empirical rule as applied to one of the MMV001838 analog precursors synthesized in our laboratory.

The Nuclear Overhauser Effect (NOE) represents another NMR technique used to determine relative stereochemistry in 1,3-disubstituted TH $\beta$ Cs. Specifically, NOE correlation can be observed between H 1 and H 3 of the cis-diastereomer, whereas the trans-diastereomer does not show this correlation due to the trans-orientation of these two hydrogens. ${ }^{9-14}$ While using NOE to determine relative stereochemistry in $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{Cs}$ is theoretically sound, the measurement can be quite time-consuming and thus not practical for routine use.

Measuring a change in rotation of polarized light, such as specific optical rotation, optical rotatory dispersion, and circular dichroism, have also been used to determine the stereochemistry of substituted $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{Cs}$, often in combination with other spectroscopic methods. ${ }^{15}$, ${ }^{16}$ The aforementioned stereoassignment methods were in several cases accompanied by selected X-ray structures, which served to support their validity. ${ }^{2,3,17,18}$ Unfortunately, in our experience, the 1,3disubstituted TH $\beta$ C esters and acids are rarely crystalline and thus, combined with laboriousness of the X-ray diffraction, render this method impractical for routine stereochemical assessment.

### 2.2 Gamma effect in ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR and its use for stereochemistry assignment

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR-based stereoassignment presented by both Cook and Pindur relies heavily on analogy to a ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR study of 64 methyl-substituted conformationally-biased cyclohexanes presented by Grant and co-workers. ${ }^{19-21}$ Selective ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ decoupling was used to determine methyl substituents from the ring carbons, followed by an extensive analysis of conformationally locked analogs, which led to the determination of parameters allowing assignment of chemical shifts in $\mathrm{Me}_{\mathrm{ax}}-$ and Me eq- $^{-}$conformers. ${ }^{20,21}$ The authors attributed the significant upfield chemical shift in $\gamma$-gauche carbons (an average of 6 ppm ) to steric compression caused by the proximity of attached hydrogens. Specifically, the electron repulsion between proximal hydrogens was proposed to polarize the involved C-H bonds and concentrate electron density towards the carbon resulting in increased shielding and thus an upfield chemical shift (Figure 2.2A). ${ }^{19,22,23}$ Because the $\gamma$-carbon exhibits a variation in chemical shift only in case of axial substitution on C-1, it can be very valuable for stereochemical assignments (Figure 2.2B). ${ }^{20,21}$


Figure 2.2 Graphical representation of $\gamma$-gauche effect in methylcyclohexane. A) An illustrative calculated structure of axial methylcyclohexane was calculated at B3LYP/6-31G(d) level of theory and visualized using Chimera. The $\gamma$ -
gauche interaction of carbons and accompanying steric compression are reflected in $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{H}$ non-bonded distances and dihedral angle $\theta$. B) Average differences in ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts [ppm] of the indicated carbons (black dot) relative to cyclohexane, as a function of methyl orientation. The average effect of an equatorial methyl substituent is derived from 22 cyclohexane analogs, while the average effect of an axial methyl group is derived from 14 examples. ${ }^{21}$

The $\gamma$-gauche effect has also been extensively documented in axial- and equatorial pairs of conformationally-locked cyclohexanes (Figure 2.3). ${ }^{24-31}$ For non-carbon substituents $\left(\mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right.$, $\mathrm{SH}, \mathrm{Br}$ ), the $\gamma$-gauche effect resulting from axial substitution causes an upfield shift of 4.6 to 7.0 ppm (cf. $\mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathbf{I} \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{ax}}$ and $\mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{eq}-}-\mathbf{I} \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{eq}}$ in Figure 2.3). For axial sp ${ }^{3}$-hybridized carbon substituents $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$, significant shifts in the $\gamma$-carbons of the cyclohexane ring ( 4.9 and 3.5 ppm , respectively) can be seen relative to their equatorially substituted counterparts (cf. $\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathbf{V I}_{\mathrm{ax}}$ and $\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathbf{V I}_{\text {eq }}$ in Figure 2.3). As expected, a reciprocal upfield shift of the axial methyl group is seen ( 5.3 ppm ), but the $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ chemical shift is upfield only by 1.0 ppm . While the $\gamma$-gauche effect caused by $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ - and sp-hybridized carbon substituents follows the same trend in an upfield shift of ring $\gamma$-carbons (2.54.6 ppm ), the reciprocal effect of the ring $\gamma$-carbons on the axial $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ - (e.g., $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ) and sp hybridized carbon substituents themselves can be minimal (cf. V and VII with VIII-X, Figure 2.3). ${ }^{24-26,28}$ In addition, the significant $\gamma$-gauche effects seen in structures carrying small (e.g., Br or SH ) axial substituents suggests that the initial theory based on steric effects (Figure 2.2A) may not fully explain the origin of the $\gamma$-gauche effect. This point is illustrated by comparing the magnitude of the upfield chemical shift with the A-value of the substituent inducing that shift (see Table and Graph in Figure 2.3).




| Group | A value $[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | $\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\text {deq-ax }} \gamma-\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CN | 0.2 | 2.5 |
| $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{CH}$ | $0.41-0.52$ | 4.1 |
| Br | $0.48-0.67$ | 7.0 |
| OH | 0.95 | 4.6 |
| SH | 1.21 | 6.2 |
| $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | $1.2-1.3$ | 2.7 |
| $\mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ | $1.49-1.68$ | 4.6 |
| $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ | 1.7 | 5.6 |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 1.74 | 6.3 |
| $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ | $2.4-2.5$ | 3.5 |








Figure 2.3 Examples of $\gamma$-gauche effect observed in various substituted cyclohexanes. ${ }^{25,}$, 26, 28, 32 Compounds I-II, IVVI, and VIII were measured in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at ambient temperature. Compounds III and $\mathbf{X}$ were measured in $\mathrm{CFCl}_{3}$ at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, compound VII in $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{D}_{8}$ at $-100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and compound IX in $\mathrm{CFCl}_{3}$ at $-93{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The table shows conformational energies (A values) ${ }^{33}$ of depicted groups and the differences between ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shift of $\gamma-\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ in equatorially vs. axially substituted species I-X. Data from the table are also visually represented in the graph beneath (values reported as range are shown as average with bars signifying the range). As can be seen from the plot, there is no clear correlation between the substituent's size (represented by A value) and the observed upfield shift in $\gamma$-carbons.

Despite the incomplete understanding of the physical basis causing the upfield ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts of $\gamma$-carbons, ${ }^{34,} 35$ the $\gamma$-gauche effect is still a widely used method for stereochemistry assignment not only in $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{Cs},{ }^{36-39}$ but also in steroids and biopolymers. ${ }^{40-42}$ While the $\gamma$-effect observed in saturated hydrocarbons was studied extensively, information pertaining to heterocyclic molecules is limited. Consequently, determination of relative stereochemistry in 1,3-disubstituted $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{Cs}$ based solely on the relative ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shifts of C 1 and C3 should be carried out with caution because the initial method was developed in analogy with a model that does not account for either distortion of the tetrahydropyridine ring or the
presence of heteroatoms in near proximity of C1 and C3. If we do not understand the physical basis of this correlation, then we will not know when the empirical method would break down. Any uncertainty in the stereochemical assignment would thus cast doubt on the structure-activity relationships we have developed for MMV008138.

### 2.3 Development of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR method for analysis of $\mathbf{1 , 3}$-disubstituted tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines

Given the uncertainty surrounding the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shift method for stereochemical assignment, we sought to develop another method based on three-bond ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants since the dependence of ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ on the dihedral angle is firmly established. Coupling our knowledge of this relationship with conformational analysis of THBCs could thus provide a more secure stereochemical assignment method. However, to assess the validity and range of applicability for the new ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR assignment method, it was first necessary to analyze ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR data of a large enough sample of 1,3-disubstituted THßCs. For this purpose, we selected 26 pairs of previously published aromatic analogs of $\mathbf{4}$ and 5 and supplemented them with five additional pairs of Pictet-Spengler adducts derived from aliphatic aldehydes. ${ }^{1,43,44}$ In this work, I am also presenting data obtained from three previously unpublished analogs m-o, synthesized by me (Table 2.1).

Table 2.1 C1-substitution of trans (4) and cis (5) Pictet-Spengler adducts studied in Chapter 2.

|  | X | Ref | X | Ref |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{a}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 43 | $\mathbf{r}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{I}$ | 44 |
| $\mathbf{b}$ | H | 43 | $\mathbf{w}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}$ | 44 |
| $\mathbf{c}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 43 | $\mathbf{x}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 44 |
| $\mathbf{d}$ | $4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 43 | $\mathbf{y}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 44 |
| $\mathbf{e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 43 | $\mathbf{z}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 43 |
| $\mathbf{f}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 43 | $\mathbf{a a}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 43 |
| $\mathbf{g}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}$ | 43 | $\mathbf{a b}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 43 |
| $\mathbf{h}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 44 | $\mathbf{a c}$ | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 44 |
| $\mathbf{i}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}$ | 44 | $\mathbf{a d}$ | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 43 |
| $\mathbf{j}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 44 | $\mathbf{a e}$ | $2^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 44 |


| $\mathbf{k}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 44 | $\mathbf{a g}$ | $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{3}$ | 44 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{l}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ | 44 | $\mathbf{a h}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 44 |
| $\mathbf{m}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | - | $\mathbf{a n}$ | cyclohexyl | 1 |
| $\mathbf{n}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | - | $\mathbf{a o}$ | $n$-butyl | 1 |
| $\mathbf{0}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}$ | - | $\mathbf{a p}$ | $i$-butyl | 1 |
| $\mathbf{p}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{I}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}$ | 44 | $\mathbf{a q}$ | $t-$ butyl | 1 |
| $\mathbf{q}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{I}$ | 44 | $\mathbf{a r}$ | $\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 1 |

In analogs a-ah bearing substituted benzene D ring, the " X " denotes substitution of benzaldehyde used for their synthesis. In analogs ai-ar, the " X " denotes the substitution on C 1 in the TH $\beta$ C ring. Analogs $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{m}-\mathbf{o}$, and ao-ar were synthesized or re-synthesized by me. Analogs 4 an and 5 an were prepared by Mr. Jopaul Mathew.

All studied analogs were prepared by Pictet-Spengler reaction of $(S)-\mathrm{Trp}-\mathrm{OMe} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ with a requisite aldehyde (3a-ar). Each diastereomeric pair was separated by column chromatography and their relative configuration was assigned using the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR empirical rule (Table 2.2). ${ }^{7}$ Throughout our previous work, we also noted that when the eluent in liquid chromatography comprised a mixture of methylene chloride, hexane, and ethyl acetate, the cis-isomer eluted first in each case. Moreover, the assignment of trans-configuration to diastereomer 4a was confirmed by X-ray crystallography of its methyl amide derivative. ${ }^{43}$

Table $2.2{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR resonances used to determine the stereochemistry of compounds shown in Table 2.1.

|  |  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1[\mathrm{ppm}]$ |  |  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3$ [ppm] |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | trans (4) | cis (5) | $\Delta_{84.85}$ | trans (4) | cis (5) | $\Delta_{84-85}$ |
| a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $51.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.34^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| b | H | $55.1{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $58.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -3.8 | $52.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $57.0^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| $\mathbf{c}^{e}$ | $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 51.8 | 54.4 | -2.6 | 52.23 | 56.8 | -4.58 |
| $\mathrm{d}^{e}$ | $4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 54.3 | 58.1 | -3.8 | 52.5 | 56.9 | -4.4 |
| $\mathrm{e}^{e, g}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 51.4 | 53.9 | -2.5 | 52.0 | 56.7 | -4.7 |
| $\mathbf{f}^{e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 51.4 | 53.5 | -2.1 | 52.6 | 57.0 | -4.4 |
| $\mathbf{g}^{e}$ | 2', 4'-F2 | $47.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $50.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.8 | $52.4{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.4 |
| $\mathrm{h}^{e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $47.9^{a}$ | $50.6{ }^{\text {a }}$ | -2.7 | 52.6 | 56.8 | -4.3 |
| i | $2^{\prime}$ - $\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}$ '-F | $51.2^{\text {b }}$ | $53.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.30^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.4 |
| $\mathrm{j}^{e, g}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 51.2 | 53.9 | -2.7 | 52.2 | 56.6 | -4.4 |
| k | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $53.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.9 | $52.36^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| 1 | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ | $53.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.57^{\text {c }}$ | -2.8 | $52.1{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.57{ }^{\text {c }}$ | -4.5 |
| m | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $54.2^{\text {b }}$ | $57.0^{\text {d }}$ | -2.8 | $52.2{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7^{\text {d }}$ | -4.5 |
| n | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $47.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $50.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.7 | $52.2{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.5 |
| 0 | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}$ | $53.5{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.4{ }^{\text {d }}$ | -2.9 | $52.3{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {d }}$ | -4.4 |
| p | 2'-I, 4'-F | $58.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $61.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -3.6 | $52.46{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| q | 2'-F, 4'-I | $48.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $50.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.7 | $52.5{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| r | $2^{\prime}$-Br, 4'-I | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.9 | $52.36{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| w | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | $51.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.2^{\text {c }}$ | $56.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.7 |
| x | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $48.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $51.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.5 | $52.29^{\text {c }}$ | $57.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.7 |
| y | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | $51.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $54.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.7 | $52.30^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.4 |
| $\mathbf{z}^{\text {e,g }}$ | 2', 4'-( $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 49.8 | 53.4 | -3.6 | 53.0 | 56.6 | -3.6 |
| $\mathbf{a a}^{\text {e,g }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{4}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 51.4 | 53.5 | -2.1 | 52.4 | 57.0 | -4.6 |
| $\mathbf{a b}^{e}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 49.0 | 51.5 | -2.5 | 51.9 | 57.0 | -5.1 |
| ac | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $57.9^{b}$ | -4.0 | $52.5{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.8^{b}$ | -4.3 |
| $\mathbf{a d}^{e}$ | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 54.8 | 58.7 | -3.9 | 53.0 | 57.1 | -4.1 |
| ae | $2^{\prime}, 6{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $44.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $48.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -3.4 | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $57.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -3.4 |
| ag | $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{3}$ | $47.9^{\text {b }}$ | $50.5{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.39^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| $\mathbf{a h}^{\text {e,g }}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 53.5 | 56.4 | -2.9 | 53.1 | 56.7 | -3.6 |
| an | cyclohexyl | 55.4 | 57.8 | -2.4 | 53.5 | 56.6 | -3.1 |
| ao | $n$-butyl | 50.4 | 52.9 | -2.5 | 52.7 | 56.6 | -3.9 |
| ap | $i$-butyl | 48.2 | 50.7 | -2.5 | 52.5 | 56.6 | -4.1 |
| aq | $t$-butyl | 59.4 | 62.6 | -3.2 | 54.4 | 56.5 | -2.1 |
| ar | $\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 51.0 | 54.6 | -3.6 | 54.1 | 56.6 | -2.5 |
|  | Average | 51.7 | 54.6 | -2.9 | 52.6 | 56.8 | -4.2 |
|  | St. deviation | 3.2 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 |

Signals identified via: ${ }^{a} J_{\mathrm{CF}},{ }^{b} \mathrm{HSQC},{ }^{c}(\mathrm{C}) \mathrm{DEPT}$ and HSQC, ${ }^{d} \mathrm{HMBC}$ and HSQC. ${ }^{e}$ Sample is unavailable. ${ }^{g}$ Sample and NMR data unavailable. ${ }^{h}$ If the values are identical, only one of them is shown. ${ }^{e, g}$ Shifts were assigned based on the pattern seen in proven compounds, unless stated otherwise.

The assignment of the C 1 and $\mathrm{C} 3{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR peaks is not always straightforward: the C 1 peak may be upfield or downfield of C 3 , depending on the substitution of the C 1 -aryl group.

Furthermore, in the trans-isomers 4a-ar, the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts of C 3 and the methoxy carbon are often very close. Thus, the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shifts of $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{5 a}$, and 33 other pairs of diastereomers were confirmed using HSQC, HMBC, and C-DEPT. Taken together, over 34 pairs of diastereomers, the average C3 chemical shift is $52.6 \pm 0.6 \mathrm{ppm}$ for trans- and $56.8 \pm 0.2 \mathrm{ppm}$ for cis-, giving an average relative shift of $-4.2 \pm 0.6$ ppm in $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar relative to $\mathbf{5 a} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{- a r}$. A large standard deviation in C1 chemical shifts of the trans- and cis-esters 4a-ar and 5a-ar (51.7 $\pm 3.2$ and $54.6 \pm 3.4 \mathrm{ppm}$, respectively) is caused by the significant influence of C1-substituent on the shielding of this carbon. Nevertheless, within a pair of diastereomers, the relative shift of C1 in 4a-ar relative to $\mathbf{5 a} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{a r}$ is quite constant $\left(\Delta \delta_{\mathbf{4}-\mathbf{5}}=-2.9 \pm 0.5 \mathrm{ppm}\right)$. (Table 2.2) With this data in hand, the rationale for sterically caused $\gamma$-gauche effect, as proposed by Cook and co-workers, ${ }^{7}$ can be evaluated.

The tetrahydropyridine ring of cis-esters 5a-ar should adopt an all pseudoequatorial conformation $\mathbf{A}$ because the alternative half-chair conformation (not shown) would feature severe 1,3-diaxial interactions between $\mathrm{C1}^{\prime}$ and $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ (Figure 2.4). In contrast, trans-esters 4a-ar would likely populate two alternative half-chair conformations $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$, each featuring one pseudoequatorial ( $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}$ ) and one pseudoaxial ( $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ ) group. Notably, Ungemach et al. did not reach the same conclusion when establishing the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR empirical method. ${ }^{7}$ Instead, they proposed that the trans-configured compounds would adopt an exclusively $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformation (conformer B, Figure 2.4) to relieve allylic strain between the 1-aryl group and the indole NH . However, as shown in the Newman projections in Figure 2.4 for the cis-isomers 5a-ah, the $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group on C 3 is anti to C 1 (view down $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 2$ axis), and C 1 ' of the C 1 -substituent is anti to C 3 (view down N2-C1 axis). However, in conformer $\mathbf{B}\left(\psi_{e q}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}\right)$ of $\mathbf{4 a - a h}, \mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ of the 1substituent is gauche to C , while $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ remains anti to C 1 . Similarly, in conformer $\mathbf{C}$ ( $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}{ }^{-}$
$\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ) of $\mathbf{4 a - a h}$, the $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group is gauche to C 1 , while $\mathrm{C} 1^{\prime}$ remains anti to C 3 . Thus, only if both conformations $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ of $\mathbf{4 a - a r}$ are populated, both C 1 and C 3 will experience steric compression relative to those carbons in $\mathbf{5 a - a r}$, leading to an upfield shift observed in the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum. Several other researchers reached the same conclusion. ${ }^{8,10,11}$
view down
C3-N2

$\mathrm{MeO}_{2} \mathrm{C}$ is anti to C 1

$\mathrm{MeO}_{2} \mathrm{C}$ is
anti to C 1


4a-ah
$\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$

$\mathrm{MeO}_{2} \underline{\mathrm{C}}$ is gauche to C 1

Figure 2.4 First-principle analysis of possible conformers adopted by aromatic trans (4a-ah) and cis (5a-ah) analogs. Only pseudo-diequatorial conformer $\mathbf{A}$ is shown for cis isomer because the alternative half-chair conformer would be significantly disfavored due to 1,3-diaxial interaction between the ester and aryl substituent. It is expected that
substituent ai-ar will adopt the same geometries as a-ah. Cagašová, K.; Ghavami, M.; Yao, Z.-K.; Carlier, P. R., Questioning the $\gamma$-gauche effect: stereoassignment of 1,3-disubstituted-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants. Org. Biomol. Chem. 2019, 17 (27), 6687-6698. - Reproduced by permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.

While the reciprocal nature of steric compression might not be pronounced in the case of $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$-hybridized ester carbonyl and $\mathrm{C} 1^{\prime}$ in aromatic analogs $\mathbf{4 a} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{- a h}$, it would be expected among the $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$-hybridized $\mathrm{C1}^{\prime}$ ' of aliphatic analogs 4an-ar. Interestingly, we did not observe this reciprocity. Over 34 diastereomeric pairs, the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR resonances of $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar carbonyl are in fact seen slightly downfield of signals in $\mathbf{5 a - a r}\left(\Delta \delta_{\mathbf{4}-5}=+0.8 \pm 0.2 \mathrm{ppm}\right.$, Table 2.3, Table 5.2). Similarly, in the 19 cases of 1-aryl Pictet-Spengler adducts where we have unequivocally assigned $\mathrm{C1}^{\prime}$, this resonance is also downfield in the trans- relative to the cis-isomer $\left(\Delta \delta_{4-5}=+0.8 \pm 0.5 \mathrm{ppm}\right.$, Table 2.3, Table 5.2). To determine if the downfield shift is purely a result of $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$-hybridization of carbons in question, we have also analyzed $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$ hybridized $\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}$ in analogs an-ar. However, the $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$-hybridized C1' carbons of trans isomers are also shifted downfield $\left(\Delta \delta_{4-5}=+0.7 \pm 0.4\right.$, Table 2.3, Table 5.2). This failure of the gauche-oriented $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$-carbons to reciprocally exert upfield shifts on each other (relative to anti-oriented carbon in cis isomer) thus clearly undermines the proposal that "steric compression" determines C 1 and C 3 chemical shifts in TH $\beta \mathrm{Cs}$.

Table 2.3 Average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR resonances expected to show the $\gamma$-gauche effect in compound $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar and $\mathbf{5 a}$-ar.

|  | trans (4) | cis (5) | $\Delta_{84-85}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C1 | $51.7 \pm 3.2 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $54.6 \pm 3.4 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $-2.9 \pm 0.5 \mathrm{ppm}$ |
| C3 | $52.6 \pm 0.6 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $56.8 \pm 0.2 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $-4.2 \pm 0.6 \mathrm{ppm}$ |
| $\mathbf{C}=\mathbf{O}$ | $174.0 \pm 0.3 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $173.3 \pm 0.3 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $0.8 \pm 0.2 \mathrm{ppm}$ |
| C1' ${ }^{\left(s p^{2}\right)}$ | $134.4 \pm 7.5 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $133.6 \pm 7.8 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $0.8 \pm 0.5 \mathrm{ppm}$ |
| C1' ${ }^{\left(\mathrm{sp}^{3}\right)}$ | $41.4 \pm 4.9 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $40.7 \pm 5.2 \mathrm{ppm}$ | $0.7 \pm 0.4 \mathrm{ppm}$ |

With the rationale for the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shift assignment method now even more uncertain, we looked for another method to reliably assign relative configuration. As mentioned earlier, NOESY/ROESY has been used periodically to confirm cis-configuration (correlation of

H 1 and H 3$),{ }^{10-14}$ but we favored a method of greater operational simplicity. Two previous studies used the magnitude of vicinal coupling constants as a means of assigning cis- or transconfiguration in 1,3-disubstituted $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{Cs}$, albeit for a single pair of diastereomers each. ${ }^{10,11} \mathrm{We}$ sought to validate this method with the 34 pairs of diastereomers depicted in Table 2.1. Inspection of conformer A for cis-esters 5a-ar suggests that the three-bond coupling constants ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ and ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ should be well differentiated: $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ is approximately gauche to H 3 , and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ is approximately anti to H3 (Figure 2.4). In contrast, if the trans-diastereomers 4a-ae populate both tetrahydropyridine conformations $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ as predicted, then ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ values will not be as well-differentiated from the corresponding ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ values, since $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ is approximately anti to H 3 in conformer $\mathbf{B}$, but is approximately gauche to H 3 in conformer $\mathbf{C}$. For 5a, HSQC identified H4 resonances at 3.25 and 3.02 ppm . Individual irradiation of these two resonances resulted in $6.0 \%$ and $\sim 0 \%$ NOE enhancement of $\mathrm{H} 3(3.99 \mathrm{ppm})$, allowing assignment of $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ to the peak at 3.25 ppm , and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ to the peak at 3.02 ppm . Based on these assignments, we measured ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ and ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ as 4.1 and 11.0 Hz , respectively. Thus, a significant difference is seen in these coupling constants for $\mathbf{5 a}$, as expected. Similarly, we used 1D NOE experiments to assign $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ and $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ in trans-ester 4a. In this case, the values of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ and ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ were much more similar ( 5.0 and 7.8 Hz , respectively). These findings are summarized in Figure 2.5 and Table 5.5.


${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha 4 \beta}=15.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$
${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha 3}=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$
${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta 3}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$





Figure 2.5 Assignment of $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ in compounds $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$ via 1 D NOE. A) The original ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum, B) 1D NOE ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum resulting from irradiation of $\left.\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha, \mathbf{C}\right) 1 \mathrm{D}$ NOE ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum resulting from irradiation of $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$.

Based on the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ chemical shifts and ${ }^{3} J$ values of $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}, \mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ were assigned in the other 33 pairs of diastereomers, and the individual coupling constants were determined (Table 5.3 and Table 5.4). Average ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ chemical shifts and coupling constants are shown in Table 2.4. As expected from their distance from the C 1 -substituent, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ chemical shifts of $\mathrm{H} 3, \mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$, and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ in $\mathbf{4 a - a r}$ and 5a-ar fall within very narrow ranges (Table 2.4, entries 1-3). As can be seen, the average value of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ in cis-esters $\mathbf{5 a}$-ar is $11.1 \pm 0.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, suggesting an approximately
antiperiplanar arrangement of $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ and H 3 . In contrast, the average value of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ in trans-esters 4a-ar is consistently lower ( $7.3 \pm 0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), as expected if both conformers $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ were populated (Table 2.4, Entry 4). Nakamura et al. performed a similar analysis to assign relative stereochemistry in several products of dihydro- $\beta$-carboline reduction. ${ }^{45}$

Table 2.4 Selected average ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ chemical shifts and coupling constants $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ for compounds shown in Table 2.1.

| Entry |  | trans (4) | cis $\mathbf{( 5 )}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | $\delta \mathrm{H} 3[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | $3.91 \pm 0.08$ | $3.95 \pm 0.09$ |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | $\delta \mathrm{H} 4 \alpha[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | $3.23 \pm 0.05$ | $3.22 \pm 0.04$ |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | $\delta \mathrm{H} 4 \beta[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | $3.10 \pm 0.05$ | $2.98 \pm 0.08$ |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}(\mathrm{~Hz})$ | $7.3 \pm 0.9$ | $11.1 \pm 0.1$ |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}(\mathrm{~Hz})$ | $5.1 \pm 0.2$ | $4.1 \pm 0.1$ |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}(\mathrm{~Hz})$ | $15.3 \pm 0.1$ | $15.1 \pm 0.1$ |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}(\mathrm{~Hz})$ | $1.5 \pm 0.1$ | $2.5 \pm 0.1$ |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | ${ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}(\mathrm{~Hz})$ | $1.2 \pm 0.2$ | $1.8 \pm 0.1$ |

The well-differentiated average values of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ for cis- and trans-diastereomers are very similar to those reported for the two pairs of diastereomers noted previously. ${ }^{10,11}$ Note that the average values of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ (Table 2.4, entry 5 ) are similar for both 4a-ar and 5a-ar, which is consistent with a near gauche orientation of $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ and H 3 in all three conformers A-C.

One noteworthy feature of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of $\mathbf{4 a - a r}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$-ar is the visible 5-bond coupling between H 1 and $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$, and between H 1 and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$, as shown for $\mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ in Figure 2.6 (Table 2.4, entries 7-8). Note that for trans-1-aryl derivatives 4a-ah, H1 appears as a broad singlet, as shown for $\mathbf{4 b}$ in Figure 2.6A. The fine splitting observed in $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ was possible to attribute to a 5 -bond coupling H 1 and $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha / \mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ by a single-frequency decoupling in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (Figure 2.6B). For cis-1-aryl derivatives 5a-ah, the 5-bond coupling is occasionally seen at H1, as shown for $\mathbf{5 b}$ in Figure 5 C . Although 5 -bond ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling is rare, it is particularly common in cyclohexenes, ${ }^{46,47}$ which resemble the tetrahydropyridine ring of $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar and $\mathbf{5 a - a r}$, and has been noted at least once previously in Pictet-Spengler adducts. ${ }^{10}$
A
 H3 H4a H4 $\beta$





## C $\quad \mathrm{H} 1$

H3
H4 $\alpha$
H4





Figure 2.6 Five-bond coupling of H 1 to $\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ in $\mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$. A) $\mathrm{H} 1, \mathrm{H} 3, \mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$, and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ resonances in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{4 b}$; B) Single-frequency decoupling of H 1 in $\mathbf{4 b} ; \mathbf{C}$ ) $\mathrm{H} 1, \mathrm{H} 3, \mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$, and $\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$ resonances in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{5 b}$; D) Single-frequency decoupling of H1 in $\mathbf{5 b}$. Cagašová, K.; Ghavami, M.; Yao, Z.-K.; Carlier, P. R., Questioning the $\gamma$-gauche effect: stereoassignment of 1,3-disubstituted-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants. Org. Biomol. Chem. 2019, 17 (27), 6687-6698. - Reproduced by permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.

### 2.4 Density functional theory conformational analysis

As described above, values of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ effectively distinguish trans-esters 4a-ar from cis-esters 5aar. Furthermore, the observed values of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ in these compounds appear reasonable based on a first-principles conformational analysis (Figure 2.4). To further substantiate our method for the stereochemical assignment, we undertook computational studies of the possible conformers of $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}$. Multiple automated conformer searches were performed at the MMFF94 level, starting from at least two initial geometries of each compound. These structures were then optimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d) ${ }^{48,49}$ to give 16 conformers of $\mathbf{4 a}, 14$ conformers of 5a, and eight conformers each for $\mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$. As shown in Table 2.5, these conformers can be classified with respect to four structural features and grouped into eight conformational ensembles.

Table 2.5 The number of B3LYP/6-31G(d) potential energy minima found for $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}$ within each conformational ensemble.





| Conformer |  | $\mathbf{4 a}$ | $\mathbf{5 a}$ | $\mathbf{4 b}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | 6 | 4 | $\mathbf{5 b}$ |  |
| $\psi_{\text {eq }}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| ${\text { exo }-2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}}^{\text {endo-2'-Cl }}$ | 8 | 8 | - | 4 |
| $a^{\prime}-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 8 | $6^{a}$ | - | - |
| $e^{2}-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 8 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| H-bond $^{b}$ | 8 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| No H-bond $^{c}$ | 12 | 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 |

${ }^{a}$ Two conformers, namely $\psi_{a x}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$, endo-2'- Cl , ax- H 2 , were not found in the initial conformational search, likely due to their expected high energy (conformer search was limited to $40 \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ ). ${ }^{b}$ Intramolecular H-bonding of H 2 to $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ or OMe deduced from $\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distances ranging from 2.3-2.7 $\AA$. ${ }^{c}$ Lack of H -bond deduced from $\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O}>3.7 \AA$.

First, the approximate half-chair conformation of the tetrahydropyridine ring can be classified as having a $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-$ or $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ substitution. Representative calculated structures of $\mathbf{4 a}$
exhibiting these features are shown in Figure 2.7 (I and II, respectively). Interestingly, the orientation of the 1-aryl groups in $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ does not significantly differ among the different tetrahydropyridine conformers. For 4a, the $\mathrm{C} 1^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 9 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{N} 9$ dihedral angle $\phi$ in II $\left(66.8^{\circ}\right)$ is only slightly larger than those seen in I and III (52.7 and $46.1^{\circ}$, respectively), despite the expectation that the 1-aryl group would be pseudoaxial in II and pseudoequatorial in I and III. The larger than expected $\phi$ value in I and III is likely a consequence of allylic strain of the 1-aryl group and N9.


Figure 2.7 Representative calculated (B3LYP/6-31G(d)) structures of 4 a illustrating the orientation of the $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$, NH , and $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ groups. The C1-C1-C9a-N9 dihedral angle is represented by $\phi$. In conformers I and II, internal hydrogen bonding between H 2 and the carbonyl or methoxy O atoms are depicted with an orange dashed line. Note that intramolecular hydrogen bonding is geometrically impossible in conformer III. Conformers I, II, and III are described as $\mathbf{4 a - 0 1}, \mathbf{4 a - 0 9}$, and $\mathbf{4 a}-10$, respectively, in Chapter 5 (Table 5.6 and Table 5.7). Graphics rendered using Chimera. ${ }^{50}$ Cagašová, K.; Ghavami, M.; Yao, Z.-K.; Carlier, P. R., Questioning the $\gamma$-gauche effect: stereoassignment of 1,3-disubstituted-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants. Org. Biomol. Chem. 2019, 17 (27), 6687-6698. - Adapted by permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.

Second, the $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ of $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$ can be oriented either exo- or endo- to the tetrahydropyridine ring (Figure 2.7: I/II (exo-) vs. III (endo-)). This isomerism is absent in $\mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$, which feature an unsubstituted phenyl ring. Third, the N-H can be axial or equatorial, and fourth, the $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group can be geometrically aligned for possible hydrogen bonding to the NH or not. These last two features are illustrated in the representative computed structures of $\mathbf{4 a}$ in Figure 2.7. In transester 4a, eight $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ and eight $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformations were predicted by MMFF94 calculation (cf. B and $\mathbf{C}$, Figure 2.4). In the cis-isomer 5a, only six $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformers and eight $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformations were found. As expected, the six $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformers of $\mathbf{5 a}$ are much higher in energy than the $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformations due to severe 1,3-diaxial interactions with the C 1 -aryl group. As depicted in Figure 2.7, for $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$, the $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ group can adopt an exo- or endo-orientation with respect to the tetrahydropyridine ring, whereas the exoorientation is energetically preferred. The axial and equatorial orientations of the NH hydrogen $(\mathrm{H} 2)$ are roughly equally represented among the conformers. In conformations featuring a $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}{ }^{-}$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group, both ax- H 2 and eq- H 2 can hydrogen-bond to the $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group via the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ or OMe oxygen atoms. In contrast, for conformations featuring a $\psi_{\text {ax }}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group, only eq- H 2 can form an intramolecular H -bond via the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ or OMe oxygen atoms. In $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me} / \mathrm{ax}-\mathrm{H} 2$ conformations, an intramolecular H-bond is geometrically impossible (e.g., structure III, Figure 2.7).

### 2.4.1 Energetic distribution of calculated conformers

To calculate the free energies of these conformers at 298 K , single-point energies were calculated using the mPW1PW91 ${ }^{51}$ and B3LYP functionals at a larger basis set $(6-311+G(2 d, p))$ and with $\mathrm{PCM}^{52}$ implicit solvation $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The $6-311+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set, mPW1PW91 functional, and PCM solvation model were chosen based on their suitability for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shift calculations. ${ }^{53}$ In
addition, we also calculated single point energies at M06-2X/def2-TZVP (with PCM solvation) since the M06-2X functional ${ }^{54,55}$ has been recommended for accurate energies of conformers, especially in conjunction with the def2-TZVP basis set. ${ }^{56,57}$ Free energy corrections (based on B3LYP/6-31G(d) frequencies) were then applied to these single-point energies (Table 5.6 - Table 5.13).

Boltzmann distributions of the conformers of $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}$ calculated using mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ free energies were very similar to those based on B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) (PCM, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) free energies (Table 5.14). M06-2X/def2-TZVP (PCM, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) free energy-based Boltzmann distributions largely follow these trends, but for $\mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ show a diminished preference for conformers in the $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ ensemble (Figure 2.4A, Table 5.14). Consequently, mPW1PW91 and B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)-based Boltzmann distributions give a superior prediction of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$, relative to those based on M06-2X/def2-TZVP. Furthermore, the calculations at mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) give an improved prediction of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts relative to those based on B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p). Thus, results presented in this Chapter are based on mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ Boltzmann weights of the conformers, and complete sets of data from all three methods are included in Chapter 5. Structures of the lowest energy conformers of $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{4} \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{5 a} / \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}$ are presented in Figure 2.8.


Figure 2.8 The lowest $\Delta \mathrm{G}(298 \mathrm{~K}) \psi_{\mathrm{eq}}{ }^{-}$and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-$ conformers of $\mathbf{4 a}$ and the global minimum of 5a. Geometries were obtained by B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimization; free energies were calculated from single-point energies using mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) - shown here, B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p), or M06-2X/def2-TZVP (SCRF: PCM $=\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) - the results of latter two methods are shown in Chapter 5 (Figure 5.1 and Figure 5.2). Free energy correction was obtained from the B3LYP/6-31G(d) frequencies.

As anticipated, trans-esters $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ significantly populate both the $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ and $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformational ensembles (cf. B and $\mathbf{C}$, Figure 2.3). For 4a, the lowest energy $\psi_{\text {ax }}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformation (4a-01) is only $0.94 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ higher in energy than the global minimum $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ structure (4a-08, Figure 2.8, Table 5.7). For $\mathbf{4 b}$, the lowest energy $\psi_{a x}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformation (4b01 ) and lowest energy $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformation (4b-05) are within $0.02 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ of each other (Figure 2.8, Table 5.9). In contrast, cis-esters 5a and 5b adopt $>99 \%$ and $\sim 100 \% \psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformations respectively (Table 2.6). As noted above, at M06-2X/def2-TZVP (PCM, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}), \mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ show less energetic differentiation of the $\psi_{\text {eq }}{ }^{-}$and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}{ }^{-}$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformations, populating only 85 and $99 \%$ of the $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformation $\mathbf{A}$ (Figure 2.4), respectively (Table 5.14). For $\mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$, the lowest energy $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformations are $3.1 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}(\mathbf{5 a}-04)$ and $4.6 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}(\mathbf{5 b}-05)$ higher in energy than global minimum $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ structures (5a-01 and 5b-03, Figure 2.8, Table 5.11 and Table 5.13). As discussed at the outset, $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformations of $\mathbf{5 a}$ would be unstable by virtue of 1,3-diaxial interactions with the $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$-aryl group at C1. Thus, the energy distribution of conformers calculated using DFT methods (Table 2.6) supports not only the first-principles conformational analysis (Figure 2.4) but also satisfactorily reflects the ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ values reported in Table 2.4.

Table 2.6 Boltzmann distribution of conformational ensembles in $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{5 a} / \mathbf{b}$, based on mPW1PW91/ $6-311+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ free energies at 298 K .

|  |  <br> 4a [\%] |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 5a [\%] | 4b [\%] | 5b [\%] |
| $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | 14.0 | 0.3 | 38.1 | 0.0 |
| $\psi_{\text {eq }}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | 86.0 | 99.7 | 61.9 | 100.0 |
| exo-2'-Cl | 98.5 | 92.3 | - | - |
| endo-2'- Cl | 1.5 | 7.7 | - | - |
| $a x-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 38.9 | 46.6 | 32.3 | 39.0 |
| $e q-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 61.1 | 53.4 | 67.7 | 61.0 |
| H-bond | 99.0 | 100.0 | 98.3 | 100.0 |
| No H-bond | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 |

Other noteworthy features of our calculations are: 1) in $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$ there is a significant preference for the exo-2'- Cl orientation, which appears to be steric in origin; 2) $a x-\mathrm{H} 2$ and $e q-\mathrm{H} 2$ conformations are similar in energy for all four compounds; 3) intramolecularly H -bonded structures are much more favorable than non-H-bonded structures for all four compounds.

### 2.4.2 Calculation of ${ }^{3}{ }^{\mathbf{J H H}}$ coupling constants

Using mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ Boltzmann weights, we then calculated select ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)u+1s//B3LYP/6-31G(d), which has been found to be economical and accurate as demonstrated by root-mean-square deviation (RMSD, Equation 2.1) lower than 0.5 Hz for a wide range of organic molecules. ${ }^{58}$ As shown in Table 2.7, this method worked very well for $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5 b}$. For the five coupling constants previously presented in Table 2.4, over four compounds, excellent accuracy (RMSD $<0.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, Table 5.15, and Table 5.16) was obtained. Most importantly, the close correspondence of calculated and observed values of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ and ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ suggests that the mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ Boltzmann weights accurately capture the distribution of $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformers of the
tetrahydropyridine ring in $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5 b}$. In contrast, the M06-2X/def2-TZVP Boltzmann distributions in these calculations gave less accurate values of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ for $\mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ ( 8.8 and 10.2 Hz , respectively, Table 5.16) as a consequence of the diminished energetic difference between the $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}{ }^{-}$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ conformers.

Equation 2.1 Formula for root-mean-square deviation (RMSD)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{RMSD}=\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{1}^{n}\left(x_{i}-x_{0}\right)^{2}}{n}} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Where $x_{i}$ is the calculated value, $x_{0}$ is the experimentally observed value, and $n$ is the number of $x$ values within the studied set.

Table 2.7 Calculated (B3LYP/6-31(d,p)u+1s//B3LYP/6-31G(d)) ${ }^{a}$ vs experimental $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right){ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants for $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5 b}$.

| $J[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | Calculated | 4a <br> Experimental | $\left\|\Delta_{\text {calc-exp }}\right\|$ | Calculated | $\mathbf{5 a}$ <br> Experimental | $\left\|\Delta_{\text {calc-exp }}\right\|$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ | 9.6 | 7.8 | 1.8 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 0.3 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ | 4.2 | 5.0 | 0.8 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 0.3 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}{ }^{b}$ | 15.2 | 15.4 | 0.2 | 15.0 | 15.1 | 0.1 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}$ | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 0.5 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}$ | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0.1 |
| $J[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | Calculated | Experimental | $\left\|\Delta_{\text {calc-exp }}\right\|$ | Calculated | Experimental | $\left\|\Delta_{\text {calc-exp }}\right\|$ |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ | 6.7 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 10.8 | 11.2 | 0.4 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{J_{\alpha \alpha-3}}$ | 5.0 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 0.4 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}^{b}$ | 15.2 | 15.4 | 0.2 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 0.2 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}$ | 1.9 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 0.4 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}$ | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.2 |

${ }^{a}$ Weighted average over all conformations, based on mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) Boltzmann distribution $(298 \mathrm{~K}) .{ }^{b}{ }^{2} \mathrm{JHH}_{\mathrm{HH}}$ values for $\mathrm{sp}^{3} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ are calculated to be negative, as expected; ${ }^{59}$ the absolute values are shown here.

### 2.4.3 Calculation of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts

With the B3LYP/6-31G(d) geometries and mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$
Boltzmann distribution of the conformers of $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}$ validated by the calculated ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants in Table 2.7, we were positioned to determine whether the distinctive C 1 and C3 chemical shifts of the cis- and trans-diastereomers could be reproduced by computation. We
thus calculated ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) for each conformer of $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 a}$, and $\mathbf{5 b}$ from the B3LYP/6-31G(d) geometries at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) (PCM, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$, and mPW1PW91/6$311+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ levels of theory (Table $5.17-$ Table 5.20$)$. These functionals, basis set, and solvation model were selected based on their excellent performance in a recent study of colchicine. ${ }^{53}$ The weighted average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts of each carbon in $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 a}$, and $\mathbf{5 b}$ were then calculated using the calculated Boltzmann populations (Equation 2.2) and the mean average deviations (MAD) of the calculated chemical shifts from the observed values were calculated to assess the performance of each functional (Equation 2.3).

Equation 2.2 Formula for Boltzmann distribution

$$
\begin{equation*}
\%=\frac{e^{\frac{\left(E_{\mathrm{i}}-E_{\min }\right)}{\mathrm{k} \cdot T}}}{\sum e^{\frac{\left(E_{\mathrm{i}}-E_{\min }\right)}{\mathrm{k} \cdot T}} \cdot 100} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Where k is Boltzmann constant $\left(\mathrm{k}=0.00198 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}^{-1}\right), T$ is temperature $[\mathrm{K}], E_{\mathrm{i}}$ is the free energy of conformer $\mathrm{i}[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$, and $E_{\text {min }}$ is the free energy of the lowest energy conformer $[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$.

Equation 2.3 Formula for mean average deviation (MAD)

$$
\begin{equation*}
M A D=\frac{\sum_{1}^{n}\left|x_{i}-x_{0}\right|}{n} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Where $x_{i}$ is the calculated value, $x_{0}$ is the experimentally observed value, and $n$ is the number of $x$ values within the studied set.

Both functionals predict ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts well, giving MAD of $\sim 2 \mathrm{ppm}$ or less. However, mPW1PW91 performed slightly better over the set of examined compounds (Table 2.8). This observation agrees with a recent study of the calculated ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of colchicine $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$, whose authors reported mPW1PW91 MAD $=1.9 \mathrm{ppm}$ and B3LYP MAD $=1.9 \mathrm{ppm} .{ }^{53}$ The slightly smaller MAD values seen for $\mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5 b}$ relative to $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5}$ a result from inaccurate
calculation of the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shifts for Cl -bearing carbons $\mathrm{C} 2^{\prime}$ and $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ in $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$ (Table 5.17 and Table 5.19).

Table 2.8 All-carbon ${ }^{a}$ mean absolute deviation (MAD) in calculated ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR resonances for $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 a} / \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}$.

| B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) |  | mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | 2.1 ppm | 1.7 ppm |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | 1.5 ppm | 1.1 ppm |
| $\mathbf{5 a}$ | 2.0 ppm | 1.6 ppm |
| $\mathbf{5 b}$ | 1.4 ppm | 1.0 ppm |
| Average | $\mathbf{1 . 8} \mathbf{~ p p m}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 4} \mathbf{~ p p m}$ |

${ }^{a}$ Mean absolute deviation in ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shift for all 19 carbons in each compound. ${ }^{b}$ Average of MAD for compounds $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 a}$, and $\mathbf{5 b}$. All calculations used PCM solvation $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ and were based on geometries obtained from B3LYP/6-31G(d) (gas phase).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts for $\mathrm{C} 3, \mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$, and $\mathrm{C} 1{ }^{\prime}$ calculated by mPW1PW91/6$311+G(2 d, p)$ method closely match the observed values for all four compounds, with deviations generally less than 2 ppm . Looking at the difference in the chemical shift for a particular carbon between diastereomers ( $\Delta \delta_{4-5}$ ), the congruity is even better (Table 2.9). For example, the C 1 and C3 $\Delta \delta_{\mathbf{4}-5}$ values for $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ are predicted to be -4.1 and -2.9 ppm , respectively, and correspond well with the observed $\Delta \delta_{4-5}$ values ( -4.4 and -2.6 ppm , respectively). Furthermore, this DFT method also recapitulates the observed slight downfield shifts of $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C} 1^{\prime}$ in the trans-isomers $(+0.5$ to +1.3 ppm , respectively). Thus, DFT predicts both the observed upfield shifts of C1 and C3 in $\mathbf{4 a - b}$ relative to $\mathbf{5 a - b}$ and the slight downfield shifts of $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}$.

Table 2.9 Calculated vs. observed ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts ( $\delta$ [ppm]) for selected carbons in $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 a} / \mathbf{5 b}$, and corresponding differences in $\delta$ between diastereomers ( $\Delta_{\delta 4-\delta 5}$ ).

|  | Experimental ${ }^{a} \delta[\mathrm{ppm}]$ |  |  | Calculated ${ }^{\text {b }} \boldsymbol{\delta}$ [ppm] |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4a | 5a | $\Delta_{\text {d4a-85a }}$ | 4a | 5a | $\Delta_{\delta 4 \mathrm{a}-85 \mathrm{a}}$ |
| C1 | 51.3 | 53.9 | -2.6 | 52.7 | 55.2 | -2.5 |
| C3 | 52.3 | 56.7 | -4.4 | 52.5 | 57.7 | -4.9 |
| $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 173.8 | 173.1 | +0.7 | 175.4 | 175.1 | +0.3 |
| C1' | 137.9 | 137.4 | +0.5 | 139.2 | 138.8 | +0.4 |
|  | 4b | 5b | $\Delta_{\text {84b- }-55 \mathrm{~b}}$ | 4b | 5b | $\Delta_{\text {¢4b--85b }}$ |
| C1 | 55.1 | 58.8 | -3.7 | 56.5 | 59.8 | -3.3 |
| C3 | 52.7 | 57.0 | -4.3 | 53.8 | 57.7 | -3.9 |
| $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 174.3 | 173.3 | +1.0 | 176.0 | 175.3 | +0.7 |
| C1' | 142.1 | 140.8 | +1.3 | 143.9 | 142.2 | +1.7 |

${ }^{a}$ Chemical shifts observed experimentally in ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) .{ }^{b}$ Boltzmann weighted mPW1PW91/6$311+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts.

### 2.4.4 Computational evaluation of the role of steric compression in the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shifts of C1 and C3 in 4a and 4b

Upon establishing the accuracy of DFT-derived ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts for $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b} / \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}$, we were in a position to ask whether these upfield shifts of C 1 and C 3 in $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ relative to $\mathbf{5 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 b}$ can be attributed to "steric compression", which is believed to be the major contributor to the so-called $\gamma$-effect. If so, the chemical shifts of C1 and C3 in $4 \boldsymbol{a}$ and $4 \boldsymbol{b}$ should depend on the conformation of the tetrahydropyridine ring. Therefore, by grouping the individual conformers of $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ into two overall $\psi_{\text {eq }}-$ and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ tetrahydropyridine conformational ensembles (i.e., B and C, Figure 2.4), and recalculating the weighted average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts at C 1 and C3, we can assess the effect of $\gamma$-gauche-associated steric compression (Figure 2.9, Table 5.21 and Table 5.22).

B: $\psi_{e q}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$
4a 52.7
4b 56.8

51.8

C: $\psi_{a x}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ 52.4 56.1

57.2
57.0

|  | $\mathrm{C} 3 \Delta \delta_{\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}}$ |  | $\mathrm{C} 1 \Delta \delta_{\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | -5.4 |  | +0.3 |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | -5.2 |  | +0.7 |

Figure 2.9 Weighted (mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left.\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})\right){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts for $\mathrm{C} 1 \& \mathrm{C} 3$ of $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ in the $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}}{ }^{-}$and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ tetrahydropyridine conformational ensembles $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$. Gauche interactions of ring substituents with C 1 and C3 are highlighted in red. Cagašová, K.; Ghavami, M.; Yao, Z.-K.; Carlier, P. R., Questioning the $\gamma$-gauche effect: stereoassignment of 1,3 -disubstituted-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines using ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants. Org. Biomol. Chem. 2019, 17 (27), 6687-6698. - Adapted by permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.

The calculated ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shifts of C 3 in $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ in ensemble $\mathbf{B}$ are considerably upfield of the values in ensemble $\mathbf{C}\left(\mathrm{C} 3 \Delta \delta_{\mathbf{B}-\mathbf{C}}=-5.4\right.$ and -5.2 ppm , respectively $)$. These calculated upfield shifts could be consistent with steric compression of C3 resulting from $\gamma$-gauche interaction with the C1-aryl group in ensemble B (cf. Figure 2.4). However, no significant differences are seen in the chemical shifts of C 1 in $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ between ensembles $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}(\mathrm{C} 1$ $\Delta \delta_{\text {в-C }}=+0.3$ and +0.7 ppm , respectively), despite its $\gamma$-gauche orientation to the $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{C}_{3}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group in ensemble C. These observations are also replicated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) (PCM, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ )//B3LYP/6-31G(d) level (Table 5.21 and Table 5.22). Thus, the uniform upfield shift of C1 in 4a-ar relative to $\mathbf{5 a} \mathbf{a}$-ar (Table 2.2 ) cannot be simply attributed to the steric compression between gauche oriented carbons, since the C 1 chemical shifts remain unchanged whether the $\mathrm{C} 1-$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group is gauche- (ensemble $\mathbf{C}$ ) or anti- (ensemble $\mathbf{B}$ ).

### 2.4.5 Conclusions

In summary, we demonstrated that the trans- and cis-configuration of 1,3-disubstituted TH $\beta$ Cs can be reliably assigned by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy, based on a particular coupling constant $\left({ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}\right)$. In the set of 34 cis-esters compounds $\mathbf{5 a - a r}$, the value of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ is $11.1 \pm 0.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, indicating that they nearly exclusively populate a tetrahydropyridine conformational ensemble that features a $\psi_{\mathrm{eq}^{-}}$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group at C 3 (A, Figure 2.4). In contrast, the average value of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ for the set of 34 transesters $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar is $7.3 \pm 1.2$, indicating that these compounds populate two nearly equienergetic tetrahydropyridine conformational ensembles: one featuring a $\psi_{e q}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}^{\text {group at }} \mathrm{C} 3$ (B, Figure 2.4), and one featuring a $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ group at C 3 (C, Figure 2.4).

Our assignments match those made by the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shift method of Ungemach et al. in every case, ${ }^{7}$ but this ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR assignment method has several benefits. In addition to reduced sample quantity and experiment time requirements, it can be applied when only one stereoisomer is in hand. Furthermore, extensive DFT calculations support the conformational analysis undergirding the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR assignment method, including accurate $(\mathrm{RMSD}=0.5 \mathrm{~Hz})$ calculation of ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ and other ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants. Furthermore, these calculations show that the presence or absence of a $\gamma$-gauche substituent does not affect the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shift of C 1 in $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$ (Figure 2.9). This calculated result, combined with the observed failure of C 1 and C 3 to exert reciprocal upfield shifts of the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}^{\prime}$ carbons in $\mathbf{4 a - a r}$ (Table 2.3), thus challenges the conceptual foundation of the traditional ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shift assignment method for 1,3-disubstituted TH $\beta$ Cs. With this foundation in doubt, one cannot predict scenarios under which the method would fail to assign trans- and cis-THßCs properly. Since biological activity within the medicinally important 1,3 -disubstituted-TH $\beta$ C scaffold is typically very sensitive to configuration, ${ }^{43,44,60,61}$ a missed assignment could muddy emerging structure-activity
relationships and mislead investigators. In contrast, the sound theoretical foundation of the ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ assignment method described herein allows one to use standard conformational analysis tools to anticipate conditions under which the assignment might fail. This important feature and the other advantages listed above commends its use to synthetic and medicinal chemists.

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## 3 Tetrazole and phosphonate analogs of MMV008138

The carboxylic acid functionality present in our lead compound 1a (Figure 3.1) is a common feature of many approved drugs on the market (more than 450 examples found in $2013^{1}, 13 \%$ of FDA approved drugs between 2015 and 2018), ${ }^{2}$ which could significantly improve binding to the molecular targets via ionic interactions and hydrogen bonding. ${ }^{3}$ It can also improve the solubility of the drug in aqueous media. On the other hand, the ionic character of carboxylic acids under biological pH also leads to a decreased ability to penetrate cell membranes. ${ }^{4}$

The approximately 5 -fold difference in potency of $\mathbf{1 a}$ in growth inhibition assay and $P f \mathrm{IspD}$ inhibition assay could be at least partially attributed to loss of the active species during the transfer to the apicoplast - the only organelle in Plasmodium $s p$. that contains MEP pathway enzymes. ${ }^{5,6}$ First of all, it was necessary to confirm whether the $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{COOH}$ substitution was a part of an active pharmacophore. Among compounds identified within Malaria Box, ${ }^{7}$ the only other tetrahydro- $\beta$ carboline was the compound MMV019690 (Figure 3.1), which lacked both the carboxylic acid moiety and the anti-apicoplast activity. ${ }^{8}$ Unfortunately, a direct comparison of the two molecules was not possible due to a considerable variation in D-ring substitution between MMV008138 and MMV019690, rendering synthesis of more closely related species necessary.



Figure 3.1 Tetrahydro- $\beta$-carbolines included in Malaria Box compound library. Compound $\mathbf{1 a}$ is an amino acid and is expected to be a zwitterion in the solid-state. Its charge state in water is discussed below.

### 3.1 Structure-activity relationship of MMV008138 and carboxylic acid derivatives

To explore the importance of the carboxylic acid moiety in 1a, Dr. Yao in the Carlier group synthesized decarboxylated analog $( \pm)-6 \mathbf{a}$ and the $1^{\circ}$ alcohol analog 7a. The $P$.falciparum growth inhibition assay clearly shows the importance of the C3 carboxylate for the antimalarial activity of 1a, as both decarboxylation $(( \pm)-\mathbf{6 a})$ and removal of the carbonyl group (7a) led to a complete loss of potency. The initial investigation of C3-isosteres of 1a focused on a series of amides and a hydrazide, which could be easily obtained from the reaction of methyl ester $\mathbf{4 a}$ with appropriate amine or hydrazine. ${ }^{9}$

Table 3.1 Growth inhibition activity of MMV008138 modified on position C3. ${ }^{9}$


| Compound | R | X | P. falciparum Dd 2 strain growth inhibition $\mathrm{IC}_{50}(\mathrm{nM})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1a | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $250 \pm 70$ |
| 1 e | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Me}$ | $410 \pm 40$ |
| 1j | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $320 \pm 60$ |
| 1k | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $360 \pm 40$ |
| 4 a | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | 2', ${ }^{\prime}$ - $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $6800 \pm 1400$ |
| $( \pm)$-6a | H | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $10,000 \pm 1600$ |
| 7 a | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | > 10,000 |
| 8 a | $\mathrm{CONH}_{2}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $1200 \pm 100$ |
| 9 a | CONHMe | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $190 \pm 30$ |
| 9 e | CONHMe | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Me}$ | $340 \pm 50$ |
| 9j | CONHMe | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $300 \pm 40$ |
| 9k | CONHMe | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $340 \pm 60$ |
| 10a | CONHEt | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $\sim 5,000$ |
| 11a | CONHiPr | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $50 \%$ inhibition at 10,000 |
| 12a | CONHBu | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $80 \%$ inhibition at 10,000 |
| 13a | CONHCy | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $2830 \pm 500$ |
| 14a | CONMe ${ }_{2}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | > 20,000 |
| 15a | CONHNHMe | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $1940 \pm 200$ |

While the $1^{\circ}$ amide 8a retains some antimalarial activity compared to $\mathbf{1 a}$, the methyl amides $\mathbf{9 a}, \mathbf{9 e}, \mathbf{9} \mathbf{j}$, and $\mathbf{9 k}$ show excellent potency equivalent to their appropriate carboxylic acid analogs (Table 3.1). ${ }^{9}$ At first glance, the $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of a protonated secondary amine is estimated at $10-11$, and thus we would expect compounds $\mathbf{8 a}$ and $\mathbf{9 a}$ to be positively charged at physiological pH due to lack of carboxylic acid, while compound 1a would be expected in the form of zwitterion. However, this initial estimate does not consider the environment of the secondary amine functionality. As we will show below, the $\mathrm{pK} \mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of the protonated $2^{\circ}$ amine in these compounds is significantly lower than 10-11, and this affects the expected charge states of these compounds at pH 7.4 .

As depicted in Figure 3.2 below, attachment of a benzyl group to an amine lowers the $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ by approximately one unit relative to its aliphatic counterpart (cf. III and IV with I and II). ${ }^{10}$ The experimental $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ value of unsubstituted 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carboline (XII) is well aligned with this expectation. ${ }^{11,12}$ The $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of protonated amines is further lowered by approximately 0.5 unit by the presence of an $\alpha$-carboxylic acid (cf. V with II and VI with III), as is confirmed in tryptophan (XIII) and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carboline-3-carboxylic acid (XIV). ${ }^{12-14}$ Thus, the $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of the protonated amine in our lead compound 1a was calculated by our collaborator Dr. Maxim Totrov to be 7.1, where the $1.6 \log$ difference from 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro- $\beta$-carboline- 3 -carboxylic acid (XIV, experimental $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=8.7$ ) can be attributed to an additional benzyl substitution and electron-withdrawing effect of chlorines (cf. VII with VIII-X). ${ }^{10,15,16}$ In case of compound 9a, the amine $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ was calculated by Dr. Totrov to be 5.6. While this value might seem very low, the difference between 1a and $\mathbf{9 a}\left(\Delta \mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=1.5\right)$ aligns well with comparable pair of tryptophan (XIII) and tryptophanamide $\left(\mathbf{X V}, \Delta \mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=1.8\right) .{ }^{11,17}$

Aliphatic amines ( $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ~10-11)
$\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{~N}^{\oplus}$
$10.62^{a}$
I

$10.64^{a}$
II

Adjacent $-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ decreases $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$


V


VI

Chlorine substitution decreases $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$

$4.6^{d}$
VII

$2.6^{e}$
IX


VIII

$2.0^{d}$
X

Application in more complex systems and effect of amide substitution on amine $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$


Figure 3.2 Effect of various substituents on $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of amines. All values, except for compounds 1a and 9a, were experimentally determined in aqueous conditions and are cited as found in the literature. Amine $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ in compounds $\mathbf{1 a}$ and 9a were calculated by our collaborator Dr. Totrov. References for literature $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ values: ${ }^{a} \mathrm{Hall}, \mathrm{H}$. (1957) ${ }^{10}$, ${ }^{b}$ Hamborg et al. (2007) ${ }^{13}$, ${ }^{c}$ Kudelko et al. (2011) ${ }^{14}$, ${ }^{d} \mathrm{Li}$, J. (2004) ${ }^{15}$, ${ }^{e}$ Kaljurand et al. (2005) ${ }^{16}$, ${ }^{\ell}$ Llinas et al. (2008) ${ }^{11}$, ${ }^{g}$ Eftink et al. (1995) ${ }^{12}$, ${ }^{h}$ Fujikawa et al. (2005). ${ }^{17}$

With the more accurately estimated $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ values for compounds $\mathbf{1 a}$ and $\mathbf{9 a}$, we can calculate approximate charge composition using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation (Equation 3.1). At physiological pH of 7.4 , compound 1 a will therefore exist in approximately $2: 1$ ratio of carboxylate anion and zwitterion species, while amides such as $9 \mathbf{9}$ will be found predominantly
$(>98 \%)$ in neutral form. While the protonation state of the enzyme-bound compound cannot be directly related to the protonation state of the free compound in buffered solution, the preference for deprotonated amine in both 1a and 9a might be important for the compound's potency.

Equation 3.1 Henderson-Hasselbalch equation

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\begin{equation*}
p H=p K_{a}+\log \left(\frac{[b a s e]}{[\text { acid }]}\right) \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Additionally, it can be argued that the exact match in size of substituents does not guarantee comparable potency. As can be seen in Figure 3.3A, the carboxylic acid moiety is sterically more similar to the (less potent) $1^{\circ}$ amide than to the (more potent) $2^{\circ}$ methyl amide. Also, primary amides, unlike methyl amides, can be metabolized (via amidases) to carboxylic acids in vivo, ${ }^{18}$ and if such amidases were present in P. falciparum, we might expect 8 a to be more potent than $\mathbf{9 a}$ (assuming the activity is due solely to $\mathbf{1 a}$ ). Confusingly, the potent secondary methyl amides $\mathbf{9 a}$, $\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{k}$ are sterically comparable to the inactive methyl ester $\mathbf{4 a}$ (Figure 3.3B). Note that the inactivity of 4a indicates that there are no esterases ${ }^{18}$ present in $P$. falciparum that can deliver effective concentrations of acid 1a. Therefore, we can conclude that while the carbonyl group seems to play an essential role for antimalarial action of 1a, the exact size and acidity of the C3 substituent does not necessarily need to match that of a carboxylic acid.




Figure 3.3 Structural comparison of C3-substituents in analogs 8a and 4a with potent 1a and 9a. A) Alignment of acetic acid anion and acetamide shows a good steric match of C3-substituent present in the potent analog 1a and 5fold less potent amide 8a. B) Methyl ester aligned with methyl amide shows close spatial similarity, despite over 30fold difference in potency between 9a and 4a. All structures were generated via B3LYP/6-31G (gas phase) geometry optimization in Gaussian and visualized in PyMOL.

Larger substituents in compounds 10a-15a performed poorly in the growth inhibition assay (Table 3.1). Both cyclohexylamide (13a) and hydrazine (15a) derivatives showed approximately 10 -fold decreases in potency, while ethyl, iso-propyl, and butyl amides (10a-12a) showed even greater loss of antimalarial activity. Furthermore, the tertiary dimethyl amide analog (14a) does not exhibit any antimalarial activity. Comparison of the groups present in non-active analogs 10a-15a with groups in potent compounds 1a and 9a suggests that the carboxylate binding site must be fairly small.

Despite their relatively high potency, the methyl amide derivatives $\mathbf{9 a}, \mathbf{9} \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{9} \mathbf{j}$, and $\mathbf{9 k}$ face a significant challenge in the form of poor solubility (thermodynamic solubility of 9 a in aqueous buffer at $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$ was only $0.6 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$, while the solubility of $\mathbf{1 a}$ under identical conditions is $1.05 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$ as determined by Pharmaron). ${ }^{19}$ Consequently, the focus of the Carlier group turned to derivatives promising improved aqueous solubility with some retained properties common to both $\mathbf{1 a}$ and $9 \mathbf{9}$, such as comparable size, hydrogen bonding ability, and presence of carbonyl.

Further C3-derivatives of 1a were synthesized by Dr. Maryam Ghavami (PhD, June 2018) and Ms. Lixuan Liu (M.S., April 2018). These analogs still contained -CONRR' motif, but additional polar groups promised improved aqueous solubility. Dr. Ghavami successfully synthesized analogs 16a-19a by coupling reactions of $\mathbf{1 a}$ (Table 3.2). To further expand the library of C3-analogs, Ms. Liu used similar reaction conditions as Dr. Ghavami to obtain analogs 20a22a (Table 3.2). ${ }^{20}$

Table 3.2 Bioisosteres synthesized from 1a by Dr. Ghavami and Ms. Liu. ${ }^{19,20}$


|  | R | R' | coupling agent | reagent | base | solvent | yield |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16a | OH | H | $\mathrm{T}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ | $\mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{OH} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ | NMM | DMF/ $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 46\% |
| 17a | OMe | H | HATU | $\mathrm{NHOMe} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ | DIPEA | DMF | 84\% |
| 18a | OMe | Me | HATU | $\mathrm{NMeOMe} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ | DIPEA | DMF | 64\% |
| 19a | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3} \mathrm{H}$ | H | $\mathrm{T}_{3} \mathrm{P}$ | $\mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3} \mathrm{H}$ | DIPEA | DMF | 15\% |
| 20a | $\mathrm{SO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | H | HBTU | $\mathrm{NHSO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ | DMF | 63\% |
| 21a | $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CN}$ | H | HBTU | $\mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CN}$ | DIPEA | DMF | 63\% |
| 22a |  |  | HBTU |  | DIPEA | DMF | 83\% |

$\mathrm{T}_{3} \mathrm{P}=$ propylphosphonic anhydride

Growth inhibition potency of compounds 16a-22a against the Dd2 strain of P.falciparum was analyzed in the laboratory of Dr. Cassera. The methoxyamide 17a showed promising growth inhibition, as well as inhibition of isolated PfIspD ( $117 \pm 44 \mathrm{nM}$ ), and was selected for further studies of its D-ring analogs. ${ }^{19}$ Unfortunately, the biological data for methoxyamides $\mathbf{1 7 a}$ and Dring analogs showed highly inconsistent results depending on the length of the compound's storage
prior to the testing. The stability of $\mathbf{1 7 a}$ in mouse plasma was determined to be very low $\left(\mathrm{t}_{1 / 2} \sim\right.$ 8 min , Pharmaron), suggesting that the methoxyamide structure was not suitable for in vivo administration. In contrast, acid 1a and methyl amide $\mathbf{9 a}$ are quite stable in mouse plasma (no loss of parent over 2 h , Pharmaron). Thus, the methoxyamide derivatives were abandoned (Table 3.3). ${ }^{19,20}$

Table 3.3 P. falciparum growth inhibition of compounds 16a-22a. ${ }^{19,20}$


| Compound | R | P. falciparum Dd 2 strain growth inhibition $\mathrm{IC}_{50}(\mathrm{nM})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 6 a}$ | CONHOH | $2050 \pm 360$ |
| 17a | CONHOMe | $540 \pm 30$ |
| 18a | CONMeOMe | $\sim 4200$ |
| 19a | $\mathrm{CONHCH}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{3} \mathrm{H}$ | $>10,000$ |
| 20a | $\mathrm{CONHSO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | $3000-5000 \pm 1000$ |
| 21a | $\mathrm{CONH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CN}$ | $>5000$ |
| 22a | O |  |
|  |  | $>5000$ |

The groups present in non-active analogs 18a-22a, similarly to inactive secondary amides listed above, are also likely too bulky to be accommodated by the carboxylate binding site of PfIspD. The decreased potency of $\mathbf{1 6 a}$ compared to $\mathbf{1 7 a}$, similarly to $\mathbf{8 a}$ and $\mathbf{9 a}$, cannot be explained based on the size as inactive $\mathbf{1 6 a}$ is sterically comparable to active $\mathbf{9 a}$, while potent $\mathbf{1 7 a}$ is larger than either 9a or 1a (Figure 3.4). Moreover, both 16a and 17a are expected to lack the negative charge present in 1a at physiological pH , resulting in overall neutral or positively charged species. It is likely that, to a certain extent, the increase in the bulk of the C3 substituent can be
compensated by an increase in the lipophilicity of the molecule. Lastly, potentially poor chemical stability of 16a, similar to $\mathbf{1 7 a}$, could lead to the observed decrease in potency.


Figure 3.4 Structural comparison of C 3 -substituents in analogs $16 \mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{1 7 a}$ with potent $9 \mathbf{9 a}$. A) Alignment of methylamide group in potent analog 9a (blue) with inactive hydroxamic acid present in 16a (yellow). B) Alignment of methylamide group in potent analog 9 a (blue) with potent methoxyamide found in $\mathbf{1 7 a}$ (cyan). Structures were generated by B3LYP/6-31G (gas phase) geometry optimization in Gaussian and visualized in PyMOL.

### 3.2 The usefulness of carboxylic isosteres and their possible application to MMV008138

The evaluation of the antimalarial activity of compounds 6a-22a revealed some valuable information for further structure-activity relationship studies of MMV008138. As mentioned in the beginning of this chapter, the carboxylic acid functionality can be a source of both beneficial and detrimental characteristics to a potential drug candidate. Some of the MMV008138's problems likely related to the carboxylic acid moiety are the previously mentioned disconnect between growth and enzyme inhibition potency ( $250 \pm 70 \mathrm{nM}$ and $44 \pm 15 \mathrm{nM}$, respectively), ${ }^{21}$ lack of oral efficacy in $P$. berghei infected mice, and poor metabolic stability (half-life of 14.5 min as determined in mouse liver microsomes by Pharmaron). ${ }^{19}$

In addition to the issues observed in MMV008138 mentioned above, carboxylic acidcontaining drugs also suffer from toxicity resulting from the formation of acyl glucuronides and
coenzyme A (CoA) conjugates in phase II of metabolism (Scheme 3.1). ${ }^{22}$ The phase II metabolism converts a xenobiotic compound to water-soluble species, which can then be excreted either in urine or bile. These conjugation metabolites are in many cases highly electrophilic, and to avoid harmful reactivity, glucuronidation or conjugation with CoA is usually followed by conjugation to glutathione, a highly nucleophilic scavenger molecule located predominantly in liver and kidney tissue. ${ }^{23}$ If, however, the phase II metabolites are not intercepted by glutathione, they can react with other cellular metabolites, such as proteins or DNA, leading to potentially toxic outcomes. ${ }^{22}$ It should be noted that while hydroxamic acids are sometimes used in lieu of a carboxylic acid group, they suffer the same metabolic fate as carboxylic acids. ${ }^{1}$


Scheme 3.1 Phase II metabolism of carboxylic acids might lead to a toxic effect on the organism. AMP = adenosine monophosphate, CoA = coenzyme A. Scheme modified based on Lassila et al. ${ }^{22}$

Replacement of a carboxylic acid with another functional group mimicking some of its characteristics can improve the potency, selectivity, bioavailability, and/or toxicological profile of the drug. Such surrogate groups are commonly called bioisosteres (or just isosteres). A few representative examples of successful bioisosteric substitution are shown in Figure 3.5.

## Bioisostere


$\gamma$-aminobutyric acid non-selective GABA agonist

indomethacin
non-selective COX inhibitor ulcerogenic

angiotensin II antagonist $\mathrm{IC}_{50}=230 \mathrm{nM}$
oral $\mathrm{EC}_{30}=11 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$

increased potency
increased selectivity for $G A B A_{A}$ over $G A B A_{B}$ receptor

selective COX-2 inhibitor non-ulcerogenic


Losartan
angiotensin II antagonist
$\mathrm{IC}_{50}=20 \mathrm{nM}$
oral $\mathrm{EC}_{30}=0.6 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$

Figure 3.5 Examples of improved pharmacokinetic properties of selected carboxylic acid bioisosteres. ${ }^{1,24,25}$
Langmuir originally defined isosteres as compounds or groups that contain the same number and arrangement of atoms. ${ }^{26}$ This definition was later expanded to its current version, according to which isosteres are understood as groups of similar size and physical properties. In the context of medicinal chemistry, the isostere definition can be further expanded to compounds that share similar biological activity. Such compounds are then called bioisosteres. ${ }^{27}$ Bioisosteres were initially formally defined by Friedman as structurally similar compounds with similar or antagonistic biological properties. Later, Thornber formulated a more flexible definition of
bioisosteres as "groups or molecules which have chemical and physical similarities producing broadly similar biological properties". ${ }^{28}$ This work will follow Thornber's definition when discussing carboxylic acid bioisosteres because, despite the lack of structural and/or chemical similarity, reasonable assumptions of biological likeliness were made based on existing literature and good steric alignment with potent analogs previously developed in the Carlier group. With the hope to solve at least one of the aforementioned issues of MMV008138, we have turned our attention to more structurally diverse analogs of carboxylic acids. The rest of this chapter will specifically focus on synthesis of tetrazolic and phosphonic acid bioisosteres of 1a.

A tetrazolic acid is a popular surrogate for carboxylic acid, which matches in acidity $\left(\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}\right.$ of tetrazole $\sim 4.5-4.9$ vs. $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of carboxylic acid $\sim 4-5$ ), planarity, and size ( 2 H -tetrazole is about $1 \AA$ larger). ${ }^{1,25}$ On the other hand, the resonance-stabilized negative charge is distributed over a larger area which may either facilitate or hinder interaction with the target based on the structure of the active site. ${ }^{25}$ The tetrazole ring is also reported to be significantly more lipophilic than a carboxylic acid group (Figure 3.6), which often improves biological membrane permeability of tetrazole-bearing compounds. ${ }^{1,25}$ However, the exact effect of the substitution is hard to predict simply based on calculated physical properties. For example, Lassalas et al. determined using Parallel Artificial Membrane Permeability Assay (PAMPA) for a series of carboxylic acid bioisosteres that the tetrazole substituted analog was less permeable, despite being more lipophilic. ${ }^{29}$

$\log D=-0.49 \pm 0.19$
$\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=4.64$
$P_{e}=16.6 \pm 3.5 \mathrm{~nm} / \mathrm{s}$

$\log D=-0.25 \pm 0.10$
$\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=5.09$
$P_{e}=4.83 \pm 1.48 \mathrm{~nm} / \mathrm{s}$



Charge distribution in tetrazole analog 23a


Figure 3.6 Comparison of physical properties and structural alignment of the carboxylic acid group (present in our lead compound 1a) and tetrazole ring, present in proposed analog 23a. Data for phenylpropionic acid and its tetrazole analog were experimentally obtained by Lassalas et al. ${ }^{29}$ LogD values were determined at $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$. Charge distribution in proposed analog 23a is calculated using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation. While the $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of tetrazole is expected in the range of $4.5-5.0$ and the moiety is expected to be negatively charged at physiological pH , the data are shown only for the upper limit of the range $\left(\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=5.0\right)$. The $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ value of secondary amine is estimated in the same way as for previously discussed compound 1a and shown as a range of $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}=7.1 \pm 0.2$. Structures of acetate and deprotonated methyl tetrazole were generated via B3LYP/6-31G (gas phase) geometry optimization in Gaussian and visualized in PyMOL.

When metabolized, tetrazole is susceptible to glucuronidation, similarly to the metabolism of carboxylic acids depicted in Scheme 3.1 (vide supra). However, the $N$-glucuronides formed from tetrazole are less reactive than $O$-glucuronides and thus do not suffer from comparable in vivo toxicity. ${ }^{1}$ In fact, glucuronidation of the tetrazole group is suspected to be responsible for a long half-life common to a number of tetrazole-containing drugs administered orally. ${ }^{25}$ In the proposed enterohepatic recirculation mechanism, the tetrazole N -glucuronide is reabsorbed in the
intestines and hydrolyzed by local microflora back to the parent drug, which can then re-enter the liver in the second pass of metabolism (Figure 3.7). ${ }^{25}$ Increased metabolic stability possibly offered by the tetrazole surrogate would greatly benefit our attempts to improve the lead compound $\mathbf{1 a}$ (half-life $=14.5 \mathrm{~min}$ ). However, it is unclear how the metabolic clearance might be affected by other functional groups present in the structure.


Figure 3.7 Metabolic products of tetrazolic acid glucuronidation do not progress to form toxic conjugates known in the metabolism of carboxylic acids. The tetrazole N -glucuronides are either excreted in urine or can get hydrolyzed back to the parent drug and undergo a second pass of the liver, prolonging the effective half-life of the drug. ${ }^{25}$

The phosphonic acid bioisostere of the carboxylic acid is not as widely used as the tetrazolic acid one; however, it presents an intriguing possibility of modifying our lead compound 1a. In fact, the phosphonic acid group is larger than the carboxylic acid and adopts tetrahedral rather than planar geometry. Phosphonic acids are also more acidic than carboxylic acids ( $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a} 1} \sim$ $0-2$ and $\left.\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a} 2} \sim 5-8\right) .{ }^{29,30}$ The $\alpha$-aminophosphonic acid are typically more acidic than aliphatic phosphonic acids, and thus we expect the phosphonate to be fully deprotonated at physiological pH (Figure 3.8). ${ }^{31,32}$ Furthermore, we expect the $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of the protonated amine in ( $\pm$ )-62a to be higher than in 1a by approximately $1 \log$ unit (cf. V and VI, $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}(( \pm) \mathbf{6 2 a}) \sim 8.1$ vs. $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}(\mathbf{1 a}) \sim$ 7.1). ${ }^{31}$ The range of decreased acidity of protonated amine in $\alpha$-aminophosphonic acids can be seen in the specific example of glycine and aminomethylphosphonic acid (IV, $\Delta \mathrm{pK} \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}} \sim 0.2$ ) and glyphosate (III) and its dicarboxylic acid counterpart, iminodiacetic acid ( $\Delta \mathrm{p} \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}} \sim 1.9$ ) ${ }^{33-35}$ Thus, the proposed analog $( \pm) \mathbf{- 6 2 a}$ is expected to exist predominantly in the form of species $( \pm) \mathbf{- 6 2 a - 3}$,
as depicted in Figure 3.8. Even though ( $\pm$ )-62a is expected to be less lipophilic than 1a, the formal charge of -1 might mimic the dominant anionic form of $\mathbf{1 a}$ at $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$.




aminomethylphosphonic acid (IV)




## Charge distribution in phosphonate analog ( $\pm$ )-62a



Figure 3.8 Comparison of physical properties and structural alignment of the carboxylic acid group (present in our lead compound 1a) and phosphonic acid, present in proposed analog ( $\pm$ )-62a. Data for phenylpropionic acid and its phosphonic acid analog were experimentally obtained by Lassalas et al. ${ }^{29} \operatorname{LogD}$ values are determined for $\mathrm{pH}=7.4$. The expected $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ values for $\alpha$-aminophosphonic acids are presented on examples of glyphosate and aminomethylphosphonic acid. ${ }^{34}$ Comparison of $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ estimates in general structures of $\alpha$-aminophosphonic acid and $\alpha$ aminocarboxylic acid ${ }^{31}$ led to the conclusion that the $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ of amine in ( $\pm$ )-62a can be expected on average about $1 \log$ unit higher than in parent compound 1a. The charge distribution in the proposed analog ( $\pm$ )-62a is calculated using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation. The $\mathrm{pK}_{\mathrm{a}}$ value of secondary amine is depicted as a range of $\mathrm{p} \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{a}}=8.1 \pm 0.2$. Structures of acetate and deprotonated methyl tetrazole were generated via B3LYP/6-31G (gas phase) geometry optimization in Gaussian and visualized in PyMOL.

However, not only is the structure of the PflspD active site unknown, and therefore improved interaction with phosphonic rather than carboxylic acid might be a possibility, but also the native substrates of IspD - CTP and MEP, both contain phosphate groups that are being accommodated for in the active site. Moreover, unlike our lead compound 1a, all substrates of the MEP pathway are negatively charged at physiological pH . Lastly, compounds known to target the PflspC enzyme of $P$. falciparum's MEP pathway, such as fosmidomycin, contain a phosphonic acid moiety (Figure 3.9). ${ }^{21,36}$


Figure 3.9 Steps of MEP pathway catalyzed by IspC (reductoisomerase) and IspD (cytidylyltransferase) enzymes. Phosphonic acid-containing fosmidomycin is a substrate inhibitor of IspC, mimicking 1-deoxy-D-xylulose-5phosphate (DXP). While neither 2-C-Methyl-D-erythritol 4-phosphate (MEP) nor cytidine triphosphate (CTP) shares structural similarity to the active enantiomer of MMV008138(1a), the 1a acts as a CTP-competitive inhibitor of IspD. The lack of structural similarity with native substrates suggests that $\mathbf{1 a}$ is likely an allosteric competitive inhibitor of PfIspD.

### 3.3 Synthesis of the enantiopure trans-tetrazole analog

The preliminary work towards the synthesis of the tetrazole analog (23a) was performed by Mr . Parth Vaghani (undergraduate researcher) under the supervision of Dr. Ghavami. First, Mr. Vaghani prepared the unprotected tetrazole analog of tryptophan (29) which then provided an inseparable mixture of cis-/trans- diastereomers of 23a. Later, Ms. Liu took over the project and synthesized product 23a as a mixture of diastereomers from cyanoethyl-protected tetrazole analog
of tryptophan (33)..$^{20}$ The final product was isolated and purified via HPLC by Dr. Ghavami; however, isolation of pure trans diastereomer was not successful, and the antimalarial activity of 23a was evaluated from a mixture. ${ }^{19}$ The growth inhibition potency of $1250-2500 \mathrm{nM}$, coupled with a lack of certainty on the identification of the predominant stereoisomer, motivated me to prepare diastereomerically pure trans-23a by another route. My successful completion of this goal is discussed in this chapter.

### 3.3.1 Approaches to the tetrazole analog by previous group members

Unlike previous C3-derivatives of 1a, the tetrazole ring cannot be introduced either to 1a or 4a by a simple coupling reaction. Instead, the most common method for tetrazole preparation is based on the reaction of a nitrile group with an azide, usually at a high temperature. ${ }^{25}$ Unfortunately, direct synthesis of 23a from the nitrile analog of $\mathbf{1 a}$ would not be possible due to the instability of $\alpha$-amino nitriles, which can be easily racemized via iminium ions, even under mild conditions (Scheme 3.2). ${ }^{37}$ The formation of imine can be avoided by protecting the amine as an amide or carbamate.


Scheme 3.2 Racemization of $\alpha$-amino nitriles.
Mr. Vaghani successfully synthesized the tetrazole analog of tryptophan (28) from $N$-Boc protected tryptophan (24). Compound 28 was then reacted with 2,4-dichlorobenzaldehyde to afford a diastereomeric mixture of cis-/trans-23a, which proved to be inseparable by conventional chromatography techniques (Scheme 3.3A). Concurrently, Dr. Ghavami attempted to synthesize enantiopure cis-23a by simultaneous dehydration and N2-protection of 29a. She envisioned following the formation of protected nitrile by reaction with azide analogously to the preparation
of 27. Unfortunately, the trifluoroacetamide-protected 30a was not obtained, even though a similar reaction was previously reported in a closely related substrate (Scheme 3.3B). ${ }^{19,38}$


Scheme 3.3 First attempts of tetrazole bioisostere synthesis. A) Synthesis of unprotected tetrazole analog of tryptophan (28) and subsequent Pictet-Spengler reaction to form cis-ltrans-23a performed by Mr. Vaghani. It should be noted that the $N$-Boc protected 27 did not afford desired product in the Pictet-Spengler reaction, and only starting material was recovered. B) Attempt of stereoselective synthesis of cis-23a from amide 29a via nitrile intermediate 30a performed by Dr. Ghavami. This scouting reaction was attempted from 29a (cis) rather than 8a (trans) for reasons of convenience. ${ }^{19}$

Ms. Liu, who took over the project later, aspired to obtain trans-23a by hydrolysis of cyanoethyl-protected tetrazole analog (34a), which was expected to be more easily purifiable. The procedure was inspired by a synthesis of cyanoethyl-protected tetrazole developed by Duncia et al. (Scheme 3.4). ${ }^{39}$ Starting from enantiopure $N$-Boc protected (S)-tryptophan (24), a modified Mitsunobu reaction was employed to generate the $N$-2-cyanoethyltetrazole analog of (S)tryptophan (32). ${ }^{39}$ After removal of the protecting group, compound $\mathbf{3 3}$ was reacted under standard Pictet-Spengler conditions to generate a mixture of cis- and trans-TH $\beta$ Cs (34a). However, despite all our efforts, the diastereomers could not be separated by column chromatography. The diastereomeric mixture was then converted to tetrazole analogs (trans/cis-23a) by the removal of the cyanoethyl protecting group under basic conditions (Scheme 3.4). ${ }^{20}$ Dr. Ghavami purified trans/cis-23a via HPLC but could not obtain a pure sample of the trans-diastereomer 23a, and a mixture of cis- and trans-diastereomers (estimated to be 3:7 cis-: trans-) was eventually submitted for growth inhibition assay.


Scheme 3.4 Synthesis of cyanoethyl-tetrazole analog 34a with use of modified Mitsunobu reaction. Ms. Liu obtained yields in parentheses; yields in the plain text were obtained by me. Reagents and conditions: a) $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CN}$, DCC, HOBt, DMF, RT, $50 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{~b}$ ) $\mathrm{TMS}_{\mathrm{N}}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}$, DIAD, THF, RT, $48 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{c}$ ) 4 M HCl in 1,4-dioxane ( $79 \%$ yield) or 1 M HCl in EtOAc ( $99 \%$ yield), d) i: 2,4-dichlorobenzaldehyde, $4 \AA$ molecular sieves, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathrm{RT}, 24 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{ii}$ : TFA, RT, 48 h , e) i: $\mathrm{NaOH}, \mathrm{THF}, \mathrm{MeOH}, \mathrm{RT}, 12 \mathrm{~h}$, ii: Amberlyst A26, THF, $\mathrm{MeOH}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{RT}, 12 \mathrm{~h}$.

Ms. Liu also attempted to apply conditions shown in Scheme 3.4 (step b) to enantiopure 21a in order to isolate pure trans-34a. Unfortunately, the reaction did not proceed, and only starting material 21a was recovered (Scheme 3.5). ${ }^{20}$


Scheme 3.5 Attempted synthesis of trans-23a directly from 21a by Ms. Liu. ${ }^{20}$
With Ms. Liu's work as the foundation, I began preparing a diastereomerically and enantiomerically pure form of the tetrazole 34a. Initially, my strategy was to retain the tetrazole protecting group and make additional attempts to isolate pure $(1 R, 3 S) \mathbf{- 3 4 a}$ before deprotection
rather than purifying mixture of diastereomeric tetrazoles 23a by HPLC, as was done previously by Dr. Ghavami. Unfortunately, none of the attempted chromatography methods were successful. Additionally, several problematic aspects of the procedure depicted in Scheme 3.4 should be noted. First, even though the Mitsunobu reaction successfully generates compound 32, the yield is low in comparison with literature precedence ( $23 \% \mathrm{vs} .58 \%$ after deprotection of the cyanoethyl group reported by Duncia et al.). ${ }^{20,39}$ The main reason for the poor yield of the Mitsunobu reaction is troublesome removal of triphenylphosphine oxide byproduct, which cannot be precipitated from non-polar solvent due to high polarity of compound $\mathbf{3 2}$ itself, and because it at least partially co-elutes with the desired product during column purification. Consequently, multiple consecutive column purifications were necessary to obtain intermediate $\mathbf{3 2}$ in acceptable purity, rendering the isolation both uneconomical and unecological.

The deprotection of the Boc group to intermediate $\mathbf{3 3}$ was found to be highly dependent on freshness and solvent type of HCl solution. A freshly prepared saturated solution of hydrochloric acid in anhydrous ethyl acetate or a newly opened bottle of commercially available 1 m HCl in ethyl acetate gave the best results with regards to yield, purity, and reaction time. Solution of 4 m HCl in 1,4-dioxane was originally used by Ms. Liu, but to our surprise, removing the solvent from the product in vacuo proved challenging. When the removal of the Boc group was attempted in a freshly prepared saturated solution of HCl in anhydrous methanol, a significant formation of a side product 33-2 was observed (Scheme 3.6). The by-product 33-2 arose from the Pinner reaction between the nitrile and methanol, resulting in a methyl acrylate-protected tetrazole side product. Upon retrospective evaluation of NMR data of $\mathbf{3 3}$ previously synthesized by both Ms. Liu and me, impurity 33-2 was found in the majority of them, suggesting that the nitrile group in compound $\mathbf{3 3}$
is particularly labile and reacts readily with methanol even after short contact (e.g., when methanol was used to dissolve and transfer material between containers).


Scheme 3.6 Removal of Boc protecting group from $\mathbf{3 2}$ and formation of by-product 33-2 in contact with methanol .
Lastly, the yield of the Pictet-Spengler reaction is lower than was observed for methyl ester analogs (Ms. Liu was able to isolate $23 \%$ of the mixture 34a, ${ }^{20}$ while I only obtained $8 \%$ in the same procedure). Furthermore, the cis- and trans- products 34a exhibit poor solubility, complicating the purification attempts. The inability to separate mixture 34a by conventional methods and the aforementioned concerns pertaining to the synthetic method led to the development of a procedure that would selectively generate the trans diastereomer of 23a.

### 3.3.2 An attempt of stereoselective synthesis using $\mathbf{N}$-allyl substitution

Many publications in past decades discussed the topic of stereoselective Pictet-Spengler reaction; however, most of these methods focus on the preparation of the cis diastereomer. ${ }^{40-44}$ A selective synthesis of either cis- or trans-TH $\beta$ C diastereomer in one step can be achieved via the crystallization-induced asymmetric transformation method (CIAT). ${ }^{45,}{ }^{46}$ Unfortunately, the stereochemistry of the product generated by the CIAT method depends on solubility difference within the diastereomeric pair, and thus, the outcome cannot be easily predicted.

The Pictet-Spengler reaction of tryptophan esters typically has a mild preference for the cis-1,3-disubstituted- THßC (2:1-3:1 ratio to the trans-diastereomer). In the presence of an acid, the equilibrium between cis- and trans- diastereomers can be achieved via C1-N2 bond cleavage
(Scheme 3.7, structure II), followed by C9a-C1 bond rotation (Scheme 3.7, structures III and IV), and ring closure (Scheme 3.7, structure $\mathbf{V}$ ). The mild preference for cis- diastereomer under thermodynamic conditions can be explained by the fact that the cis- isomer features 1,3dipseuodoequatorial substitution, while the trans- isomer must feature one pseudo-axial substituent. In 1979, the Cook Group presented a method for the stereoselective synthesis of trans-1,3-disubstituted-TH $\beta$ Cs, which relied on the introduction of a sterically large substituent on the N2 position to form 1,3-trans-1,2,3-trisubstituted-THBC, followed by deprotection of benzyl substituent. ${ }^{47,48}$ Multiple publications showed the stereoselective formation of 1,3-trans-1,2,3-trisubstituted-TH $\beta$ Cs from Pictet-Spengler reaction of NH-Bn protected tryptophan methyl ester with an aldehyde under both kinetic and thermodynamic control. ${ }^{49-52}$


Scheme 3.7 Mechanism of acid-catalyzed TH $\beta$ C epimerization. Formation of dication intermediate is supported by kinetic studies reported by van Linn et al. ${ }^{53}$

Whereas the rationale for high kinetic selectivity for the trans-diastereomer is not fully clear, the rationale for the high thermodynamic selectivity can be explained by examination of Xray structures. ${ }^{50}$ Interestingly, the presence of an N2-substituent forces the C 1 -substituent to be pseudoaxial in both cis- and trans-diastereomers. Thus, for cis-diastereomers, the N2-substitution causes both the C 1 and C 3 substituents to be axial, creating a destabilizing 1,3-diaxial interaction.

However, for trans-diastereomers, the axial orientation of the C 1 -substituent places the $\mathrm{C} 3-$ substituent in a pseudoequatorial position. Therefore, in the case of N 2 -substitution, the transdiastereomer is considerably more stable than the cis-diastereomer. Why the N2-substituent drives a C1-substituent to favor axial orientation is not known. Bailey wrote, "It is difficult to find a convincing argument to explain the dramatic effect of the benzyl substituent, particularly as it appears to have little axial/equatorial preference itself." However, the effects are clear: "But the general rule is clear: an N(2)-benzyl substituent strongly favours the 1-substituent being axial, and 1,3-diaxial interactions favour 3-substituents being equatorial and thus trans-.,"50

Since cis-/trans Pictet-Spengler adducts can equilibrate in acidic conditions via reversible C1-N2 cleavage, the N2-substituted trans-Pictet Spengler adducts can be obtained in good yield. Alternatively, the $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H}$ cis- $\mathrm{TH} \beta \mathrm{C}$ diastereomer can be isolated, alkylated at the N 2 position, and converted into the trans diastereomer via treatment by dilute acid. ${ }^{53}$

Unfortunately, the benzyl protecting group cannot be applied to the analogs of $\mathbf{1 a}$ due to the presence of chlorine substitution in the D-ring. The catalytic hydrogenation used to remove the benzyl group also competitively cleaves chlorines from the molecule (hydrodehalogenation). This process is supported by both literature examples ${ }^{54,55}$ and experimentally observed cleavage of chlorines from other 1a analogs synthesized by Dr. Sha Ding (PhD, July 2020) under catalytic hydrogenation conditions.

Concurrently with my work on the tetrazole derivative, Ms. Hanan AlMolhim (graduate student in the Carlier group) was exploring a stereoselective synthesis of 1a analogs using an N allyl protecting group. Not only was she able to obtain $>95: 5$ diastereomeric ratio of trans:cis products, but the allyl chain could also be removed from the molecule without loss of halogens by treatment with 1,3-dimethylbarbituric acid under Pd catalysis (Scheme 3.8).


Scheme 3.8 Selective synthesis of trans diastereomer using N -allyl protection developed by Ms. AlMolhim. a) $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ (2 equiv), allyl bromide ( 1.1 equiv), DMF, $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $\mathrm{RT}, 1 \mathrm{~h}, 60 \%$ yield ( $14 \%$ of di-allyl substituted by-product was also isolated); b) i: 2,4-dichlorobenzaldehyde, $4 \AA$ molecular sieves, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, RT, 24 h , ii: TFA, RT, $3 \mathrm{~h}, 68 \%$ yield; c) 1,3-dimethylbarbituric acid (2 equiv), $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PH}_{3}\right)_{4}(2 \mathrm{~mol} \%), \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, reflux, $24 \mathrm{~h}, 90 \%$ yield; d) DIPEA ( 1.5 equiv), allyl bromide ( 3 equiv), anhydrous acetonitrile, $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}, 90 \%$ yield; e) diluted TFA in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, RT , $3 \mathrm{~d}, 34 \%$ yield (97:3 dr trans:cis).

Following the literature precedent and the previous work by Ms. AlMolhim, I attempted to install an allyl group both before and after the Pictet-Spengler reaction to allow the thermodynamically controlled formation of the desired trans-tetrazole (Scheme 3.9). Direct allylation of $\mathbf{3 3}$, the protected tetrazole analog of tryptophan, yielded both mono- (38) and di-allyl amine (39). The separation of 38 and 39 proved to be complicated both due to the relatively small difference in polarity between the species and the presence of reaction by-products originating from impurity 33-2. When separation of $\mathbf{3 8}$ and $\mathbf{3 9}$ failed, the mixture of $\mathbf{3 8}+\mathbf{3 9}$ was used in the Pictet-Spengler reaction directly. However, the desired product 40a could not be isolated. Thus, direct allylation of $\mathbf{3 4} \mathbf{a}$ was attempted in the hope of generating cis-/trans-40a, which could then
be epimerized using dilute TFA (Scheme 3.8). Unfortunately, the N -allyl Pictet-Spengler adduct 40a was not obtained. Due to the lack of selective reactivity and laboriousness of the process to obtain compound 33, this method for tetrazole analog synthesis was abandoned, and late-stage formation of tetrazole ring was considered instead.



Scheme 3.9 Attempt of trans-selective synthesis of $N 2$-allyl protected 40a.

### 3.3.3 Stereoselective synthesis of tetrazole derivative via nitrile intermediate

As mentioned previously, the most common method for tetrazole synthesis consists of treating a nitrile group with an azide. ${ }^{25,}{ }^{56-60}$ The initial reports of this synthesis used hydrazoic acid, ${ }^{61}$ however, soon methods employing azide salts in high boiling point solvents (e.g., DMF, DMSO) were developed. ${ }^{62}$ Use of azide salts is beneficial not only to avoid handling of both highly toxic and explosive hydrazoic acid but also because these reactions provide higher yields after a shorter reaction time without a need for pressurized equipment. ${ }^{62}$ In the early 2000s, the Sharpless group reported the use of $\mathrm{ZnBr}_{2}$ to facilitate the reaction of nitriles with sodium azide to give tetrazoles. ${ }^{63}$, ${ }^{64}$ Importantly, the second of these papers ${ }^{64}$ focused on the preparation of tetrazoles from protected
$\alpha$-aminonitriles, which were themselves synthesized from protected $\alpha$-amino acids. Therefore, our first goal was to prepare a suitably protected trans- $\alpha$-aminonitrile derivative of MMV008138 1a.

Initially, the $N$-allyl protected compound $\mathbf{3 6 a}$ was prepared from a mixture of $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$ (2.5:1 ratio determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR) by slightly modifying the procedures developed by Ms. AlMolhim (Scheme 3.8) as shown in Scheme 3.10. Allyl protection was selected for its stability to both acids and bases ${ }^{65}$ and the option to remove the protecting group without hydrodehalogenation side reaction. However, to our surprise, unlike the facile quantitative conversion of ester $\mathbf{4 a}$ to a primary amide $\mathbf{8 a}$, compound $\mathbf{3 6} \mathbf{a}$ did not react with ammonia to form 41a, and only starting material was recovered (Scheme 3.10).


Scheme 3.10 Synthesis of $N$-allyl protected 36a and an attempt to convert 36a to its primary amide analog 41a. a) DIPEA ( 1.5 equiv), allyl bromide ( 4.3 equiv), anhydrous acetonitrile, $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, sealed tube, 1 h ; e) diluted TFA in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, RT, 2.5 h . Conversion of $\mathbf{3 6 a}$ to $\mathbf{4 1 a}$ was attempted for 24 h at RT and 24 h refluxing in a sealed tube - in both cases, only $\mathbf{3 6 a}$ was isolated.

Other protecting groups commonly seen in relevant literature are $N$-Boc (tert-butyl carbamate) or $N-\mathrm{Cbz}$ (carboxybenzyl carbamate). ${ }^{56,57,59,66}$ The latter was selected for our synthesis for two reasons. Firstly, Boc is more susceptible to cleavage under acidic conditions than $\mathrm{Cbz}^{65}$
and its steric bulk located closer to the reaction site might hinder the reactivity. Secondly, the Cbz group was used in a literature reference where C 3 -tetrazole was introduced into a broadly similar TH $\beta$ C structure (Scheme 3.11). Notably, the Cbz-deprotection of tetrazole-substituted PictetSpengler adduct ((土)-45) presented by Saiga et al. was carried out under strongly acidic conditions, rather than by catalytic hydrogenation. Even though the exposure of the TH $\beta \mathrm{C}$ to acidic conditions might induce epimerization on C1 position (Scheme 3.7), we selected this cleavage method because it would not lead to hydrodehalogenation. ${ }^{66}$


Scheme 3.11 Installation of tetrazole group on an $N$-Cbz protected THBC as presented by Saiga et al. ${ }^{66}$
Primary amide 8a was then synthesized according to the aforementioned literature procedure ${ }^{9}$ and reacted with benzyl chloroformate $(\mathrm{Cbz-Cl})$ to protect the N 2 position of the tetrahydropyridine ring. Curiously, both HRMS and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR confirmed that only the $N$-benzyl protected product (47a) was recovered instead of the expected $N$ - Cbz analog. In addition, both the identity and purity of the $\mathrm{Cbz-Cl}$ reagent were confirmed by NMR. The reaction was also repeated with newly purchased reagent; however, in all cases, only $N$-benzyl product 47a was formed (Table 3.4).

Table 3.4 Attempt to protect secondary amine in $\mathbf{8 a}$ with Cbz group.


| Entry | Solvent | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ | Additive | Time | $\%$ Yield |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}: \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(1: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ | 7.0 equiv | - | 10 d | $58 \%$ |
| 2 | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}: \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(1: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ | 5.0 equiv | DMAP [0.6 equiv] | 92 h | $78 \%$ |
| 3 | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 5.1 equiv | DMAP [0.1 equiv] | 40 h | $89 \%$ |

Compound 47a was also prepared intentionally from $\mathbf{8 a}$ in $68 \%$ yield under the following conditions: 1.2 equiv benzyl bromide, 15.1 equiv DIPEA, $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 24 \mathrm{~h}$. Spectra of compound 47 a obtained by reaction with benzyl bromide and from procedures in entries $1-3$ were compared and found to be identical. HRMS analysis also confirmed the identity of 47 a .

To gain an inside into the surprising reaction outcome of $\mathbf{8 a}$ (Table 3.4 ), $\mathrm{Cbz-Cl}$ was also reacted with trans-ester $\mathbf{4 a}$ and cis-ester $5 \mathbf{5}$ to yield only the trans- $N-\mathrm{Cbz}$ ester (48a) and its cisisomer (49a). $N$-benzyl protected compounds $\mathbf{4 7 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 0 a}$ were also synthesized from a reaction with benzyl bromide. No observable amount of $N$-benzyl protected species (50a) was obtained from reactions of $\mathbf{4 a}$, while the compound $\mathbf{4 7 a}$ obtained by reactions of $\mathbf{8 a}$ with $\mathrm{Cbz-Cl}$ and $\mathbf{8 a}$ with benzyl bromide were found identical by both NMR and HRMS (Scheme 3.12).




Scheme 3.12 Synthesis of $N$-Bn protected analogs 47a and 50a, and $N$-Cbz protected esters 48a and 49a.
Later, when we obtained the desired $N$-Cbz protected amide analog 51a (Table 3.6), TLC monitoring of reaction depicted in Table 3.4 gave us further insight into the reaction. A trace amount of desired product 51a was observed together with the formation of 47a and disappeared when the reaction reached completion -suggesting a decarboxylative conversion of 51a to 47a. The mechanism of this conversion is not clear, but a possible reaction pathway is proposed in Scheme 3.13.


Scheme 3.13 Proposed mechanism for the formation of $\mathbf{4 7 a}$ from $\mathbf{8 a}$.
An alternative approach to the synthesis of desired $N$-Cbz protected amide 51a was via conversion of N -Cbz protected ester 48a. Initially, the N -Cbz protected esters 48a and 49a were prepared under anhydrous conditions following literature precedence. ${ }^{67}$ While the desired products 48a and 49a were formed, the reaction suffered from long reaction time and problematic monitoring due to the heterogenous nature of the reaction mixture (Table 3.5, Entries 1-2). We hypothesized that the culprit of the reaction is the low solubility of potassium carbonate in ethyl acetate, and thus triethylamine was selected as a more soluble alternative base. Unfortunately, only a trace amount of the desired product was obtained even after a prolonged reaction time (Table 3.5, Entry 3). Further reaction optimization allowed us to shorten the reaction time by introducing
a biphasic solvent system (Table 3.5, Entries 4-5, Schotten-Baumann reaction conditions). ${ }^{68}$ The product was obtained in nearly quantitative yield in a significantly shorter time and, after removal of $\mathrm{Cbz}-\mathrm{Cl}$ side-products by trituration, could be used in the next step without further purification. The observed reactivity of cis- and trans- isomers was comparable under both anhydrous and biphasic conditions.

Table 3.5 Optimization of Cbz-protection reaction for $\mathbf{4 a}$ and $\mathbf{5 a}$.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Entry | Substrate | Solvent | Base | Cbz-Cl | Time | \% Yield |
| 1 | 4a | EtOAc | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | 1.5 equiv | 4 d | 44\% |
| 2 | 5a | EtOAc | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | 1.3 equiv | 4 d | 92\% |
| 3 | 5a | EtOAc | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}+10 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ DMAP | 1.4 equiv | 4 d | trace |
| 4 | 4a | EtOAc: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | 1.1 equiv | 4 h | 93\% |
| 5 | 5a | EtOAc: $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ | $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ | 1.2 equiv | 4 h | 94\% |

The conversion of $\mathbf{4 a}$ (trans-) and 5a (cis-) to the N2-Cbz derivatives 48a and 49a was stereospecific (no epimerization detected). Initially, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were analyzed to determine if the relative stereochemistry remained unchanged. However, the analysis of coupling constants discussed in Chapter 2 cannot be directly applied in this case because the conformation of the C-ring is strongly affected by the presence of a Cbz group at N2. Nevertheless, the ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ couplings observed in the respective ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra suggested that the trans diastereomer 48a would have a predominantly pseudo-axial C3-ester group (H3 signal appeared as an apparent triplet with ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, while the two accidentally equivalent H 4 protons appeared as a doublet with ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}=4.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, suggesting nearly equal dihedral angle between H 3 and both H 4 s ). In contrast,
the cis diastereomer 49a showed ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}(\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{H} 4)$ of 7.2 and 2.4 Hz , which led us to believe that the cis- interconverts between conformations featuring both pseudo-equatorial and pseudo-axial C3esters. Evaluation of through-space interaction via NOE NMR, which is normally useful for identification of the cis-diastereomer (e.g., 5a), did not show any correlation between H 1 and H 3 in either 48a or 49a. To reach a final conclusion regarding the relative stereochemistry of 48a and 49a, both compounds were crystallized and submitted for X-ray diffraction analysis (performed by Dr. Carla Slebodnick). With the crystallographic data in hand, we were able to confirm the retention of stereochemistry in both compounds (Figure 3.10).


Figure 3.10 Anisotropic displacement ellipsoid drawing of X-ray structures of compounds 48a and 49a. Both molecules were crystallized from methylene chloride:hexanes mixture, and the crystallographic data were visualized with Mercury.

As can be seen in both X-ray structures, the N2-carbamate substituent adopts a roughly pseudoequatorial orientation. The trans-isomer 48a has a pseudo-axial ester with dihedral angles between $\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha$ and $\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{H} 4 \beta+52.5^{\circ}$ and $-67.4^{\circ}$, respectively in the solid-state. Thus, the X-ray structure correlates well with the observed coupling constants in the solution, which are expected to be nearly equivalent due to the dihedral angles being comparable in size. Interestingly, in the solid-state, the C 1 aryl and $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ groups in 49a are roughly pseudo-axial. To the extent that this conformation exists in the solution, it will weaken the NOE correlation between H 1 and H 3 since they are so far apart. The observed dihedral angles of $\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{H} 4 \alpha\left(+40.1^{\circ}\right)$ and $\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{H} 4 \beta\left(-78.7^{\circ}\right)$ in the X-ray structure, resulting from steric repulsion of diaxial substitution, also match the NMR observation as they would be expected to show ${ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ of $7-8$ and $1-2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, respectively (calculated using MestReJ software). ${ }^{69}$

Direct conversion of ester 48a to primary amide 51a was attempted by treatment with methanolic ammonia, but even in a sealed tube at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, only starting material was recovered (Table 3.6). ${ }^{65}$ The N -Cbz protected ester 48 a was then hydrolyzed into respective carboxylic acid 52a, which was, upon activation, converted into amide 51a. Several reaction conditions were tried, and the best results were achieved when 52a reacted with EDC and HOBt (Table 3.6, Entry 5). ${ }^{66,}$ 70

Table 3.6 Optimization of primary amide 51a synthesis.

|  |  | $\underset{X}{\mathrm{NH}_{3}(7 \mathrm{M} \text { in } \mathrm{Me}}$ <br> $24 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{RT}$ or $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in se <br> $\xrightarrow{\mathrm{v})}$ | tube <br> 1. $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ activ 2. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ source Entries 1 - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Entry | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ Activation | $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ source | Solvent | Temp. | Time | Yield |
| 1 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ [5.4 equiv] EtOCOCl [2.0 equiv] | $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ | THF | $0-5{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 2.5 h | 23\% |
| 2 | $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ [1.2 equiv] <br> EtOCOCl [1.1 equiv] | $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{OH}$ | THF | $-10^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 2.5 h | 42\% |
| 3 | CDI [1.2 equiv] | $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(7 \mathrm{M}$ in MeOH$)$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $0-5{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 24 h | 53\% |
| 4 | DIPEA [3.1 equiv] HATU [1.3 equiv] | $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(7 \mathrm{M}$ in MeOH$)$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DMF: } \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \\ (1: 2 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}) \end{gathered}$ | RT | 3 d | 79\% |
| 5 | DIPEA [3.2 equiv] <br> EDC $\cdot \mathrm{HCl}$ [2.0 equiv] <br> HOBt [2.0 equiv] | $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(7 \mathrm{M}$ in MeOH$)$ | DMF | RT | 21 h | 90\% |

The dehydration of amide 51a to nitrile 53a was achieved in high yield with $\mathrm{POCl}_{3}$ in pyridine according to the literature procedure. ${ }^{66}$ The product was sufficiently pure to use in the next step without further purification. The tetrazole formation was attempted with $\mathrm{NaN}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{ZnBr}_{2}$ in DMF and water/propan-2-ol mixture according to literature procedures. ${ }^{64,66}$ However, both reactions suffered from low yields and long reaction times. Further optimization of the Sharpless procedure ${ }^{64}$ revealed that the best results are obtained in absolute propan-2-ol. The protected tetrazole analog $\mathbf{5 4 a}$ is either isolated in sufficient purity for a deprotection step or can be purified by column chromatography if needed (Table 3.7).

Table 3.7 Optimization of tetrazole $\mathbf{5 4 a}$ synthesis.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Entry | Solvent | Temperature | Time | Yield | Notes |
| 1 | DMF | $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 2 d | ND | Product detected with a large variety of impurities by TLC, not isolated |
| 2 | ${ }^{\text {PrOH}}$ : $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1: 3 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ | reflux | 3 d | 26\% | Purified by column chromatography |
| 3 | ${ }_{\text {PrOH}} \mathrm{Pr}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ | reflux | 3 d | 85\% | Purity after work up $\sim 96 \mathrm{wt} \%$ |
| 4 | iPrOH | reflux | 25 h | 89\% | Purity after work up $\sim 95 \mathrm{wt} \%$ |

The deprotection of the Cbz group presented yet another challenge for the synthesis. The most common method for Cbz cleavage is catalytic hydrogenation, treatment with strong acid, or dissolving metal reduction in ammonia. ${ }^{71}$ Despite our observations of competitive hydrodehalogenation in the removal of benzyl from $N$-Bn analogs of 1a (vide supra), we did attempt catalytic hydrogenation of compound 54a. However, as feared, the reaction gave hydrodehalogenation concurrent with Cbz-removal. HRMS revealed that the desired product 23a was formed in an inseparable mixture with the monochloro-analog (23c or 23d - the regiochemistry was not determined) and the unsubstituted phenyl analog 23b (Scheme 3.14). The use of $\mathrm{Na} / \mathrm{NH}_{3}$ or $\mathrm{Li} / \mathrm{NH}_{3}$ protocol ${ }^{72,73}$ was avoided because the reductive nature of the process was likely to result in hydrodehalogenation analogously to catalytic hydrogenation. ${ }^{74,75}$


$\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calculated: 385.0730 HRMS found: 385.0709 $\Delta=0.0021$

m/z calculated: 317.1509 HRMS found: 317.1481 $\Delta=0.0028$

m/z calculated: 351.1119 HRMS found: 351.1100 $\Delta=0.0019$


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Scheme 3.14 Hydrodehalogenation as a side reaction of $\mathbf{5 4 a}$ with $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ over $\mathrm{Pd} / \mathrm{C}$ in methanol. The HRMS confirmed the presence of dehalogenated products.

Lastly, the treatment of 54a with strong Brønsted or Lewis acid was attempted according to methods presented in the literature (Table 3.8). ${ }^{66,71,76,77}$ Lewis acids TMSI and $\mathrm{TMSCl}^{76}$ reacted with 54a in acetonitrile but did not produce the desired product (Table 3.8, Entries 1-2). Reaction with TMSI was also attempted in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ (for an NMR monitored reaction) and in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} .{ }^{77}$ Reaction in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ was quenched after 30 minutes due to heavy precipitation forming in the sample, and analysis of the isolated product suggested 62:37 molar ratio of desired product 23a to unreacted 54a, along with a number of impurities. When the same reaction was performed in
$\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ and monitored by TLC, the reaction failed to reach full conversion after 24 hours. Meanwhile, HRMS analysis showed that the product of NMR-monitored reaction did not match expected $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ for compound 23a and the method was abandoned (Table 3.8, Entry 3). Use of strongly acidic resin Amberlyst 15 was also attempted, based on literature describing its use for removal of $N$-Boc protecting group. ${ }^{78}$ However, no conversion of 54a was observed after 24 hours, and the starting material was recovered (Table 3.8, Entry 4). The deprotection using HBr in acetic acid provided the most satisfactory results. Prolonged contact with acid in a more dilute reaction mixture led to an increased rate of epimerization, producing both desired trans-23a and the undesired cis diastereomer cis-23a (Table 3.8, Entry 5). However, when the reaction was carried out in concentrated $\mathrm{HBr} / \mathrm{AcOH}$, the diastereomeric ratio of isolated crude product was $95: 5$ in favor of trans diastereomer. After careful purification via column chromatography (80:20 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :propan-2-ol), the desired product trans-23a ( $>98 \%$ trans-) was obtained in a $30 \%$ yield. The overall yield of trans-23a from (S)-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride was $4.9 \%$.

Table 3.8 Optimization of Cbz-deprotection in the formation of 23a.


| Entry | Reagent | Solvent | Time | Yield | Note |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | TMSI | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 24 h | $0 \%$ | $\mathbf{5 4 a}$ not recovered |
| 2 | TMSCl | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | 24 h | $0 \%$ | $\mathbf{5 4 a}$ and other products |
| 3 | TMSI | $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ | 24 h | $0 \%$ | $\mathbf{5 4 a}$ and other products |
| 4 | Amberlyst 15 | MeOH | 24 h | $0 \%$ | $\mathbf{5 4 a}$ recovered |
| 5 | $\mathrm{HBr}(33 \%$ in AcOH$)$ | AcOH | 23 h | $50 \%$ | $\mathrm{dr}=81: 29$ trans:cis |
| 6 | $\mathrm{HBr}(33 \%$ in AcOH$)$ | - | 15 min | $56 \%$ | dr $=95: 5$ trans:cis |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

The pure diastereomer trans-23a was evaluated for its growth inhibition potency against the Dd2 strain of $P$. falciparum in the laboratory of Prof. Cassera. Unfortunately, the potency of trans-23a $\left(\mathrm{IC}_{50}=1850 \pm 63 \mathrm{nM}\right)$ did not improve in comparison to the for 7:3 dr mixture of trans-/cis-23a $\left(\mathrm{IC}_{50}=1470 \pm 62 \mathrm{nM}\right.$, Figure 3.11). The similarity of growth inhibition results suggests that both diastereomers are likely equally non-potent.


Figure 3.11 Growth inhibition of P. falciparum (Dd2 strain) induced by pure diastereomer trans-23a (red circles) and a sample of trans-/cis-23a (7:3 dr, black squares). Growth inhibition was determined by the SYBR Green assay after 72 hours of exposure. Data and plot are courtesy of Prof. Cassera.

### 3.4 Synthesis of the racemic phosphonic acid derivative

The literature search revealed that the most feasible approach to the synthesis of phosphonic acid bioisostere of 1a would be via a diethyl ester phosphonate analog of tryptophan (( $\pm$ )-55). Preparation of this compound has been presented in several publications, ${ }^{79,80}$ including one example of compound $( \pm)-55$ reacting under Pictet-Spengler conditions to afford aromatic and
aliphatic TH $\beta$ Cs. ${ }^{81}$ However, the Pictet-Spengler adducts presented by Viveros-Ceballos et al. ${ }^{81}$ were not further hydrolyzed, and to the best of my knowledge, there is no literature precedence for C3-phosphonic acid substituted TH $\beta$ Cs.


Scheme 3.15 Diethyl phosphonate TH $\beta$ Cs synthesized from ( $\pm$ )-55 by Viveros-Ceballos et al. ${ }^{81}$

### 3.4.1 Synthesis of diethylphosphonate analog of tryptophan

The exact reproduction of literature procedures for the synthesis of $( \pm)$-55 in our laboratory proved to be challenging, and optimization of several individual steps was required. The synthetic scheme for literature precedents is shown in Scheme 3.16. It should be noted that in our hands, the purification of intermediates 59-61 proved to be both detrimental to their stability and unnecessary for a satisfactory yield of desired tryptophan analog $( \pm)-55$ and, consequently, the intermediates were isolated and carried to the next step without purification. The final yield of $49 \%$ of $( \pm)-55$ was then calculated over four steps from the initial indole-3-acetic acid (58), which is identical with $49 \%$ yield obtained by Viveros-Ceballos et al., who also omitted purification of intermediates 59-61, ${ }^{81}$ and superior to $29 \%$ yield obtained by Rogers and Stern ${ }^{80}$ and $30-33 \%$ yield obtained by Subotkowski et al. (Scheme 3.16). ${ }^{79}$


Scheme 3.16 Literature pathway to diethyl phosphonate analog of tryptophan ( $\pm$ )-55. Conditions: a) $\mathrm{POEt}_{3}$ (1.0 equiv), $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (anh.), $0-5{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h , RT for $4 \mathrm{~h}, 64 \%{ }^{79}$ and $56 \%{ }^{80}$ isolated yield from $\mathbf{5 9}$; b) $\mathrm{POEt}_{3}$ ( 1.0 equiv), THF (anh.), $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 5 min , reflux for 15 min , Ar, product was not purified in this step; $\mathbf{c}$ ) Zn ( 2.6 equiv), $\mathrm{CuSO}_{4}$ (1.4 equiv) couple, $\mathrm{EtOH}(65 \% \mathrm{aq}),. 6{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 3 \mathrm{~h}, 69 \%^{80}$ isolated yield from 61; d) Raney-Ni ( $150 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol}$ of $\mathbf{6 1}$ ), EtOH (anh.), $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ ( $100-120 \mathrm{~atm}$ ), $100{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~h}, 75 \%{ }^{79}$ isolated yield from $\mathbf{6 1}$; e) Al- $\mathrm{Hg}(300 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol}$ of $\mathbf{6 0})$, EtOH ( $\left.83 \mathrm{wt} \% \mathrm{aq}.\right), \mathrm{RT}, 8 \mathrm{~h}$, $70 \%{ }^{79}$ isolated yield from $\mathbf{6 1} ; \mathbf{f}$ ) Zn ( 4.0 equiv), $\mathrm{HCO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ ( equiv), RT, overnight, $49 \%$ isolated yield over 4 steps from 58. Compound 59 was carried to the Arbuzov reaction without isolatation ${ }^{80,81}$ and compound 61 was isolated in $68 \%{ }^{79}$ and $76 \%{ }^{80}$ yield, respectively. Conditions for formation of 59 and $\mathbf{6 1}$ were nearly identical in all three referenced procedures.

The activation of carboxylic acid $\mathbf{5 8}$ was achieved via reaction with oxalyl chloride to yield compound 59 (crude yield: 118\%). The conversion to the desired product was confirmed by comparison of ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR, where the starting material was no longer observed, and the carbonyl resonance shifted noticeably upfield (Figure 3.12), which agrees with literature examples. ${ }^{82}$ The acyl chloride 59 appeared to be moderately stable for several hours and was used without purification in Arbuzov reaction with triethyl phosphite.


Figure 3.12 Synthesis of acetyl chloride 59 and confirmation of product formation by ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR.
The choice of triethyl phosphite was based on its dominant position in the existing literature. ${ }^{79-81,83-87}$ Alternative phosphites - trimethyl phosphite and larger alkyl or aryl phosphites were ruled out for possible hydrolysis issues (trimethylphosphite) ${ }^{88}$ and steric hindrance issues (longer alkyl chains and aromatic substituents). The Arbuzov reaction was finished nearly instantaneously as monitored by TLC; however, the reaction subjected to 15 minutes of reflux afforded the cleanest product as determined by ${ }^{31}$ P NMR (crude yield: $111 \%$ over two steps from 58). When $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was used as an alternative solvent to THF, the acyl chloride $\mathbf{5 9}$ readily degraded at low temperature, and no desired product was isolated. In agreement with previous literature, only the enol tautomer $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ was detected by NMR spectroscopy. ${ }^{79}$ Handling of $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ required special care because the product is highly unstable and cannot be efficiently stored for longer than several hours. Any attempts to purify $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ led to complete degradation of the product.

Compound $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ was thus immediately subjected to a reaction with hydroxylamine hydrochloride in pyridine to generate a mixture of $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{Z}$ isomers of oxime $\mathbf{6 1}$ (crude yield: $96 \%$ over three steps from 58, $\mathrm{dr}=1: 0.6$, stereochemistry was not determined). Attempts to isolate individual isomers led to diminished yield via crystallization and to degradation of material when column
chromatography was used. However, if stored dry, the crude mixture of oximes $\mathbf{6 1}$ exhibits a shelf life of at least several months (determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR). Moreover, the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR shows a complete conversion of $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ to $\mathbf{6 1}$, while the majority of phosphorus-containing impurities remain unchanged (Figure 3.13).



Figure 3.13 Synthesis of oxime $\mathbf{6 1}$ from $\mathbf{5 8}$ and comparison of purity of crude products $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ and $\mathbf{6 1}$ by ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR. Impurities highlighted in yellow are identical by ${ }^{31}$ P NMR between 60-1 and 61 .

The reduction of oxime $\mathbf{6 1}$ to amine ( $\pm$ )-55 proved to be the most challenging step of the process. Several methods were attempted (Table 3.9) with mostly negative results. ${ }^{80,83,89}$ In the end, the use of $88 \%$ aqueous formic acid and the addition of activated zinc powder in several portions gave the highest yield. Still, a wide range of side products can be detected by TLC (not characterized), and it is reasonable to assume that this reduction step is responsible for an overall low yield of this synthesis. However, it should be noted that the yield obtained in our laboratory is comparable with literature data. ${ }^{81}$ Interestingly, when anhydrous formic or trifluoroacetic acid was
used, the reaction gave a very low or no yield of $( \pm)-55$ accompanied by a variety of degradation products.

Table 3.9 Reduction of oxime $\mathbf{6 1}$ to tryptophan analog $( \pm) \mathbf{- 5 5}$.


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( $\pm$ )-55

| Entry | Reducing agent | Solvent | Temperature | Time | Yield $^{\text {a }}$ | Ref. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}$ | MeOH | RT | 48 h | $0 \%$ | 83 |
| 2 | $\mathrm{BH}_{3}$ | THF | RT | 48 h | $0 \%$ | 89 |
| 3 | $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{Cu}$ | EtOH | $60-70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 24 h | $0 \%$ | 80 |
| 4 | Zn | $\mathrm{HCO}_{2} \mathrm{H}(88 \% \mathrm{aq})$. | RT | 24 h | $0 \%$ | 81 |
| 5 | Zn | $\mathrm{TFA}(99.9 \%)$ | RT | 24 h | $0 \%$ |  |
| 6 | Zn | $\mathrm{HCO}_{2} \mathrm{H}(88 \% \mathrm{aq}.)$. | $45-55{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 48 h | $49 \%$ |  |
| 7 | Zn | $\mathrm{HCO}_{2} \mathrm{H}(99.7 \%)$. | $45-55{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 48 h | $5 \%$ |  |

${ }^{a}$ Yield was determined as overall yield over four steps from indole-3-acetic acid (58). For previous steps of the synthesis, see Figure 3.13.

### 3.4.2 Synthesis of the phosphonic acid derivative of MMV008138

With the racemic diethylphosphonate analog of tryptophan $(( \pm)-55)$ in hand, the Pictet-Spengler reaction was carried out under standard conditions used in our laboratory. The reaction time was much shorter than 1-3 days typically required for methyl ester analogs, as the diethylphosphonate products were formed within 3 hours (Scheme 3.17). The diastereomers ( $\pm$ )-56a (trans) and $( \pm)-57$ a (cis) were successfully isolated by column chromatography in $17 \%$ and $45 \%$ yield, respectively. The stereochemistry was confirmed by a 1D NOE experiment.


Scheme 3.17 Preparation of diethylphosphonate TH $\beta$ Cs from ( $\pm$ )-55 via Pictet-Spengler reaction.

While the Pictet-Spengler reaction progressed smoothly, the hydrolysis of the final intermediate presented a challenge in the form of reaction monitoring. Similarly to esters of carboxylic acids, phosphonate esters can be hydrolyzed under both acid and base conditions. However, in basic conditions, the hydrolysis proceeds only to mono-deprotection, while in acidic conditions, both alkyl chains can be cleaved. ${ }^{30}$ A variety of acidic conditions were applied to hydrolyze the cis- Pictet-Spengler adducts ( $\pm$ )-57a to its respective phosphonic acid analog ( $\pm$ )63a. ${ }^{30,} 79,80$ TLC did not prove successful in reaction monitoring (Table 3.10), which was not surprising, as the most frequently used monitoring method for similar reactions in literature was reverse phase HPLC, rather than normal phase TLC. NMR analysis of samples from reactions shown in Table 3.10 showed either degradation of starting material, but no product formation (entries 2 and 3), or the hydrolyzed product was detected albeit as a mixture of diastereomers together with other side products (entries 1 and 4).

Table 3.10 Attempts of ( $\pm$ )-57a hydrolysis under acidic conditions monitored by TLC.


Product was not successfully isolated from any of the reactions in entries 1-4.

| Entry | Reagent | Solvent | Temperature | Time | Observations from ${ }^{31} \mathbf{P}$ NMR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | TMSBr | $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | RT | 24 h | 2.4:1 product $:$ impurities ratio <br> product in $1: 1.9 \mathrm{dr}$ (trans:cis) <br> no product observed |
| 2 | $\mathrm{TMSCl}, \mathrm{NaBr}$ | NMP | $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 24 h | starting material degraded <br> no product observed |
| 3 | $\mathrm{HCl}(12 \mathrm{M})$ | $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | RT | 24 h | starting material degraded |
| 4 | HBr | AcOH | $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 4 d | $1: 2.6$ product $:$ impurities ratio <br> product in $2: 3 \mathrm{dr}($ trans:cis $)$ |

Another monitoring option was to observe the reaction progress in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and/or ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR (Figure 3.14). ${ }^{30}$ To explore this monitoring method, the reaction most suitable for carrying out in deuterated solvent was selected to be the one with TMSBr (Table 3.10, Entry 1). Optimization of the hydrolysis reaction was performed on the cis diastereomer ( $\pm$ )-57a (Table 3.11, Entries 1-3). When the optimized conditions were applied to the trans diastereomer $( \pm)-56 \mathbf{a}$, epimerization was observed, resulting in trans- $(( \pm)-62 a)$ and cis- $(( \pm)$-63a) hydrolyzed products (Table 3.11, Entries $4-5)$. In retrospect, non-negligible amounts of trans product ( $\pm$ )-62a were found in NMR spectra of cis compound $( \pm)-57$ a reacted in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ (Table 3.11, Entry 2). When the trans diethylphosphonate $( \pm)$ - $\mathbf{5 6} \mathbf{a}$ was hydrolyzed in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, the trans product $( \pm) \mathbf{- 6 2 a}$ was obtained in significant excess $(\operatorname{dr}[\mathbf{6 2 a}: 63 a]=96: 4)($ Table 3.11, Entry 6$)$. In all cases, the products $( \pm)-62 a$ and ( $\pm$ )-63a were isolated in quantitative yield by in vacuo concentration from methanol.

Table 3.11 Hydrolysis of $( \pm)-56 \mathbf{a} /( \pm)-57 \mathrm{a}$ with TMSBr monitored by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR.


| Entry | Substrate | Solvent | Temperature | Time | dr (61a:62a) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\mathbf{( \pm ) - 5 7 a}$ | $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ | RT | 48 h | incomplete conversion |
| 2 | $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 7 a}$ | $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ | $45-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 27 h | $77: 23$ |
| 3 | $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 7 a}$ | $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | $45-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 h | $3: 97$ |
| 4 | $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 6 a}$ | $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | RT | 12 h | $83: 17$ |
| 5 | $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 6 a}$ | $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ | $45-55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 8 h | $83: 17$ |
| 6 | $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 6 a}$ | $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ | $40-50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 48 h | $96: 4$ |

The majority of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR signals are broad throughout the de-ethylation process and thus not easy to interpret, but the ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR offers valuable insights into the reaction mechanism (Figure
3.14) and the epimerization process (Figure 3.15). In Figure 3.14, which depicts reaction from Table 3.11, Entry 6, we can see that the coordination of TMS to the diethyl phosphonate of $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 6 a}$ (A) occurs nearly instantaneously and results in $\sim 10 \mathrm{ppm}$ upfield shift due to deshielding of the phosphorus. The two diastereomeric mono-deethylated species (B) appear as signals close to 5 ppm , and the fully deethylated bis-TMS ester (C) can be found around $-1 \mathrm{ppm} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, on the other hand, clearly shows the formation of ethyl bromide and the disappearance of P-O-Et signals. The stereochemistry of trans- product ( $\pm$ )-62a was confirmed by 1D NOE.


Figure 3.14 Monitoring of reaction between ( $\pm$ )-56a and TMSBr in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ (Table 3.1, Entry 6) via ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR (left) and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (right). In the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, the formation of ethyl bromide is readily apparent.

The epimerization observed in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ for cis- $( \pm)$ - $\mathbf{6 3} \mathbf{a}$ and in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ for trans- $( \pm)-\mathbf{6 2 a}$ (Table 3.11, Entries 2, 4, and 5) can most likely be attributed to C1-N2 bond cleavage (Scheme 3.7) due to acidic environment caused by TMSBr. The solvation in acetonitrile seems to favor the cis- diastereomer $( \pm)$-63a, while the trans- diastereomer $( \pm)$-62a is preferred in chloroform (Figure 3.15A). Even though both aforementioned solvents are considered aprotic, chloroform is known to be capable of both hydrogen and halogen bonding, and acetonitrile, with its considerable dielectric moment, can exert strong dipole interactions. ${ }^{90}$ It is possible that the variability in
solvent-solute interactions between $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ results in the opposite thermodynamic preference for the final product. This can be experimentally confirmed by conducting the diethyl phosphonate hydrolysis under thermodynamic conditions in both $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Heating of cis- $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 7 a}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ resulted in retention of stereochemistry $(\mathrm{dr}=97: 3$ cis:trans $)$, while trans$( \pm)$-56a yielded a mixture of cis- $(( \pm)-63 \mathbf{a})$ and trans- $(( \pm)-62 \mathbf{a})$ products $(\mathrm{dr}=17: 83$ cis:trans, Table 3.11, Entries 3 and 5, Figure 3.15 A-1 and A-2, respectively) under the same conditions. On the other hand, heating of cis- $( \pm)-57$ a and trans- $( \pm)-56 \mathrm{a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ led to a noticeable inversion of configuration in cis- but retention of stereochemistry in trans- (Table 3.11, Entries 2 and 6, Figure 3.15 A-3 and A-4, respectively). To further test thermodynamic preference for transconfiguration in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, a sample of cis- $( \pm)-\mathbf{5 7 a}$ was allowed to equilibrate at room temperature in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ for seven days. The diastereomeric ratio of cis:trans de-ethylated species was 71:29. The mixture was then heated to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and after 28 hours, the cis- diastereomer was no longer detectable by ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR (Figure 3.15B).


Figure 3.15 Solvent related stereochemical preference seen in the hydrolysis of $( \pm)-56 \mathbf{a}$ and $( \pm)-57 \mathbf{a} \mathbf{A}$ : Comparison of hydrolyzed products from reactions shown in Table 3.11 and extent of epimerization under various conditions. Depicted spectra are taken in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$. A-1 corresponds to Entry 3 of Table 3.11, where cis stereochemistry of starting material is mostly retained when reacted in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$. A-2 corresponds to Entry 5 of Table 3.11, where trans configured starting material shows significant epimerization to its cis isomer when reacted in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$. A-3 corresponds to Entry 2 of Table 3.11, where cis configured starting material shows significant epimerization to its trans counterpart when reacted in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. A-4 corresponds to Entry 6 of Table 3.11 , where trans stereochemistry of starting material is mostly retained when reacted in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. B: Epimerization of cis product of deethylation reaction in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ into the trans stereoisomer by heating confirms thermodynamic preference of trans product in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$.

The growth inhibition potency of $( \pm) \mathbf{- 6 2 a}(\mathrm{de}=92 \%)$ against the Dd 2 strain of $P$.
falciparum was evaluated in the laboratory of Prof. Cassera, and unfortunately, the $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ was determined to be $>10,000 \mathrm{nM}$. However, it is not clear if the lack of potency derives from a failure to inhibit PfIspD or the inability of the negatively charged ( $\pm$ )-62a to pass through cellular membranes into the apicoplast.

### 3.5 Conclusions

Both the tetrazole (trans-23a) and the phosphonic acid bioisosteres $( \pm)-62 a$ of compound 1a were successfully synthesized in predominantly trans- stereochemistry ( $>98 \%$ and $96: 4 \mathrm{dr}$, respectively, as determined by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} N \mathrm{NR}$ ). Unfortunately, neither compound trans-23a nor ( $\pm$ )-62a showed a satisfactory inhibition potency when tested against the Dd 2 strain of $P$. falciparum.

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## 4 Experimental

### 4.1 General

Compounds were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Fisher Scientific, Alfa Aesar, Astatech, Enamine, Combi-blocks, Oakwood Chemicals, and Cambridge Chemicals and were used without purification unless stated otherwise. NMR spectra were performed on $400 \mathrm{MHz}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}$, or 600 MHz instruments. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were correspondingly recorded at $101 \mathrm{MHz}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}$, or 151 $\mathrm{MHz} .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectra were correspondingly recorded at 376 MHz or $471 \mathrm{MHz} .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectra were recorded at 162 MHz or 202 MHz . Chemical shifts for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ are presented in ppm against tetramethylsilane with an internal standard as a reference. Chemical shifts for ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR are presented in ppm against triphenylphosphine oxide as an internal standard ( -6.00 ppm ). The chemical shifts are reported in $\delta(\mathrm{ppm})$, and coupling constants are given in Hz. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories. High-resolution mass spectroscopy (HRMS) was performed on an Agilent 6220 LC/MS time-of-flight mass spectrometer using either electrospray ionization (ESI). Optical rotation was performed on a Jasco P-2000 digital polarimeter using a cylindrical glass cell ( 3.5 mm D x 100 mm L ). Column chromatography was performed by using flash grade silica gel ( $\mathrm{SiO} 2,32-63 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Sorbtech Silica XG TLC plates w/UV254.

Compounds prepared for bioassays were $>95 \%$ pure as judged by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C},{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$, and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR unless otherwise stated.

## Computational

To extensively probe the conformational space available to compounds $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 a}$, and $\mathbf{5 b}$, automated conformer searches (MMFF94) were performed using Spartan ${ }^{\prime} 16,{ }^{1}$ starting from at least two different geometries. These MMFF94 minima were then optimized at B3LYP/6-31G(d)
using Gaussian $09,{ }^{2}$ giving the numbers of conformers listed in Table 2.5. In each case, vibrational frequency analysis (NIMAG=0) confirmed that each stationary point was a minimum. Individual conformers of $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 a}$, and $\mathbf{5 b}$ are identified in Chapter 5 as $\mathbf{4 a}-01$ to $\mathbf{4 a}-16, \mathbf{4 b}-01$ to $\mathbf{4 b}-08$, $\mathbf{5 a}-01$ to $\mathbf{5 a} \mathbf{- 1 4} \mathbf{5} \mathbf{5} \mathbf{b}-01$ to $\mathbf{5 b}-08$, respectively. Single point energies of each conformer were calculated with three different functionals and larger basis sets, as described above: B3LYP/6$311+G(2 d, p)$, mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) and M06-2X/def2-TZVP each with implicit solvation $\operatorname{SCRF}=(\mathrm{PCM}$, Solvent=Chloroform $)$. Free energies were calculated by adding the free energy ( 298 K ) corrections derived from unscaled B3LYP/6-31G(d) frequencies to these single point energies, to derive the corresponding Boltzmann distributions. The overall population of each of the eight conformational ensembles described in Table 2.6 (and Table 5.14) was calculated by summing the Boltzmann populations of the appropriate individual conformers.

Calculated $J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ coupling constants shown in Table 2.7 were obtained using the B3LYP functional with core-augmented $6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set (" $6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p}) \mathrm{u}+1 \mathrm{~s}$ "). Note that only Fermi contact terms were evaluated, and only couplings between the hydrogen atoms of interest $(\mathrm{H} 4 \beta$, $H 4 \alpha, H 3, H 1)$ were specified for calculation. This approach was selected based on its high accuracy (RMSD $<0.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$ over a large test set) and low computational cost. ${ }^{3}$ Interestingly, although ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ chemical shift modeling benefits from the inclusion of implicit solvation, this study demonstrated that implicit solvation does not improve the accuracy of calculated $J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ values; ${ }^{3}$ thus, we calculated values in the gas phase. The coupling constants $\left({ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3},{ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3},{ }^{2} J_{4 \beta-4 \alpha},{ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1},{ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}\right)$ in each conformer of $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{4 b}$, and $\mathbf{5 b}$, (scaled by the recommend factor of 0.9117 ) are given in Table 5.15 , which includes a sample Gaussian route section to perform these calculations. To obtain weighted average $J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ coupling constants, various Boltzmann distributions were applied (Table 5.16).

Shielding tensors $\sigma$ for each carbon in each conformer were calculated from the B3LYP/6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ geometries at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ and mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ levels of theory. These functionals, basis set, and solvation model were selected based on their excellent performance in a recent study of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR solution spectra of colchicine. ${ }^{4}$ The corresponding ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts were calculated according to the formula $\delta=(\sigma-b) / a$, where $a=$ slope and $b=$ intercept. $^{5}$ The values of $a$ and $b$ were taken from the aforementioned study of colchicine, ${ }^{4}$ and were $a=-1.043, b=181.717$ for B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}=\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$, and $a=-1.042, b=186.357$ for mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p) $\left(\mathrm{PCM}=\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$. The weighted average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ chemical shifts of each carbon were then determined using the calculated Boltzmann distributions and compared to experimental chemical shifts to obtain the MAD for each compound studied.

### 4.2 Chapter 1 - Synthesis of D-ring variants of 1a



4m
5m
Methyl-1-(2-bromophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1 $\boldsymbol{H}$-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate:
To a mixture of L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride ( $1.2727 \mathrm{~g}, 5.00 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $4 \AA$ molecular sieves ( 2.5 g , powdered), and 2-bromobenzaldehyde ( $0.6 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.14 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(16 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added under nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 hours. Next, TFA ( $0.77 \mathrm{~mL}, 9.99 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for additional 24 hours. The reaction was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(16 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, followed by the addition of EtOAc $(16 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring for 30 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the molecular sieves were filtered, and phases of the filtrate were partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with water and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( 30 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. Compounds $\mathbf{4 m}$ and $\mathbf{5 m}$ were separated from the crude material by flash chromatography (5:5:1 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :hexane:EtOAc) to give $\mathbf{5 m}$ ( $877.2 \mathrm{mg}, 46 \%$, first-eluting, light orange powder) and $\mathbf{4 m}(505.7 \mathrm{mg}, 26 \%$, second-eluting, off-white powder).

Methyl
(1R,3S)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (4m):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.68(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17$ (dddd, $J=8.6,7.1,6.4,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{dd}, J=$
$7.8,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.27(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.3,5.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.3,7.9,1.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 173.9,140.7,136.3,133.4,132.1,130.4,129.7,127.6$, $126.9,124.3,122.2,119.7,118.4,111.1,109.6,54.2,52.3,52.2,25.0$.

## Methyl (1S,3S)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate

 (5m):${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.64(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.9,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.7,1.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,1.9,0.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $5.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.01(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.0,4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.24(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.1,4.1,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.03(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $15.0,11.0,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 173.1,140.4,136.2,133.8,133.0,130.7$, $130.0,128.3,127.0,124.1,122.1,119.7,118.3,111.0,109.2,57.0,56.7,52.4,25.6$.

$1 m$
(1R,3S)-1-(2-bromophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-2-ium-3-carboxylate (1m):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{4 m}(137.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol})$ and Amberlyst A26 resin ( 1.33 g , 5.60 mmol ) under nitrogen atmosphere. Freshly distilled anhydrous THF ( 3.6 mL ), degassed $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}(3.6 \mathrm{~mL})$, and degassed de-ionized water ( 3.6 mL ) were added, and the reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 28 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed alternately with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL} /$ each $)$. The product was then cleaved from the resin with $50 \%(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ aqueous acetic acid ( 40 mL ). Collected filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to yield 0.24 g of crude
yellow glass-like solid. The crude material was purified by precipitation from $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}: \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}:$ hexanes $(1: 10: 50 \mathrm{~mL})$ to yield $\mathbf{1 m}$ as a light yellow powder ( $40.5 \mathrm{mg}, 31 \%$ yield $)$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{dt}, J=$ $8.1,0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.1,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.36(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.92(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.4,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.21(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,8.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 174.4,138.7,136.4,134.7,132.65,132.64,129.3,128.4$, 127.3, 126.6, 123.6, 120.5, 119.3, 112.3, 109.8, 55.9, 54.9, 24.2. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}^{+}: 371.0390$ Found: 371.0380 .



## Methyl-1-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate:

To a mixture of L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride ( $1.2741 \mathrm{~g}, 5.00 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $4 \AA$ molecular sieves ( 2.5 g , powdered), and 4-bromo-2-fluorobenzaldehyde ( $1.0214 \mathrm{~g}, 5.03 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( 13 mL ) was added under nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 25 hours. TFA ( $0.8 \mathrm{~mL}, 10.45 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for additional 72 hours. The reaction was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, followed by the addition of EtOAc $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring for 1 h at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the molecular sieves were filtered, and phases of the filtrate were partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted with $\operatorname{EtOAc}(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with water ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over
$\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. Compounds $\mathbf{4 n}$ and $\mathbf{5} \mathbf{n}$ were separated from the crude material by column chromatography (5:5:1 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}:$ hexane:EtOAc) to give $\mathbf{5 n}(1002.6 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$, firsteluting, yellow glass-like solid) and $\mathbf{4 n}(361.1 \mathrm{mg}, 17 \%$, second-eluting, white powder).

Methyl (1R,3S)-1-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (4n):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.67(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.7,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28$ (ddd, $J=8.1,1.3,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{t}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.76(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90$ (dd, $J=7.7,5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.24(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.4,5.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.4$, 7.7, $1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR (376 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta-116.34(\mathrm{t}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.8,160.5\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=251.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.3,131.2,131.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=4.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 128.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}\right.$ $=13.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 127.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 126.8,122.3,122.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 119.7,119.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=\right.$ $24.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 118.3,111.1,109.5,53.3,52.2,47.9\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 24.9$.

Methyl (1S,3S)-1-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (5n):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.66(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.6,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.5,1.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.62(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.96(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.1,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.23(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.1,4.2,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.00(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.1,11.0,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.49(\mathrm{~s}$, 1H). ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-117.43(\mathrm{~m}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 173.1,160.7(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=251.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.3,133.0,131.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 128.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 127.2\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=\right.$ $13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 127.0,122.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=9.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 122.3,119.9,119.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=25.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 118.3,111.1$, $109.5,56.7,52.5,50.6\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 25.6$.

(1R,3S)-1-(4-bromo-2-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-2-ium-3carboxylate (1n):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{4 n}(199.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.49 \mathrm{mmol})$ and Amberlyst A26 resin (1.78 g, 7.49 mmol ) under nitrogen atmosphere. Freshly distilled anhydrous THF ( 5 mL ), degassed $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$, and degassed de-ionized water $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added, and the reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed alternately with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL} /$ each $)$. The product was then cleaved from the resin with $50 \%(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ aqueous acetic acid ( 37 mL ). Collected filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and purified by precipitation from $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}: \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ :hexanes $(0.7: 7: 21 \mathrm{~mL})$ to yield $\mathbf{1 n}$ as a yellow powder ( $173.3 \mathrm{mg}, 90 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.56(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.7,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.7,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38$ (dd, $J=8.3,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.2,0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08$ (ddd, $J=8.1,7.0,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.5,5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.3,5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.24(\mathrm{ddd}, J=16.3,8.5,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( 376 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta-115.46(\mathrm{t}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{MeOD}) \delta 173.7,162.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=253.6\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 138.7,133.7,133.6,129.4(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 127.3,125.71\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=9.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 123.8,123.5(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=13.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 120.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=25.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 120.6,119.3,112.3,109.6,55.1,24.0$. One resonance in the aliphatic region is missing, likely due to overlap with solvent signal at 49.0 ppm .



Methyl-1-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate:

To a mixture of L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride ( $1.2726 \mathrm{~g}, 5.00 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $4 \AA$ molecular sieves ( 2.5 g , powdered), and 2-bromobenzaldehyde ( $1.0173 \mathrm{~g}, 5.01 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added under nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 38 hours. Next, TFA $(0.8 \mathrm{~mL}, 10.45 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for additional 72 hours. The reaction was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, followed by the addition of EtOAc $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring for 30 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the molecular sieves were filtered, and phases of the filtrate were partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with water ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. Compounds $\mathbf{4 0}$ and $\mathbf{5 0}$ were separated from the crude material by column chromatography (5:5:2 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :hexane:EtOAc) to give $\mathbf{5 0}$ ( $780 \mathrm{mg}, 39 \%$, first-eluting, off-white powder) and $\mathbf{4 0}$ ( $272.1 \mathrm{mg}, 14 \%$, second-eluting, white powder).

Methyl (1R,3S)-1-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (40):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.71(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.1,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.85(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.73$ (s, 3H), 3.26 (ddd, $J=15.4,5.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.10(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.3,7.7,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR (376
$\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta-111.79(\mathrm{td}, J=7.9,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.9,162.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}\right.$ $=252.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 136.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=3.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.4,132.0,131.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 126.9,124.2\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}\right.$ $=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 122.4,120.6\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=24.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 119.8,118.5,114.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=20.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 111.1,109.6$, 53.5, 52.4, 52.3, 24.9.

Methyl (1S,3S)-1-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (50):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.24(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $6.9,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{pd}, J=7.1,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{td}, J=8.4,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.00$ (dd, $J=11.1,4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.25(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.0,4.1,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.03(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.0$, $11.1,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.57(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR ( $376 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta-111.18(\mathrm{app} \mathrm{q}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 173.1,162.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=252.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.4$ (br), 136.3, 133.6, 131.9 (br), $127.0,123.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 122.2,120.1(\mathrm{br}), 119.8,118.4,115.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=21.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 111.1$, 109.4, 56.7, 56.4 (br), 52.4, 25.5.

(1R,3S)-1-(2-bromo-4-fluorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-2-ium-3carboxylate (10):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{4 0}(117.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.29 \mathrm{mmol})$ and Amberlyst A26 resin ( 961 mg , 4.04 mmol ) under nitrogen atmosphere. Freshly distilled anhydrous THF ( 2.5 mL ), degassed $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}(2.5 \mathrm{~mL})$, and degassed de-ionized water ( 2.5 mL ) were added, and the reaction was stirred
at ambient temperature for 23 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed alternately with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(4 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL} /$ each $)$. The product was then cleaved from the resin with $50 \%(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v})$ aqueous acetic acid ( 40 mL ). Collected filtrate concentrated in vacuo to yield crude yellow glasslike solid. The crude material was purified by precipitation from $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}: \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ :hexanes (0.5:5:15 mL ) to yield $\mathbf{1 0}$ as a white powder ( $94.2 \mathrm{mg}, 83 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 7.52(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.03(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.7,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.96(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.67(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.36(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.05(\mathrm{dd}$, $J=15.6,9.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR (376 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta-112.95$ (br s). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 126 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 163.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=251.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 138.6,135.9,133.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 130.9,127.7,126.0$ $\left(\mathrm{d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 123.2,121.5\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=24.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 120.2,119.1,115.6\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CF}}=20.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 112.2$, $110.8,55.3,54.0,25.6$. The resonance for carbonyl carbon was not observed in the spectrum.

### 4.3 Chapter 2 - Synthesis of aliphatic Pictet-Spengler adducts



Methyl 1-butyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate:
To a mixture of L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride ( $514 \mathrm{mg}, 2.02 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $4 \AA$ molecular sieves $\left(1 \mathrm{~g}\right.$, powdered), and pentanal $(0.24 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.26 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(6 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added under nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. Next, TFA ( 0.3 mL , 3.92 mmol ) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for additional 48 hours. The reaction was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ $(6 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, followed by the addition of EtOAc $(6 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring for 30 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the molecular sieves were filtered, and phases of the filtrate were partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( 3 x 15 mL ). The combined organic layers were washed with water ( $2 \times 25 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and saturated aqueous NaCl solution (1 x 24 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. Following workup, 4ao and 5ao were separated from the crude material by flash chromatography (gradient, from 1:1 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :hexane to $2: 2: 1 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :hexane:EtOAc) to give $\mathbf{5 a o}$ (190 mg, 33\%, first-eluting, off-white solid) and $\mathbf{4 a 0}$ ( $45 \mathrm{mg}, 8 \%$, second-eluting, yellow oil). A mixed fraction of $\mathbf{4 a o}$ and $\mathbf{5 a 0}$ ( $162 \mathrm{mg}, \mathbf{2 8 \%}$ yield) was also obtained.

Methyl (1R,3S)-1-butyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (4ao):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.73(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.6,1.4,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $8.0,1.2,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.1,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.6,7.1,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.24$ (dd, $J=8.3,4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.3,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.12(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.3,5.3,1.2$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.99(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.3,7.3,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.84-1.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.58-1.44(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.43-1.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 174.4,136.0$, $135.8,127.2,121.7,119.5,118.1,110.8,107.0,52.7,52.2,50.4,35.5,28.5,25.1,22.9,14.2$. This compound has been reported previously without full NMR characterization. ${ }^{6}$

## Methyl (1S,3S)-1-butyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (5ao):

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.79(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.36-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.16$ $(\mathrm{td}, J=8.1,7.6,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.6,7.2,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{ddt}, J=8.3,4.1,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.13(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.1,4.2,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.82(\mathrm{ddd}$, $J=15.1,11.2,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.00-1.91(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.72(\mathrm{dddd}, J=13.8,10.5,8.1,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.52$ $-1.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.39(\mathrm{dddd}, J=14.2,8.7,6.9,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.94(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.9,136.0,135.8,127.3,121.8,119.7,118.1,110.9,108.2,56.6,52.9,52.3$, 34.7, 27.6, 26.1, 23.1, 14.1. This compound has been reported previously without full NMR characterization. ${ }^{6}$


## Methyl 1-isobutyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate:

The procedure for $\mathbf{4 a o} / \mathbf{5 a o}$ above was followed using L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride $(502 \mathrm{mg}, 1.97 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 3-methylbutanal $(0.23 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.14 \mathrm{mmol})$. Purification on column chromatography (5:5:2 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : hexane: EtOAc) to give 5ap (152.8 $\mathrm{mg}, 27 \%$, first-eluting, yellow oil) and 4ap (117.4 mg, 21\% yield, second-eluting, yellow oil). A mixed fraction of 4ap and 5ap ( $225.6 \mathrm{mg}, 40 \%$ yield) was also obtained.

## Methyl (1R,3S)-1-isobutyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (4ap):

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{NMR}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.74(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{ddt}, J=7.7,1.5,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0$, $1.2,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.1,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.6,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.32$ (dd, $J=10.0,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.4,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.13$ (ddd, $J=15.4,5.3,1.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.00(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.4,7.4,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.96(\mathrm{dddt}, J=15.0,6.6,4.6,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.73$ (ddd, $J=13.7,9.9,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.53(\mathrm{ddd}, J=13.8,9.4,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.5$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 174.4,136.0,135.9,127.2,121.7$, $119.5,118.1,110.8,106.8,52.5,52.2,48.2,44.5,25.1,24.8,23.8,21.7$. This compound has been previously reported and NMR data are consistent with literature. ${ }^{7}$

Methyl (1R,3S)-1-isobutyl-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (5ap): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, Chloroform-d) $\delta 7.84$ (s, 1H), 7.48 (ddt, $J=7.6,1.5,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.33-7.30$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.19-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.1,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{ddt}, J=9.0,4.4,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.14(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.0,4.2,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.83(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $15.0,11.2,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.10-1.97(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.75-1.60(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.01$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.9,136.2,136.0,127.4,121.8,119.7,118.1$, $110.9,107.9,56.6,52.3,50.7,44.5,26.1,24.4,24.0,21.8$. This compound has been previously reported and NMR data are consistent with literature. ${ }^{7}$


Methyl 1-(tert-butyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate:
The procedure for $\mathbf{4 a o} / \mathbf{5 a o}$ above was followed using L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride $(514 \mathrm{mg}, 2.02 \mathrm{mmol})$ and trimethylacetaldehyde $(0.65 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.98 \mathrm{mmol})$. Purification on column chromatography (5:5:2 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : hexane: EtOAc) yielded $\mathbf{5 a q}(1.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.3 \%$, first-eluting, yellow oil) a mixed fraction of $\mathbf{4 a q}$ and $\mathbf{5 a q}(289.7 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$, yellow oil). Recrystallization of the mixture from EtOAc gave a small quantity of pure $\mathbf{4 a q}(17.1 \mathrm{mg}, 3 \%$, colorless crystals).

Methyl (1R,3S)-1-(tert-butyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (4aq):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{ddt}, J=7.7,1.5,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.35-7.28(\mathrm{~m}$, 1 H ), $7.18-7.13(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10$ (ddd, $J=7.7,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.09 (app. t, $J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.07 $(\mathrm{t}, J=1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.0,5.1,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.0,5.3,1.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.08(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 175.1,135.9,133.7,127.0,121.8,119.4$, 118.1, 110.7, 109.2, 59.4, 54.4, 52.1, 36.8, 27.3, 24.7. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : 287.1754. Found: 287.1753. $\mathrm{mp}=141.3-142.4{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Methyl (1S,3S)-1-(tert-butyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (5aq):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.50(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.1,0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 7.17 (ddd, $J=8.1,7.1,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.1,7.1,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.03(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $3.68(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.14(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14.6,3.6,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.77(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14.6,11.2,2.4$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.13(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ 174.0, 136.0, 134.6, 126.9, 121.9, 119.6, $118.0,110.8,109.2,62.6,56.5,52.3,35.7,27.1,26.4$. This compound has been previously reported and NMR data are consistent with literature. ${ }^{8}$


## Methyl 1-(pentan-3-yl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate:

The procedure for 4ao/5ao above was followed using L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride ( $501 \mathrm{mg}, 1.97 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 2-ethylbutanal $(0.27 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.19 \mathrm{mmol})$. Purification on column chromatography (5:5:2 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :hexane:EtOAc) yielded 5ar (166.4 mg, 28\%, first-eluting, yellow glass) and 4ar (34.3 mg, 6\%, second-eluting, yellow oil). A mixed fraction of 4ar and 5ar (312.3 $\mathrm{mg}, 52.8 \%$ yield) was also obtained.

Methyl (1R,3S)-1-(pentan-3-yl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (4ar):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.74(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{ddt}, J=7.5,1.5,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.8$, $1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17-7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{td}, J=7.4,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.48(\mathrm{dt}, J=3.3,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.05$ $(\mathrm{t}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.12(\mathrm{dt}, J=5.4,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.91(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.63-1.48(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.38-1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.05(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.84(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 174.7,136.0,134.7,127.4,121.6,119.4,118.0,110.8,108.2,54.1,52.2,51.0,46.7,24.4,23.1$, 22.7, 12.6, 12.3. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}: 301.1911$. Found: 301.1910. (5ar):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.76(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{ddt}, J=7.7,1.5,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0$, $1.2,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.18-7.13(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.6,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.35(\mathrm{q}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.82(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.12(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.0,4.1,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.78(\mathrm{ddd}$, $J=15.0,11.2,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.69(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.63-1.53(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.37-1.24(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.04(\mathrm{t}, J=7.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.89(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 174.1,136.0,135.5,127.5,121.7$, $119.6,117.9,110.9,109.5,56.6,54.6,52.3,46.1,26.2,23.3,22.8,13.2,12.8$. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : 301.1911. Found: 301.1908.

### 4.4 Chapter 3 - Synthesis of tetrazole and phosphonate bioisosteres of 1a


tert-butyl (S)-(1-((2-cyanoethyl)amino)-3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-1-oxopropan-2-yl)carbamate (31): A reaction vessel was charged with $24(1.9936 \mathrm{~g}, 6.55 \mathrm{mmol})$ prepared by Ms. $\mathrm{Liu}^{9}$ and hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate ( $1.0485 \mathrm{~g}, 6.83 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DMF $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ on an ice bath. $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}-$ dicyclohexylcarbodiimide $(1.3729 \mathrm{~g}, 6.65 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred for an additional 10 min . Next, 3-aminopropanenitrile ( $0.52 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.06 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise on ice, and the reaction was slowly allowed to reach room temperature. The stirring continued for 50 h . The reaction mixture was then stored in a freezer $\left(-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ for 24 h . After the cooling, white precipitate appeared and was filtered off. The filtrate was treated with cold water $(70 \mathrm{~mL})$, and the resulting precipitate was filtered again. The precipitate was then recrystallized from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ to yield the first crop of pure product $31(1.3642 \mathrm{~g})$. The mother liquor was concentrated down and recrystallized from aqueous methanol to yield a second crop of $\mathbf{3 1}$ (325.3 $\mathrm{mg})$. The white crystals were combined to provide 31 ( $1.6895 \mathrm{~g}, 72 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.29(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.38(\mathrm{dt}, J=12.9,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.24$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.07(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.4,7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.38(\mathrm{~s}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.23(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) . \mathrm{mp}=171.5-$ $172.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (recrystallized from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ), $171.1-172.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (recrystallized from $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ). The experimental data are in agreement with data presented by Ms. Liu. ${ }^{9}$

tert-butyl (S)-(1-(1-(2-cyanoethyl)-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)carbamate (32):
A Schlenk flask was charged with $31(2.6054 \mathrm{~g}, 7.31 \mathrm{mmol})$ and triphenylphosphine ( 4.7953 g , $18.28 \mathrm{mmol})$ in freshly distilled THF ( 46 mL ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. Flask was cooled on an ice bath, and azidotrimethylsilane ( $2.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 18.08 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise over 5 min , followed by dropwise addition of DIAD ( $3.6 \mathrm{~mL}, 18.28 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The reaction mixture was stirred on an ice bath for an additional 20 min and then was allowed to reach room temperature and continued stirring for 76 h . The reaction was then cooled on an ice bath again, and an aqueous solution of ceric ammonium nitrate ( $5.5 \mathrm{wt} \%, 92 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added, followed by extraction with EtOAc ( 3 x 45 mL ). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( $3 \times 50$ mL ) and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by four consecutive runs of column chromatography (gradient $100-50 \%$ hexanes:EtOAc, then isocratic 1:1 hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 32 as off-white solid ( $1.12 \mathrm{~g}, 40 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.9,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11$ (ddd, $J=8.2,7.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.0,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.17(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.6,6.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.29(\mathrm{dt}, J=14.1,7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.18(\mathrm{dt}, J=14.1,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.50(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.0,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.0,9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$. The experimental data are in agreement with data presented by Ms. Liu. ${ }^{9}$

(S)-3-(5-(1-amino-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)propanenitrile
hydrochloride (33):

Method 1: A reaction flask was charged with $32(254 \mathrm{mg}, 0.67 \mathrm{mmol})$, and a solution of 1 m HCl in EtOAc ( 16.6 mL ) was added under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The solution was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. Residual HCl and solvent were then removed under reduced pressure. Compound $\mathbf{3 3}$ was isolated as light brown solid ( $180.6 \mathrm{mg}, 85 \%$ yield adjusted for presence of $\mathbf{3 3 - 2}$ ), insoluble in the majority of common solvents, except for methanol. The material was briefly dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ for transfer, but even a short contact time resulted in small amounts of 33-2 (12 mol $\%$ ) detectable by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR analysis.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 7.42-7.38(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17-7.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{ddd}$, $J=7.8,7.1,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.13(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.7,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.03(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14.6,8.0,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.72-3.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.48-3.41(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.40(\mathrm{ddd}, J=17.1,8.0,6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.21(\mathrm{ddd}, J=17.1$, $6.6,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$.

Method 2: A reaction flask was charged with $32(190.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.50 \mathrm{mmol})$ and connected to the apparatus for the development of $\mathrm{HCl}_{\mathrm{g}}$ depicted in the scheme below. Anhydrous EtOAc ( 10 mL , dried over activated $4 \AA$ molecular sieves for three days) was added to 32. The apparatus was kept under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere, and the HCl was allowed to evolve slowly. The reaction reached completion overnight. Compound $\mathbf{3 3}$ was isolated in the same manner as in Method 1 and then was converted to a form of a free base by treatment with saturated $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution. The free base of $\mathbf{3 3}$ was
isolated by extraction in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(102.5 \mathrm{mg}, 55 \%$ yield adjusted for presence of $\mathbf{3 3 - 2}$, which was detected in $23 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.32(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.3,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.22(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.1,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.9,7.1,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.62(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.39(\mathrm{tdd}, J=14.3,7.0,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.73(\mathrm{ddd}, J=16.9$, $7.4,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.56(\mathrm{ddd}, J=16.9,7.3,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.82(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta 170.7,158.1,136.3,127.0,123.6,122.8,120.3,118.3,116.1,111.7,110.5,48.3,42.8,33.7,18.2$.


Method 3: A reaction flask was charged with $32(528.6 \mathrm{mg}, 1.39 \mathrm{mmol})$, and the procedure from Method 2 was repeated with anhydrous $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$. The reaction was stopped after 1 h and isolated in the same manner as for Method 1. Compound 33-2 was the primary reaction product (33:33-2 molar ratio $=0.4: 1$ as observed in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR), combined yield of $\mathbf{3 3}$ and $\mathbf{3 3 - 2}$ was 412.1 mg (87\%).

Methyl
(S)-3-(5-(1-amino-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)propanoate hydrochloride (33-2):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 7.37(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.2,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.0,0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17$ $-7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02-6.96(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.23(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.3,5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.95(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$
$14.3,8.6,5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.74-3.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60(\mathrm{dt}, J=14.3,5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.52-3.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 2.61 (ddd, $J=17.8,8.6,5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.43-2.32(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.24(\mathrm{dt}, J=17.7,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 172.4,154.6,138.0,127.8,125.7,123.2,120.8,118.3,112.9,107.5$, 52.5, 47.6, 43.6, 33.5, 30.8.


## 3-(5-(1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-3-yl)-1H-tetrazol-1yl)propanenitrile (34a):

A round bottom flask was charged with $33(182.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.46 \mathrm{mmol}), 4 \AA$ activated molecular sieves ( 1 g , powdered), 2,4-dichlorobenzaldehyde ( $106.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.61 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (anh., 5.2 mL ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. The mixture was stirred for 18 h at ambient temperature, followed by the addition of TFA $(0.15 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.96 \mathrm{mmol})$. The reaction continued stirring at room temperature for 23 h . The reaction mixture was cooled on an ice bath, and saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( 3 mL ) was added together with EtOAc $(6 \mathrm{~mL})$. Stirring continued on an ice bath for an additional 40 min . Molecular sieves were filtered off, and the aqueous layer was partitioned from EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with water ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times$ 20 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo to afford light yellow solid ( $213.4 \mathrm{mg}, 103 \%$ crude yield). The crude material suffered from poor solubility but was eventually dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and was purified by column chromatography (solid loading, isocratic 3:1:1
$\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 34a as light yellow solid $(18.5 \mathrm{mg}, 9 \%$ yield, $\mathrm{dr}=65: 35$ trans:cis).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}$ ) $\delta 10.84(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans $), 10.61(\mathrm{~s}, 0.55 \mathrm{H}$, cis), $7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans $), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}$, cis $), 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans $), 7.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.55 \mathrm{H}$, cis), 7.35 (m, 1.5H), 7.29 (dt, $J=8.0,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans), $7.25(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.0,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.55 \mathrm{H}$, cis $)$, $7.05(\mathrm{~m}, 3.7 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans H6'), $5.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.55 \mathrm{H}$, cis $), 5.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans $), 4.95(\mathrm{dt}, J=13.9,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.55 \mathrm{H}$, cis $), 4.81(\mathrm{~m}, 1.1 \mathrm{H}$, cis $), 4.57(\mathrm{dt}, J=14.1$, $7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans $), 4.31(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, trans $), 3.82(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.1,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, trans $), 3.25(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 2.96$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$. The stereochemistry was assigned based on position of H6' doublet which is observed significantly upfield in trans relative to cis in a range of $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ substituted analogs (cf. 4a and 5a). The experimental data are in agreement with data presented by Ms. Liu. ${ }^{9}$


## Methyl 1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate:

To a mixture of L-tryptophan methyl ester hydrochloride ( $2.0553 \mathrm{~g}, 7.91 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $4 \AA$ molecular sieves ( 3.2 g , powdered), and 2,4-dichlorobenzaldehyde ( $1.5411 \mathrm{~g}, 8.72 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added under nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours. TFA ( $1.2 \mathrm{~mL}, 15.52 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for additional 3 hours. The reaction was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, followed by the addition of EtOAc $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring
for 30 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the molecular sieves were filtered, phases of the filtrate were partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with water ( $2 \times 40 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. Compounds $4 \mathbf{a}$ and 5a were separated from the crude material by flash chromatography ( $\left.95: 5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: \mathrm{EtOAc}\right)$ to give $\mathbf{5 a}(1.9616 \mathrm{~g}, 66 \%$, first-eluting, off-white powder) and $\mathbf{4 a}$ ( $732.3 \mathrm{mg}, 25 \%$, second-eluting, off-white powder).

Methyl (1R,3S)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (4a):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.68(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56(\mathrm{ddt}, J=7.4,1.6,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.3,2.1,0.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.84(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.7,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.73(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.26(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.4,5.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.10(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $15.3,7.8,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.79(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.8,137.9,136.3,134.5$, $134.5,131.6,131.0,129.9,127.3,126.9,122.4,119.9,118.5,111.1,109.8,52.4,52.3,51.3,24.9$. The compound was published previously and the experimental data are in agreement with literature. ${ }^{10}$

## Methyl (1S,3S)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (5a):

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.59(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.25-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.22-7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17-7.11(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.79(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.99$ (dd, $J=11.0,4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.25(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.1,4.1,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.02(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.1$, 11.0, $2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.62(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.08,137.40,136.27,134.72$, $134.21,133.27,131.52,129.47,128.12,126.96,122.29,119.88,118.36,111.07,109.47,77.16$,
$56.68,53.91,52.46,25.53$. The compound was published previously and the experimental data are in agreement with literature. ${ }^{10}$


Methyl-2-allyl-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-
carboxylate:
Mixture of of $\mathbf{4 a}: 5 \mathbf{a}(\mathrm{dr}=0.4: 1,504.8 \mathrm{mg}, 1.35 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added into a sealed tube, followed by $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ (anh., 3 mL ), DIPEA ( $0.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.01 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and allyl bromide ( 0.5 mL , $5.78 \mathrm{mmol})$. The tube was tightly closed, and the mixture was heated at $115^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1.5 h . Ethyl acetate $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to the cooled reaction mixture, and the precipitate was removed. This step was repeated once more. The organic filtrate was then washed with water ( $2 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), saturated NaCl solution ( $1 \times 12 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo. Products $\mathbf{3 6 a}$ and $\mathbf{3 7 a}$ were obtained as a yellow powder ( $547.6 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ yield) and used in the next reaction step without separation of the diastereomers.

Methyl-(1R,3S)-2-allyl-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxylate (36a):

The mixture of 36a and $\mathbf{3 7 a}(\mathrm{dr}=0.4: 1.0,541.0 \mathrm{mg}, 1.30 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (anh., 10 mL ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$, followed by addition of TFA ( $0.3 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.92 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The reaction proceeded at ambient temperature, and the progress was monitored by TLC analysis (15:15:1 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :hexanes:EtOAc). After 1.5 h , the reaction was cooled on an ice bath, and a saturated
solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, followed by stirring for an additional 10 min . The organic layer was partitioned from the aqueous phase and washed with water $(1 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and saturated NaCl solution ( $1 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. The product 36a was isolated as a light yellow powder ( $481.2 \mathrm{mg}, 89 \%$ yield, $89 \%$ de).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.59(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44$ (d, $J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.5,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.04(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.72$ (dddd, $J=17.2,10.1,8.1,4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.19(\mathrm{dq}, J=17.2,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.10(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.1,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.19(\mathrm{t}, J=4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.45(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.4,7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.28(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.3,1.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.19$ (ddt, $J=14.6,4.2,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$.

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(S)-3-(5-(1-(allylamino)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)propanenitrile (38) and (S)-3-(5-(1-(diallylamino)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)-1H-tetrazol-1-yl)propanenitrile (39):

Sealed tube was charged with 33 ( $111.6 \mathrm{mg}, 69: 31$ 33:33-2 ratio, 0.34 mmol ), DIPEA ( 0.2 mL , 1.15 mmol ), and allyl bromide ( $31 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ (anh., 0.7 mL ). The reaction was heated to reflux for three days. When cooled, the mixture was partitioned with $1 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{HCl}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ and EtOAc ( 2 mL ). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 1 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( $2 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), water ( $2 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo to
afford the product as a brown oil ( 63.1 mg composed of $\mathbf{3 8}$ and $\mathbf{3 9}$ together with products resulting from 33-2: 38-2 and 39-2). The molar ratio of products detected by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR was 38:39:38-2:39$\mathbf{2}=1: 0.3: 0.3: 0.1$, and thus, the calculated yield of desired product $\mathbf{3 8}$ was $32 \%$. Attempts to separate the mixture of products by chromatographic techniques were not successful. The 1 H NMR spectrum is reported for the signals of major product 38. Side products 38-2 and 39-2 were identified by comparison with products of reaction starting from 25:75 mixture of 33:33-2.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{cdcl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.19(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.12$ (ddd, $J=8.0,7.1,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.78(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.11(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.51(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $7.9,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.14(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.29(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14.2,7.9,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.18(\mathrm{dt}, J=5.6,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.11(\mathrm{dt}, J=6.3,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.53(\mathrm{ddd}, J=16.8,8.3,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.29(\mathrm{ddd}, J=16.9,8.2,6.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$.

(1R,3S)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxamide (8a):

The reaction flask was charged with $\mathbf{4 a}(305.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.81 \mathrm{mmol})$, and a solution of $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(7 \mathrm{M}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}, 7.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 52.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to it under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The solution was stirred overnight at ambient temperature. Solvent and residual ammonia were removed under reduced pressure to afford 8a as a white solid ( $279.1 \mathrm{mg}, 96 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}\right) \delta 10.72(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.31(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.4,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $8.2,7.0,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.0,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ 8.8, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.03 (dd, $J=15.1,4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.69(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.3,9.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 126 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}) \delta 174.6,139.0,136.2,134.4,132.7,132.6,131.2,129.1,126.8,126.5,121.1,118.5$, $117.7,111.2,109.2,51.3,50.8,25.1$. The compound was published previously and the experimental data are in agreement with literature. ${ }^{10}$

(1R,3S)-2-benzyl-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1 $\boldsymbol{H}$-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3carboxamide (47a):

Method 1: A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{8 a}(101.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.28 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}(\mathrm{anh} ., 1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$, benzyl chloroformate ( $0.19 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.34 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(0.20 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.43 \mathrm{mmol})$, and DMAP ( 3.8 mg , $0.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h and then to reflux for an additional 17 h . Water ( 12 mL ), $1 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{HCl}(3 \mathrm{~mL})$, and EtOAc $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the phases were partitioned. The aqueous layer was further extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with water ( $2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), saturated NaCl solution ( $1 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography ( $95: 5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :2-propanol) to afford 47 a as a white powder ( $124.1 \mathrm{mg}, 89 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra are identical between Method 1 and Method 2 and are listed after Method 2. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$: 450.1134. Found: 450.1124.

Method 2: A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{8 a}\left(72.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol}\right.$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ (anh., 0.7 mL ), benzyl bromide ( $29 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.24 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and DIPEA ( $0.53 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 24 h . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was extracted with $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\operatorname{EtOAc}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted further with EtOAc ( 3 x 1 mL ). Combined organic layers were washed with water ( 2 x 2 mL ), saturated NaCl solution ( $1 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography ( $95: 5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ :2-propanol) to afford 47 a as a white powder ( $61.9 \mathrm{mg}, 68 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.81(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{td}, J=$ $8.1,7.6,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{td}, J=7.5,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.04(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.4,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.75(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.68(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.39(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.87(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 174.9$, $137.4,136.7,136.7,135.4,134.7,132.4,130.8,130.2,130.1,128.3,127.9,127.0,126.9,122.7$, 120.1, 118.8, 111.3, 110.4, 56.7, 55.8, 53.2, 18.6. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}: 450.1134$. Found: 450.1127 .


2-benzyl 3-methyl (1R,3S)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-2,3-dicarboxylate (48a):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{4 a}(693.8 \mathrm{mg}, 1.83 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dissolved in EtOAc ( 11 mL ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The solution was placed on an ice bath, and an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ was added ( $764.2 \mathrm{mg}, 5.52 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of water), and the mixture was stirred for 5 min . Benzyl chloroformate $(0.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.09 \mathrm{mmol})$ was then added in one portion. The reaction was stirred for 10 min on ice and then allowed to warm to room temperature. After 3.5 h , the organic layer was partitioned from the aqueous phase, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo. Product 48a was precipitated from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} /$ hexanes as a white powder ( $869.6 \mathrm{mg}, 93 \%$ yield). No further purification was necessary.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}, 70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\delta 10.41(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 4H), $7.24(\mathrm{t}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.18-7.02(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.46(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.19(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.52(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $151 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}, 70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\delta 171.3,155.1,136.5,136.2,135.8,134.2,132.7$, $131.0,130.2,128.6,127.9,127.5,127.3,126.6,125.6,121.2,118.6,117.6,111.2,105.8,67.1$, 52.8, 51.7, 51.3, 21.4. IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1728 (ester $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), $1698(\mathrm{Cbz} \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{+}$: 509.1029. Found: 509.1022. $\left.[\alpha]\right]_{\mathrm{D}}^{23.6}=-8.09(\mathrm{c}=0.025 \mathrm{M}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ).


2-benzyl 3-methyl (1S,3S)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-2,3-dicarboxylate (49a):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{5 a}(1.9176 \mathrm{~g}, 5.09 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dissolved in EtOAc ( 20 mL ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The solution was placed on an ice bath, and an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ was added $(2.2074 \mathrm{~g}, 15.96 \mathrm{mmol}, 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ of water), and the mixture was stirred for 5 min . Benzyl chloroformate ( $1.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.97 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was then added in one portion. The reaction was stirred for 10 min on ice and then allowed to warm to room temperature. After 3.5 h , the organic layer was partitioned from the aqueous phase, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo. Product 49a was precipitated from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} /$ hexanes as a white powder ( $2.4344 \mathrm{~g}, 94 \%$ yield). No further purification was necessary.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}, 70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\delta 10.48(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.52(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31$ $(\mathrm{td}, J=12.2,10.9,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{t}, J=7.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.03(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.63(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.35(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,2.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 5.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.45(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.8,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.32(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.16(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.8$, 7.2 Hz, 1H). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (151 MHz, DMSO, $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\delta 171.3,155.1,136.5,136.2,135.8,134.2$, $132.7,131.0,130.2,128.6,127.9,127.5,127.3,126.6,125.6,121.2,118.6,117.6,111.2,105.8$, 67.1, 52.8, 51.7, 51.3, 21.4. IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1737 (ester $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ), 1667 ( $\mathrm{Cbz} \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ ). HRMS (ESI)
$[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{+}$: 509.1029. Found: 509.1023. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{24.0}=+10.78(\mathrm{c}=$ 0.026 M in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ).


Methyl (1R,3S)-2-benzyl-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylate (50a):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{4 a}(63.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ (anh., 0.5 mL ), benzyl bromide ( $25 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and DIPEA ( $0.45 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.56 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. The reaction mixture was heated to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was extracted with $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{EtOAc}(1 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted further with EtOAc (3x1mL). Combined organic layers were washed with water ( 2 x 2 mL ), saturated NaCl solution ( $1 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography ( $8: 2$ hexanes:EtOAc) to afford 50a as a white powder ( $67.8 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%$ yield).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.58(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 7.13(\mathrm{td}, J=8.1,7.6,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{td}, J=7.5,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.18(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.97(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.8,3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.23(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.1,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.5,138.92,138.86$, $136.6,134.8,134.3,134.2,131.8,129.3,128.6,128.2,127.4,126.8,122.0,119.6,118.4,111.0$, 106.5, 56.6, 56.3, 55.1, 51.6, 25.2. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}: 465.1131$.

Found: 465.1119. One ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ resonance is missing in aromatic region, this can be likely attributed to equivalent chemical shift of two positions in unsubstituted phenyl ring.

(1R,3S)-2-((benzyloxy)carbonyl)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-3-carboxylic acid (52a):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{4 8 a}(814.4 \mathrm{mg}, 1.57 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, followed by the addition of aqueous $\mathrm{NaOH}(20 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.5 \mathrm{~m})$. The reaction mixture was kept under reflux for 22 h. When cooled to ambient temperature, the mixture was acidified by 1 m HCl (aq.) to $\mathrm{pH} \sim 2$, extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$, dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. The solvent was removed in vacuo to afford 52a as light yellow solid ( $727.3 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ yield). No further purification was necessary. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}, 70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\delta 10.35(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29$ $(\mathrm{m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.05(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.99(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.43(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.21(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.6,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.45(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.40(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.3,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 151 MHz , DMSO, $\left.70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \delta 172.5,155.9,140.0,136.7,135.8,132.6,132.3,131.8,129.5,128.3,127.8,127.4,127.2$, $127.1,125.5,121.2,118.6,117.5,111.4,104.5,66.6,55.3,53.0,22.5 . \operatorname{HRMS}(\mathrm{ESI})[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$ calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{+}$: 495.0873. Found: 495.9857. $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{24.4}=-8.59(\mathrm{c}=0.025 \mathrm{M}$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ).


Benzyl (1R,3S)-3-carbamoyl-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-2-carboxylate (51a):

A round bottom flask was charged with 52a ( $451.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.89 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DMF (anh., 2 mL ). A mixture of $\mathrm{EDC} \cdot \mathrm{HCl}(350.0 \mathrm{mg}, 1.79 \mathrm{mmol})$, HOBt hydrate $(291.1 \mathrm{mg}, 1.81 \mathrm{mmol})$, and DIPEA $(0.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.86 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in DMF $(0.8 \mathrm{~mL})$ and added to the solution of 52a under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ on an ice bath. The mixture was stirred for 10 min before methanolic $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ was added ( 7 M in $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}, 0.2 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.4 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$. The reaction was stirred for an additional 20 min on an ice bath before warming up to ambient temperature. Stirring continued at room temperature for 20 h . The reaction was quenched by the addition of water $(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\operatorname{EtOAc}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$, followed by a partition of the two phases. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), the combined organic layers were washed with water ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$, a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$, a saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaCl}(1 \times 10$ mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo. Compound 51a was obtained as an off-white powder ( $394.6 \mathrm{mg}, 85 \%$ yield). No further purification was necessary.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}, 70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\delta 10.27(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.21(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.5,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.97(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.74(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.52(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.17(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.3,2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.43(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 151 MHz, DMSO, $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) $\delta 172.7$, 155.9,
$140.6,136.6,135.9,132.9,132.5,131.5,129.4,128.2,127.7,127.3,127.1,126.9,125.6,120.9$, $118.4,117.3,111.3,103.9,66.4,55.9,53.3,23.5$. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3}{ }^{+}: 494.1033$. Found: 494.1035. [ $\left.\alpha\right]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{24.7}=-8.03\left(\mathrm{c}=0.022 \mathrm{M}\right.$ in $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$.


## Benzyl (1R,3S)-3-cyano-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-2-carboxylate (53a):

Prior to the reaction, pyridine was dried by reflux over $\mathrm{KOH}(0.1 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ of pyridine $)$, followed by simple distillation ( $\mathrm{bp}=111^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). Collected pyridine was stored over $4 \AA$ molecular sieves under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere for 24 h . Phosphoryl chloride was freshly distilled ( $\mathrm{bp}=102{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) shortly prior to the reaction.

A round bottom flask was charged with $\mathbf{5 1 a}(253.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.49 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry pyridine ( 2 mL , $24.73 \mathrm{mmol})$ under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The mixture was cooled on ice bath and $\mathrm{POCl}_{3}(0.25 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.68 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added dropwise. The reaction was kept on ice bath for 20 min , followed by stirring at ambient temperature for additional $100 \mathrm{~min} .1 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{HCl}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{EtOAc}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added and the mixture was stirred for additional 10 min . The organic and aqueous phases were partitioned and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with water ( $2 \times 25 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo to afford 53a as light yellow solid ( $226.1 \mathrm{mg}, 96 \%$ yield). No further purification was necessary.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.00(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.14(\mathrm{td}, J=7.6,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.04(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.47(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.76(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=11.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=11.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 155.8,139.0,136.8,134.8$, 133.9, 132.2, 131.7, 129.7, 128.7, 128.6, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 126.0, 123.2, 120.5, 118.5, 118.4, $111.5,104.7,69.1,52.9,44.7,25.1$. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}$: 476.0927. Found: 476.0906.


## Benzyl

(1R,3S)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-2H-pyrido[3,4-b]indole-2-carboxylate (54a):

A sealed tube was charged with 53a ( $76.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.16 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{ZnBr}_{2}(19.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.08 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaN}_{3}$ ( $23.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and 2-propanol ( 3 mL ). Reaction mixture was heated to $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 25 h . When cooled to ambient temperature, $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\operatorname{EtOAc}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added and the layers were partitioned. Aqueous layer was then extracted with EtOAc ( $3 \times 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), combined organic layers were washed with water ( $2 \times 4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and saturated NaCl solution ( $1 \times 4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo to afford 54a as off-white powder ( $76.4 \mathrm{mg}, 89 \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.01(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $6.95(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.59(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.4,2.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=11.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.93(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.67(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.9,2.6,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.60(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.9,5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 157.0,140.0,136.6,135.0,133.7,132.3,132.2,129.6,128.50,128.46,128.24$,
$128.16,128.0,126.1,122.8,120.1,118.5,111.5,104.5,68.8,53.4,49.2,25.5$. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{+}$: 519.1098. Found: 519.1091.

(1R,3S)-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-3-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4b]indole (trans-23a):

A reaction vessel was charged with $\mathbf{5 4 a}(91.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.17 \mathrm{mmol})$ and HBr in $\mathrm{AcOH}(33 \mathrm{wt} \%, 0.45$ $\mathrm{mL}, 2.61 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 15 min (until all effervescence seized). Reaction mixture was then added dropwise to a saturated $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution ( 3 mL ) on ice, followed by addition of $\mathrm{EtOAc}(4 \mathrm{~mL})$. Additional $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ solution was added dropwise to $\mathrm{pH}=$ 5.5-6.0. The aqueous and organic layers were partitioned and aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( 2 x 4 mL ). Combined organic layers were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, concentrated in vacuo, and precipitated from $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O} /$ hexanes to afford 56.8 mg of crude 23 a . The crude product was purified by column chromatography (crude material:silica $=1: 132$, gradient $100-90 \% \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: 2-$ propanol). Collected fractions were analyzed by TLC under both short- and long-wave UV light. The pure product trans-23a was isolated as light yellow solid ( $23.3 \mathrm{mg}, \mathbf{3 6 \%}$ yield). No cis-23a was observed in the pure fraction by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, however a mixed fraction of cis-/trans-23a was also obtained from the column purification ( $14.0 \mathrm{mg}, \mathrm{dr}=15: 85$ cis:trans $)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 7.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $8.4,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.28(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.1,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.08(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.9$,
$7.1,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.13(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.85(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.3,4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.51(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=15.9,4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.38(\mathrm{ddd}, J=16.2,9.3,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 160.1$, $138.6,136.9,135.7,133.3,131.0,129.8,128.7,127.5,123.5,120.5,119.2,112.3,109.7,53.1$, 47.3, 27.1. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{6}{ }^{+}: 385.0730$. Found: 385.0713. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ resonance at $\delta=129.8$ corresponds to two accidentally equivalent carbons as confirmed by HMBC.


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## 2-(1H-indol-3-yl)acetyl chloride (59):

A 100 mL round bottom flask was charged with 3.03 g (17.3 mmol) of indole-3-acetic acid (58). $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The mixture was left to cool on ice bath for 5 min before oxalyl chloride ( $2 \mathrm{~mL}, 23.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise, followed by addition of dimethyl formamide $(0.1 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in one portion. Stirring on ice continued for another 10 minutes and then the reaction was allowed to warm up to ambient temperature. The reaction was stirred until no more effervescence was observable $(1 \mathrm{~h})$ and then was concentrated in vacuo to give 3.97 g of 59 as brown oil ( $118 \%$ crude yield). Product formation was confirmed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR. The material was carried to the next step immediately without further purification. This procedure was performed according to literature precedence with slight modifications. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.56(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.7,1.4,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.0$, $0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.21$ (ddd, $J=8.2,7.0,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.6,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~s}, 1$
H), $4.29(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 172.2,136.1,126.8,124.1,122.8,120.4,118.6$, 111.6, 106.3, 43.7. The literature did not provide experimental data for 59 to compare. ${ }^{11}$


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## Diethyl (1-hydroxy-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)vinyl)phosphonate (60-1):

Freshly distilled THF ( 10 mL ) was added to crude oil of $\mathbf{5 9}$ under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ and the mixture was stirred at ambient temperature to dissolve. Then, the solution was cooled on ice bath and triethyl phosphite ( $3 \mathrm{~mL}, 17.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in freshly distilled THF ( 2 mL ) was added dropwise ( $1 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$ ). After the addition was completed, the ice bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux. After 15 min of reflux, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to yield 5.68 g of $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ as brown oil ( $111 \%$ crude yield). Product formation was confirmed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$, and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR and by HRMS. Only enol tautomer was detected by NMR. The material was carried to the next step immediately without further purification. This procedure was performed according to literature precedence with modifications. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.95(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.38$ (d, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.56(\mathrm{~d}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.19(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.37(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{31}$ P NMR ( $\left.162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 13.6{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 137.2\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=210.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$ ), $135.5,127.2,126.6,122.4,120.2,118.5,111.5,110.2\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=18.1 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 110.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=28.8\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 63.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 16.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$. The literature did not provide experimental data for $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ to compare. ${ }^{11}$


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## Diethyl (1-(hydroxyimino)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)phosphonate (61):

Hydroxylamine hydrochloride ( $1.59 \mathrm{~g}, 22.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the crude oil $\mathbf{6 0 - 1}$ followed by addition of anhydrous ethanol ( 12 mL ) and freshly dried pyridine ( 2 mL ) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 13 hours. After the reaction reached completion as indicated by TLC analysis, the solvents were removed in vacuo. The crude brown oil was dissolved and partitioned between $1 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{HCl}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\operatorname{EtOAc}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was then extracted with EtOAc (2x 10 mL ). Combined organic layers were washed with water ( 2 x 20 mL ), saturated sodium chloride solution ( 1 x 20 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, concentrated in vacuo to yield 5.15 g of $\mathbf{6 1}$ as golden brown solid ( $96 \%$ crude yield). Product formation was confirmed by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$, ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$, and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR and by HRMS. Two isomers were detected by NMR in 1:0.6 ratio, but the stereochemistry was not determined. The material was carried to the next step without further purification. This procedure was performed according to literature precedence with modifications. ${ }^{11}$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, mixture of isomers) $\delta 8.68(\mathrm{~s}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}), 8.51(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.6 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.6 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 3.93(\mathrm{~m}, 16 \mathrm{H}), 1.12(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.07(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, major isomer) $\delta 9.42(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $8.29(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.1,0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.16$ (ddd, $J=8.1,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.09(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.1,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.04(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.3,1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.92(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.11(\mathrm{td}, J=7.1,0.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( $\left.162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 9.5(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{P}), 5.2(\mathrm{~s}$,
0.6P). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, mixture of isomers) $\delta 153.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=211.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 150.8(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=152.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 136.4,136.1,127.4,127.3,124.3,124.0,121.9,121.8,119.3,119.0,118.8,111.4$, $111.2,110.2,108.8,63.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=5.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 63.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 29.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=18.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 22.0$ $\left(\mathrm{d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=15.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 16.2\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 16.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$. The literature did not provide experimental data for $\mathbf{6 1}$ to compare. ${ }^{11}$

( $\pm$ )-55

## Diethyl (1-amino-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl)phosphonate ((土)-55):

Powdered zinc was activated prior to reduction of $\mathbf{6 1}$ by following procedure. Powdered zinc was added to a round bottom flask followed by addition of $1.5 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}(35 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{g}$ of Zn$)$. Mixture was stirred vigorously for 5 min and the HCl was decanted. Zinc was then washed with water ( $4 \times 70$ $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{g})$. The used water was decanted after each wash. Absolute ethanol ( $17 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{g}$ ) was added to the zinc and the solid was vacuum filtered using water aspirator. Solid was then washed on the filter with acetone $(1 \times 35 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{g})$ and anhydrous $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2 \times 17 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{g})$. Zinc was then transferred to flask and dried on a vacuum line with heating for 15 min . Activated zinc $\left(\mathrm{Zn}^{*}\right)$ was then stored under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$.

Crude 60 was dissolved in 17 mL of $88 \%$ formic acid (aqueous) and transferred into a two-neck round bottom flask. Activated zinc was added to the solution (1 equiv, $\sim 800 \mathrm{mg}$ ) under positive $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ pressure every 2 hours until 7 equivalents were added, while the reaction was heated to $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After addition of last $\mathrm{Zn}^{*}$ portion, the reaction was allowed to stir overnight. Reaction was stopped after 24 h since the addition of first $\mathrm{Zn}^{*}$ portion. The slurry was filtered and washed with
chloroform ( 30 mL ). Filtrate was basified with 1 m NaOH to $\mathrm{pH} 10-11$ and partitioned. Aqueous layer was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}(2 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$ and combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl solution ( $1 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo to afford crude $( \pm)-55$ as dark brown oil in $101 \%$ yield. The pure product was then separated by column chromatography (gradient $100-80 \% \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with 2-propanol $+0.5 \%$ methanolic ammonia, the silica gel used for the column was prepared in 99.5:0.5 $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: \mathrm{NH}_{3}($ in MeOH$)$ ) to yield 2.49 g of golden oil. Yield over four steps calculated from indole-3-acetic acid (58) was $49 \%$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.60(\mathrm{ddt}, J=7.9,1.4,0.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.1$, $0.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.1,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.20(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.86$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{tdd}, J=7.1,1.5,0.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P} \operatorname{NMR}\left(162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 27.9 .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 136.6,127.3,123.3,122.3,119.6,118.8,111.6\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=17.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 111.4,62.5(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 62.4\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 49.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=154.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 27.8,16.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$. The compound was published previously and the experimental data are in agreement with literature. ${ }^{11}$


Diethyl (1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-3-yl)phosphonate:
To a mixture of $( \pm)-55(264.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.79 \mathrm{mmol}), 4 \AA$ molecular sieves $(1 \mathrm{~g}$, powdered $)$, and $2,4-$ dichlorobenzaldehyde ( $142.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.81 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(8 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added under nitrogen. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 minutes. TFA $(0.15 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.96 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added dropwise. Reaction mixture was further stirred at room temperature for additional 3 hours.

Reaction was cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and saturated aqueous solution of $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, followed by addition of EtOAc ( 10 mL ). After stirring for 30 min at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the molecular sieves were filtered, phases of the filtrate were partitioned, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL ). The combined organic layers were washed with water ( 2 x 10 mL ) and saturated aqueous NaCl solution ( $1 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, and concentrated in vacuo. Compounds $( \pm)-56 a$ and $( \pm)-57 a$ were separated from the crude material by flash chromatography (gradient, from $100 \% \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ to $95: 5 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}:$ 2-propanol) to give ( $\pm$ )-57a (163.2 mg, $45 \%$, firsteluting, off-white powder) and ( $\pm$ )-56a ( $61.7 \mathrm{mg}, \mathbf{1 7 \%}$, second-eluting, off-white powder).

Diethyl (trans-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-3yl)phosphonate ( $( \pm)$-56a):
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.46(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.29$ $(\mathrm{d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.20(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.1,7.1,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{td}, J=7.4,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.07(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=8.3,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.65(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.12(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.24(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.7,9.8$, $5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{t}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR $\left(162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 25.9 .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 137.3,136.1,134.9,134.6,131.2\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 131.1,129.9,126.9$, $126.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 122.6,119.9,118.5,111.2,110.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=15.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 63.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=6.7\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 62.5\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 51.9\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=16.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 45.9\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=159.5 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 22.7,16.6\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}\right.$ $=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 16.5\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{P}^{+}$: 453.0896. Found: 453.0882.

## Diethyl <br> (cis-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-3-

 yl)phosphonate ( $( \pm)$-57a):${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.53(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.31$ (d, $J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.19(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.4,1.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.15(\mathrm{td}, J=8.0,7.5$,
$1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.12(\mathrm{td}, J=7.5,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.72(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.26(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.56(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14.3,10.9$, $4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.20(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.39(\mathrm{td}, J=7.1,4.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( $162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 25.3 .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 137.4,136.0,134.8,134.6,133.1\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 131.2$, 129.7, 128.0, $126.96\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 122.4,119.9,118.4,111.1,109.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=17.0 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 62.94$ $\left(\mathrm{d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 62.89\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{2} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=2.7 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 54.5,51.8\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=159.6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 23.0,16.7\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=\right.$ $5.7 \mathrm{~Hz})$.. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{P}^{+}$: 453.0896. Found: 453.0878.

(trans-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1H-pyrido[3,4-b]indol-3-yl)phosphonic acid ( $( \pm)-62 a)$ :
17.2 mg of $( \pm)-56 \mathbf{a}$ was dissolved in 0.6 mL of $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ and added to an NMR tube closed with rubber septum. The solution was cooled on ice bath for 5 minutes before 0.1 mL of trimethylsilyl bromide was added. The reaction mixture stayed on ice for additional 5 minutes before allowing to warm up to room temperature. Reaction was then heated to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and monitored for progress by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR. Completion was reached after 48 hours of heating. Reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure, washed three times with $1 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and dried in vacuo. Compound $( \pm)$ - 62 a was obtained in $94 \%$ yield $(14.2 \mathrm{mg}, \mathrm{dr}=96: 4)$ as a yellow powder.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.59(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $8.4,2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.30(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.11(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.1,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.50(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.02(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.1,7.1,6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.56$
(dddd, $J=16.8,13.9,6.1,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR (202 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 14.0 .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 138.7,138.5,137.6,133.9,131.5,131.3,129.4,127.0\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{4} \mathrm{~J}_{\mathrm{CP}}=6.1\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}), 124.1,120.9,119.3,112.5,108.6\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 53.5\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 49.3\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{1} J_{\mathrm{CP}}=\right.$ 146 Hz ), 49.0, 21.1. HRMS (ESI) $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}$calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{P}^{+}$: 397.0270. Found: 397.0256.

(cis-1-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-2,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1 H -pyrido[3,4-b]indol-3-yl)phosphonic acid ((土)-63a):
17.0 mg of $( \pm) \mathbf{- 5 7 a}$ was dissolved in 0.6 mL of $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and added to an NMR tube closed with rubber septum. The solution was cooled on ice bath for 5 minutes before 0.1 mL of trimethylsilyl bromide was added. The reaction mixture stayed on ice for additional 5 minutes before allowing to warm up to room temperature. Reaction was then heated to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and monitored for progress by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR. Completion was reached after 8 hours of heating. Reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure, washed three times with $1 \mathrm{mLCH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and dried in vacuo. Compound ( $\pm$ )-63a was obtained in $98 \%$ yield $(14.8 \mathrm{mg}, \mathrm{dr}=97: 3)$ as a yellow powder.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 7.76(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.55(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.28$ (d, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.16(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.2,7.0,1.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.10(\mathrm{ddd}, J=8.0,7.0,1.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.55$ (s, 1H), 4.29 (ddd, $J=14.4,12.2,5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.48(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( 162 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta$ 13.3.

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## 5 Supporting information for Chapter 2

### 5.1 Tabulated NMR data for analyzed compounds

Table 5.1 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ of $\mathrm{C}-1$ and $\mathrm{C}-3$ for $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar and $\mathbf{5 a}$-ar.

|  |  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] |  |  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3[\mathrm{ppm}]$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | trans (4) | cis (5) | $\Delta_{\delta 4-\delta 5}$ | trans (4) | $\operatorname{cis}(\mathbf{5})$ | $\Delta_{\delta 4-\delta 5}$ |
| a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $51.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.34{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| b | H | $55.1{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $58.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -3.8 | $52.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $57.0^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| $\mathbf{c}^{e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 51.8 | 54.4 | -2.6 | 52.23 | 56.8 | -4.58 |
| $\mathbf{d}^{e}$ | 4'-Cl | 54.3 | 58.1 | -3.8 | 52.5 | 56.9 | -4.4 |
| $\mathbf{e}^{e, g}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 51.4 | 53.9 | -2.5 | 52.0 | 56.7 | -4.7 |
| $\mathbf{f}^{e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 4$ '-Cl | 51.4 | 53.5 | -2.1 | 52.6 | 57.0 | -4.4 |
| $\mathbf{g}^{e}$ | 2', 4'-F2 | $47.8^{\text {b }}$ | $50.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.8 | $52.4{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.4 |
| $\mathbf{h}^{e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $47.9^{\text {a }}$ | $50.6^{a}$ | -2.7 | 52.6 | 56.8 | -4.3 |
| i | 2'-Cl, 4'-F | $51.2{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $53.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.30^{c}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.4 |
| $\mathbf{j}^{e, g}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 51.2 | 53.9 | -2.7 | 52.2 | 56.6 | -4.4 |
| k | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $53.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.9 | $52.36^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| 1 | 2', 4'- $\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ | $53.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.57^{\text {c }}$ | -2.8 | $52.1{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.57^{\text {c }}$ | -4.5 |
| m | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $54.2{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $57.0{ }^{\text {d }}$ | -2.8 | $52.2{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7^{d}$ | -4.5 |
| n | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $47.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $50.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.7 | $52.2{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.5 |
| 0 | 2'-Br, 4'-F | $53.5{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.4{ }^{\text {d }}$ | -2.9 | $52.3{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {d }}$ | -4.4 |
| p | 2'-I, 4'-F | $58.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $61.6^{\text {b }}$ | -3.6 | $52.46^{\text {c }}$ | $56.8^{b}$ | -4.3 |
| q | 2'-F, 4'-I | $48.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $50.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.7 | $52.5{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| r | 2'-Br, 4'-I | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $56.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.9 | $52.36^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| W | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | $51.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.2^{\text {c }}$ | $56.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.7 |
| x | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $48.8{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $51.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.5 | $52.29^{\text {c }}$ | $57.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.7 |
| y | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | $51.6^{\text {b }}$ | $54.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.7 | $52.30^{c}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.4 |
| $\mathbf{z}^{e, g}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 49.8 | 53.4 | -3.6 | 53.0 | 56.6 | -3.6 |
| $\mathbf{a a}^{e, g}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 51.4 | 53.5 | -2.1 | 52.4 | 57.0 | -4.6 |
| $\mathbf{a b}^{e}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 49.0 | 51.5 | -2.5 | 51.9 | 57.0 | -5.1 |
| ac | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $57.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.0 | $52.5{ }^{\text {c }}$ | $56.8^{b}$ | -4.3 |
| $\mathbf{a d}^{e}$ | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 54.8 | 58.7 | -3.9 | 53.0 | 57.1 | -4.1 |
| ae | $2^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $44.6{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $48.0{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -3.4 | $53.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $57.3{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -3.4 |
| ag | $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{3}$ | $47.9{ }^{\text {b }}$ | $50.5{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -2.6 | $52.39^{\text {c }}$ | $56.7{ }^{\text {b }}$ | -4.3 |
| $\mathbf{a h}^{\underline{e}, g}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 53.5 | 56.4 | -2.9 | 53.1 | 56.7 | -3.6 |
| an | cyclohexyl | 55.4 | 57.8 | -2.4 | 53.5 | 56.6 | -3.1 |
| a0 | $n$-butyl | 50.4 | 52.9 | -2.5 | 52.7 | 56.6 | -3.9 |
| ap | $i$-butyl | 48.2 | 50.7 | -2.5 | 52.5 | 56.6 | -4.1 |
| aq | $t$-butyl | 59.4 | 62.6 | -3.2 | 54.4 | 56.5 | -2.1 |
| ar | $\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 51.0 | 54.6 | -3.6 | 54.1 | 56.6 | -2.5 |
|  | Average | 51.7 | 54.6 | -2.9 | 52.6 | 56.8 | -4.2 |
|  | St. deviation | 3.2 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 |

Signals identified via: ${ }^{a} \mathrm{JCF},{ }^{b} \mathrm{HSQC},{ }^{c}(\mathrm{C}) D E P T$ and HSQC, ${ }^{d} \mathrm{HMBC}$ and HSQC. ${ }^{e}$ Sample is unavailable. ${ }^{g}$ Sample and NMR data unavailable. ${ }^{h}$ If the values are identical, only one of them is shown. ${ }^{e, g}$ Shifts were assigned based on the pattern seen in proven compounds, unless stated otherwise.

Table 5.2 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR chemical shifts $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ of $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ and C 1 ' for $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar and $\mathbf{5 a}$-ar.

|  |  | $\delta \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}[\mathrm{ppm}]$ |  |  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1^{\prime}[\mathrm{ppm}]$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | trans (4) | cis (5) | $\Delta^{84.85}$ | trans (4) | cis (5) | $\Delta_{\text {i4- }-55}$ |
| $\mathbf{a}^{\text {a }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 173.8 | 173.1 | 0.8 | 137.9 | 137.4 | 0.5 |
| $\mathbf{b}^{a}$ | H | 174.3 | 173.3 | 1.0 | 142.1 | 140.8 | 1.3 |
| $\mathrm{c}^{\text {d }}$ | $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 173.9 | 173.2 | 0.7 | - | - | - |
| $\mathrm{d}^{\text {d }}$ | $4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 174.1 | 173.2 | 0.9 | - | - | - |
| $\mathrm{e}^{d, e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 173.7 | 173.1 | 0.6 | - | - | - |
| $\mathbf{f}^{d}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 174.3 | 173.3 | 1.0 | - | - | - |
| $\mathrm{g}^{\text {b, d }}$ | 2', 4'-F2 | 173.9 | 173.2 | 0.7 | 125.2 | 124.0 | 1.2 |
| $\mathbf{h}^{c, d}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 173.9 | 173.1 | 0.8 | 128.0 | 126.7 | 1.3 |
| $\mathbf{i}^{\text {a }, ~}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $2^{\prime}$ - $\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}$ '-F | 173.4 | 173.1 | 0.3 | 135.3 | 134.7 | 0.6 |
| $\mathbf{j}^{\text {d, } e}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 173.7 | 172.9 | 0.8 | - | - | - |
| $\mathbf{k}^{\text {a }}$ | $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 173.8 | 173.1 | 0.8 | 139.5 | 139.2 | 0.3 |
| $\mathrm{I}^{\text {a }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ | 173.7 | 173.0 | 0.7 | 139.9 | 139.5 | 0.4 |
| $\mathrm{m}^{\text {a }}$ | $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 173.9 | 173.1 | 0.8 | 140.7 | 140.4 | 0.3 |
| $\mathbf{n}^{\text {b }}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 173.8 | 173.1 | 0.7 | 128.3 | 127.2 | 1.1 |
| $\mathbf{o}^{\text {b }}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}$ | 173.9 | 173.1 | 0.8 | 136.8 | 136.4 | 0.4 |
| $\mathbf{p}^{a, b}$ | 2'-I, 4'-F | 173.9 | 173.1 | 0.8 | 139.8 | 139.5 | 0.3 |
| $\mathbf{q}^{\text {b }}$ | 2'-F, 4'-I | 173.9 | 173.1 | 0.8 | 129.2 | 128.0 | 1.2 |
| $\mathbf{r}^{a}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{I}$ | 173.8 | 173.0 | 0.8 | 140.7 | 140.4 | 0.3 |
| $\mathbf{w}^{a}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 173.9 | 173.2 | 0.7 | 131.2 | 130.5 | 0.7 |
| $\mathbf{x}^{a}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 174.1 | 173.4 | 0.7 | 128.8 | 127.9 | 0.9 |
| $\mathbf{y}^{\text {a }}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 173.8 | 173.1 | 0.7 | 144.1 | 143.7 | 0.4 |
| $\mathbf{z}^{\text {d,e }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 173.8 | 172.8 | 1.0 | - | - | - |
| $\mathbf{a a}^{\text {d,e }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{4}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 174.2 | 173.3 | 0.9 | - | - | - |
| $\mathbf{a b}^{d}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 174.0 | 173.5 | 0.5 | - | - | - |
|  | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 174.1 | 173.1 | 1.0 | 142.4 | 141.2 | 1.2 |
| $\mathbf{a d}^{d}$ | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 174.4 | 173.3 | 1.1 | - | - | - |
| $\mathbf{a e ~}^{\text {b }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 174.1 | 173.2 | 1.0 | 116.7 | 114.8 | 1.9 |
| $\mathbf{a g}^{\text {b }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{3}$ | 173.8 | 173.1 | 0.7 | 126.7 | 125.6 | 1.1 |
| $\mathbf{a h}^{\text {d, }}$ e | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 173.9 | 172.9 | 1.0 | - | - | - |
| $\mathbf{a n}^{b}$ | cyclohexyl | 174.7 | 174.0 | 0.7 | 43.3 | 42.5 | 0.8 |
| $\mathbf{a o}^{\text {a }}$ | $n$-butyl | 174.4 | 173.9 | 0.5 | 35.5 | 34.7 | 0.8 |
| $\mathbf{a p}^{\text {b }}$ | $i$-butyl | 174.4 | 173.9 | 0.5 | 44.5 | 44.5 | 0.0 |
| $\mathbf{a q}{ }^{a}$ | $t$-butyl | 175.1 | 174.0 | 1.1 | 36.8 | 35.7 | 1.1 |
| $\mathbf{a r}^{\text {b }}$ | $\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 174.7 | 174.1 | 0.6 | 46.7 | 46.1 | 0.6 |
|  | Average | 174.0 | 173.3 | 0.8 | - | - | - |
|  | St. deviation | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | - | - |
|  | Average (a-ah) | - | - | - | 134.4 | 133.6 | 0.8 |
|  | . deviation (a-ah) | - | - | - | 7.5 | 7.8 | 0.5 |
|  | Average (an-ar) | - | - | - | 41.4 | 40.7 | 0.7 |
|  | deviation (an-ar) | - | - | - | 4.9 | 5.2 | 0.4 |

Carbonyl shifts were assigned based on a characteristic $\delta[\mathrm{pmm}]$ which are isolated in their area for both $\mathbf{4}$ and 5 .
C 1 ' signals were identified via: ${ }^{a} \mathrm{HMBC},{ }^{b} \mathrm{HSQC}$ and $J_{\mathrm{CF}},{ }^{c} J_{\mathrm{CF}} .{ }^{d}$ Archival sample was unavailable. ${ }^{e}$ Sample and 2D
NMR data unavailable.

Table $5.3{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR chemical shifts $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ of $\mathrm{H}-3, \mathrm{H}-4 \alpha$, and $\mathrm{H}-4 \beta$ for $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar and 5a-ar.

|  |  | $\delta$ H-3 [ppm] |  |  | $\delta \mathrm{H}-4 \alpha[\mathrm{ppm}]$ |  |  | $\delta \mathrm{H}-4 \beta$ [ppm] |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4 | 5 | $\Delta_{4-5}$ | 4 | 5 | $\Delta_{4-5}$ | 4 | 5 | $\Delta_{4-5}$ |
| a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 3.84 | 3.99 | -0.15 | 3.26 | 3.25 | 0.01 | 3.10 | 3.02 | 0.08 |
| b | H | 3.98 | 3.99 | -0.01 | 3.28 | 3.24 | 0.04 | 3.14 | 3.02 | 0.12 |
| c | $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 3.86 | 4.00 | -0.14 | 3.27 | 3.25 | 0.02 | 3.09 | 3.04 | 0.05 |
| d | 4'-Cl | 3.91 | 3.95 | -0.04 | 3.26 | 3.24 | 0.02 | 3.11 | 3.01 | 0.10 |
| e | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 3.81 | 3.96 | -0.15 | 3.22 | 3.21 | 0.01 | 3.04 | 3.00 | 0.04 |
| f | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 4$ '-Cl | 3.89 | 3.96 | -0.07 | 3.25 | 3.24 | 0.01 | 3.11 | 2.99 | 0.12 |
| g | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}$ | 3.89 | 3.97 | -0.08 | 3.24 | 3.24 | 0.00 | 3.07 | 3.01 | 0.06 |
| h | 2'-F, 4'-Cl | 3.90 | 3.98 | -0.08 | 3.25 | 3.23 | 0.02 | 3.08 | 3.00 | 0.08 |
| i | 2'-Cl, 4'-F | 3.85 | 4.00 | -0.15 | 3.26 | 3.24 | 0.02 | 3.09 | 3.02 | 0.07 |
| j | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 3.84 | 3.99 | -0.15 | 3.26 | 3.24 | 0.02 | 3.10 | 3.01 | 0.09 |
| k | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 3.85 | 4.00 | -0.15 | 3.26 | 3.24 | 0.02 | 3.10 | 3.02 | 0.08 |
| 1 | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ | 3.82 | 3.98 | -0.16 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 0.00 | 3.08 | 3.03 | 0.05 |
| m | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 3.86 | 4.01 | -0.15 | 3.27 | 3.24 | 0.03 | 3.09 | 3.03 | 0.06 |
| n | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 3.90 | 3.97 | -0.07 | 3.24 | 3.25 | -0.01 | 3.08 | 3.00 | 0.08 |
| 0 | 2'-Br, 4'-F | 3.85 | 4.00 | -0.15 | 3.26 | 3.25 | 0.01 | 3.10 | 3.03 | 0.07 |
| p | 2'-I, 4'-F | 3.88 | 4.01 | -0.13 | 3.26 | 3.24 | 0.02 | 3.12 | 3.02 | 0.10 |
| q | 2'-F, 4'-I | 3.89 | 3.97 | -0.08 | 3.24 | 3.23 | 0.01 | 3.08 | 2.99 | 0.09 |
| , | 2'-Br, 4'-I | 3.85 | 3.99 | -0.14 | 3.25 | 3.24 | 0.01 | 3.10 | 3.01 | 0.09 |
| w | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 3.85 | 4.00 | -0.15 | 3.25 | 3.23 | 0.02 | 3.08 | 3.01 | 0.07 |
| X | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 3.82 | 3.97 | -0.15 | 3.22 | 3.21 | 0.01 | 3.03 | 2.98 | 0.05 |
| y | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 3.85 | 4.01 | -0.16 | 3.27 | 3.25 | 0.02 | 3.10 | 3.03 | 0.07 |
| z | 2', $\mathbf{4}^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 4.00 | 4.02 | -0.02 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 0.00 | 3.23 | 3.09 | 0.14 |
| aa | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 3.90 | 3.93 | -0.03 | 3.22 | 3.20 | 0.02 | 3.08 | 2.97 | 0.11 |
| ab | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 3.80 | 3.96 | -0.16 | 3.21 | 3.21 | 0.00 | 3.14 | 3.00 | 0.14 |
| ac | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 3.94 | 3.95 | -0.01 | 3.27 | 3.23 | 0.04 | 3.14 | 3.00 | 0.14 |
| ad | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 4.00 | 3.96 | 0.04 | 3.27 | 3.23 | 0.04 | 3.15 | 3.02 | 0.13 |
| ae | $2^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 4.12 | 3.97 | 0.15 | 3.28 | 3.23 | 0.05 | 3.15 | 2.97 | 0.18 |
| ag | 2', 3', 4'-F3 | 3.89 | 3.97 | -0.08 | 3.24 | 3.24 | 0.00 | 3.06 | 3.00 | 0.06 |
| ah | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 3.99 | 4.00 | -0.01 | 3.29 | 3.24 | 0.05 | 3.20 | 3.03 | 0.17 |
| an | cyclohexyl | 4.02 | 3.74 | 0.28 | 3.10 | 3.11 | -0.01 | 3.00 | 2.78 | 0.22 |
| ao | $n$-butyl | 3.99 | 3.80 | 0.19 | 3.12 | 3.13 | -0.01 | 2.99 | 2.82 | 0.17 |
| ap | - $i$-butyl | 3.99 | 3.80 | 0.19 | 3.13 | 3.14 | -0.01 | 3.00 | 2.83 | 0.17 |
| aq | $t$-butyl | 4.09 | 3.68 | 0.41 | 3.11 | 3.14 | -0.03 | 3.08 | 2.77 | 0.31 |
| ar | $\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 4.05 | 3.74 | 0.31 | 3.12 | 3.12 | 0.00 | 3.12 | 2.78 | 0.34 |
|  | Average | 3.91 | 3.95 | -0.04 | 3.23 | 3.22 | 0.01 | 3.10 | 2.98 | 0.11 |
|  | St. deviation | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.15 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.07 |
|  | Average (a-ah) | 3.89 | 3.98 | -0.09 | 3.26 | 3.24 | 0.02 | 3.10 | 3.01 | 0.09 |
|  | St. deviation (a-ah) | 0.07 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.04 |
|  | Average (an-ar) | 4.03 | 3.75 | 0.28 | 3.12 | 3.13 | -0.01 | 3.04 | 2.80 | 0.24 |
|  | St. deviation (an-ar) | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.08 |

Table 5.4 $J_{\mathrm{HH}}[\mathrm{Hz}]$ values $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ for $\mathrm{H}-3, \mathrm{H}-4 \alpha$, and $\mathrm{H}-4 \beta$ for $\mathbf{4 a}$-ar and $\mathbf{5 a}$-ar.

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{4} \\ { }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{5} \\ { }_{2}^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{4} \\ { }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{5} \\ { }_{3}^{3} J_{4 a-3} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{4} \\ { }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{5} \\ { }_{3}^{3}{ }_{4 \beta-3} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{4} \\ { }^{5} J_{4 a-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{5} \\ { }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{4} \\ { }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{5} \\ { }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| b | H | 15.4 | 15.2 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 11.2 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| c | $2{ }^{\text {'-Cl }}$ | 15.3 | 15.1 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 8.1 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| d | 4'-Cl | 15.5 | 15.2 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 7.0 | 11.2 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| e | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 15.0 | 15.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| f | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 7.0 | 11.1 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| g | 2', 4'-F2 | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 7.9 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| h | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 7.7 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 2.5 |
| i | $2^{\prime}$ - $\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}$ '-F | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| J | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 7.7 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| k | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 7.6 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| 1 | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 4.9 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| m | $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 15.3 | 15.0 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 8.0 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| n | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 4 \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 7.7 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| 0 | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}$-F | 15.4 | 15.0 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 7.6 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| p | 2'-I, 4'-F | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 7.1 | 11.1 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| q | 2'-F, 4'-I | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 7.8 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| r | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{I}$ | 15.3 | 15.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 7.6 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| w | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 15.3 | 15.1 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 8.1 | 11.0 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| $\mathbf{x}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 15.2 | 15.1 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 8.7 | 11.0 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| y | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
| $\mathbf{z}^{a}$ | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 15.5 | 15.1 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 5.5 | 11.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.4 |
| aa | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 15.0 | 15.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 11.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| ab | $2^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 15.2 | 15.0 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 9.4 | 11.0 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 2.6 |
| $\mathrm{ac}^{\text {b }}$ | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 15.5 | 15.1 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 6.4 | 11.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| $\mathbf{a d}^{b}$ | $3^{\prime}, 4^{\prime}-\left(\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | 15.5 | 15.1 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 6.3 | 11.2 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
| $\mathrm{ae}^{\text {b }}$ | $2^{\prime}, 6^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}_{2}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 15.4 | 15.3 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 11.2 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.6 |
| ag | 2', 3', 4'-F3 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 7.9 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| $\mathbf{a h}^{\text {b }}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Br}, 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{F}, 5^{\prime}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 15.4 | 15.0 | 5.5 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 11.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| an | cyclohexyl | 15.3 | 14.9 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 11.2 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| ao | $n$-butyl | 15.3 | 15.1 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 7.3 | 11.2 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| ap | $i$-butyl | 15.4 | 15.0 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 7.4 | 11.2 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| $\mathbf{a q}^{\text {b }}$ | $t$-butyl | 15.0 | 14.6 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 11.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| $\mathbf{a r}^{\text {a }}$ | $\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$ | - | 15.0 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.6 |
|  | Average | 15.3 | 15.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 7.3 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
|  | St. deviation | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
|  | Average (a-ah) | 15.4 | 15.1 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 7.4 | 11.1 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.5 |
|  | St. deviation (a-ah) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
|  | Average (an-ar) | 15.3 | 14.9 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 6.5 | 11.2 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.6 |
|  | St. deviation (an-ar) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

[^0]Table 5.5 Selected 1D NOE correlations observed in $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{5 a}$ upon irradiation of H1, H3, H4 $\alpha$, and H4 .

| Irradiated | Observed NOE in 4a [\%] |  |  |  | Observed NOE in 5a [\%] |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| proton | H1 | H3 | H4 $\alpha$ | H4 | H1 | H3 | H4 $\alpha$ | H4 $\beta$ |
| H-1 | - | - | - | - | - | 4.3 | - | - |
| H-3 | - | - | 3.5 | - | 3.4 | - | 3.0 | - |
| H-4a | - | 5.5 | - | 13.8 | - | 6.0 | - | 20.1 |
| H-4ß | - | 1.2 | 10.0 | - | - | - | 18.3 | - |

### 5.1.1 Conformational distribution in compound $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{4 b}$ and 5a/5b

B3LYP

mPW1PW91




M06-2X




Figure 5.1 The lowest $\Delta \mathrm{G}(298 \mathrm{~K}) \psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-$ and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}-$ conformers of $\mathbf{4 a}$ and the global minimum of 5a. Geometries were obtained by B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimization; free energies were calculated from single point energies using either the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p), mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p), or M06-2X/def2-TZVP (SCRF: PCM $=\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). Free energy correction was obtained from the B3LYP/6-31G(d) frequencies.


Figure 5.2 The lowest $\Delta \mathrm{G}(298 \mathrm{~K}) \psi_{\mathrm{eq}}-$ and $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ - conformers of $\mathbf{4 b}$ and the global minimum of $\mathbf{5 b}$. Geometries were obtained by B3LYP/6-31G(d) optimization; free energies were calculated from single point energies using either the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p), mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p), or M06-2X/def2-TZVP (SCRF: PCM $=\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ). Free energy correction was obtained from the B3LYP/6-31G(d) frequencies.

Table 5.6 Calculated energies of $\mathbf{4 a}$ at MMFF94 and B3LYP/6-31G(d) levels of theory.

|  | Structural features |  |  |  | MMFF94Energy$[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | B3LYP/6-31G(d), vacuum |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | H2 | H-bond <br> (H2 to <br> X) |  | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\begin{gathered} \text { ZPVE } \\ {[\text { Hartree] }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}{ }^{a} \\ {[\text { Hartree }]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{G}(298) \\ {[\text { Hartree }]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{G}(298) \\ {[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]} \end{gathered}$ |
| 4a-1 | $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ | exo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 237.34 | -1914.01436080 | 0.317204 | 0.264808 | -1913.74955280 | 0.00 |
| 4a-2 | $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ | exo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 243.65 | -1914.01270533 | 0.317049 | 0.264372 | -1913.74833333 | 0.77 |
| 4a-3 | $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ | endo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 252.89 | -1914.00942053 | 0.316971 | 0.264333 | -1913.74508753 | 2.80 |
| 4a-4 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | endo | $a x$ | none ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 254.24 | -1914.00669434 | 0.317024 | 0.264215 | -1913.74247934 | 4.44 |
| 4a-5 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | exo | $a x$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 254.63 | -1914.01118957 | 0.316725 | 0.263415 | -1913.74777457 | 1.12 |
| 4a-6 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | exo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 255.98 | -1914.01103429 | 0.316673 | 0.263891 | -1913.74714329 | 1.51 |
| 4a-7 | $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ | exo | $a x$ | none ${ }^{b}$ | 256.20 | -1914.00796854 | 0.316920 | 0.263858 | -1913.74411054 | 3.42 |
| 4a-8 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | exo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 256.61 | -1914.01209044 | 0.316635 | 0.263982 | -1913.74810844 | 0.91 |
| 4a-9 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | exo | $a x$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 257.95 | -1914.00962662 | 0.316815 | 0.263635 | -1913.74599162 | 2.23 |
| 4a-10 | $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ | endo | $a x$ | none ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 260.51 | -1914.00459481 | 0.317006 | 0.264311 | -1913.74028381 | 5.82 |
| 4a-11 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | endo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 262.72 | -1914.00718234 | 0.316897 | 0.264267 | -1913.74291534 | 4.17 |
| 4a-12 | $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ | exo | $a x$ | none ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 264.81 | -1914.00688677 | 0.316952 | 0.263775 | -1913.74311177 | 4.04 |
| 4a-13 | $\psi$ eq | endo | $a x$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 272.33 | -1914.00582376 | 0.316682 | 0.264074 | -1913.74174976 | 4.90 |
| 4a-14 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | endo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 276.11 | -1914.00427431 | 0.316387 | 0.263246 | -1913.74102831 | 5.35 |
| 4a-15 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | endo | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 277.22 | -1914.00290824 | 0.316454 | 0.263129 | -1913.73977924 | 6.13 |
| 4a-16 | $\psi$ eq | endo | $a x$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 277.82 | -1914.00227563 | 0.316509 | 0.263098 | -1913.73917763 | 6.51 |

[^1]Table 5.7 Calculated energies of $\mathbf{4 a}$ at B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 1), mPW1PW91/6$311+G(2 d, p) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 2), and M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 3), all with $\mathrm{SCRF}=(\mathrm{PCM}$, solvent $=$ chloroform $)$.

|  | Method 1 |  | Method 2 |  | Method 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | G298 к [Hartree] | $\mathbf{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | G298 к [Hartree] |
| 4a-1 | -1914.37029604 | -1914.10548804 | -1914.14966185 | -1913.88485385 | -1914.01318382 | -1913.74837582 |
| 4a-2 | -1914.36936006 | -1914.10498806 | -1914.14866297 | -1913.88429097 | -1914.01189123 | -1913.74751923 |
| 4a-3 | -1914.36790766 | -1914.10357466 | -1914.14733659 | -1913.88300359 | -1914.01129940 | -1913.74696640 |
| 4a-4 | -1914.36562128 | -1914.10140628 | -1914.14491549 | -1913.88070049 | -1914.00864481 | -1913.74442981 |
| 4a-5 | -1914.37046055 | -1914.10704555 | -1914.14961148 | -1913.88619648 | -1914.01195294 | -1913.74853794 |
| 4a-6 | -1914.36976928 | -1914.10587828 | -1914.14909618 | -1913.88520518 | -1914.01219656 | -1913.74830556 |
| 4a-7 | -1914.36688658 | -1914.10302858 | -1914.14618278 | -1913.88232478 | -1914.00956577 | -1913.74570777 |
| 4a-8 | -1914.37078946 | -1914.10680746 | -1914.15033222 | -1913.88635022 | -1914.01323651 | -1913.74925451 |
| 4a-9 | -1914.36922485 | -1914.10558985 | -1914.14831487 | -1913.88467987 | -1914.01090188 | -1913.74726688 |
| 4a-10 | -1914.36455952 | -1914.10024852 | -1914.14396943 | -1913.87965843 | -1914.00741454 | -1913.74310354 |
| 4a-11 | -1914.36652171 | -1914.10225471 | -1914.14587465 | -1913.88160765 | -1914.00960845 | -1913.74534145 |
| 4a-12 | -1914.36639500 | -1914.10262000 | -1914.14583808 | -1913.88206308 | -1914.00894024 | -1913.74516524 |
| 4a-13 | -1914.36519480 | -1914.10112080 | -1914.14424588 | -1913.88017188 | -1914.00682103 | -1913.74274703 |
| 4a-14 | -1914.36401716 | -1914.10077116 | -1914.14315101 | -1913.87990501 | -1914.00574076 | -1913.74249476 |
| 4a-15 | -1914.36273918 | -1914.09961018 | -1914.14157422 | -1913.87844522 | -1914.00434922 | -1913.74122022 |
| 4a-16 | -1914.36263186 | -1914.09953386 | -1914.14138970 | -1913.87829170 | -1914.00397433 | -1913.74087633 |
|  | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~K}$ [ $\left.\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}\right]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\boldsymbol{\Delta G 2 9 8}$ K [ $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\Delta \mathbf{G 2 9 8}_{\mathbf{K}}[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | Boltzmann distribution |
| 4a-1 | 0.98 | 7.2\% | 0.94 | 7.2\% | 0.55 | 14.8\% |
| 4a-2 | 1.29 | 4.2\% | 1.29 | 4.2\% | 1.09 | 6.0\% |
| 4a-3 | 2.18 | 0.9\% | 2.10 | 0.9\% | 1.44 | 3.3\% |
| 4a-4 | 3.54 | 0.1\% | 3.55 | 0.1\% | 3.03 | 0.2\% |
| 4a-5 | 0.00 | 37.9\% | 0.10 | 37.9\% | 0.45 | 17.6\% |
| 4a-6 | 0.73 | 10.9\% | 0.72 | 10.9\% | 0.60 | 13.7\% |
| 4a-7 | 2.52 | 0.5\% | 2.53 | 0.5\% | 2.23 | 0.9\% |
| 4a-8 | 0.15 | 29.4\% | 0.00 | 29.4\% | 0.00 | $37.7 \%$ |
| 4a-9 | 0.91 | 8.0\% | 1.05 | 8.0\% | 1.25 | 4.6\% |
| 4a-10 | 4.27 | 0.0\% | 4.20 | 0.0\% | 3.86 | 0.1\% |
| 4a-11 | 3.01 | 0.2\% | 2.98 | 0.2\% | 2.46 | 0.6\% |
| 4a-12 | 2.78 | 0.3\% | 2.69 | 0.3\% | 2.57 | 0.5\% |
| 4a-13 | 3.72 | 0.1\% | 3.88 | 0.1\% | 4.08 | 0.0\% |
| 4a-14 | 3.94 | 0.0\% | 4.04 | 0.0\% | 4.24 | 0.0\% |
| 4a-15 | 4.67 | 0.0\% | 4.96 | 0.0\% | 5.04 | 0.0\% |
| 4a-16 | 4.71 | 0.0\% | 5.06 | 0.0\% | 5.26 | 0.0\% |

Table 5.8 Calculated energies of $\mathbf{4 b}$ at MMFF94 and B3LYP/6-31G(d) levels of theory.

|  | Structural features |  |  | MMFF94Energy$[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | B3LYP/6-31G(d), vacuum |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | H2 | $\begin{gathered} \text { H-bond } \\ (\mathrm{H} 2 \text { to } \mathrm{X}) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | ZPVE <br> [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}{ }^{a}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ <br> [Hartree] | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}} \\ {[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]} \end{gathered}$ |
| 4b-1 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 282.54 | -994.825578974 | 0.336524 | 0.287502 | -994.538076974 | 0.00 |
| 4b-2 | $\psi_{\mathrm{ax}}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 289.74 | -994.823944440 | 0.336427 | 0.287525 | -994.536419440 | 1.04 |
| 4b-3 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | ax | none ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | 292.86 | -994.821156197 | 0.336384 | 0.287347 | -994.533809197 | 2.68 |
| 4b-4 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 295.43 | -994.821855495 | 0.336085 | 0.287207 | -994.534648495 | 2.15 |
| 4b-5 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 295.65 | -994.823088326 | 0.335979 | 0.287010 | -994.536078326 | 1.25 |
| 4b-6 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | $a x$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 296.65 | -994.822366886 | 0.336118 | 0.286375 | -994.535991886 | 1.31 |
| 4b-7 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | $a x$ | none ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 297.48 | -994.819721433 | 0.336393 | 0.287380 | -994.532341433 | 3.60 |
| 4b-8 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | $a x$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 301.06 | -994.820741727 | 0.336125 | 0.286397 | -994.534344727 | 2.34 |

Table 5.9 Calculated energies of $\mathbf{4 b}$ at B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 1), mPW1PW91/6$311+G(2 d, p) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 2), and M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 3), all with $\mathrm{SCRF}=(\mathrm{PCM}$, solvent $=$ chloroform $)$.

|  | Method 1 |  | Method 2 |  | Method 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] |
| 4b-1 | -995.124145275 | -994.836643275 | -994.885390029 | -994.597888029 | -994.808015506 | -994.520513506 |
| 4b-2 | -995.123143164 | -994.835618164 | -994.884347134 | -994.596822134 | -994.806852067 | -994.519327067 |
| 4b-3 | -995.121060656 | -994.833713656 | -994.882227215 | -994.594880215 | -994.804934854 | -994.517587854 |
| 4b-4 | -995.122386525 | -994.835179525 | -994.883436878 | -994.596229878 | -994.805716591 | -994.518509591 |
| 4b-5 | -995.123558562 | -994.836548562 | -994.884865213 | -994.597855213 | -994.807044518 | -994.520034518 |
| 4b-6 | -995.123039313 | -994.836664313 | -994.884166772 | -994.597791772 | -994.806319801 | -994.519944801 |
| 4b-7 | -995.120364677 | -994.832984677 | -994.881664652 | -994.594284652 | -994.804021854 | -994.516641854 |
| 4b-8 | -995.121743096 | -994.835346096 | -994.882813198 | -994.596416198 | -994.805156824 | -994.518759824 |
|  | $\Delta \mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{2 9 8}} \mathrm{K}[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{\mathbf{2 9 8}} \mathrm{K}[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~K}[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | Boltzmann distribution |
| 4b-1 | 0.01 | 26.4\% | 0.00 | 27.5\% | 0.00 | 36.2\% |
| 4b-2 | 0.66 | 8.9\% | 0.67 | 8.9\% | 0.74 | 10.2\% |
| 4b-3 | 1.85 | 1.2\% | 1.89 | 1.1\% | 1.84 | 1.6\% |
| 4b-4 | 0.93 | 5.6\% | 1.04 | 4.7\% | 1.26 | 4.3\% |
| 4b-5 | 0.07 | 23.9\% | 0.02 | 26.6\% | 0.30 | 21.7\% |
| 4b-6 | 0.00 | 27.0\% | 0.06 | 24.8\% | 0.36 | 19.8\% |
| 4b-7 | 2.31 | 0.5\% | 2.26 | 0.6\% | 2.43 | 0.6\% |
| 4b-8 | 0.83 | 6.6\% | 0.92 | 5.8\% | 1.10 | 5.6\% |

Table 5.10 Calculated energies of 5a at MMFF94 and B3LYP/6-31G(d) levels of theory.

Table 5.11 Calculated energies of 5a at B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 1), mPW1PW91/6$311+G(2 d, p) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 2), and M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 3), all with $\mathrm{SCRF}=(\mathrm{PCM}$, solvent $=$ chloroform $)$.

|  | Method 1 |  | Method 2 |  | Method 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~K}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] |
| 5a-1 | -1914.37124126 | -1914.10717626 | -1914.15049755 | -1913.88643255 | -1914.01302460 | -1913.74895960 |
| 5a-2 | -1914.36989820 | -1914.10612220 | -1914.14888337 | -1913.88510737 | -1914.01156644 | -1913.74779044 |
| 5a-3 | -1914.37047890 | -1914.10743890 | -1914.14935969 | -1913.88631969 | -1914.01118126 | -1913.74814126 |
| 5a-4 | -1914.36621981 | -1914.10188681 | -1914.14589369 | -1913.88156069 | -1914.01210700 | -1913.74777400 |
| 5a-5 | -1914.36935580 | -1914.10580380 | -1914.14819240 | -1913.88464040 | -1914.01023058 | -1913.74667858 |
| 5a-6 | -1914.36846112 | -1914.10528412 | -1914.14743271 | -1913.88425571 | -1914.0101486 | -1913.74697160 |
| 5a-7 | -1914.36752967 | -1914.10383467 | -1914.14644047 | -1913.88274547 | -1914.00914825 | -1913.74545325 |
| 5a-8 | -1914.36485810 | -1914.10099210 | -1914.14449099 | -1913.88062499 | -1914.01007648 | -1913.74621048 |
| 5a-9 | -1914.36411026 | -1914.09978426 | -1914.14384254 | -1913.87951654 | -1914.00945487 | -1913.74512887 |
| 5a-10 | -1914.36825899 | -1914.10436299 | -1914.14759393 | -1913.88369793 | -1914.01051805 | -1913.74662205 |
| 5a-11 | -1914.36716693 | -1914.10351793 | -1914.14624157 | -1913.88259257 | -1914.00930004 | -1913.74565104 |
| 5a-12 | -1914.36165907 | -1914.09742207 | -1914.14116815 | -1913.87693115 | -1914.00664588 | -1913.74240888 |
| 5a-13 | -1914.35865601 | -1914.09387701 | -1914.13801560 | -1913.87323660 | -1914.00390664 | -1913.73912764 |
| 5a-14 | -1914.35871373 | -1914.09372473 | -1914.13805779 | -1913.87306879 | -1914.00421326 | -1913.73922426 |
|  | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}} \mathrm{l}$ [ $\left.\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}\right]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~K}[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~K}$ [ $\left.\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}\right]$ | Boltzmann distribution |
| 5a-1 | 0.16 | 32.1\% | 0.00 | 40.4\% | 0.00 | 41.5\% |
| 5a-2 | 0.83 | 10.5\% | 0.83 | 9.9\% | 0.73 | 12.0\% |
| 5a-3 | 0.00 | 42.4\% | 0.07 | 35.8\% | 0.51 | 17.4\% |
| 5a-4 | 3.48 | 0.1\% | 3.06 | 0.2\% | 0.74 | 11.8\% |
| 5a-5 | 1.03 | 7.4\% | 1.12 | 6.0\% | 1.43 | 3.7\% |
| 5a-6 | 1.35 | 4.3\% | 1.37 | 4.0\% | 1.25 | 5.0\% |
| 5a-7 | 2.26 | 0.9\% | 2.31 | 0.8\% | 2.20 | 1.0\% |
| 5a-8 | 4.05 | 0.0\% | 3.64 | 0.1\% | 1.73 | 2.2\% |
| 5a-9 | 4.80 | 0.0\% | 4.34 | 0.0\% | 2.40 | 0.7\% |
| 5a-10 | 1.93 | 1.6\% | 1.72 | 2.2\% | 1.47 | 3.5\% |
| 5a-11 | 2.46 | 0.7\% | 2.41 | 0.7\% | 2.08 | 1.2\% |
| 5a-12 | 6.29 | 0.0\% | 5.96 | 0.0\% | 4.11 | 0.0\% |
| 5a-13 | 8.51 | 0.0\% | 8.28 | 0.0\% | 6.17 | 0.0\% |
| 5a-14 | 8.61 | 0.0\% | 8.39 | 0.0\% | 6.11 | 0.0\% |

Table 5.12 Calculated energies of $\mathbf{5 b}$ at MMFF94 and B3LYP/6-31G(d) levels of theory.

|  | Structural features |  |  | MMFF94Energy$[\mathrm{kJ} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | B3LYP/6-31G(d), vacuum |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{Me}$ | H2 | $\begin{gathered} \text { H-bond } \\ (\mathrm{H} 2 \text { to X) } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | ZPVE <br> [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{\text {corr }}{ }^{a}$ <br> [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ <br> [Hartree] | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [ $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ |
| 5b-1 | $\psi$ eq | $a x$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 291.03 | -994.823809034 | 0.336080 | 0.286129 | -994.537680034 | 0.73 |
| 5b-2 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 291.46 | -994.824456311 | 0.336034 | 0.286823 | -994.537633311 | 0.76 |
| 5b-3 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 291.87 | -994.825784125 | 0.336026 | 0.286945 | -994.538839125 | 0.00 |
| 5b-4 | $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | ax | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 293.71 | -994.822507772 | 0.336175 | 0.286669 | -994.535838772 | 1.88 |
| 5b-5 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ | 295.00 | -994.819243218 | 0.336164 | 0.287649 | -994.531594218 | 4.55 |
| 5b-6 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | $e q$ | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | 301.90 | -994.817316664 | 0.336256 | 0.287156 | -994.530160664 | 5.45 |
| 5b-7 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | ax | none ${ }^{c}$ | 304.78 | -994.815792636 | 0.336267 | 0.288082 | -994.527710636 | 6.42 |
| 5b-8 | $\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | $a x$ | none ${ }^{b}$ | 315.26 | -994.812854690 | 0.336270 | 0.287749 | -994.525105690 | 8.27 |

Table 5.13 Calculated energies of 5b at B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)// B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 1), mPW1PW91/6$311+G(2 d, p) / /$ B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 2), and M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d) (Method 3), all with $\mathrm{SCRF}=(\mathrm{PCM}$, solvent $=$ chloroform $)$.

|  | Method 1 |  | Method 2 |  | Method 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~K}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{e}_{0}$ [Hartree] | $\mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}}$ [Hartree] |
| 5b-1 | -995.124312659 | -994.838183659 | -994.885065648 | -994.598936648 | -994.806461995 | -994.520332995 |
| 5b-2 | -995.123982150 | -994.837159150 | -994.884864392 | -994.598041392 | -994.80670119 | -994.51987819 |
| 5b-3 | -995.125082968 | -994.838137968 | -994.886229910 | -994.599284910 | -994.807950115 | -994.521005115 |
| 5b-4 | -995.123213232 | -994.836544232 | -994.883953279 | -994.597284279 | -994.805695866 | -994.519026866 |
| 5b-5 | -995.118342782 | -994.830693782 | -994.879675706 | -994.592026706 | -994.804884848 | -994.517235848 |
| 5b-6 | -995.116968010 | -994.829812010 | -994.878223751 | -994.591067751 | -994.802598341 | -994.515442341 |
| 5b-7 | -995.116184082 | -994.828102082 | -994.877885019 | -994.589803019 | -994.803579255 | -994.515497255 |
| 5b-8 | -995.113689095 | -994.825940095 | -994.875248592 | -994.587499592 | -994.800781284 | -994.513032284 |
|  | $\left.\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298 \mathrm{~K}} \mathrm{lkcal} / \mathrm{mol}\right]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{298} \mathrm{~K}[\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}]$ | Boltzmann distribution | $\Delta \mathrm{G}_{\mathbf{2 9 8}} \mathrm{K}$ [ $\left.\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}\right]$ | Boltzmann distribution |
| 5b-1 | 0.00 | 40.6\% | 0.22 | 33.2\% | 0.42 | 25.3\% |
| 5b-2 | 0.64 | 13.6\% | 0.78 | 12.8\% | 0.71 | 15.6\% |
| 5b-3 | 0.03 | 38.7\% | 0.00 | 48.2\% | 0.00 | 51.6\% |
| 5b-4 | 1.03 | 7.1\% | 1.26 | 5.7\% | 1.24 | 6.3\% |
| 5b-5 | 4.70 | 0.0\% | 4.55 | 0.0\% | 2.37 | 0.9\% |
| 5b-6 | 5.25 | 0.0\% | 5.16 | 0.0\% | 3.49 | 0.1\% |
| 5b-7 | 6.33 | 0.0\% | 5.95 | 0.0\% | 3.46 | 0.1\% |
| 5b-8 | 7.68 | 0.0\% | 7.40 | 0.0\% | 5.00 | 0.0\% |

Table 5.14 Boltzmann distribution of conformer ensembles of $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 b}$ [\%].

| Method | 4a [\%] |  |  | 5a [\%] |  |  | 4b [\%] |  |  | 5b [\%] |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | M1 | M2 | M3 | M1 | M2 | M3 | M1 | M2 | M3 | M1 | M2 | M3 |
| 3-CO2 ${ }_{2} \mathrm{Me}-\psi_{\text {ax }}$ | 13.6 | 14.0 | 26.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 14.7 | 37.0 | 38.1 | 48.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| 3-CO2Me- $\psi_{\text {eq }}$ | 86.4 | 86.0 | 73.7 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 85.3 | 63.0 | 61.9 | 51.4 | 100 | 100 | 98.8 |
| $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{\text {exo }}$ | 98.6 | 98.5 | 95.7 | 92.5 | 92.3 | 89.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| $2{ }^{\prime}-\mathrm{Cl}_{\text {endo }}$ | 1.4 | 1.5 | 4.3 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 10.7 |  | - | - |  | - | - |
| H-2 ${ }_{\text {ax }}$ | 47.0 | 38.9 | 23.8 | 55.1 | 46.6 | 27.8 | 35.3 | 32.3 | 27.6 | 47.7 | 39.0 | 31.7 |
| H-2 $\mathrm{eq}^{\text {d }}$ | 53.0 | 61.1 | 76.2 | 44.9 | 53.4 | 72.2 | 64.7 | 67.7 | 72.4 | 52.3 | 61.0 | 68.3 |
| H-bonding ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 99.0 | 99.0 | 98.4 | 100 | 100 | 99.3 | 98.3 | 98.3 | 97.8 | 100 | 100 | 99.8 |
| H-bond to $\mathrm{C}=\mathbf{O}$ | 75.5 | 77.3 | 73.5 | 80.4 | 82.4 | 69.6 | 77.2 | 78.9 | 77.7 | 79.2 | 81.4 | 77.0 |
| H-bond to OMe | 23.5 | 21.7 | 24.9 | 19.6 | 17.6 | 29.6 | 21.1 | 19.3 | 20.1 | 20.8 | 18.6 | 22.8 |
| No H-bond ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

Methods used for determination of conformer energies:
M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform), M2 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform), M3 - M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).
${ }^{a} \mathrm{H}$-bonding assumed for $\mathrm{H}-2 \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distance ranging between $2.3 \AA$ and $2.7 \AA$. For those conformers described as "No H-bonding", this distance was $\geq 3.7 \AA$.

### 5.1.2 $\quad{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}-{ }^{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{H}$ coupling constants for conformers of $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 a} / \mathbf{5 b}$

Table 5.15 Calculated (B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)u+1s//B3LYP/6-31G(d)) ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants for all conformers of $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 b}$. $^{a}$

|  | 4a-01 | 4a-02 | 4a-03 | 4a-04 | 4a-05 | 4a-06 | 4a-07 | 4a-08 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 1.0 | 11.0 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{40-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 5.7 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 6.8 | 3.7 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | -15.1 | -15.0 | -15.2 | -16.0 | -15.3 | -15.9 | -16.0 | -15.0 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 a-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 0.5 |
|  | 4a-09 | 4a-10 | 4a-11 | 4a-12 | 4a-13 | 4a-14 | 4a-15 | 4a-16 |
| ${ }^{3}{ }_{4}{ }^{3}-3[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 10.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 10.6 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 a-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 4.2 | 6.5 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | -15.5 | -15.7 | -15.1 | -15.7 | -14.3 | -14.8 | -15.7 | -14.4 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.8 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 a-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 0.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
|  | 5a-01 | 5a-02 | 5a-03 | 5a-04 | 5a-05 | 5a-06 | 5a-07 | 5a-08 |
| ${ }^{3}{ }^{4 \beta \beta-3}$ [Hz] | 10.9 | 10.7 | 10.5 | 0.9 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.8 | 1.0 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 a-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 3.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 6.8 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | -14.7 | -15.6 | -15.1 | -15.4 | -15.3 | -15.1 | -15.2 | -15.8 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0.6 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 a-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
|  | 5a-09 | 5a-10 | 5a-11 | 5a-12 | 5a-13 | 5a-14 |  |  |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 0.6 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 1.1 |  |  |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 a-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 6.5 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 |  |  |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | -16.0 | -14.7 | -15.6 | -16.3 | -15.8 | -15.5 |  |  |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 0.7 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 |  |  |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 a-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 |  |  |
|  | 4b-01 | 4b-02 | 4b-03 | 4b-04 | 4b-05 | 4b-06 | 4b-07 | 4b-08 |
| ${ }^{3}{ }_{4 \beta \text { P-3 }}[\mathrm{Hz}]$ | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 a-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 6.4 | 6.2 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | -15.3 | -15.1 | -15.9 | -15.7 | -14.8 | -15.5 | -15.6 | -15.3 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 a-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
|  | 5b-01 | 5b-02 | 5b-03 | 5b-04 | 5b-05 | 5b-06 | 5b-07 | 5b-08 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 10.6 | 10.7 | 11.0 | 10.7 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{40-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 4.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.9 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | -15.0 | -15.6 | -14.7 | -15.2 | -15.2 | -15.5 | -16.0 | -16.5 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 a-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.9 |

${ }^{a}$ Only Fermi contact terms (major contributor to $J_{\mathrm{HH}}$ ) were included to calculate $J_{\mathrm{HH}}$; values have been scaled by 0.9117 as recommended. To perform these calculations in Gaussian09, the following route was used: \#n B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) nmr=(fconly,readatoms) iop $(3 / 10=1100000)$ specifying the desired H atoms at the end of the molecule specification (e.g. atom $=16,25,40,41$ for 4 a , preceded by a blank line; route recommended by the CHESHIRE Chemical Shift Repository http://cheshirenmr.info/Recommendations.htm, last accessed on
11/16/2020).

Table 5.16 Observed and calculated Boltzmann weighted average ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ coupling constants for $\mathbf{4 a}, \mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{4 b}, \mathbf{5 b}$, and RMSD values, based on Table15.

Boltzmann distribution based on

| 4 a | Observed | B3LYP |  | mPW1PW91 |  | M06-2X |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\left\|J_{\mathrm{HH}}\right\|$ | Error ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | \| $J_{\mathrm{HH}} \mid$ | Error | \| $J_{\mathrm{HH}} \mid$ | Error |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}$ [Hz] | 7.8 | 9.6 | 1.8 | 9.6 | 1.8 | 8.4 | 0.6 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ [Hz] | 5.0 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 4.2 | 0.8 | 4.4 | 0.6 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 15.4 | 15.3 | 0.1 | 15.2 | 0.2 | 15.2 | 0.2 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}$ [Hz] | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0.0 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| 5a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 11.0 | 10.7 | 0.3 | 10.7 | 0.3 | 9.3 | 1.7 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ [Hz] | 4.1 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 0.1 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 15.1 | 15.0 | 0.1 | 15.0 | 0.1 | 15.1 | 0.0 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}$ [Hz] | 2.5 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 2.6 | 0.1 |
| 4b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 6.8 | 6.7 | 0.1 | 6.7 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 1.1 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ [Hz] | 5.4 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 5.2 | 0.2 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 15.4 | 15.2 | 0.2 | 15.2 | 0.2 | 15.2 | 0.2 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 0.3 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 0.5 |
| 5b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \beta-3}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 11.2 | 10.8 | 0.4 | 10.8 | 0.4 | 10.7 | 0.5 |
| ${ }^{3} J_{4 \alpha-3}$ [Hz] | 4.3 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 3.9 | 0.4 |
| ${ }^{2} J_{4 \alpha-4 \beta}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 15.2 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 15.0 | 0.2 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \beta-1}[\mathrm{~Hz}]$ | 2.6 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 3.0 | 0.4 |
| ${ }^{5} J_{4 \alpha-1}$ [Hz] | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 0.2 |
| MAD [Hz] |  |  | 0.4 |  | 0.4 |  | 0.4 |
| RMSD [Hz] |  |  | 0.5 |  | 0.5 |  | 0.5 |

${ }^{a}$ Error calculated as an absolute value of difference between observed and calculated coupling constant.

### 5.1.3 Calculated ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR chemical shifts and shielding tensors of $\mathbf{4 a} / \mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathbf{5 a} / \mathbf{5 b}$



Table 5.17 Calculated Boltzmann weighted average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR compared to experimentally obtained chemical shifts in compound 4a. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts were calculated by B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) (method M1) and mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, CHCl ${ }_{3}$ ) (methods M2, and M3).

| Carbon | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Chemical shifts [ppm] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exp. | M1 | M2 | M3 | $\Delta_{\text {M1-Exp. }}$ | $\Delta_{\text {M2-Exp. }}$ | $\Delta_{\text {M3-Exp }}$. |
| 1 | 51.3 | 53.3 | 52.7 | 52.9 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| 3 | 52.3 | 53.6 | 52.5 | 53.2 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| 4 | 25.0 | 27.8 | 27.0 | 26.6 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| 4 a | 109.8 | 111.5 | 111.1 | 110.5 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 0.7 |
| 4b | 126.9 | 127.0 | 126.2 | 126.1 | 0.1 | -0.7 | -0.8 |
| 5 | 118.5 | 116.7 | 117.4 | 117.4 | -1.8 | -1.1 | -1.1 |
| 6 | 119.9 | 118.4 | 118.6 | 118.5 | -1.5 | -1.3 | -1.4 |
| 7 | 122.5 | 120.7 | 121.2 | 121.0 | -1.8 | -1.3 | -1.5 |
| 8 | 111.2 | 108.8 | 109.4 | 109.4 | -2.4 | -1.8 | -1.8 |
| 8a | 136.3 | 135.4 | 134.7 | 134.7 | -0.9 | -1.6 | -1.6 |
| 9 a | 131.6 | 131.7 | 131.2 | 131.4 | 0.1 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| $1{ }^{\prime}$ | 137.9 | 140.1 | 139.2 | 139.2 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| $2^{\prime}$ | 134.0 | 142.4 | 141.2 | 140.9 | 8.4 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| $3^{\prime}$ | 129.9 | 129.7 | 129.7 | 129.7 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| $4^{\prime}$ | 134.0 | 141.3 | 140.3 | 140.3 | 7.3 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| $5^{\prime}$ | 127.4 | 125.9 | 126.2 | 126.3 | -1.5 | -1.2 | -1.1 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 131.0 | 130.0 | 130.4 | 130.7 | -1.0 | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| 1 " | 173.8 | 176.0 | 175.4 | 175.4 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| 2" | 52.4 | 51.5 | 51.5 | 51.6 | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| MAD |  |  |  |  | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| RMSD |  |  |  |  | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.4 |

Methods used to calculate Boltzmann distribution:
M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M2 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M3 - M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).

Table 5.18 4a Shielding tensors B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) SCRF $=\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$

|  | 4a-01 | 4a-02 | 4a-03 | 4a-04 | 4a-05 | 4a-06 | 4a-07 | 4a-08 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 127.39 | 126.30 | 121.04 | 121.58 | 127.11 | 124.72 | 126.27 | 125.04 |
| 3 | 120.96 | 120.36 | 121.25 | 121.97 | 126.69 | 126.95 | 121.97 | 127.10 |
| 4 | 154.79 | 155.60 | 155.44 | 152.25 | 151.69 | 153.85 | 151.55 | 152.86 |
| 4a | 70.56 | 69.55 | 69.04 | 69.11 | 64.90 | 64.79 | 67.04 | 64.25 |
| 4b | 49.87 | 50.05 | 49.95 | 49.24 | 49.15 | 49.44 | 49.15 | 49.18 |
| 5 | 60.24 | 60.45 | 60.89 | 61.03 | 60.03 | 59.28 | 60.60 | 60.07 |
| 6 | 59.13 | 59.20 | 59.12 | 59.07 | 57.99 | 58.68 | 58.65 | 58.23 |
| 7 | 56.55 | 56.66 | 56.71 | 56.74 | 55.54 | 56.11 | 56.09 | 55.72 |
| 8 | 68.26 | 68.74 | 68.32 | 68.32 | 68.46 | 67.24 | 67.94 | 68.27 |
| 8a | 40.98 | 40.12 | 40.59 | 41.02 | 40.69 | 40.33 | 40.50 | 40.25 |
| 9a | 42.39 | 43.15 | 43.76 | 42.47 | 44.79 | 45.70 | 42.77 | 44.14 |
| 1' | 33.62 | 33.90 | 36.06 | 37.29 | 35.21 | 36.34 | 34.98 | 36.20 |
| 2' | 35.09 | 35.30 | 31.39 | 33.24 | 32.40 | 33.71 | 31.24 | 33.61 |
| 3' | 47.51 | 47.28 | 44.68 | 45.56 | 46.38 | 46.35 | 46.50 | 46.37 |
| 4' | 34.66 | 34.50 | 33.53 | 33.22 | 34.50 | 33.94 | 33.72 | 34.27 |
| 5' | 49.33 | 48.95 | 50.27 | 49.23 | 50.58 | 50.34 | 49.47 | 50.62 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 44.50 | 44.58 | 42.96 | 41.45 | 46.61 | 46.04 | 46.10 | 46.29 |
| $1 "$ | -3.55 | -2.20 | -3.62 | -2.17 | -2.85 | -0.02 | -1.52 | -1.32 |
| 2'' | 128.14 | 127.92 | 128.27 | 128.58 | 128.10 | 127.99 | 128.57 | 127.86 |
|  | 4a-09 | 4a-10 | 4a-11 | 4a-12 | 4a-13 | 4a-14 | 4a-15 | 4a-16 |
| 1 | 126.45 | 120.37 | 119.81 | 126.37 | 121.96 | 119.28 | 118.85 | 121.51 |
| 3 | 123.59 | 120.11 | 120.45 | 120.43 | 124.00 | 124.55 | 123.40 | 121.04 |
| 4 | 152.21 | 153.92 | 156.68 | 152.98 | 150.37 | 152.77 | 154.40 | 149.85 |
| 4a | 65.42 | 67.64 | 68.07 | 65.58 | 68.62 | 65.61 | 66.25 | 67.95 |
| 4b | 48.99 | 49.01 | 49.46 | 48.63 | 48.76 | 48.57 | 49.02 | 49.00 |
| 5 | 59.36 | 60.44 | 60.34 | 59.88 | 60.45 | 58.48 | 59.51 | 60.41 |
| 6 | 57.80 | 58.81 | 58.83 | 58.27 | 58.08 | 58.95 | 58.52 | 58.34 |
| 7 | 55.53 | 56.51 | 56.58 | 55.72 | 55.93 | 56.51 | 56.52 | 55.99 |
| 8 | 68.21 | 68.47 | 68.52 | 67.98 | 67.89 | 67.87 | 67.89 | 68.14 |
| 8a | 40.81 | 40.62 | 40.24 | 40.45 | 40.59 | 40.56 | 40.09 | 40.83 |
| 9a | 44.39 | 42.97 | 44.06 | 43.22 | 42.65 | 43.91 | 44.70 | 42.86 |
| 1' | 36.25 | 37.66 | 36.49 | 35.63 | 34.92 | 33.51 | 34.12 | 35.66 |
| 2' | 32.29 | 33.48 | 31.49 | 31.99 | 32.74 | 33.78 | 32.67 | 33.21 |
| 3' | 46.33 | 45.24 | 44.36 | 46.65 | 45.22 | 44.86 | 45.14 | 45.06 |
| 4' | 34.14 | 33.15 | 33.43 | 33.80 | 34.03 | 33.65 | 33.31 | 33.77 |
| 5' | 50.53 | 49.36 | 50.35 | 49.34 | 50.25 | 49.43 | 49.32 | 50.23 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 46.04 | 41.82 | 43.14 | 46.03 | 44.49 | 42.20 | 42.14 | 44.34 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -0.06 | -1.40 | -2.49 | -1.11 | -3.64 | -1.62 | 0.18 | -0.39 |
| 2' | 128.26 | 128.03 | 128.10 | 127.98 | 127.71 | 128.03 | 128.20 | 127.93 |

Table 5.19 4a Shielding tensors $\mathrm{mPW} 1 \mathrm{PW} 91 / 6-311+\mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) / / \mathrm{B} 3 \mathrm{LYP} / 6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}) \mathrm{SCRF}=\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$

|  | 4a-01 | 4a-02 | 4a-03 | 4a-04 | 4a-05 | 4a-06 | 4a-07 | 4a-08 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 132.80 | 131.75 | 126.78 | 127.34 | 132.65 | 130.28 | 131.74 | 130.57 |
| 3 | 126.85 | 126.25 | 127.08 | 127.90 | 132.63 | 132.55 | 127.89 | 132.68 |
| 4 | 160.03 | 160.80 | 160.66 | 157.65 | 157.10 | 159.10 | 157.01 | 158.17 |
| 4a | 75.86 | 74.80 | 74.25 | 74.46 | 70.14 | 69.93 | 72.23 | 69.50 |
| 4b | 55.38 | 55.49 | 55.38 | 54.77 | 54.71 | 55.03 | 54.72 | 54.77 |
| 5 | 64.32 | 64.51 | 64.93 | 65.09 | 64.07 | 63.40 | 64.61 | 64.11 |
| 6 | 63.60 | 63.64 | 63.58 | 63.54 | 62.41 | 63.11 | 63.09 | 62.64 |
| 7 | 60.93 | 61.00 | 61.07 | 61.10 | 59.84 | 60.33 | 60.35 | 60.01 |
| 8 | 72.39 | 72.93 | 72.52 | 72.49 | 72.55 | 71.47 | 72.09 | 72.37 |
| 8a | 46.44 | 45.65 | 46.17 | 46.61 | 46.26 | 45.79 | 46.09 | 45.76 |
| 9a | 47.75 | 48.48 | 48.99 | 47.76 | 50.07 | 50.89 | 48.07 | 49.43 |
| 1' | 39.48 | 39.73 | 42.00 | 43.19 | 41.03 | 41.95 | 40.88 | 41.89 |
| 2' | 40.99 | 41.16 | 37.16 | 38.98 | 38.38 | 39.68 | 37.18 | 39.57 |
| 3' | 52.17 | 51.92 | 49.40 | 50.27 | 51.09 | 51.09 | 51.15 | 51.10 |
| $4^{\prime}$ | 40.51 | 40.31 | 39.32 | 39.01 | 40.30 | 39.89 | 39.48 | 40.07 |
| 5' | 53.83 | 53.49 | 54.81 | 53.79 | 55.06 | 54.80 | 54.00 | 55.06 |
| $6{ }^{\prime}$ | 49.00 | 49.07 | 47.35 | 45.83 | 50.92 | 50.47 | 50.50 | 50.62 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 1.91 | 3.24 | 1.80 | 3.33 | 2.61 | 5.39 | 3.96 | 4.13 |
| $2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 132.74 | 132.55 | 132.89 | 133.25 | 132.76 | 132.62 | 133.24 | 132.50 |
|  | 4a-09 | 4a-10 | 4a-11 | 4a-12 | 4a-13 | 4a-14 | 4a-15 | 4a-16 |
| 1 | 132.00 | 126.19 | 125.64 | 131.83 | 127.64 | 125.16 | 124.75 | 127.25 |
| 3 | 129.79 | 126.10 | 126.33 | 126.36 | 129.91 | 130.27 | 129.19 | 127.15 |
| 4 | 157.65 | 159.26 | 161.82 | 158.42 | 155.77 | 158.06 | 159.66 | 155.23 |
| 4a | 70.61 | 72.98 | 73.30 | 70.82 | 73.80 | 71.15 | 71.71 | 73.24 |
| 4b | 54.52 | 54.55 | 54.92 | 54.25 | 54.41 | 54.20 | 54.60 | 54.58 |
| 5 | 63.45 | 64.48 | 64.41 | 63.91 | 64.52 | 62.84 | 63.64 | 64.50 |
| 6 | 62.26 | 63.30 | 63.31 | 62.76 | 62.58 | 63.41 | 62.97 | 62.88 |
| 7 | 59.81 | 60.85 | 60.92 | 60.01 | 60.31 | 60.85 | 60.83 | 60.38 |
| 8 | 72.35 | 72.61 | 72.64 | 72.04 | 72.02 | 71.91 | 71.96 | 72.21 |
| 8 a | 46.33 | 46.25 | 45.86 | 46.01 | 46.19 | 45.82 | 45.57 | 46.33 |
| 9a | 49.73 | 48.28 | 49.33 | 48.52 | 48.08 | 49.03 | 49.83 | 48.23 |
| 1' | 41.94 | 43.63 | 42.47 | 41.52 | 40.76 | 39.51 | 40.02 | 41.44 |
| 2' | 38.28 | 39.25 | 37.31 | 37.81 | 38.57 | 39.52 | 38.48 | 38.92 |
| 3' | 51.07 | 49.93 | 49.07 | 51.32 | 49.87 | 49.54 | 49.84 | 49.79 |
| 4' | 40.02 | 38.97 | 39.23 | 39.49 | 39.75 | 39.38 | 39.12 | 39.49 |
| 5' | 55.01 | 53.93 | 54.91 | 53.85 | 54.77 | 53.87 | 53.86 | 54.78 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 50.41 | 46.27 | 47.58 | 50.45 | 48.89 | 46.67 | 46.68 | 48.74 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 5.43 | 4.06 | 3.02 | 4.33 | 1.87 | 3.81 | 5.60 | 5.13 |
| 2' | 132.89 | 132.65 | 132.70 | 132.61 | 132.36 | 132.65 | 132.83 | 132.58 |



Table 5.20 Calculated Boltzmann weighted average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR compared to experimentally obtained chemical shifts in compound 4b. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts were calculated by B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) (method M1) and mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, CHCl ${ }_{3}$ ) (methods M2, and M3).

| Carbon | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Chemical shifts [ppm] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exp. | M1 | M2 | M3 | $\Delta_{\text {M1-Exp. }}$ | $\Delta_{\text {M2-Exp }}$. | $\Delta_{\text {M3-Exp. }}$ |
| 1 | 55.1 | 57.5 | 56.54 | 56.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| 3 | 52.7 | 54.8 | 53.78 | 54.3 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| 4 | 24.8 | 27.0 | 26.37 | 26.1 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| 4 a | 108.6 | 109.1 | 108.58 | 108.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| 4b | 127.1 | 127.6 | 126.80 | 126.8 | 0.5 | -0.3 | -0.4 |
| 5 | 118.4 | 116.5 | 117.23 | 117.2 | -1.9 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| 6 | 119.7 | 118.2 | 118.50 | 118.4 | -1.5 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| 7 | 122.1 | 120.2 | 120.54 | 120.5 | -1.9 | -1.6 | -1.6 |
| 8 | 111.0 | 109.0 | 109.57 | 109.5 | -2.0 | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| 8 a | 136.3 | 135.7 | 134.84 | 134.8 | -0.6 | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| 9 a | 133.3 | 134.3 | 133.70 | 133.9 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| $1^{\prime}$ | 142.1 | 144.9 | 143.87 | 143.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 2' | 128.6 | 129.1 | 129.26 | 129.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| 3' | 128.9 | 127.8 | 128.13 | 128.1 | -1.1 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| $4^{\prime}$ | 128.3 | 126.8 | 127.23 | 127.3 | -1.5 | -1.1 | -1.0 |
| $5 '$ | 128.9 | 127.3 | 127.75 | 127.9 | -1.6 | -1.2 | -1.0 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 128.6 | 127.2 | 127.49 | 127.7 | -1.4 | -1.1 | -0.9 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 174.3 | 176.6 | 176.02 | 176.1 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| $2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 52.3 | 51.3 | 51.35 | 51.3 | -1.0 | -0.9 | -0.9 |
| MAD |  |  |  |  | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| RMSD |  |  |  |  | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 |

Methods used to calculate Boltzmann distribution:
M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M2 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M3 - M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).

Table 5.21 4b Shielding tensors B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) SCRF $=\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$

|  | $\mathbf{4 b}-01$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-02$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-03$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-04$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-05$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-06$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-07$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-08$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 122.3475 | 121.5511 | 122.7069 | 119.6161 | 120.1419 | 122.755 | 122.5338 | 122.175 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 121.2533 | 120.4276 | 121.9359 | 126.7257 | 127.3429 | 126.6166 | 120.5222 | 123.7218 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 155.3685 | 156.0723 | 152.0397 | 154.1438 | 153.0938 | 151.5335 | 152.8969 | 152.1903 |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | 71.8384 | 70.1304 | 68.6232 | 65.8282 | 65.3758 | 66.6313 | 65.8549 | 66.4389 |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | 49.1992 | 48.328 | 48.7876 | 48.8445 | 48.6932 | 48.1878 | 48.5593 | 48.3412 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 60.5605 | 59.936 | 60.7871 | 60.0991 | 59.7792 | 60.4575 | 60.4009 | 60.2128 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 58.6485 | 59.0539 | 58.5199 | 58.4475 | 58.1558 | 58.1963 | 58.9981 | 58.5605 |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | 56.713 | 56.7449 | 56.3189 | 56.2739 | 56.6245 | 55.9383 | 56.1866 | 55.8271 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 68.3444 | 68.2327 | 68.0123 | 68.0532 | 67.514 | 68.0986 | 68.2646 | 68.0736 |
| $\mathbf{8 a}$ | 40.4074 | 39.9568 | 41.0802 | 39.6633 | 40.1078 | 40.2491 | 40.1538 | 40.5912 |
| $\mathbf{9 a}$ | 40.3515 | 40.5757 | 41.4741 | 43.3677 | 42.9563 | 41.8454 | 41.5906 | 41.9793 |
| $\mathbf{1}^{\prime}$ | 30.6007 | 31.324 | 30.5434 | 30.973 | 31.1831 | 29.7556 | 32.9739 | 29.899 |
| $\mathbf{2}^{\prime}$ | 48.1048 | 48.1138 | 44.5239 | 47.9987 | 47.8017 | 45.3906 | 45.7357 | 45.3525 |
| $\mathbf{3}^{\prime}$ | 48.8392 | 49.3104 | 48.0471 | 47.6028 | 47.7613 | 48.5581 | 48.8678 | 48.2141 |
| $\mathbf{4}^{\prime}$ | 49.063 | 49.0079 | 48.9444 | 49.1302 | 49.2594 | 50.1694 | 48.6853 | 50.103 |
| $\mathbf{5}^{\prime}$ | 48.0278 | 48.1371 | 48.2187 | 48.832 | 49.0687 | 49.7995 | 48.747 | 49.5583 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 47.8521 | 47.4484 | 50.5145 | 49.4939 | 49.6667 | 49.9 | 49.0562 | 49.6496 |
| $\mathbf{1 '}^{\prime \prime}$ | -3.4409 | -2.5902 | -1.6735 | -0.3724 | -1.5255 | -3.4342 | -1.491 | -0.6233 |
| $\mathbf{2}^{\prime \prime}$ | 128.3693 | 128.0755 | 128.7087 | 128.071 | 128.0803 | 128.2265 | 128.1948 | 128.2969 |

Table 5.22 4b Shielding tensors mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) SCRF $=\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$

|  | $\mathbf{4 b}-01$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-02$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-03$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-04$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-05$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-06$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-07$ | $\mathbf{4 b}-08$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 128.0079 | 127.2749 | 128.4267 | 128.5594 | 125.554 | 126.0445 | 128.177 | 127.9535 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 127.1486 | 126.2765 | 127.8764 | 132.4641 | 132.2988 | 132.8862 | 126.3669 | 129.8368 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 160.5948 | 161.2546 | 157.485 | 156.9403 | 159.4594 | 158.3741 | 158.2906 | 157.6138 |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | 76.9614 | 75.4322 | 73.7343 | 71.9052 | 71.0478 | 70.5736 | 71.1759 | 71.714 |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | 54.6608 | 53.9213 | 54.3041 | 53.7993 | 54.4664 | 54.3095 | 54.1132 | 53.9783 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 64.6167 | 63.985 | 64.7442 | 64.3298 | 63.9627 | 63.7572 | 64.4148 | 64.119 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 63.1199 | 63.5389 | 62.9865 | 62.6456 | 62.8783 | 62.5734 | 63.4854 | 63.0257 |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | 61.0757 | 61.1651 | 60.6586 | 60.3032 | 60.6063 | 60.8676 | 60.6253 | 60.2086 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 72.5197 | 72.2675 | 72.1514 | 72.2421 | 72.208 | 71.7386 | 72.3439 | 72.1897 |
| $\mathbf{8 a}$ | 46.008 | 45.5638 | 46.6914 | 45.9564 | 45.3381 | 45.685 | 45.7572 | 46.2331 |
| $\mathbf{9 a}$ | 45.6713 | 45.9098 | 46.7037 | 47.356 | 48.6639 | 48.198 | 46.9352 | 47.4105 |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 36.5372 | 37.2917 | 36.4822 | 35.5826 | 36.7399 | 36.9346 | 39.0455 | 35.7134 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 52.5494 | 52.6179 | 49.0568 | 50.0225 | 52.5119 | 52.3365 | 50.2603 | 49.9208 |
| $\mathbf{3}^{\prime}$ | 53.2421 | 53.7024 | 52.4797 | 52.9278 | 52.108 | 52.2578 | 53.2641 | 52.5803 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 53.414 | 53.3373 | 53.2925 | 54.4485 | 53.5224 | 53.6572 | 52.9964 | 54.3427 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 52.4362 | 52.4815 | 52.631 | 54.1058 | 53.1788 | 53.4293 | 53.0947 | 53.8657 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 52.3442 | 51.8815 | 54.8084 | 54.3645 | 54.0421 | 54.1774 | 53.5245 | 54.102 |
| $\mathbf{1}^{\prime \prime}$ | 1.983 | 2.8499 | 3.7839 | 2.1064 | 5.0771 | 3.9087 | 3.9016 | 4.8793 |
| $\mathbf{2}^{\prime \prime}$ | 132.9791 | 132.7181 | 133.3643 | 132.8904 | 132.72 | 132.7085 | 132.8235 | 132.9491 |



Table 5.23 Calculated Boltzmann weighted average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR compared to experimentally obtained chemical shifts in compound 5a. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts were calculated by B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)\left(\right.$ method M1) and mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, $\left.\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)($ methods M2, and M3).

| Carbon | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Chemical shifts [ppm] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exp. | M1 | M2 | M3 | $\Delta_{\text {M1-Exp. }}$ | $\Delta_{\text {M2-Exp }}$. | $\Delta_{\text {M3-Exp }}$. |
| 1 | 53.9 | 55.9 | 55.2 | 55.2 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 3 | 56.7 | 58.7 | 57.4 | 56.9 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| 4 | 25.5 | 27.9 | 27.1 | 26.3 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 |
| 4a | 109.5 | 109.8 | 109.0 | 108.7 | 0.3 | -0.5 | -0.8 |
| 4b | 127.0 | 127.2 | 126.4 | 126.3 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.7 |
| 5 | 118.4 | 116.8 | 117.6 | 117.6 | -1.6 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| 6 | 119.9 | 118.3 | 118.5 | 118.4 | -1.6 | -1.4 | -1.5 |
| 7 | 122.3 | 120.5 | 120.9 | 120.8 | -1.8 | -1.4 | -1.5 |
| 8 | 111.1 | 109.2 | 109.8 | 109.7 | -1.9 | -1.3 | -1.4 |
| 8a | 136.3 | 134.7 | 133.9 | 133.9 | -1.6 | -2.4 | -2.4 |
| 9a | 133.3 | 133.5 | 133.1 | 132.9 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.4 |
| $1^{\prime}$ | 137.4 | 139.7 | 138.8 | 139.1 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| 2' | 134.2 | 142.2 | 140.9 | 140.6 | 8.0 | 6.7 | 6.4 |
| $3^{\prime}$ | 129.5 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 129.3 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| $4^{\prime}$ | 134.7 | 141.7 | 140.7 | 140.7 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| $5 '$ | 128.1 | 127.1 | 127.3 | 127.2 | -1.0 | -0.8 | -0.9 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 131.5 | 130.7 | 131.2 | 131.5 | -0.8 | -0.3 | 0.0 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 173.1 | 175.8 | 175.1 | 175.1 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 2' | 52.5 | 51.6 | 51.7 | 51.6 | -0.8 | -0.8 | -0.9 |
| MAD |  |  |  |  | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| RMSD |  |  |  |  | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 |

Methods used to calculate Boltzmann distribution:
M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M2 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M3 - M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).

Table 5.24 5b Shielding tensors B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) SCRF $=\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$

|  | 5a-01 | 5a-02 | 5a-03 | 5a-04 | 5a-05 | 5a-06 | 5a-07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 123.2424 | 123.0253 | 124.5188 | 125.7839 | 123.9887 | 118.3157 | 117.2873 |
| 3 | 120.6582 | 120.237 | 121.0327 | 125.0976 | 117.8691 | 120.3565 | 116.9153 |
| 4 | 153.1466 | 154.2828 | 151.9047 | 157.7095 | 152.3807 | 151.974 | 152.6891 |
| 4a | 69.5784 | 68.8268 | 65.4008 | 66.6129 | 64.7392 | 67.7289 | 67.4782 |
| 4b | 49.405 | 49.2185 | 48.7247 | 49.3867 | 49.1548 | 48.7507 | 48.6831 |
| 5 | 59.8227 | 60.0005 | 59.7493 | 59.2373 | 60.5246 | 59.6165 | 60.1879 |
| 6 | 58.5256 | 58.5199 | 58.0586 | 58.7455 | 58.4956 | 58.5133 | 58.3951 |
| 7 | 56.2813 | 55.9968 | 55.7327 | 56.1439 | 55.7451 | 56.4153 | 55.8429 |
| 8 | 67.8026 | 68.3478 | 67.736 | 68.6508 | 68.1495 | 67.66 | 68.5173 |
| 8 a | 42.05 | 41.278 | 40.7513 | 40.38 | 40.9227 | 41.3914 | 41.3588 |
| 9a | 41.3211 | 42.2783 | 43.2326 | 45.7185 | 43.1065 | 42.3987 | 42.3536 |
| $1{ }^{\prime}$ | 34.8139 | 34.4731 | 36.8291 | 35.783 | 36.8442 | 38.0048 | 38.8832 |
| 2' | 35.4298 | 35.141 | 31.9276 | 33.2266 | 31.6184 | 33.2434 | 33.5821 |
| $3 '$ | 47.5548 | 47.5242 | 46.523 | 47.0119 | 46.4213 | 45.073 | 45.3006 |
| $4 '$ | 34.4679 | 34.2563 | 33.6288 | 33.7608 | 33.4503 | 32.8882 | 32.7891 |
| $5 '$ | 49.007 | 48.9461 | 49.2945 | 49.9355 | 49.3487 | 49.2919 | 49.261 |
| $6{ }^{\prime}$ | 44.8868 | 44.9824 | 46.1672 | 44.7402 | 46.3908 | 41.8092 | 42.1607 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -1.2859 | 0.6689 | -2.6908 | -3.3525 | 0.1707 | -2.761 | 0.0261 |
| 2'1 | 127.7413 | 127.823 | 127.844 | 128.7967 | 128.3385 | 128.0147 | 128.167 |
|  | 5a-08 | 5a-09 | 5a-10 | 5a-11 | 5a-12 | 5a-13 | 5a-14 |
| 1 | 125.8347 | 126.2946 | 116.1691 | 115.7368 | 126.4183 | 121.9585 | 121.2309 |
| 3 | 124.7949 | 124.4588 | 119.6681 | 119.6213 | 123.5796 | 122.9416 | 122.9609 |
| 4 | 157.4084 | 156.1761 | 153.5556 | 154.8891 | 155.7036 | 157.5584 | 157.6768 |
| 4a | 65.6188 | 65.078 | 67.0027 | 67.2964 | 64.6966 | 67.5412 | 67.4042 |
| 4b | 49.6801 | 49.3073 | 49.1604 | 48.6084 | 49.0644 | 49.0371 | 48.7703 |
| 5 | 59.9864 | 59.7294 | 59.8349 | 59.468 | 60.0928 | 60.3263 | 60.0828 |
| 6 | 58.8562 | 58.9164 | 58.4755 | 58.1453 | 58.9223 | 58.6435 | 58.7059 |
| 7 | 56.0503 | 56.0276 | 56.5384 | 56.2827 | 56.1133 | 55.9621 | 56.1509 |
| 8 | 67.7665 | 68.3405 | 67.8214 | 68.0891 | 68.0088 | 68.4069 | 68.1103 |
| 8a | 40.1874 | 40.3228 | 41.077 | 41.0876 | 40.4593 | 39.9047 | 39.806 |
| 9a | 43.7915 | 43.8511 | 42.2329 | 43.175 | 43.6012 | 45.6172 | 45.4898 |
| $1{ }^{\prime}$ | 33.9853 | 36.3873 | 37.6313 | 37.2255 | 35.7879 | 34.6811 | 34.6238 |
| $2 '$ | 33.2687 | 31.8534 | 31.744 | 31.07 | 31.5746 | 33.1009 | 33.0535 |
| $3 '$ | 46.915 | 46.9431 | 44.5002 | 44.569 | 46.6023 | 45.1292 | 45.4992 |
| $4 '$ | 34.3185 | 34.3229 | 33.0949 | 32.9191 | 34.5116 | 34.0089 | 33.692 |
| $5 '$ | 50.3916 | 50.6691 | 50.2733 | 50.1607 | 50.9479 | 49.3091 | 49.0341 |
| $6{ }^{\prime}$ | 46.3562 | 44.4465 | 43.2847 | 42.9983 | 45.9489 | 42.4235 | 41.9052 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | -4.0772 | -2.4 | -0.9625 | 0.4737 | -0.7391 | -3.8693 | -2.6819 |
| 2'' | 128.4821 | 128.5402 | 127.83 | 127.9628 | 128.7929 | 127.8722 | 128.2179 |

Table 5.25 5b Shielding tensors $m P W 1 P W 91 / 6-311+G(2 d, p) / / B 3 L Y P / 6-31 G(d) S C R F=\left(P C M, C H C l_{3}\right)$

|  | 5a-01 | 5a-02 | 5a-03 | 5a-04 | 5a-05 | 5a-06 | 5a-07 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 128.8008 | 128.631 | 130.0945 | 131.4085 | 129.5127 | 124.2144 | 123.2759 |
| 3 | 126.6067 | 126.2065 | 127.1493 | 130.9445 | 124.2869 | 126.5478 | 123.41 |
| 4 | 158.4903 | 159.6111 | 157.2159 | 162.8718 | 157.7357 | 157.3493 | 157.9574 |
| 4 a | 74.749 | 74.1966 | 70.6775 | 71.6895 | 70.0198 | 73.0284 | 72.8509 |
| 4b | 54.8682 | 54.6736 | 54.3068 | 54.9095 | 54.7157 | 54.2965 | 54.2521 |
| 5 | 63.7457 | 63.9174 | 63.769 | 63.3869 | 64.5419 | 63.7035 | 64.2581 |
| 6 | 63.0643 | 63.0679 | 62.4931 | 63.1564 | 62.9528 | 63.0558 | 62.9474 |
| 7 | 60.7119 | 60.4293 | 60.0323 | 60.4268 | 60.0813 | 60.7857 | 60.2752 |
| 8 | 71.8688 | 72.3443 | 71.8949 | 72.7729 | 72.3147 | 71.7859 | 72.5691 |
| 8 a | 47.4256 | 46.7802 | 46.2555 | 45.7969 | 46.3347 | 46.8406 | 46.7972 |
| 9a | 46.7937 | 47.6779 | 48.525 | 50.9224 | 48.3821 | 47.7027 | 47.711 |
| $1{ }^{\prime}$ | 40.6819 | 40.3588 | 42.6578 | 41.4363 | 42.66 | 43.9172 | 44.6316 |
| 2' | 41.3231 | 41.0947 | 37.7828 | 39.2194 | 37.4953 | 39.0714 | 39.3459 |
| 3' | 52.2075 | 52.2374 | 51.1903 | 51.6012 | 51.1011 | 49.7861 | 50.0359 |
| $4^{\prime}$ | 40.1882 | 40.0079 | 39.3795 | 39.6614 | 39.2647 | 38.6365 | 38.5294 |
| 51 | 53.5334 | 53.4693 | 53.8359 | 54.3839 | 53.8799 | 53.8365 | 53.7751 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 49.3746 | 49.4623 | 50.5383 | 49.2015 | 50.781 | 46.2711 | 46.5506 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 4.1243 | 6.117 | 2.8214 | 2.3522 | 5.6521 | 2.769 | 5.527 |
| 2'' | 132.3265 | 132.4534 | 132.5321 | 133.4658 | 132.952 | 132.6561 | 132.8171 |
|  | 5a-08 | 5a-09 | 5a-10 | 5a-11 | 5a-12 | 5a-13 | 5a-14 |
| 1 | 131.4335 | 131.8371 | 122.1166 | 121.7828 | 131.9493 | 127.7972 | 127.138 |
| 3 | 130.6591 | 130.3783 | 125.6938 | 125.5757 | 129.6685 | 128.8829 | 128.8637 |
| 4 | 162.5668 | 161.4826 | 158.9089 | 160.128 | 160.9532 | 162.6862 | 162.7855 |
| 4 a | 71.0357 | 70.3839 | 72.2884 | 72.616 | 70.0054 | 72.8536 | 72.7086 |
| 4b | 55.182 | 54.8015 | 54.6713 | 54.2045 | 54.6503 | 54.5511 | 54.2972 |
| 5 | 64.043 | 63.7982 | 63.9191 | 63.5748 | 64.0966 | 64.4012 | 64.1092 |
| 6 | 63.2909 | 63.3454 | 63.0337 | 62.6548 | 63.3751 | 63.0846 | 63.1562 |
| 7 | 60.388 | 60.354 | 60.9324 | 60.6467 | 60.4437 | 60.3299 | 60.5165 |
| 8 | 71.8918 | 72.4522 | 71.9329 | 72.2064 | 72.1089 | 72.6017 | 72.3065 |
| 8a | 45.6658 | 45.7925 | 46.4695 | 46.5098 | 45.9663 | 45.4627 | 45.4128 |
| 9a | 49.2525 | 49.3793 | 47.5378 | 48.5063 | 49.0854 | 50.6146 | 50.6326 |
| $1{ }^{\prime}$ | 39.7927 | 42.0795 | 43.4512 | 43.0267 | 41.4883 | 40.6651 | 40.5927 |
| 2' | 39.2503 | 37.8459 | 37.4574 | 36.8496 | 37.5878 | 38.8794 | 38.8597 |
| 3' | 51.5772 | 51.541 | 49.2051 | 49.3308 | 51.2872 | 49.8859 | 50.2765 |
| 4' | 40.1055 | 40.1325 | 38.8594 | 38.7059 | 40.2671 | 39.863 | 39.4926 |
| 5' | 54.8944 | 55.1234 | 54.7891 | 54.6583 | 55.4402 | 53.9269 | 53.6831 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 50.7203 | 48.9345 | 47.6447 | 47.4259 | 50.4072 | 46.937 | 46.443 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 1.6528 | 3.2853 | 4.4296 | 5.8893 | 4.9145 | 1.7209 | 2.934 |
| 2'' | 133.1355 | 133.232 | 132.4536 | 132.588 | 133.4543 | 132.554 | 132.8777 |



Table 5.26 Calculated Boltzmann weighted average ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR compared to experimentally obtained chemical shifts in compound 5b. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts were calculated by B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) (method M1) and mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF=(PCM, CHCl ${ }_{3}$ ) (methods M2, and M3).

| Carbon | ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Chemical shifts [ppm] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Exp. | M1 | M2 | M3 | $\Delta_{\text {M1-Exp }}$. | $\Delta_{\text {M2-Exp. }}$ | $\Delta_{\text {M3-Exp }}$. |
| 1 | 58.8 | 60.8 | 59.81 | 59.96 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| 3 | 57.0 | 59.0 | 57.70 | 57.74 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| 4 | 25.8 | 27.9 | 27.10 | 26.91 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| 4 a | 109.1 | 109.0 | 108.26 | 108.10 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -1.0 |
| 4b | 127.2 | 127.8 | 127.09 | 127.09 | 0.6 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 5 | 118.4 | 117.0 | 117.55 | 117.50 | -1.3 | -0.8 | -0.9 |
| 6 | 119.8 | 118.3 | 118.60 | 118.61 | -1.5 | -1.2 | -1.2 |
| 7 | 122.1 | 120.0 | 120.43 | 120.42 | -2.1 | -1.7 | -1.7 |
| 8 | 111.1 | 108.9 | 109.47 | 109.41 | -2.1 | -1.6 | -1.7 |
| 8 a | 136.3 | 135.3 | 134.63 | 134.69 | -1.0 | -1.6 | -1.6 |
| 9 a | 134.8 | 135.9 | 135.48 | 135.57 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| $1^{\prime}$ | 140.8 | 143.2 | 142.16 | 142.25 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 2' | 128.8 | 128.7 | 128.65 | 128.41 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| 3' | 129.1 | 127.4 | 127.63 | 127.61 | -1.8 | -1.5 | -1.5 |
| $4^{\prime}$ | 128.8 | 127.7 | 128.05 | 128.04 | -1.1 | -0.7 | -0.7 |
| $5 '$ | 129.1 | 128.2 | 128.58 | 128.60 | -0.9 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| $6^{\prime}$ | 128.8 | 127.8 | 128.28 | 128.34 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| $1{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 173.3 | 175.9 | 175.26 | 175.13 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| 2" | 52.4 | 51.5 | 51.58 | 51.59 | -0.9 | -0.8 | -0.8 |
| MAD |  |  |  |  | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| RMSD |  |  |  |  | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 |

Methods used to calculate Boltzmann distribution:
M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M2 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M3 - M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).

Table 5.27 5b Shielding tensors B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) SCRF $=\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$

|  | $\mathbf{5 b}-01$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-02$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-03$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-04$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-05$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-06$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-07$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-08$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 119.7767 | 116.7167 | 117.2034 | 118.7587 | 120.9346 | 121.3299 | 122.8195 | 123.6806 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 120.8299 | 119.6897 | 120.1121 | 117.4989 | 124.9719 | 124.0013 | 123.9525 | 122.6274 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 151.5696 | 154.201 | 153.2238 | 152.3809 | 157.8562 | 157.8366 | 156.4641 | 155.7107 |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | 66.6307 | 69.4623 | 69.3968 | 66.3085 | 66.5976 | 66.5505 | 66.3663 | 67.4106 |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | 48.4866 | 47.7594 | 48.5007 | 48.4502 | 48.7576 | 49.3057 | 48.4298 | 48.2199 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 59.0301 | 58.6664 | 60.6549 | 60.0507 | 59.2215 | 59.5067 | 59.1388 | 59.3529 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 58.5358 | 58.7008 | 57.9704 | 58.191 | 58.9695 | 58.9859 | 59.0201 | 59.0033 |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | 56.4706 | 56.886 | 56.4583 | 56.2697 | 56.4208 | 56.4097 | 56.3884 | 56.4632 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 67.6033 | 68.2479 | 68.6529 | 67.8316 | 68.0768 | 68.264 | 67.637 | 67.8087 |
| $\mathbf{8 a}$ | 41.3169 | 40.6981 | 39.8707 | 40.6168 | 40.204 | 40.0269 | 40.9205 | 41.5086 |
| $\mathbf{9 a}$ | 41.1077 | 39.3535 | 38.7588 | 41.3257 | 44.3214 | 43.7245 | 44.6593 | 43.5052 |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 32.9148 | 32.0619 | 31.8827 | 32.4868 | 30.4629 | 30.0536 | 32.3461 | 33.0061 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 45.6805 | 49.0096 | 49.3291 | 45.2079 | 48.1062 | 47.8496 | 45.151 | 44.9841 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 48.7018 | 49.0245 | 49.3329 | 47.2503 | 47.7609 | 48.3507 | 48.6917 | 49.0691 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 48.5437 | 48.6599 | 48.4589 | 48.8474 | 49.2601 | 49.2213 | 50.0174 | 50.2085 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 48.2249 | 48.0041 | 47.6984 | 48.4579 | 48.5038 | 48.9875 | 49.9351 | 50.2461 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 48.988 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 48.96 | 47.9456 | 47.6448 | 50.8589 | 48.3642 | 48.9686 | 48.0688 | 49.8045 |
| $\mathbf{1}^{\prime \prime}$ | -2.9426 | 0.1264 | -1.5574 | -0.0947 | -3.4803 | -3.8975 | -1.4941 | 0.1212 |
| $\mathbf{2}^{\prime \prime}$ | 128.1357 | 127.9082 | 127.8355 | 128.3818 | 129.0169 | 128.5566 | 128.9634 | 129.1278 |

Table 5.28 5b Shielding tensors mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d) SCRF $=\left(\mathrm{PCM}, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$

|  | $\mathbf{5 b}-01$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-02$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-03$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-04$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-05$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-06$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-07$ | $\mathbf{5 b}-08$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 125.6949 | 122.7393 | 123.1648 | 124.6905 | 126.9518 | 127.2819 | 128.6799 | 129.4753 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 127.0067 | 125.7269 | 126.1043 | 123.9514 | 130.8401 | 129.9767 | 129.9018 | 128.8085 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 157.002 | 159.5501 | 158.546 | 157.7749 | 162.9761 | 162.9768 | 161.6953 | 160.993 |
| $\mathbf{4 a}$ | 71.8495 | 74.758 | 74.6291 | 71.5913 | 71.8769 | 71.8119 | 71.5675 | 72.6384 |
| $\mathbf{4 b}$ | 53.9287 | 53.3765 | 54.0635 | 54.0342 | 54.3464 | 54.8247 | 54.0077 | 53.825 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 63.0851 | 62.8529 | 64.6558 | 64.0441 | 63.2725 | 63.7023 | 63.2178 | 63.3829 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 63.07 | 63.1802 | 62.4827 | 62.6236 | 63.4665 | 63.4372 | 63.4623 | 63.4426 |
| $\mathbf{7}$ | 60.8418 | 61.2229 | 60.8362 | 60.576 | 60.8067 | 60.7146 | 60.7504 | 60.812 |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 71.7287 | 72.31 | 72.7105 | 71.9979 | 72.1076 | 72.4378 | 71.7854 | 71.9533 |
| $\mathbf{8 a}$ | 46.7232 | 46.1947 | 45.5798 | 46.2294 | 45.6892 | 45.5327 | 46.3896 | 47.0443 |
| $\mathbf{9 a}$ | 46.4416 | 44.8257 | 44.2283 | 46.6691 | 49.4593 | 48.7885 | 49.7149 | 48.7025 |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | 38.9117 | 37.9654 | 37.8286 | 38.2353 | 36.3509 | 36.027 | 38.1549 | 38.7511 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 50.1433 | 53.4788 | 53.8095 | 49.6321 | 52.6461 | 52.374 | 49.8421 | 49.7377 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 53.0525 | 53.4715 | 53.7511 | 51.735 | 52.3231 | 52.8444 | 53.1414 | 53.5085 |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | 52.9031 | 53.0358 | 52.8756 | 53.206 | 53.6335 | 53.611 | 54.3714 | 54.5791 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | 52.6639 | 52.3986 | 52.1223 | 52.8558 | 52.9005 | 53.3711 | 54.3068 | 54.6726 |
| $\mathbf{6}$ | 53.2957 | 52.3842 | 52.0542 | 55.1676 | 52.9327 | 53.4384 | 52.6183 | 54.2846 |
| $\mathbf{1}^{\prime \prime}$ | 2.5772 | 5.5764 | 3.8428 | 5.4047 | 2.1842 | 1.7096 | 4.0984 | 5.7235 |
| $\mathbf{2}^{\prime \prime}$ | 132.7801 | 132.5492 | 132.4624 | 133.0071 | 133.6777 | 133.1967 | 133.6496 | 133.829 |

Table 5.29 Predicted ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts in C-1 and C-3 for conformers of compound 4a, grouped according to conformer ensembles $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$.

|  |  | Ensemble B |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Weighted average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4a-5 | 4a-6 | 4a-8 | 4a-9 | 4a-13 | 4a-14 | 4a-15 | 4a-16 |  |
|  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 37.9 | 10.9 | 29.4 | 8.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] | 52.4 | 54.6 | 54.3 | 53.0 | 57.3 | 59.9 | 60.3 | 57.7 | 53.4 |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3$ [ppm] | 52.8 | 52.5 | 52.4 | 55.7 | 55.3 | 54.8 | 55.9 | 58.2 | 52.9 |
|  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 31.5 | 11.0 | 37.1 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] | 51.5 | 53.8 | 53.5 | 52.2 | 56.3 | 58.7 | 59.1 | 56.7 | 52.7 |
|  | ¢ C3 [ppm] | 51.6 | 51.6 | 51.5 | 54.3 | 54.2 | 53.8 | 54.9 | 56.8 | 51.8 |
| m <br>  <br>  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 17.6 | 13.7 | 37.7 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] | 51.5 | 53.8 | 53.5 | 52.2 | 56.3 | 58.7 | 59.1 | 56.7 | 53.0 |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3$ [ppm] | 51.6 | 51.6 | 51.5 | 54.3 | 54.2 | 53.8 | 54.9 | 56.8 | 51.7 |
|  |  | Ensemble C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Weighted |
|  |  | 4a-1 | 4a-2 | 4a-3 | 4a-4 | 4a-7 | 4a-10 | 4a-11 | 4a-12 | average |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { I } \\ & \text { an } \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 7.2 | 4.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] | 52.1 | 53.1 | 58.2 | 57.7 | 53.2 | 58.8 | 59.4 | 53.1 | 53.1 |
|  | ¢ C3 [ppm] | 58.3 | 58.8 | 58.0 | 57.3 | 57.3 | 59.1 | 58.7 | 58.8 | 58.4 |
|  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 7.6 | 4.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | 51.4 | 52.4 | 57.2 | 56.6 | 52.4 | 57.7 | 58.3 | 52.3 | 52.4 |
|  | ¢ C3 [ppm] | 57.1 | 57.7 | 56.9 | 56.1 | 56.1 | 57.8 | 57.6 | 57.6 | 57.2 |
|  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 14.8 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | 51.4 | 52.4 | 57.2 | 56.6 | 52.4 | 57.7 | 58.3 | 52.3 | 52.6 |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3$ [ppm] | 57.1 | 57.7 | 56.9 | 56.1 | 56.1 | 57.8 | 57.6 | 57.6 | 57.2 |

[^2]Table 5.30 Predicted ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts in C-1 and C-3 for calculated conformers of compound $\mathbf{4 b}$, grouped according to conformer ensemble $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$.

|  |  | Ensemble B |  |  |  | Weighted average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4b-4 | 4b-5 | 4b-6 | 4b-8 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { च } \\ & \text { D } \\ & \text { IN } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Boltzmann } \\ \text { distribution [\%] } \end{gathered}$ | 5.6\% | 23.9\% | 27.0\% | 6.6\% | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] | 59.5 | 59.0 | 56.5 | 57.1 | 57.8 |
|  | ¢ C3 [ppm] | 52.7 | 52.1 | 52.8 | 55.6 | 52.8 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Boltzmann } \\ \text { distribution [\%] } \end{gathered}$ | 4.7\% | 26.6\% | 24.8\% | 5.8\% | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] | 58.4 | 57.9 | 55.5 | 56.0 | 56.8 |
|  | ¢ C3 [ppm] | 51.9 | 51.3 | 51.7 | 54.2 | 51.8 |
|  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 4.3\% | 21.7\% | 19.8\% | 5.6\% | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1$ [ppm] | 58.4 | 57.9 | 55.5 | 56.0 | 56.8 |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3$ [ppm] | 51.9 | 51.3 | 51.7 | 54.2 | 51.8 |
|  |  | Ensemble C |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4b-1 | 4b-2 | 4b-3 | 4b-7 | Weighted average |
|  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 26.4\% | 8.9\% | 1.2\% | 0.5\% | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | 56.9 | 57.7 | 56.6 | 56.7 | 57.1 |
|  | § C3 [ppm] | 58.0 | 58.8 | 57.3 | 58.7 | 58.2 |
|  | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 27.5\% | 8.9\% | 1.1\% | 0.6\% | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | 56.0 | 56.7 | 55.6 | 55.8 | 56.1 |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3$ [ppm] | 56.8 | 57.7 | 56.1 | 57.6 | 57.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { m } \\ & =0 \\ & \text { E } \\ & \text { E } \end{aligned}$ | Boltzmann distribution [\%] | 36.2\% | 10.2\% | 1.6\% | 0.6\% | - |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 1[\mathrm{ppm}]$ | 56.0 | 56.7 | 55.6 | 55.8 | 56.1 |
|  | $\delta \mathrm{C} 3$ [ppm] | 56.8 | 57.7 | 56.1 | 57.6 | 57.0 |

Methods used for calculation of conformer energies:
M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M2 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M3 - M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).
Methods used for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shift calculation:
M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
M2 and M3 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).

### 5.1.4 B3LYP/6-31G(d) Cartesian coordinates for all conformers of 4a, 4b, 5a, and 5b

4a-01


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C -0.451820001 .094473000 .91818900
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C $1.208825003 .11306400 \quad 0.70643100$
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C $1.463150004 .38238700 \quad 1.21205200$
C 0.629339004 .955005002 .19366000
C -0.475391004 .270672002 .68983000
C -0.72813900 2.994308002 .17932800
N -1.73409100 2.094846002 .47762600
H -2.44514600 2.218099003 .18275400
C -1.558130000 .954222001 .71629500
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H 2.02955400-1.91764200 3.57847500

H 3.27071100-2.36515300 2.36132700
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$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { C } & 0.70376500 & 1.32493500 & 0.34517900\end{array}$
H $0.63458600 \quad 1.99169500-0.52578400$
C $-0.05901700 \quad 2.06723800 \quad 1.46213000$
O -1.26370200 $2.08839800 \quad 1.57990100$
O $\quad 0.77905700 \quad 2.76566500 \quad 2.26429100$
C $\quad 0.138049003 .54290000 \quad 3.29228900$
H $-0.533135004 .28263300 \quad 2.84842800$

H $\quad 0.946166004 .032196003 .83645000$
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4a-03


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O -1.29529700-2.13544900-1.40388300
C -1.98950800-2.86011900-2.43533400
H -1.83040800 -2.38587000 -3.40704700

H -3.04331400-2.82422400 -2.15851100
H -1.63673400-3.89374500-2.48035100
H 2.59368400-1.98697400 -0.76313300
H 2.30340500 - 0.73747400-2.69544900
C $3.956678000 .13890900-1.71429000$
C $4.596944000 .87185500-0.69871100$
C $5.966053001 .13946500-0.74113500$
C 6.71980900 0.66917700-1.81415200
C 6.12837900-0.06030300-2.84080900
C 4.75933600-0.31220400-2.77149200
H 4.29060200-0.88840800-3.56552600
H 6.72229400 - 0.42567200-3.67118400
Cl 8.44202400 1.00841700-1.86298900
H $6.43256300 \quad 1.707812000 .05449500$
Cl 3.718996001 .509371000 .67791800
H $0.987325004 .65075900-3.57282100$
H -1.07239500 5.81053700-2.80481400
H -2.55820200 $4.77503700-1.11765800$
H -1.08235000 -0.16058000 0.00334000
H $0.29069500 \quad 0.26944200 \quad 1.02423000$

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C $0.471267001 .09197600-0.91349000$
C - $0.120239002 .36185500-1.24538300$
C - $1.297276003 .02849000-0.86501800$
H -1.98958900 $2.56814000-0.16439900$
C - $-1.563721004 .28591500-1.39414500$
C - $-0.674630004 .89722400-2.30059700$
C $0.497689004 .26224500-2.69854800$
C $0.76094200 \quad 2.99720500-2.16682900$
N $1.823765002 .13840200-2.38049100$
H $2.642097002 .34495400-2.93244800$
C $1.652137001 .00530500-1.60532200$
C $2.55147500-0.20451500-1.62813300$
N 2.19439600-1.16144700-0.55480600
C $0.75170300-1.32378500-0.33331900$
H $\quad 0.64168000-2.002900000 .52072700$
C $0.10854500-2.04611000-1.51910400$
O 0.62523100-2.28733700-2.58806800
O -1.15886000 -2.40295900-1.21273500
C - $1.87948800-3.08012600-2.25608100$
H -1.96020400 -2.44398500 -3.14138100

H -2.86621000 -3.28837800 -1.84166300
H -1.37323600 -4.00932600 -2.53046600
H $2.59745600-0.83277500 \quad 0.32044900$
H 2.36651400 - 0.73586000-2.56821400
C $4.044390000 .10746800-1.60692600$
C $4.704578000 .85010400-0.61390100$
C $6.075483001 .10409000-0.66108100$
C 6.81730300 0.60421500-1.72822200
C 6.21011500-0.14300400-2.73399200
C 4.83967800-0.37856200-2.65559600
H 4.36168600 - $0.96885000-3.43247200$
H 6.79600800 -0.53441500-3.55816600
Cl 8.54141200 0.92437300-1.79557200
H 6.551255001 .680403000 .12318400
Cl 3.835314001 .503497000 .77367400
H 1.18207400 4.73421800 -3.39905800
H -0.90832900 5.88145900-2.69727300
H -2.47097400 $4.80949700-1.10490900$
H -1.08169200 -0.15807800-0.07619000
H $0.200029000 .25310800 \quad 1.05211300$

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C - $0.04335600-1.455559000 .35765400$
C - $1.07136500-2.443016000 .14938800$
C -2.34503600 -2.42386200 -0.44326300
H -2.74288700 -1.50429600 -0.86503200
C -3.08915600-3.59687300-0.48266300
C -2.58622400-4.79567200 0.06169800
C - $1.32997900-4.846621000 .65693600$
C - $0.58413600-3.664934000 .69465300$
N 0.67341800-3.41362200 1.21262500
H 1.28103100-4.09918800 1.63433200
C 0.99069100-2.08058800 1.00621200
C 2.27201800-1.41961000 1.43375400
$\begin{array}{lllll}\mathrm{N} & 2.19792800 & 0.04314300 & 1.27267200\end{array}$
C 1.472599000 .502118000 .08827700
H 2.01152500 0.15889400-0.80086600
C 1.475440002 .022830000 .10920900
O $1.389999002 .69035400 \quad 1.11786300$
O 1.51872000 2.53665300-1.13527600
C 1.44951000 3.97214700-1.21241600
H 0.52068400 4.33594400-0.76532300

H 1.48408800 4.20903300-2.27593900
H 2.29677700 4.42269700-0.68933500
H 1.794467000 .480474002 .09791800
H 2.42791100-1.59575300 2.50465600
C $3.50835300-1.961275000 .70572300$
C $4.79249800-1.868047001 .26517000$
C 5.92880000-2.32541200 0.60001500
C 5.78288100-2.88740300-0.66659400
C 4.53013500-2.99845100-1.26280200
C 3.41289900-2.53806500-0.56714900
H 2.43205800-2.62962700-1.02408500
H 4.42867700-3.43794000-2.24899000
Cl 7.20826800-3.46709100-1.51318000
H 6.90544300-2.24318400 1.06155100
Cl 5.03089900-1.16678600 2.86223100
H $-0.94448000-5.77204200 \quad 1.07717400$
H -3.19046300-5.69756100 0.01644000
H -4.07528600 -3.59319500 -0.93884800
H $-0.62702700 \quad 0.591352000 .68412600$
H -0.38560200 0.17907700-1.01208600

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C -0.32952400-1.37562200 0.50096800
C - $1.52098700-2.172434000 .35859200$
C -2.75667300-1.98345300-0.28303100
H -2.96425400 -1.05943300-0.81650400
C -3.70927400-2.99347800 -0.22459000
C -3.45388700-4.19552800 0.46576800
C -2.24112700 -4.41301000 1.11138000
C - $1.28520400-3.394977001 .05034700$
N -0.01132300-3.32870900 1.58472000
H $0.43403000-4.050251002 .13038700$
C 0.55186600-2.10744800 1.25319900
C 1.92582800-1.66491900 1.65625000
N 1.99845900-0.20859100 1.41941800
C 1.520778000 .210836000 .09603800
H 2.00324400-0.36401300-0.72069500
C $1.89154600 \quad 1.66661400-0.16521600$
O 1.18521700 2.47434800-0.72502300
O $3.14585100 \quad 1.93933700 \quad 0.26067100$
C 3.600040003 .284383000 .02852300
H 3.59990200 3.50706800-1.04150800
$\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{H} & 4.61253600 & 3.32456800 & 0.43057700\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{H} & 2.95198700 & 3.99914800 & 0.54187300\end{array}$
H 2.948849000 .119931001 .56661300
H 2.04847800-1.80336400 2.73754900
C 3.04578000-2.45828500 0.96015100
C 4.34278700-2.52719000 1.49348200
C 5.38276500-3.20290200 0.85828100
C 5.12539000-3.82836800-0.35991700
C 3.85738200-3.78550700-0.93342300
C 2.83849000-3.10720600-0.26637400
H 1.84470300-3.08626500-0.70290200
H 3.66797800-4.27767700-1.88108800
Cl 6.42490900-4.68381300-1.17232000
H 6.36960100-3.23852600 1.30389600
Cl 4.72495900-1.73318100 3.02499800
H -2.04644400-5.34048900 1.64394600
H -4.21807400-4.96738700 0.49504600
H -4.66825600 -2.85718300 -0.71692000
H $-0.50760500 \quad 0.771025000 .59374000$
Н -0.32162900 0.14387700-1.03760600

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C -0.335362001 .062883001 .00470300
C $0.39404700 \quad 2.23781200 \quad 1.40741300$
C $1.60388900 \quad 2.82898300 \quad 1.00645400$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { H } & 2.20341500 & 2.37816000 & 0.21949200\end{array}$
C $2.023072003 .99927800 \quad 1.62823100$
C 1.254904004 .596641002 .64765200
C $\quad 0.05376500 \quad 4.03483700 \quad 3.06833900$
C $-0.36248700 \quad 2.85574200 \quad 2.44381100$
N -1.48826300 2.080227002 .65097300
H -2.23155900 2.285767003 .30083000
C -1.472504001 .010621001 .77164900
C -2.48861100-0.10087000 1.74829000
N -2.22570200-1.04008900 0.62867500
C -0.81143200-1.28815700 0.32699600
H -0.78812100-1.94339300-0.55191400
C -0.15466300-2.08100500 1.45827400
O -0.62263400-2.30147300 2.55250600
O 1.06334600-2.52110100 1.06786700
C 1.79519600-3.26559500 2.05631800
H 1.98004100-2.64972100 2.94037600

H 2.73491100-3.54181800 1.57734200
H 1.23791600-4.15747300 2.35438200
H -2.65840600 -0.66264000 - 0.21274200
H -2.38754100 -0.68173200 2.67012600
C $-3.92719300 \quad 0.38856800 \quad 1.63665100$
C -5.00489400-0.27732000 2.24171300
C -6.321554000 .161525002 .09200000
C $-6.572303001 .28664800 \quad 1.31110300$
C $-5.534623001 .97407500 \quad 0.68553500$
C -4.230905001 .515588000 .85870300
H -3.41370000 $2.05063200 \quad 0.38237600$
H -5.74211600 2.849253000 .07983300
$\mathrm{Cl}-8.22642100 \quad 1.84342900 \quad 1.11982800$
H -7.13272700-0.36943900 2.57528200
Cl -4.74805100-1.70646600 3.22959600
H $-0.53619700 \quad 4.495181003 .85682900$
H $\quad 1.607160005 .511827003 .11559700$
H $2.95715800 \quad 4.46440400 \quad 1.32514400$
H 1.07244200-0.22525100-0.00676400
H -0.25275500 0.31754300-1.02293500

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C - $0.12280200-1.455046000 .35237600$
C -1.19293300-2.39262500 0.12853400
C - $2.45719200-2.31250100-0.47944600$
H -2.80579800 - $1.37431600-0.90372200$
C $-3.25607300-3.44845800-0.52951100$
C -2.81771700-4.67093100 0.01823700
C $-1.57193800-4.783032000 .62685700$
C $-0.77117900-3.638423000 .67543300$
N $0.49254200-3.450554001 .20490200$
H $\quad 1.04783000-4.157434001 .66190300$
C $0.87092700-2.132882001 .01094500$
C 2.17767500-1.54432500 1.45587200
N $2.03129900-0.083370001 .36873400$
C 1.487734000 .395967000 .10198100
H $2.00782700-0.03706400-0.77726800$
C 1.743871001 .894623000 .01463200
O 2.581117002 .485303000 .66331500
O $0.964484002 .48106600-0.91423700$
C 1.18590500 3.88987500-1.10484600
H $0.992092004 .43573500-0.17807000$

H $\quad 0.48506500$ 4.19197200-1.88329600
H 2.21615900 4.07595100-1.41917400
$\begin{array}{lllll}\mathrm{H} & 2.89847800 & 0.40006800 & 1.58817500\end{array}$
H 2.33485800-1.77542700 2.51672100
C 3.38722400-2.09824300 0.68056500
C 4.68884400-2.03487100 1.20317600
C 5.80330200-2.49014100 0.50118500
C 5.61763000-3.02184400-0.77322100
C 4.34765500-3.10225800-1.33813800
C 3.25408100-2.64454100-0.60460600
H 2.26060900-2.72113500-1.03559300
H 4.21485700-3.51962500-2.33029100
Cl 7.01188800-3.60046600-1.66923400
H 6.79225800-2.42904800 0.93931600
Cl $4.97821700-1.353076002 .80584300$
H -1.23569700 -5.72660900 1.04910500
H -3.46418900-5.54259100 -0.03526400
H -4.23565100 -3.39685100 -0.99687000
H -0.590626000 .621523000 .68691000
H -0.36702100 0.20396200-1.01181600

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C -0.06468400-1.38434000 0.57536000
C - $1.09863400-2.384864000 .50159200$
C - $2.36384200-2.44638700-0.10644200$
H -2.74629900-1.59903200 -0.66977800
C -3.11907500-3.60577800 0.02205700
C -2.63570400-4.71186500 0.74970300
С -1.38794700-4.68181000 1.36373700
C -0.63109400-3.51390900 1.23266500
N 0.62120700-3.19686500 1.72674600
H 1.21542300-3.81565500 2.25686300
C 0.95419400-1.91250600 1.32695400
C 2.22939600-1.19890300 1.68237100
$\begin{array}{lllll}\mathrm{N} & 2.14893300 & 0.23372200 & 1.32930100\end{array}$
C $\quad 1.472603000 .499339000 .05337600$
H 2.03989700 -0.00176500-0.73666700
C $1.52904700 \quad 1.98549200-0.27105900$
O 1.75616600 $2.44800200-1.36605400$
O $1.22906000 \quad 2.73599400 \quad 0.81366800$
C 1.232746004 .158308000 .60200000
H 2.220724004 .492172000 .27507900
$\begin{array}{lllll}\mathrm{H} & 0.97813300 & 4.59873300 & 1.56631100\end{array}$
H 0.49449100 4.43411900-0.15547300
H 1.669453000 .740434002 .06999100
H 2.36652300-1.22920400 2.77007800
C 3.48010500-1.82307200 1.05574100
C 4.75552400-1.62724300 1.60905600
C 5.90614900-2.16316500 1.03372900
C 5.78403600-2.91378500-0.13393400
C 4.54060600-3.13360900-0.71923000
C 3.40840100-2.58916900-0.11443300
H 2.43467900-2.76465400-0.56186600
H 4.45754500-3.71938300-1.62799800
Cl 7.22755100-3.59396600-0.86641000
H 6.87559100-1.99704400 1.48776300
Cl 4.96313400-0.69208500 3.08634500
H -1.01724900 -5.53570500 1.92505600
H -3.24824800 -5.60538300 0.83304100
H -4.09861400-3.66379900 -0.44449100
H -0.643660000 .692417000 .56258500
H -0.35265100 0.02098800-1.03946800

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C $\quad 0.00000000 \quad 0.000000000 .00000000$
C -0.38188100-1.04655600-1.00443300
C 0.30335500-2.24023800-1.42786900
C 1.52143300-2.84864900-1.08104800
H 2.17049300-2.39584500 -0.33588300
C 1.88467900-4.03694000-1.70365000
C 1.05307900-4.63512100-2.67148800
C -0.15654400-4.05494700-3.03999900
C - $0.51681100-2.85848600-2.41431100$
N - $1.63347900-2.05929700-2.58366900$
H -2.43903200-2.29254600 -3.14380700
C - $1.55478000-0.98648700-1.71156300$
C -2.54312500 0.15038300-1.65012500
N -2.26316200 1.04836400-0.50861700
C $-0.836168001 .28446800-0.24698600$
H -0.797040001 .900067000 .66195600
C -0.15252300 2.15411700-1.31100400
O 1.04501700 2.34233300-1.33753600
O -1.00935600 2.72652900-2.18010800
C -0.39729500 3.59123300-3.15322600
H 0.11523500 4.42027800-2.65863200

H -1.21676500 3.96030800-3.77061700
H 0.32584500 3.03814600 -3.75823100
H -2.65919400 0.636433000 .33360200
H -2.40798000 $0.76071700-2.55248800$
C - $4.00797200-0.27917800-1.66411200$
C - $4.60942400-1.13751500-0.72821000$
C -5.95516800-1.49701000-0.80532100
C -6.73151100-0.98941400-1.84388100
C -6.18275600-0.13097600-2.79277000
C $-4.83635700-0.20861900-2.68571800$
Н -4.40594800 0.88539300-3.41878400
H -6.79495600 $0.26532700-3.59519000$
$\mathrm{Cl}-8.42310600-1.44230900-1.94825000$
H -6.38542000-2.16079600 -0.06514600
Cl -3.69704500-1.81057100 0.62065200
H -0.79544500-4.51586800 -3.78918000
H 1.36237100-5.56503000-3.14089400
H 2.82451100-4.51541600-1.44186400
H $1.06406500 \quad 0.25162400-0.05756200$
H $-0.18737300-0.35195600 \quad 1.02534900$

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C $\quad 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000$
C -0.34708400-1.03665300-1.02546200
C 0.34079000-2.23237400-1.43752100
C 1.54588000-2.85061000-1.06416500
H 2.18000500-2.40538300-0.30180400
C 1.91505900-4.03954000-1.68199300
C 1.10238200-4.62832100-2.67140800
C -0.09367600-4.03797500-3.06693300
C -0.46046500-2.84156400-2.44517000
N -1.56719500 -2.03411000-2.63932800
H -2.36739700 -2.26539100 -3.20796000
C - $1.49883900-0.96644800-1.76159200$
C -2.49927000 0.15185200-1.71495300
N -2.22158400 $0.96948400-0.52206400$
C - 0.81221500 1.28170700-0.27146200
H -0.79281200 1.90008400 0.63700300
C -0.11133900 $2.14743500-1.33999200$
O 1.08740900 2.26185500-1.46410600
O -1.00283300 $2.84035900-2.09076000$
C - 0.42206400 3.73488100-3.05679900
H $\quad 0.20135000$ 4.48211400-2.55912100

H -1.26422100 4.21026200 -3.56061800
H 0.19207400 3.17969100 -3.77024600
H -2.75442900 $1.83194200-0.59577500$
H -2.37582800 0.74439200-2.64028500
C -3.95900400 -0.29974300-1.71395600
C - $4.54460900-1.13592100-0.74579100$
C -5.89290000 -1.49180000-0.80619600
C -6.68082700-1.00866800-1.84850000
C -6.14321100-0.17968500-2.82819500
C $-4.794145000 .15924600-2.74201200$
H -4.36841300 $0.81210600-3.50029700$
H -6.76297100 $0.19423600-3.63555800$
$\mathrm{Cl}-8.37600800-1.45917400-1.91922700$
H -6.31706100-2.13839200 -0.04744600
Cl -3.62181900-1.79711400 0.58868200
H -0.71804700 -4.49178100 -3.83248500
H $\quad 1.41567100-5.55924600-3.13610900$
H 2.84465100-4.52604000-1.39930300
H $1.065186000 .25023200-0.02153900$
H -0.23457500 -0.35564600 1.01192400

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C $0.25034900-1.014127001 .07773200$
C - $0.56840400-2.100159001 .55289500$
C -1.81929600 -2.62064300 1.18132500
H -2.38044300 -2.17474400 0.36416300
C -2.32884000-3.71245500 1.87385400
C -1.61198700-4.29928100 2.93603000
C - $-0.37319700-3.804351003 .33057700$
C $\quad 0.13421700-2.703794002 .63410500$
N $1.31422700-2.002238002 .80269600$
H $\quad 2.04784800-2.237413003 .45348500$
C $1.38462800-0.998001001 .85016000$
C 2.488078000 .022878001 .75367000
N 2.307724000 .891735000 .56648800
C $0.91730200 \quad 1.229040000 .23535100$
H $0.96223400 \quad 1.81174200-0.69463400$
C 0.259505002 .181592001 .24292100
O -0.920553002 .459992001 .20966500
O 1.121801002 .707962002 .13110600
C 0.545436003 .641772003 .06129300
H 0.120375004 .496736002 .52926700

H 1.368682003 .957485003 .70225200
H -0.241904003 .161767003 .64823100
H 2.71190100 0.41905400-0.24019200
H 2.440183000 .676622002 .63151000
C $3.88245800-0.590159001 .69867300$
C 5.004501000 .011098002 .28941200
C $6.28002900-0.547220002 .19151700$
C $6.44366500-1.731381001 .47766500$
C 5.35943200-2.35939900 0.86826000
C 4.09852800-1.78079300 0.98912000
H 3.24476600-2.26800500 0.52574300
H 5.49872400-3.28175300 0.31534700
Cl $8.04445100-2.440021001 .35277300$
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Cl 4.861102001 .510268003 .19720100
H $0.17646000-4.255576004 .15276300$
H -2.03513100-5.15252200 3.45909300
H -3.29549500-4.12274400 1.59484200
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H 0.20927200-0.41422000 -0.99755800

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C $0.72080900-1.311434000 .02461100$
C 0.28433900-2.65394000 -0.25552700
C -0.94191300-3.23376300-0.62233700
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С - $1.00439200-4.60597100-0.83242700$
C 0.13797400-5.41795100-0.68281100
C 1.36555500-4.87488400-0.31800600
C 1.42477000-3.49480200-0.10537400
N 2.48729100-2.69075100 0.26568500
H $3.44808300-2.986999000 .34625600$
C 2.05604100-1.37740100 0.32150100
C 2.90258000-0.21747800 0.76024800
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C $1.03923300 \quad 1.10111700-0.36807600$
H 1.25658800 0.99233500-1.43555700
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O $0.642051003 .19250900 \quad 0.80211500$
O -0.45500900 $2.77386600-1.12851600$
C - $1.146527004 .02666500-0.97844800$
H -1.73048000 $4.03440800-0.05433000$

H -1.80034900 4.10388200-1.84726700
H -0.43403400 $4.85511700-0.95707400$
H $2.20340600 \quad 1.68159500 \quad 1.19502200$
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C $4.37005400-0.316792000 .31456900$
C 4.81411600-0.26779700-1.01649100
C 6.16598200-0.35340600-1.34897600
C 7.10685400-0.49597600-0.33122100
C $6.71475600-0.55512000 \quad 1.00236600$
C $5.35577000-0.464287001 .29966300$
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H 7.45262600-0.66363100 1.78951100
Cl 8.80874800-0.60337000-0.74851800
H 6.47580300-0.31042500-2.38629000
Cl 3.68672300-0.10580100-2.35302100
H 2.24557700 -5.50247000 -0.20242900
H 0.05918500-6.48795400-0.85455300
H -1.94801200 -5.06381400-1.11651000
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H -0.80718500 0.00514000 -0.74183000

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C -0.29369800-1.46005500-0.18651500
C 0.50835500-2.62571800 0.07754800
C 1.81083600-2.83186200 0.56274000
H 2.44334500-1.98559200 0.81876000
C 2.27897800-4.13194400 0.71100300
C $1.46981800-5.238266000 .38287100$
C 0.17725200-5.06745800 -0.10241800
C - $0.28914100-3.75874100-0.25262700$
N -1.50490700 -3.28844300-0.71466700
H -2.30877900 -3.85928800 -0.92676500
C - $1.50312300-1.90563300-0.65052300$
C -2.62721100-1.03888900-1.13409800
N -2.19535800 0.35896100-1.03557100
C -1.346291000 .745789000 .08781300
H $-1.78849600 \quad 0.50814700 \quad 1.07231300$
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C - 0.032132004 .123941000 .87567700
H 0.10186600 4.55737100 -0.11866500

H 0.852863004 .289814001 .49027700
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H -2.96216600 1.01441100-1.14865500
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C - $4.37909600-1.583285000 .78155400$
C $-5.69990500-1.809891001 .17444800$
С -6.71016300-1.79287100 0.21705800
С -6.41638300-1.56018000-1.12322200
C -5.08861900-1.34650300-1.48257900
H -4.85640900 -1.16985100-2.53029200
H -7.20493000-1.55065600-1.86757000
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Cl -3.18561000-1.63525700 2.07511800
H -0.44503200 -5.92195600 -0.35612700
H $1.86199900-6.24359200 \quad 0.51018700$
H 3.28460100-4.30194500 1.08598500
H $0.588157000 .40261900-0.83632800$
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C 0.84599600-2.53886500 -0.02955800
C 2.16412600-2.59649400 0.45350200
H 2.68157900-1.68806800 0.75123300
C 2.79627100-3.83064500 0.54614600
C 2.13709600-5.01619600 0.16363200
C 0.83348800-4.99207200-0.32157600
C 0.20179500-3.74901500-0.41572900
N -1.06536500-3.41940200-0.86153600
H -1.78869100 -4.07899700-1.10393300
C - $1.24211500-2.05185000-0.73204700$
C -2.46847200-1.31853200-1.18254300
N -2.26286600 $0.12723500-0.97488300$
C -1.421103000 .562790000 .14917300
H -1.81584000 $0.23728300 \quad 1.12755400$
C $-1.40739300 \quad 2.08730400 \quad 0.20177100$
O $-0.433610002 .77225200 \quad 0.41859600$
O -2.65152700 2.594352000 .03153100
C -2.74963300 4.027368000 .10010700
H -2.41655500 $4.38622500 \quad 1.07730400$

H -3.80423600 $4.25675600-0.05486100$
H -2.13614100 $4.48992300-0.67724300$
H -3.15191500 0.61583100 -0.95658900
H -2.53575100 -1.45099600 -2.27431700
C -3.81414500-1.87035800-0.66828000
C -4.15431400-2.20106500 0.65604000
C -5.42572200-2.66291100 1.00152600
C -6.39629300-2.79636700 0.01220300
C -6.11034700-2.48171000-1.31281100
C -4.83053300-2.03087700-1.62521000
Н -4.60299300-1.78871700-2.66071000
H -6.86757900 -2.58979300 -2.08149100
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H -5.64980100-2.91396100 2.03135900
Cl -3.00451200-2.07445600 1.98147200
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H 3.81532400-3.88597700 0.91924000
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C - $0.09773700-2.680397000 .00218900$
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C 1.31032500-4.58274500 0.45095900
C 0.23252900-5.45449600 0.19557300
C - $1.02051600-4.96669700-0.16034300$
C - $1.17155700-3.58049500-0.25567600$
N -2.27877100-2.82149200 -0.58931700
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C - $1.94035700-1.48172200-0.51792200$
C $-2.85431300-0.34891300-0.88641600$
N -2.33202300 0.94725600-0.40719000
C -1.132786000 .973979000 .43775700
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C $-0.570923002 .38552200 \quad 0.52846800$
O $0.02034100 \quad 2.82015600 \quad 1.49076100$
O -0.73791500 3.08325800-0.62094800
C -0.18801700 $4.41234700-0.62130500$
H -0.64688700 5.014335000 .16691400

H -0.41805000 4.82470800-1.60405100
H $0.892391004 .37768800-0.45997700$
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H -2.86679900 -0.30102300 -1.98655900
C -4.32533400-0.57794800-0.50719000
C -4.82038800-0.68104300 0.80282600
C -6.17542000 -0.88045300 1.06843600
C - $7.06753200-0.985632000 .00367700$
C -6.62368000 - $0.89632800-1.31201100$
C -5.26391100-0.69438900-1.54190200
H -4.91493600 -0.61636700-2.56910300
H -7.32334100 -0.97756300-2.13640100
Cl -8.77270500-1.23575400 0.33679500
H -6.52445500-0.95279700 2.09153100
Cl -3.75788000-0.57404300 2.19572700
H -1.85066000 -5.64034700 -0.35712400
H $0.38241100-6.527553000 .27742800$
H 2.27599400-4.99834100 0.72562400
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H $0.78180500-0.009315000 .76897700$

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H $2.17396600-2.43285000-0.00061600$
C 1.90365400-4.22399600-1.16923900
C 1.08749500-4.92837800-2.07649100
С $-0.10861500-4.38830700-2.53927100$
C $-0.47263800-3.12363400-2.06956800$
N - $1.57793100-2.34368300-2.35797900$
H - $2.39035000-2.64124500-2.87718700$
C - $1.50549300-1.17418600-1.62408500$
C $-2.52566100-0.07226500-1.69143100$
N - $2.240866000 .86548700-0.58457200$
C $-0.834568001 .23235500-0.41124600$
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C $-0.264612001 .98060300-1.63154500$
O -0.94041300 $2.43156300-2.53376000$
O 1.07169000 2.14416100-1.55395600
C $1.67041100 \quad 2.88431800-2.63265500$
H $1.49475400 \quad 2.37883100-3.58559000$

H 2.73647700 2.91870800 -2.40701100
H $1.25330100 \quad 3.89357400-2.68224500$
H -2.78659200 1.70844600-0.74917300
H -2.42955400 0.42595500-2.67088500
C -3.95334000 -0.59902800-1.58490200
C - $4.76717100-0.65732900-2.72136400$
C -6.06206400-1.17902400-2.64560300
C -6.55574700-1.64168000-1.42644700
C -5.75049100-1.57987600-0.28461400
C - $4.45831600-1.06457100-0.36306200$
H -3.82969400-1.00359700 0.51981500
H -6.13270900 -1.93521700 0.66896900
H -7.56363300-2.04332700-1.36243800
H -6.68416600 -1.21333200 -3.53626400
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H -0.73565500 -4.93152700 -3.24178000
H 1.39752600-5.91046000-2.42322200
H 2.83285000-4.67418400-0.83027400
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H -0.22302000 -0.22871600 1.05107500


C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C 0.13120700-1.17181800-0.92644500
C 1.26635400-1.99371600-1.25868600
C 2.61471700-2.01227700-0.86522700
H 2.99164100-1.27878700 -0.15694100
C 3.45974000-2.98175700-1.39290100
C 2.98449100-3.93848600-2.31179300
C 1.65633700-3.94185300-2.72674500
C 0.81024000-2.96452600-2.19622000
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C -2.32643000-1.08996300-1.63437700
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O -0.05985200 2.36505100-1.67523700
O -2.23059500 1.97734300-2.15815100
C -2.13672200 2.96728900 - 3.19753800
H -1.85852500 3.93744800-2.77764400

H -3.12795700 3.01318500 -3.64956700
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C -5.10167500 -3.54236800-2.60084600
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H 3.66732800-4.68611900-2.70631300
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H $2.42702800-2.161992000 .01829900$
C $2.39772500-3.94783100-1.18819400$
C $1.68913800-4.72855900-2.12308100$
C $0.44290900-4.33039200-2.59707900$
C - $0.08062000-3.12894400-2.11192900$
$\mathrm{N}-1.27097700-2.48775700-2.40036800$
H -2.01374700 -2.85739500 -2.97396400
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C -2.48581200-0.33422000-1.72829000
N - $2.332696000 .72333500-0.69713100$
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H - 1.006295001 .878534000 .39198100
C $-0.398971001 .92264100-1.62768800$
O -0.91740100 $2.04243100-2.71528600$
O $0.789113002 .48573800-1.30756800$
C $1.421051003 .23077400-2.36146300$
H 1.62489900 2.58430600 - 3.21909800

H 2.35120900 3.60810100-1.93559000
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C -3.87380600 -0.94957000-1.60437200
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C - $6.22892700-0.92562700-2.20046400$
C -6.46734500-1.99833500-1.33843500
C -5.41187200-2.54533900-0.60694400
C -4.12354200-2.02360300-0.73931500
H -3.30245200-2.45760700 -0.17381200
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C 0.82180800 2.63362800-1.28005700
N 1.62953300 1.39159300-1.21331400
C 1.42029700 0.58765300-0.00063900
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O $2.26451200-1.650243000 .44530400$
O $3.69944800-0.04900800-0.24466600$
C 4.76596700-1.00959400-0.16198600
H $4.85949700-1.389329000 .85870800$

H 5.66775200-0.47233400 -0.45678900
H 4.57806900-1.84783000-0.83777800
H 2.61454400 1.63512300-1.28132600
H 0.82530100 2.93136900-2.33941000
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C $2.366628004 .63044000-1.10645000$
C $2.991663005 .65965600-0.40240700$
C 2.676133005 .878096000 .94025900
C 1.730066005 .065606001 .56721400
C 1.104460004 .037302000 .85948300
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H 3.158277006 .681119001 .49128600
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H -5.443172000 .099450000 .93087800
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C 2.82871100-2.49150500-0.27559000
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N -1.56163500-1.48677100-1.16712400
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Н -1.55046800-1.14844400 0.95464600
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O $-2.27299600 \quad 1.483904000 .72537300$
C -3.316339002 .471207000 .79542600
H -3.52776500 2.87541100 -0.19781900

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H -4.23118100 $2.03343700 \quad 1.20344200$
H $-2.54720200-1.69361000-1.31130900$
H -0.72913800 -3.10924300-2.14214100
C - $1.39303800-3.83418400-0.24934200$
C -2.33136000-4.69825800-0.83182900
C -2.98040800 -5.67145500-0.07236400
C -2.69650200 -5.79829800 1.28913000
C -1.75820200-4.95042500 1.87944300
C - $1.10853000-3.978109001 .11608300$
H -0.36333200-3.33652000 1.57813800
H -1.52495500 -5.04870800 2.93658000
H -3.19792300 -6.55737300 1.88353600
H -3.70262000 -6.33313800 -0.54353900
H -2.55442800 -4.60610400-1.89353400
H 4.46496500-3.91261400-0.40710400
H 6.10724600-2.27947900 0.49461500
H $5.408587000 .01225400 \quad 1.11603300$
H $0.079931000 .74222200-0.80616600$
H 0.167592000 .531922000 .94285700

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C $0.00000000 \quad 0.000000000 .00000000$
C - $1.037064001 .04966500-0.27049600$
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C -3.355279000 .125864000 .53651700
Н -3.00236800 -0.83583800 0.90040300
C -4.701234000 .461372000 .62426700
C $-5.17286200 \quad 1.70431900 \quad 0.15670800$
C -4.30901900 $2.63659800-0.40927700$
C -2.95641300 $2.29562700-0.49635900$
N -1.88333600 $3.00377500-1.00644800$
H -1.91898600 3.94838000-1.35777700
C - 0.73065800 2.24769100-0.86337000
C 0.64528100 2.66384000-1.30652000
N 1.55704400 1.50266800-1.33030600
C 1.42024500 0.62146900-0.16860300
H $1.65596400 \quad 1.20487900 \quad 0.72695500$
C 2.43422500-0.50209600-0.31083800
O 2.75556000-1.00509600-1.36635000
O $2.88476600-0.917839000 .89012200$
C 3.79195000-2.03347500 0.85556100
H 3.31597700-2.90143000 0.39157700

H 4.03957200-2.24092800 1.89686300
H 4.69118400-1.77657700 0.28978600
H 1.40355300 0.94986100-2.17191500
H 0.59461800 3.01647700-2.34710800
C $1.262304003 .80249500-0.48182600$
C $2.468089004 .36492900-0.92559100$
C 3.07482000 5.39994500 - 0.21904200
C 2.486097005 .889122000 .95140900
C 1.292527005 .331563001 .40548100
C 0.683591004 .293548000 .69228400
H -0.24366600 $3.86303600 \quad 1.05851700$
H 0.830532005 .699080002 .31819400
H $2.958162006 .69709700 \quad 1.50418600$
H 4.00818200 5.82569600 -0.57847400
H $2.934708003 .97032000-1.82436800$
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H $-6.23045600 \quad 1.93979500 \quad 0.23881500$
H -5.40399700 -0.24389400 1.05957500
H -0.11247400 -0.84704100-0.69389900
H -0.09650600 -0.41250400 1.01283000

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C 0.14282400-1.13167400-0.97504200
C 1.29021800-1.92817200-1.32793800
C 2.62689700-1.96863200-0.89778800
H 2.97963100-1.28224200 -0.13221200
C 3.49130000-2.89838500-1.46389100
C 3.04692900-3.79366000-2.45734800
C 1.73102500-3.77421100-2.90901200
C 0.86569300-2.83569500-2.34006600
N - $0.47001600-2.57931600-2.59100000$
H -1.07295000 -3.13558200 -3.17787200
C -0.90377000-1.56898000-1.74739800
C -2.28952700 -0.97967300-1.75547200
N -2.45553900 -0.00336500-0.65237200
C - $1.275524000 .81315700-0.34533300$
H -1.54616000 $1.41965300 \quad 0.52993200$
C -0.95233400 1.84990900-1.43031700
O 0.06922700 2.50371800-1.43522000
O -1.92997500 $2.00030900-2.34514400$
C -1.67559100 $3.00275400-3.34439200$
Н -1.55179600 3.98399000-2.87895300

H -2.55066100 $2.99367200-3.99485500$
H -0.77090400 2.76213000 -3.90892100
H -2.71070200 -0.51669600 0.18950700
H -2.42664400 -0.41944600-2.69073500
C - $3.40887000-2.01122600-1.67574700$
C - $4.61929200-1.77360300-2.33880400$
C -5.67411900-2.68116400-2.24389400
C -5.53223900 -3.84154300-1.47959800
C - $4.33201100-4.08593200-0.81041600$
C - $3.27725700-3.17609700-0.90796900$
H -2.34185100 -3.37366500 -0.39020700
H -4.21371800-4.98643800-0.21341400
H -6.35207200 -4.55124400-1.40728000
H -6.60628300 -2.48323800-2.76654200
H -4.73242200 -0.86620500-2.92704600
H 1.39090200-4.46287900-3.67839700
H 3.74456400-4.51097700-2.88117000
H 4.52700500-2.93821300-1.13748500
H $0.86766300 \quad 0.66763300-0.02389100$
H -0.08503400 -0.37128100 1.03224300

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C -1.00694500 1.00880100-0.47067000
C -2.43969900 1.04015900-0.32644500
C -3.384299000 .194921000 .27958300
H -3.06717100-0.71799800 0.77737600
C -4.729145000 .543080000 .23589700
C -5.15404800 1.72407700-0.40500000
С -4.24369200 2.58054700-1.01602400
C -2.89218500 2.22719700-0.97047400
N -1.77915400 2.86702200-1.48539200
H -1.77940900 3.76666100-1.94107300
C - 0.64757000 2.12894400-1.17635700
C 0.75928900 2.48527000-1.57264500
N 1.65372800 1.31837500-1.39953800
C 1.42723900 0.60649200-0.13308900
H $1.58181800 \quad 1.32250200 \quad 0.67928800$
C $2.47295800-0.482315000 .05625300$
O $3.03559000-0.733025001 .09820500$
O $2.65834900-1.18911500-1.08343600$
C 3.61250500-2.26033700-0.99668300
H 4.59627400-1.87364400 -0.71855300

H 3.64273500-2.70779800-1.99060500
H 3.29646400-2.99600800 -0.25233800
H 1.49964700 0.66498100-2.16591400
H 0.78174700 2.71081800-2.64891200
C $1.336336003 .70865200-0.85017900$
C $2.552165004 .23845800-1.30608000$
C 3.12496900 5.34561500-0.68578200
C 2.490734005 .941524000 .40881700
C 1.286040005 .418459000 .87442100
C 0.711351004 .307906000 .24777400
H -0.22567100 3.905898000 .62188100
H $0.788914005 .86974800 \quad 1.72918100$
H 2.936452006 .805453000 .89471500
H 4.06717400 5.74430300-1.05294100
H 3.05389700 3.76345200-2.14527000
H -4.57366000 3.49061500-1.51071200
H -6.21196500 1.97145800-0.42269600
H -5.46745000 -0.10331600 0.70258100
H -0.06283800 -0.92542300 -0.59202500
H -0.17526600 -0.28676900 1.04527200

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C $\quad 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000$
C $\quad 0.80104600 \quad 1.24462800 \quad 0.24993500$
C 0.477808002 .631608000 .04233700
C -0.63483600 3.31409800-0.47821400
H -1.49971100 $2.76342200-0.83963800$
C -0.61362400 $4.70269800-0.52624300$
C 0.50169300 5.42985400-0.06326000
C $1.61802900 \quad 4.78384800 \quad 0.45740700$
C 1.593268003 .387029000 .50451100
N $2.540590002 .49026100 \quad 0.96094000$
H $3.42847700 \quad 2.73116800 \quad 1.37455100$
C $2.05614000 \quad 1.20517900 \quad 0.80308800$
C 2.79624200-0.04942900 1.19941600
H 2.83955500-0.09752600 2.30231900
N 2.05463400-1.18102300 0.63346300
C 0.61128900-1.12470000 0.85634700
H $0.35928800-0.90520600 \quad 1.91473100$
C 0.04069500-2.51096800 0.58337100
O $0.69629500-3.53194800 \quad 0.58700400$
O -1.29077000-2.47576700 0.39349400
C - $1.92103500-3.754163000 .19375000$

H -1.75776200 -4.40005800 1.06024600
H -1.51805800 -4.24305400 -0.69672200
H -2.98212000 -3.53863800 0.06790700
H 2.41700900-2.06506700 0.98355800
C 4.23441600-0.06299700 0.67641200
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { C } & 5.32512500 & 0.41596800 & 1.41266700\end{array}$
C $6.62903800 \quad 0.40233000 \quad 0.91596500$
C 6.84780500-0.10153300-0.36267400
C 5.79158400-0.58121800-1.13587400
C 4.50426700-0.55493300-0.60858700
H 3.66674400-0.93493700-1.18356500
H 5.97557400-0.96912500-2.13173100
Cl 8.48242600-0.12870000-1.00276900
H $7.45021800 \quad 0.77559000 \quad 1.51574400$
Cl 5.100755001 .090782003 .03495800
$\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{H} & 2.47747500 & 5.34579800 & 0.81395400\end{array}$
H $0.490185006 .51519900-0.11376400$
Н $-1.468672005 .23996900-0.92751100$
H 0.02371900 -0.29308000-1.05879700
H $-1.05222500 \quad 0.13803400 \quad 0.27113100$

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C -0.61671300-1.33675500 0.28488000
C -0.10249300-2.66988900 0.11262800
C 1.09800100-3.20188500-0.38773400
H 1.87945300-2.54392500-0.75947900
C 1.27130400-4.58053300-0.40100800
C $0.26547800-5.445130000 .07649600$
C $-0.93369000-4.949549000 .57750800$
C - $1.10441900-3.562191000 .59036700$
N -2.17038000-2.79568600 1.02224600
H -3.01804900 -3.14836200 1.43991100
C - $1.86751700-1.459465000 .83344600$
C -2.77140600-0.31284200 1.20806900
H -2.81363400-0.24587400 2.30964600
N -2.20390300 0.909838000 .61675900
C -0.755109001 .057389000 .81819900
H $-0.47745300 \quad 0.92917200 \quad 1.88454600$
C -0.314342002 .469564000 .44527100
O 0.70910500 2.74872300-0.13632600
O -1.192867003 .394523000 .89707600
C -0.846825004 .763776000 .62141300

H -0.77276600 $4.92819900-0.45647100$
H 0.109062005 .016092001 .08727300
H $-1.653030005 .36099200 \quad 1.04778800$
H -2.67955400 $1.71897100 \quad 1.00821000$
C -4.20123200-0.50896000 0.69892700
C -5.21398900-1.10512200 1.46046000
C -6.51140400-1.27938900 0.97664000
C - $6.80311900-0.85021200-0.31454800$
C -5.82398100 -0.26126700-1.11357600
C -4.54158000-0.10007700-0.59854700
H -3.76549300 0.36816200-1.19425700
H -6.06320500 0.06507100-2.11975800
Cl -8.43114500-1.05851500-0.93728100
H -7.27204300-1.73911000 1.59595800
Cl -4.89236500-1.69358400 3.09936100
H -1.70843600-5.61752900 0.94518100
H $0.42910100-6.519079000 .05310400$
H 2.19564000-5.00256400-0.78603200
H -0.05541900 0.26004300-1.06511200
H $1.06117100 \quad 0.02256400 \quad 0.27178600$

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C $0.49984200 \quad 1.35792900 \quad 0.39659400$
C -0.158206002 .639235000 .38662200
C - 1.42783600 3.08817100 -0.01423800
H -2.15459000 $2.39148700-0.42443200$
C $-1.74073900 \quad 4.43566500 \quad 0.11866300$
C -0.80701800 5.350692000 .64523400
C $\quad 0.45689500 \quad 4.93697600 \quad 1.05335200$
C 0.766443003 .580205000 .92280100
N $1.91934200 \quad 2.88824800 \quad 1.24654700$
H $2.77540700 \quad 3.30090900 \quad 1.58417500$
C $1.75699100 \quad 1.55428400 \quad 0.90908300$
C $2.75765800 \quad 0.46001200 \quad 1.18177500$
H $2.79483500 \quad 0.29406300 \quad 2.26713400$
N 2.33818200-0.81325100 0.56792800
C 0.90191400-1.08410300 0.66277100
H $0.63712800-1.15895400 \quad 1.72277800$
C 0.64343100-2.42348100-0.01071100
O 1.19467800-2.79055100-1.02652100
O -0.31678300-3.12367600 0.62316400
C -0.67562800-4.37445200 0.00809100

H $0.18882300-5.04209600-0.02966600$
H -1.04357600-4.21032700-1.00813300
H -1.45935400 -4.79500200 0.63840400
H 2.61182500-0.84559800 - 0.41305100
C 4.170627000 .788912000 .71587300
C 5.317634000 .380118001 .41303400
C 6.603596000 .659425000 .94845100
C $6.749634001 .35515600-0.24882000$
C $5.638672001 .77170300-0.97929800$
C $4.368615001 .48355400-0.48620000$
H 3.49560900 1.80990800-1.04482200
H 5.76526600 $2.31088300-1.91150500$
Cl $8.363561001 .71215600-0.83842000$
H 7.47106400 $0.33593100 \quad 1.51086300$
Cl 5.19381700-0.50987000 2.92525800
H $1.174601005 .64373100 \quad 1.46209300$
H -1.07899200 6.398720000 .73606400
H -2.71964400 $4.79322500-0.18880900$
H 0.02155700-0.13218200-1.09199400
H -1.04162400-0.14940300 0.31322200

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C $0.25022300-1.469205000 .15752800$
C $1.39231300-2.27059100-0.20008200$
C $2.62185000-2.00257600-0.82439500$
H $2.86706000-0.99408200-1.14732700$
C $3.51837700-3.04504600-1.02623600$
C $3.21185500-4.35770000-0.61468500$
C $2.00351600-4.655331000 .00689700$
C $1.10478600-3.604005000 .20877200$
N - $0.14998200-3.596541000 .78982500$
H -0.63080200 -4.40269700 1.15794100
C -0.65315800-2.30555900 0.75480800
C - $1.99091400-1.906148001 .29467000$
H -2.07062300-2.25239300 2.33354200
N -2.01967100 -0.43031500 1.37163300
C - 1.487196000 .324829000 .22872500
H -1.57577300 1.380910000 .51500700
C -2.31031700 $0.19965000-1.06909700$
O -1.89045500 -0.09139100-2.16777200
О -3.60516800 $0.50520300-0.82199000$
C $-4.488167000 .43806300-1.95469400$

H -4.52999100-0.58219500 -2.34400700
H -4.14662600 1.11046800-2.74594800
H -5.46575500 $0.74585600-1.58278500$
H -2.95994600 -0.11566000 1.59289300
C $-3.16256900-2.549319000 .52740500$
C - $-4.42935400-2.701078001 .11220800$
С $-5.50508900-3.278651000 .44001700$
C $-5.31352400-3.71836100-0.86781400$
C $-4.07731000-3.58358700-1.49576000$
C - $-3.02185200-3.00601500-0.79141300$
H - $2.05917400-2.89817300-1.28075100$
H -3.93911800-3.92804900 -2.51482900
Cl -6.65699800 -4.45141500-1.72842000
H -6.46731900-3.38280400 0.92685800
Cl -4.72597600-2.14483200 2.76307900
H $\quad 1.76922100-5.668396000 .32397700$
H $3.93199700-5.15312500-0.78604300$
H $4.47158500-2.84870500-1.50940800$
H $0.291094000 .34479200-0.99756600$
H 0.594372000 .568232000 .72797400

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C -0.31339200-1.44290800 0.27126900
C 0.51594700-2.61633700 0.17264200
C 1.83817800-2.85194700-0.24010100
H 2.46436900-2.03051600 -0.57896900
C 2.33337400-4.15002800-0.21050200
C 1.53197100-5.22467500 0.22486700
C $0.22073900-5.023465000 .64319500$
C - $0.27271800-3.715887000 .61599300$
N - $1.51316700-3.218111000 .97151100$
H -2.30421100 -3.77072600 1.26467400
C - $1.53541900-1.851535000 .74367100$
C -2.68234600 -0.92988600 1.07462400
H -2.74755500 -0.83579800 2.16678800
$\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{N} & -2.43952400 & 0.42756200 & 0.54479600\end{array}$
C -1.053836000 .883264000 .72710700
H $-0.83863700 \quad 0.87111700 \quad 1.80025200$
C -0.920719002 .334109000 .28529000
O -0.316913003 .191992000 .88845600
O -1.52068700 $2.53723300-0.91011500$
C -1.43660500 3.87740400-1.42425200

H -0.39284800 4.16328500-1.57863200
H -1.89982600 $4.58178700-0.72877600$
H -1.97567100 3.86227100-2.37184200
H -2.66301800 0.44750300-0.44926100
C -4.03372000-1.41751100 0.56809800
C -5.23164000-1.20001800 1.26603900
C -6.46540900-1.61571000 0.76375500
C -6.50777800-2.25534800-0.47250000
C -5.34446600-2.48405400-1.20418500
C -4.12750800-2.06349500-0.67322900
H -3.21410800 -2.24397100-1.23349700
H -5.39012900 -2.98217500 -2.16625300
Cl -8.05583300-2.78098500-1.11022100
H -7.37330900-1.43886500 1.32759000
Cl -5.23979400-0.38794900 2.82577700 H -0.39472200 -5.85306200 0.98173900
H 1.94600300-6.22917200 0.23642900
H 3.35439800-4.34340900-0.52782800
H -0.01772500 0.22178300-1.07721200
H $\quad 1.00466600 \quad 0.262689000 .35646900$

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C -0.69905200 1.29360300-0.29430700
C -0.24971500 $2.65579500-0.16955100$
C $\quad 0.943414003 .26195400 \quad 0.25846800$
H $1.78136600 \quad 2.65462300 \quad 0.59146100$
C $1.03631600 \quad 4.64866200 \quad 0.25419300$
C -0.04331300 5.44888700-0.17022100
C - $1.236084004 .87880900-0.60369600$
C -1.32454900 $3.48420500-0.60216900$
N -2.36097000 $2.65114800-0.98459300$
H -3.29109700 2.95238000-1.23243700
C $-1.983886001 .33680600-0.76852700$
C -2.80374300 0.12378300-1.13543200
H -2.76820500 0.02763700-2.23226500
N -2.21205000-1.11278700-0.59939600
C -0.75257700-1.16145500-0.71850900
H - $0.49660800-1.13059100-1.78366000$
C -0.28398200-2.48702200 -0.13842500
O -0.79966700-3.04068900 0.80839600
O $0.82009800-2.93838200-0.76760200$
C 1.38399400-4.14775400-0.22970900

H 0.66481800-4.96787800-0.29959700
H 1.66330900-4.00808500 0.81789700
H 2.26415700-4.35547000-0.83861200
H -2.46032900 - 1.24104200 0.37982900
C -4.28643800 0.22612400-0.78739000
C -4.796482000 .451513000 .50244800
C -6.166302000 .539585000 .75305100
C -7.05817700 0.40072900-0.30717700
C -6.60029700 0.17237200-1.60203400
C -5.22716300 0.08820500-1.81836200
H -4.86552300 -0.09816500-2.82601500
H -7.30122100 $0.05977200-2.42154900$
Cl -8.78108200 0.515625000 .00322800
H -6.52553800 $0.71151300 \quad 1.76049800$
Cl $-3.73238700 \quad 0.62766400 \quad 1.89271400$
H -2.06727000 $5.49729100-0.93296400$
H 0.05712100 6.53077200-0.16053900
H 1.954234005 .126992000 .58496300
H 0.02293400-0.19878800 1.08205000
H $1.044262000 .01857700-0.33795100$

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C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
C $0.55856000-1.38340400-0.16402500$
C - $0.04430600-2.673417000 .04817700$
С -1.30815300-3.10810200 0.48212200
Н -2.08042300-2.38763600 0.73953900
C -1.55627900-4.47187600 0.58122000
C - $0.56395800-5.417794000 .25437200$
C 0.69519600-5.01942200 -0.18279200
C 0.94006600-3.64735500-0.28489500
N 2.07317000-2.96721200-0.69449900
H 2.96792900-3.38900900 -0.89136800
C 1.84183700-1.60635600-0.59173000
C 2.80462700-0.52237500-1.01209300
H 2.79827200-0.48253600-2.11223200
N 2.34649500 0.80414000-0.55815000
C 0.90394200 1.00169400-0.77507800
H 0.71145800 0.88533300-1.84669200
C 0.52047600 2.43504900-0.43507400
O -0.19775700 3.14007700-1.10768200
O $1.04456200 \quad 2.81278000 \quad 0.75272800$
C $\quad 0.72566600 \quad 4.15020600 \quad 1.17249000$

H -0.35554200 4.270215001 .27961900
H 1.093968004 .876329000 .44327200
H $1.224889004 .28289600 \quad 2.13260500$
H 2.539353000 .911489000 .43619900
C $4.25921000-0.77315700-0.62332600$
C $4.72034100-0.969713000 .68935100$
C 6.06591800-1.20004800 0.97726400
C 6.98423400-1.23751400-0.06884200
C 6.57592900-1.04453400-1.38589400
C 5.22577000-0.81536100-1.63891900
H 4.90456600-0.65639600-2.66477500
H 7.29748700-1.06994500-2.19480300
Cl $8.67634900-1.531090000 .28824700$
H 6.38681000-1.34553100 2.00170300
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H 1.45887400-5.75016700-0.43692600
H -0.78603100 -6.47771000 0.34320700
H -2.52996700 -4.81798600 0.91721100
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H -1.02672900 $0.06744800-0.38346600$

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C 1.29975100-2.27937700-0.50674600
C 2.54799400-1.98341800-1.07938800
H 2.84044200-0.95220200-1.26044400
C 3.40331400-3.02710700-1.41210200
C 3.03743200-4.36854400-1.18198500
C 1.80971400-4.69440500-0.61471200
C 0.95245800-3.64205400-0.28091900
N -0.30810300-3.65821500 0.28718200
H $-0.82832300-4.484763000 .53816100$
C - $0.75864300-2.354517000 .41992400$
C -2.08997400-1.97484600 0.98932400
H -2.20699800-2.45659800 1.96917100
N -2.06214300 -0.52133600 1.27108700
C -1.478472000 .355813000 .24810800
H -1.513782001 .364828000 .68080800
C -2.37647200 0.47807000-1.00024400
O -3.57369000 $0.65626200-0.91605700$
O -1.71413000 0.41758100-2.17246600
C -2.52886900 0.58247400-3.34799400

H -3.01894600 1.55942800-3.33861400
H -3.29288500 -0.19766400 -3.39227200
H -1.84322700 $0.50253300-4.19186800$
H -3.00342500 -0.20192800 1.48629500
C -3.26528400-2.46073600 0.11868400
C -4.55742600-2.60876200 0.64430500
C -5.63753100-3.03836800-0.12436400
C -5.42277400 -3.33251700-1.46844200
C -4.15840600-3.20207400-2.03778900
C -3.10115700-2.77115200-1.23884700
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H -4.00260100 -3.43964500 -3.08461100
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H 1.52999400-5.72967700-0.43681500
H 3.72650900-5.16404900-1.45209200
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H $0.345670000 .48308100-0.91899800$
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C 2.62018900-1.96201300-0.90550000
H 2.88432800-0.93366300-1.13845800
C 3.50990100-2.99593900-1.17138700
C 3.17828300-4.33390800-0.87782300
C 1.95151700-4.66582500-0.31207400
C 1.05981600-3.62296300-0.04504400
N - $0.20691500-3.645686000 .50938200$
H -0.71901100-4.47569000 0.76566400
C -0.69858800-2.34974000 0.56494400
C -2.03575700-1.96276900 1.12834400
H -2.11479700-2.35118400 2.15123500
N -2.15677700 -0.49298000 1.26142100
C -1.495517000 .321763000 .22785900
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C -2.28447500 0.28416700-1.09216100
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O -3.55576200 $0.68004500-0.90623700$
C -4.37614900 0.69699300-2.08588900

H -4.47827100-0.31249700-2.49238600
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C -4.47490500-2.73342700 0.95972300
C -5.56603800 -3.25964500 0.27033600
C -5.40586900 -3.60669400-1.06949900
C -4.18385500 -3.43637100-1.71458900
C -3.11011900-2.91333800-0.99429300
H -2.15868800 -2.76991000 - 1.49639600
H -4.07025100 -3.70916500-2.75803400
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H 1.69804800-5.69846000 -0.08592800
H 3.89332700-5.12198900-1.09765500
H 4.47703900-2.77296800-1.61359700
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H 1.816275002 .638055000 .60747700
C 1.115794004 .639637000 .22213300
C $0.062593005 .45215300-0.24346800$
C - $1.127422004 .89648500-0.70243500$
C - $-1.240547003 .50389900-0.68301100$
N - $2.280536002 .68408800-1.08408200$
H -3.20101100 $2.99691500-1.35286100$
C - $1.929872001 .36837200-0.84144200$
C - $2.783015000 .17786600-1.18823100$
H -2.76959000 $0.07738600-2.29418300$
N -2.18570100 -0.99024000 -0.53861800
C $-0.74677900-1.11128800-0.76336500$
H - $0.48289900-1.00271300-1.83761400$
C $-0.33262300-2.53048700-0.39409600$
О - $1.09108700-3.47728300-0.37465100$
O $\quad 0.98781500-2.62353500-0.15241500$
C $1.47112200-3.947387000 .13812100$

H 1.27088300-4.61994400-0.69996400
H $0.98728800-4.34156100 \quad 1.03525000$
H $2.54406600-3.837121000 .29608500$
H $-2.64967500-1.84804300-0.82750300$
C $-4.256374000 .31428800-0.81010800$
C -4.736051000 .539865000 .49330000
C -6.10265400 0.636713000 .76162800
C - $7.014951000 .50834900-0.28303100$
C -6.58423600 $0.28664600-1.58750200$
C -5.21464100 0.19304400-1.82603800
H - $4.870943000 .01304400-2.84178700$
H -7.30024300 $0.18559300-2.39540700$
$\mathrm{Cl}-8.731937000 .631764000 .06062100$
H -6.444435000 .810217001 .77491600
Cl -3.65730300 0.729358001 .86018300
H -1.93823000 $5.52423400-1.06342800$
H $0.181529006 .53220500-0.24558200$
H 2.032332005 .106961000 .57199200
H $-0.04002800-0.207865001 .07786400$
H $1.05644400-0.00262600-0.28953600$

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C $0.43926200-1.39039000-0.35090600$
C -0.24300200-2.65418300-0.25512600
C - $1.51772800-3.050959000 .18291500$
H -2.22737000-2.31443700 0.55120500
С -1.85659200-4.39817400 0.14341400
C -0.94474300-5.36438100-0.32693800
C 0.32277800-5.00286000 -0.77219000
C 0.65916500-3.64710900-0.73386400
N 1.82109200-3.00110100-1.11800200
H 2.68264800-3.45550400-1.37970600
C 1.68471700-1.64893100-0.85718300
C 2.71825700-0.60862800-1. 18689100
H 2.71650200-0.48364700-2.28976500
N 2.32990500 0.63858700-0.51382500
C $0.919842000 .99865800-0.72107400$
H 0.65407500 0.99076900-1.79933900
C 0.66902100 2.42684400-0.24706300
O $-0.31216700 \quad 2.80114400 \quad 0.35347800$
O 1.66909800 3.25374600-0.63236800
C 1.51385600 $4.63183700-0.24977900$

H 1.454177004 .720761000 .83780500
H 0.60639100 5.05032300 -0.69247300
H 2.39889000 5.14277000 -0.62961900
H $2.92259500 \quad 1.39570800-0.84391300$
C $4.15122900-0.99035500-0.82348300$
C $4.59393600-1.315563000 .47209700$
C $5.92731200-1.640960000 .72756200$
C 6.84320300-1.64471200-0.32190800
C 6.44845100-1.33050500-1.61875700
C 5.11158500-1.00882400-1.84465700
H 4.79693200-0.75700100-2.85459400
H 7.16712700-1.33441400-2.43062700
Cl $8.51799800-2.055285000 .00570100$
H 6.24090500-1.88816400 1.73467500
Cl 3.50518700-1.34894100 1.84330200
H 1.02413500-5.74911600-1.13692900
H -1.23639500 -6.41097300-0.34389500
H -2.83915200-4.71539200 0.48213800
H $0.053210000 .17779000 \quad 1.08170300$
H -1.03759500 0.18837600-0.29767900

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C $0.17935400-1.488231000 .00347400$
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C 2.56521400-2.01963900-0.94440800
H 2.86851800-0.99368200-1.13718900
C 3.42346700-3.07407800-1.23255400
C 3.04283400-4.40886500-0.98799900
C 1.79742400-4.71696900-0.45009000
C $0.93728800-3.65371900-0.16081400$
$\mathrm{N}-0.33790700-3.65125700 \quad 0.37415300$
H -0.87748800-4.47091700 0.60642900
C - $0.78642700-2.342073000 .46784100$
C -2.12070800-1.92634900 1.01878000
H -2.23687200-2.34884400 2.02495100
N -2.18995100-0.46038400 1.20403700
C -1.488744000 .372456000 .21277100
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O -3.46603100 0.91406700-1.08543400
O -1.68994500 0.05061400-2.17562800
C -2.43474400 0.16972800-3.39964700

H -2.71955500 1.21046400-3.57437100
H -3.33918600 -0.44243600-3.35442300
H $-1.76562500-0.18453600-4.18439900$
H -1.83572400 - $0.23002400-2.12776000$
C -3.31121800-2.43428800 0.19682200
C -4.59578600-2.53489200 0.75381700
C -5.69179900 -2.98468900 0.01992500
C -5.50238000 -3.34748200-1.31166600
C - $4.24572600-3.26916600-1.90527600$
C -3.16938700-2.81647200-1.14294900
H -2.18822200 -2.74794000 -1.60184100
H -4.10970600 -3.56051800-2.94112600
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Cl -4.88298000-2.11058000 2.43747200
H 1.50637000-5.74715500-0.26113700
H 3.73429900 -5.21323500-1.22356300
H 4.40449000-2.86981700-1.65269100
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H 0.586362000 .456391000 .81234400

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C $2.32215500-2.04022600-1.42947100$
H $2.76768200-1.05195400-1.34797600$
C $3.03938100-3.09253900-1.98652700$
C $2.47397700-4.37831400-2.09999500$
C 1.18186700-4.63956700-1.65501400
C $0.46476200-3.57977800-1.09366900$
N - $0.81135700-3.54543100-0.56015100$
H - $1.49505700-4.28142500-0.65301100$
C - $1.09581900-2.24651600-0.17116700$
C - $2.37382100-1.834025000 .48560900$
H -2.45164800 -2.41614600 1.41760400
N -2.26820000-0.42057600 0.92782200
C -1.440690000 .518623000 .16812600
H -1.38844700 1.427672000 .78683500
C - 2.13405100 1.01161800-1.11599700
O -3.34121400 1.04378300-1.23920900
О -1.27791900 1.50325700-2.03025800
C - -1.88651300 2.06565600 - 3.20745000

H -2.54420500 2.89601700-2.93735600
H -2.46751600 1.30410800-3.73272500
H -1.05864500 2.41440400-3.82527600
H -3.20442400 -0.03237000 1.00770300
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C -3.92468100-2.17806800-1.64522800
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C -6.24226800-2.74256900-1.31138700
C -6.05215300-2.75486900 0.06738800
C - $4.78140800-2.477631000 .56098300$
H -4.62684600 -2.49662300 1.63751400
H -6.87431300-2.98347000 0.73642400
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Cl -2.66661100-1.86439600 -2.83528200
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H 4.05251800-2.92432900 -2.34159800
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C $1.08832000-2.29972500-0.80869600$
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H $2.79087200-1.04424700-1.28538200$
C 3.14263100-3.11610500-1.76493400
C $2.62828800-4.42807500-1.77562100$
C $1.34884100-4.70501600-1.30445300$
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N -0.68223800 -3.60833200 -0.28328900
H - $1.33515500-4.37683600-0.30759900$
C -1.01303400-2.29554000 0.01285800
C -2.29592800-1.88623600 0.66254400
H -2.32488300 -2.38468700 1.64503700
N -2.24976600 -0.43837100 0.96610300
C - 1.456945000 .476303000 .14178700
H -1.44224300 1.424719000 .70027600
C - $2.058524000 .88580000-1.21746700$
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O -3.41095500 0.86602000-1.17245300
C $-4.074257001 .35148800-2.35242400$

H -3.82401400 0.72568600 -3.21205000
H -3.77656300 2.38259800-2.56051000
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C -3.87981400-2.46363500-1.38824400
C -5.12970700-2.87591200-1.85807800
C -6.13672400-3.18338100-0.94852500
C -5.90917000 -3.09590900 0.42196100
C - $4.65019600-2.694573000 .85822800$
H -4.46493900-2.63819200 1.92853000
H -6.69298700 $-3.34453700 \quad 1.12888500$
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H 3.24168000-5.23935600-2.15812500
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C $3.32355900-0.706677000 .22261200$
H $2.78164300-1.585164000 .56397900$
C $4.71330900-0.702985000 .19627800$
C $5.429308000 .42976000-0.23966400$
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C $3.373186001 .57135600-0.63934800$
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H 2.69218800 3.50050600-1.24345300
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C -0.08290800 $2.83668500-1.09207200$
H -0.18205400 $2.88618300-2.18880000$
N -1.27207100 $2.12354100-0.58816800$
C - $1.211755000 .66716000-0.71903200$
H -1.15748400 0.42128100-1.78537000
C $-2.499950000 .09693900-0.14600700$
O -3.071010000 .541639000 .82673000
O -2.89567700-1.00586100-0.81354200
C -4.06503500-1.65763700-0.28704100

H -4.92521000-0.98405400-0.32092900
H -3.89805200 - 1.968946000 .74752500
H -4.22996900 - $2.52399500-0.92801900$
H $-1.44451500 \quad 2.361987000 .38711100$
C $-0.093621004 .27001400-0.57373500$
C -0.65170800 5.29351200-1.34819600
C -0.70405600 6.60260300-0.86797800
C $-0.19948500 \quad 6.90336700 \quad 0.39854400$
C $0.35598500 \quad 5.88900700 \quad 1.18075900$
C 0.409446004 .581052000 .69691200
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H $\quad 0.750436006 .11537300 \quad 2.16784700$
H -0.237888007 .922626000 .77352400
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H -1.05228200 $5.05885500-2.33158300$
H 5.32425000 2.45165600-1.00238900
H $6.515617000 .40491600-0.24758800$
H 5.25955700-1.58564300 0.51779000
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H $0.09972000-1.03888500-0.34109600$

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C $3.39107100-0.304556000 .22791100$
H $2.95989500-1.256268000 .52821800$
C $4.76946200-0.125158000 .22324000$
C 5.34170000 1.10431900-0.15997200
C $4.547902002 .17781500-0.55180200$
C 3.16271500 1.99339800 -0.54905200
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C $0.930170002 .22473900-0.69871500$
C $-0.411972002 .84437200-0.98304200$
H -0.54457100 $2.88292000-2.08425400$
N -1.42325500 $1.98522900-0.34854400$
C $-1.263908000 .56050300-0.67306200$
H -1.16771600 0.40388800 -1.76797800
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O -2.50332800-1.31582300 0.25773100
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C -4.86727400-0.22159300-0.25130000

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H -4.93226400 - $1.17943700-0.77372800$
H -5.66255800 0.44947100-0.57663100
H -2.34940200 $2.29523400-0.63142500$
C - $0.51869000-4.27433300-0.46596800$
C $-0.44956500 \quad 5.35374900-1.35326000$
C $-0.50673400 \quad 6.66868200-0.88220200$
C $-0.64001600 \quad 6.913430000 .48411100$
C $-0.71490700 \quad 5.83919200 \quad 1.37626400$
C $-0.651376004 .52886900 \quad 0.90608500$
H $-0.715526003 .68820200 \quad 1.58967000$
H $-0.82194200 \quad 6.02483400 \quad 2.44188000$
H -0.689584007 .934308000 .85352700
H -0.45591900 7.49703400-1.58406200
H -0.36221000 5.16526100 -2.42171400
H $4.990957003 .12454300-0.85060600$
H 6.42251700 1.21654000 -0.15162700
H 5.41919600-0.94385600 0.52072100
H $-0.18599600-0.116559001 .07551600$
H $0.20098400-1.00399700-0.39093700$

## 5b-03



C $\quad 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000$
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C -2.48466500 $0.99169700-0.12848700$
C -2.47149200 2.338908000 .26996700
H -1.54168900 2.815141000 .57119500
C $-3.663720003 .05362100 \quad 0.27832900$
C -4.87707400 $2.44886000-0.10610400$
C $-4.92221100 \quad 1.11863900-0.51177500$
C $-3.721733000 .40358400-0.52158200$
N -3.46174100-0.90615700 -0.88360200
H -4.15682700-1.61509000-1.06428300
C $-2.11651300-1.16319800-0.69469200$
C - $1.45077300-2.48290800-0.98954600$
H -1.38264300 -2.59301400-2.09226500
N - $0.12612000-2.42756300-0.36502200$
C $0.62716400-1.22177500-0.70171500$
H $\quad 0.61400500-1.01444900-1.79309200$
C 2.09126200-1.46450200-0.35787100
O 2.59186200-2.56301500-0.23680000
O 2.78243700-0.31305200-0.26041200
C $4.18987100-0.45812000-0.00034400$

H 4.67017500-1.02758100-0.80031800
H $4.35153400-0.973202000 .94993500$
H 4.584512000 .557274000 .04020000
H $\quad 0.42340400-3.25123500-0.59857400$
C -2.25261400 -3.66915400 -0.46631900
C -2.99796900 -4.46111200-1.34645000
C -3.76897200 -5.52495800 -0.86921900
C $-3.79459100-5.808508000 .49587700$
C -3.04756700-5.02449000 1.38047600
C -2.28447700 -3.95997700 0.90438800
H -1.69470400 -3.35033700 1.58157100
H -3.06087900 -5.24444400 2.44484700
H -4.38841100-6.63831700 0.86995200
H -4.33907400 -6.13451800-1.56548700
H -2.96499100 -4.25319500-2.41439500
H -5.85833900 $0.65419600-0.81139700$
H -5.79418800 $3.03138500-0.08767800$
H $\quad-3.66367400 \quad 4.095574000 .58705900$
H $\quad 0.22353700-0.04169300 \quad 1.07505700$
H $0.456810000 .91829600-0.38526600$

## 5b-04



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| C | 2.38276200 | 1.21128400 | 0.01347800 |
| C | 3.36554800 | 0.29261400 | 0.41861900 |
| H | 3.09308600 | -0.72742700 | 0.67788300 |
| C | 4.69066300 | 0.70649900 | 0.48630300 |
| C | 5.05820700 | 2.02631900 | 0.15599200 |
| C | 4.10940600 | 2.95765700 | -0.25400800 |
| C | 2.77839100 | 2.53707000 | -0.32517400 |
| N | 1.63936900 | 3.22478100 | -0.70245700 |
| H | 1.58652900 | 4.21511900 | -0.88671700 |
| C | 0.54278200 | 2.38740200 | -0.57849600 |
| C | -0.87316800 | 2.75534100 | -0.94322400 |
| H | -0.94351300 | 2.81896800 | -2.04089900 |
| N | -1.81582000 | 1.69688200 | -0.52246200 |
| C | -1.31291300 | 0.33668500 | -0.76314700 |
| H | -1.12386300 | 0.23896100 | -1.83711400 |
| C | -2.39470600 | -0.68197300 | -0.43334500 |
| O | -2.69070000 | -1.63226000 | -1.12226300 |
| O | -2.96071000 | -0.42244200 | 0.76818500 |
| C | -3.98858000 | -1.33992800 | 1.17738500 |

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C 0.95479800 1.14645000-0.16267700
C $2.38276200 \quad 1.211284000 .01347800$
C 3.365548000 .292614000 .41861900
H $3.09308600-0.727427000 .67788300$
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C 5.058207002 .026319000 .15599200
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N $1.639369003 .22478100-0.70245700$
H $1.586529004 .21511900-0.88671700$
C 0.54278200 2.38740200 - 0.57849600
C -0.87316800 $2.75534100-0.94322400$
H -0.94351300 $2.81896800-2.04089900$
N - $-1.81582000 \quad 1.69688200-0.52246200$
C - $1.312913000 .33668500-0.76314700$
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H -3.58647600 -2.35299400 1.26145000
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H $-0.296495003 .88739300 \quad 1.49684500$
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C 4.06109700-1.86060900-1.66938900
C 4.03503900-3.26940900-1.65501100
C 2.92284600-3.96532100-1.19173800
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H -1.49488500 -3.13391100 1.57502000
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H 4.94643100-1.34921700-2.03745100
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H -3.01842300 -0.08526300 1.22802000
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C -3.78921500-3.29645000 2.12840700
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N - $0.33479500-3.581610000 .77081300$
H $\quad 0.07799800-4.493960000 .89104700$
C $0.34186100-2.459480000 .32054000$
C 1.73124900-2.49148800-0.23479500
H 1.74325900 -3.17293600-1.09997700
N 2.04783800-1.15191800-0.79867800
C $1.534385000 .03945000-0.10783600$
H $1.805992000 .88506600-0.75523100$
C $2.303496000 .33516200 \quad 1.19580400$
O $3.514902000 .29446000 \quad 1.25176800$
O $\quad 1.52320800 \quad 0.68694300 \quad 2.23770400$
C 2.226308001 .017705003 .44878600
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { H } & 2.88599300 & 1.87409800 & 3.28591500\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\mathrm{H} & 2.82538200 & 0.16780900 & 3.78511100\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\mathrm{H} & 1.45317800 & 1.25948700 & 4.17853000\end{array}$
H $3.05892800-1.06337000-0.87471600$
C $2.76270600-3.047643000 .75679800$
C 3.85880100-3.76789000 0.26427000
C $4.83663200-4.26643300 \quad 1.12617900$
C 4.72427400-4.05957400 2.50167400
C 3.63007400-3.35340000 3.00586100
C 2.65701500-2.85243000 2.14089100
H 1.80427900-2.30978300 2.54047200
H 3.53133000-3.19637100 4.07704200
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H 5.68001300-4.82200000 0.72440300
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H -2.51304200 -5.03206500 1.92722600
H -4.61037800 -3.85968600 2.56344100
H -4.85858700-1.42207500 2.21367300
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H -0.41436400 0.23880400-0.98923400

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C $1.90653300-1.77785800-0.57428500$
C 3.02458000-1.09940700-1.08702800
H 3.01023000-0.01785000-1.19528800
C $4.14673800-1.83014000-1.45977400$
C 4.17701200-3.23294200-1.32959100
C $3.08716100-3.93359300-0.82240100$
C $1.96124400-3.19525400-0.44755600$
N $0.75468300-3.608714000 .08737800$
H $\quad 0.46265400-4.567470000 .19915800$
C $-0.05749800-2.500714000 .27943900$
C - $1.44435900-2.539027000 .85547800$
H -1.41731700 -3.08898200 1.80773900
N - $1.89787900-1.174109001 .22351200$
C $-1.51786400-0.101293000 .28392900$
H -1.855542000 .828838000 .75876300
C - $2.32788300-0.19237000-1.01959700$
O -1.85391400 -0.19427200-2.13593500
O -3.64879700-0.20292200-0.76833400
C - $4.49395800-0.29652500-1.92627800$

H -4.32548200-1.24624700-2.44005900
H -4.29559700 0.52770600-2.61677500
H -5.51459400 -0.24420600 - 1.54608000
H -1.48466500 -0.94259700 2.12472900
C -2.47811700-3.25688100-0.02225500
C -3.69826400 -3.63778200 0.55411300
C -4.66574900-4.30164500-0.19580400
C -4.42776900-4.59565600-1.54235200
C -3.22095700-4.21446800-2.12721000
C -2.25014400 -3.54919300-1.37076900
H -1.31927800 -3.24441400 - 1.83872000
H -3.02797900 -4.43299400 -3.17432800
H -5.17943600 -5.11797500-2.12854600
H $-5.60494100-4.592498000 .26782600$
H $-3.88856300-3.397563001 .59729700$
H 3.11255100 -5.01580100 -0.72188900
H 5.06703000 - $3.77862700-1.63114800$
H 5.01566300-1.31472000-1.85993100
H $0.15785700 \quad 0.57293600-0.92009000$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { H } & 0.47360800 & 0.57090500 & 0.81321900\end{array}$


C 0.000000000 .000000000 .00000000
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C - $1.87758300-1.798189000 .59760600$
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H -3.00679000 -0.04656800 1.19766600
C $-4.12481200-1.869657001 .46499700$
C - $4.13911100-3.273461001 .34272100$
C $-3.03727400-3.965243000 .84932900$
C - $1.91627700-3.216980000 .47955500$
N -0.69943800 -3.61990600-0.03977800
H - $0.41320400-4.57524300-0.18886700$
C $0.10068500-2.50386200-0.23896600$
C 1.48479600-2.52063000-0.82471400
H 1.46482200-3.11358600-1.75209100
N 1.88101900-1.16021000-1.25869600
C $1.51217800-0.06315000-0.33953900$
H $1.794571000 .85466500-0.86652300$
C $2.45942000-0.079526000 .87321100$
O 3.636465000 .190395000 .80098000
O $1.83391500-0.394435002 .02666100$
C $2.67890900-0.434790003 .18876300$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { H } & 3.18612000 & 0.52352300 & 3.32691300\end{array}$
H 3.42556500-1.22578800 3.08338000
H $2.01262400-0.644047004 .02627400$
H 1.42897000-0.97038400-2.15098100
C $2.56584700-3.153658000 .06449400$
C $3.88084900-3.20080000-0.42007000$
C $4.89471400-3.794854000 .32687800$
C 4.61123800-4.35227300 1.57731400
C 3.30886100-4.30281100 2.07187800
C 2.29154200-3.70543300 1.31996800
H $1.28479200-3.66052900 \quad 1.72347100$
H 3.07810200-4.72649700 3.04616600
H $5.40164300-4.816573002 .16125400$
H 5.90901200-3.81852800 -0.06282100
H $4.10383300-2.74379000-1.37966000$
H $-3.05047700-5.048197000 .75465400$
H -5.02609700 -3.82682800 1.63903300
H -5.00295800 - $1.36119500 \quad 1.85378400$
H -0.152813000 .587366000 .91255700
H -0.51136600 0.54943200 -0.80570800


[^0]:    ${ }^{a} \mathrm{H}-3$ signal in the trans diastereomer is a triplet, ${ }^{b} \mathrm{H}-3$ signal in the trans diastereomer is an apparent triplet.

[^1]:    geometrically possible.

[^2]:    Methods used for calculation of conformer energies:
    M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
    M2 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
    M3 - M06-2X/def2-TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).
    Methods used for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shift calculation:
    M1 - B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform),
    M2 and M3 - mPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d), SCRF(PCM=chloroform).

