



Supporting Information

for

Chemoenzymatic synthesis of the cardenolide rhodexin A and its aglycone sarmentogenin

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Experimental details and spectral data for all new compounds

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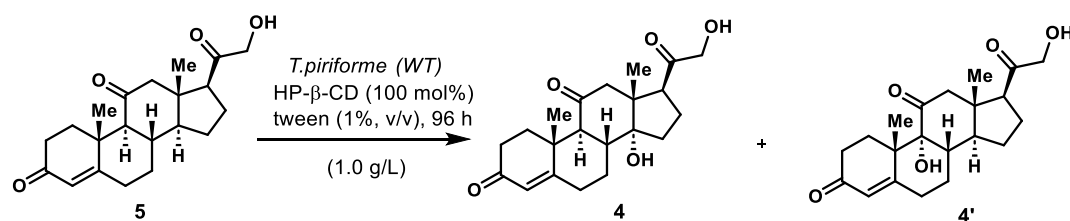
1. General information

All solvents were dried with a JC Meyer Solvent Drying System unless otherwise specified. Most reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification, unless otherwise stated. Reactions were monitored by TLC carried out on 0.2 mm commercial silica gel plates, using UV light as the visualizing agent or a solution of phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol or an acidic solution of H₂SO₄ in methanol and heat as the developing agent. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker DMx 400 spectrometer (400 MHz; ¹H at 400 MHz, ¹³C at 100 MHz, ¹⁹F at 376 MHz) and Bruker a AVANCE NEO 600 spectrometer (600 MHz; ¹H at 600 MHz, ¹³C at 151 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm, δ) with residual solvent resonances as the internal standard (CDCl₃ at δ 7.26, δ 77.16 or CD₃OD at δ 3.31, δ 49.0). Tabulated ¹H NMR data are reported as s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, qn = quintet, sext = sextet, m = multiplet, ovrlp = overlap, and coupling constants in Hz. Coupling constants are reported in hertz (Hz). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to protium), multiplicity (standard abbreviations), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Microwave reactions were carried out with a @ 2011 Biotage Sweden AB Synthesizer. Optical rotation was determined using a Perkin Elmer 343 polarimeter. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on DIONEx UltiMate3000 & Bruker Compact TOF mass spectrometer.

2. Experimental details

General procedure for *T. piriforme* mycelium: Firstly, the preserved *T. piriforme* strain is inoculated onto a fresh PDA solid plate medium. It is then incubated at 28 °C for several days until the mycelium fully covers the plate, yielding an activated culture. To scale up the culture, mycelial plugs are taken from the activated plate and inoculated into a 250 mL flask containing 100 mL liquid medium (standard protocol: yeast extract: 25 g/L, glucose: 20 g/L). This is then shake-cultured for two days at 28 °C (200 rpm) to obtain mycelial pellets.

a) Synthesis of 14-hydroxy-17-deoxycortisone (4)



Firstly, *T. piriforme* pellets were obtained following the above general procedure. Then the pellets were transferred to 2 L liquid medium (yeast extract: 25 g/L, glucose: 20 g/L, HP- β -CD: 100 mol %, tween 80: 1 vol %), and grown for two days at 28 °C (200 rpm). A solution of compound **5** (2.0 g, 5.8 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (20 mL) was then injected it into the aforementioned culture medium using a syringe. The reaction was continued for 4 days, and the same volume of ethyl acetate or dichloromethane was added for repeated extraction. The obtained organic phase was concentrated under vacuum, and then separated by silica gel column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOAc}$ 1:1) to obtain the target hydroxylation product **4** (1.3 g, 64% yield) and C9 α -hydroxylated product **4'** (610.0 mg, 30% yield).

Compound 4

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.23–4.06 (m, 2H), 3.38 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (dt, J = 13.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.50–2.22 (m, 9H), 2.10–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.77 (m, 3H), 1.76–1.53 (m, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 0.74 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.2, 208.6, 200.1, 168.4, 124.8, 83.8, 69.5, 57.0, 53.6, 51.8, 50.1, 40.2, 38.3, 35.0, 33.9, 33.2, 32.2, 27.3, 22.2, 18.7, 17.2.

The NMR data were consistent with the reported literature.^[1]

Compound 4'

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 210–212 °C;

$[\alpha]_D$ = +111.1 (c = 0.3, CHCl_3);

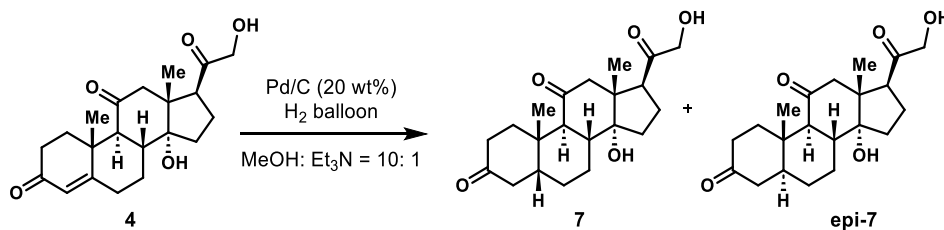
R_f = 0.1 (2:1 CH_2Cl_2 : EtOAc);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{29}\text{O}_5^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 361.2009, found 361.2010.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.86 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.24 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.06 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.55 – 2.42 (m, 3H), 2.39 – 2.14 (m, 7H), 2.13 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.99 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.69 (ddd, J = 16.1, 9.0, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.41 (td, J = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 0.67 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 209.3, 207.1, 199.3, 166.5, 127.7, 79.5, 69.4, 57.6, 52.1, 48.9, 47.3, 43.8, 38.8, 33.9, 31.5, 28.3, 24.6, 23.9, 23.5, 19.1, 14.1.

b) Synthesis of (5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*R*,17*S*)-14-hydroxy-17-(2-hydroxyacetyl)-10,13-dimethyltetradecahydro-3*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthrene-3,11(2*H*)-dione (7)



To a dry flask was added compound **4** (600.0 mg, 1.67 mmol) and 5% Pd/C (120 mg, 20 wt %). MeOH (24 mL) was added under Ar. Then, the solution was bubbled with H₂ for 10 min, followed by the addition of Et₃N (2.4 mL, 10 vol %). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight. After completion, the mixture was filtered over a pad of Celite and rinsed with EtOAc (50 mL), then concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 1:2) to afford compound **7** (400.0 mg, 67%) and compound *epi*-**7** (186.0 mg, 31%) as white solids.

Compound 7

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 196–198 °C;

R_f = 0.2 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂: EtOAc);

[α]_D = +85.9 (c = 0.26, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₁H₃₀O₅Na⁺, [M+Na⁺] 385.1985; found, 385.1987;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25 – 4.08 (m, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.01 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (dt, *J* = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 15.4, 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (m, 1H), 2.29 – 2.18 (m, 3H), 2.14 (td, *J* = 11.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.09 – 2.00 (m, 2H), 2.00 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.81 – 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.8, 210.3, 209.7, 84.3, 69.5, 53.7, 51.8, 50.3, 46.1, 44.8, 42.4, 39.9, 37.6, 36.6, 34.6, 33.3, 25.9, 22.2, 22.1, 21.3, 18.9.

Compound *epi*-7

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 155–157 °C;

R_f = 0.25 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂: EtOAc);

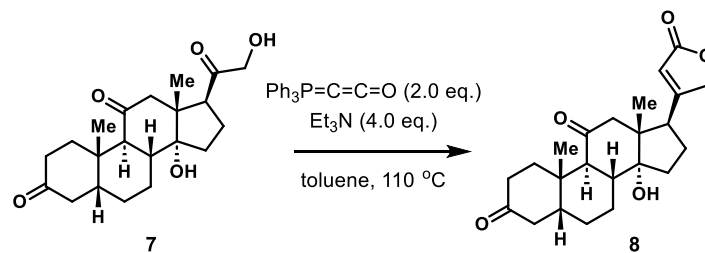
[α]_D = +84.0 (c = 0.53, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₁H₃₁O₅⁺, [M+H⁺] 363.2166; found, 363.2157;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.15 (t, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 6.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.51 – 2.17 (m, 7H), 2.16 – 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.77 – 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.5, 210.3, 209.6, 84.1, 69.5, 57.7, 53.7, 51.8, 50.1, 46.7, 44.4, 39.8, 38.1, 37.2, 35.4, 33.3, 28.0, 27.2, 22.2, 18.7, 11.0

c) Synthesis of (5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*R*,17*R*)-14-hydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-17-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)tetradecahydro-3*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthrene-3,11(2*H*)-dione (**8**)



To a 100 mL dry flask was added compound **7** (350 mg, 0.97 mmol) and $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}=\text{C}=\text{O}$ (586 mg, 1.94 mmol). Toluene (35 mL) was added under Ar. Then, Et_3N (542 μL , 3.87 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was warmed to 110 °C and stirred for 3 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOAc}$ 1:1) to afford compound **8** (284.0 mg, 76%) as a white solid.

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 250–252 °C;

R_f = 0.3 (1:2 CH_2Cl_2 : EtOAc);

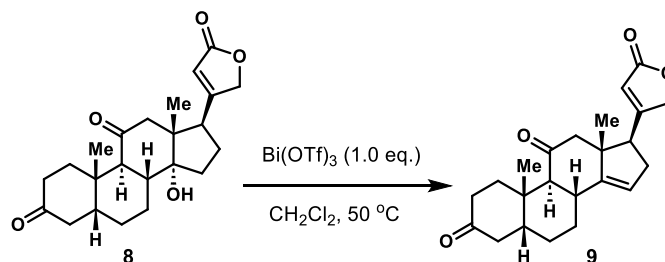
$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = +24.9 (c = 0.24, CHCl_3);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_5^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 387.2166; found, 387.2169;

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.89 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (qd, J = 17.5, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 11.9, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 2.85 (dt, J = 14.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, J = 15.4, 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.33 – 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.10 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 2.01 – 1.89 (m, 4H), 1.82 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.62 (s, 1H), 1.53 – 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.31 (m, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 212.7, 209.5, 173.7, 170.3, 117.3, 83.7, 73.4, 51.9, 49.8, 46.2, 45.0, 44.8, 42.4, 40.4, 37.6, 36.6, 34.6, 33.4, 25.8, 25.1, 22.2, 21.1, 18.4.

d) Synthesis of (5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,17*S*)-10,13-dimethyl-17-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)-1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,16,17-dodecahydro-3*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthrene-3,11(2*H*)-dione (**9**)



To a solution of compound **8** (200 mg, 0.52 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), $\text{Bi}(\text{OTf})_3$ (320 mg, 0.52 mmol) was added under Ar. The resulting mixture was heated to 50 °C and stirred for 2 h. After completion, the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated NaHCO_3 solution (20 mL). The mixture was extracted by EtOAc (3×20 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl solution (3×25 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOAc}$ 5:1) to afford compound **9** (190.0 mg, 86%) as a white solid.

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 270–272 °C;

R_f = 0.6 (1:2 CH₂Cl₂: EtOAc);

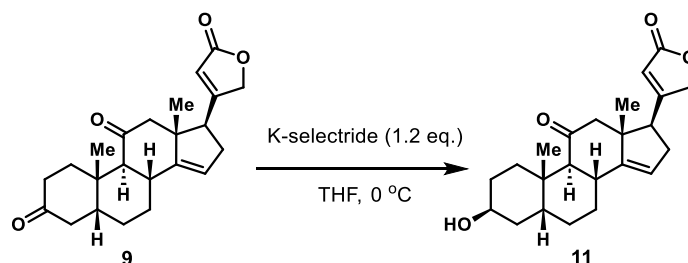
$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = +4.2 (c = 0.14, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₃H₂₉O₄⁺, [M+H⁺] 369.2060; found, 369.2060;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.55 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.01 – 4.46 (m, 2H), 3.04 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.35 (m, 8H), 2.27 – 1.89 (m, 5H), 1.85 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.59 – 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.39 (dq, J = 12.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.9, 208.0, 173.4, 168.5, 149.6, 120.1, 117.3, 73.1, 57.0, 52.6, 51.7, 50.8, 44.7, 42.0, 37.5, 36.2, 35.2, 34.6, 34.1, 25.6, 24.1, 22.2, 20.0.

e) Synthesis of 4-((3*S*,5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,17*S*)-3-hydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-11-oxo-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)furan-2(5*H*)-one (11)



The compound **9** (100 mg, 0.27 mmol) was dissolved in THF (25 mL) under Ar. After cooling to 0 °C, a 1 M solution of K-selectride in THF (324 μ L, 0.32 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 3 hours and quenched by the addition of saturated NH₄Cl solution (10 mL). The mixture was extracted by EtOAc (25 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl solution (3 \times 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 2:1) to afford compound **11** (85.0 mg, 85%) as a white solid.

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 66–68 °C;

R_f = 0.6 (1:3 CH₂Cl₂: EtOAc);

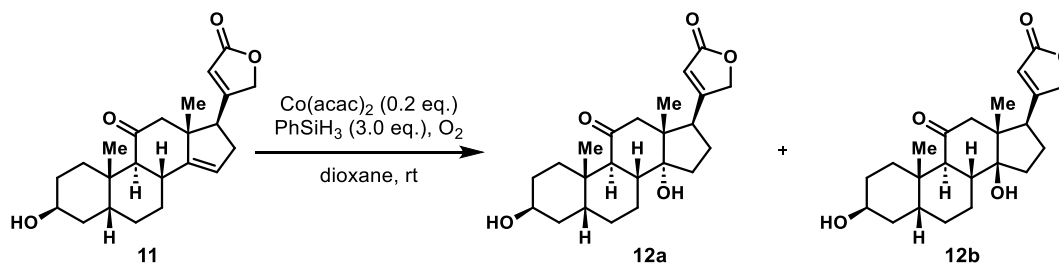
$[\alpha]_D^{25}$ = +115.7 (c = 0.13, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₃H₃₁O₄⁺, [M+H⁺] 371.2217; found, 371.2214;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.92 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.81 – 4.66 (m, 2H), 4.09 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.60 – 2.35 (m, 6H), 2.11 – 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.91 – 1.78 (m, 2H), 1.76 – 1.57 (m, 3H), 1.56 – 1.36 (m, 5H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.9, 173.6, 169.0, 150.6, 119.6, 117.3, 73.3, 66.5, 57.4, 52.8, 51.9, 50.2, 37.0, 35.5, 35.0, 34.2, 33.4, 29.1, 28.6, 25.8, 24.7, 23.5, 20.0.

f) **Synthesis of 4-((3*S*,5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,17*R*)-3,14-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-11-oxohexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)furan-2(5*H*)-one (12)**



To a 25 mL dry flask was added compound **11** (50 mg, 0.14 mmol) and Co(acac)₂ (6.8 mg, 0.027 mmol). Then anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) was added under O₂ atmosphere. After being stirred for 5 min, PhSiH₃ (50 µL, 0.4 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was carried out at room temperature for 12 h. Saturated Na₂S₂O₃ solution (10 mL) was added to the mixture and stirred for 30 min. The mixture was extracted by EtOAc (10 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl solution (3 × 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 1:1) to afford compound **12a** (11.0 mg, 21%) and **12b** (19.0 mg, 37%) as white solids.

Compound 12a

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 199–201 °C;

R_f = 0.3 (1:3 CH₂Cl₂: EtOAc);

[α]_D = +26.4, (c = 0.11, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₃H₃₃O₅⁺, [M+H⁺] 389.2323; found, 389.2319;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.88 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.70 – 4.61 (m, 1H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.91 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.43 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.31 – 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.10 (td, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.02 – 1.80 (m, 5H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.54 – 1.34 (m, 7H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 0.67 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 210.0, 173.6, 170.4, 117.2, 84.0, 73.4, 66.6, 51.8, 50.0, 45.1, 45.0, 40.5, 37.2, 35.1, 33.7, 33.6, 29.3, 28.7, 25.9, 25.2, 23.4, 21.5, 18.4.

Compound 12b

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 240–242 °C;

R_f = 0.3 (1:3 CH₂Cl₂: EtOAc);

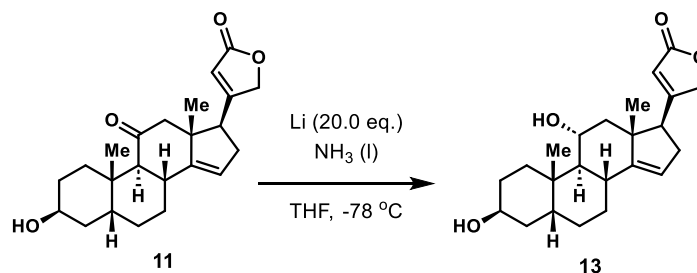
[α]_D = –15.0 (c = 0.12, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₃H₃₃O₅⁺, [M+H⁺] 389.2323; found, 389.2320;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.91 (s, 1H), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 3.8, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 12.6 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 2.20 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 1.90 (m, 5H), 1.85 – 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.29 (m, 6H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.5, 173.9, 170.6, 118.1, 83.8, 73.3, 66.5, 54.4, 51.6, 49.2, 47.4, 43.1, 36.8, 36.6, 34.5, 33.7, 29.5, 28.6, 26.5, 26.5, 24.0, 21.6, 18.7.

g) Synthesis of 4-((3*S*,5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,11*R*,13*R*,17*S*)-3,11-dihydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-17-yl)furan-2(5*H*)-one (**13**)



To a flask equipped with a dry-ice condenser containing ammonia at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was added lithium wire (14 mg, 2.0 mmol). After 10 minutes, compound **11** (35 mg, 0.1 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (200 μL) was introduced to the blue ammonia solution at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The reaction was allowed to stir for 20 min and then quenched with dropwise addition of a cosolvent THF/*t*-BuOH 10:1 (v/v, 3 mL), followed by saturated aq. NH_4Cl (5 mL). After warming to room temperature, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ($3 \times 5\text{ mL}$) and washed with brine (10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOAc}$ 1:1) to afford compound **13** (18.0 mg, 54%) as a white solid.

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: $75\text{--}77\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$;

$R_f = 0.1$ (1:1 CH_2Cl_2 : EtOAc);

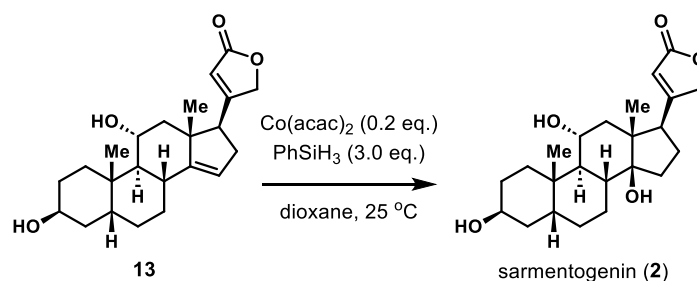
$[\alpha]_D = -12.1$ ($c = 0.40$, CHCl_3);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_4^+$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}^+]$ 373.2373, found 373.2374;

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.90 (d, $J = 1.7\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 5.28 (d, $J = 2.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.80 (dd, $J = 17.5$, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 – 4.69 (m, 1H), 4.12 (q, $J = 4.3$, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (td, $J = 10.4$, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (t, $J = 9.2\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 2.53 – 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.35 (dt, $J = 13.9$, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.10 – 2.02 (m, 2H), 1.93 (tt, $J = 13.8$, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 1.79 – 1.66 (m, 3H), 1.61 – 1.46 (m, 6H), 1.38 – 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.29 – 1.24 (m, 2H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H);

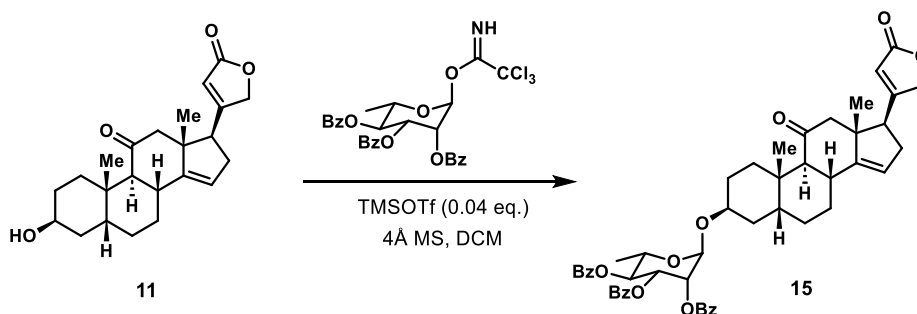
^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.0, 170.1, 152.8, 117.6, 116.7, 73.6, 69.8, 67.1, 52.7, 52.3, 48.9, 45.6, 38.3, 36.7, 33.9, 33.8, 33.5, 32.9, 28.9, 26.4, 23.7, 23.6, 19.5.

h) Synthesis of sarmentogenin (**2**)



To a 25 mL dry flask was added compound **13** (7.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) and $\text{Co}(\text{acac})_2$ (1.0 mg, 0.004 mmol). Then anhydrous 1,4-dioxane (5 mL) was added under O_2 atmosphere. After being stirred for 10 min, PhSiH_3 (7.4 μL , 0.06 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was carried out at room temperature for overnight. Saturated $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution (5 mL) was added to the mixture and stirred for 30 min. The mixture was extracted by EtOAc (10 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl

j) Synthesis of (2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-2-(((3*S*,5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,17*S*)-10,13-dimethyl-11-oxo-17-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)-2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,16,17-tetradecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)-6-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3,4,5-triyl tribenzoate (**15**)



To a 10 mL dry flask was added compound **11** (10 mg, 0.027 mmol), 4 Å molecular sieves (10 mg) and dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) under Ar. Then a solution of glycoside (33.5 mg, 0.054 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added to the above solution by using a syringe and the mixture was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C. Then TMSOTf (0.24 mg, 0.0011 mmol, dispersed in CH₂Cl₂) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 2 h. TLC analysis showed the material was consumed completely. Saturated NaHCO₃ solution (2 mL) was added to quench the reaction. Then, the mixture was extracted by EtOAc (3 × 10 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl solution (3 × 5 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc 1:1) to afford compound **15** (17.7 mg, 90%) as a white solid.

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 138–140 °C;

R_f = 0.1 (2:1 petroleum ether: EtOAc);

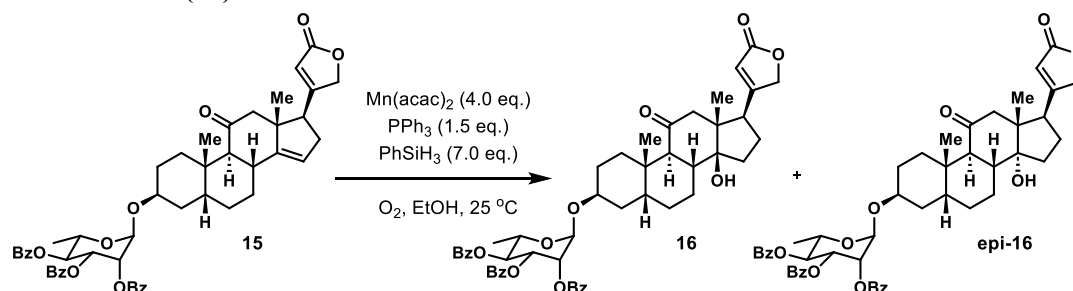
[α]_D = +59.2, (c = 0.36, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₅₀H₅₆O₁₁N⁺ [M+NH₄⁺] 846.3848, found 846.3846;

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 – 8.08 (m, 2H), 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 2H), 7.85 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.44 – 7.36 (m, 3H), 7.28 – 7.22 (m, 2H), 5.93 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 0H), 5.84 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, *J* = 3.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (dd, *J* = 17.4, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75 – 4.68 (m, 1H), 4.23 (dq, *J* = 9.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.05 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.66 – 2.48 (m, 5H), 2.41 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (dt, *J* = 14.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (tt, *J* = 14.0, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dtd, *J* = 13.3, 4.5, 4.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 1.81 – 1.57 (m, 6H), 1.46 (tt, *J* = 14.4, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.40 – 1.33 (m, 4H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.9, 173.6, 169.0, 166.0, 165.9, 165.7, 150.6, 133.6, 133.5, 133.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 119.6, 117.3, 96.3, 73.5, 73.3, 72.0, 71.7, 70.3, 67.1, 57.4, 52.8, 51.9, 50.5, 37.5, 35.5, 34.9, 34.2, 30.1, 30.0, 27.1, 25.8, 24.7, 23.6, 20.0, 17.8.

k) Synthesis of (2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*S*,6*S*)-2-(((3*S*,5*R*,8*R*,9*S*,10*S*,13*R*,14*S*,17*R*)-14-hydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-11-oxo-17-(5-oxo-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl)hexadecahydro-1*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3-yl)oxy)-6-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-3,4,5-triyl tribenzoate (16**)**



To a 10 mL tube was added compound **15** (24 mg, 0.03 mmol), Mn(acac)₂ (30 mg, 0.12 mmol) and PPh₃ (12 mg, 0.04 mmol). Then anhydrous ethanol (2.5 mL) was added under O₂ atmosphere. After being stirred for 5 min, PhSiH₃ (30 μL, 0.20 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was carried out at room temperature for 12 h. Saturated Na₂S₂O₃ solution (10 mL) was added to the mixture and stirred for 30 min. The mixture was extracted by EtOAc (10 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl solution (3 × 10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc 1:2) to afford compound **16** (13.0 mg, 53%) and *epi*-**16** (6.6 mg, 27%) as white solids.

Compound 16

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 126–128 °C;

R_f = 0.75 (20:1 CH₂Cl₂: MeOH);

[α]_D = +48.0 (c = 0.10, CHCl₃);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₅₀H₅₈O₁₂N⁺ [M+NH₄⁺] 864.3953, found 864.3946;

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.12 – 8.07 (m, 1H), 8.01 – 7.96 (m, 1H), 7.84 – 7.80 (m, 1H), 7.64 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dt, *J* = 15.5, 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 7.29 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 0H), 5.84 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 5.67 (t, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 1.8 Hz, 0H), 5.09 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 0H), 4.87 – 4.75 (m, 1H), 4.23 (dq, *J* = 9.6, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (t, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 25.5, 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 – 2.18 (m, 1H), 2.10 (dt, *J* = 13.7, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.88 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.69 (tdd, *J* = 13.6, 5.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 1.19 (s, 1H), 0.89 (s, 1H);

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.7, 173.9, 170.7, 166.0, 166.0, 165.8, 133.7, 133.5, 133.3, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 118.1, 96.1, 83.8, 73.4, 73.2, 72.0, 71.7, 70.3, 67.1, 54.4, 51.6, 49.2, 47.7, 43.1, 37.1, 36.8, 34.5, 30.4, 30.4, 27.0, 26.6, 26.5, 24.1, 21.7, 18.7, 17.8.

Compound *epi*-16

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 117–119 °C;

R_f = 0.65 (20:1 CH₂Cl₂: MeOH);

[α]_D = +87.1 (c = 0.20, CHCl₃);

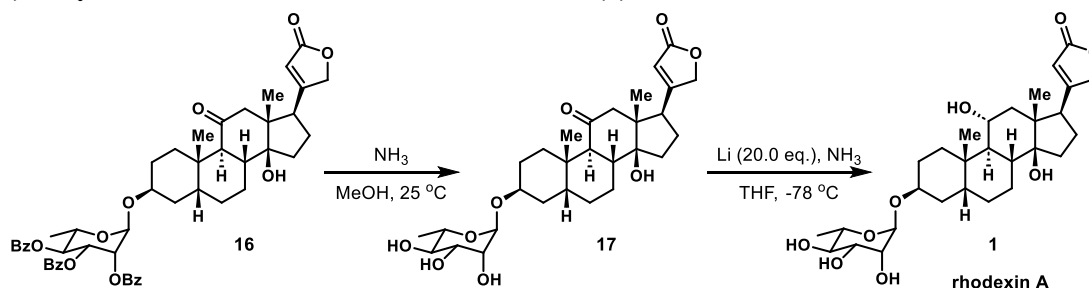
HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₅₀H₅₈O₁₂N⁺ [M+NH₄⁺] 864.3947, found 864.3953;

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.13 – 8.06 (m, 2H), 8.04 – 7.93 (m, 2H), 7.85 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.61

(t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 7.45 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.26 (t, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 5.88 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.84 (dd, $J = 10.2, 3.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.67 (t, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.62 (dd, $J = 3.4, 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.76 (dd, $J = 17.5, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.66 (dd, $J = 17.7, 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dq, $J = 9.5, 6.1$ Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 1H), 3.40 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.02 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.94 (d, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, $J = 13.1, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.27 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 2.13 (td, $J = 11.9, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.04 – 1.87 (m, 4H), 1.82 – 1.61 (m, 7H), 1.56 – 1.43 (m, 3H), 1.34 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 210.1, 173.7, 170.5, 166.0, 165.9, 165.8, 133.6, 133.5, 133.2, 130.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.6, 129.4, 129.4, 128.7, 128.6, 128.4, 117.2, 96.3, 84.0, 73.6, 73.4, 72.0, 71.7, 70.4, 67.1, 51.9, 50.0, 45.3, 45.0, 40.5, 37.7, 34.9, 33.5, 30.4, 30.2, 27.1, 26.0, 25.2, 23.4, 21.6, 18.4, 17.8.

b) Synthesis of intermediate 17 and rhodexin A (1)



To a 10 mL dry tube was added compound **16** (3.5 mg, 0.004 mmol) and a solution of NH_3 in methanol (300 μL , 1 M). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for overnight. After completion, HCl (200 μL , 2 M) was added to the flask and stirred for 2 h. Then the mixture was extracted by EtOAc (10 mL) and washed with saturated NaCl solution (3×10 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography ($\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$ 20:1) to afford compound **17** (2.3 mg, 95%).

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 108–110 $^\circ\text{C}$;

R_f = 0.5 (5:1 CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH);

$[\alpha]_D$ = -10.0 ($c = 0.14$, CHCl_3);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_9\text{Na}^+$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$] 557.2721, found 557.2731;

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CD_3OD) δ 5.94 (q, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.77 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 1H), 3.69 (dd, $J = 9.5, 3.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.68 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.37 (t, $J = 9.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.70 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.46 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 – 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.16 (td, $J = 12.6, 3.7$ Hz, 1H), 2.14 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.09 – 2.03 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.75 (m, 6H), 1.71 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.54 – 1.41 (m, 3H), 1.30 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H);

^{13}C NMR (151 MHz, CH_3OD) δ 213.8, 176.7, 175.4, 118.1, 99.9, 84.6, 75.2, 74.1, 73.3, 72.9, 72.5, 70.0, 55.3, 53.4, 50.7, 48.3, 44.1, 38.8, 37.2, 34.1, 31.4, 31.1, 27.9, 27.6, 27.6, 24.4, 22.9, 18.4, 18.0.

To a flask equipped with a dry-ice condenser containing ammonia at -78 $^\circ\text{C}$ was added lithium wire (2.0 mg, 0.28 mmol). After 10 minutes, compound **17** (2.0 mg, 0.0037 mmol) in THF (200 μL) was introduced to the blue ammonia solution at -78 $^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction was allowed to stir for 3 min and then quenched with dropwise addition of THF/*t*-BuOH 10:1 (3 mL), followed by saturated aq. NH_4Cl (5 mL). After warming to room temperature, the aqueous layer was extracted with

CHCl₃/EtOH 4:1 (v/v). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH 10:1) to afford rhodexin A (1.2 mg, 60%) as a white solid.

Physical state: white solid;

Melting point: 240–242 °C;

R_f = 0.2 (5:1 CH₂Cl₂: MeOH);

[α]_D = -21.5 (c = 0.1, MeOH);

HRMS (ESI-TOF): calc'd for C₂₉H₄₈NO₉⁺ [M+NH₄⁺] 554.3327, found 554.3324;

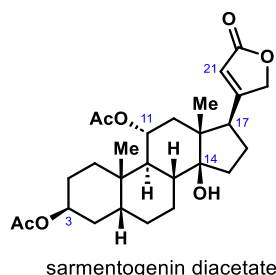
¹H NMR (400 MHz, Pyridine-d₅) δ 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.60 (brs, 1H), 5.46 (s, 1H), 5.43 (s, 1H), 5.31 (d, *J* = 17.9 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 4.92 – 4.56 (m, 2H), 4.33 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 4.11 (brs, 1H), 3.07 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.36 – 2.06 (m, 6H), 2.05 – 1.72 (m, 11H) 1.66 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 3H), 1.49 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.30 – 1.29 (m, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Pyridine-d₅) δ 175.9, 174.9, 118.1, 100.5, 84.6, 74.6, 74.1, 73.5, 73.4, 73.4, 70.5, 68.1, 51.7, 51.0, 50.7, 42.7, 41.7, 39.2, 37.4, 34.2, 34.0, 31.4, 28.5, 28.0, 27.7, 24.9, 22.6, 19.0, 18.0.

The NMR data and optical rotation were consistent with the reported literatures.^[2,3]

3. Data comparison

a) Comparison of ¹H NMR data of sarmentogenin diacetate

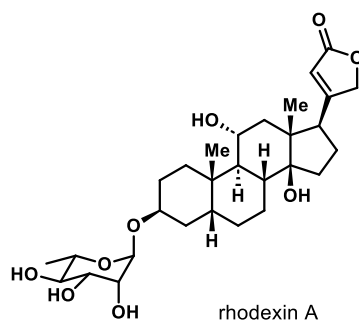


Lit ² δ ¹ H NMR 500 MHz, CDCl ₃	Synthetic δ ¹ H NMR 600 MHz, CD ₃ OD
5.88 (s, 1H)	5.88 (s, 1H)
5.13-5.07 (m, 1H)	5.12-5.08 (m, 1H)
4.97 (ddd, <i>J</i> = 11.0, 11.0, 5.0, 1H)	4.97 (td, <i>J</i> = 10.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H)
4.92 (d, <i>J</i> = 18.5 Hz, 1H)	4.92 (dd, <i>J</i> = 18.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H)
4.78 (d, <i>J</i> = 18.5 Hz, 1H)	4.78 (dd, <i>J</i> = 18.0, 1.8 Hz, 1H)
2.80-2.76 (m, 1H)	2.78 (dd, <i>J</i> = 8.7, 5.9 Hz, 1H)
2.05 (s, 3H)	2.05 (s, 3H)
1.95 (s, 3H)	1.95 (s, 3H)
1.05 (s, 3H)	1.05 (s, 3H)
0.95 (s, 3H)	0.95 (s, 3H)

b) Comparison of ^{13}C NMR data of sarmentogenin diacetate

Lit² δ ^{13}C NMR 125 MHz, CDCl_3	Synthetic δ ^{13}C NMR 151 MHz, CDCl_3
16.3	16.6
21.3	21.6
21.4	21.7
21.5	21.8
23.6	23.9
25.3	25.6
26.3	26.6
26.6	26.9
30.7	31.0
33.1	33.4
33.2	33.5
36.2	36.4
38.1	38.4
38.9	39.2
40.6	40.9
44.5	44.8
49.2	49.5
50.1	50.3
70.0	70.3
70.2	70.4
73.1	73.4
84.3	84.5
118.1	118.3
169.9	170.1
170.6	170.9
172.9	173.2
174.0	174.3

c) Comparison of ^1H NMR data of rhodexin A



Lit² δ ^1H NMR 500 MHz, pyridine-d ₅	Synthetic δ ^1H NMR 400 MHz, pyridine-d ₅
6.10 (s, 1H)	6.10 (s, 1H)
5.57 (brs, 1H)	5.57 (brs, 1H)
5.43 (s, 1H)	5.44 (s, 1H)
5.40 (s, 1H)	5.40 (s, 1H)
5.28 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 1H)	5.28 (d, $J = 17.9$ Hz, 1H)
5.02 (d, $J = 18.0$ Hz, 1H)	5.02 (d, $J = 18.1$ Hz, 1H)
1.10 (s, 3H)	1.11 (s, 3H)
1.09 (s, 3H)	1.10 (s, 3H)

d) Comparison of ^{13}C NMR data of rhodexin A

Lit² δ ^{13}C NMR 125 MHz, pyrdine- d_5	Synthetic δ ^{13}C NMR 101 MHz, pyrdine- d_5
174.5	174.5
173.5	173.6
116.8	116.8
99.1	99.2
83.3	83.3
73.2	73.3
72.8	72.8
72.1	72.2
72.1	72.1
72.0	72.1
69.2	69.2
66.8	66.8
50.3	50.4
49.7	49.7
49.3	49.4
41.3	41.4
40.3	40.4
37.9	37.9
36.0	36.1
32.9	32.9
32.7	32.7
30.1	30.1
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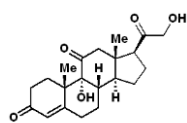
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Lit³ $[\alpha]_D$ (<i>c</i> 0.11, MeOH)	Synthetic $[\alpha]_D$ (<i>c</i> 0.1, MeOH)
−17.0	−21.5

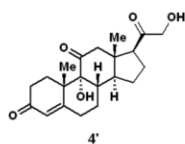
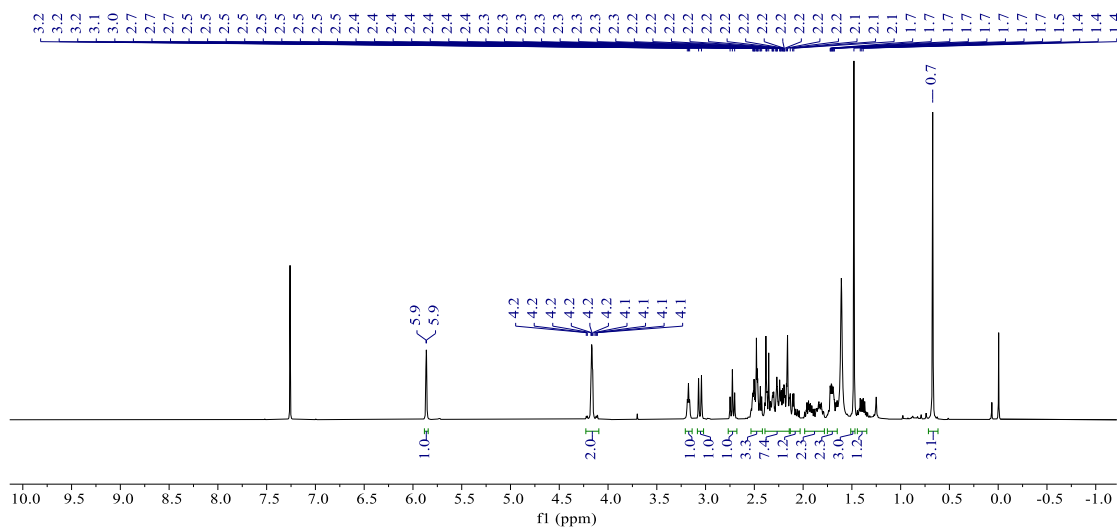
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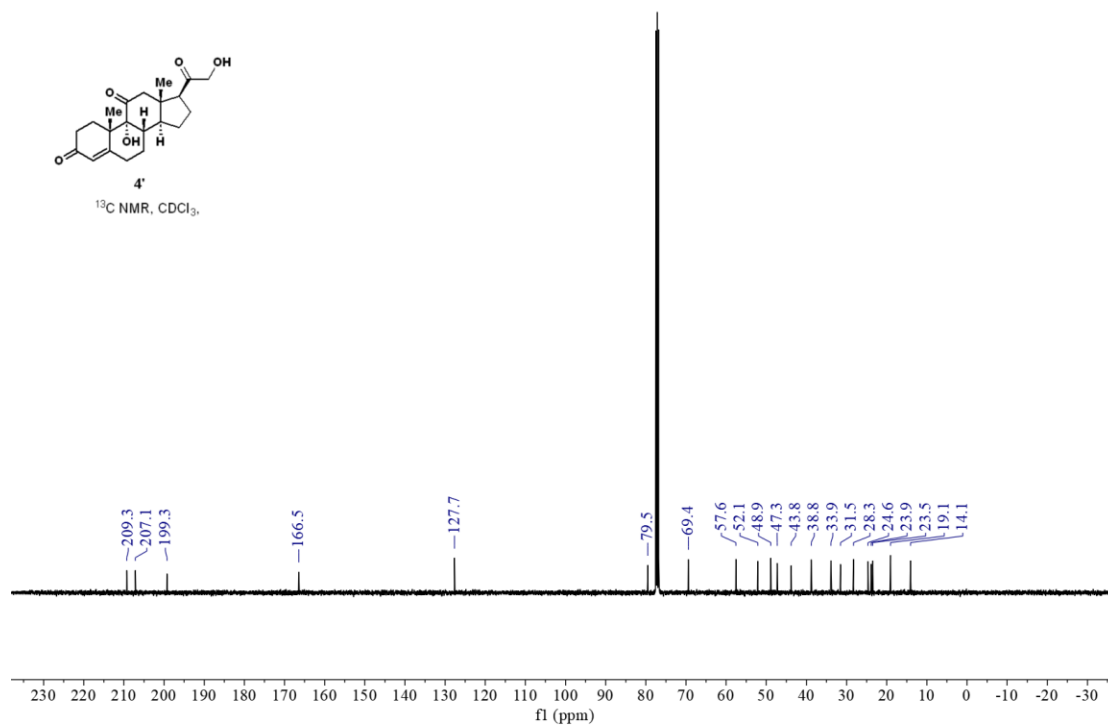
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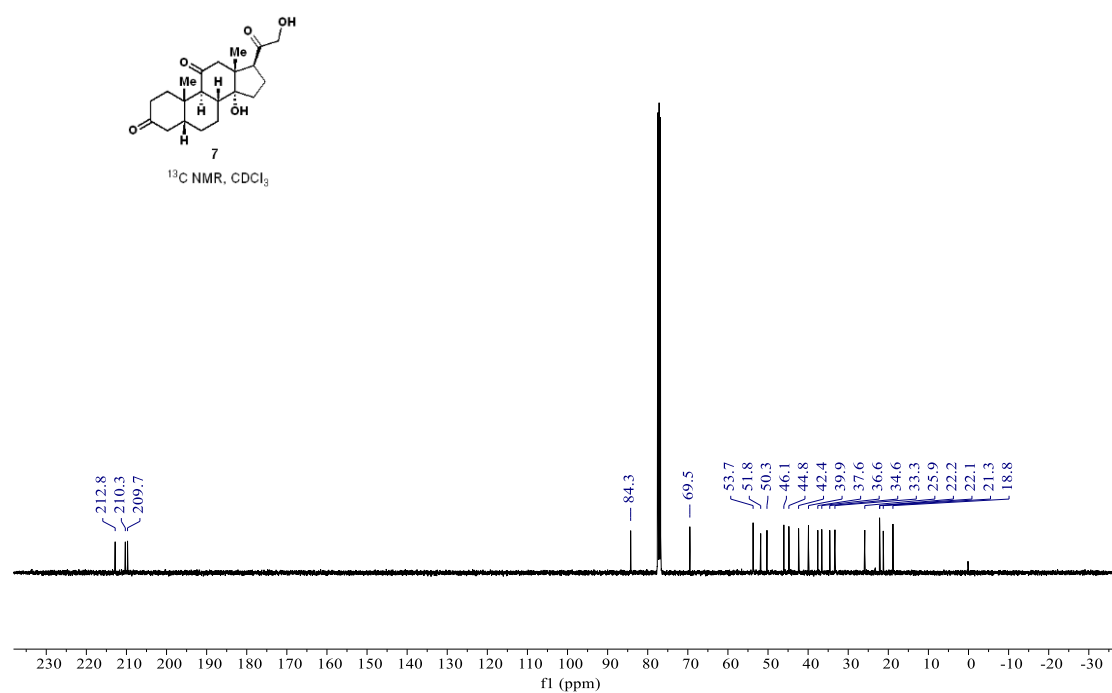
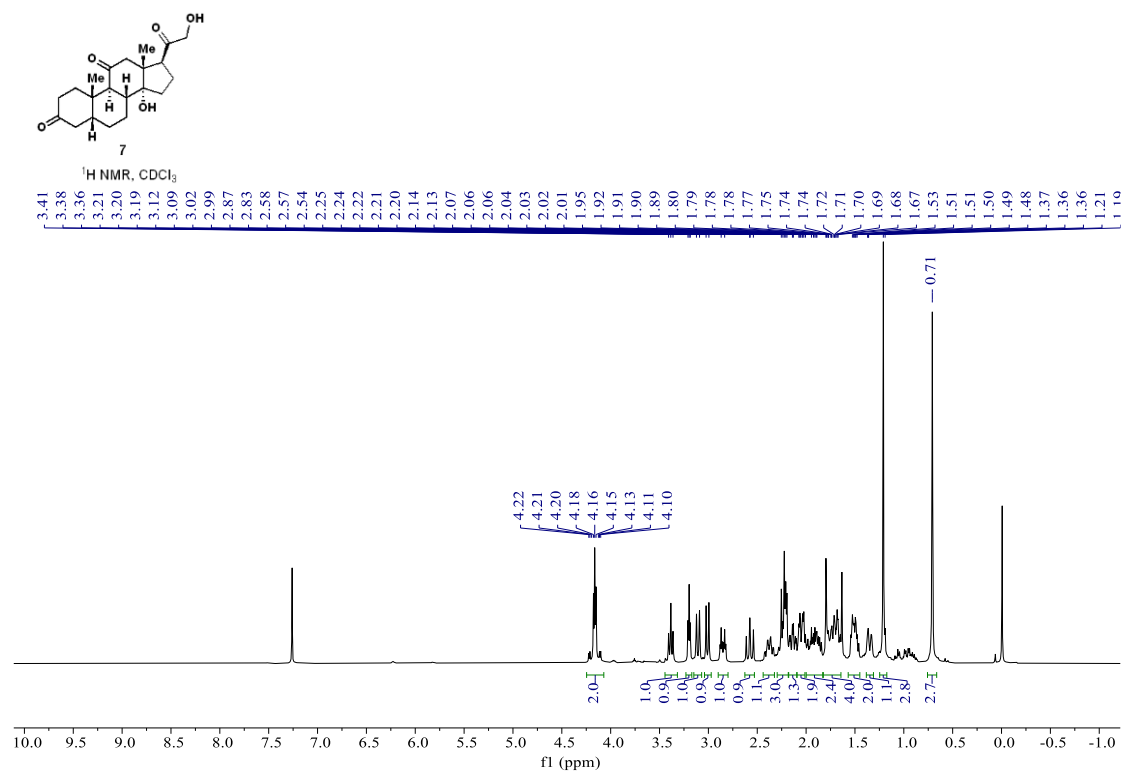


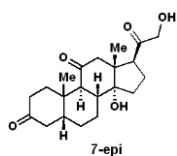
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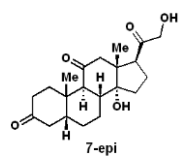
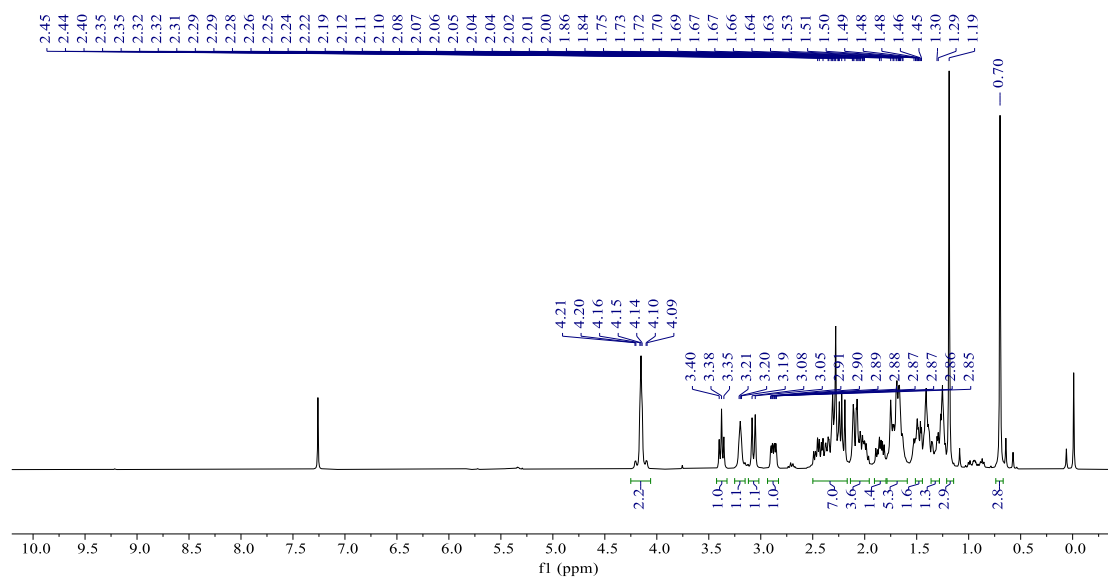
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