

**REVISED****Supporting Information:****Applications of Aziridinium Ions. Selective Syntheses of  $\beta$ -Aryl- $\alpha,\beta$ -diamino Esters.**

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Reactions were monitored by TLC using pre-coated plates with a 0.2 mm layer of silica containing a fluorescent indicator (Merck Art. 5714-3).  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AMX-400 or DRX-500 spectrometers. Chemical shifts are reported relative to  $\text{CHCl}_3$  [ $\delta_{\text{H}}$  7.25,  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (central line of t) 77.0]. The X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Rigaku AFC6S diffractometer with graphite monochromated  $\text{Mo-K}\alpha$  radiation.

**(2*R*\*,3*S*\*)-Ethyl 2-hydroxy-3-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (2):** Solid (diethyl ether), mp 89-91 °C; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:2))  $R_f$  = 0.1;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.14 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.40-2.45 (m, 2 H), 2.52-2.55 (m, 2 H), 3.09 (br s, 1 H), 3.54 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.67-3.69 (m, 4 H), 3.98-4.08 (m, 2 H), 4.72 (d,  $J$  = 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.0, 51.4 (2 C), 61.4, 66.8 (2 C), 69.9, 72.1, 128.1 (2 C), 128.2, 129.1 (2 C), 135.4, 172.6; FAB-MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 280 ( $\text{M}^+$  + 1, 35), 176 (100).

**(2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-Ethyl 3-chloro-2-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (4):** Solid ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /hexane), mp 66-67 °C; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:2))  $R_f$  = 0.4;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.34 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 2.36-2.41 (m, 2 H), 2.58-2.63 (m, 2 H), 3.28-3.40 (m, 4 H), 3.69 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.00-4.33 (m, 2 H), 5.14 (d,  $J$  = 10.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.30-7.39 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.5, 50.0 (2 C), 59.1, 60.8, 67.0 (2 C), 73.5, 127.7 (2 C), 128.3 (2 C), 128.5, 138.4, 168.5; FAB-MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 298 ( $\text{M}^+$  + 1, 40), 262 ( $\text{M}^+$  - Cl, 40), 172 (81).

**(2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-Ethyl 3-butylamino-2-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (5a):** An oil; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:2))  $R_f$  = 0.2;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.80 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 1.23-1.26 (m, 7 H), 2.33-2.44 (m, 4 H), 2.57-2.62 (m, 2 H), 3.27 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.37-3.43 (m, 4 H), 3.93 (d,  $J$  = 9.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.11-4.22 (m, 2 H), 7.20-7.31 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )

$\delta$  13.8, 14.4, 20.2, 32.0, 47.0, 50.3 (2 C), 60.1, 61.2, 67.1 (2 C), 73.5, 127.0, 127.5 (2 C), 128.0 (2 C), 141.3, 170.6; FAB-MS:  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 335 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 30), 162 (100).

**(2S\*,3R\*)-Ethyl 3-(1-methylethylamino)-2-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (5b):** Solid ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ ), mp 64-66 °C; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:2))  $R_f = 0.2$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.87 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3 H), 0.94 (d,  $J = 6.2$  Hz, 3 H), 1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H), 2.40-2.45 (m, 2 H), 2.53-2.63 (m, 3 H), 3.25 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 1 H), 3.34-3.45 (m, 4 H), 4.05 (d,  $J = 9.7$  Hz, 1 H), 4.15-4.20 (m, 2 H), 7.20-7.32 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.4, 21.6, 24.3, 45.5, 50.3 (2 C), 58.5, 60.1, 67.1 (2 C), 73.9, 126.9, 127.4 (2 C), 128.0 (2 C), 141.7, 170.6; FAB-MS:  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 321 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 36), 148 (100).

**(2S\*,3R\*)-Ethyl 3-(1,1-dimethylethylamino)-2-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (5c):** Solid ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ ), mp 69-70 °C; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:2))  $R_f = 0.3$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  0.87 (s, 9 H), 1.27 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3 H), 2.37-2.42 (m, 2 H), 2.59-2.64 (m, 2 H), 3.26-3.29 (m, 2 H), 3.12 (d,  $J = 10.5$  Hz, 1 H), 3.27-3.39 (m, 4 H), 4.09-4.20 (m, 3 H), 7.16-7.27 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.5, 30.4 (3 C), 50.3 (2 C), 51.0, 55.9, 59.9, 67.2 (2 C), 75.3, 126.5, 127.1 (2 C), 128.0 (2 C), 145.1, 170.5; FAB-MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 335 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 23), 162 (100); HRMS  $[M + H]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 335.2335, found 335.2330.

**(2S\*,3R\*)-Ethyl 2-morpholino-3-phenyl-3-piperidinypropionate (5d):** Solid ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ ), mp 106-108 °C; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:2))  $R_f = 0.3$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.20-1.45 (m, 9 H), 2.00-2.15 (m, 2 H), 2.47-2.50 (m, 4 H), 2.58-2.61 (m, 2 H), 3.26-3.29 (m, 2 H), 3.86 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz, 1 H), 4.01 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz, 1 H), 4.21-4.24 (m, 2 H), 7.10-7.32 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.6, 24.4, 26.6 (2 C), 49.6 (2 C), 50.8, 50.9, 59.8, 67.2 (2 C), 68.0, 68.1, 127.0, 127.3 (2 C), 129.3 (2 C), 134.0, 171.1; FAB-MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 347 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 13), 174 (100); HRMS  $[M + H]^+$  for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$ : 347.2335, found 347.2339.

**(2S\*,3R\*)-Ethyl 3-(4-phenylpiperazino)-2-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (5e):** Solid ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ ), mp 137-138 °C; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:4))  $R_f = 0.28$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.31 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3 H), 2.35-2.37 (m, 2 H), 2.50-2.55 (m, 2 H), 2.60-2.65 (m, 2 H), 2.69-2.74 (m, 2 H), 3.00-3.10 (m, 4 H), 3.28-3.33 (m, 2 H), 3.42-3.47 (m, 2 H), 3.90 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz, 1 H), 4.14 (d,  $J = 11.8$  Hz, 1 H), 4.20-4.22 (m, 2 H), 6.80-6.82 (m, 3 H), 7.13-7.28 (m, 7 H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  14.7, 49.4 (2 C), 49.6 (2 C), 49.7 (2 C), 59.9, 67.2 (2 C), 67.4, 67.9, 115.9 (2 C), 119.5, 127.3, 127.6 (2 C), 128.9 (2 C), 129.3 (2 C), 133.2, 151.3, 170.9;

FAB-MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 424 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 7), 251 (100); HRMS  $[M + H]^+$  for  $C_{25}H_{34}N_3O_3$ : 424.2600, found 424.2612.

**(2S\*,3R\*)-Ethyl 3-anilino-2-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (5f):** An oil; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (1:2))  $R_f = 0.3$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  0.94 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3 H), 2.53-2.60 (m, 4 H), 3.30 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1 H), 3.66-3.69 (m, 4 H), 3.81-3.95 (m, 2 H), 4.74 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1 H), 6.50-7.09 (m, 10 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  13.7, 51.0 (2 C), 56.2, 60.5, 66.7 (2 C), 73.9, 113.2 (2 C), 117.3, 126.7 (2 C), 127.4, 128.4 (2 C), 129.0 (2 C), 139.4, 146.9, 170.3; FAB-MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 355 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 16), 182 (100); HRMS  $[M + H]^+$  for  $C_{21}H_{27}N_2O_3$ : 355.2022, found 355.2024.

**(2S\*,3R\*)-Ethyl 3-amino-2-morpholino-3-phenylpropionate (5g):** An oil; TLC (EtOAc/hexane (4:1))  $R_f = 0.1$ ;  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  1.24 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3 H), 1.89 (br s, 2 H), 2.37-2.42 (m, 2 H), 2.62-2.67 (m, 2 H), 3.25 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1 H), 3.44-3.47 (m, 4 H), 4.13-4.22 (m, 2 H), 4.24 (d,  $J = 9.4$  Hz, 1 H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 5 H);  $^{13}C$  NMR (100 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  14.5, 50.6, 54.0 (2 C), 60.3, 67.1 (2 C), 74.5, 126.9 (2 C), 127.2, 128.2 (2 C), 142.9, 170.8; FAB-MS  $m/z$  (rel intensity) 279 ( $M^+ + 1$ , 100), 262 (30), 107 (38); HRMS  $[M + H]^+$  for  $C_{15}H_{23}N_2O_5$ : 279.1709, found 279.1706.