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### General experimental methods

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent and tetramethylsilane as internal standard. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 75 MHz with CDCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent. Mass spectra were obtained with a mass spectrometer (70 eV) using a GC-MS coupling (20 m glass capillary column, i.d. 0.53 mm, He carrier gas) or were recorded using a direct inlet system (70 eV). CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was dried by distillation over calcium hydride. All other solvents were used as received from the supplier.

**(3S\*,4S\*)-Cis-3-benzyloxy-4-(1-chloro-1-methylethyl)-1-*t*-butylazetid-2-one 6b.** 79% yield, TLC Rf 0.35 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 3/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.48 (9H, s), 1.74 and 1.75 (6H, 2×s), 4.14 (1H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 4.52 (1H, d, *J*=5.8 Hz), 4.68 (1H, d, *J*=11.8 Hz), 4.90 (1H, d, *J*=11.8 Hz), 7.25-7.38 (5H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 27.3, 29.8, 28.8, 54.8, 71.5, 68.3, 73.2, 79.4, 127.7, 127.9, 128.5, 137.0, 168.74. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν<sub>C=O</sub> = 1737; ν<sub>max</sub> = 2977, 1645, 1604, 1497, 1455. MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 312/10 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>24</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>: C 65.90; H 7.81; N 4.52. Found: C 66.12; H 7.70; N 4.64.

**(3S\*,4S\*)-Cis-1-benzyl-3-benzyloxy-4-(1-chloro-1-methylethyl)azetid-2-one 6d.** White crystals, 73% yield, Mp: 38°C, TLC Rf 0.35 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 3/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.65 and 1.73 (6H, 2 $\times$ s), 3.90 (1H, d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 4.32 (1H, d,  $J=14.6$  Hz), 4.58 (1H, d,  $J=5.3$  Hz), 4.67 (1H, d,  $J=11.8$  Hz), 4.88 (1H, d,  $J=14.6$  Hz), 4.91 (1H, d,  $J=11.8$  Hz), 7.22-7.37 (5H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  27.8, 29.2, 44.8, 66.0, 71.6, 73.3, 81.5, 127.7, 128.5, 128.7, 135.6, 136.8, 168.3. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{C=O}= 1760$ ,  $\nu_{max}= 2936$ , 1497, 1455. MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 346/4 (M<sup>+</sup>+1, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>: C 69.86; H 6.45; N 4.07. Found: C 69.77; H 6.54; N 4.17.

**(3S\*,4R\*)-Cis-1-cyclohexyl-4-isopropenyl-3-methoxyazetid-2-one 7e.** 77% yield, TLC Rf 0.15 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 3/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.11-1.97 (10H, m); 1.87 (3H, d,  $J=0.83$  Hz); 3.35-3.44 (1H, m), 3.44 (3H, s), 4.25 (1H, d,  $J=4.8$  Hz), 4.48 (1H, d,  $J= 4.8$  Hz), 5.08-5.10 (2H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  19.1, 25.0, 25.1, 25.3, 30.3, 30.9, 52.6, 58.8, 62.3, 84.4, 116.2, 141.8, 166.9. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{C=O}= 1756$ ;  $\nu_{max}= 2933$ , 1451. MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 224 (M<sup>+</sup>+1; 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C 69.92; H 9.48; N 6.27. Found: C 69.99; H 9.42; N 6.25.

**(3S\*,4R\*)-Cis-3-benzyloxy-1-cyclohexyl-4-isopropenylazetid-2-one 7f.** White crystals, 82% yield, Mp: 77°C, TLC Rf 0.2 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 3/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  0.96-1.93 (10H, m), 1.87 (3H, d,  $J=1.1$  Hz), 3.37-3.47 (1H, m), 4.23 (1H, d,  $J=4.95$  Hz), 4.62 (1H, d,  $J=11.7$  Hz), 4.65 (1H, d,  $J=5.0$  Hz, OCH), 4.68 (1H, d,  $J=11.7$  Hz), 5.08 (2H, d,  $J=1.1$  Hz), 7.24-7.43 (5H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  19.2, 25.0, 25.1, 25.3, 30.3, 30.9, 52.6, 62.5, 72.7, 82.0, 116.3, 127.9, 128.0, 128.4, 137.1, 141.9, 167.0. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{C=O}= 1746$ ;  $\nu_{max}= 2933$ , 1497, 1454. MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 300 (M<sup>+</sup>+1; 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C 76.22; H 8.42; N 4.68. Found: C 76.39; H 8.56; N 4.76.

**(3S\*,4R\*)-Cis-1-allyl-4-isopropenyl-3-methoxyazetididin-2-one 7g.** 61% yield, TLC Rf 0.1 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 3/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.79 (3H, s), 3.47 (1H, d×d, J=15.2 Hz, J=7.3 Hz), 3.48 (3H, s), 4.14 (1H, d×d, J=15.2 Hz, J=5.3 Hz), 4.18 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz), 4.59 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz), 5.03 and 5.21 (2H, 2×d, J=0.7 Hz), 5.11-5.17 (2H, m), 5.66-5.81 (1H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 19.3, 43.1, 58.9, 62.7, 85.3, 116.0, 118.9, 131.0, 140.1, 167.0. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν<sub>C=O</sub>=1763; ν<sub>max</sub>= 3082, 2924, 2836, 1645, 1448, 1396, 1375, 1361. MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 182(M<sup>+</sup>+1, 45); 150(100); 122(15); 110(35); 109(12). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C 66.27; H 8.34; N 7.73. Found: C 66.38; H 8.50; N 7.68.

**(3S\*,4R\*)-Cis-1-allyl-3-benzyloxy-4-isopropenylazetididin-2-one 7h.** 60% yield, TLC Rf 0.18 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 3/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.82 (3H, s), 3.48 (1H, d×d, J=15.4 Hz, J=7.3 Hz), 4.1 (1H, d×d, J=15.4 Hz, J=5.3 Hz), 4.17 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz), 4.65 (1H, d, J=11.5 Hz), 4.72 (1H, d, J=11.5 Hz), 4.75 (1H, d, J=5.0 Hz), 5.03 and 5.19 (2H, 2×s), 5.11-5.16 (2H, m), 5.65-5.80 (1H, m), 7.25-7.37 (5H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 19.3, 43.1, 62.8, 72.7, 83.0, 116.2, 118.9, 127.9, 128.4, 131.0, 137.0, 140.2, 167.2. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν<sub>C=O</sub>=1760; ν<sub>max</sub>= 3084, 2983, 2917, 1645, 1455, 1396, 1343. MS (70 eV) m/z (%): 258(M<sup>+</sup>+1, 55); 166(10); 91(100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: C 74.68; H 7.44; N 5.44. Found: C 74.75; H 7.36; N 5.42.

**(3S\*,4R\*,5S\*)-3-Benzyloxy-5-bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-1-*t*-butyl-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 10b.** Purity >95% (<sup>1</sup>H NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.28 (3H, s), 1.51 (9H, s), 3.43 (1H, d, J=10.3 Hz), 3.74 (1H, d, J=10.3 Hz), 3.99 (1H, s), 4.72 (1H, d, J=11.8 Hz), 5.15 (1H, d, J=11.8 Hz), 5.81 (1H, s), 7.27-7.41 (5H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 17.3, 26.8, 40.5, 47.6, 56.3, 73.7, 78.7, 80.3, 128.1, 128.2, 128.5, 137.2, 174.1. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν<sub>C=O</sub>=1685; ν<sub>max</sub>= 2977, 1455, 1370.

**(3S\*,4R\*,5S\*)-5-Bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-1-isopropyl-3-methoxy-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 10c.** Purity >91% (<sup>1</sup>H NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.24 (3H, s), 1.31 and 1.37 (6H, 2×d, J=6.9 Hz), 3.64 (1H, d, J= 10.2 Hz), 3.71 (3H, s), 3.85 (1H, s), 3.99 (1H, d, J=10.2 Hz), 4.14 (1H, septet, J=6.9 Hz), 5.67 (1H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 17.1, 19.1, 19.4, 40.1, 46.7, 48.5, 60.7, 75.0, 82.9, 173.7. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν<sub>C=O</sub>=1681.

**(3S\*,4R\*,5S\*)-1-Benzyl-3-benzyloxy-5-bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 10d.** Purity >83% (<sup>1</sup>H NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.12 (3H, s), 3.44 (1H, d, J=10.2 Hz), 3.71 (1H, d, J=10.2 Hz), 3.84 (1H, d, J=14.9 Hz), 4.05 (1H, s), 4.78 (1H, d, J=11.9 Hz), 5.10 (1H, d, J=14.9 Hz), 5.19 (1H, d, J=11.8 Hz), 5.23 (1H, s); 7.19-7.38 (10H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 17.2, 40.1, 45.3, 47.0, 73.6, 76.9, 79.4, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 128.8, 128.9, 129.1, 133.9, 137.0, 172.8. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν<sub>C=O</sub>=1689; ν<sub>max</sub>= 2977, 1455.

**(3S\*,4R\*,5S\*)-5-Bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-1-cyclohexyl-3-methoxy-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 10e.** Purity >81% (<sup>1</sup>H NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.23 (3H, s), 1.08-2.00 (10H, m), 3.64 (1H, d, J=10.18 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.70-3.82 (1H, m), 3.89 (1H, s), 3.98 (1H, d, J=10.2 Hz), 5.31 (1H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 17.1, 25.2, 25.5, 29.4, 29.6, 40.4, 48.5, 54.0, 60.4, 76.3, 82.7, 173.1. IR (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): ν<sub>C=O</sub>=1681.

**(3S\*,4R\*,5S\*)-3-Benzyloxy-5-bromo-4-(bromomethyl)-1-cyclohexyl-3-methoxy-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 10f.** Purity >78% (<sup>1</sup>H NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 1.26 (3H, s), 1.10-1.98 (10H, m), 3.42 (1H, d, J=10.2 Hz), 3.72 (1H, d, J=10.2 Hz), 3.70-3.77 (1H, m), 4.07 (1H, s); 4.71 (1H, d, J=11.8 Hz), 5.12 (1H, d, J=11.8 Hz), 5.64 (1H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR

(75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  17.4, 25.3, 25.5, 29.4, 29.7, 40.4, 48.3, 54.1, 73.7, 76.3, 79.9, 128.1, 128.6, 129.0, 137.2, 173.3. **IR** (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ =1679.

**1-Benzyl-3,5-dibromo-4-(bromomethyl)-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 16b.** Purity >75% (<sup>1</sup>H NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.09 (3H, s), 3.72 (1H, d,  $J$ = 10.5 Hz), 3.90 (1H, d,  $J$ =14.6 Hz), 3.93 (1H, d,  $J$ = 10.5 Hz), 4.46 (1H, s), 5.08 (1H, d,  $J$ =14.6 Hz), 5.21 (1H, s), 7.25-7.40 (5H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  16.7, 40.2, 45.7, 47.7, 74.1, 75.4, 128.8, 129.2, 129.8, 133.3, 175.1. **IR** (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ =1698.

**5-Azido-4-(bromomethyl)-1-isopropyl-3-methoxy-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 18b.** Yield 65%, TLC Rf 0.1 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 4/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.16 (3H, d,  $J$ =0.6 Hz), 1.23 and 1.28 (6H, 2 $\times$ d,  $J$ =6.9 Hz), 3.6 (1H, d,  $J$ = 10.2 Hz), 3.65 (3H, s), 3.72 (1H, s), 3.84 (1H, d $\times$ d,  $J$ =10.2 Hz,  $J$ =0.6 Hz), 4.29 (1H, septet,  $J$ =6.9 Hz), 4.66 (1H, s). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  16.9, 19.5, 21.0, 38.2, 43.5, 47.9, 60.3, 79.2, 82.3, 172.1. **IR** (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ =1716;  $\nu_{\text{N}_3}$ =2108. **MS** (70 eV)  $m/z$  (%): 307/5 ( $M^+$ +1, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 39.36; H 5.61; N 18.36. Found: C 39.31; H 5.54; N 18.38.

**5-Azido-3-benzyloxy-1-benzyl-4-(bromomethyl)-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 18c.** Yield 48%, TLC Rf 0.2 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 8/1). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  1.11 (3H, s); 3.28 (1H, d,  $J$ =10.2 Hz), 3.52 (1H, d,  $J$ = 10.2 Hz), 3.89 (1H, s), 4.03 (1H, d,  $J$ =14.9 Hz), 4.39 (1H, s), 4.77 (1H, d,  $J$ =12.1 Hz), 5.03 (1H, d,  $J$ =14.9 Hz), 5.15 (1H, d,  $J$ =12.1 Hz), 7.26-7.42 (10H, m). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  17.2, 37.9, 45.1, 46.6, 73.3, 78.8, 80.2, 128.2, 128.4, 128.6, 128.7, 129.2, 134.4, 137.2, 172.4. **IR** (NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>):  $\nu_{\text{N}_3}$ =2109;  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}$ =1720;  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ =2928, 1455. **MS** (70 eV)  $m/z$  (%): 431/29 ( $M^+$ +1, 100). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>BrN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 55.95; H 4.93; N 18.61. Found: C 56.17; H 4.99; N 18.49.

**5-Azido-4-(bromomethyl)-1-cyclohexyl-3-methoxy-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 18d.** Yield 43%, TLC Rf 0.15 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 8/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.00 (3H, s), 0.93-1.83 (10H, m), 3.39 (1H, d,  $J=9.9$  Hz), 3.50 (3H, s), 3.57 (1H, s), 3.68 (1H, d,  $J=9.9$  Hz), 3.71-3.77 (1H, m), 4.51 (1H, s).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  16.9, 25.3, 25.4, 25.8, 30.1, 31.1, 38.3, 48.0, 51.4, 60.3, 79.5, 82.3, 172.1. **IR** ( $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu_{\text{N}_3}=2108$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}=1713$ . **MS** (70 eV)  $m/z$  (%): 347/5 ( $\text{M}^++1$ , 100). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2$ : C 45.23; H 6.13; N 16.23. Found: C 45.39; H 6.24; N 16.04.

**5-Azido-3-benzyloxy-4-(bromomethyl)-1-cyclohexyl-4-methylpyrrolidin-2-one 18e.** Yield 63%, TLC Rf 0.1 (petrol ether/ ethyl acetate 8/1).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (300 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  1.20 (3H, s), 1.08-1.98 (10H, m), 3.34 (1H, d,  $J=9.9$  Hz), 3.57 (1H, d,  $J=9.9$  Hz), 3.88 (1H, s), 3.85-3.92 (1H, m), 4.65 (1H, s), 4.71 (1H, d,  $J=11.8$  Hz), 5.11 (1H, d,  $J=11.8$  Hz).  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  17.2, 25.3, 25.4, 25.8, 30.1, 31.7, 38.2, 47.8, 51.5, 73.3, 79.0, 79.5, 128.2, 128.5, 137.4, 172.3. **IR** ( $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu_{\text{N}_3}=2108$ ;  $\nu_{\text{C=O}}=1715$ . **MS** (70 eV)  $m/z$  (%): 423/1 ( $\text{M}^++1$ , 100). Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrN}_4\text{O}_2$ : C 54.16; H 5.98; N 13.30. Found: C 54.27; H 6.07; N 13.39.