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A Vicinal Diol Approach for the Total Synthesis of Molestins E, *ent*-Sinulacembranolide A and *ent*-Sinumaximol A

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General Experimental Techniques

Chemicals and solvents

Unless stated otherwise, all chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers (Sigma-Aldrich, Fluorochem, Alfa Aesar, TCI) and used without further purification. Dry solvents (toluene, CH₂Cl₂, DMF, Et₂O) were obtained from a MBraun SPS-500 solvent purification system. All other solvents used were HPLC grade or p.a. unless stated otherwise. THF was dried over activated (150 °C, 16 h) molecular sieves (4 Å) for 48 h prior to use. Anhydrous DCE, DMF, DMSO, Et₃N, HMPA, DIPEA, MeOH and pyridine were used as commercially supplied. Solutions of *n*BuLi, DIBAL-H, LDA, AlMe₃ and ⁱPrMgBr were used as supplied.

Glassware and reaction conditions

Reactions were carried out in round bottom flasks, or oven-dried Schlenk flasks under an inert atmosphere unless stated otherwise.

Analytical techniques

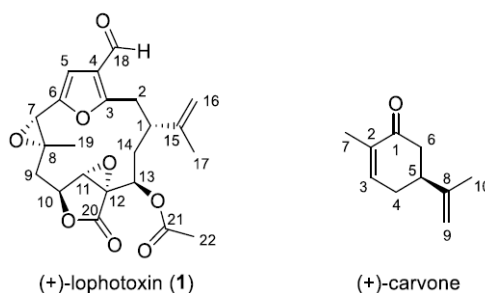
¹H, and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVIII400 Spectrometer (¹H: 400 MHz and ¹³C: 101 MHz), Bruker AVII500 (¹H: 500 MHz and ¹³C: 126 MHz) or a Bruker AvanceIV600 (¹H: 600 MHz and ¹³C: 151 MHz) in CDCl₃, DMSO-*d*₆ or C₆D₆ and referenced to residual solvent peaks. Chemical shifts δ are quoted in parts per million (ppm) to the nearest 0.01 for ¹H and 0.1 for ¹³C, coupling constants *J* are quoted in Hz to the nearest 0.1 and splitting are recorded as singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), pentet (p), hexet (h), heptet (hept), and multiplet (m). Assignments were based upon COSY, HSQC and HMBC experiments. Where unambiguous assignments could not be made the candidate positions are indicated by solidus “/”. Due to very small quantities of product in late-stage experiments (<1 mg) residual grease or solvent was observed in some of the NMR spectra. Any grease or residual solvent impurity will be indicated in the spectrum. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT-IR spectrometer fitted with an Attenuated Total Reflectance (ATR) sampling accessory. Absorption maxima are quoted in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). High resolution mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker MicroTOF (resolution = 10000 FWHM). Melting points (m.p.) were obtained using a Lecia VMGT heated-stage microscope and are uncorrected. Specific rotations (α') were recorded on a Perkin Elmer 341 Polarimeter, with a cell pathlength (*l*) of 1.0 dm, at the stated temperature (°C) and concentration (*c*) (measured in units of g/100 mL). For diastereomeric mixtures (dr < 95:5) a specific rotation was not recorded.

Chromatography

Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated silica gel aluminium sheets from Merck (TLC Silica Gel 60 F₂₅₄). Spots were visualized either by the quenching of UV fluorescence or by staining with phosphomolybdic acid/cerium sulfate, potassium permanganate or vanillin solutions. Preparative column chromatography was carried out using Geduran Silica Gel 60 (40 µm – 63 µm) from Merck. In cases where mixtures of solvents were used, the ratios refer to the component volumes. In cases where gradients were used, the start and the end ratio are stated.

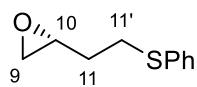
Numbering

The numbering system as represented for compounds **21-42**, is in accordance with the natural product numbering system for furanocembranolides introduced by Fenical and co-workers. [1] The numbering system for compounds **7-13** is based on the numbering system of (+)-(*S*)-carvone. [2] Therefore, the numbering system may not reflect that in the systematic name, derived according to IUPAC nomenclature.



Procedures

(*R*)-2-(2-(Phenylthio)ethyl)oxirane (**8**)



Note: For safety reasons high vacuum and a liquid nitrogen trap, rather than a rotary evaporator, were used to removed volatiles after work-up.

To a solution of DABCO (185 mg, 1.65 mmol, 10 mol%) and thioanisole (1.9 mL, 16 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF (15 mL, 1.2 M final concentration) at 0 °C was added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 7.5 mL, 19 mmol, 1.2 eq). After 1 h the mixture was cooled to -78 °C and (*R*)-epichlorohydrin (**6**, 2.5 mL, 32 mmol, 2.0 eq) was added dropwise. After 30 min the mixture was warmed to -50 °C (cryostat/acetone) and gradually warmed to 0 °C over a period of 2 h. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, warmed to rt and stirred for further 1 h. After which the reaction was quenched at 0 °C with NH₄Cl (sat., aq., 15 mL), warmed to rt, diluted with brine (15 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 95:5 to 80:20) to afford epoxide **8** (1.72 g, 59%) as a colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.38–7.33 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{Ph}), 7.32–7.25 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{Ph}), 7.22–7.16 (m, 1H, ArH^{Ph}), 3.14–2.98 (m, 3H, H-10, 2 × H-11'), 2.77 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 3.9 Hz, 1H, H-9a), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 5.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H, H-9b), 1.98–1.87 (m, 1H, H-11a) and 1.87–1.77 ppm (m, 1H, H-11b);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 136.1 (ArC^{Ph}), 129.5 (2 × ArC^{Ph}), 129.1 (2 × ArC^{Ph}), 126.3 (ArC^{Ph}), 51.2 (C-10), 47.3 (C-9), 32.4 (C-11) and 30.3 ppm (C-11');

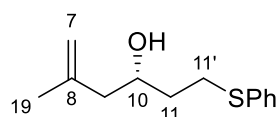
FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2922, 2362, 1734, 1583, 1481, 1439, 1260, 1025, 912, 855, 740 and 691 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₀H₁₃OS⁺ [M+H]⁺ 181.0682; found 181.0682 (Δ 0.21 ppm);

Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = +25.7 (*c* = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

The spectral data were consistent with those previously reported. [3]

(*S*)-5-Methyl-1-(phenylthio)hex-5-en-3-ol (**9**)



To a slurry of copper(I) iodide (360 mg, 1.90 mmol, 20 mol%) in THF (6.0 mL, 0.17 M final concentration) at -40 °C was added isopropenyl magnesiumbromide (0.50 M in THF, 29 mL, 15 mmol, 1.5 eq) and a solution

of epoxide **8** (1.71 g, 9.49 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF (4.0 mL + 2 × 2 mL rinse). After addition, the reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred at this temperature for 2 h. Then the black reaction mixture was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., aq., 30 mL) and diluted with ammonia (sat., aq., 10 mL). The bright blue mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 × 40 mL). The organic extract was washed with a 3:1 mixture (2 × 40 mL) of NH₄Cl (sat., aq.) and ammonia (sat., aq.), brine (40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 90:10 to 60:40) to afford alcohol **9** (2.05 g, 97%, 98% ee) as a colourless liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.38–7.33 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{Ph}), 7.32–7.25 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{Ph}), 7.21–7.14 (m, 1H, ArH^{Ph}), 4.89 (app. p, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-7a), 4.81–4.77 (m, 1H, *H*-7b), 3.97–3.85 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 3.13 (ddd, J = 13.0, 7.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 3.04 (dt, J = 12.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'b), 2.22–2.16 (m, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.13 (ddd, J = 13.7, 8.9, 0.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 1.85 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H, *OH*-10), 1.84–1.76 (m, 2H, 2 \times *H*-11) and 1.75 ppm (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19);

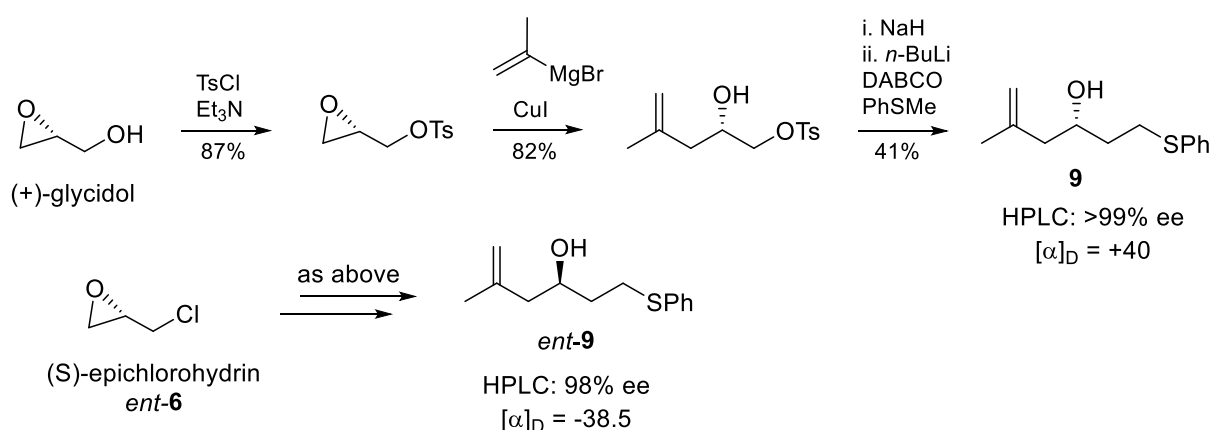
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 142.4 (*C*-8), 136.5 (ArC^{Ph}), 129.1 (2 \times ArC^{Ph}), 129.0 (2 \times ArC^{Ph}), 126.0 (ArC^{Ph}), 114.0 (*C*-7), 67.5 (*C*-10), 46.3 (*C*-9), 36.4 (*C*-11), 30.2 (*C*-11') and 22.5 ppm (*C*-19);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3053, 2936, 1647, 1584, 1481, 1439, 1265, 1072, 896 and 692 cm⁻¹;

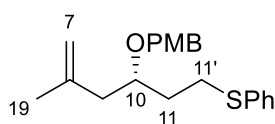
HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₃H₁₉OS⁺ [M+H]⁺ 223.1151; found 223.1154 (Δ 1.3 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +40.4$ (c = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

Note: The enantiomeric excess of alcohol **9**, synthesised with methods described below, was analysed *via* chiral HPLC: Chiralpak ID with guard, hexane:PrOH = 90:10, 1 mL/min, 25 °C, λ = 210 nm, 10 μ L injection, 15 min. The absolute stereochemistry of **8** and **9** was corroborated through preparation of **9** based on the work by Mulzer [4]. A schematic of the synthesis and the comparison with material derived from (*S*)-epichlorohydrin (*ent*-**6**) is displayed below.



(S)-3-((4-Methoxybenzyl)oxy)-5-methylhex-5-en-1-yl(phenyl)sulfane (**S-1**)



To a solution of alcohol **9** (6.00 g, 27.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (20 mL, 1.4 M) at 0 °C was added NaH (60%, 2.17 g, 54.0, 2.0 eq) in one portion. The resulting slurry was warmed to rt, stirred for 30 min before being cooled to 0 °C again. 4-Methoxybenzyl chloride (7.5 mL, 56 mmol, 2.1 eq) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (4.99 g, 13.5 mmol, 50 mol%) were added at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h. After which, it was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., aq., 20 mL), diluted with H₂O (20 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O (3 × 100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 95:5 to 80:20) to afford thioether **S-1** (7.61 g, 82%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.35–7.23 (m, 6H, 2 × ArH^{PMB}, 4 × ArH^{Ph}), 7.21–7.14 (m, 1H, ArH^{Ph}), 6.92–6.84 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{PMB}), 4.82–4.78 (m, 1H, H-7a), 4.77–4.73 (m, 1H, H-7b), 4.53 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H, OCH₂aHb^{PMB}), 4.40 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H, OCH₂aHb^{PMB}), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH₃^{PMB}), 3.78–3.68 (m, 1H, H-10), 3.06 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 8.1, 5.8 Hz, 1H, H-11'a), 2.96 (ddd, *J* = 12.9, 8.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H, H-11'b), 2.41 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 5.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H, H-9a), 2.16 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H, H-9b), 1.88–1.80 (m, 2H, 2 × H-11) and 1.74 ppm (s, 3H, 19);

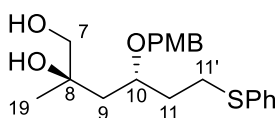
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.2 (ArC^{PMB}), 142.4 (C-8), 136.7 (ArC^{Ph}), 130.7 (ArC^{PMB}), 129.4 (2 × ArC^{PMB}), 128.9 (2 × ArC^{Ph}), 128.8 (2 × ArC^{Ph}), 125.7 (ArC^{Ph}), 113.8 (2 × ArC^{PMB}), 113.1 (C-7), 75.6 (C-10), 70.9 (OCH₂^{PMB}), 55.3 (OCH₃^{PMB}), 42.5 (C-9), 33.6 (C-11), 29.6 (C-11') and 22.9 ppm (C-19);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2934, 2861, 2835, 1613, 1585, 1513, 1481, 1464, 1439, 1349, 1302, 1247, 1173, 1089, 1074, 1036, 892, 821, 739 and 691 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₁H₂₆O₂²³NaS⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 365.1546; found 365.1545 (Δ -0.25 ppm);

Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = +43.2 (*c* = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

(2*R*,4*S*)-4-((4-Methoxybenzyl)oxy)-2-methyl-6-(phenylthio)hexane-1,2-diol (**10**)



To a solution of olefin **S-1** (7.60 g, 22.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) and methanesulfonamide (2.11 g, 22.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 'BuOH:H₂O (1:1, 222 mL, 0.1 M) at 0 °C was added AD-mix α (26.1 g, 2.5 eq). The reaction was stirred (400 rpm) for 15 h. After which, the stirring rate was increased to 700 rpm. After additional 25 h, Na₂S₂O₃ (10.1 g) was added and the mixture stirred at rt for 30 min before being diluted with H₂O (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 120 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. An analytic sample was concentrated *in vacuo* separately and analysed by ¹H NMR (69:31 dr determined at H-19). The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, Et₂O:MeOH = 100:0 to 95:5) to afford an inseparable mixture of diastereomers

of diol **10** contaminated with methanesulfonamide (8.91 g, 69:31 dr, 89 wt% purity by ^1H NMR, 95% calculated yield) as a crystalline solid.

^1H NMR (major diastereomer, 400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{Ph}}$), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{Ph}}$), 7.25–7.17 (m, 3H, ArH^{Ph} , $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{PMB}}$), 6.92–6.84 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{PMB}}$), 4.52 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{OCHaHb}^{\text{PMB}}$), 4.36–4.25 (m, 1H, $\text{OCHaHb}^{\text{PMB}}$), 4.02 (dddd, J = 10.6, 6.2, 3.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H, H -10), 3.92–3.83 (m, 1H, OH -8), 3.80 (s, 3H, $\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMB}}$), 3.42–3.34 (m, 1H, H -7a), 3.34–3.25 (m, 1H, H -7b), 3.07–2.98 (m, 1H, H -11'a), 2.95–2.84 (m, 1H, H -11'b), 2.37 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H, OH -7), 2.08–1.90 (m, 3H, $2 \times H$ -11, H -9), 1.44 (dd, J = 14.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H, H -9b) and 1.13 ppm (s, 3H, $3 \times H$ -19);

^{13}C NMR (major diastereomer, 101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 159.7 (ArC^{PMB}), 136.2 (ArC^{Ph}), 130.9 (ArC^{PMB}), 130.0 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{PMB}}$), 129.7 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{Ph}}$), 129.2 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{Ph}}$), 126.4 (ArC^{Ph}), 114.2 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{PMB}}$), 75.0 (C-10), 72.5 (C-8), 71.0 (C-7), 70.4 ($\text{OCH}_2^{\text{PMB}}$), 55.4 ($\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMB}}$), 40.9 (C-9), 32.9 (C-11), 28.9 (C-11') and 24.1 ppm (C-19);

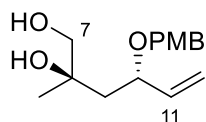
^1H NMR (minor diastereomer, 400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.39–7.33 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{Ph}}$), 7.33–7.27 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{Ph}}$), 7.25–7.17 (m, 3H, ArH^{Ph} , $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{PMB}}$), 6.92–6.84 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{PMB}}$), 4.48 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H, $\text{OCHaHb}^{\text{PMB}}$), 4.36–4.25 (m, 1H, $\text{OCHaHb}^{\text{PMB}}$), 3.92–3.83 (m, 1H, H -10), 3.80 (s, 3H, $\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMB}}$), 3.53–3.42 (m, 1H, H -7a), 3.42–3.34 (m, 1H, OH -8), 3.34–3.25 (m, 1H, H -7b), 3.07–2.98 (m, 1H, H -11'a), 2.95–2.84 (m, 1H, H -11'b), 2.27 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H, OH -7), 2.08–1.90 (m, 2H, $2 \times H$ -11), 1.83 (dd, J = 14.9, 9.9 Hz, 1H, H -9a), 1.67 (dd, J = 14.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H, H -9b) and 1.14 ppm (s, 3H, $3 \times H$ -19);

^{13}C NMR (minor diastereomer, selected signals, 101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 129.9 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{PMB}}$), 129.6 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{Ph}}$), 129.3 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{Ph}}$), 126.4 (ArC^{Ph}), 114.2 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{PMB}}$), 75.3 (C-10), 72.5 (C-8), 70.5 ($\text{OCH}_2^{\text{PMB}}$), 69.5 (C-7), 42.5 (C-9), 33.1 (C-11), 29.0 (C-11') and 25.2 ppm (C-19);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3372, 2490, 2242, 2073, 1745, 1613, 1514, 1440, 1317, 1249, 1154, 1118, 1061, 973, 822, 742, 692, 647 and 620 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI $^+$): Calc. for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_4^{23}\text{NaS}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 399.1601; found 399.1599 (Δ –0.50 ppm);

(2R,4S)-4-((4-Methoxybenzyl)oxy)-2-methylhex-5-ene-1,2-diol (**S-3**)



Note: Diol **10** (9.97 g) was contaminated with methanesulfonamide (11 wt% by NMR) from the previous step. The reaction was carefully monitored by TLC to avoid overoxidation. Excess *m*-CPBA used was due to batch purity.

To a solution of diol **10** (9.97 g, 69:31 dr, 89 wt% by ^1H NMR, 23.6 mmol, 1.0 eq) in DCE (470 mL, 50 mm) at 0 °C was added *m*-CPBA (5.10 g, 29.6 mmol, 1.3 eq) in portions over 1 h. After which, the reaction mixture was directly purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 to acetone) to afford sulfoxide **S-2** (9.06 g, 98%, mixture of 4 diastereomers) as a colourless syrup. A heterogeneous mixture of sulfoxide **S-2** (9.02 g, 23.0 mmol, 1.0 eq), toluene (460 mL, 50 mm) and K_2CO_3 (15.9 g, 115 mmol, 5.0 eq) was heated to reflux (130 °C). After 3 days, the reaction was cooled to rt, diluted

with H₂O (30 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 60 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 97:3 to 80:20) to afford olefin **S-3** (4.81 g, 77% over two steps, 72:28 dr determined at *H*-9a) as colourless oil.

¹H NMR (major diastereomer, 400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.27–7.20 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{PMB}), 6.91–6.84 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{PMB}), 5.76 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.3, 7.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.33–5.24 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-11'), 4.56 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H, OCHaHb^{PMB}), 4.29 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H, OCHaHb^{PMB}), 4.25–4.17 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 4.01 (s, 1H, OH-8), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃^{PMB}), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 11.0, 5.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-7a), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 7.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-7b), 2.53 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 5.7 Hz, 1H, OH-7), 2.04 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 11.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 1.47 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b) and 1.14 ppm (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-19);

¹³C NMR (major diastereomer, 101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 159.6 (ArC^{PMB}), 138.2 (C-11), 130.1 (2 × ArC^{PMB}), 129.5 (ArC^{PMB}), 117.9 (C-11'), 114.1 (2 × ArC^{PMB}), 78.0 (C-10), 72.5 (C-8), 71.0 (C-7), 70.1 (OCH₂^{PMB}), 55.4 (OCH₃^{PMB}), 43.0 (C-9) and 24.2 ppm (C-19);

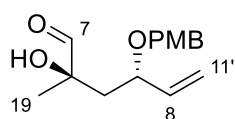
¹H NMR (minor diastereomer, selected signals, 400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.25 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H, OCHaHb^{PMB}), 4.09 (ddd, *J* = 10.4, 7.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 3.48 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-7a), 3.63 (s, 1H, OH-8), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H, OH-7), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a) and 1.68 ppm (dd, *J* = 15.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b);

¹³C NMR (minor diastereomer, selected signals, 101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 138.3 (C-11), 130.0 (2 × ArC^{PMB}), 129.6 (ArC^{PMB}), 117.6 (C-11'), 78.3 (C-10), 72.6 (C-8), 70.1 (OCH₂^{PMB}), 69.5 (C-7), 44.3 (C-9) and 25.3 ppm (C-19);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3419, 2936, 2160, 1613, 1586, 1514, 1464, 1400, 1302, 1249, 1175, 1110, 1034, 930, 822, 759 and 687 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₅H₂₂O₄²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 289.1410; found 289.1410 (Δ −0.14 ppm);

(2*R*,4*S*)-2-Hydroxy-4-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-2-methylhex-5-enal (**11**)



To a solution of diol **S-3** (2.99 g, 71:29 dr, 11.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (90 mL, 90 mm final concentration) was added Et₃N (7.84 mL, 24 mmol, 5.0 eq) and DMSO (22.5 mL, 0.31 mol, 28 eq). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C, SO₃ · pyridine

(5.36 g, 33.7 mmol, 3.0 eq) was added in one portion and cooling was removed. After 2 h, the reaction was quenched at 0 °C with H₂O (40 mL) and the separated aqueous layer extracted with Et₂O (2 × 80 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (2 × 40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂ 15–40 μm, CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 100:0 to 98:2) to afford aldehyde **11** (1.61 g, 54%, 95:5 dr determined at *H*-7) as a colourless syrup. Additionally, mixed fraction of epimeric aldehydes **11** (0.85 g, 29%, 40:60 dr) were obtained to be repurified in another batch.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.46 (d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-7), 7.23–7.16 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{PMB}), 6.92–6.82 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{PMB}), 5.72 (ddd, *J* = 17.4, 10.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.31–5.19 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-11'), 4.31 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H, OCHaHb^{PMB}), 4.08 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H, OCHaHb^{PMB}), 3.94 (dddt, *J* = 11.1, 7.3, 2.1, 0.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃^{PMB}), 3.72 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, *OH*-8), 2.11 (ddd, *J* = 14.7, 10.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b) and 1.24 ppm (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-19);

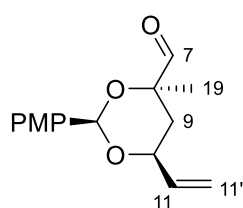
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 201.9 (C-7), 159.4 (ArC^{PMB}), 137.7 (C-11), 130.3 (2 × ArC^{PMB}), 129.8 (ArC^{PMB}), 117.5 (C-11'), 113.9 (2 × ArC^{PMB}), 76.2 (C-8), 75.8 (C-10), 70.2 (OCH₂^{PMB}), 55.4 (OCH₃^{PMB}), 44.9 (C-9) and 23.9 ppm (C-19);

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 2981, 1727, 1613, 1515, 1463, 1392, 1339, 1303, 1249, 1176, 1075, 1035, 936 and 824 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₅H₂₀O₄²³Na [M+Na⁺] 287.1254; found 287.1257 (Δ + 1.12 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -23.3$ (*c* = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

(2*R*,4*R*,6*S*)-2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-6-vinyl-1,3-dioxane-4-carbaldehyde (**12**)



To a solution of ether **11** (1.61 g, 95:5 dr, 6.05 mmol, 1.0 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL, 100 mM) was added molecular sieves (activated, 4 Å, 1.63 g) in Schlenk tube.

After 30 min, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C and DDQ (1.51 g, 6.66 mmol, 1.1 eq) was added in one portion. After 5 h, the reaction was quenched with

Na₂SO₄ (5.5 g), filtered through a plug (30 mL) of Celite®, rinsed with CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 49:1 (150 mL). The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂ 15–40 μm, CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 100:0 to 95:5) to afford acetal **12** (1.29 g, 87%).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.61 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 7.52–7.42 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{PMP}), 6.96–6.86 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{PMP}), 5.97–5.84 (m, 2H, CHO₂^{PMP}, *H*-11), 5.36 (dt, *J* = 17.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 5.21 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'b), 4.53 (dddd, *J* = 10.2, 5.4, 2.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH₃^{PMP}), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 13.4, 11.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a) and 1.60–1.52 ppm (m, 4H, *H*-9b, 3 × *H*-19);

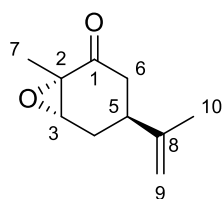
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 202.2 (C-7), 160.3 (ArC^{PMP}), 137.2 (C-11), 130.6 (ArC^{PMP}), 127.8 (2 × ArC^{PMP}), 116.5 (C-11'), 113.8 (2 × ArC^{PMP}), 95.1 (CHO₂^{PMP}), 78.9 (C-8), 73.2 (C-10), 55.5 (OCH₃^{PMP}), 34.0 (C-9) and 17.1 ppm (C-19);

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 2931, 2839, 1737, 1615, 1589, 1518, 1458, 1390, 1304, 1249, 1171, 1144, 1071, 1033, 997, 930, 832, 775 and 669 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₅H₁₈O₄²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 285.1097; found 285.1098 (Δ 0.21 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +86.3$ (*c* = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

(1*S*,4*S*,6*S*)-1-Methyl-4-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-7-oxabicyclo[4.1.0]heptan-2-one (**S-4**)



To a solution of (+)-(*S*)-carvone (**7**, 23.4 g, 156 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH (375 mL, 0.40 M final concentration) at -20°C (cryostat/acetone) was added NaOH (4.0 M, aq., 12 mL, 29 mmol, 0.31 eq) *via* addition funnel causing the reaction mixture to turn dark green. Dropwise addition of H_2O_2 (30 wt%, aq., 33 mL, 0.32 mol, 2.1 eq) *via* addition funnel caused a yellow colour change. After 30 min, the cooling bath temperature was adjusted to 0°C and left for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with HCl (3.0 M, aq., 16 mL) and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (sat., aq., 250 mL), diluted with H_2O (150 mL), warmed to rt and extracted with Et_2O (3×500 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (3×300 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford epoxide **S-4** (24.5 g, 95%) as a yellow oil. The material was pure by ^1H -NMR and was used in the next step without any further purification.

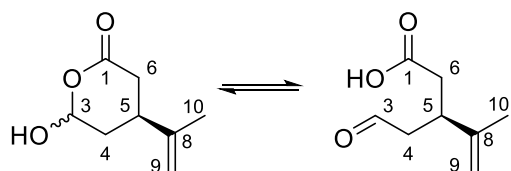
^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 4.85–4.76 (m, 1H, *H*-9a), 4.71 (q, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 3.44 (dd, J = 3.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-3), 2.77–2.66 (m, 1H, *H*-5), 2.58 (ddd, J = 17.6, 4.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-6a), 2.36 (app. dddd, J = 14.7, 4.4, 3.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-4a), 2.02 (dd, J = 17.6, 11.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-6b), 1.90 (ddd, J = 14.8, 11.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-4b), 1.75–1.66 (m, 3H, $3 \times$ *H*-10) and 1.41 ppm (s, 3H, $3 \times$ *H*-7);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 205.6 (C-1), 146.5 (C-8), 110.6 (C-9), 61.5 (C-3), 59.0 (C-2), 41.9 (C-6), 35.2 (C-5), 28.9 (C-4), 20.7 (C-10) and 15.4 ppm (C-7);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3649, 3459, 2980, 2360, 2342, 1717, 1457, 1380, 1100 and 669 cm^{-1} .

The spectral data were consistent with those previously reported. [4]

(*S*)-4-Methyl-3-(2-oxoethyl)pent-4-enoic acid (**S-6**)



To a solution of epoxide **S-4** (23.9 g, 143 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF (680 mL, 0.20 M final concentration) was added a solution of H_2SO_4 (4.23 g, 43.1 mmol, 0.30 eq) in H_2O (34 mL, THF: H_2O = 20:1). The reaction was heated to 80°C for 36 h, cooled to rt and then diluted with pentane (300 mL) and H_2O (300 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3×250 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (3×250 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a diastereomeric mixture of crude diol **S-5** (25.8 g, 96%). To a slurry of NaIO_4 (92.3 g, 431 mmol, 3.0 eq) and SiO_2 (180 mL) in CH_2Cl_2 (820 mL, 0.10 M final concentration) at 0°C was added H_2O (119 mL) *via* cannula over 1.5 h. A solution of diol **S-5** (25.8 g) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL + 3×15 mL rinse) was added *via* cannula and the mixture was gradually warmed to rt overnight. After 16 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through cotton wool, washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3×100 mL) and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by column flash chromatography (SiO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 :MeOH = 90:10) to afford aldehyde **S-6** (16.3 g, 72% over two steps) as a colourless oil.

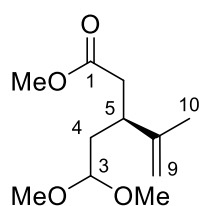
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.69 (s, 1H, *H*-3), 4.93–4.78 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-9), 3.15 (br. s, 1H, *H*-5), 2.62–2.42 (m, 4H, 2 × *H*-4, 2 × *H*-6) and 1.74 ppm (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-10); CO₂H not observed;

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 201.1 (*C*-3), 177.2 (*C*-1), 144.9 (*C*-8), 112.7 (*C*-9), 46.6 (*C*-4), 38.0 (*C*-6), 37.2 (*C*-5) and 19.9 ppm (*C*-10);

FT-IR *v*_{max} (thin film): 2972, 1716, 1648, 1379, 1236, 1162, 1048 and 899 cm⁻¹.

The spectral data were consistent with those previously reported. [4]

Methyl (*S*)-3-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-4-methylpent-4-enoate (**13**)



To a solution of aldehyde **S-6** (11.7 g, 74.9 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH (150 mL, 0.39 M final concentrations) was added TsOH·H₂O (714 mg, 3.76 mmol, 5.0 mol%) and trimethoxy orthoformate (41 mL, 0.37 mmol, 5.0 eq). After 24 h, both batches were combined, quenched with NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 200 mL), diluted with H₂O (250 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (2 × 200 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 95:5 to 85:15) to afford acetal **13** (17.5 g, 78%) as a yellow liquid.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.79 (app. q, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H, 2 × *H*-9), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-3), 3.64 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.30 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.29 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.83–2.67 (m, 1H, *H*-5), 2.42–2.37 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-6) and 1.77–1.60 ppm (m, 5H, 2 × *H*-4, 3 × *H*-10);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 172.8 (*C*-1), 146.0 (*C*-8), 11d2.5 (*C*-9), 102.9 (*C*-3), 52.9 (OCH₃), 52.7 (OCH₃), 51.6 (CO₂CH₃), 39.8 (*C*-5), 39.1 (*C*-6), 35.8 (*C*-4) and 19.0 ppm (*C*-10);

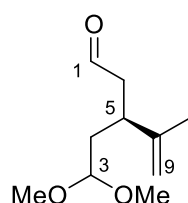
FT-IR *v*_{max} (thin film): 2952, 2831, 2361, 1738, 1647, 1437, 1377, 1158, 961 and 895 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₁H₂₀O₄Na [M+Na]⁺ 239.1254; found 239.1254 (Δ 0.00 ppm);

Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = +3.8 (c = 1.27, CH₂Cl₂).

The spectral data were consistent with those previously reported. [4]

(*R*)-3-(2,2-Dimethoxyethyl)-4-methylpent-4-enal (**S-7**)



A solution of ester **13** (12.6 g, 58.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.59 L, 0.10 M) was cooled to –78 °C. DIBAL-H (1.0 M in Toluene, 49.9 g, 58.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) was cooled to –78 °C in a flask and transferred into the reaction vessel *via* cannula over a period of 70 min. After 1.5 h, Rochelle's salt (sat., aq., 100 mL) was added and the heterogenous mixture was carefully allowed to warm to rt. The biphasic mixture was vigorously stirred (700 rpm) for 2 h. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (1 × 200 mL) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (250 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo* to

afford crude aldehyde **S-7** as a colourless liquid (12.1 g) which was used in the next step without further purification.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.65 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 4.83–4.81 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-9), 4.32 (dd, J = 6.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-3), 3.31 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.28 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.94–2.75 (m, 1H, *H*-5), 2.48–2.45 (m, 1H, *H*-6a), 2.44 (dd, J = 2.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-6b) and 1.73–1.66 ppm (m, 5H, 2 × *H*-4, 3 × *H*-10);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 201.9 (*C*-1), 145.7 (*C*-8), 112.8 (*C*-9), 102.8 (*C*-3), 53.2 (OCH₃), 52.7 (OCH₃), 47.5 (*C*-6), 37.6 (*C*-5), 36.1 (*C*-4) and 19.1 ppm (*C*-10);

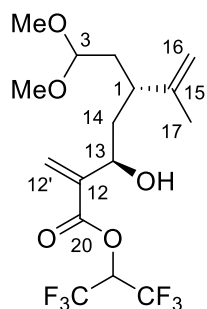
FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 2950, 2831, 2360, 1724, 1646, 1441, 1379, 1261, 1128, 1053, 963 and 897 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₀H₁₈O₃Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 209.1148; found 209.1150 (Δ 0.74 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -4.3$ (c = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

The spectral data were consistent with those previously reported. [4]

1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoropropan-2-yl (3*R*,5*R*)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-2-methylenehept-6-enoate (**15**)



To a solution of aldehyde **S-7** (12.1 g, 58.0 mmol assumed quant. from previous step, 1.0 eq) in DMF (filtered through activated alumina, 0.59 L, 0.10 M) and β -ICD (4.49 g, 14.5 mmol, 25.0 mol%) at -55°C (cryostat/acetone) was added HFIP acrylate **14** (24 mL, 144 mmol, 2.5 eq) dropwise *via* syringe pump (8 mL/h). After 62 h, the reaction was quenched at -55°C by dropwise addition of HCl (1.0 M, aq., 115 mL) and diluted with brine (500 mL) and EtOAc (500 mL). The resulting mixture was warmed to rt and the separated aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc

(2 × 500 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 150 mL), LiCl (5 wt%, 3 × 300 mL) and brine (1 × 500 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was analysed by ¹H NMR (95:5 dr) and purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 80:20 to 20:80) to afford desired HFIP ester **15** (13.6 g, 57% over two steps, > 98:2 dr determined at *H*-12'b) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.49 (t, J = 0.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 6.21 (dd, J = 1.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'b), 5.83 (sept, $^3J_{\text{H-F}}$ = 6.1 Hz, 1H, CH(CF₃)₂), 4.88 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 2H, 2 × *H*-16), 4.49–4.40 (m, 1H, *H*-13), 4.36–4.26 (m, 1H, *H*-3), 3.32 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.29 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.62 (dddd, J = 10.9, 8.2, 6.6, 4.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 2.13 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H, OH-13), 1.78–1.72 (m, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.69 (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-17), 1.68–1.63 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-2) and 1.50 ppm (ddd, J = 14.2, 10.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b);

¹⁹F NMR (377 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -73.2 (m, 6F, CH(CF₃)₂);

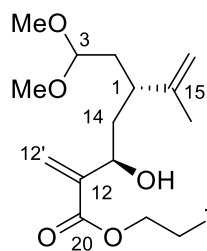
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 162.7 (*C*-20), 146.0 (*C*-15), 141.2 (*C*-12), 129.0 (*C*-12'), 113.7 (*C*-16), 103.1 (*C*-3), 68.3 (*C*-13), 66.7 (CH(CF₃)₂), 53.3 (OCH₃), 52.7 (OCH₃), 40.1 (*C*-1), 40.0 (*C*-14), 36.4 (*C*-2) and 17.6 ppm (*C*-17); CH(CF₃)₂ not observed;

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 3751, 3674, 3649, 2981, 2888, 2360, 2342, 1717, 1699, 1653, 1558, 1541, 1521, 1507, 1473, 1458, 1386, 1252, 1152, 1074, 955 and 669 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_5\text{F}_6^{23}\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 431.1264; found 431.1260 (Δ -0.79 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} +23.9$ ($c = 1.08$, CH_2Cl_2).

2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (3*R*,5*R*)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-2-methylenehept-6-enoate (**S-8**)



A solution of HFIP ester **15** (16.4 g, 40.2 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanol (23.8 g, 201 mmol, 5.0 eq) was treated with Et_3N (17 mL, 0.12 mol, 3.0 eq) and heated to 40 °C for 6 days. The reaction mixture was diluted with toluene (500 mL), washed with a mixture of HCl (3 M, aq., 50 mL) and brine (50 mL), NaHCO_3 (sat., aq., 100 mL) and brine (2×100 mL).

The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* (2 h) to give crude ester **S-8** (16.8 g, 82 wt% purity by ^1H NMR, 96% calculated yield) as a colourless oil. The material was used in the next step without any further purification. For spectroscopic reasons an analytical sample was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane: $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 = 50:50$ to CH_2Cl_2 :acetone = 100:0 to 98:2).

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 6.19 (dd, $J = 1.3, 0.7$ Hz, 1H, H -12'a), 5.81 (t, $J = 1.3$ Hz, 1H, H -12'b), 4.88–4.85 (m, 2H, $2 \times H$ -16), 4.40–4.30 (m, 2H, H -3, H -13), 4.30–4.22 (m, 2H, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_2)(\text{CH}_2)\text{O}^{\text{TMSE}}$), 3.32 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.29 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.70–2.55 (m, 1H, H -1), 2.39 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 1H, OH -13), 1.76–1.62 (m, 6H, $2 \times H$ -2, H -14a, $3 \times H$ -17), 1.55 (ddd, $J = 14.1, 10.0, 4.2$ Hz, 1H, H -14b), 1.11–0.98 (m, 2H, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_2)(\text{CH}_2)\text{O}^{\text{TMSE}}$) and 0.05 ppm (s, 9H, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TMSE}}$);

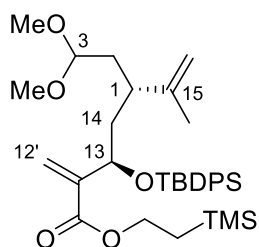
^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.8 (C-20), 146.3 (C-15), 143.7 (C-12), 124.2 (C-12'), 113.4 (C-16), 103.3 (C-3), 69.2 (C-13), 63.2 ($\text{Si}(\text{CH}_2)(\text{CH}_2)\text{O}^{\text{TMSE}}$), 53.2 (OCH_3), 52.8 (OCH_3), 40.3 (C-14), 40.1 (C-1), 36.7 (C-2), 18.0 (C-17), 17.5 ($\text{Si}(\text{CH}_2)(\text{CH}_2)\text{O}^{\text{TMSE}}$) and -1.3 ppm ($\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TMSE}}$);

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 3459, 2953, 2361, 1712, 1645, 1381, 1251, 951, 894 and 694 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_5^{23}\text{NaSi}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 381.2068; found 381.2061 (Δ -1.80 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +23.9$ ($c = 0.63$, CH_2Cl_2).

2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl (3*R*,5*R*)-3-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-6-methyl-2-methylenehept-6-enoate (**16**)



Note: Starting material (16.8 g) was contaminated with 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanol (12 wt%, 16.7 mmol, 0.30 eq). This was considered w.r.t the amount of reagents used.

To a solution of crude alcohol **5-8** (16.8 g, 81 wt%, 38.4 mmol, 0.70 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (170 mL, 0.30 M) was added imidazole (8.81 mg, 129 mmol, 2.3 eq) and TBDPSCI (27 mL, 103 mmol, 1.9 eq). After 15 h, MeOH (17 mL, 420 mmol, 7.5 eq) was added and the mixture was stirred for an additional 4 h. After which, the reaction was quenched with H₂O (150 mL) and the separated aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 150 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (150 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:CH₂Cl₂ = 50:50 to CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 100:0 to 98:2) to afford silyl ether **16** (16.9 g, 71% over two steps) as a colourless oil. Mixed fractions of silyl ether **16** (3.87 g, 81 wt% purity by ¹H NMR, 6.49 mmol, 16 % calc. yield) contained TBDPSOH (19 wt% by ¹H NMR) and were used in the next step in a separate batch without further purification.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.72–7.65 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.63–7.57 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.46–7.28 (m, 6H, 6 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 6.12 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.81 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'b), 4.67–4.58 (m, 2H, *H*-13, *H*-16a), 4.42–4.35 (m, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-3), 4.09 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.7 Hz, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 3.26–3.22 (m, 6H, 2 × OCH₃), 2.39 (tt, *J* = 9.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 1.65 (app. qdd, *J* = 14.2, 7.7, 4.8 Hz, 2H, 2 × *H*-14), 1.55–1.46 (m, 4H, *H*-2a, 3 × *H*-17), 1.42 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 9.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 1.05 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 0.92 (td, *J* = 7.8, 2.0 Hz, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and 0.03 ppm (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

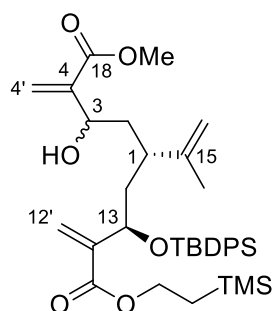
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.2 (C-20), 146.4 (C-15), 144.2 (C-12), 136.2 (4 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 134.2 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 134.0 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.7 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.5 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.5 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 125.5 (C-12'), 112.7 (C-16), 103.2 (C-3), 70.5 (C-13), 62.8 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 52.8 (OCH₃), 52.7 (OCH₃), 42.2 (C-14), 39.2 (C-1), 36.6 (C-2), 27.3 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 19.6 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 18.2 (C-17), 17.4 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and -1.4 ppm (Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2955, 2896, 2859, 2360, 2342, 1716, 1473, 1428, 1388, 1251, 1127, 1075, 953, 859, 838, 822, 741 and 702 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₃₄H₅₂O₅²³NaSi₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 619.3245; found 619.3247 (Δ 0.16 ppm);

Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = +8.7 (c = 0.34, CH₂Cl₂).

9-Methyl 1-(2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl) (3*R*,5*S*)-3-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-7-hydroxy-2,8-dimethylene-5-(prop-1-en-2-yl)nonanedioate (**18**)



To a solution of acetal **16** (17.9 g, 30.0 mmol, 1.0 eq) in acetone (250 mL, 0.10 M final concentration) and H₂O (60 mL) was added TsOH·H₂O (1.43 g, 7.50 mmol, 25 mol%). The resulting mixture was heated to 50 °C for 20 h before the reaction was cooled to rt, quenched with NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 150 mL) and diluted with brine (150 mL), Et₂O (250 mL), H₂O (50 mL) and pentane (50 mL). The separated aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (250 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (150 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude aldehyde **S-9** as a pale syrup (17.5 g). In a separate flask, a solution of HMPA (49 mL, 0.28 mol, 9.4 eq) in THF (100 mL, 0.10 M final concentration) was cooled to 0 °C (ice bath) and DIBAL-H (1.0 M in toluene, 87.3 mL, 102 mmol, 3.4 eq) was added dropwise *via* cannula (25 min). The resulting solution was stirred for 1.5 h and methyl propiolate (11 mL, 120 mmol, 4.0 eq) was added dropwise. After an additional 1.5 h, a solution of crude aldehyde **S-9** (17.5 g, 1.0 eq) in THF (20 mL + 2 × 6.0 mL rinse) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was heated to 45 °C for 2 h. After which, the mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with Rochelle's salt (sat., aq., 60 mL), warmed to rt, diluted with Rochelle's salt (sat., aq., 240 mL) and Et₂O (200 mL). The heterogeneous mixture was vigorously stirred (800 rpm) for 16 h. The separated aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (2 × 200 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with H₂O (3 × 150 mL) and brine (150 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was analysed by ¹H NMR (55:45 dr determined at *H*-12'a) and purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 90:10 to 70:30) to afford a diastereomeric mixture of alcohol **18** (15.0 g, 78% two step yield, 54:46 dr) as a yellow oil. Mixed fractions were re-purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 90:10 to 70:30) to afford alcohol **18** (1.37 g, 7%, 70:30 dr; total 16.4 g, 85% yield) as a yellow oil. For spectroscopic reasons an analytic sample was subjected to flash column chromatography in order to partially separate the two diastereomers.

¹H NMR (major diastereomer, 400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.72–7.65 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.64–7.57 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.45–7.28 (m, 6H, 6 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 6.20 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 6.18 (dd, *J* = 1.4, 0.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-4'a), 5.97–5.92 (m, 1H, *H*-12'b), 5.78 (t, *J* = 1.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-4'b), 4.69–4.60 (m, 2H, *H*-13, *H*-16a), 4.44 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.22 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-3), 4.17–4.08 (m, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 3.74 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 2.40 (dtd, *J* = 10.8, 6.8, 6.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 2.13 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, OH-3), 1.74–1.55 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-14), 1.53 (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-17), 1.44 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 11.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 1.29 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 10.1, 3.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 1.05 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 0.99–0.92 (m, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and 0.04 ppm (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

¹³C NMR (major diastereomer, 101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.9 (C-18/C-20), 166.6 (C-18/C-20), 146.4 (C-15), 144.4 (C-4/C-12), 143.5 (C-4/C-12), 136.2 (4 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 134.3 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 133.8 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.7 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.6 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.6 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 125.7 (C-12'), 124.3 (C-4'), 113.0 (C-16), 70.0 (C-13), 68.8 (C-3), 63.0 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 51.8 (CO₂CH₃), 43.2 (C-14), 39.9 (C-2), 39.7 (C-1), 27.2 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 19.5 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 17.8 (C-17), 17.4 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and −1.3 ppm (Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

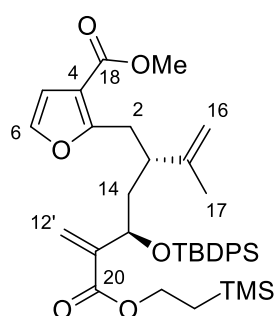
¹H NMR (minor diastereomer, 400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.72–7.64 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.63–7.56 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.45–7.29 (m, 6H, 6 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 6.18 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-4'a), 6.12 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.83 (t, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'b), 5.71 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-4'b), 4.67–4.58 (m, 2H, *H*-13, *H*-16a), 4.35 (dt, *J* = 2.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.23 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-3), 4.16–4.07 (m, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 3.76 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 2.71 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H, *OH*-13), 2.33–2.22 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 1.74–1.62 (m, 2H, 2 × *H*-14), 1.62–1.48 (m, 5H, 2 × *H*-2, 3 × *H*-17), 1.04 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 0.99–0.89 (m, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and 0.04 ppm (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

¹³C NMR (minor diastereomer, 101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 167.0 (C-18/C-20), 166.2 (C-18/C-20), 147.4 (C-15), 144.1 (C-4/C-12), 141.7 (C-4/C-12), 136.2 (4 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 134.2 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 133.8 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.7 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.7 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.6 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.6 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 125.7 (C-4'), 125.5 (C-12'), 112.7 (C-16), 70.8 (C-3), 70.4 (C-13), 62.9 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 51.9 (CO₂CH₃), 42.1 (C-14), 40.4 (C-1), 40.4 (C-2), 27.2 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 19.5 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 18.3 (C-17), 17.4 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and −1.4 ppm (Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2954, 1719, 1429, 1378, 1251, 1149, 1110, 1063, 838 and 704 cm^{−1};

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₃₆H₅₂O₆²³NaSi₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 659.3195; found 659.3203 (Δ 1.29 ppm).

Methyl 2-((2*R*,4*R*)-4-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-5-((2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)carbonyl)hex-5-en-1-yl)furan-3-carboxylate (**19**)



To a solution of alcohol **18** (3.20 g, 5.02 mmol, 54:46 dr, 1.0 eq) in toluene (6.0 mL) and acrolein diethyl acetal (6.0 mL, 40 mmol, 8.0 eq) was added PPTS (126 mg, 502 μmol, 10 mol%). The reaction vessel was placed on a rotary evaporator and the pressure was slowly lowered to 80 mbar at 40 °C. After 5 h, the vessel was removed from the rotary evaporator. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc (150 mL), washed with NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 50 mL) and brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 95:5 to 90:10) to afford mixed acetal **S-10** (3.00 g, 83%, mixture of 4 diastereomers) as a colourless oil. To a solution of mixed acetal **S-10** (1.12 g, 1.55 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 1,2-DCE (degassed, 39 mL, 40 mm) was added 1,4-benzoquinone (16.8 mg, 155 μmol, 10 mol%) and Hoveyda-Grubbs 2nd generation catalyst (78 mg, 124 μmol, 8 mol%). The reaction mixture was heated to 62 °C for 18 h under a constant flow of N₂ after which, the solvent was completely evaporated. The residue was cooled to rt, dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (35 mL), PPTS (390 mg, 1.55 mmol,

1.0 eq) was added and the resulting mixture stirred at rt for 1.5 h. After which, the reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 20 mL) and the separated aqueous layer extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 97.5:2.5 to 90:10) to afford furan **19** (844 mg, 84% for single step, 70% from alcohol **18**) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66–7.62 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.60–7.55 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.43–7.28 (m, 6H, 6 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.20 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-6), 6.60 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 6.10 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.80 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'b), 4.68 (dd, *J* = 6.4, 4.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.53 (p, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.32 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.12–4.05 (m, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 3.78 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 8.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.86 (dd, *J* = 14.3, 7.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.78 (qd, *J* = 8.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 1.79 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 9.1, 4.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.65 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 7.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.56–1.52 (m, 3H, 3 × *H*-17), 1.03 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 0.95–0.87 (m, 2H, Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and 0.03 ppm (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

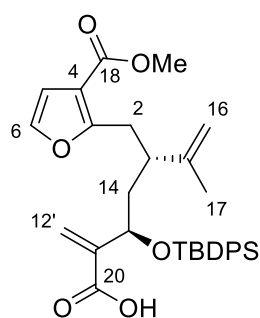
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 166.1 (C-20), 164.4 (C-18), 161.7 (C-3), 146.1 (C-15), 144.0 (C-12), 140.6 (C-6), 136.2 (4 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 134.1 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 133.9 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.6 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.6 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.5 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.5 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 125.7 (C-12'), 113.9 (C-4), 112.5 (C-16), 110.6 (C-5), 70.4 (C-13), 62.8 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}), 51.3 (CO₂CH₃), 42.3 (C-1), 41.3 (C-14), 32.6 (C-2), 27.2 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 19.5 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 18.6 (C-17), 17.3 (Si(CH₂)(CH₂)O^{TMSE}) and –1.4 ppm (Si(CH₃)₃^{TMSE});

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2953, 2360, 2341, 1719, 1303, 1251, 1198, 1152, 1090, 858, 838, 823, 739 and 702 cm^{–1};

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₃₇H₅₀O₆²³NaSi₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 669.3038; found 669.3027 (Δ –1.70 ppm);

Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = –0.8 (c = 1.15, CH₂Cl₂).

(3*R*,5*R*)-3-((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-5-((3-(methoxycarbonyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)-6-methyl-2-methylenehept-6-enoic acid (**20**)



Procedure A (small scale):

To a solution of TMSE ester **19** (96.0 mg, 148 μmol, 1.0 eq) at 0 °C (ice bath) in THF (1.5 mL, 0.10 M) was added TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 0.45 mL, 0.45 mmol, 3.0 eq). After 1 h 50 min, the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC (CH₂Cl₂:acetone:AcOH = 94.5:5:0.5, vanillin stain), quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., aq., 0.5 mL), warmed to rt and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 2 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (2 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, CH₂Cl₂:HCO₂H = 100:0 to 99.5:0.5) to afford carboxylic acid **20** (70.7 mg, 87%) as a colourless syrup.

Procedure B (large scale):

To a solution of TMSE ester **19** (1.90 g, 2.94 mmol, 1.0 eq) at 0 °C (ice bath) in dry THF (30 mL, 0.1 M) was added TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 8.81 mL, 8.81 mmol, 3.0 eq). After 20h, the reaction was complete by TLC (CH₂Cl₂:acetone:AcOH = 94.5:5:0.5, vanillin stain), quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., aq., 20 mL), warmed to rt and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude hydroxycarboxylic acid **S-11** (2.7 g) as a colourless syrup. To a solution of hydroxy acid **S-11** (2.94 mmol, 1.0 eq) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL, 0.2 M) was added imidazole (800 mg, 11.7 mmol, 4.0 eq) and TBDPSCI (2.28 mL, 8.81 mmol, 3.0 eq). The reaction was stirred overnight, then quenched with H₂O (10 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude bis-silyl ether **S-12** (4.3 g) as a colourless oil. To a solution of bis-silyl ether **S-12** (2.94 mmol, 1.0 eq) in MeOH, THF and water (49 mL, 60 mm final concentration; MeOH:THF:H₂O = 6:2:2) was added to a solution of K₂CO₃ (405 mg, 2.94 μmol, 1.0 eq) at rt. After 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with KHSO₄ (30 mL, 1 M) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, CH₂Cl₂:acetone:HCO₂H = 100:0:0 to 97.5:2:0.5) to afford carboxylic acid **20** (1.39 g, 87% over 3 steps from ester **19**) as a colourless wax. Analytical samples of intermediates **S-11** and **S-12** were obtained by column chromatography of a small sample.

Carboxylic acid **20**:

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.66–7.63 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.60–7.56 (m, 2H, 2 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.45–7.29 (m, 6H, 6 × ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.16 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-6), 6.58 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 6.24 (s, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.81 (s, 1H, *H*-12'b), 4.62 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.53 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.36–4.31 (m, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.77 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 14.4, 6.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.67 (qd, *J* = 8.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 1.80 (ddd, *J* = 14.0, 8.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.67 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 6.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.52 (s, 3H, *H*-17) and 1.05 ppm (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}); CO₂H not observed;

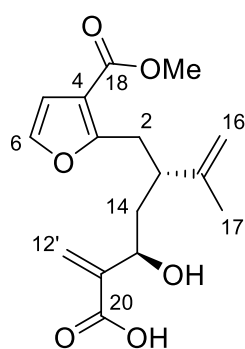
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.0 (C-20), 164.4 (C-18), 161.4 (C-3), 146.0 (C-15), 142.1 (C-12), 140.7 (C-6), 136.1 (4 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 133.5 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 133.3 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.9 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 128.4 (C-12'), 127.7 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.7 (2 × ArC^{TBDPS}), 113.9 (C-4), 112.5 (C-16), 110.6 (C-5), 71.1 (C-13), 51.4 (CO₂CH₃), 42.3 (C-1), 40.8 (C-14), 32.3 (C-2), 27.2 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 19.5 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}) and 18.6 ppm (C-17);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2932, 2858, 1719, 1696, 1601, 1428, 1303, 1199, 1152, 1134, 1091, 1008, 969, 895, 822, 739, 702 and 611 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₃₂H₃₈O₆²³NaSi⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 569.2330; found 569.2325 (Δ −0.88 ppm);

Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = −5.7 (c = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

Hydroxycarboxylic acid S-11:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.17 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-6), 6.54 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 6.31 (t, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.89 (t, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'b), 4.73–4.67 (m, 2H, 2 \times *H*-16), 4.35 (dd, J = 10.2, 2.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 3.75 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.08 (dd, J = 14.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.98 (dd, J = 14.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.95–2.86 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 1.83–1.73 (m, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.65 (dd, J = 1.5, 0.8 Hz, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.52 ppm (ddd, J = 14.1, 10.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b); OH and CO₂H not observed;

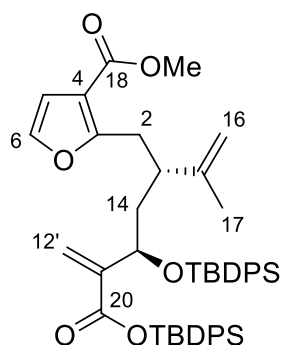
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.8 (C-20), 164.6 (C-18), 161.5 (C-3), 146.0 (C-15), 142.5 (C-12), 140.9 (C-6), 127.2 (C-12'), 113.9 (C-4), 113.4 (C-16), 110.7 (C-5), 68.9 (C-13), 51.5 (CO₂CH₃), 43.4 (C-1), 39.2 (C-14), 32.4 (C-2) and 18.1 ppm (C-17);

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 2952, 1698, 1630, 1600, 1520, 1440, 1307, 1201, 1155, 1134, 1090, 1035, 959, 895, 745 and 657 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₁₆H₂₀O₆²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 331.1152; found 331.1153 (Δ 0.17 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +21.5$ (c = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

TBDPS ester S-12:



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.68–7.56 (m, 8H, 8 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.46–7.24 (m, 12H, 12 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.11 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-6), 6.56 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 6.33 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.96 (s, 1H, *H*-12'b), 4.76 (dd, J = 6.4, 4.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.48 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.30 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.75 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.06–2.94 (m, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.87–2.71 (m, 2H, *H*-1, *H*-2b), 1.89–1.77 (m, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.72–1.59 (m, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.48 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.14–1.02 ppm (m, 18H, 2 \times C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS});

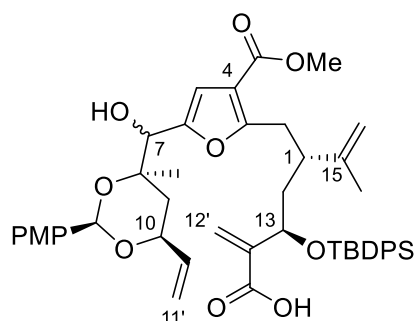
¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.7 (C-20/C-18), 164.4 (C-18/C-20), 161.6 (C-3), 146.2 (C-15), 144.4 (C-12), 140.6 (C-6), 136.1 (4 \times ArC^{TBDPS}), 135.4 (4 \times ArC^{TBDPS}), 134.0 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 134.0 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 132.0 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 132.0 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 130.1 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 130.1 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.7 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 129.7 (ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.8 (2 \times ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.8 (2 \times ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.6 (4 \times ArC^{TBDPS}), 127.4 (C-12'), 113.9 (C-4), 112.4 (C-16), 110.6 (C-5), 70.7 (C-13), 51.3 (CO₂CH₃), 42.2 (C-1), 41.0 (C-14), 32.6 (C-2), 27.2 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 27.1 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 19.6 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 19.4 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}) and 18.6 ppm (C-17);

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 3072, 2932, 2858, 2160, 1703, 1601, 1472, 1428, 1392, 1303, 1198, 1151, 1112, 1090, 1008, 969, 822, 739, 700 and 609 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₄₈H₅₆O₆²³NaSi₂⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 807.3508; found 807.3499 (Δ -1.13 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -0.5$ (c = 0.99, CH₂Cl₂).

(3*R*,5*R*)-3-((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-5-((5-(hydroxy((2*R*,4*R*,6*S*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-methyl-6-vinyl-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)methyl)-3-(methoxycarbonyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)-6-methyl-2-methylenehept-6-enoic acid (**S-13**)



To a solution of furan **20** (835 mg, 1.53 mmol, 1.0 eq) in THF (30 mL, 50 mM) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a Schlenk tube was added LDA (1.0 M in THF, 3.8 mL, 3.8 mmol, 2.5 eq) dropwise over 3 min. After 1 h, aldehyde **12** (501 mg, 1.91 μmol , 1.3 eq) in THF (4.0 + 2 \times 0.50 mL rinse) was added dropwise over 15 min. After 1.5 h, the mixture was warmed to $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and stirred for further 30 min. The reaction was quenched with NH_4Cl (sat., aq., 13 mL), diluted with brine

(13 mL) and extracted with Et_2O (3 \times 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , cyclohexane: EtOAc = 90:10 to 0:100 to $\text{EtOAc}:\text{MeOH}$ = 90:10) to afford desired coupling product **S-13** (828 mg, 67%, 51:49 dr determined at *H*-5) as a yellow foam.

^1H NMR (S-13, 700 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.70–7.63 (m, 2H, 2 \times $\text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 7.62–7.57 (m, 2H, 2 \times $\text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 7.47–7.30 (m, 8H, 6 \times $\text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$, 2 \times ArH^{PMP}), 6.93–6.90 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{PMP}), 6.59 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.23 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.97–5.84 (m, 1H, *H*-11), 5.83–5.81 (m, 1H, *H*-12'b), 5.80 (s, 1H, $\text{CHO}_2^{\text{PMP}}$), 5.37–5.26 (m, 1H, *H*-11'a), 5.21–5.13 (m, 1H, *H*-11'b), 4.70–4.61 (m, 1H, *H*-13), 4.51–4.47 (m, 1H, *H*-16, *H*-7), 4.47–4.37 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 4.34–4.31 (m, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.29 (app. d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.81 (s, 3H, $\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMP}}$), 3.76 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 2.88 (dd, J = 14.4, 9.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.83–2.73 (m, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.70–2.54 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 2.14 (app. t, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 1.85–1.74 (m, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.69 (dt, J = 13.2, 5.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.52 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17), 1.39 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19), 1.33–1.29 (m, 1H, *H*-9b) and 1.06 ppm (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$); OH and CO_2H not observed;

^{13}C NMR (S-13, 176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 164.2 (C-20), 161.2 (C-3), 160.2 (ArC^{PMP}), 150.6 (C-6), 146.0 (C-15), 141.9 (C-12), 137.9 (C-11), 136.1 (4 \times $\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 133.4 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 131.1 (ArC^{PMP}), 130.0 (2 \times ArC^{PMP}), 130.0 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 127.8 (C-12'), 127.8 (2 \times $\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 127.7 (4 \times $\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 127.7 (C-12''), 116.2 (C-11'), 114.4 (C-4), 113.8 (2 \times ArC^{PMP}), 112.7 (C-16), 109.8 (C-5), 95.1 ($\text{CHO}_2^{\text{PMP}}$), 77.4 (C-8), 75.7 (C-7), 73.8 (C-10), 71.2 (C-13), 55.5 ($\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMP}}$), 51.4 (CO_2CH_3), 42.8 (C-1), 40.8 (C-14), 36.9 (C-9), 32.1 (C-2), 27.2 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 19.5 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 18.7 (C-19) and 18.5 ppm (C-17);

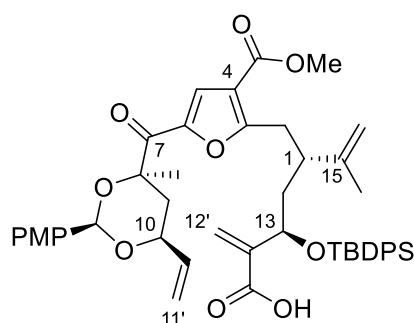
^1H NMR (7-*epi*-S-13, selected signals, 700 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 6.90–6.87 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{PMP}), 6.56 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.22 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.77 (s, 1H, $\text{CHO}_2^{\text{PMP}}$), 4.52 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 3.80 (s, 3H, $\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMP}}$), 3.76 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3) and 1.35 ppm (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19);

^{13}C NMR (7-*epi*-S-13, selected signals, 176 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 161.1 (C-3), 160.2 (ArC^{PMP}), 150.1 (C-6), 145.9 (C-15), 137.8 (C-11), 133.2 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 112.7 (C-16), 109.4 (C-5), 131.0 (ArC^{PMP}), 113.8 (2 \times ArC^{PMP}), 94.9 ($\text{CHO}_2^{\text{PMP}}$), 74.5 (C-7), 73.4 (C-10), 42.7 (C-1), 32.8 (C-9), 18.4 (C-17) and 15.8 ppm (C-19);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2595, 2564, 2555, 2493, 2456, 2357, 2320, 2271, 2253, 2230, 2219, 2204, 2180, 2103, 2018, 2009, 1988, 1978, 1920, 1895, 1884, 1717, 1638, 1441, 1428, 1250, 1222, 1109, 1089, 1048, 1033, 824 and 703 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁻): Calc. for $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{55}\text{O}_{10}^{23}\text{Si}^-$ $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^-$ 807.3570; found 807.3570 (Δ -0.02 ppm);

(3*R*,5*R*)-3-((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-5-((3-(methoxycarbonyl)-5-((2*R*,4*R*,6*S*)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-Methyl-6-vinyl-1,3-dioxane-4-carbonyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)-6-methyl-2-methylenehept-6-enoic acid (**21**)



To a solution of alcohol **S-13** (797 mg, 985 μmol , 51:49 dr, 1.0 eq) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL, 99 mm) was added NaHCO_3 (830 mg, 9.88 mmol, 10 eq) and DMP (1.25 g, 2.96 mmol, 3.0 eq) at 0 °C. The cooling bath was removed after completed addition and the reaction stirred for 2.5 h. After which, it was quenched with $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (sat., aq., 10 mL), stirred for 5 min, diluted with H_2O (10 mL) and extracted with Et_2O (3 \times 20 mL). The combined

organic extracts were washed with NaOH (3 m, 2 \times 20 mL), KHSO_4 (1 M, saturated with NaCl , 20 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford crude ketone **21** (752 mg, 95%) as a pale foam. The material was used in the next step without further purification. An analytical sample was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , CH_2Cl_2 :acetone = 97:3 to 80:20).

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.72 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 7.68–7.65 (m, 2H, 2 \times $\text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 7.60–7.57 (m, 2H, 2 \times $\text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 7.49–7.45 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{PMP}), 7.44–7.29 (m, 6H, 6 \times $\text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 6.94–6.90 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{PMP}), 6.28 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.92–5.80 (m, 3H, $\text{CHO}_2^{\text{PMP}}$, *H*-11, *H*-12'b), 5.34 (app. dt, J = 17.3, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 5.19 (app. dt, J = 10.6, 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'b), 4.74 (app. t, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.59–4.49 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 4.42 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.27 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.81 (s, 3H, $\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMP}}$), 3.73 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 2.85 (dd, J = 14.2, 9.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.78 (dd, J = 14.2, 5.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.53–2.44 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 1.90–1.82 (m, 1H, *H*-9a), 1.73–1.65 (m, 3H, *H*-9b, 2 \times *H*-14), 1.61 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19), 1.43 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.06 ppm (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$); CO_2H not observed;

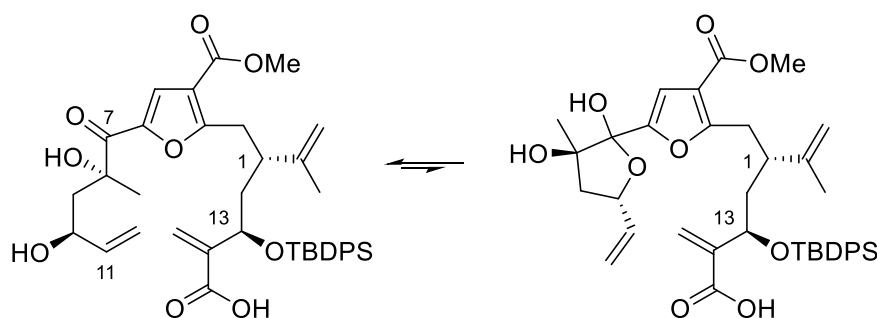
^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 190.0 (*C*-7), 166.6 (*C*-3), 163.0 (*C*-18), 160.2 (ArC^{PMP}), 146.4 (*C*-6), 145.8 (*C*-15), 137.0 (*C*-11), 135.9 (2 \times $\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 135.9 (2 \times $\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 133.6 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 133.1 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 130.5 (ArC^{PMP}), 129.9 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 129.8 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 127.7 (2 \times $\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 127.7 (2 \times ArC^{PMP}), 127.6 (2 \times $\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 125.6 (*C*-12'), 124.3 (*C*-5), 116.4 (*C*-11'), 116.3 (*C*-4), 113.7 (2 \times ArC^{PMP}), 112.1 (*C*-16), 95.4 ($\text{CHO}_2^{\text{PMP}}$), 80.8 (*C*-8), 73.6 (*C*-10), 70.2 (*C*-13), 55.3 ($\text{OCH}_3^{\text{PMP}}$), 51.5 (CO_2CH_3), 42.9 (*C*-14), 42.3 (*C*-1), 36.6 (*C*-9), 30.9 (*C*-2), 27.0 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 19.7 (*C*-19), 19.3 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$) and 18.5 (*C*-17); *C*-20 and *C*-12 not observed;

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 2958, 2929, 2856, 1723, 1697, 1673, 1616, 1590, 1519, 1442, 1428, 1392, 1303, 1249, 1171, 1111, 1087, 1033, 999, 928, 904, 823, 805, 742 and 704 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{54}\text{O}_{10}^{23}\text{NaSi}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 829.3378; found 829.3372 (Δ -0.83 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -10.2$ ($c = 1.00$, CH_2Cl_2).

(3*R*,5*R*)-3-((*tert*-Butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-5-((5-((2*R*,4*S*)-2,4-dihydroxy-2-methylhex-5-enoyl)-3-(methoxycarbonyl)furan-2-yl)methyl)-6-Methyl-2-methylenehept-6-enoic acid (**22**)



To a solution of acetal **21** (752 mg, 931 μmol , 1.0 eq) in toluene (42 mL, 20 mm) was added silica gel (42 mL; toluene: SiO_2 = 50:50) and AcOH (4.8 mL). Finally, H_2O

(2.4 mL; toluene:AcOH: H_2O = 85:10:5) was added dropwise. After maintained stirring for 4 days the mixture was filtered, rinsed with EtOAc (5 \times 50 mL) and the combined filtrates concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , toluene:EtOAc: HCO_2H = 98.5:1:0.5 to 79.5:20:0.5) to afford hydroxy ketone **22** (446 mg, 69%) as a white foam. In CDCl_3 a mixture of hydroxy ketone **22** and both epimeric forms of hemiacetal **S-14** were observed (**31**:**S-14**:*epi*-**S-14** = 68:16:16).

^1H NMR (ketone **22**, 500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.70–7.63 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 7.59–7.54 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 7.53 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 7.47–7.31 (m, 6H, $6 \times \text{ArH}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 6.27–6.26 (m, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.88 (s, 1H, *H*-12'b), 5.81 (ddd, J = 17.3, 10.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.20 (dt, J = 17.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 5.07 (dt, J = 10.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'b), 4.69 (app. t, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.61 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.52 (br. s, 1H, *H*-10), 4.50 (br. s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.81 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 2.94–2.83 (m, 2H, $2 \times \text{H}$ -2), 2.64–2.55 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 2.26 (dd, J = 14.5, 10.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.08–2.00 (m, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.88–1.75 (m, 1H, *H*-9a), 1.72–1.64 (m, 1H, *H*-9b), 1.58 (s, 3H, $3 \times \text{H}$ -17), 1.52 (s, 3H, $3 \times \text{H}$ -19) and 1.06 ppm (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$); $2 \times \text{OH}$ and CO_2H not observed;

^{13}C NMR (ketone **22**, 126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 192.2 (*C*-7), 167.4 (*C*-20), 165.3 (*C*-3), 163.0 (*C*-18), 147.8 (*C*-6), 146.4 (*C*-15), 140.1 (*C*-11), 136.1 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 136.0 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 133.5 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 133.1 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 130.1 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 130.0 ($\text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 127.9 (*C*-12'), 127.8 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 127.8 ($2 \times \text{ArC}^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 121.1 (*C*-5), 116.5 (*C*-4), 114.9 (*C*-11'), 112.6 (*C*-16), 80.4 (*C*-10), 71.6 (*C*-8), 71.4 (*C*-13), 69.2 (*C*-10), 51.9 (CO_2CH_3), 46.5 (*C*-9), 41.8 (*C*-1), 38.9 (*C*-14), 32.8 (*C*-2), 27.2 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$), 27.0 (*C*-19), 19.4 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3^{\text{TBDPS}}$) and 19.0 ppm (*C*-17);

^1H NMR (hemiacetal **S-14**, selected signals, 500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 6.73 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.28 (s, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 5.15 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'b), 4.87–4.82 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 4.63 (s, 1H,

H-16a), 4.36 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.77 (s, 1H, CO₂*H*₃), 2.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, 2 × *H*-2), 2.52–2.45 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 2.20–2.11 (m, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.61 (s, 1H, 3 × *H*-17), 1.41 (s, 1H, 3 × *H*-19) and 1.07 ppm (s, 9H, C(*H*₃)₃^{TBDPS});

¹³C NMR (hemiacetal **S-14**, selected signals, 126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 164.1 (*C*-18), 162.2 (*C*-3), 139.4 (*C*-11), 117.4 (*C*-11'), 114.6 (*C*-7), 110.9 (*C*-5), 51.5 (CO₂*H*₃), 44.8 (*C*-9), 42.3 (*C*-1), 37.8 (*C*-14), 33.0 (*C*-2) and 19.3 ppm (*C*-17);

¹H NMR (hemiacetal *epi*-**S-14**, selected signals, 500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.60 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.21 (s, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.27 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 4.82–4.77 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 3.76 (s, 1H, CO₂*H*₃), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 8.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.44–2.38 (m, 1H, *H*-1) and 1.05 ppm (s, 1H, C(*H*₃)₃^{TBDPS});

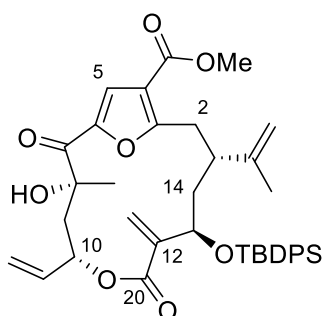
¹³C NMR (hemiacetal *epi*-**S-14**, selected signals, 126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.5 (*C*-3), 137.7 (*C*-11), 116.8 (*C*-11'), 115.5 (*C*-7), 109.4 (*C*-5), 51.5 (CO₂*H*₃), 44.1 (*C*-9), 41.9 (*C*-1), 31.2 (*C*-2) and 18.7 ppm (*C*-17);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2981, 2955, 2929, 2855, 1722, 1701, 1626, 1472, 1443, 1428, 1392, 1378, 1261, 1221, 1163, 1112, 1089, 898, 821, 766, 740, 704 and 620 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₃₉H₄₈O₉²³NaSi⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 711.2960; found 711.2957

Methyl (3R,5S,9R,11R)-9-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-8-methylene-2,7-dioxo-11-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-5-vinyl-6-oxa-1(2,5)-furanacyclododecaphane-14-carboxylate (**24**)

A solution of 2-Methyl-6-nitrobenzoic anhydride (**23**, 124 mg, 348 μ mol, 1.2 eq) and 4-DMAP (85 mg, 696 μ mol, 2.4 eq) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.31 L, 1.0 mM) was stirred (450 rpm) at rt. To this a solution of



hydroxy acid **22** (200 mg, 290 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in 1,2-DCE (10 mL) was added over the course of 20 h *via* syringe pump (0.5 mL/h). After completed addition, the syringe was rinsed with CH_2Cl_2 (3.0 mL) and the resulting solution added to the reaction mixture over the course of 1 h and the mixture was stirred for an additional hour. After which, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was

purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane: CH_2Cl_2 :MeCN = 60:35:5) to afford macrolactone **24** (85 mg, 44%) as a white foam.

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.61–7.58 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH_{TBDPS}), 7.51–7.47 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH_{TBDPS}), 7.45–7.27 (m, 7H, 6 \times ArH_{TBDPS}, H-5), 6.26 (s, 1H, H-12'a), 5.79 (s, 1H, H-12'b), 5.58 (ddd, J = 16.9, 10.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H, H-11), 5.24–5.19 (m, 1H, H-10), 4.98–4.89 (m, 2H, 2 \times H-11'), 4.80 (s, 1H, H-16a), 4.77 (s, 1H, H-16b), 4.53 (s, 1H, OH-8), 4.29 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H, H-13), 3.82 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 3.00–2.93 (m, 2H, 2 \times H-2), 2.71–2.59 (m, 2H, H-1, H-9a), 2.17 (dd, J = 15.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H, H-9b), 1.99 (ddd, J = 13.7, 7.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H, H-14a), 1.70 (s, 4H, H-14b, 3 \times H-17), 1.56 (s, 3H, 3 \times H-19) and 0.97 ppm (s, 9H, $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{TBDPS}$);

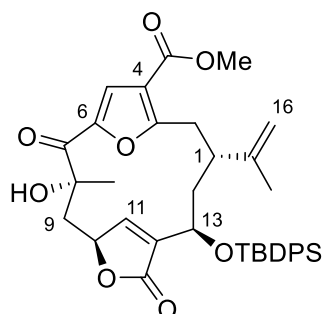
^{13}C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 191.2 (C-7), 165.5 (C-3), 164.4 (C-20), 162.8 (C-18), 148.8 (C-15), 147.2 (C-6), 140.6 (C-12), 136.3 (C-11), 136.1 (2 \times ArC_{TBDPS}), 135.8 (2 \times ArC_{TBDPS}), 134.1 (ArC_{TBDPS}), 133.8 (ArC_{TBDPS}), 129.8 (ArC_{TBDPS}), 129.7 (ArC_{TBDPS}), 127.9 (C-12'), 127.6 (4 \times ArC_{TBDPS}), 120.9 (C-5), 116.5 (C-4), 116.2 (C-11'), 111.2 (C-16), 76.3 (C-8), 72.0 (C-10), 69.8 (C-13), 52.0 (CO_2CH_3), 46.0 (C-9), 40.4 (C-1), 37.6 (C-14), 34.1 (C-2), 27.5 (C-19), 27.1 ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 19.8 (C-17) and 19.3 ppm ($\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$);

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2953, 2857, 1724, 1664, 1591, 1527, 1472, 1444, 1428, 1377, 1269, 1237, 1158, 1111, 1088, 1005, 986, 958, 923, 822, 788, 741, 703 and 611 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_{23}\text{NaSi}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$]⁺ 693.2854; found 693.2851 (Δ –0.46 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +19.2$ (c = 2.09, CH_2Cl_2).

Methyl (1^{2S},3^R,7^R,9^R,Z)-9-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1⁵,4-dioxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-5⁴-carboxylate (**25**)



A solution of enone **24** (21.0 mg, 31.3 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in DCE (4.0 mL, 10 mm) in a Schlenk tube was degassed with a stream of Ar until the solvent level was reduced 3.0 mL (20 min). Olefin metathesis catalyst HG II (3.6 mg, 5.8 μ mol, 18 mol%) was added and the mixture heated to 60 °C. After 16 h, the mixture was heated to 90 °C and sealed. After an additional 24 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to rt, diluted with DCE

(1.0 mL) and olefin metathesis catalyst HG II (3.4 mg, 5.4 μ mol, 17 mol%) was added. The mixture was degassed, heated to 90 °C and sealed. After 19 h, the reaction was cooled to rt and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 99:1 to 95:5) to afford butenolide **25** (10.6 mg, 53%) as a pale syrup. A single-crystal for X-ray diffraction was grown from hexane/CHCl₃ by slow evaporation.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.62–7.56 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.55–7.50 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.47–7.43 (m, 2H, ArH^{TBDPS}, H-5), 7.42–7.35 (m, 3H, 3 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 7.34–7.28 (m, 2H, 2 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 6.09–5.98 (m, 1H, H-11), 4.78 (br. s, 1H, H-16a), 4.69–4.57 (m, 2H, H-10, H-16b), 4.34 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-13), 3.83 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.33 (s, 1H, OH-8), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 4.9 Hz, 1H, H-2a), 2.88 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 9.0 Hz, 1H, H-2b), 2.75–2.60 (m, 2H, H-1, H-14a), 2.48 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H, H-9a), 2.26 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H, H-9b), 1.94 (ddd, *J* = 14.2, 9.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H, H-14b), 1.82 (s, 3H, 3 \times H-17), 1.37 (s, 3H, 3 \times H-19) and 0.98 ppm (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS});

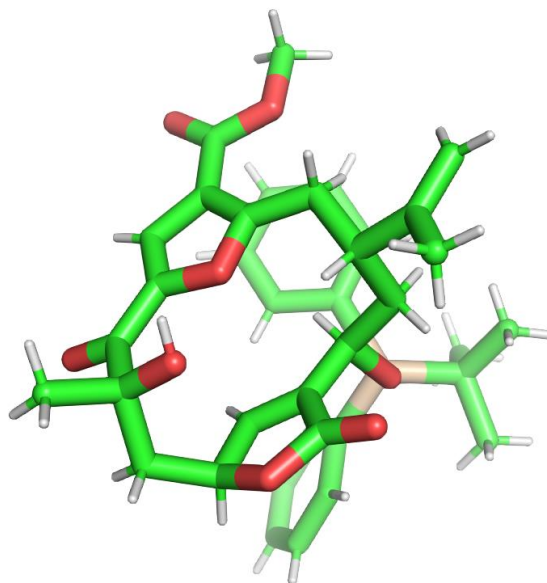
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 191.7 (C-7), 170.0 (C-20), 164.5 (C-3), 162.8 (C-18), 151.2 (C-11), 148.1 (C-6), 147.4 (C-15), 135.9 (2 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 135.8 (2 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 133.9 (C-12), 133.7 (ArH^{TBDPS}), 133.2 (ArH^{TBDPS}), 130.0 (ArH^{TBDPS}), 129.9 (ArH^{TBDPS}), 127.9 (2 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 127.7 (2 \times ArH^{TBDPS}), 121.5 (C-5), 116.5 (C-4), 111.0 (C-16), 78.1 (C-8), 77.3 (C-10), 66.7 (C-13), 51.9 (CO₂CH₃), 42.5 (C-9), 41.5 (C-1), 38.1 (C-14), 31.2 (C-2), 28.3 (C-19), 26.8 (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}), 21.1 (C-17) and 19.3 ppm (C(CH₃)₃^{TBDPS}); HMBC and NOESY interaction between H-11/C-11 and H-13/C-13;

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3072, 2980, 2931, 2891, 2858, 1761, 1725, 1661, 1587, 1510, 1472, 1442, 1428, 1378, 1332, 1238, 1165, 1111, 1074, 1058, 1009, 953, 918, 822 and 779 cm⁻¹;

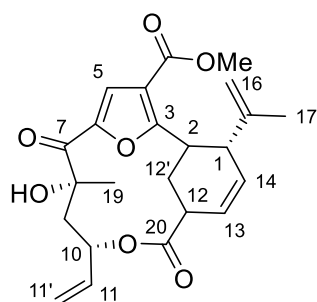
HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₃₇H₄₂O₈Si²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 655.2541; found 665.2539 (Δ –0.32 ppm);

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +78.2$ (*c* = 1.00, CH₂Cl₂).

Crystal data C₃₇H₄₂O₈Si, *M* = 642.82, orthorhombic, *a* = 10.06170(10), *b* = 10.08240(10), *c* = 33.6276(4) Å, *Z* = 4, *T* = 150 K, space group *P*2₁2₁2₁, 89297 reflections measured, 7142 unique (*R*_{int} = 0.083), which were used in all calculations. Flack parameter: –0.010(10)



Methyl (2⁶*R*,5*S*,7*R*)-7-hydroxy-7-methyl-3,8-dioxo-2⁶-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-5-vinyl-4-oxa-1(2,5)-furana-2(1,3)-cyclohexanacyclooctaphan-2⁴-ene-1³-carboxylate (**S-15**)



To a solution of enone **24** (8.0 mg, 12 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in DMF (1.0 mL, 10 mm) was added TASF (3.9 mg, 1.2 eq) in DMF (0.20 mL; stock solution: 7.5 mg in 0.38 mL) at 0 °C. The cooling bath was removed after addition. After 16 h, TASF (2.0 mg, 0.6 eq) in DMF (0.10 mL; stock solution: *vide supra*) was added at 0 °C and the reaction was allowed to warm to rt. After an additional 3 h, the mixture was diluted with

EtOAc (2.0 mL), washed with KHSO₄ (1 M, 1 mL) and brine (0.5 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC (SiO₂ on aluminium, pentane:CH₂Cl₂:MeCN = 45:45:10) to afford cyclohexene **S-15** (2.1 mg, 42%) as a transparent film and a mixture of diastereomers (73:27 dr determined by ¹³C NMR peak height C-14).

¹H NMR (major diastereomer, 500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.62 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.29–6.21 (m, 1H, *H*-14), 6.11–6.04 (m, 1H, *H*-13), 5.70 (ddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.18 (app. dt, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 5.14 (app. dt, *J* = 10.5, 1.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'b), 4.99–4.89 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 4.69 (app. dd, *J* = 6.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-2), 4.67 (br. s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.64 (app. t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.07 (app. d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 1H, *OH*-8), 3.85 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.24–3.16 (m, 2H, *H*-1, *H*-12), 2.79–2.70 (m, 1H, *H*-12'a), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 12.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.30 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 7.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-12'b), 1.94 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 1.90 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) and 1.68 ppm (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17).

¹³C NMR (major diastereomer, 126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 192.8 (C-7), 173.0 (C-20), 166.9 (C-3), 163.1 (C-18), 149.3 (C-6), 144.7 (C-15), 136.1 (C-11), 130.7 (C-13), 125.1 (C-14), 122.1 (C-5), 117.2 (C-4, C-11'), 111.8 (C-16), 72.5 (C-10), 52.0 (CO₂CH₃), 48.4 (C-9), 44.8 (C-1), 38.0 (C-12), 32.4 (C-2), 30.2

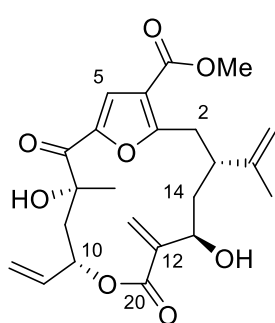
(C-12'), 25.0 (C-19) and 22.4 ppm (C-17); C-8 not observed, but HMBC data suggests overlap with solvent signal.

¹³C NMR (minor diastereomer, selected signals, 126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 130.7 (C-13), 125.0 (C-14), 32.4 (C-2) and 30.1 ppm (C-12').

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 2980, 2889, 1382, 1242, 1151, 1075, 954, 904, 724 and 650 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₆O₇²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 437.1571; found 437.1659.

Methyl (3*R*,5*S*,9*R*,11*R*)-3,9-dihydroxy-3-methyl-8-methylene-2,7-dioxo-11-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-5-vinyl-6-oxa-1(2,5)-furanacyclododecaphane-1⁴-carboxylate (**26**)



A methanolic HCl solution was prepared by introducing acetyl chloride (1.21 mL, 17.0 mmol, 60 eq) dropwise to dry methanol (25 mL, 10 mM) at 0 °C. A solution of ketone **24** (190 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1 eq) in dry Et₂O (3 mL including washings) was added to the methanolic HCl and the mixture was stirred for 120 hours. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 20 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4x 20 mL). The organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The

resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:Et₂O = 2:1 to 1:1) to afford alcohol **26** (69 mg, 56%) as a colourless oil. Additionally, ketone **24** (17 mg, 9%) was recovered.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.42 (s, 1H, *H*-12'a), 5.76 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.6, 5.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.67 (s, 1H, *H*-12'b), 5.53 (ddd, *J* = 9.8, 5.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 5.24 (ddd, *J* = 17.2, 1.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'a), 5.11 (ddd, *J* = 10.6, 1.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-11'b), 4.91 – 4.89 (m, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.84 – 4.81 (m, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.60 (s, 1H, OH-13'), 3.91 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.55 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 12.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.80 (dddd, *J* = 11.8, 7.2, 3.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-3), 2.54 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 9.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.20 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 1.99 – 1.91 (m, 2H, CH₂-14), 1.84 (d, *J* = 0.7 Hz, 3H, 3 × *H*-17), 1.67 (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-19) and 1.43 (s, 1H, OH-8) ppm.

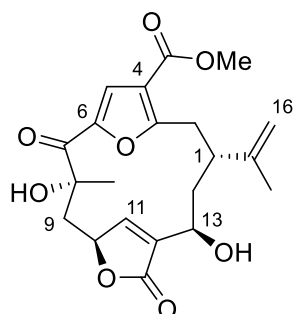
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 191.2 (C-7), 165.2 (CO₂CH₃), 165.0 (CO₂CH), 163.0 (C-3), 148.5 (C-15), 146.8 (C-6), 140.5 (C-12), 135.6 (C-11), 126.8 (C-12'), 120.1 (C-5), 116.71 (C-4), 116.64 (C-11'), 111.5 (C-16), 75.6 (C-8), 71.2 (C-10), 67.1 (C-13), 52.2 (CO₂CH₃), 46.8 (C-9), 41.2 (C-1), 38.7 (C-14), 32.8 (C-2), 27.7 (C-19) and 19.5 (C-17) ppm.

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 3443, 2897, 1721, 1672, 1481, 1221, 1083 and 951 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₈O₈²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 455.1676; found 455.1676;

Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = +52.7 (*c* = 0.85, CH₂Cl₂)

Methyl (1²*S*,3*R*,7*R*,9*R*,*Z*)-3,9-dihydroxy-3-methyl-1⁵,4-dioxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-1⁴-carboxylate (**27**)



A solution of alcohol **26** (70.0 mg, 161 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in DCE (16.2 mL, 10 mm) in a Schlenk tube was degassed with a stream of Ar. Hoveyda-Grubbs 2nd generation catalyst (11.2 mg, 17.8 μ mol, 11 mol%) was added and the mixture heated to 80 °C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then transferred to a round-bottom flask and evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, CH₂Cl₂:acetone = 90:10) to afford butenolide **27** (58 mg, 89%) as a colourless oil. Additionally, alcohol **37** (4 mg, 6%) was recovered.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.59 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 7.27 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.24 (ddd, *J* = 8.0, 6.3, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.76 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.63 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.49 (td, *J* = 9.1, 3.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 3.84 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.31 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.92 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.82 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 6.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.77 – 2.69 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 2.46 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 8.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 2.26 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 9.4, 4.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 1.96 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 8.2, 3.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.83 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.49 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

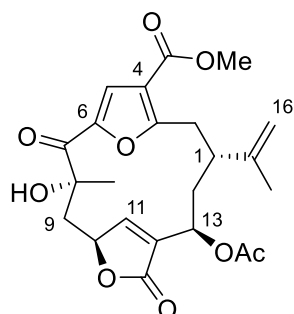
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 191.5 (*C*-7), 171.4 (CO₂CH), 164.2 (CO₂CH₃), 162.6 (*C*-3), 150.2 (*C*-11), 147.9 (*C*-6), 146.6 (*C*-15), 133.8 (*C*-12), 121.0 (*C*-5), 117.1 (*C*-4), 111.7 (*C*-16), 78.0 (*C*-10), 77.1 (*C*-8), 66.0 (*C*-13), 52.0 (CO₂CH₃), 42.2 (*C*-9), 42.1 (*C*-1), 38.4 (*C*-14), 30.9 (*C*-2), 27.9 (*C*-19) and 20.4 (*C*-17) ppm.

FT-IR ν_{\max} (thin film): 3457, 2924, 1748, 1719, 1660, 1586, 1510, 1414, 1076, 1017 and 899 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₁H₂₄O₈²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 427.1363; found 427.1363;

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = +111.8 (*c* = 0.65, CH₂Cl₂)

Methyl (1²S,3R,7R,9R,Z)-9-acetoxy-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1⁵,4-dioxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-5⁴-carboxylate (**28**)



A solution of alcohol **27** (44.0 mg, 108 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL, 27 mM) in a Schlenk flask was chilled to -20°C . Under Ar flow 4-DMAP (16.6 mg, 136 μ mol, 1.25 eq) was introduced followed by acetic anhydride (31 μ L, 0.33 mmol, 3 eq). The reaction mixture was warmed to 0°C and stirred for 15 minutes and then quenched by addition of NH_4Cl (sat., aq., 5 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x 10 mL). The organic layers were washed

with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane: Et_2O = 3:2) to afford acetate **28** (40 mg, 82%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.61 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 7.40 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.44 (dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 5.22 (td, *J* = 6.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.87 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.74 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.85 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 3.50 (s, 1H, OH), 3.26 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 5.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 9.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.83 (td, *J* = 8.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.53 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 10.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.46 (dd, *J* = 15.2, 7.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 1.98 (s, 3H, OAc, CH_3), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 8.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.82 (s, 3H, $3 \times H$ -17), and 1.48 (s, 3H, $3 \times H$ -19) ppm.

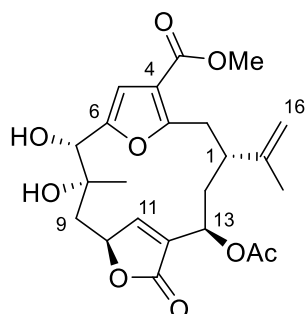
¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 192.0 (C-7), 170.4 (COCH_3), 169.9 (CO_2CH), 164.3 (CO_2CH_3), 162.8 (C-3), 154.9 (C-11), 148.2 (C-6), 146.6 (C-15), 131.0 (C-12), 121.6 (C-5), 116.9 (C-4), 111.6 (C-16), 78.1 (C-8), 77.6 (C-10), 66.2 (C-13), 52.1 (CO_2CH_3), 42.3 (C-9), 41.2 (C-1), 33.5 (C-14), 31.0 (C-2), 28.6 (C-19), 21.22 (COCH_3) and 21.17 (C-17) ppm.

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3474, 2921, 2849, 1756, 1724, 1442, 1234, 1107, 1077, 1019 and 903 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_9^{23}\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 469.1469; found 469.1469;

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +109.2$ (*c* = 0.65, CH_2Cl_2)

Molestin E (**5**, Methyl (1²*S*,3*R*,4*S*,7*R*,9*R*,*Z*)-9-acetoxy-3,4-dihydroxy-3-methyl-1⁵-oxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-5⁴-carboxylate)



A solution of ketone **28** (87 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1 eq) in dry acetonitrile (3 mL) in a Schlenk flask under argon was chilled to -40 °C. In a separate flask Tetramethylammonium triacetoxyborohydride (256 mg, 974 μmol, 5 eq) was dissolved in a 1:1 AcOH:acetonitrile mixture (6 mL) and added dropwise to the starting material. The mixture was stirred at -40 to -35 °C for 2 hours and then warmed to 0 °C and stirred for an hour. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of Rochelle salt (aq., sat., 10 mL) and NaHCO₃ (aq., sat., 10 mL) and stirred for 20 min at room temperature. Extraction was then performed with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 20 mL). The organic layers were washed with brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:EtOAc = 1:1) to afford Molestin E **5** (80 mg, 92%, dr > 50:1 by ¹H-NMR) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.75 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.09 (s, 1H, *H*-11), 5.51 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.94 (ddd, *J* = 11.4, 5.7, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.81 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H, *H*-16), 4.53 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 3.88 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.59 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 10.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.78 – 2.68 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 3H, *H*-2b + 2x OH), 2.61 (m, 2H, *H*-14a + *H*-9a), 2.30 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 10.3, 3.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 1.98 (s, 3H, OAc, CH₃), 1.90 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 11.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.81 (m, 1H, *H*-9b), 1.80 (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-17), 1.41 (s, 3H, 3 × *H*-19).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.5 (COCH₃), 170.1 (CO₂CH), 163.9 (CO₂CH₃), 160.5 (C-3), 154.6 (C-11), 152.4 (C-6), 148.6 (C-15), 129.7 (C-12), 115.7 (C-4), 110.7 (C-16), 108.9 (C-5), 78.1 (C-10), 75.9 (C-7), 73.6 (C-8), 66.9 (C-13), 52.0 (CO₂CH₃), 42.7 (C-9), 41.5 (C-1), 36.2 (C-14), 32.1 (C-2), 21.2 (COCH₃), 20.9 (C-17) and 18.8 (C-19) ppm.

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3478, 1752, 1719, 1699 and 1580 cm⁻¹;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₈O₉²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 471.1625; found 471.1627;

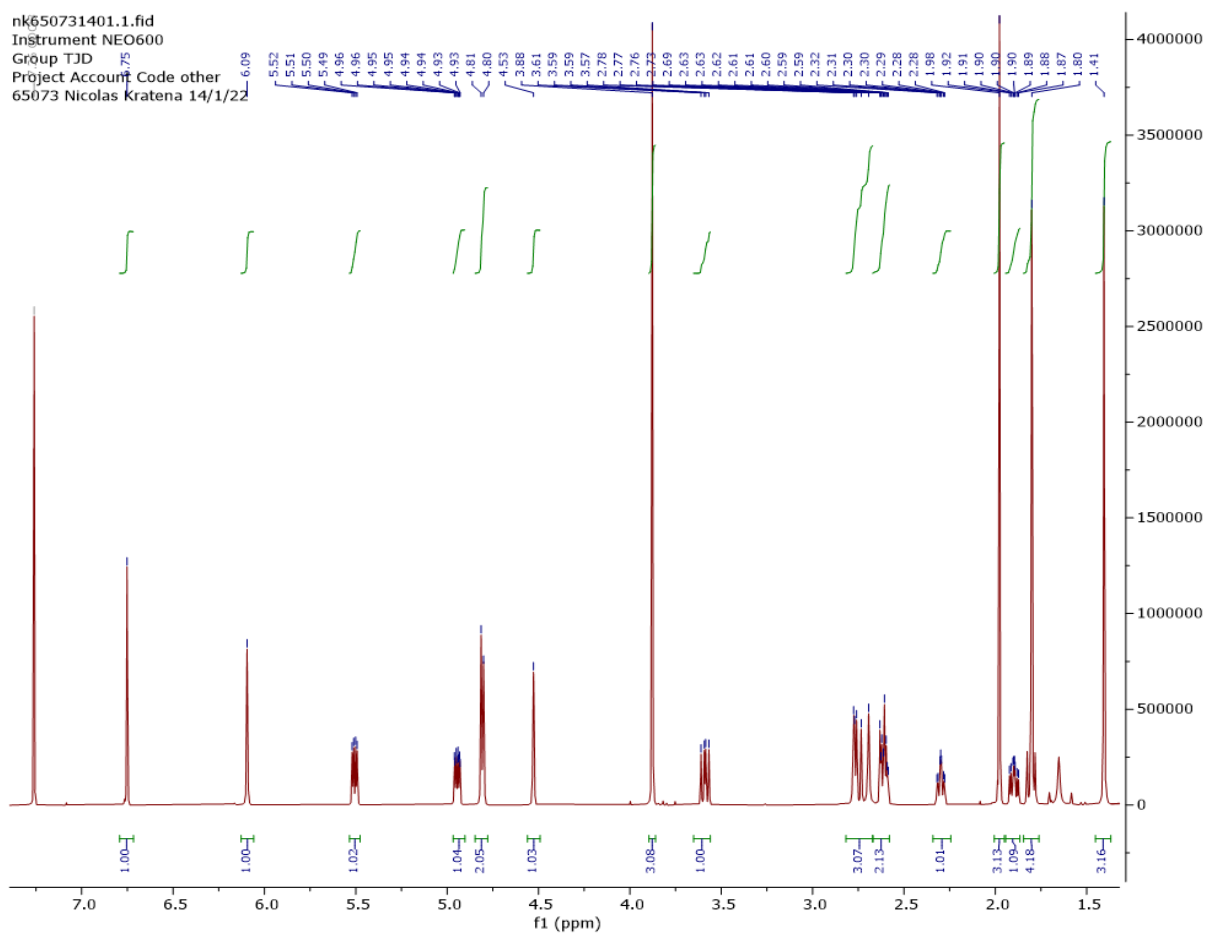
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Comparison of spectroscopic shifts (in ppm) of Molestin E (5) Lit: [5]

	¹ H-NMR (synthetic)	¹ H-NMR (natural)	J-values synth. (Hz)	J-values nat. (Hz)	¹³ C-NMR (synthetic)	¹³ C-NMR (natural)	Δ (ppm)
1	2.30	2.30	ddd, 13.4, 10.3, 3.4	br t, 10.3	41.5	41.5	0.0
2	3.59 2.75	3.58 2.75	dd, 15.3, 10.8 d, 15.0	dd 10.8, 4.4 d. 15.2	32.1	32.1	0.0
3					160.5	160.4	-0.1
4					115.7	115.7	0.0
5	6.75	6.75	s	s	108.9	108.8	-0.1
6					152.4	152.5	+0.1
7	4.53	4.53	s	s	75.9	75.9	0.0
8					73.6	73.7	+0.1
9	2.61 1.81	2.60 1.80	m m	m m	42.7	42.7	0.0
10	4.94	4.95	ddd, 11.4, 5.7, 1.5	dd, 10.8, 4.9	78.1	78.1	0.0
11	6.09	6.10	s	s	154.6	154.6	0.0
12					129.7	129.7	0.0
13	5.51	5.51	dd, 11.3, 5.0	dd, 11.2, 4.9	66.9	66.9	0.0
14	2.61 1.90	2.60 1.89	m ddd, 13.1, 11.1, 5.0	m td, 13.1, 4.8	36.2	36.2	0.0
15					148.6	148.6	0.0
16	4.81	4.81	d, 8.1	d, 6.1	110.7	110.7	0.0
17	1.80	1.80	s	s	20.9	20.8	-0.1
18					163.9	163.9	0.0
19	1.41	1.41	s	s	18.8	18.8	0.0
20					170.1	170.1	0.0
21					170.5	170.5	0.0
22	1.98	1.98	s	s	21.2	21.1	-0.1
18-OCH ₃	3.88	3.88	s	s	52.0	52.0	0.0

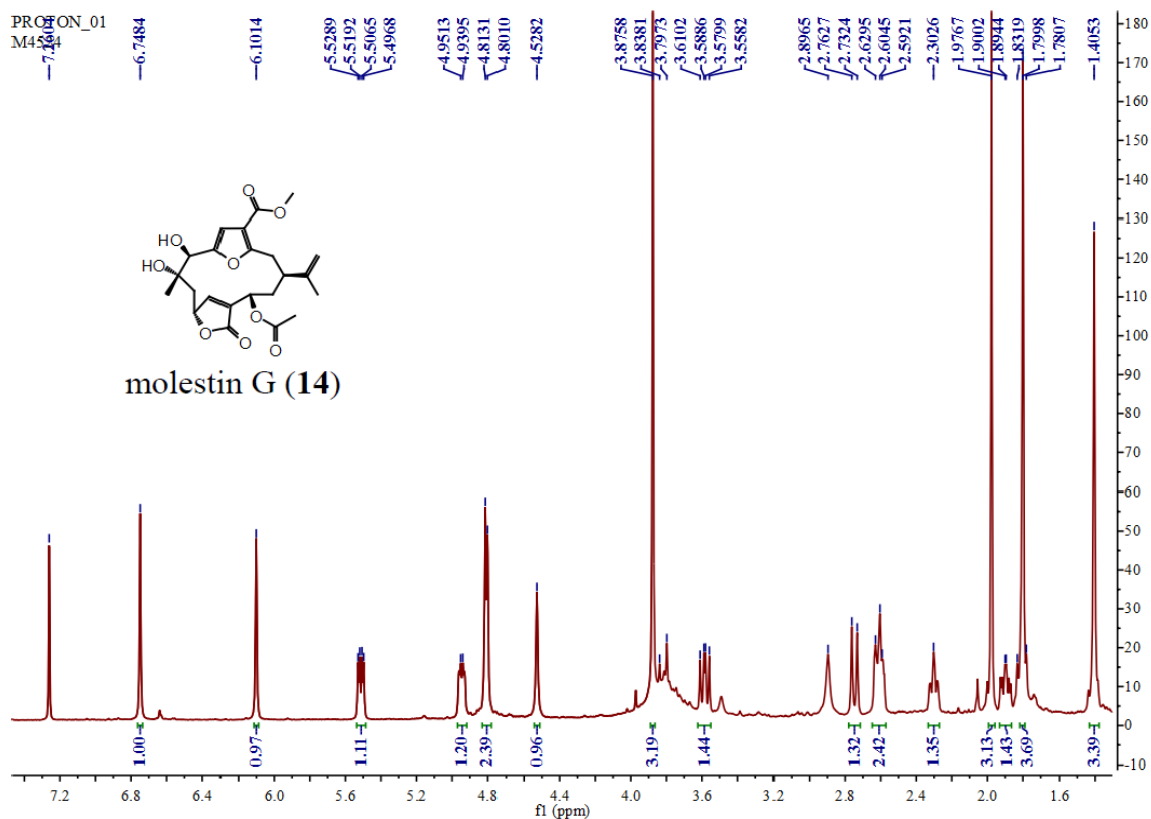
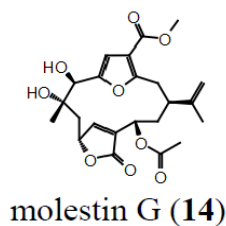
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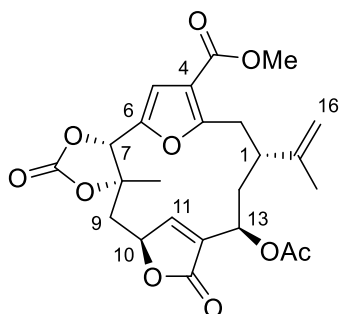


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Methyl (2⁴S,2⁵R,4²S,5R,7R,Z)-5-acetoxy-2⁵-methyl-2²,4⁵-dioxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4²,4⁵-dihydro-2(4,5)-dioxolana-1(2,5),4(2,4)-difuranacyclooctaphane-1⁴-carboxylate (**29**)



A solution of Molestin E **5** (3.0 mg, 6.7 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 mL) in a spike-bottom flask was chilled to -78 °C. Dry pyridine (6.5 μ L, 80 μ mol, 12 eq.) was added followed by a stock solution of triphosgene in dry CH₂Cl₂ (3%, 0.1 mL, 13 μ mol, 2.0 eq). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0 °C, stirred for 30 minutes and then quenched by addition of NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 1 mL) and extracted with

CH₂Cl₂ (3x 5 mL). The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo* to afford carbonate **29** (3.3 mg, >99%, ca. 90% purity by ¹H-NMR) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.83 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 6.59 (s, 1H, *H*-11), 5.77 (dd, J = 6.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 5.70 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 5.18 (ddt, J = 6.5, 5.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.96 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.88 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.83 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.42 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 3.25 (dd, J = 17.6, 12.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.88 (dd, J = 17.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.73 – 2.64 (m, 2H, *H*-9), 2.57 (ddd, J = 15.7, 9.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.01 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 1.85 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17), 1.45 – 1.39 (m, 1H, *H*-14b) and 1.30 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

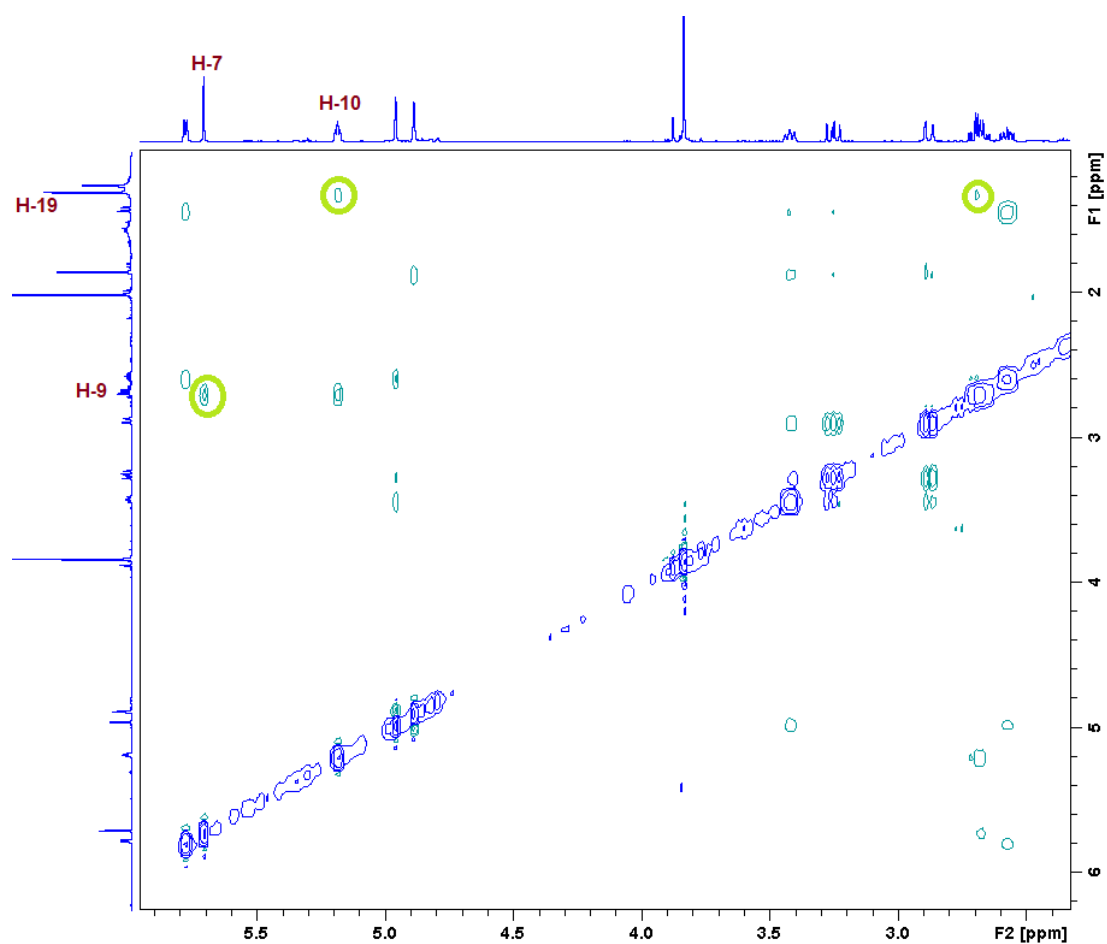
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.5 (COCH₃), 169.3 (CO₂CH), 163.4 (CO₂CH₃), 161.3 (C-3), 152.0 (CO₃), 148.7 (C-11), 148.4 (C-15), 145.0 (C-6), 134.8 (C-12), 116.1 (C-4), 111.4 (C-16), 110.7 (C-5), 84.6 (C-8), 78.8 (C-7), 76.9 (C-10), 67.7 (C-13), 51.9 (CO₂CH₃), 41.7 (C-9), 37.5 (C-1), 34.4 (C-14), 33.9 (C-2), 22.5 (C-19), 20.6 (C-17) and 20.63 (COCH₃) ppm.

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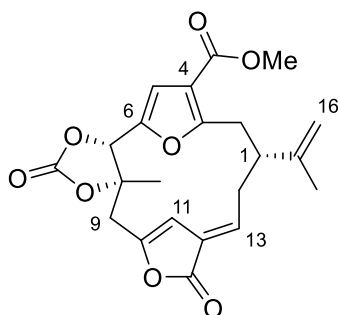
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Specific Rotation: [α]_D²⁵ = +30.9 (c = 0.3, CH₂Cl₂).

Key NOESY correlations for H-7/H-9 and H-19/H-10:



Methyl (2⁴S,2⁵R,4³E,4⁴Z,7R)-2⁵-methyl-2²,4²-dioxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4²,4³-dihydro-2(4,5)-dioxolana-1(2,5),4(5,3)-difuranacyclooctaphane-1⁴-carboxylate (**30**)



A solution of Molestin E **5** (4.0 mg, 8.9 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (0.3 mL) in a spike-bottom flask was chilled to -78°C . Dry pyridine (7.2 μ L, 107 μ mol, 12 eq.) was added followed by a stock solution of triphosgene in dry CH_2Cl_2 (5%, 0.08 mL, 18 μ mol, 2.0 eq). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 0°C , stirred for 1 hour and then quenched by addition of NH_4Cl (sat., aq., 2 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x 5 mL). The organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was taken up in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) and silica gel (ca. 0.4 g) was added and stirred for 18 hours at room temperature. Filtration of the solids and washing with EtOAc (3x 4 mL) gave, after evaporation carbonate **30** (2.3 mg, 62%) as a colourless oil. A white solid was obtained after redissolving in CH_2Cl_2 and cyclohexane and evaporating.

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¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 6.90 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.67 (t, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 5.48 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 5.41 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 4.91 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.88 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.84 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 3.28 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 11.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 3.19 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 3.03 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 3.00 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.92 – 2.84 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 2.48 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 7.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.35 (ddd, *J* = 14.3, 9.3, 5.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.86 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.65 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

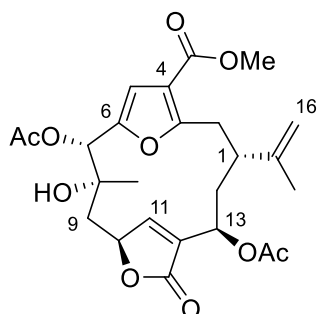
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 166.4 (CO_2C), 163.3 (CO_2CH_3), 161.0 (C-3), 152.0 (CO_3), 150.0 (C-10), 146.5 (C-15), 144.6 (C-6), 140.4 (C-13), 129.0 (C-12), 116.6 (C-4), 113.3 (C-5), 112.0 (C-16), 105.8 (C-11), 84.4 (C-8), 79.6 (C-7), 51.9 (CO_2CH_3), 45.4 (C-1), 38.8 (C-9), 32.4 (C-14), 31.2 (C-2), 21.7 (C-17) and 20.8 (C-19) ppm.

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 2922, 2851, 1812, 1785, 1717, 1456, 1229, 1074 and 668 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_8^{23}\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$]⁺ 437.1207, found: 437.1205.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -38$ (*c* = 0.2, CH_2Cl_2).

ent-Sinulacembranolide A (**31**, Methyl (1²*S*,3*R*,4*S*,7*R*,9*R*,*Z*)-4,9-diacetoxy-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1⁵-oxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-5⁴-carboxylate)



A solution of Molestin E **5** (5.0 mg, 11 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (0.5 mL) in a Schlenk flask was chilled to -20°C . Under Ar flow 4-DMAP (1.8 mg, 14 μ mol, 1.25 eq) was introduced followed by acetic anhydride (3.4 mg, 33 μ mol, 3 eq, as a stock solution of 70 mg/mL in CH_2Cl_2). The reaction mixture was warmed to 0°C and stirred for 15 minutes and then quenched by addition of NH_4Cl (sat., aq., 2 mL) and extracted with CH_2Cl_2

(3x 5 mL). The organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane:EtOAc = 2:1) to afford *ent*-Sinulacembranolide A **31** (4.5 mg, 82%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 6.64 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.15 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.54 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 5.52 (dd, J = 11.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.94 (ddd, J = 11.2, 5.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.83 – 4.80 (m, 2H, *H*-16), 3.88 (s, 3H, COOCH_3), 3.56 (dd, J = 15.3, 10.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.81 (d, J = 15.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.66 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.63 (m, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.31 (td, J = 11.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 2.16 (s, 3H, COCH_3), 1.98 (s, 3H, COCH_3), 1.95 – 1.87 (m, 2H, *H*-9b + *H*-14b), 1.81 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.47 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 170.4 (COCH_3), 169.8 (COCH_3), 169.7 (COCH), 163.6 (CO_2CH_3), 161.1 (C-3), 154.1 (C-11), 149.3 (C-6), 148.5 (C-15), 129.9 (C-12), 115.7 (C-4), 110.8 (C-16), 109.2 (C-5), 77.7 (C-10), 76.2 (C-7), 72.8 (C-8), 66.8 (C-13), 52.0 (CO_2CH_3), 43.1 (C-9), 41.6 (C-1), 36.2 (C-14), 32.1 (C-2), 21.2 (COCH_3), 21.1 (COCH_3), 20.9 (C-17) and 20.3 (C-19) ppm.

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3484, 2920, 2850, 1753, 1720, 1373, 1229, 1061 and 1043 cm^{-1} ;

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_{10}^{23}\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}$]⁺ 513.1731; found 513.1728;

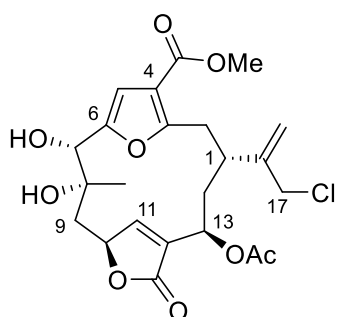
Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +8$ (c = 0.35, CHCl_3), Lit.: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -10$ (c 0.07, CHCl_3) for the enantiomer [6].

Comparison of spectroscopic shifts (in ppm) of Sinulacembranolide A (**31**) Lit: [6]

	¹ H-NMR (synthetic)	¹ H-NMR (natural)	J-values synth. (Hz)	J-values nat. (Hz)	¹³ C-NMR (synthetic)	¹³ C-NMR (natural)	Δ (ppm)
1	2.31	2.32	td, 11.8, 3.3	td, 10.8, 3.2	41.6	41.5	-0.1
2	3.56 2.81	3.57 2.82	dd, 15.3, 10.6 d, 15.2	dd, 15.2, 10.8 d, 15.2	32.1	31.9	-0.2
3					161.1	160.9	-0.2
4					115.7	115.5	-0.2
5	6.64	6.65	s	d, 0.8	109.2	109.1	-0.1
6					149.3	149.2	-0.1
7	5.54	5.54	s	br s	76.2	76.1	-0.1
8					72.8	72.6	-0.2
9	2.66 1.92	2.67 1.91	dd, 14.8, 5.5 m	dd, 14.8, 5.6 dd, 14.8, 11.2	43.1	42.9	-0.2
10	4.94	4.95	ddd, 11.2, 5.5, 1.5	ddd, 11.2, 5.6, 1.2	77.7	77.6	-0.1
11	6.15	6.16	d, 1.4	d, 1.2	154.1	154.0	-0.1
12					129.9	129.8	-0.1
13	5.52	5.52	dd, 11.5, 5.3	dd, 11.2, 4.8	66.8	66.7	-0.1
14	2.63 1.90	2.63 1.90	m	td, 11.2, 3.2 ddd, 11.2, 10.8, 4.8	36.2	36.1	-0.1
15					148.5	148.4	-0.1
16	4.82	4.82	m	br s	110.8	110.6	-0.2
17	1.81	1.81	s	s	20.9	20.7	-0.2
18					163.6	163.5	-0.1
19	1.47	1.47	s	s	20.3	20.1	-0.2
20					169.7	169.5	-0.2
21					169.8	169.6	-0.2
22	1.98	1.99	s	s	21.1	20.9	-0.2
7-COCH₃					170.4	170.3	-0.1
7-COCH₃	2.16	2.17	s	s	21.2	21.0	-0.2
18-OCH₃	3.88	3.88	s	s	52.0	51.9	-0.1

Remarks: ¹³C-NMR shifts are unilaterally shifted to 0.1 higher ppm indicating a difference in calibration of the residual solvent peak. Screenshots of the spectra were not provided in reference [6].

Methyl (12*S*,3*R*,4*S*,7*R*,9*R*,*Z*)-9-acetoxy-7-(3-chloroprop-1-en-2-yl)-3,4-dihydroxy-3-methyl-1⁵-oxo-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-5⁴-carboxylate (**32**)



A solution of Molestin E **5** (3.0 mg, 6.7 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry pyridine (0.3 mL) in a spike-bottom flask was chilled to 0 °C. Aqueous NaOCl (5% active chlorine, 0.14 mL, 0.10 mmol, 15 eq.) was introduced and the mixture stirred for 3 hours in an ice-bath. The solution was quenched by addition of NH₄Cl (sat., aq., 1 mL) and Na₂S₂O₃ (sat., aq., 1 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 5 mL). The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was

purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:EtOAc = 2:1) to afford chloride **32** (1.0 mg, 31 %) as a colourless oil.

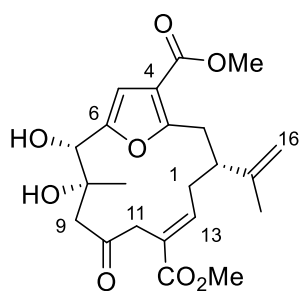
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.76 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.18 (s, 1H, *H*-11), 5.54 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 5.29 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 5.13 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.97 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.57 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 4.17 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-17a), 4.12 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-17b), 3.89 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.68 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 10.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.88 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.70 – 2.60 (m, 2H, *H*-14a + *H*-9a), 2.55 (app t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-1), 2.47 (s, 2H, 2 \times OH), 1.99 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 1.96 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 11.2, 5.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.85 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b) and 1.42 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.3 (CO₂CH), 169.9 (COCH₃), 163.8 (CO₂CH₃), 160.1 (C-3), 154.7 (C-11), 152.4 (C-6), 149.3 (C-15), 129.6 (C-12), 115.8 (C-4), 114.9 (C-16), 108.9 (C-5), 78.0 (C-10), 76.0 (C-7), 73.7 (C-8), 66.7 (C-13), 52.0 (CO₂CH₃), 47.8 (C-17), 42.8 (C-9), 37.23 (C-14), 37.20 (C-1), 32.7 (C-2), 21.2 (CH₃, OAc) and 19.0 (C-19) ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₇ClO₉²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 505.1236 and 507.1211; found 505.1234 (³⁵Cl) and 507.1207 (³⁷Cl).

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +20$ (c = 0.08, CHCl₃).

ent-Sinumaximol A (**33**, dimethyl (3*R*,10*R*,11*S*,*E*)-10,11-dihydroxy-10-methyl-8-oxo-3-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1(2,5)-furanacycloundecaphan-5-ene-13,6-dicarboxylate)



A solution of Molestin E **5** (4.0 mg, 7.8 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry MeOH (0.3 mL) in a Schlenk flask was chilled to -78 °C. Sodium methoxide solution (0.5 M, 44 μ L, 2.5 eq.) was introduced dropwise and the reaction mixture was slowly warmed to -20 °C. After stirring for 30 minutes at -20 °C the mixture was quenched by addition of NH₄Cl (sat., aq., 2 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 5 mL). The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated

in vacuo. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:EtOAc = 2:1) to afford *ent*-Sinumaximol A **33** (3.0 mg, 80%) as a white amorphous solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.98 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 6.59 (d, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-5), 4.96 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.87 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.62 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 4.30 (s, 1H, OH), 3.78 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.73 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.48 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11a), 3.39 (d, *J* = 17.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11b), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 3.13 (d, *J* = 17.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.83 (dd, *J* = 15.1, 11.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.62 (s, 1H, OH), 2.57 – 2.48 (m, 2H, *H*-9b + *H*-1), 2.37 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.29 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 8.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.81 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.22 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 210.5 (C-10), 167.8 (CO₂CH₃), 164.6 (CO₂CH₃), 160.8 (C-8), 151.8 (C-6), 146.2 (C-15), 144.2 (C-13), 126.2 (C-12), 115.5 (C-4), 112.6 (C-16), 109.4 (C-5), 74.9 (C-8), 74.2 (C-7), 52.8 (CO₂CH₃), 52.0 (CO₂CH₃), 47.1 (C-9), 43.9 (C-1), 43.0 (C-11), 31.3 (C-14), 31.2 (C-2), 24.9 (C-19) and 21.6 (C-17) ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₂H₂₈O₈²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 443.1676; found 443.1674;

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3392, 2966, 1711, 1648, 1248, 1140 and 859 cm⁻¹;

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -25$ (c 0.18, CH₂Cl₂), Lit.: $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +33.2$ (c 0.52, CH₂Cl₂) [7].

NOESY correlations: **H-13** \rightarrow H-16b, H-17, H-14, H-2b, H-1; **H-5** \rightarrow H-19, H-7, OH, H-21;

H-16a \rightarrow H-17; **H-16b** \rightarrow H-2b, H-2a, H-1, H-14a, H-13; **H-7** \rightarrow H-5, OH, H-11a, H-9a, H-19, (H-1);

H-11a \rightarrow H-14a, (H-7); **H-11b** \rightarrow H-14b; H-9a; **H-2a** \rightarrow H-16b, H-1, H-17; **H-9a** \rightarrow H-19, H-11b, (H-7);

H-2b \rightarrow H-13, H-16b, H-17, H-14a; **H-9b** \rightarrow H-19, H-11a; **H-1** \rightarrow H-17, H-14b, H-2a, H-16b, H-13;

H-14a \rightarrow H-13, H-16b, H-11a, H-2b, H-17, H-1; **H-14b** \rightarrow H-1, H-17, H-13, (H-16b), H-11b, H-2b;

H-17 \rightarrow H-16a, (H-13), H-2, H-14, H-1; **H-19** \rightarrow H-7, H-9a, H-1;

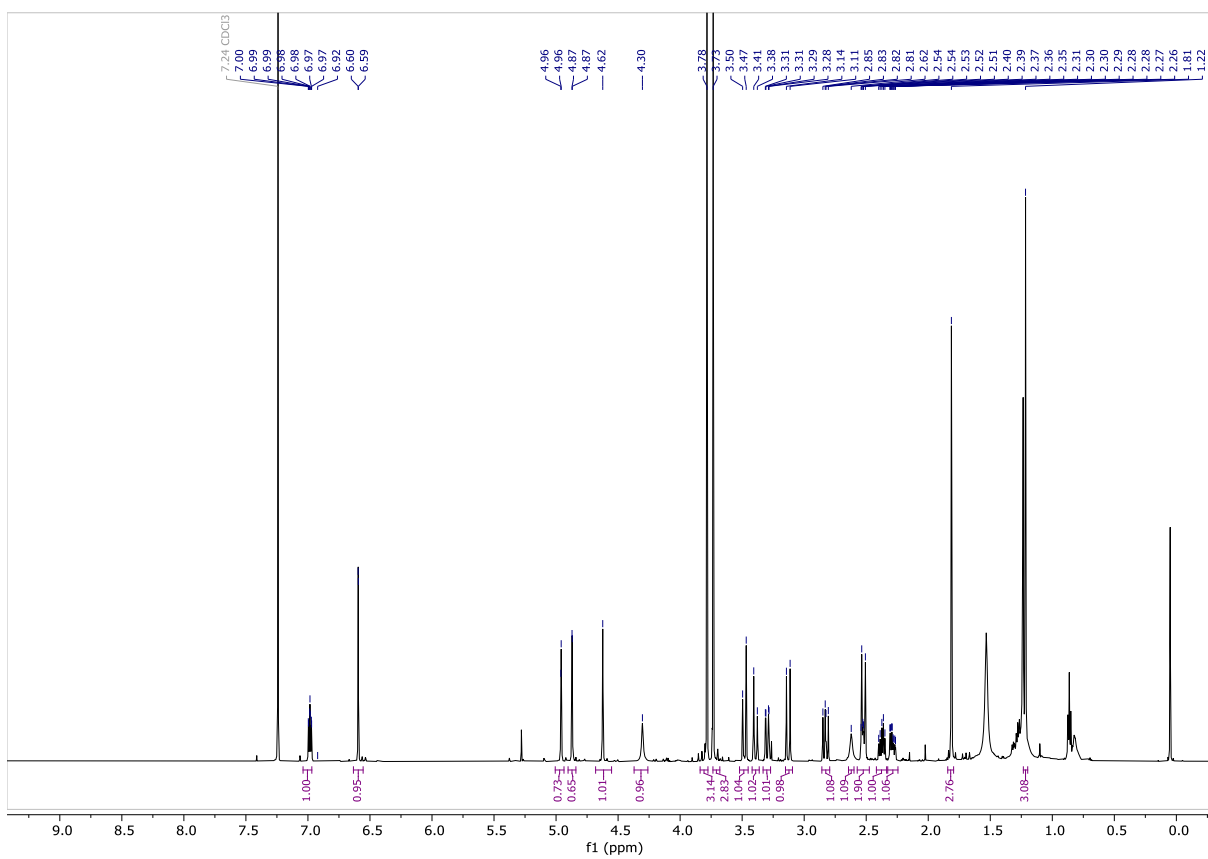
Literature NOESY correlations in reference [7]: **H-19** \rightarrow H-1 and H-7

Comparison of spectroscopic shifts (in ppm) of Sinumaximol A (**33**) Lit: [7]

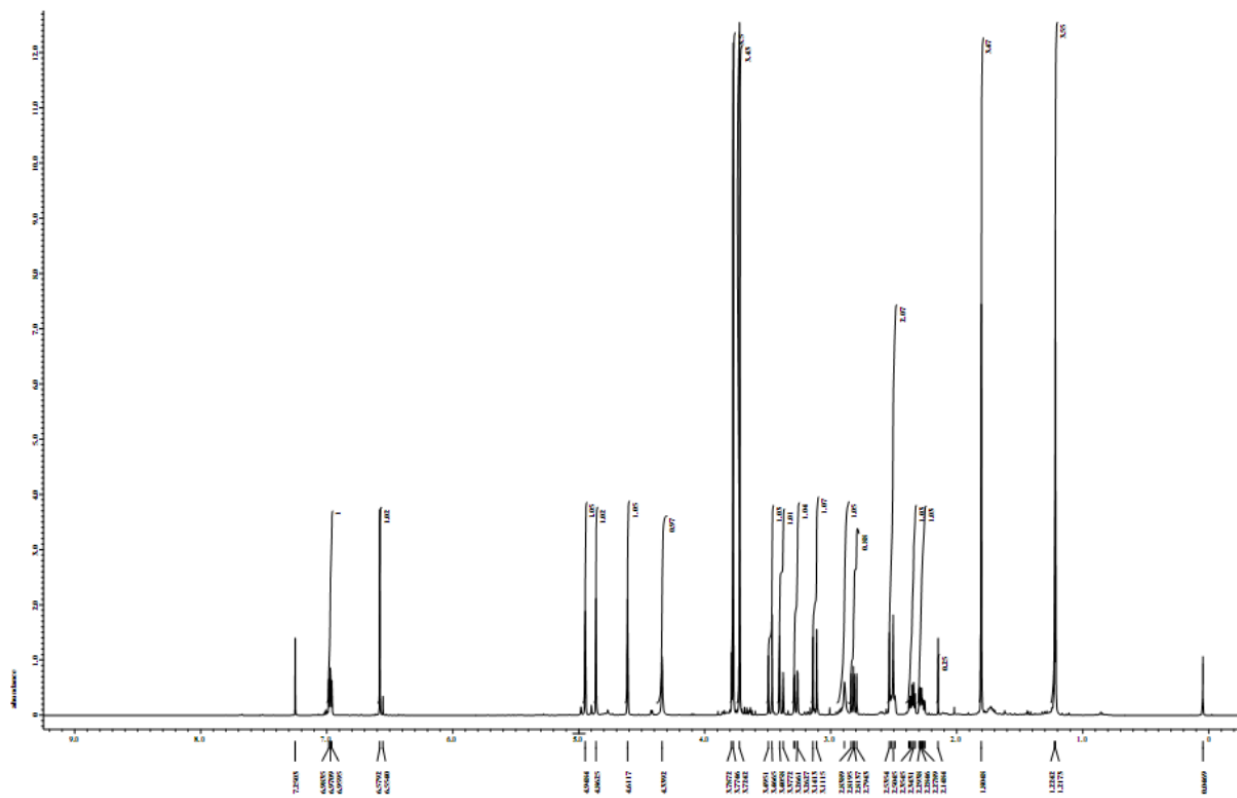
	¹ H-NMR (synthetic)	¹ H-NMR (natural)	J-values synth. (Hz)	J-values nat. (Hz)	¹³ C-NMR (synthetic)	¹³ C-NMR (natural)	Δ (ppm)
1	2.52	2.51	m	m	43.9	43.9	0.0
2	2.83 3.30	2.81 3.27	dd, 15.1, 11.4 dd, 15.0, 2.6	dd, 15.0, 12.0 dd, 15.0, 3.0	31.3	31.3	0.0
3					160.8	160.8	0.0
4					115.5	115.4	-0.1
5	6.59	6.58	d, 0.8	s	109.4	109.4	0.0
6					151.8	151.8	0.0
7	4.62	4.61	s	s	74.2	74.1	-0.1
8					74.9	74.9	0.0
9	3.13 2.52	3.13 2.52	d, 17.8 m	d, 18.0 d, 18.0	47.1	47.0	-0.1
10					210.5	210.3	-0.2
11	3.39 3.48	3.39 3.48	d, 17.4 d, 17.4	d, 18.0 d, 18.0	43.0	42.8	-0.2
12					126.2	126.0	-0.2
13	6.98	6.97	t, 7.4	t, 7.0	144.2	144.2	0.0
14	2.29 2.37	2.28 2.35	dt, 14.8, 7.2 ddd, 15.7, 8.3, 3.2	m	31.3	31.2	-0.1
15					146.2	146.2	0.0
16	4.87 4.96	4.86 4.95	d, 1.0 d, 1.4	s	112.6	112.5	-0.1
17	1.81	1.80	s	s	21.6	21.5	-0.1
18					164.6	164.6	0.0
19	1.22	1.22	s	s	24.9	25.1	+0.2
20					167.8	167.8	0.0
21	3.78	3.77	s	s	52.0	52.0	0.0
22	3.73	3.72	s	s	52.7	52.7	0.0

Remarks: ¹³C-NMR and ¹H-NMR shifts were calibrated to match solvent chemical shift used in reference [7] (77.5799 and 7.24 ppm respectively)

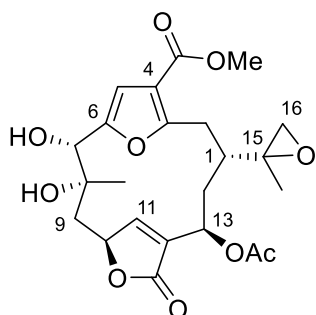
Synthetic material



Isolated material by Nam, Kim et al. (taken from reference 7)



Methyl (12*S*,3*R*,4*S*,7*R*,9*R*,*Z*)-9-acetoxy-3,4-dihydroxy-3-methyl-7-((*S*)-2-methyloxiran-2-yl)-1⁵-oxo-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-5⁴-carboxylate (**34**)



A solution of Molestin E **5** (3.0 mg, 6.7 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.4 mL) in a spike-bottom flask was chilled to 0 °C. Under stirring *m*-CPBA (77%, 1.5 mg, 6.7 μ mol, 1.0 eq) was added as a stock solution (30 mg in 2 mL CH_2Cl_2) and stirred for 1 hour at 0 °C followed by 20 hours at room temperature. After 18 hours additional *m*-CPBA (0.2 eq.) was added to ensure complete conversion. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of NaHCO_3 (sat., aq., 1 mL) and $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (sat., aq., 1 mL) and

extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x 5 mL). The organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO_2 , 12% acetone in CH_2Cl_2) to afford epimeric epoxides **34** (2.3 mg, 74 %, 72:28 dr by ^1H -NMR) as a colourless oil.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ = 6.16 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dt, J = 12.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.98 – 4.91 (m, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 14.9, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 15.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.63 (m, 4H), 2.61 – 2.50 (m, 5H), 1.97 (s, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.91 (ddd, J = 13.0, 11.7, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (td, J = 12.6, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (dd, J = 14.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (dd, J = 14.7, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.38 (s, 2H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.35 – 1.35 (m, 1H) and 1.30 (s, 3H) ppm.

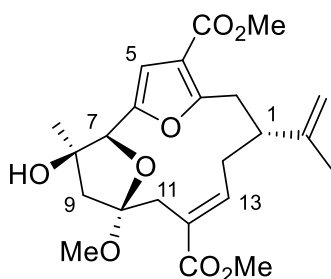
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CD_2Cl_2) δ = 169.79, 169.76, 169.74, 169.50, 163.59, 163.52, 159.8, 159.6, 154.9, 154.7, 152.6, 152.4, 129.2, 129.1, 115.8, 115.6, 108.7, 108.6, 77.96, 77.91, 77.5, 77.3, 77.1, 75.82, 75.77, 73.32, 73.29, 66.4, 66.2, 59.7, 58.9, 55.5, 51.62, 51.61, 42.7, 42.5, 42.4, 40.1, 34.2, 33.8, 28.9, 28.1, 20.8, 18.51, 18.46 and 16.5 ppm.

FT-IR ν_{max} (thin film): 3447, 2921, 1748, 1717, 1230, 1092, 1063, 797 and 668 cm^{-1} .

HRMS (ESI^+): Calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_{10}^{23}\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 487.1575; found 487.1573.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +47.8$ (c = 0.23, CH_2Cl_2).

Dimethyl (2²*S*,2³*R*,2⁵*R*,7*R*,*E*)-2³-hydroxy-2⁵-methoxy-2³-methyl-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-2²,2³,2⁴,2⁵-tetrahydro-1,2(2,5)-difuranacyclooctaphan-4-ene-1⁴,4-dicarboxylate (**36**)



To a solution of *ent*-Sinumaximol A **33** (3.0 mg, 7.1 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry methanol (0.9 mL) in a round bottom flask under argon was added trifluoroacetic acid (103 mg/mL stock solution, 38 μ L, 35 μ mol, 5 eq.) in dry methanol. The reaction mixture was heated to 45 $^{\circ}$ C, stirred at that temperature for 1 hour and subsequently chilled to -20 $^{\circ}$ C and quenched with excess dry triethylamine (0.1 mL). The solution was then evaporated

to dryness and the residue purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, dry EtOAc:pentane = 1:5) to afford ketal **36** (2.0 mg, 65%) as a colourless oil.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.04 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 6.53 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 4.76 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.65 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 4.43 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.80 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.78 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 4.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 3.41 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.12 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz, 1H, *H*-11a), 3.01 – 2.94 (m, 2H, *H*-2b + *H*-11b), 2.79 – 2.69 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 2.56 (ddd, *J* = 16.3, 10.9, 10.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.46 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.18 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 2.14 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 1.84 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17) and 1.68 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

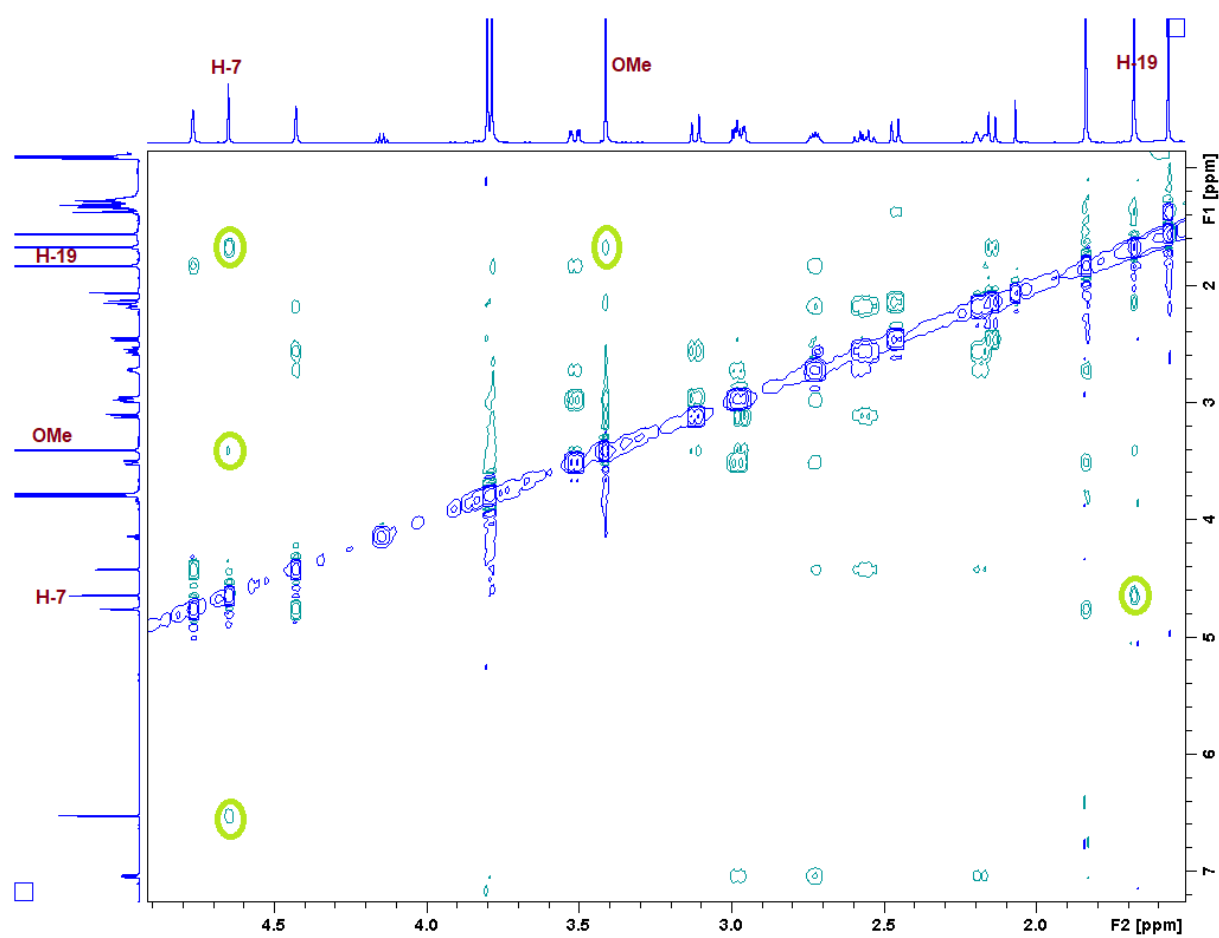
¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 168.6 (CO₂CH₃), 164.2 (CO₂CH₃), 159.3 (C-3), 150.9 (C-6), 146.3 (C-15), 145.1 (C-13), 129.7 (C-12), 115.6 (C-4), 111.2 (C-16), 110.0 (C-5), 109.2 (C-10), 82.8 (C-7), 78.6 (C-8), 52.1 (CO₂CH₃), 51.4 (CO₂CH₃), 48.6 (OCH₃), 48.0 (C-9), 44.7 (C-1), 35.7 (C-11), 31.0 (C-14), 29.01 (C-2), 28.98 (C-19) and 22.5 (C-17) ppm.

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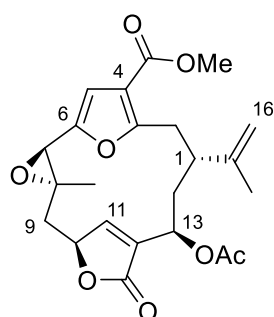
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Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = -74.1 (*c* = 0.2, CH₂Cl₂).

Key NOESY correlations for H-7/H-19/OCH₃ and H-7/H-5:



7-*epi*-13-acetoxypukalide (**37**, Methyl (2²*R*,2³*R*,4²*S*,5*R*,7*R*,*Z*)-5-acetoxy-2³-methyl-4⁵-oxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-4²,4⁵-dihydro-1(2,5),4(2,4)-difurana-2(2,3)-oxiranacyclooctaphane-1⁴-carboxylate) and Methyl (1²*S*,3*R*,6*R*,8*R*,*Z*)-8-acetoxy-3-formyl-3-methyl-1⁵-oxo-6-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),4(2,5)-difuranacyclooctaphane-4⁴-carboxylate (**38**)



A solution of Molestin E **5** (15 mg, 33 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) in a spike-bottom flask was chilled to -20 °C. Pyridine was added (40 μ L, 0.51 mmol, 15 eq.) followed by a stock solution of trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (40 mg/mL, 0.45 mL, 67 μ mol, 2.0 eq). The reaction was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature and stirred for 3.5 hours after that (a colour change from colourless to light red was observed). The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of NaHCO₃ (sat., aq., 5 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 10 mL). The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography (SiO₂, pentane:EtOAc = 4:1) to afford 7-*epi*-13-acetoxypukalide **37** (5.6 mg) as a light-yellow foam. Mixed fractions were purified by preparative TLC (pentane:EtOAc = 1:1) to give an additional 0.3 mg of **37** (41% total yield) as well as aldehyde **38** (1.3 mg, 9%, *vide infra*) as a colourless oil.

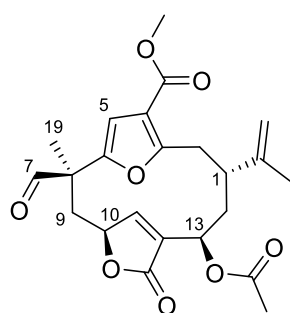
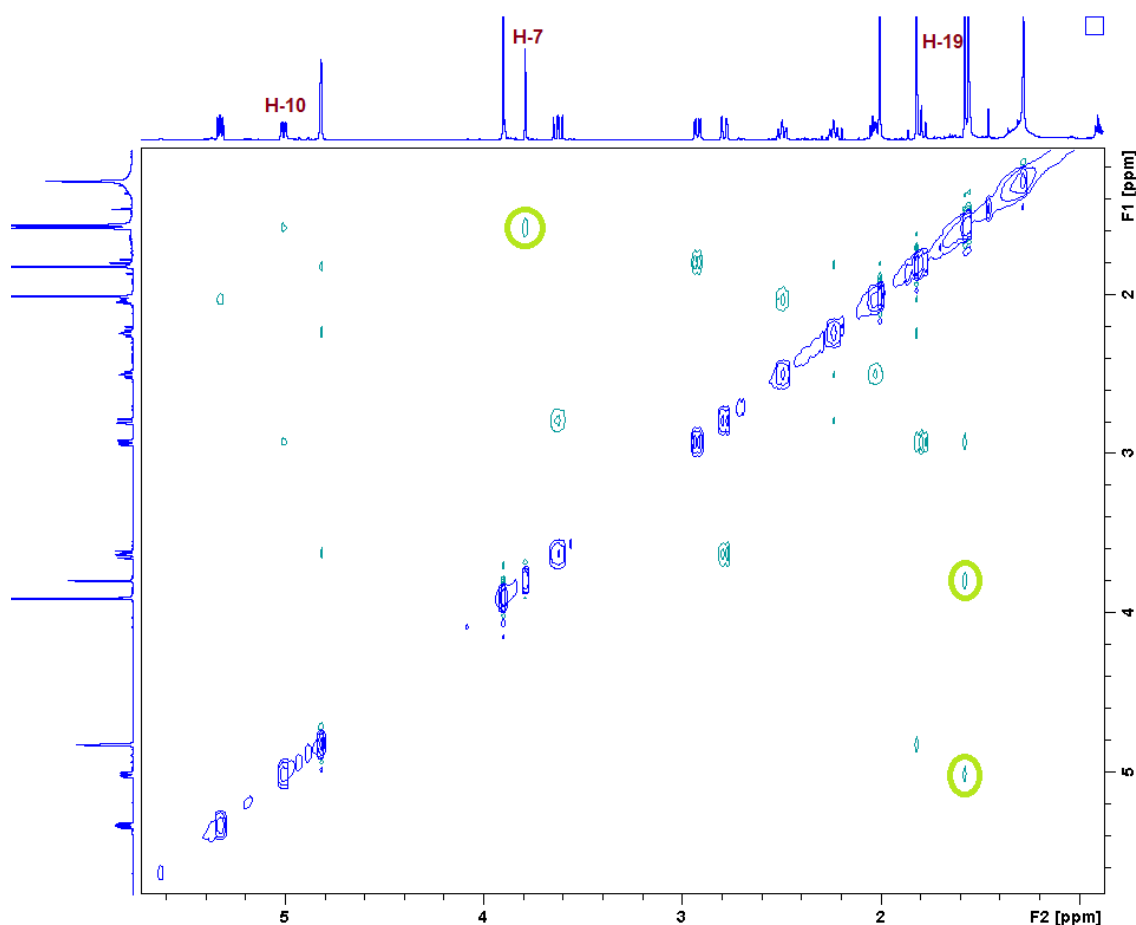
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.90 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.60 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 5.30 (dd, *J* = 10.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.98 (ddd, *J* = 12.1, 4.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.86 – 4.70 (m, 2H, 2 \times *H*-16), 3.88 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.76 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 11.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.90 (dd, *J* = 13.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.47 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 10.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.30 – 2.14 (m, 1H, *H*-1), 2.04 – 1.99 (m, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.98 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 1.79 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17), 1.76 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b) and 1.55 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.6 (COCH₃), 169.9 (CO₂CH), 163.5 (CO₂CH₃), 162.3 (C-3), 154.4 (C-11), 148.3 (C-15), 146.6 (C-6), 129.7 (C-12), 116.0 (C-4), 114.2 (C-5), 110.7 (C-16), 77.6 (C-10), 66.6 (C-13), 60.4 (C-8), 57.8 (C-7), 52.0 (CO₂CH₃), 42.1 (C-1), 41.1 (C-9), 36.5 (C-14), 31.9 (C-2), 23.0 (C-19), 21.2 (COCH₃) and 21.0 (C-17) ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₃H₂₆O₈²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 453.1520, found: 453.1520.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = +29.5 (c = 0.09, CH₂Cl₂).

Key NOESY correlations for 37 between H-7/H-19 methyl group and H-10:



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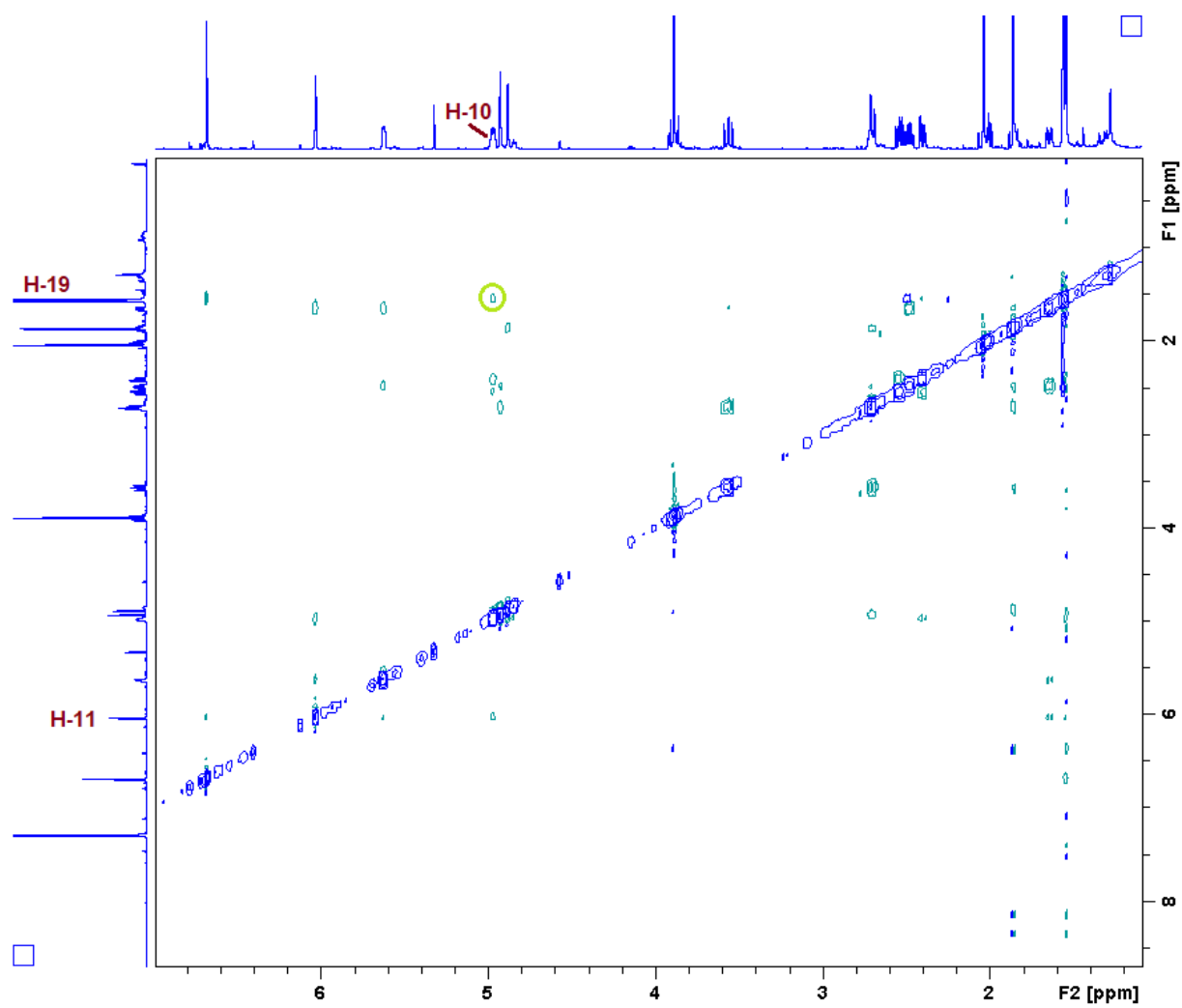
^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 9.61 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 6.66 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.01 (s, 1H, *H*-11), 5.60 (dddd, J = 6.2, 2.2, 2.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.95 (ddd, J = 9.2, 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.90 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.86 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.87 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 3.54 (dd, J = 15.8, 12.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.72 – 2.66 (m, 2H, *H*-1 + *H*-2b), 2.52 (dd, J = 14.1, 9.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.46 (ddd, J = 14.1, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.38 (dd, J = 14.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 2.01 (s, 3H, COCH_3), 1.84 (s, 3H, $3 \times \text{H}$ -17), 1.62 (ddd, J = 14.6, 4.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b) and 1.52 (s, 3H, $3 \times \text{H}$ -19) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 197.2 (C-7), 170.7 (COCH_3), 169.7 (CO_2CH), 163.7 (CO_2CH_3), 161.1 (C-3), 151.9 (C-11), 151.5 (C-6), 148.5 (C-15), 130.3 (C-12), 116.7 (C-4), 111.5 (C-16), 110.7 (C-5), 76.9 (C-10), 67.4 (C-13), 51.9 (CO_2CH_3), 49.2 (C-8), 41.2 (C-9), 41.1 (C-1), 35.0 (C-14), 32.5 (C-2), 20.9 (COCH_3), 20.7 (C-17) and 19.1 (C-19) ppm.

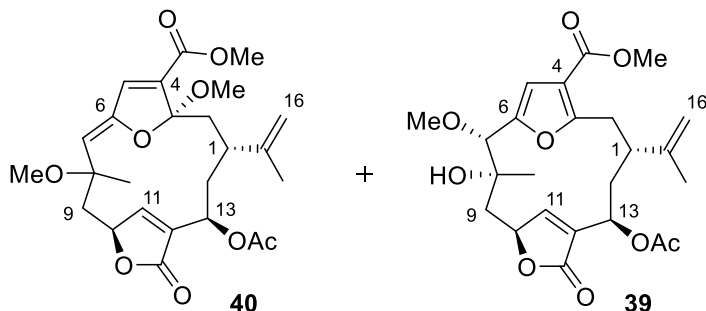
HRMS (ESI^+): Calc. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_8^{23}\text{Na}^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 453.1520, found: 453.1520.

Specific Rotation: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +75.8$ (c = 0.13, CH_2Cl_2).

Key NOESY correlations for 38 between H-10 and H-19 methyl group:



Methyl (1²S,3*R*,4*S*,7*R*,9*R*,*Z*)-9-acetoxy-3-hydroxy-4-methoxy-3-methyl-1⁵-oxo-7-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1²,1⁵-dihydro-1(2,4),5(2,5)-difuranacyclononaphane-5⁴-carboxylate (**39**) and methyl (1*Z*,5*S*,8*Z*,9*R*,11*R*,13*R*)-9-acetoxy-3,13-dimethoxy-3-methyl-7-oxo-11-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-6,16-dioxatricyclo[11.2.1.15,8]heptadeca-1,8(17),14-triene-14-carboxylate (**40**)



A solution of 7-*epi*-13-acetoxypukalide **37** (3 mg, 7.0 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in dry MeOH (0.5 mL) in a spike-bottom flask was chilled to -20 °C. A stock solution of TFA in methanol (16 mg in 1.0 mL, 0.1 mL, 13.9 μ mol, 2.0 eq) was added dropwise

and the reaction was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature and stirred for 1.5 hours after that. The reaction mixture was quenched by addition of triethylamine (large excess, 3 drops) and evaporated *in vacuo* at 25°C. The resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC (pentane:EtOAc = 55:45) to afford 1.7 mg (53%) of a 58:42 mixture of *O*-methyl Molestin E (**39**) and (*Z*)-enol ether **40** as a colourless oil.

Remarks: Analytically pure **39** was obtained after the photolysis reaction of the mixture which formed **42** and allowed for an assignment of C-7/C-8 stereochemistry by NOE (see below). In turn, (*Z*)-enol ether **40** was only isolated in this mixture and HRMS, NMR data are given from the mixture. Stereochemistry of C-3 in **40** was cautiously assigned by analogy according to [8], which suggests that nucleophilic attack at C-3 and C-7 will occur from the same face.

O-methyl Molestin E (**39**):

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.68 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 6.11 (s, 1H, *H*-11), 5.53 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 4.92 (ddd, *J* = 11.5, 5.6, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.83 (s, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.82 – 4.80 (m, 1H, *H*-16b), 4.00 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 3.89 (s, 3H, CO₂CH₃), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 10.7 Hz, 1H, *H*-2a), 3.35 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.79 (d, *J* = 16.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 2.66 – 2.59 (m, 2H, *H*-9a + *H*-14a), 2.35 – 2.28 (app t, 1H, *H*-1), 1.98 (s, 3H, COCH₃), 1.91 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 11.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-14b), 1.82 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-17), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 11.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b) and 1.36 (s, 3H, 3 \times *H*-19) ppm.

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 170.4 (COCH₃), 170.0 (CO₂CH), 163.9 (CO₂CH₃), 161.2 (C-3), 154.7 (C-11), 150.2 (C-6), 148.7 (C-15), 129.7 (C-12), 115.8 (C-4), 110.7 (C-16), 109.3 (C-5), 85.5 (C-7), 78.0 (C-10), 73.2 (C-8), 66.9 (C-13), 57.9 (OCH₃), 52.0 (CO₂CH₃), 42.3 (C-9), 41.6 (C-1), 36.3 (C-14), 32.2 (C-2), 21.2 (COCH₃), 20.9 (C-17) and 19.5 (C-19) ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for C₂₄H₃₀O₉²³Na⁺ [M+Na]⁺ 485.1782, found: 485.1782.

(*Z*)-enol ether (**40**):

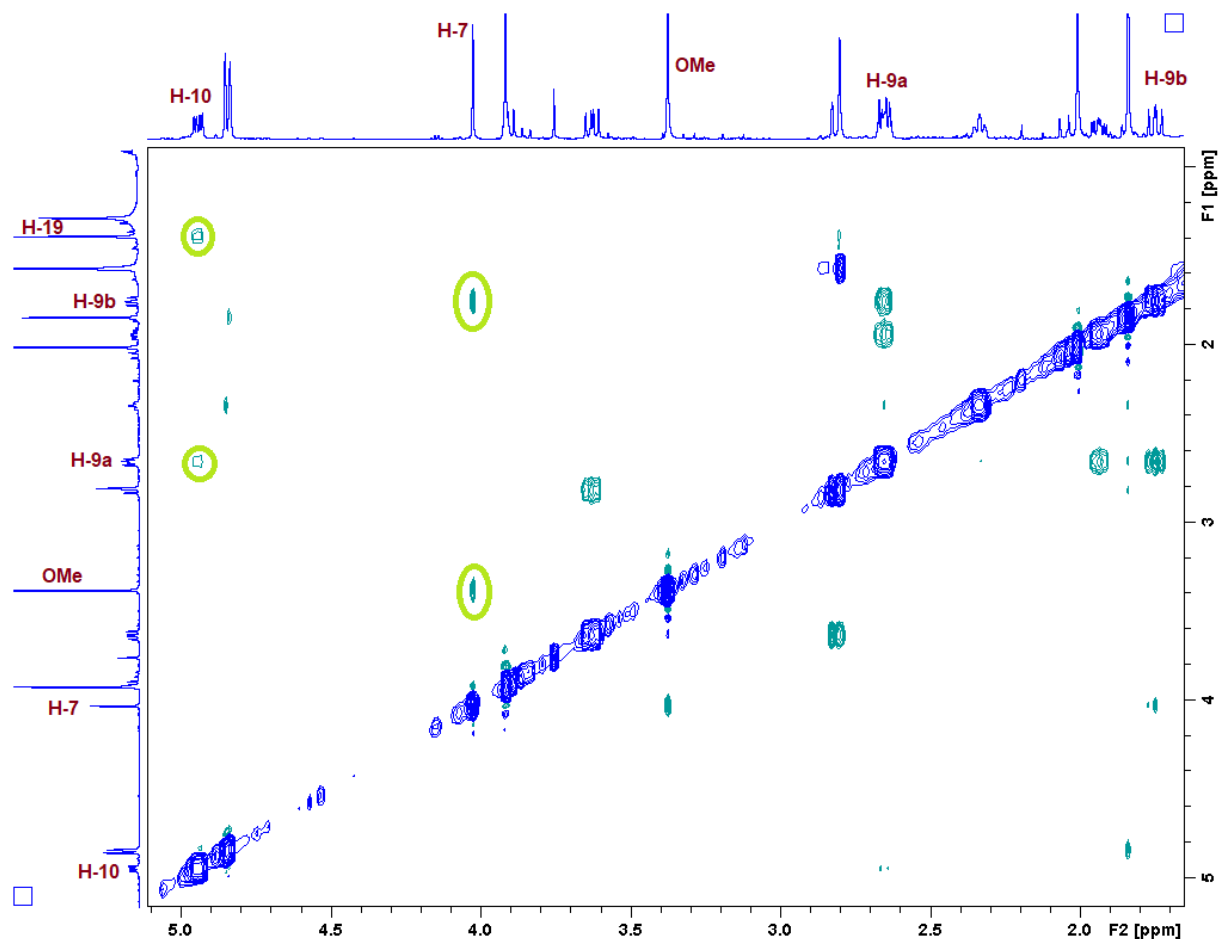
¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.36 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H, *H*-11), 6.98 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 5.57 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 6.0 Hz, 1H, *H*-13), 5.09 (ddd, *J* = 11.5, 5.4, 1.5 Hz, 1H, *H*-10), 4.79 – 4.78 (m, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.77 (s, 1H, *H*-16b),

4.48 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H, $H-7$), 3.83 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 3.18 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.03 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 2.88 (t, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 1H, $H-9a$), 2.71 – 2.64 (m, 1H, $H-2a$), 2.41 – 2.32 (m, 2H, $H-9b + H-14a$), 2.27 – 2.21 (m, 1H, $H-1$), 2.04 (s, 3H, COCH_3), 1.79 – 1.76 (m, 1H, $H-14b$), 1.78 (s, 3H, $3 \times H-17$), 1.50 – 1.56 (m, 1H, $H-2b$) and 1.41 (s, 3H, $3 \times H-19$) ppm.

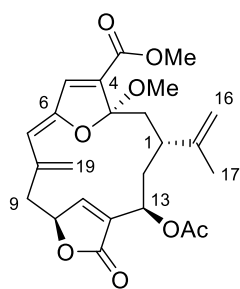
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 171.0 (COCH_3), 170.1 (CO_2CH), 162.0 (CO_2CH_3), 155.1 (C-6), 154.3 (C-11), 149.2 (C-15), 138.1 (C-5), 135.6 (C-4), 129.5 (C-12), 117.5 (C-3), 110.3 (C-16), 106.9 (C-7), 79.1 (C-10), 73.9 (C-8), 67.8 (C-13), 52.4 (CO_2CH_3), 51.0 (OCH_3), 50.4 (OCH_3), 41.1 (C-9), 38.1 (C-2), 37.7 (C-1), 35.9 (C-14), 28.4 (C-19), 21.4 (C-17) and 21.3 (COCH_3) ppm.

HRMS (ESI $^+$): Calc. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_9^{23}\text{Na}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 499.1939, found: 499.1938.

Key NOESY correlations for 39 between $H-7/H-9b$ and $H-19/H-9a/H-10$:



Methyl (1Z,5S,8Z,9R,11R,13R)-9-acetoxy-13-methoxy-3-methylene-7-oxo-11-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-6,16-dioxatricyclo[11.2.1.1^{5,8}]heptadeca-1,8(17),14-triene-14-carboxylate (**42**)



A solution of the mixture of **39** and **40** (1.7 mg, 3.6 μ mol, 1.0 eq) in CDCl_3 (0.5 mL) in a standard Norell 502 NMR tube was irradiated at room temperature in a Rayonet 600 photoreactor. The conversion was checked in regular intervals and conversion of substrate **40** into two new species (see ^1H -NMR traces below) was observed (10-40 min) followed by convergence to a single compound **42**.

The solution was evaporated to dryness after a total of 150 minutes of irradiation. The resulting residue was purified by preparative TLC (pentane:EtOAc = 1:1) to afford 0.4 mg (54%) of diene **42** and 0.6 mg (60% recovery) of *O*-methyl Molestin E (**39**) as colourless oils.

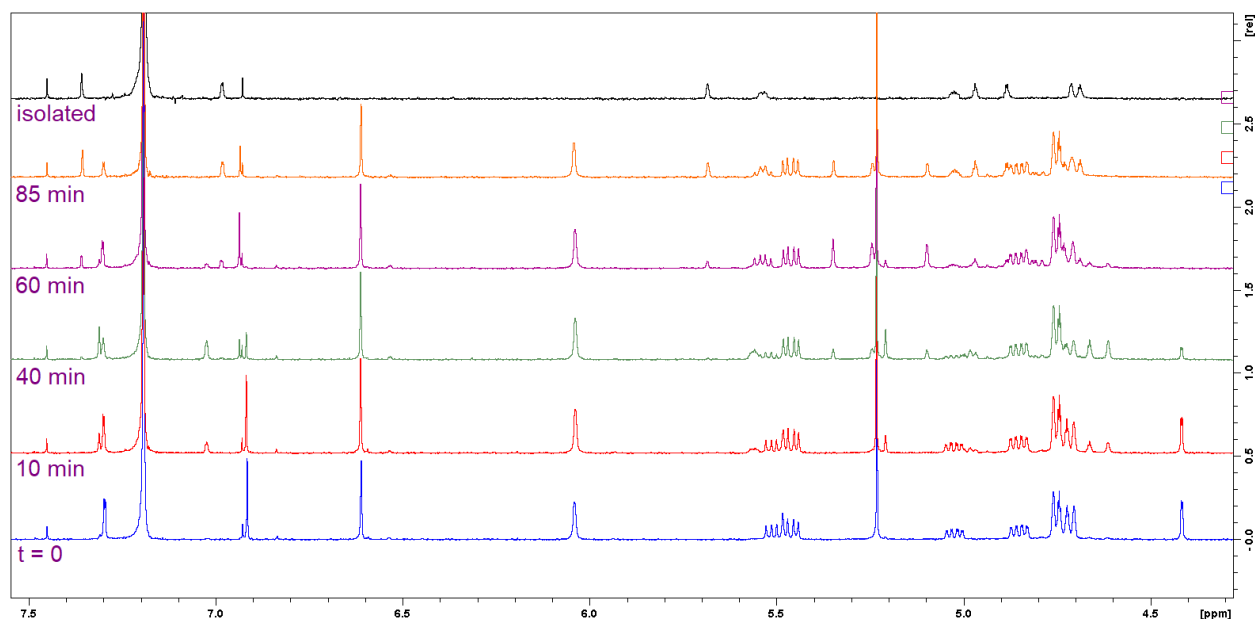
Remarks: Stereochemistry at C-3 was assigned by analogy from the precursor **40**.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 7.42 (s, 1H, *H*-5), 7.06 – 7.04 (m, 1H, *H*-11), 5.75 (s, 1H, *H*-7), 5.63 – 5.57 (m, 1H, *H*-13), 5.13 – 5.06 (m, 1H, *H*-10), 5.04 (s, 1H, *H*-19a), 4.95 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-19b), 4.80 – 4.77 (m, 1H, *H*-16a), 4.76 (s, 1H, *H*-16b), 3.86 (s, 3H, CO_2CH_3), 3.11 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.13 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 1H, *H*-9a), 2.91 – 2.82 (app t, 1H, *H*-1), 2.73 (dd, J = 16.5, 5.1 Hz, 1H, *H*-9b), 2.30 – 2.21 (m, 1H, *H*-2a), 2.24 – 2.19 (m, 1H, *H*-14a), 2.05 (dd, J = 15.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H, *H*-2b), 1.93 (s, 3H, COCH_3), 1.86 (s, 3H, $3 \times H$ -17) and 1.51 (m, 1H, *H*-14b) ppm.

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 170.8 (CO_2CH), 170.0 (COCH_3), 162.4 (CO_2CH_3), 155.7 (C-6), 150.4 (C-15), 150.0 (C-11), 139.6 (C-8), 138.1 (C-12), 135.5 (C-5), 135.1 (C-4), 115.7 (C-19), 112.7 (C-3), 109.6 (C-16), 106.9 (C-7), 79.4 (C-13), 69.2 (C-10), 52.5 (CO_2CH_3), 50.2 (OCH_3), 43.4 (C-2), 37.8 (C-9), 36.2 (C-1), 35.1 (C-14), 21.4 (C-17) and 20.8 (COCH_3) ppm.

HRMS (ESI⁺): Calc. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_8^{23}\text{Na}^+ [\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ 467.1676, found: 467.1677.

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