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Strategy for the Enantioselective Synthesis of trans-2,4-Disubstituted Piperidines: Application to the CCR3 Antagonist IS811

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General. NMR spectra were obtained at 25 °C in CDCl₃ unless otherwise indicated at a field strength for ¹H spectra of 400.1 (compounds **2-6a**) or 300 MHz and for ¹³C spectra of 100.6 (compounds **2-6a**) or 75 MHz. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hertz. Flash chromatography was performed on 220-400 mesh silica (E. Merck) following the standard procedure.¹ (*R*)-Epichlorohydrin (**1**) was purchased in kilogram quantities from Rhodia-Chirex and used as received. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran and acetonitrile were used as received. Glassware was oven-dried overnight and flushed with dry nitrogen while still hot. Melting points were determined by differential scanning calorimetry (dsc).

Synthetic Details

(*R*)-1,2-Epoxy-4-cyanobutane, 2. A flask was charged with (*R*)-epichlorohydrin (36 mL, 460 mmol), 120 mL of acetonitrile and 330 mL of tetrahydrofuran under nitrogen. The solution was cooled to -78 °C and 2.5M n-butyllithium (184 mL, 460 mmol) was added dropwise over 90 min during which time the solution remained homogeneous. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight and was then re-cooled to 0 °C. Saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (50 mL) was added over 1 min followed by sufficient water to redissolve any undissolved material. The organic phase was separated, concentrated at reduced pressure, and filtered through a plug of silica gel using 1:1 ethyl acetate/heptane. Removal of solvent at reduced pressure afforded 40.42 g of substantially pure 2. However, we elected distill this material (40-45 °C, 0.5 torr). This process was accompanied by some decomposition but afforded pure 2 (28 g, 63%) as a pale yellow

oil. ¹H NMR: δ 1.79 (m, 1H), 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 3.02 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR: δ 14.0, 28.5, 47.0, 50.4, 119.3. Anal. Calcd for C₅H₇NO: C, 61.83; H, 7.27; N, 14.42. Found: C, 61.70; H, 7.13; N, 14.11. The enantiomeric excess of the product was shown to be 99% by chiral capillary column gas chromatography by comparison with a sample of authentic racemate prepared by the literature procedure.²

(R)-5-Hydroxy-7-cyanohept-2-ynoic acid ethyl ester, 3. A solution of 1-hexyne (4.1 g, 50 mmol) in dry THF (50 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and a 1.6 M solution of n-butyllithium in hexanes (31 mL, 50 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was cooled to -78 °C whereupon as solution of ethyl propiolate (4.9 g, 50 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred an additional 15 min at -78 °C after which a solution of epoxynitrile 2 (4.9 g, 50 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added. Finally boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (6.3 mL, 50 mmol) was slowly added and the solution was stirred for a further 2 h at -78 °C. The reaction was quenched with half-saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (50 mL) and was allowed to warm to room temperature. The organic phase was separated and washed with water (50 mL). The solvent was removed at reduced pressure and the residue was dried overnight *in vacuo* to remove a small amount of unreacted starting material. This afforded 3 (8.51 g, 87%) as a strawcolored oil of sufficient purity for the subsequent transformation. ¹H NMR: δ 1.32 (t, J = 7, 3H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 2.57 (superimposed m, 4H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 4.00 (m, 1H), 4.24 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR: δ 13.9, 14.2, 27.8, 31.7, 62.4, 69.6, 75.5, 85.1, 119.7, 153.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₃NO₃: C, 61.53; H, 6.71; N, 7.18. Found: 61.23; H, 6.85; N, 7.34.

Preparation of 4-Fluorobenzylmagnesium Chloride Solution. The competing formation of 4,4'-difluorobibenzyl apparently proceeds via a (second order) $S_N 2$ type mechanism. For this reason an excess of activated magnesium was used, and the final concentration of the Grignard reagent was kept < 1.0M. p-Fluorobenzyl chloride gave a higher yield of Grignard reagent compared with the p-fluorobenzyl bromide. A convenient method to assay the Grignard solution is to add a few drops of benzene- d_6 as a deuterium lock and run the ¹⁹F NMR of the solution. Chemical shifts are δ 118.9 (for the bibenzyl), 119.9 (for p-fluorotoluene resulting from trace hydrolysis), and 132.2 (for the Grignard reagent.) Using this technique it was shown that, under otherwise identical conditions, bibenzyl formation was inversely proportional to the excess of magnesium turnings employed. The following procedure reproducibly afforded the Grignard with <10% bibenzyl formation. A flask was charged with magnesium turnings (58 g, 2.4 mol) which were activated by dry stirring as recommended by Brown and co-workers.³ Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (475 mL) was added after which 4-fluorobenzyl chloride (57.83 g, 400.0 mmol) was added dropwise over 70 minutes. Cooling was applied as needed to keep the temperature at or below 30 °C. Following the addition, the mixture was held at room temperature for 1 h.

(*R*)-5,6-dihydro-6-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2*H*-pyran-2-one, 4. A flask was charged with copper (I) cyanide (35.9 g, 401 mmol) and lithium chloride (34.0 g, 802 mmol). Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (225 mL) was added dropwise at such a rate that the temperature does not exceed 40 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The thin slurry was then cooled to -30 °C at which point some additional solids separated from solution. The p-fluorobenzylmagnesium chloride solution generated as above was

transferred to a septum-covered addition funnel and was added dropwise over 1 h while maintaining the temperature between -30 and -20 °C. The Grignard vessel was rinsed with 15 mL additional THF which was then added via the addition funnel. After 10 min, ynol 3 (26.1 g, 133 mmol) was added dropwise via syringe. The flask was slowly warmed to -5 °C and maintained at that temperature overnight. At that point TLC (1:1 ethyl acetate/heptane) indicated complete consumption of starting material. Methanol (5.0 mL) was added all at once and the reaction was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C then warmed to room temperature. After stirring an additional 2 h, 120 mL of 2N HCl was added. The organic layer was separated and washed with 75 mL of brine. Removal of solvent at reduced pressure affords a thick oil which was subjected to flash chromatography (1:1 ethyl acetate/heptane). The product containing cuts were crystallized from hot isopropanol to afford 4 (24.2 g, 70%) as large off-white needles, m.p. 67.4 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -66.2 (c = 0.98, chloroform). A sample of the racemic lactone melted at 57.2 °C. ¹H NMR: δ 1.99 (m, 2H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.60 (m, 2H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 4.43 (m, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 7.01 (m, 2H), 7.12 (m, 2H). 13 C NMR: δ 13.4, 30.7, 32.7, 42.2, 75.1, 116.1 (d, J = 21), 117.0, 119.0, 130.8, 131.4, 159.0, 162.2 (d, J = 245), 164.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₄FNO₂: C, 69.49; H, 5.44; N, 5.40. Found: C, 69.36; H, 5.49; N, 5.55. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be >99% by supercritical fluid chromatography by comparison with a sample of the authentic racemate prepared analogously.

(*4S*,*6R*)-tetrahydro-6-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-2*H*-pyran-2-one, 5. A 500 mL Fisher-Porter tube was charged with dehydrolactone 4 (9.58 g, 36.9 mmol), 5% platinum on alumina catalyst (7.5 g, -325 mesh, Aldrich #311324), and tetrahydrofuran (100 mL). The tube was flushed with hydrogen and the mixture was stirred under 50 psi

H₂ for 24 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered through a short bed of Sorbamol 420FF and the solvent was removed at reduced pressure. Crystallization of the crude product from hot isopropanol afforded **5** (7.87 g, 82%) as large off-white needles. m.p. 75.6 °C, $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -44.4 (c = 1.01, chloroform). ¹H NMR: δ 1.29 (m, 1H), 1.91 (m, 3H), 2.11-2.33 (superimposed m, 2H), 2.52-2.71 (superimposed m, 5H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 7.01 (m, 2H), 7.14 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR: δ 13.4, 32.1, 33.9, 34.6, 36.3, 41.8, 78.0, 115.9 (d, *J* = 21), 119.3, 130.8, 134.0, 162.1 (d, *J* = 245), 170.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₆FNO₂: C, 68.95; H, 6.17; N, 7.27. Found: C, 69.01; H, 6.32; N, 7.10. The diastereomer ratio for the product was shown to be >99:1 by HPLC analysis.

(*4R*,*6R*)-6-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-4,8-dihydroxyoctanenitrile, **6a.** A flask was charged with lactone **5** (5.0 g, 15.3 mmol) and 40 mL of *tert*-butyl alcohol and 10 mL of methanol. To this stirred slurry was added sodium borohydride (1.00 g, 26.4 mmol) and the mixture was gradually warmed to 30 °C. The reaction was complete in 3 h by HPLC and was then quenched with 1N HCl (with cooling until foaming subsided). The mixture was extracted twice with 35 mL of ethyl acetate and the organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄. The solution was concentrated and the residue was triturated with 1:1 ether/ethyl acetate and filtered through a short pad of Celite. Drying overnight at 0.1 torr afforded (*4R*,*6R*)-6-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-4,8-dihydroxyoctanenitrile (4.39 g, 86%) as a clear, colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 1.98 (c = 0.00987, EtOAc). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 1.13-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 2.36-2.48 (m, 4H), 2.62 (dd, *J* = 5.8 and 13.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36-3.42 (m, 2H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 4.28 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18 (dd, *J* = 5.1 and 8.2 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR: δ 13.8, 33.5, 33.6, 36.6, 40.6, 41.0, 60.0, 68.5, 115.2 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 120.4, 130.8 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz),

136.2 (d, J = 3.1 Hz), 161.5 (d, J = 243.8 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR (CHCl₃): δ -117.6. HRMS-ESI-LCT m/z 266.1556 [M+H⁺; calcd. for C₁₅H₂₁FNO₂: 266.1566].

(4R,6R)-6-(4-Fluorobenzyl)-4,8-bis(methanesulfonyloxy)octanenitrile, 6b. A flask was charged with (4R, 6R)-6-(4-fluorobenzyl)-4,8-dihydroxyoctanenitrile (4.36 g, 16.4 mmol) and 45 mL of dichloromethane. The mixture was cooled to -20 °C and triethylamine (5.80 mL, 41.5 mmol) was added. Methanesulfonyl chloride (4.22 g, 36.8 mmol) was added dropwise over 1 h maintaining the temperature at < -15 °C. The mixture was warmed to 0 °C over the course of 30 min and was then added to 50 mL of ice cooled 1N HCl. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was further extracted with 2 x 25 mL of dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were washed with 50 mL of saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and concentrated to afford 6 (6.79 g, 98%) as a light amber oil. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{25}$ + 1.55 (c = 0.0102, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 1.46-2.06 (m, 6H), 2.42-2.59 (m, 4H), 2.73 (dd, J = 5.4and 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 4.19 (m, 3H), 4.79 (m, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (dd, J = 5.8 and 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR: δ 13.5, 30.8, 33.0, 33.1, 37.6, 38.7, 38.8, 39.7, 67.8, 77.9, 115.7 (d, J = 21 Hz), 119.2, 130.8 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 135.0 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 161.8 (d, J = 244.7 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR: δ -116.8. HRMS-ESI-LCT m/z 439.1381 $[M+NH_4^+; calcd. for C_{17}H_{28}FN_2O_6S_2: 439.1373].$

(2R,4R)-1-propyl-2-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)piperidine, 7a. A flask containing bis(mesylate) **6b** (6.79 g, 16.1 mmol) was cooled to 0 °C and 20 mL of propylamine was added. The mixture was stirred overnight and was then concentrated at reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in acetonitrile and was filtered to remove the propylammonium methanesulfonate co-product. The filtrate was then concentrated to afford (2*R*,4*R*)-1-propyl-2-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)piperidine (4.064 g, 100%) as a clear orange oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -1.16 (c = 0.00694 , CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 0.81 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.12-1.38 (m, 5H), 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.83 (m, 2H), 2.33-2.48 (m, 9H), 2.71 (m, 1H), 7.05 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 6.0 and 8.7 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR: δ 12.0, 14.7, 21.7, 23.9, 28.9, 32.1, 33.4, 42.7, 45.9, 55.9, 56.0, 115.6 (d, *J* = 21 Hz), 120.4, 130.5 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 136.0 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 161.5 (d, *J* = 243.5 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR: δ -118.0. HRMS-ESI-LTQFT m/z 289.2067 [M+H⁺; calcd. for C₁₈H₂₆FN₂: 289.2074].

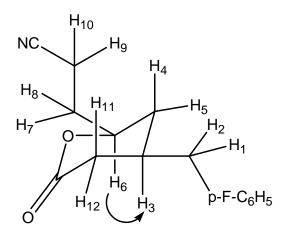
(2R,4R)-1-propyl-2-(3-aminopropyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)piperidine, 7b. A flask was charged with (2R,4R)-1-propyl-2-(2-cyanoethyl)-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)piperidine (0.61 g, 2.12 mmol) and 15 mL of anhydrous tetrahydrofuran. The solution was cooled to 0 $^{\circ}$ C after which 1.0M lithium aluminum hydride in tetrahydrofuran (2.5 mL, 2.5 mmol) was added dropwise over 5 min. The mixture was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature over 12 h. When HPLC indicated complete consumption of starting material, the flask was re-cooled to 0 °C after which the following additions were made via syringe in order: 100 µL water, 100 µL 15% sodium hydroxide, and 300 µL water. The resultant slurry was filtered through Celite and the flask and Celite were further washed with 2 x 15 mL THF. The product was extracted into 1N HCl and then released by increasing the pH to 13 and extracted into 2 x 25 mL of toluene. Removal of the solvent afforded **7b** (0.58 g, 94%) as clear pale yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 7.12 (c = 0.00534, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ 0.80 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.04-1.42 (m, 7H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.48 (m, 11H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 3.26 (bs, 2H), 7.06 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 6.0 and 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR: δ 12.4, 21.4, 30.5, 30.9, 31.6, 32.7, 33.9, 42.5,

42.7, 46.6, 56.5, 56.9, 115.0 (d, J = 21 Hz), 130.6 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 136.5 (d, J = 3.3 Hz), 161.5 (d, J = 243.3 Hz). ¹⁹F NMR: δ -118.0. HRMS-ESI-LTQFT m/z 293.2387 [M+H⁺; calcd. for M = C₁₈H₃₀FN₂: 293.2388].

N-(3-acetylphenyl)-N'-[3-(2R,4S)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-propyl-2-

piperidinyl]propyl urea, IS811. Diamine 7b (256 mg, 1.00 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane. A solution of 3-acetylphenyl isocyanate (161 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 5 mL of dichloromethane was added at such a rate that the temperature does not exceed 28 °C. (The reaction was run as a titration with careful HPLC monitoring of the endpoint as indicated by complete disappearance of **7b**.) Removal of the solvent and drving overnight at 0.1 torr afforded substantially pure 8 (448 mg, 96 % yield) as a white foam. An analytical sample was further purified by flash chromatography (0-3% methanol/CH₂Cl₂/NH₄OH, lower layer). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 7.44 (c = 0.0146, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): $\delta 0.79$ (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.09-1.42 (m, 7H), 1.71 (m, 1H), 2.31-2.51 (m, 9H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 3.02 (m, 2H), 6.13 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (dd, J = 5.9 and 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 8.60 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR: δ 12.2, 21.2, 23.5, 27.0, 27.9, 30.0, 32.7, 33.4, 40.6, 42.3, 46.4, 56.2, 57.0, 115.1 (d, *J* = 21.1 Hz), 118.5, 122.8, 124.3, 129.5, 130.5 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 136.4, 137.7, 140.3, 156.2, 161.4 (d, *J* = 243.3 Hz), 199.1. ¹⁹F NMR: δ -118.1. HRMS-ESI-LTQFT m/z 454.2857 [M+H⁺; calcd for C₂₇H₃₇FN₃O₂: 454.2864]. The purity of the product was shown to be >98 area% by supercritical fluid chromatography under conditions where all four potential product stereoisomers were well separated.

the following critical ¹H chemical shifts can be established:



- δ 4.36 (m, H₆) coupled to δ 1.91 (m, H₇, H₈ and either H₄ or H₅) δ 4.36 (m, H₆) coupled to δ 1.29 (m, 1H, either H₄ or H₅) δ 2.23 (m, H₃) coupled to δ 2.52-2.71 (m, H₁, H₂) δ 2.23 (m, H₃) coupled to δ 1.91 (either H₄ or H₅) δ 2.23 (m, H₃) coupled to δ 1.29 (either H₄ or H₅) δ 2.23 (m, H₃) coupled to δ 2.21 (m, either H₁₁ or H₁₂) δ 2.23 (m, H₃) coupled to δ 2.52-2.71 (either H₁₁ or H₁₂)
- δ 2.21 (m, H₁₁ or H₁₂) coupled to δ 1.29 (m, 1H, either H₄ or H₅)

Irradiation of δ 4.36 establishes a nOe effect between:

 δ 4.36 (H₆) and δ 2.5 (assigned as H₁₂) δ 4.36 (H₆) and δ 2.23 (assigned as H₃) δ 4.36 (H₆) and δ 1.91 (assigned as H₅ and/or H₇/H₈)

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