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# Cyclization and Ring-Expansion Processes Involving Samarium Diiodide Promoted Reductive Formation and Subsequent Oxidative Ring-Opening of Cyclopropanol Derivatives

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**General Procedure.** NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> with Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard at 200 MHz and 270 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR, and 50 MHz and 68 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (Wakogel C-200). Preparative TLC was performed on 20 cm x 20 cm plates coated with silica gel (Wakogel B-5F). Anhydrous DMF was purchased and used without distillation. MeCN was distilled over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and subsequently distilled with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. THF was distilled over sodium-benzophenone under N<sub>2</sub>. Other reagents and solvents were purchased and used without further purification. Substrates (1d,<sup>1</sup> 2a,<sup>2</sup> 2b,<sup>3</sup> 2c,<sup>2</sup> 2d,<sup>2</sup> 3,<sup>4</sup> and 4<sup>4</sup>) and products (6,<sup>3</sup> 7a,<sup>2</sup> 7c,<sup>2</sup> 7d,<sup>2</sup> 8a,<sup>2</sup> 10,<sup>1</sup> 11,<sup>5</sup> and 23<sup>6</sup>) are known compounds. Spectral data of 1a, 1b, 1c, 1e, 2e, 3,<sup>4</sup> 4,<sup>4</sup> 5, 7e, 9a, 11,<sup>5</sup> 12, 19a, 22, and 23<sup>6</sup> are presented in the manuscript. Intensities of molecular ion peaks of low resolution mass spectrometry for 1b, 1c, 2e and 22 were so weak that high resolution mass spectra of these compounds could not be measured.

Preparation of substrates. Compound 1a was prepared from 2-methyl-1-tetralone 27a, that is obtained through several steps starting from 1-tetralone 24 (Scheme 1). Compounds 1b, 1c, 1d and 1e were similarly prepared. Procedure for the preparation of 1a is described in the manuscript.

Scheme 1



Compound **2a** was prepared from 2-methyl-1-tetralone **27a** either by method A (Scheme 2) or method B (Scheme 3), respectively. Compounds **2b**, **2c**, **2d** and **2e** were similarly prepared by method A. While Procedure of method A is reported in the manuscript, procedure of method B is described below.

#### Scheme 2 (method A)



Compound 4 and 5 were prepared through several steps starting from methyl salicylate 30 (Scheme 4). Preparation procedures of 4 and 5 are reported in the manuscript.

Scheme 4



Compound 22 was prepared through several steps starting from diethyl heptanedioate 33 (Scheme 5). Preparation procedure of 22 is reported in the manuscript.

### Scheme 5



Substrates (25a-c,<sup>7,8</sup> 25e,<sup>7</sup> 26a-c,<sup>3,7</sup> 26e,<sup>7</sup> 27a,<sup>9</sup> 27b,<sup>10</sup> 29,<sup>11</sup> 31,<sup>12</sup> and 34<sup>13</sup>) are known compounds. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR data of 25a,<sup>7</sup> 26a,<sup>7</sup> 26d, 27a,<sup>9</sup> 27c-e, 29,<sup>11</sup> 31,<sup>12</sup> 32, 34,<sup>13</sup> 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39 are presented below.

Ethyl 1-tetralone-2-carboxylate (25a).<sup>7</sup> 1-Tetralone 24 (9.3 mL, 70 mmol) was added to the suspension of NaH (3.05 g, 84 mmol) in diethyl carbonate (53.4 mL). The mixture was refluxed under N<sub>2</sub> at 140°C for 2h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of 2N aqueous HCl. The extract was treated with brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated, and diethyl carbonate was removed by distillation under reduced pressure. The residue was distilled

under reduced pressure to give Ethyl 1-tetralone-2-carboxylate **25a** (2.20 g, 56 mmol, 80%). Data for **25a**: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.29 (m, 3H), 2.30-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, enol form), 2.82 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, enol form), 3.04 (m, 2H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 8.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (m, 2H), 7.16 (m, 1H, enol form), 7.22-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.80 (m, 1H, enol form), 8.06 (m, 1H), 12.48 (s, 1H, enol form).

Ethyl 2-methyl-1-tetralone-2-carboxylate (26a).<sup>7</sup> Ethyl 1-tetralone-2-carboxylate 25a (2.00 g, 9.16 mmol) in DMF (4.0 mL) was added to the suspension of NaH (475.4 mg, 13 mmol) in DMF (5.0 mL). The mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperture. After 1h, methyl iodide (2.0 mL, 32 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 2h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of water. The extract was treated with water, saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, brine, and dried anhydrous The filtrate was concentrated over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. to give Ethyl 2-methyl-1-tetralone-2-carboxylate 26a (2.15 g, 9.16 mmol, 100%). Data for 26a: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.17 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.87-3.13 (m, 2H), 4.13 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 8.05 (m, 1H). Data for **26d**: pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.18 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.92-2.26 (m, 5H), 2.59 (m, 1H), 2.87-2.99 (m, 1H), 3.03-3.16 (m, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 4.93-5.11 (m, 2H), 5.82 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.48 (m, 1H), 8.04 (m, 1H).

**2-Methyl-1-tetralone** (**27a**).<sup>9</sup> Ethyl 2-methyl-1-tetralone-2-carboxylate **26a** (3.26 g, 14.9 mmol) and 48% aqueous HBr (19.0 mL, 168 mmol) was refluxed at 120°C for 2h. The reaction was quenched by water, and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were washed with water, and brine. The ether solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the filtrate was concentrated to give 2-Methyl-1-tetralone **27a** (1.88 g, 11.8 mmol, 79%). Data for **27a**: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 1.81-1.97 (m, 1H), 2.14-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.90-3.11 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 8.03 (m, 1H). Data for **27c**: brown oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.23 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.52-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.84-2.15 (m, 2H), 2.85-3.09 (m, 3H), 7.16-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.67 (m, 1H). Data for **27d**: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.49-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.98 (m, 1H), 2.02-2.35 (m, 4H), 2.45-2.58 (m, 1H), 3.00 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 4.93-5.15 (m, 2H), 5.84 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.37 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 1H), 8.02 (m, 1H). Data for **27e**: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (200 MHz)  $\delta$  1.48 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.39-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.98-3.23 (m, 2H), 3.54 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.29 (m, 4H).

**2-Methyl-1-trimethylsilyloxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalene** (**29**).<sup>11</sup> *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 5.9 mL, 9.4 mmol) was added to the diisopropylamine (1.47 mL, 10.5 mmol) in THF (22.5 mL) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at 0°C for 1h, then cooled at -78°C. 2-Methyl-1-tetralone **27a** (1.26 g, 7.9 mmol) in THF (7.5 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. The mixture was cooled at -78°C, Me<sub>3</sub>SiCl (4.0 mL, 31.3 mmol) was added, and stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperture. After 2h, Et<sub>3</sub>N and phosphate buffer was added, and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The extract was treated with water, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated to give 2-Methyl-1-trimethylsilyloxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalene **29** (1.76 g, 7.6 mmol, 96%). Data for **29**: blown oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  0.21 (s, 9H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 2.26 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.06-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.30 (m, 1H).

**6-Methyl-1-trimethylsilyloxy-2,3-benzobicyclo[4.1.0]hepta-2-ene (2a) (method B).** The flask was flame-dried for 10 min, then 2-Methyl-1-trimethylsilyloxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalene **29** (1.76 g, 7.6 mmol), Et<sub>2</sub>O (7.0 mL), Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (1.0 M in hexane, 17.2 mL, 17.2 mmol), and CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> (1.39 mL, 17.2 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperture. After 26h, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added, and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The extract was treated with water, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The residue obtained after concentration was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> / *n*-Hexane = 1 / 5) to give 6-Methyl-1-trimethylsilyloxy-2,3-benzobicyclo[4.1.0]hepta-2-ene **2a** (841.9 mg, 3.4 mmol, 45%).

**Methyl 2-allyloxybenzoate** (**31**).<sup>12</sup> Methyl salicylate **30** (4.56 g, 30.0 mmol) in DMF (12.0 mL) and allyl iodide (3.0 mL, 33 mmol) was added to the suspension of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.33 g, 60.0 mmol) in DMF (18.0 mL). The mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperture for 70h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of water. The extract was treated with water, saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated to give Methyl 2-allyloxybenzoate **31** (5.67 g, 29.5 mmol, 98%). Data for **31**: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  3.89 (s, 3H), 4.63 (m, 2H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 6.08 (m, 1H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.80 (m, 1H).

**2-Allyloxybenzoic acid (32).** Methyl 2-allyloxybenzoate **31** (3.00 g, 15.6 mmol) and 20% aqueous NaOH (25.7 mL, 156 mmol) was refluxed at 120°C for 3h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of concentrated aqueous HCl. The combined organic extracts were washed with water, and brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated and recrystallized from EtOH to give 2-Allyloxybenzoic acid **32** (1.67 g, 9.4 mmol, 60%). Data for **32**: white solid, m.p. 45.2-45.8°C; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  4.80 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.47 (m, 2H), 6.12 (m, 1H), 7.03 (m, 1H), 7.14 (m, 1H), 7.54 (m, 1H), 8.19 (m, 1H).

Ethyl 2-oxocyclohexane-1-carboxylate (34).<sup>13</sup> Diethyl heptanedioate 33 (5.5 mL, 25 mmol) was added to the suspension of NaOEt (2.55 g, 37.5 mmol) in toluene (20 mL). The mixture was refluxed under N<sub>2</sub> at 120°C for 14h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of 2N aqueous HCl. The extract was treated with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, water, and brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated, and distilled under reduced pressure to give Ethyl 2-oxocyclohexane-1-carboxylate 34 (1.62 g, 9.54 mmol, 38%). Data for 34: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.16-1.50 (m, 3H), 1.54-2.64 (m, 8H), 3.38 (m, 1H), 4.09-4.32 (m, 2H), 12.24 (s, 1H, enol form).

Ethyl 2-phenethylcyclohexanone-2-carboxylate (35). Ethyl 2-oxocyclohexane-1-carboxylate 34 (775.6 mg, 4.56 mmol) in DMF (3.0 mL) was added to the suspension of NaH (218.9 mg, 5.47 mmol) in DMF (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperture. After 1h, 2-phenethyl bromide (2.46 mL, 18.2 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 71h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of water. The extract was treated with water, saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated, and 2-phenethyl bromide was removed by distillation under reduced pressure. The residue was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc / *n*-Hexane = 1 / 5) to give Ethyl 2-phenethylcyclohexanone-2-carboxylate **35** (704.8 mg, 2.57 mmol, 56%). Data for **35**: pale yellow

oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz) δ 1.29 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.47-1.93 (m, 6H), 1.97-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.17 (td, *J* = 10.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.40-2.69 (m, 4H), 4.22 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.33 (m, 5H).

6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane-6-carboxylate Ethyl (36). Ethyl 2-phenethylcyclohexanone-2-carboxylate 35 (899.1 mg, 3.28 mmol) in Benzene (6.0 mL) and 1,2-ethanediol (0.55 mL, 9.84 mmol) was added to p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (31.2 mg, 0.16 mmol) in Benzene (1.0 mL). The mixture was refluxed under N<sub>2</sub> at 90°C for 19h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of water. The extract was treated with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated to give Ethyl 6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane-6-carboxylate **36** (1.13 g, 3.28 mmol, 100%). Data for **36**: pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.31 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 3H), 1.48-1.70 (m, 6H), 1.80-1.93 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.17 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.61 (m, 3H), 3.92 (m, 4H), 4.21 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.32 (m, 5H).

**6-Hydroxymethyl-6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane** (**37**). LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (373.4 mg, 9.84 mmol) was added to Ethyl 6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane-6-carboxylate **36** (1.13 g, 3.28 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (45.0 mL). The mixture was stirred under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperture for 0.5h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of water. The extract was treated with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated to give 6-Hydroxymethyl-6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane **37** (827.2 mg, 2.99 mmol, 91%). Data for **37**: colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.40-1.81 (m, 9H), 1.96 (td, *J* = 12.8, 2.7 Hz, 3H), 2.45-2.72 (m, 2H), 3.51 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.96 (m, 4H), 7.12-7.36 (m, 5H).

6-Mesyloxymethyl-6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane (38). Et<sub>3</sub>N (1.38 mL, 9.84 mL, mmol) and MsCl (0.61)7.87 mmol) added was to 6-Hydroxymethyl-6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane 36 (827.2 mg, 2.99mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperture for 5h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of water. The extract was treated with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The residue obtained after concentration was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel  $(CH_2Cl_2)$ to give 6-Mesyloxymethyl-6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane 38 (1.08 g, 2.99 mmol, 100%). Data for **38**: pale yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz) δ 1.45-1.85 (m, 9H), 1.96-2.10 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.81 (m, 2H), 3.03 (s, 3H), 3.95 (m, 4H), 4.26 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H) 7.14-7.35 (m, 5H).

**2-Mesyloxymethyl-2-phenethyl-1-cyclohexanone** (**39**). 60% aqueous HClO<sub>4</sub> (1.0 mL) and water (1.0 mL) was added to 6-Mesyloxymethyl-6-phenethyl-1,4-dioxaspiro[4.5]decane **38** (1.08 g, 2.99 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperture for 15h. Then, it was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O after addition of water. The extract was treated with water, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, brine, and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated to give 2-Mesyloxymethyl-2-phenethyl-1-cyclohexanone **39** (914.9 mg, 2.95 mmol, 97%). Data for **39**: yellow oil; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (270 MHz)  $\delta$  1.65-2.18 (m, 8H), 2.25-2.70 (m, 4H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 16.9, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.33 (m, 5H).

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