# Supporting Information 

# Direct Synthesis of Free $\alpha$-Amino Acids by Telescoping Three-Step Process from 1,2-Diols 

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## 1. General considerations

All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere, stirred magnetically, unless otherwise noted. Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC: Merck Silica Gel $60 \mathrm{~F}_{254}$ ). Column chromatography was carried out using neutral silica gel (Cica silica gel 60 N , particle size $0.040-0.050 \mathrm{~mm}$, neutral, KANTO CHEMICAL CO., INC.). NMR spectra were measured by JEOL ECS-400 ( 400 MHz ). in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm, $\delta$ scale) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as 0.00 ppm or residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ (7.26 ppm) for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and 77.00 ppm for $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR as an internal reference. In $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$, chemical shifts are expressed relative to residual $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ (3.31 ppm for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR). In $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, DSS (sodium 2,2-dimethyl-2-silapentane-5-sulfonate) was used as an internal reference. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were reported in terms of chemical shift $(\delta, \mathrm{ppm})$ relative to the singlet at $\delta 0.00 \mathrm{ppm}$ for DSS. Coupling constants $(J)$ are reported in Hz. Multiplicities are reported using the following abbreviations; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; quint, quintet; m, multiplet; br, broad. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT-IR-4200 at $4.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ resolution and reported in wavenumbers. Mass spectra were measured by JEOL JMS-T100LP using Electrospray Ionization (ESI) and Direct Analysis in Real Time (DART). Elemental analyses were performed using Yanaco CHN CORDER MT-6.

L-Aminoacylase (Acylase H "Amano", $>30$ kunits $/ \mathrm{g}$, mixture of $15 \%$ of enzyme and $85 \%$ of sodium sulfate) and D-aminoacylase (D-Aminoacylase "Amano", >10.2 Munits/g) were used for chemoenzymatic resolution. 2-Oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid (1a) (TCI), 4-methyl-2-oxovaleric acid (1b) (TCI), pyruvic acid (S29) (Wako), 2-oxobutyric acid (S31) (Aldrich), phenylpyruvic acid (S33) (TCI), 4-hydroxyphenylpyruvic acid (S37) (TCI), 3-methyl-2-oxovaleric acid (S39) (TCI), oxaloacetic acid (S41) (TCI), and 2-oxoglutaric acid (S42) (TCI) were purchased and used as received. $\alpha$-Keto acid S35 was prepared by the oxidation of the corresponding $\alpha$-hydroxy acid according to our previous report. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra of $\alpha$-amino acids $\mathbf{3 g}-\mathbf{3 1}, \mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1 1}$, and $\mathbf{S 4 5}$ could not be collected owing to their low solubility.

## 2. Preparation of $\mathbf{1 , 2}$-diols.

1,2-Diols $\mathbf{5 a}, \mathbf{5 d}, \mathbf{5 f}, \mathbf{5 h}, \mathbf{5 i}, \mathbf{5 l}$, and $\mathbf{5 m}$ were synthesized from corresponding terminal olefins according to the previous reports. ${ }^{2,3}$

## Typical procedure for synthesis of 1,2-diols from terminal olefins.



To a solution of olefin $\mathbf{S} 1(5.4 \mathrm{~g}, 41 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(74 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added bis(pinacolato)diboron ( $20.8 \mathrm{~g}, 81.7$ $\mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(4.08 \mathrm{~g}, 12.5 \mathrm{mmol})$, and $\mathrm{MeOH}(8.3 \mathrm{~mL}, 204 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, it was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the addition of THF ( 74 mL ), aq. $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(30 \%, 20.9 \mathrm{~mL}, 204 \mathrm{mmol})$, and aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(10 \%, 73.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 204 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added. After 30 min , additional aq. $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(30 \%, 20.9 \mathrm{~mL}, 204$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(10 \%, 73.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 204 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min . Then, it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane $/ \mathrm{AcOEt}=2 / 1$ to AcOEt only) to afford 1,2-diol $\mathbf{5 a}(6.1 \mathrm{~g}, 89 \%)$ as a pale yellow oil.

Analytical data of $\mathbf{5 a}$ was shown in ref 3 .



To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 2}(1.36 \mathrm{~g}, 6.02 \mathrm{mmol})$, TEMPO ( $28.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.182 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{KBr}(72.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.609 \mathrm{mmol})$, and ${ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu} \mathrm{u}_{4} \mathrm{NBr}(98.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.306 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(16 \mathrm{~mL})$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(8.1 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added a solution of aq. $\mathrm{NaOCl}(1.77 \mathrm{M}, 4.42 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.82 \mathrm{mmol})$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(8.1 \mathrm{~mL})$ dropwise at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 40 min , it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude aldehyde $\mathbf{S 3}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a well-dried round-bottom flask charged with $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{PPh}_{3} \mathrm{Br}(2.58 \mathrm{~g}, 7.23 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dry THF ( 15 mL ) was added ${ }^{n} \mathrm{BuLi}(15 \mathrm{wt} \%, 4.24 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.22 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 20 min , a solution of aldehyde $\mathbf{S 3}(0.5 \mathrm{M})$ in THF was added at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then, it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude olefin $\mathbf{S 4}$. It was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

1,2-Diol 5d was prepared from olefin $\mathbf{S 4}$ according to the preparation procedure of 5a. 1,2-Diol 5d was afforded as a white solid ( $0.784 \mathrm{~g}, 51 \%, 3$ steps) after purification by temporary acetonide-protection and washing by hexane to remove an impurity originated from the boron reagent.


White solid; mp. 71.0-71.9 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 3.76-3.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$,
3.53-3.44 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.86(m, 1H), 2.86-2.76(m, 1H), $2.26(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$,
1.86-1.66 (m, 2H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 145.1(\mathrm{dm}, J=243.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 139.6(\mathrm{dm}, J$
$=249.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 137.4(\mathrm{dm}, J=250.7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 114.7(\mathrm{td}, J=19.1,3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}), 71.3,66.5,32.3,18.7$;
IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3500-3200; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{NH}_{4}\left(\left[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right]^{+}\right): 274.0866$, found 274.0875 .


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 5}(52.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.336 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{PPh}_{3}(104 \mathrm{mg}, 0.450 \mathrm{mmol})$, and DIAD $(84.6 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.437$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(1.7 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added acetone cyanohydrin $(36.9 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.403 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 9 h at room temperature and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was passed through flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ $\mathrm{AcOEt}=30 / 1$ ) to afford olefin $\mathbf{S 6}$ including impurities.

1,2-Diol $\mathbf{5 f}$ was prepared from olefin $\mathbf{S 6}$ according to the preparation procedure of $\mathbf{5 a}$.
OH White solid; mp 33.4-35.1 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 3.75-3.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.44$ (ddd, $J$ NC $=11.2,7.2,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.00(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, J=4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.83(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{t}, J=5.2$ $5 f$
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.66 (quint, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.51-1.23 (m, 12H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 119.8$, $72.2,66.8,33.1,29.4,29.1,28.6,28.6,25.4,25.3,17.1$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3700-3200,2247$; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{O}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 222.1470$, found 222.1473.


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 5}(1.76 \mathrm{~g}, 11.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ and AZADOL (79.8 $\mathrm{mg}, 0.511 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeCN}(51 \mathrm{~mL})$ and sodium phosphate buffer $(1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=6.8,36 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added a NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 2.53 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.506$ mmol ) and a $\mathrm{NaClO}_{2}$ aqueous solution ( 20.2 mmol of $80 \% \mathrm{NaClO}_{2}$ dissolved into 19 mL of water) simultaneously dropwise at room temperature. After 25 h , the reaction mixture was quenched with sodium phosphate buffer ( 1 M , $\mathrm{pH}=2.1,7.2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and extracted with AcOEt . The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude carboxylic acid which was used to the next reaction without any further purification. To a solution of carboxylic acid and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(3.50 \mathrm{~g}, 25.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DMF $(14 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added benzyl bromide $(1.80 \mathrm{~mL}, 15.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 14 h at room temperature, it was quenched with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane only to hexane $/ \mathrm{AcOEt}=30 / 1$ ) to afford ester $\mathbf{S} 7(2.67 \mathrm{~g}, 91 \%, 2$ steps) as a colorless oil.


Colorless oil; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.40-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 5.80(\mathrm{ddt}, J=17.6,10.0,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$,
$1 \mathrm{H}), 5.11(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.99(\mathrm{dq}, J=17.6,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.93(\mathrm{dm}, J=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 2.03(\mathrm{qt}, J=6.8,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.70-1.60(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.42-1.18(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 173.7,139.1,136.1,128.5(2 \mathrm{C}), 128.2(3 \mathrm{C}), 114.2,66.0,34.3,33.7,29.1$ (2C), 28.9, 28.8, 24.9; IR (neat, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 1738,1641$; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 283.1674$, found 283.1683.

1,2-Diol $\mathbf{5 i}$ was prepared from olefin $\mathbf{S 7}$ according to the preparation procedure of 5a. 1,2-Diol 5 q was afforded as a white solid ( $1.40 \mathrm{~g}, 46 \%$ ) after purification by temporary acetonide-protection to remove an impurity originated from the boron reagent.


White solid; mp. 51.3-52.1 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.42-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 5.11(\mathrm{~s}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.74-3.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.43$ (ddd, $J=10.8,7.6,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.95$
$5 i$
$(\mathrm{d}, J=4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.79(\mathrm{t}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.68-1.60(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.48-1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$
NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 173.7,136.1,128.5$ (2C), 128.1 (3C), 72.2, 66.8, 66.1, 34.3, 33.1, 29.3, 29.1, 28.9, 25.4, 24.8; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3600-3200, 2929, 2850, 1736; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$: 317.1729 , found 317.1715 .


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 5}(1.57 \mathrm{~g}, 10.1 \mathrm{mmol})$, TEMPO ( $158 \mathrm{mg}, 1.01 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ and was added iodobenzene diacetate $(3.41 \mathrm{~g}, 10.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude aldehyde $\mathbf{S 8}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a well-dried round-bottom flask charged with $\mathrm{NaH}(60 \%, 443 \mathrm{mg}, 11.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dry THF ( 50 mL ) was added triethyl phosphonoacetate $(2.21 \mathrm{~mL}, 11.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 30 min , a solution of aldehyde $\mathbf{S 8}$ $(0.5 \mathrm{M})$ in THF was added at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 2 h , the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude ester $\mathbf{S 9}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a solution of ester $\mathbf{S} \mathbf{9}$ in THF ( 11 mL ) and $\mathrm{EtOH}(2.7 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(2.5 \mathrm{M}, 13.3 \mathrm{~mL}, 33.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. After 12 h , aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(2.5 \mathrm{M}, 14.2 \mathrm{~mL}, 35.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added and stirred for 4 h . Then, the reaction mixture was warmed up to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 6 h at the same temperature. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, AcOEt was added and the resultant mixture was separated into the organic layer and the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(2 \mathrm{M})$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude carboxylic acid $\mathbf{S 1 0}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a solution of carboxylic acid $\mathbf{S 1 0}$ and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(4.88 \mathrm{~g}, 35.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DMF ( 14 mL ) was added benzyl bromide $(2.39 \mathrm{~mL}, 20.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 11 h at room temperature, it was quenched with saturated $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracted with AcOEt . The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was passed through a flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=20 / 1$ ) to afford ester $\mathbf{S 1 1}$ including impurities.

1,2-Diol $\mathbf{5 l}$ was prepared from ester $\mathbf{S 1 1}$ according to the preparation procedure of 5a. 1,2-Diol $\mathbf{5 1}$ was afforded as a white solid ( $1.22 \mathrm{~g}, 38 \%, 5$ steps) after purification by temporary acetonide-protection to remove an impurity originated from the boron reagent.


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White solid; mp. 50.2-51.4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.40-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.01(\mathrm{dt}$, $J=15.6,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.86(\mathrm{dt}, J=15.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.12(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.75-3.62(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 3.47-3.40 (m, 1H), $2.20(\mathrm{qd}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.83(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.5,150.1,136.0,128.4$ (2C), 128.0 (3C), 120.8, $72.2,66.6,65.9,32.9,32.1,29.4,29.1,28.9,27.8,25.4$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3700-3200,1718,1653 ;$ HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 343.1885$, found 343.1876.


After a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 1 2}(286 \mathrm{mg}, 1.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeOH}(6.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, ozone gas was bubbled into the solution until the color of the reaction mixture turned to deep blue. After 30 min , air was bubbled into the reaction mixture until a blue color disappeared. Then, dimethyl sulfide ( $0.877 \mathrm{~mL}, 12.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added at the same temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, it was concentrated in vacuo and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane only to hexane/ $\mathrm{AcOEt}=4 / 1$ ) to afford hemiacetal S13 ( $254 \mathrm{mg}, 88 \%$ ) as a white solid.
 $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 146.2,145.0,128.6,128.4,127.2,126.8,126.7,126.4,99.5,75.9,55.4,46.9$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3700-3200; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 263.1048$, found 263.1031.

To a well-dried round-bottom flask charged with hemiacetal $\mathbf{S 1 3}(29.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.124 \mathrm{mmol})$, allyltrimethylsilane ( $39.7 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.249 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(300 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ was added boron trifluoride - ethyl ether complex ( $46.9 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.373$ mmol ) dropwise at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was warmed up to room temperature over a period of 1 h . Then, it was quenched with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=$ $30 / 1$ ) to afford olefin $\mathbf{S 1 4}(28.3 \mathrm{mg}, 86 \%)$ as a colorless oil.


Colorless oil; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.32-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 5.81$ (ddt, $J=17.6,10.8,7.6$,
$\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.10(\mathrm{dq}, J=17.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.06(\mathrm{dm}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.62(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.8,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$,
$1 \mathrm{H}), 4.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.13-4.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.59(\mathrm{ddd}, J=12.4,5.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.45-2.27$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 146.3,145.9,134.7,128.4,128.3,127.2,127.1,126.4,126.2,117.2,78.0$, 76.9, 56.0, 44.3, 40.3; IR (neat, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ 1072; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 287.1412$, found 287.1392.

1,2-Diol 5m was prepared from olefin $\mathbf{S 1 4}$ according to the preparation procedure of $\mathbf{5 a}$. 1,2-Diol $\mathbf{5 m}$ was
afforded as a white amorphous ( $644 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ ).


White amorphous; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.32-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}), 4.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.32-4.23(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.15(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.6,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.98-3.89$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.69-3.59(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.57-3.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.81(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.70(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $12.0,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.65(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.4,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.40(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.0,9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.36(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.4,9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.23(\mathrm{brt}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.09(\mathrm{brt}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.85(\mathrm{ddd}, J=14.0,7.6,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.77-1.66(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 145.8,145.7,145.5,145.3,128.5$ (2C), 128.43 (2C), 128.37 (2C), 128.35 (2C), 127.02 (4C), 126.96 (4C), 126.6, 126.5, 126.4, 126.3, 78.2, 77.2, 76.6, 76.0, 71.6, 69.9, 66.8, 66.4, 55.7, 55.4, 45.4, 44.8, 38.7, 38.5; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3700-3200; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$: 321.1467 , found 321.1449.


To a well-dried round-bottom flask charged with $\mathrm{NaH}(60 \%, 166 \mathrm{mg}, 4.16 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dry THF ( 5.5 mL ) was added a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 1 5}(0.7 \mathrm{M}, 481 \mathrm{mg}, 2.76 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(5.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the mixture was stirred for 30 min at room temperature, benzyl bromide ( $492 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 4.14 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at room temperature, it was quenched with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane only to hexane/AcOEt $=10 / 1$ ) to afford ether $\mathbf{S 1 6}(672 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%)$ as a colorless oil.


Colorless oil; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.39-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 4.50(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.08$ (quin, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.03(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.50(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.48(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.71-1.59(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.57-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 138.5,128.3,127.6,127.5,108.6,76.0,72.9,70.1,69.4,33.4,29.7,26.9,25.7,22.5$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1101; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$: 287.1622, found 287.1623.

To a solution of ether $\mathbf{S 1 6}(1.11 \mathrm{~g}, 4.19 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeOH}(17 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(4.2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DOWEX 50W-8 (200-400 mesh, 120 mg ) at room temperature. After 25 h , the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=1 / 2$ ) to afford 1,2-diol $\mathbf{5 e}(0.897 \mathrm{~g}, 95 \%)$ as a pale yellow oil.


Pale yellow oil; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ 7.38-7.26 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.76-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.49 (t, $J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.47-3.39(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.13(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.73-1.39(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 138.4,128.4,127.7,127.6,73.0$, 72.1, 70.1, 66.8, 32.9, 29.6, 22.3; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3700-3200, 2937, 2862, 1099; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 247.1310$, found 247.1310 .


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 1 5}(1.75 \mathrm{~g}, 10.1 \mathrm{mmol})$, DCC ( $2.29 \mathrm{~g}, 11.1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and DMAP ( $246 \mathrm{mg}, 2.02 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(40 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added carboxylic acid $\mathbf{S 1 7}(1.78 \mathrm{~g}, 10.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. After 12 h , the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=8 / 1$ ) to afford ester $\mathbf{S 1 8}(2.87 \mathrm{~g}, 86 \%)$ as a colorless oil.

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.00(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.8,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.8$, $2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.75(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.13-4.07(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.04(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.52(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.54(\mathrm{t}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 1.80 (quint, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.73-144(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.41(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.1,161.1,131.5,123.6,114.4,108.7,77.8,76.0,75.8,69.3,64.5,55.8,33.2,28.7$, 26.9, 25.7, 22.3; IR ( $\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1712; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{NO}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 355.1514$, found 355.1521 .

To a solution of ester $\mathbf{S 1 8}(1.75 \mathrm{~g}, 10.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeOH}(34 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(8.6 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DOWEX 50W-8 (200-400 mesh, 292 mg ) at room temperature. After 14 h , additional DOWEX 50W-8 (200-400 mesh, 287 mg ) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 34 h . Then, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 1/1 to AcOEt only) to afford 1,2-diol $\mathbf{5 j}(2.44 \mathrm{~g}, 97 \%)$ as a white solid.


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White solid; mp. 75.2-77. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.98$ (dt, $J=$ $8.8,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.8,2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.31(\mathrm{t}$, $J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.63-3.57(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.48(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.8,4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.44(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=10.8,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.99(\mathrm{t}, J=2.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.87-1.72(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.71-1.39(\mathrm{~m}$, $4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 167.9,163.0,132.4,124.5,115.7,79.1,77.3,73.1,67.3,65.9,56.7,34.0$, 29.9, 23.3; IR (KBr, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3700-3200, 2360, 1707; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{NO}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$: 315.1199 , found 315.1208 .


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 1 5}(1.73 \mathrm{~g}, 9.96 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(5.52 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added p-nitrobenzoyl chloride $(4.82 \mathrm{~g}, 26.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. After 13 h , the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=$ $4 / 1)$ to afford ester $\mathbf{S 1 9}(3.10 \mathrm{~g}, 96 \%)$ as a pale yellow oil.


Pale yellow solid; mp 29.7-30.5 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.29(\mathrm{dt}, J=9.2$, $2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.21(\mathrm{dt}, J=9.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.39(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.14-4.08(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.05(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.53(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.85$ (quin, $J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 2H), 1.74-1.44 (m, 4H), $1.41(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.36(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 164.7,150.5,135.7,130.6,123.5$, $108.8,75.8,69.3,65.7,33.2,28.6,26.9,25.7,22.3$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $1724,1527,1275,1103$; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{NO}_{6} \cdot \mathrm{Na}([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]+): 346.1267$, found 346.1263.

To a solution of ester $\mathbf{S 1 9}(2.96 \mathrm{~g}, 9.15 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeOH}(37 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(9.2 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DOWEX 50W-8 (200-400 mesh, 604 mg ) at room temperature. After 20 h , the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=1 / 1$ to AcOEt only) to afford $1,2-\operatorname{diol} 5 \mathrm{k}(2.51 \mathrm{~g}, 97 \%)$ as a white solid.


White solid; mp 61.9-64.3 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.29$ (dt, $J=9.2,2.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.21(\mathrm{dt}, J=9.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.39(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.79-3.72(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.68(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.47(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.4,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.89-1.73(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$,
1.71-1.47 (m, 4H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 164.7,150.5,135.7,130.7,123.5,71.9,66.7,65.7,32.628 .6$, 22.1; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3800-3100, 1722, 1527, 1279; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{6} \cdot \mathrm{Na}([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]+$ ): 306.0954, found 306.0946.


To a solution of olefin $\mathbf{S 2 0}(1.08 \mathrm{~g}, 5.47 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $N$-methylmorpholine $N$-oxide ( $541 \mathrm{mg}, 4.62 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in acetone ( 27 mL ) and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added osmium tetroxide ( $4 \%$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 185 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 30.3 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture stirred for 14 h at room temperature, additional $N$-methylmorpholine $N$-oxide ( $368 \mathrm{mg}, 3.14$ mmol ) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h . Then, it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane only to hexane $/ \mathrm{AcOEt}=1 / 1$ to AcOEt only) to afford 1,2-diol $\mathbf{5 g}(1.21 \mathrm{~g}, 95 \%)$ as a white solid.


5 g

White solid; mp. 31.0-32.3 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 4.05(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 3.75-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.48-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), $1.99(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, J=4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.84(\mathrm{brt}, J=$ $5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.62$ (quin, $J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ $171.3,72.2,66.8,64.6,33.1,29.5,29.3,29.1,28.5,25.8,25.4,21.0$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3700-3200,1739$; HRMS (ESI, $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 255.1572$, found 255.1564 .

1,2-Diol 5 n was prepared according to our previous report ${ }^{1}$.


Colorless oil; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.39-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{dt}, J=16.0,7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.88(\mathrm{dt}, J=16.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.17(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.75-3.62(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $10.8,3.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.44(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.8,7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.25(\mathrm{qd}, J=7.2,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.03(\mathrm{br}$ $\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.79(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.72-1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.60-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 166.5,149.4,136.0$, 128.5 (2C), 128.2 (3C), 121.3, 71.8, 66.7, 66.1, 32.4, 32.0, 23.9; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3700-3200, 1716, 1653; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]+):$ 287.1259, found 287.1233.


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 1 5}(904 \mathrm{mg}, 5.19 \mathrm{mmol})$, TEMPO ( $8.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.056 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{KBr}(62.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.528 \mathrm{mmol})$, and ${ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu} u_{4} \mathrm{NBr}(85.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.266 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(14 \mathrm{~mL})$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(7.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added a solution of aq. $\mathrm{NaOCl}(1.77 \mathrm{M}, 3.81 \mathrm{~mL}, 6.75 \mathrm{mmol})$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(5.3 \mathrm{~mL})$ dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 20 min , the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude aldehyde $\mathbf{S 2 1}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

Next $Z$-selective Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction was carried out according to Ando's report. ${ }^{4}$ To a well-dried round-bottom flask charged with $\mathrm{NaH}(60 \%, 207 \mathrm{mg}, 5.18 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dry THF ( 26 mL ) was added ethyl di-o-tolylphosphonoacetate ( $1.80 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.18 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 30 min , a solution of aldehyde $\mathbf{S} 21(0.5$ $\mathrm{M})$ in THF was added to the reaction mixture at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 1 h , the reaction mixture was warmed up to $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ over a period of 1 h . Then, it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude ester $\mathbf{S 2 2}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a solution of ester $\mathbf{S 2 2}$ in THF ( 5.5 mL ) and $\mathrm{EtOH}(1.4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(5.0 \mathrm{M}, 7.27 \mathrm{~mL}, 36.4$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. After 13 h , aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(5.3 \mathrm{M}, 7.27 \mathrm{~mL}, 38.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to the reaction mixture. After 3 h , the reaction mixture was warmed up to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 1 h at the same temperature. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, AcOEt was added and the resultant mixture was separated into the organic layer and the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(2 \mathrm{M})$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude carboxylic acid $\mathbf{S 2 3}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a solution of carboxylic acid $\mathbf{S 2 3}$ and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(2.54 \mathrm{~g}, 18.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DMF ( 7.4 mL ) was added benzyl bromide ( $1.23 \mathrm{~mL}, 10.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature, additional $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.718 \mathrm{~g}, 5.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ and benzyl bromide $(0.615 \mathrm{~mL}, 5.19 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added and stirred for 13 h . Then, it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over
$\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was passed through a flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 10/1) to afford ester $\mathbf{S} 24$ including impurities.

To a solution of ester $\mathbf{S 2 4}$, in $\mathrm{MeOH}(16 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3.9 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DOWEX 50W-8 (200-400 mesh, 240 mg ) at room temperature. After 36 h , the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=1 / 1$ to AcOEt only) to afford 1,2-diol $\mathbf{5 0}$ ( $898 \mathrm{mg}, 65 \%, 5$ steps) as a white solid.


White solid; mp 26.1-27.0 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.39-7.29(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.28(\mathrm{dt}, J$ $=11.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.85(\mathrm{dt}, J=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.15(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.78-3.70(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.67-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.39 (m, 1H), 2.80-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.69-2.57 (m, 1H), $2.23(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, J=$ $4.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.86(\mathrm{brt}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.69-1.40(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.2,150.6,136.0$, 128.6, 128.2, 128.2, 119.8, 71.7, 66.8, 65.8, 32.4, 28.7, 24.8; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3700-3200,1718$; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 287.1259$, found 287.1252 .


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{S 1 5}(1.74 \mathrm{~g}, 10.0 \mathrm{mmol})$, TEMPO $(15.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.100 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{KBr}(122 \mathrm{mg}, 1.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ and ${ }^{n} \mathrm{Bu} \mathrm{u}_{4} \mathrm{NBr}(163 \mathrm{mg}, 0.504 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(26 \mathrm{~mL})$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(14 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added a solution of aq. $\mathrm{NaOCl}(1.77 \mathrm{M}, 7.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 13.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 20 min , it was quenched with saturated aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ and saturated aq. $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude aldehyde $\mathbf{S 2 5}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a well-dried round-bottom flask charged with $\mathrm{NaH}(60 \%, 441 \mathrm{mg}, 11.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dry THF ( 50 mL ) was added triethyl phosphonoacetate $(2.19 \mathrm{~mL}, 11.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 40 min , a solution of aldehyde $\mathbf{S 2 5}$ $(0.5 \mathrm{M})$ in THF was added at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 2 h , the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide
crude ester S26, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.
To a solution of ester $\mathbf{S 2 6}$ in THF ( 11 mL ) and EtOH ( 2.7 mL ) was added aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(5.1 \mathrm{M}, 14.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 70.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, it was cooled to room temperature. Then, AcOEt was added and the resultant mixture was separated into the organic layer and the aqueous layer. The aqueous layer was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(2 \mathrm{M})$ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude carboxylic acid $\mathbf{S 2 7}$, which was used to the next reaction without any further purification.

To a solution of carboxylic acid $\mathbf{S 2 7}$ and $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(4.84 \mathrm{~g}, 35.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DMF ( 14 mL ) was added $p$-bromobenzyl bromide $(5.00 \mathrm{~g}, 20.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, it was quenched with saturated $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and extracted with AcOEt . The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was passed through a flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=10 / 1)$ to afford ester $\mathbf{S 2 8}(2.16 \mathrm{~g}, 56 \%, 4$ steps) as a colorless oil.


Colorless oil; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.49$ (dt, $J=8.0,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.24 $(\mathrm{d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{dt}, J=15.6,6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.87(\mathrm{dt}, J=15.6,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $5.11(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.11-4.00(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.50(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.25(\mathrm{qd}, J=6.8,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.68-1.43(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ $166.1,149.5,135.1,131.6,129.8,122.1,121.2,108.7,75.6,69.3,65.2,33.0,32.0,26.9,25.7,24.1$; IR (neat, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ 1720, 1653; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{BrO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 405.0677$, found 405.0663.

To a solution of ester $\mathbf{S 2 8}(2.13 \mathrm{~g}, 5.57 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeOH}(22 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5.6 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DOWEX 50W-8 (200-400 mesh, 227 mg ) at room temperature. After 61 h , the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt $=1 / 1)$ to afford $1,2-\operatorname{diol} \mathbf{5 n} \mathbf{n}^{\prime}(1.82 \mathrm{~g}, 95 \%)$ as a white solid.


White solid; mp 36.7-38.4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.49(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.8$, $2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.00(\mathrm{dt}, J=15.6,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.87(\mathrm{dt}, J$ $=15.6,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.12(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.75-3.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.44(\mathrm{dd}, J=11.2,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.25(\mathrm{qd}, J=7.2,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.03(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.77(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 172-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ $\delta 166.2,149.7,134.8,131.4,129.7,122.0,120.8,71.7,66.4,65.1,32.1,31.9,23.8$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3700-3200$, 1718, 1651; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{BrO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 365.0364$ found 365.0353 .

## 3. Transamination of $\alpha$-keto acids to $\alpha$-amino acids.

Table S1. Optimizing the reaction conditions of transamination using 2,2-diphenylglycine (2)

| (x eq) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| entry | x [eq] | temp. [ $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right]$ | time [h] | yield [\%] | recovered N -sourse [\%] |
| 1 | 1.0 | reflux | 24 | $63^{a}$ | $2^{\text {a }}$ |
| 2 | 0.9 | reflux | 24 | 66 | 0 |
| $3^{\text {b }}$ | 0.9 | 50 | 72 | $38^{a}$ | $21^{a}$ |
| $4^{c}$ | 0.9 | reflux | 24 | 0 | - |
| $5^{d}$ | 0.9 | reflux | 24 | 2 | 0 |

${ }^{a}$ An inseparable mixture. ${ }^{b} 0.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ of 1 a was used. ${ }^{c}$ Benzylamine was used instead of 2. ${ }^{d}$ Pyridoxamine dihydrochloride monohydrate was used instead of 2

Table S2. Substrate scope of transamination of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$-keto acids


| $\alpha$-keto acid | $\alpha$-amino acid | yield [\%] ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\alpha$-keto acid | $\alpha$-amino acid | yield [\%] ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 76 |  |  | 80 |
|  |  | $90^{\text {b }}$ |  |  | $8^{d}$ |
|  |  | $86^{\text {b }}$ |  |  | 88 |
|  |  | 52 | O |  | 19 |
|  |  | 73 |  |  | $31^{\text {c }}$ |

[^0]
## Representative procedure of transamination of $\alpha$-keto acids to $\alpha$-amino acids $(\operatorname{method} \mathbf{A})$.



To a solution of $\alpha$-keto acid $\mathbf{1 a}(178 \mathrm{mg}, 1.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeCN}(3.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DL-2-phenylglycine (4) ( $136 \mathrm{mg}, 0.900 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h, it was cooled to room temperature. After $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, the desired $\alpha$-amino acid was fully precipitated, the reaction mixture was filtrated. The precipitate was washed with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and dried under reduced pressure to afford $\alpha$-amino acid 3a ( $136 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \%$ ).

## Representative procedure of transamination of $\alpha$-keto acids to $\alpha$-amino acids (method B).



To a solution of $\alpha$-keto acid $\mathbf{S 2 9}(88.4 \mathrm{mg}, 1.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeCN}(3.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DL-2-phenylglycine (4) ( $137 \mathrm{mg}, 0.904 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h, it was cooled to room temperature, Then, $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added and the resultant mixture was separated into organic layer and aqueous layer. The organic layer was extracted with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and the two aqueous layers were combined. The resultant aqueous layer was charged on a cationic ion exchange chromatography (DOWEX 50W-8, 200-400 mesh). The product was eluted with aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(3 \%)$. The eluent was concentrated by freezed-dry to afford $\alpha$-amino acid $\mathbf{S 3 0}$ (79.8 mg, 90\%).


3a

115 mg ( $76 \%$ yield); method A; Spectra data is described in p. 19.


3b
$90.8 \mathrm{mg}\left(68 \%\right.$ yield); method A; White solid; mp. 260.5-263.2 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 3.24(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.69-1.59(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.49-1.32(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.89(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $6 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 187.2,57.3,46.9,27.1,25.1,24.0$; IR $(\mathrm{KBr}$,
$\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3300-1800, 1618, 1587, 1508; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$: 132.1022, found 132.1025; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, $54.94 ; \mathrm{H}, 9.99 ; \mathrm{N}, 10.68$. Found: C, $54.89 ; \mathrm{H}, 9.94 ; \mathrm{N}, 10.60$.

$79.8 \mathrm{mg}\left(90 \%\right.$ yield); method B; White solid; $176{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) $\delta 3.77(\mathrm{q}, J$ $=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.47(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \delta 178.5,53.2,18.8 ; \mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ 3300-1800, 1593; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 90.0559$, found 90.0555 .

91.4 mg ( $86 \%$ yield); method B; White solid; mp. 236.6-238. $3^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) $\delta$ $3.69(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.94-1.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.97(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \delta$ 177.6, 58.6, 26.4, 11.2; IR (KBr, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3300-2000, 1654, 1577, 1508; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right):$104.0684, found 104.0712

85.6 mg ( $52 \%$ yield); method A; Precipitation was carried out using MeCN instead of $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.; White solid; $204{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 7.37(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.31-7.26(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.49(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.98(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.83(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2$, $7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH ) $\delta 185.1,141.0,132.1,131.2,129.3,60.1,43.4$; IR (KBr, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3300-2300, 1619, 1588, 1506; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 166.0894$, found 166.0868; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, $65.44 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.71$; $\mathrm{N}, 8.48$. Found: C, $65.45 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.75 ; \mathrm{N}, 8.40$.

185.1 mg ( $73 \%$ yield); method A ; White solid; $229{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 7.45-7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 5.09(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.24-3.16(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.87-1.79(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 1.69-1.60 (m, 1H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 185.5,161.0,139.2,131.5$, $131.0,130.3,69.5,56.5,40.3,37.3 ;$ IR $\left(\mathrm{KBr}^{2} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) 3305,3200-1800,1687,1654,1583,1545 ;$ HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 253.1182$, found 253.1188; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}: \mathrm{C}, 57.13 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.39 ; \mathrm{N}$, 11.10. Found: C, $57.02 ; H, 6.45 ; ~ N, ~ 10.93$.

144.9 mg , ( $80 \%$ yield); method A; White solid; $234{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 6.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.57(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.39(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ 7.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H), $2.84(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.6,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.6,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 185.6,167.3,133.4,126.4,121.3,60.3,42.6$; $\mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3400-2300$, 1628, 1588, 1513; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$: 182.0812, found 182.0817; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ : C, 59.66; H, 6.12; N, 7.73. Found: C, 59.67 ; H, 6.29; N, 7.43.

## 4. Three-step synthesis of $\alpha$-amino acids from 1,2-diols.

## Typical procedure of synthesis of $\alpha$-amino acids from 1,2-diols



Step1: To a solution of $1,2-\operatorname{diol} 5 \mathbf{c}(158.7 \mathrm{mg}, 1.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ and TEMPO ( $7.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(5.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ and sodium phosphate buffer $(1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=6.8,3.6 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added a NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 251 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05$ mmol ) and a $\mathrm{NaClO}_{2}$ aqueous solution ( 3.0 mmol of $80 \% \mathrm{NaClO}_{2}$ dissolved into 1.4 mL of water) simultaneously dropwise at room temperature. The color of the reaction mixture turned to deep red indicating the formation of charge-transfer complex TEMPO- $\mathrm{ClO}_{2}$. After 1 h , sodium phosphate buffer ( $1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=2.1,7.2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude $\alpha$-hydroxy acid.

Step 2: To a solution of crude $\alpha$-hydroxy acid and AZADOL ( $7.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in $\mathrm{MeCN}(5.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added $\mathrm{NaNO}_{2}(13.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. (The flask size should be ten times bigger than the solution's volume. The reaction mixture should be stirred vigorously.) After the reaction mixture was stirred under air (balloon) for 2 h , it was quenched with sodium phosphate buffer ( $1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=2.1,5.0 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to provide crude $\alpha$-keto acid.

Step 3: To a solution of crude $\alpha$-keto acid in $\mathrm{MeCN}(3.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added DL-2-phenylglycine (4) $(121 \mathrm{mg}, 0.802 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 24 h and cooled to room temperature. After $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to the reaction mixture, the solution was stirred until $\alpha$-amino acid was fully precipitated. After filtration, the precipitate was washed with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and dried under reduced pressure to afford $\alpha$-amino acid 3c (105 mg, 61\%) with high purity.


3a
$1.0 \mathrm{mmol}-\mathrm{scale}$ synthesis; 115 mg ( $63 \%$ yield); An additional NaOCl aqueous solution ( 0.20 M , $251 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added after 3 h in step 1 .
$20 \mathrm{mmmol}-\mathrm{scale}$ synthesis; $2.52 \mathrm{~g}(70 \%$ yield $)$; In step 1, the reaction mixture was stirred using a mechanical stirrer. An additional NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 2.51 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.50 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added after 3 h .

White solid; $261{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH ) $\delta 7.37(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.31(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $6.8,2 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8,1 \mathrm{H}), 3.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.8,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.64(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.95-1.79(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 186.0,145.1,131.4,131.2,128.7,58.5,39.6,34.2$; $\mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3300-1800$, 1654, 1625, 1582; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 180.1034$, found 181.1025; Anal Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ : C, 67.02; H, 7.31; N, 7.82. Found: C, 67.12; H, 7.42; N, 7.51.


105 mg ( $61 \%$ yield); White solid; mp. 240.1-240.7 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of $\mathrm{KOH}) \delta 3.27(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.75-1.56(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.52-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.39-1.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$,
1.29-1.10 (m, 3H), 0.98-0.81 (m, 2H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH ) $\delta 187.2$, $56.6,45.5,36.5,36.1,35.0,28.8,28.5,28.4$; IR (KBr, cm ${ }^{-1}$ ) $3300-1800,1625,1583,1518 ;$ HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 172.1354$, found 172.1338 .


164 mg ( $61 \%$ yield); In step 1 , the reaction was carried out at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. An additional NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 250 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added after 1 h in step 1 .; White solid; mp. 266.0-266.5 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH ) $\delta 3.25(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.77(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.94-1.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 185.3,147.7(\mathrm{dm}, J=241.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 142.0(\mathrm{dm}, J=246.9 \mathrm{~Hz}), 139.9(\mathrm{dm}, J=247.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 117.3(\mathrm{td}, J$ $=19.1,2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ), 58.3, 36.8, 21.1; IR $\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3300-1900,1626,1579,1504$; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 270.0553$, found 270.0536; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{NO}_{2}: \mathrm{C}, 44.62 ; \mathrm{H}, 3.00 ; \mathrm{N}, 5.20$. Found: C, 44.71; H, 3.36; N, 5.01.


144 mg (61\% yield); White solid; $218{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH) $\delta 7.46-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 4.54(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.20(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.8$, $6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.66-1.48(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.39-1.30(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 186.3,140.1,131.4,131.2,130.9,75.1,72.8,58.6,37.1,31.3,24.3$; IR $\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3300-1900,1654$, 1581, 1514; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$: 238.1443, found 238.1451; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{3}$ : C, 65.80; H, 8.07; N, 5.90. Found: C, 65.66; H, 8.12; N, 6.00.


124 mg ( $58 \%$ yield), An additional NaOCl aqueous solution ( $0.20 \mathrm{M}, 251 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added after 1.5 h in step 1 ; MeCN was used for the precipitation instead of $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ in step 3.; White solid; $214{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 3.20(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.45(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.68-1.47(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.45-1.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.36-1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 186.6,125.1,58.7,37.4,31.3,30.9,30.5,30.4,27.6,27.1,18.9$; IR $\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3300-2000$, 2247, 1654, 1583, 1516; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 213.1603$, found 213.1588; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ : C, 62.24; H, 9.50; N, 13.20. Found: C, $62.05 ; \mathrm{H}, 9.53 ; \mathrm{N}, 13.25$.


146 mg ( $59 \%$ yield); An additional NaOCl aqueous solution ( $0.20 \mathrm{M}, 51 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.01 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added after 2.5 h in step 1 ; White solid; $214{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta$ $4.05(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.51(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.02(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.93-1.71(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 1.67-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.24 (m, 10H); IR (KBr, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3300-1900,1730,1657,1581,1508 ;$ HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 246.1705$, found 246.1700; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, $58.75 ; \mathrm{H}, 9.45 ; \mathrm{N}$, 5.71. Found: C, 58.74; H, 9.60; N, 5.85 .


206 mg ( $67 \%$ yield); White solid; $196{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz , $5 \mathrm{wt} \%$ deuterium chloride solution in $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \delta 8.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.69(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.55(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.37(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.09(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.02-1.86(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.80-1.71(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.31(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H})$; IR ( $\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3300-2300, 1718, 1643, 1600, 1568; HRMS (DART, $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ ) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$: 308.1867, found 308.1862; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, 66.43; H , 8.20; N, 4.56. Found: C, 66.54; H, 8.28; N, 4.37.


200 mg ( $65 \%$ yield); An additional NaOCl aqueous solution ( $0.20 \mathrm{M}, 250 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added after 1 h in step 1; White solid; $215{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, 5 \mathrm{wt} \%$ deuterium chloride solution in $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \delta 7.48-7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 5.17(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.42(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.03-1.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.60$ (quint, $J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.49-1.21(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}) ; \mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ 3300-2000, 1737, 1657, 1583, 1512; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{25} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 308.1863$, found 308.1862 .

For the characterization, $\mathbf{3 i}$ was converted to the $N$-benzoyl benzyl ester $\mathbf{3 i}$ '.


White solid; mp 65.5-66.7 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.80(\mathrm{dt}, J=6.8,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $7.51(\mathrm{tt}, J=7.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{tt}, J=7.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.39-7.28(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 6.66(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, J$ $=8.0,1 \mathrm{H}), 5.25(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.10(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.90-483(\mathrm{~m}$,
$1 \mathrm{H}), 2.32(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.01-1.90(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.83-1.72(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.65-1.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.43-1.17(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 173.6,172.6,167.0,136.1,135.3,134.0,131.7,128.6,128.6,128.5,128.5,128.3,128.2$, $128.2,127.0,67.2,66.1,52.6,34.2,32.6,29.0,28.9,28.9,25.0,24.8$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2900-2700, 1738, 1645; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{35} \mathrm{NO}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 524.2413$, found 524.2416.


163 mg ( $54 \%$ yield); An additional NaOCl aqueous solution ( $0.20 \mathrm{M}, 250 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, 0.05 mmol ) was added after 5 h in step 1 ; White solid; $201{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, CD $\left.{ }_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 7.99(\mathrm{dt}, J=9.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{dt}, J=9.2,2.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.82(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.32(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.55(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.8,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.99(\mathrm{t}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 2.02-1.78 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.55 (m, 2H); IR (KBr, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3284,3200-1900,1718,1620,1587,1504 ;$ HRMS (DART, $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 306.1336$, found 306.1342; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{5}$ : C, 62.94; H , 6.27; N, 4.59. Found: C, 62.97; H, 6.38; N, 4.25.


199 mg ( $67 \%$ yield); In step 1 , the reaction was carried out at $50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. An additional NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 250 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added after 1 h ; Pale brown solid; $148{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, 5 \mathrm{wt} \%$ deuterium chloride solution in $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \delta 8.34(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.8,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.21(\mathrm{dt}, J=8.8,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.43(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $4.17(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.16-1.98(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.90(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.76-1.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$; IR $\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3500-2000$, 1720, 1589, 1541, 1527, 1500, 1279; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 297.1093$, found 297.1087.

For the characterization, $\mathbf{3 k}$ was converted to the $N$-benzoyl methyl ester $\mathbf{3 k}$ '.


Pale yellow oil; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 8.21$ (dt, $J=9.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), $8.15(\mathrm{dt}, J=9.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.80(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.2,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.54(\mathrm{tt}, J=7.2,2.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.45(\mathrm{tt}, J=8.0,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.71(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.89(\mathrm{td}, J=7.2$, $5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.38(\mathrm{td}, J=6.4,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.13-2.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.95-1.78(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.67-1.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 173.0,167.0,164.7,150.5,135.6,133.7,131.9,130.6,128.6,127.0,123.5,65.3$, $52.6,52.2,32.3,28.1,21.8$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3400-3200, 1724, 1645, 1527, 1277; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{NO}_{7} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 437.1325$, found 437.1329.


206 mg ( $62 \%$ yield); In step 1, the reaction was carried out at $50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. An additional NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 250 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added after 1 h ; White solid; $213{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, 5 \mathrm{wt} \%$ deuterium chloride solution in $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) $\delta$
7.47-7.39 (m, 5H), $7.09(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.2,6.4,6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.22(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.28-2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.10-1.86(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H})$; IR ( $\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3300-1800, 1718, 1652, 1581, 1512; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 334.2018$, found 334.2022; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, 68.44; H, 8.16; N, 4.20. Found: C, 68.20; H, 8.18; N, 4.23.

49.9 mg ( $16 \%$ yield), An additional NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 50 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.01 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added after 1 h in step 1 . Due to the high solubility, $\mathbf{3 m}$ was purified by the following procedure. aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$ was poured into the reaction mixture and it was washed with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. After the aqueous layer was brought to pH 12 with aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(10 \%)$, it was washed with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and charged on cationic ion exchange chromatography (DOWEX 50W-8, 200-400 mesh). The product was eluted with aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(3 \%)$. The eluent was concentrated by freezed-dry to afford $\alpha$-amino acid $\mathbf{3 m}$.; $d r=1 / 1$; White solid; $172{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 5 eq of KOH$) \delta 7.44-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}), 4.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.16$ (dd, $J=9.2,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.16-4.09(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.30(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.4,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.0,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.02-2.93 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.28 (m, 2H), 2.03-1.65 (m, 4H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH ) $\delta 185.0$, 184.6, 147.9, $131.0130 .9,129.5,129.3,128.9,80.1,78.6,78.0,77.9,58.0,57.9,57.3,56.3,46.4,46.3,43.8,43.5$; IR (KBr, cm ${ }^{-1}$ ) 3900-2800, 1601, 1493, 1404; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 312.1600$, found 312.1596 .

## 5. Derivatization of $\alpha$-amino acids

## Hydrolysis of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$-amino acids


$\alpha$-Amino acid 3h(30.5 mg, 0.0992 mmol$)$ was dissolved in aq. $\mathrm{KOH}(5 \mathrm{M}, 496 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was charged on a cationic ion exchange chromatography (DOWEX 50W-8, 200-400 mesh). The product was eluted with aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(3 \%)$. The eluent was concentrated by freezed-dry to afford $\alpha$-amino acid $\mathbf{6}$ as a white solid ( $19.5 \mathrm{mg}, 97 \%$ ).


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White solid; $211{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH ) $\delta 3.58(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.20(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz} 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.64-1.46(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.39-1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 4 eq of KOH$) \delta 186.7,64.6,58.8,37.4,34.0,31.4,31.2,31.1,27.7,27.6$; IR ( KBr , $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3600-3300$, 3300-1800, 1657, 1583, 1510; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right)$: 204.1600 , found 204.1577.

$\alpha$-Amino acid $\mathbf{3 i}(30.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.101 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in aq. $\mathrm{KOH}(5 \mathrm{M}, 503 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was charged on a cationic ion exchange chromatography (DOWEX 50W-8, 200-400 mesh). The product was eluted with aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(3 \%)$. The eluent was concentrated by freezed-dry to afford $\alpha$-amino acid 7 as a white solid ( $20.0 \mathrm{mg}, 92 \%$ ).


White solid; $212{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 5 eq of KOH$) \delta 3.20(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.16(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.65-1.44(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.39-1.21(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with 5 eq of KOH ) $\delta 187.0,186.7,58.7,40.4,37.4,31.4,31.3,31.1,28.6,27.7$; IR ( KBr , $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3500-2300, 1583; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 218.1379$, found 218.1392 .

## 6. Synthesis of ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-labeled $\alpha$-amino acid



To a solution of $\mathrm{KCN}(657 \mathrm{mg}, 10.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ and ${ }^{15} \mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(545 \mathrm{mg}, 10.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(2.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added benzaldehyde $(\mathbf{S 4 4})(1.38 \mathrm{~g}, 13.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeOH}(2.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h . After $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was added to the reaction mixture, the aqueous layer was extracted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and then the organic layer was extracted with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(6 \mathrm{M}, 10 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3)$. The resultant aqueous layer was refluxed for 24 h . After it was cooled to room temperature, the solution was neutralized to pH 7 with aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(20 \%)$ and $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was added. After it was stirred for several minutes at room temperature, ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-phenylglycine $\left({ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}-4\right)$ was appeared as a precipitate. It was washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, MeOH , and $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and dried under reduced pressure to afford ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-phenylglycine $\left({ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}-4\right)(571 \mathrm{mg}$, $38 \%)$ as a white solid. After that, the filtrate was basified with aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(1 \mathrm{M})$ until pH 9 and washed with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Then, the aqueous layer was neutralized with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$ to pH 8 . The resultant aqueous layer was charged on a cationic ion exchange chromatography (DOWEX 50W-8, 200-400 mesh). The ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-phenylglycine was eluted with aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{3}(3 \%)$. The eluent was concentrated in vacuo to afford ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-phenylglycine $\left({ }^{\mathbf{1 5}} \mathrm{N}-4\right)(170 \mathrm{mg}, 11 \%)$ as a pale brown solid. The combined yield was $49 \%$.



$\alpha$-Amino acid ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$-3a was synthesized from 1,2-diol $5 \mathbf{5}(171 \mathrm{mg}, 1.03 \mathrm{mmol})$ according to the synthetic procedure of 3a and afforded $\alpha$-amino acid ${ }^{15} \mathbf{N}$-3a as a white solid ( $113 \mathrm{mg}, 61 \%$ ).

$\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 181.0995$, found 181.0996; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{13}{ }^{15} \mathrm{NO}_{2}: \mathrm{C}, 66.65 ; \mathrm{H}, 7.27 ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}, 8.32$. Found: C, 66.49 ; H, 7.37; ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}, 7.97$.

## 7. Synthesis of bicyclic $\alpha$-amino acids



$240 \mathrm{mg}(65 \%$ yield $)$; The synthesis of $\mathbf{8}$ was carried out according to the typical procedure of three-step $\alpha$-amino acid synthesis except the following point. An additional NaOCl aqueous solution ( $0.20 \mathrm{M}, 252 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added after 2 h in step 1.; White solid; $238^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, 5 \mathrm{wt} \%$ deuterium chloride solution in $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) $\delta$ 7.47-7.29 (m, 8 H ), $7.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $6.4,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.56(\mathrm{td}, J=8.4,2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.59-2.51(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.42-2.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.11-1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ; \mathrm{IR}(\mathrm{KBr}$, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3200-1900, 1741, 1616; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 366.1705$, found 366.1696; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, 72.31 ; H, 6.34; N, 3.83. Found: C, $72.16 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.44 ; \mathrm{N}, 3.96$.


317 mg (71\% yield); The synthesis of $\mathbf{S} 45$ was carried out according to the typical procedure of three-step $\alpha$-amino acid synthesis except the following point. An additional NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 252 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added after 2 h in step 1.; White solid; $248{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, 5 \mathrm{wt} \%$ deuterium chloride solution in $\left.\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \delta 7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.42(\mathrm{t}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.33(\mathrm{t}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.68(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{t}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.58-2.51(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.40-2.23(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.10-1.81(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$; IR $\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3200-2800,1747,1595$; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{BrNO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 444.0811$, found 444.0806; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{BrNO}_{4}$ : C, 59.47; H, 4.99; N, 3.15. Found: C, 59.48; H, 5.04; N, 2.86.


White solid; mp 128.3-128.9 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.27-7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.75(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.62(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz} .1 \mathrm{H}), 4.57(1 \mathrm{H}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.43(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.17$ $(\mathrm{t}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.00(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.29-2.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.92-1.73(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.61-1.51(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 176.6,172.6,137.8,134.3,131.4,130.0,128.3,127.5,126.3$, $122.1,65.3,64.7,57.3,53.3,52.4,41.1,33.1,26.6$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 1732; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{BrNO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 480.0786$, found 480.0795 .


138 mg ( $38 \%$ yield); The synthesis of $\mathbf{1 1}$ was carried out according to the typical procedure of three-step $\alpha$-amino acid synthesis except the following point. An additional NaOCl aqueous solution $(0.20 \mathrm{M}, 251 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added after 2 h in step $1 . ;$ White solid; $206^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ decomp.; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 7.59-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.49-7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.33-7.28(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 7.27-7.22(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 5.17(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.70(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=12.0,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.29(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.50(q u i n t, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.07-1.80(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.68-1.57(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$; IR ( $\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3300-1900, 1730, 1620; HRMS (DART, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H}]^{+}\right): 366.1705$, found 366.1717; Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$ : C, 72.31 ; H, 6.34; N, 3.83. Found: C, 72.23; H, 6.36; N, 3.72.

## 8. Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid

## Preparation of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acids ( $\pm$ )-12



To a solution of $\alpha$-amino acid 3a ( $100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.558 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(0.56 \mathrm{M}, 1.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(69 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, $0.730 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(36 \%, 0.20 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature. After $1 \mathrm{~h}, \mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(70 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.741 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(36 \%, 0.20 \mathrm{~mL})$ were added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h . Then, the reaction mixture was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(10 \%)$ to pH 1 and filtration of a precipitation afforded $N$-acetyl L-homophenylalanine [( $\mathbf{\pm}) \mathbf{- 1 2 a}](95.9 \mathrm{mg}, 78 \%)$ as a white solid.


White solid; mp 117.5-118.1 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.31-7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.22-7.15$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.64(\mathrm{td}, J=7.6,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.77-2.64(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.31-2.21(\mathrm{~m}$,
( $\pm$ )-12a $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.11-1.97(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.00(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 175.4,173.4,142.2,129.5$ (2C), 127.1, 53.3, 34.5, 33.1, 22.3; IR ( $\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3345, 1714, 1597, 1545; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 244.0950$, found 244.0927 .


To a solution of $\alpha$-amino acid 3d $(23.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0858 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1.0 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(10 \%, 127 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ at room temperature. Then, $\mathrm{Ac}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20.3 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.215 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(10 \%, 127 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.343 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 11 h at room temperature, it was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(10 \%)$ to pH 1 and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\mathbf{\pm}$ )-12d ( $25.4 \mathrm{mg}, 95 \%$ ) as a white solid.


White solid; mp 173.9-175.4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ ) $\delta 4.37(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.2,4.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.92-2.78(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.24-2.14(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.05-1.92(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.01(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{OD}\right) \delta 174.6,173.5,146.6(\mathrm{dm}, J=241.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 141.2(\mathrm{dm}, J=243.1 \mathrm{~Hz}), 138.8$ $(\mathrm{dm}, J=233.6 \mathrm{~Hz}), 115.5(\mathrm{t}, J=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}), 53.0,31.6,22.3,19.8$; $\mathrm{IR}\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3354,1707,1624$ HRMS (ESI, $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z})$ Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{NO}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 334.0479$, found 334.0477.


For the $N$-acetylation of $\alpha$-amino acid $\mathbf{3 f}, \mathbf{3 h}$, and $\mathbf{3 i}$, the method using in situ prepared $N$-acetyl succinimide was employed. ${ }^{5}$

To a well-dried round-bottom flask charged with $N$-hydroxysuccinimide ( $8.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.070 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $N, N$-diisopropylethylamine $(13.4 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.0781 \mathrm{mmol})$ and dry THF $(0.50 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added $\mathrm{AcCl}(5.1 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.072 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The solution was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The solution was added to a solution of $\alpha$-amino acid 3h and $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(10.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.119 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.50 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. Then, it was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$ to pH 3 and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\mathbf{\pm}$ )-12h $(21.5 \mathrm{mg}, 94 \%)$ as a white solid.


White solid; mp 95.1-96.1 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ 8.05-8.01 (m, 2H), 7.55 $(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.2,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.58(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $7.2,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.31(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.93-1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.79-1.64(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.20(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 175.5,171.0,166.8,132.9,130.4,129.5,128.3,65.1,52.4$, 31.9, 29.1, 29.0, 29.0, 28.6, 25.9, 25.1, 22.9; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3500-3300, 1718, 1657, 1630, 1277; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{O}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 372.1787$, found 372.1787.

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$293 \mathrm{mg}\left(97 \%\right.$ yield); Yellow solid; mp 57.9-59.6 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 5.98$ (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.57(\mathrm{ddd}, J=7.6,7.6,5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.06(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.97-1.85(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.76-1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 175.5,171.1,119.8$, $52.4,31.9,28.9,28.48,28.46,25.2,25.0,22.9,17.1$; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3500-3300,2247,1728,1649,1630,1549$; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right): 277.1528$, found 277.1508.

$( \pm)-\mathbf{1 2 i} \quad=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.93-1.82(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.74-1.57(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.40-1.20(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 175.2,173.9,170.9,136.0,128.5,128.2,128.2,66.2,52.4,34.2,31.9,28.8$ (3C), 25.0, 24.8, 23.0; IR (neat, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3500-3300, 1731, 1651, 1628; HRMS (ESI, m/z) Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{27} \mathrm{NO}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\left([\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\right)$: 372.1787, found 372.1781 .

## Typical procedure of kinetic resolution of $\boldsymbol{N}$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid using L-amino acylase



To a solution of $N$-acetyl homophenylalanine $[( \pm) \mathbf{- 1 2 a}](30.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.138 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 17.2 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, 172 nmol ) in Tris- HCl buffer ( $1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH} 7.5,1.4 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added L-aminoacylase ( 10.2 mg ) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at $38^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. After 5 min , L-homophenylalanine (L-3) was precipitated. The precipitate was filtered, washed with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and water, and dried under reduced pressure. L-Homophenylalanine (L-3) ( $9.6 \mathrm{mg}, 39 \%$ ) was obtained. The filtrate was acidified with sodium phosphate buffer $\left(1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=2.1,2.8 \mathrm{~mL}\right.$ ) and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford $N$-acetyl D-homophenylalanine (D-12a) ( $15.6 \mathrm{mg}, 51 \%$ ).
Enantiomeric excess was measured as the $N$-acetyl ethyl ester of homophenylalanine by chiral HPLC. The absolute configuration was determined by comparing optical rotations with a previous report. ${ }^{6}$


$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{24}=-18.4(c 0.82, \mathrm{MeOH}),>99 \%$ ee.

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel OD-H, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (90:10)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: D-isomer: 12.5 min , L-isomer: 15.5 min

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| 4 | Peak Name | CH | tft [min] | Area [ p V /sec] | Height [ n V ] | Areas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 12.522 | 166250 | 6475 | 50.047 |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 15.482 | 165943 | 5616 | 49.95 |




| 4 | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area $[\mu V$ gec] | Height [נN] | Area\% |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 14.947 | 1286540 | 36779 | 100,000 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ 4 V -sec] | Height [4V] | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 11.965 | 2811072 | 82824 | 100.000 |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\pm$ )-12d ( $20.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0646 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was carried out according to the typical procedure. L-aminoacylase $(5.0 \mathrm{mg})$ and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 8.1 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 81 \mathrm{nmol})$ were used.

Enantiomeric excess was measured as the $N$-acetyl ethyl ester by chiral HPLC. The absolute configuration was determined by comparing optical rotations with a previous report. ${ }^{7}$

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{26}=+25.5(c 0.055,1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}),>99 \%$ ee.

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{26}=-16.5(c 0.63, \mathrm{MeOH}),>99 \%$ ee.

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel OD-H, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (90:10)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: $7.9 \mathrm{~min}, 11.1 \mathrm{~min}$.

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| 4 | Peak Name | CH | tR[min] | Area [ $\mathrm{iN} / \mathrm{sec}$ ] | Height [1V] | Areas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 7.905 | 4058644 | 171011 | 50.097 |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 11.142 | 4042879 | 178831 | 49.903 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ H V'sec] | Height [MV] | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 Unknown | 5 | 11.167 | 5958592 | 252543 | 100.000 |




| $\#$ | Peak Name | CH | $\mathrm{tR}[\mathrm{min}]$ | Area [ HV Gec ] | Height [ NV ] | Areas |
| :---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 7.717 | 7363789 | 324126 | 100.000 |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\pm$ )-12f was carried out according to the following procedure.
To a solution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\pm$ )-12f $(24.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0975 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 12.2 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 122$ $\mathrm{nmol})$ in phosphate buffer ( $1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH} 7.5,0.98 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added L-aminoacylase ( 15.0 mg ) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at $38^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, it was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$ and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid (D-12f) $(11.8 \mathrm{mg}, 48 \%)$. The resultant aqueous layer was basified with aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(1 \mathrm{M})$ until pH 9 and charged on a cationic ion exchange chromatography (DOWEX 50W-8, 200-400 mesh). The product was eluted with aq. NH3 (3\%). The eluent was concentrated by freezed-dry to afford $\alpha$-amino acid $\mathbf{L}-\mathbf{3 f}(7.8 \mathrm{mg}, 38 \%$ ).

Enantiomeric excess was measured as the $N$-acetyl benzyl ester by chiral HPLC.


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[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=+13.5(c 0.21,1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}),>90 \% \text { ee. }
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L-3f

$[\alpha]_{D^{24}}=-21.8\left(c 0.90, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right),>99 \%$ ee.

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel IC, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (70:30)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 200 nm
Retention time: $46.4 \mathrm{~min}, 53.3 \mathrm{~min}$.

( $\mathbf{\pm}$ )-12f'


| $\#$ | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [uV. sec] | Height [ $\mu \mathrm{V}]$ | Area\% |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 耳 Unknown | 6 | 46.397 | 116344 | 14107 | 50.123 |  |
| 2 | Unknown | 6 | 53.332 | 1110858 | 11975 | 49.877 |



L-3f'


| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ 1 V /sec] | Height [ H V] | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 6 | 45.713 | 8988953 | 97744 | 95.113 |
|  | Unknown | 6 | 53.307 | 461874 | 5524 | 4.897 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [iNV/sec] | Height [ HV$]$ | Areas |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| t Unknown | 6 | 45.495 | 6135 | 488 | 0.052 |  |
| 2Unknown | 6 | 51.992 | 11851979 | 111299 | 99.948 |  |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\mathbf{(}) \mathbf{- 1 2 h}(25.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0721 \mathrm{mmol})$ was carried out according to the typical procedure. L-Aminoacylase ( 17.4 mg ) and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 18.0 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 180 \mathrm{nmol})$ were used.

Enantiomeric excess was measured as the $N$-acetyl benzyl ester by chiral HPLC.


$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=-16.7\left(c 1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right),>99 \%$ ee.

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel IC, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (80:20)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: $39.6 \mathrm{~min}, 42.5 \mathrm{~min}$.

( $\pm$ )-12h'



L-3h'


| \# | Peak Namo | CH | tf [min] | Area [ NV Vsec] | Height [rv] | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 39.480 | 33766041 | 437073 | 99.884 |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 42.847 | 39368 | 676 | 0.116 |



D-12h'


| \# | Peak Name | CH | ER [min] | Area [jV/sec] | Haight [10V] | Areas: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jnknown | 5 | 41.489 | 55023047 | 648878 | 100.000 |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\pm$ )-12i ( $31.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0899 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was carried out according to the typical procedure. L-Aminoacylase ( 20.2 mg ) and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 33.7 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 337 \mathrm{nmol})$ were used.

Enantiomeric excess was measured as the $N$-acetyl benzyl ester by chiral HPLC.

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=+12.6(c 0.15,1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}), 99 \%$ ee.

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=-17.5\left(c 1.2, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right),>99 \%$ ee.

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel IC, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (80:20)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: $34.6 \mathrm{~min}, 38.0 \mathrm{~min}$.

$( \pm)-12 i^{\prime}$


| \# Peak Name | CH | $\mathrm{tR}[\mathrm{min}]$ | Ares [ $\mu \mathrm{V} / \mathrm{sec}]$ | Height [uV] | Area\% |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 Unknown | 5 | 34.643 | 499836 | 8173 | 48.237 |
| 2 | Unknown | 5 | 37.982 | 536363 | 7328 |




| $\#$ | Peak Name | CH | $\ell \mathrm{R}[\mathrm{min}]$ | Area [iV/sec] | Heisht [山V] | Area\% |
| ---: | :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 34.037 | 802409 | 12560 | 99.412 |
| 2 | Unknown | 5 | 38.255 | 4747 | 147 | $0.58 \%$ |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ $\mu \mathrm{V}$ / 3 co ] | Height [ PV ] | Areas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 37.263 | 1224248 | 16999 | 100.000 |

## Typical procedure of kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid using $\mathbf{D}$-aminoacylase.



To a solution of $N$-acetyl homophenylalanine $[( \pm)-12 a](102 \mathrm{mg}, 0.461 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 57.6 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, 576 nmol ) in Tris- HCl buffer ( $1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH} 7.5,4.6 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added D-amino acylase ( 3.52 mg ) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at $38^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. After 5 min , D-homophenylalanine (D-3a) was precipitated. The precipitate was filtered, washed with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and water, and dried under reduced pressure. D-Homophenylalanine (D-3a) ( $33.5 \mathrm{mg}, 41 \%$ ) was afforded. Then, the filtrate was acidified with sodium phosphate buffer ( $1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH}=2.1,4.6 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford $N$-acetyl L-homophenylalanine (L-12a) ( $50.7 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ ).

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=-45.2(c 0.60,1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}),>99 \%$ ee.

$[\alpha] D^{25}=+19.1(c 1.0, \mathrm{MeOH}),>99 \%$ ee.

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel OD-H, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (90:10)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: D-isomer: 12.5 min , L-isomer: 15.5 min .

( $\mathbf{\pm}$ )-12a'


| \# | Peak Name | CH | tft [min] | Area [ $\mu \mathrm{V}$ /sec] | Height [ w V ] | Areas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 12.522 | 166250 | 6475 | 50.047 |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 15.482 | 165943 | 5616 | 49.953 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ N N/sec $]$ | Height [ H V ] | Areas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 12.578 | 416901 | 15920 | 100.000 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [iN/sea] | Height [ HV ] | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jnknown | 5 | 15.470 | 249574 | 8282 | 100.000 |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\mathbf{~} \mathbf{)} \mathbf{- 1 2 d}(24.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0794 \mathrm{mmol})$ was carried out according to the typical procedure. D-Aminoacylase $(0.65 \mathrm{mg})$ and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 9.9 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 99 \mathrm{nmol})$ were used.

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=-25.3(c 0.052,1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}), 99 \%$ ee.

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=+16.7(c 0.74, \mathrm{MeOH}),>99 \% \mathrm{ee}$.

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel OD-H, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (90:10)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: $7.9 \mathrm{~min}, 11.1 \mathrm{~min}$.



| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ $\mathrm{iN}^{\text {/ }} \mathrm{sec}$ ] | Height [iv1] | Areas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 7.905 | 4058644 | 171011 | 50.097 |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 11.142 | 4042879 | 178831 | 49.903 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ HV sec$]$ | Height [JV] | Area\% |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| lunknown | 5 | 7.753 | 6734090 | 288397 | 99.511 |  |
| 2 | Gnknown | 5 | 11.535 | 33101 | 1588 | 0.489 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [uV'sec] | Height [jVI | Arca? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 11.212 | 7137769 | 289770 | 100.000 |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\pm$ )-12f was carried out according to the following procedure.
To a solution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid $( \pm) \mathbf{- 1 2 f}(30.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.118 \mathrm{mmol})$ and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 14.8 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 148 \mathrm{nmol})$ in phosphate buffer ( $1 \mathrm{M}, \mathrm{pH} 7.5,1.2 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) was added D-aminoacylase ( 0.90 mg ) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h at $38^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, it was acidified with aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$ and extracted with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The organic layer was dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to afford $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid (L-12f) $(15.1 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%)$. The resultant aqueous layer was basified with aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(1 \mathrm{M})$ until pH 9 and charged on a cationic ion exchange chromatography (DOWEX 50W-8, 200-400 mesh). The product was eluted with aq. NH3 (3\%). The eluent was concentrated by freezed-dry to afford $\alpha$-amino acid $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{3 f}(11.3 \mathrm{mg}, 45 \%)$.

$[\alpha]_{D^{24}}=-13.6(c 0.30,1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}),>90 \%$ ee.

D-3f


## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel IC, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (70:30)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 200 nm
Retention time: $46.4 \mathrm{~min}, 53.3 \mathrm{~min}$.


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( $\mathbf{\pm}$ )-12f'




| $\#$ | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ $\mu \mathrm{V}$-sec] | Height [ $\mu \mathrm{V}]$ | Aroag |
| ---: | :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 直 | Unknown | 6 | 47.355 | 1392120 | 16983 | 4.992 |
| 2 | Unknown | 6 | 52.937 | 26494128 | 206033 | 95.008 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ NV V 30 c ] | Height [ IV ] | Areas' |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 6 | 45.020 | 37585530 | 287471 | 99.459 |
|  | Unknown | 6 | 54.487 | 204573 | 2662 | 0.541 |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid $( \pm) \mathbf{- 1 2 h}(36.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.105 \mathrm{mmol})$ was carried out according to the typical procedure. D-Ainoacylase ( 2.41 mg ) and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 26.3 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 263 \mathrm{nmol})$ were used.


D-3h


L-12h

## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel IC, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (80:20)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: $38.0 \mathrm{~min}, 40.8 \mathrm{~min}$.

$( \pm)-12 h^{\prime}$


| \#p | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Ares [ $\mathrm{V} V / \mathrm{sec}]$ | Height [ $\mu \mathrm{V}]$ | Areas |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 38.040 | 2605661 | 39409 | 49.886 |
| 2 | Unknown | 5 | 40.823 | 2617576 | 36800 | 50.114 |



D-3h'


| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [ min ] | Area [avisec] | Height [ $\mu \mathrm{V}]$ | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Usiknewn | 5 | 37.873 | 84958 | 1549 | 0.311 |
| 2 | Unknown | 5 | 40.342 | 27223601 | 365832 | 99.689 |



L-12h'


| $\#$ | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ HV -sec] | Height [ HV$]$ | Area\% |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 38.162 | 13821664 | 199530 | 99.877 |
| 2 Unknown | 5 | 41.177 | 17058 | 342 | 0.123 |  |



Kinetic resolution of $N$-acetyl $\alpha$-amino acid ( $\pm$ ) $\mathbf{- 1 2 i}(20.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0598 \mathrm{mmol})$ was carried out according to the typical procedure. D-Aminoacylase ( 1.44 mg ) and aq. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2}(0.01 \mathrm{M}, 22.4 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 224 \mathrm{nmol})$ were used.

$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{25}=-12.7(c 0.15,1.0 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}),>99 \%$ ee.


## HPLC Conditions

Column: Chiralcel IC, Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd.
Eluent: hexane/isopropanol (80:20)
Flow rate: $1.0 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$
Detection: UV 230 nm
Retention time: 34.6 min, 38.0 min .



| \# Peak Name | CH | $\mathrm{tR}[\mathrm{min}]$ | Area [ $\mu \mathrm{V} / \mathrm{sec}$ ] | Height [ HV$]$ | Areat |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 Unknown | 5 | 34.643 | 499836 | 8173 | 48.237 |
| 2 Unknown | 5 | 37.982 | 596363 | 7328 | 51.763 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | 如 [mim] | Area [ H V-sec] $]$ | Fieight [ $\mu \mathrm{V}]$ | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unknown | 5 | 37.945 | 633665 | 9080 | 100.000 |




| \# | Peak Name | CH | tR [min] | Area [ $\mu$ V/sec] | Height [ HV ] | Area\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Unknown | 5 | 34.595 | 1047251 | 16133 | 98.990 |
| 2 | Unknown | 5 | 38.507 | 10683 | 215 | 1.010 |

## 9. Single crystal X-ray diffraction study

A single crystal of $\mathbf{9}$ was mounted on a glass fiber, and diffraction data were collected in $\theta$ ranges specified in Table S2 at 93 K on a Brucker D8 QUEST diffractometer with graphite monochromatized Mo Ka radiation ( $1=$ $0.71073 \AA$ ). The absorption correction was made using SADABS. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least-squares on $F^{2}$ by using SHELXL-2013. ${ }^{8}$ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. All hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions. Final refinement details are compiled in Table S2. The supplementary crystallographic data for this paper (CCDC 1872155) can also be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Table S3. Selected crystallographic data and collection parameters for 9

| formula | $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{BrNO}_{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| fw | 458.34 |
| crystal system | orthorhombic |
| space group | P 212121 |
| $a, ~ \AA ̊$ | 6.1363(5) |
| $b, \AA$ | 14.6139(10) |
| $c, \AA$ | 21.9016(15) |
| volume, $\AA^{3}$ | 1964.0(2) |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| $D$ (calcd), $\mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$ | 1.550 |
| $\mu, \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 2.124 |
| $F(000)$ | 944 |
| crystal size, mm | $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.25$ |
| $\theta$ range for data collection, deg | 2.32 to 25.07 |
| index ranges | $-7 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 7,-17 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 17,-26 \leq \mathrm{l} \leq 25$ |
| reflections collected | 12617 |
| independent reflections [ $R$ (int)] | $3327[R(\mathrm{int})=0.0283]$ |
| coverage of independent reflections | 99.6\% |
| max. and min. transmission | 0.8160/0.6190 |
| data / restraints / parameters | 3327 / 0 / 264 |
| goodness-of-fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.126 |
| $R_{1}, w R_{2}[I>2 \sigma(I)] /$ | 0.0227, 0.0625 |
| $R_{1}, w R_{2}$ (all data) | 0.0231, 0.0627 |
| Weighting scheme | $\mathrm{w}=1 /\left[\mathrm{\sigma}^{2}\left(F_{0}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0173 \mathrm{P})^{2}+1.3957 \mathrm{P}\right]$ |
|  | Where $\mathrm{P}=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$ |
| largest diff. peak and hole, e $\AA^{-3}$ | 0.570 and -0.433 |

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\text { R.M.S. deviation from mean, e } \AA^{-3} \quad 0.058
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11. NMR spectra

































































































[^0]:    ${ }^{a}$ Isolated yield. ${ }^{b}$ Ion-exchange chromatography (Dowex $50 \mathrm{~W}-8$ ) was used for the purification. ${ }^{c}$ NMR yield. ${ }^{d}$ Inseparable mixture with 4.

