

## **Design, synthesis and bioactivity of simplified taxol analogues on the basis of bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane derivatives**

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### ***General information***

All reaction temperatures correspond to internal temperatures unless otherwise noted. Solvents for extraction and chromatography were technical grade and distilled from indicated drying agents: petroleum ether (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>); ethyl acetate (K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>); methylene chloride and chloroform (P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>); diethyl ether (sodium, benzophenone). Flash and column chromatography were performed on silica gel Acros (40-60 μm). Reaction control was carried out by thin-layer chromatography on “Silufol” plates. If otherwise was not stated <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 400 and 100 MHz correspondingly. Spectra are referenced to residual chloroform (d 7.26 ppm <sup>1</sup>H; d 77.0 ppm <sup>13</sup>C). Chemical shifts are given in ppm (d); multiplicities are indicated by s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), m (multiplet). Electron impact mass spectra were obtained with typical voltage of 70 eV. Elemental analysis of synthesised compounds was performed on CNH analyser “Carlo-Erba” ER-20. Infrared spectra (IR) were registered on UR-20 apparatus (thin layer in liquid paraffin) and reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Melting points were measured in block with sealed capillaries and are uncorrected.

**5-Bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-ol (7)** was synthesized as described earlier.<sup>1</sup> M.p. 165-167°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.12–1.65 (m, 7H), 1.78–1.92 (m, 2H), 2.01-2.26 (m, 6H), 3.96 (m, 0.9H, *endo* CHOH, *J* 16.63, 6.4, 2.5 Hz); and 4.41 (m, 0.1H, *exo* CHOH, *J* 16.9, 5, 18 Hz).

### ***General protocol for preparation of (2R,3S)-phenylisoserine esters***

**Step 1. Preparation of protected phenylisoserine esters.** To a solution of dimethylloxazolidine-type protected N-Boc-amino acid (1 mmol) and bridgehead alcohol (1.1-1.2 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (Ar-atmosphere) N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodi-imide (DCC) (1.3-1.4 mmol) and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP) (0.02 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. In 12 h a drop of acetic acid was added and in 15 min the solvent was evaporated in vacuum. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and kept at 4°C for 8-12 h. The sediment was filtered and filtrate was washed with 0.1N HCl, water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated. The product was purified by column chromatography.

**Step 2. Cleavage of protection groups.** Dimethyloxazolidine-type protected phenylisoserine ester (1 mmol) was dissolved in of 85% formic acid (40-50 ml) and stirred 2 h at room temperature, followed by evaporation of the solvent. The residue was mixed with ethyl acetate (40-50 ml) and saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (40-50 ml), then at vigorous stirring benzoyl chloride (1.1-1.2 mmol) was added dropwise to this mixture. In 15 min the organic layer was separated, washed with solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. Column chromatography of the residue gave pure (2*R*,3*S*)-*N*-benzoylphenylisoserine ester.

**5-(Bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-endo-yl) 3-tert-butyl (4*S*,5*R*)-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazolidine-3,5-dicarboxylate (8)** was isolated by column chromatography (1:5, EtOAc/petroleum ether) in 75% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.09 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.19–1.43 (m, 6H), 1.57–1.92 (m, 4H), 1.66 (s, 3H, Me), 1.72 (s, 3H, Me), 2.06-2.08 (m, 4H), 4.37 (d, 1H, OCHCHN, *J* 5.3 Hz), 4.96 (d, 1H, OCHCHN, *J* 5.3 Hz), 5.16 (m, CHO<sub>endo</sub>, 1H, 16.7, 2.5 Hz), 7.19 (m, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H in Ph), 7.21–7.30 (m, 4H, Ph).

**Bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-yl (2*R*,3*S*)-*N*-benzoylphenylisoserinate (2)** was isolated as white crystals by column chromatography (1:5, then 1:2.5 EtOAc/petroleum ether) in 92% yield as single stereoisomer. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 73.68; H, 7.17; N, 3.44. Found: C, 74.01; H, 7.10; N, 3.28. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.07–1.15 (m, 4H), 1.44–1.63 (m, 7H), 1.63–2.08 (m, 4H), 4.54 (dd, 1H, CHOH, *J* 2,3 Hz), 5.16 (m, 1H, CHO<sub>endo</sub>), 5.77 (d, 1H, NCH, *J* 11,4 Hz), 7.11 (d, 1H, NH, *J* 9.38 Hz), 7.23–7.52 (m, 8H), 7.74 (m, 2H).

**3-tert-Butyl 5-(6-oxobicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-endo-yl) (4*S*,5*R*)-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazolidine-3,5-dicarboxylate (12)** was chromatographically isolated as colorless oil (1:10, EtOAc/petroleum ether) in 77% yield. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: C, 68.25; H, 7.71; N, 3.06. Found, %: C, 68.36; H, 7.70; N, 2.99. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.12 (m, 2H), 1.14–1.20 (m, 2H), 1.24 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.73 (s, 3H, Me), 1.75 (s, 3H, Me), 1.85–2.4 (m, 7H), 2.67 (m, 1H, *J* 17.58, 3.22 Hz), 4.33 (d, 1H, C<sup>5</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>, *J* 4.4 Hz), 4.82 (m, 1H, HC<sup>3</sup>-bicyclic), 5.18 (m, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>), 7.24-7.42 (m, 5H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ): 23.82, 25.19, 26.08, 27.80 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 30.56, 34.23, 35.38, 35.47, 35.90, 35.99, 40.83, 63.76, 69.99, 79.98 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 80.80 (CHCO<sub>2</sub>), 96.13 (N<sub>C</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>O), 126.11, 127.48, 128.27, 139.05 (Ph), 151.36 (CO<sub>2</sub>), 169.49 (CO<sub>2</sub>), 216.33 (C=O bicyclic)

**5-[6-(Benzoyloxy)bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-endo-yl] 3-tert-butyl (4*S*,5*R*)-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazolidine-3,5-dicarboxylate (13)** was prepared as described in<sup>2</sup> from compound **12** and

NaBH<sub>4</sub> in 72% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.10 (m, 2H), 1.14–1.22 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.70 (s, 3H, Me), 1.73 (s, 3H, Me), 1.78–2.2 (m, 8H), 4.32 (d, 1H, C<sup>5</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>, *J* 4.2 Hz), 4.34 (m, 0.88H, *endo* CHOBz, *J* 9.1 Hz), 4.51 (m, 0.12H, *exo* CHOBz, *J* 6.4 Hz), 4.80 (m, 1H, HC<sup>3</sup> bicyclic), 5.18 (m, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>); 7.24–7.42 (m, 9H, Ph); 7.76 (m, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H in Bz).

**7-endo-[[*(2R,3S)*-N-Benzoylphenylisoserinyl]oxy]bicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-yl benzoate (3)** was isolated as white crystals by column chromatography (1:7, then 1:2 EtOAc/petroleum ether) in 68% yield. M.p. 53–58 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>24</sup>: -10.4 (c = 0.02, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: C, 73.07; H, 6.12; N, 2.80. Found: C, 72.85; H, 6.30; N, 2.65. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.14 (m, 4H), 1.19–1.25 (m, 8H), 3.96 (s, 1H, OH), 4.34 (m, 0.88 H, *endo* CHOBz, *J* 9.5 Hz) and 4.51 (m, 0.11H, *exo* CHOBz, *J* 6.2 Hz), 4.76 (dd, 1H, CHOH, *J* 3.5 Hz), 4.80 (m, 1H, HC<sup>7</sup>), 5.34 (dd, 1H, *J* 8.9 Hz, CHN), 7.21 (d, 1H, *J* 8.9 Hz), 7.22–7.89 (m, 15H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (major isomer) (δ): 23.81, 25.40, 26.12, 27.92, 30.69, 32.48, 33.58, 55.39 (CHN), 66.39 (C<sup>7</sup>), 72.59 (CHOH), 73.50 (CHOBz), 126.78, 127.05, 128.30, 128.43, 128.66, 129.52, 129.62, 131.60, 133.12, 133.87, 138.66, 139.53, 160.50 (O<sub>2</sub>CBz), 166.55 (C<sup>2</sup>-bicyclic), 172.28 (NHCOBz).

**7-*exo*-Acetoxymethyl-3-*endo*-(tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)oxy]bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane (18)** was prepared from alcohol **17**<sup>3</sup> (0.1 g, 0.39 mmol) by reaction with acetyl chloride (0.031 g, 0.39 mmol) in pyridine (1 ml) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 ml) at room temperature. In 5 h the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, diluted with water and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2\*15 ml). Organic extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated to give acetate **18** (yield 0.106 g, 92%) which was used in the next step without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.10–1.26 (m, 3H), 1.28–1.31 (m, 1H), 1.42–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.48–1.82 (m, 9H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 2.10–2.23 (m, 4H), 2.51–2.57 (m, 1H, C<sup>7</sup>H, *J* 23.1, 5.7 Hz), 3.49 (m, 1H, C<sup>3</sup>H, *J* 11.2 Hz), 3.86–3.93 (m, 4H, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc + CH<sub>2</sub>O, *J* 6.3 Hz), 4.68 (m, 1H, CHO). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ): 19.85, 20.97, 25.55, 26.10, 26.20, 27.32, 29.98, 31.27, 32.79, 34.62, 36.03, 62.61, 69.24, 70.27, 96.97 (CHO), 171.31 (C=O).

**7-*exo*-Acetoxymethylbicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-*endo*-ol (19)** was synthesised from compound **18** (0.1 g, 0.34 mmol), which was treated with acetic acid (0.1 ml) in water (3 ml) and THF (10 ml) at 40 °C. After 3.5 h the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, then diluted with 10 ml of water and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (3\*15 ml). Organic extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. Flash chromatography (1:5 EtOAc/petroleum ether) afforded alcohol **19** as colourless oil (yield 0.070 g, 98 %). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: C, 67.89; H, 9.50. Found: C, 67.72; H, 9.41. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.10–1.15 (m, 4H), 1.21–1.30 (m, 4H), 1.60–1.63 (m, 3H), 2.07 (s,

3H, Me), 2.14 – 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.49 (m, 1H, C<sup>7</sup>H, *J* 22.1 Hz), 3.91 – 3.92 (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc, *J* 6.1 Hz), 3.97 – 4.01 (m, 1H, C<sup>3</sup>H, *J* 15.0, 6.3 Hz).

**5-{7-*exo*-[(Acetyloxy)methyl]bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-*endo*-yl} 3-*tert*-butyl (4*S*,5*R*)-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazolidine-3,5-dicarboxylate (20)** was isolated by column chromatography as viscous oil (1:10, EtOAc/petroleum ether) with 82% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.13 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.18–1.52 (m, 8H, bicycle), 1.60–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.17 (s, 3H, Me), 1.79 (s, 3H, Me), 2.03 (s, 3H, CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.14–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.30–2.34 (m, 1H, C<sup>7</sup>H), 3.82 (d, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc, *J* 6.1 Hz), 4.43 (d, 1H, OCHCHN, *J* 5.7 Hz), 5.00 (m, 1H, OCHCHN), 5.12 (m, 1H, C<sup>3</sup>H, *J* 13.9, 7.0 Hz), 7.27–7.36 (m, 5H, Ar). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ): 20.95, 24.67, 25.85, 27.16, 28.01, 29.96, 30.60, 30.65, 32.73, 32.80, 35.25, 35.58, 64.04 (CHN), 69.95, 70.05, 81.17 (NCHCHO), 81.60 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 96.49 (CMe<sub>2</sub>), 126.45, 127.60, 128.45, 135.96, 151.61 (C=O), 171.23 (C=O), 175.00 (C=O).

**7-*exo*-(Acetoxymethyl)bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-*endo*-yl (2*R*,3*S*)-*N*-benzoylphenyl-isoserinate (4)** was isolated by column chromatography as white solid (1:3, then 1:1 EtOAc/petroleum ether) in 80 % yield. M.p. 123 °C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup>: 4.5 (c = 0.01, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>: C, 70.13; H, 6.94, N, 2.92. Found: C, 69.91; H, 6.98, N, 2.75. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.12–1.62 (m, 8H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H, Me), 2.14–2.22 (m, 4H), 2.48 (m, 1H, C<sup>7</sup>H, *J* 9.1 Hz), 3.90–3.95 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>OAc, *J* 14.8, 10.6, 4.3 Hz), 4.62 (dd, 1H, CHOH, *J* 2.2 Hz), 5.15 (m, 1H, C<sup>3</sup>H, *J* 13.8 Hz), 5.77 (dd, 1H, CHN, *J* 9.1, 2.15 Hz), 7.14 (d, 1H, NH, *J* 9.2 Hz), 7.30–7.52 (m, 8H, Ar), 7.81 (m, 2H, *o*-H in Bz). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ): 20.97, 25.88, 27.38, 29.98, 32.63, 32.82, 35.38, 35.51, 54.80 (CHN), 70.33, 70.80, 73.64 (CHOH), 126.90, 127.85, 128.44, 128.65, 130.14, 131.74, 133.55, 138.80, 166.85 (C=O), 171.55 (C=O), 172.40 (C=O).

**3-*tert*-Butyl 5-{7-*exo*-[(oxetan-3-yloxy)carbonyl]bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-*endo*-yl} (4*S*,5*R*)-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazolidine-3,5-dicarboxylate** was prepared from bridgehead alcohol **21** and dimethyloxazolidine-type protected phenylisoserine according to general procedure. Chromatographic purification (1:9 EtOAc/petroleum ether) afforded the title compound in 71% yield. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>41</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>: C, 66.28; H, 7.60; N 2.58; Found, %: C, 66.35; H, 7.57; N 2.62. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.13 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.30–1.85 (m, 8H, bicyclic), 1.71 (s, 3H, Me), 1.78 (s, 3H, Me), 2.18 (m, 4H), 3.16 (m, 1H, C<sup>7</sup>H<sub>bicyclic</sub>, *J* 17.6 Hz), 4.45 (d, 1H, C<sup>5</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>, 5.5 Hz), 4.57 (dd, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>oxetane</sub>, *J* 6.8, 6.0 Hz), 4.87 (dd, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>oxetane</sub>, *J* 5.9 Hz), 5.02 (m, 1H, C<sup>4</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>), 5.15 (m, 1H, C<sup>3</sup>H<sub>bicyclic</sub>, *J* 11.5, 6.2 Hz), 5.37 (m, 1H, CHO<sub>oxetane</sub>), *J* 11.5, 6.1 Hz, 7.25–7.40 (5H, m., Ar). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ): 25.59, 25.71, 28.02, 30.10, 33.14, 33.68, 34.08, 63.95 (PhCH), 67.60 (CHO<sub>oxetane</sub>), 68.81 (C<sup>3</sup><sub>bicyclic</sub>), 77.67 (CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>oxetane</sub>), 79.51 (C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 81.22 (C<sup>5</sup>), 96.56 (C<sup>2</sup>),

126.32, 127.60, 128.46, 141.15 (Ar), 151.58 (*t*-BuOCO), 169.84(C=O), 175.98 (C=O). The attempt to cleave protecting groups in this ester using general procedure (see Step 2) failed to give the desired product because of the oxetane ring opening. Therefore (*p*-methoxyphenyl)oxazolidine-type protected phenylisoserine was chosen for preparation of ester **5**.

**3-*tert*-Butyl 5-{7-*exo*-[(oxetan-3-yloxy)carbonyl]bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-*endo*-yl} (4*S*,5*R*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazolidine-3,5-dicarboxylate (22)** was isolated by column chromatography (1:5 EtOAc/petroleum ether, then 1:2) as colorless oil in 70% yield. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.08 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.53-1.90 (m, 8H, bicyclic), 2.19-2.25 (m, 4H, bicycl.), 3.05 (m, 1H, J 17.8, 5.3 Hz, C<sup>7</sup>H), 3.82 (s, 3H, OMe), 4.55 (d, 1H, C<sup>5</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>, J 4.2 Hz), 4.59 (dd, CH<sub>2oxetane</sub>2H, J 7.3, 5.6 Hz), 4.88 (dd, 2H, CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>oxetane</sub>, J 7.0 Hz), 4.98 (m, 1H, C<sup>3</sup>H<sub>bicyclic</sub>), 5.34–5.42 (br m, 3H, CH<sub>oxetane</sub>+ C<sup>4</sup>H<sub>oxazol</sub>), 6.89 (d, 2H, Ar, J 8.84 Hz), 7.28–7.39 (m, 7H, Ph). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ): 25.64, 25.59, 28.12, 30.07, 33.18, 33.80, 33.88, 55.15 (OMe), 63.67 (CHN), 67.46, 68.82, 77.50 (CH<sub>2oxetane</sub>), 81.16 (CMe<sub>3</sub>), 91.11 (NCHO), 113.43, 126.90, 127.84, 128.38, 130.77, 139.47, 153.67, 159.81, 169.47, 175.84. MS (MALDI) *m/z* found for (M+K)<sup>+</sup> 660.

**Oxetan-3-yl 7-*endo*-[(2*R*,3*S*)-3-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)phenyliseryloxy]bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-3-*exo*-carboxylate (5)**. Protected ester **22** (1 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (1.1 mmol) were dissolved in methanol (30 ml) and stirred 2 h at room temperature. Reaction mixture was neutralized (by NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) and evaporated. The residue was mixed with ethyl acetate (40-50 ml), washed with water, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. Column chromatography of the residue (1:5 EtOAc/petroleum ether, then 1:1) gave pure product in 82% yield. Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>NO<sub>8</sub>: C, 64.40; H, 7.41; N, 2.78. Found, %:C, 64.36; H, 7.63; N, 2.71. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (δ): 1.43 (s, 9H, *t*-Bu), 1.55–1.92 (m, 8H, bicycle), 2.18–2.29 (m, 4H, bicyclic), 3.18 (s, 1H, OH), 3.32 (m, 1H, C<sup>7</sup>H, J 12.3, 8.0 Hz), 4.48 (d, 1H, J 5.2 Hz), 4.61 (dd, 2H, CH<sub>2oxetane</sub>, J 7.2, 5.6 Hz), 4.87 (m, 2H, CH<sub>2oxetane</sub>, J 8.9, 7.2 Hz), 5.20 (m, 1H), 5.29 (m, 1H, J 9.0 Hz), 5.42–5.47 (br m, 2H, CH<sub>oxetane</sub>+NH), 7.30-7.41 (5H, Ar). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (δ): 25.68, 28.26, 30.09, 33.19, 33.76, 34.17, 55.80 (CHN), 67.74, 69.88, 73.90 (CHOH), 77.58 (CH<sub>2oxetane</sub>), 126.68, 127.68, 128.56, 139.45, 154.95, 169.57, 175.98. MS (MALDI) *m/z* found for (M+K)<sup>+</sup> 542.

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