

Supporting Information

Stereoselective Construction of Seven-Membered Rings with an All-Carbon Quaternary Center by Direct Tiffeneau-Demjanov-type Ring Expansion

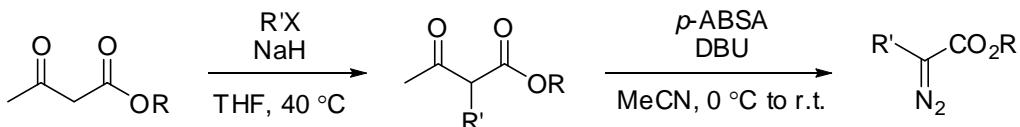
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General Information. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu IRPrestige-21 spectrometer. ^1H NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL JNM-FX400 (400 MHz) spectrometer. Data were reported as follows: chemical shifts in ppm from tetramethylsilane as an internal standard, integration, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = double-doublet, ddd= double-double-doublet, dt=double-triplet, m = multiplet, br = broad, and app = apparent), coupling constants (Hz), and assignment. ^{13}C NMR spectra were measured on a JEOL JNM-FX400 (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm from the residual solvent as an internal standard. High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed on Brucker microTOF. Optical rotations were measured on a JASCO DIP-1000 digital polarimeter. For thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis throughout this work, Merck precoated TLC plates (silica gel 60 GF₂₅₄, 0.25 mm) were used. The products were purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel 60 (Merck, 230-400 mesh).

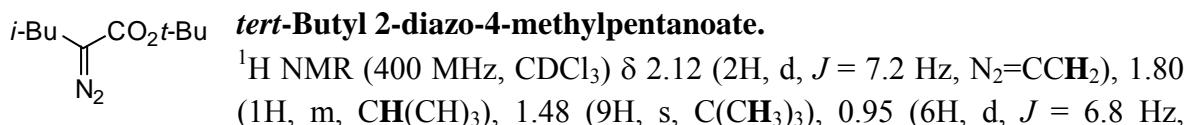
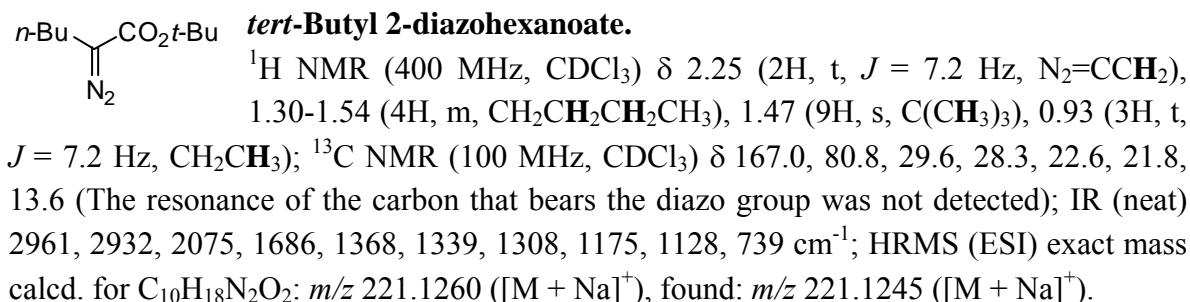
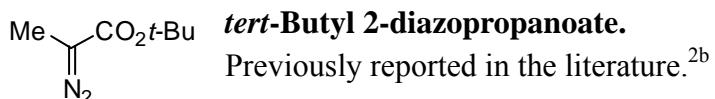
In experiments requiring dry solvent, dichloromethane was purchased from Kanto Chemical Co. Inc. as “Dehydrated” and further purified by passing through neutral alumina under nitrogen atmosphere. Simple ketones were purchased and used after distillation or column chromatography on silica gel.

Preparation of α -alkyldiazoacetates (1).¹

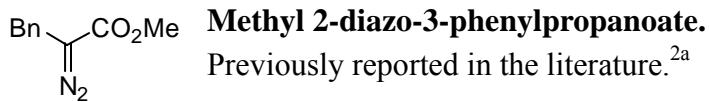


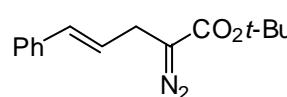
To a stirred suspension of NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 1.04 g, 26 mmol) in THF (20 mL), acetoacetate (20 mmol) was added dropwise at room temperature under Ar atmosphere. After the formation of a clear solution, the corresponding alkyl halide (22 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at 40°C for 10 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding α -alkyl- β -ketoesters.

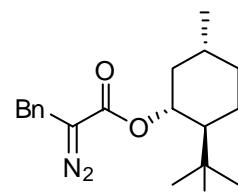
To a stirred solution of thus-formed α -alkyl- β -ketoester (5 mmol) and p -acetamidobenzenesulfonyl azide (p -ABSA) (1.92 g, 7.5 mmol) in MeCN (10 mL) was added DBU (2.2 ml, 15 mmol) at 0°C . The reaction mixture was then allowed to warm to room temperature. After stirring for 12 h, the resulting mixture was quenched with 1N HCl, and extracted with hexane. The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 and brine, and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography to give the corresponding α -alkyldiazoacetates.



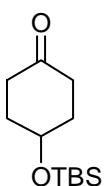
CH_2CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.1, 80.8, 32.2, 28.3, 27.9, 21.8 (The resonance of the carbon that bears the diazo group was not detected); IR (neat) 2961, 2077, 1686, 1456, 1368, 1352, 1325, 1130, 1067, 739 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: m/z 221.1260 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 221.1261 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



 **tert-Butyl (E)-2-diazo-5-phenylpent-4-enoate.**
 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.20-7.42 (5H, m, ArH), 6.49 (1H, d, $J = 15.6$ Hz, $\text{PhCH}=\text{CH}$), 6.19 (1H, dt, $J = 15.6, 6.8$ Hz, $\text{PhCH}=\text{CH}$), 3.16 (2H, dd, $J = 6.8, 1.6$ Hz, $\text{N}_2=\text{CCH}_2$), 1.49 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.3, 136.8, 132.5, 128.5, 127.5, 126.3, 124.3, 81.3, 28.4, 26.8 (The resonance of the carbon that bears the diazo group was not detected); IR (neat) 2978, 2077, 1684, 1368, 1337, 1157, 1111, 964, 739, 692 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: m/z 281.1260 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 281.1255 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).

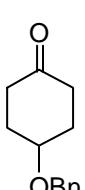
 **(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-8-Phenylmentyl 2-diazo-3-phenylpropanoate (10).**
 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.00-7.40 (9H, m, ArH), 4.96 (1H, app dt, $J = 10.8, 4.8$ Hz, OCH), 3.47 (2H, br, PhCH_2), 2.00 (1H, m, Cy), 1.87 (1H, m, Cy), 1.71 (1H, m, Cy), 1.64 (1H, m, Cy), 1.47 (1H, m, Cy), 0.75-1.40 (3H, m, Cy), 1.32 (3H, s, $\text{C}(\text{Ph})(\text{CH}_3)(\text{CH}_3)$), 1.22 (3H, s, $\text{C}(\text{Ph})(\text{CH}_3)(\text{CH}_3)$), 0.86 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 166.2, 151.4, 137.4, 128.6, 128.3, 127.8, 126.9, 125.2, 125.0, 77.2, 74.5, 50.8, 42.2, 39.6, 34.5, 31.3, 29.2, 28.1, 26.6, 24.6, 21.7; IR (neat) 2955, 2920, 2081, 1678, 1360, 1296, 1173, 1103, 980, 698 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$: m/z 413.2199 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 413.2209 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{28} = -7.1$ ($c = 1.0, \text{CHCl}_3$).

•Preparation of functionalized cyclohexanones.



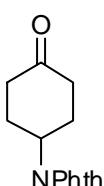
4-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone (6** ($\mathbf{R}^3 = \text{H}$, $\mathbf{R}^4 = \text{TBS}$)).**

Prepared according to the literature.^{3a}



4-(Benzyl)oxycyclohexanone (6** ($\mathbf{R}^3 = \text{H}$, $\mathbf{R}^4 = \text{Bn}$)).**

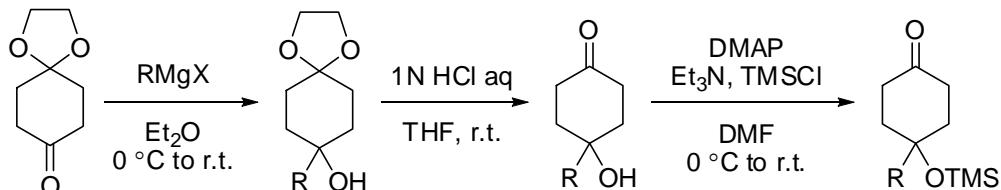
Prepared according to the literature.^{3b}



4-(*N*-Phthaloylamino)cyclohexanone (4** ($\mathbf{R}^3 = \text{Nphth}$)).**

Prepared according to the literature.^{3c}

4-Alkyl-4-(trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone.

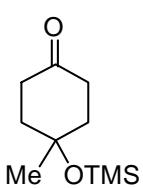


(Step1 & 2)

Prepared according to the literature.^{3d}

(Step 3)^{3e}

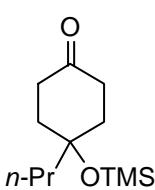
A solution of the cyclohexanone (5 mmol), DMAP (61 mg, 0.5 mmol), and Et_3N (1.0 mL, 7.5 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and TMSCl (767 μL , 6.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting suspension was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution and extracted with Et_2O . The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the corresponding silyl-protected cyclohexanone.



4-Methyl-4-(trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone (6** ($\mathbf{R}^3 = \text{Me}$, $\mathbf{R}^4 = \text{TMS}$)).**

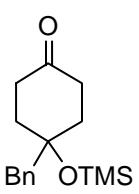
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.68 (2H, dt, $J = 14.4, 5.6$ Hz, *c*-Hex), 2.18 (2H, m, *c*-Hex), 1.98 (2H, m, *c*-Hex), 1.73 (2H, dt, $J = 14.0, 4.8$ Hz, *c*-Hex), 1.37 (3H, s, CH_3), 0.17 (9H, s, $\text{OSi}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.5, 71.4, 39.8, 37.3, 29.2, 2.3; IR (neat) 2959, 1717, 1250, 1132, 1051, 1005, 864,

839, 804, 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₀H₂₀O₂Si: *m/z* 223.1125 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 223.1121 ([M + Na]⁺).



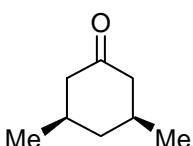
4-Propyl-4-(trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone (6** ($\text{R}^3 = n\text{-Pr}$, $\text{R}^4 = \text{TMS}$)).**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 2.67 (2H, dt, *J* = 14.0, 6.0 Hz, *c*-Hex), 2.20 (2H, m, R), 1.94 (2H, m, R), 1.74 (2H, dt, *J* = 13.2, 4.4 Hz, *c*-Hex), 1.58 (2H, m, R), 1.39 (2H, m, R), 0.94 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.16 (9H, s, OSi(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.6, 74.1, 44.4, 37.33, 37.26, 17.1, 14.5, 2.4; IR (neat) 2959, 1717, 1250, 1138, 1123, 1049, 1009, 839, 808, 752 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₂H₂₄O₂Si: *m/z* 251.1438 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 251.1435 ([M + Na]⁺).



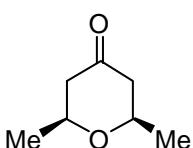
4-Benzyl-4-(trimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone (6** ($\text{R}^3 = \text{Bn}$, $\text{R}^4 = \text{TMS}$)).**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.15-7.31 (5H, m, ArH), 3.00 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 2.64 (2H, dt, *J* = 14.0, 6.4 Hz, *c*-Hex), 2.19 (2H, m, *c*-Hex), 1.94 (2H, m, *c*-Hex), 1.77 (2H, dt, *J* = 13.6, 4.4 Hz, *c*-Hex), 0.22 (9H, s, OSi(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.8, 137.1, 130.4, 128.1, 126.6, 74.7, 49.0, 37.2, 36.5, 2.6; IR (neat) 2953, 1713, 1250, 1115, 1051, 1005, 881, 835, 752, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₆H₂₄O₂Si: *m/z* 299.1438 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 299.1438 ([M + Na]⁺).



cis-3,5-Dimethylcyclohexanone (8** ($\text{X} = \text{CH}_2$)).**

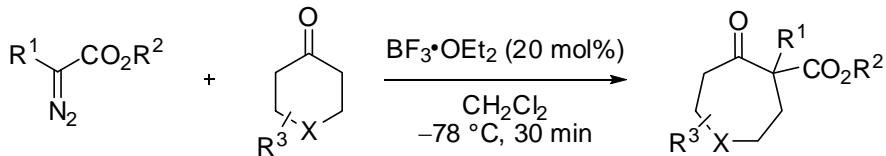
Previously reported, and prepared according to the procedure therein.^{3f}



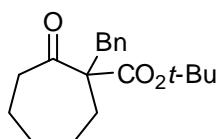
cis-2,6-Dimethyltetrahydropyran-4-one (8** ($\text{X} = \text{O}$)).**

Previously reported, and prepared according to the procedure therein.^{3g}

General procedure for the diastereoselective ring expansion of functionalized cyclohexanones with α -alkyldiazoacetates.

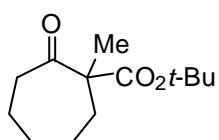


To a stirred solution of alkyldiazoacetate (0.20 mmol) and cyclohexanone derivative (0.21 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (5.1 μL , 0.040 mmol) at -78°C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate = 80:1~60:1) to give the corresponding cycloheptanone.



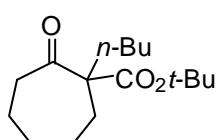
tert-Butyl 1-benzyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (3a).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.12-7.27 (5H, m, ArH), 3.29 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.98 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.62 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 8.4, 3.2 Hz, c-Hep), 2.30 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 10.0, 3.6 Hz, c-Hep), 2.00 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 8.8, 0.8 Hz, c-Hep), 1.18-1.82 (7H, m, c-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.5, 171.0, 137.1, 130.7, 128.0, 126.6, 81.9, 64.6, 42.3, 40.6, 31.9, 29.9, 27.9, 25.4, 24.4; IR (neat) 2932, 1726, 1709, 1454, 1368, 1254, 1240, 1142, 847, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_3$: m/z 325.1774 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 325.1767 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



tert-Butyl 1-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (3b).

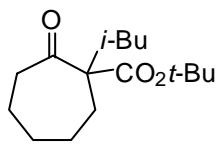
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.74 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 10.8, 3.2 Hz, c-Hep), 2.47 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 8.8, 2.8 Hz, c-Hep), 2.10 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 9.2, 0.8 Hz, c-Hep), 1.22-1.89 (7H, m, c-Hep), 1.44 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.30 (3H, s, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.6, 172.8, 81.5, 59.3, 42.1, 35.5, 30.1, 27.8, 25.7, 24.7, 21.5; IR (neat) 2978, 2931, 1734, 1705, 1456, 1369, 1242, 1146, 1105, 849 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_3$: m/z 249.1461 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 249.1452 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



tert-Butyl 1-butyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (3c).

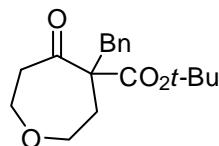
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.63 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 9.2, 3.6 Hz, c-Hep), 2.47 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 8.8, 2.8 Hz, c-Hep), 2.08 (1H, m, c-Hep), 1.92 (1H, m, c-Hep), 1.15-1.82 (12H, m, c-Hep and $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{CH}_3$), 1.45 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.90 (3H, t, J = 6.8 Hz, $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{CH}_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.8, 171.8, 81.4, 63.3, 42.0, 35.0, 32.7, 29.9, 27.9, 26.6, 25.5, 24.8, 23.2, 13.9; IR (neat) 2955, 2932, 2862, 1709, 1456, 1368, 1244, 1217, 1142, 849 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact

mass calcd. for C₁₆H₂₈O₃: *m/z* 291.1931 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 291.1920 ([M + Na]⁺).



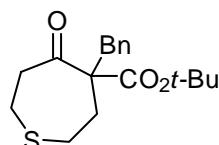
tert-Butyl 1-isobutyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (3d).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.63 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.8, 10.0, 4.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.45 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 8.0, 3.6 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.08 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 2.14 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.91 (1H, app dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.20-1.80 (11H, m, *c*-Hep and C₃H₅(CH₃)₂), 1.46 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH(CH₃)(CH₃)), 0.88 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH(CH₃)(CH₃)); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.7, 172.0, 81.5, 63.4, 43.2, 41.5, 32.7, 29.8, 27.9, 25.7, 24.71, 24.66, 24.64, 23.9; IR (neat) 2955, 2932, 2868, 1707, 1456, 1368, 1231, 1140, 939, 847 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₆H₂₈O₃: *m/z* 291.1931 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 291.1919 ([M + Na]⁺).



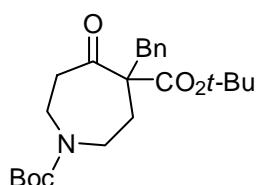
tert-Butyl 4-benzyl-5-oxooxepane-4-carboxylate (3e).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11-7.30 (5H, m, ArH), 3.62-3.84 (4H, m, CH₂OCH₂), 3.24 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 3.10 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.83 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.8, 6.8, 3.6 Hz, OCH₂CH₂), 2.60 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.8, 10.0, 3.6 Hz, OCH₂CH₂), 2.07 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.6, 5.2, 2.0 Hz, OCH₂CH₂), 1.84 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.2, 10.0, 3.2 Hz, OCH₂CH₂), 1.43 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.4, 170.5, 136.3, 130.7, 128.1, 126.8, 82.6, 68.1, 65.7, 63.8, 45.8, 41.4, 34.4, 27.9; IR (neat) 2974, 2872, 1705, 1358, 1254, 1146, 1105, 843, 739, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₈H₂₄O₄: *m/z* 327.1567 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 322.1570 ([M + Na]⁺).



tert-Butyl 4-benzyl-5-oxothiepane-4-carboxylate (3f).

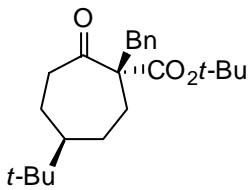
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.18-7.30 (3H, m, ArH), 7.10-7.16 (2H, m, ArH), 3.36 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 3.11 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.2, 7.6, 3.6 Hz, SCH₂CH₂), 2.97 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.64-2.94 (4H, m, CH₂SCH₂), 2.53 (1H, m, SCH₂CH₂), 2.41 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.8, 6.4, 2.0 Hz, SCH₂CH₂), 1.86 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.8, 11.2, 2.8 Hz, SCH₂CH₂), 1.41 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.9, 170.3, 136.4, 130.6, 128.0, 126.8, 82.6, 64.5, 44.3, 41.4, 36.4, 28.3, 27.9, 26.0; IR (neat) 2974, 2930, 1707, 1369, 1271, 1260, 1148, 1123, 843, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₈H₂₄O₃S: *m/z* 343.1338 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 343.1346 ([M + Na]⁺).



Di-tert-butyl 4-benzyl-5-oxoazepane-1,4-dicarboxylate (3g).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17-7.30 (3H, m, ArH), 7.10-7.16 (2H, m, ArH), 3.80 (1H, br, NCHH), 3.29 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 3.15 (1H, br, NCHH), 2.97 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.64-2.88 (2H, m, NCH₂), 2.07 (1H, ddd, *J* = 15.2, 4.8, 2.4 Hz, NCH₂CHH), 1.20-1.64 (3H, m, NCH₂CH₂), 1.44 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.41 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃);

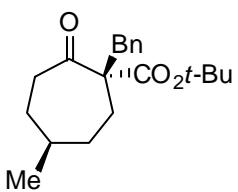
¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.1, 170.3, 154.6, 136.4, 130.6, 128.0, 126.8, 82.6, 80.0, 65.8, 64.0, 42.3, 41.7, 34.2, 28.4, 27.9, 15.2; IR (neat) 2974, 2932, 1695, 1412, 1368, 1242, 1150, 1115, 1086, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₃H₃₃NO₅: *m/z* 426.2251 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 426.2249 ([M + Na]⁺).



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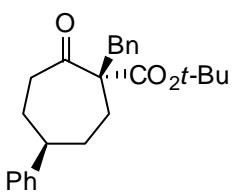
trans-1-benzyl-5-tert-butyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5a).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13-7.28 (5H, m, ArH), 3.42 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.81 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.64 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.8, 11.2, 2.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.42 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.8, 6.0, 0.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.91-2.12 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.83 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.17-1.45 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.39 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.83 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.66 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.0, 170.5, 137.5, 130.5, 128.0, 126.5, 82.0, 65.0, 52.5, 39.9, 38.1, 33.2, 29.4, 28.5, 27.8, 27.6, 24.4; IR (neat) 2959, 2866, 1711, 1454, 1368, 1246, 1150, 84, 733, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₃H₃₄O₃: *m/z* 381.2400 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 381.2408 ([M + Na]⁺).



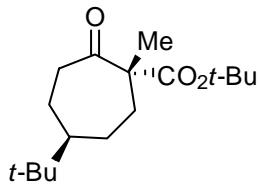
tert-Butyl trans-1-benzyl-5-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5b).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.11-7.30 (5H, m, ArH), 3.43 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, PhCHH), 2.83 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, PhCHH), 2.68 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.8, 11.6, 2.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.37 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.2, 6.8, 2.4 Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.94-2.09 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.89 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.13-1.74 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.39 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.88 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CH₃), 0.87 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.7, 170.4, 137.4, 130.5, 128.0, 126.5, 81.9, 65.1, 39.9, 38.3, 36.7, 35.0, 31.8, 29.0, 27.8, 22.5; IR (neat) 2953, 2928, 1454, 1368, 1279, 1246, 1142, 845, 737, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈O₃: *m/z* 339.1931 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 339.1923 ([M + Na]⁺).



tert-Butyl trans-1-benzyl-2-oxo-5-phenylcycloheptanecarboxylate (5c).

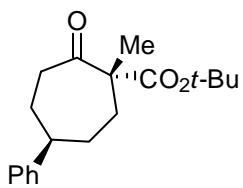
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.07-7.31 (10H, m, ArH), 3.48 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, PhCHH), 2.92 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, PhCHH), 2.83 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.6, 11.6, 2.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.72 (1H, app ddt, *J* = 12.0, 3.2, 2.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.51 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.2, 6.4, 2.4 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.00-2.26 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.86 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.68 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.30 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.4, 170.3, 146.5, 137.4, 130.6, 128.5, 128.1, 126.7, 126.6, 126.3, 82.2, 65.1, 49.0, 40.2, 38.1, 35.1, 31.1, 29.6, 27.9; IR (neat) 2976, 2930, 1707, 1452, 1368, 1252, 1148, 758, 739, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₅H₃₀O₃: *m/z* 401.2087 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 401.2098 ([M + Na]⁺).



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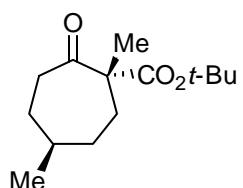
trans-5-tert-butyl-1-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5d).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.77 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 2.46 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 2.14 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.84-2.06 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.29 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.23 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.85 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.84 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.9, 172.7, 81.6, 59.4, 52.5, 40.7, 34.8, 33.3, 28.1, 27.8, 27.7, 25.0, 19.9; IR (neat) 2959, 2938, 2868, 1732, 1692, 1368, 1258, 1234, 1152, 1109 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₇H₃₀O₃: *m/z* 305.2087 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 305.2082 ([M + Na]⁺).



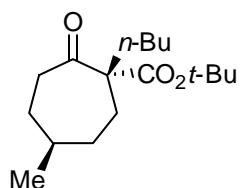
tert-Butyl trans-1-methyl-2-oxo-5-phenylcycloheptanecarboxylate (5e).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.23-7.33 (2H, m, ArH), 7.11-7.22 (3H, m, ArH), 2.96 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.6, 11.6, 2.4 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.74 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 2.54 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.2, 6.8, 2.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.35 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.92-2.12 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.63 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.46 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.45 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.36 (3H, s, CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.2, 172.5, 146.6, 128.5, 126.6, 126.4, 81.8, 59.6, 49.1, 41.0, 34.8, 34.7, 31.7, 27.8, 19.9; IR (neat) 2978, 2936, 2866, 1736, 1707, 1369, 1254, 1152, 1107, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₂₆O₃: *m/z* 325.1774 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 325.1765 ([M + Na]⁺).



tert-Butyl trans-1,5-dimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5f).

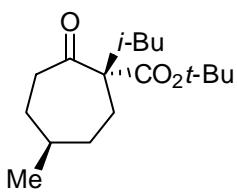
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.81 (1H, ddd, *J* = 13.2, 12.0, 2.4 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.42 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 7.2, 2.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.19 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.2, 11.6 Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.60-1.95 (4H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.29 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.14 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.98 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.6, 172.7, 81.6, 59.6, 40.8, 36.9, 34.8, 34.2, 32.4, 27.8, 22.7, 20.0; IR (neat) 2951, 2932, 1736, 1711, 1458, 1369, 1281, 1248, 1148, 1107 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₄H₂₄O₃: *m/z* 263.1618 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 263.1609 ([M + Na]⁺).



tert-Butyl trans-1-butyl-5-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5g).

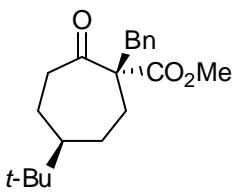
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.65 (1H, app dt, *J* = 12.0, 2.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.37 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.0, 7.2, 2.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.80-2.20 (4H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.56-1.76 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.13-1.50 (6H, m, *c*-Hep and/or *n*-Bu), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.90 (3H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, C₃H₆CH₃), 0.90 (1H, m, *c*-Hep) 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.5, 171.6, 81.5, 63.6, 40.2, 36.7, 34.8, 33.1, 32.2, 30.2, 27.9, 26.7, 23.2, 22.5, 13.9; IR (neat) 2955, 2928, 2872, 1711,

1456, 1368, 1269, 1244, 1215, 1142 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3$: m/z 305.2087 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 305.2090 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



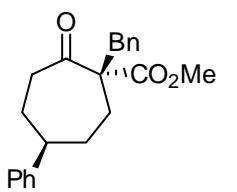
tert-Butyl trans-1-isobutyl-5-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5h).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.66 (1H, ddd, $J = 13.2, 11.6, 2.8$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.34 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.2, 6.8, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.16 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2, 10.8$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.95-2.07 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.87 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.56-1.77 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.12-1.49 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.43 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.80-1.00 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.92 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, CHCH_3), 0.90 (6H, app d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.4, 171.7, 81.7, 63.7, 41.1, 39.8, 36.7, 35.0, 31.9, 29.9, 27.8, 24.8, 24.5, 23.8, 22.5; IR (neat) 2955, 2928, 2870, 1709, 1456, 1368, 1234, 1140, 1126, 845 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3$: m/z 305.2087 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 305.2091 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



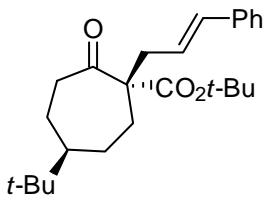
Methyl trans-1-benzyl-5-tert-butyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5i).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.18-7.30 (3H, m, ArH), 7.02-7.12 (2H, m, ArH), 3.67 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.51 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.80 (1H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.64 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.4, 11.2, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.43 (1H, ddd, $J = 10.8, 6.0, 1.6$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.94-2.16 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.87 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.16-1.37 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.84 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.72 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.7, 171.6, 137.1, 130.2, 128.2, 126.7, 64.6, 52.4, 40.1, 38.2, 33.2, 28.83, 28.80, 28.6, 27.6, 24.3; IR (neat) 2955, 1732, 1711, 1454, 1441, 1240, 1196, 1175, 737, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_3$: m/z 339.1931 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 339.1921 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



Methyl trans-1-benzyl-2-oxo-5-phenylcycloheptanecarboxylate (5j).

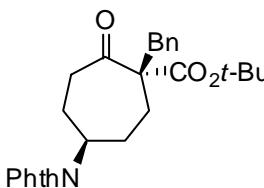
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.15-7.34 (6H, m, ArH), 7.03-7.15 (4H, m, ArH), 3.71 (3H, s, OCH_3), 3.57 (1H, d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.87 (1H, d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.83 (1H, ddd, $J = 13.6, 11.2, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.73 (1H, app ddt, $J = 12.4, 4.8, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.52 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.2, 6.8, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.04-2.31 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.92 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.70 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.38 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 208.2, 171.4, 146.3, 137.0, 130.2, 128.5, 128.3, 126.8, 126.6, 126.4, 64.8, 52.5, 48.9, 40.4, 38.2, 35.0, 31.0, 28.9; IR (neat) 2949, 1728, 1709, 1493, 1452, 1234, 1196, 1173, 739, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_3$: m/z 359.1618 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 359.1618 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



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trans-1-(trans-cinnamyl)-5-tert-butyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (5k).

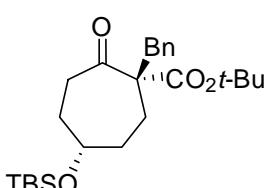
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16-7.40 (5H, m, ArH), 6.41 (1H, d, J = 15.6 Hz, Ph-CH=CH), 6.20 (1H, ddd, J = 15.6, 8.4, 6.8 Hz, Ph-CH=CH), 2.94 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 6.8, 1.2 Hz, Ph-C=C-CHH), 2.65 (1H, ddd, J = 12.8, 11.6, 2.4 Hz, c-Hep), 2.44 (1H, ddd, J = 11.2, 6.4, 2.0 Hz, c-Hep), 2.36 (1H, ddd, J = 14.4, 8.8, 1.2 Hz, Ph-C=C-CHH), 2.10 (2H, m, c-Hep), 1.84-2.03 (2H, m, c-Hep), 1.40 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.17-1.35 (2H, m, c-Hep), 0.84 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.78 (1H, m, c-Hep); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.2, 170.9, 137.4, 133.2, 128.4, 127.1, 126.1, 126.0, 81.8, 63.8, 52.5, 40.3, 37.2, 33.3, 30.8, 28.4, 27.9, 27.6, 24.7; IR (neat) 2963, 1709, 1368, 1246, 1152, 1130, 1113, 966, 743, 692 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₅H₃₆O₃: *m/z* 407.2557 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 407.2562 ([M + Na]⁺).



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trans-1-benzyl-2-oxo-5-(N-phthaloylamino)cycloheptanecarboxylate (5l).

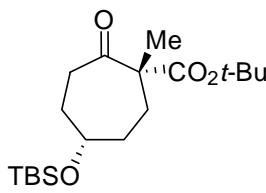
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.82 (2H, m, Phth), 7.71 (2H, m, Phth), 7.12-7.40 (5H, m, ArH), 4.30 (1H, m, CHNPhth), 3.54 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.92 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.76 (1H, ddd, J = 14.0, 11.6, 2.4 Hz, c-Hep), 2.49 (1H, ddd, J = 11.6, 6.4, 2.4 Hz, c-Hep), 2.35 (1H, ddd, J = 26.0, 13.6, 2.8 Hz, c-Hep), 2.10-2.22 (3H, m, c-Hep), 1.95 (1H, m, c-Hep), 1.75 (1H, m, c-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.1, 169.9, 167.8, 137.1, 134.0, 131.8, 130.5, 128.1, 126.6, 123.2, 82.4, 65.1, 53.3, 38.0, 37.9, 29.7, 28.5, 27.9, 27.8; IR (neat) 2976, 2932, 1707, 1393, 1371, 1248, 1146, 1084, 719, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₇H₂₉NO₅: *m/z* 470.1938 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 470.1950 ([M + Na]⁺).



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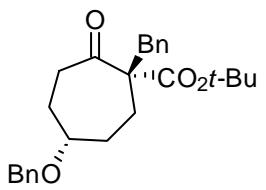
cis-1-benzyl-5-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (7a).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12-7.37 (5H, m, ArH), 3.82 (1H, m, CHOTBS), 3.29 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 3.00 (1H, d, J = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.83 (1H, app dt, J = 12.0, 2.4 Hz, c-Hep), 2.47 (1H, app dd, J = 15.6, 10.0 Hz, c-Hep), 2.71 (1H, ddd, J = 12.0, 8.4, 2.8 Hz, c-Hep), 1.53-1.83 (4H, m, c-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.87 (9H, s, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.016 (3H, Si(CH₃)(CH₃)), 0.013 (3H, Si(CH₃)(CH₃)); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.5, 170.8, 137.2, 130.7, 128.0, 126.5, 82.0, 69.2, 64.5, 39.8, 36.7, 34.5, 32.0, 27.8, 25.7, 23.9, 18.0, -4.83, -4.85; IR (neat) 2953, 2930, 1732, 1709, 1369, 1252, 1152, 1080, 839, 775 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₅H₄₀O₄Si: *m/z* 455.2588 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 455.2587 ([M + Na]⁺).



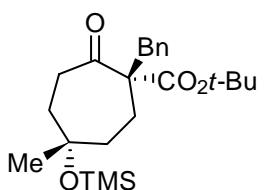
**tert-Butyl
cis-5-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-methyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (7b).**

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.97 (1H, m, CHOTBS), 3.14 (1H, app dt, $J = 12.0, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.66 (1H, dd, $J = 14.8, 10.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.27 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.4, 8.0, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.78-2.00 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.47 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.44 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.28 (3H, s, CH_3), 1.14 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.91 (9H, s, $\text{SiC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.91 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.05 (6H, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.1, 172.6, 81.6, 68.2, 59.1, 36.3, 34.5, 32.1, 27.8, 27.6, 25.7, 20.4, 18.0, -4.8, -4.9; IR (neat) 2930, 1736, 1705, 1369, 1252, 1159, 1128, 1080, 835, 773 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_4\text{Si}$: m/z 379.2275 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 379.2276 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



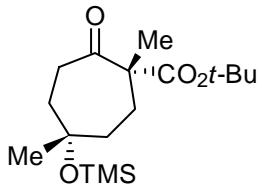
**tert-Butyl
cis-1-benzyl-5-(benzyloxy)-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (7c).**

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.12-7.38 (5H, m, ArH), 4.51 (1H, d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, PhCHHO), 4.44 (1H, d, $J = 12.0$ Hz, PhCHHO), 3.46 (1H, m, CHOBn), 3.25 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 3.04 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.82 (1H, ddd, $J = 13.2, 10.8, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.37 (1H, app dd, $J = 15.2, 8.8$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.17 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.0, 8.8, 3.2$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.88-2.00 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.88-2.0 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.79 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.64 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.40-1.60 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.3, 170.8, 138.6, 136.9, 130.6, 128.4, 128.1, 127.5, 127.4, 126.6, 82.2, 76.2, 70.0, 64.4, 40.3, 37.5, 30.8, 28.4, 27.9, 25.1; IR (neat) 2976, 2932, 2866, 1707, 1454, 1368, 1248, 1150, 1070, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_4$: m/z 431.2193 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 431.2191 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



**tert-Butyl
cis-1-benzyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (7d).**

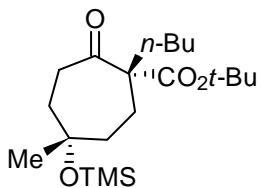
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13-7.35 (5H, m, ArH), 3.39 (1H, d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.97 (1H, dt, $J = 12.4, 2.0$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.87 (1H, d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.59 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 2.18 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 7.2, 2.0$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.84 (1H, ddt, $J = 14.4, 7.6, 2.0$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.04-1.70 (4H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.40 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.20 (3H, s, CH_3), 0.11 (9H, s, $\text{OSi}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.4, 170.5, 137.6, 130.6, 128.0, 126.5, 81.9, 73.9, 65.0, 41.0, 38.6, 37.4, 37.0, 30.9, 27.8, 23.9, 2.4; IR (neat) 2967, 1707, 1248, 1146, 1084, 1045, 1005, 856, 843, 704 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_4\text{Si}$: m/z 427.2275 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 427.2277 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



tert-Butyl

cis-1,5-dimethyl-2-oxo-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (7e).

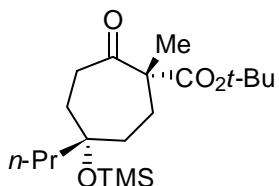
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.17 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.8, 12.0, 2.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.69 (1H, app dd, *J* = 15.2, 10.4 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.21 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.0, 7.6, 2.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.85 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.76 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.20-1.55 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.44 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.28 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.26 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.15 (9H, s, OSi(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.4, 172.6, 81.5, 73.6, 59.4, 40.6, 37.9, 37.1, 31.1, 28.9, 27.8, 19.7, 2.3; IR (neat) 2970, 1738, 1709, 1250, 1146, 1130, 1092, 1049, 1032, 839 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₇H₃₂O₄Si: *m/z* 351.1962 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 351.1967 ([M + Na]⁺).



tert-Butyl

cis-1-butyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (7f).

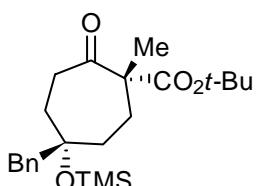
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.96 (1H, app dt, *J* = 12.4, 2.4 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.62 (1H, app dd, *J* = 15.2, 11.2 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.17 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.0, 7.6, 2.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.00 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.84 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.10-1.89 (9H, m, *c*-Hep and *n*-Bu), 1.44 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.24 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.90 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.14 (9H, s, OSi(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.2, 171.5, 81.4, 74.0, 63.3, 40.8, 37.8, 37.0, 33.4, 30.9, 27.9, 26.8, 25.3, 23.3, 13.9, 2.4; IR (neat) 2959, 1711, 1250, 1171, 1144, 1128, 1096, 1045, 1003, 839 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₀H₃₈O₄Si: *m/z* 393.2432 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 393.2440 ([M + Na]⁺).



tert-Butyl

cis-1-methyl-2-oxo-5-propyl-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (7g).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.13 (1H, app dt, *J* = 12.4, 2.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.63 (1H, app dd, *J* = 12.8, 10.8 Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.23 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.4, 7.6, 2.0 Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.15-1.82 (9H, m, *c*-Hep and *n*-Pr), 1.44 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.27 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.89 (3H, t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH₂CH₃), 0.15 (9H, s, OSi(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.3, 172.6, 81.6, 76.5, 59.2, 46.2, 37.9, 37.0, 35.7, 29.0, 27.8, 19.9, 17.1, 14.6, 2.4; IR (neat) 2959, 1738, 1709, 1250, 1171, 1146, 1126, 1094, 1078, 837 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₉H₃₆O₄Si: *m/z* 379.2275 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 379.2268 ([M + Na]⁺).

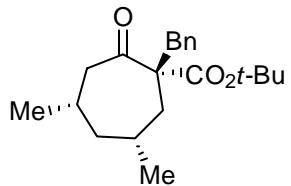


tert-Butyl

cis-5-benzyl-1-methyl-2-oxo-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (7h).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.13-7.31 (5H, m, ArH), 3.13 (1H, app

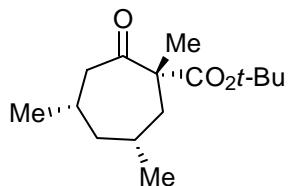
dt, $J = 12.4, 2.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.85 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 2.62 (1H, app dd, $J = 15.2, 10.8$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.26 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.4, 8.0, 2.0$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.70-1.95 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.13-1.60 (4H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.43 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.17 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.19 (9H, s, OSi(CH₃)₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.9, 172.5, 137.0, 130.5, 128.0, 126.6, 81.6, 77.2, 59.1, 50.5, 37.3, 37.0, 35.4, 29.1, 27.8, 20.0, 2.6; IR (neat) 2951, 1736, 1705, 1369, 1252, 1155, 1126, 1082, 837, 754 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₃H₃₆O₄Si: *m/z* 427.2275 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 427.2281 ([M + Na]⁺).



***tert*-Butyl**

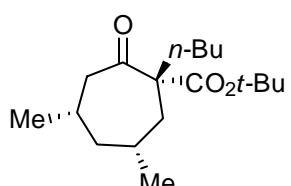
***cis*-1-benzyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (9a).**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12-7.40 (5H, m, ArH), 3.38 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.88 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.50 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0, 11.2$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.31 (1H, ddd, $J = 10.8, 2.4, 1.6$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.94 (1H, dd, $J = 15.6, 10.0$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.10-1.88 (5H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.41 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.00 (3H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.94 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.88 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 170.5, 137.5, 130.6, 128.0, 126.5, 82.0, 64.5, 48.7, 48.6, 38.2, 37.8, 35.0, 29.1, 27.8, 24.8, 23.5; IR (neat) 2955, 1711, 1456, 1368, 1260, 1242, 1146, 1045, 737, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₁H₃₀O₃: *m/z* 353.2087 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 353.2088 ([M + Na]⁺).



***tert*-Butyl *cis*-1,4,6-trimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (9b).**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.65 (1H, app t, $J = 11.2$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.31 (1H, app dt, $J = 11.2, 1.6$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.09 (1H, dd, $J = 14.8, 10.4$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.20-1.80 (4H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.29 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.14 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.01 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.97 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.96 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.0, 172.6, 81.6, 58.9, 49.5, 48.7, 43.4, 34.5, 29.6, 27.8, 25.4, 23.8, 19.9; IR (neat) 2955, 1736, 1709, 1458, 1369, 1265, 1238, 1165, 1136, 1109 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₅H₂₆O₃: *m/z* 277.1774 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 277.1766 ([M + Na]⁺).

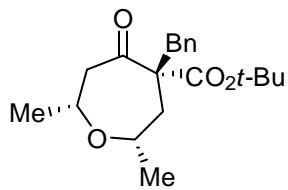


***tert*-Butyl**

***cis*-1-butyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (9c).**

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.47 (1H, t, $J = 11.6$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.27 (1H, app dt, $J = 10.0, 1.6$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.94-2.10 (2H, m, *c*-Hep and/or *n*-Bu), 1.15-1.84 (9H, m, *c*-Hep and/or *n*-Bu), 1.42 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 0.99 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.96 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.94 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.91 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, CH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.9, 171.6, 81.5, 62.8, 49.0, 48.7, 39.4, 34.8, 32.8, 29.4, 27.8, 26.7, 25.4, 23.5, 23.2, 13.9; IR (neat) 2955, 2928, 2870, 1709, 1458, 1368, 1256, 1136, 1047, 841 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass

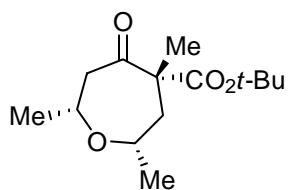
calcd. for C₁₈H₃₂O₃: *m/z* 319.2244 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 319.2238 ([M + Na]⁺).



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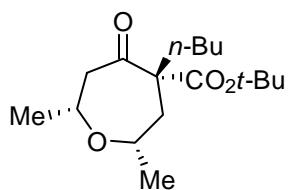
cis-4-benzyl-2,7-dimethyl-5-oxooxepane-4-carboxylate (9d).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.16-7.30 (5H, m, ArH), 3.54 (1H, m, HCOCH), 3.24 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 3.14 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.87 (1H, m, HCOCH), 2.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 10.4 Hz, OCHCH₂), 2.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 0.8 Hz, OCHCH₂), 2.25 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.4, 8.8 Hz, OCHCH₂), 1.94 (1H, app d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, OCHCH₂), 1.43 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.24 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃), 1.06 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.8, 170.4, 137.0, 130.8, 128.2, 126.8, 82.4, 74.6, 73.0, 63.7, 52.6, 39.0, 37.9, 27.8, 23.6, 22.9; IR (neat) 2976, 1711, 1369, 1267, 1244, 1152, 1138, 1103, 843, 702 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈O₄: *m/z* 355.1880 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 355.1885 ([M + Na]⁺).



tert-Butyl cis-2,4,7-trimethyl-5-oxooxepane-4-carboxylate (9e).

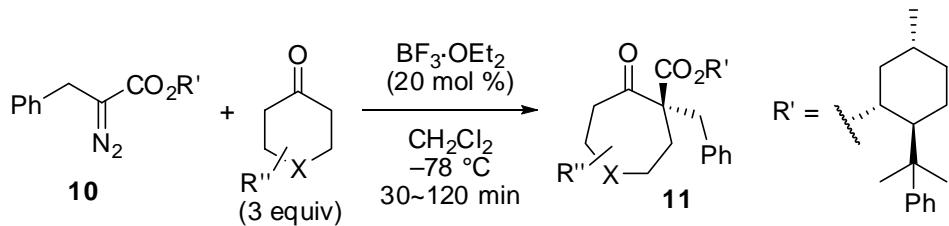
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.60 (1H, m, HCOCH), 3.35 (1H, m, HCOCH), 2.98 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0, 10.4 Hz, OCHCH₂), 2.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.2 Hz, OCHCH₂), 2.38 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.6, 8.8 Hz, OCHCH₂), 1.72 (1H, app d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, OCHCH₂), 1.43 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.32 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.27 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃), 1.25 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.8, 172.0, 82.0, 74.4, 72.9, 58.2, 53.2, 42.8, 27.8, 24.2, 23.2, 20.5; IR (neat) 2934, 2870, 2976, 1736, 1711, 1369, 1269, 1240, 1161, 1130 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₄H₂₄O₄: *m/z* 279.1567 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 279.1557 ([M + Na]⁺).



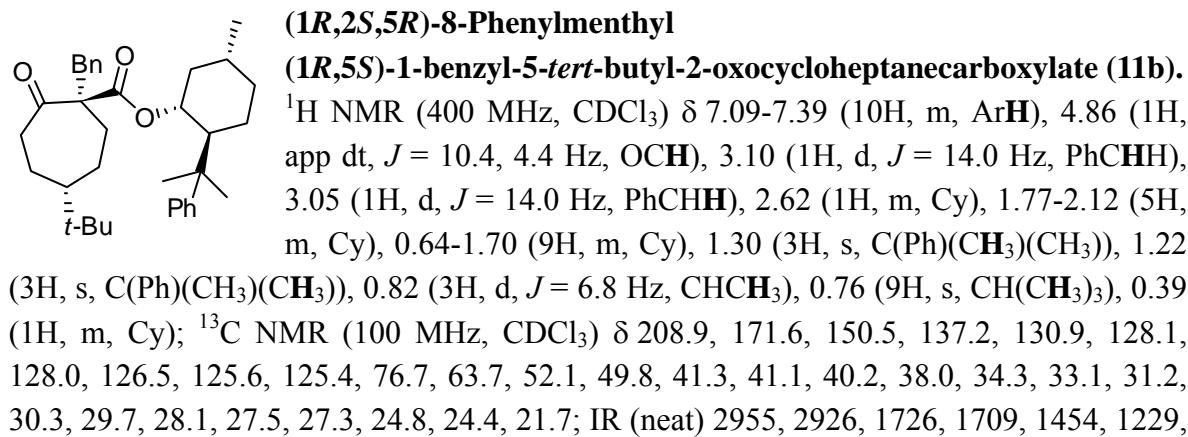
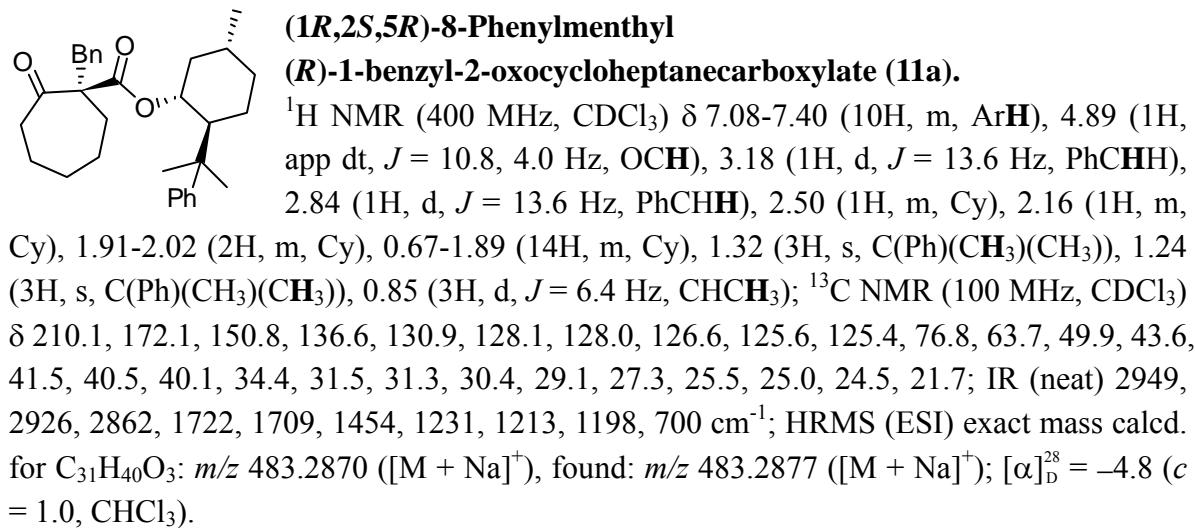
tert-Butyl cis-4-butyl-2,7-dimethyl-5-oxooxepane-4-carboxylate (9f).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.62 (1H, m, HCOCH), 3.26 (1H, m, HCOCH), 2.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.6, 10.4 Hz, OCHCH₂), 2.47 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0, 1.2 Hz, OCHCH₂), 2.34 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.0, 8.8 Hz, OCHCH₂), 1.98 (1H, m, *n*-Bu), 1.78 (1H, app d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, OCHCH₂), 1.16-1.62 (5H, m, *n*-Bu), 1.44 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.26 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃), 1.23 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃), 0.91 (3H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.5, 171.2, 81.9, 74.8, 73.1, 62.1, 52.7, 38.9, 34.0, 27.9, 26.6, 24.1, 23.2, 22.9, 13.9; IR (neat) 2972, 2932, 2864, 1736, 1711, 1369, 1240, 1153, 1134, 1105 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₁₇H₃₀O₄: *m/z* 321.2036 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 321.2031 ([M + Na]⁺).

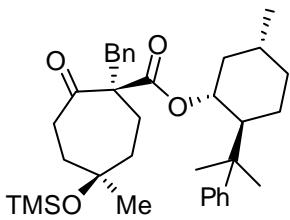
•General procedure for the asymmetric ring expansion of functionalized cyclohexanones with (-)-phenylmenthyl α -benzyldiazoacetate.



To a stirred solution of (-)-phenylmenthyl α -benzyldiazoacetate (78.1 mg, 0.20 mmol) and the corresponding cyclohexanone derivative (0.60 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (5.1 μL , 0.040 mmol) at -78°C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature until all consumption of the diazo compound (30-120 min). The mixture was quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate = 80:1~60:1) to give the corresponding cycloheptanone.



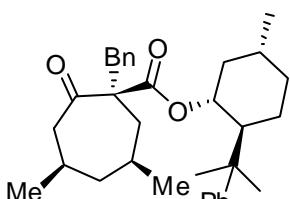
1206, 1175, 908, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_3$: m/z 539.3496 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 539.3485 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{28} = 47.8$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-8-Phenylmenthyl

(1*R*,5*S*)-1-benzyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (11c).

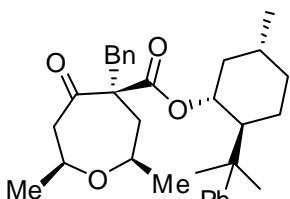
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.12-7.32 (10H, m, ArH), 4.88 (1H, app dt, $J = 10.8, 4.4$ Hz, OCH), 3.19 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 3.07 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 3.04 (1H, m, Cy), 2.53 (1H, dd, $J = 14.8, 10.8$ Hz, Cy), 2.22 (1H, m, Cy), 1.67-1.90 (4H, m, Cy), 0.77-1.60 (8H, m, Cy), 1.27 (3H, s, C(Ph)(CH₃)(CH₃)), 1.23 (3H, s, C(Ph)(CH₃)(CH₃)), 1.13 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.81 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.67 (1H, m, Cy), 0.10 (9H, s, Si(CH₃)₃); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.5, 171.8, 150.3, 137.3, 131.0, 128.04, 128.00, 126.5, 125.7, 125.4, 76.5, 73.7, 63.8, 50.3, 41.5, 40.6, 40.3, 38.6, 37.8, 37.7, 34.3, 31.3, 30.8, 30.6, 27.4, 25.2, 23.5, 21.7, 2.4; IR (neat) 2955, 2924, 1730, 1707, 1250, 1209, 1047, 1007, 839, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}_4\text{Si}$: m/z 585.3371 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 585.3377 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{30} = 25.2$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-8-Phenylmenthyl

(1*R*,4*R*,6*S*)-1-benzyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (11d).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.06-7.44 (10H, m, ArH), 4.87 (1H, app dt, $J = 10.8, 4.4$ Hz, OCH), 3.20 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.98 (1H, d, $J = 14.0$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.37 (1H, m, Cy), 0.55-2.01 (15H, m, Cy), 1.31 (3H, s, C(Ph)(CH₃)(CH₃)), 1.23 (3H, s, C(Ph)(CH₃)(CH₃)), 0.99 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.84 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, CHCH₃), 0.73 (3H, d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, CHCH₃); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.9, 171.7, 150.5, 137.3, 131.1, 128.1, 127.9, 126.6, 125.6, 125.5, 76.8, 63.3, 49.9, 49.8, 48.5, 41.2, 40.2, 38.7, 38.1, 34.7, 34.3, 31.3, 29.9, 29.5, 27.3, 24.6, 24.3, 23.7, 21.7; IR (neat) 2953, 2924, 1726, 1707, 1495, 1456, 1236, 1213, 764, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_3$: m/z 511.3183 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 511.3178 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$); $[\alpha]_D^{27} = 37.5$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3).



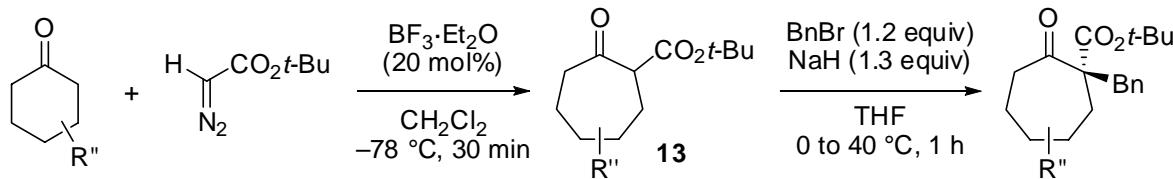
(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-8-Phenylmenthyl

(2*R*,4*S*,7*S*)-4-benzyl-2,7-dimethyl-5-oxooxepane-4-carboxylate (11e).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13-7.37 (10H, m, ArH), 4.90 (1H, app dt, $J = 10.4, 4.4$ Hz, OCH), 3.48 (1H, d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, PhCHH), 3.41 (1H, m, HCOCH), 2.85 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0, 10.4$ Hz, HCOCH), 2.77 (1H, d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.55 (1H, d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, Cy), 2.44 (1H, m, Cy), 2.10 (1H, dd, $J = 16.0, 8.0$ Hz, Cy), 1.95 (1H, d, $J = 16.4$ Hz, Cy), 1.93 (1H, m, Cy), 1.86 (1H, m, Cy), 0.68-1.59 (6H, m,

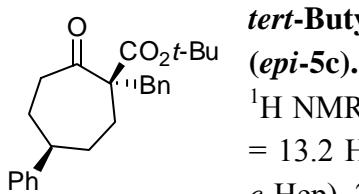
Cy), 1.31 (3H, s, C(Ph)(CH₃)(CH₃)), 1.24 (3H, s, C(Ph)(CH₃)(CH₃)), 1.22 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃), 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃), 0.85 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.6, 171.6, 150.4, 136.8, 131.2, 128.2, 128.1, 126.9, 125.6, 125.5, 76.9, 74.2, 73.2, 62.8, 53.5, 49.9, 41.4, 40.2, 38.8, 38.5, 34.3, 31.3, 29.3, 27.2, 24.8, 23.2, 23.0, 21.7; IR (neat) 2968, 2928, 1726, 1707, 1234, 1209, 1123, 1101, 1094, 700 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₂H₄₂O₄: *m/z* 513.2975 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 513.2986 ([M + Na]⁺); [α]_D²⁸ = 55.8 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

Preparation of the diastereomeric cycloheptanone via alkylation of pre-formed *t*-butyl 2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate derivatives for the unambiguous determination of diastereoselectivity.



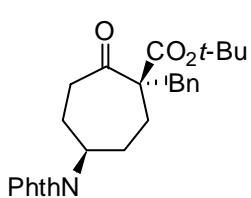
To a stirred solution of alkyldiazoacetate (0.20 mmol) and cyclohexanone derivative (0.21 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (5.1 μL , 0.040 mmol) at -78°C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (eluting with hexane/ethyl acetate = 80:1~60:1) to give the corresponding cycloheptanone **13**.

To a stirred suspension of NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 47 mg, 1.17 mmol) in THF (4 mL), the solution of the corresponding cycloheptanone **13** (0.90 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added dropwise at 0°C under Ar atmosphere. After the mixture became clear, BnBr (128 μL , 1.08 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at 40°C for 1 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the alkylated cycloheptanone.



***tert*-Butyl *cis*-1-benzyl-2-oxo-5-phenylcycloheptanecarboxylate (*epi*-**5c**).**

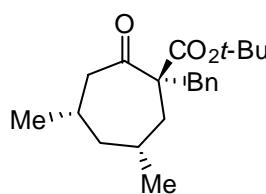
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.08-7.33 (10H, m, ArH), 3.25 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, PhCHH), 3.15 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, PhCHH), 2.63 (1H, m, c-Hep), 2.51 (1H, m, c-Hep), 2.27 (1H, m, c-Hep), 2.13 (1H, m, c-Hep), 1.74-2.17 (5H, m, c-Hep), 1.50 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.7, 171.5, 147.3, 136.3, 130.7, 128.5, 128.1, 126.8, 126.5, 126.2, 82.2, 64.3, 47.8, 43.3, 43.2, 33.4, 33.2, 31.1, 28.1; IR (neat) 2974, 2932, 1726, 1701, 1452, 1368, 1242, 1148, 760, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3$: m/z 401.2087 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 401.2073 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).



***tert*-butyl *cis*-1-benzyl-2-oxo-5-(*N*-phthaloylamino)cycloheptanecarboxylate (*epi*-**5l**).**

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.82 (2H, m, Phth), 7.71 (2H, m, Phth), 7.20-7.38 (3H, m, ArH), 7.08-7.18 (2H, m, ArH), 4.08 (1H, m,

CHNPhth), 3.32 (1H, d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, PhCHH), 3.09 (1H, d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.76 (1H, app q, $J = 12.8$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 2.50-2.68 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 2.05-2.24 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.62-1.85 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.57 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.9, 171.5, 167.8, 136.0, 133.9, 131.8, 130.7, 128.2, 126.9, 123.2, 82.9, 64.0, 52.9, 43.3, 41.9, 32.0, 29.0, 27.9, 27.2; IR (neat) 2976, 2934, 1705, 1395, 1371, 1244, 1148, 910, 718, 702 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_5$: m/z 470.1938 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 470.1944 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).

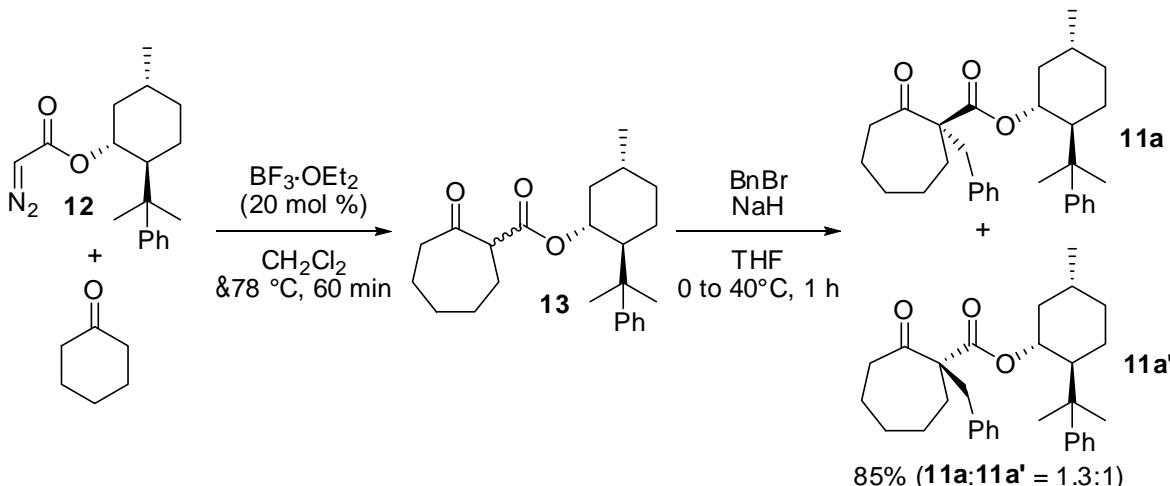


***tert*-Butyl**

***trans*-1-benzyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate
(*epi*-9a).**

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11-7.28 (5H, m, ArH), 3.17 (1H, d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, PhCHH), 3.07 (1H, d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.46 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 2.07 (1H, dd, $J = 13.2, 11.2$ Hz, *c*-Hep), 1.78-1.96 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.64 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.43 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 1.40 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 0.93 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH_3), 0.92 (3H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHCH_3), 0.83 (1H, m, *c*-Hep); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.8, 171.4, 136.4, 130.7, 128.0, 126.7, 81.8, 64.0, 51.7, 47.4, 43.2, 42.3, 30.9, 30.6, 28.0, 24.6, 23.9; IR (neat) 2955, 2928, 1728, 1697, 1454, 1368, 1246, 1148, 847, 700 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_3$: m/z 353.2087 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 353.2088 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).

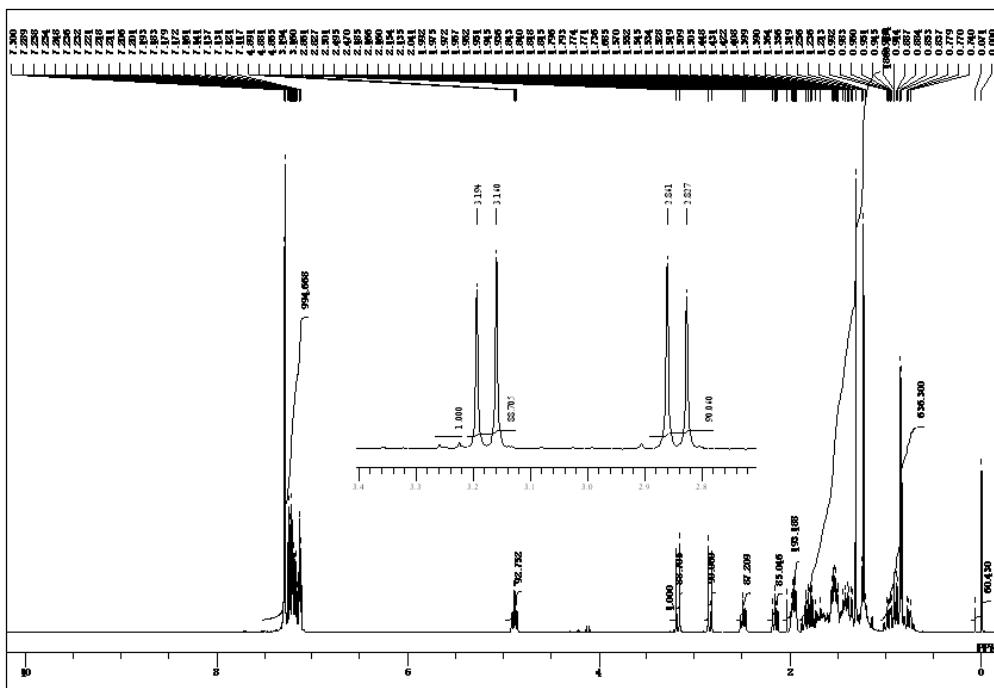
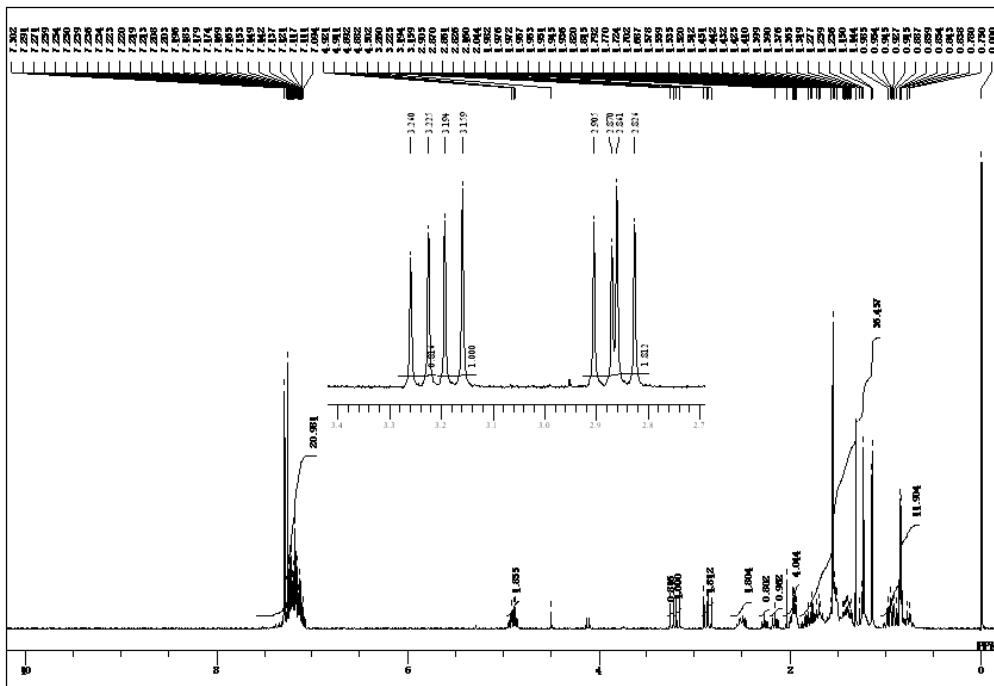
Preparation of the diastereomeric mixture of (*1R,2S,5R*)-8-phenylmenthyl 1-benzyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (**11a** and **11a'**) via alkylation of pre-formed (*1R,2S,5R*)-8-phenylmenthyl 2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate.



To a stirred solution of (*1R,2S,5R*)-phenylmenthyl diazoacetate **12**⁵ (45.1 mg, 0.15 mmol) and cyclohexanone (46.6 μL , 0.45 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) was added $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (3.8 μL , 0.030 mmol) at -78°C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. The mixture was quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated to give a crude mixture of **13**.

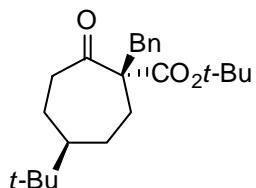
To a stirred suspension of NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 7.8 mg, 0.195 mmol) in THF (1 mL), a solution of thus-prepared crude mixture of **13** in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise at 0°C under Ar atmosphere. After the formation of clear reaction solution, benzyl bromide (21.4 μL , 0.18 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was then stirred at 40°C for 1 h. The resulting mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the alkylated compound **11a** and **11a'** as a mixture of diastereomers.

¹H NMR spectra of the diasteremic mixture of **11a** and **11a'** (1.3:1)



Determination of the relative configuration by X-ray crystallographic analysis.

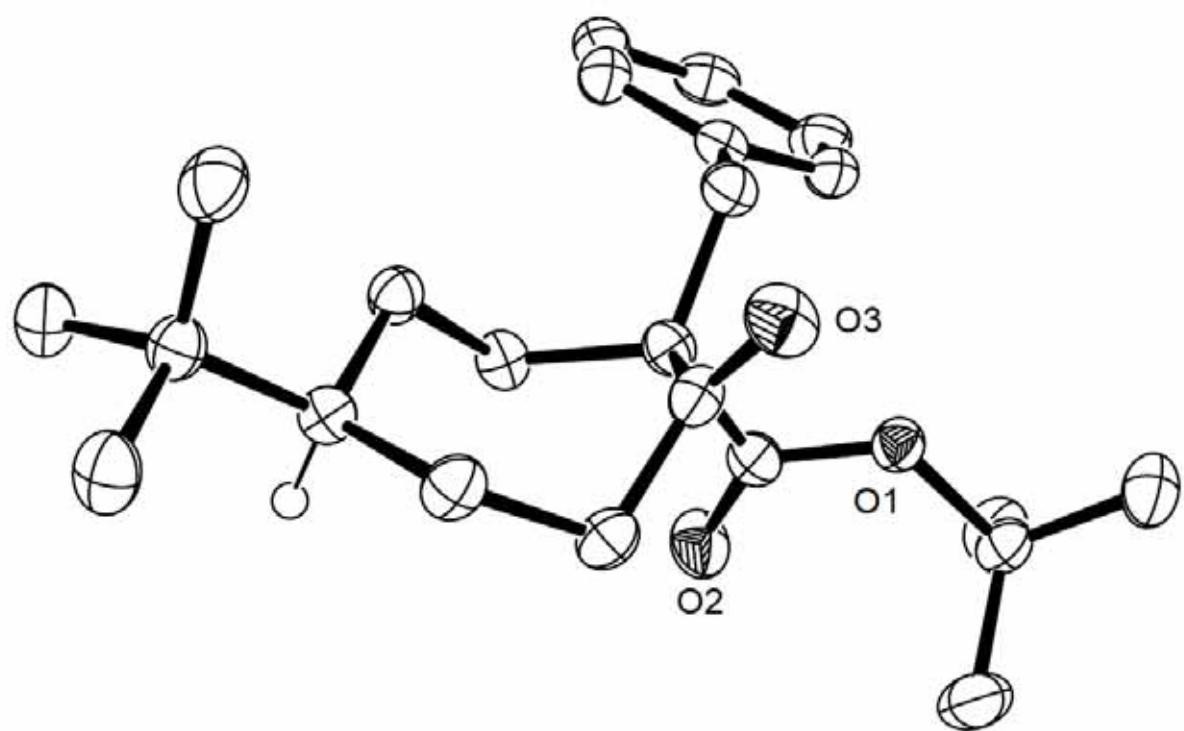
***tert*-Butyl *trans*-1-benzyl-5-*tert*-butyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (**5a**).**



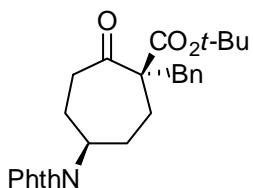
The product **5a** was recrystallized from hexane/CH₂Cl₂. The single crystal was mounted on a MicroMesh™ (MiTeGen). Data of X-ray diffraction were collected by a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate two-dimensional area detector using graphite-monochromated CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54187 \text{ \AA}$) to a maximum 2θ value of 136.5° . The crystal structure was solved by the direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least squares using the program SHELXL-97.⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by using the riding model. The crystallographic data were summarized in the following table.

empirical formula	C ₂₃ H ₃₄ O ₃
formula weight	358.52
crystal system	orthorhombic
space group	Pbca (#61)
<i>a</i> , Å	11.5213(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	16.0501(3)
<i>c</i> , Å	22.5320(4)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	4166.58(13)
<i>Z</i>	8
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.143
<i>T</i> , °C	-150
μ (CuK α), cm ⁻¹	5.774
no. of reflns meased	37529
no. of reflns obsd	3808
no. of reflns variable	236
R (All reflections)	0.0453
R _w (All reflections)	0.1107
Goodness of Fit	1.077

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 693726). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



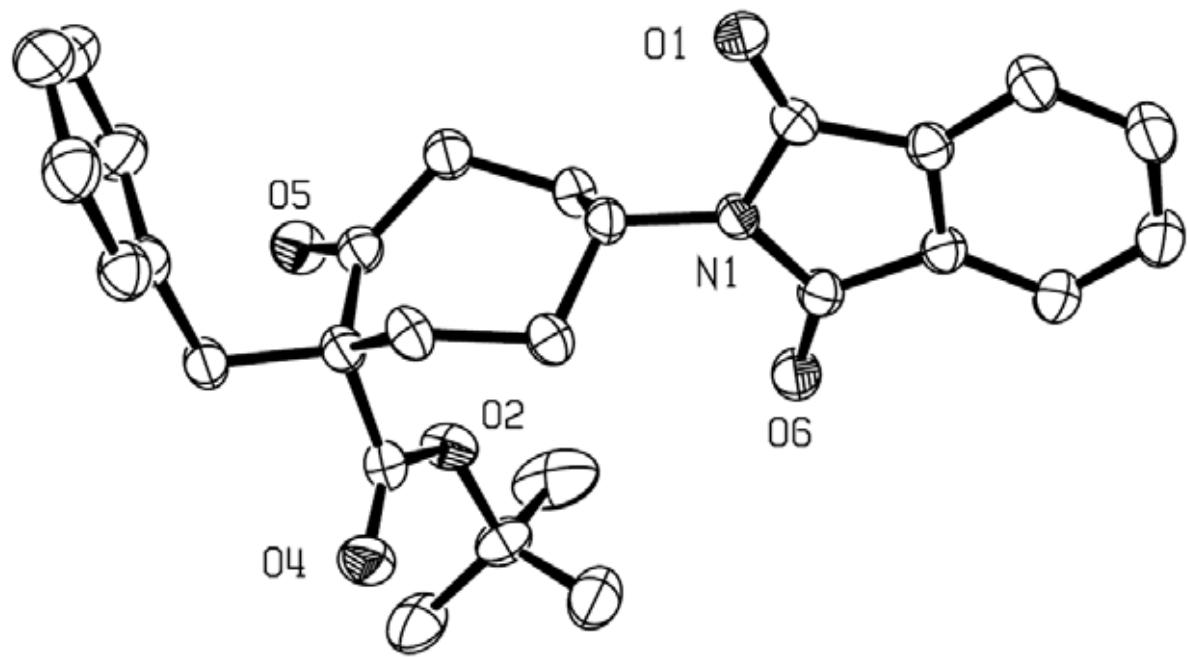
***tert*-Butyl *cis*-1-benzyl-2-oxo-5-(N-phthaloylamino)cycloheptanecarboxylate (**5l'**).**



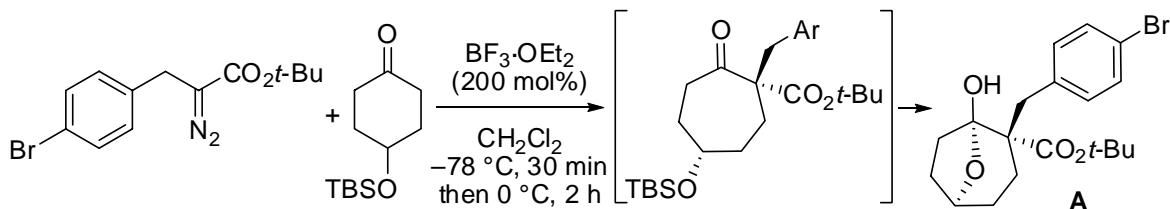
The product was recrystallized from hexane/CH₂Cl₂. The single crystal was mounted on a MicroMesh™ (MiTeGen). Data of X-ray diffraction were collected by a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate two-dimensional area detector using graphite-monochromated CuKa ($\lambda = 1.54187 \text{ \AA}$) to a maximum 2θ value of 136.5° . The crystal structure was solved by the direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least squares using the program SHELXL-97.⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by using the riding model. The crystallographic data were summarized in the following table.

empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₂₉ O ₅ N
formula weight	447.53
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P21/c (#14)
<i>a</i> , Å	12.9192(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	7.97322(14)
<i>c</i> , Å	23.6874(4)
β , °	99.3190(9)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	2407.78(8)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.234
<i>T</i> , °C	-150
μ (CuK α), cm ⁻¹	6.891
no. of reflns meased	23608
no. of reflns obsd	4408
no. of reflns variable	299
R (All reflections)	0.0541
R _w (All reflections)	0.1914
Goodness of Fit	1.449

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 695856). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



***tert*-Butyl *cis*-1-(4-bromobenzyl)-5-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (4-bromobenzyl analog of 7a).**



To a stirred solution of *tert*-butyl 4-bromobenzyl diazoacetate (62.2 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)cyclohexanone (42.9 mg, 0.21 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (50.7 μL , 0.40 mmol) at -78°C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min and then warmed up to 0°C . After stirring for 2 h at the same temperature to remove the TBS moiety, the mixture was quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the bicyclic compound **A**.

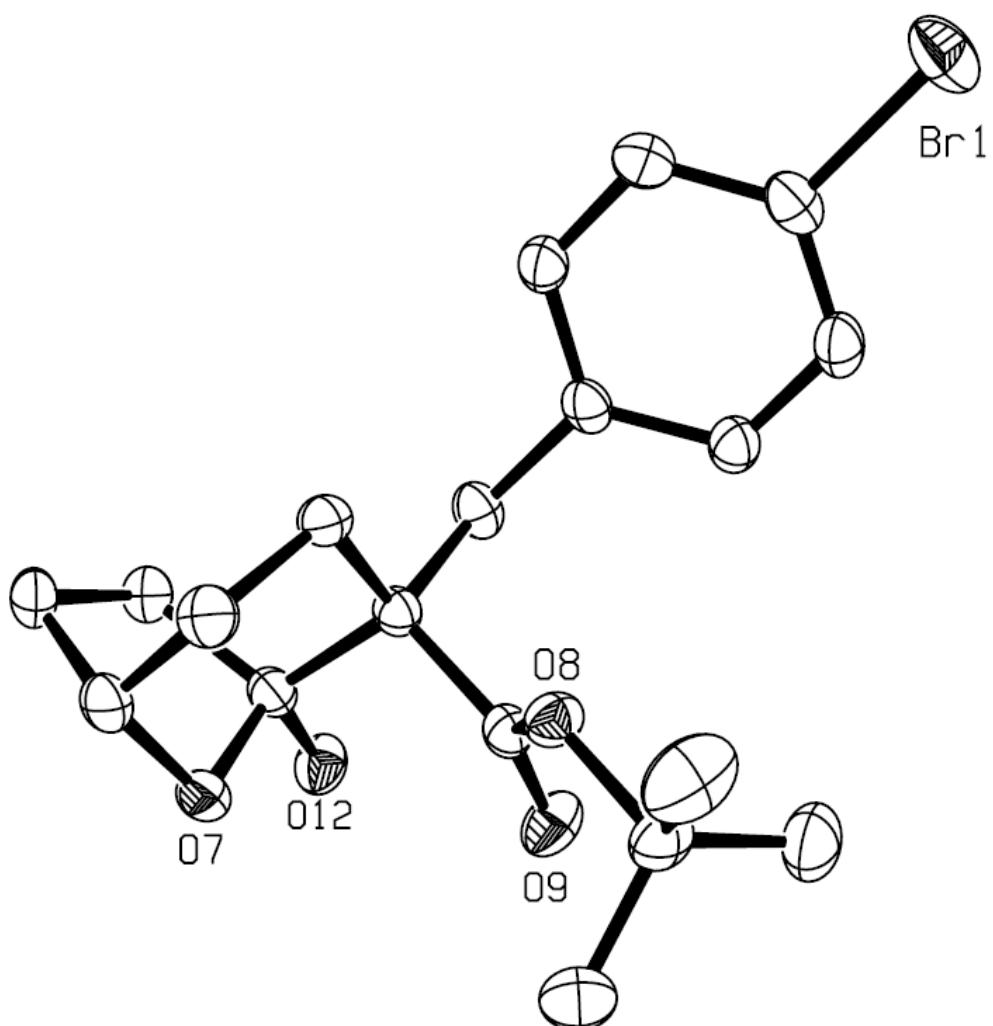
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, ArH), 7.00 (2H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, ArH), 6.28 (1H, s, OH), 4.49 (1H, m, CHOH), 3.28 (1H, d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.56 (1H, d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, PhCHH), 2.16-2.29 (2H, m, c-Hep), 1.73-1.97 (3H, m, c-Hep), 1.20-1.66 (3H, m, c-Hep), 1.36 (9H, s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.0, 135.1, 131.9, 131.0, 120.6, 107.1, 83.0, 76.7, 55.2, 41.1, 31.5, 29.3, 28.2, 27.9, 26.4; IR (neat) 3402, 2957, 1684, 1155, 1148, 1121, 1053, 1013, 974, 841 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{25}\text{BrO}_4$: m/z 419.0828 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$), found: m/z 419.0833 ($[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$).

The product **A** was recrystallized from hexane/ CH_2Cl_2 . The single crystal was mounted on a MicroMeshTM (MiTeGen). Data of X-ray diffraction were collected by a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate two-dimensional area detector using graphite-monochromated CuKa ($\lambda = 1.54187$ Å) to a maximum 2θ value of 136.5° . The crystal structure was solved by the direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least squares using the program SHELXL-97.⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by using the riding model. The crystallographic data were summarized in the following table.

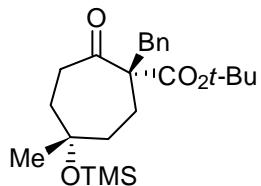
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formula weight	397.31
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	C2/c (#15)
a , Å	43.1526(8)
b , Å	11.2187(2)
c , Å	31.5156(6)
β , °	131.9164(7)
V , Å ³	11353.1(4)
Z	24
D_{calc} , g/cm ³	1.395

T , °C	-150
μ (CuK α), cm $^{-1}$	31.192
no. of reflns meased	62505
no. of reflns obsd	10366
no. of reflns variable	650
R (All reflections)	0.0404
R_w (All reflections)	0.0870
Goodness of Fit	1.094

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 699469). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



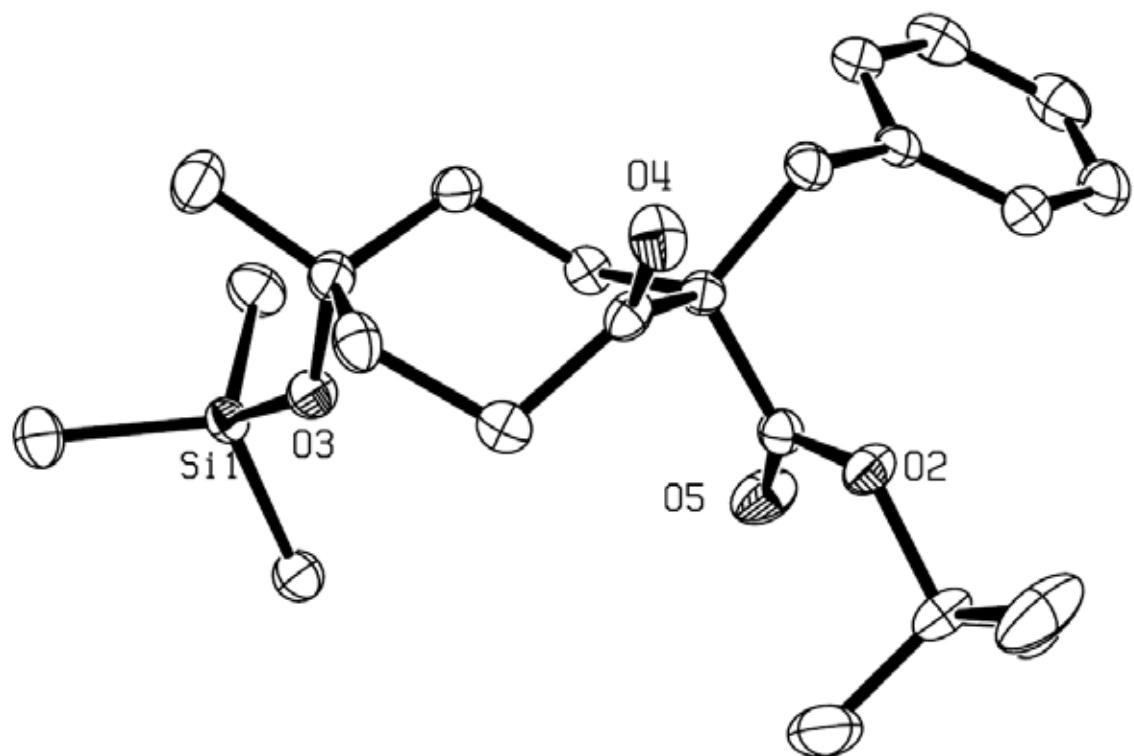
tert-Butyl cis-1-benzyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (7d).



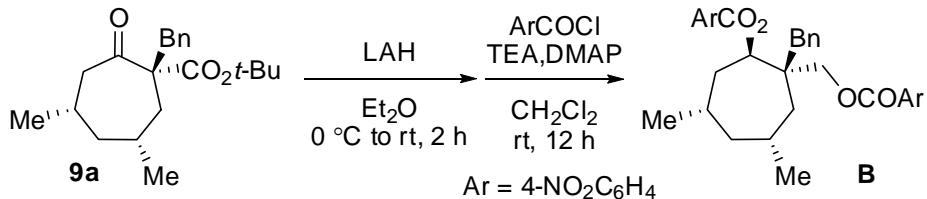
The product **7d** was recrystallized from hexane/CH₂Cl₂. The single crystal was mounted on a MicroMesh™ (MiTeGen). Data of X-ray diffraction were collected by a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate two-dimensional area detector using graphite-monochromated CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54187 \text{ \AA}$) to a maximum 2θ value of 136.5° . The crystal structure was solved by the direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least squares using the program SHELXL-97.⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by using the riding model. The crystallographic data were summarized in the following table.

empirical formula	C ₂₃ H ₃₆ O ₄ Si
formula weight	404.62
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P21/n (#14)
<i>a</i> , Å	11.5821(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	10.12751(19)
<i>c</i> , Å	20.1127(4)
β , °	98.0019(11)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	2336.22(8)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>D</i> _{calc} , g/cm ³	1.150
<i>T</i> , °C	-150
μ (CuK α), cm ⁻¹	10.761
no. of reflns meased	22681
no. of reflns obsd	4243
no. of reflns variable	254
R (All reflections)	0.0559
R _w (All reflections)	0.1146
Goodness of Fit	1.082

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 699702). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



tert-Butyl cis-1-benzyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (9a).



To a stirred solution of *tert*-butyl *cis*-1-benzyl-4,6-dimethyl-2-oxocycloheptanecarboxylate (181.8 mg, 0.55 mmol) in Et₂O (5 mL), LAH (41.7 mg, 1.1 mmol) was added at 0 °C. The suspension was warmed up to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The reaction mixture was slowly quenched with 15% NaOH (41 µL), H₂O (41 µL), and 15 % NaOH (123 µL). After stirring for 5 min, the residue was filtrated through the celite pad and the solvent was evaporated. The crude material was used in the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the crude material (ca. 0.55 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂, DMAP (33.6 mg, 0.28 mmol), TEA (383 µL, 2.8 mmol), and *p*-nitrobenzoyl chloride (408 mg, 2.2. mmol) were added at room temperature and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at the same temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to afford the compound **B**.

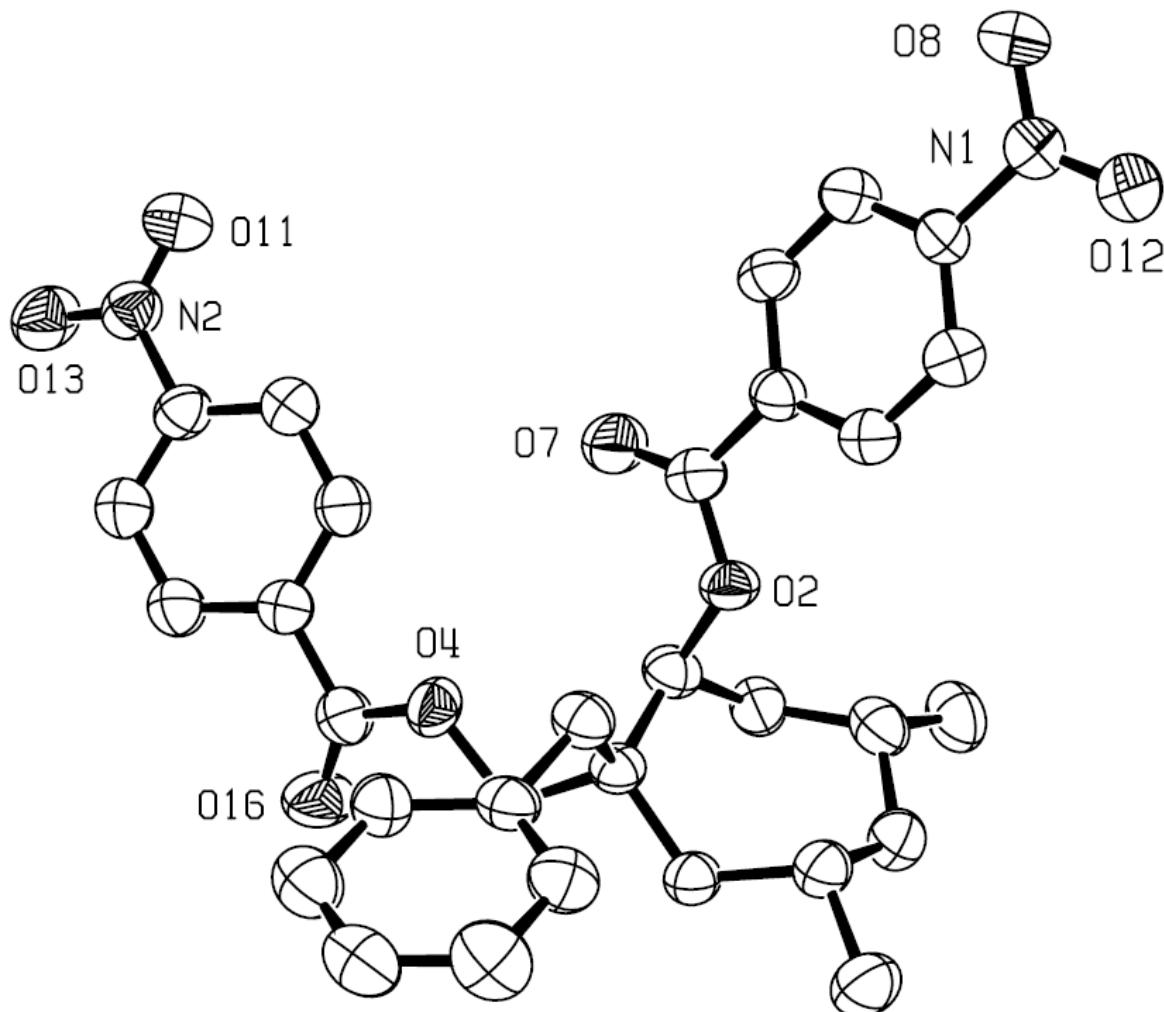
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.06-8.38 (8H, m, ArH), 7.10-7.40 (8H, m, ArH), 5.63 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.2, 2.0 Hz, OCH), 4.08 (2H, s, OCH₂), 3.03 (2H, s, PhCH₂), 2.31 (1H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.94-2.20 (2H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.4 Hz, *c*-Hep), 0.8-1.28 (3H, m, *c*-Hep), 1.06 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CHCH₃), 1.03 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 163.7, 150.7, 150.6, 136.9, 135.6, 135.2, 130.7, 130.6, 128.4, 126.7, 123.70, 123.67, 75.5, 69.1, 46.8, 44.6, 41.9, 37.3, 35.9, 28.7, 28.5, 25.1, 23.9; IR (neat) 2953, 2926, 1721, 1526, 1346, 1269, 1115, 1101, 1015, 718 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₁H₃₂N₂O₈: *m/z* 583.2051 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 583.2058 ([M + Na]⁺).

The product **B** was recrystallized from hexane/CH₂Cl₂. The single crystal was mounted on a MicroMesh™ (MiTeGen). Data of X-ray diffraction were collected by a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate two-dimensional area detector using graphite-monochromated CuKα (λ = 1.54187 Å) to a maximum 2θ value of 136.5°. The crystal structure was solved by the direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least squares using the program SHELXL-97.⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by using the riding model. The crystallographic data were summarized in the following table.

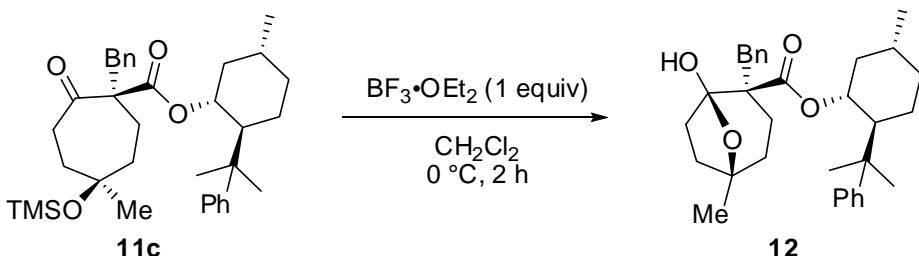
empirical formula	C ₃₁ H ₃₂ O ₈ N ₂
formula weight	560.60
crystal system	orthorhombic
space group	P212121 (#19)
<i>a</i> , Å	13.3018(3)
<i>b</i> , Å	14.3633(3)

c , Å	29.3280(6)
V , Å ³	5603.32(20)
Z	8
D_{calc} , g/cm ³	1.329
T , °C	-150
μ (CuK α), cm ⁻¹	7.994
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no. of reflns obsd	10202
no. of reflns variable	740
R (All reflections)	0.0925
R _w (All reflections)	0.1771
Goodness of Fit	1.089

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 695532). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



(1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-8-Phenylmenthyl (1*R*,2*R*,5*R*)-2-benzyl-1-hydroxy-5-methyl-8-oxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2-carboxylate (12).



To a stirred solution of (1*R*,2*S*,5*R*)-8-phenylmenthyl (1*R*,5*S*)-1-benzyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-5-(trimethylsilyloxy)cycloheptanecarboxylate (34.2 mg, 0.061 mmol) and in dichloromethane (1.0 mL) was added $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{OEt}_2$ (7.7 μL , 0.061 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 2 h. The mixture was quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give the bicyclic compound.

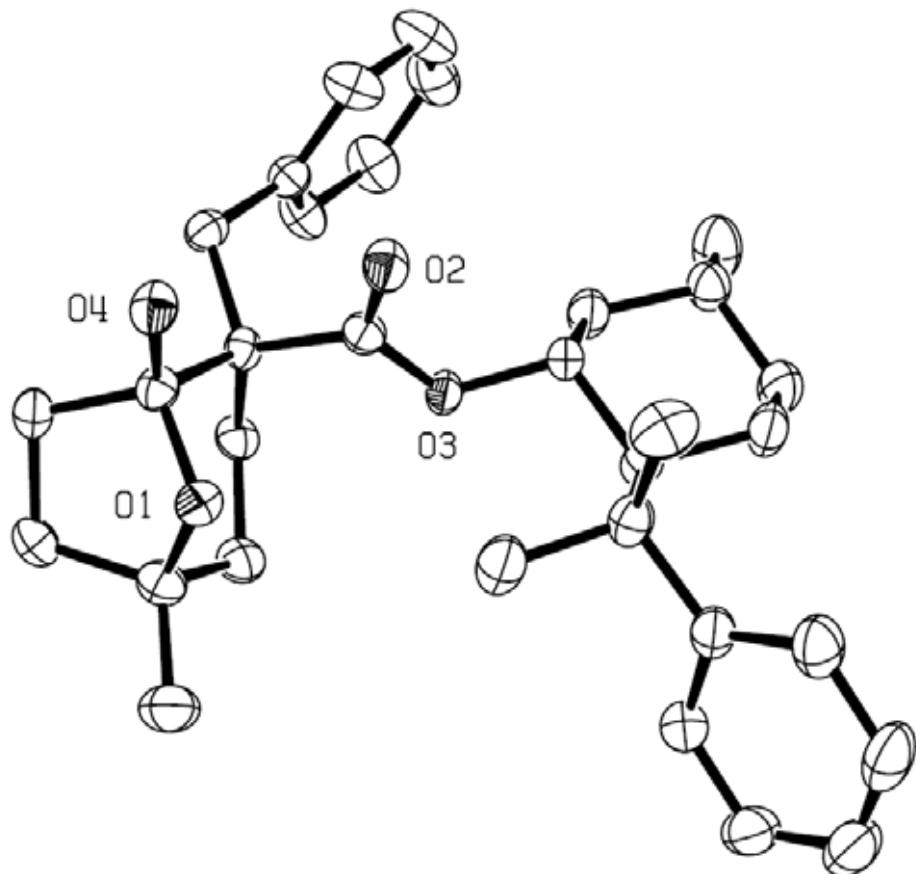
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.04-7.40 (10H, m, ArH), 5.79 (1H, s, OH), 5.04 (1H, app dt, *J* = 10.8, 4.4 Hz, OCH), 3.06 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.61 (1H, d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, PhCHH), 2.11-2.22 (2H, m, Cy), 1.74-1.99 (4H, m, Cy), 1.51-1.66 (3H, m, Cy), 1.12-1.50 (4H, m, Cy), 1.41 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.32 (3H, s, CH₃), 1.25 (3H, s, CH₃), 0.94 (1H, m, Cy), 0.60-0.78 (2H, m, Cy), 0.72 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CHCH₃); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 150.7, 136.1, 130.7, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 125.5, 107.0, 82.4, 77.4, 54.7, 50.2, 41.4, 41.0, 40.4, 34.8, 34.1, 33.2, 31.2, 30.1, 27.6, 27.3, 26.2, 24.0, 21.5; IR (neat) 3420, 2959, 2926, 1678, 1454, 1225, 1182, 1099, 1055, 912 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) exact mass calcd. for C₃₂H₄₂O₄Si: *m/z* 513.2975 ([M + Na]⁺), found: *m/z* 513.2971 ([M + Na]⁺); [α]_D²⁹ = -8.1 (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃).

The product **12** was recrystallized from methanol. The single crystal was mounted on a MicroMeshTM (MiTeGen). Data of X-ray diffraction were collected by a Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID Imaging Plate two-dimensional area detector using graphite-monochromated CuKa ($\lambda = 1.54187 \text{ \AA}$) to a maximum 2θ value of 136.5° . The crystal structure was solved by the direct methods and refined by the full-matrix least squares using the program SHELXL-97.⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by using the riding model. The crystallographic data were summarized in the following table.

empirical formula	C ₃₂ H ₄₂ O ₄
formula weight	490.68
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	C2 (#5)
<i>a</i> , Å	21.8528(4)
<i>b</i> , Å	6.46778(12)

c , Å	19.9076(4)
β , °	98.2792(11)
V , Å ³	2784.40(9)
Z	4
D_{calc} , g/cm ³	1.170
T , °C	-150
μ (CuK α), cm ⁻¹	5.930
no. of reflns meased	14614
no. of reflns obsd	4977
no. of reflns variable	326
R (All reflections)	0.0496
R_w (All reflections)	0.1072
Goodness of Fit	1.064

The crystal structure has been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC 705655). The data can be obtained free of charge via the Internet at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html.



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