# **Supporting Information**

# **Concise Asymmetric Total Synthesis of (+)-Arbornamine**

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#### I. General information

All reactions were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere and under anhydrous conditions except noted. Anhydrous THF (tetrahydrofuran), DCM (dichloromethane) were obtained from Inert PS-MD-4. Anhydrous CH<sub>3</sub>CN (acetonitrile), EtOAc (ethyl acetate) were purchased from Energy Chemical, Ltd. Anhydrous Et<sub>3</sub>N (triethyl amine) was distilled from calcium hydride under a nitrogen atmosphere prior to use. All other commercial reagents were used as received. Analytical samples were obtained by chromatography on silica gel using an EtOAc/petroleum ether or DCM/MeOH mixture as the eluent. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 MHz NMR spectrometer (400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C), Bruker Avance 500 MHz NMR spectrometer (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H, 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C). The chemical shifts were referenced using residual undeuterated solvent (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  7.26, 77.0 ppm; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>:  $\delta$  2.50, 39.52 ppm unless otherwise stated). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained with a LCMS-IT-TOF mass spectrometer. The IR spectra were recorded on Nicolet Nexus 670 FT-IR spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on Anton Paar MCP 200 polarimeter at ambient temperature using the sodium D line. Melting points were measured on OptiMelt MPA100 micro melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. Chiral HPLC analyses were performed Agilent 1200 HPLC system. TLC was performed using commercially prepared 100-400 mesh silica gel plates (GF254), and visualization was effected at 254 nm, or by staining ceric ammonium molybdate, phosphomolybdic acid or potassium permanganate.

### **II. Synthetic Procedures and Characterization Data**

#### Original route to prepare compound 19



Compound **15** was prepared from *N*-benzyl-2-(1*H*-indol-3-yl)ethan-1-amine hydrochloride according to our previous report.<sup>1</sup> Spectroscopic data of synthetic compound **15** matched well with our previous report.

To a solution of **15** (298.3 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOAc (7 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (20%wt based on carbon, wetted with 50%wt H<sub>2</sub>O, 196.5 mg, 0.070 mmol, 0.1 equiv) at room temperature. The system was degassed and refilled with H<sub>2</sub> for three times. After stirred at room temperature overnight under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite (washed with MeOH) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (DCM/MeOH = 30:1) to give **17** as a white solid (194 mg, 82%).

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.64 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.63 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (brs, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.75 – 2.52 (m, 2H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) δ 165.7, 135.8, 134.4, 133.3, 129.8, 129.3, 128.6, 126.6, 120.6, 118.1 117.6, 111.2 109.2, 66.6, 64.2, 57.2, 39.1, 22.3.

IR (KBr): 3298, 3104, 2920, 2849, 1702, 1452, 1279, 1120, 1070, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd for  $C_{20}H_{21}N_2O_3$ ,  $[M+H]^+$ : 337.1547, found: 337.1540.

**M. p.** = 182–184 °C.

To a flask was added dry 4 Å molecular sieves (42 mg), then  $K_2CO_3$  (365.3 mg, 1.4 mmol, 2.8 equiv), a solution of **17** (168 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 mL) and (*Z*)-1-bromo-2-iodobut-2-ene (**18**) (125.2 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 70 °C overnight in the dark. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1 with 0.5% NEt<sub>3</sub>) to afford **19** (235.9 mg, 91%) as a yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.47 (s, 1H), 8.04 – 7.98 (m, 2H), 7.61 (t, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 –7.44 (m, 3H), 7.31 (d, *J*= 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, *J*= 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J*= 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (q, *J*= 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, *J*= 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, *J*= 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (s, 2H), 3.84 (d, *J*= 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J*= 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (brs, 1H), 3.12 (ddd, *J*= 12.0, 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (ddd, *J*=12.0, 9.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (ddd, *J*= 15.2, 9.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, *J*= 15.2, 3.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, *J*= 6.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.6, 136.4, 133.4, 132.7, 132.3, 129.6, 129.4, 128.6, 126.5, 122.0, 119.2, 118.2, 111.8, 111.2, 111.1, 64.8, 62.5, 61.5, 60.4, 43.5, 21.7, 21.1.

IR (KBr): 3046, 2924, 2840, 1787, 1452, 1282, 1100, 1045, 756, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 517.0988, found: 517.0983.

**M. p.** = 154–157 °C.

#### **Preparation of compound 20**



To a solution of **15** (212 mg, 0.50 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (5 mL) was added 2,6-lutidine (290  $\mu$ L, 2.49 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and TBSOTf (286  $\mu$ L, 1.24 mmol, 2.5 equiv) at -78 °C. After stirred at the same temperature for 45 min, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 15:1) to afford **20** (263.4 mg, 99%) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.76 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.52 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.30 – 7.25 (m, 3H), 7.24 – 7.18 (m, 1H), 7.14 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.82 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (ddd, J = 13.0, 9.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (ddd, J = 12.1, 4.4 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, J = 14.8, 9.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (ddd, J = 15.2, 4.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.00 (s, 3H), -0.01 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 166.2, 140.9, 136.0, 134.7, 133.0, 130.2, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.9, 126.9, 126.5, 121.8, 119.1, 118.3, 110.9, 110.2, 66.1, 64.3, 60.4, 54.1, 45.2, 25.8, 21.1, 18.1, -5.69, -5.70.

**IR** (KBr): 3063, 2930, 2853, 1719, 1641, 1459, 1268, 1109, 840, 749 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS** (ESI): *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 541.2881, found: 541.2878.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = +22 \ (c \ 0.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

#### **Preparation of compound 21**



To a solution of **20** (249.4 mg, 0.46 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in EtOAc (10 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (20%wt based on carbon, wetted with 50%wt H<sub>2</sub>O, 145 mg, 0.046 mmol, 0.1 equiv) at room temperature. The system was degassed and refilled with H<sub>2</sub> for five times. After stirred at room temperature overnight under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite (washed with MeOH) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 4:1 with 0.5% NEt<sub>3</sub>) to give **21** as a yellow oil (198.2 mg, 95%).

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.48 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (dt, J = 12.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (dt, J = 12.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87 – 2.71 (m, 2H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.1, 135.8, 134.0, 133.2, 129.9, 129.5, 128.5, 126.8, 121.9, 119.3, 118.4, 110.9, 110.0, 66.6, 64.7, 56.6, 39.5, 25.9, 22.3, 18.1, -5.6, -5.7.

IR (KBr): 3060, 2936, 2857, 1718, 1458, 1268, 1105, 839, 779, 711 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>35</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 451.2411, found: 451.2408.

 $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +4 (c \ 0.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

#### **Preparation of compound 22**



To a flask was added dry 4 Å molecular sieves (20 mg), then  $K_2CO_3$  (147.0 mg, 1.1 mmol, 5.0 equiv), a solution of **21** (95.7 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (2.2 mL) and (*Z*)-1-bromo-2-iodobut-2-ene (**18**) (33.3 µL, 0.26 mmol, 1.2 equiv) were added at room temperature. The resulting solution was stirred at 70 °C overnight in the dark. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 12:1 $\rightarrow$ 6:1) to afford **22** (107.3 mg, 80%) as a yellow oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.73 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (ddd, J = 13.2, 9.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (ddd, J = 12.0, 4.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, J = 14.7, 9.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (ddd, J = 15.1, 3.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.1, 136.0, 134.6, 133.1, 130.8, 130.1, 129.6, 128.5, 126.4, 121.8, 119.2, 118.3, 111.7, 110.9, 110.3, 65.9, 64.4, 61.9, 60.0, 44.5, 25.9, 21.7, 21.3, 18.1, -5.67, -5.68.

IR (KBr): 3058, 2929, 2855, 1720, 1644, 1462, 1268, 1109, 839, 710 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd for  $C_{30}H_{40}IN_2O_3Si$ ,  $[M+H]^+$ : 631.1847, found: 631.1842.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = +10 (c \ 0.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

#### **Preparation of compound 19**



To a solution of **22** (205.6 mg, 0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (3.3 mL) was added 48% aqueous HF (60  $\mu$ L, 0.49 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at room temperature. After stirred at room temperature for 50 min, the reaction was quenched slowly with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc, the pH value of aqueous layer should be 7-8. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc = 3:1 $\rightarrow$ 2:1 with 0.5% NEt<sub>3</sub>) to afford **19** (141.2 mg, 85%) as a white soild.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.50 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.09 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 4.79 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, J = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (brs, 1H), 3.15 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 3.01 (ddd, J = 15.2, 12.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (ddd, J = 15.2, 9.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (ddd, J = 15.2, 3.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 166.7, 136.4, 133.6, 132.8, 132.4, 129.7, 129.4, 128.7, 126.5, 122.1, 119.4, 118.3, 111.9, 111.2, 111.1, 64.8, 62.8, 61.5, 60.5, 43.4, 21.8, 21.1.

IR (KBr): 3046, 2924, 2840, 1787, 1452, 1282, 1100, 1045, 756, 704 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS** (ESI): m/z calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 517.0988, found: 517.0983.

**M. p.** = 154–157 °C.

 $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -28 (c \ 0.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

#### **Preparation of compound 14**



To a solution of **19** (130 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in DCM (2.6 mL) was added Dess-Martin periodinane (193 mg, 0.45 mmol, 1.8 equiv) at 0 °C. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 40 min, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous  $Na_2S_2O_3$  and saturated aqueous  $NaHCO_3$ . The solution was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The obtained crude aldehyde product was used directly for the next step.

To a solution of NaH (60%wt in mineral oil, 50.4 mg, 1.26 mmol, 5.0 equiv) in THF (1.8 mL) was added (EtO)<sub>2</sub>P(O)CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Et (0.25 mL, 1.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at 0 °C. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 30 min, then a solution of crude aldehyde product obtained above in THF (1.5 mL) was added dropwise. After stirred at room temperature for 15 min, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl. The solution was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc =  $15:1 \rightarrow 10:1 \rightarrow 7:1$ ) to afford **14** (82 mg, 56% over two steps) as a brown oil.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.97 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 7.17 – 7.06 (m, 3H), 6.00 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.07 – 2.95 (m, 1H), 2.93 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.84 – 2.74 (m, 2H), 1.80 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 166.1, 166.0, 147.0, 136.3, 133.2, 131.6, 131.3, 129.5, 129.4, 128.4, 126.5, 123.9, 122.1, 119.3, 118.4, 111.2, 111.0, 110.2, 66.1, 61.7, 61.3, 60.7, 43.4, 21.6, 21.3, 14.0.

IR (KBr): 3058, 2908, 2821, 1711, 1454, 1373, 1268, 1179, 1106, 711 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**HRMS** (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>30</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 585.1245, found: 585.1240.

 $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -9 (c \ 0.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

#### **Preparation of compound 13**



To a solution of **14** (28.4 mg, 0.049 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in THF (0.5 mL) was added DIBAL-H (0.5 mL, 1.0 M in hexane, 0.5 mmol, 10 equiv) at -40 °C. After stirred at the same temperature for 1 hour, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous Rochelle salt, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature until clear. The solution was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by PTLC (DCM/MeOH = 15:1) to afford **13** (20 mg, 94%) as a white solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H** NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  10.49 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.78 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (dt, *J* = 15.9, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (t, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.07 - 3.83 (m, 5H), 3.67 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 - 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.74 - 2.59 (m, 3H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) *δ* 136.1, 135.7, 134.1, 131.3, 128.1, 126.2, 120.6, 118.0, 117.4, 112.4, 111.0, 108.8, 63.7, 62.6, 61.2, 60.1, 42.9, 21.7, 21.3.

IR (KBr): 3742, 3235, 2868, 1641, 1382, 1301, 1093, 1029, 912, 742 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>IN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 439.0877, found: 439.0872.

**M. p.** = 192–195 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +44 \ (c \ 0.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$ 

#### **Preparation of (+)-arbornamine**



To a solution of **13** (20.0 mg, 0.046 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and PPh<sub>3</sub> (3.6 mg, 0.014 mmol, 0.3 equiv) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.5 mL) were added NEt<sub>3</sub> (19  $\mu$ L, 0.098 mmol, 3.0 equiv) and Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mg, 0.0046 mmol, 0.1 equiv). The solution was heated to 90 °C and stirred at this temperature for 40 min. After cooled to room temperature, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by PTLC (DCM/MeOH = 15:1) to afford *ent*-arbornamine (9.2 mg, 65%) as a yellow solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.51 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (t, J = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 9.2, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.49 – 3.39 (m, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (ddd, J = 17.4, 11.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.70 – 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.65 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (ddd, J = 13.5, 10.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H).

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 140.1, 138.1, 133.6, 128.2, 122.4, 120.5, 118.9, 117.3, 110.2, 107.9, 76.1, 66.8, 64.9, 54.3, 41.6, 37.0, 36.0, 16.7, 14.2.

IR (KBr): 3741, 3255, 3062, 2930, 1690, 1450, 1331, 1207, 1077, 740 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 311.1754, found: 311.1750.

**M. p.** = 163−165 °C.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{24} = +32.5 \ (c \ 0.07, \ CHCl_{3}).$ 

#### III. Comparison of the Spectra and Data of Natural and Synthetic Arbornamine



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С	Natural <sup>2</sup> (150 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	This synthetic (125 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	Our previous synthetic <sup>3</sup> (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )	Yang's synthetic <sup>4</sup> (100 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> )				
2	134.0	133.6	134.5	134.3				
3α	76.0	76.1	76.3	76.1				
3β	-	-	-	-				
5α	41.4	41.6	41.3	41.2				
5β	-	-	-	-				
6α	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.6				
6β	-	-	-	-				
7	107.8	107.8	108.2	108.0				
8	128.2	128.2	128.4	128.2				
9	118.8	118.9	118.9	118.8				
10	120.3	120.5	120.5	120.3				
11	122.2	122.4	122.2	122.0				
12	110.1	110.2	110.0	109.9				
13	138.0	138.1	138.0	137.8				
14α	37.1	37.0	37.0	36.9				
14β	-	-	-	-				
15	36.1	36.0	36.1	36.0				
16	64.3	64.9	63.9	63.8				
17a	67.1	66.8	67.1	67.0				
17b	-	-	-	-				
18	14.1	14.2	14.1	14.0				
19	116.8	117.3	116.4	116.3				
20	140.5	140.1	141.0	140.8				
21α	54.2	54.3	54.4	54.2				
21β	-	-	-	-				

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## V. NMR spectra of the obtained compounds



![](_page_11_Figure_0.jpeg)

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#### VI. Copies of the HPLC chromatograms

![](_page_19_Figure_1.jpeg)

The enantiopurity was determined using chiral HPLC (OD-H column,  $4.6 \times 250$  mm, 85:15 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 1 mL/min, UV detector at 210 nm) RT = 13.289 min (minor), RT = 15.993 min (major), ee = 75%.

![](_page_19_Figure_3.jpeg)

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The enantiopurity was determined using chiral HPLC (OD-H column,  $4.6 \times 250$  mm, 19:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 1 mL/min, UV detector at 210 nm) RT = 4.283 min (major), RT = 5.396 min (minor), ee = 87%.

![](_page_20_Figure_2.jpeg)

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The enantiopurity was determined using chiral HPLC (OD-H column,  $4.6 \times 250$  mm, 9:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 1 mL/min, UV detector at 210 nm) RT = 12.804 min (minor), RT = 20.182 min (major), ee = 88%.

![](_page_21_Figure_2.jpeg)

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The enantiopurity was determined using chiral HPLC (AD-H column,  $4.6 \times 250$  mm, 9:1 hexanes/*i*PrOH, 1 mL/min, UV detector at 210 nm) RT = 10.790 min (major), RT = 14.929 min (minor), ee = 88%.

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Peak		RetTime	Area	Height	Width	Symmetry	Area
		[min]	[mAu*s]	[mAu]	[min]		[%]
	1	10.79	32941.7	1840.2	0.2728	0.587	94.111
	2	14.929	2061.3	79.5	0.3944	0.605	5.889

![](_page_22_Figure_4.jpeg)