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### Diastereoselective synthesis of 2-alkylated 4-silyloxyproline esters

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Treatment of the 4-silyloxy-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline methyl ester 1 with allyl bromide in the presence of LDA in THF at -78°C gives a mixture of the (2*S*,4*R*)- and (2*R*,4*R*)-2-(prop-2-enyl)-4-silyloxy-*N*-Boc-*L*-proline esters 2a and 2b in 75% combined yield in the ratio 53 : 47. In contrast, similar treatment of the (-)- and (+)-menthyl esters 3 and 4 gives a mixture of alkylated products 5a,b and 6a,b in the ratio 75 : 25 and 89 : 11, respectively. Reaction of 4 with methyl iodide and propyl iodide also give the corresponding 2-alkylated esters 7a and 7b in a highly diastereoselective manner (94 : 6 and 93 : 7, respectively).