Supporting Information

for

Efficient syntheses of 25,26-dihydrodictyostatin and 25,26-dihydro-6-epi-dictyostatin, two potent new microtubule-stabilizing agents

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Experimental details, characterization data and copies of NMR spectra of all new compounds

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General information: All reactions were run under argon unless otherwise noted. Toluene, THF, dichloromethane, and diethyl ether were purified by filtration through activated alumina under a nitrogen atmosphere. THF used for the NHK reaction was distilled from sodium/benzophenone. DMF used for the NHK reaction was distilled over CaH2 and dried over 4Å molecular sieves prior to use. All commercial reagents were used as received. 4Å Molecular sieves were ovendried for at least 24 h before use. All new compounds were fully characterized by ¹H and ¹³C NMR, IR, optical rotation, and mass spectrometry. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance DRX (300 MHz), Bruker Avance III (300 MHz), Bruker Avance III (400 MHz), Bruker Avance III (500 MHz), Bruker Avance III (600 MHz) and Bruker Avance III (700 MHz) spectrometers. Chemical shifts were reported in ppm. CDCl₃ was used as the NMR solvent unless otherwise noted. In reporting spectral data, the following abbreviations were used: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, bs = broad singlet. Coupling constants were measured in Hertz (Hz). Infrared spectra were taken on a Mattson Genesis Series FTIR by means of thin-film deposition on NaCl plates unless otherwise noted. Peaks are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). Low and high resolution mass spectra were obtained on Waters LC/Q-Tof and are reported in m/z units. High resolution mass spectra were obtained on a VG Autospec double focusing instrument and are reported in units of m/z. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter at the Na D-line ($\lambda = 589$ nm) with a 1 dm cell at 20 °C. HPLC analyses were conducted by using Waters 600 controller and Waters 2487 dual λ absorbance detector or polymer laboratory PL-ELS 1000 detector controlled with the Millennium TM program. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ glass-backed plates with a layer thickness of 0.25 mm manufactured by E. Merck. TLC visualization was performed by illumination with a 254 nm UV lamp or by staining with KMnO₄ and subsequent heating. Silica gel chromatography was performed on silica gel (230-400 mesh ASTM) purchased from Sorbtech or Bodman or with the automated Teledyne Isco equipment.

I. Synthesis of the middle fragment 7

(2S,4R)-5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-N-((1R,2R)-1-hydroxy-1-phenylpropan-2-yl)-N,2,4trimethylpentanamide (12). LiCl (5.66 g, 133.6 mmol) was flame dried under vacuum for 10 min using a Bunsen burner and the flask was allowed to cool down to rt under Ar. Diisopropylamine (98.0 mmol, 13.8 mL) was added followed by dry THF (200 mL). The solution was cooled to -78 °C followed by the dropwise addition of n-BuLi (89.1 mmol, 56 mL) through an addition funnel. After warming to 0 °C and stirring for 15 min, the solution was recooled to -78 °C and treated with a solution of propionamide 10 (9.86 g, 44.5 mmol) in THF (111 mL) dropwise through an addition funnel. After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, the reaction mixture was warmed slowly to rt, stirred for 5 min and cooled to 0 °C. A solution of alkyl iodide 11 (7.0 g, 22.3 mmol) in THF (111 mL) was added dropwise through an addition funnel and the resulting reaction mixture stirred at 0 °C for 12 h. The reaction mixture was poured over an icecold solution of saturated NH₄Cl (200 mL) and stirring was continued for 30 min. The organic layer was collected and the water layer extracted with DCM (4 × 150 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by means of flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded amide 12 (8.56 g, 95%) as a yellow oil, which turned into an ivory solid when placed under vacuum overnight. TLC $R_{\rm f} = 0.52$ (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc); mp = 66–68 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –58.1 (c 1.18, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, ~6:1 rotamer ratio, only major rotamer shown) δ 7.37–7.29 (m, 5H), 4.62 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (bs, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 9.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (s, 3H), 2.78– 2.70 (m, 1H), 1.69-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.14 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12-1.10 (m, 1H),1.08 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.02 (s, 6H) ppm;¹³C NMR(150) MHz, C_6D_6) δ 177.9, 143.7, 128.2, 127.2, 126.8, 76.1, 68.3, 58.2, 37.9, 34.2, 33.6, 26.3, 26.2, 18.5, 18.0, 17.4, 14.3, -5.2, -5.3 ppm; IR (neat) 3371, 2956, 2930, 2856, 1620, 1467, 1409, 1254, 1086, 1054 cm⁻¹.

(2S,4R)-5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,4-dimethylpentan-1-ol. A solution of diisopropylamine (8.9 mL, 63.0 mmol) in THF (63 mL) at -78 °C was treated with n-BuLi (38.4 mL, 61.5 mmol, 1.6 M in hexanes) dropwise through an addition funnel. This solution was allowed to warm up to 0 °C and stirred for 15 min, then treated with BH₃-NH₃ (2.0 g, 60.0 mmol) in one portion and stirred for an additional 15 min. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt, stirred for 15 min and recooled to 0 °C. A solution of amide 12 (6.11 g, 15.0 mmol) in THF (150 mL) was then added dropwise through an addition funnel and the reaction mixture stirred at rt until the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC analysis (~4 h). The reaction mixture was poured into a flask containing a cold (0 °C) solution of saturated NH₄Cl (100 mL), MeOH (50 mL) and ether (50 mL) and stirring continued for 30 min. The organic layer was collected and the water layer extracted with ether (4 × 150 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent removed. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10:1, then 5:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded the desired alcohol (3.4 g, 92%) as a yellow oil. TLC $R_{\rm f} = 0.33$ (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -3.13 (c 1.12, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.50 (dd, J = 10.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 10.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 1.75–1.66 (m, 2H), 1.57 (bs, 1H), 1.43 (ddd, J = 13.5, 6.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.5Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.89 - 0.88 (m, 1H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ppm; 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 68.2, 67.9, 37.2, 33.2, 33.2, 25.9, 18.2, 17.7, 17.6, -5.4, -5.4 ppm; IR (neat) 3342, 2955, 2929, 3858, 1468, 1388, 1362, 1253 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₃H₂₉OSi [M⁺ – OHJ 229.1988, found 229.1988.

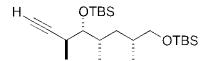
(3S,4R,5S,7R)-8-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3,5,7-trimethyl-1-(triisopropylsilyl)oct-1-yn-4-ol (15).

Swern Oxidation: DMSO (1.53 mL, 21.54 mmol) was added dropwise with a syringe to a solution of oxalyl chloride (1.23 mL, 14.36 mmol) in DCM (57.4 mL) at –78 °C. After stirring for 20 min a solution of the alcohol prepared above (1.77 g, 7.18 mmol) in DCM (14.4 mL) was added dropwise through an addition funnel and stirred for another 20 min. DIPEA (6.25 mL, 35.9 mmol) was then added dropwise through an addition funnel and after stirring for 30 min at

-78 °C, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 2 h. The solvent was removed and the yellow residue was diluted with pentane (100 mL) and water (100 mL). The organic layer was collected and the water layer was extracted with ether (4 × 100 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. The crude product was filtered through a plug of silica and celite with ether as eluent, and the resulting aldehyde **13** (1.53 g, 86%) was used immediately for the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.57 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (dddd, J = 13.7, 13.7, 7.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (ddd, J = 13.8, 7.8, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.73–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.14-1.07 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ppm.

Marshall alkylation: A solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (70 mg, 0.31 mmol) in THF (55 mL) at -78 °C was treated with pulverized PPh₃ (81 mg, 0.31 mmol). Once completely dissolved, a solution of the mesylate 14 (2.27g, 7.46 mmol) in THF (3.6 mL) and a solution of the crude aldehyde 13 prepared above (1.53 g, 6.25 mmol) in THF (3.6 mL) were added dropwise by syringe. Et₂Zn (18.7 mL, 18.7 mmol, 1 M solution in hexanes) was then added dropwise by syringe over 10 min. The reaction mixture was warmed to -20 °C and stirred for 14 h. The cold reaction mixture was poured over saturated NH₄Cl (200 mL) and stirred for 20 min. The solution was transferred to a separatory funnel and the organic layer was collected. The water layer was extracted with DCM (4 × 125 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 25:1 then 15:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded alkyne 15 (2.5 g, 77% over 2 steps) as a yellow oil. TLC $R_{\rm f} = 0.58$ (12:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –10.97 (c 1.13, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.49 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 10.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (ddd, J = 13.5, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.48 (ddd, J = 13.5, 6.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 18H), 1.06–1.05 (m, 1H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 110.0, 83.3, 77.4, 67.9, 37.8, 33.3, 33.2, 32.1, 25.9, 18.6, 18.2, 18.0, 17.8, 14.4, 11.1, -5.4, -5.4 ppm; IR (neat) 2954, 2864, 2161, 1463, 1094 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{26}H_{54}O_2Si_2$ 454.3659, found 454.3662.

(2*R*,4*S*,5*R*,6*S*)-2,4,6-Trimethyloct-7-yne-1,5-diol. TBAF (29.8 mL, 29.8 mmol, 1 M solution in THF) was added dropwise through an addition funnel at rt to a solution of alkyne **15** (6.46g, 14.2 mmol) in THF (473 mL) under stirring. The resulting orange solution was stirred for 2 h and then quenched by the addition of saturated NH₄Cl. The organic layer was collected and the water layer extracted with DCM (3× 150 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, then 100% EtOAc) afforded the desired diol (2.3 g, 88%) as a clear oil. TLC R_f = 0.23 (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc); [α] $_D^{25}$ –4.88 (c 1.74, CHCl₃); $_D^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.51 (dd, J = 10.8, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (dd, J = 10.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (t, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dddd, J = 13.5, 6.9, 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (bs, 1H), 1.80–1.67 (m, 3H), 1.55 (ddd, J = 13.5, 6.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H) ppm; $_D^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 86.2, 76.0, 70.5, 67.5, 37.1, 32.6, 32.5, 30.3, 17.4, 17.2, 14.1 ppm; IR (neat) 3350, 3308, 2963, 2932, 2875, 1460, 1378, 1241, 1031 cm⁻¹.



(5R,6S,8R)-5-((S)-But-3-yn-2-yl)-2,2,3,3,6,8,11,11,12,12-decamethyl-4,10-dioxa-3,11-

disilatridecane (**18**). A solution of the diol prepared above (1.30 g, 7.05 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (35 mL) at -78 °C was treated with 2,6-lutidine (4.11 mL, 35.3 mmol) and TBSOTf (4.86 mL, 21.1 mmol) dropwise by syringe. After stirring for 10 min. the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (1 mL) and stirring was continued overnight. The solvent was removed and the product purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 25:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford alkyne **18** (2.81 g, 96%) as a yellow oil. TLC R_f = 0.71 (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 8.10$ (c 2.13, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.49 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, J = 9.6, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (ddd, J = 7.3, 5.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.88–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 1H), 1.46 (ddd, J = 13.5, 6.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.98–0.92 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.89 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 87.3, 77.5, 70.1, 68.1, 38.9, 33.5, 33.3, 32.0, 26.1, 26.0, 18.4, 18.3, 17.8, 17.3, 15.6, -3.8, -3.9, -5.4, -5.4 ppm; IR (neat) 3313, 2955, 2931, 2886, 2857, 1468, 1387, 1253 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES+) calcd for C₂₃H₄₈O₂Si₂Na [M + Na]⁺ 435.3091, found 435.3108.

(5R,6S,8R)-5-((S)-4-Iodobut-3-yn-2-yl)-2,2,3,3,6,8,11,11,12,12-decamethyl-4,10-dioxa-3,11-

disilatridecane. A solution of alkyne 18 (2.24 g, 5.42 mmol) in THF (18 mL) at -78 °C was treated with t-BuLi (3.84 mL, 6.51 mmol, 1.7 M in pentane) dropwise by syringe and the resulting bright orange solution was stirred for 1 h. A solution of I₂ (1.65 g, 6.51 mmol) in THF (9.3 mL) was added dropwise by syringe and the solution was allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated Na₂S₂O₃ and stirring was continued until the solution turned colorless. The organic layer was collected and the water layer extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 100 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent removed. Purification by means of flash chromatography (SiO2, 40:1, then 20:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded the respective iodoalkyne (2.67 g, 92%) as a yellow oil. TLC $R_{\rm f} = 0.69$ (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –10.7 (c 1.06, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.49 (d, J =6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.48 (dd, J = 9.4, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 9.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (ddd, J = 12.7, 7.1, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (ddd, J = 13.9, 6.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.42 (ddd, J = 13.5, 6.6, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.97–0.93 (m, 1H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.87 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H, 0.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 97.9, 77.5, 68.2, 38.7, 34.2, 33.3, 33.2, 26.0, 26.0, 18.4, 18.4, 17.7, 17.3, 15.1, -3.9, -4.0, -5.3, -5.3 ppm; IR (film) 2955, 2930, 2857, 1468 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES+) calcd for $C_{23}H_{47}O_2Si_2NaI [M + Na]^+ 561.2057$, found 561.2069.

(5R,6S,8R)-5-((S,Z)-4-Iodobut-3-en-2-yl)-2,2,3,3,6,8,11,11,12,12-decamethyl-4,10-dioxa-

3,11-disilatridecane (**19**). A solution of the iodoalkyne prepared above (2.26 g, 4.19 mmol) in THF (14 mL) and iPrOH (14 mL) was treated with TEA (2.92 mL, 20.95 mmol) and NBSH (4.55 g, 20.95 mmol) at rt. The resulting orange mixture was stirred for 16 h, then quenched with water and diluted with ether. The organic layer was collected and the water layer extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (4 × 50 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent removed. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 35:1 hexanes/EtOAC) afforded

cis-iodoalkene **19** (2.12 g, 94%) as a yellow oil. TLC R_f = 0.69 (20:1 hexanes/EtOAc); [α]_D²⁵ + 0.60 (c 0.99, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.27 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 9.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dddd, J = 16.5, 7.0, 7.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.65–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.38 (ddd, J = 13.3, 7.8, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.88–0.85 (m, 1H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2, 81.1, 79.0, 68.3, 43.3, 37.6, 35.8, 33.6, 26.1, 26.0, 18.4, 18.3, 17.8, 16.3, –3.6, –3.8, –5.3, –5.3 ppm; IR (neat) 2955, 2929, 2886, 2856, 1463, 1254 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₉H₄₀O₂Si₂I [M – t-Bu]⁺ 483.1611, found 483.1604.

(2R,4S,5R,6S,Z)-5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-8-iodo-2,4,6-trimethyloct-7-en-1-ol. Α solution of cis-iodoalkene 19 (2.11 g, 3.90 mmol) in THF (22 mL) at 0 °C was treated with a solution of HF-pyridine in pyridine/THF (15 mL, prepared in a polyethylene container by mixing 3 mL of HF-pyridine complex with 12 mL of pyridine, followed by dilution with 25 mL of THF) dropwise through an addition funnel. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up slowly to rt and stirred for 24 h. The reaction mixture was recooled to 0 °C and quenched by the dropwise addition of saturated NaHCO₃ until no gas evolution was observed. The organic layer was collected and the water layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 75 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10:1, then 5:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded the respective primary alcohol (1.62 g, 97%) as a light yellow oil. TLC $R_f = 0.30$ (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 32.5$ (c 0.47, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (ddd, J = 10.4, 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (ddd, J = 10.6, 6.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dddd, J = 16.4, 7.0, 7.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73–1.60 (m, 2H), 1.44 (ddd, J = 13.4, 8.0, 4.8Hz, 1H), 1.22 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 0.98 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (d, J = 6.7 H 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.0, 81.2, 78.9, 67.6, 42.9, 36.9, 35.8, 33.3, 26.0, 18.3, 18.0, 17.9, 16.3, -3.6, -3.9 ppm; IR (film) 3360, 2955, 2930, 2857, 1774, 1461 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₁₇H₃₅O₂SiINa [M + Na]⁺ 449.1343, found 449.1361.

(2*R*,4*S*,5*R*,6*S*,*Z*)-5-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-8-iodo-2,4,6-trimethyloct-7-enal (7). A solution of the primary alcohol prepared above (0.70 g, 1.65 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) was treated with Dess-Martin periodinane (1.05 g, 2.48 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (278 mg, 3.30 mmol) at rt. After 1 h, the mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃ (7 mL). The organic layer was collected and the aqueous layer extracted with Et₂O (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by short column chromatography (SiO₂, 20:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided aldehyde **7** (0.57 g, 85%) as a light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.50 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.52–3.49 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.35 (m, 1H), 1.94–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.20–1.16 (m, 1H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H) ppm.

II. Scheme S1: Alternate route to the synthesis of middle fragment 7

(5R, 6S, 8R) - 5 - ((S) - But - 3 - en - 2 - yl) - 2, 2, 3, 3, 6, 8, 11, 11, 12, 12 - decamethyl - 4, 10 - dioxa - 3, 11 - d

disilatridecane (28). A solution of alcohol 27 1 (1.71 g, 5.71 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was treated successively with triethylamine (2.0 mL, 14.28 mmol), DMAP (70 mg, 0.57 mmol) and TBSCl (1.30 g, 8.57 mmol) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. After 1 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by

¹⁾ Ph.D. thesis of W.-H. Jung, University of Pittsburgh, 2008: http://etd.library.pitt.edu/ETD/available/etd-03252008-125826/

column chromatography (SiO₂, 30:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided olefin **28** (2.06 g, 87%) as a colorless oil. 1 H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.85 (ddd, J = 17.1, 10.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.00–4.94 (m, 2H), 3.48 (dd, J = 9.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (dd, J = 9.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (ddd, J = 18.9, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.72–1.57 (m, 2H), 1.42–1.33 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.90–0.89 (m, 1H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.05 (s, 6H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H) ppm; 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 142.3, 113.8, 79.3, 68.2, 42.9, 38.7, 34.1, 33.5, 26.2, 26.0, 18.5, 18.4, 18.0, 17.6, 15.7, –3.7, –5.3 ppm.

(5R,6S,8R)-5-((S,Z)-4-Iodobut-3-en-2-yl)-2,2,3,3,6,8,11,11,12,12-decamethyl-4,10-dioxa-3,11-disilatridecane (19).

Ozonolysis: Through a solution of olefin **28** (1.00 g, 2.41 mmol) and one crystal of Sudan III in 30 mL of 4:1 CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, a stream of ozone was bubbled at –78 °C until the pink solution became colorless. The solution was treated with Ph₃P (0.78 g) and then warmed slowly to rt over 2 h. The solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 30:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to provide the aldehyde containing some inseparable Ph₃P.

Wittig reaction: A suspension of (iodomethyl)triphenylphosphonium iodide (2.00 g, 3.70 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL) was treated with NaHMDS (1.0 M, 3.70 mL, 3.70 mmol), and the slurry was stirred at rt for 30 min. After the dark red mixture was cooled to –78 °C, dry HMPA (1.30 mL) was added, followed by a solution of the aldehyde prepared as above in THF (4 mL). After the reaction mixture was warmed to rt over 1 h, it was stirred for another 30 min before being diluted with hexanes, filtered through silica gel, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by means of flash chromatography (SiO₂, 40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided vinyl iodide **19** (1.10 g, 85% over two steps). Analytical data was consistent with the previously reported method.

(2R,4S,5R,6S,Z)-5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-8-iodo-2,4,6-trimethyloct-7-en-1-ol. A solution of vinyl iodide 19 (1.05 g, 1.94 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C was treated with a solution of HF-pyridine (3.3 mL) in pyridine/THF (12 mL/24 mL) dropwise by syringe. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 8 h. After quenching at 0 °C by the dropwise

addition of a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ until no CO₂ evolved, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed successively with a saturated solution of CuSO₄ (2×20 mL) and brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 5:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided the desired primary alcohol (0.70 g, 85%) as a colorless oil. Analytical data was consistent with the previously reported method.

III. Coupling of the top and middle fragments

(3Z,5S,6S,7R,9E,11R,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-14-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-17-iodo-6-((4methoxybenzyl)oxy)-5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,9,16-trien-8-one (22). A solution of the ketophosphonate 8 (1.11 g, 2.70 mmol) in THF (6.75 mL) was treated with Ba(OH)₂ (852 mg, 2.70 mmol; activated by heating in the oven at 140 °C for 24 h prior to use) and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min. A solution of aldehyde 7 (1.15 g, 2.70 mmol) in wet THF (6.75 mL, 40:1 THF/water) was added dropwise by pipet and the resulting light yellow mixture was stirred for 24 h. After dissolving with brine and ether, the organic layer was collected. The water layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 50 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 15:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded enone 22 (1.55 g, 80%) as a yellow oil. TLC $R_f = 0.29$ (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 23.3$ (c 1.24, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (dd, J = 15.6) 8.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 5.43–5.31 (m, 2H), 4.55 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H, 4.51 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.64 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.4 Hz, 1Hz), 3.45 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.4 Hz), 3.45 (dd,J = 4.0, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.72–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.64–2.58 (m, 1H), 2.34 (bs, 1H), 1.98-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.51 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 2H), 1.18 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.15-1.11 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 202.8, 159.0, 152.4, 143.9, 131.9, 130.9, 130.5, 129.2, 127.8, 113.6, 84.0, 81.1, 79.1,

75.0, 55.4, 48.2, 42.4, 39.0, 36.4, 35.7, 34.6, 26.0, 20.8, 20.7, 19.0, 18.3, 18.1, 15.6, 14.4, 14.2, – 3.7, –4.0 ppm; IR (film) 2529, 2929, 2856, 1622, 1461, 1250, 1072 cm $^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{36}H_{59}O_4SiINa$ [M + Na] $^+$ 733.3120, found 733.3138.

(3Z, 5S, 6S, 7R, 11S, 13S, 14R, 15S, 16Z) - 14 - ((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy) - 17 - iodo-6 - ((4-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy) - ((4-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)

methoxybenzyl)oxy)-5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-dien-8-one. Stryker's reagent (431.7 mg, 0.21 mmol) was transferred into a round-bottom flask inside a glove box followed by the addition of degassed toluene (14 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and a solution of enone 22 (253 mg, 0.36 mmol) in degassed toluene (4 mL) was added dropwise by syringe. The resulting dark orange solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, then allowed to warm up to rt and stirred for another hour. A few drops of water were added, the reaction mixture was exposed to air and stirring was continued overnight. After filtering through celite using ether as eluent, the solvent was removed and the product purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 90:1, 80:1, 60:1 and 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford the desired ketone (242 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil. TLC $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.51 (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 25.9 (c 0.86, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.25 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.28 (dd, J = 8.7, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H)1H), 5.43-5.33 (m, 2H), 4.54 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.59(dd, J = 7.7, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.57 (m, 1H), 2.43-100 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.57 (m, 2H), 2.43-100 (m, 2H), 2.43-1002.38 (m, 2H), 2.00–1.95 (m, 1H), 1.93–1.83 (m, 1H), 1.72–1.63 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.37 (m, 1H), 1.31 (ddd, J = 13.2, 8.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.14–1.06 (m, 2H), 1.02 (d, J = 1.00 Hz) 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.87 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H) ppm; 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.1, 159.1, 144.1, 132.1, 130.9, 130.5, 129.2, 113.6, 83.6, 81.1, 79.1, 74.8, 55.2, 50.1, 43.0, 40.8, 39.9, 35.6, 35.6, 29.8, 29.3, 26.1, 20.8, 20.4, 19.0, 18.3, 17.9, 16.1, 14.3, 13.6, -3.6, -3.9 ppm; IR (film) 2959, 2930, 2857, 1710, 1514, 1460, 1250, 1068 cm⁻¹; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{36}H_{61}O_4SiI [M]^+$ 712.3384, found 712.3370.

(3Z,5S,6S,7R,11S,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-14-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-hydroxy-17-iodo-

5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-dien-8-one (23). A solution of the ketone obtained above (247 mg, 0.34 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (34.6 mL) and buffer 7 (0.3 mL) was treated with DDQ (120 mg, 0.52 mmol) at 0 °C in one portion. The resulting brown-orange solution was stirred until the reaction was judged to be complete by TLC analysis (~4 h). The solution was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ and stirring was continued for 30 min. After extraction with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 30 mL) the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by means of flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded alcohol 23 (159 mg, 78%) as a clear oil containing some inseparable PMB-aldehyde. This material was repurified for complete characterization. TLC $R_{\rm f} = 0.16$ (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +21.4 (c 0.705, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (dd, J = 8.9, 7.4Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.53 (ddd, J = 10.8, 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (ddd, J = 11.1, 11.1, 1.3 Hz, 1H),3.68 (ddd, J = 7.8, 3.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (t, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 8.7, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.67(dd, J = 7.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.60-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 5.8, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (dd, J = 5.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H)Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10–2.02 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.61 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.43 (m, 1H), 1.33 (ddd, J = 13.4, 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 8.4), 1.24–1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 13.4, 1.24–1.18 (m, J = 13.4), 1.24–1.18 (m, J = 13.4) 7.5 Hz, 6H), 0.95-0.90 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H) ppm; 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 214.7, 144.0, 133.6, 130.9, 81.1, 79.1, 74.8, 47.9, 42.9, 40.6, 38.7, 35.6, 35.0, 29.7, 29.3, 26.1, 20.9, 20.3, 18.3, 17.9, 17.4, 16.0, 14.3, 9.6, -3.7, -3.9 ppm; IR (film) 3503, 2959, 1706, 1605, 1459, 1405, 1255 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ES+) calcd for $C_{28}H_{53}O_3NaSiI [M + Na]^+ 615.2706$, found 615.2711.

(3Z,5S,6S,7S,8R,11S,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-14-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-17-iodo-

5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-diene-6,8-diol. A solution of ketone 23 (40.6 mg, 0.069 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) and MeOH (0.2 mL) at -78 °C was treated with Et₂BOMe (0.21 mL, 0.21 mmol, 1.0 M solution in THF) dropwise over 2 min. After 1 h NaBH₄ (6 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 6 h and then quenched by the dropwise addition of acetic acid (0.3 mL). Water (5 mL) was added and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (4 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. The residue was taken up in a 1.0 M solution of NaOAc in MeOH (5 mL) and H₂O (0.55 mL), to which 30% H₂O₂ (0.41 mL) was added. After stirring at rt for 2 h, the mixture was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with diethyl ether (4 × 5 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 4:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided the desired diol (37 mg, 90%) as a colorless oil. TLC $R_{\rm f}$ = 0.25 (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +14.3 (c 1.5, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.29 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (dt, J = 11.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1Hz)1H), 3.76 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (bs, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.62 (m, 2H), 2.22 (bs, 1H), 2.14-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.70 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.45 (m, 4H), 1.33 (ddd, J = 13.5, 8.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 0.99 (d, J = 1.5 H = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93-0.87 (m, 1H), 0.84-0.82 (m, 1H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H) ppm; $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (150 MHz, CDCl3) δ 144.2, 135.3, 131.4, 81.1, 80.7, 79.3, 77.3, 43.1, 41.1, 36.7, 35.8, 35.7, 32.3, 32.2, 30.4, 26.2, 21.1, 20.7, 18.4, 18.0, 16.8, 16.2, 14.4, 4.1, -3.5, -3.8 ppm; IR $(neat)\ 3381,\ 2960,\ 2930,\ 1461,\ 1073\ cm^{-1};\ HRMS\ (ESI)\ calcd\ for\ C_{28}H_{55}O_3SiINa\ [M\ +\ Na]^+$ 617.2857, found 617.2842.

Acetonide: The diol prepared above (22.5 mg, 0.037 mmol) was treated with 2,2dimethoxypropane (1.6 mL) and once completely dissolved the solution was cooled to 0 °C. PPTS (1.9 mg, 7.56 µmol) was added in one portion and the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to warm up slowly to rt and stirred until the reaction was judged to be complete by means of TLC analysis. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether and quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃. The organic layer was collected and the water layer extracted with DCM (4 × 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by means of flash chromatography (SiO₂, 30:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded the desired acetonide (21.1 mg, 88%) as a clear oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.30 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.37–5.31 (m, 1H), 5.13 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (ddd, J = 6.1, 6.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.46-3.43 (m, 2H), 2.69 (dddd, J)1.66–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.40 (m, 6H), 1.39–1.33 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.31–1.28 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.84 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H) ppm; 13 C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.2, 133.1, 131.7, 98.6, 81.0, 79.2, 77.5, 74.0, 42.8, 41.3, 35.8, 33.2, 32.2, 31.4, 30.4, 30.2, 30.0, 26.1, 21.0, 20.7, 19.5, 18.4, 18.1, 16.3, 16.1, 14.3, 4.5, -3.6, -3.8 ppm.

(3Z,5S,6S,7R,8R,11S,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-8,14-Bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-17-iodo-

5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-dien-6-ol (**5**). To a solution of the diol prepared above (36 mg, 0.061 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added successively under stirring 2,6-lutidine (0.021 mL, 0.183 mmol) and TBSOTf (0.014 mL, 0.061 mmol) at –78 °C. After stirring for 1 h

the reaction mixture was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give silyl ether **5** (37.2 mg, 86%) as a colorless oil. TLC $R_f = 0.38$ (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 6.5$ (c 1.23, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.28 (dd, J = 8.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.50 (dt, J = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (t, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.76–3.73 (m, 1H), 3.47 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71–2.67 (m, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 16.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (td, J = 14.4, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.72–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.58 (m, 2H), 1.44–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.26 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.97–0.94 (m, 1H), 0.92 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.90 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.83–0.81 (m, 1H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.08 (s, 6H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 144.1, 132.9, 132.1, 81.2, 79.1, 77.3, 76.6, 43.2, 41.4, 37.5, 35.6, 35.5, 32.0, 31.1, 30.7, 26.2, 26.0, 21.0, 20.6, 18.4, 18.1, 17.9, 17.7, 16.0, 14.5, 7.1, –3.6, –3.7, –3.7, –4.4 ppm; IR (neat) 2957, 2930, 2857, 1461, 1254, 1075, 853 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₃₄H₆₉O₃Si₃INa [M + Na]⁺ 731.3722, found 731.3750.

IV. Coupling with the bottom fragment:

Synthesis of acid chloride 6a: The precursor carboxylic acid (150 mg, 0.35 mmol) was dissolved in toluene (3.5 mL) and the solution was treated at 0° C with Ghosez reagent (0.52 mmol, 72 μ L). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 1.5 h and used as a crude for the coupling reaction.

(2Z,4E,6R,7S)-(3Z,5S,6S,7R,8R,11S,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-8,14-Bis((tert-t)

butyldimethylsilyl) oxy) - 17 - iodo-5, 7, 11, 13, 15 - pentamethylheptadeca-3, 16 - dien-6 - yl 7 - ((tert-butyldimethylsilyl) oxy) - 9 - hydroxy-6 - methylnona-2, 4 - dienoate (25a).

Coupling of alcohol 5 with acid chloride 6a: A solution of alcohol 5 (92 mg, 0.129 mmol) in THF (1.3 mL) at -78 °C was treated with NaHMDS (0.258 mmol, 0.26 mL, 1 M solution in THF) under stirring and the resulting clear reaction mixture was stirred for 45 min. The crude acid chloride solution 6a prepared above was added dropwise by syringe. The resulting orange solution was allowed to warm up slowly to rt and stirred for 2 h. The yellow reaction mixture was quenched with NH₄Cl and the organic layer was collected. The water layer was extracted with DCM (4 × 40 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. This crude reaction mixture containing 24a was immediately utilized for the next step without further purification.

Reaction with HF-pyridine: The crude product obtained above was dissolved in THF (1.3 mL) the solution was transferred to a polyethylene tube and cooled to 0 °C. HF-pyridine in pyridine and THF (0.75 mL, prepared by slowly adding 3 mL of HF-pyridine to 12 mL of pyridine and diluting with 25 mL of THF) was added dropwise by syringe and the resulting reaction mixture allowed to warm up slowly to rt and stirred overnight. The solution was recooled to 0°C followed by the addition of 0.5 mL of HF-pyridine in pyridine/THF and stirring was continued for 6 h. The reaction mixture was quenched at 0 °C by the dropwise addition of saturated NaHCO₃ until no more gas evolution was observed. The organic layer was collected and the water layer was extracted with DCM (4 × 30 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by means of flash chromatography (SiO₂, 20:1, 10:1 and 5:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded the titled compound 25a (92 mg, 71% over 2 steps) as a yellow oil and recovered alcohol 5 (18 mg). TLC $R_{\rm f}=0.15$ (8:1 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +36.6 (c 0.06, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (dd, J = 15.3, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (dd, J = 15.3, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.41-5.28 (m, 2H), 5.03 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.6)Hz, 1H), 3.84 (ddd, J = 6.8, 4.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.75–3.68 (m, 2H), 3.60–3.56 (m, 1H), 3.45 (t, J =3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.64 (m, 1H), 2.59–2.49 (m, 1H), 2.10–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.89–1.80 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.70 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.62 (m, 2H), 1.61–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.43–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.25 (m, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 18H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, J =7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H) ppm; 13 C (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.0, 146.3, 144.6, 144.1, 131.9, 129.8, 127.1, 116.7, 81.1, 79.1, 77.2, 73.8, 72.6, 60.1, 43.3, 42.6, 41.4, 38.6, 35.4, 35.3, 33.8, 32.1, 31.1, 30.5, 26.1, 25.9, 25.8, 20.8, 20.4, 18.4, 18.2, 18.0, 17.9, 17.7, 15.8, 14.9, 14.4, 9.3, -3.6, -3.8, -3.9, -4.4, -4.5, -4.6 ppm; IR (neat) 3449,

2957, 2930, 2857, 1715, 1637, 1610, 1461, 1378, 1254, 1180 cm $^{-1}$; HRMS (ES+) calcd for $C_{50}H_{97}O_6NaSi_3I [M + Na]^+ 1027.5535$, found 1027.5497.

Synthesis of acid chloride 6b: Following the same procedure as explained before for the synthesis of 6a, the acid (53 mg, 0.123 mmol) in dry toluene (0.5 mL) was treated with dimethyl(1-chloro-2-methyl-1-propenyl)-amine (Ghosez reagent) (0.020 mL, 0.148 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1.5 h and the so-obtained solution of crude acid chloride 6b was used directly in the next step.

(2Z,4E,6S,7S)-(3Z,5S,6S,7R,8R,11S,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-8,14-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-17-iodo-5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-dien-6-yl 7,9-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-methylnona-2,4-dienoate (24b). Alcohol 5 (67 mg, 0.095 mmol) in dry THF (1.2 mL) was treated with NaHMDS (0.104 mL, 0.104 mmol, 1.0 M in THF) at -78 °C. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min, the crude acid chloride solution **6b** as prepared above was added dropwise by syringe. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated solution of NaHCO₃ (3 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 × 5 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by flash chromatography (40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided the ester **24b** (60 mg, 57%, 82% based on recovered alcohol) and the recovered alcohol 5 (20.0 mg). $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{25}$ +3.02 (c 0.53, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.36 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 6.27 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J = 16.2, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.58 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.36– 5.33 (m, 2H), 5.03 (dd, J = 7.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78–3.76 (m, 1H), 3.67–3.57 (m, 3H), 3.45 (t, J =3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.87–2.83 (m, 1H), 2.71–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.50–2.45 (m, 1H), 2.09–1.97 (m, 2H), 1.74 (td, J = 6.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.21(m, 3H), 1.03 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 7.8 H

6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 18H), 0.89 (s, 18H), 0.93-0.89 (m, 1H), 0.85 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.83 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 12H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 147.4, 145.1, 144.2, 132.0, 130.0, 126.6, 116.2, 81.1, 79.1, 72.7, 72.6, 59.8, 53.4, 43.4, 42.4, 41.5, 38.7, 36.9, 35.4, 33.5, 32.2, 31.1, 30.5, 26.1, 25.9, 25.9, 25.9, 20.8, 20.4, 18.4, 18.2, 18.1, 18.1, 17.7, 15.8, 14.5, 14.4, 9.4, -3.6, -3.7, -3.7, -4.4, -4.5, -4.5, -5.2, -5.3 ppm; IR (neat) 2956, 2930, 2857, 1715, 1637, 1462, 1254 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C₅₆H₁₁₁IO₆Si₄Na [M + Na]⁺ 1141.6400, found 1141.6404.

(2Z,4E,6S,7S)-(3Z,5S,6S,7R,8R,11S,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-8,14-Bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-17-iodo-5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-dien-6-yl 7-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-9-hydroxy-6-methylnona-2,4-dienoate (25b). A solution of the tetra-substituted TBS-ether 24b (57 mg, 0.051 mmol) in THF (0.36 mL) at 0 °C was treated with a solution of HF-pyridine (0.088 mL) in pyridine/THF (0.36 mL/0.72 mL). The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 5 h. After quenching at 0 °C by slow addition of saturated NaHCO₃ until no CO₂ evolved, the mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 4 mL). The combined organic layers were washed successively with a saturated solution of CuSO₄ (2 × 6 mL) and brine, then dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by column chromatography (SiO₂, 15:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided the desired primary alcohol 25b (43 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ +0.28 (c 2.135, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (dd, J = 15.6, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 6.12-6.07 (m, 2H), 5.59 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.37-5.31 (m, 2H), 5.03 (dd, J = 7.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.76-3.69 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.45 (t, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.85 - 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.69 - 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.57 (dd, J = 12.6,6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07–1.96 (m, 3H), 1.76–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.66–1.60 (m, 3H), 1.55–1.51 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.29-1.22 (m, 2H), 1.06 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 18H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.81-0.77 (m, 1H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 6H), 0.06 (s, 6H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.1, 146.2, 144.8, 144.2, 132.0,

130.0, 127.0, 116.6, 81.2, 79.2, 74.5, 72.6, 60.2, 43.3, 42.4, 41.5, 38.7, 35.4, 35.4, 33.6, 32.2, 31.1, 30.5, 26.2, 26.0, 25.9, 20.8, 20.4, 18.4, 18.3, 18.1, 18.1, 18.0, 17.8, 15.8, 15.4, 14.5, 9.4, – 3.6, –3.7, –4.3, –4.5, –4.5 ppm; IR (neat) 2957, 2929, 2856, 1713, 1636, 1462, 1254 cm⁻¹.

(2Z,4E,6R,7S)-(3Z,5S,6S,7R,8R,11S,13S,14R,15S,16Z)-8,14-Bis((tert-

butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-17-iodo-5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-dien-6-yl 7-((tertbutvldimethylsilyloxy)-6-methyl-9-oxonona-2,4-dienoate (4a). Alcohol 25a (73 mg, 0.072 mmol) was dissolved in DCM (2.4 mL) and the solution treated with NaHCO₃ (9.1 mg, 0.11 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (46 mg, 0.11 mmol) in one portion at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h, then dissolved with water and quenched with a saturated solution of Na₂S₂O₃. This mixture was stirred until two layers were clearly visible. After extraction with DCM (4 × 25 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent removed. Purification by means of flash chromatography (SiO₂, 10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded aldehyde **4a** (69 mg, 95%) as a clear oil. TLC $R_f = 0.47$ (8:1 hexanes/EtOAc); ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 9.77 \text{ (dd, } J = 2.5, 1.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 7.37 \text{ (dd, } J = 15.4, 11.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.51 \text{ (t, } J = 1.5, 1.7 \text{ Hz}, 1.7 \text{ Hz})$ 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (dd, J = 15.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40–5.29 (m, 2H), 5.03 (dd, J = 7.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (ddd, J = 7.1), 4.7 Hz, 1H, 4.21 (ddd, J = 7.1), 4.7 Hz, 4.21 (ddd, J = 7.1), 4.21 (ddd, J = 7.1), 4.7 Hz, 4.7 Hz, 4.21 (ddd, J = 7.1), 4.7 6.8, 4.5, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.60–3.56 (m, 1H), 3.45 (t, J = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (ddd, J = 8.8, 6.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (ddd, J = 9.0, 7.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (ddd, J = 16.3, 6.9) 16.2, 4.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.11–1.95 (m, 2H), 1.74 (ddd, J = 6.8, 6.8, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.65–1.49 (m, 3H), 1.43-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.31-1.21 (m, 3H), 1.09 (d, J=6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J=7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 18H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.85 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.82 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 6H), 0.05 (s, 6H), $0.04~(s,\,3H)~ppm;~^{13}C~NMR~(100~MHz,\,CDCl_3)~\delta~201.6,\,166.0,\,144.9,\,144.4,\,144.1,\,132.0,\,129.8,$ 127.8, 117.2, 81.1, 79.1, 77.2, 72.6, 70.8, 48.3, 43.3, 43.3, 41.4, 38.6, 35.4, 33.5, 32.2, 31.1, 30.5, 26.2, 25.9, 25.7, 20.8, 20.4, 18.3, 18.2, 18.1, 18.0, 17.8, 15.8, 15.1, 14.4, 9.3, -3.6, -3.7, -3.7, -4.5, -4.5, -4.6 ppm.

(2*Z*,4*E*,6*S*,7*S*)-(3*Z*,5*S*,6*S*,7*R*,8*R*,11*S*,13*S*,14*R*,15*S*,16*Z*)-8,14-Bis((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-17-iodo-5,7,11,13,15-pentamethylheptadeca-3,16-dien-6-yl 7-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-methyl-9-oxonona-2,4-dienoate (4b). Following the same procedure utilized for aldehyde 4a, a solution of alcohol 25b (41 mg, 0.041 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was treated with DMP (0.026 g, 0.061 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (0.007 g, 0.082 mmol) at rt. After workup and purification by flash chromatography aldehyde 4b (38.5 mg, 94%) was obtained as a light yellow oil. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.78 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.40 (dd, J = 15.0, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (t, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 6.26 (dd, J = 9.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dd, J = 15.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.62 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.38–5.31 (m, 2H), 5.03 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.16 (m, 1H), 3.59–3.57 (m, 1H), 3.45 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.85–2.84 (m, 1H), 2.69–2.67 (m, 1H), 2.56–2.47 (m, 3H), 2.07–1.99 (m, 2H), 1.76–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.66 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 1.54–1.52 (m, 1H), 1.42–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.22 (m, 3H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.99–0.97 (m, 6H), 0.92 (s, 18H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.85 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H) ppm.

V. Intramolecular NHK reactions:

(3Z,5E,7R,8S,10S,11Z,13S,14R,15S,17S,20R,21R,22S)-8,14,20-Tris((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-22-((S,Z)-hex-3-en-2-yl)-10-hydroxy-7,13,15,17,21-pentamethyloxacyclodocosa-3,5,11-trien-2-one (26a).

Procedure a: CrCl₂ (90 mg, 0.73 mmol), NiCl₂(dppf) (6.7 mg, 0.01 mmol) and 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-dipyridyl (196 mg, 0.73 mmol) were transferred to a flask inside a glove box and dissolved in dry and degassed THF (24 mL). The resulting green solution was stirred at rt until completely homogeneous (~2 h). A solution of aldehyde **4a** (48.9 mg, 0.048 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added dropwise by syringe and stirring was continued at rt for 3 days. The reaction was quenched with sodium serinate (5 mL, 1 M) and the resulting brown solution was stirred at rt for 2 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (4 × 20 mL), the organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. After filtration through a plug of silica gel with 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc as eluent, the solvent was removed and the residue was purified by means of preparative TLC (8:1 hexanes/EtOAc, 2×) to afford macrolactone **26a** (9.2 mg, 22%) as a light yellow oil.

Procedure b (optimized conditions): CrCl₂ (136 mg, 1.11 mmol) and NiCl₂ (2.0 mg, 0.015 mmol) were transferred to a flask inside a glove box and dissolved in freshly distilled, dry and degassed DMF (6.5 mL). The resulting green solution was stirred until completely homogeneous (~30 min). A solution of aldehyde **4a** (74 mg, 0.073 mmol) in freshly distilled and degassed THF (8.5 mL) was added dropwise by syringe and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The reaction was quenched with sodium serinate (2 mL, 1 M) and the resulting solution was stirred for 1 h. The product was extracted with ether (2 × 20 mL) and EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by flash chromatography (SiO₂, 25:1, 20:1 and 15:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded macrolactone **26a** (31 mg, 48%) as a yellow oil. TLC R_f = 0.39 (5:1 hexanes/EtOAc); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10 (t, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 5.39–5.33 (m, 2H), 5.27 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t,

J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J = 12.8, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.48 (bs, 1H), 3.26 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.86–2.80 (m, 1H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (bs, 1H), 2.07–2.00 (m, 2H), 1.86–1.82 (m, 1H), 1.59–1.54 (m, 5H), 1.43–1.40 (m, 3H), 1.28–1.21 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.80 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 6H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H) ppm; IR (neat) 3477, 2957, 2930, 2857, 1712, 1640, 1596, 1462, 1254 cm⁻¹; LRMS (EI+) 900.65 [M + Na]⁺.

(3Z,5E,7S,8S,10S,11Z,13S,14R,15S,17S,20R,21R,22S)-8,14,20-Tris((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-22-((S,Z)-hex-3-en-2-yl)-10-hydroxy-7,13,15,17,21-

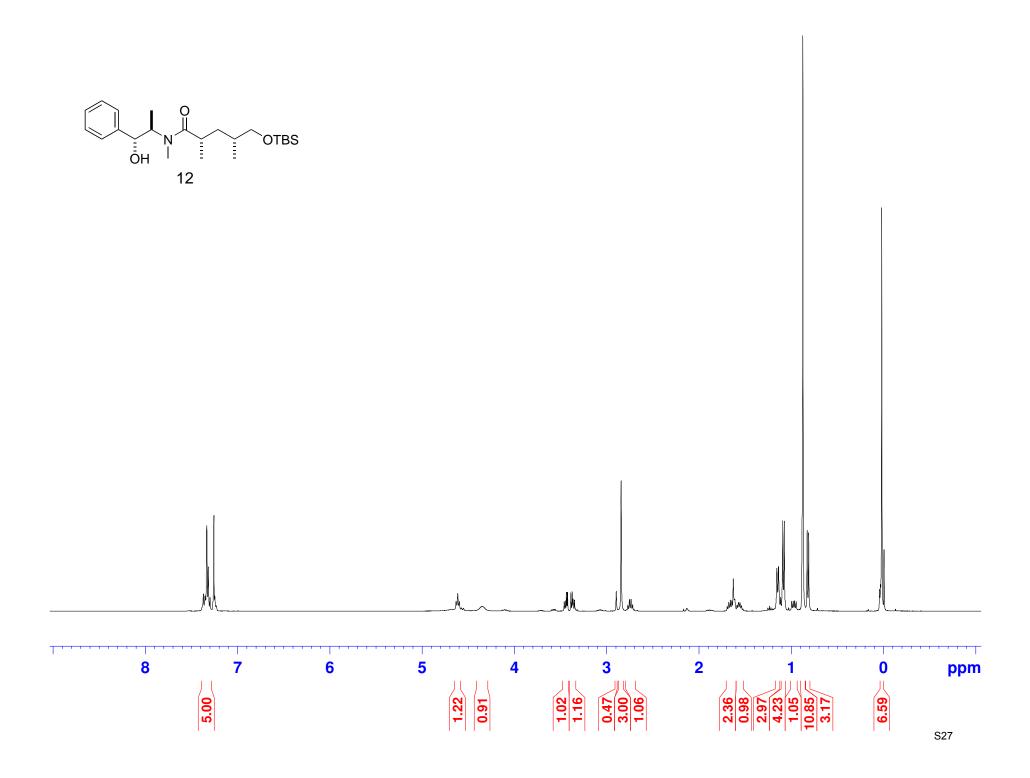
pentamethyloxacyclodocosa-3,5,11-trien-2-one (26b). Following procedure a, CrCl₂ (70 mg, 0.568 mmol), NiCl₂(dppf) (3.9 mg, 0.0057 mmol) and 4,4'-Di-tert-butyl-2,2'-dipyridyl (152 mg, 0.568 mmol) were combined inside a glove. Anhydrous, deoxygenated THF (28 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at rt until a dark green homogeneous solution was formed (~2 h). The azeotropically dried (3 \times 3 mL of dry toluene) aldehyde **4b** (38 mg, 0.038 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous, deoxygenated THF (10 mL) and this solution was transferred into the flask containing the catalysts. After the reaction mixture was stirred at rt under argon atmosphere for 5 days, it was quenched with sodium serinate (30 mL, 1 M, prepared from sodium bicarbonate and d,l-serine) and stirred for another hour. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 \times 25 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed. Purification by preparative TLC (8:1 hexanes/EtOAc) provided macrolactone 26b (14 mg, 42%) as a light yellow oil containing a few inseparable impurities. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.17 (dd, J = 15.0, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, J = 15.0, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.57-5.53 (m, 2H), 5.35-5.28 (m, 2H), 5.26-5.20 (m, 2H), 4.62 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (bs, 1H), 3.31–3.29 (m, 1H), 2.82–2.77 (m, 1H), 2.64–2.60 (m, 2H), 2.09– 1.97 (m, 4H), 1.90–1.88 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.50 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.35 (m, 4H), 1.29–1.22 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.12 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H),

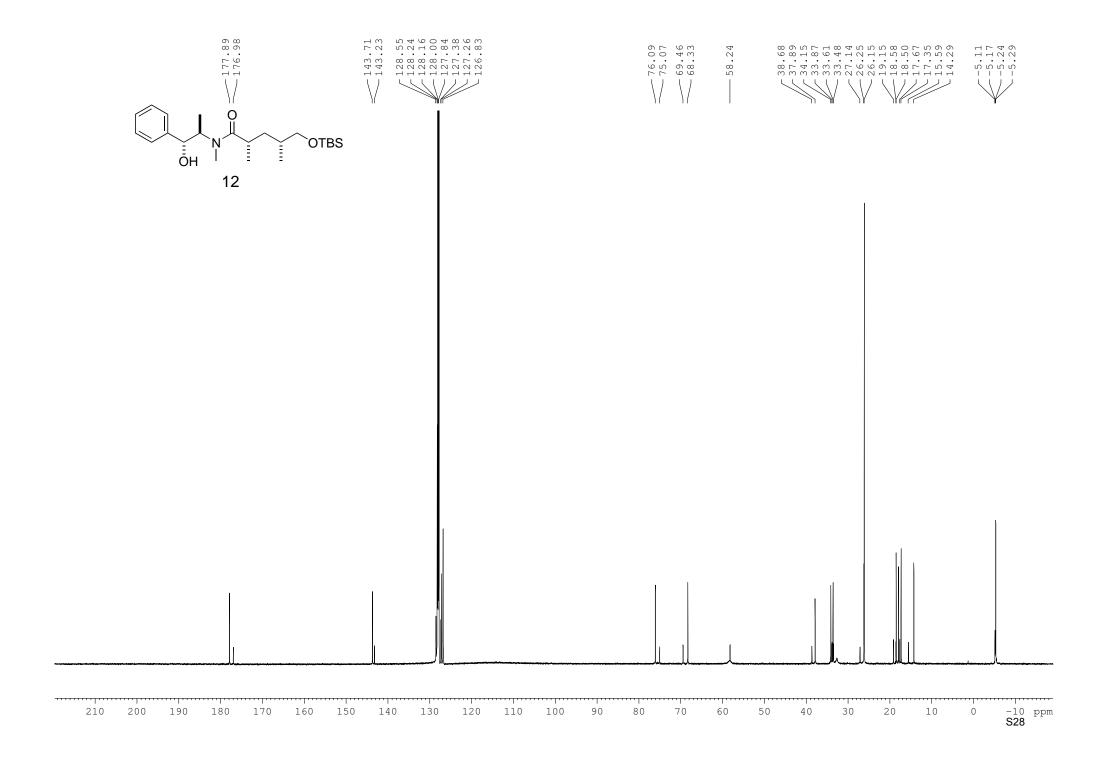
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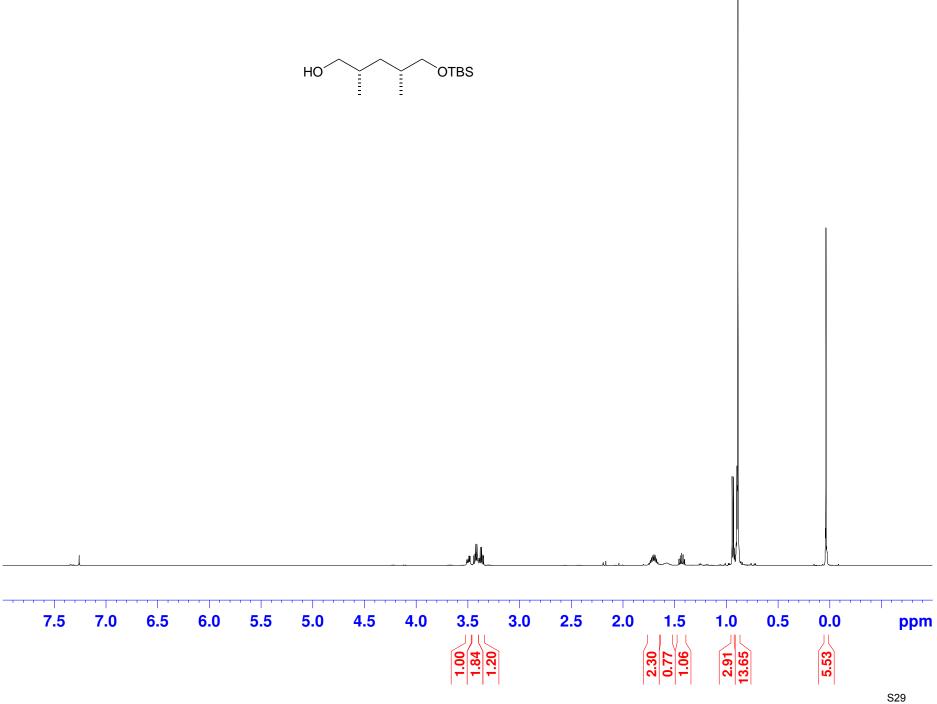
25,26-Dihydrodictyostatin (3a). A solution of macrolactone 26a (7.6 mg, 0.008 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was transferred into a polyethylene tube and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. HF-pyridine (0.2 mL) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was allowed to warm up slowly to rt and stirred for 3 days. The reaction mixture was quenched at 0 °C by the dropwise addition of saturated NaHCO₃ and stirring was continued for 45 min. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (4 × 20 mL), the organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent removed. Purification by means of preparative TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) afforded 3a (4 mg, 86%) as a white solid. TLC $R_f = 0.32$ (1:2.5 hexanes/EtOAc); $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –28.5 (c 0.2, MeOH); ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.22 (dd, J = 15.6, 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (t, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.54 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (t, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40-5.35 (m, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 5.40-52H), 5.21 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 7.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (ddd, J = 9.4, 9.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (ddd, J = 10.7, 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.32–3.28 (m, 1H), 3.07 (dd, J = 8.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (ddd, J = 9.9, 6.7, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.70 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 10.3, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dddd, J= 7.4, 7.4, 3.5, 1.3 Hz, 2H, 1.87 - 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.60 - 1.56 (m, 3H), 1.54 - 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.47 (ddd, 1H)J = 14.2, 10.9, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.39 - 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.25 - 1.21 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.08 - 1.08(d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H),0.93 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; 13 C (700 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 168.2, 146.7, 145.1, 135.1, 133.6, 132.0, 131.3, 128.7, 118.2, 80.5, 78.7, 74.1, 70.5, 65.6, 50.0, 44.2, 42.3, 41.0, 40.8, 35.9, 35.5, 33.0, 32.6, 31.4, 30.9, 22.0, 22.0, 19.5, 18.4, 16.2, 14.9, 10.6 ppm; IR (neat) 3397, 2924, 2855, 1705, 1634, 1458 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (ES+) calcd for $C_{32}H_{54}O_6Na$ [M + Na]⁺ 557.3818, found 557.3863.

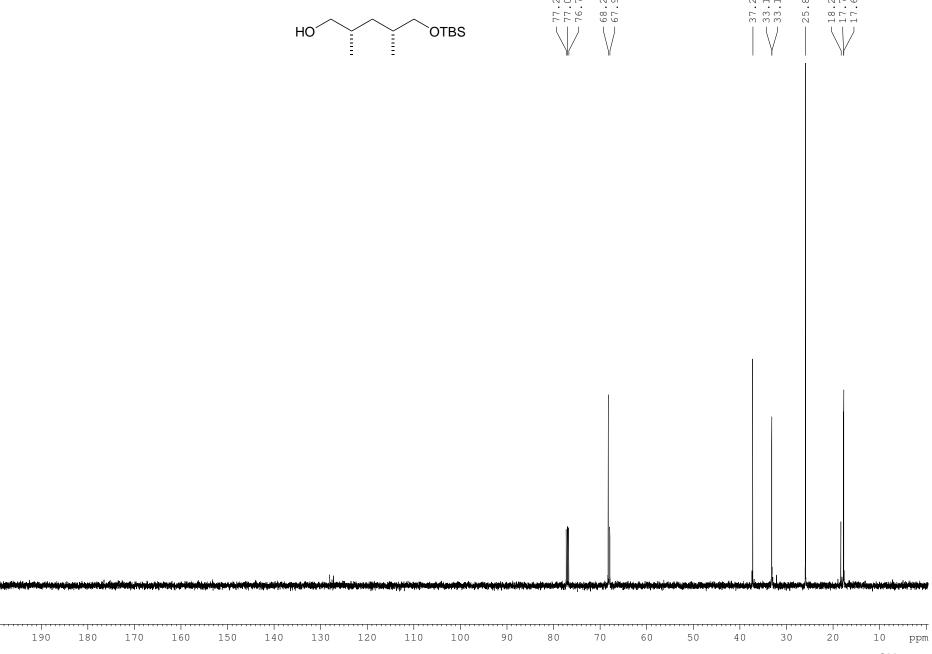
Acetonide. Macrolactone 3a (3.2 mg, 5.9 µmol) was dissolved in acetone (3 drops) and the solution treated with 2,2-dimethoxypropane (1.4 µL, 0.012 mmol) and PPTS (1.2 mg,1.2 µmol) at rt. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h. The product was purified by preparative TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford the desired acetonide (2.1 mg, 61%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (dd, J = 15.4, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (t, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.44 (t, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H)10.7, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (ddd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.7, 7.4, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (dd, J8.8, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (ddd, J = 10.4, 10.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (ddd, J = 10.7, 10.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.76 (m, 1H), 2.70–2.64 (m, 2H), 2.07– 2.02 (m, 1H), 2.01–1.97 (m, 1H), 1.91–1.87 (m, 1H), 1.78–1.75 (m, 2H), 1.71–1.67 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.44 (m, 3H), 1.40 (s, 6H), 1.38-1.33 (m, 2H), 1.23-1.20 (m, 1H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (700 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 166.2, 144.7, 144.4, 133.7, 132.4, 131.2, 130.0, 127.4, 116.6, 100.1, 76.1, 75.9, 73.6, 67.4, 64.3, 40.4, 40.3, 39.6, 35.3, 34.5, 32.4, 32.2, 32.0, 31.8, 29.6, 28.9, 26.4, 24.8, 21.4, 20.7, 17.8, 17.4, 14.5, 14.4, 10.0 ppm.

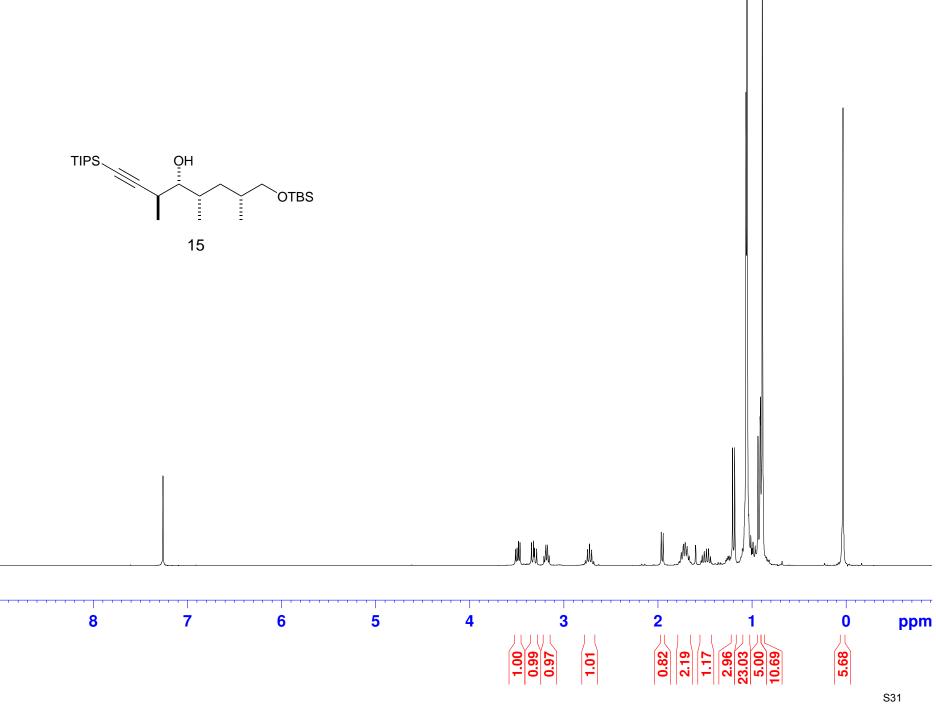
6-Epi-25,26-dihydrodictyostatin (3b). Following the same procedure as described above, macrolactone **26b** (8.7 mg, 0.010 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was treated with HF-pyridine (0.160 mL) at 0 °C and stirred at rt for 24 h. After workup and purification by means of preparative TLC (1:5 hexanes/EtOAc), the final product **3b** (4.4 mg, 82%) was obtained as a white solid, which was further subjected to HPLC (IPA/Hexane 5:95, chiral whelk column) purification. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{25}$ – 43.0 (c 0.165, MeOH); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 7.28 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (t, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (t, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dt, J = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (dd, J = 10.8, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (t, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 - 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.03 (dd, J = 9.6, 3.0 m)Hz, 1H), 2.94–2.88 (m, 2H), 2.71–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.22–2.13 (m, 2H), 2.10–2.05 (m, 2H), 1.88 (td, J = 11.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H, 1.73-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.49-1.47 (m, 1H)1H), 1.41-1.31 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.21 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.00 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93–0.83 (m, 2H), 0.41 (qd, J = 12.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H) ppm; ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 165.9, 146.1, 143.7, 133.6, 131.9, 131.3, 128.5, 127.1, 116.2, 79.1, 76.0, 73.6, 70.1, 63.7, 46.8, 43.3, 40.5, 40.4, 33.9, 33.8, 33.7, 32.3, 31.2, 30.1, 20.8, 20.4, 17.8, 16.8, 16.1, 14.8, 13.4, 8.5 ppm; IR (neat) 3347, 2960, 2924, 1709, 1636, 1454, 1100, 1073 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI) calcd for $C_{32}H_{54}O_6K [M + K]^+$ 573.3557, found 573.3565.

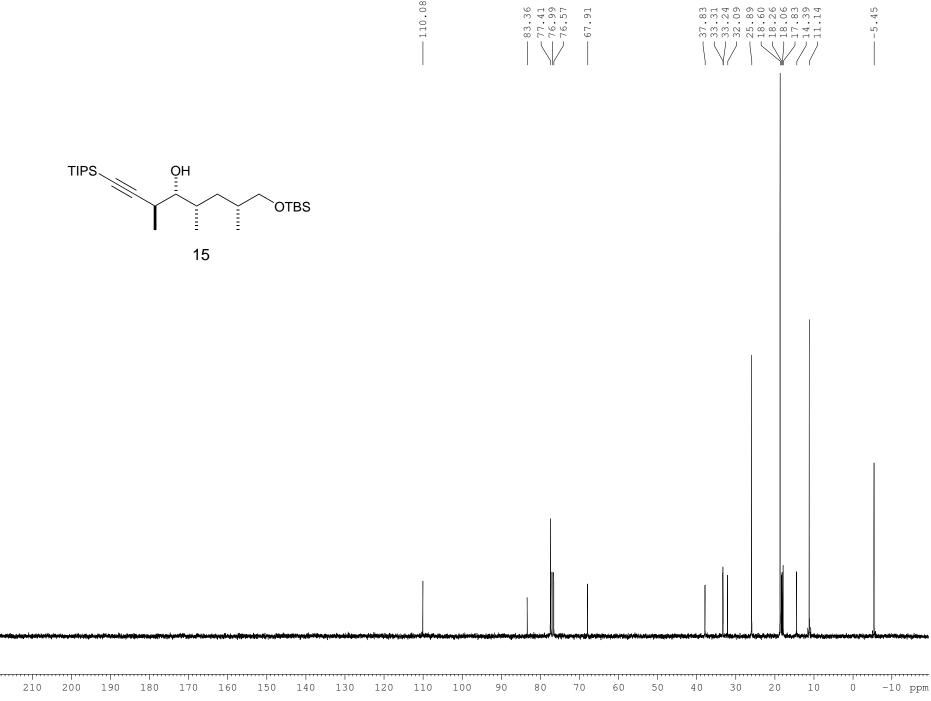


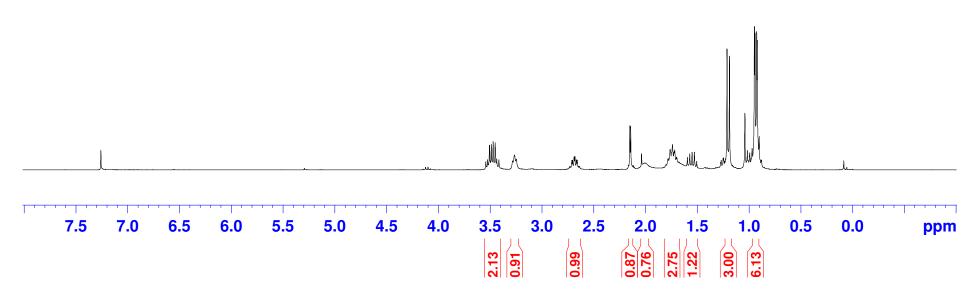














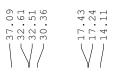
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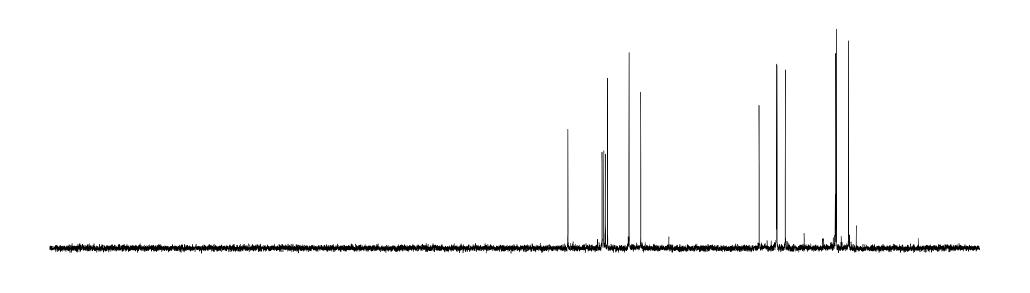
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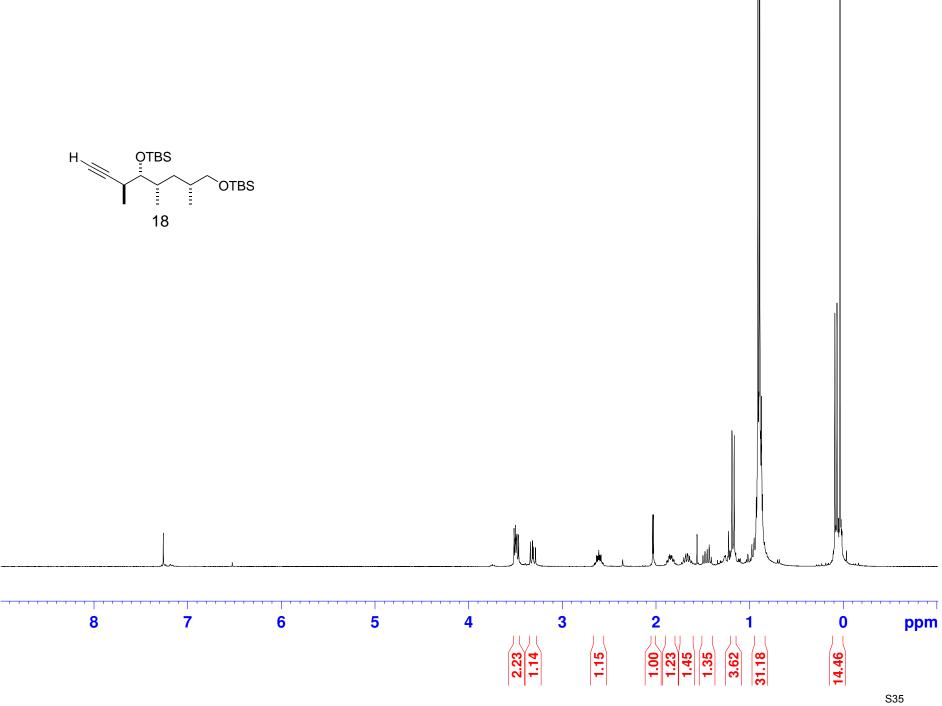
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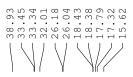
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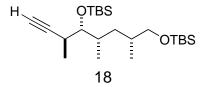
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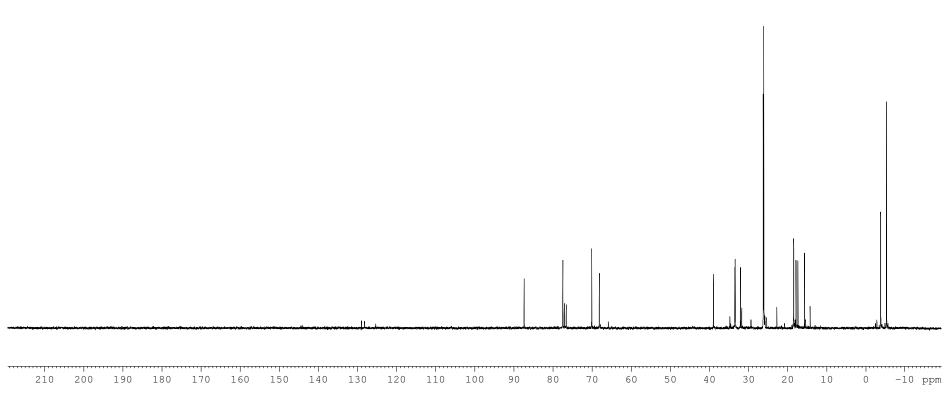


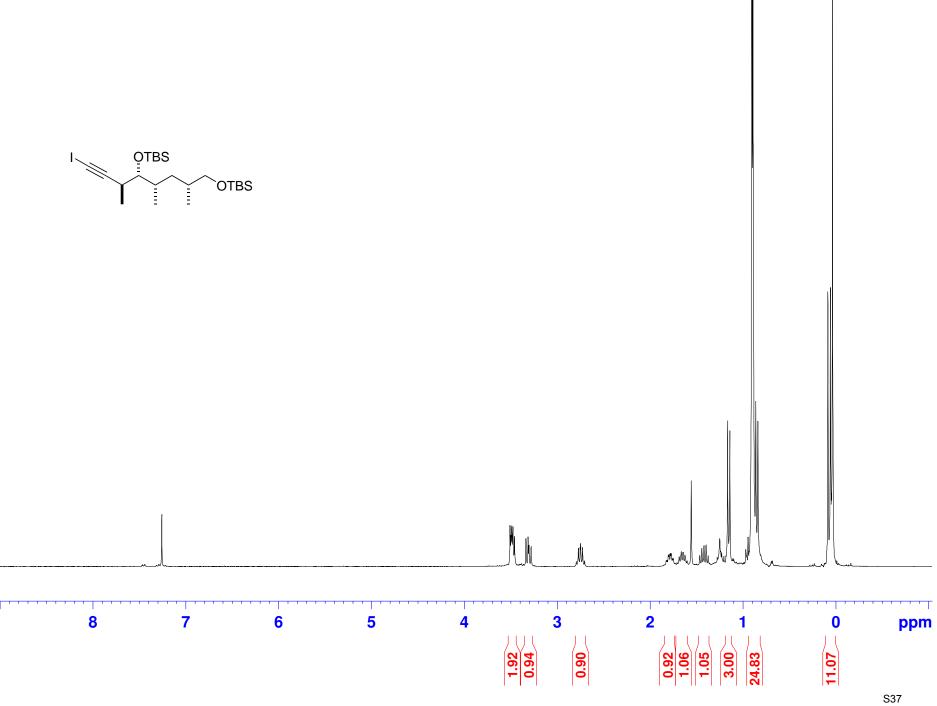




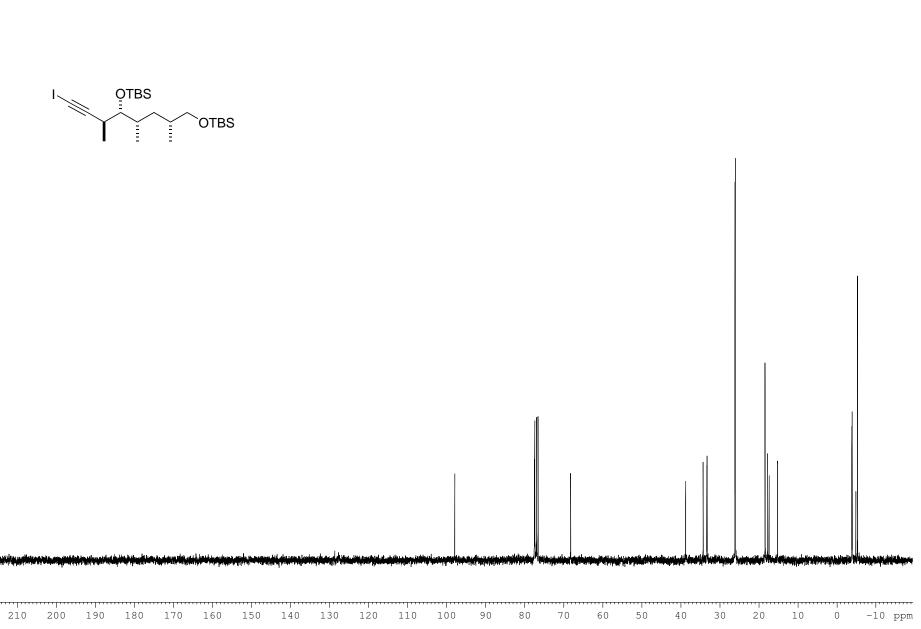


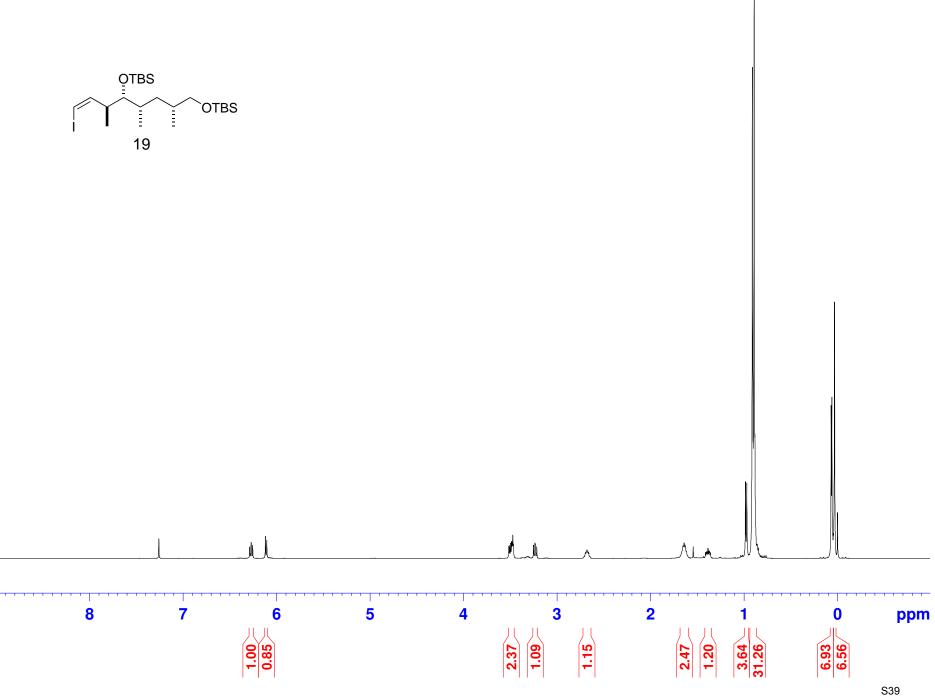


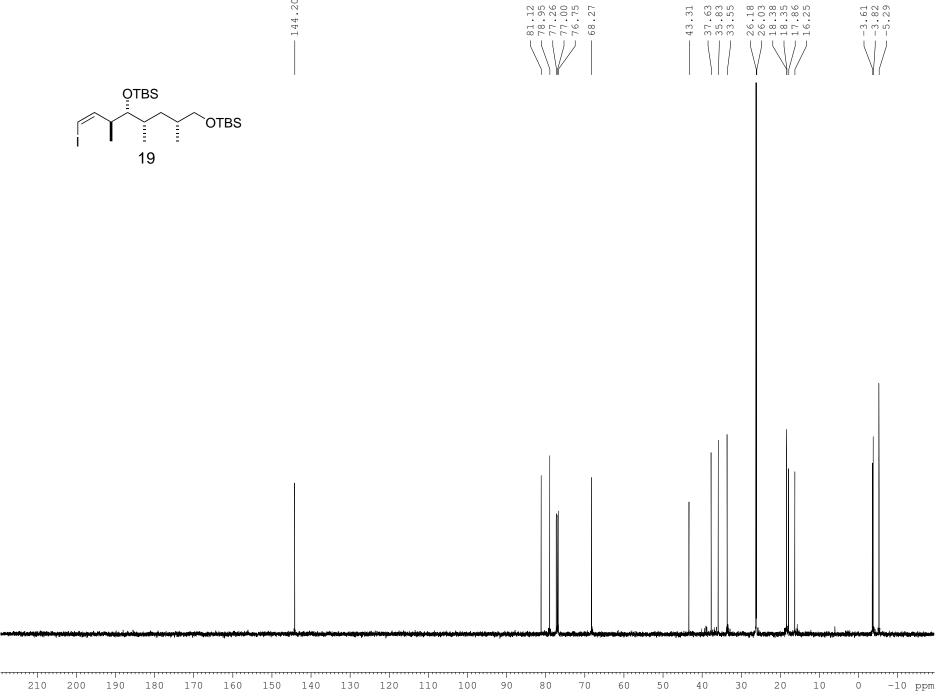


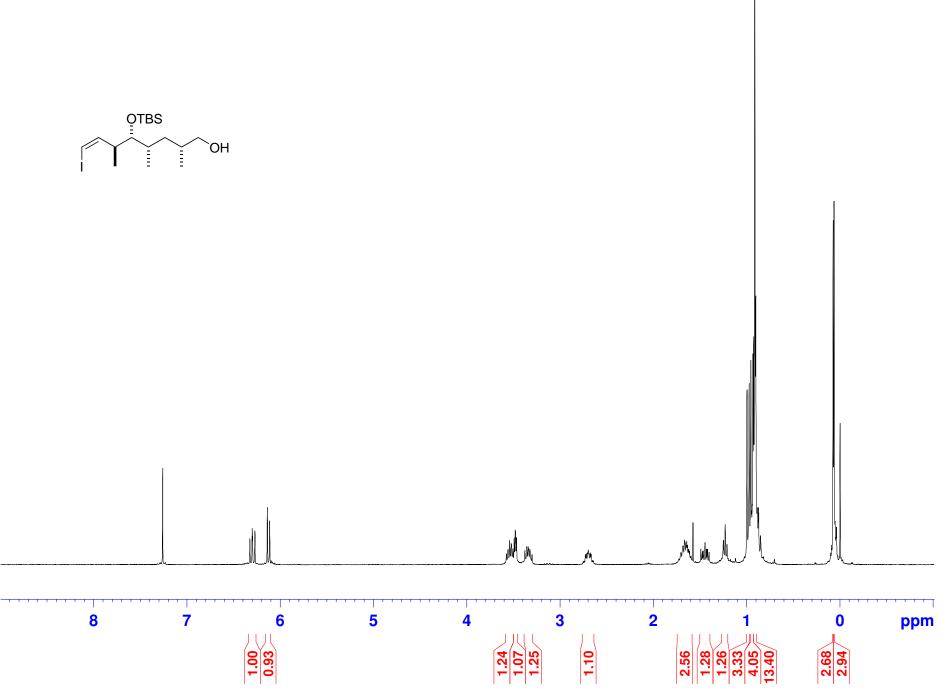


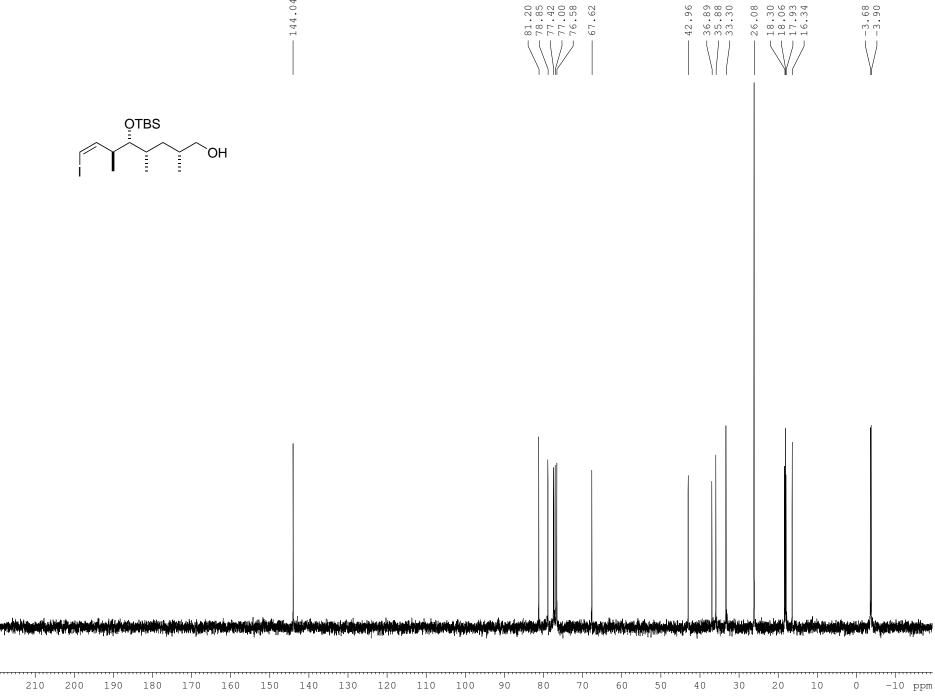


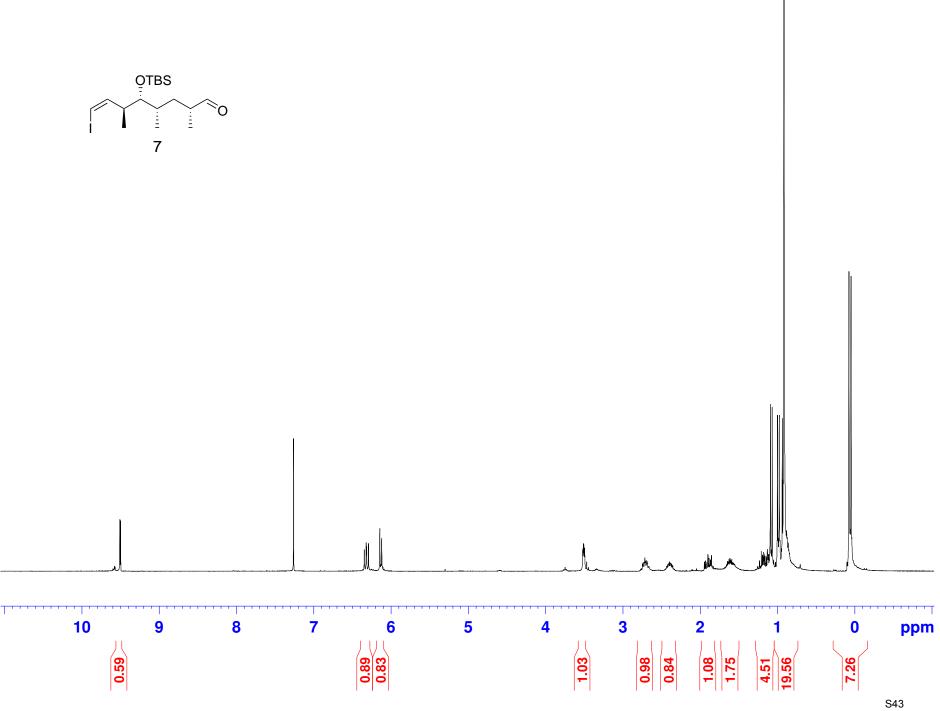


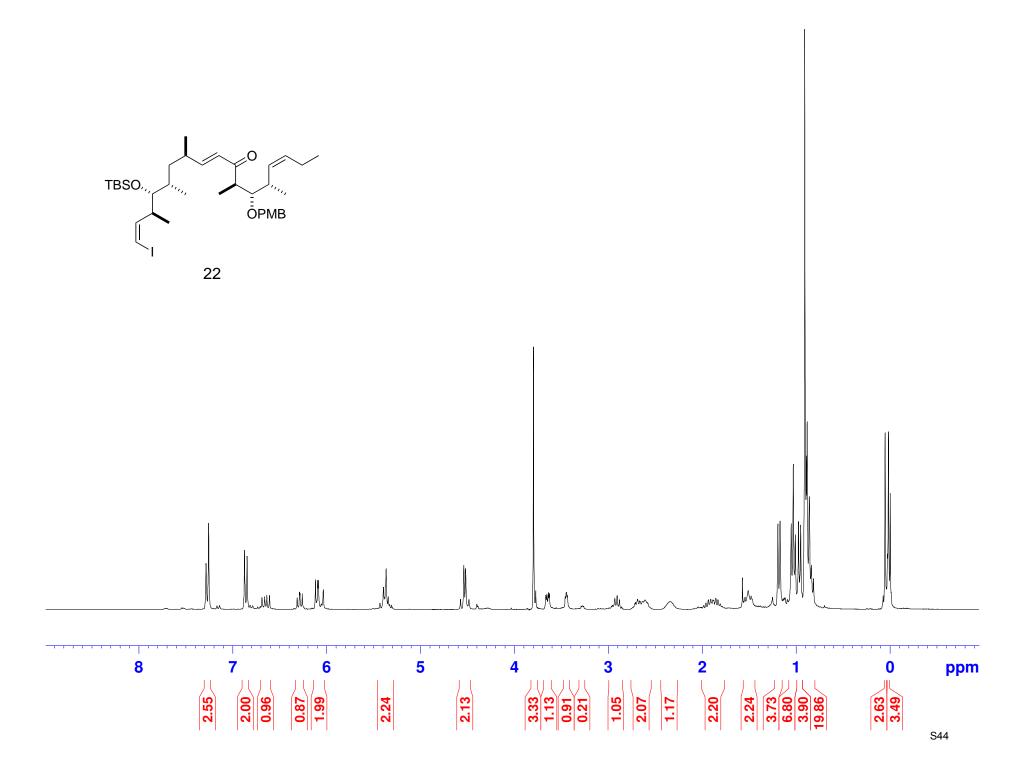


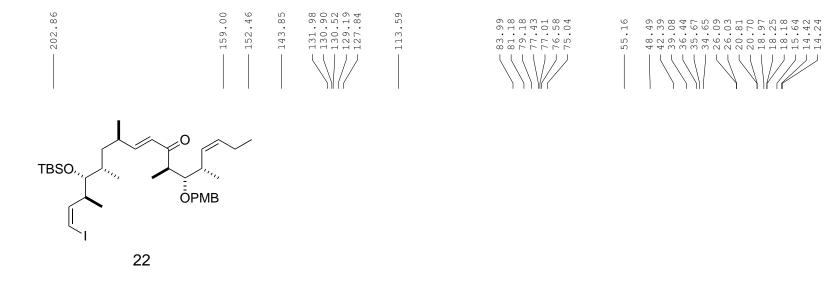


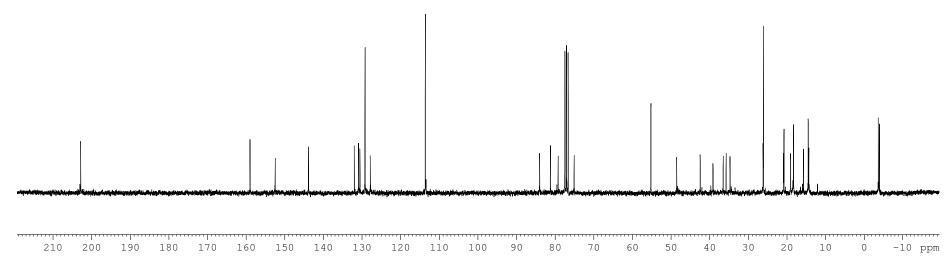












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