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Diastereoselective Intermolecular Ene Reactions: Synthesis of 4,5,6,7-Tetrahydro-1*H*benzo[*d*]imidazoles

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ORTEP diagrams and notes for single crystal X-ray structures: 6b, 7c, 7d and 8a	
6b - (4 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-Benzyl-4-(hydroxy(<i>o</i> -tolyl)amino)-7-phenyl-5,5a,7,8a-tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-	S3
e]isoindole-6,8(1 H ,4 H)-dione	0.5
$/c - (5^{*})$ -Etnyl 2-((45 [*] , 3a5 [*] , 8a5 [*])-1-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-/-pnenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,/,8,8a-	23
$7d = (S^*)$. Ethyl 2-((1S* 5S* 5aS* 8aS*)-1-benzyl-5-(((tart-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6.8-dioxo-	\$7
7-nhenyl-1 4 5 5a 6 7 8 8a-octahydroimidazol 4 5-elisoindol-4-yl)-3 3 3-trifluoro-2-hydroxypropanoate	57
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octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyacetate	~
¹ H and ¹³ C NMR Spectra	
'H (5a) - $(5aS^*,8aS^*)$ -1-Benzyl-'/-phenyl-1,5,5a,8b-tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8('/H,8aH)-	SII
dione $^{13}C(5_{2})$ (555* 955*) 1 Denzul 7 phanul 1.5.55 9b tetrahudraimidaza[4.5 alisaindala 6.9(7H 95H)	\$12
$C(5a) - (5a5^{+}, 6a5^{+}) - 1 - Benzyi - 7 - pnenyi - 1, 5, 5a, 80 - lettanyuroimiuazo[4, 5 - e]isoinuole - 0, 6(7\pi, 6a\pi) - dione$	512
1 H (6a) - (45* 5a5* 8a5*)-1-Benzyl-4-(hydroxy(nhenyl)amino)-7-nhenyl-5 5a 7 8a-	S13
tetrahydroimidazo[4 5-elisoindole-6 8(1 <i>H</i> 4 <i>H</i>)-dione	015
13 C (6a) - (4S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-Benzyl-4-(hydroxy(phenyl)amino)-7-phenyl-5,5a,7,8a-	S14
tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8(1H,4H)-dione	
¹ H (6b) - (4 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-Benzyl-4-(hydroxy(<i>o</i> -tolyl)amino)-7-phenyl-5,5a,7,8a-	S15
tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8(1H,4H)-dione	
¹³ C (6b) - (4 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-Benzyl-4-(hydroxy(<i>o</i> -tolyl)amino)-7-phenyl-5,5a,7,8a-	S16
tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8(1 <i>H</i> ,4 <i>H</i>)-dione	
H (6c) - $(4S^*, 5aS^*, 8aS^*)$ -1-Benzyl-4-((2,6-dibromophenyl)(hydroxy)amino)-7-phenyl-5,5a,7,8a-	\$17
tetranydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8(1 H ,4 H)-dione ¹³ C (Co) (4.5* 50.5* 20.5*) 1 Danzul 4 ((2.6 dibramanhanul)(hudrauu)amina) 7 nhanul 5 50 7 80	C 10
C (0C) - (45°, 365°, 665°)-1-Benzyi-4-((2,0-diotoniophenyi)(inydroxy)annio)-7-pitenyi-5, 5a, 7, 8a- tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-elisoindole-6,8(1H4H)-dione	510
¹ H (6d) - $(4R^* 5aS^* 8aS^*)$ -1-Benzyl-4 7-diphenyl-5 5a 7 8a-tetrahydroimidazo[4 5-e]isoindole-	S19
6.8(1H.4H)-dione	517
13 C (6d) - (4R*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-Benzyl-4,7-diphenyl-5,5a,7,8a-tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-	S20
6,8(1 <i>H</i> ,4 <i>H</i>)-dione	
¹ H (6e) - (4 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-Benzyl-4-(3,5-dioxo-4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolidin-1-yl)-7-phenyl-5,5a,7,8a-	S21
tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8(1H,4H)-dione	~ • •
15 C (6e) - (4S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-Benzyl-4-(3,5-dioxo-4-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolidin-1-yl)-7-phenyl-	S22
3,3a,7,8a-tetranydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-0,8(1H,4H)-dione ¹ U (6 f) Diothyl 2 ((45% 5a,5% 8a,5%) 1 hanzul 6.8 dioxo 7 nhanyl 1.4.5.5a,6.7.8.8a	\$22
\mathbf{H} (01) - Dicinityi 2-((45°, 5a5°, 6a5°)-1-0eii2yi-0,6-0i0x0-7-piiciiyi-1,4,5,5a,0,7,6,6a- octahydroimidazo[4,5-alisoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxymalonate	525
^{13}C (6f) - Diethyl 2-((4S* 5aS* 8aS*)-1-benzyl-6 8-dioxo-7-phenyl-1 4 5 5a 6 7 8 8a-	S24
octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxymalonate	52.
¹ H (5b) - (5 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-Benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-7-phenyl-1,5,5a,8b-	S25
tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8(7H,8aH)-dione	
¹³ C (5b) - (5S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-Benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-7-phenyl-1,5,5a,8b-	S26
tetrahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindole-6,8(7H,8aH)-dione	
H (6g) - $(4S^*, 5R^*, 5aS^*, 8aS^*)$ -1-Benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-4-(3,5-dioxo-4-	S27
phenyl-1,2,4-triazolidin-1-yl)-7-phenyl-5,5a,7,8a-tetrahydroimidazo[4,5- e]isoindole-6,8(1H,4H)-dione	G2 0
C (6g) - (45*,5K*,5a5*,8a5*)-1-Benzyl-5-((<i>(left</i> -Dutylalmethylsilyl)0Xy)methyl)-4-(5,5-di0x0-4-	528
1 H (6h) - (4S* 5R* 5aS* 8aS*)-Diethyl 2-(1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6 8-	\$29
dioxo-7-nhenyl-1 4 5 5a 6 7 8 8a-octahhydroimidazo[4 5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxymalonate	527
13 C (6h) -(4 <i>S</i> *,5 <i>R</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-Diethyl 2-(1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6.8-	S30
dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-octahhydroimidazo[4,5- <i>e</i>]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxymalonate	
¹ H (7a) - (S*)-Ethyl 2-((4S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-	S31
octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyacetate	

¹³ C (7a) - (S*)-Ethyl 2-((4S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-	S32
octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyacetate	
¹ H (8a) - (<i>R</i> *)-Ethyl 2-((4 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-	S33
octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyacetate	
¹³ C (8a) - (<i>R</i> *)-Ethyl 2-((4 <i>S</i> *,5 <i>aS</i> *,8 <i>aS</i> *)-1-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5 <i>a</i> ,6,7,8,8 <i>a</i> -	S34
octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyacetate	
¹ H (7b) - Ethyl 2-((5S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6,8-dioxo-7-	S35
phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyacetate	
¹³ C (7b) - Ethyl 2-((5 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6,8-dioxo-7-	S36
phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-2-hydroxyacetate	
¹ H (7c) - (S^*) -Ethyl 2-($(4S^*, 5aS^*, 8aS^*)$ -1-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-	S37
octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxypropanoate	
¹³ C (7c) - (S*)-Ethyl 2-((4S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-benzyl-6,8-dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-	S38
octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxypropanoate	
¹ H (7d) - (S*)-Ethyl 2-((4S*,5S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6,8-	S39
dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-	
hydroxypropanoate	
13 C (7d) - (S*)-Ethyl 2-((4S*,5S*,5aS*,8aS*)-1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6.8-	S40
dioxo-7-phenyl-1,4,5,5a,6,7,8,8a-octahydroimidazo[4,5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-	
hydroxypropanoate	
1 H (8d) - (<i>R</i> *)-Ethyl 2-((4 <i>S</i> *,5 <i>S</i> *,5a <i>S</i> *,8a <i>S</i> *)-1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6,8-	S41
dioxo-7-phenyl-1.4.5.5a.6.7.8.8a-octahydroimidazo[4.5-e]isoindol-4-yl)-3.3.3-trifluoro-2-	
hvdroxypropanoate	
13 C (8d) - (R^*)-Ethyl 2-(($4S^*$, $5S^*$, $5aS^*$, $8aS^*$)-1-benzyl-5-(((<i>tert</i> -butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)-6.8-	S42
dioxo-7-phenyl-1.4.5.5a.6.7.8.8a-octahydroimidazo[4.5-elisoindo]-4-yl)-3.3.3-trifluoro-2-	
hydroxypropanoate	

Molecular structure of compound 6b



The benzyl group attached to N3 is disordered over three orientations, and the *o*-tolyl group attached to N4 is disordered over two orientations. The disorder was satisfactorily modelled with the aid of restraints. The small and weakly scattering crystal required synchrotron radiation for data collection. The largest residual electron density features may be due to disordered solvent, but it was not possible to develop a satisfactory model for this, and the contribution is very small in any case.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for **6b**.

Identification code	mjh71	
Chemical formula (moiety)	$C_{29}H_{26}N_4O_3$	
Chemical formula (total)	$C_{29}H_{26}N_4O_3$	
Formula weight	478.54	
Temperature	150(2) K	
Radiation, wavelength	synchrotron, 0.6889 Å	
Crystal system, space group	monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	
Unit cell parameters	$a = 17.055(3) \text{ Å}$ $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	
-	$b = 7.5478(12) \text{ Å}$ $\beta = 100.937(2)^{\circ}$	
	$c = 19.591(3) \text{ Å}$ $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	
Cell volume	2476.1(7) Å ³	
Ζ	4	
Calculated density	1.284 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient μ	0.085 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	1008	
Crystal colour and size	vellow, $0.08 \times 0.08 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}^3$	
Reflections for cell refinement	9917 (θ range 2.4 to 27.5°)	
Data collection method	Crystal Logic diffractometer and Rigaku Saturn 724+ CC	D
	thick-slice ω scans	
θ range for data collection	1.4 to 27.6°	
Index ranges	h = 22 to 19 k = 10 to 10 1 = 25 to 26	
Completeness to $\theta = 27.6^{\circ}$	97.6 %	
Reflections collected	24824	
Independent reflections	$6127 (R_{int} = 0.0381)$	
Reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma$	4800	
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equivalents	
Min. and max. transmission	0.993 and 0.996	
Structure solution	direct methods	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Weighting parameters a, b	0.0936, 1.0836	
Data / restraints / parameters	6127 / 818 / 523	
Final R indices $[F^2 > 2\sigma]$	R1 = 0.0614, $wR2 = 0.1782$	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0742, WR2 = 0.1871	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.043	
Extinction coefficient	0.054(6)	
Largest and mean shift/su	0.002 and 0.000	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.04 and $-0.19 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$	

F3 F2 C14 C12 05 C10 01 C26 04 C11 C27 03 С C22 C5 C25 N2_ C2 C24 C6 C7 N1, C23 C9 C8 02 N3 C15 C17 C18 C16^{C21} C1 C20

Molecular structure of compound 7c

The crystal was very weakly scattering and, even with synchrotron radiation, gave only a poor quality data set. The structure is of relatively low precision, but serves the purpose of confirming the identity of the compound and the relative stereochemistry. Twinning is likely, but a simple twin law could not be found. There is no resolvable disorder in the structure.

Table 8. Crystal data and structure refinement for 7c.

Identification code	mjh68		
Chemical formula (moiety)	C ₂₇ H ₂₃ F ₃ N ₃ O ₅		
Chemical formula (total)	$C_{27}H_{23}F_3N_3O_5$		
Formula weight	526.48		
Temperature	120(2) K		
Radiation, wavelength	synchrotron, 0.6889 Å		
Crystal system, space group	monoclinic, $P2_1/c$		
Unit cell parameters	a = 10.988(10) Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	
-	b = 7.353(7) Å	$\beta = 95.027(8)^{\circ}$	
	c = 29.70(3) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$	
Cell volume	$2390(4) \text{ Å}^{3}$		
Ζ	4		
Calculated density	1.463 g/cm^3		
Absorption coefficient u	0.117 mm^{-1}		
F(000)	1092		
Crystal colour and size	colourless, $0.10 \times 0.05 \times$	0.05 mm ³	
Reflections for cell refinement	4077 (θ range 2.3 to 25.5	i°)	
Data collection method	Crystal Logic diffractom	Crystal Logic diffractometer and Rigaku Saturn 724+ CCD	
	thick-slice ω scans	C	
θ range for data collection	1.3 to 21.2°		
Index ranges	h –11 to 11. k –7 to 7. l -	-31 to 31	
Completeness to $\theta = 21.2^{\circ}$	99.9 %		
Reflections collected	21186		
Independent reflections	2913 ($R_{int} = 0.1064$)		
Reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma$	1923		
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equ	ivalents	
Min. and max. transmission	0.988 and 0.994		
Structure solution	direct methods		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares	on F ²	
Weighting parameters a, b	0.2000, 0.0000		
Data / restraints / parameters	2913 / 396 / 344		
Final R indices $[F^2 > 2\sigma]$	R1 = 0.2297, WR2 = 0.60	078	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2693, WR2 = 0.63	335	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	2.681		
Extinction coefficient	0.20(5)		
Largest and mean shift/su	0.000 and 0.000		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.59 and $-0.46 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$		

Molecular structure of compound 7d



Table 15. Crystal data and structure refinement for 7d.

Identification code	mjh74 compound 9d	
Chemical formula (moiety)	$C_{34}H_{40}F_3N_3O_6Si$	
Chemical formula (total)	$C_{34}H_{40}F_3N_3O_6Si$	
Formula weight	671.78	
Temperature	150(2) K	
Radiation, wavelength	MoKα, 0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	triclinic, Pl	
Unit cell parameters	a = 10.8328(6) Å	$\alpha = 72.909(5)^{\circ}$
	b = 12.7806(8) Å	$\beta = 79.316(4)^{\circ}$
	c = 13.3203(6) Å	$\gamma = 71.622(6)^{\circ}$
Cell volume	1664.08(16)Å ³	
Ζ	2	
Calculated density	1.341 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient µ	0.136 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	708	
Crystal colour and size	yellow, $0.34 \times 0.30 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}^3$	
Reflections for cell refinement	6507 (θ range 3.0 to 28.5°)	
Data collection method	Oxford Diffraction Gemini A Ultra diffractometer	
	ω scans	
θ range for data collection	3.0 to 28.6°	
Index ranges	h –13 to 14, k –17 to 15, l –	-17 to 17
Completeness to $\theta = 25.0^{\circ}$	998%	
Reflections collected	15021	
Independent reflections	$6980 (R_{int} = 0.0266)$	
Reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma$	5675	
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equiva	lents
Min and max transmission	0.955 and 0.960	
Structure solution	direct methods	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares or	$1 F^2$
Weighting parameters a, b	0.0375, 0.8194	
Data / restraints / parameters	6980 / 0 / 435	
Final R indices $[F^2 > 2\sigma]$	R1 = 0.0410 wR2 = 0.0919)
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0544 wR2 = 0.1012)
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.031	
Extinction coefficient	0.0030(8)	
Largest and mean shift/su	0.001 and 0.000	
Largest diff neak and hole	0.34 and $-0.31 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$	
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Molecular structure of compound 8a



Table 22. Crystal data and structure refinement for 8a.

Identification code	mjh55	
Chemical formula (moiety)	$C_{26}H_{25}N_{3}O_{5}$	
Chemical formula (total)	$C_{26}H_{25}N_{3}O_{5}$	
Formula weight	459.49	
Temperature	150(2) K	
Radiation, wavelength	MoKα, 0.71073 Å	
Crystal system, space group	triclinic, $\overline{P1}$	
Unit cell parameters	a = 8.0807(3) Å	$\alpha = 79.423(3)^{\circ}$
	b = 11.5619(5) Å	$\beta = 86.322(3)^{\circ}$
	c = 12.7860(5) Å	$\gamma = 82.872(3)^{\circ}$
Cell volume	$1164.15(8) \text{ Å}^{3}$	•
Z	2	
Calculated density	1.311 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient µ	0.092 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	484	
Crystal colour and size	colourless, $0.34 \times 0.30 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}^3$	
Reflections for cell refinement	6804 (θ range 2.9 to 28.4°)	
Data collection method	Oxford Diffraction Gemini A Ultra diffractometer	
	ω scans	
θ range for data collection	2.9 to 28.5°	
Index ranges	h –9 to 10, k –11 to 15, l –14 to 16	
Completeness to $\theta = 26.0^{\circ}$	97.5 %	
Reflections collected	9971	
Independent reflections	$4854 (R_{int} = 0.0172)$	
Reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma$	3963	
Absorption correction	semi-empirical from equivalents	
Min. and max. transmission	0.969 and 0.973	
Structure solution	direct methods	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares or	$n F^2$
Weighting parameters a, b	0.0619, 0.0759	
Data / restraints / parameters	4854 / 0 / 313	
Final R indices $[F^2 > 2\sigma]$	R1 = 0.0348, WR2 = 0.0996	5
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0429, WR2 = 0.1020)
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.122	
Extinction coefficient	0.023(3)	
Largest and mean shift/su	0.001 and 0.000	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.35 and $-0.22 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$	







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