

A new asymmetric synthesis of 2,6-*cis*-disubstituted 4-methylenepiperidines: total synthesis of (+)-alkaloid 241D and (+)-isosolenopsin A

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Abstract—A highly diastereoselective synthesis of 2,6-*cis*-disubstituted-4-methylenepiperidines based on a Mannich type intramolecular cyclization of an allylsilane on an iminium ion is described. The synthetic potential of this methodology is demonstrated by the enantioselective synthesis of two natural piperidine alkaloids: (+)-alkaloid 241D and (+)-isosolenopsin A.

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1. Introduction

Many natural biologically active compounds contain the piperidine ring system as a common structural element. Among the numerous piperidines, *cis*- and *trans*-2,6-dialkylpiperidines represent an important class of alkaloids isolated from insects, amphibians or plants.¹ For instance, dihydropinidine **1** was found in the Mexican beetle *Epilachna varivestis*.² Solenopsins **2** and isosolenopsins **3** are extracted from the fire ants' venom of the genus *Solenopsis*,³ while alkaloid 241D **4** was isolated from the poison frog *Dendrobates*⁴ (Fig. 1).

The stereoselective synthesis of piperidines, and notably 2,6-*cis*-disubstituted piperidines, has received considerable attention^{5,6} due to the broad range of their biological activity.⁷ As part of our programme to expand the synthetic utility of allylsilyl-functionalized substrates for the synthesis of natural products,⁸ we have applied

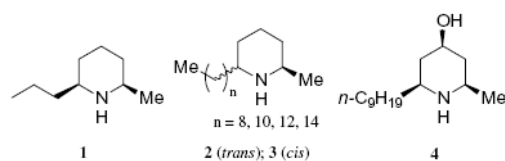
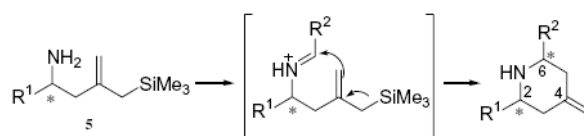


Figure 1. Examples of natural piperidines.

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Scheme 1. Formation of the piperidine ring by intramolecular addition of an allylsilane on an iminium ion.

this strategy to the synthesis of these compounds. In this case, the piperidine ring would be formed by a Mannich type intramolecular cyclization reaction starting from substituted aminoallylsilanes **5** (Scheme 1).

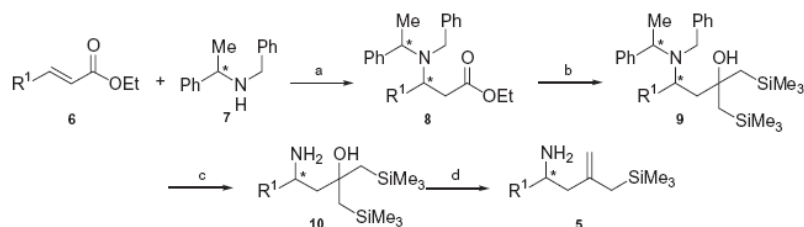
2. Results and discussion

Previously,⁹ we have described the enantioselective synthesis of substrates **5**. They were prepared from α,β -ethylenic esters **6** in four steps in 21–67% overall yields and 80–84% enantiomeric excesses (Scheme 2).

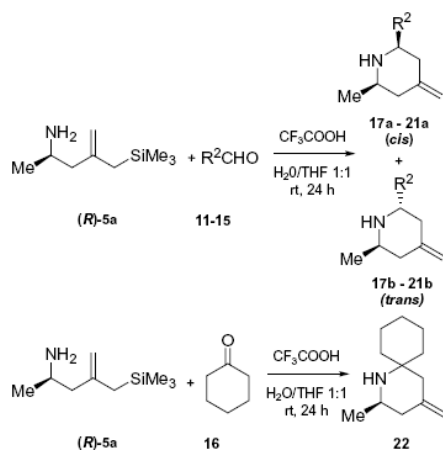
2.1. Synthesis of 2,6-disubstituted-4-methylenepiperidines

Since numerous natural piperidines are substituted by a methyl group at the 2 position, we have chosen to prepare piperidines **17–22** by condensation of methyl substituted aminoallylsilane (*R*)-**5a** on carbonyl compounds **11–16** (Scheme 3).

Reaction of aminoallylsilane (*R*)-**5a** (ee = 82%) with aldehydes **11–15** in the presence of trifluoroacetic acid



Scheme 2. Reagents and conditions: (a) *n*-BuLi, THF, 0 °C; (b) Me₃SiMgCl then CeCl₃, THF, rt, 3 days; (c) Pd(OH)₂, H₂, MeOH, H₂O, THF, AcOH, 24 h; (d) HCl 1 M, diethyl ether, 1–24 h.



Scheme 3. Synthesis of 4-methylenepiperidines from aminoallylsilane (*R*)-5a.

in a mixture of water–THF (1:1) at room temperature for 24 h led to a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-4-methylenepiperidines. The results are summarized in Table 1. In all cases, the *cis*-diastereomers were predominant. The diastereoisomeric excesses, which were found to be better than 82%, were determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy on the signals corresponding to the methylene protons. The relative configuration of the *cis*-diastereoisomers **17a–21a** was established unambiguously by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. For instance, the ¹H NMR spectrum of **21a** showed triplets for H-3_{ax} and H-5_{ax} with *J* = 12.8 Hz and *J* = 12.9 Hz corresponding, respectively, to geminal and *trans*-diaxial couplings indicative of a *cis*-stereochemistry for the 2,6-disubstituted piperidine ring. These results were confirmed by NOE experiments on isomers **21a** and **21b** (Fig. 2).

To explain such a diastereoselectivity, we considered the transition states **A** and **B** (Scheme 4). It appears that the transition state **B** leading to the 2,6-*trans* isomer is disfavoured due to a 1,3-diaxial interaction compared to the transition state **A** leading to the 2,6-*cis* isomer.

The enantiomeric purity of piperidines **18a–21a** and **22** was determined using two different techniques: GC–MS with Mosher's acid derivatives and ¹H NMR with (*R*)-mandelic acid derivatives. The results (Table 1) have shown that a partial racemization occurred during the cyclization step. This racemization can be explained by an aza-Cope type rearrangement. It has already been

observed previously by other authors¹⁰ during the addition of vinyl and allylsilanes on iminium salts.

In order to improve yields and minimize racemization during the cyclization step, we studied the preparation of piperidines **17–22** from β-aminohydroxysilanes **10**, precursors of β-aminoallylsilanes **5** (Scheme 5).

Reaction of β-aminohydroxysilanes **10** with carbonyl derivatives **11**, **13–16** and **23** in the presence of trifluoroacetic acid (10 equiv) in a mixture of water–THF (1:1) at room temperature for 3 days led to a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-4-methylenepiperidines. The results are summarized in Table 2.

As in the preceding results, in all cases, the *cis*-diastereoisomers were predominant. Comparison of these results with those mentioned in Table 1 shows that diastereoselectivity is about the same but enantioselectivity is significantly increased when the piperidine ring is achieved from aminoallylsilanes.

A mechanism that could account for the formation of 4-methylenepiperidines from β-aminohydroxysilanes **10** is depicted in Scheme 6. Cyclization might proceed by the following sequence: after formation of 1,3-oxazinanone **24** and its protonation, iminium ion **25** is generated. Protonation of the oxygen atom leads to allylsilane **26** and finally cyclization affords the expected piperidine. In this case, the allylsilane moiety is generated in situ and reacts instantaneously with the iminium ion previously formed.

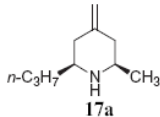
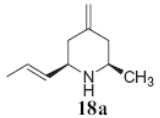
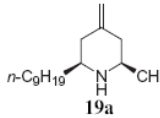
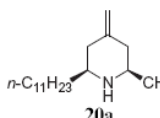
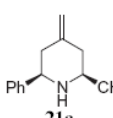

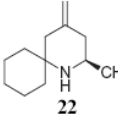
The intermediate 1,3-oxazinanes **24** were unambiguously displayed by isolation of **24a** (R¹ = Me, R² = *n*-C₉H₁₉) and **24b** (R¹ = Me, R² = Ph) from, respectively, condensation of decanal **13** and benzaldehyde **15** with β-aminohydroxysilane (*R*)-**10a** without adding trifluoroacetic acid. Furthermore, treatment of **24a** with trifluoroacetic acid led to piperidine **19a**.

2.2. Total synthesis of piperidine alkaloids

The preceding results have shown that the best way to access to 4-methylenepiperidines is from β-aminohydroxysilanes **10**. We have used this strategy for the total synthesis of piperidine alkaloids (+)-alkaloid **241D 4** and (+)-isosolenopsin **A 3a**.

2.2.1. Synthesis of (+)-alkaloid 241D 4. Racemic alkaloid **241D** was shown to have interesting biological activ-

Table 1. Preparation of 4-methylenepiperidines from aminoallylsilane 5a

Carbonyl compound	Major product	De ^a (%)	Yield ^b (%)	Ee ^b (%)
<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇ CHO 11	 17a	84	49	n.d. ($[\alpha]_D^{21} = -4$)
CH ₃ CH=CHCHO 12	 18a	n.d.	32	78 ^c
<i>n</i> -C ₉ H ₁₉ CHO 13	 19a	84	49	28 ^d
<i>n</i> -C ₁₁ H ₂₃ CHO 14	 20a	82	58	38 ^d
PhCHO 15	 21a	86	70	76 ^d
 16	 22	86	46	24 ^c

^a Determined by ¹H NMR on the crude product.

^b Determined on the major isolated piperidine.

^c Determined by ¹H NMR of the (*R*)-mandelic acid ammonium salt.

^d Determined by GC-MS of the Mosher's acid derivative.

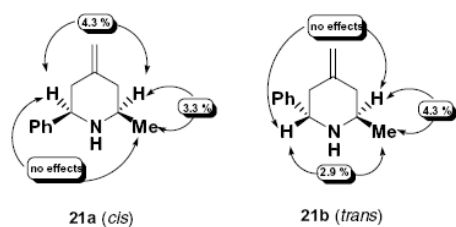
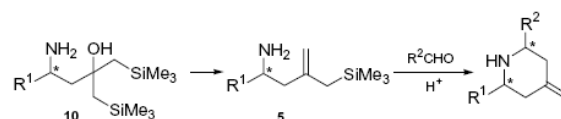


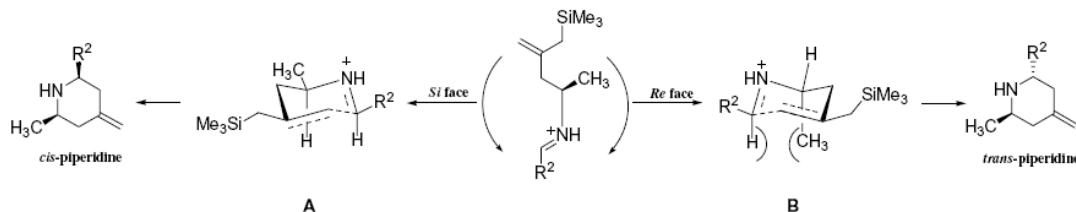
Figure 2. NOE effects on *cis*- and *trans*-piperidines 21.

ities: for example, it stops the action of acetylcholine by a noncompetitive blocker of the nicotinic receptor channel



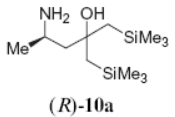
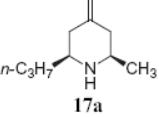
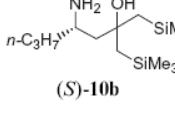
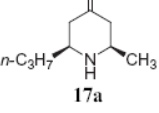
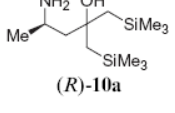
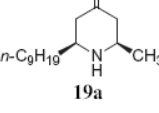
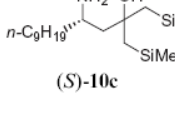
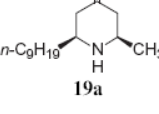
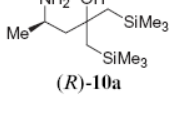
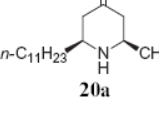
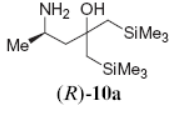
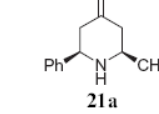
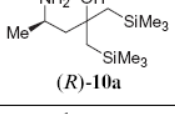
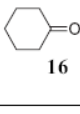
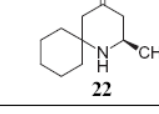
Scheme 5. Synthesis of 4-methylenepiperidines from β -aminoalcohol 10.

complex.¹¹ Also it is a potent inhibitor of binding of [³H]-perhydrohistrionicotoxin to nicotinic receptor channels of electroplex membranes.¹² Various asymmetric synthesis of (+)-alkaloid 241D have been described.¹³ We have used methylenepiperidine 19a to prepare this alkaloid



Scheme 4. Explanation of diastereoselectivity.

Table 2. Preparation of 4-methylenepiperidines from β -aminoalcohols **10**

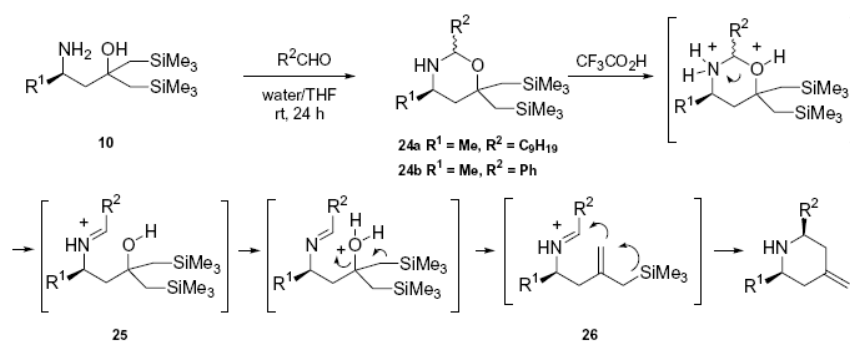
	Aminoalcohol	Carbonyl compound	Major product	De ^a (%)	Yield ^b (%)	Ee ^b (%)
1	 (<i>R</i>)- 10a	<i>n</i> -C ₃ H ₇ CHO 11	 17a	82	53	n.d. ($[\alpha]_D^{21} = -5.5$)
2	 (<i>S</i>)- 10b	CH ₃ CHO 23	 17a	82	32	n.d. ($[\alpha]_D^{21} = -5.5$)
3	 (<i>R</i>)- 10a	<i>n</i> -C ₉ H ₁₉ CHO 13	 19a	84	73	74 ^d
4	 (<i>S</i>)- 10c	CH ₃ CHO 23	 19a	78	53	76 ^d
5	 (<i>R</i>)- 10a	<i>n</i> -C ₁₁ H ₂₃ CHO 14	 20a	84	70	64 ^d
6	 (<i>R</i>)- 10a	PhCHO 15	 21a	90	70	84 ^d
7	 (<i>R</i>)- 10a	 16	 22	90	25	14 ^c

^a Determined by ¹H NMR on the crude product.

^b Determined on the major isolated piperidine.

^c Determined by ¹H NMR of the (*R*)-mandelic acid ammonium salt.

^d Determined by GC-MS of the Mosher's acid derivative.



Scheme 6. Mechanism of the formation of 4-methylenepiperidines from aminoalcohols **10**.

according to the sequence outlined in [Scheme 7](#). Oxidation of 4-methylenepiperidine **19a** with osmium tetroxide

in the presence of Na₃H₃IO₆ in acetic acid led to piperidin-4-one **25** in 68% yield. The stereoselective reduction

Microanalysis were carried out at the Laboratoire Central de Microanalyse du CNRS (Vernaison, France).

4.2. General procedure for preparation of 8

To a solution of (*R*)- or (*S*)-*N*-benzyl-*N'*- α -methylbenzylamine **7** (1.1 equiv, 0.25–0.32 mol L⁻¹) in dry THF was added dropwise at 0 °C a solution of *n*-butyllithium (1.2 equiv) in hexane (*c* = 1.6 mol L⁻¹). After stirring for 15 min, a solution of the α,β -ethylenic ester **6** (23–35 mmol, 1.1–1.6 mol L⁻¹) in dry THF was added at 0 °C. After stirring for 1 h, the mixture was hydrolyzed with a saturated solution of ammonium chloride. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (cyclohexane/AcOEt 95:5). A mixture of two diastereoisomers was obtained.

4.2.1. Ethyl (3*R*,3'*R*)-3-(*N*- α -methylbenzyl-*N'*-benzylamino)-butanoate **8a.** Pale yellow oil; yield: 83%; TLC: *R*_f = 0.37 (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 95:5); de = 82%; [α]_D²⁵ = +3 (*c* 1.12, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 1730; ¹H NMR δ major diastereoisomer 1.20 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 1.22 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.41 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 2.29 (AB part of ABX system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 100 Hz), δ_A = 2.42 (dd, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.1 Hz, *J*_{AX} = 6.0 Hz), δ_B = 2.17 (dd, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.1 Hz, *J*_{BX} = 8.0 Hz), 3.51 (X part of ABX system, m, 1H, *J*_{AX} = 6.0 Hz, *J*_{BX} = 8.0 Hz), 3.77 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 20 Hz, δ_A = 3.79 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.7 Hz), δ_B = 3.75 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.7 Hz)), 3.92–4.11 (m, 3H), 7.24–7.49 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR δ major diastereoisomer 14.2, 18.0, 18.6 (CH₃), 39.9, 49.7 (CH₂), 50.1, 57.9 (CH), 60.2 (CH₂), 126.6, 126.7, 127.8, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.4 (CH), 141.7, 144.3, 172.5 (C); MS for C₂₁H₂₇NO₂: *m/z* 325. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₇NO₂: C, 77.50; H, 8.36; N, 4.30. Found: C, 77.92; H, 8.45; N, 4.07.

4.2.2. Ethyl (3*S*,3'*S*)-3-(*N*- α -methylbenzyl-*N'*-benzylamino)-hexanoate **8b.** Yellow oil; yield: 70%; TLC: *R*_f = 0.33 (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 95:5); de = 82%; [α]_D²⁵ = -20 (*c* 1.31, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 1735; ¹H NMR δ major diastereoisomer 0.78 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.08 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.12–1.22 (m, 2H), 1.25 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.36–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.93 (AB part of ABX system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 20 Hz, δ_A = 1.95 (dd, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.5 Hz, *J*_{AX} = 4.2 Hz), δ_B = 1.90 (dd, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.6 Hz, *J*_{BX} = 8.9 Hz)), 3.24 (X part of ABX system, m, 1H, *J*_{AX} = 4.2 Hz, *J*_{BX} = 8.9 Hz), 3.57 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 99 Hz, δ_A = 3.70 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.9 Hz), δ_B = 3.45 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.9 Hz)), 3.74 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 3.85–3.99 (m, 2H), 7.10–7.35 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR δ major diastereoisomer 14.2, 14.3, 19.8 (CH₃), 20.3, 35.9, 36.9, 50.0 (CH₂), 53.8, 58.0 (CH), 60.1 (CH₂), 126.6, 126.8, 126.9, 127, 128.0, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3 (CH), 143.2, 141.9, 173.0 (C); MS for C₂₃H₃₁NO₂: *m/z* 353. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₁NO₂: C, 78.15; H, 8.84; N, 3.96. Found: C, 78.10; H, 8.65; N, 3.87.

4.2.3. Ethyl (3*S*,3'*S*)-3-(*N*-methylbenzyl-*N'*-benzylamino)-dodecanoate **8c.** Yellow oil; yield: 69%; TLC: *R*_f = 0.48 (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 95:5); de = 80%;

[α]_D²⁵ = -11 (*c* 1.10, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 1722; ¹H NMR δ major diastereoisomer 0.95 (t, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.23 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.25–1.36 (m, 14H), 1.39 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.51–1.65 (m, 1H, H-4), 2.08 (AB part of ABX system, 2H, H-2, $\Delta\nu$ = 21 Hz, δ_A = 2.10 (dd, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.4 Hz, *J*_{AX} = 4.1 Hz), δ_B = 2.05 (dd, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.4 Hz, *J*_{BX} = 8.7 Hz)), 3.36 (m, 1H), 3.72 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 99 Hz, δ_A = 3.84 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 15.0 Hz), δ_B = 3.60 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 15.0 Hz)), 3.89 (q, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 4.0–4.13 (m, 2H), 7.25–7.50 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR δ major diastereoisomer 14.3, 19.7 (CH₃), 22.7, 27.0, 29.5, 29.6, 32.0, 33.6, 36.9, 50.0 (CH₂), 54.1, 56.9 (CH), 60.1 (CH₂), 126.8, 126.9, 128.1, 128.7 (CH), 141.8, 143.3, 172.9 (C); MS for C₂₉H₄₃NO₂: *m/z* 465. Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₄₃NO₂: C, 79.59; H, 9.90; N, 3.20. Found: C, 79.76; H, 10.13; N, 3.10.

4.3. General procedure for the preparation of 9

Powdered CeCl₃·7H₂O (4.5–4.6 equiv) was dried under vacuum (0.5 mmHg) for 3 days at 120–130 °C while stirring. The flask was flushed with argon, then dry THF (7 mL/g of CeCl₃·7H₂O) added. The white suspension was stirred at room temperature for an additional 2 h. This slurry was cooled to -78 °C and trimethylsilyl methylmagnesium chloride (4.6 equiv; freshly prepared from trimethylsilylmethyl chloride and magnesium) in dry THF (30 mL) was added dropwise over a period of 1–2 h. The cold mixture was stirred for 1 h and ester **8** (7–10 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) was added dropwise over 30 min. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 3 days. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -10 °C and hydrolyzed by the dropwise addition of 1 M hydrochloric acid. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (cyclohexane/AcOEt 95:5).

4.3.1. (3'*R*,4*R*)-4-(*N*- α -Methylbenzyl-*N'*-benzylamino)-1-trimethylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylmethylpentan-2-ol **9a.** Colourless oil; yield: 90%; TLC: *R*_f = 0.52 (cyclohexane/AcOEt 95:5); de = 82% [α]_D²⁵ = +24 (*c* 1.12, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 3240; ¹H NMR δ major diastereoisomer -0.21 (s, 9H), 0.00 (s, 9H), 0.05 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 235 Hz, δ_A = 0.35 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.6 Hz), δ_B = -0.24 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.6 Hz)), 0.77 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 44 Hz, δ_A = 0.82 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.8 Hz), δ_B = 0.72 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 14.8 Hz)), 1.07 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 1.35 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.48 (AB part of ABX system, 2H, H-3, $\Delta\nu$ = 385 Hz, δ_A = 1.96 (t, *J* = 13.2 Hz, *J*_{AX} = 1.6 Hz), δ_B = 1.00 (dd, *J*_{AB} = 14.4 Hz, *J*_{BX} = 2.0 Hz)), 3.23–3.32 (X part of ABX system, m, 1H), 3.73 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 187 Hz, δ_A = 3.97 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 12.8 Hz), δ_B = 3.50 (d, 1H, *J*_{AB} = 12.8 Hz)), 3.90 (q, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6.29 (s, 1H), 7.10–7.42 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR δ major diastereoisomer 0.4, 1.1, 13.6, 18.6 (CH₃), 33.1, 34.9, 45.8 (CH₂), 48.9 (CH), 49.0 (CH₂), 56.2 (CH), 75.8 (C), 127.4, 128.4, 128.7, 129.1, 129.8 (CH), 139.2, 142.6 (C). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₄₅NOSi₂:

C, 71.14; H, 9.95; N, 3.07. Found: C, 71.57; H, 10.08; N, 3.10.

4.3.2. (3'S,4S)-4-(N- α -Methylbenzyl-N'-benzylamino)-1-trimethylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylmethylheptan-2-ol **9b**
Yellow oil; yield: 72%; TLC: R_f = 0.38 (cyclohexane/AcOEt, 95:5); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -5 (c 1.04, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 3260; ¹H NMR δ major diastereoisomer -0.15 (s, 9H), 0.00 (s, 9H), 0.19 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 158 Hz, δ_A = 0.38 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.6 Hz), δ_B = -0.01 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.6 Hz)), 0.86 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 32 Hz, δ_A = 0.90 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.6 Hz), δ_B = 0.82 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.6 Hz)), 0.92 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.13–1.32 (m, 2 H), 1.35 (d, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.51 (AB part of ABX system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 228 Hz, δ_A = 1.80 (dd, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.5 Hz, J_{AX} = 11.4 Hz), δ_B = 1.23 (dd, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.5 Hz, J_{BX} = 2.4 Hz)), 1.65–1.73 (m, 2H, H-5), 3.09 (X part of ABX system, t, 1H, J = 10.4 Hz), 3.75 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 158 Hz, δ_A = 3.95 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 13.1 Hz), δ_B = 3.55 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 13.1 Hz)), 3.91 (q, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz), 6.36 (br s, 1H), 7.11–7.40 (m, 10H, H aromatics); ¹³C NMR δ major diastereoisomer 0.9, 1.0, 14.7 (CH₃), 21.1, 32.0, 34.9, 35.0, 43.4, 49.5 (CH₂), 54.3, 57.2 (CH), 75.9 (C), 127.3, 128.3, 128.5, 128.6, 128.9, 129.6 (CH), 139.5, 142.7 (C); MS (CI, methane) for C₂₉H₄₉NOSi₂ + H: m/z 484 (M+H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₂₉H₄₉NOSi₂: C, 71.98; H, 10.21; N, 2.89. Found: C, 72.25; H, 10.30; N, 3.38.

4.3.3. (3'S,4S)-4-(N- α -Methylbenzyl-N'-benzylamino)-1-trimethylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylmethyltridecan-2-ol **9c**
Yellow oil; yield: 71%; TLC: R_f = 0.48 (cyclohexane/AcOEt 95:5); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -3 (c 0.95, CHCl₃); FTIR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) 3256; ¹H NMR δ major diastereoisomer -0.15 (s, 9H), 0.00 (s, 10H), 0.37 (d, 1H), 0.80–0.92 (m, 5H), 1.10–1.42 (m, 17H), 1.35 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.80 (dd, 1H, J = 14.3 Hz, J = 11.4 Hz), 3.1 (t, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 3.75 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 159 Hz, δ_A = 3.95 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 13.1 Hz), δ_B = 3.55 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 13.1 Hz)), 3.90 (q, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 6.35 (br s, 1H), 7.13–7.40 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR δ major diastereoisomer 0.8, 1.0, 14.1, 14.7 (CH₃), 22.7, 26.9, 27.9, 29.3, 29.6, 32.0, 35.0, 43.4, 49.4 (CH₂), 54.6, 57.2 (CH), 75.9 (C), 127.1, 127.3, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 129.6 (CH), 139.5, 142.7 (C); MS (CI, methane) for C₃₅H₆₁NO-Si₂ + H: m/z 568 (M+H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₃₅H₆₁NO-Si₂: C, 74.01; H, 10.82; N, 2.47. Found: C, 74.53; H, 11.11; N, 2.65.

4.4. General procedure for preparation of **10**

To a solution of **9** (1 g) in methanol (13 mL), acetic acid (0.31 mL), water (2.7 mL) and THF (2.4 mL) was added Pearlman's catalyst (0.3 g). The resulting mixture was stirred under 3.5 atm of hydrogen at room temperature for 24 h in Parr apparatus. The mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated to give a residue which was treated with sodium hydrogenocarbonate then extracted with methylene chloride and organic layers were dried (K₂CO₃) and evaporated.

4.4.1. (4R)-4-Amino-1-trimethylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylmethylpentan-2-ol **10a**. Liquid purified by distillation

on Kugelrohr: 172 °C/0.5 mmHg; yield: 92%; TLC: R_f = 0.18 (AcOEt); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = +1 (c 1.18, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 3260; ¹H NMR 0.03 (s, 1H), 0.06 (s, 1H), 1.01 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 42 Hz, δ_A = 1.06 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 15.0 Hz), δ_B = 0.96 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 15.0 Hz)), 1.10 (d, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.17 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 73 Hz, δ_A = 1.26 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.3 Hz), δ_B = 1.08 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.3 Hz)), 1.47 (AB part of ABX system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 24 Hz, δ_A = 1.50 (dd, J_{AB} = 14.3 Hz, J_{AX} = 2.6 Hz), δ_B = 1.44 (dd, J_{AB} = 14.3 Hz, J_{BX} = 10.9 Hz)), 3.15 (X part of ABX system, m, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ (ppm) 0.6, 1.0, 28.1 (CH₃), 32.8, 35.0 (CH₂), 45.2 (CH), 50.9 (CH₂), 75.7 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₂H₃₁NOSi₂ + H: 262.2022. Found: 262.2031 (M+H⁺).

4.4.2. (4S)-4-Amino-1-trimethylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylmethylheptan-2-ol **10b**. Liquid purified by distillation on Kugelrohr: 187 °C/0.5 mmHg; yield: 80%; TLC: R_f = 0.33 (AcOEt); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -3 (c 1.11, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 3300; ¹H NMR δ 0.04 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 9H), 0.92 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.02 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 41 Hz, δ_A = 1.07 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.7 Hz), δ_B = 0.97 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.7 Hz)), 1.15 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 83 Hz, δ_A = 1.26 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.7 Hz), δ_B = 1.05 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.7 Hz)), 1.18–1.46 (m, 5H), 1.50 (dd, 1H, J = 14.1 Hz, J = 2.8 Hz), 2.96 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 1.0, 1.3, 14.2 (CH₃), 18.7, 32.4, 35.1, 43.9, 49.2 (CH₂), 49.4 (CH), 75.6 (C); MS (CI, methane) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₃₅NOSi₂ + H: 290 (M+H⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₃₅NOSi₂: C, 58.06; H, 12.18; N, 4.84. Found: C, 57.99; H, 13.52; N, 5.04.

4.4.3. (4S)-4-Amino-1-trimethylsilyl-2-trimethylsilylmethyltridecan-2-ol **10c**. Oil; yield: 89%; TLC: R_f = 0.25 (AcOEt); ee = 80%; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -2.5 (c 1.07, CHCl₃); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 3300; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 0.00 (s, 9H), 0.02 (s, 9H), 0.83 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz), 0.98 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu$ = 34 Hz, δ_A = 1.03 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.4 Hz), δ_B = 0.94 (d, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.4 Hz)), 0.99 (d, 1H, J = 14.3 Hz), 1.18–1.27 (m, 15H), 1.29–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.44 (AB part of ABX system, 2H, ν = 21 Hz, δ_A = 1.47 (dd, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.2 Hz, J_{AX} = 2.2 Hz), δ_B = 1.41 (dd, 1H, J_{AB} = 14.2 Hz, J_{BX} = 11.5 Hz)), 2.91 (partie X de système ABX, m, 1H), 3.21 (br s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (ppm) 0.8, 1.0, 14.8 (CH₃), 22.8, 25.7, 29.4, 29.6, 29.7, 32.0, 32.4, 35.2, 41.0, 49.3 (CH₂), 49.5 (CH), 75.8 (C); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₂₀H₄₇NOSi₂-CH₂SiMe₃: 286.2566. Found: 286.2554 (M-CH₂SiMe₃⁺).

4.5. (2R)-4-Trimethylsilylmethylpent-4-en-2-amine **5a**

A solution of HCl 1 M (4.4 equiv) was added slowly to a cooled (0 °C) 0.5 M solution of (*R*)-**10a** in diethylether and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The excess of acid was neutralized with a saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate and the aqueous phase was extracted with ether. The organic phase was dried (K₂CO₃) and concentrated under atmospheric pressure. Liquid; yield: 93%; TLC: R_f = 0.07 (AcOEt); ee = 82%; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = +20 (c 0.88, CHCl₃); Bp = 43 °C (1 mmHg); IR (CCl₄): ν (cm⁻¹) 3080, 1630; ¹H NMR δ 0.00 (s, 9H), 1.07 (d,

3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 1.35 (br s, 2H), 1.51 (AB system, 2H, $\Delta\nu = 13$ Hz, $\delta_A = 1.52$ (d, 1H, $J_{AB} = 13.4$ Hz), $\delta_B = 1.49$ (d, 1H, $J_{AB} = 13.4$ Hz)), 1.94 (AB part of ABX system ABX, 2H, $\Delta\nu = 70$ Hz, $\delta_A = 2.03$ (dd, 1H, $J_{AB} = 13.6$ Hz, $J_{AX} = 4.6$ Hz), $\delta_B = 1.86$ (dd, 1H, $J_{AB} = 13.6$ Hz, $J_{BX} = 8.8$ Hz)), 3.05 (m, 1H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR δ -1.3, 23.9 (CH₃), 26.5 (CH₂), 44.6 (CH), 49.4, 109.6 (CH₂), 145.3 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₉H₂₁NSi + H: 172.1521. Found: 172.1518 (M+H⁺).

4.6. General procedure for preparation of 4-methylenepiperidines

4.6.1. From aminoallylsilane (R)-5a. To a solution of the aminoallylsilane (R)-5a in a mixture of THF and water (1:1 v/v; 0.73 mol L⁻¹) was added at ambient temperature aldehyde or cyclohexanone (1.2 equiv). The solution was stirred for 20 min and trifluoroacetic acid (1.1 equiv) was added dropwise. After stirring for one day, the reaction mixture was neutralized with a saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate and the aqueous phase was extracted with ether. The organic layers were collected, dried (K₂CO₃) and evaporated at atmospheric pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (elution gradient: pentane then pentane/diethylether).

4.6.2. From β -aminohydroxysilanes (R)-10a, (S)-10b and (S)-10c. To a solution of aminoalcohol (S)-10b and (S)-10c in a mixture of THF and water (1:1; 0.76 mol L⁻¹) was added at room temperature the carbonyl compound. The solution was stirred for 24 h and trifluoroacetic acid (10 equiv) added. One day after the addition, the acid was neutralized with a saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate. The aqueous phase was extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layers were collected, dried over K₂CO₃ and evaporated at atmospheric pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (elution gradient: pentane then pentane/diethyl ether).

4.6.3. (2R,6S)-2-Methyl-4-methylen-6-propylpiperidine 17a. Liquid. (a) *From aminoallylsilane (R)-5a.* Yield: 49%; TLC: $R_f = 0.38$ (AcOEt + drops of NH₄OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -4$ (c 1.05, CHCl₃); FTIR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) 3071, 1651; ^1H NMR δ 0.87 (t, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.06 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 1.26–1.39 (m, 4H), 1.53 (br s, 1H), 1.67 (t, 1H, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 1.70 (t, 1H, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 2.15 (d, 1H, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 2.20 (d, 1H, $J = 13.4$ Hz), 2.42–2.50 (m, 1H), 2.52–2.62 (m, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR δ 14.2 (CH₃), 19.1 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₃), 39.3, 41.3, 43.4 (CH₂), 52.3, 57.5 (CH), 107.6 (CH₂), 146.9 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₉N + H: 154.1596. Found: 154.1591 (M+H⁺). (b) *From aminohydroxysilane (R)-10a.* Yield: 53%; $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -5.5$ (c 0.94, CHCl₃). (c) *From aminohydroxysilane (S)-10b.* Yield: 34%; $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -5.5$ (c 0.93, CHCl₃).

4.6.4. (2R,6R)-2-Methyl-4-methylen-6-propenylpiperidine 18a. *From aminoallylsilane (R)-5a.* Liquid, yield: 39%; TLC: $R_f = 0.56$ (AcOEt + drops of NH₄OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -4$ (c 0.86, CHCl₃); ee = 78%; FTIR (film): ν

(cm⁻¹) 3071, 1651; ^1H NMR δ 1.08 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 1.63 (d, 3H, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 1.72 (t, 1H, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 1.86 (t, 1H, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 2.13–2.17 (2H, m), 2.58–2.66 (m, 1H), 3.01 (ddd, 1H, $J = 11.3$ Hz, $J = 6.9$ Hz, $J = 2.6$ Hz), 4.63 (2H, s), 5.43 (ddd, 1H, $J = 15.3$ Hz, $J = 6.9$ Hz, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 5.58 (dq, 1H, $J = 6.3$ Hz, $J = 15.3$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 17.8, 22.6 (CH₃), 41.3, 42.9 (CH₂), 53.0, 60.1 (CH), 108.0 (CH₂), 125.8, 134.1 (CH), 146.3 (C); HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₇N + H: 152.1439. Found: 152.1457 (M+H⁺).

4.6.5. (2R,6S)-2-Methyl-4-methylen-6-nonylpiperidine 19a. Liquid. (a) *From aminoallylsilane (R)-5a.* Yield: 49%; TLC: $R_f = 0.44$ (AcOEt + drops of NH₄OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -1.5$ (c 0.94, CHCl₃); ee = 28% FTIR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) 3071, 1651; ^1H NMR δ 0.83 (t, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.07 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 1.14–1.46 (m, 16H), 1.67 (t, 1H, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 1.70 (t, 1H, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 2.16 (d, 1H, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 2.19 (d, 1H, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 2.41–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.53–2.62 (m, 1H), 4.59 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR δ 14.1 (CH₃), 22.8 (CH₃), 22.7, 26.0, 29.3, 29.6, 29.7, 29.8, 31.9, 37.2, 41.3, 43.5 (CH₂), 53.3, 57.9 (CH), 107.6 (CH₂), 146.9 (C); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₃₁N - CH₃: 222.2222. Found: 222.2200 (M-CH₃⁺). (b) *From aminoalcohol (R)-10a.* Yield: 73%; $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -4.5$ (c 0.98, CHCl₃); ee = 74%. (c) *From aminohydroxysilane (S)-10c.* Yield: 53%; $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -6$ (c 1.00, CHCl₃); ee = 76% (method A).

4.6.6. (2R,6S)-2-Methyl-4-methylen-6-undecylpiperidine 20a. Liquid (a) *From aminoallylsilane (R)-5a.* Yield: 58%; TLC: $R_f = 0.56$ (AcOEt + drops of NH₄OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -2.5$ (c 1.16, CHCl₃); ee = 38%; FTIR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) 3071, 1651; ^1H NMR δ 0.86 (t, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 1.09 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 1.20–1.43 (m, 20H), 1.70 (t, 1H, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 1.74 (t, 1H, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 2.19 (d, 1H, $J = 12.7$ Hz), 2.22 (d, 1H, $J = 12.7$ Hz), 2.43–2.51 (m, 1H), 2.55–2.65 (m, 1H), 4.62 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR δ 14.1, 22.7 (CH₃), 22.8, 26.0, 29.4, 29.6, 29.7, 29.8, 31.9, 37.2, 41.4, 43.5 (CH₂), 53.3, 57.9 (CH), 107.6 (CH₂), 147.0 (C); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₃₅N: 265.2769. Found: 265.2765 (M⁺). (b) *From aminohydroxysilane (R)-10a.* Yield: 70%; ee = 64%.

4.6.7. (2R,6R)-2-Methyl-4-methylen-6-phenylpiperidine 21a. Liquid (a) *From aminoallylsilane (R)-5a.* Yield: 70%; TLC: $R_f = 0.85$ (AcOEt + drops of NH₄OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -9.5$ (c 1.12, CHCl₃); ee = 74%; FTIR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) 3071, 1651; ^1H NMR δ 1.12 (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 1.60 (br s, 1H), 1.85 (t, 1H, $J = 12.9$ Hz), 2.14 (t, 1H, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 2.22 (1H, d, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 2.32 (1H, d, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 2.70–2.77 (m, 1H), 3.59 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.7$ Hz, $J = 11.4$ Hz), 4.67–4.69 (2H, m), 7.20–7.35 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR δ 22.7 (CH₃), 42.9, 43.3 (CH₂), 53.7, 62.9 (CH), 108.2 (CH₂), 126.7, 127.2, 128.4 (CH), 144.5, 146.7 (C); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₇N: 187.1361. Found: 187.1370 (M⁺). (b) *From aminohydroxysilane (R)-10a.* Yield: 70%; $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -11.5$ (c 1.09, CHCl₃); ee = 84%.

4.6.8. (2R)-Methyl-4-methylen-1-aza-spiro[5,5]undecane 22. Liquid (a) *From aminoallylsilane (R)-5a.* Yield:

46%; TLC: $R_f = 0.55$ (AcOEt + drops of NH_4OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{21} = 0$ (c 1.04, CHCl_3); ee = 24%; FTIR (film): ν (cm^{-1}) 3071, 1651; ^1H NMR δ 1.03 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 1.28–1.55 (m, 11H), 1.65 (t, 1H, $J = 10.7$ Hz), 1.77 (d, 1H, $J = 12.7$ Hz), 2.15–2.23 (2H, m), 2.80–2.88 (m, 1H), 4.56–4.58 (m, 1H), 4.66–4.68 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR δ 21.8, 21.9, 31.7, 40.9 (CH_2), 23.1 (CH_3), 43.9, 44.8 (CH_2), 46.1 (CH), 52.9 (C), 108.8 (CH_2), 145.1 (C); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}$: 179.1674. Found: 179.1667 (M^+). (b) From aminohydroxysilane (*R*)-**10a**. Yield: 25%; $[\alpha]_D^{21} = 0$ (c 0.98, CHCl_3); ee = 14%.

4.7. General procedure for preparation of **24**

To a solution of aminohydroxysilane (*R*)-**10a** in a mixture of THF and water (1:1; 0.76 mol L^{-1}) was added at room temperature the carbonyl compound. The mixture was stirred 24 h and extracted with diethyl ether. The organic layers were collected, dried over K_2CO_3 and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (elution gradient: cyclohexane then cyclohexane/AcOEt).

4.7.1. (4*R*)-4-Methyl-2-nonyl-6,6-bis-trimethylsilyl-methyl-[1,3]-oxazinane **24a.** Oil; yield: 79%; TLC: $R_f = 0.64$ (AcOEt/cyclohexane 1:9); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +17.5$ (c 1.08, CHCl_3); ee = 82%; ^1H NMR δ 0.05 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.93 (d, 1H, $J = 11.2$ Hz), 1.04 (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 1.07–1.51 (m, 21H); 2.88–2.97 (m, 1H), 4.26 (t, 1H, $J = 5.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR δ 0.8, 1.2, 14.2, 22.8 ($-\text{CH}_3$), 22.7, 25.1, 26.4, 29.4, 29.6, 29.8, 32.0, 35.0, 36.7 (CH_2), 46.2 (CH), 47.3 (CH_2), 76.7 (C), 80.8 (CH); MS (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{49}\text{NOSi}_2$: 400 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$).

4.7.2. (4*R*)-4-Methyl-2-phenyl-6,6-bis-trimethylsilyl-methyl-[1,3]-oxazinane **24b.** Oil; yield: 59%; TLC: $R_f = 0.70$ (AcOEt/cyclohexane 2:8); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5$ (c 0.91, CHCl_3); ee = 82%; ^1H NMR δ 0.00 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 9H), 1.01 (d, 1H, $J = 14.7$ Hz), 1.05 (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 1.15–1.24 (m, 3H), 1.37 (d, 1H, $J = 14.8$ Hz), 1.51 (dd, 1H, $J = 2.9$ Hz, $J = 13.2$ Hz), 5.27 (s, 1H), 7.19–7.46 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR δ 0.9, 1.2, 22.7 ($-\text{CH}_3$), 26.3, 35.0 (CH_2), 46.6 (CH), 47.2 (CH_2), 77.8 (C), 82.3 (CH), 126.3, 128.1, 128.8 (CH), 141.5 (C); MS (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{34}\text{NOSi}_2$: 350 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$).

4.8. General procedure for oxidation of 4-methylenepiperidines **19a** and **19b**

To a solution of 4-methylenepiperidine **19a** or **19b** prepared from aminohydroxysilane (*R*)-**10a** (2.3–2.5 mmol) in aqueous acetic acid solution (80%, 0.09 mol L^{-1}) was added sodium paraperiodate ($\text{Na}_3\text{H}_3\text{IO}_6$, 2.2 equiv) and a crystal of osmium tetroxide. The mixture was stirred for 22 h at 10°C and acetic acid then evaporated under vacuum. A saturated solution of sodium hydrogenocarbonate was added and the aqueous phase extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layers were collected, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (elution gradient: AcOEt/cyclohexane, 25:75–1:1).

4.8.1. (2*R*,6*S*)-2-Methyl-6-nonylpiperidin-4-one **25.** White solid; yield: 68%; TLC: $R_f = 0.51$ (AcOEt + drops of NH_4OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1$ (c 0.79, CHCl_3) {lit.^{13b} $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1.1$ (c 1.56, CHCl_3)}; mp = $25\text{--}28^\circ\text{C}$ (lit.^{13b} mp = $29\text{--}30^\circ\text{C}$); FTIR (KBr): ν (cm^{-1}) 1720; ^1H NMR δ 0.83 (t, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.19 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 1.23–1.56 (m, 17H), 2.01–2.11 (m, 2H), 2.32–2.41 (m, 2H), 2.81–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.93–3.01 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR δ 14.2, 22.7 (CH_3), 22.7, 25.8, 29.4, 29.6, 29.7, 31.9, 37.1, 48.2, 50.2 (CH_2), 52.2, 56.7 (CH), 210.0 (C); MS (EI) m/z for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}$: 239 (M^+).

4.8.2. (2*R*,6*S*)-2-Methyl-6-undecylpiperidin-4-one **27.** White solid; yield: 67%; TLC: $R_f = 0.55$ (AcOEt + drops of NH_4OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1.5$ (c 0.89, CHCl_3); mp = $38\text{--}40^\circ\text{C}$; FTIR (KBr): ν (cm^{-1}) 1720; ^1H NMR δ 0.87 (t, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.21 (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 1.22–1.56 (m, 20H), 2.01–2.12 (m, 2H), 2.17 (br s, 1H), 2.30–2.39 (m, 2H), 2.79–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.92–3.01 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR δ 14.2, 22.6 (CH_3), 22.7, 25.7, 29.5, 29.5, 29.6, 31.9, 37.0, 48.1, 50.1 (CH_2), 52.2, 56.6 (CH), 209.5 (C); MS (EI) m/z for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{33}\text{NO}$: 267 (M^+).

4.9. (2*R*,4*S*,6*S*)-2-Methyl-6-nonylpiperidin-4-ol, (+)-alkaloid **241D 4**

To a solution of piperidin-4-one **25** (0.15 g, 0.63 mmol) in methanol (3.7 mL) was added sodium borohydride (0.04 g, 1.08 mmol, 1.7 equiv). The mixture was stirred for 10 min and a saturated solution of ammonium chloride added. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layers were collected, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (elution gradient: AcOEt then AcOEt/methanol 9:1) to give 0.10 g of **4**. White solid; yield: 66%; TLC: $R_f = 0.33$ (AcOEt + drops of NH_4OH 28%); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +5.5$ (c 1.04, MeOH) {lit.^{13a} $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +6.5$ (c 2, MeOH)}; ee = 74%; mp = 106°C (lit.^{13a} mp = $108\text{--}109^\circ\text{C}$); spectral data are identical to literature;^{13a} MS (ESI) m/z for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO} + \text{H}$: 242 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$).

4.10. (7*R*,9*S*)-7-Methyl-9-undecyl-1,4-dithia-8-aza-spiro[4.5]decane **28**

To a solution of piperidin-4-one **27** (0.20 g, 0.75 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (1.25 mL) was added ethane-dithiol (0.71 g, 7.5 mmol, 10 equiv) and boron trifluoride etherate (0.24 mL, 1.89 mmol, 2.5 equiv). The mixture was stirred for 20 h and hydrolyzed with a solution of sodium hydroxide 1 M. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layers were collected, washed with a solution of sodium hydroxide 1 M, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (AcOEt) to give 0.21 g of **28**. Liquid; yield: 82%; TLC: $R_f = 0.42$ (AcOEt); $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +6$ (c 0.80, CHCl_3) {lit.^{14c} $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +7.36$ (c 1.3, CHCl_3)}; spectral data are identical to literature;^{14c} MS (EI) m/z for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{37}\text{NS}_2$: 343 (M^+).

4.11. (2*R*,6*S*)-2-Methyl-6-undecylpiperidine hydrochloride, (+)-isosolenopsin A hydrochloride **3a**

To a solution of **28** (0.20 g, 0.58 mmol) in absolute ethanol (9.5 mL) was added Raney nickel (4.38 g). The mixture was placed under hydrogen atmosphere and heated to reflux for 5 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was filtered on Vericel[®] membrane and washed with diethylether. The filtrate was concentrated and the crude product was diluted in diethylether (10 mL). To this solution was added a solution of hydrochloric acid 1 M in diethylether (1 mL). A solid precipitated and was then recrystallized in a mixture of ethanol and AcOEt (1:3). 0.07 g of (+)-isosolenopsin A hydrochloride was obtained. White needles; yield: 43%; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +5.5$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃) {lit.^{14c} $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +10$ (*c* 1.17, CHCl₃)}; ee = 64%; mp = 135–140 °C (lit.^{14c} mp = 150–151 °C); spectral data are identical to literature;^{14b} MS (ESI) *m/z* for C₁₇H₃₅NCl – HCl + H: 253 (M+H–HCl⁺).

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