# Enantiopure Cycloalkane Fused Tetrahydro Pyrans Through Domino Michael-Ketalizations With Organocatalysis. 

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General: Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using 0.25 mm E. Merck silica gel coated glass plates ( $60 \mathrm{~F}-254$ ) using UV light, $\beta$-napthol or $p$ anisaldehyde to visualize the course of reaction. Column chromatography was performed on siliga gel ( 60 , particle size $0.040-0.063 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) using ethyl acetate and hexanes as eluent. Chemical yields refer to pure isolated substances. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were obtained using either a Bruker DPX-300 or AV- 200 or 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard. The following abbreviations were used to designate chemical shift mutiplicities: $\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{q}=$ quartet, $\mathrm{h}=$ heptet, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet, $\mathrm{dd}=$ doublet of doublet, $\mathrm{td}=$ triplet of doublet, $\mathrm{br}=$ broad. The enantiopurity was determined by HPLC on chiral Eurocel column ( 250 X 4.6 mm ) using $i \mathrm{PrOH} / \mathrm{hexane}$ as mobile phase.

All reactions were run in the air except noted. Secondary amine catalysts 2-5 were prepared according to literature. ${ }^{1}$ Hydroxy methyl nitro olefins ( $\mathbf{6 a}$ to $\mathbf{6 h}$ ) were prepared from atom economic - organocatalyzed Baylis-Hillman reaction between nitro olefin and formaldehyde ${ }^{2}$.

Preparation of Substrates ( $\mathbf{6 a} \mathbf{- 6 h}$ ):


General Procedure: A mixture of nitro olefin ( 1 mmol ) and 0.2 eq of DMAP in THF ( 3 mL ) were heated at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Formaldehyde solution ( $30 \%$ aq. 6 equiv.) was added slowly at $60{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, stirred for 12 h at same temperature. The reaction mixture was acidified with 1.5 N hydrochloric acid at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, extracted with methylene dichloride, washed with sat. sodium bicarbonate and brine. Methylene dichloride was removed in vacuum and the crude product was purified by silica gel ( 60 mesh) chromatography using hexane and ethyl acetate as mobile phase to afford the hydroxyl methyl nitro olefins ( $\mathbf{6 a}$ to $\mathbf{6 h}$, entries 1-8, Table 2 ) with moderate yields ( $40-60 \%$ ).

The data of $\mathbf{6 a}, \mathbf{6} \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{6 h}$ were in agreement with reported in the literature ${ }^{3}$.


Hydroxyl methyl nitro olefin 6c: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.13$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63$ (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.44 (d, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.66 ( $\mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}) 2.66(\mathrm{br}$ s, 1 H ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=149.6,136.4,132.4,131.5,130.0$, 125.7, 56.5; ESIMS: m/z 255.92 [M-1].

6c


Hydroxyl methyl nitro olefin 6d: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.20$ (s, 1H), $7.48(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.29(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.72(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.62$ (br s, 1H), $2.42(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=148.6,141.8$, 138.0, 137.9, 130.4, 129.9, 56.8, 21.6; ESIMS: $m / z 192$ [M-1].


Hydroxyl methyl nitro olefin 6f: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.15$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.56-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.69(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.82(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=136.1,130.8,130.7,125.9,117.9,117.7,116.8,116.8,56.3 ;$ ESIMS: $m / z 196$ [M-1].
$6 f$


6g

Hydroxyl methyl nitro olefin 6g: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=8.45$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 8.35(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.94(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{t}$, $J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.69(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.92(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 75 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=151.2,148.5,135.5,134.7,132.8,130.2,125.1,124.7$, 56.2; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}\right)$ requires $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 223.036, found $m / z 223.0351$.


6e

Hydroxyl methyl nitro olefin 6e: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=8.17$ (s, $1 \mathrm{H}), 7.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.64(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $2.78(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $75 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) : $\delta=151.2,135.6,135.1$, 132.7, 130.4, 117.8, 114.2, 56.3; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}$ $\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}\right)$ requires $m / z$ 203.0462, found $m / z 203.0471$.

## General procedure for Catalytic asymmetric Michael - ketalization reaction of cyclohexanone with various hydroxy methyl nitro olefins.



Hydroxy methyl nitro olefins $(\mathbf{6 a}-\mathbf{6 h}, 0.27 \mathrm{mmol})$ and catalyst $5(0.054 \mathrm{mmol})$ were mixed with cyclohexanone $7(5.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in the presence of TFA $(0.027 \mathrm{mmol})$ at room temperature. The homogeneous reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for several days mentioned in Table 2 (still starting material disappears). The reaction mixture was directly loaded onto silica gel column to afford the Michael adducts ( $\mathbf{8 a}-\mathbf{8 h}, 41-62 \%$ yield) as solids.


8a
(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-3-nitro-4-phenyl-octahydro-2H-chromen-8a-ol (8a): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.37-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.18(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.94(\mathrm{td}, J=$ $5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.48(\mathrm{t}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.55(\mathrm{t}, J=11.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.78-1.60$ $(\mathrm{m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.30-1.06(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $50 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=137.3,128.9$, $127.7,96.5,87.8,61.7,46.7,45.5,38.4,26.0,25.5,22.8 ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+20.0(c=$ $0.25)$; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{NNaO}_{4}\right)$ requires $m / z$ 300.1206, found $m / z$ 300.1209. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $97 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Eurocel column ( $250 \mathrm{X} 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=225 \mathrm{~nm}, i \mathrm{PrOH} /$ hexane (10:90), $1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; t_{\mathrm{R}}=5.8 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $t_{\mathrm{R}}=6.8 \mathrm{~min}$ (major); mp. 178-179 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-4-(4-methoxy phenyl)-3-nitro-octahydro-2H-chromen-8a-ol (8b): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.84,(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.88(\mathrm{td}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J$ $=11.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.47(\mathrm{t}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.08(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J$ $=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~S}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.49(\mathrm{t}, J=11.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.78-1.54$ $(\mathrm{m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.29-1.03(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=158.8,129.1$, $114.2,96.4,88.0,61.7,55.2,46.8,44.7,38.5,26.0,25.5,22.9 ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+30.0(c$ $\left.=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}\left(\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{NNaO}_{5}\right)$ requires $m / z$ 330.1312, found $m / z 330.1308$. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $99 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Erocel column ( 250 X4.6 mm, $5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=225 \mathrm{~nm}$, $i \mathrm{PrOH} /$ hexane (10:90), $1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; t_{\mathrm{R}}=6.7 \mathrm{~min}($ minor $), t_{\mathrm{R}}=7.8 \mathrm{~min}$ (major); $\mathrm{mp} .187-188{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-4-(4-bromo phenyl)-3-nitro-octahydro-2H-chromen-8a-ol (8c): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.45(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.06(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.88(\mathrm{td}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.46(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.09(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.54(\mathrm{t}, J=10.9, J=$ $11.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.78-1.60(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.30-1.05(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=136.3,131.9,131.7,121.5,96.3,87.4,61.5,46.6,45.0$, 38.4, 26.4, 25.5, 22.8; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+10.00\left(c=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{BrNO}_{4}\right)$ requires $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 354.0346$, found $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 354.0348. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $91 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Eurocel column ( $250 \mathrm{X} 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=225 \mathrm{~nm}, i \operatorname{PrOH} /$ hexane $(10: 90), 1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; t_{\mathrm{R}}=5.9$ $\min$ (minor), $t_{\mathrm{R}}=7.1 \mathrm{~min}$ (major); mp. 189-190 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


8d
(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-3-nitro-4-p-tolyl-octahydro-2H-chromen-8a-ol (8d): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.16-7.02(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.90(\mathrm{td}, J=5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=$ $10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.47(\mathrm{t}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{~J}=10.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.08(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.50(\mathrm{t}, J=11.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.31(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H})$, 1.78-1.59 (m, 5H), 1.27-1.08 (m, 4H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=$ 137.3, 134.1, 129.5, 96.4, 87.9, 61.6, 46.6, 45.1, 38.4, 25.9, 25.4, 22.7, 21.0; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+18.00\left(c=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;$ HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$ $\left(\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{NNaO}_{4}\right)$ requires $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 314.1363$, found $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 314.1366. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $94 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Eurocel column ( $250 \mathrm{X} 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=225 \mathrm{~nm}, i \mathrm{PrOH} /$ hexane ( $10: 90$ ), $1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min}$; $t_{\mathrm{R}}=5.1 \mathrm{~min}$ (minor), $t_{\mathrm{R}}=5.8 \mathrm{~min}$ (major); mp. 187-188.5 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


8e

4-((3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-8a-hydroxy-3-nitro-octahydro-2H-chromen-4yl)benzonitrile (8e): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.63(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.90(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.48(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.11(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.67(\mathrm{t}, J=11.7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.2(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.85-1.56(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.32-0.97(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=143.1,132.6,118.3,111.7,96.1,87.0,61.3,46.5,45.5,38.0,26.0$, 25.3, 22.6; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+12.50\left(c=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}\left(\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)$ requires $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 301.1194, found $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ 301.1192. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $88 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Eurocel column ( $250 \mathrm{X} 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=225 \mathrm{~nm}, i \mathrm{PrOH} /$ hexane ( $10: 90$ ), $1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min}$; $t_{\mathrm{R}}$ $=11.6 \mathrm{~min}($ minor $), t_{\mathrm{R}}=14.6 \mathrm{~min}$ (major); mp. 205-207 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

$8 f$
(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-4-(3-fluoro phenyl)-3-nitro-octahydro-2H-chromen-8aol (8f): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.34-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02-6.87(\mathrm{~m}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 4.90(\mathrm{td}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.46(\mathrm{t}, J=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.57(\mathrm{t}, J=11.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.94-1.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.78-1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.30-1.06(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 50 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=139.9,139.8,130.4,130.3,114.7,114.5,96.2,87.4,61.5$, $46.5,45.2,38.4,26.0,25.4,22.8 ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+24.00\left(c=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{17} \mathrm{FNO}_{4}\right)$ requires $m / z 294.1147$, found $m / z$ 294.1146. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $89 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Eurocel column ( $250 \mathrm{X} 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=225 \mathrm{~nm}, i \operatorname{PrOH} /$ hexane $(5: 95), 1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; t_{\mathrm{R}}=$ 9.3 min (minor), $t_{\mathrm{R}}=11.3 \mathrm{~min}$ (major); mp. $165-167^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


8g
(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-3-nitro-4-(3-nitro phenyl)-octahydro-2H-chromen-8aol (8g): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=8.20-8.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.59-7.49(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.95(\mathrm{td}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.49(\mathrm{t}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.14(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.73(\mathrm{t}, J=11.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.96-1.57(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 1.35-0.98(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=$ $148.5,139.7,129.8,122.8,96.2,87.0,61.4,46.6,45.3,38.3,26.1,25.3,22.7$; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+6.00\left(c=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; ESIMS: $m / z 322[\mathrm{M}-1]$; The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $92 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Eurocel column ( $250 \mathrm{X} 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=225 \mathrm{~nm}, i \mathrm{PrOH} /$ hexane ( $10: 90$ ), $1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; t_{\mathrm{R}}=9.9$ $\min$ (minor), $t_{\mathrm{R}}=11.5 \mathrm{~min}$ (major); mp. 190-192 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.


8h
(3S, 4R, 4aR, 8aS)-4-(furan-2-yl)-3-nitro-octahydro-2H-chromen-8a-ol (8h): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.25(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.14(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.92(\mathrm{td}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.39(\mathrm{t}, J=11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $J=10.5,1 \mathrm{H}), 4.05(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.65(\mathrm{t}, J=11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.86-1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.34-1.14(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=$ $150.5,142.3,110.3,109.2,96.2,85.2,61.2,44.9,39.5,38.5,26.4,25.6,22.9$; $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{27}+26.00\left(c=0.25, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$; HRMS: exact mass calculated for $[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]^{-}$ $\left(\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{FNO}_{5}\right)$ requires $m / z 266.1034$, found $m / z$ 266.1023. The enantiomeric excess was determined to be $98 \%$ by HPLC on a chiral Eurocel column ( $250 \mathrm{X} 4.6 \mathrm{~mm}, 5 \mu$ ), $\lambda=$ $225 \mathrm{~nm}, i \mathrm{PrOH} /$ hexane $(5: 95), 1 \mathrm{ml} / \mathrm{min} ; t_{\mathrm{R}}=7.8 \mathrm{~min}($ minor $), t_{\mathrm{R}}=9.2 \mathrm{~min}($ major $) ; \mathrm{mp} .125-126$ ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## The data of diverse skeletons:



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(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-3-nitro-4-phenyl-octahydro-2H-chromene 9: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=7.36-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.20-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.92(\mathrm{td} J=4.3$ $\mathrm{Hz}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.41(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{t}, J=10.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, J=10.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.21(\mathrm{td}, J=3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.06(\mathrm{t}, J=10.9$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$ 2.07-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.24 $(\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.15-0.82(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=137.2,128.8$, $127.8,87.8,82.0,69.3,51.6,45.6,31.9,28.3,25.2,24.5$; ESIMS: $m / z 284.3$ $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+} ; \mathrm{mp} .125-126^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-8a-(allyloxy)-3-nitro-4-phenyl-octahydro-2Hchromene 10: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=7.36-7.15(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.09-5.97$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.45(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=16.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.24(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.1$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.93$ (td, $J=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10-3.93(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.62(\mathrm{t}, J$ $=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.13-2.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.73(\mathrm{td}, J=3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 1.67-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.24 (m, 4H), 1.17-1.03 (m, 2H); ${ }^{3} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta=137.3,134.2,128.7,127.5,116.0,98.8,87.7,61.8$, 60.4, 47.8, 45.2, 32.1, 25.8, 25.5, 22.5; ESIMS: m/z $340.0[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$; mp. 62$63^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aR)-8a-allyl-3-nitro-4-phenyl-octahydro-2H-chromene 11: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.35-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.01-5.89(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.15$ (dd, $J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.10(\mathrm{dd}, J=2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=16.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.89-4.81 (m, 1H), 4.14-4.10 (m, 2H), 3.66 (t, $J=12.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.55-2.42$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.30-2.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.18-2.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.00-1.95(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.86-1.79$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.46-1.36(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.20-1.13(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=137.8,133.2,128.9,127.7,117.9,88.8,76.9,62.0,44.4,42.3,42.2,26.3$, 24.2, 23.1, 19.2; ESIMS: $m / z 324.3[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$; mp. 79-80 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

(3S, 4S, 4aR, 8aS)-8a-methoxy-3-nitro-4-phenyl-octahydro-2H-chromene 12: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=7.35-7.12(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 4.96-4.86(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 4.10-4.04 (m, 2H), 3.56 (t, $J=11.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.26(\mathrm{~S}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.15-2.07(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.72(\mathrm{td}, J=3.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, J=11.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.66-1.56(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.43-1.01(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H})$; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta=137.4,128.8,127.6,98.7,87.7,61.5,47.6$, 47.0, 45.2,31.2, 25.8, 25.4, 22.2, 19.2; ESIMS: $m / z 314.7$ [M+Na] ${ }^{+}$; mp. 175$176^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## Relative stereochemistry analysis of compound 8a and 9 by NOE experiments:

## Compound-8a



Figure-1

## ${ }^{1}$ H NMR DATA

7.36-7.15 [ m, aromatic, 5 H ]
$4.94\left[\mathrm{td}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right)=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$
$4.48\left[\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right)=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$
$4.10\left[\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=5.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right]$
$3.55\left[\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J}\left(\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{4 \mathrm{a}}\right)=11.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$
$1.88\left[\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{8 \mathrm{a}}\right.$ ]
1.78-1.59 [ m, 5H, $\mathrm{H}_{4 \mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ ]
1.29-1.08 [ m, 4H, $\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ ]

This compound has been analysed by using 1D- ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ decoupling and 2D NMR techniques such as DQF- COSY, TOCSY and NOESY.

The conformation of the molecule is fixed by considering the observed coupling constants and NOEs.

The strong NOE cross peaks between $\mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{4 \mathrm{a}}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ suggested that these protons are in same plane. Furthermore, the strong NOE cross peaks between $\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{a}$, $\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ and $\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ suggested that these protons are in same plane. In addition to these NOEs other NOE cross-peaks, $\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{H}_{0}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{0}-\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{0}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\text {a }}$ confirm the structure of the molecule as shown in figure-1.

## Compound 9:



Figure - 2

## ${ }^{1}$ H NMR DATA

7.35-7.15 [ m, aromatic, 5 H ]
$4.92\left[\mathrm{td}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right)=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$
$4.41\left[\mathrm{dd}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right]$
$3.86\left[\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$
$3.21\left[\mathrm{td}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{8 \mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{8 \mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right)=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{8 \mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right), \mathrm{H}_{8 \mathrm{a}}\right]$
$3.07\left[\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J\left(\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{a}\right)=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$
2.07-2.00 [ m, 1H, $\left.\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right]$
$1.84-1.77\left[\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right]$
$1.64-1.49\left[\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{H}_{4 \mathrm{a}}\right]$
$1.42-1.24\left[\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\right]$
$1.14-1.02\left[\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$
$0.99-0.84\left[\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\right]$

This compound has been analysed by using 1D- ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ decoupling and 2D NMR techniques such as DQF- COSY, TOCSY and NOESY.

The conformation of the molecule is fixed by considering the observed coupling constants and NOEs.

The strong NOE cross peaks between $\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{7}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ suggested that these protons are in same plane. Furthermore, the strong NOE cross peaks between $\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{a}-\mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}, \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\text {a }}$ suggested that these protons are in same plane. In addition to these NOEs other NOE cross-peaks, $\mathrm{H}_{0}-\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}, \mathrm{H}_{0}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{0}-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\text {a }}$ confirm the structure of the molecule as shown in figure-2.

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