Facile Synthesis of 4-((*N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)amino)methyl)-7-*N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-3-oxa-2,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-1-ene

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Since the development of norfloxacin, many fluoroquinolone antibacterials have been synthesized to improve their antimicrobial activities against various infectious organisms. Much attention has been paid to the introduction of a proper amino group such as piperazine and pyrrolidine derivatives at the C-7 position of the quinolone ring, which play a key role in the improvement of potency, spectrum and pharmacokinetic profile of quinolone antibacterials. In this effort, recent studies have disclosed that enhanced antibacterial activity against Gram-positive strains could be achieved by the introduction of an alkyloximino group in the pyrrolidine and piperidine ring as an amino group surrogate^{3,4} including 3-(methyloximino)-4-(aminomethyl)pyrrolidine substituent in LB20304 which is a promising candidate for new quinolone antibiotics.⁵

Interestingly, the alkyloximino group in LB20304 had an exclusive Z configuration at its methyloxime moity⁵ and this led us to investigate the stereochemical relationship of alkyloximino group with the biological efficacy of LB20304 by the ring-forming modification of 3-(methyloximino)-4-(aminomethyl)pyrrolidine which resembles *E*-alkyloximino isomer. Herein we wish to report our preliminary results on the efficient synthesis of 4-aminomethyl-3-oxa-2,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.0]oct-1-ene as a mimic of *E*-alkyloximino isomer of C-7 amine in LB20304.

Synthesis of bicyclic amine 1 is outlined in Scheme 1. Protections and allylation of ethanolamine were carried out using slightly modified conditions of the literature procedure to give carbamate 2. Osmylation and selective TBDMS protection of carbamate 2 provided alcohol 3 which was subsequently oxidized and methylenated to alkene 4 through PDC oxidation and Wittig olefination conditions. Desilylation, mesylation and azide substitution of alkene 4 afforded azide 5 in high yield. Consecutive reactions of azide reduction, BOC protection and THP deprotection converted azide 5 to alcohol 6. Swern oxidation and following oxime formation transformed alcohol 6 to almost an equal isomeric mixture of syn and anti oximes 7. *In situ* generation of nitrile oxide and subsequent intramolecular cycloaddition using

Scheme 1. reagents and conditions: (a) (*t*-BOC)₂O, H₂O, 99%; (b) DHP, cat. PPTS, 95%; (c) allyl bromide, NaH, TBAI, DMF, 93%; (d) cat. OsO₄, H₂O-Acetone; (e) TBDMSCl, Et₃N, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 85% (overall 2 steps); (f) PDC, 3 mol. sieve, CH₂Cl₂, 92%; (g) Ph₃PCH₃⁺Γ⁻, *n*-BuLi, THF, -30 °C 0 °C, 85%; (h) TBAF, THF, 98%; (i) Mesyl chloride, Et₃N, CH₂Cl₂, -30 °C; (j) NaN₃, DMF, 90% (overall 2 steps); (k) Ph₃P, THF then H₂O (l) (*t*-BOC)₂O, CHCl₃, 85% (overall 2 steps); (m) cat. TsOH, MeOH, 90%; (n) Swern oxidation, 90%; (o) NH₂OHHCl, Na₂CO₃, EtOH-H₂O, 91%; (p) NCS, Py. CHCl₃, Et₃N, 60%.

NCS¹¹ eventually produced the target bicyclic amine as its BOC-protected form **1** in moderate yield.¹² The synthetic pathway described above is quite efficient and is applicable to the synthesis of various amine analogues. Further structural modifications of amine **1** and its coupling reactions with various quinolone cores are actively underway.

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- 12. ¹H NMR (100MHz, CDCl₃, δ) Compound **3**: 4.61 (1H, m), 4.01-3.69 (4H, m), 3.69-3.30 (7H, m), 1.90-1.47 (6H, m), 1.46 (9H, s), 0.90 (9H, s), 0.07 (6H, s); compound 4: 5.13 (1H, s), 4.87 (1H, s), 4.57 (1H, m), 4.07 (2H, s), 3.92 (2H, s), 3.86-3.68 (2H, m), 3.60-3.25 (4H, m), 1.80-1.45 (6H, m), 1.43 (9H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 0.04 (6H, s); compound 5: 5.18 (1H, s), 5.10 (1H, s), 4.59 (1H, m), 4.00 (2H, s), 3.95-3.70 (2H, m), 3.76 (2H, s), 3.67-3.25 (4H, m), 1.90-1.46 (6H, m), 1.47 (9H, s); compound **6**: 5.20-4.50 (1H, br s), 5.05 (1H, s), 4.94 (1H, s), 3.90 (2H, s), 3.78-3.64 (4H, m), 3.78-3.64 (4H, m), 3.40-3.29 (2H, m), 2.35 (1H, br s), 1.46 (9H, s), 1.44 (9H, s); compound 7: 9.05 (1H, br s), 7.37 (1H, t, J = 5.5 Hz), 5.30-4.70 (1H, br s), 5.08 (1H, s), 4.95 (1H, s), 3.90-3.55 (6H, m), 1.47 (9H, s), 1.44 (9H, s); compound 1: 5.10-4.80 (1H, m), 4.48 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 4.17 (2H, s), 4.16-3.90 (1H, m), 3.85-3.65 (1H, m), 3.55-3.30 (2H, m), 3.25 (1H, d, J = 11.0 Hz), 1.47 (9H, s), 1.44 (9H, s).