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SYNTHESIS OF ENANTIOPURE DI(*TERT*-BUTYL) (2*S*,4*S*)-4-HYDROXY-6-OXO-1,2-PIPERIDINEDICARBOXYLATE. A USEFUL BUILDING BLOCK FOR THE PREPARATION OF 4-HYDROXYPIPECOLATE DERIVATIVES



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1. Procedure

A. 2-tert-Butoxycarbonylamino-4-(2,2-dimethyl-4,6-dioxo-[1,3]dioxan-5-yl)-4-oxo-butyric acid tert-butyl ester. A one-necked, 500mL, round-bottomed flask containing a magnetic stir bar and fitted with a

three-way stopcock fitted with a rubber septum and an argon inlet is charged with 15.0 g (51.85 mmol) of N- α -tert-butoxycarbonyl-L-aspartic acid α -tertbutyl ester (Boc-L-Asp-Ot-Bu) (Note 1) and 150 mL of dichloromethane (Note 2). The resulting solution is cooled in an ice bath at 0 °C (ice bath temperature) whereupon 7.85 g (54.44 mmol, 1.05 equiv) of 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (Meldrum's acid) (Note 3) and 9.50 g (77.78 mmol, 1.5 equiv) of 4-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (Note 4) are added. N-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochoride (EDC·HCl) (14.91 g, 77.78 mmol, 1.5 equiv) (Note 5) is then added portion-wise to the reaction mixture at 0 °C over 5 min. The three-way adapter is returned to the neck and reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and is stirred under argon for 3 h (Note 6). The solution is diluted with 50 mL of dichloromethane before being transferred to a 500-mL separatory funnel and is then washed successively with two, 150-mL portions of 1 M ag KHSO₄ solution and 150 mL of brine. The organic layer is dried over Na₂SO₄ (25-30 g), then is filtered through a cotton plug in a funnel, collected in a 500-mL flask and concentrated by rotary evaporation (40 °C, 6 mm Hg) to provide 21.5 g of crude **2** as a clear, pale-yellow oil (Note 7).

B. Di(tert-butyl) (2S)-4,6-dioxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate. Ethyl acetate (330 mL) (Note 8) is added to the 500-mL flask containing **2**, which is then equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a reflux condenser. The solution is heated in an oil bath at 80 °C (bath temperature) for 3 h (Note 9). The solution is allowed to cool before being transferred to a 1-L separatory funnel and is washed successively with 200 mL of 1 N aq KHSO₄ solution and 200 mL of brine. The organic layer is dried over Na₂SO₄ (25-30 g), filtered through a cotton plug in a funnel, and concentrated by rotary evaporation (34-40 °C, 6 mm Hg). The residual crystalline material is slurried in 100 mL of cyclohexane, then is collected by filtration in a Hirsch funnel and is washed with two, 50-mL portions of cyclohexane and then dried under reduced pressure (40 °C, 6 mm Hg) to afford 12.61 g (78%, 2 steps from **1**) of dioxopiperidine **3** as a white solid (Notes 10, 11).

C. Di(tert-butyl) (2S,4S)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate. A two-necked, 500-mL, round-bottomed flask fitted with a rubber septum, argon needle inlet and thermometer is charged with dioxopiperidine **3** (12.61 g, 40.25 mmol) and 150 mL of dichloromethane (Note 12). The resulting solution is cooled in an ice bath at 0 °C (bath temperature) while 25 mL of AcOH (Note 13) is added. Sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) (4.57 g, 120.75 mmol, 3.0 equiv) (Note 14) is then added portion-wise to the reaction

mixture at such a rate as to keep the internal temperature below 10 °C. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and is stirred for 12 h (Note 15). The reaction mixture is neutralized with 150 mL of 1 M aq KHSO₄ solution and then is transferred to a 500-mL separatory funnel. The aqueous phase is separated and the organic layer is dried over Na₂SO₄ (25-30 g), filtered through a cotton plug in a funnel, and concentrated by rotary evaporation (40 °C, 6 mm Hg). Dichloromethane (250 mL) (Note 12) is added to the 500-mL flask, which is then equipped with a magnetic stir bar. The resulting solution is cooled in an ice bath at 0 °C while 25 mL AcOH (Note 13) is added. Sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) (1.52 g, 40.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) (Note 14) is then added portion-wise to the reaction mixture over 5 min. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and is stirred for 4 h. The reaction mixture is neutralized with 100 mL of a 1 M aq KHSO₄ solution and is transferred to a 500-mL separatory funnel. The aqueous phase is separated and the organic layer is dried over Na_2SO_4 (25-30 g), filtered through a cotton plug in a funnel, and concentrated by rotary evaporation (40 °C, 6 mm Hg) (Notes 16, 17). The residue is dissolved in 200 mL of ethyl acetate, and the solution transferred to a 500-mL separatory funnel where it is washed successively with two, 150-mL portions of 1 M aq KHSO₄ solution and two, 150-mL portions of sat. aq sodium bicarbonate solution and 150 mL of brine. The organic layer is dried over Na₂SO₄ (25-30 g), filtered through a cotton plug in a funnel, and concentrated by rotary evaporation (40 °C, 6 mm Hg). The residual crystalline solid is dissolved in 23 mL of dichloromethane. Diisopropyl ether (150 mL) is slowly added and the resulting slurry is triturated for 1 h. The white solid that precipitates is collected by filtration, then is washed with 50 mL of diisopropyl ether, 50 mL of cyclohexane and then is dried under reduced pressure (25 °C, 6 mm Hg and then 0.04 mm Hg) to afford 6.25 g (49.3%) of 4. The filtrate is concentrated and the residue is dissolved in 9 mL dichloromethane. After addition of diisopropyl ether (100 mL) and a magnetic stir bar, the mixture is stirred for 10 h at room temperature to afford a second crop (1.60 g), which is collected by filtration and is combined with the first crop of crystals to give a final yield of 7.85 g (62 %) (Note 18).

2. Notes

1. *N*- α -*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-L-aspartic acid α -*tert*-butyl ester (98+%), was purchased from Novabiochem by the submitters and from Waterstone Technology Product List by the checkers, was used as received.

2. Dichloromethane was purchased from WAKO Pure Chemicals and was used as received.

3. 2,2,5-Trimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (Meldrum's acid) (98%) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc and was used as received.

4. 4-DMAP (99%) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc and was used as received.

5. N-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-N'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochoride (EDC·HCl) was purchased from Senn Chemicals by the submitters and from Watanabe Chemical Industries, LTD by the checkers, was used as received.

6. The progress of the reaction was followed by TLC analysis on silica gel with cyclohexane/ ethyl acetate/acetic acid, 7:3:0.5) as eluent. Visualization of the TLC plates was performed with ninhydrin. Boc-Asp-Ot-Bu has $R_f = 0.31$ (red) and product 2 has $R_f = 0.20$ (dark red).

7. Compound 2 is used in the next step without further purification. The submitters observed partial spontaneous rearrangement to dioxopiperidine 3 upon drying compound 2 under reduced pressure for 5 days. Compound 2 has the following spectroscopic properties: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃,) δ : 1.42 (s, 9 H), 1.44 (s, 9 H), 1.74 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (m, 1 H), 3.66 (m, 1 H), 4.67 (m, 1 H), 5.27 (br, 1 H).

8. Ethyl acetate (puriss. p.a. ACS reagent grade) was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co., Inc and used as received.

9. The progress of the reaction was followed by TLC analysis on silica gel with cyclohexane/ethyl acetate/acetic acid, 7:3:0.5 as eluent. Visualization of the TLC plates was performed with ninhydrin; dioxopiperidine **3** has $R_f = 0.29$ (light orange).

10. Dioxopiperidine **3** exhibits the following physicochemical properties: C_{18} RP-HPLC t_R 23.4 (HPLC analysis was performed on a CAPCELL PAC C_{18} column (5 µm, 4.6 mm × 250 mm) (*SHISEIDO*) by using a linear gradient of A (0.1% TFA in H₂O) and B (0.08% TFA in CH₃CN) at a flow rate of 1.2 mL/min with UV detection at 214 nm; linear gradient, 20–80% B, 20 min); colorless crystals; $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +107.2$ (c = 1.02, CHCl₃); mp 114–116 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.46 (s, 9 H), 1.55

(s, 9 H), 2.83 (dd, J = 17.7, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.03 (dd, J = 17.7, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.37 (d, J = 19.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.53 (d, J = 19.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.07 (dd, J = 7.1, 2.2 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 27.8 (3 CH₃), 27.9 (3 CH₃), 40.9 (CH₂), 50.4 (CH₂), 54.6 (CH), 84.0 (C), 84.7 (C), 151.2 (C), 165.3 (C), 168.9 (C), 200.2 (C); IR (KBr) 2981, 1766, 1725, 1644, 1600, 1278, 1147 cm⁻¹; ESI-MS [M⁺+Na] 336. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₃NO₆: C, 57.50; H, 7.40; N, 4.47. Found: C, 57.22; H, 7.32; N, 4.38.

11. Dioxopiperidine **3** exists in equilibrium with di(*tert*-butyl) (2*S*)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-3,6-dihydro-1,2(2*H*)-pyridinedicarboxylate, the thermodynamically stable enol form. The product **3** exists exclusively in the keto form in CDCl₃, whereas in DMSO- d_6 , the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra show the enol form only: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ : 11.2 (s, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (ddd, *J* = 17.7, 6.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 17.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, (CD₃)₂SO) δ : 169.6, 168.2, 164.1, 152.0, 96.2, 81.6, 81.4, 55.0, 30.3, 27.7, 27.5.

12. Dichloromethane was freshly distilled over from calcium hydride under argon.

13. AcOH (99.5+%), purchased from Prolabo by the submitters and from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. by the checkers), was used as received.

14. Sodium borohydride (NaBH₄) (98+%) was purchased from Acros Organics by the submitters (KANTO Chemical CO., Inc.) and was used as received.

15. At that stage, C_{18} RP-HPLC analysis of the reaction mixture reveals that 11% of dioxopiperidine **3** is still present (see Note 16 for analysis conditions). On this scale, as well as on larger scale, the submitters found that a prolonged reaction time was not sufficient to bring the reaction to completion and that satisfactory results were obtained by performing the reduction a second time after work-up.

16. Analytical C₁₈ RP-HPLC: CAPCELL PAC C₁₈ column (5 μ m, 4.6 mm × 250 mm) (*SHISEIDO*) (linear gradient, 20–80% B, 20 min) of the crude product reveals that the reduction is complete (< 2 % of **3**) and that the diastereomeric ratio between di(*tert*-butyl) (2*S*,4*S*)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate (**4**) and di(*tert*-butyl) (2*S*,4*R*)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate (*epi*-**4**) is 91:9. The elution times (*t*_R) for **3**, **4** and *epi*-**4** are 23.4, 20.6, and 21.4 min, respectively.

17. After this workup, the product still contained acetic acid which was detrimental to the recrystallization. A second extractive workup as described was needed to remove all of the acetic acid.

18. (2S,4S)-4-Hydroxy-6-oxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate was 4 obtained in high diastereomeric purity (dr > 99:1 for the combined crops as determined by analytical C₁₈ RP-HPLC (linear gradient, 20-80% B, 20 min)) (Note 10). The enantiomeric ratio was > 99:1 as determined by HPLC analysis on an OJ-H column (5 μ m, 3.9 m × 150 mm) by elution with 5% isopropanol in *n*-hexane at a flow rate of 1 mL/min with UV detection at 214 nm. The elution times (t_R) for 4 and *ent*-4 are 11.8 and 8.4 min, respectively. Lactam **4** exhibited the following physicochemical properties: C₁₈ RP-HPLC $t_{\rm R}$ 20.6 min (linear gradient, 20–80% B, 20 min); $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{21} = -23.7$ (c = 1.02, CHCl₃); colorless crystals; mp 128–129 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.46 (s, 9 H), 1.51 (s, 9 H), 2.11 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.22 (ddd, J = 14.1, 6.4, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 2.38-2.43 (m, 1 H), 2.60 (ddd, J = 17.4, 4.3, 1.9 Hz, 1 H), 2.77 (dd, J = 17.4, 4.9 Hz, 1 H), 4.26 (m, 1 H), 4.65 (dd, J = 6.8, 3.7 Hz, 1 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 27.8 (3 CH₃), 27.9 (3 CH₃), 32.9 (CH₂), 43.2 (CH₂), 56.1 (CH), 64.2 (CH), 82.5 (C), 83.5 (C), 151.8 (C), 168.6 (C), 171.2 (C); IR(KBr) 3504, 2975, 1766, 1706, 1284, 1139; ESI-MS [M⁺+Na] 338; Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₅NO₆: C, 57.13; H, 7.99; N, 4.44. Found: C, 56.88; H, 7.84; N, 4.33.

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3. Discussion

ring 2,4-dioxo-1-pyrrolidinecarboxylates (chiral Five-membered tetramic acids) obtained from Meldrum's acid and N-protected α -amino acids have received considerable attention as precursors of statine [(3S,4S)derivatives.⁴⁻⁸ 4-amino-3-hydroxy-6-methylheptanoic acid] Their stereocontrolled reduction leads exclusively to the *cis*-4-hydroxy derivative. However, there have been relatively few reports on the synthesis and *N*-acylated 4,6-dioxopiperidines, reactivity of their six-membered counterparts.⁹

By analogy with the synthesis of chiral tetramic acids,⁴ condensation of *N*-protected 3-aminopropanoic acids with Meldrum's acid in the presence of EDC·HCl and DMAP, followed by cyclization at 80 °C in ethyl acetate, provides a convenient and short entry to enantiopure *N*-acylated 4,6dioxopiperidines (e.g. 3).¹⁰ *N*-Acylated 4,6-dioxopiperidines exist in equilibrium with the thermodynamically stable enol form.

We found that treatment of various N-acylated 4,6-dioxopiperidines with NaBH₄ in CH₂Cl₂/AcOH (10:1) for 16–72 h resulted in a quantitative and stereoselective reduction of the keto functionality.¹⁰ The selectivity of the reaction was significantly influenced by the bulk of the side chain at C2, the lowest and highest selectivities being observed for the methyl (dr 84:16) and isopropyl groups (dr >99:1), respectively. In the case of a carboxylate side chain at C2, the *tert*-butyl ester group (in 3) exerts a stronger than the corresponding stereodirecting effect benzyl ester. The stereoselective reduction in step (C) afforded 4 in diastereomerically pure form (dr >99:1) following a single recrystallizaton. The absolute configuration at C4 was confirmed by X-ray crystal structure determination.¹⁰

This three-step procedure allows for the preparation of (2S,4S)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate **4** in 46% overall yield from Boc-L-Asp-OtBu and using common and cheap reagents. Hydroxylated lactam **4** is a versatile intermediate that can be readily converted to several useful amino acid derivatives.^{10,11} Reduction of the lactam moiety by treatment with BH₃·SMe, and subsequent deprotection/protection afforded the enantiopure protected *cis*-4-hydroxypipecolic acid **5**, an amino acid constituent of natural antibiotics and several drug candidates, in 83% yield. The corresponding *N*-Fmoc protected *trans*-(2S,4S)-4-hydroxypipecolate **6** was obtained by further inversion of the C4 stereocenter under Mitsunobu conditions (57% from **4**). Alternatively, ring opening of **4** under reductive conditions (NaBH₄, EtOH) following protection of the hydroxyl group gave the corresponding 1,3-diol (85% (TBDPS protecting group); 83% (TBDMS protecting group)), which can be further transformed to the 4-hydroxylysine derivative **7** or to enantiomerically pure lactone **8**.



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Appendix Chemical Abstracts Nomenclature; (Registry Number)

- *N*-α-*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl-L-aspartic acid α-*tert*-butyl ester (Boc-L-Asp-Ot-Bu); (34582-32-6)
- 2,2-Dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione (Meldrum's acid); (2033-24-1)
- *N*-(3-Dimethylaminopropyl)-*N*'-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochoride (EDC·HCl); (25952-53-8)
- 2-*tert*-Butoxycarbonylamino-4-(2,2-dimethyl-4,6-dioxo-[1,3]dioxan-5-yl)-4oxo-butyric acid *tert*-butyl ester; (10950-77-9)
- Di(*tert*-butyl) (2*S*)-4,6-dioxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate; (653589-10-7) Sodium borohydride; (16940-66-2)
- Di(*tert*-butyl) (2*S*,4*S*)-4-hydroxy-6-oxo-1,2-piperidinedicarboxylate; (653589-16-3)



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