Facile N-Derivatization of α -Amino Esters and Amides *via* Benzotriazolylmethyl Derivatives

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Description of compounds 2a, 3a-j, 7a-c, 8a-f, 10 and 10'.

Figure 1. ¹H MNR spectra for compound 3a.

Figure 2. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 3a.

Figure 3. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound 3b.

Figure 4. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 3b.

Figure 5. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound 8d.

Figure 6. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 8d.

Figure 7. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound **8**e. **Figure 8.** ¹³C NMR spectra for compound **8**e.

Figure 9. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound 8f.

Figure 10. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 8f.

Figure 11. ¹⁹F NMR of methyl (2R)-2- $(3-butenyl{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)]})$ tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl}amino)-3-phenylpropanoate 10.

Figure 12. ¹⁹F NMR of methyl (2S)-2-(3-butenyl{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)] tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl}amino)-3-phenylpropanoate 10'.

Figure 13. ¹⁹F NMR for mixture of methyl $(2R)-2-(3-buteny)\{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2$ trifluoroacetyl)tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl}amino)-3-phenylpropanoate 10 and (2S)-2-(3-butenyl{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2methyl yl]carbonyl}amino)-3-phenylpropanoate 10'.

Figure 14. TLC comparison of diastereomers 10 and 10'.

Methyl (2*S*)-2-[(1*H*-1,2,3-benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)amino]-3-phenylpropanoate (2a). White needles (from CHCl₃/Hexanes); yield 81%; mp 97– 98 °C (lit.¹² 96– 97 °C); $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = +25 (*c* 2.17, EtOH) (lit.¹² $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = +18 (*c* 2.17, EtOH)); ¹H NMR δ 2.62–2.73 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 3.60–3.70 (m, 1H), 5.40–5.62 (m, 2H), 6.80–7.05 (m, 2H), 7.12–7.22 (m, 3H), 7.31–7.46 (m, 3H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 39.2, 52.0, 59.4, 61.5, 109.4, 119.9, 123.9, 126.8, 127.4, 128.4, 129.0, 132.5, 136.4, 146.1, 173.7.

Methyl (2*S***)-3-phenyl-2-{[(phenylsulfanyl)methyl]amino}propanoate (3a).** Colorless oil; yield 85% (according to crude NMR); ¹H NMR δ 2.03 (br s, 1H), 2.81 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 13.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.97 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 2H), 7.10–7.29 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR δ 39.0, 52.0, 56.0, 59.2, 126.8, 127.0, 128.5, 128.9, 128.9, 129.1, 132.0, 136.8, 173.9.

Methyl (2*S*)-2-{[(diethoxyphosphoryl)methyl]amino}-3-phenylpropanoate (3b). Colorless oil; yield 62%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$ = -3 (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.75 (brs, 1H), 2.72–3.12 (m, 4H), 3.58–3.66 (m, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 3.98–4.14 (m, 4H), 7.15–7.35 (m, 5H).; ¹³C NMR δ 16.3 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, (CH₃CH₂O)₂), 39.2 (PhCH₂), 43.3 (d, *J* = 158.6 Hz, (CH₃CH₂O)₂PCH₂), 51.7 (CH₃O), 62.2 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, (CH₃CH₂O)₂P), 63.4 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, CHNH), 126.6, 128.3, 129.1, 136.9, 174.0. HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₂₄NO₅P: 330.1472; Found: 330.1472.

Methyl (2*S***)-2-(3-butenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate (3c).** Colorless oil; yield 68%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = +20 \ (c \ 1.54, \ CHCl_3); \ ^1H \ NMR \ \delta \ 1.56 \ (br \ s, \ 1H), \ 2.14-2.24 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 2.46-2.60 \ (m, \ 1H), \ 2.60-2.71 \ (m, \ 1H), \ 2.94 \ (d, \ J = 6.9 \ Hz, \ 2H), \ 3.52 \ (t, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz, \ 1H), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz), \ 3.63 \ (s, \ J = 7.0 \ Hz),$ 3H), 4.94–5.07 (m, 2H), 5.62–5.80 (m, 1H), 7.11–7.32 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 34.2, 39.6, 47.1, 51.5, 63.0, 116.3, 126.7, 128.4, 129.1, 135.9, 137.2, 174.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₂: C, 72.07; H, 8.21; N, 6.00. Found: C, 71.98; H, 8.14; N, 6.35.

Methyl (2*S***)-2-(3-butenylamino)-3-phenylpropanoate (3c').** Colorless oil; yield 68%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -20$ (c 1.54, CHCl3); ¹H NMR δ 1.57 (br s, 1H), 2.15-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.48-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.61-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.94 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.52 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 4.96-5.06 (m, 2H), 5.64-5.79 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.31 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR δ 34.2, 39.6, 47.0, 51.5, 63.0, 116.3, 126.6, 128.3, 129.1, 135.9, 137.2, 174.9. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₉NO₂: C, 72.07; H, 8.21; N, 6.00. Found: C, 704.98; H, 8.44; N, 6.36.

Methyl-3-{[(1S)-1-benzyl-2-methoxy-2-oxoethyl]amino}-2,2-dimethylpropanoate

(3d). Colorless oil; yield 75%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = +10$ (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃) ¹H NMR δ 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.62 (br s, 1H), 2.46 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84–2.92 (m, 2H), 3.43 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 7.10–7.38 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 23.0, 23.5, 39.6, 43.6, 51.5, 51.6, 56.8, 63.8, 126.5, 128.2, 129.2, 137.6, 175.0, 177.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₃NO₄: C, 65.51; H, 7.90; N, 4.77. Found: C, 65.62; H, 8.28; N, 5.03.

Methyl (2*S***)-2-[(cyanomethyl)amino]-3-phenylpropanoate (3e).** Colorless oil; yield 98%; $[\alpha]^{28}{}_{D}$ = +7.4 (*c* 0.82, CHCl₃) (lit. ref.¹⁴); ¹H NMR δ 1.86 (br s, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.50–3.54 (m, 2H), 3.62–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 7.15–7.35 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 35.9, 39.1, 52.1, 61.0, 117.2, 127.1, 128.6, 129.1, 136.1, 173.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₄N₂O₂: C, 66.04; H, 6.47. Found: C, 66.08; H, 6.76.

Methyl (2*S***)-2-(3-butenylamino)-2-phenylethanoate (3f).** Colorless oil; yield 42%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = +71 \ (c \ 1.54, CHCl_3); {}^{1}H \ NMR \ \delta \ 1.99 \ (br \ s, \ 1H), \ 2.23-2.32 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 2.54-2.69 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 3.69 \ (s, \ 3H), \ 4.38 \ (s, \ 1H), \ 5.01-5.13 \ (m, \ 2H), \ 5.70-5.88 \ (m, \ 1H), \ 7.20-7.45 \ (m, \ 5H); {}^{13}C \ NMR \ \delta \ 34.1, \ 46.7, \ 52.2, \ 65.4, \ 116.5, \ 127.4, \ 128.1, \ 128.7, \ 136.0, \ 138.1, \ 173.4. \ Anal. Calcd for C_{13}H_{17}NO_2: \ C, \ 71.21; \ H, \ 7.81; \ N, \ 6.39. \ Found: \ C, \ 71.46; \ H, \ 8.11; \ N, \ 6.41.$

Methyl 3-{[(1S)-2-methoxy-2-oxo-1-phenylethyl]amino}-2,2-dimethylpropanoate

(3g). Colorless oil; yield 51%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = +35$ (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); (lit. ref.¹⁵); ¹H NMR δ 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 2.18 (br s, 1H), 2.50 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.34 (s, 1H), 7.20–7.42 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 23.5, 23.6, 43.5, 51.7, 52.1, 56.1, 66.0, 127.4, 127.9, 128.5, 138.2, 173.3, 177.6. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁NO₄: C, 64.50; H, 7.58; N, 5.01. Found: C, 64.78; H, 7.88; N, 5.22.

Methyl (2*S*)-2-[(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)amino]-2-phenylethanoate (3h). Yellow microcrystals; yield 40%, mp 90– 91 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$ = +47 (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 2.60 (br s, 1H), 2.85–3.05 (m, 2H), 3.21 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 7.25–7.38 (m, 3H), 7.39–7.48 (m, 4H), 7.50–7.59 (m, 1H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 38.8, 42.4, 52.2, 65.8, 127.4, 127.9, 128.1, 128.5, 128.6, 133.1, 136.7, 137.9, 173.1, 199.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉NO₃: C, 72.71; H, 6.44. Found: C, 72.71; H, 6.44.

Methyl (2*S*)-2-[(cyanomethyl)amino]-2-phenylethanoate (3i). Colorless oil; yield 62%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$ = +1 (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 2.50 (br s, 1H), 3.36 (dd, *J* = 17.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (d, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.27–7.44 (m, 5H);

¹³C NMR δ 34.7, 52.6, 63.5, 117.0, 127.9, 128.8, 128.9, 135.8, 171.8. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₂N₂O₂: C, 64.69; H, 5.92; N, 13.72. Found: C, 64.73; H, 6.25; N, 14.03.

Methyl (2*S*)-2-[(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)amino]propanoate (3j). Colorless oil; yield 55%; $[α]^{25}{}_{D}$ = +20 (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); (lit. ref.¹⁶); ¹H NMR δ 1.32 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.98 (br s, 1H), 2.84–2.98 (m, 1H), 2.99–3.10 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.24 (m, 2H), 3.41 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 7.41–7.50 (m, 2H), 7.52–7.60 (m, 1H), 7.95 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 19.0, 39.0, 42.7, 51.8, 56.9, 127.9, 128.6, 133.1, 136.8, 175.9, 199.1. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₁₇NO₃: N, 5.95. Found: N, 5.82.

(2S)-2-[(1H-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)amino]-N-(4-methylphenyl)-3-

phenylpropanamide (7a). White microcrystals (from EtOAc); yield 80%; mp 143–144 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$ = -110 (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.64–2.75 (m, 1H), 2.79 (dd, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (dd, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.55–3.68 (m, 1H), 5.35–5.57 (m, 2H), 6.83–6.92 (m, 2H), 7.01–7.19 (m, 5H), 7.30–7.50 (m, 5H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.9, 39.0, 60.9, 61.3, 108.7, 119.6, 120.1, 124.1, 127.1, 127.9, 128.7, 128.7, 129.4, 132.5, 134.1, 134.6, 135.9, 146.0, 170.2. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₃N₅O: C, 71.67; H, 6.01; N, 18.17. Found: C, 71.78; H, 6.28; N, 18.15.

(2*S*)-2-[(1*H*-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)amino]-*N*-benzylpropanamide (7b). White microcrystals (from CHCl₃/Et₂O); yield 86%; mp 111–112 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -37$ (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.50–2.65 (m, 1H), 3.22–3.40 (m, 1H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (dd, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (dd, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (br s, 1H), 7.20–7.59 (m, 8H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 19.7, 43.2,

55.3, 60.8, 109.1, 120.0, 124.2, 127.5, 127.6, 127.9, 128.7, 132.8, 138.1, 145.9, 173.5. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉N₅O: C, 66.00; H, 6.19; N, 22.64. Found: C, 66.39; H, 6.44; N, 22.77.

(2S)-2-[(1H-Benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)amino]-4-methyl-N-(4-methylphenyl)-

pentanamide (7c). White microcrystals (from EtOAc); yield 93%; mp 153–154 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -85$ (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 0.49 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.40–1.57 (m, 3H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.75–2.78 (m, 1H), 3.26–3.31 (m, 1H), 5.44 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.66 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.36–7.40 (m, 3H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.59 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.8, 21.0, 23.0, 24.6, 42.7, 58.9, 60.8, 109.1, 119.5, 119.9, 124.2, 128.0, 129.4, 133.0, 133.8, 134.8, 145.8, 171.6. Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₅N₅O: C, 68.35; H, 7.17; N, 19.93. Found: C, 67.97; H, 7.37; N, 19.87.

(2S)-2-[(4,4-Dimethyl-3-oxopentyl)amino]-N-(4-methylphenyl)-3-

phenylpropanamide (8a). Colorless oil; yield 50%; $[α]^{25}_{D} = -103$ (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.52 (br s, 1H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.40–2.55 (m, 2H), 2.59–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.69–2.78 (m, 1H), 2.80–2.92 (m, 1H), 3.27–3.43 (m, 2H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20–7.38 (m, 5H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 9.41 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.9, 26.3, 35.8, 39.4, 43.0, 44.0, 64.4, 119.6, 126.9, 128.8, 129.0, 129.4, 133.4, 135.5, 137.6, 171.6, 214.8. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₀N₂O₂: C, 75.37; H, 8.25; N, 7.64. Found: C, 75.23; H, 8.49; N, 7.86.

5-Benzyl-3-(4-methylphenyl)tetrahydro-4*H***-imidazol-4-one (9a).** White microcrystals; yield 40%; mp 125-126 °C; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -3$ (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (acetone-d₆) δ 2.29 (s, 3H), 2.80-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 3.8 Hz, 1H),

3.73-3.84 (m, 1H), 4.50-4.61 (m, 1H), 4.65-4.73 (m, 1H), 7.10–7.37 (m, 7H), 7.51 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (acetone-d₆) δ 20.9, 38.0, 63.1, 64.9, 119.3, 127.2, 129.1, 130.1, 130.4, 134.3, 137.1, 139.5, 174.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈N₂O: C, 76.66; H, 6.81; N, 10.52. Found: C, 77.01; H, 7.15; N, 10.37.

(2S)-2-[(Cyanomethyl)amino]-N-(4-methylphenyl)-3-phenylpropanamide (8b).

White prisms; yield 92%; mp 116-117°C; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -166 (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 1.93 (br s, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 17.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19–7.36 (m, 5H), 7.40 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H) 8.62 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.7, 36.1, 39.0, 63.2, 116.8, 119.8, 127.3, 128.9, 129.0, 129.4, 134.2, 134.4, 135.8, 169.7. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O: C, 73.69; H, 6.53; N, 14.32. Found: C, 73.34; H, 6.83; N, 14.35.

Methyl 3-{[(1S)-2-(benzylamino)-1-methyl-2-oxoethyl]amino}-2,2-

dimethylpropanoate (8c). Colorless oil; yield 82%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = -3$ (*c* 1.69, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.33 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.52 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 4.40–4.50 (m, 2H), 7.19–7.40 (m, 5H), 7.58 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 19.8, 23.3, 23.8, 42.9, 43.0, 51.7, 57.3, 58.6, 127.2, 127.6, 128.5, 138.5, 174.6, 177.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₄N₂O₃: C, 65.73; H, 8.27; N, 9.58. Found: C, 65.93; H, 8.37; N, 9.81.

(2S)-N-Benzyl-2-(3-butenylamino)propanamide (8d). Colorless oil; yield 61%; [α]²⁵_D
= +5 (c 1.88, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 1.22–1.32 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 2.18–2.28 (m, 2H), 2.57–2.80 (m, 2H), 3.25 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45–4.54 (m, 2H), 5.02–5.12 (m, 2H), 5.66–5.81 (m, 1H), 7.28–7.41 (m, 5H), 7.68 (br s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 19.8, 34.2, 42.8,

47.5, 58.2, 116.7, 127.3, 127.5, 128.6, 135.9, 138.5, 175.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₀N₂O: N, 12.06. Found: N, 12.02.

(2S)-4-Methyl-N-(4-methylphenyl)-2-[(3-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)amino]pentanamide

(8e). Colorless oil; yield 64%; $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D} = +1$ (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.39–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.62–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.77 (br s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.98–3.12 (m, 2H), 3.14–3.30 (m, 3H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.42–7.51 (m, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 9.46 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.8, 21.7, 23.3, 25.1, 38.2, 42.8, 43.3, 62.0, 119.4, 128.0, 128.7, 129.3, 133.2, 133.4, 135.6, 136.6, 172.9, 199.1. HRMS Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈N₂O₂: 353.2151; Found: 353.2222.

(2S)-2-[(Cyanomethyl)amino]-4-methyl-N-(4-methylphenyl)pentanamide (8f).

Colorless oil; yield 89%; ; $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -122 (*c* 1.54, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR δ 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 6H), 1.43–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.84 (m, 2H), 2.00 (br s, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 3.36–3.52 (m, 2H), 3.68 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (*J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 20.7, 21.7, 23.0, 24.9, 36.1, 42.7, 61.1, 117.4, 119.7, 129.4, 134.0, 134.7, 171.1. HRMS Calcd for C₁₅H₂₁N₃O: 259.1684; Found: 259.1687.

Methyl (2*R*)-2-(3-butenyl{[(2*S*)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl] carbonyl} amino)-3-phenylpropanoate (10). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR δ 1.73-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.91-2.21 (m, 5H), 2.77-2.87 (m, 1H), 3.24-3.43 (m, 3H), 3.69-3.75 (m, 4H), 3.83-3.90 (m, 1H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.95-5.02 (m, 2H), 5.57-5.70 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.34 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR δ 24.8, 28.2, 32.9, 35.0, 47.4, 48.9, 52.3, 58.3, 63.2, 116.3 (q, *Jc-f* = 287 Hz), 117.3, 126.7, 128.5, 129.6, 134.1, 137.9, 155.6 (q, *Jc-f* = 37 Hz), 170.6, 170.7. 1⁹F NMR δ -72.9.

Methyl (2*S*)-2-(3-butenyl{[(2*S*)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl] carbonyl} amino)-3-phenylpropanoate (10'). Colorless oil. ¹H NMR δ 1.85-1.92 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.41 (m, 5H), 2.72-2.81 (m, 1H), 3.13-3.42 (m, 3H), 3.68-3.78 (m, 4H), 3.88-3.96 (m, 1H), 4.07 (dd, J = 10.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.97-5.06 (m, 2H), 5.64-5.78 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.38 (m, 5H). ¹³C NMR δ 24.8, 28.4, 32.7, 34.8, 47.4, 49.4, 52.1, 58.4, 62.8, 116.0 (q, *Jc-f* = 252 Hz), 117.2, 126.8, 128.5, 129.2, 134.3, 138.0, 155.5 (q, *Jc-f* = 37 Hz), 170.4, 170.7. ¹⁹F NMR: δ -73.1



Figure 1. ¹H MNR spectra for compound **3a**.



Figure 2. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 3a.



Figure 3. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound 3b.



Figure 4. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 3b.



Figure 5. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound 8d.



Figure 6. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 8d.



Figure 7. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound 8e.



Figure 8. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 8e.



Figure 9. ¹H NMR Spectra for compound 8f.



Figure 10. ¹³C NMR spectra for compound 8f.



Figure 11. ¹⁹F NMR of methyl (2R)-2-(3-butenyl{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl) tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl}amino)-3-phenylpropanoate **10**.



Figure 12. ¹⁹F NMR of methyl (2S)-2-(3-butenyl{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl) tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl}amino)-3-phenylpropanoate **10'**.



Figure 13. ¹⁹F NMR for mixture of methyl $(2R)-2-(3-butenyl\{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl<math>amino$)-3-phenylpropanoate 10 and methyl (2S)-2-(3-butenyl $\{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl<math>amino$)-3-phenylpropanoate 10'.



Figure 14. TLC comparison of diastereomers 10 and 10'.

348- (2S)-2-(3-butenyl{[(2S)-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetyl)tetrahydro-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]carbonyl}amino)-3-phenylpropanoate **10**'

+ - mixture of 101+100