

## Lactones 44. Microbial lactonization of $\gamma$ -ketoacids.

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Enantiomerically pure  $\gamma$ -lactones ((+)-**4a**, (-)-**5a**, (+)-**4b**) have been obtained from the corresponding  $\gamma$ -ketoacids (**3a** and **3b**) by their biotransformations with the three fungal strains: *Rhodotorula glutinis* AM242, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* AM464 and *Chaetomium* sp. KCh6670. Microbial lactonization of 3,7-dimethyl-4-oxooctanoic acid (**3a**) with *R. glutinis* AM242 afforded the (+)-(4*S*,5*R*)-*trans*- $\gamma$ -lactone (**4a**) with 99% ee, while *Chaetomium* sp. KCh6670 proved to be the best biocatalyst for the bioreduction and following lactonization of  $\gamma$ -ketoacid (**3a**), which afforded (-)-*cis*- $\gamma$ -lactone (**5a**) with 99% ee. Biotransformation of 3,7,7-trimethyl-4-oxooctanoic acid (**3b**) in the culture of *S. cerevisiae* AM464 gave the corresponding (+)-*trans*- $\gamma$ -lactone (**4b**) with 99% ee. The odours of the racemic  $\gamma$ -lactones (( $\pm$ )-**4a**, ( $\pm$ )-**5a**, ( $\pm$ )-**4b** and ( $\pm$ )-**5b**) and optically pure isomers ((+)-**4a**, (-)-**5a**, (+)-**4b**) were evaluated.

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