

Supporting Information

Synthesis of Novel Pyrrolidine 3,4-Diol Derivatives as Inhibitors of α -L-Fucosidases.

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General Methods: Optical rotations were measured in a 1.0 cm or 1.0 dm tube with a Perkin–Elmer 241MC spectropolarimeter. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained for solutions in CDCl_3 , $[\text{d}_6]\text{DMSO}$, CD_3OD and D_2O . All the assignments were confirmed by two-dimensional NMR experiments. The FAB mass spectra were obtained using glycerol or 3-nitrobenzyl alcohol as the matrix. TLC was performed on silica gel HF₂₅₄ (Merck), with detection by UV light charring with H_2SO_4 or with Pancaldi reagent $[(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{MoO}_4, \text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_2, \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4, \text{H}_2\text{O}]$. Silica gel 60 (Merck, 230 mesh) was used for preparative chromatography.

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5-deoxy-2,3-O-isopropylidene-L-lyxofuranose (41): To a stirred solution of L-fucose (4 g, 24.36 mmol) in DMF (55 mL) at 0 °C was added 2,2-dimethoxypropane (13.8 mL) and PTSA (90 mg, 0.53 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3 h at r.t. and then treated with Na_2CO_3 . The mixture was filtered and the solution evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in water and washed with petroleum ether. NaIO_4 (6 g, 28 mmol) was added to the aqueous phase and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at r.t.. NaOH (1N) was then added until basic pH and the reaction was stirred at r.t. for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then neutralized with HCl (1N) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to give pure **41** (2.76 g, 65%). P.f. = 48-50 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -28.0 (*c* 1 in CH_2Cl_2); IR (ν cm^{-1}) 3442 (OH), 2985, 2930, 1382, 1210, 1055; CIMS 157 $[(\text{M}-\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H})^+, 89\%]$. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$: C, 55.16; H, 8.10. Found: C, 54.90; H, 7.83. Data for α -anomer: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) δ 1.31-1.33 (6H, m, 4-Me, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.47 (3H, s,

$C(CH_3)_2$), 2.51 (1H, brs, OH), 4.31 (1H, qd, $J_{4,Me} = 6.3$, $J_{4,3} = 3.0$, 4-H), 4.59-4.64 (2H, m, 2-H, 3-H), 5.34 (1H, s, 1-H). ^{13}C NMR (75.4 MHz, CD_3Cl , δ ppm) δ 13.6 (4-Me), 25.2 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 26.3 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 76.3 (C-4), 81.2, 86.2 (C-2, C-3), 101.2 (C-1), 112.5 ($C(CH_3)_2$); Data for β -anomer: 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ ppm) δ 1.32 (3H, m, Me-4), 1.38 (3H, s, $C(CH_3)_2$), 1.54 (3H, s, $C(CH_3)_2$), 3.65 (1H, qd, $J_{4,Me} = 6.3$, $J_{4,3} = 3.0$, 4-H), 3.84 (1H, d, $J_{OH,1} = 12.3$, OH), 4.49 (1H, dd, $J_{2,3} = 6.0$, $J_{2,1} = 3.3$, 2-H), 4.54 (1H, dd, 3-H), 4.95 (1H, dd, 1-H). ^{13}C NMR (75.4 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ ppm) δ 13.4 (4-Me), 25.1 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 26.0 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 71.9 (C-4), 79.4, 81.2 (C-2, C-3), 96.7 (C-1), 113.1 ($C(CH_3)_2$).

(Z) and (E)- Ethyl 2,3,7-trideoxy-4,5-O-isopropylidene-L-lyxo-hept-2-enoate (42 and 43): To a solution of **41** (2.66 g, 15.27 mmol) in dry toluene (31 mL), ethoxycarbonyltriphenylmethylenephosphorane (10 g, 28.7 mmol) was added, and the mixture was heated under reflux for 4 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 1:2→1:1) to afford **42** (433 mg, 12%) and **43** (2.17 g, 58%), both as oils. Data for **42**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} +100.7$ (c 1.1 in CH_2Cl_2); IR (ν cm^{-1}) 3542 (OH), 2983, 2936, 1725 (C=O); 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ ppm) δ 1.17 (3H, d, $J_{Me,6} = 6.3$, 6-Me), 1.28 (3H, t, $^2J_{H,H} = 7.2$, CH_2CH_3), 1.39, 1.52 (3H each, 2s, $C(CH_3)_2$), 3.62 (1H, m, 6-H), 4.15 (2H, q, CH_2CH_3), 4.29 (1H, dd, $J_{5,4} = 7.5$, $J_{5,6} = 3.0$, 5-H), 5.60 (1H, td, $J_{4,3} = 7.5$, $J_{4,2} = 1.5$, 4-H), 5.92 (1H, dd, $J_{2,3} = 11.7$, 2-H), 6.44 (1H, dd, 3-H). ^{13}C NMR (75.4 MHz, $CDCl_3$, δ ppm) δ 14.3 (CH_2CH_3), 20.6 (6-Me), 24.5, 26.4 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 60.6 (CH_2CH_3), 65.7 (C-6), 74.9 (C-4), 82.2 (C-5), 108.8 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 120.1 (C-2), 147.6 (C-3), 166.0 (C=O); CIMS 229 [(M-Me) $^+$, 15%], 245 [(M+H) $^+$, 2%]; CIHRMS m/z found 245.1376, calcd. for $C_{12}H_{21}O_5$ (M+H) $^+$: 245.1389. Data for **43**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} -1.6$ (c 1.3 in CH_2Cl_2); IR (ν cm^{-1})

3454 (OH), 2984, 2937, 1722 (C=O), 1372, 1303, 1263; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) δ 1.16 (3H, d, $J_{\text{Me},6} = 6.3$, 6-Me), 1.29 (3H, t, CH_2CH_3), 1.40, 1.54 (3H each, 2s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 3.73 (1H, q, $J_{6,5} = 6.3$, 6-H), 4.03 (1H, t, $J_{5,4} = 6.6$, 5-H), 4.20 (2H, q, $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.2$, CH_2CH_3), 4.69 (1H, td, $J_{4,3} = 6.6$, $J_{4,2} = 1.2$, 4-H), 6.07 (1H, dd, $J_{2,3} = 15.6$, 2-H), 6.88 (1H, dd, 3-H). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (75.4 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) δ 14.3 (CH_2CH_3), 19.3 (6-Me), 25.4, 27.8 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 60.8 (CH_2CH_3), 66.0 (C-6), 76.4 (C-4), 82.7 (C-5), 109.6 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 123.9 (C-2), 142.6 (C-3), 165.9 (C=O); CIMS 245 [(M + H) $^+$, 9%]; CIHRMS m/z found 245.1390, calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_5$ (M+H) $^+$: 245.1389

Ethyl 2,3,6,7-tetradecoxy-3,6-imino-4,5-O-isopropylidene-D-*altro*-heptanoate and ethyl 2,3,6,7-tetradecoxy-3,6-imino-4,5-O-isopropylidene-D-*allo*-heptanoate ((2R and 2S,3S,4R,5R)-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-5-methyl-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol) (25a and 25b): A solution of **43** (2.1 g, 8.60 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 was added dropwise to a stirred solution of methanesulphonyl chloride (2.4 mL, 31.1 mmol) in dry pyridine (9 mL) cooled to 0 °C. The mixture was left at r.t. overnight. Then, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, water was added and the reaction was stirred for 15 min at r.t.. The solvent was evaporated, the crude diluted with dichloromethane, washed with H_2O and brine. The organic phase was dried, filtered and concentrated. The residue was then dissolved in EtOH, cooled to 0 °C, and saturated with NH_3 . After 5 days at r.t., the solvent was evaporated and the residue was treated with NH_4OH (25%) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was washed with satd. aq. sol. of NaHCO_3 and H_2O until neutral pH. The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate (1% Et_3N) to afford **25a** (1.09 g) and **25b** (0.22 g) (63%, 2 steps). Data for **25a**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} -40.5$ (c 1.2 in CH_2Cl_2); IR (ν cm^{-1}) 2980, 2934, 1734 (C=O), 1373, 1263, 1209, 1066, 1045, 872; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) δ 1.05 (3H, d, $J_{\text{Me},6} = 7.2$, 6-Me), 1.26 (3H, t, $^2J_{\text{H,H}} =$

7.2, CH_2CH_3), 1.29, 1.44 (3H each, 2s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.15 (1H, s, *NH*), 2.56 (1H, dd, $^2J_{2a,2b} = 16.2$, $J_{2a,3} = 6.6$, 2a-H), 2.65 (1H, dd, $J_{2b,3} = 7.5$, 2b-H), 3.31 (1H, q, 6-H), 3.44 (1H, m, 3-H), 4.15 (2H, q, CH_2CH_3), 4.39 (1H, d, $J_{5,4} = 5.7$, 5-H), 4.66 (1H, dd, $J_{4,3} = 4.7$, 4-H). ^{13}C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) δ 14.3 (CH_2CH_3), 17.4 (6-Me), 24.2, 26.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 33.8 (C-2), 56.5 (C-3), 58.7 (C-6), 60.6 (CH_2CH_3), 82.7 (C-4), 87.3 (C-5), 111.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 172.1 (C=O); CIMS 245 [(M + H)⁺, 14%], 244 [(M)⁺, 100%]; CIHRMS m/z found 244.1553, calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ (M+H)⁺: 244.1549. Anal. calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{21}\text{NO}_4$: C, 59.24; H, 8.70; N, 5.76. Found: C, 58.91; H, 8.28; N, 5.68. Data for **25b**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -17.6 (c 1.31 in CH_2Cl_2); IR (ν cm^{-1}) 3349 (*NH*), 2981, 2930, 1733 (C=O), 1372; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) δ 1.21 (3H, d, $J_{\text{Me},6} = 6.6$, 6-Me), 1.24 (3H, t, $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.2$, CH_2CH_3), 1.29, 1.49 (3H each, 2s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.28 (1H, br s, *NH*), 2.46 (1H, dd, $^2J_{2a,2b} = 16.2$, $J_{2a,3} = 9.0$, 2a-H), 2.72 (1H, dd, $J_{2b,3} = 4.2$, 2b-H), 3.20 (1H, m, 6-H), 3.45 (1H, m, 3-H), 4.09-4.20 (3H, m, 5-H, CH_2CH_3), 4.26 (1H, dd, $J_{4,5} = 7.2$, $J_{4,3} = 5.1$, 4-H). ^{13}C NMR (75.4 MHz, CDCl_3 , δ ppm) δ 14.3 (CH_2CH_3), 19.5 (6-Me), 25.5, 27.5 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 38.6 (C-2), 59.7 (C-6), 60.7, 60.8 (C-3, CH_2CH_3), 84.7 (C-4), 87.3 (C-5), 117.2 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 172.1 (C=O); CIMS 245 [(M + H)⁺, 6%], 244 [(M)⁺, 54%]; CIHRMS m/z found 244.1544, calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_4$ (M+H)⁺: 244.1549.

Ethyl *N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2,3,6,7-tetra-deoxy-3,6-imino-4,5-*O*-isopropylidene-*D*,*altro*-heptanoate ((2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-*N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3,4-*O*-isopropylidene-5-methyl-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol) (47): To a solution of **25a** (0.866 g, 3.56 mmol) in 1:1 EtOH:H₂O (48 mL), NaHCO₃ (0.51 g, 6.05 mmol) and CbzCl (0.562 mL, 3.92 mmol) were added. After stirring for 2 h at r.t., the mixture was poured into satd. aq. sol. of NaHCO₃ and extracted with AcOEt. The organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by

column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether 1:2) to give pure **47** (1.21 g, 90%). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -76.6 (*c* 1.1 in CH_2Cl_2); IR ($\nu \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 2983, 1732 (C=O), 1703 (C=O); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 353 K, δ ppm) δ 1.12 (3H, d, $J_{6,\text{Me}} = 6.9$, 6-Me), 1.18 (3H, t, $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.0$, CH_2CH_3), 1.26, 1.38 (3H each, 2s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.49 (1H, dd, $^2J_{2\text{a},2\text{b}} = 16.5$, $J_{2\text{a},3} = 9.0$, 2a-H), 3.14 (1H, m, 2b-H), 4.00 (1H, q, 6-H), 4.07 (2H, m, CH_2CH_3), 4.14 (1H, m, 3-H), 4.43 (1H, d, $J_{5,4} = 6.0$, 5-H), 4.83 (1H, t, $J_{4,3} = 6.0$, 4-H), 5.06 (1H, d, $^2J_{\text{H,H}} = 12.5$, CH_2 of Cbz), 5.11 (1H, d, CH_2 of Cbz), 7.31-7.38 (5H, m, H-arom.). $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125.7 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 353 K, δ ppm) δ 13.5 (CH_2CH_3), 16.2 (6-Me), 24.4, 25.2 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 39.5 (C-2), 56.0 (C-3), 57.9, 59.1 (C-6, CH_2CH_3), 65.7 (CH_2 of Cbz), 78.4 (C-4), 82.9 (C-5), 110.4 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 127.2, 127.4, 127.9, 136.4, (C-Ar), 154.0 (C=O of Cbz), 170.2 (COOEt); CIMS 378 $[(\text{M} + \text{H})^+]$, 7%), 377 $[(\text{M})^+]$, 4%; CIHRMS m/z found 378.1930, calcd. for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_6$ $(\text{M} + \text{H})^+$: 378.1916.

(2R,3S,4R,5R)-N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-(2-(2-aminophenylcarbamoylmethyl)-3,4-O-isopropylidene-5-methylpyrrolidine-3,4-diol (48): A solution of **47** (1.18 g, 3.12 mmol) in 2:1 EtOH: NaOH (90 mL) was heated to 50 °C for 1.5 h. The mixture was neutralized with IRA-120H⁺, filtered and concentrated. The crude acid was then dissolved in DMF and *o*-phenylenediamine (0.371 g, 3.43 mmol), DIPEA (1.07 mL, 6.24 mmol) and pyBOP (1.79 g, 3.43 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 4 h. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 and washed with satd. aq. sol. of citric acid and brine. The organic phase was dried (Na_2SO_4), filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH, 40:1) to give pure **48** (1.22 g, 89%, 2 steps). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -49 (*c* 0.95 in CH_2Cl_2); IR ($\nu \text{ cm}^{-1}$) 3446 (NH), 3364 (NH), 3030, 2984, 2932, 1697 (C=O); $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, $\text{DMSO-}d_6$, 353 K, δ ppm) δ 1.13 (3H, d, $J_{\text{Me},5} = 7.0$, 5-Me), 1.28, 1.44 (3H each, 2s, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.63 (1H, dd, $^2J_{1'\text{a},1'\text{b}} = 15.5$, $J_{1'\text{a},2} = 9.0$, 1'a-H), 3.31 (1H,

br d, 1'b-H), 4.02 (1H, q, 5-H), 4.23 (1H, m, 2-H), 4.42 (1H, d, $J_{4,3} = 6.0$, 4-H), 4.67 (2H, brs, NH₂), 4.84 (1H, t, $J_{3,2} = 6.0$, 3-H), 5.09 (1H, d, $^2J_{H,H} = 12.5$, CH₂ of Cbz), 5.12 (1H, d, CH₂ of Cbz), 6.52 (1H, td, $J = 7.5$, $J = 1.5$, H-arom.), 6.71 (1H, dd, $J = 8.0$, $J = 1.5$, H-arom), 6.90 (1H, td, $J = 8.0$, $J = 1.5$, H-arom.), 7.09 (1H, d, $J = 7.5$, H-arom), 7.29-7.39 (5H, m, H-arom. of Cbz), 8.79 (1H, brs, CONH). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 353 K, δ ppm) δ 16.1 (Me-5), 24.5, 25.6 (C(CH₃)₂), 34.9 (C-1'), 56.3 (C-2), 58.3 (C-5), 65.6 (CH₂ of Cbz), 79.0 (C-3), 82.8 (C-4), 110.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 115.2, 115.7, 123.1, 125.6, 127.2, 127.4, 127.9, 136.5, 142.3 (C-Ar), 154.1 (C=O of Cbz), 169.1 (CONH); CIMS 440 [(M + H)⁺, 8%], 439 [(M)⁺, 18%], 91 (100); CIHRMS *m/z* found 439.2110, calcd. for C₂₄H₂₉N₃O₅ (M)⁺: 439.2107. Anal. calcd. for C₂₄H₂₉N₃O₅: C, 65.59; H, 6.65; N, 9.56. Found: C, 65.58; H, 6.72; N, 9.13.

(2R,3S,4R,5R)-N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-(2-(1H-Benzoimidazol-2-ylmethyl)-3,4-O-

isopropylidene-5-methylpyrrolidine-3,4-diol (49): A solution of **48** (41 mg, 0.09 mmol) in glacial AcOH (1.5 mL) was stirred at 65 °C for 4 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (ether:petroleum ether, 10:1) to give pure **49** (39 mg, 100%). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ -48.6 (*c* 1.1 in CH₂Cl₂); IR (ν cm⁻¹) 2895, 2933, 1701 (C=O); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ ppm) δ 1.18 (3H, d, $J_{Me,5} = 6.9$, 5-Me), 1.23, 1.43 (3H each, 2s, C(CH₃)₂), 3.15 (1H, m, 1'a-H), 3.90 (1H, dd, $^2J_{1'b,1'a} = 15.9$, $J_{1'b,2} = 3.6$, 1'b-H), 4.08 (1H, q, 5-H), 4.44 (1H, d, $J_{4,3} = 6.0$, 4-H), 4.53 (1H, m, 2-H), 4.88 (1H, t, $J_{3,2} = 6.0$, 3-H), 5.09 (2H, s, CH₂ of Cbz), 7.09-7.14 (2H, m, H-arom.), 7.27-7.37 (5H, m, H-arom.), 7.46 (2H, brs, H-arom.), 11.81 (1H, s, NH). ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, δ ppm) δ 16.1 (5-Me), 24.5, 25.7 (C(CH₃)₂), 27.4 (C-1'), 57.6 (C-2), 58.8 (C-5), 65.7 (CH₂ of Cbz), 78.8 (C-3), 82.8 (C-4), 110.4 (C(CH₃)₂), 119.2, 127.2, 127.4, 127.9, 136.5, 152.5 (C-Ar), 154.6 (C=O of

Cbz); CIMS 422 [(M + H)⁺, 100%], 421 [(M)⁺, 51%]; CIHRMS *m/z* found 422.2061, calcd. for C₂₄H₂₈N₃O₄ (M+H)⁺: 422.2079.

(2R,3S,4R,5R)-2-(1H-Benzoimidazol-2-ylmethyl)-5-methylpyrrolidine-3,4-diol

hydrochloride (19b): A solution of **49** (50 mg, 0.119 mmol) in MeOH (6 mL) was hydrogenated with Pd-C (10%) as catalyst. After 30 min, the catalyst was filtered off and the solution concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH, 14:1) and the pure product thus obtained (27.3 mg, 0.095 mmol, 80%) was treated with 4M HCl (1 mL) and stirred for 12 h at r.t. After evaporation of the solvent, the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂:MeOH, 4:1) to give pure **19b** (19.7 mg, 73%). [α]_D²⁵ + 20.5 (*c* 1.3 in MeOH); IR (ν cm⁻¹) 3252-2927 (OH, NH), 1445, 1272, 1129, 743; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD, δ ppm) δ 1.48 (3H, d, *J*_{Me,5} = 6.6, 5-Me), 3.39 (1H, dd, ²*J*_{1'a,1'b} = 15.9, *J*_{1'a,2} = 7.8, 1'a-H), 3.54 (1H, dd, *J*_{1'b,2} = 7.2, 1'b-H), 3.61 (1H, m, 5-H), 3.98 (1H, dd, *J*_{4,5} = 9.0, 4-H), 4.18 (1H, t, *J*_{3,2} = *J*_{3,4} = 3.6, 3-H), 4.28 (1H, m, 2-H), 7.25 (2H, dd, H-arom.), 7.55 (2H, dd, *J* = 3.3, *J* = 6.0, H-arom.). ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, CD₃OD, δ ppm) δ 15.8 (5-Me), 27.3 (C-1'), 58.2 (C-5), 59.8 (C-2), 72.1 (C-3), 78.3 (C-4), 115.6, 123.8, 139.3, 151.5 (C-Ar); CIMS 248 [(M+H)⁺, 45%]; CIHRMS *m/z* found 248.1396, calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈N₃O₂ (M + H)⁺: 248.1399.

Data for compound **50**: ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃OD, δ ppm) δ 1.31 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3), 2.85 (1H, m), 2.92 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.5, *J* = 6.5), 3.43 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.5, *J* = 8.7), 3.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.3, *J* = 5.8), 3.85 (1H, dt, *J* = 8.7, *J* = 6.3), 4.28 (1H, t, *J* = 6.3), 5.05 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6), 5.26 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6), 7.19-7.27 (2H, m), 7.46-7.51 (1H, m), 7.54-7.60 (1H, m). ¹³C NMR (75.4 MHz, CD₃OD, δ ppm) δ 17.7, 23.2, 58.5, 59.6, 61.4, 71.7, 78.3, 110.4, 118.9, 123.2, 123.4, 134.6, 143.0, 152.3; CIMS 259 [(M)⁺, 30%], 260 [(M+H)⁺, 100%]; CIHRMS *m/z* found 259.1319, calcd. for C₁₃H₁₈N₃O₂ (M)⁺: 259.1321.

Ethyl *N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2,3,6-trideoxy-3,6-imino-4,5:7,8-di-*O*-isopropylidene-*D*-glycero-*L*-*altro* and *L*-*allo*-octonates (58**):** To a solution of ethyl 2,3,6-trideoxy-3,6-imino-4,5:7,8-di-*O*-isopropylidene-*D*-glycero-*L*-*altro*- and *L*-*allo*-octonates¹ (4.07 g, 12.37 mmol) in EtOH:H₂O (1/1, 80 mL), NaHCO₃ (1.76 g, 21.05 mmol) and CbzCl (1.92 mL, 13.63 mmol) were added. After stirring 12 h at r.t., sat. aq. soln. of NaHCO₃ was added and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated. The residue was used in the next step without further purification.

Ethyl *N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2,3,6-trideoxy-3,6-imino-4,5-*O*-isopropylidene-*D*-glycero-*L*-*altro* and *L*-*allo*-octonates (59** and **60**):** To a solution of **58** (540 mg, 1.166 mmol) in MeCN (5.3 mL), Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (1.04 g, 3.50 mmol) was added. After heating at 50 °C for 8 h, the solvent was evaporated. The residue was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with water and brine. The organic phases were dried, filtered and concentrated. Column chromatography (petroleum ether:AcOEt, 1:1 → 1:3) afforded **60** (10.7 mg, 9%) and **59** (160.1 mg, 66%) as syrups. Data for **60**: $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +39.2$ (*c* 1.0 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 1.18 (3H, t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.0, OCH₂CH₃), 1.25, 1.32 (3H each, 2s, C(CH₃)₂), 2.67 (1H, dd, ²*J*_{2a,2b} = 15.0, *J*_{2a,3} = 5.0, 2a-H), 2.82 (1H, dd, *J*_{2b,3} = 10.0, 2b-H), 3.28 (1H, dd, ²*J*_{8a,8b} = 11.0, *J*_{8a,7} = 6.5, 8a-H), 3.42 (1H, dd, *J*_{8b,7} = 5.0, 8b-H), 3.68 (1H, m, H-7), 4.07 (2H, m, OCH₂CH₃), 4.15 (1H, brs, OH-8), 4.19 (1H, d, *J*_{6,7} = 3.5, 6-H), 4.23 (1H, ddd, *J*_{3,4} = 1.7, 3-H), 4.48 (1H, dd, *J*_{4,5} = 5.7, 4-H), 4.72 (1H, d, 5-H), 4.83 (1H, brs, OH-7), 5.14 (2H, s, CH₂Ph), 7.30-7.37 (5H, m, Ph). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 13.5 (OCH₂CH₃), 24.7, 26.7 (C(CH₃)₂), 37.3 (C-2), 59.4 (OCH₂CH₃), 62.7 (C-8), 62.8 (C-3), 65.8 (C-6), 66.1 (CH₂Ph), 71.5 (C-7), 82.2 (C-5), 84.0 (C-4), 110.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 126.7, 127.3, 127.9, (C

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arom.), 136.5 (Cq arom.), 154.9 (C=O of Cbz), 170.1 (COOEt). CIHRMS m/z found 424.1960, calcd. for $C_{21}H_{29}NO_8+H$: 424.1971. Data for **59**: $[\alpha]_D^{22} +66.7$ (c 1.6 in CH_2Cl_2). 1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 363 K, δ ppm) δ 1.18 (3H, t, $J_{H,H} = 7.0$, OCH_2CH_3), 1.27, 1.36 (3H each, 2s, $C(CH_3)_2$), 2.46 (1H, dd, $^2J_{2a,2b} = 17.0$, $J_{2a,3} = 8.5$, 2a-H), 3.22 (1H, brs, 2b-H), 3.29 (1H, dt, $^2J_{8a,8b} = 11.0$, $J_{8a,7} = J_{8a,OH} = 5.7$, 8a-H), 3.38 (1H, dt, $J_{8b,7} = J_{8b,OH} = 4.5$, 8b-H), 3.82 (1H, brs, 6-H), 4.04-4.10 (3H, m, 7-H, OCH_2CH_3), 4.22-4.25 (2H, m, 3-H, OH -8), 4.73 (1H, dd, $J_{4,3} = 6.0$, 4-H), 4.77 (1H, t, $J_{5,4} = J_{5,6} = 6.5$, 5-H), 5.02, 5.10 (1H each, 2d, $J_{H,H'} = 12.7$, CH_2Ph), 7.32-7.37 (5H, m, Ph). ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 363 K, δ ppm) δ 13.5 (OCH_2CH_3), 24.4, 25.3 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 33.6 (C-2), 58.0 (C-3), 59.0 (OCH_2CH_3), 62.3 (C-8), 64.8 (C-7), 65.6 (CH_2Ph), 70.2 (C-6), 79.3 (C-4), 79.7 (C-5), 109.8 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 127.1, 127.3, 127.8 (C arom.), 136.4 (Cq. arom.), 154.0 (C=O of Cbz), 170.3 (COOEt). CIHRMS m/z found 424.1955, calcd. for $C_{21}H_{29}NO_8+H$: 424.1971.

(2S,3R,4S,5S)-N-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-5-formyl-3,4-O-

isopropylidene-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol (61): A solution of $NaIO_4$ (356 mg, 1.65 mmol) in water (6 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of **59** (348 mg, 0.823 mmol) in THF (5 mL) cooled to 0°C. After stirring 3 h at r.t., THF was evaporated and the residue dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and washed successively with water, sat. aq. soln. of $NaHCO_3$ and brine. The organic phase was dried, filtered and concentrated to give crude aldehyde **61** (300 mg, 93%) which was used for the next step without further purification. 1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 363 K, δ ppm) δ 1.18 (3H, t, $J_{H,H} = 7.0$, OCH_2CH_3), 1.29, 1.41 (3H each, 2s, $C(CH_3)_2$), 2.60 (1H, dd, $^2J_{1'a,1'b} = 16.5$, $J_{1'a,2} = 9.3$, 1'a-H), 3.18 (1H, m, 1'b-H), 4.06 (2H, m, OCH_2CH_3), 4.28 (1H, m, 2-H), 4.46 (1H, brs, 5-H), 4.70 (1H, t, $J_{3,2} = J_{3,4} = 6.3$, 3-H), 4.79 (1H, t, $J_{4,5} = 6.3$, 4-H), 5.08 (2H, s, CH_2Ph), 7.31-7.37 (5H, m, Ph), 9.55 (1H, d, $J_{CHO,5} = 1.5$, CHO). ^{13}C NMR (75.4 MHz,

DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 13.4 (OCH₂CH₃), 24.4, 25.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 33.3 (C-1'), 57.7 (C-2), 59.1 (OCH₂CH₃), 66.2 (CH₂Ph), 70.8 (C-5), 77.1 (C-4), 78.8 (C-3), 111.2 (C(CH₃)₂), 127.1, 127.4, 127.8, (C arom.), 135.8 (Cq arom.), 154.1 (C=O of Cbz), 169.8 (COOEt), 197.7 (CHO). CIHRMS *m/z* found 392.1711, cald. for C₂₀H₂₅NO₇+H: 392.1709.

(2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*)-*N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-5-carboxy-3,4-*O*-isopropylidene-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol (62**):** To a stirred solution of aldehyde **61** (300 mg, 0.767 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.85 mL) in *t*-butanol (9.4 mL), a solution of NaClO₂ (0.77 g, 18.53 mmol) and NaH₂PO₄ (1.33 mg, 18.53 mmol) in water (7.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at r.t. Then, the solvent was evaporated, the resulting residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂, washed with water, the organic phase dried (Na₂SO₄) and the solvent evaporated to give **62** (272 mg, 87 %), which was used in the next step without further purification.

(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*)-*N*-Benzyloxycarbonyl-2-(2-aminophenylcarbamoyl)-5-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3,4-*O*-isopropylidene-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol (63**):** To a solution of **62** (250 mg, 0.614 mmol) and *o*-phenylenediamine (72.8 mg, 0.676 mmol) in DMF, PyBOP (350 mg, 1.35 mmol) and DIPEA (208 μ L, 1.35 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 12 h. Then, the solvent was evaporated, the resulting residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with HCl 1N, sat. aq. soln. of NaHCO₃ and brine. The resulting crude was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:AcOEt, 4:1 \rightarrow 1:1) to give **63** (268 mg, 88%). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22}$ +44.8 (*c* 1.3 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 1.20 (3H, t, $J_{\text{H,H}}$ = 7.5, OCH₂CH₃), 1.33, 1.46 (3H each, 2s, C(CH₃)₂), 2.57 (1H, dd, $J_{1'a,1'b}$ = 16.5, $J_{1'a,5}$ = 9.5, 1'a-H), 3.23 (1H, m, 1'b-H), 4.09 (2H, m, OCH₂CH₃), 4.44 (1H, m, 5-H), 4.68 (1H, s, 2-H), 4.83-4.87 (2H, m, 4-H, 3-H), 5.05, 5.13 (1H each, 2d, $J_{\text{H,H}'}$ = 14.0, CH₂Ph), 6.53 (1H, t, J = 7.0,

Ar), 6.75 (1H, d, $J = 6.9$, Ar), 6.93 (1H, t, $J = 6.8$, Ar), 7.11 (1H, d, $J = 7.0$, Ar), 7.27-7.35 (5H, m, Ph), 9.43 (1H, brs, NH). ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 363 K, δ ppm) δ 13.5 (OCH₂CH₃), 24.4, 25.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 34.0 (C-1'), 58.4 (C-5), 59.1 (OCH₂CH₃), 66.0 (CH₂Ph), 66.3 (C-2), 78.9, 81.1 (C-4, C-3), 110.9 (C(CH₃)₂), 115.5, 115.8, 122.2, 125.1, 125.8, 126.9, 127.3, 127.8, 135.9, 141.6 (C arom.), 154.8 (C=O of Cbz), 168.2 (CONH), 170.0 (COOEt). CIHRMS m/z found 497.2157, cald. for C₂₆H₃₁N₃O₇: 497.2162.

(2S,3S,4R,5S)-N-Benzoyloxycarbonyl-2-(1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)-5-

ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol (64): Compound **63** (250 mg, 0.503 mmol) was dissolved in glacial AcOH (8.5 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 5 h at 50 °C. Then, the solvent was evaporated and the resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:AcOEt 1:1) to give pure **64** (231 mg, 96 %). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +98.4$ (c 1.3 in CH₂Cl₂). ^1H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 363 K, δ ppm) δ 1.21 (3H, t, $J_{\text{H,H}} = 7.0$, OCH₂CH₃), 1.30, 1.48 (3H each, 2s, C(CH₃)₂), 2.66 (1H, dd, $J_{1'a,1'b} = 17.0$, $J_{1'a,5} = 9.0$, 1'a-H), 3.35 (1H, brd, 1'b-H), 4.11 (2H, m, OCH₂CH₃), 4.68 (1H, m, 5-H), 4.81 (1H, d, $J_{3,4} = 5.8$, 3-H), 4.97 (1H, t, $J_{4,5} = 5.8$, 4-H), 4.91, 4.99 (1H each, 2d, $J_{\text{H,H}} = 12.5$, CH₂Ph), 5.21 (1H, s, 2-H), 7.06-7.55 (9H, m, Ar), 12.29 (1H, brs, NH). ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO- d_6 , 363 K, δ ppm) δ 13.5 (OCH₂CH₃), 24.4, 25.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 33.7 (C-1'), 58.1 (C-5), 59.1 (OCH₂CH₃), 61.2 (C-2), 65.7 (CH₂Ph), 79.0 (C-4), 82.0 (C-3), 110.9 (C(CH₃)₂), 118.3-135.9 (Ar), 152.2 (C=N), 154.4 (C=O of Cbz), 170.1 (COOEt). CIHRMS m/z found 480.2125, cald. for C₂₆H₂₉N₃O₆+H: 480.2135.

(2S,3S,4R,5S)-N-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)-5-

ethoxycarbonylmethyl-3,4-O-isopropylidene-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol (65): To a solution of compound **64** (310 mg, 0.647 mmol) in THF (2 mL) and a few drops of MeOH, Pd/C

(38.7 mg) and (Boc)₂O (155 mg, 0.711 mmol) were added. The mixture was hydrogenated overnight. After filtration through celite, the filtrate was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:AcOEt 2:1) to give **65** (230.2 mg, 80%). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +73.2$ (*c* 0.9 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 1.11 (9H, s, C(CH₃)), 1.23 (3H, t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1, OCH₂CH₃), 1.29, 1.49 (3H each, 2s, C(CH₃)₂), 2.60 (1H, dd, *J*_{1'a,1'b} = 16.5, *J*_{1'a,5} = 4.5, 1'a-H), 3.29 (1H, dd, *J*_{1'b,5} = 10.0, H-1'b), 4.12 (2H, q, OCH₂CH₃), 4.62 (1H, ddd, *J*_{5,4} = 6.2, 5-H), 4.74 (1H, d, *J*_{3,4} = 6.2, 3-H), 4.95 (1H, t, 4-H), 5.05 (1H, s, 2-H), 7.15-7.51 (9H, m, Ar), 12.25 (1H, brs, NH). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 13.6 (OCH₂CH₃), 24.4, 25.3 (C(CH₃)₂), 27.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 33.9 (C-1'), 57.8 (C-5), 59.1 (OCH₂CH₃), 61.4 (C-2), 78.8 (C-4), 79.2 (C(CH₃)₃), 82.1 (C-3), 111.0 (C(CH₃)₂), 111.1-121.2 (Ar), 153.1 (C=N), 154.0 (C=O of Cbz), 170.3 (COOEt). CIHRMS *m/z* found 446.2294, cald. for C₂₃H₃₁N₃O₆ + H: 446.2291.

(2S,3S,4R,5S)-N-tert-Butoxycarbonyl-2-(1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)-5-(2-

hydroxyethyl)-3,4-O-isopropylidene-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol (66): To a cooled solution of **65** (100 mg, 0.215 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL), LiAlH₄ (74 mg) was added. After 1 h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with H₂O (500 μL) and 1M NaOH (200 μL). The reaction mixture was dried over Na₂SO₄ and purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether:AcOEt 1:4) to give **66** (87 mg, 96%). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{22} +61.0$ (*c* 1.5 in CH₂Cl₂). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 1.12 (9H, s, C(CH₃)₃), 1.31, 1.50 (3H each, 2s, C(CH₃)₂), 1.94 (1H, m, 1'a-H), 2.50 (1H, m, 1'b-H), 3.55-3.64 (2H, m, 2'a-H, 2'b-H), 4.26 (1H, m, 5-H), 4.73 (1H, d, *J*_{3,4} = 6.0, 3-H), 4.86 (1H, dd, *J*_{4,5} = 5.5, 4-H), 5.00 (1H, s, 2-H), 7.14 (2H, m, Ar), 7.50 (2H, brs, Ar), 12.25 (1H, brs, NH). ¹³C NMR (125.7 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 363 K, δ ppm) δ 24.5, 25.9 (C(CH₃)₂), 27.3 (C(CH₃)₃), 31.4 (C-1'), 58.2 (C-2'), 58.9 (C-5), 62.2 (C-2), 78.6 (C(CH₃)₃), 79.5 (C-4), 80.1 (C-3),

110.6 ($C(CH_3)_2$), 111.1-121.0 (Ar), 153.5, 154.0 (C=N, C=O of Boc). CIMS 404 $[(M+H)^+]$, 98%]; CIHRMS m/z found 404.2201, cald. for $C_{21}H_{30}N_3O_5 + H$: 404.2185.

(2S,3S,4R,5S)-2-(1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)-5-(2-hydroxyethyl)-pyrrolidine-3,4-diol

(18c): Compound **66** (49.3 mg, 0.122 mmol) was treated with 4N HCl (4 mL) and stirred for 2 h at r.t. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was treated with sat. aq. soln. of NH_4OH for 1 h. Then, elimination of the solvent and purification through chromatography column (DCM/MeOH/ NH_4OH 10:1:0.1 \rightarrow 2:1:0.1) afforded **18c** (30 mg, 92%). $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ -23.0 (c 1.0 in MeOH). 1H NMR (300 MHz, CD_3OD , δ ppm) δ 2.01 (2H, m, 1'a-H, 1'b-H), 3.75 (2H, m, 2'a-H, 2'b-H), 4.06 (1H, td, $J_{5,1'a} = J_{5,1'b} = 6.9$, $J_{5,4} = 3.0$, 5-H), 4.29 (1H, t, $J_{4,3} = 3.0$, 4-H), 4.67-4.75 (2H, m, 2-H, 3-H). ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CD_3OD , δ ppm) δ 31.6 (C-1'), 59.4 (C-2), 59.9 (C-2'), 62.2 (C-5), 73.2 (C-4), 78.8 (C-3), 116.8, 120.7, 125.9, 140.1 (C arom.), 150.3 (C=N). CIHRMS m/z found 264.1353, cald. for $C_{13}H_{17}N_3O_3+H$: 264.1348.

































































