

Introduction

In the context of our program to establish synthetic access to various natural products¹⁻¹⁶ we focused on those featuring the 1,3-(poly)deoxypropionate motif. A structurally challenging example is the polyketide-peptide hybrid georatusin (**1**) which was isolated from the soil fungus *Geomyces auratus* in 2018 by Bode and coworkers.¹⁷ Georatusin (**1**) features a highly reduced and methylated polyketide fragment (blue) fused to a D-tryptophan moiety (red) forming a 13-membered ring (Figure 1).¹⁷

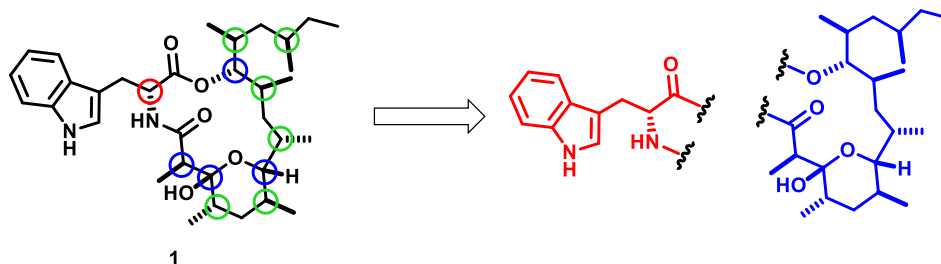
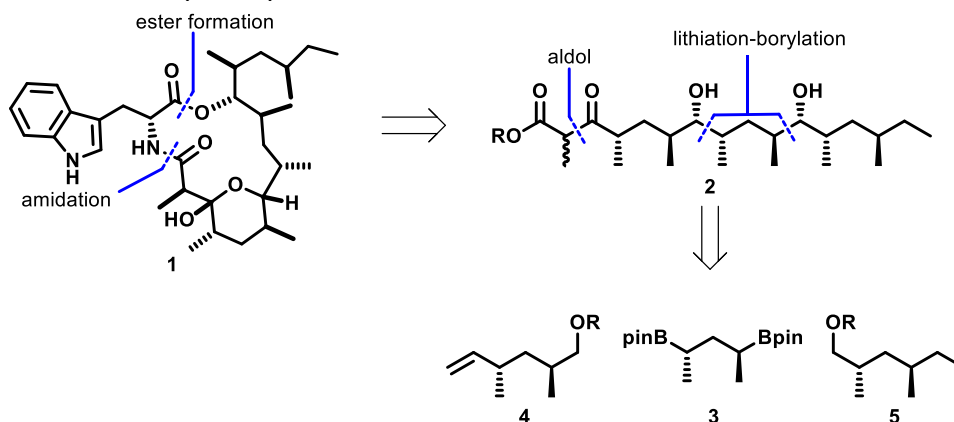


Figure 1. Structure of the highly reduced polyketide-peptide hybrid georatusin (**1**).

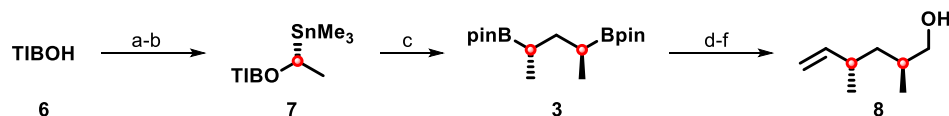
This 13-membered ring contains nine of the overall eleven stereogenic centers. The Bode group was able to determine the absolute configuration of the tryptophan unit via comparison of the ECD spectra of L- and D-tryptophan whereas the other stereogenic centers were determined in a relative fashion using different NMR experiments but could not be set into relation with the D-tryptophan moiety.¹⁷ Due to its highly reduced carbon skeleton georatusin (**1**) is challenging to synthesize without several functional group interconversions using classic aldol chemistry. We planned to synthesize most of the carbon skeleton via lithiation-borylation chemistry using C₂-symmetric 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** and its derived fragments **4** and **5** (Scheme 1). The strategic advantage of this strategy is the fact, compound **5** can be directly obtained through hydrogenation from **4** and the C₂-symmetric compound **3** on the other hand allows rapid access to **4**. Due to the C₂-symmetry no side differentiation of **3** is required prior to the Zweifel olefination.



Scheme 1. First generation retrosynthetic analysis of georatusin (**1**).

Results and Discussion

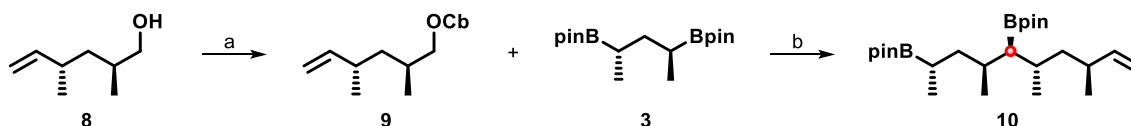
Our synthesis started with the gram-scale preparation of known C₂-symmetric 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3**^{18,19} employing our protocol.¹⁹ Starting from our key building block **3** the precursor of the other two fragments is readily available using a three step sequence consisting of our mono-Zweifel olefination protocol,¹⁹ Matteson-homologation²⁰ and oxidation (Scheme 2).



a. bromoethane, *n*Bu₄NHSO₄, NaOH, CHCl₃, H₂O, rt, o/n, ≥ 95%; **b.** *s*BuLi, (+)-sparteine, Et₂O, −78 °C, 5 h, then Me₃SnCl, Et₂O, −78 °C to rt, 1.5 h, 70%, *er* 99:1; **c.** *n*BuLi, Et₂O, −78 °C, 1.5 h, then pinBCH₂Bpin, Et₂O, −78 °C to rt, o/n, 82%, *dr* ≥ 95:5; **d.** vinylMgBr, THF, 30 min at −78 °C, then 30 min at rt, then I₂, MeOH 30 min at −78 °C, then NaOMe, MeOH, 30 min at −78 °C, then rt o/n, 35%, 81% brsm; **e.** BrCH₂Cl, *n*BuLi, Et₂O, −78 °C to rt, o/n; **f.** H₂O₂, NaOH, THF, 0 °C to rt, 1.5 h, 68% o2s (TIB=2,4,6-triisopropylbenzoyl, pin=pinacolato ; o/n= overnight, o2s= over two steps).

Scheme 2. Synthesis of C₂-symmetric 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** and the precursor of the remaining fragments.

Alcohol **8** was then converted into carbamate **9** using established conditions.^{21,22} Fragment coupling of the resulting carbamate **9** with C₂-symmetric 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** via the lithiation-borylation protocol gave the desired mono-product **10** in 17% yield (Scheme 3).



a. CbCl, Et₃N, C₂H₄Cl₂, 70 °C, o/n, 94%; **b.** *s*BuLi, (+)-sparteine, Et₂O, −78 °C, 5 h, then **3**, MgBr₂·OEt₂, Et₂O, −78 °C to Δ, o/n, 17%, *dr* ≥ 95:5 (Cb=*N,N*-diisopropylcarbamoyl).

Scheme 3. Synthesis of carbamate **9** and first generation fragment coupling.

Based on deprotonation experiments of carbamate **9** we observed that the H-D exchange was only 35% using the standard lithiation conditions. The best result was obtained with a lithiation time of 16 h and slightly increased equivalents of (+)-sparteine and *s*BuLi (Table 1). The use of different bases did not led to lithiation or in the case of *i*PrLi only to moderate yields. Therefore, we switched to the corresponding TIB ester **11**^{21,22} which could be completely lithiated under the standard conditions.

Table 1. Lithiation experiments.

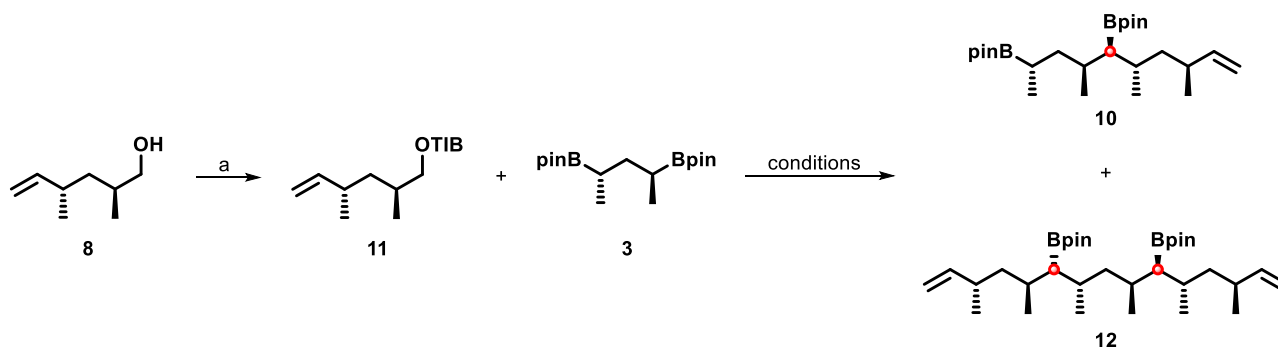
entry	substrate	base	lithiation time [h]	H-D-exchange [%] ^[d]
1 ^[a]	carbamate 9	<i>s</i> BuLi	5	35
2 ^[a]	carbamate 9	<i>s</i> BuLi	13	35
3 ^[b]	carbamate 9	<i>s</i> BuLi	5	19
4 ^[c]	carbamate 9	<i>s</i> BuLi	16	56
5 ^[a]	carbamate 9	<i>t</i> BuLi	5	0
6 ^[c]	carbamate 9	<i>n</i> BuLi	22	0

7 ^[c]	carbamate 9	MeLi	8	0
8 ^[c]	carbamate 9	<i>i</i> PrLi	17	42
9 ^[c]	TIB ester 11	<i>s</i> BuLi	5	100

^[a] Lithiation conditions: substrate (1.0 equiv.), (+)-sparteine (1.3 equiv.), base (1.3 equiv.), Et₂O, –78 °C, lithiation time, then D₂O (xs), –78 °C to rt, 0.5 h. ^[b] Base (1.8 equiv.). ^[c] (+)-Sparteine (1.6 equiv.), base (1.5 equiv.). ^[d] Determined by ¹H-NMR.

With an effective lithiation strategy in hands, we again performed the fragment coupling and obtained the desired 1,4-bis(boronic ester) **10** in 41% yield. Since the desired product was hard to separate from the double homologation product, we started to optimize the borylation step (Table 2). The addition of additives like Et₃N and PPh₃ which should form an ate-complex with one of the boronic esters did not improve the yield. Short time for ate-complex formation (1 h) increases the mono:di ratio in a significant way but an even shorter ate-complex formation (< 1 h) resulted in a remarkable drop of the yield.

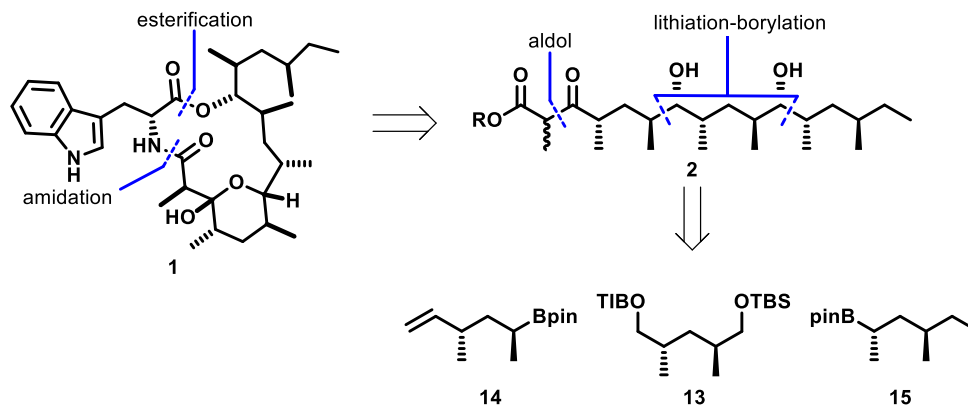
Table 2. Optimization of first generation fragment coupling.



entry	Additive	time ate-complex [h]	yield [%] ^[b]	mono : di ratio ^[c]
1 ^[a]	-	2.5	22	1.5:1
2 ^[a]	Et ₃ N	1.5	20	1.7:1
3 ^[a]	PPh ₃	1.5	19	1.6:1
4 ^[a]	-	1	41	4.1:1
5 ^[a]	-	0.5	20	2.5:1

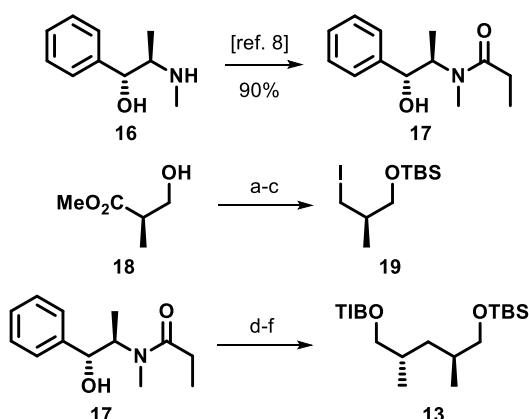
a DIAD, TIBOH, PPh₃, THF, 0 °C to rt, o/n, 94%. ^[a] reaction conditions: **11** (1.0 equiv.), (+)-sparteine (1.6 equiv.), *s*BuLi (1.5 equiv.), additive (1.5 equiv.), Et₂O, –78 °C, 5 h, then **3**, Et₂O, –78 °C to rt, o/n. ^[b] Isolated yield after flash column chromatography. ^[c] Based on the isolated yield (DIAD=Diisopropyl azodicarboxylate).

Due to the low yields and the impractical separation of the desired product **10** from the double homologation product, we reconsidered our retrosynthetic approach. In our second generation retrosynthesis we shifted the bonds formed via lithiation-borylation chemistry by one carbon atom each, making middle fragment **13** and mono-Zweifel product **14** the new target molecules (Scheme 4).



Scheme 4. Second generation retrosynthetic analysis of georatusin (**1**).

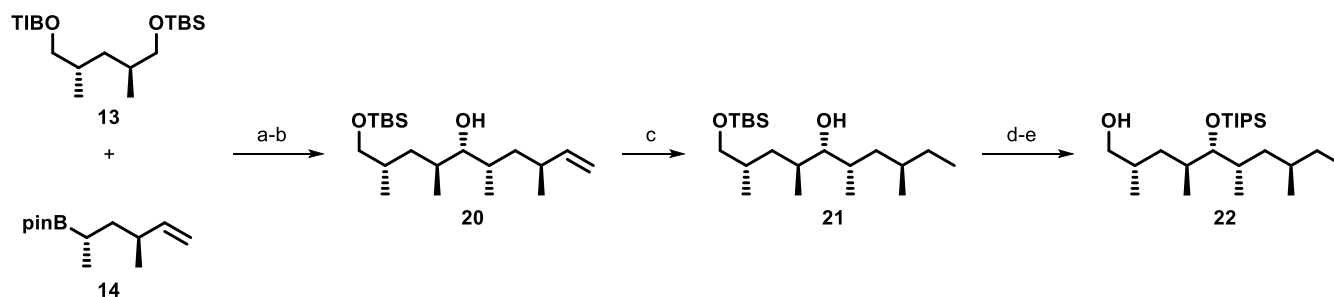
For the synthesis of the new middle fragment **13**, (–)-pseudoephedrine (**16**) was propionated.^{23,24} Then, the (*R*)-Roche ester (**18**) was transformed into iodide **19** in a known three step sequence.²⁵ A literature known sequence consisting of Myers alkylation and reductive removal of the auxiliary gave us the corresponding alcohol²⁶ which was then converted into middle fragment **13** using a Mitsunobu reaction²² (Scheme 5).



a. TBSCl, imid., CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to rt, 2.5 h, 95%; **b.** DiBAL-H, CH₂Cl₂, –78 °C to –40 °C, 3.5 h, 92%; **c.** I₂, PPh₃, imid., CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to rt, 2.5 h, 82%; **d.** LDA, LiCl, **19**, THF, –78 °C to rt, o/n, *dr* ≥ 95:5; **e.** LDA, BH₃·NH₃, THF, 0 °C to rt, 4.5 h, 81% o2s; **f.** DIAD, TIBOH, PPh₃, THF, 0 °C to rt, o/n, 87% (TBS=*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl, imid=imidazole, LDA=lithium diisopropylamide).

Scheme 5. Synthesis of middle fragment **13**.

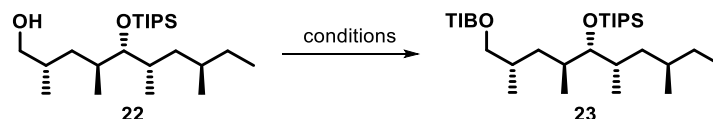
With middle fragment **13** and our mono-Zweifel product **14**¹⁹ in hands, we investigated the new fragment coupling using lithiation-borylation chemistry. Secondary alcohol **20** was isolated in a good yield of 64% over two steps. The following hydrogenation with Wilkinson's catalyst proceeds smoothly to give us **21**. Our first intention was a PMB-protection of secondary alcohol **21** that could not be performed employing different conditions. So, a two-step sequence of TIPS-protection and selective TBS-deprotection led to primary alcohol **22** (Scheme 6). With alcohol **22** in hands, next in line was another TIB-esterification²² but unfortunately the best result we could achieve was a yield of 31% (Table 3). Higher temperatures for the Mitsunobu reaction as well as usage of TIB chloride led to decomposition.



a. $s\text{BuLi}$, (+)-sparteine, Et_2O , -78°C , 5 h, then **14**, THF, -78°C to Δ , o/n; **b.** H_2O_2 , NaOH , THF, -20°C to rt, 3 h, 64% o2s, $dr \geq 95:5$; **c.** H_2 , $[\text{Ph}_3\text{P}]_3\text{RhCl}$, PhH, rt, o/n, 95%; **d.** TIPSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C to rt, o/n, $\geq 95\%$; **e.** PPTS, $\text{MeOH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$, 45°C , 1.5 h, 88% (PhH=benzene, TIPSOTf=triisopropylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate, PPTS=pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate).

Scheme 6. Second generation fragment coupling.

Table 3. Conditions for the second TIB-esterification.



entry	conditions	Reagent	result
1	22 (1.0 equiv.), PPh_3 (1.0 equiv.), DIAD (1.1 equiv.), THF, 0°C to rt, 3 d	TIBOH (1.0 equiv.)	31%
2	22 (1.0 equiv.), PPh_3 (1.0 equiv.), DIAD (1.1 equiv.), THF, 0°C to 50°C , o/n	TIBOH (1.0 equiv.)	10%
3	22 (1.0 equiv.), NaH (1.5 equiv.), THF, 0°C to 90°C , o/n	TIBCl (1.5 equiv.)	decomp.
4	22 (1.0 equiv.), NaH (1.5 equiv.), THF, 0°C to 50°C , o/n	TIBCl (1.5 equiv.)	decomp.

Conclusions

In conclusion, we have developed a rapid access to complex, highly reduced polyketide fragments using lithiation-borylation chemistry and our developed mono-Zweifel protocol.¹⁹ With our strategy we were able to synthesise the C18-C27 fragment of the polyketide-peptide hybrid georatusin (**1**) in 8% over twelve steps in the longest linear sequence. Completion of the synthesis will be reported in due course.

Experimental Section

General methods. Unless otherwise noted all reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere using a DrieriteTM gas-drying unit. The used glassware was flame dried under high vacuum. Air- and moisture-sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe flushed with argon prior to use. All reagents were purchased

from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Stated temperatures, except room temperature, refer to bath temperatures.

Dry solvents: Dichloromethane and all amine bases were distilled under an inert atmosphere over calcium hydride. Tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, methanol and 1,2-dichloroethane were purchased from Acros Organics over molecular sieves and under inert atmosphere. Benzene was bought from Sigma Aldrich.

(+)-Sparteine was purchased from Chem-Impex and was distilled under high vacuum and stored under argon at $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Thin layer chromatography : All reactions were stirred magnetically and monitored using pre-coated TLC sheets ALUGRAM® Xtra SIL G/UV₂₅₄ (0.2 mm, silica gel, F₂₅₄, aluminum-backed, MACHEREY-NAGEL) with detection by UV light ($\lambda = 254\text{ nm}$) and/or by staining with either basic potassium permanganate, acidic ceric ammonium molybdate or acidic vanillin stain.

Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (0.04-0.063 mm, 240-400 mesh) obtained from MACHEREY-NAGEL. The applied petroleum ether fraction had a bp of $40\text{--}60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The eluent is given in volume ratios (v/v).

^1H -NMR experiments were recorded in CDCl_3 using either a DPX 400 (Bruker), an AMX 400 (Bruker), an Ascend 400 Avance III HD (Bruker) or an Ascend 600 MHz (Bruker). The spectra were calibrated using the residual solvent peak: $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3) = 7.26\text{ ppm}$. Chemical shift δ is given in parts per million (ppm), coupling constant J in hertz (Hz) and multiplicity as follows: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quadruplet; p, pentet; sex, sextet; sep, septet; m, multiplet; m_c , centered multiplet; bs, broad signal or combination of these acronyms. NMR spectra were processed using TopSpin (Bruker).

^{13}C -NMR experiments were recorded in CDCl_3 using either a DPX 400 (Bruker), an AMX 400 (Bruker), an Ascend 400 Avance III HD (Bruker) or an Ascend 600 MHz (Bruker). The spectra were calibrated using the residual solvent peak: $\delta(\text{CDCl}_3) = 77.16\text{ ppm}$. Chemical shift δ is given in parts per million (ppm). NMR spectra were processed using TopSpin (Bruker).

High Resolution Mass Spectra (HRMS) were obtained either using a Q-ToF Premier (Waters), a LCT Premier (Waters) or a GC-system Agilent 6890 coupled with an Agilent 5973. Both the masses found and the masses calculated are given.

Melting points were determined in $^{\circ}\text{C}$ using an OptiMelt MPA 100 (Stanford Research System). Optical rotation $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ were measured either on a P3000 polarimeter (A. Krüss Optronic, $\lambda = 589\text{ nm}$) or a Perkin-Elmer 341 ($\lambda = 589\text{ nm}$). The sample concentration (in g/100 mL) is given with every single experiment.

Chiral HPLC was performed on a Merck/Hitachi L-7150 system with a Merck/Hitachi L-7400 UV-detector using a Daicel Chiralcel® OD-H column (4.6 x 250 mm, $5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$). Further information can be found in the individual procedure.

The names of the compounds not shown were created using ChemDraw 19.1.

Ethyl 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzoate (24). Following Beak's procedure²⁷, a solution of TIBOH (**6**, 10.0 g, 40.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in CHCl_3 (200 mL) was treated with a solution of NaOH (4.99 g, 125 mmol, 3.1 equiv.) and $n\text{Bu}_4\text{NHSO}_4$ (1.09 g, 3.22 mmol, 8 mol%) in H_2O (160 mL). After addition of ethyl bromide (15.0 mL, 21.9 g, 201 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) the biphasic reaction mixture was stirred overnight at rt. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x). The combined organic phases were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was filtered through a short plug of silica using petroleum ether (PE):EtOAc (9:1) as eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford ethyl 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzoate (**24**, 10.8 g, 38.9 mmol, $\geq 95\%$) as a yellow oil.

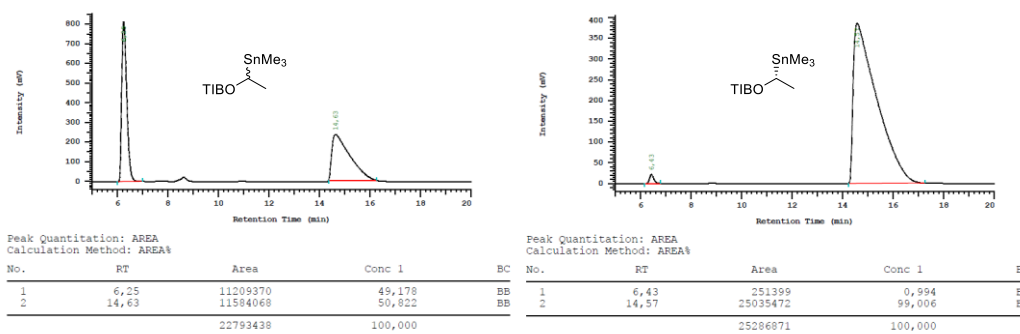
^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.00 (s, 2H), 4.37 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (m_c , 3H), 1.37 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (d, J = 7.0 Hz) and 1.24 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 18H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 171.0, 150.2, 144.9, 130.8, 121.0, 60.9, 34.6, 31.6, 24.3, 24.1, 14.4 ppm; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2\text{Na}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calculated: 299.1987, found: 299.1986; R_f = 0.6 (PE:EtOAc 10:1, UV, KMnO_4).

Analytical data are in accordance with the literature.²⁸

Stannane 7. Ethyl 2,4,6-triisopropylbenzoate (**24**, 5.00 g, 18.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and (+)-sparteine (5.4 mL, 5.51 g, 23.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) were dissolved in Et_2O (90 mL). The solution was cooled to -78°C , $s\text{BuLi}$ (1.3 M in hexanes, 18.0 mL, 23.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv., 0.5 mL/min, color change: colorless \rightarrow brown/purple) was added and the reaction mixture stirred for 5 h at this temperature. Then a freshly prepared solution of Me_3SnCl (1.0 M in Et_2O , 23.5 mL, 23.5 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was added dropwise (color change: brown/purple \rightarrow yellow/colorless) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C before being warmed to rt. After 30 min at rt 5% aq. H_3PO_4 was added and the biphasic mixture was stirred for further 20 min. The organic layer was separated and washed with 5% aq. H_3PO_4 (3x). The combined aqueous layers were extracted with Et_2O (3x). The organic layers were combined, dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a slightly yellow solid, which was then recrystallized from MeOH (3 mL/g) to give stannane **7** (5.55 g, 12.7 mmol, 70%, *er* 99:1) as colorless needles. The racemic sample was prepared by the use of tetramethylethylenediamine (TMEDA) instead of (+)-sparteine.

Sparteine-recovery: After adjusting the pH of the combined aqueous phases to 11 by using aq. 2.0 M NaOH, they were extracted with Et_2O (3x). The organic layers were combined, dried over K_2CO_3 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then distilled under high vacuum over calcium hydride (100 mg/g) at 150°C to afford the respective enantiomer of sparteine (70-80%) as a colorless oil, which solidified in the freezer.

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.99 (s, 2H), 5.08-5.00 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.80 (m, 3H), 1.68-1.51 (m, 3H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 18H), 0.18 (s, d, J = 54.2 Hz and J = 51.6 Hz, 9H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 171.4, 150.1, 145.0, 130.9, 120.9, 67.2, 34.5, 31.5, 24.5, 24.2, 24.1, 19.4, -9.8 ppm; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_2\text{SnNa}$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ calculated: 463.1635, found: 463.1634; R_f = 0.9 (PE:EtOAc 95:5); $[\alpha_D^{20}] = -42.0$ (c 1.0, CHCl_3); m.p. = 65°C Chiral HPLC: (Daicel Chiracel[®] OD-H column (25 cm), hexanes, 0.7 mL/min, rt, 210 nm): t_R = 6.4 min (S), 14.6 min (R), *er* 1:99.



Analytical data are in accordance with the literature.^{18,28}

1,3-Bis(boronic ester) 3. Following Aggarwal's procedure¹⁸, a stirred solution of stannane **7** (5.00 g, 11.4 mmol, 2.05 equiv.) in Et_2O (57 mL) at -78°C was treated with $n\text{BuLi}$ (1.6 M in hexanes, 7.0 mL, 11.1 mmol, 2.0 equiv., 0.5 mL/min). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at this temperature. Then a solution of pinBCH₂Bpin²⁹ (1.49 g, 5.56 mmol, 1.0 equiv., 0.5 mL/min) in Et_2O (11.0 mL) was added. After 2.5 h at this temperature, the reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred overnight. H_2O and Et_2O were added and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et_2O (3x), the organic layers were

combined and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude material purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 98:2) to afford C₂-symmetric 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** (1.47 g, 4.54 mmol, 82%, *dr* \geq 95:5). as a colorless oil.

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 1.42 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.23 (s, 24H), 1.12–1.03 (m, 2H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 82.9, 36.1, 24.90, 24.89, 15.5 ppm (carbon attached to boron not observed); HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{34}\text{B}_2\text{O}_4\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$]⁺ calculated: 347.2541, found: 347.2542; *R*_f = 0.3 (PE:EtOAc 9:1, CAN); [α_{D}^{20}] = +10.5 (c 1.0, CHCl_3);

Analytical data are in accordance with the literature.¹⁸

Mono-Zweifel product 14. To a stirred solution of 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** (100 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (1.5 mL) at -78°C , was added vinylMgBr (1.0 M in THF, 0.52 mL, 0.52 mmol, 1.7 equiv., 0.5 mL/min) and stirring was continued for 30 min at this temperature. Then the solution was warmed to rt and stirred for further 30 min. After cooling to -78°C , iodine (313 mg, 1.23 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was added in two portions over a period of 5 min. MeOH (2.5 mL, 0.15 mL/min) was added to the dark solution and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. Then, a suspension of NaOMe (1.0 M in MeOH, 2.5 mL, 2.50 mmol, 8.0 equiv., 0.5 mL/min) was added and the red reaction mixture was stirred for further 30 min at -78°C . After warming to rt, the black reaction mixture was stirred overnight. Methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE) and sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ were added until the dark color disappeared. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with MTBE (3x). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. NaCl and dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:MTBE 98:2 \rightarrow 9:1) to afford mono-Zweifel product **14** (33 mg, 0.15 mmol, 48%, 94% brsm^[a,b]) as a yellow oil and reisolated 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** (48 mg, 0.15 mmol) as a slightly yellow oil.

^[a] At a 5.99 mmol scale (1.94 g) of 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** mono-Zweifel product **14** was obtained in 35% (470 mg, 2.10 mmol, 81% brsm).

^[b] After three cycles mono-Zweifel product **14** was obtained in 62% (831 mg, 3.71 mmol).

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.68 (m_c, 1H), 4.98–4.87 (m, 2H), 2.23–2.12 (m, 1H), 1.49–1.41 (m, 1H), 1.30–1.25 (m, 1H), 1.24 (s, 12H), 1.12–1.03 (m, 1H), 0.98–0.92 (m, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 145.2, 112.6, 82.9, 40.4, 37.2, 24.90, 24.85, 20.3, 15.8 ppm (carbon attached to boron not observed); HRMS (EI): $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{25}\text{BO}_2$ [M]⁺ calculated: 224.1948, found: 224.1947; *R*_f = 0.4 (PE:MTBE 97:3, KMnO_4); [α_{D}^{20}] = +14.5 (c 1.2, CHCl_3).

Analytical data are in accordance with the literature.⁴

Alcohol 8. Mono-Zweifel product **14** (90.0 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and bromochloromethane (0.08 mL, 156 mg, 1.20 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) were dissolved in Et_2O (2.0 mL) and cooled to -78°C . Then, *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 0.63 mL, 1.00 mmol, 2.5 equiv., 20 $\mu\text{L}/\text{min}$) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 min at that temperature. After warming to rt, the cloudy reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a short plug of silica using Et_2O as eluent. The solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was dissolved in THF (3.0 mL) and cooled to 0°C . A premixed solution of NaOH (3.0 M)/ H_2O_2 (35%, 2/1 v/v, 4.5 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at rt before being quenched by addition of sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ at 0°C . The solution was diluted with MTBE, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with MTBE (3x). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (pentane: Et_2O 5:1) to afford alcohol **8** (35 mg, 0.27 mmol, 68% o2s) as a colorless oil.

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.77–5.66 (m, 1H), 5.01–4.88 (m, 2H), 3.57–3.39 (m, 2H), 2.29–2.20 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.36–1.29 (m, 1H), 1.25 (bs, 1H), 1.19–1.11 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 145.2, 112.5, 68.3, 40.3, 35.3, 33.4, 20.2, 17.1 ppm; HRMS (EI): C_7H_{13}

$[M-CH_3O]^+$ calculated: 97.1017, found: 97.1017; $R_f = 0.3$ (pentane:Et₂O 5:1, KMnO₄); $[\alpha_D^{20}] = +3.9$ (c 0.7, CHCl₃).

Carbamate 9. A solution of alcohol **8** (200 mg, 1.56 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 1,2-dichloroethane (5.2 mL) was treated with Et₃N (0.32 mL, 2.34 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and CbCl (383 mg, 2.34 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 70 °C. H₂O and CH₂Cl₂ were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (pentane:Et₂O 95:5) to give carbamate **9** (372 mg, 1.46 mmol, 94%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.75-5.65 (m, 1H), 5.01-4.89 (m, 2H), 4.19-3.65 (m, 4H), 2.30-2.19 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.39-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.25-1.16 (m, 13H), 0.98-0.94 (m, 6H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 156.2, 145.0, 112.7, 69.6, 45.6 (bs), 40.7, 35.3, 30.7, 21.0 (bs), 20.3, 17.9 ppm; HRMS (ESI): C₁₅H₂₉NO₂Na $[M+Na]^+$ calculated: 278.2096, found: 278.2095; $R_f = 0.3$ (pentane:Et₂O 95:5, KMnO₄); $[\alpha_D^{20}] = +6.3$ (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

TIB ester 11. Alcohol **8** (300 mg, 2.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (7.8 mL) and PPh₃ (614 mg, 2.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and TIBOH (**6**, 639 mg, 2.57 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added successively. After cooling to 0 °C, DIAD (0.51 mL, 2.57 mmol, 1.1 equiv., 0.12 mL/min) was added, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to rt and stirred overnight at that temperature. Et₂O and sat. aq. NaHCO₃ were added and the phases separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3x), the organic layers combined and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to leave a crude oil, which was then triturated with PE. The white suspension was filtered through a short plug of silica using PE:EtOAc (9:1) as eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was further purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 98:2) to afford TIB ester **11** (792 mg, 2.21 mmol, 94%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.00 (s, 2H), 5.68 (m_c, 1H), 4.95 (m_c, 2H), 4.16 (m_c, 2H), 2.93-2.81 (m, 3H), 2.26 (m_c, 1H), 1.95 (m_c, 1H), 1.43-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.17 (m, 19H), 0.98 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.4, 150.1, 144.9, 144.7, 130.9, 121.0, 112.9, 69.8, 40.3, 35.4, 34.6, 31.7, 30.3, 24.3, 24.1, 20.3, 17.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI): C₂₄H₃₈O₂Na $[M+Na]^+$ calculated: 381.2770, found: 381.2771; $R_f = 0.3$ (PE:EtOAc 98:2, UV, KMnO₄); $[\alpha_D^{20}] = -8.0$ (c 0.5, CHCl₃).

1,4-bis(boronic ester) 10. To a stirred solution of TIB ester **11** (78 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and (+)-sparteine (0.08 mL, 0.35 mmol, 1.6 equiv.) in Et₂O (1.1 mL) at -78 °C was added *s*BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes, 0.25 mL, 0.32 mmol, 1.5 equiv., 0.5 mL/min). The brown reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at that temperature before a solution of 1,3-bis(boronic ester) **3** (105 mg, 0.32 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in Et₂O (0.43 mL, 0.5 mL/min) was added. After stirring for further 1 h at -78 °C, the yellow reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and HCl (2.0 M) was added and the biphasic mixture was stirred for 10 min. The phases were separated, the organic layer was washed with HCl (2.0 M, 3x) and the combined aqueous phases were extracted with Et₂O (3x). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (PE → PE:EtOAc 200:1 → 100:1 → 98:2 → 95:5) to afford 1,4-bis(boronic ester) **10** (37 mg, 0.09 mmol, 41%, *dr* ≥ 95:5) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.82-5.72 (m, 1H), 4.98-4.82 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.72 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.20 (m, 24H), 1.19-1.08 (m, 4H), 0.97-0.90 (m, 6H), 0.88-0.83 (m, 6H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 146.3, 111.2, 82.8, 82.8, 43.9, 40.7, 35.2, 30.2, 29.4, 25.4, 25.1, 24.9, 24.9, 18.9, 18.6, 17.6, 15.7 ppm (carbon attached to boron not observed); HRMS (ESI): C₂₅H₄₈B₂O₄Na $[M+Na]^+$ calculated: 457.3636, found: 457.3636; $R_f = 0.5$ (PE:EtOAc 95:5, vanillin); $[\alpha_D^{20}] = -6.1$ (c 0.2, CHCl₃).

Methyl (R)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropanoate (25). (R)-Roche ester (**18**, 4.0 mL, 36.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (360 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C. Imidazole (3.70 g, 54.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and TBSCl (6.56 g, 43.5 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) were added successively and stirring was continued for 30 min at 0 °C. After warming to rt the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h before sat. aq. NH₄Cl and H₂O were added. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:Et₂O 15:1) to afford Methyl (R)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropanoate (**25**, 8.03 g, 34.6 mmol, 95%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.78-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.63 (m, 4H), 2.65 (m_c, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.04-0.03 (m, 6H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 175.6, 65.4, 51.6, 42.7, 25.9, 18.4, 13.6, -5.4; HRMS (ESI): C₁₁H₂₄O₃SiNa [M+Na]⁺ calculated: 255.1392, found: 255.1391; *R*_f = 0.6 (PE:Et₂O 10:1, KMnO₄); [α_D²⁰] = -17.8 (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

Analytical data are in accordance with the literature.²⁵

(S)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (26). Methyl (R)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropanoate (**25**, 4.00 g, 17.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (85 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C. After the addition of DIBAL-H (1.0 M in CH₂Cl₂, 43 mL, 43.0 mmol, 2.5 equiv., 0.8 mL/min), the reaction mixture was warmed to -40 °C and stirred at that temperature for 3.5 h. MeOH (8.5 mL) and sat. aq. potassium sodium tartrate (105 mL) were slowly added. After warming to rt, the mixture was stirred vigorously overnight. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give (S)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (**26**, 3.25 g, 15.9 mmol, 92%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.74 (m_c, 1H), 3.66-3.58 (m, 2H), 3.54 (m_c, 1H), 2.80 (m_c, 1H), 1.94 (m_c, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.07 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 69.0, 68.5, 37.2, 26.0, 18.3, 13.2, -5.4, -5.5; HRMS (ESI): C₁₀H₂₄O₂SiNa [M+Na]⁺ calculated: 227.1443, found: 227.1442; *R*_f = 0.4 (PE:MTBE 10:1, KMnO₄); [α_D²⁰] = -8.5 (c 1.0, CHCl₃).

Analytical data are in accordance with the literature.²⁵

Iodide 19. In the darkness, a solution of the obtained (S)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropan-1-ol (**26**, 1.50 g, 7.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (15.0 mL) was treated with PPh₃ (2.50 g, 9.54 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) and imidazole (0.75 g, 11.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) successively. After cooling to 0 °C, iodine (2.51 g, 9.91 mmol, 1.35 equiv.) was added in eight portions over a period of 30 min. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for further 2.5 h before being quenched at 0 °C by the addition of sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (2x), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:Et₂O 95:5) to afford iodide **19** (1.90 g, 6.05 mmol, 82%) as a slightly yellow oil. The iodide was used in the next step without detailed characterization.

(2S,4S)-5-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-N-((1R,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-N,2,4-trimethylpentanamide (27). Lithium chloride (3.08 g, 72.6 mmol, 13.5 equiv.) was flame dried under high vacuum and purged with argon. Then, THF (22.5 mL) and diisopropylamine (3.0 mL, 21.5 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) were added. After cooling to -78 °C, *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 13.0 mL, 20.4 mmol, 3.8 equiv., 0.5 mL/min) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min at -78 °C and then for 5 min at 0 °C. Then, a solution of Myers auxiliary **17**^[8] (2.38 g, 10.8 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) in THF (30 mL, 2.0 mL/min) was added at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature before being warmed to 0 °C and stirred for further 30 min. Finally, the reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for another 5 min. After cooling to 0 °C, a solution of iodide **19** (1.69 g, 5.38 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (5.4 mL, 1.0 mL/min) was added. The reaction mixture was

slowly warmed to rt and stirred overnight at this temperature. Sat. aq. NH_4Cl and EtOAc were added at 0 °C and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NaCl and dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude material was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 3:1) to afford (2*S*,4*S*)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-*N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-*N*,2,4-trimethylpentanamide (**27**) as a colorless oil (mixture of amide bond rotamers, 4.5:1, NMR), which was directly used in the next step without further characterization.

(2*S*,4*S*)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,4-dimethylpentan-1-ol (28**).** To a stirred solution of diisopropylamine (3.1 mL, 22.2 mmol, 4.3 equiv.) in THF (21.0 mL) was added *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 13.0 mL, 20.6 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) at –78 °C. After stirring for 10 min at this temperature, the solution was warmed to 0 °C and stirred for further 10 min. Then borane-ammonia complex (0.72 g, 23.2 mmol, 4.5 equiv.) was added in three portions over a period of 5 min and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 15 min at 0 °C before being warmed to rt and stirred for further 15 min. After cooling to 0 °C a solution of the obtained (2*S*,4*S*)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-*N*-((1*R*,2*R*)-1-hydroxy-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-*N*,2,4-trimethylpentanamide (**27**, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (26 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 4.5 h at that temperature before being cooled to 0 °C. Sat. aq. NH_4Cl and MTBE were added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (3x). The combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NH_4Cl (1x) and sat. aq. NaCl (1x), dried over Na_2SO_4 and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (PE:Et₂O 4:1) afforded (2*S*,4*S*)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,4-dimethylpentan-1-ol (**28**, 1.07 g, 4.34 mmol, 81% o2s, *dr* ≥ 95:5) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.50–3.37 (m, 4H), 1.81–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.48 (bs, 1H), 1.27–1.10 (m, 2H), 0.90–0.88 (m, 12H), 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 69.18, 69.16, 37.0, 33.2, 33.1, 26.1, 18.5, 16.8, 16.6, –5.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2\text{SiNa}$ [*M*+*Na*]⁺ calculated: 269.1913, found: 269.1913; *R*_f = 0.3 (PE:EtOAc 3:1, KMnO_4); [α _D²⁰] = –16.3 (c 1.0, CHCl_3).

Analytical data are in accordance with the literature.²⁶

TIB ester 13. (2*S*,4*S*)-5-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,4-dimethylpentan-1-ol (**28**, 1.06 g, 4.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (14.5 mL) and PPh_3 (1.13 g, 4.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and TIBOH (**6**, 1.17 g, 4.73 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) were added successively. After cooling to 0 °C, DIAD (0.93 mL, 4.73 mmol, 1.1 equiv., 0.12 mL/min) was added, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to rt and stirred overnight at that temperature. Et₂O and sat. aq. NaHCO_3 were added and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3x), the combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to leave a crude oil which was then triturated with PE. The white suspension was filtered through a short plug of silica using PE:EtOAc (9:1) as eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was further purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 99:1) to afford TIB ester **13** (1.79 g, 3.75 mmol, 87%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.00 (s, 2H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (m_c, 2H), 2.94–2.80 (m, 3H), 2.02–1.94 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.67 (m, 1H), 1.31–1.14 (m, 20H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 171.3, 150.1, 144.9, 130.9, 121.0, 70.8, 68.9, 37.1, 34.6, 33.1, 31.7, 30.1, 26.1, 24.4, 24.1, 18.5, 16.9, 16.5, –5.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_3\text{SiNa}$ [*M*+*Na*]⁺ calculated: 499.3583, found: 499.3582; *R*_f = 0.6 (PE:EtOAc 95:5, UV, KMnO_4); [α _D²⁰] = –13.3 (c 0.5, CHCl_3).

Alcohol 20. To a stirred solution of TIB ester **13** (450 mg, 0.94 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and (+)-sparteine (0.35 mL, 1.51 mmol, 1.6 equiv.) in Et₂O (3.8 mL) at –78 °C was added *s*BuLi (1.3 M in hexanes, 1.1 mL, 1.42 mmol, 1.5 equiv., 0.5 mL/min). The brown reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at that temperature before a solution

of mono-Zweifel product **14** (296 mg, 1.32 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) in THF (2.6 mL, 0.5 mL/min) was added. After stirring for further 2 h at -78°C , the yellow reaction mixture was warmed to 40°C and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt, aq. 5% H_3PO_4 was added and the biphasic mixture was stirred for 20 min. The phases were separated, the organic layer was washed with aq. 5% H_3PO_4 (3x) and the combined aqueous phases were extracted with MTBE (3x). The combined organic phases were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The orange residue was dissolved in THF (4.8 mL) and cooled to -20°C . A premixed solution of NaOH (2.0 M)/ H_2O_2 (35%, 2/1 v/v, 3.8 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt before being quenched by the addition of sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ at 0°C . The solution was diluted with MTBE, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with MTBE (3x). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 97:3 \rightarrow 95:5) to afford alcohol **20** (207 mg, 0.60 mmol, 64% o2s, $dr \geq 95:5$) as a colorless oil.

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.68 (m_c, 1H), 4.97-4.89 (m, 2H), 3.41 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.17-3.15 (m, 1H), 2.24 (m_c, 1H), 1.78-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.50 (bs, 1H), 1.41-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.25-1.17 (m, 2H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.86-0.80 (m, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 145.3, 112.5, 78.6, 69.7, 41.2, 36.5, 35.3, 33.7, 33.2, 32.2, 26.1, 20.4, 18.6, 16.7, 16.1, 13.3, -5.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_2\text{SiNa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$]⁺ calculated: 365.2852, found: 365.2849; R_f = 0.3 (PE:EtOAc 95:5, vanillin); [α_D^{20}] = -19.2 (c 0.5, CHCl_3).

Alcohol 21. Through a solution of Wilkinson's catalyst (108 mg, 0.12 mmol, 20 mol%) in benzene (3.0 mL) were bubbled three balloons of H_2 . The dark red solution was stirred for 1.5 h at rt under an atmosphere of H_2 while the solution turned orange to yellow. After the addition of alcohol **20** (200 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in PhH (3.0 mL), the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The solvent was removed and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 98:2) to give alcohol **21** (190 mg, 0.55 mmol, 95%) as a colorless oil.

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.40 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 3.10 (m_c, 1H), 1.78-1.62 (m, 3H), 1.48-1.05 (m, 8H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.87-0.83 (m, 15H), 0.04 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 80.6, 69.7, 41.5, 35.7, 33.4, 33.3, 32.3, 31.7, 30.5, 26.1, 19.1, 18.5, 16.5, 16.4, 13.1, 11.5, -5.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_2\text{SiNa}$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$]⁺ calculated: 367.3008, found: 367.3008; R_f = 0.3 (PE:EtOAc 95:5, vanillin); [α_D^{20}] = -38.2 (c 0.6, CHCl_3).

(6S,8S,9R)-11,11-diisopropyl-2,2,3,3,6,8,12-heptamethyl-9-((2S,4R)-4-methylhexan-2-yl)-4,10-dioxo-3,11-disilatridecane (29). Alcohol **21** (90 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (2.4 mL) and the solution was cooled to -78°C . 2,6-Lutidine (0.18 mL, 1.57 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) and TIPSOTf (0.28 mL, 1.04 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) were added successively and the reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred at that temperature overnight. Sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and MTBE were added, the phases separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with MTBE (3x). The combined organic phases were washed with sat. aq. NaHSO_4 and sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. Further Purification of the crude material by flash column chromatography (PE) afforded (6S,8S,9R)-11,11-diisopropyl-2,2,3,3,6,8,12-heptamethyl-9-((2S,4R)-4-methylhexan-2-yl)-4,10-dioxo-3,11-disilatridecane (**29**, 128 mg, 0.26 mmol, $\geq 95\%$) as a colorless oil.

^1H -NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.53-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.39-3.38 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.60 (m, 3H), 1.40-1.22 (m, 5H), 1.19-1.12 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 21H), 0.89-0.81 (m, 24H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ppm; ^{13}C -NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 81.6, 69.5, 43.0, 36.9, 36.2, 33.5, 32.9, 31.9, 30.8, 26.1, 18.9, 18.61, 18.57, 18.5, 16.2, 15.6, 15.0, 13.5, 11.6, -5.2 ppm; HRMS (ESI): $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{57}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}-\text{C}_3\text{H}_7+\text{Na}$]⁺ calculated: 457.3897, found: 457.3893; R_f = 0.5 (PE, KMnO_4); [α_D^{20}] = -18.0 (c 0.5, CHCl_3).

Alcohol 22. To a stirred solution of (6S,8S,9R)-11,11-diisopropyl-2,2,3,3,6,8,12-heptamethyl-9-((2S,4R)-4-methylhexan-2-yl)-4,10-dioxo-3,11-disilatridecane (**29**, 120 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ (1/1, v/v, 2.4 mL) was added PPTS (66 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). The reaction mixture was heated to 45°C and

stirred at that temperature for 1 h. Sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and EtOAc were added, the phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3x). The combined organic phases were dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was further purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 93:7) to afford primary alcohol **22** (80 mg, 0.21 mmol, 88%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.53 (m_c, 1H), 3.45 (m_c, 2H), 1.83-1.63 (m, 3H), 1.40-1.03 (m, 28H), 0.92-0.81 (m, 15H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 81.6, 69.6, 42.9, 36.8, 36.1, 33.6, 33.0, 32.0, 30.8, 18.9, 18.61, 18.56, 16.1, 15.7, 15.0, 13.5, 11.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI): C₂₃H₅₀O₂SiNa [M+Na]⁺ calculated: 409.3478, found: 409.3480; R_f = 0.3 (PE:EtOAc 93:7, CAN); [α _D²⁰] = -20.0 (c 0.6, CHCl₃).

TIB ester 23. Alcohol **22** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (0.43 mL) and PPh₃ (34 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and TIBOH (**6**, 32 mg, 0.13 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added successively. After cooling to 0 °C, DIAD (28 μ L, 0.14 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added, the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 3 d at that temperature. Et₂O and sat. aq. NaHCO₃ were added and the phases separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3x), the organic layers combined and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* to leave a crude oil which was then triturated with PE. The white suspension was filtered through a short plug of silica using PE:EtOAc (9:1) as eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude material was further purified by flash column chromatography (PE:EtOAc 98:2) to afford TIB ester **23** (25 mg, 0.04 mmol, 31%) as a colorless oil.

¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.01 (s, 2H), 4.13 (m_c, 2H), 3.54 (m_c, 1H), 2.94-2.80 (m, 3H), 2.00-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.12 (m, 24H), 1.08-1.04 (m, 22H), 0.97-0.79 (m, 15H) ppm; ¹³C-NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.3, 150.1, 144.9, 130.9, 121.0, 81.4, 71.2, 43.0, 37.2, 36.2, 34.6, 32.9, 31.9, 31.7, 30.7, 30.3, 24.3, 24.1, 18.9, 18.6, 18.5, 16.5, 15.6, 14.9, 13.5, 11.6 ppm; HRMS (ESI): C₃₉H₇₂O₃SiNa [M+Na]⁺ calculated: 639.5148, found: 639.5148; R_f = 0.3 (PE:EtOAc 95:5, UV, KMnO₄); [α _D²⁰] = -18.0 (c 0.9, CHCl₃).

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