Highly Diastereoselective and Enantioselective Direct Organocatalytic anti-selective Mannich Reactions Employing N-tosylimines

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General methods

Chemicals and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ACF300 (300MHz) or AMX500 (500MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm), and the residual solvent peak was used as an internal reference. Low resolution mass spectra were obtained on a VG Micromass 7035 spectrometer in EI mode, a Finnigan/MAT LCO spectrometer in ESI mode, and a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T mass spectrometer in FAB mode. All high resolution mass spectra were obtained on a Finnigan/MAT 95XL-T spectrometer. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), Merck pre-coated TLC plates (Merck 60 F₂₅₄) was used, and compounds were visualized with a UV light at 254 nm. Further visualization was achieved by staining with 5% ninhydrin in ethanol, ceric ammonium molybdate or $KMnO_4$ solution followed by heating on a hot plate. Flash chromatography separations were performed on Merck 60 (0.040 - 0.063 mm) mesh silica gel. All the Mannich reactions were performed in a closed system at ambient temperature. The assignments of syn and anti isomers and the diastereomeric ratios of the Mannich products were determined by ¹H NMR analysis of the crude products. The enantiomeric excesses were determined by chiral-phase HPLC analysis.

All the *N*-tosylimine substrates were prepared using literature procedure,^[1] and organocatalysts **1a-c** were prepared according to our previously published procedure.^[2]

The representative procedure for the preparation of *N*-tosylimines



To a stirred mixture of benzaldehyde (318 mg, 3 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonamide (513 mg, 3 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (15 ml) was added trifluoroacetic anhydride (0.46 ml, 3.3 mmol), and the resulting mixture was heated to reflux for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to afford the crude product, which was then subjected to recrystallization (hexane/CH₂Cl₂) to afford the desired product as of a white silky crystal (520 mg, 67%).

4-Nitrophenyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[3]:

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 7.37-7.39 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.90-7.92 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.09-8.11 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 8.32-8.34 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 9.10 (s, 1H).

4-Tosyliminomethyl benzonitrile^[4]:

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.46 (s, 3H), 7.36-7.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.77-7.79 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88-7.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.02-8.04 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 2H), 9.05 (s, 1H).

4-Bromophenyl-*N***-tosylmethanimine**^[5]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 7.35-7.38 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.74-7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.88-7.91 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 8.03-8.06 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 9.07 (s, 1H).

4-Chlorophenyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[6, 7]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.34-7.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84-7.89 (m, 4H), 8.98 (s, 1H).

4-Fluorophenyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[7]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.15-7.20 (t, 2H), 7.33-7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86-7.89 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.93-7.98 (t, 2H), 8.99 (s, 1H).

Phenyl-*N***-tosylmethanimine**^[4, 6, 7]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.33-7.36 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.51 (t, 2H), 7.59-7.64 (t, 1H), 7.88-7.94 (m, 4H), 9.03 (s, 1H).

Naphthalen-1-yl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[6]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.34-7.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.71 (m, 3H), 7.92-7.96 (m, 3H), 8.09-8.18 (m, 2H), 8.98-9.01 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 9.62 (s, 1H).

Naphthalen-2-yl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[4, 7]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 7.34-7.37 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.65 (m, 2H), 7.87-7.97 (m, 5H), 8.02-8.05 (m, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 9.18 (s, 1H).

p-Tolyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[7]:

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 7.28-7.29 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33-7.35 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.81-7.82 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.87-7.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.99 (s, 1H).

o-Tolyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[7]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 7.25-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.47 (m, 1H), 7.88-7.90 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.99-8.02 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 9.34 (s, 1H).

4-Methoxyphenyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[6]:

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 6.95-6.98 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.85-7.89 (m, 4H), 8.94 (s, 1H).

2-(Trifluoromethyl)phenyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine^[8]:

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.45 (s, 3H), 7.36-7.38 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.65-7.70 (m, 2H), 7.77-7.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.88-7.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.33-8.35 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 9.35 (s, 1H).

Representative procedure for the direct Mannich reaction with preformed *N***-tosylarylimine:**



A mixture of phenyl-*N*-tosylmethanimine (25.9 mg, 0.1 mmol), *O*-TBS hydroxyacetone (21 mg, 0.11 mmol) and catalyst **1a** (2.33 mg, 0.01 mmol) in toluene (0.2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 40 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through a small pad of silica gel to remove the catalyst, and washed with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography using mixtures of hexane/ethyl acetate as eluants (12/1 to 7/1) to afford the Mannich product **3** as a white solid (34 mg, 76% yield).

The characterizations of Mannich products

Compound **3**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 18.5 min, t_r (minor) = 24.8 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.12 (s, 3H), -0.06 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.18-4.20 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.48 (m, 1H), 5.60-5.63 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 7.01-7.02 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.49-7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.4, -5.3, 17.9, 21.3, 25.7, 59.7, 81.8, 116.8, 126.8, 127.5, 127.9, 128.2, 129.3, 136.5, 137.1, 143.2, 209.9; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₃NO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 470.1792, found 470.1800; $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +11.9$ (c = 1.2, CHCl₃).





Compound 4: a white solid; t_r (major) = 27.4 min, t_r (minor) = 31.6 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.10 (s, 3H), -0.05 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 4.15-4.16 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.42-4.45 (m, 1H), 5.62-5.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.89 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.26 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.48 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.7, -5.2, 17.9, 21.4, 25.6, 27.1, 59.3, 81.5, 122.0,

127.1, 129.3, 129.7, 131.2, 135.6, 137.0, 143.5, 209.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₃H₃₂BrNO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 548.0897, found 548.0907. [α]_D²⁰ = -44.7 (c = 1.03, CHCl₃).



Supplementary Information



Compound **5**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 45.8 min, t_r (minor) = 55.2 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.3 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.15 (s, 3H), -0.07 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.15-4.16 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.46 (m, 1H), 5.38 (br s, 1H), 6.95-6.97 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.10 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 4H), 7.47-7.49 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.4, -5.2, 17.9, 21.4, 25.6, 25.7, 59.2, 81.6, 127.1, 128.3, 128.4, 129.4, 133.9, 135.1, 137.0, 143.5, 209.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₂ClNO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 504.1402, found 504.1408. [α]_D²⁰ = -32.9 (c = 2.23, CHCl₃).





Compound **6**: a white solid; $t_r (minor) = 19.2 \text{ min}$, $t_r (major) = 23.9 \text{ min}$ (Chiralcel OD-H, $\lambda = 220 \text{ nm}$, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.17 (s, 3H), -0.08 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.13-4.14 (d, J = 6.3Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.47 (m, 1H), 5.45-5.47 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.99-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.47-7.49 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.4, -5.2, 17.9, 21.4, 25.5, 25.6, 59.2, 81.7, 114.9, 127.1, 128.6, 129.6, 132.6, 137.1, 143.4, 161.4, 209.8; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₂FNO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 488.1698, found 488.1708. [α]_D²⁰ = -13.8 (c = 1.94, CHCl₃).



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Compound 7: a white solid; t_r (major) = 11.7 min, t_r (minor) = 14.8 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 10% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.37 (s, 3H), -0.15 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 9H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 4.09-4.11 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.85-4.87 (t, 1H), 5.70-5.72 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.34 (t, 1H), 7.44-7.47 (t, 1H), 7.55-7.58 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.8, -5.5, 17.8, 21.4, 25.3, 25.7, 55.2, 80.6, 122.9, 125.9, 126.0, 127.4, 127.9, 128.6, 128.9, 129.4, 132.0, 136.4, 143.4, 208.8; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₃₂F₃NO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 538.1666, found 538.1664. [α]_D²⁰ = -49.4 (c = 2.7, CHCl₃).





Compound **8**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 22.2 min, t_r (minor) = 30.9 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.09 (s, 3H), -0.01 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 4.21-4.23 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.40-4.43 (t, 1H), 5.15-5.17 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.92 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.09 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.51 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.24, -5.19, 18.0, 21.0, 21.4, 25.7, 25.9, 59.6, 81.8, 127.2, 127.8, 128.9, 129.3, 133.4, 137.2, 137.8, 143.2, 210.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₃₅NO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 484.1948, found 484.1944. [α]_D²⁰ = -33.3 (c = 1.9, CHCl₃).





Compound **9**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 19.1 min, t_r (minor) = 29.3 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.28 (s, 3H), -0.13 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 9H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 4.12-4.13 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.78-4.81 (t, 1H), 5.45-5.46 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.91-6.93 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.05 (m, 4H), 7.17-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.45-7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.6, -5.4, 17.9, 19.5, 21.4, 24.9, 25.6, 54.4, 82.2, 126.3, 126.9, 127.0, 127.6, 129.2, 130.1, 135.7, 1363, 137.2, 143.1, 210.1; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₃₅NO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 484.1948, found 484.1953. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +3.6 (c = 2.8, CHCl₃).





Compound **10**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 31.2 min, t_r (minor) = 42.7 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.05 (s, 3H), -0.04 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 4.20-4.22 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39-4.43 (t, 1H), 5.10 (br s, 1H), 6.64-6.67 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.91-6.94 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.52 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.3, -5.2, 17.9, 21.4, 25.7, 25.9, 55.2, 59.2, 82.1, 113.5, 127.1, 128.4, 129.0, 129.3, 137.0, 143.1, 159.2, 210.2; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₃₅NO₅SSi [M+Na]⁺ 500.1897, found 500.1896; $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = -42.6 (c = 1.03, CHCl₃).



Supplementary Information



Compound **11**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 20.4 min, t_r (minor) = 24.4 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.47 (s, 3H), -0.17 (s, 3H), 0.67 (s, 9H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 4.35 - 4.37 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (br s, 1H), 5.53-5.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.74-6.77 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.31 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.45 (m, 3H), 7.62-7.89 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.73, -5.42, 17.7, 21.2, 25.3, 25.4, 82.0, 116.8, 122.8, 124.9, 125.5, 126.3, 126.9, 128.4, 128.8, 131.3, 133.1, 133.4, 136.5, 142.8, 209.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₇H₃₅NO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 520.1948, found 520.1955; [α]_D²⁰ = +73.9 (c = 2.13, CHCl₃).





Compound **12**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 28.3 min, t_r (minor) = 35.7 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 5% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.14 (s, 3H), -0.06 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 4.31-4.33 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.63-4.65 (t, 1H), 5.31-5.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.89-6.90 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.43-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.61-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.74 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.24, -5.17, 17.9, 21.2, 25.7, 25.9, 60.0, 81.8, 124.9, 126.2, 127.1, 127.5, 127.8, 128.2, 129.2, 132.7, 132.8, 133.5, 137.0, 143.2, 209.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₂₇H₃₅NO₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 520.1948, found 520.1948. [α]_D²⁰ = -25.3 (c = 1.3, CHCl₃).

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Compound **13**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 26.0 min, t_r (minor) = 30.5 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 10% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.19 (s, 3H), -0.07 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 4.09-4.10 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.48-4.52 (t, 1H), 5.21-5.22 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.18-7.20 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.45-7.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.8, -5.3, 17.9, 21.4, 25.3, 25.5, 59.6, 81.3, 111.8, 118.3, 127.1, 127.9, 128.9, 131.9, 136.8, 143.8, 209.6; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₄H₃₂N₂O₄SSi [M+Na]⁺ 495.1744, found 495.1744. [α]_D²⁰ = -35.4 (c = 1.81, CHCl₃).

Compound **14**: a white solid; t_r (major) = 25.5 min, t_r (minor) = 28.1 min (Chiralcel AD-H, λ = 220 nm, 10% *i*-PrOH/Hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.17 (s, 3H), -0.06 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 4.13-4.14 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.55-4.58 (t, 1H), 5.28-5.30 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.12-7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24-7.26 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.51 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.01-8.03 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.7, -5.3, 17.9, 21.4, 25.4, 25.5, 59.3, 81.2, 123.2, 127.1, 129.0, 129.5, 136.8, 143.8, 144.2, 147.5, 209.5; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₂₃H₃₂N₂O₆SSi [M+Na]⁺ 515.1643, found 515.1660. [α]_D²⁰ = -34.5 (c = 2.82, CHCl₃).

Representative procedure for the desilylation of Mannich product

3 (>99% ee)

>99% ee

A solution of TBAF (1 M in THF, 0.8 mL) was injected into compound **3** (181 mg, 0.4 mmol) in a round bottom flask at 0 °C. The mixture was vigorously stirred at 0 °C till the TLC showed the disappearance of compound **3**. The reaction mixture was directly subjected to column chromatographic purification using mixtures of hexane/ethyl acetate as eluants (2/1 to 7/5) to afford the desired product as a white solid (109 mg, 81% yield).

The Mannich product **3** (136 mg, 0.3 mmol) was placed in a 25 ml round bottom flask which was evacuated and filled with N₂. Anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was added, followed by the addition of triethylamine (0.1 mL, 0.75 mmol), (BOC)₂O (206 µl, 0.9 mmol) and

DMAP (7.5 mg, 0.06 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 3 hours, the reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were dried, filtered, and concentrated, purification by column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10:1) furnished **A** as a colorless oil (144 mg, 88%).

Compound **A** (54mg, 0.1 mmol) was transferred to an oven-dried schlenk flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The schlenk flask was evacuated and filled with N₂, dry MeOH (3 mL) and Magnesium powder (24 mg, 1 mmol) were then added. The reaction mixture was sonicated for 45 minutes and then poured into a solution of 1M HCl (5 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and brine, respectively. After filtration and concentration of the crude *in vacuo*, purification by column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 8/1 to 3/1) afforded the desired product **B** as a white solid (15.5 mg, 55%)

Compound A: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.35 (s, 3H), -0.09 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 9H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 2.33 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 5.11-5.13 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.61-5.63 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.34 (m, 5H), 7.64-7.65 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.7, -5.1, 17.8, 21.5, 24.3, 25.4, 27.7, 62.8, 78.6, 85.2, 127.8, 128.3, 128.5, 128.9, 130.3, 137.0, 137.2, 143.9, 150.5, 208.2.

Compound **B**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.41 (s, 9H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 5.07 (br s, 1H), 5.37 (br s, 1H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.3, 30.5, 49.3, 76.9, 79.7, 126.2, 127.4, 128.6, 141.5, 155.1, 206.9.

Supplementary Information

Determination of absolute configurations of the Mannich products

The absolute configuration of the *N*-PMP Mannich product **a** was determined by using the procedure reported by $\text{List}^{[9]}$ through its conversion into the corresponding *N*-BOC oxazolidinone. The absolute configuration of **3** was assigned by comparison with **a**. The configurations of other Mannich products are assigned by analogy to **3**.

Transition state calculation

All calculations were calculated out using the Gaussian 03 programs. Cartesian coordinates for the HF/3-21G optimized geometry of the transition state for the major *anti*-product:

C,-2.0762625266,1.3503456847,-0.1991358235 C,-1.1929273423,1.30232107,1.650164744 C,0.1046776241,1.5102150407,1.1987534866 C,-2.1981168668,2.7967232996,-0.5471837748 H,-2.9230683263,0.9224427449,0.3108924045 N,-1.3765261967,0.6314289394,-1.0927327322 N,0.8407638167,0.5249888154,0.7197405069 S,-1.4949945749,-1.0448613815,-1.2204952593 H,-2.5368591762,6.514240896,-1.4745525688 C,2.067742495,0.7257341873,-0.0750914554 H,0.4281018329,-0.4001881535,0.6845189518 C,3.0936399311,-0.3715897741,0.1880609717 H,2.5060083429,1.6783571688,0.1532979413 H,2.634949931,-1.3316939831,0.0052849798 C,3.666865562,-0.2930147542,1.5993585046 O,4.1483930527,-0.1127798591,-0.7395331654 Si,4.7913707595,-0.8591236933,-2.1148660504 H,4.3910845301,-1.0846443346,1.7440234244 H,2.8886058071,-0.3937611657,2.3427678035 H,4.1715729957,0.6567385584,1.7267960515 O,-0.846373383,-1.3550885585,-2.6475695595 O,-0.8444751902,-1.883021437,-0.0289820758 C,-3.2471820439,-1.4552589661,-1.2576382026 C,-5.9239649551,-2.1072668007,-1.3176877328 C,-3.6908413728,-2.5255581869,-0.5269418238 C,-4.1022165264,-0.7099107046,-2.040842606 C,-5.4406596863,-1.0358258871,-2.0645687022 C,-5.0361941799,-2.8496453596,-0.5559225834 H,-2.9906421837,-3.0816623719,0.0572517427 H,-3.7262109175,0.1149114104,-2.6116878171 H,-6.1157409773,-0.4578560841,-2.664355951 H,-5.391384375,-3.6804568092,0.0201409363

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