

## Supporting Information

# A Highly Efficient Synthesis of Telaprevir by Strategic Use of Biocatalysis and Multicomponent Reactions

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### General Information

Commercially available starting materials and solvents were used as received. Dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was dried and distilled from  $\text{CaH}_2$  prior to use.

$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra measured at 250.13, 400.13, or 500.23 MHz for  $^1\text{H}$  and at 62.90, 100.61, or 125.78 MHz for  $^{13}\text{C}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ . Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  values (ppm) downfield from tetramethylsilane.

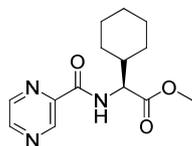
Column chromatography was performed on silica gel. Chromatographic purification refers to flash chromatography using the indicated solvent (mixture) and silica (40-63  $\mu\text{m}$ , 60  $\text{\AA}$ ). Thin Layer Chromatography was performed using silica plates (silica on aluminum with fluorescence indicator). Compounds on TLC were visualized by UV detection unless stated otherwise.

Electrospray Ionisation (ESI) mass spectrometry was carried out using a TOF-Quadrupole instrument in positive ion mode (capillary potential of 4500 V). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded neat, and wavelengths are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Optical rotations were measured with a sodium lamp and are reported as follows:  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  ( $c = \text{g}/100 \text{ mL}$ , solvent).

### Experimental details and characterization of new compounds



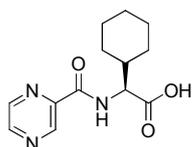
**Bicyclic imine 3.** Imine **3** was synthesized according to literature procedure<sup>1</sup> with minor adjustments as follows: 2.5 g of freeze-dried MAO-N D5 *E. coli* were rehydrated for 30 min. in 20 ml of  $\text{KPO}_4$  buffer (100 mM, pH = 8.0) at 37 °C. Subsequently 1 mmol amine **5** in 30 ml of  $\text{KPO}_4$  buffer (100 mM, pH = 8.0) was prepared. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 8.0 by addition of NaOH and then added to the rehydrated cells. After 16-17 h the reaction was stopped (conversion was > 95 %) and worked up. For workup the reaction mixture was centrifuged at 4000 rpm and 4°C until the supernatant had clarified (40 – 60 min.). The pH of the supernatant was then adjusted to 10-11 by addition of aq. NaOH and the supernatant was subsequently extracted with *t*-butyl methyl ether (4 × 70 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated at the rotary evaporator.



**(S)-Methyl 2-cyclohexyl-2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido)acetate (9).** Pyrazinecarboxylic acid (2.72 g, 21.9 mmol) was added to a solution of L-cyclohexylglycine methyl ester (4.13 g, 19.9 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (100 ml) at room temperature under  $\text{N}_2$ , forming a white suspension. Triethylamine (6.33 ml, 4.62 g, 45.8 mmol) was added, followed by benzotriazol-1-yloxy-*tris*-(dimethylamino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (BOP; 9.69 g, 21.9 mmol), which turned the reaction mixture from purple to an orange solution. After two days of stirring at room temperature the reaction mixture was washed two times with 50

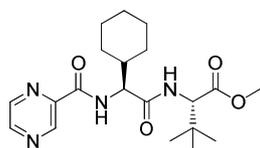
ml saturated Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, followed by the washing of the aqueous layers with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 x 50 ml). The organic layers were collected and dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>, followed by concentration in *vacuo*. Purification by silica gel flash chromatography (*c*-Hex:EtOAc = 2:1 with 0.5% triethylamine) afforded **9** (5.28 g, 19.03 mmol, 96%) as a yellow oil that solidified upon standing to give a white solid.

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +42.5$  (*c* = 1.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.39 (d, *J* = 1.25 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 5H), 1.24 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 172.0 (C), 162.8 (C), 147.4 (CH), 144.5 (CH), 144.1 (C), 142.7 (CH), 57.0 (CH), 52.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 41.2 (CH), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>); IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3374 (m), 2920 (s), 2845 (w), 1740 (s), 1665 (s); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) 300.1319, found 300.1319.



**(S)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido)acetic acid (10).** A solution of 1 M NaOH (12 ml, 12 mmol) was added to a solution of **9** (2.77 g, 10 mmol) in THF (25 ml) at 0°C. MeOH was added to the formed suspension, to give a clear, colorless solution. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, followed by concentration in *vacuo*. The pH of the aqueous layer was set on 3.5 with a 1 M KHSO<sub>4</sub> solution and was extracted with EtOAc (2 x 25 ml). The mixture was dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*, to give **10** (2.49 g, 9.45 mmol, 95%) as a white solid.

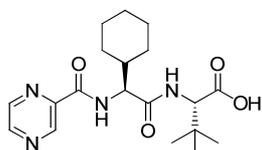
$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +50.9$  (*c* = 1.06, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 9.38 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.27 (d, *J* = 9.0, 1H), 4.77 (dd, *J* = 4.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 5H), 1.37 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 175.7 (C), 163.0 (C), 147.2 (CH), 144.3 (CH), 144.2 (C), 142.0 (CH), 56.9 (CH), 40.9 (CH), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>); IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 3383 (m), 2928 (s), 2852 (w), 1713 (m), 1676 (s), 1518 (s); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V): *m/z* calcd. For C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) 286.1162, found 286.1158.



**(S)-methyl 2-((S)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido)-acetamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (11).** **10** (0.653 g, 4.5 mmol) was added to a solution of H-Tle-OMe (0.653 g, 4.5 mmol) in DMF (40 ml). 1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide-HCl (EDC•HCl; 0.919 g, 6.75 mmol) was added to this colorless solution followed by 1-hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole (HOAt; 1.035 g, 5.4 mmol) giving a bright yellow solution. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 days and afterwards concentrated in *vacuo*. The formed yellow solid was dissolved in EtOAc, washed with 40 ml saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution and 40 ml of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The

organic layers were collected, dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated in *vacuo* to give **11** (1.48 g, 3.78 mmol, 84%) as a white solid.\*

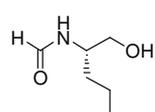
$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.0$  ( $c = 1.0$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.39$  (d,  $J = 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.76 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.55 (dd,  $J = 2.4, 1.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.29 (d,  $J = 8.1$ , 1H), 6.40 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz, 1H), 4.46 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 1.81 (m, 1H), 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.24 (m, 6H), 0.96 (s, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (62.90 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 171.7$  (C), 170.4 (C), 163.0 (C), 147.5 (CH), 144.5 (CH), 144.2 (C), 142.7 (CH), 60.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 58.4 (CH), 51.9 (CH), 40.5 (CH), 31.7 (C), 29.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.7 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 25.9 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3350 (m), 2928 (m), 2853 (w), 1738 (s), 1686 (s), 1640 (s), 1520 (s); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V):  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ) 413.2159, found 413.2169.



**(S)-2-((S)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido)acetamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoic acid (2).** A solution of 1 M NaOH (0.94 ml, 0.94 mmol) was added to a solution of **11** (0.31 g, 0.78 mmol) in THF (3 ml) at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . MeOH was added to the formed suspension, to

give a clear and colourless solution. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature, followed by concentration in *vacuo*. The pH of this aqueous layer was set to 3.5 with 1 M  $\text{KHSO}_4$  and subsequently extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10ml). The mixture was dried with  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo*, to give **2** (0.28 g, 0.75 mmol, 95%) as a white solid.

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +21.7$  ( $c = 1.015$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 9.39$  (d,  $J = 1.3$  Hz, 1H), 8.77 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.57 (dd,  $J = 1.5, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 1H), 6.70 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H), 4.45 (t,  $J = 8.8$  Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 5H), 1.20 (m, 5H), 1.01 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (62.90 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 173.4$  (C), 170.5 (C), 163.3 (C), 147.4 (CH), 144.4 (CH), 144.2 (C), 142.8 (CH), 58.4 (CH), 51.9 (CH), 40.4 (CH), 34.7 (C), 29.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 28.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 26.6 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 25.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3335 (w), 2930 (m), 1726 (m), 1663 (s), 1514 (s); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V):  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{29}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{Na}^+$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ) 399.2003, found 399.2013.

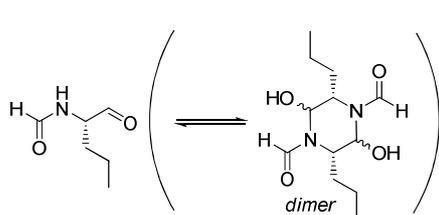


**(S)-2-formamido-1-pentanol (12).** (*S*)-2-amino-1-pentanol (1.00 g, 9.7 mmol) was dissolved in ethylformate (7.84 ml, 7.19 g, 97 mmol). This reaction mixture was refluxed at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 hours, followed by stirring overnight at room temperature. The colourless solution was concentrated in *vacuo* and stirred for 1 hour in a 10 mol%  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  in MeOH (25 ml). Afterwards, the pH was set to 7

\* Racemization of activated **10** was ruled out by the diastereomeric composition of **11** (single diastereomer).

with DOWEX 50wx8, followed by filtration and concentration in *vacuo* to give **12** (1.26 g, 9.61 mmol, 99%).

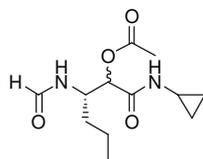
$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -29.6$  ( $c = 1.15$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (250.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 8.20$  (s, 1H), 5.81 (bs, 1H), 4.04 (m, 1H), 2.11 (b, 1H), 1.47 (m, 4H), 0.94 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (62.90 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 161.8 (C), 65.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 50.6 (CH), 33.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 19.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) = 3248 (s), 2957 (m), 1651 (s), 1528 (m), 1381 (m); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V):  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2\text{Na}^+$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ) 154.0838, found 154.0835.



**(S)-2-formamidopentanal. (7).** Dess-Martin periodinane (5.514 g, 13 mmol) was added to a solution of (S)-2-formamido-1-pentanol (**12**, 1.31 g, 10 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (100 ml) at room temperature. The white suspension was stirred for 2 days and subsequently 35 ml MeOH was added and stirred for

30 minutes. The resulting suspension was filtrated and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography ( $c\text{Hex}:\text{EtOAc} = 1:4$ ) to give **7** (1.08 g, 8.29 mmol, 83%) as a white solid. NMR analysis indicates that **7** is in equilibrium with its cyclic dimer.<sup>†</sup>

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +37.6$  ( $c = 0.745$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  assigned to the monomer (250.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta = 8.22$  (s, 1H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.10 (m, 1H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 1.52 (m, 4H), 0.95 (m, 3H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  assigned to the monomer (100.61 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 198.8 (CH), 161.7 (CH), 57.4 (CH), 30.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ );  $^1\text{H NMR}$  assigned to the dimer (400.13 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 8.22 (s, 2H), 5.26 (m, 2H), 3.72 (m, 2H) 1.52 (m, 8H), 0.95 (m, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100.61 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) assigned to the dimer: 161.7 (CH), 89.8 (CH), 63.1 (CH), 30.8 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 18.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.7 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ); IR (neat):  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3325 (s), 2959 (s), 1649 (s), 1530 (s), 1381 (m), 1123 (w); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V):  $m/z$  calc. for  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_2^+$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{H}]^+$ ) 130.0863, found 130.0858.



**(3S)-2-acetoxy-N-cyclopropyl-3-formamidohexanoyl amide (13).**

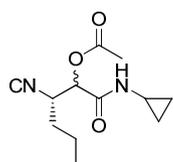
*From 7:* Aldehyde **7** (0.892 g, 6.91 mmol) was added to a solution of cyclopropyl isocyanide (0.410 g, 6.12 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (110 ml) and stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. Acetic acid (0.711 ml, 0.747 g, 12.44 mmol) was added and the yellow reaction mixture was stirred for 3 days at room

<sup>†</sup> Compound **7** is in dynamic equilibrium with its cyclic dimer. This dimer contains two additional stereocenters and therefore exists as a mixture of four diastereomers. All five compounds (monomer + four dimer diastereomers) appear as mixtures of rotamers in NMR due to restricted rotation around the formamide bond. Moreover, the reversible dimerization severely complicated chromatographic purification and prevented removal of traces of Dess-Martin periodinane and/or its degradation products, which accounts for the aromatic impurities observed in the  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum.

temperature. The reaction mixture was washed twice with 100 ml saturated Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, followed by drying with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentration in *vacuo*. The crude was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1% triethylamine). (3*S*)-2-acetoxy-*N*-cyclopropyl-3-formamidohexanoyl amide (0.99 g, 3.87 mmol, 56%) was obtained as a white solid as a 78:22 mixture of diastereomers.

*From 12*: Dess Martin periodinane (5.66 g, 12.3 mmol) was added to a solution of (*S*)-*N*-(1-hydroxypentan-2-yl)formamide (1.15 g, 8.8 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (12 ml) at room temperature. The white suspension was stirred for 60 minutes and subsequently cyclopropyl isocyanide (0.74 g, 10.0 mmol) was added and stirred for 48 hours. The resulting suspension was filtrated and washed twice with 10 ml saturated Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, followed by drying with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentration in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 1% triethylamine) to give **13** (1.34 g, 5.22 mmol, 60%) as a pale yellow solid as a 78:22 mixture of diastereomers.

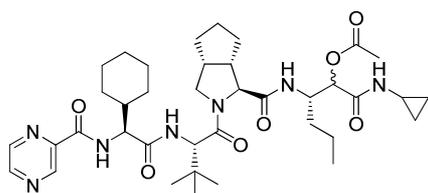
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (130 °C, 400.13 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.30 (m, 1H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 4.4, 1H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.17(s, 3H), 1.27-1.47 (m, 4H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.2, 3H), 0.63 (m, 2H), 0.48 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125.78 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ = 169.8 (C), 168.5 (C), 160.6 (CH), 74.4 (CH), 47.5 (CH), 22.2 (CH), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>); IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 3283 (s), 2961 (w), 1744 (m), 1661 (s), 1530 (s), 1238 (s); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) 279.1315, found 279.1325.



**(3*S*)-2-acetoxy-*N*-cyclopropyl-3-isocyano-hexanoyl amide (4).** *N*-methylmorpholine (0.57 ml, 0.562 g, 5.56 mmol) was added to a solution of (*S*)-1-(cyclopropylamino)-3-formamido-1-oxohexan-2-yl acetate (0.713 g, 2.78 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 ml) at room temperature.

The reaction mixture was cooled to -78 °C and triphosgene (0.289 g, 0.97 mmol) was quickly added and stirred for 5 minutes at this temperature. The resulting yellow solution was warmed up to -30 °C and was stirred for another 3 h. Subsequently, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted twice with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 ml). The organic layers were collected, dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (2% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give **4** (0.578 g, 2.42 mmol, 87%) as a white solid.

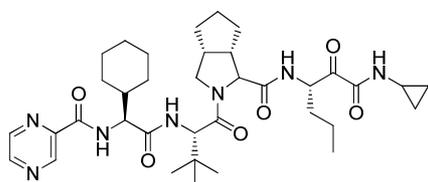
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (250.13 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 6.28 (s, 1H), 5.25 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.2 (m, 1H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.55 (m, 4H), 0.96 (m, 3H), 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.60 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.90 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ = 169.7 (C), 168.3 (C), 74.4 (CH), 47.5 (CH), 22.0 (CH), 20.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 5.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>); IR (neat): ν<sub>max</sub> (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3267 (s), 2959 (m), 1745 (m), 1643 (s), 1512 (m), 1221 (s); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>) 261.1210, found 261.1214.



**Compound 14.** Isocyanide **4** (0.549 g, 2.3 mmol) was dropwise added to a solution of imine **3** (0.252 g, 2.3 mmol) and carboxylic acid **2** (0.602 g, 1.60 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (5 ml) at room temperature. This yellow solution was stirred for 72 hours and afterwards diluted with 5 ml  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The reaction mixture was

washed twice with saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution (10 ml) and twice with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ . The organic layers were collected, dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (5% MeOH in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) to give **14** (0.876 g, 1.21 mmol, 76%) as a mixture of diastereomers.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500.23 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 9.50 (s, 1H), 8.75 (d,  $J$  = 2.5, 1H), 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 9.0, 1H), 6.84 (d,  $J$  = 9.0, 1H), 6.44 (s, 1H), 5.20 (d,  $J$  = 3.0, 1H), 4.74 (d,  $J$  = 9.5, 1H), 4.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.5, 1H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 3.37 (d,  $J$  = 6.0, 1H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 2H), 0.97 (s, 9H), 0.86 (m, 3H), 0.84-2.00 (m, 21H), 0.76 (m, 2H), 0.51 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125.78 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 170.5 (C), 169.3 (C), 162.9 (C), 147.4 (CH), 144.6 (CH), 144.2 (C), 142.8 (CH), 74.4 (CH), 66.6 (CH), 58.3 (CH), 56.6 (CH), 54.5 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 44.9 (CH), 43.0 (CH), 41.3 (CH), 35.5 (C), 26.4 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 20.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 19.1 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 13.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 6.6 ( $\text{CH}_2$ );  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3306 (m), 2928 (m), 2931 (m), 1743 (w), 1655 (s), 1520 (m), 1219 (m); HRMS (ESI, 4500 V):  $m/z$  calcd. for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{57}\text{N}_7\text{O}_7\text{Na}^+$  ( $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ ) 746.4212, found 746.4107.



**Telaprevir (1).** 250  $\mu\text{l}$  of saturated  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  was added to a solution of **14** (0.514 g, 0.75 mmol) in MeOH (20 ml) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature resulting in a pale yellow suspension. After full conversion (as

judged by TLC analysis), the reaction mixture was washed with 20 ml brine, the aqueous layer was washed again with 10 ml  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2x). The organic layers were collected, dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated *in vacuo*, to yield a pale yellow solid. The yellow solid was dissolved in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 ml) and Dess-Martin periodinane (0.650 g, 1.532 mmol) was added at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight before adding saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (10 ml) and saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution (10 ml). This mixture was stirred for 10 minutes, separated and the aqueous layers were washed with EtOAc (2 x 10 ml). The organic layers were collected, dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the crude product as an 83:13:4 mixture of diastereomers. After silica gel flash chromatography (1% MeOH in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), **1** (0.412 mg, 0.61 mmol, 80%) was obtained as a white solid.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR (500.23 MHz,  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 9.19 (d,  $J$  = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 8.91 (d,  $J$  = 24.5 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (dd,  $J$  = 1.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 1H),

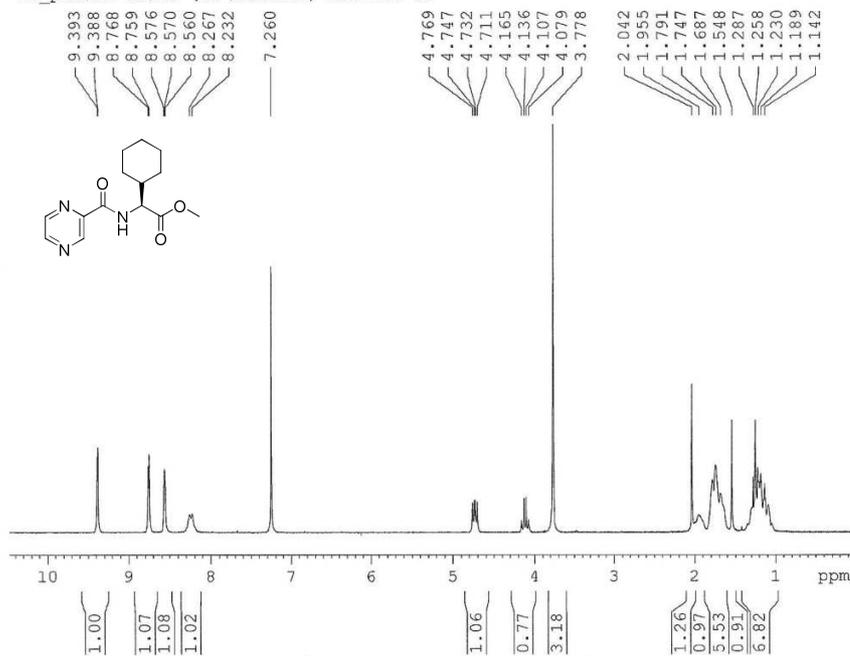
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**(S)-Methyl 2-cyclohexyl-2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido)acetate (9).**

2009/05/18 MP015 (2)  
After column chromatography  
Clean fraction  
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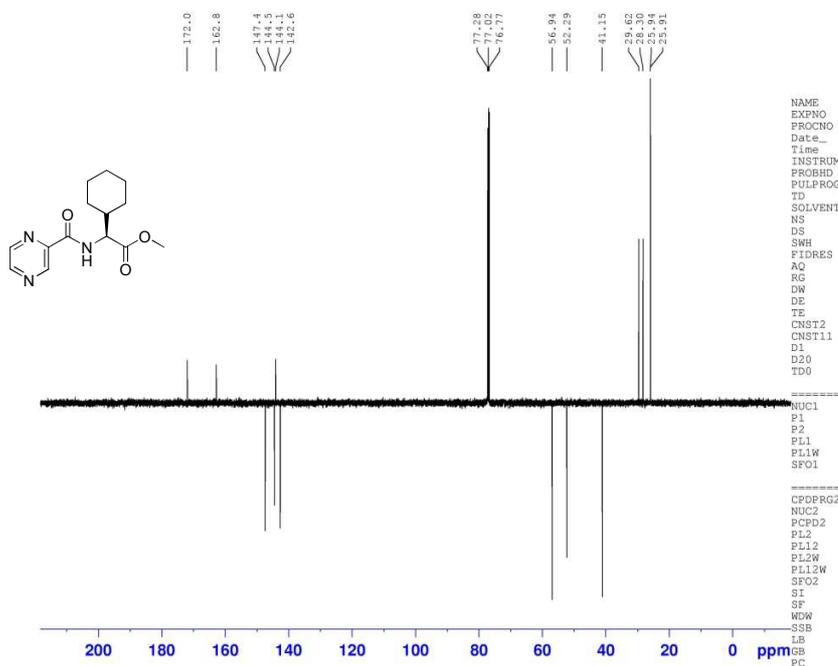


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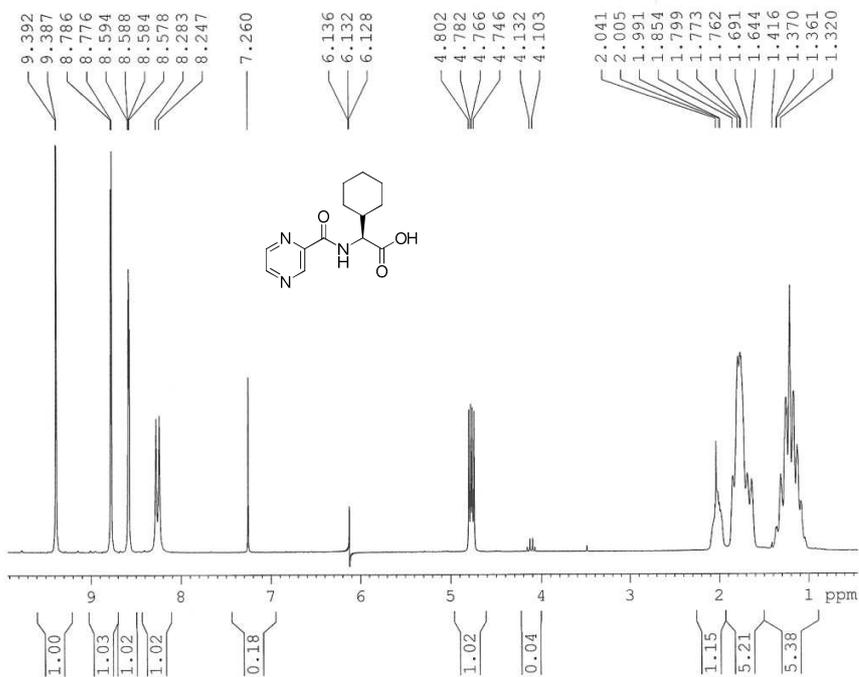
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**(S)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido)acetic acid (10).**

2009/08/13 MP038

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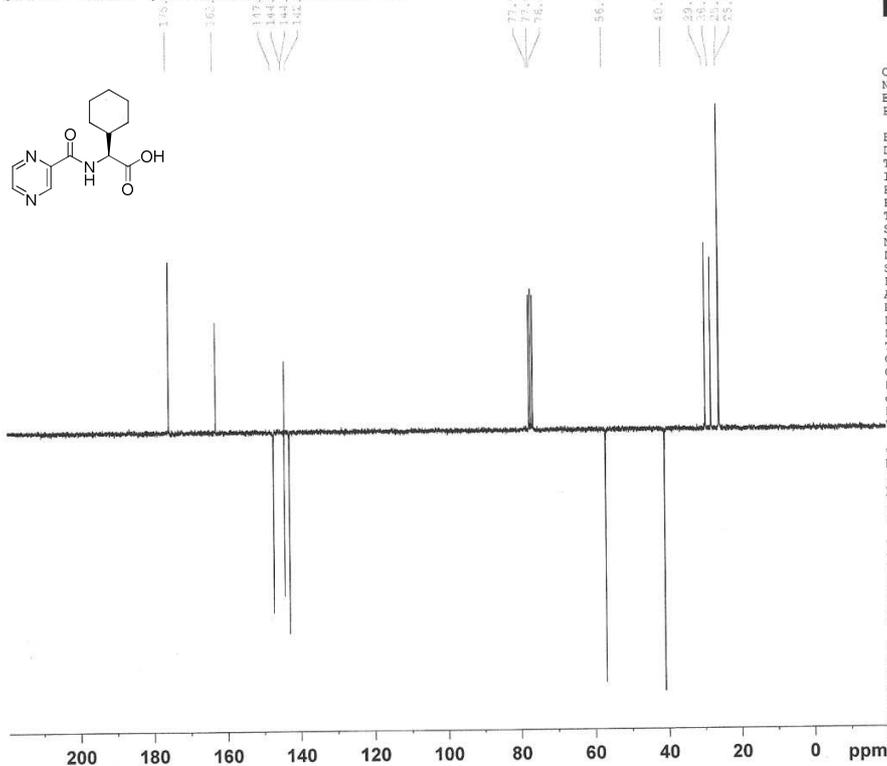
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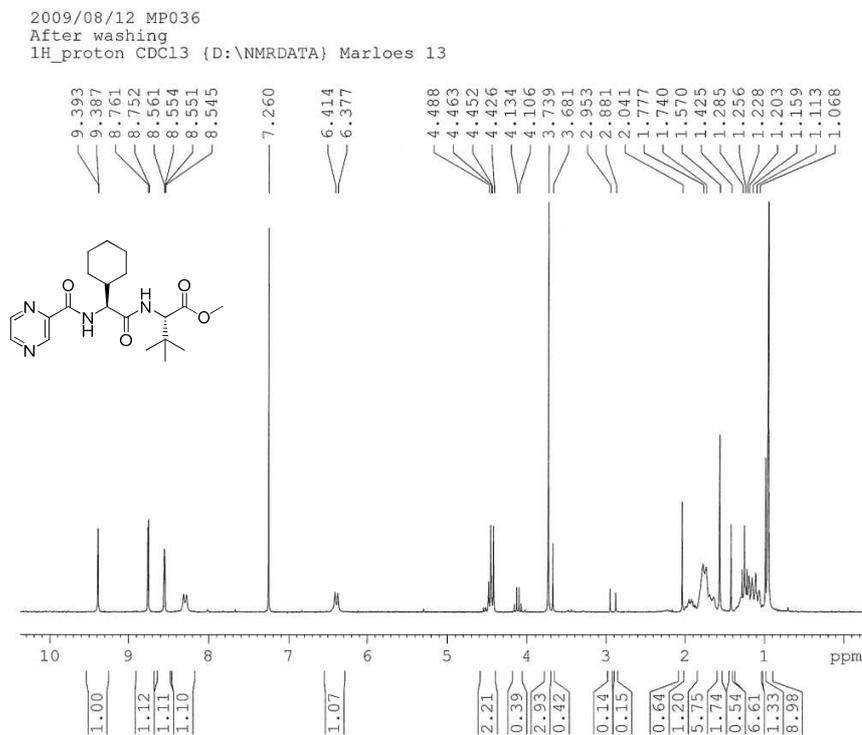
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**(S)-methyl 2-((S)-2-cyclohexyl-2-pyrazine-2carboxamido)acetamido)-3,3-dimethylbutanoate (11).**

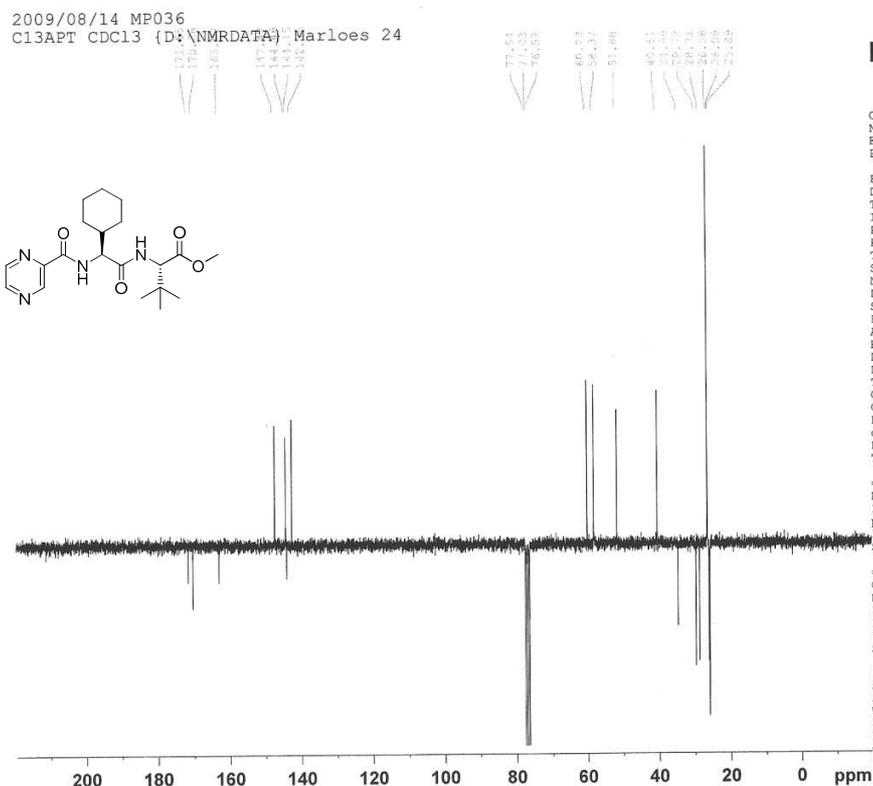


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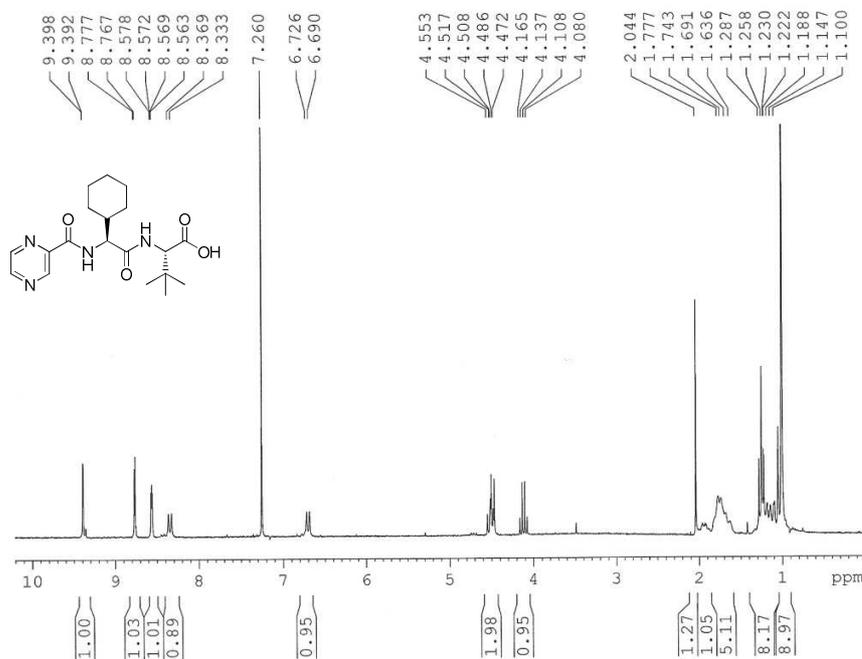
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**(S)-2-((S)-2-cyclohexyl-2-(pyrazine-2-carboxamido)acetamido)-3,3 dimethylbutanoic acid (2).**

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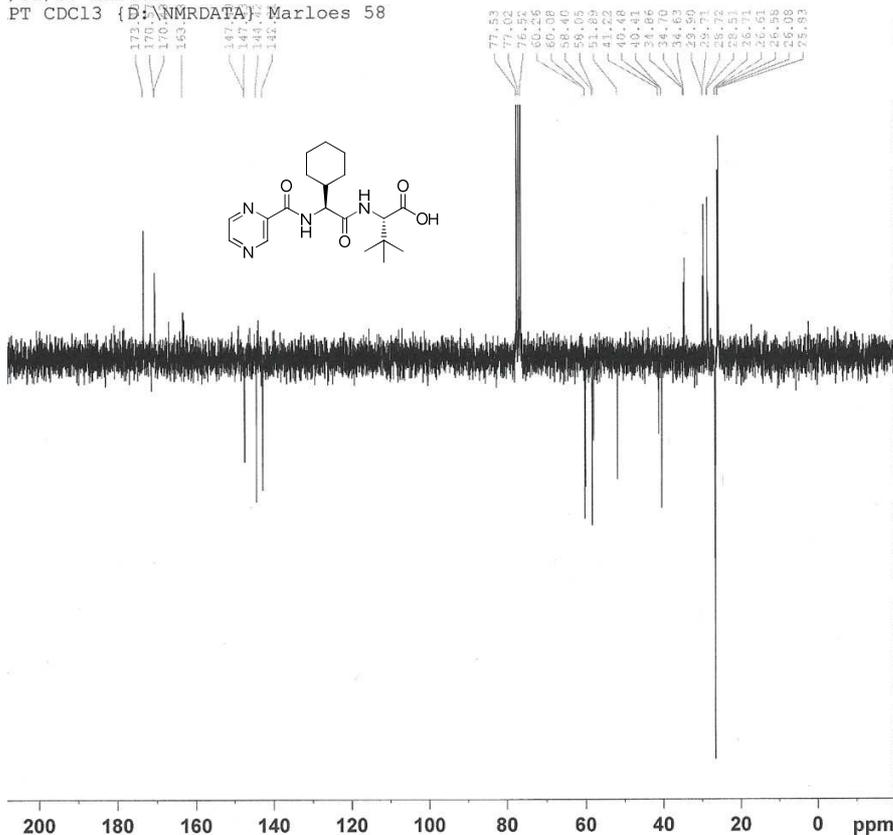
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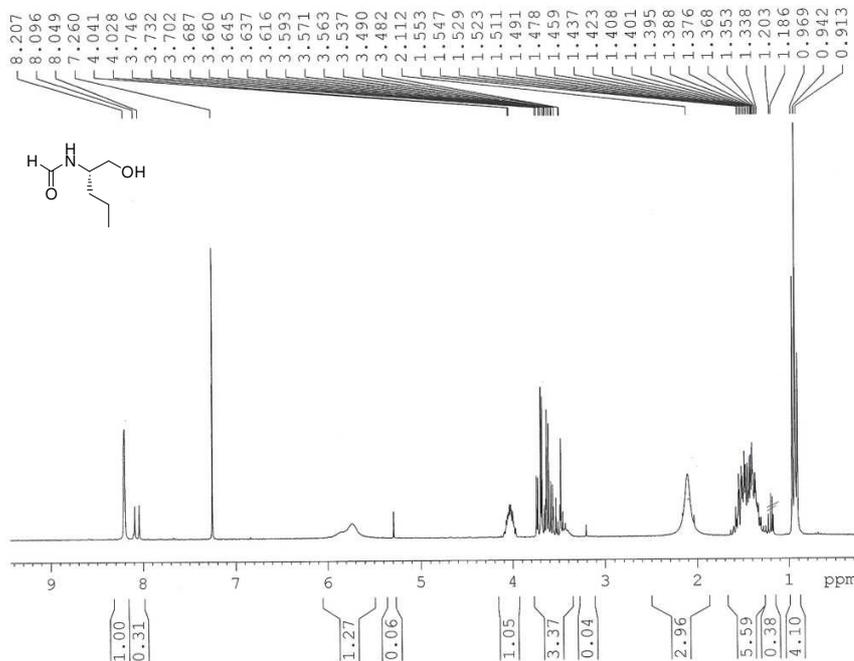
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**(S)-2-formamido-1-pentanol (12).**

2009/10/26 MMP061  
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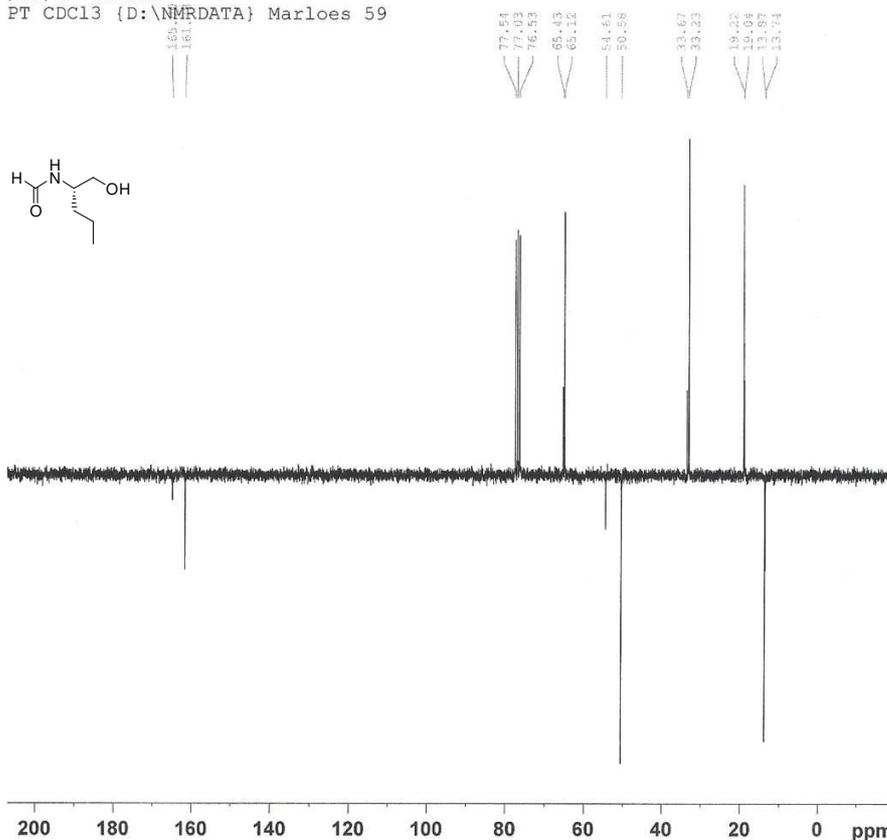
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/01/07 MMP061  
 PT CDCl3 {D:\NMRDATA} Marloes 59



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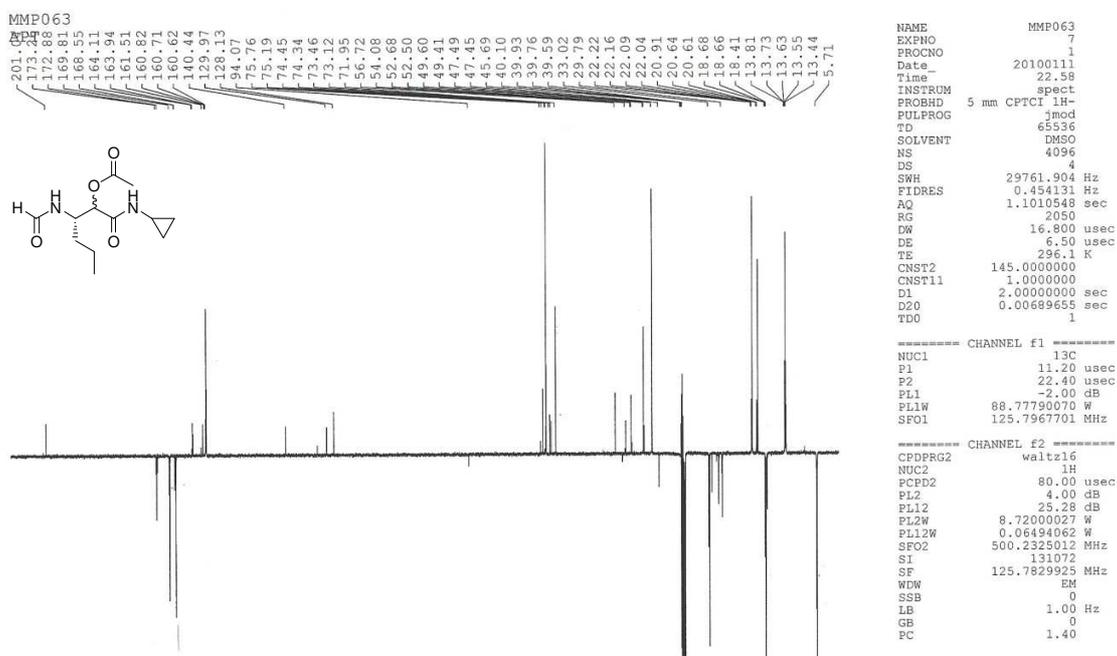
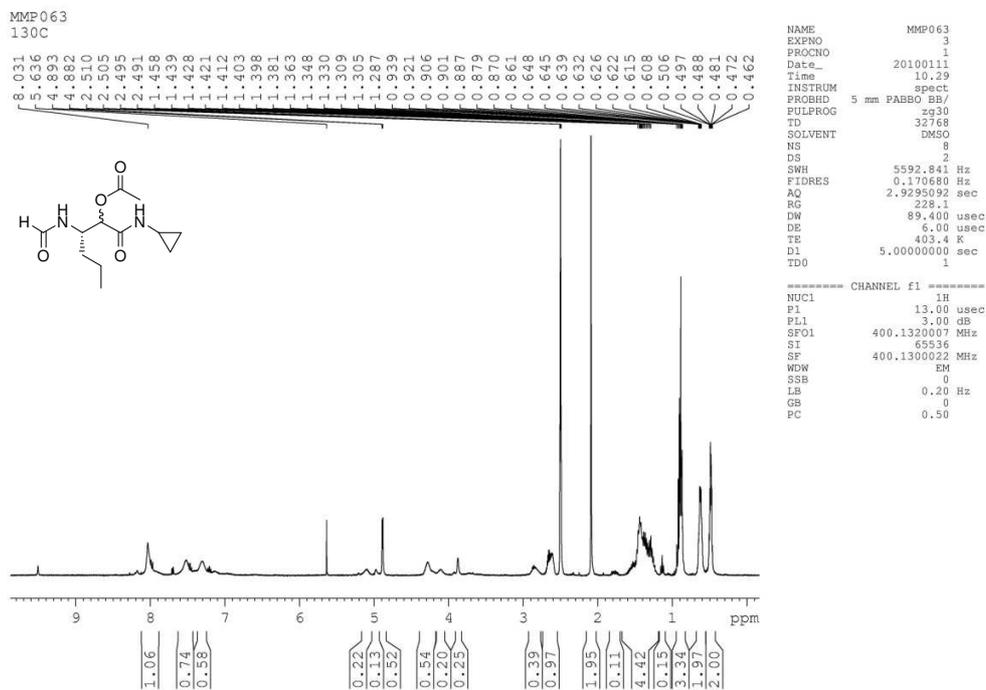
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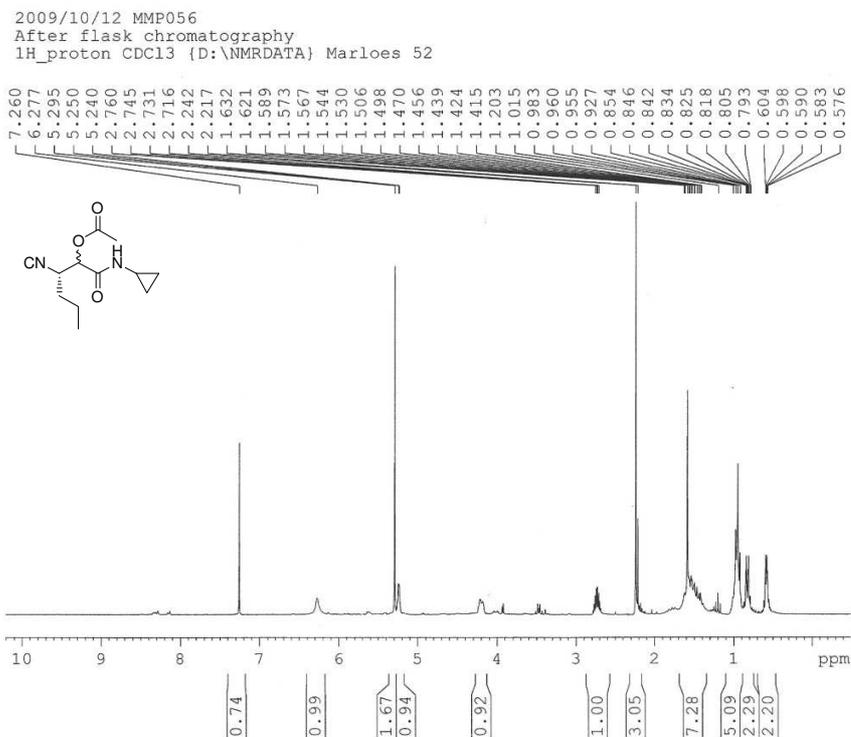
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**(3S)-2-acetoxy-N-cyclopropyl-3-formamido-hexanoyl amide (13).**



**(3S)-2-acetoxy-N-cyclopropyl-3-isocyano-hexanoyl amide (4)**

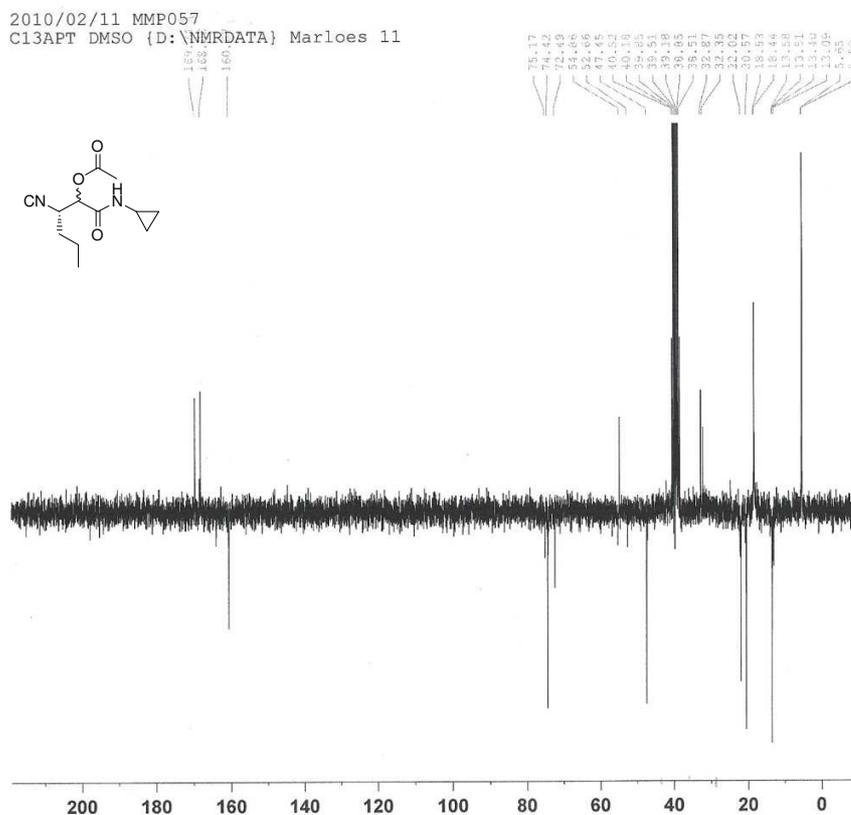


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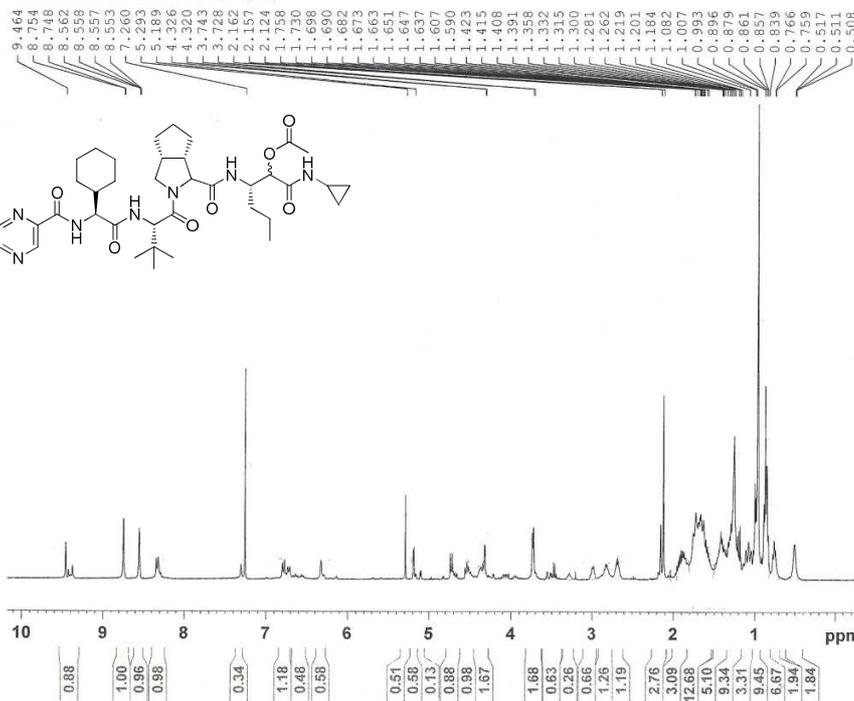
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**Compound 14.**

2009/10/22 MMP059  
 After flask chromatography



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