





3 mg/kg

Ring Expansion Leads to a More Potent Analogue of Ipomoeassin F

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C ince its discovery between 2005 and 2007,^{1,2} the ipomoeassin family of resin glycosides (Figure S1) has attracted considerable attention from the synthetic chemistry community³ because ipomoeassins D (Figure S1) and F (Figure 1) exhibited potent cytotoxicity with low nanomolar IC_{50} values



Ipom-F: n = 2; 1: n = 0; 2: n = 4; 3: n = 1

Figure 1. Structures of ipomoeassin F (Ipom-F) and its ring-sizevarying analogues, 1-3.

against A2780 human ovarian cancer cells.^{1,2} To date, three independent total syntheses of ipomoeassin F have been achieved.4-6 Facilitated by the diverse total syntheses, the ensuing medicinal chemistry studies significantly improved our understanding of the structure-activity relationship (SAR) of ipomoeassin F,⁷⁻¹⁰ leading to the successful development of various functional probes.¹¹ Subsequent chemical proteomics investigations using these molecular probes eventually revealed that ipomoeassin F acts as a potent protein-translocation inhibitor by targeting the pore-forming subunit of the Sec61 complex (Sec 61α , protein transport protein Sec61 subunit alpha isoform 1) at the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) membrane.

Besides ipomoeassin F, six other families of chemical entities have been identified as protein-translocation inhibitors targeting Sec61 α .¹² Interestingly, excluding the synthetic compound eevarestatin I,¹³ all the other Sec61 α inhibitors belong to one of the distinct classes of macrocyclic natural products with different ring sizes: cotransins (21-membered),^{14,15} apratoxins (25-membered),^{16,17} mycolactone (12-membered),^{18–23} decatransin (30-membered),²⁴ coibamide A (22-membered),^{25,26} and ipomoeassins (20-membered).^{1,2} Thus, it appears that a macrocyclic ring is a preferred structural feature among Sec61 α -targeting inhibitors. Furthermore, this variation in ring sizes between known inhibitors made us wonder whether the current ring size is already optimal for each macrocycle.^{27,28} However, no such SAR explorations have been reported. To address how ring size may affect the biological activity of ipomoeassin F, one of the most potent Sec61 inhibitors identified to date, we designed two new analogues (1 and 2, Figure 1) with an 18-membered and 22-membered ring, respectively.

IC₅₀ (nM)

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102.2 5.5 1.8

Following our previous synthesis,⁶ however, we were unable to obtain 4-oxo-6-heptenoic acid **S2** (see the inset, Scheme S1), an essential intermediate for synthesizing analogue 1. Consequently, we revised our plan to synthesize the 19-membered ring analogue 3 (Figure 1) instead. Detailed discussion on the

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^{*a*}Reaction conditions: 50 mg of 4 in 1 mL solvent at room temperature. ^{*b*}The ratios were determined by ¹H NMR analyses of the crude reaction mixture.





design and synthesis of 3 can be found in the Supporting Information.

At this stage, the need for gram-scale quantities of S1 for animal studies as well as the synthesis of 22-membered ring analogue 2 prompted an improvement of our established synthesis. To this end, a new diol intermediate 5 (Table 1) was designed to replace S1 (see Scheme S2 in the Supporting Information for a detailed discussion). To synthesize 5 from its

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precursor **4**, it was essential to tackle the challenge of how to chemoselectively and efficiently remove the isopropylidene moiety in the presence of TES (Table 1).

Our journey started with camphorsulfonic acid (CSA) in methanol, the common conditions for removing isopropylidene (S9 to S1, Scheme S2). As speculated, isopropylidene was more sensitive to acid-catalyzed hydrolysis, and the desired diol 5 was generated in a greater quantity; however, a significant amount of unwanted triol 6 following TES removal was also detected (entry 1, Table 1). We then thought we might minimize the TES cleavage by slowing down the reaction speed, which could be achieved by decreasing solvent polarity (entry 1, Table S1) or switching to a weaker acid (acetic acid, entries 2–4, Table S1). Unfortunately, such conditions did not result in efficient conversion of 4 to 5. While struggling with multiple failures, we were encouraged by a serendipitous discovery: leaving compound 4 in deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃) for about a week led to a clean and almost quantitative formation of 5 (entry 2, Table 1). Hence, we thought that a trace amount of acid in chloroform (CHCl₃) might be key to this success. To our delight, performing the reaction in CHCl₃ acidified with either aqueous HCl or trifluoroacetic acid (CF₃COOH, TFA) showed very promising results (entries 3-6, Table 1). Ultimately, we opted for 5 equiv of TFA in CHCl₃ for deisopropylidenation because such conditions best avoided the formation of 6. After a simple workup, the crude product could be applied directly for the next step without further purification.

Building upon our previous experience,^{6,29} we next explored production of precursor 4 from disaccharide 9 which could be efficiently prepared from glucose donor 7 and fucose acceptor 8 (Scheme 1). The 2'', 3''-diol intermediate 10 was then obtained by removing the two levulinoyl (Lev) groups. Subsequent regiospecific incorporation of tiglate,⁹ followed by silvlation with TESOTf, afforded 4 in high yield. After 4",6"-diol 5 was attained from 4, 4-oxo-10-undecenoic acid 11 was introduced to the 6"-OH position in 5 by EDC-mediated coupling. The acquired diene intermediate 13 was then subjected to the ring-closing metathesis conditions, followed by hydrogenation over Wilkinson's catalyst, to furnish macrocycle 15 with free 4"-OH in good yield. The final 22-membered ring analogue 2 was obtained by a second Mukaiyama esterification with cinnamic acid, followed by removal of the TES and TBS groups with TBAF and AcOH.

With both analogues 2 and 3 in hand, we evaluated their cytotoxicity against two human breast cancer cell lines using the AlamarBlue or MTT assay (Table 2). Compared to ipomoeassin

Table 2. Cytotoxicity (IC₅₀, nM) of Ipomoeassin F and Its Analogues 2 and 3^a

	ring size	MDA-MB-231	MCF7
2	22	1.8 ± 0.3	3.9 ± 0.7
ipomoeassin F	20	5.5 ± 0.6	13.4 ± 2.2
3	19	102.2 ± 9.8	445.1 ± 13.3
^{<i>a</i>} The data were obt	ained from at	least three indepen	dent experiments

F, decreasing the ring size by one carbon atom caused a significant loss in cytotoxicity (~18-fold for MDA-MB-231 and ~33-fold for MCF7). Interestingly, increasing the ring size by two carbon atoms enhanced cytotoxicity by 3-4-fold when compared to that with ipomoeassin F. Taken together, these results demonstrate that it is possible to alter the biological activity of ipomoeassin F by modifying the fatty acid chain and

that the cytotoxicity of the analogues tested appears to increase concomitant with structural expansion of the macrocyclic ring.

We have previously shown that the strong, reversible binding of ipomoeassin F to Sec61 α induces a substantial, yet selective, blockade of Sec61-mediated protein translocation at the ER membrane,¹¹ and we further posited that the subsequent wide-ranging inhibition of cellular protein secretion was the principal molecular basis for the cytotoxicity and cell death conferred by ipomoeassin F.¹¹ Given that ring expansion of ipomoeassin F markedly enhanced its toxicity in cells, we next assessed the effect of analogue **2** on Sec61-mediated protein translocation using an established in vitro system. This approach uses the N-linked glycosylation of proteins as a robust reporter for the translocation of radiolabeled proteins into the lumen ER microsomes.^{20,30}

Based on our previous characterization of the eeyarestatins,³¹ mycolactone,³⁰ and ipomoeassin F,¹¹ we studied the effects of analogue 2 on the membrane insertion of Ii (short form of HLA class II histocompatibility antigen gamma chain, isoform 2), a type II integral membrane protein. Ii was synthesized in the presence of decreasing (1000-5 nM) concentrations of the ringexpanded analogue 2 and compared to a similar titration using ipomoeassin F (Figure 2A). As judged by the reduction in the level of protein N-glycosylation that is observed (Figure 2A, upper panel, 0Gly versus 2Gly forms), analogue 2 effectively inhibited the membrane integration of Ii in vitro. Strikingly, 50 nM of analogue 2 induces an almost complete blockade in the membrane integration of Ii, whereas, at the same concentration, ipomoeassin F had only a moderate effect as compared to the non-inhibitor control (Figure 2A, cf. lanes 1 and 8 for both panels). Further analysis of the efficiency of Ii membrane integration in the presence of analogue 2 yielded an estimated IC_{50} value of ~35 nM (Figure 2B). When compared to our previously reported IC₅₀ value of ~50 nM for ipomoeassin F,¹ this confirms the increased potency of analogue 2 as an inhibitor of Sec61-mediated protein translocation. We attribute the even more pronounced cytotoxic effect of analogue 2 (Table 2) to its global inhibition of a broad range of Sec61-dependent protein substrates that are expressed in cells. Future studies will compare the effects of ipomoeassin F and analogue 2 on the Sec61dependent translocation of other membrane and secretory proteins.

To date, biological studies of ipomoeassin F and its analogues have been limited to cell-free systems and cultured mammalian cells. Despite high potency in these systems, it remains unclear whether ipomoeassin F would be active when used at the animal level. To evaluate ipomoeassin F in vivo, we first needed a sufficient amount of material. To achieve this goal, we intentionally scaled up early steps during the synthesis of ringexpanded analogue 2 to acquire ~ 4 g of diol 5 (Scheme 1). Simply by switching to 9-carbon 4-oxo-8-nonenoic acid 12, ~0.6 g of ipomoeassin F was obtained, and with enough material in hand, we proceeded to evaluate ipomoeassin F for general toxicity using laboratory mice. Compared to the negative vehicle control, the mice did not survive at doses above 3 mg/kg, whereas doses below 3 mg/kg were generally well-tolerated (see the Experimental Section). Therefore, the in vivo maximum tolerated dose (MTD) for ipomoeassin F is determined as ~ 3 mg/kg (6 intraperitoneal (i.p.) injections, once every 3 days). Given the clear in vivo efficacy already demonstrated by analogues of apratoxin A/E^{32} and coibamide A,³³ our data show that future assessment of ipomoeassin F and/or its analogues in tumor xenograft models is warranted.

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Figure 2. Analogue **2** is a more potent inhibitor of Sec61-mediated protein translocation than ipomoeassin F in vitro. (A) Phosphorimages of the membrane-associated products of the type II integral membrane protein Ii synthesized in the presence of 1000–5 nM concentrations of analogue **2** and ipomoeassin F (Ipom-F) were resolved by SDS-PAGE. N-Glycosylated species (2Gly) were distinguished from nonglycosylated (0Gly) products using endoglycosidase H (Endo H, lane 2). (B) Efficiency of Ii membrane integration was estimated using the ratio of signal intensity for the 2Gly/ 0Gly forms and expressed relative to the control. The IC₅₀ value of analogue **2** was estimated using nonlinear regression as previously described for Ipom-F (51 nM).¹¹ Each phosphorimage depicts experiments performed using a translation master mix, to which Ii mRNA and different compound concentrations were added prior to translation and analysis of the membrane-associated fraction. In B, the analogue **2** data were derived from three independent experiments (*n* = 3) and compared to that of Ipom-F (previously reported data¹¹).

In conclusion, we developed a highly efficient three-step transformation from 2'', 3''-diol 10 to 4'', 6''-diol 5 consisting of regioselective esterification, quantitative silvlation, and chemoselective deisopropylidenation (Scheme 1), a process that further improves the total synthesis of ipomoeassin F by resulting in an overall yield of 12.4% (previously 3.8%⁶ and $4.0\%^9$). Furthermore, we have established for the first time that ipomoeassin F is biologically active in vivo, and the MTD is highly valuable for future therapeutic evaluations of ipomoeassin F. Moreover, the synthesis and biological evaluation of analogues 2 and 3 constitute the first ring-size focused SAR exploration among all of the natural macrocyclic inhibitors of Sec61-dependent protein translocation discovered to date. The enhanced potency of the ring-expanded analogue 2 delivers the encouraging message that there is unexplored chemical space in the binding pocket of Sec61 α , and the creation of chimeric molecular hybrids between ipomoeassin F and other macrocycles, such as the incorporation of peripheral functionalities in the cyclodepsipeptides, may offer new insights into how small molecule ligands interact with Sec61 α at the molecular level.³⁴ This will facilitate the future development of more potent and/ or more selective molecules targeting protein biogenesis at the ER.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. All chemicals were obtained commercially and were used as received. Unless noted otherwise, all reactions were conducted in oven-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere (nitrogen/argon). Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC), and TLC plates were visualized under UV light (254 nm) or by charring with 5% (v/v) H_2SO_4 in EtOH. Purification of crude products by column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (230–450 mesh). All 1D and 2D NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker 300 or 400 MHz spectrometer. An Autopol III automatic polarimeter was employed to measure optical rotations at 25 ± 1 °C for solutions in a 1.0 dm cell. Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry by electrospray ionization was utilized to analyze high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS).

Synthetic Procedures and Analytical Data. *General Procedure for Synthesis of 4-Oxo-alkenoic Acids*. To a combination of iodine (trace amount), magnesium turnings (11 mmol), and anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added a small portion of bromoalkene (1 mmol), and the mixture was heated to trigger the radical reaction. Then the rest of the

bromoalkene (10 mmol) was added dropwise in 30 min, and the mixture was refluxed for 3 h until the magnesium turnings were largely consumed to form the Grignard reagent. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and then was added dropwise in 30 min to a cold (-20 °C) solution of succinic anhydride (10 mmol) and CuI (1 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 1 h and then was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred overnight. TLC (silica, 1:4 EtOAc–hexanes with 0.5% AcOH) showed the reaction was complete. HCl (1 M, 10 mL) was added to quench the reaction, and resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min followed by evaporation in vacuo to remove THF. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL × 2 times), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc–hexanes, 1:6 \rightarrow 1:3 containing 0.5% AcOH) to give 4-oxo-alkenoic acids.

4-Oxo-7-octenoic Acid **S3**: White solid; yield 12%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.99 (br, 1H, COOH), 5.90–5.68 (m, 1H, CH₂= CH–), 5.11–4.88 (m, 2H, CH₂=CH–), 2.76–2.67 (m, 2H), 2.66–2.58 (m, 2H), 2.55 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38–2.27 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.0, 178.8, 136.8, 115.3, 41.6, 36.8, 27.7, 27.6. The ¹H, ¹³C{¹H} NMR data were in accordance with the literature.^{35–37}

4-Oxo-10-undecenoic Acid 11: White solid; yield 21%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.65 (br, 1H, COOH), 5.90–5.70 (m, 1H, CH₂=:CH-), 5.11–4.85 (m, 2H, CH₂=:CH-), 2.78–2.68 (m, 2H), 2.66–2.59 (m, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.08–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.46–1.24 (m, 4H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.9, 178.7, 138.8, 114.4, 42.6, 36.7, 33.5, 28.6, 28.6, 27.7, 23.6.

4-Oxo-8-nonenoic Acid **12**: White solid; yield 15–30%; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.03 (br, 1H, COOH), 5.90–5.68 (m, 1H, CH₂=:CH–), 5.15–4.92 (m, 2H, CH₂=:CH–), 2.82–2.70 (m, 2H), 2.67–2.59 (m, 2H), 2.46 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.15–1.93 (m, 2H), 1.80–1.62 (m, 2H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.7, 178.6, 137.9, 115.3, 41.8, 36.8, 33.0, 27.7, 22.7. The ¹H, ¹³C{¹H} NMR data were in accordance with the literature.³⁵

Compound **S5**. To a cooled (0 °C) solution of **S1** (186 mg, 0.232 mmol), EDC (88.8 mg, 0.462 mmol), HOBt (70.9 mg, 0.463 mmol), and DMAP (113.2 mg, 0.926 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added 4-oxo-7-octenoic acid **S3** (see Supporting Information) (41.6 mg, 0.266 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred overnight. At this point, TLC (silica, 1:3 EtOAc–hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc–hexanes, 1:4 \rightarrow 1:2) to give diene **S5** (185 mg, 85%): $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +8.2 (*c* 1)

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CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.98–6.90 (m, 1H, Me– $CH=C(Me)-C=O), 6.20-6.05 (m, 1H, CH_2=CH-CH_2-), 5.86-$ 5.73 (m, 1H, $CH_2 = CH - CH_2 -$), 5.15–4.90 (m, 7H, 2 × $CH_2 = CH -$ CH₂-, H-1-Glup, H-3-Glup, H-4-Fucp), 4.43 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.37 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 4.32 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.0Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.06 (t, J = 8.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H, H-2-Fucp), 3.89 (dd, J = 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-3-Fucp), 3.68-3.61 (m, 2H, H-5-Fucp, -CH₂-CH-CH₂-), 3.60-349 (m, 2H, H-2-Glup, H-4-Glup), 3.47-3.39 (m, 1H, H-5-Glup), 2.91 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, OH), 2.85–2.50 (m, 6H), 2.40-2.26 (m, 4H), 2.13 (s, 3H, CH₃-C=O), 1.89-1.77 (m, 6H, CH₃-CH=C(CH₃)-C=O), 1.64-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.42-1.22 (m, 6H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.93-0.85 (m, 12H), 0.80 (s, 9H), 0.15 (s, 3H, CH_3 -Si), 0.10 (s, 6H, 2 × CH_3 -Si), 0.02 (s, 3H, CH_3 -Si); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 207.0, 173.1, 170.9, 169.0, 138.5, 136.9, 136.1, 128.2, 116.3, 115.3, 100.8, 99.9, 80.7, 78.7, 74.15, 74.09, 73.8, 73.7, 73.4, 70.1, 68.9, 63.4, 41.7, 38.6, 37.1, 34.4, 31.9, 27.7, 27.6, 25.82 (×3C), 25.81 (×3C), 24.6, 22.6, 22.59, 21.0, 18.1, 17.6, 16.7, 14.4, 14.0, 12.0, -3.2, -4.0, -4.3, -5.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₄₈H₈₄NaO₁₄Si₂ [M + Na]⁺ 963.5292, found 963.5291.

Compound S6. At room temperature, second generation Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst (17.0 mg, 0.027 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of diene S5 (170 mg, 0.181 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). After the reaction mixture was refluxed overnight, TLC (silica, 1:2 EtOAchexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The solution was cooled and then concentrated. The acquired crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:2 \rightarrow 1:1$) to give cycloalkene isomers (124.0 mg, 75%) as a colorless syrup. Subsequently, the obtained cycloalkene was dissolved in EtOH (4 mL), and Wilkinson's catalyst (25.3 mg, 0.027 mmol) was added in one portion to the solution at room temperature. After being stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen (1 atm) overnight, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, followed by washing with EtOAc. The resulting filtrate was concentrated, and the yielded crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:5 \rightarrow 1:3$) to give **S6** (100.7 mg, 81%) as a white foam: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +3.3 (*c* 1 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.99–6.90 (m, 1H, Me–CH–C(Me)– C=O), 5.05 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Glup), 5.02-4.93 (m, 2H, H-3-Glup, H-4-Fucp), 4.80–4.68 (m, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.32 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 4.13 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-2-Fucp), 4.09–4.00 (m, 1H, H-6-Glup), 3.89 (dd, J = 8.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H, H-3-Fucp), 3.70-3.61 (m, 1H, H-5-Fucp), 3.52-3.31 (m, 4H, H-2-Glup, H-4-Glup, H-5-Glup, $-CH_2-CH-CH_2-$), 2.96 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, OH), 2.94–2.78 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.38 (m, 4H), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃-C=O), 1.90-1.80 (m, 6H, CH₃-CH-C(CH₃)-C=O), 1.79-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.60-1.21 (m, 12H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.94–0.84 (m, 12H), 0.81 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), 0.17 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), 0.10 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), 0.01 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.2, 172.5, 170.9, 168.3, 138.2, 128.4, 102.5, 100.6, 83.2, 78.2, 74.9, 74.4, 73.9, 73.6, 73.5, 68.4, 62.9, 42.2, 36.7, 35.4, 33.8, 32.0, 29.3, 27.9, 25.8 (×6C), 24.9, 23.9, 23.2, 22.6, 21.0, 18.1, 17.6, 16.7, 14.4, 14.0, 12.1, –3.3, –3.9, –4.1, –5.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₄₆H₈₂NaO₁₄Si₂ $[M + Na]^+$ 937.5130, found 937.5135.

19-Membered Analogue 3. 2-Chloro-1-methylpyridinium iodide (CMPI, 15.6 mg, 0.061 mmol), N,N-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 9.3 mg, 0.076 mmol), and Et₃N (21 μ L, 0.15 mmol) were added to a solution of S6 (28.0 mg, 0.031 mmol) and cinnamic acid (6.8 mg, 0.046 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 3 h. At this point, TLC (silica, 1:3 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was diluted with CH2Cl2 (20 mL) and successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL), dried over Na2SO4, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was used directly for the final deprotection without further purification. To a solution of the obtained residue in THF (2 mL) were added AcOH (160 µL, 2.8 mmol) and TBAF (1 M solution in THF, 1.40 mL, 1.40 mmol) at rt. The reaction was stirred at rt for 36 h. At this point, TLC (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, 1:1) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and successively washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification of the pubs.acs.org/joc

residue by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, 1:2 \rightarrow 1:1) to give 3 (19.8 mg, 79% over two steps) as a white foam: $[\alpha]_{\Gamma}$ $-71.8 (c 0.5 \text{ CHCl}_3);$ ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.61 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH=C-), 7.58-7.45 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH), 7.43-7.35 (m, $3H, 3 \times ArH$), 6.95–6.85 (m, 1H, Me–CH–C(Me)–C=O), 6.32 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, Ph–CH=CH–), 5.31 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H, H-4-Glup), 5.18-5.12 (m, 1H, H-4-Fucp), 5.07 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-3-Glup), 4.80 (dd, J = 12.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Glup), 4.37 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 3.90 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-3-Fucp), 3.88-3.81 (m, 1H, H-6-Glup), 3.78-3.60 (m, 4H, H-2-Glup, H-5-Glup, H-2-Fucp, H-5-Fucp), 3.58-3.46 (m, 1H, -CH₂-CH-CH₂-), 3.21-3.08 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.73 (m, 1H), 2.68-2.56 (m, 2H), 2.54–2.43 (m, 1H), 2.35–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H, CH₃–C= O), 1.80-1.68 (m, 8H), 1.67-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.53-1.11 (m, 15H), 0.89 $(t, J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C}\{{}^{1}\text{H}\} \text{ NMR} (100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_{3}) \delta 210.2, 171.7,$ 170.8, 169.3, 165.4, 146.1, 140.2, 134.0, 130.6, 128.9 (×2C), 128.3 (×2C), 127.5, 116.6, 106.7, 101.8, 84.5, 81.4, 76.7, 74.5, 72.8 (×2C), 72.7, 68.8, 66.4, 61.0, 42.4, 36.6, 35.8, 35.5, 31.8, 29.1, 29.0, 25.1, 25.0, 24.9, 22.6, 20.9, 16.3, 14.6, 14.1, 11.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{43}H_{60}NaO_{15} [M + Na]^+ 839.3825$, found: 839.3833.

Glucosyl donor 7. 7 was prepared from D-glucose through 7 steps with an overall yield of 42.8% (see the Supporting Information for the synthetic scheme). D-Glucose (40.0 g, 222 mmol) was added to a mixture of Ac₂O (170 mL) and HClO₄ (1.3 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C over 20 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. Pyridine (3.5 mL) was added at 0 °C to quench the reaction. The solvents were evaporated in vacuo, and then coevaporated with toluene. Then to a cold (0 °C) solution of the obtained residue and ethanethiol (19.2 mL, 267 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (500 mL) was added dropwise boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (110 mL, 889 mmol) in 30 min. Then, the mixture was stirred at rt for 6 h. The reaction mixture was poured into crushed ice, and the excess boron trifluoride diethyl etherate was neutralized by the careful addition of 2 M aq. NaOH solution. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated in vacuo to provide a yellowish syrup. To a solution of yellowish syrup in MeOH was added sodium methoxide (1.2 g). The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at rt. Neutralization of the reaction mixture with acidic ion-exchange resin (Amberlite IR-120 H⁺) and the organic phase was concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc-MeOH, 10:1) to give S10 (37.8 g, 76% over three steps) as a white solid. To a solution of S10 (37.8 g, 169 mmol) in DMF (300 mL) containing TsOH·H₂O (0.64 g, 3.4 mmol) was added 2-methoxypropene (19.4 mL, 202 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The resulting mixture was stirred for 6 h at rt until completion (EtOAc-hexanes, 1:1). The reaction was quenched with Et₃N (2 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:2 \rightarrow 2:1$) to give compound **S11**³⁸ (38.1 g, 86%) as a colorless syrup. DCC (37.1 g, 180 mmol) was added to a 0 °C CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) solution of S11 (19.8 g, 74.9 mmol), levulinic acid (20.9 g, 180 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (1.83 g, 15.0 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether (400 mL) and hexanes (200 mL), stirred for 20 min then filtered through a pad of Celite using ether (50 mL) as the eluent and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. To a 0 °C solution of the residue in acetone (900 mL) and water (100 mL) was added NBS (40.0 g, 225 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min before quenched with sat. NaHCO₃. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo, dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ and washed with sat. NaHCO₃. The organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), concentrated in vacuo and the residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, 2:1) to afford the desired hemiacetal S12 (24.5 g, 78.4% over two steps). To a solution of the obtained hemiacetal (24.4 g, 58.6 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (200 mL) was added trichloroacetonitrile (23.5 mL, 23.4 mmol), and 1,8diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undecene (DBU) (0.87 mL, 5.9 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt and then was concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAchexanes, 2:1) to afford the glucosyl donor 7 (27.6 g, 84%). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +50.2 (c 1 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71, 8.64 (2s, 1H, OCNHCCl₃), 6.44 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-1), 5.49 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-

3), 5.12 (dd, *J* = 10.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.98–3.88 (m, 2H, H-5, H-6), 3.86–3.70 (m, 2H, H-4, H-6), 2.88–2.46 (m, 8H, 2 × CH₃– CO(CH₂)₂CO), 2.17 (s, 3H, CH₃-CO(CH₂)₂CO), 2.15 (s, 3H, CH₃-CO(CH₂)₂CO), 1.49, 1.48 (2s, 3H, (CH₃)₂C), 1.40, 1.39 (2s, 3H, (CH₃)₂C). The ¹H NMR data were in accordance with the literature.⁷

Fucosyl acceptor **8**. **8** was prepared from D-fucose through 6 steps with an overall yield of 42.0% following the procedure we developed previously (see the Supporting Information for the synthetic scheme).⁹

Disaccharide diol 10. A mixture of donor 7 (8.70 g, 15.5 mmol), acceptor 8 (5.68 g, 14.1 mmol), and 4 Å molecular sieves (7 g) in anhydrous, redistilled CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) was stirred under an N₂ atmosphere for 30 min and then cooled to -50 °C. TMSOTf (255 μ L, 1.41 mmol) was added to the mixture. Then the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min, at the end of which time TLC (silica, 1:2 EtOAchexanes) showed the reaction was complete. Then the reaction mixture was quenched with pyridine (0.5 mL) and filtered. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was used without further purification for the next step. The residue was dissolved in pyridine (80 mL) followed by addition of Ac₂O (30 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The mixture was successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (200 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (200 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na2SO4, concentrated in vacuo and the residue was used without further purification for the following Lev deprotection step. To a solution of the obtained residue in CH_2Cl_2 (200 mL) was added a premade cocktail (hydrazine monohydrate/ AcOH/pyridine) 120 mL and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h, at which point, TLC (silica, 1:2 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The reaction was quenched with acetone (10 mL), washed with brine (100 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc-hexanes, $1:3 \rightarrow 1:2$) to give 10 (6.81 g, 75% over three steps) as a white solid.

Preparation of hydrazine monohydrate/AcOH/pyridine cocktail: 5 mL hydrazine monohydrate was added dropwise to a cold solution of AcOH and pyridine (mol ratio 1/1, total 150 mL).

Diol **10**. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.94–5.75 (m, 1H, CH₂= CH-CH₂–), 5.14–4.95 (m, 3H, CH₂=CH–CH₂–, H-4-Fucp), 4.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Glup), 4.40 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 3.95– 3.77 (m, 4H, 2 × H-6-Glup, H-2-Fucp, H-3-Fucp), 3.76–3.54 (m, 5H, H-3-Glup, H-4-Glup, H-5-Fucp, –CH₂–CH-CH₂–, OH), 3.48–3.38 (m, 1H, H-2-Glup), 3.36–3.25 (m, 1H, H-5-Glup), 2.57 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, OH), 2.40–2.22 (m, 2H), 2.13 (d, J = 3.5 Hz, 3H), 1.58–1.47 (m, 5H, (CH₃)₂C), 1.45 (s, 3H, (CH₃)₂C), 1.40–1.20 (m, 6H), 1.14 (d, J =6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.93–0.85 (m, 12H), 0.18 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si), 0.16 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.7, 134.6, 116.9, 104.5, 101. 4, 99.8, 79.3, 79.2, 76.6, 73.2, 72.9, 72.7, 72.6, 68.8, 68.3, 62.1, 38.1, 34.0, 31.8, 29.0, 25.9(3), 24.3, 22.6, 20.8, 19.0, 17.8, 16.4, 14.0, –4.4, –4.7. The ¹H, ¹³C NMR data were in accordance with the literature.⁷

Synthesis of diol 5 through an efficient three step conversion. 2-Chloro-1-methylpyridinium iodide (CMPI, 2.38 g, 9.32 mmol), N,Ndimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 1.52 g, 12.4 mmol) and Et₃N (4.3 mL, 31.1 mmol) were added to a solution of 10 (4.02 g, 6.21 mmol) and tiglic acid (684 mg, 6.84 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (150 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 6 h. At this point, TLC (silica, 1:3 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. To the reaction mixture was then added 2,6-lutidine (3.60 mL, 31.1 mmol) and TESOTf (2.81 mL, 12.4 mmol) at rt. The reaction was complete after stirred for 2 h based on TLC (silica, 1:6 EtOAc-hexanes). The mixture was successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (150 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (150 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH2Cl2 (200 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na2SO4, concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then dissolved in CHCl₃ (200 mL) and CF₃COOH (2.40 mL, 31.1 mmol) was added at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h, at which point, TLC (silica, 1:2 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. Et₃N (8.6 mL, 62.1 mmol) was added to quench the reaction. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification of the residue by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:3 \rightarrow 1:1$) to

give compound **5** (3.96 g, 79% over three steps) as a white foam. $\lceil \alpha \rceil_{D}^{25}$ +9.6 (c 1 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00–6.89 (m, 1H, $Me-CH=C(Me)-C = O), 6.09-5.92 (m, 1H, CH_2=CH-CH_2-),$ 5.15–4.98 (m, 3H, CH₂=CH–CH₂–, H-4-Fucp), 4.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, H-1-Glup), 4.92 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H, H-3-Glup), 4.28 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 3.99 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, H-2-Fucp), 3.96–3.83 (m, 2H, H-6-Glup, H-3-Fucp), 3.81-3.73 (m, 1H, H-6-Glup), 3.70-3.58 (m, 3H, H-4-Glup, H-5-Fucp, $-CH_2-CH-CH_2-$), 3.52 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-2-Glup), 3.41–3.32 (m, 1H, H-5-Glup), 2.69 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.25 (m, 3H), 2.14 (s, 3H, CH₃-C = O), 1.90-1.79 (m, 6H, CH₃- $CH-C(CH_3)-C = O$, 1.67–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.23 (m, 6H), 1.14 $(d, J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.96-0.83 (m, 21H, (CH_3)_3C-Si,$ $(CH_3CH_2)_3$ -Si, lipid-CH₃), 0.65-0.51 (m, 6H, $(CH_3CH_2)_3$ -Si), 0.16 (s, 3H, CH_3 -Si), 0.11 (s, 3H, CH_3 -Si); ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H{}$ NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.9, 169.0, 138.6, 135.5, 128.2, 116.3, 101.2, 100.5, 80.7, 79.1, 75.3, 74.5, 74.0, 73.5, 73.3, 70.6, 68.9, 62.2, 38.4, 34.3, 31.8, 25.8 (×3C), 24.6, 22.6, 21.0, 17.7, 14.4, 14.0, 12.1, 6.8 (×3C), 5.0 (×3C), -4.1, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C₄₀H₇₄NaO₁₂Si₂ [M + Na]+ 825.4612, found 825.4610.

Compound 14. To a cooled (0 °C) solution of 5 (3.68 g, 4.58 mmol), EDC (1.76 g, 9.16 mmol), HOBT (1.40 g, 9.16 mmol), and DMAP (2.24 g, 18.3 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) was added 4-oxonon-8-eneoic acid 12 (897 mg, 5.27 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred overnight. At this point, TLC (silica, 1:3 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (50 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₂ (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc–hexanes, 1:4 \rightarrow 1:2) to give diene 14 (3.54 g, 81%): $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +4.5 (c 1 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00–6.88 (m, 1H, Me–CH–C(Me)–C=O), 6.22–6.05 (m, 1H, CH₂=CH-CH₂-), 5.84-5.68 (m, 1H, CH₂=CH-CH₂-), 5.18-4.85 (m, 7H, 2 × CH₂=CH-CH₂-, H-1-Glup, H-3-Glup, H-4-Fucp), 4.43 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.38-4.23 (m, 2H, H-1-Fucp, H-6-Glup), 4.00 (t, J = 9.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-2-Fucp), 3.89 (dd, J = 9.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-3-Fucp), 3.68-3.59 (m, 2H, H-5-Fucp, -CH₂-CH-CH₂-), 3.58-3.47 (m, 2H, H-2-Glup, H-4-Glup), 3.46-3.38 (m, 1H, H-5-Glup), 2.92 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H, OH), 2.83–2.51 (m, 4H), 2.45 $(t, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 2.35-2.26 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 2.13 \text{ (s, 3H, CH}_3-C=O),$ 2.09–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.87 (s, 3H, CH₃–CH–C(CH₃)–C=O), 1.82 $(d, J = 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 3H, CH_3 - CH - C(CH_3) - C = O), 1.73 - 1.48 (m, 4H),$ 1.40–1.21 (m, 6H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.95–0.72 (m, 21H, (CH₃)₃C-Si, (CH₃CH₂)₃-Si, lipid-CH₃), 0.63-0.52 (m, 6H, 3 \times CH₃CH₂-Si), 0.15 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si), 0.10 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.6, 173.2, 170. 9, 168.7, 138.4, 137.8, 136.2, 128.2, 116.0, 115.3, 100.9, 100.3, 80.8, 78.6, 74.1, 74.2, 73.9, 73.5, 73.4, 69.9, 68.9, 63.3, 41.8, 38.5, 37.1, 34.4, 33.0, 31.9, 27.8, 25.8 (×6C), 24.6, 22.7, 22.6, 21.0, 17.6, 16.7, 14.4, 14.0, 12.0, 6.8, 5.0, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{49}H_{86}NaO_{14}Si_2$ [M + Na]⁺ 977.5449, found 977.5445.

Compound 16. At room temperature, second generation Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst (350 mg, 0.56 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of diene 14 (3.54 g, 3.71 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.8 L). After the reaction mixture was refluxed overnight, TLC (silica, 1:2 EtOAchexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The solution was cooled and then concentrated. The acquired crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:2 \rightarrow 1:1$) to give cycloalkene isomers (3.23 g, 94%) as a colorless syrup. Subsequently, the obtained cycloalkene was dissolved in EtOH (25 mL), and Wilkinson's catalyst (645 mg, 0.70 mmol) was added in one portion to the solution at room temperature. After being stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen (1 atm) overnight, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, followed by washing with EtOAc. The resulting filtrate was concentrated, and the yielded crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:5 \rightarrow 1:3$) to give **16** (2.40 g, 74%) as a colorless syrup: $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +3.1 (*c* 1 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02–6.91 (m, 1H, Me–CH–C(Me)– C=O), 5.05-4.94 (m, 3H, H-1-Glup, H-3-Glup, H-4-Fucp), 4.85-4.74 (m, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.38 (br, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 4.15-4.08 (m, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.07-4.00 (m, 1H, H-2-Fucp), 3.98-3.89 (m, 1H, H-3Fucp), 3.72–3.64 (m, 1H, H-5-Fucp), 3.56 (br, 1H, H-5-Glup), 3.49– 3.36 (m, 3H, H-2-Glup, H-4-Glup, $-CH_2-CH-CH_2-$), 3.15 (d, J =4.8 Hz, 1H, OH), 3.00–2.87 (m, 1H), 2.75–2.55 (m, 3H), 2.52–2.43 (m, 1H), 2.39–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH₃–C=O), 1.92–1.82 (m, 6H, CH₃–CH–C(CH₃)–C=O), 1.81–1.72 (m, 1H), 1.71–1.22 (m, 17H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.95–0.82 (m, 18H), 0.65–0.50 (m, 6H, 3 × CH₃CH₂–Si), 0.17 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si), 0.12 (s, 3H, CH₃–Si); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.2, 172.5, 170.9, 168.1, 137.8, 128.5, 101.1, 100.5, 81.7, 78.1, 74.5, 74.1 (×2C), 73.7 (×2C), 69.0, 68.8, 63.5, 41.9, 37.2, 34.9, 33.4, 32.0, 29.7, 29.1, 28.6, 28.3, 25.8, 25.0, 24.6, 23.5, 22.6, 21.0, 17.7, 16.7, 14.4, 14.1, 12.1, 6.9 (×6C), 5.0 (×3C), -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C₄₇H₈₄NaO₁₄Si₂ [M + Na]⁺ 951.5292, found 951.5290.

Ipomoeassin F. 2-Chloro-1-methylpyridinium iodide (CMPI, 330.0 mg, 1.29 mmol) and N,N-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 263.0 mg, 2.15 mmol) were added to a solution of 16 (800 mg, 0.861 mmol) and cinnamic acid (153 mg, 1.03 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 6 h. At this point, TLC (silica, 1:2 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (50 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (50 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvents were evaporated, and the residue was used directly for the final deprotection without further purification. To a solution of the obtained residue in THF (10 mL) were added AcOH (1.4 mL, 24.8 mmol) and TBAF (1 M solution in THF, 12.4 mL, 12.4 mmol) at rt. The reaction was stirred at rt for 12 h. At this point, TLC (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, 1:1) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) and successively washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 (50 mL) and brine (50 mL) and dried over Na2SO4. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:2 \rightarrow 1:1$) to give ipomoeassin F (628.3 mg, 87% over two steps) as a white foam: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –62.1 (c 1 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.64 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH=C-), 7.54-7.45 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH), 7.43-7.35 (m, 3H, 3 × ArH), 6.95-6.85 (m, 1H, Me-CH-C(Me)-C=O), 6.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH=CH-), 5.32 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-4-Glup), 5.19-5.09 (m, 2H, H-3-Glup, H-4-Fucp), 4.62 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Glup), 4.54 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, OH), 4.47 (dd, J = 12.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.41 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 4.15 (dd, J = 12.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 3.96-3.88 (m, 2H, OH, H-3-Fucp), 3.80-3.58 (m, 5H, H-2-Glup, H-5-Glup, H-2-Fucp, H-5-Fucp, -CH₂-CH-CH₂-), 2.88-2.38 (m, 6H), 2.19 (s, 3H, $CH_3-C=0$), 1.80–1.72 (m, 6H, $CH_3-CH-C(CH_3)-C=$ O), 1.72-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.42-1.22 (m, 12H), 1.19 $(t, J = 6.4 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}, \text{H-6-Fuc}p), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}); {}^{13}\text{C}{}^{1}\text{H} \text{NMR}$ (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 171.8, 171.7, 168.9, 165.4, 146.2, 139.9, 134.0, 130.6, 128.9 (×2C), 128.3 (×2C), 127.6, 116.7, 105.7, 100.2, 82.8, 79.8, 76.0, 74.0, 72.7, 72.6, 72.5, 68.8, 67.4, 61.8, 41.9, 37.6, 34.4, 33.1, 31.9, 29.1, 29.0, 28.3, 24.7, 24.5, 23.5, 22.6, 20.9, 16.3, 14.6, 14.1, 12.0. The ¹H, ¹³C NMR data were in accordance with the literature.^{6,9}

Compound 13. To a cooled $(0 \,^{\circ}C)$ solution of 5 (150 mg, 0.187 mmol), EDC (71.6 mg, 0.374 mmol), HOBt (57.2 mg, 0.374 mmol), and DMAP (91.3 mg, 0.747 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was added 4oxoundec-10-eneoic acid 11 (see Supporting Information) (42.6 mg, 0.215 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred overnight. At this point, TLC (silica, 1:3 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, 1:4 \rightarrow 1:2) to give diene 13 (146 mg, 79%): $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +4.7 (c 1 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.02–6.88 (m, 1H, Me-CH-C(Me)-C=O), 6.20-6.04 (m, 1H, CH₂=CH-CH₂-), 5.87-5.72 (m, 1H, CH₂=CH-CH₂-), 5.14-4.86 (m, 7H, $2 \times CH_2$ = CH-CH₂-, H-1-Glup, H-3-Glup, H-4-Fucp), 4.45 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.38-4.26 (m, 2H, H-1-Fucp, H-6-Glup), 4.00 (t, J = 9.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H, H-2-Fucp), 3.90 (dd, J = 9.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H, H-3-Fucp), 3.68-3.60 (m, 2H, H-5-Fucp, -CH₂-CH-CH₂-), 3.59-3.48 (m, 2H, H-2-Glup, H-4-Glup), 3.46-3.39 (m, 1H, H-5-Glup), 2.88 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H, OH), 2.82–2.51 (m, 4H), 2.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.35– 2.26 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H, $CH_3-C=O$), 2.09–2.01 (m, 2H), 1.88 (s, 3H, $CH_3-CH-C(CH_3)-C=O$), 1.83 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H, $CH_3-CH-C(CH_3)-C=O$), 1.67–1.49 (m, 4H), 1.43–1.22 (m, 10H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.95–0.80 (m, 21H, 2 × (CH_3)₃C, lipid– CH_3), 0.65–0.50 (m, 6H, 3 × CH_3CH_2-Si), 0.15 (s, 3H, CH_3-Si), 0.11 (s, 3H, CH_3-Si); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 208.8, 173.2, 170. 9, 168.8, 138.8, 138.4, 136.2, 128.2, 116.1, 114.4, 101.0, 100.3, 80.8, 78.6, 74.4, 74.2, 73.9, 73.5, 73.4, 70.0, 68.9, 63.4, 42.6, 38.6, 37.0, 34.4, 33.5, 31.9, 28.6(23), 28.6(17), 27.8, 25.8 (×6C), 24.6, 23.6, 22.6, 21.0, 17.7, 16.7, 14.4, 14.0, 12.1, 6.8, 5.0, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{51}H_{90}NaO_{14}Si_2$ [M + Na]⁺ 1005.5762, found 1005.5758.

Compound 15. At room temperature, second generation Hoveyda-Grubbs catalyst (13.0 mg, 0.021 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of diene 13 (136 mg, 0.138 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). After the reaction mixture was refluxed overnight, TLC (silica, 1:2 EtOAchexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The solution was cooled and then concentrated. The acquired crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:2 \rightarrow 1:1$) to give cycloalkene isomers (120.2 mg, 91%) as a colorless syrup. Subsequently, the obtained cycloalkene (86.7 mg, 0.091 mmol) was dissolved in EtOH (4 mL), and Wilkinson's catalyst (16.8 mg, 0.018 mmol) was added in one portion to the solution at room temperature. After being stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen (1 atm) overnight, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, followed by washing with EtOAc. The resulting filtrate was concentrated, and the yielded crude product was purified by flash chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, $1:5 \rightarrow 1:3$) to give **15** (65.1 mg, 75%) as a white foam: $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +3.5 (c 0.5 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00–6.89 (m, 1H, Me-CH-C(Me)-C=O), 5.05-4.95 (m, 2H, H-3-Glup, H-4-Fucp), 4.93 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, H-1-Glup), 4.56 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 4.36 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, H-1-Fucp), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 3.99 (t, J = 9.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-2-Fucp), 3.92 (dd, J = 9.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H, H-3-Fucp), 3.70-3.63 (m, 1H, H-5-Fucp),3.62-3.45 (m, 4H, H-2-Glup, H-4-Glup, H-5-Glup, -CH₂-CH-CH₂-), 3.21 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H, OH), 2.90-2.81 (m, 1H), 2.72-2.46 (m, 4H), 2.43–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.13 $(s, 3H, CH_3-C=O)$, 1.88 $(s, 3H, CH_3-C=O)$ $CH_3-CH-C(CH_3)-C=O)$, 1.82 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, $CH_3-CH-CH-CH_3$ C(CH₃)-C=O), 1.81-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.22 (m, 21H), 1.14 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.97–0.85 (m, 21H, 2 × (CH₃)₃C, lipid– CH_3), 0.68–0.52 (m, 6H, 3 × CH_3CH_2 –Si), 0.16 (s, 3H, CH_3 –Si), 0.11 (s, 3H, CH₃-Si); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.4, 172.7, 170.9, 168.2, 137.9, 128.5, 101.1, 100.3, 81.4, 78.1, 74.4, 74.2, 73.7, 73.5, 73.1, 70.3, 68.8, 63.8, 41.8, 37.6, 34.6, 34.0, 32.1, 29.4, 29.0, 28.3, 27.6, 27.4, 25.8, 25.3, 24.6, 22.8, 22.6, 21.0, 17.7, 16.7, 14.4, 14.1, 12.1, 6.8 (×6C), 5.0 (×3C), -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for $C_{49}H_{88}NaO_{14}Si_2 [M + Na]^+ 979.5605$, found 979.5602.

22-Membered Analogue 2. 2-Chloro-1-methylpyridinium iodide (CMPI, 13.9 mg, 0.054 mmol), N,N-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP, 8.3 mg, 0.068 mmol), and Et₃N (19 μ L, 0.14 mmol) were added to a solution of **15** (26.0 mg, 0.027 mmol) and cinnamic acid (6.0 mg, 0.041 mmol) in dry $\dot{C}H_2\dot{Cl_2}$ (3 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to warm to ambient temperature and stirred for 12 h. At this point, TLC (silica, 1:3 EtOAc-hexanes) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was diluted with CH2Cl2 (20 mL) and successively washed with aqueous 1 M HCl (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was used directly for the final deprotection without further purification. To a solution of the obtained residue in THF (2 mL) were added AcOH (63 μ L, 1.1 mmol) and TBAF (1 M solution in THF, 0.55 mL, 0.55 mmol) at rt. The reaction was stirred at rt for 12 h. At this point, TLC (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, 1:1) showed the reaction was complete. The mixture was diluted with CH2Cl2 (20 mL) and successively washed with saturated aqueous $\rm NaHCO_3\,(20\,mL)$ and brine (20 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent followed by purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica, EtOAc-hexanes, 1:2 \rightarrow 1:1) to give 22-membered analogue 2 (19.4 mg, 83% over two steps) as a white foam: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -51.6 (c 0.5 CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.66 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH=C-), 7.58-7.48 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH), 7.45-7.38 (m, 3H, 3 × ArH), 6.95-6.84 (m, 1H, Me-CH-

C(Me)-C=O), 6.35 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H, Ph-CH=CH-), 5.30 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H, H-3-Glup), 5.25-5.19 (m, 1H, H-4-Fucp), 5.18 (t, I = 9.6Hz, 1H, H-4-Glup), 4.66 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, H-1-Glup), 4.48–4.40 (m, 2H, H-1-Fucp, H-6-Glup), 4.32 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, OH), 3.98 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H, H-6-Glup), 3.88-3.68 (m, 7H, H-2-Glup, H-5-Glup, H-2-Fucp, H-3-Fucp, H-5-Fucp, -CH₂-CH-CH₂-, OH), 2.88-2.75 (m, 1H), 2.68–2.51 (m, 3H), 2.46 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H, $CH_3-C=O$), 1.80–1.72 (m, 6H, $CH_3-CH-C(CH_3)-C=O$), 1.62-1.48 (m, 6H), 1.41-1.23 (m, 16H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, H-6-Fucp), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 209.5, 171.6, 171.4, 167.8, 165.6, 146.6, 139.0, 134.0, 130.7, 128.9 (×2C), 128.3 (×2C), 127.7, 116.5, 102.8, 100.0, 79.7, 77.9, 74.3, 72.9, 72.1, 71.9, 70.7, 69.4, 68.7, 62.4, 42.2, 37.2, 34.4, 33.1, 31.8, 28.6, 28.5, 28.3, 27.9, 27.8, 24.7, 23.7, 23.4, 22.6, 21.0, 16.2, 14.5, 14.0, 12.0; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd for C₄₆H₆₆NaO₁₅ [M + Na]⁺ 881.4294, found 881.4294.

Cell Culture. The human breast cancer cells (MCF7 and MDA-MB-231) were cultured by following a previously established protocol.⁹

AlamarBlue or MTT Cytotoxicity Assay. Cytotoxicity assays were performed as previously described.⁹ Briefly, after cell counting, 100 μ L of cell suspension was seeded in a 96-well plate (2500 cells/ well), which was incubated at 37 °C in 5% CO₂ for 24 h. Subsequently, the cells were treated with 100 μ L of the freshly made working solution of a test compound for 72 h. Afterward, the media were removed, and 200 μ L of the fresh medium containing 10% of AlamarBlue (resazurin) (3 mg/27.15 mL) or MTT (5 mg/mL) stock solution was added to each well. After further incubation for another 3 h, Fluorescence of metabolic resorufin or absorbance of formazan was detected by a microplate reader (BioTek Synergy H1).

Activities of ipomoeassin F and analogues 2 and 3 against MDA-MB-231 or MCF7 cells were tested by the AlamarBlue or MTT assay, respectively. The GraphPad Prism 6 software was used to plot curves of % viability versus concentration and to calculate IC_{50} values.

In Vitro Membrane Insertion Assay. *Preparation of mRNA Templates*. Linear DNA of the short form of human HLA class II histocompatibility antigen gamma chain (Ii; P04232, isoform 2, residues 17–232) was generated by PCR and transcribed into RNA using SP6 polymerase (Promega).

In Vitro Translation and Insertion into ER Microsomes. Membrane insertion assays were performed as previously described.¹¹ Briefly, translation reactions $(20 \,\mu\text{L})$ were performed in nuclease-treated rabbit reticulocyte lysate (Promega) in the presence of EasyTag EXPRESS ³⁵S protein labeling mix containing [³⁵S] methionine (PerkinElmer) (0.533 MBq; 30.15 TBq/mmol). Amino acids minus methionine (Promega) were added to 25 μ M each, 5% (v/v) compound (concentration as indicated in figures, from stock solutions in DMSO), or an equivalent volume of DMSO, and nuclease-treated ER microsomes (from stock with $OD_{280} = 44/mL$) were added to 6.5% (v/v). Lastly, 10% volume of in vitro transcribed Ii mRNA (from 400 to 600 $ng/\mu L$ stocks) was added, and translation reactions were performed for 20 min at 30 °C. Following incubation with 0.1 mM puromycin for 5 min at 30 °C to ensure translational termination and ribosome release, membraneassociated fractions were isolated by centrifugation through an 80 μ L high-salt cushion (0.75 M sucrose, 0.5 M KOAc, 5 mM Mg(OAc)2, 50 mM Hepes-KOH, pH 7.9) at 100,000g for 10 min at 4 °C in a TLA100 rotor (Beckmann). Membrane pellets were suspended directly in SDS (sodium dodecyl sulfate) sample buffer (0.02% bromophenol blue, 62.5 mM, 4% (w/v) SDS, 10% (v/v) glycerol, pH 7.6, 1 M dithiothreitol) and, where indicated, treated with 1000 U of endoglycosidase H (New England Biolabs) for 30 min at 37 °C prior to analysis. All samples were denatured for 10 min at 70 °C prior to resolution by SDS-PAGE (16% polyacrylamide gels, 120 V, 120 min); gels were fixed (20% MeOH, 10% AcOH) for 5 min, dried (BioRad gel dryer) for 2 h at 65 °C, and following exposure to a phosphorimaging plate for 24-72 h, radiolabeled products were visualized using a Typhoon FLA-7000 (GE Healthcare)

Quantitative Analysis. Using AIDA v.5.0 (Raytest Isotopenme β geräte), the ratio of the signal intensity for the 2Gly/0Gly forms was used as a readout to estimate the efficiency of integration into the ER membrane. This value was then expressed relative to the matched DMSO control in order to derive the mean relative ER insertion from three (n = 3, analogue 2) or four (n = 4, Ipom-F, previously reported data¹¹) independent experiments. IC₅₀ value estimates were determined in Prism 8 (GraphPad) using nonlinear regression to fit data to a curve of variable slope (four parameters) using the least-squares fitting method in which the top and bottom plateaus of the curve were defined as 0 and 100%, respectively.

Determination of the Maximum Tolerated Dose. To reduce the number of animals (C57BL/6 female mice) used in the determination of MTD, we used a "narrow down" approach (successive rounds of treatment of animals). Because the data on the ipomoeassin F cytotoxicity on animals were not available, we selected the starting dose range for the first group of mice (group 1) for MTD study based on the results of paclitaxel on mice. $^{39-41}$ Using 5% DMSO and 95% peanut oil (Sigma) as the delivery vehicle, we performed intraperitoneal (i.p.) injections (150 μ L) in C57BL/6 female mice (~8 weeks old) every 3 days over a course of 3 weeks or until the end point was reached. The end point was defined by a 15% loss of body weight and/or signs of distress and/or inability to eat/drink for the treated mice. When mice showed any of these signs, they were euthanized. The first group of mice were treated with 0, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 mg/kg body weight of ipomoeassin F (one mouse/each dose). After four injections, all the mice died or were sacrificed except for the mouse being treated with vehicle only (0 mg/kg body weight). Based on these results, we treated the second group (group 2) of C57BL/6 female mice with 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 mg/kg body weight of ipomoeassin F (one mouse/each dose). In the second group, the mice treated with 3, 4, and 5 mg/kg body weight died or were sacrificed after five injections, and the mice treated with 1 and 2 mg/kg body weight survived after six injections. Accordingly, we treated the third group (group 3) of mice with 2 and 3 mg/kg body weight of ipomoeassin F (one mouse/each dose). In the third group, both mice survived after six injections. Based on these results, the MTD of ipomoeassin F was estimated to be $\sim 3 \text{ mg/kg}$ body weight under the conditions used in this study.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

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- Structures of the ipomoeassins; synthetic schemes for analogue 3 and intermediates S1, 5, 7, and 8; table for optimization of chemoselective removal of isopropylidene to make 5 (PDF)
- Biological assay data; ¹H, ¹³C NMR and HRMS spectra of all synthesized new compounds (COSY, HSQC, and HMBC NMR for representative compounds) (PDF)
- FAIR data, including the primary NMR FID files, for compounds 2-5, 7, and 10-13 (ZIP)
- FAIR data, including the primary NMR FID files, for compounds 14–16, S3, S5, S6, and ipomoeassin F (ZIP)

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