Supporting Information

A direct functionalization of the C5 position of Neu5Ac2en achieved by an efficient 4,5-oxazoline ring-opening

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General

All chemicals and solvents used were of analytical grade and purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA). The progress of all reactions was monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm Sigma-Aldrich silica gel plates (60 F254) using UV light, anisaldehyde/H₂SO₄/EtOH solution or 0.2% ninhydrin in ethanol and heat as the developing agent. Flash chromatography was performed with normal phase silica gel (Sigma-Aldrich 230-400 mesh silica gel). Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 298K on a Bruker AM-500 spectrometer equipped with a 5-mm inverse-geometry broadband probe and operating at 500.13 MHz for ¹H and 125.76 MHz for ¹³C. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million and are referenced for ¹H spectra, to a solvent residue proton signal ($\delta = 7.26$ ppm for CDCl₃) and for ¹³C spectra, to solvent carbon signal (central line at $\delta = 77.0$ ppm, for CDCl₃). The chemical shifts for the spectra collected in CD₃CN-D₂O (1:1, v/v) are referenced to the internal CD₃CN residue proton signal ($\delta =$ 1.94 ppm for ¹H spectra and $\delta = 1.24$ ppm for ¹³C spectra). Otherwise, during the NMR study on compound 5 the ¹H spectra, collected in CD₃CN-D₂O (1:1 v/v), are referenced to the methyl ester signal of the analyzed compound, fixed at $\delta = 3.80$ ppm. The ¹H and ¹³C resonances were assigned by ¹H-¹H (COSY) and ¹H-¹³C (HSQC and HMBC) correlation 2D experiments. The ¹H NMR data are tabulated in the following order: multiplicity (s=singlet, d=doublet, t=triplet, br s=broad singlet, m=multiplet, app=apparent), coupling constant(s) are given in Hz, number of protons, and assignment of proton(s). Optical rotations were taken on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter equipped with a 1 dm tube and the $[\alpha]_D$ values are given in 10^{-1} deg cm² g⁻¹. Mass spectrometry spectra were obtained on an ABSciex 4000Qtrap mass spectrometer equipped with an ESI ion source. The spectra were collected in a continuous flow mode by connecting the infusion pump directly to the ESI source. Solutions of the compounds were infused at a flow rate of 0.01 mL min⁻¹, the spray voltage was set at 4.5 kV in the negative ion mode with a capillary temperature of 550°C. Full-scan mass spectra were recorded by scanning an m/z range of 100–2000.

Preparation of methyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-5-amino-2,6-anhydro-3,5-dideoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enoate (5).



Preparation and physicochemical properties are reported as footnote in the paper.

Further data: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN-D₂O, 1:1 v/v): δ =6.11 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.59 (dd, $J_{7,6}$ = 1.6, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.43 (ddd, $J_{8,9a}$ = 2.6, $J_{8,9b}$ = 5.6, $J_{8,7}$ = 7.1 Hz, 1H; H-8), 5.25 (dd, $J_{4,5}$ = 4.2, $J_{4,3}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.56 (dd, $J_{9a,8}$ = 2.6, $J_{9a,9b}$ = 12.6 Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.30-4.23 (overlapping with water signal, H-9b), 4.12 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 1.6, $J_{6,5}$ = 10.7 Hz, 1H; H-6), 3.80 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 3.04 (dd, $J_{5,4}$ = 4.2, $J_{5,6}$ = 10.7 Hz, 1H; H-5), 2.17 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.11 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.10 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.08 ppm (s, 3H; OCOCH₃).

Preparation of methyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-2,6-anhydro-3,5-dideoxy-5-propionamido-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enoate (6).



To a solution of amine 5 (345 mg, 0.8 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) a weak basic resin (IRA-67), in excess compared to acylating agent, was added and the reaction mixture was immediately treated with propionyl chloride (0.175 ml, 2.0 mmol) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 23°C until the complete formation of the compound 6 (0.5 h). At this time, MeOH (1.0 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, filtered (washing with 8 mL of CH₂Cl₂) and evaporated. After flash chromatographic purification (eluting with AcOEt/hexane, 8:2 v/v) compound 6 was obtained as a white solid (304 mg, 78%): $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-136.5 (c=1.0 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.19 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.51 (d, $J_{NH,5}$ = 10.2 Hz, 1H; NHCOCH₂CH₃), 5.47 (dd, $J_{7,6}$ = 2.2, $J_{7,8} = 4.2$ Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.30 (ddd, $J_{8,9a} = 2.6$, $J_{8,7} = 4.2$, $J_{8,9b} = 7.6$ Hz, 1H; H-8), 5.14 (dd, $J_{4,5} = 4.1$, $J_{4,3} = 5.6$ Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.77 (dd, $J_{9a,8} = 2.6$, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.5$ Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.60 (m, 1H; H-5), 4.28 (dd, $J_{6,7} = 2.2, J_{6,5} = 11.0$ Hz, 1H; H-6), 4.17 (dd, $J_{9b,8} = 7.6, J_{9b,9a} = 12.5$ Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.79 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 2.18-2.11 (overlapping, 2H; NHCOCH₂CH₃), 2.10 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.09 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.07 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.05 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 1.09 ppm (m, 3H; NHCOCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): *δ*=173.2 (NHCOCH₂CH₃), 170.5 (2C; OCOCH₃ at C-8, OCOCH₃ at C-9), 170.0 (OCOCH₃ at C-7), 169.5 (OCOCH₃ at C-4), 161.7 (C-1), 146.3 (C-2), 105.9 (C-3), 74.0 (C-6), 71.9 (C-8), 67.7 (C-7), 64.9 (C-4), 62.1 (C-9), 52.5 (COOCH₃), 44.0 (C-5), 29.5 (NHCOCH₂CH₃), 20.9 (2C; 2 X OCOCH₃), 20.7 (2C; 2 X OCOCH₃), 9.2 ppm (NHCOCH₂CH₃); MS (ESI positive): m/z 488.2 [M+H]⁺, 510.2 [M+Na]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₂₉NO₁₂: C 51.74, H 6.00, N 2.87; found: C 51.69, H 6.12, N 3.10.

Preparation of methyl 4,7,8,9-tetra-*O*-acetyl-2,6-anhydro-3,5-dideoxy-5-isobutyramido-Dglycero-D-talo-non-2-enoate (8).



To a solution of oxazoline **3a**¹ (413 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH₃CN-H₂O, 1:1 v/v (15 mL) TFA (0.2 mL) was added and the reaction was stirred at 23°C until the complete disappearance of the starting material (5-15 minutes), by monitoring with TLC (AcOEt). At this time, a weak basic resin (IRA-67), in excess compared to the acylating agent, was added and the reaction mixture was immediately treated with isobutyric anhydride (0.730 mL, 4.5 mmol) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at 23°C until the complete formation of the desired compound 8 (1 h). MeOH (3 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, filtered (washing with 20 mL AcOEt) and evaporated. After purification by flash chromatography (eluting with AcOEt/hexane, 6:4 to 7:3 v/v), the compound 8 (391 mg, 78%) was obtained as a white amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -123.0$ (c=1.0 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.17 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.49 (d, $J_{NH,5}$ = 10.1 Hz, 1H; NHCOCH(CH₃)₂), 5.44 (dd, $J_{7,6} = 2.2$, $J_{7,8} = 4.2$ Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.28 (ddd, $J_{8,9a} = 2.6$, $J_{8,7} = 4.2$, $J_{8,9b}$ = 7.5 Hz, 1H; H-8), 5.17 (dd, $J_{4,5} = 4.2$, $J_{4,3} = 5.6$ Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.74 (dd, $J_{9a,8} = 2.6$, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.4$ Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.57 (m, 1H; H-5), 4.26 (dd, $J_{6,7} = 2.2$, $J_{6,5} = 10.9$ Hz, 1H; H-6), 4.17 (dd, $J_{9b,8} = 7.5$, $J_$ = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.78 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 2.33-2.24 (sept, ${}^{3}J_{H,H}$ = 6.9 Hz, 1H; NHCOCH(CH₃)₂), 2.09 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.08 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.07 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.04 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 1.11-1.06 ppm (overlapping, 6H; NHCOCH(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =176.2 (NHCOCH(CH₃)₂), 170.5 (2C; OCOCH₃ at C-8, OCOCH₃ at C-9), 169.8 (OCOCH₃ at C-7), 169.5 (OCOCH₃ at C-4), 161.7 (C-1), 146.3 (C-2), 105.9 (C-3), 74.0 (C-6), 71.9 (C-8), 67.7 (C-7), 64.7 (C-4), 62.1 (C-9), 52.5 (COOCH₃), 43.9 (C-5), 35.6 (NHCOCH(CH₃)₂), 20.9 (OCOCH₃), 20.8 $(OCOCH_3),$ 20.7 $(OCOCH_3), 20.6 (OCOCH_3), 19.5 (NHCOCH(CH_3)_2),$ 18.9 ppm (NHCOCH(CH₃)₂); MS (ESI positive): m/z 502.1 [M+H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₂H₃₁NO₁₂: C 52.69, H 6.23, N 2.79; found: C 52.75, H 6.08, N 2.55.

General procedure for the synthesis of the oxazolines 3b,c: To a solution of glycal 6 or 8 (0.7 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3.5 mL), $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ (0.35 mL, 2.8 mmol) was added at 23°C and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 20 min in a sealed tube. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL) containing Et_3N (1.94 mL, 14 mmol), washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. Then, the crude was purified by a flash chromatography eluting with AcOEt/hexane, 7:3 v/v containing the 0.3% of Et_3N .

Preparation of methyl oxazolo[5,4]-fused 7,8,9-tri-*O*-acetyl-2,3,4,5-tetradeoxy-2,3-didehydro-4',5'-dihydro-2'-ethyl-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enoate (3b).



Starting from compound **6** (341 mg, 0.7 mmol), according to general oxazoline procedure, compound **3b** (209 mg, 70%) was achieved as a white amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-18.0 (c=1.0 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.37 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 4.0 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.61 (dd, $J_{7,6}$ = 3.0, $J_{7,8}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.46 (ddd, $J_{8,9a}$ = 2.6, $J_{8,7}$ = 5.6, $J_{8,9b}$ = 6.6 Hz, 1H; H-8), 4.81 (dd, $J_{4,3}$ = 4.0, $J_{4,5}$ = 8.6 Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.56 (dd, $J_{9a,8}$ = 2.6, $J_{9a,9b}$ = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.24 (dd, $J_{9b,8}$ = 6.6, $J_{9b,9a}$ = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.98 (m, 1H; H-5), 3.81 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 3.44 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 3.0, $J_{6,5}$ = 9.9 Hz, 1H; H-6), 2.30 (overlapping, 2H; CCH₂CH₃), 2.14 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.05-2.03 (overlapping, 6H; 2 X OCOCH₃), 1.15 ppm (s, 3H; CCH₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =171.0, 170.5, 169.7, 169.5 (4C; 3 X OCOCH₃ and CCH₂CH₃), 161.8 (C-1), 146.9 (C-2), 107.5 (C-3), 76.7 (C-6), 71.9 (C-4), 70.3 (C-8), 69.2 (C-7), 61.9 (C-9), 61.8 (C-5), 52.3 (COOCH₃), 21.5 (OCOCH₂CH₃), 20.7 (OCOCH₃), 20.6 (OCOCH₃), 20.5 (OCOCH₃), 10.1 ppm (OCOCH₂CH₃); MS (ESI positive): *m/z* 428.1 [M+H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₉H₂₅NO₁₀: C 53.39, H 5.90, N 3.28; found: C 53.55, H 6.13, N 2.99.

Preparation of methyl oxazolo[5,4]-fused 7,8,9-tri-*O*-acetyl-2,3,4,5-tetradeoxy-2,3-didehydro-4',5'-dihydro-2'-isopropyl-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enoate (3c).



Starting from compound **8** (351 mg, 0.7 mmol), according to general oxazoline procedure, compound **3**c (210 mg, 68%) was achieved as a white amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-43.6 (c=1.0 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.34 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 4.0 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.56 (dd, $J_{7,6}$ = 3.5, $J_{7,8}$ = 5.2 Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.44 (ddd, $J_{8,9a}$ = 2.6, $J_{8,7}$ = 5.2, $J_{8,9b}$ = 6.8 Hz, 1H; H-8), 4.76 (dd, $J_{4,3}$ = 4.0, $J_{4,5}$ = 8.6 Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.52 (dd, $J_{9a,8}$ = 2.6, $J_{9a,9b}$ = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.20 (dd, $J_{9b,8}$ = 6.8, $J_{9b,9a}$ = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.95 (m, 1H; H-5), 3.77 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 3.39 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 3.5, $J_{6,5}$ = 9.7 Hz, 1H; H-6), 2.26 (sept, ${}^{3}J_{H,H}$ = 7.0 Hz, 1H; CCH(CH₃)₂), 2.11 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃ at C-7), 2.04-2.00 (overlapping, 6H; 2 X OCOCH₃), 1.15-1.09 ppm (overlapping, 6H; NHCOCH(CH₃)₂); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =174.0 (CCH(CH₃)₂), 170.5 (OCOCH₃ at C-9), 169.8 (OCOCH₃ at C-8), 169.5 (OCOCH₃ at C-7), 161.8 (C-1), 146.9 (C-2), 107.5 (C-3), 76.9 (C-6), 71.9 (C-4), 70.4 (C-8), 69.6 (C-7), 62.0 (C-9), 61.8 (C-5), 52.4 (COOCH₃), 28.2 (CCH(CH₃)₂), 20.8 (OCOCH₃), 20.6 (2C; 2 X OCOCH₃), 19.5

(CCH(*C*H₃)₂), 19.4 ppm (CCH(*C*H₃)₂); MS (ESI positive): *m*/*z* 442.3 [M+H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₀H₂₇NO₁₀: C 54.42, H 6.17, N 3.17; found: C 54.58, H 6.08, N 3.35.

Preparation of methyl 5-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-*O*-acetyl-2,6-anhydro-3,5-dideoxy-4-*O*-propionyl - D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enoate (7).



To a solution of oxazoline **3b** (171 mg, 0.4 mmol) in CH₃CN-H₂O, 1:1 v/v (6 mL), TFA (0.080 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 23°C until the complete disappearance of the starting material (5-15 minutes), by monitoring with TLC (AcOEt). At this time, a weak basic resin (IRA-67), in excess compared to the acylating agent, was added and the reaction mixture was immediately treated with acetyl chloride (0.128 ml, 1.8 mmol) at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at 23°C, until the complete transformation into the desired compound 7 (0.5 h). Then, MeOH (1.5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 minutes, filtered (washing with 8 mL AcOEt) and evaporated. After a flash chromatographic purification (eluting with AcOEt/hexane, 8:2 v/v), the compound 7 (156 mg, 80%) was obtained as a white amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-131.0 (c=1.0 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.18 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.65 (m, 1H; NHCOCH₃), 5.47 (dd, $J_{7,6}$ $J_{4,5} = 4.1, J_{4,3} = 5.6$ Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.76 (dd, $J_{9a,8} = 2.6, J_{9a,9b} = 12.4$ Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.56 (dd, $J_{5,4} = 4.1$, $J_{5,6} = J_{5,\text{NH}} = 10.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}; \text{H-5}), 4.25 \text{ (dd}, J_{6,7} = 2.2, J_{6,5} = 10.9 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}; \text{H-6}), 4.16 \text{ (dd}, J_{9b,8} = 7.6, 10.9 \text{ Hz}, 10.9 \text{$ J_{9b,9a} = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.77 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 2.38-2.30 (overlapping, 2H; OCOCH₂CH₃), 2.08 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.05 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.03 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 1.91 (s, 3H; NHCOCH₃), 1.14 ppm (t, ${}^{3}J_{H,H}$ = 7.5 Hz, 3H; OCOCH₂CH₃); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =173.0 (OCOCH₂CH₃), 170.5 (OCOCH3 at C-8 or C-9), 170.4 (OCOCH3 at C-8 or C-9), 170.1 (OCOCH3 at C-7), 169.6 (NHCOCH₃), 161.7 (C-1), 146.2 (C-2), 106.0 (C-3), 73.9 (C-6), 71.8 (C-8), 67.7 (C-7), 64.6 (C-4), 62.1 (C-9), 52.5 (COOCH₃), 44.3 (C-5), 27.4 (OCOCH₂CH₃), 23.1 (NHCOCH₃), 20.9 (OCOCH₃), 20.7 (OCOCH₃), 20.6 (OCOCH₃), 8.9 (OCOCH₂CH₃); MS (ESI positive): *m/z* 488.2 [M+H]⁺, 510.2 [M+Na]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₁H₂₉NO₁₂: C 51.74, H 6.00, N 2.87; found: C 51.56, H 6.16, N 2.61.

Preparation of methyl 7,8,9-tri-*O*-acetyl-2,6-anhydro-4-azido-3,4,5-trideoxy-5-isobutyramido-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-enoate (9)



Starting from oxazoline **3c** (177 g, 0.4 mol) in *tert*-butyl alcohol (3.0 mL) containing azidotrimethylsilane (0.158 mL, 1.2 mmol), according to the literature procedure² (performed on a different oxazoline), compound **9** (145 mg, 75%) was achieved as a white solid: $[\alpha]_D^{23}=+85.4$ (c=1.0 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =5.96 (d, $J_{\text{NH},5}$ = 8.3 Hz, 1H; N*H*COCH(CH₃)₂), 5.94 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 2.6 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.38 (dd, $J_{7,6}$ = 1.9, $J_{7,8}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.28 (ddd, $J_{8,9a}$ = 2.7, $J_{8,7}$ = 5.6, $J_{8,9b}$ = 6.3 Hz, 1H; H-8), 4.66-4.55 (overlapping, 3H; H-4, H-6 and H-9a), 4.18 (dd, $J_{9b,8}$ = 6.3, $J_{9b,9a}$ = 12.5 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.78 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 3.67 (m, 1H; H-5), 2.36 (sept, ³ $J_{H,H}$ = 6.9 Hz, 1H; CC*H*(CH₃)₂), 2.12 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.04 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.02 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 1.16 (d, ³ $J_{H,H}$

= 6.9 Hz, OCOCH(CH₃)₂), 1.13 (d, ${}^{3}J_{H,H}$ = 6.9 Hz, OCOCH(CH₃)₂); MS (ESI positive): m/z 485.2 [M+H]⁺. Other chemical-physical properties were superimposable with those previously reported.^{3,4}

Preparation of methyl 5-acetamido-7,8,9-tri-*O*-acetyl-2,6-anhydro-3,5-dideoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*talo*-non-2-enoate (4b).



To a solution of oxazoline $3a^1$ (413 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH₃CN-H₂O (15 mL, 1:1 v/v), TFA (0.2 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at 23°C until the complete disappearance of the starting material (5-15 minutes), by monitoring with TLC (AcOEt). At this time, the reaction was treated with Et₃N (0.7 mL, 5.0 mmol) and stirred at 23°C for 40 minutes. Then, the reaction was quenched by the addition of a strong acidic resin (DOWEX 50WX8 H⁺) until acid pH, filtered (washing with 7 ml of MeOH), and evaporated to give quantitatively the crude product 4b and trace amount of triethylammonim salts (NMR evidence, see S21). After flash chromatography on silica gel (eluting from AcOEt to AcOEt/MeOH, 95:5 v/v) compound 4b (384 mg, 89%) was obtained as a white solid: m.p. 100-103°C (dec.) [lit. 101-103°C⁵], $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-34.9 (c=1.0 in chloroform) [lit. $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-34.14 (c=1.4 in chloroform)⁵ $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =+64.0 (c=1.41 in chloroform)⁶]; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.16 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 5.6 Hz, 1H; H-3), 6.01 (d, $J_{NH,5} = 9.8$ Hz, 1H; NHCOCH₃), 5.45 (dd, $J_{7,6} = 2.1$, $J_{7,8} = 4.3$ Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.31 (ddd, $J_{8,9a} = 2.5$, $J_{8,7} = 4.3$, $J_{8,9b} = 7.6$ Hz, 1H; H-8), 4.79 (dd, $J_{9a,8} = 2.5$, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.4$ Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.36 (m, 1H; H-5), 4.27-4.21 (overlapping, 2H; H-4 and H-6), 4.18 (dd, *J*_{9b,8} = 7.6, *J*_{9b,9a} = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.81 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 2.11 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.08 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.06 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 1.96 ppm (NHCOCH₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN:D₂O, 1:1 v/v): δ=6.07 (d, $J_{3,4} = 5.2$ Hz, 1H; H-8), 4.44 (dd, $J_{9a,8} = 2.7$, $J_{9a,9b} = 12.4$ Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.17 (overlapping with water signal; H-6), 4.10 (dd, J_{9b,8} = 6.1, J_{9b,9a} = 12.4 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 4.09-4.02 (overlapping, 2H; H-5 and H-4), 3.71 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 1.99 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 1.98 (overlapping, 6H; 2 X OCOCH₃), 1.84 ppm (s, 3H; NHCOCH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN:D₂O, 1:1 v/v): δ=173.5 (NHCOCH₃), 173.3 (OCOCH₃ at C-9), 172.4 (2C; 2 X OCOCH₃ at C-7 and C-8), 164.0 (C-1), 145.2 (C-2), 111.4 (C-3), 72.7 (C-6), 70.9 (C-8), 68.8 (C-7), 63.1 (C-9), 61.3 (C-4), 53.4 (COOCH₃), 48.0 (C-5), 22.8 (NHCOCH₃), 21.0 (2 X OCOCH₃), 20.9 ppm (OCOCH₃). Other chemical-physical properties were superimposable with those previously reported.^{6,7}

NMR study on the compound 5.

Oxazoline **3a**¹ (36 mg, 0.087 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of CD₃CN/D₂O, 1:1 v/v (0.750 mL), and ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra were acquired, showing signals coherent with its structure: ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN:D₂O, 1:1 v/v): δ =6.42 (d, *J*_{3,4} = 4.1 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.52 (dd, *J*_{7,6} = 1.6, *J*_{7,8} = 6.9 Hz, 1H; H-7), 5.34 (ddd, *J*_{8,9a} = 2.6, *J*_{8,9b} = 5.7, *J*_{8,7} = 6.9 Hz, 1H; H-8), 4.96 (dd, *J*_{4,3} = 4.1, *J*_{4,5} = 8.5 Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.51 (dd, *J*_{9a,8} = 2.6, *J*_{9a,9b} = 12.5 Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.24 (dd, overlapping with water signal, *J*_{9b,8} = 5.7, *J*_{9b,9a} = 12.5 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.99 (m, 1H; H-5), 3.80 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 3.56 (dd, *J*_{6,7} = 1.6, *J*_{6,5} = 10.1 Hz, 1H; H-6), 2.16 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.06 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.04 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 1.99 ppm (s, 3H; CCH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃CN:D₂O, 1:1 v/v): δ =173.0, 172.1, 172.7, 169.7 (4C; 3 X OCOCH₃ and CCH₃), 163.3 (C-1), 147.5 (C-2), 108.6 (C-3), 76.7 (C-6), 73.4 (C-4), 70.6 (C-8), 69.1 (C-7), 62.8 (C-9), 61.6 (C-5), 53.4 (COOCH₃), 21.0 (OCOCH₃), 20.9 (OCOCH₃), 20.8 (OCOCH₃), 14.1 ppm (CCH₃).

Then, TFA (0.017 mL) was added directly in NMR tube solution, mixed with a vortex (30 s) and ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR were immediately acquired, showing signals attributable to the structure of the compound **5** as ammonium salt: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃CN-D₂O, 1:1 v/v): δ =6.16 (d, *J*_{3,4} = 4.7 Hz,

1H; H-3), 5.50 (t app, $J_{4,5} = J_{4,3} = 4.7$ Hz, 1H; H-4), 5.41 (ddd, $J_{8,9a} = 2.6$, $J_{8,9b} = 5.1$, $J_{8,7} = 6.9$ Hz, 1H; H-8), 5.34 (dd, $J_{7,6} = 2.8$, $J_{7,8} = 6.9$ Hz, 1H; H-7), 4.59 (dd, $J_{6,7} = 2.8$, $J_{6,5} = 8.9$ Hz, 1H; H-6), 4.56-4.41 (overlapping with water signal, H-9a), 4.28 (dd, $J_{9b,8} = 5.1$, $J_{9b,9a} = 12.6$ Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.82 (dd, $J_{5,4} = 4.7$, $J_{5,6} = 8.9$ Hz, 1H; H-5), 3.80 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 2.18 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.13 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.09 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.06 ppm (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 162.8 (C-1), 146.2 (C-2), 106.1 (C-3), 72.7 (C-6), 70.1 (C-8), 68.9 (C-7), 63.1 (C-4), 62.7 (C-9), 53.7 (COOCH₃), 47.1 (C-5), 21.1 (OCOCH₃), 21.0 (OCOCH₃), 20.9 ppm (2C; 2 X OCOCH₃).

Subsequently, the solution was filtered on a small column containing IRA-67 to remove TFA acid, and ¹H-NMR was immediately acquired, showing signals consistent with compound **5** in amine form and traces of a second product superimposable to those of the alcohol **4b**.

The monitoring of the solution, by acquiring ¹H NMR spectra at different times (see S22), showed that after 6 days the only product present was the alcohol **4b**.

Oxazoline 3a hydrolysis with acetic acid according to the literature.⁷

To a solution of oxazoline $3a^1$ (413 mg, 1.0 mmol) in ethyl acetate (4.4 mL), acetic acid in water (0.370 mL, 1:1 v/v) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 23°C overnight.⁷ Noteworthy, after 10 minutes, the partial transformation of the oxazoline 3a into the intermediate 5 was observed by monitoring in TLC (AcOEt). However, after stirring overnight, these compounds were completely transformed into the final reaction products. Then, the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (15 mL) and neutralized with NaHCO₃ solution. The organic layer was dried on Na₂SO₄ and evaporated.

The obtained crude was chromatographed on silica gel (eluting with AcOEt), affording a first fraction (125 mg), formed by two compounds (NMR evidence), and a second one constituted by the compound **4b** (220 mg, 51%). Compound **4b** showed all the chemical-physical properties superimposable with those above reported.

The first fraction was chromatographed on silica gel eluting with CH₂Cl₂-acetone, 7:3 v/v, to afford, at first, the compound **10a** (30 mg, 7%), as a white amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-116.4 (c=0.5 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.20 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 5.7 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.88 (d, $J_{NH,5}$ = 8.6 Hz, 1H; NHCOCH₃), 5.34 (ddd, $J_{8,9a}$ = 2.3, $J_{8,9b}$ = 5.7, $J_{8,7}$ = 7.3 Hz, 1H; H-8), 5.21 (dd, $J_{4,5}$ = 4.3, $J_{4,3}$ = 5.7 Hz, 1H; H-4), 4.77 (dd, $J_{9a,8}$ = 2.3, $J_{9a,9b}$ = 12.3 Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.68 (br s, 1H; OH at C-7), 4.41 (ddd, $J_{5,4}$ = 4.3, $J_{5,NH}$ = 8.6, $J_{5,6}$ = 11.4 Hz, 1H; H-5), 4.33 (dd, $J_{9b,8}$ = 5.7, $J_{9b,9a}$ = 12.3 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.94 (d app, $J_{6,5}$ = 11.4 Hz, 1H; H-6), 3.83 (d app, $J_{7,8}$ = 7.3 Hz, 1H; H-7), 3.78 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 2.14 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.13 (s, 3H; NHCOCH₃), 2.07 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃), 2.05 ppm (s, 3H; OCOCH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =172.2 (NHCOCH₃), 170.7 (OCOCH₃ at C-9), 169.8 (OCOCH₃ at C-8), 169.5 (OCOCH₃ at C-4), 161.9 (C-1), 147.3 (C-2), 103.9 (C-3), 73.8 (C-6), 71.2 (C-8), 67.4 (C-7), 65.2 (C-4), 62.9 (C-9), 52.6 (COOCH₃), 45.7 (C-5), 23.3 (NHCOCH₃), 21.0 (2 X OCOCH₃), 20.8 ppm (OCOCH₃); MS (ESI positive): m/z 432.0 [M+H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₂₅NO₁₁: C 50.12, H 5.84, N 3.25; found: C 49.89, H 6.05, N 3.42.

Further elution yielded the isomeric compound **10b** (78 mg, 18 %) as a white amorphous solid: $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ =-133.2 (c=1.0 in chloroform); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =6.20 (d, $J_{3,4}$ = 5.7 Hz, 1H; H-3), 5.76 (d, $J_{NH,5}$ = 10.1 Hz, 1H; N*H*COCH₃), 5.19-5.14 (overlapping, 2H; H-4 and H-7), 4.60 (m, 1H; H-5), 4.46 (dd, $J_{6,7}$ = 2.0, $J_{6,5}$ = 11.3 Hz, 1H; H-6), 4.30 (ddd, $J_{8,9a}$ = 3.1, $J_{8,9b}$ = 6.2, $J_{8,7}$ = 8.1 Hz, 1H; H-8), 4.19 (dd, $J_{9a,8}$ = 3.1, $J_{9a,9b}$ = 11.9 Hz, 1H; H-9a), 4.09 (dd, $J_{9b,8}$ = 6.2, $J_{9b,9a}$ = 11.9 Hz, 1H; H-9b), 3.80 (s, 3H; COOCH₃), 2.09 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃ at C7), 2.09 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃ at C8), 2.08 (s, 3H; OCOCH₃ at C4), 1.94 ppm (s, 3H; N*H*COCH₃); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =171.3 (OCOCH₃ at C-9), 170.4 (OCOCH₃ at C-4 or at C-7), 169.8 (NHCOCH₃), 169.7 (OCOCH₃ at C-4 or at C-7), 162.1 (C-1), 146.2 (C-2), 106.0 (C-3), 73.2 (C-6), 68.8 (C-7), 68.0 (C-8), 65.5 (C-9), 65.0 (C-4), 52.6 (COOCH₃), 44.2 (C-5), 23.2 (NHCOCH₃), 20.9 (2 X OCOCH₃), 20.8 ppm (OCOCH₃); MS (ESI positive): *m/z* 432.2 [M+H]⁺; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₂₅NO₁₁: C 50.12, H 5.84, N 3.25; found: C 50.01, H 5.96, N 3.15.

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