# Direct Transformation of N-protected $\alpha$ , B-Unsaturated $\gamma$ -Amino Amides into $\gamma$ -Lactams through a Base Mediated Molecular Rearrangement

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## 1. ORTEP diagrams:



**Fig. S1:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2a.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498002).



**Fig. S2:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2b.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498003)



**Fig S3:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2e.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498004).



**Fig S4:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2f.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498005).



**Fig S5:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2h.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498006).



**Fig S6:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2i.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498007).



**Fig S7:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2j.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498008).



**Fig S8:** ORTEP diagram of compound **2m.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 1498009).



**Fig S9:** ORTEP diagram of compound **5c.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no1871180).



**Fig S10:** ORTEP diagram of compound **3j.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 14980010).



**Fig S11:** ORTEP diagram of compound **4j.** H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability (CCDC no 14980011).

#### 2. Crystallographic Information:

**Compound 2a:** Crystals of **2a** were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal ( $0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.08$  mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 57.04$ ), for a total of 12065 independent reflections. Space group P12(1)1, a = 6.639 (3), b = 8.413 (3), c = 36.816 (16),  $\beta = 90.173$  (10), V = 2065.3 (16) Å<sup>3</sup>, Monoclinic, Z = 4 for chemical formula C23 H28 N2 O3, with two molecules in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$  calcd = 1.229 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.081$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 816, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0529. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0620 (wR2 = 0.1167) 8305 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 511 variables, S = 0.973.

**Compound 2b:** Crystals of **2b** were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal ( $0.15 \times 0.1 \times 0.05$  mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 66.65$ ), for a total of 20711

independent reflections. Space group C 2, a = 14.9637(5), b = 11.3042(4), c = 21.2771(9),  $\beta$  = 110.4360(10), V = 3372.6 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>, Monoclinic, Z = 8 for chemical formula C17 H24 N2 O3, with two molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$ calcd = 1.199 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$  = 0.665 mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 1312, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0243. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.055 (wR2 = 0.2125) 5783 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 405 variables, S = 2.070.

**Compound 2e:** Crystals of **2e** were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal ( $0.1 \times 0.05 \times 0.03$  mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 66.39$ ), for a total of 9955 independent reflections. Space group P1, a = 6.8272 (3), b = 8.0949 (3), c = 42.0284 (15),  $\beta = 89.977$  (2), V = 2322.72(16) Å<sup>3</sup>, triclinic, Z = 4 for chemical formula C26 H31 N3 O3, with four molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$ calcd = 1.240 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.652$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 1012, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0950. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0664 (wR2 = 0.1056) 14782 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 1165 variables, S = 1.263.

**Compound 2f:** Crystals of **2f** were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of aqueous methanol. A single crystal ( $0.15 \times 0.1 \times 0.05$  mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 50.48$ ), for a total of 15144 independent reflections. Space group P21, a = 6.696(2), b = 13.783(4), c = 10.694(4),  $\beta = 102.690(8)$ , V = 962.8(5) Å<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, Z = 2 for chemical formula C20 H30 N2 O3, with one molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$ calcd = 1.195 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.080$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 376, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0551. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0599 (wR2 = 0.1470) 4750 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 231 variables, S = 1.026.

**Compound 2h:** Crystals of **2h**were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal (0.1 × 0.07 × 0.05 mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>α</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 57.358$ ), for a total of 34755 independent reflections. Space group C 2/c, a = 28.90(4), b = 10.508(13), c = 13.397(17),  $\beta = 106.42(3)$ , V = 3902(9) Å<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, Z = 8 for chemical formula C20 H29 N2 O3, with one molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$ calcd = 1.176 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.079$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 1480, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0719. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.1511 (wR2 = 0.3044) 4863 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 230 variables, S = 1.308. Author comment on check CIF: The investigated single crystal was a small-sized, brittle and poorly diffracting. Numerous datasets were collected on singlecrystals from different batches, whereof the one of the highest quality is reported herein.

**Compound 2i:** Crystals of **2i**were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal (0.15 × 0.1 × 0.05 mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 50.48$ ), for a total of 52510 independent reflections. Space group P -1, a = 6.8063(18), b = 13.002(4), c = 13.629(4),  $\beta = 92.523(7)$ , V = 1106.6(5) Å<sup>3</sup>, triclinic, Z = 2 for chemical formula C22 H30 N3 O3, with one molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$ calcd = 1.154 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.077$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 484, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.2621. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0841 (wR2 = 0.1747) 5554 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 257 variables, S = 1.017. Author comment on check CIF: The investigated single crystal was a small-sized, brittle and poorly diffracting.

Numerous datasets were collected on single crystals from different batches, whereof the one of the highest quality is reported herein.

**Compound 2j:** Crystals of **2j**were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of aqueous methanol. A single crystal (0.15 × 0.1 × 0.05 mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Cu K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54178$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans (2 $\theta$  = 66.765), for a total of 34755 independent reflections. Space group P 21/n, a = 6.7044(10), b = 28.659(4), c = 11.4082(18),  $\beta$  = 91.966(9), V = 2190.7(6) Å<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, Z = 4 for chemical formula C25 H29 N3 O3, with one molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$  calcd = 1.272 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$  = 0.675 mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 816, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0721. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0712 (wR2 = 0.1771) 3756 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  (|F<sub>0</sub>|)) and 283 variables, S = 1.090.

**Compound 2m:** Crystals of **2m** were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal ( $0.12 \times 0.1 \times 0.06$  mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 50.48$ ), for a total of 47013 independent reflections. Space group P 21/c, a = 12.367(5), b = 16.811(7), c = 19.201(8),  $\beta = 90.00$ , V = 3992(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, Z = 8 for chemical formula C22 H26 N2 O3, with two molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$  calcd = 1.219 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.081$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 1706, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.077. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0407 (wR2 = 0.1008) 6229 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 491 variables, S = 0.665.

**Compound 5c:** Crystals of **5c** were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal (0.13 × 0.1 × 0.05 mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans (2 $\theta = 57.172$ ), for a total of 11092independent reflections. Space group P-1, *a*=6.6014(15), *b* = 9.469(2), *c*= 35.287(8)  $\alpha$  = 93.454(5)  $\beta$ =93.826(5)  $\gamma$ =98.649(5), V = 2170.3(8) Å<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, Z = 2 for chemical formula C<sub>20</sub> H<sub>22</sub> N<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub>, C H Cl<sub>3</sub>, with two molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$  calcd = 1.352 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$  = 0.442 mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 918.0, The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0913, wR2 =0.3006 (11029) observed reflections ( $F_{\theta} \ge 4\sigma$  ([F<sub>0</sub>])) and 507 variables, S = 0.781.

**Compound 3j:** Crystals of **3j**were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal ( $0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$ ) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 50.48$ ), for a total of 15583 independent reflections. Space group P -1, a = 6.5787(11), b = 9.2449(14), c = 14.324(2),  $\beta = 77.982(4)$ , V = 822.4(2) Å<sup>3</sup>, triclinic, Z = 4 for chemical formula C20 H21 N3 O, with one molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$  calcd = 1.290 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.081$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 364, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0273. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0523 (wR2 = 0.1857) 4106 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 217 variables, S = 1.563. Author comment on check CIF: It is possible that shorter D-H..H-D distances are an artifact of refinement.

**Compound 4j:** Crystals of **4j** were grown by slow evaporation from a solution of EtOAc. A single crystal ( $0.18 \times 0.1 \times 0.06$  mm) was mounted on loop with a small amount of the paraffin oil. The X-ray data were collected at 100K temperature on a Bruker APEX(II) DUO CCD diffractometer using Mo K<sub>a</sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å),  $\omega$ -scans ( $2\theta = 50.48$ ), for a total of 34755 independent

reflections. Space group Cc, a = 6.9007(11), b = 25.211(4), c = 13.042(2),  $\beta$  = 101.886(4), V = 2220.2(6) Å<sup>3</sup>, monoclinic, Z = 4 for chemical formula C25 H29 N3 O2, with one molecule in asymmetric unit;  $\rho$  calcd = 1.207 gcm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$  = 0.077 mm<sup>-1</sup>, F (000) = 968, R<sub>int</sub>= 0.0412. The structure was obtained by intrinsic methods using SHELXS-97.The final R value was 0.0361 (wR2 = 0.0975) 11452 observed reflections ( $F_0 \ge 4\sigma$  ( $|F_0|$ )) and 635 variables, S = 0.761.

## 3) List of organic and inorganic bases used for the rearrangement

Base	Solvent	Conversion	Time
LiOH (1 <i>N</i> )	THF	-	2 d
NaOH (1 <i>N</i> )	THF	40 %	2 d
CsOH (1 <i>N</i> )	THF/DMF	50%	2 d
DBU( up to 3.0 equvi)	THF/DCM	-	2d
n-BuLi (1.0 equvi)	THF	-	1 d
KO <sup>t</sup> Bu (up to 3.0 equvi)	THF	100%	8 h

Table S1: List of organic and inorganic bases used for the rearrangement

## 4) <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR of all compounds



















































































