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Effect of Conformational Rigidity on the Stereoselectivity of Nucleophilic Additions to Five-membered Ring Bicyclic Oxocarbenium Ion Intermediates

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Abstract

Nucleophilic substitution reactions of five-membered ring acetals bearing fused rings reveal that subtle changes in the structure of the fused ring can exert dramatic influences on selectivity. If the fused ring did not constrain the five-membered ring undergoing substitution, selectivity was comparable to what was observed for an unconstrained system (92% diastereoselectivity, favoring the product of inside attack on the oxocarbenium ion). If the ring were more constrained by including at least one oxygen atom in the ring, selectivity dropped considerably (to 60% diastereoselectivity in one case). Transition states of the nucleophilic addition of allyltrimethylsilane to selected oxocarbenium ions were calculated using DFT methods. These computational models reproduced the correlation between additional conformational rigidity and selectivity.

Introduction

Nucleophilic substitution reactions of five-membered ring acetals are important transformations in synthetic chemistry. These reactions are useful in natural product synthesis^{1,2} and can be used to control stereochemistry at tetrasubstituted carbon stereocenters³⁻⁶. These reactions, many of which proceed through oxocarbenium ion intermediates, are also important in carbohydrate⁷ and nucleoside chemistry,^{8,9} including the synthesis of non-natural nucleosides¹⁰.

Our laboratory^{11,12} and others¹³⁻¹⁶ have explored the origin of stereoselectivity in reactions of five-membered ring oxocarbenium ions. We have developed a model that accounts for electronic, steric, and torsional effects on these transformations^{11,12}. The conclusions of these studies can be used in a number of settings, including reactions of oxocarbenium ions with carbon and hydride nucleophiles¹⁷ and nucleophilic additions to cyclic iminium ions^{18,19}. The stereochemical model can be applied to the chemistry of carbohydrates²⁰ and nucleosides,²¹ which required consideration of the influence of fused rings, which also control the reactions of six-membered-ring acetals^{22,23}. For example, we demonstrated that

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rings fused to the five-membered ring at C-3 and C-4,²⁴ as long as they are large enough, exert little influence on the selectivity, as evidenced by the similarity of selectivity of substitution reactions that give rise to tetrahydrofurans **1** and **2** (Chart 1)²⁵. If a fused ring constrains the conformation of the substrate, however, selectivity can be dramatically reduced, as shown for the fused system **3**,^{12,26} or reversed²¹.

In this Article, we demonstrate that the influence of fused rings is subtler than would be anticipated based upon comparison of the reactions forming products **2** and **3**. Even in a case where the fused rings are of the same size, replacing specific carbon atoms in the fused ring with heteroatoms can be enough to reduce stereoselectivity dramatically by restricting the conformational freedom of the ring undergoing nucleophilic attack.

Results

Four substrates were chosen to probe the influence of structural perturbations of a fused seven-membered ring on the selectivity of nucleophilic substitution of bicyclic acetals (Chart 2). Acetals **4** and **5** differed only in the introduction of a single heteroatom into the fused ring, which would reveal how slightly different bond lengths, angles, and torsional preferences of this ring would affect selectivity of the reaction. Although the oxygen atom attached to C-3 of the five-membered ring acetals might inherently favor an axial orientation because of electrostatic effects,^{27,28} such a conformation is unlikely because it would require the fused seven-membered ring to adopt a highly strained pseudo-trans-diaxial orientation, when the diequatorial form should be favored²⁹. Comparison of the selectivities of nucleophilic substitution reactions of acetals **6** and **7** would reveal the relative importance of heteroatoms at different positions of the ring.

Substrates were prepared by several routes, as illustrated in Schemes 1-4. A useful strategy to prepare the trans-fused ring system involved ring-opening reactions of epoxides such as **8** and 15^{30} with allylmagnesium reagents, as illustrated in Schemes 1 and 3^{31} . Functionalization of an allyl group was also used to prepare the oxepane **5** from the known³² alcohol **11** (Scheme 2). The known diol 18^{25} was converted to acetal **7** as shown in Scheme 4.

Substitution reactions were performed using allyltrimethylsilane as the nucleophile for a number of reasons. These reactions proceed by nucleophilic attack upon an oxocarbenium ion intermediate,²⁷ and the nucleophilic addition step is irreversible³³. This nucleophile undergoes addition to oxocarbenium ions with minimal development of steric interactions in the transition state, therefore revealing inherent torsional interactions that occur upon nucleophilic attack²⁷. Installation of an allyl group using this nucleophile is also synthetically useful^{10,34}. The substitution reaction using acetal **4** is representative of the reaction conditions employed (eq 1).



Chart 3 indicates the stereoselectivities that were observed and the relative configurations of the products. Diastereomer ratios were established by gas chromatography and confirmed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Stereochemical assignments were made using a number of methods. The tetrahydrofuran with the fused cycloheptane ring, tetrahydrofuran 20, was assigned by examination of NOE difference spectra. The structures of silvl ether products 22 and 23 were assigned by removing the silvl group to form the diols 24 and 25, respectively (eqs 2 and 3), to provide diols with known configurations²⁵. Assigning the structure of alkene 21 with the fused oxepane ring was more difficult, however. NOE difference spectra were not possible because the resonances were poorly resolved in several deuterated solvents. Because the stereoselectivity was low (and because it was similar to the analogous compound 23), additional derivatization experiments were not pursued. Instead, the stereochemical configuration of alkene 21 was tentatively assigned by calculating the ¹³C NMR chemical shifts³⁵ of both diastereomers and comparing those values to experimentally determined ones. The carbon atom of the fused ring (C-4) gave the most distinct chemical shifts. The observed ¹³C chemical shift of C-4 (C_6D_6) for the major product (δ 83.8 ppm) is in good agreement with the calculated value of the 1,3-trans product (δ 83.1 ppm); the minor product was more consistent with the 1,3-cis product (observed at δ 81.7 compared to δ 82.4 ppm for the calculated structure). Although less diagnostic, the ¹³C chemical shifts of C-3 in C_6D_6 are also in better agreement with the major product substituted 1.3-trans (observed at δ 80.6 ppm compared to the calculated value of δ 78.9 ppm) and the minor product substituted 1,3-cis (observed at δ 81.1 ppm compared to the calculated value of δ 80.3 ppm for the calculated structure). Although the assignment of the major and minor isomers of product 21 should be considered to be tentative, the use of ¹³C NMR spectra to assign structures has been validated in many cases³⁶⁻³⁸.



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Discussion

The diastereoselectivities shown in Charts 1 and 3 roughly correlate with the ring size of the fused ring, but that observation masks subtle differences in selectivity. Although selectivity does generally decrease as the fused ring size decreases, the seven-membered ring substrates exhibit quite different selectivities from each other (Chart 3). The selectivities observed for these compounds depended upon what elements comprised the fused ring (as shown by comparing selectivities for formation of products **20** and **21**), and where those atoms were distributed in the ring (as demonstrated by the contrasting selectivities observed for products **22** and **23**). It is unlikely that the lower selectivity observed for substrates with an oxygen atom at C-3 (leading to products **21** and **23**) was caused by different energies associated with developing eclipsing interactions between the hydrogen atoms of C-2 and the substituent at C-3 (carbon vs. oxygen) upon addition. The barriers to rotation of methyl groups in the anti conformations of H₃C–CH₂CH₂CH₃ and of H₃C–CH₂OCH₃ are quite similar (3.21 kcal/mol and 3.08 kcal/mol, respectively^{22,23}), and the difference in rotational barriers of cyclohexane(10.2 kcal/mol)³⁹ and tetrahydropyran (10.3 kcal/mol)⁴⁰ also compare well, so it should make little difference sterically what atom is at C-3²².

The conformational preferences of the fused ring, however, could influence reactivity. The presence of the fused ring increases the conformational rigidity of oxocarbenium ions compared to unconstrained systems,^{12,22,23,41} so the structure of that ring might affect the ability of the ring to adopt an envelope conformation with the fused ring occupying two equatorial positions, as illustrated for the cation **26** (eq 4). Computational studies, however, verified that the oxocarbenium ions formed from all four acetates **4-7** adopted a conformation of the five-membered ring resembling **26**, with the seven-membered ring fused diequatorially⁴². The conformational restriction imposed by the fused ring is evident by the fact that only two or three low-energy minima (within 10 kcal/mol) were located for each oxocarbenium ion.



The fused ring likely affects the ability of the oxocarbenium ion to accommodate changes to its conformation upon addition of the nucleophile, thereby affecting the selectivity of its reactions. As illustrated for the cycloheptene-fused oxocarbenium ion 26 (eq 4), addition from both the inside and outside faces would change the conformation of the fused ring as well as the five-membered ring¹². Because formation of the outside product A from the oxocarbenium ion 26 appears to cause less conformational distortion of the seven-membered ring than formation of the inside product \mathbf{B} would, the more conformationally rigid the fused ring is, the lower the selectivity for inside attack would be. This trend is illustrated by the fact that reactions of acetals with fused eight-membered rings are selective, whereas reactions of their six-membered ring analogues are not (Chart 1). This explanation would justify the lower selectivity observed in the formation of products 22 and 23, which contain conformationally restrictive disiloxane rings, 25,43 compared to the all-carbon system 20 (Chart 3). The lower selectivity for the oxepane system 21 would also be consistent with this explanation, because oxepane adopts deeper conformational minima than cycloheptane does^{44,45}. The barrier to pseudorotation in cycloheptane is 1.3 kcal/mol, compared to oxepane, which has two predicted barriers to pseudorotation of 2.2 and 4.0 kcal/mol⁴⁶. The increased conformational rigidity in oxepane-fused oxocarbenium ion 27 would increase the activation energy for inside attack more than for outside attack, leading to loss of selectivity.



Computational studies of nucleophilic additions to the cycloheptane- and oxepane-fused oxocarbenium ions **26** and **27**, respectively, were conducted to identify transition state structures for nucleophilic additions by allyltrimethylsilane. Although additions of crotyl silanes to acyclic oxocarbenium ions have been studied computationally,⁴⁷ additions of allyltrimethylsilane to *Z*-oxocarbenium ions, such as cyclic oxocarbenium ions, have not been studied (computational studies of five-membered ring iminium ions, however, have appeared^{18,48}). Transition state structures were identified for inside attack and outside attack on both oxocarbenium ions **26** and **27** at 298 K and 195 K. Transition states were modeled using the M06-2X density functional method⁴⁹ with the 6-31+G* basis set^{50,51}. Optimizations and frequency calculations were performed both in the gas phase and in dichloromethane solution using a polarized continuum model⁵². All transition states were

characterized by the presence of a single imaginary frequency corresponding to the newly formed carbon-carbon bond. Two different types of transition structures were identified, corresponding to synclinal and anti additions of the π -nucleophile to the cation⁴⁷. The synclinal transition states had lower free energies than the anti ones by 0.5 to 1.3 kcal/mol at 195 K, likely because they minimize gauche interactions with the ring. Representations of the transition structures for inside and outside attack are shown in Scheme 5; three-dimensional representations of these structures are provided as supporting information. Critical parameters, such as the length of the developing carbon–carbon bond (ranging between 2.4 and 2.5 Å), agree with values obtained from transition structures identified for allylation of propargylic cations⁵³. The carbon–silicon bond is anti-periplanar to the developing carbon–carbon bond, which would be expected because of stabilization of the incipient carbocationic center by the carbon–silicon σ -bond^{54,55}.

The calculated energy differences between the inside and outside attack modes are consistent with the selectivities observed for formation of the major products **20** and **21** at -78 °C. The difference in energies for the oxepane-fused oxocarbenium ion is lower than for the cycloheptane-fused system, which is in accord with the experimental results. Although caution should be taken regarding the quantitative differences in energies because of the error bars associated with these calculations,⁴⁷ the lower selectivity for the oxepane system was reproduced by the calculations. The agreement between experiment and theory suggest that calculations may be used to predict outcomes in reactions that involve five-membered ring oxocarbenium ions.

Conclusions

Nucleophilic substitution reactions of acetals with fused rings can exhibit selectivities that are distinctly different from unconstrained systems. This phenomenon has been used strategically in reactions of six-membered ring acetals, so the origin of this selectivity difference has been examined extensively in that series⁵⁶. The studies reported here show that nucleophilic addition reactions to fused oxocarbenium ions not only involve conformational changes to the ring undergoing nucleophilic addition, but also on the fused ring. Conformational flexibility or inflexibility of the fused ring can affect the transition state energies and therefore diastereoselectivity ratios in reactions. Calculations of transition structures reproduce these trends.

Experimental Section

General—Liquid chromatography was performed using forced flow (flash chromatography) of the indicated solvent system on silica gel (SiO₂) 60 (230-400 mesh). ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature using DRX 400 (400 and 100 MHz, respectively), DRX 500 (500 and 125 MHz, respectively) or DRX 600 (600 and 150 MHz, respectively) spectrometers, as indicated. The data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm from internal tetramethylsilane on the δ scale, multiplicity (app = apparent, br = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, sext = sextet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. Due to difficulties with purification of certain products, only distinctive peaks are listed in tabulated ¹H NMR

spectral data as indicated, and the structures were assigned using a combination of COSY, HMQC, and nOe experiments. Proton count at each carbon was confirmed by HSQC. Gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS) was performed with a quadrupole system with a fused silica capillary column (30 m × 0.32 mm × 0.25 µm) wall-coated with DB-5 using electron ionization (70 eV). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were acquired on a quadrupole time-of-flight spectrometer or an orthogonal acceleration time-of-flight spectrometer and were obtained by peak matching. Optical rotations were obtained using a digital polarimeter. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 F_{254} plates. THF, DMF, and CH₂Cl₂ were dried by filtration through alumina according to the method of Grubbs⁵⁷. All reactions using Et₂O, THF, DMF, and CH₂Cl₂ as solvents were run under an atmosphere of nitrogen in glassware that was flame-dried under a stream of nitrogen. All starting materials and reagents were commercially available unless otherwise indicated.

Experimental Procedures

(1*R**,2*R**)-2-Allylcycloheptanol (9)—To a solution of 8 (0.236 g, 2.10 mmol) in Et₂O (21 mL) at 0 °C was added allylmagnesium chloride (2.0 M in THF, 1.6 mL, 1.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir overnight at room temperature before adding saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (15 mL) and extracting with Et₂O (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (10:90 EtOAc:hexanes) to give **9** as a colorless oil (0.15 g, 46%): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.84 (dddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.1, 7.8, 6.5, 1H), 5.08–5.02 (m, 2H), 3.50 (td, *J* = 7.3, 3.8, 1H), 2.37 (dddt, *J* = 13.9, 6.3, 4.8, 1.5, 1H), 2.04 (dtt, *J* = 13.9, 7.8, 1.1, 1H), 1.82–1.58 (m, 6H), 1.54–1.36 (m, 5H), 1.25–1.18 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.8, 116.4, 76.7, 47.3, 39.5, 36.7, 29.05, 29.03, 27.1, 22.5; IR (thin film) 3346, 3075, 2926, 1639, 1444 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₈NaO (M + H)⁺ 155.1436, found 155.1428.

(3a*R**,8a*S**)-Octahydro-2*H*-cyclohepta[*b*]furan-2-ol (10)—To a solution of 9 (0.206 g, 1.33 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at –78 °C was added a stream of ozone until a blue color persisted. The reaction mixture was purged with oxygen gas for 15 min before adding triphenylphosphine (0.700 g, 2.67 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature before concentrating *in vacuo*. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (15:85 EtOAc:hexanes) to give **10** as a colorless oil (0.176 g, 85%). Characterization was performed on a 50:50 mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.51 (dt, *J* = 5.8, 3.6, 0.5H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.5, 0.5H), 3.91 (td, *J* = 10.1, 4.5, 0.5H), 3.70 (td, *J* = 10.1, 4.4, 0.5H), 2.84 (br s, 0.5H), 2.72 (br s, 0.5H), 2.47 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 8.5, 5.8, 0.5H), 2.31–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.13 (m, 0.5H), 2.06 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 6.4, 0.5H), 1.96–1.87 (m, 1.5H), 1.72–1.31 (m, 8.5H), 1.22 (ddt, *J* = 13.8, 11.3, 6.9, 0.5H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 98.4, 98.2, 85.9, 82.9, 45.0, 43.0, 42.6, 41.7, 35.4, 33.1, 30.3, 29.6, 28.3, 28.0, 26.1, 25.8, 25.7, 25.1; IR (thin film) 3404, 2929, 1453 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₉H₁₆NaO₂ (M + Na)⁺ 179.1048, found 179.1044. Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₆O₂: C, 69.19; H, 10.32. Found: C, 69.47; H, 10.26.

(3aR*,8aS*)-Octahydro-2H-cyclohepta[b]furan-2-yl acetate (4)—To a solution of 10 (0.064 g, 0.41 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at 0 °C was added triethylamine (0.344 mL, 2.45 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.077 mL, 0.82 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature before washing with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and extracting with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through a cotton plug and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:10:89 Et₃N:EtOAc:hexanes) to give **4** as a light yellow oil (0.069 g, 85%). Characterization was performed on a 50:50 mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.23 (dd, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 4.7, 0.5H), 3.87 (td, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 4.7, 0.5H), 3.87 (td, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 4.7, 0.5H), 3.87 (td, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 4.7, 0.5H), 3.87 (td, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 4.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 4.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 4.7, 0.5H), 6.18 (d, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 7.28 (d, J = 6.2, 3.7, 0.5H), 10.2, 4.5, 0.5H), 3.77 (td, *J* = 10.1, 4.6, 0.5H), 2.58 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 8.9, 6.2, 0.5H), 2.28–2.16 (m, 1.5H), 2.12 (dd, J = 13.0, 6.3, 0.5H), 2.05 (s, 1.5H), 2.03 (s, 1.5H), 1.98-1.90 (m, 1.1.79 (td, *J* = 12.7, 4.7, 0.5H), 1.73–1.41 (m, 7.5H), 1.38–1.30 (m, 0.5H), 1.24 (ddt, *J* = 13.9, 11.3, 7.0, 0.5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 170.8, 170.7, 98.88, 98.87, 86.7, 84.7, 44.3, 41.6, 41.24, 41.17, 34.7, 32.6, 30.2, 29.3, 28.3, 28.0, 26.0, 25.6, 25.5, 25.0, 21.7, 21.6; IR (thin film) 2931, 1746 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₈NaO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 221.1154, found 221.1157. Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₉O₃: C, 66.64; H, 9.15. Found: C, 66.82; H, 9.17.

(3a*R**,8a*S**)-Octahydrofuro[3,2-*b*]oxepin-2-ol (12)—To a solution of 11^{32} (0.068 g, 0.44 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at -78 °C was added a stream of ozone gas until a blue color persisted. After purging with oxygen for 10 min, triphenylphosphine (0.229 g, 0.873 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (25:75 EtOAc:hexanes) to give **12** as a colorless oil (0.065 g, 94%). Characterization was performed on a 50:50 mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.48–5.45 (m, 1H), 4.16 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 7.9, 0.5H), 4.01 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.4, 5.2, 0.5H), 3.89–3.84 (m, 1H), 3.82–3.71 (m, 2H), 3.03 (br s, 1H), 2.62 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 8.8, 5.8, 0.5H), 2.23–2.14 (m, 1.5H), 2.06 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 10.3, 5.5, 0.5H), 1.87–1.74 (m, 3.5H), 1.71–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.51 (dddd, *J* = 12.9, 11.0, 8.5, 6.1, 0.5H), 1.40 (dddd, *J* = 13.1, 10.7, 8.8, 5.7, 0.5H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 97.7, 97.4, 83.9, 80.8, 80.5, 78.6, 71.1, 70.9, 41.0, 40.4 32.5, 30.9, 29.0, 22.7, 23.1, 22.8; IR (ATR) 3397, 2932, 1261 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₈H₁₄NaO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 181.0841, found 181.0838.

(3a*R**,8a*S**)-Octahydrofuro[3,2-*b*]oxepin-2-yl acetate (5)—To a solution of 12 (0.020 g, 0.13 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) at 0 °C was added triethylamine (0.106 mL, 0.759 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.024 mL, 0.25 mmol). After stirring at room temperature overnight, the reaction mixture was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through a cotton plug and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:5:94 Et₃N:EtOAc:hexanes – 1:20:79 Et₃N:EtOAc:hexanes) to give **5** as a colorless oil (0.017 g, 68%). Characterization was performed on a 50:50 mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.21 (d, *J* = 5.2, 0.5H), 6.19 (dd, *J* = 6.3, 3.6, 0.5H), 4.13 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 8.2, 7.1, 0.5H), 3.98 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.5, 5.3, 0.5H), 3.90–3.77 (m, 2.5H), 3.73 (ddd, *J* = 11.7, 5.9, 3.8, 0.5H), 2.71 (ddt, *J* = 14.2, 9.1, 6.3, 0.5H), 2.27–2.17 (m, 2H), 2.07 (s, 1.5H), 2.05 (s, 1.5H), 1.97 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 8.0, 3.6, 0.5H), 1.88–

1.75 (m, 3H), 1.71–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.51–1.42 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 170.3, 97.43, 97.38, 84.6, 82.5, 79.9, 78.2, 71.3, 71.1, 39.1, 38.9, 32.0, 30.3, 28.9, 28.6, 23.0, 22.8, 21.54, 21.48; IR (ATR) 2937, 1743, 1231 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₀H₁₆NaO₄ (M + Na)⁺ 223.0946, found 223.0948. Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₁₆O₄: C, 59.98; H, 8.05. Found: C, 60.05; H, 7.95.

2,2-Di-*tert***-butyl-4,7-dihydro-1,3,2-dioxasilepine (14)**—To a solution of *cis*-2butene-1,4-diol **13** (0.107 g, 1.22 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C was added 2,6-lutidine (0.283 mL, 2.43 mmol) and di-*tert*-butylsilyl bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate), (0.394 mL, 1.22 mmol)³⁰. After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (100 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through a cotton plug and concentrated *in vacuo*. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, IR, and HRMS data were collected for the unpurified reaction mixture: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, diagnostic peaks) δ 5.66 (t, *J* = 1.9, 2H), 4.57 (app d, *J* = 1.8, 4H), 1.04 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 130.2, 63.9, 28.1, 21.4; IR (ATR) 3018, 2966, 1094 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₂H₂₅O₂Si (M + H)⁺ 229.1624, found 229.1622.

(1*R**,7*S**)-4,4-Di-*tert*-butyl-3,5,8-trioxa-4-silabicyclo[5.1.0]octane (15)—To a solution of crude 14 (0.123 g, 0.538 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at 0 °C was added *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (77%, 0.241 g, 1.08 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight before washing sequentially with saturated sodium bisulfite (20 mL) and saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (40 mL) and extracting with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through a cotton plug and concentrated *in vacuo*. ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, IR, and HRMS data were collected for the unpurified reaction mixture: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, diagnostic peaks) δ 4.47–4.44 (m, 1H), 4.10–3.69 (m, 3H), 3.30–3.25 (m, 2H), 1.06–1.01 (m, 18H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, diagnostic peaks) δ 64.1, 56.1, 27.7; IR (ATR) 2965, 1086 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m/z* calcd for C₁₂H₂₄NaO₃Si (M + H)⁺ 267.1392, found 267.1401.

(5*R**,6*S**)-6-Allyl-2,2-di-*tert*-butyl-1,3,2-dioxasilepan-5-ol (16)—To a solution of crude 15 (0.102 g, 0.418 mmol) in Et₂O (1.5 mL) at 0 °C was added allylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M in Et₂O, 1.3 mL, 1.3 mmol). After 2 h at room temperature, saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (30 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a light yellow oil. The product was purified by flash column chromatography (10:90 EtOAc:hexanes) to give 16 as a light yellow oil (0.056 g, 47% over three steps): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.81 (tq, *J* = 10.1, 7.1, 1H), 5.10–5.05 (m, 2H), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 1.4, 1H), 4.12 (d, *J* = 12.1, 1H), 3.92 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 4.7, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J* = 12.1, 3.9, 1H), 3.66 (dt, *J* = 7.5, 5.0, 1H), 2.40 (d, *J* = 7.6, 1H), 2.30 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 7.6, 1H), 2.10 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 6.5, 1H), 1.81 (dq, *J* = 8.5, 4.7, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H), 1.07 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 136.5, 117.0, 73.3, 64.7, 61.7, 46.7, 32.8, 28.61, 28.56, 21.63, 21.60; IR (ATR) 3407, 3077, 2934, 1641, 1044 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₅H₃₁O₃Si (M

+ H)⁺ 287.2042, found 287.2045. Anal. Calcd for $C_{15}H_{30}O_3Si$: C, 62.89; H, 10.56. Found: C, 62.61; H, 10.65.

(3aR*,8aS*)-6,6-Di-tert-butylhexahydrofuro[2,3-e][1,3,2]dioxasilepin-2-ol (17)—

To a solution of 16 (0.238 g, 0.830 mmol) in acetone and water (10:1, 8.8 mL) at 0 °C was added 4-methylmorpholine N-oxide (0.316 g, 2.70 mmol) and osmium tetroxide (4.0% in water, 0.264 mL, 0.041 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature before adding sodium periodate (0.213 g, 0.996 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight before washing with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (75 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a grey oil. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:20:79 Et₃N:EtOAc:hexanes) to give **17** as a white crystalline solid (0.220 g, 92%). Characterization was performed on a 50:50 mixture of diastereomers: mp 86–89 °C; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) & 5.56 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 4.1, 0.5H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 5.0, 0.5H), 4.23–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 3.5, 0.5H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.4, 0.5H), 3.97 (td, *J* = 9.6, 3.5, (0.5H), (3.87-3.77 (m, 2H)), (3.71 (t, J = 10.8, 0.5H)), (2.63-2.55 (m, 0.5H)), (2.39 (ddd, J = 13.9)), (2.54 (dd, J = 13.9))8.8, 5.6, 0.5H), 2.21 (ttd, J = 10.6, 9.3, 3.4, 0.5H), 1.99 (dd, J = 12.5, 6.4, 0.5H), 1.69 (td, J = 12.7, 5.0, 0.5H, 1.47 (ddd, J = 13.4, 10.9, 4.1, 0.5H), 1.02 (s, 4.5H), 1.01 (s, 4.5H), 1.00 (s, 4.5H), 0.98 (s, 4.5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) § 98.6, 98.3, 85.9, 83.2, 69.0, 67.6, 66.6, 65.9, 50.4, 47.1, 37.0, 27.98, 27.95, 27.93, 27.86, 21.9, 21.84, 21.81; IR (ATR) 3419, 2933, 1473, 1085 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₂₉O₄Si (M + H)⁺ 289.1835, found 289.1834. Anal. Calcd for C14H28O4Si: C, 58.29; H, 9.78. Found: C, 58.23; H, 9.69.

(3aR*,8aS*)-6,6-Di-tert-butylhexahydrofuro[2,3-e][1,3,2]dioxasilepin-2-yl

acetate (6)—To a solution of 17 (0.220 g, 0.764 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) at 0 °C was added triethylamine (0.639 mL, 4.58 mmol) and acetic anhydride (0.145 mL, 1.53 mmol). After stirring overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate (10 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were filtered through a cotton plug and concentrated in vacuo. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:10:89 Et₃N:EtOAc:hexanes) to give 6 as a light yellow oil (0.237 g, 94%). Characterization was performed on a 40:60 mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.27 (dd, J = 6.1, 4.0, 0.6H), 6.23 (d, J = 4.9, 0.4H), 4.26 (d, J = 3.8, 0.4H), 4.24 (d, J = 3.6, 0.6H), 4.16 (dd, J = 11.1, 3.6, 0.6H), 4.16 (dd, J = 3.6, 0.6H), 4.16 (dd,0.4H), 4.07 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.5, 0.6H), 3.91 (td, *J* = 9.7, 3.6, 0.6H), 3.88–3.71 (m, 2.4H), 2.56-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.27 (dtt, J = 10.6, 9.4, 3.4, 0.6H), 2.08-2.04 (m, 0.4 and s, 1.8, s, 1.2H), 1.82 (td, J = 13.0, 5.0, 0.4H), 1.63-1.57 (m, 0.6H), 1.02 (s, 3.6H), 1.01 (s, 5.4H), 1.00 (s, 5.4H), 0.99 (s, 3.6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 170.6, 170.4, 98.3, 98.2, 86.4, 84.7, 68.5, 67.2, 66.2, 65.7, 49.7, 47.0, 35.7, 35.2, 27.93, 27.89, 27.8, 21.90, 21.88, 21.83, 21.80, 21.6, 21.5; IR (ATR) 2926, 1749, 1467, 1066 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES +) m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{30}NaO_5Si (M + Na)^+ 353.1760$, found 353.1762.

(5a*R**,8a*S**)-2,2-di-*tert*-butyltetrahydrofuro[3,2-*d*][1,3,2]dioxasilepin-7(4*H*)-one (19)—To a solution of lactone diol 18²⁵(0.044 g, 0.30 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) at 0 °C was

added 2,6-lutidine (0.106 mL, 0.911 mmol), tetrabutylammonium iodide (0.224 g, 0.608 mmol), and di-*tert*-butylsilyl bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate) (0.098 mL, 0.30 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight before concentrating *in vacuo*. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (10:90 EtOAc/hexanes) to give **19** as a white crystalline solid (0.023 g, 27%): mp 86–89°C; ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.47 (dt, *J* = 11.0, 7.8, 1H), 4.14–4.08 (m, 2H), 4.06 (ddd, *J* = 11.2, 8.2, 2.8, 1H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 7.6, 1H), 2.68 (dd, *J* = 16.8, 10.9, 1H), 2.25 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 2.5, 2.0, 1H), 1.94 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 11.4, 5.0, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5, 85.4, 75.7, 61.7, 38.3, 36.4, 28.3, 27.9, 21.6, 21.5; IR (ATR) 2945, 1775, 1055 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₄H₂₇O₄Si (M + H)⁺ 287.1678, found 287.1679. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₆O₄Si: C, 58.70; H, 9.15. Found: C, 58.53; H, 9.43.

(5aR*,8aS*)-2,2-Di-*tert*-butylhexahydrofuro[3,2-*d*][1,3,2]dioxasilepin-7-yl

acetate (7)—To a solution of 19 (0.021 g, 0.073 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) at -78 °C was added di-iso-butylaluminum hydride (1.0 M in toluene, 0.15 mL, 0.15 mmol). After 1 h at -78 °C, a solution of dimethylaminopyridine (0.018 g, 0.15 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), pyridine (0.018 mL, 0.22 mmol), and acetic anhydride (0.042 mL, 0.44 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C before adding saturated aqueous sodium potassium tartrate (1 mL) and saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (1 mL). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred until the layers were completely separated. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic phases were filtered through a cotton plug and concentrated *in vacuo* to give a white solid. The product was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (1:5:94 Et₃N:EtOAc:hexanes) to give 7 as a colorless oil (0.020 g, 82%). Characterization was performed on a 65:35 mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 6.35 (d, J = 5.5, 0.35H), 6.32 (dd, J= 6.4, 4.4, 0.65H), 4.58 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 8.0, 6.8, 0.35H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 8.6, 0.65H), 3.82 (ddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.3, 2.7, 0.65H), 3.76-3.73 (m, 1.65H), 3.69 (dt, J = 11.8, 1.9, 0.35H), 3.50 (ddd, J = 10.8, 1.9, 0.35H), 3.50 (ddd, J11.0, 8.1, 2.8, 0.35H), 2.39 (ddd, J = 13.7, 8.5, 6.4, 0.65H), 2.15 (dd, J = 12.9, 6.7, 0.35H), 2.06 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 8.9, 4.4, 0.65H), 1.98 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 10.7, 5.5, 0.35H), 1.93–1.80 (m, 1.35H), 1.68 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 11.0, 8.1, 0.65H), 1.64 (s, 1.95H), 1.59 (s, 1.05H), 1.10 (s, 3.15H), 1.09 (s, 5.85H), 1.05 (s, 3.15H and s, 5.85H); 13 C NMR (150 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 169.5, 169.1, 96.9, 96.7, 85.6, 83.3, 78.4, 77.0, 62.3, 62.2, 40.8, 40.6, 37.9, 36.5, 28.4, 28.3, 28.12, 28.05, 21.6, 21.52, 21.46, 20.85, 20.83; IR (ATR) 2934, 1750, 1110 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) m/z calcd for C₁₆H₃₀NaO₅Si (M + Na)⁺ 353.1760, found 353.1761. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₃₀O₅Si: C, 58.15; H, 9.15. Found: C, 58.43; H, 9.23.

General Procedure for Substitution of Allyltrimethylsilane with Acetals—A

solution of acetate (0.10 M) in dry CH_2Cl_2 was cooled to -78 °C. Allyltrimethylsilane (4 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture, followed by dropwise addition of boron trifluoride etherate (1.6 equiv). The reaction mixture was allowed to come slowly to room temperature overnight. A solution of 1:1:1 dry CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH:Et₃N was added to the reaction mixture at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic layers

were washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, filtered through a cotton plug, and concentrated *in vacuo*.

(2*R**,3a*R**,8a*S**)-2-Allyloctahydro-2*H*-cyclohepta[*b*]furan (20)—The general allyltrimethylsilane substitutions procedure was followed with acetate 4 (0.060 g, 0.30 mmol). The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (5:95 EtOAc:hexanes) to give 20 as a colorless oil (0.052 g, 96%). Characterization was performed on a 92:8 (1,3-*trans*-20:1,3-*cis*-20) mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.90 (ddt, *J* = 17.2, 10.2, 7.0, 1H), 5.10–5.03 (m, 2H), 4.07–4.02 (m, 0.08H), 3.95 (dtd, *J* = 8.3, 6.2, 4.7, 0.92H), 3.57 (td, *J* = 9.7, 4.6, 0.08H), 3.40 (td, *J* = 9.6, 4.5, 0.92H), 2.41–2.38 (m, 0.08H), 2.36 (dtd, *J* = 14.0, 6.1, 1.4, 0.92H), 2.29–2.24 (m, 1H), 2.19 (dtd, *J* = 13.8, 6.9, 1.3, 1H), 1.85 (dt, *J* = 12.1, 6.1, 0.08H), 1.05–0.99 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 135.9, 116.6, 85.1, 84.0, 77.4, 46.1, 44.1, 41.6, 41.5, 39.6, 34.7, 33.9, 30.8, 30.1, 28.2, 26.20, 26.17, 25.6; IR (thin film) 3075, 2929, 1641, 1454 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES +) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₂H₂₀NaO (M + Na)⁺ 203.1412, found 203.1418. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₂₀O: C, 79.94; H, 11.18. Found: C, 79.66; H, 11.18.

(2*R**,3a*R**,8a*S**)-2-Allyloctahydrofuro[3,2-*b*]oxepane (21)—The general allyltrimethylsilane substitution procedure was followed with acetate **5** (0.017 g, 0.085 mmol). The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (10:90 EtOAc:hexanes) to give **21** as a colorless oil (0.013 g, 86%). Characterization was performed on a 60:40 mixture of diastereomers: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.86–5.79 (m, 1H), 5.05–5.00 (m, 2H), 4.05–4.00 (m, 1H), 3.75–3.59 (m, 3H), 3.50–3.43 (m, 1H), 2.34 (dt, *J* = 13.9, 6.5, 0.4H), 2.25 (dt, *J* = 14.0, 6.5, 0.6H), 2.21–2.09 (m, 2.4H), 2.02–1.97 (m, 0.6H), 1.86 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 8.6, 5.9, 0.6H), 1.77 (dtd, *J* = 12.1, 9.7, 0.8, 0.4H), 1.44–1.29 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 134.9, 134.8, 116.62, 116.58, 83.8, 81.7, 81.1, 80.6, 76.6, 76.1, 70.2, 70.0, 41.2, 40.7, 38.4, 37.5, 31.9, 30.8, 28.9, 28.8, 22.9, 22.5; IR (ATR) 3076, 2933, 1641 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₁H₁₉O₂ (M + H)⁺ 183.1385, found 183.1388.

(2R*,3aS*,8aR*)-2-Allyl-6,6-di-tert-butylhexahydrofuro[2,3-e]

[1,3,2]dioxasilepine (22)—The general allyltrimethylsilane substitution procedure was followed with acetate **6** (0.237 g, 0.717 mmol). Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (2.5:97.5 EtOAc:hexanes) afforded **22** as a colorless oil (0.196 g, 88%). Characterization was performed on a 85:15 (1,3-*trans*-**22**:1,3-*cis*-**22**) mixture of diastereomers, as determined by gas chromatography: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.78 (ddt, *J* = 17.1, 104, 6.9, 1H), 5.11–5.05 (m, 2H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.6, 0.85H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.4, 0.15H), 4.15–4.12 (m, 0.15H), 4.11–4.06 (m, 1H), 4.04 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 3.6, 0.85H), 3.82–3.68 (m, 0.15H), 3.80 (t, *J* = 10.1, 1H), 3.73 (t, *J* = 10.9, 1H), 3.59 (td, *J* = 9.5, 3.6, 0.85H), 2.40–2.15 (m, 3H), 2.10–2.04 (m, 0.15H), 1.78 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 8.7, 4.3, 0.85H), 1.63 (ddd, *J* = 12.4, 10.6, 8.8, 0.85H), 1.32 (td, *J* = 12.2, 9.7, 0.15H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 134.50, 134.46, 117.4, 85.6, 84.5, 78.7, 77.8, 68.2, 68.0, 66.3, 51.0, 49.2, 41.0, 40.7, 35.1, 33.1, 27.94, 27.87, 21.8, 21.7; IR (ATR) 3078, 2931, 1642, 1086 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m*/*z* calcd for C₁₇H₃₃O₃Si (M + H)⁺ 313.2199,

found 313.2200. Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{32}O_3Si: C, 65.33; H, 10.32$. Found: C, 65.36; H, 10.14.

(5aR*,7S*,8aS*)-7-Allyl-2,2-di-tert-butylhexahydrofuro[3,2-d]

[1,3,2]dioxasilepine (23)—The general allyltrimethylsilane substitution procedure was followed with acetate **7** (0.033 g, 0.099 mmol). Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (5:95 EtOAc:hexanes) afforded **23** as a colorless oil (0.029 g, 91%). Characterization was performed on a 63:37 (1,3-*trans*-**23**:1,3-*cis*-**23**) mixture of diastereomers, as determined by gas chromatography: ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.85–5.77 (m, 1H), 5.06–4.99 (m, 2H), 4.27–4.22 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dq, *J* = 8.6, 5.9, 0.63H), 3.99 (dq, *J* = 9.4, 6.3, 0.37H), 3.82 (dd, *J* = 6.9, 2.3, 1.26H), 3.81 (dd, *J* = 5.2, 2.4, 0.74H), 3.57 (ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.2, 2.7, 0.37H), 3.42 (ddd, *J* = 10.7, 7.9, 2.6, 0.63H), 2.35 (dtt, *J* = 14.0, 6.6, 1.3, 0.37H), 2.23 (dddt, *J* = 14.1, 6.9, 5.9, 1.3, 0.63H), 2.20–2.10 (m, 1.37H), 2.01–1.91 (m, 2.26H), 1.82–1.71 (m, 1.37H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 1.11 (s, 5.67H), 1.10 (s, 3.33H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 135.1, 134.9, 117.11, 117.09, 85.0, 83.4, 79.6, 78.8, 76.8, 76.5, 62.5, 62.4, 41.7, 41.3, 40.7, 39.2, 37.8, 37.2, 28.5, 28.4, 28.23, 28.22, 21.70, 21.67, 21.6; IR (ATR) 3078, 2933, 1643, 1062 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) *m* / *z* calcd for C₁₇H₃₃O₃Si (M + H)⁺ 313.2199, found 313.2197. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₃₂O₃Si: C, 65.33; H, 10.32. Found: C, 65.21; H, 10.24.

((2*R**,3*S**,5*R**)-5-Allyltetrahydrofuran-2,3-diyl)dimethanol (24)—To a solution of 22 (0.195 g, 0.625 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.0 M in THF, 1.9 mL, 1.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc) to provide 24 as a colorless oil (0.050, 46%). The ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) was matched to the corresponding ¹H NMR spectrum in CDCl₃ of the previously reported compound;²⁵ the spectrum was reported in CD₃OD in that paper, but data had also been collected in CDCl₃. The overlayed NMR spectra of the authentic sample and the compound synthesized here (in CDCl₃) are provided as supporting information. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the 85:15 mixture prepared here in CDCl₃ is as follows: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.80 (ddt, *J* = 7.0, 10.2, 17.2, 1H), 5.13–5.06 (m, 2H), 4.06–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.88–3.83 (m, 0.15H), 3.79–3.70 (m, 3.85H), 3.64–3.57 (m, 1H), 2.39–2.11 (m, 0.15H), 1.63 (br s, 2H).

(2*R**,3*S**,5*S**)-5-Allyl-2-(2-hydroxyethyl)tetrahydrofuran-3-ol (25)—To a solution of 23 (0.029 g, 0.090 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1.0 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.0 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight, then concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc) to provide 25 as a colorless oil (0.012 g, 80%). ¹H and ¹³C NMR of a 63:37 (1,3-*trans*-25:1,3-*cis*-25) mixture of diastereomers is given. IR and HRMS of the diastereomer 1,3-*trans*-25 are provided. The minor product was matched to the known 1,3-*cis* diastereomer:^{25 1}H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 5.86–5.78 (m, 1H), 5.11–5.03 (m, 2H), 4.13 (dq, *J* = 9.3, 6.1, 0.63H), 4.05 (dq, *J* = 7.7, 6.6, 0.37H), 4.02–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.80 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 5.0, 0.37H), 3.77 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 5.0, 3.6, 0.63H), 3.71–3.62 (m, 2H), 2.41 (dtt, *J* = 13.9, 6.7, 1.4, 0.37H), 2.36–2.23 (m, 2H), 1.87 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 5.9, 2.8, 0.63H), 1.81–1.75 (m, 1.63H), 1.70–1.60 (m, 1.37H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 135.8, 117.4, 85.2, 78.8, 77.0, 60.2, 41.2, 40.7,

38.1; IR (ATR) 3335, 3076, 2929, 1641 cm⁻¹; HRMS (TOF MS ES+) m/z calcd for C₉H₁₆NaO₃ (M + Na)⁺ 195.0997, found 195.0995.

Supplementary Material

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Scheme 2. Synthesis of acetate 5 from oxepane 11.



Scheme 3. Synthesis of acetate 6 from *cis*-2-butene-1,4-diol (13).





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Scheme 5.

Calculated transition state structures (at 195 K) for additions to oxocarbenium ions 26 and 27 using PCM(CH₂Cl₂)-M06-2X/6-31+G*. The Gibbs free energies include zero-point energy corrections.

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Chart 1.

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Chart 2.

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20 92 : 8 stereoselectivity



22 85 : 15 stereoselectivity



21 60 : 40 stereoselectivity

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Chart 3.