# A Short Stereoselective Synthesis of Prepiscibactin using a Sml<sub>2</sub>-Mediated Reformatsky Reaction and Zn<sup>2+</sup>-Induced Asymmetric Thiazolidine Formation

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#### I. General information and procedures.

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (proton and carbon) were recorded on Bruker AC200 F, and 300 or 500 Advance spectrometers at the University of A Coruña, using CDCl<sub>3</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>O and CD<sub>3</sub>OD as the solvents and internal standards. Multiplicities of <sup>13</sup>C signals were obtained by DEPT. Medium-pressure chromatographic separations were carried out on silica gel 60 (230–400 mesh). Optical rotations were determined on a JASCO DIP-1000 polarimeter, with Na (589 nm) lamp and filter. LREIMS and HRESIMS were measured on Applied Biosystems QSTAR Elite. HPLC separations were carried out on an Agilent HP1100 liquid chromatography system equipped with a solvent degasser, quaternary pump and an UV detector (Agilent Technologies, Waldbronn, Germany). In the HPLC separations a Discovery® column HS F5 (100x4.6 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) and an Eclipse® column XDB-C18 (150x4.6 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) were used.

All moisture-sensitive reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in flame-dried glassware closed by rubber septum, unless otherwise noted. Solvents were distilled prior to use under argon atmosphere and dried according to standard procedures using the following desiccants: Na/benzophenone for THF and Et<sub>2</sub>O, CaH<sub>2</sub> for dichloromethane, pyridine and triethylamine; magnesium for methanol and anhydrous CaSO<sub>4</sub> for acetone. DMF was distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub> and was kept over molecular Sieves 4Å under argon atmosphere. Solutions and solvents were added via syringe or cannula. Thin layer chromatography was performed using silica gel GF-254 Merck, spots were revealed employing UV light (254 nm) and/or by heating the plate pretreated with an ethanolic solution of phosphomolibdic acid, a solution of cerium sulphate or a solution of ninhydrine in BuOH-AcOH-H<sub>2</sub>O. CRYOCOOL apparatus was used for low-temperature reactions.

#### II. Synthesis of compounds 1-15.

#### Synthesis of compound 2.



L-cysteine hydrochloride polyhydratated (i) (5 g, 28.31 mmol) was suspended on a mixture of acetone (100 mL) and 2,2-dimethoxypropane (17 mL, 141.5mmol) and refluxed during 4 days. Then the mixture was filtered and dried *in vacuo* to afford (R)-2,2-dimethylthiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid hydrochloride (ii) and unreacted L-cysteine (i) in a 8:1 ratio as a white and crystalline solid (4.7 g, quantitative yield). This material was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

The carboxylic acid *ii* (4g, 24.81 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (24 mL), a Boc<sub>2</sub>O (5.95 g, 27.29 mmol) was added at 0 °C and the solution was stirred at room temperature overnight. Then the reaction was partitioned between EtOAc and HCl(aq) 5% and the organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and finally concentrated under reduced pressure to afford *iii* as a white crystalline solid (3.2 g, 49% yield). This material was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

The carboxylic acid *iii* (1 g, 3.82 mmol) was dissolved in  $CH_2CI_2$  (100 mL) at 0 °C and then, EDCI (804 mg, 4.20 mmol) and a solution of *N*, *O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (448 mg, 4.60 mmol) and DIPEA (0.8 mL, 4.60 mmol) in  $CH_2CI_2$  (90 mL) were added. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane 1:2) affording the Weinreb amide *iv* as a white and crystalline solid (446 mg, 35% yield).

The Weinreb amide *iv* (400 mg, 1.32 mmol) was dissolved in  $Et_2O$  (10 mL) at 0 °C, LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (150 mg, 3.90 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C during 45 min. After that

time, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> 5%, MeOH and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous saturated solution were added, stirring during 15 min. and the resulting mixture was partitioned between water and EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried using MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, to give a crude material that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc:hexane 1:1) affording the aldehyde **2** as a white crystalline solid (300 mg, 92% yield). The spectral data and optical rotation were identical to the reported compound (ref. 15 in the manuscript).

#### Synthesis of compound (*R*)-3.



<sup>*n*</sup>BuLi (0.81 mL, 2.10 M, 1.70 mmol) in hexane was added dropwise to a previously prepared solution of (*R*)-4-isopropyloxazolidin-2-one (200 mg, 1.55 mmol) in THF (8 mL) at -78 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred at -20 °C during 30 min. After that time, the reaction was cooled at -78 °C and a previously prepared solution of chloroacetyl chloride (freshly distilled, 0.12 mL, 1.55 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to reach room temperature slowly. The reaction was quenched with phosphate buffer pH 7, and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O twice. The organic layers were combined, dried and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography (Et<sub>2</sub>O:hexane 1:1) affording (*R*)-3 (515 mg, 81% yield). The spectral data and optical rotation were identical to the reported compound (ref. 16 in the manuscript).

#### Synthesis of compound (S)-3.



<sup>*n*</sup>BuLi (0.20 mL, 2.10 M, 0.42 mmol) in hexane was added dropwise to a previously prepared solution of (*S*)-4-isopropyloxazolidin-2-one (50 mg, 0.39 mmol) in THF (2 mL) at -78 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred at -20 °C during 30 min. After that time, the reaction was cooled at -78 °C and a previously prepared solution of chloroacetyl chloride (freshly distilled, 0.03 mL, 0.39 mmol) in

THF (1 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to reach room temperature slowly. The reaction was quenched with phosphate buffer pH 7, and extracted with  $Et_2O$  twice. The organic layers were combined, dried and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by silica gel chromatography ( $Et_2O$ :hexane 1:1) affording (*S*)-3 (103 mg, 65% yield). The spectral data and optical rotation were identical to the reported compound (ref. 16 in the manuscript).

#### Synthesis of compound 4.



#### Preparation of Sml<sub>2</sub> in THF 0.1 M

A suspension of samarium metal (845 mg, 5.63 mmol) and  $I_2$  (1134 mg, 4.5 mmol) in THF (45 mL) was prepared, carefully flushing with argon the reaction vessel and keeping it away from light. After stirring at room temperature for two hours, the reaction turned from brown to dark blue, indicating the complete formation of SmI<sub>2</sub>. The solution thus prepared must be used immediately.

Then, compounds **2** (215 mg, 0.878 mmol) and (*R*)-**3** (150 mg, 0.732 mmol) were dissolved together in THF (2.25 mL) and poured dropwise over a 0.1M Sml<sub>2</sub> solution (22 mL, see procedure above) previously cooled at -78 °C. After 10 minutes of stirring, air was bubbled inside the solution until the reaction turns to a brown-greenish colour. After reaching room temperature, a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and stirred for 20 min. Then, the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, the organic layer was washed with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 10% (w/w) aqueous solution, dried, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was purified by HPLC using an Eclipse® XDB-C18 (150x4.6 mm, 5 µm) column with a mobile phase consisting on an isocratic 60% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, affording compound **4** ( $t_{\rm R}$  = 5.8 min) (231 mg, 65%).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{\rm H}$  ppm: 4.54 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (ddd, *J* = 7.6, 3.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (m, 1H), 4.27 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 9.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 3.2 Hz), 3.19 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 6.4 Hz), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 9.1 Hz), 2.83 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 2.38 (m, 1H), 1.79, (s, 3H) 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 7.0, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  ppm: 171.5/171.1 (CO), 154.1 (CO), 81.2 (C), 70.6 (CH), 67.2 (CH), 63.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.4 (CH), 40.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.3 (CH), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (3xCH<sub>3</sub>, *t*Bu), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 417.2046 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 417.2053 for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -66.0 (c = 1.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### Synthesis of compound 5a.



To a stirred solution of compound **4** (85 mg, 0.21 mmol) in 1.5 mL of a 4:1 (v/v) mixture of tetrahydrofuran and water at 0°C, was added dropwise 50% aqueous H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.065 mL, 0.756 mmol) via syringe. An 1.2 M LiOH aqueous solution (0.237 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred at 0°C for 3 h, until all the starting material was consumed which was checked *via* TLC. A solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (74 mg) in H<sub>2</sub>O (0.350 mL, 1.46 M) was added, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (8 mL), which was extracted with a 15% aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (8 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to recover the crystalline homochiral auxiliary. The aqueous layer was acidified to pH ~2 with 37% aqueous HCl and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 8 mL). The combined EtOAc phases were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and taken to dryness *in vacuo* to afford the acid **5a** (58 mg, 0.18 mmol, yield: 86%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{H}$  ppm: 7.29 (bs, 2H) 4.54 (bt, 1H), 4.42 (bs, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.78–2.65 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 15.8, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 6H), 1.48 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR- (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{C}$  ppm: 171.6 (CO), 144.0 (CO), 98.5 (C), 82.2 (C), 70.6 (CH), 68.2 (CH), 60.7(CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (3xCH<sub>3</sub>, *t*Bu), 28.2 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 322.1373 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 322.1281 for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>S).

#### Synthesis of compound 5b.



To a stirred solution of compound **4** (200 mg, 0.48 mmol) in 5 mL of a 4:1 (v/v) mixture of tetrahydrofuran and water at 0°C, was added an 1.2 M LiOH aqueous solution (0.750 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 90 min, until all the starting material was consumed, which was checked *via* TLC. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was dissolved in

dichloromethane (10 mL). A 15% aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) was added and then the organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo* to recover the crystalline homochiral auxiliary. The aqueous layer was acidified to pH  $\sim$ 2 with 37% aqueous HCl and extracted with EtOAc (2 x 10 mL). The combined EtOAc phases were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to dryness *in vacuo* to afford the acid **5b** (140 mg, 0.46 mmol, yield: 96%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta_{H}$  ppm: 4.52 (ddd, J = 9.8, 5.9, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 6.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H). 3.22 (dd, J = 12.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (bd, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 15.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 15.6, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.51 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta_{C}$  ppm: 175.8 (CO), 155.0 (CO), 82.0 (C), 72.2 (C), 69.6 (CH), 68.6 (CH), 39.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (3xCH<sub>3</sub>, *t*Bu), 28.2 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 306.1373 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 306.1369 for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>S); 328.1192 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 328.1189 for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>NaS). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -15.4 (c = 0.63, MeOH)

Synthesis of compounds 6a and 6b.



A solution of 0.1 M Sml<sub>2</sub> in THF was prepared using the same procedure as described before. Then, compounds **2** (100 mg, 0.41 mmol) and **(S)-3** (70 mg, 0.34 mmol) were dissolved together in THF (1 mL) and poured dropwise over a 0.1 M Sml<sub>2</sub> solution (10 mL) previously cooled at -78 °C. After 10 minutes stirring, air was bubbled inside the solution until the reaction turns to a brown-greenish colour. After reaching the room temperature, a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added, stirring was maintained along 20 minutes. Then the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O, the organic layer was washed with Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 10% (w/w) aqueous solution; the organic layer was dried, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material thus obtained was purified by HPLC using an Eclipse® XDB-C18 (150x4.6 mm, 5 µm) column with a mobile phase consisting on an isocratic 60% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min, affording **6a** ( $t_R$  = 3.8 min, 37 mg, 26 % yield) and **6b** ( $t_R$  = 4.1 min, 40 mg, 29% yield). HPLC chromatogram of the crude of the reaction show a 1:1.1 ratio between **6a** and **6b**. (Total 77 mg, 55% global yield)

**6a.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{H}$  ppm: 4.58 (bs, 1H), 4.47 (ddd, J = 7.6, 7.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 12.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, J = 8.9, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (m, 3H), 2.86 (d, J = 12.3, 1H), 2.43 (m, 1H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 0.92 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR

(125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{c}$  ppm: 171.7 (CO), 154.2 (CO), 81.2 (C), 81.0 (CH), 70.5 (CH), 69.5 (CH), 67.2 (CH), 63.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.6 (CH), 40.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (3xCH<sub>3</sub>, tBu), 28.3 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 417.2046 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 417.2053 for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S).

**6b.** <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>), \delta\_{\rm H} ppm: 4.55 (m, 1H), 4.45 (ddd, J = 8.1, 7.2, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (ddd, J = 10.3, 7.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 8.1, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dd, J = 16.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 12.3, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 0.92 (d, 3H), 0.91 (d, 3H) <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>), \delta\_{\rm C} ppm: 171.6 (CO), 154.1 (CO), 81.2 (C), 70.7 (CH), 68.5 (CH), 66.7 (CH), 63.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.6 (CH), 40.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.3 (3xCH<sub>3</sub>, tBu), 28.4 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.80 (CH<sub>3</sub>). <b>(+)-HR-ESIMS** *m/z*: 439.1895 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 439.1873 for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>32</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>NaS).

#### Synthesis of compound 7a.



2-Hydroxy-2-benzonitrile (1.0 g, 8.4 mmol) and D-cysteine hydrochloride (2.640 g, 16.8 mmol) were dissolved in 80 mL of a 1:1 (v/v) mixture of methanol and phosphate buffer 0.1 M pH 6.4. The solution was adjusted to pH 6.4 by addition of solid  $K_2CO_3$  and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60 °C overnight. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the yellow crude material was diluted with water (50 mL). The solution was adjusted to pH 2-3 by addition of an aqueous solution of HCl (5%). After extraction with  $CH_2CI_2$  (3 x 50 mL), the organic layers were collected, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give the expected thiazoline which was isolated as a yellow powder (1.9 g, 8.5 mmol, quantitative yield). It was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

To a solution of thiazoline (0.3 g, 1.34 mmol) and EDCI (0.285 g, 1.48 mmol) in  $CH_2CI_2$  (15 mL), cooled down at 0°C, was added a solution of *N*,*O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (0.157 g, 1.61 mmol) and DIPEA (0.280 mL, 1.61 mmol) in  $CH_2CI_2$  (15 mL). The solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature and was stirred during 2 h. The mixture was washed with an aqueous solution of HCI (5%) and the resulting organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and finally filtered. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a brownish oily residue. This crude material was adsorbed on silica gel and then chromatographed on a silica gel column (hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O 1:1 to 1:2) to

give the expected Weinreb amide **7a** which was isolated as a yelow solid (0.152 g, 0.57 mmol, yield : 57%).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{\rm H}$  ppm: 7.42 (dd, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 7.3, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2, 0.5 Hz, 1H), 6.86 (ddd, *J* = 7.8, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.79 (bt, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  ppm: 174.08 (CO), 169.7 (C), 158.9 (C), 133.3 (CH), 130.8 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 117.0 (CH), 116.2 (C), 74.6 (CH), 61.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 267.0796 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 267.0797 for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S) [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -19.6 (c = 0.65, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

#### Synthesis of compound 7b.



To an ice-cold solution of **7a** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol) in DMF (1.5 ml) were added 0.102 mL of TBDPSCI (0.39 mmol) and imidazole (55 mg, 0.82 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 24 h, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and a saturated solution of aqueous NaCl, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure afforded a yellow solid. This crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate 3:1) to afford **7b** as a yellow amorphous solid (0.060 g, 0.12 mmol, yield: 62%).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{\rm H}$  ppm: 7.81 – 7.65 (m, 5H), 7.51 – 7.28 (m, 6H), 6.96 – 6.79 (m, 2H), 6.41 (dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.81 – 3.71 (m, 1H), 3.47 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (bs, 3H), 1.12 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  ppm: 167.8 (C), 153.6 (q), 135.4 (CH), 133.3 (C), 133.2 (C), 132.3 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 130.9 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 130.0 (CH), 129.9 (CH), 127.9 (CH),127.8 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 124.4 (C), 120.7 (CH), 120.1 (CH), 74.8 (CH), 60.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 32.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>, tBu), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.2 (C). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 505.1952 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 505.1975 for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SiS).

Synthesis of compound 8a.



To a solution of Weinreb amide **7a** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol) in diethyl ether (3 mL) at -20°C, was added 20 mg (0.53 mmol) of lithium aluminium hydride. The reaction mixture was stirred at -20°C for 15 min and then quenched by successive additions of methanol (0.5 mL), an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (4 mL) and a 5% (v/v) aqueous solution of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (4 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred and allowed to warm up to room temperature until two phases were formed. After partition and extraction with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 × 10mL), the organic layers were collected, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered before being evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude aldehyde **8a** (37 mg, 0.18 mmol, yield: 95%), very sensitive, was obtained as a yellow foam and it was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),**  $\delta_{H}$  ppm: 9.89 (s, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.05 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (dd, J = 9.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 11.2, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (dd, J = 11.2, 9.8 Hz,1H). <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),**  $\delta_{C}$  ppm: 196.4 (COH), 182.5 (C), 161.4 (C), 133.8 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 82.2 (CH), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>). **(+)-HR-ESIMS** *m/z*: 208.0427 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 208.0426 for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S).

#### Synthesis of compound 8b.



To a solution of Weinreb amide **7b** (120 mg, 0.24 mmol) in diethyl ether (4.5 mL) at -20°C, was added 27 mg (0.71 mmol) of lithium aluminium hydride. The reaction mixture was stirred at -20°C for 15 min and then quenched by successive additions of methanol (1 mL), an aqueous solution of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (8 mL) and a 5% (v/v) aqueous solution of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (4 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred and allowed to warm up to room temperature until two phases were formed. After partition and extraction with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 15mL), the organic layers were collected, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and filtered

before being evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude aldehyde **8b** (0.097 g, 0.22 mmol, yield: 92%), very sensitive, was obtained as a yellow foam and it was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

Synthesis of compound 9.



A solution of **4** (95 mg, 0.23 mmol) in 6 mL of a 1:3 (v/v) mixture of dichloromethane and trifluoroacetic acid was stirred at room temperature for two days. The solution was then evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude acetonide was dissolved in a 1:1 (v/v) mixture of methanol and water (10 mL). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure. This crude material was purified by HPLC using a Discovery® HS F5 column (25 cm x 10 mm, 5 µm) with a mobile phase consisting of an isocratic 30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v, each containing 0.1% TFA) at a flow rate of 1.5 mL/min ( $t_R$  = 20.1 min) to give 78 mg (0.21 mmol, yield: 90%) of **9** as a white amorphous solid.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR (300 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O), δ<sub>H</sub> ppm:** 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.2 (m, 3H), 3.25 (m, 2H), 2.93 (dd, J = 16.2, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dd, J = 14.9, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (dd, J = 14.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 0.74 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.69 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H).<sup>13</sup>**C-NMR (75 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O), δ<sub>c</sub> ppm:** 171.4 (CO), 155.8 (CO), 65.7 (CH), 64.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.9 (CH), 57.3 (CH), 39.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (CH), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 16.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **(+)-HR-ESIMS** *m/z*: 277.1207 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 277.1216 for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S). **[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> = -45.6** (c = 0.9, MeOH).

#### Synthesis of compound 10.



To a stirred solution of **9** (29 mg, 0.1 mmol) and potassium acetate (69 mg, 0.7 mmol) in methanol (0.9 mL), a solution of freshly synthesized aldehyde **8b** (0.030 mg, 0.07 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added. After stirring at room temperature for 24 h, a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with a saturated solution of aqueous NaCl, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give 63 mg (0.09 mmol, yield: 90%) of **10** as a yellow foam. This structure was confirmed by high resolution mass spectrum. **(+)-HR-ESIMS** *m*/*z*: 464.1296 ([M-C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Si]<sup>+</sup>) (calcd. 464.1308 for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>).

#### Synthesis of compound 11.



To a stirred solution of compound **9** (66 mg, 0.24 mmol) and potassium acetate (24 mg, 0.24 mmol) in methanol (1 mL), a solution of freshly synthesized aldehyde **8a** (50 mg, 0.24 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was added at 0°C. After stirring at 0°C for 4 h, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with a saturated solution of aqueous NaCl (10 mL) and extracted three times with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×15 mL). Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure afforded a crude material as yellow foam. The thiazolidine **11**, very sensitive, was obtained as a mixture (105 mg, 0.23 mmol, yield: 96%) of the two diastereoisomers **11a** (9*S*, 10*R*, 12*R*, 13*S*) and **11b** (9*S*, 10*S*, 12*R*, 13*S*) in 1/1.5 ratio and it was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>),**  $\delta_{H}$  ppm: 7.42 (2H), 7.35 (2H), 7.00 (2H), 6.89 (2H), 5.00 (2H), 4.92 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (2H), 4.35 – 4.19 (m, 8H), 3.54 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.41 – 3.24 (m, 4H), 3.06 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.42-2.33 (m, 2H), 0.96 – 0.88 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>**C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>),**  $\delta_{C}$  ppm: 173.0 (CO), 172.4 (CO), 159.1 (C), 153.9 (CO), 133.2 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 118.9 (CH), 117.6 (CH), 116.1 (C), 79.9 (CH), 79.6 (CH), 72.4 (CH), 71.9 (CH), 68.3 (CH), 68.6 (CH), 67.7 (CH), 67.5 (CH), 63.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 58.8 (CH), 41.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **(+)-HR-ESIMS** *m/z*: 488.1292 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 488.1289 for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>NaS<sub>2</sub>).

#### Synthesis of compound 12.



To a stirring solution of thiazolidine **11** (30 mg, 0.06 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) at 0°C was added a methanolic (0.5 mL) solution of sodium methoxide (4 mg, 0.07 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and then was quenched with an aqueous solution of saturated ammonium chloride and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give the methyl ester **12** (9.5 mg, 0.026 mmol, yield: 65%) as a yellow foam. This structure was confirmed by high resolution mass spectrum. **(+)-HR-ESIMS** *m*/*z*: 369.0943 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 369.0937 for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)

#### Synthesis of compound 13.



To a stirring solution of compound **4** (160 mg, 0.38 mmol) in ethanol (5 mL) at 0 °C was added 2 mL of an ethanolic solution of sodium ethoxide (55 mg, 0.77 mmol), the resulting solution was stirred for 15 min at 0 °C and then was quenched with an aqueous solution of saturated ammonium

chloride and extracted with diethyl ether (3 x 20 mL). The combined extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to give a white solid. This crude material was purified by chromatography on silica gel column (hexane/ethyl acetate 2:1) to give the expected ester **13** isolated as a white crystalline solid (102 mg, 0.30 mmol, yield: 80%).

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{H}$  ppm: 4.52 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 6.6, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (bq, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (bd, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{C}$ ppm: 172.2 (CO), 154.2 (CO), 81.2 (C), 70.4 (C), 66.8 (CH), 65.9 (CH), 60.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.4 (2xCH<sub>3</sub>), 27.5 (3xCH<sub>3</sub>, tBu), 14.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 356.1511 [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 356.1502 for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>NaS). [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23</sup> = -35.6 (c = 0.40, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### Synthesis of compound 14.



A solution of **13** (80 mg, 0.24mmol) in 6 mL of a 1:3 (v/v) mixture of dichloromethane and trifluoroacetic acid was stirred at room temperature for two days. The solution was then evaporated under reduced pressure and the crude acetonide was dissolved in a 1:1 (v/v) mixture of methanol and water (10 mL). The solvents were removed under reduced pressure to give a dimer. Cleavage of the disulfide bridge was performed by solving the dimer in 1.2 mL of dioxane:water 1:3 (v/v), then PPh<sub>3</sub> (92 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added and finally HCl<sub>(c)</sub> (0.1 mL). After stirring at 40 °C for 4 hours, solvent was removed under reduced pressure. This crude material was redissolved in water and washed with hexane, the aqueous layer was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude material that was purified by HPLC using a Discovery® HS F5 column (25 cm x 10 mm, 5 µm) with a mobile phase consisting of a isocratic 25% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v, each containing 0.1% TFA) at a flow rate of 1.5 mL/min ( $t_R$  = 14.1 min) to give 39 mg (0.17 mmol, yield: 71%) of **14** as a grayish crystalline solid. <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>), \delta\_H ppm: 4.30 (dt,** *J* **= 7.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q,** *J* **= 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.35 –** 

**14.NMR (300 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>),**  $\delta_{\rm H}$  ppm: 4.30 (dt, J = 7.7, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.35 – 3.25 (m, 1H), 2.92 (dd, J = 14.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.83 – 2.55 (m, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  ppm: 171.0 (CO), 65.5 (CH), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 57.5 (CH), 38.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 13.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>). (+)-HR-ESIMS *m/z*: 194.0842 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 194.0845 for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -19.6 (c = 0.65, MeOH).



#### Synthesis of prepiscibactin (1) and 10-epiprepiscibactin (1').

To a stirred solution of compound **14** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) and potassium acetate (12 mg, 0.12 mmol) in methanol (1 mL), a solution of freshly synthesized aldehyde **8a** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was added at 0°C. After stirring at 0 °C for 2 h, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with a saturated solution of aqueous NaCl (5 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×10 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent evaporated. The crude thiazolidine **15**, obtained as very sensitive yellow foam, was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

A solution of thiazolidine **15** (44 mg, 0.12 mmol) in toluene (3 mL) was stirred at 120 °C overnight. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure afforded a mixture of the two diastereoisomers **1** (9*R*, 10*S*, 12*R*, 13*S*) and **1'** (9*R*, 10*R*, 12*R*, 13*S*) that were separated by HPLC using a Discovery® HS F5 (100x4.6 mm, 5  $\mu$ m) column with a mobile phase consisting on this sequence at a flow rate of 1 mL/min (percentages are v/v, each containing 0.1% TFA): from 0 to 10 min, gradient from 10% to 30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O; from 10 to 13 min, isocratic 30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O; from 13 to 15 min, gradient from 30% to 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O. Fractions containing 10-*epi*prepiscibactin (**1'**, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.5 min, 10 mg, 26% yield) and prepiscibactin (**1**, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 10.5 min, 10 mg, 26% yield) were pooled and dried *in vacuo*. HPLC chromatogram of the crude of the reaction showed an 1:1 ratio between **1** and **1'** (total 21 mg, 0.06 mmol, global yield: 52%).



To a stirred solution of compound **14** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) and potassium acetate (12 mg, 0.12 mmol) in methanol (1 mL), a solution of freshly synthesized aldehyde **8a** (25 mg, 0.12 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) was added at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 2 h, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was washed with a saturated solution of aqueous NaCl (5 mL) and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3×10 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent evaporated. The crude thiazolidine **15**, obtained as very sensitive yellow foam, was directly used for subsequent reaction without any further purification.

To a solution of thiazolidine **15** (45 mg, 0.12 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (40 mg, 0.3 mmol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and then, at 120 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with 5% aq. KHSO<sub>4</sub> and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then concentrated in vacuo to give a mixture of prepiscibactin (**1**) and 10-*epi*prepiscibactin (**1**') (ca. 4:1 by HPLC). Two diastereoisomers **1** (9*R*, 10*S*, 12*R*, 13*S*) and **1**' (9*R*, 10*R*, 12*R*, 13*S*), were separated by HPLC using a Discovery® HS F5 (100x4.6 mm, 5 µm) column with a mobile phase consisting on this sequence at a flow rate of 1 mL/min (percentages are v/v, each containing 0.1% TFA): from 0 to 10 min, gradient from 10% to 30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O; from 10 to 13 min, isocratic 30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O; from 13 to 15 min, gradient from 30% to 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O. Fractions containing 10-*epi*prepiscibactin (**1**', *t*<sub>R</sub> = 9.3 min, 4.2 mg, yield 11% ) and prepiscibactin (**1**, *t*<sub>R</sub> = 10.3 min, 17.5 mg, yield 44% ) were pooled and dried *in vacuo*. Total 21.9 mg, 0.06 mmol, global yield: 55%.

**Prepiscibactin (1):** <sup>1</sup>**H-NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD),**  $\delta_{H}$  **ppm:** 7.46 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (d, J = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.81 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.8 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.8 (ddd), 7.8 (d

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**10**-*Epi*prepiscibactin (1'): <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta_{\rm H}$  ppm: 7.51 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (ddd, J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.6, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (ddd, J = 8.9, 8.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (ddd, J = 5.9, 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, J = 11.2, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (dd, J = 11.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 10.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 10.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (dd, J = 17.1, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dd, J = 17.1, 1.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta_{\rm C}$  ppm: 177.1 (CO), 175.4 (C), 160.3 (C), 135.6 (CH), 131.9 (CH), 120.5 (CH), 118.1 (CH), 116.6 (C), 80.8 (CH), 70.6 (CH), 67.2 (CH), 62.8 (CH), 44.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>). **(+)-HR-ESIMS** *m/z*: 337.0677 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> (calcd. 337.0675 for  $C_{15}H_{17}N_2O_3S_2$ ). [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>26</sup> = -25.3 (c = 0.12, MeOH).

# III. NMR spectra and HRESIMS of 1, 4-14



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### HRESIMS of 4: Ion: *m*/*z* 417.2046, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)





#### HR-ESIMS of 5a. lon: *m/z* 322.1373, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)













J-Based configurational analysis of the C3-C4 bond of 5b









# HSQC-HECADE (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) of 6a








#### HRESIMS of 6b: lon *m*/*z* 439.1895, ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>)



Formula	Calc. m/z	$\Delta$ , mDa	$\Delta$ , ppm	DBE
$C_{19}H_{32}N_2O_6NaS$	439.1873	2.1699	4.9407	4.5



J-Based configurational analysis of the C3-C4 bond of 6a



J-Based configurational analysis of the C3-C4 bond of 6b







### HRESIMS of 7a: lon *m/z* 267.0796, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)







# HRESIMS of 7b: lon *m/z* 505.1952, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)



Formula	Calc. m/z	$\Delta$ , mDa	$\Delta$ , ppm	DBE
C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>33</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> SiS	505.1975	-2.3698	-4.691	14.5



### HRESIMS of 8a: lon *m*/*z* 208.0427 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)



















# HRESIMS of 10: *m*/*z* 702 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, 7), 464 ([M-C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Si]<sup>+</sup>, 100)



### HRESIMS of 10: lon *m/z* 464.1296, ([M-C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>19</sub>Si]<sup>+</sup>)



<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 11





### <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 11

# HRESIMS of 11: Ion *m/z* 488.1292, ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>)



Formula	Calc. m/z	$\Delta$ , mDa	$\Delta$ , ppm	DBE
$C_{21}H_{27}N_3O_5NaS_2$	488.1289	0.2153	0.4412	9.5



#### HRESIMS of 12: lon *m/z* 369.0943, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)







## HRESIMS of 13: lon *m/z* 356.1511, ([M+Na]<sup>+</sup>)





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#### HRESIMS of 14: lon *m/z* 194.0842, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)







## HRESIMS of 1: lon *m*/*z* 337.0664, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)










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## HRESIMS of 1': lon *m/z* 337.0677, ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>)



Formula	Calc. m/z	$\Delta$ , mDa	$\Delta$ , ppm	DBE
$C_{15}H_{17}N_2O_3S_2$	337.0675	0.1873	0.5558	8.5

## IV. Comparison between spectra of natural and synthetic prepiscibactin (1)

Comparison between <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>CN) spectra of synthetic prepiscibactin (1) and natural prepiscibactin.



CD-ORD spectrum in MeOH of synthetic prepiscibactin (1)

CD-ORD spectrum in MeOH of 10-epiprepiscibactin (1)



CD-ORD spectrum in MeOH of natural prepiscibactin



UV spectrum of natural prepiscibactin



UV spectrum of synthetic prepiscibactin (1)



## V. HPLC chromatograms of crude reactions

HPLC chromatogram of the crude of reaction from 2 to 4.



HPLC chromatogram of formation's reaction of diastereoisomers 1 and 1' (crude) without ZnCl<sub>2</sub>.

Conditions: Column: Discovery® HS F5 (100x4.6 mm, 5 µm)

*Mobile phase:* from 0 to 10 min., gradient from 10% to 30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O; from 10 to 13 min. isocratic 30% CH<sub>3</sub>CN and 70% H<sub>2</sub>O; from 13 to 15 min. gradient from 30% to 100% CH<sub>3</sub>CN in H<sub>2</sub>O (percentages are v/v, each containing 0.1% TFA).

min

*Flow rate:* 1.0 mL/min. *UV detector:* 320 nm.



HPLC chromatogram of formation's reaction of diastereoisomers 1 and 1' (crude) with ZnCl<sub>2</sub>...

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