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Gram-Scale Synthesis of Iejimalide B

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General: All reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under Ar. The solvents were purified by distillation over the drying agents indicated and were transferred under Ar: THF, Et₂O, 1,4-dioxane (Mg-anthracene), CH₂Cl₂ (P₄O₁₀), MeCN, Et₃N, pyridine, DMSO, EtOAc (CaH₂), MeOH (Mg), DMF (Desmodur[®], dibutyltin dilaurate), hexane, toluene (Na/K). Flash chromatography: Merck silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh) or CombiFlash (Teledyne Isco). NMR: Spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX 300, AV 400, or DMX 600 spectrometer in the solvents indicated; chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm relative to TMS, coupling constants (*J*) in Hz. The solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale (CDCl₃: $\delta_c \equiv 77.0$ ppm; residual CHCl₃ in CDCl₃: $\delta_{\rm H} \equiv 7.24$ ppm; CD₂Cl₂: $\delta_c \equiv 53.8$ ppm; residual CH₂Cl₂ in CD₂Cl₂: $\delta_{\rm H} \equiv 5.32$ ppm). IR: Magna IR750 (Nicolet) or spectrum One (Perkin Elmer) spectrometer, wavenumbers (\tilde{V}) in cm⁻¹. MS (EI): Finnigan MAT 8200 (70 eV), ESI-MS: ESQ3000 (Bruker), accurate mass determinations: Bruker APEX III FT-MS (7 T magnet) or MAT 95 (Finnigan). Melting points: Büchi melting point apparatus B-540 (corrected). Elemental analyses: H. Kolbe, Mülheim/Ruhr. Unless stated otherwise, commercially available compounds (Fluka, Lancaster, Aldrich) were used as received.

O-tert-Butyldimethylsilyl-L-serine benzyl ester (6): DBU (6.46 mL, 43.2 mmol) was added to a suspension of L-serine benzyl ester hydrochloride **5** (5.0 g, 21.6 mmol) and TBSCI (3.42 g, 22.68 mmol) in MeCN (650 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting homogeneous mixture stirred overnight at ambient temperature. After evaporation of the solvent, the residue was suspended in H₂O (50 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with EtOAc (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to give product **6**, which was pure enough for use in the next step (6.7 g, quant., *ee* ≥ 99 %, HPLC). For analytical purposes, a sample was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 5:1→1:5). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -11.6$ (*c* = 1.4, CH₂Cl₂), $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -7.8$ (*c* = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂), $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -3.4$ (*c* = 0.8, CH₂Cl₂), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.33-7.36$ (m, 5H), 5.17 (virt. d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 3.96 (dd, *J* = 4.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, *J* = 3.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (t, *J* = 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (brs), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 173.8$, 135.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.3, 66.8, 65.2, 56.61, 25.8, 18.2, -5.5, -5.6; IR (film): $\tilde{U} = 3387, 3319, 3091, 3066, 3034, 2954, 2929, 2884, 2857, 1743, 1687, 1589, 1545, 1498, 1471, 1463, 1389, 1371, 1362, 1310, 1257, 1216, 1169, 1140, 1103, 1042, 1006, 959, 939, 837, 810, 778, 750, 734, 697, 666, 604, 576 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI):$ *m/z*: calcd for

C₁₆H₂₈NO₃Si [*M*⁺ +H]: 310.18372; found: 310.18385; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₆H₂₇NO₃Si: C 62.10, H 8.79; found: C 62.22, H 8.71.

O-*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl-*N*-formyl-*L*-serine benzyl ester (7): A solution of amine **6** (6.68 g, 21.6 mmol) and DMAP (270 mg, 2.16 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (540 mL) was cooled to 0 °C before formic acid (860 μL, 22.68 mmol) and EDC·HCI (4.55 g, 23.76 mmol) were introduced. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at ambient temperature and evaporated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc 4:1→1:1) to give product **7** as a colorless oil (6.87 g, 94 %, *ee* = 98.3 %, HPLC). [α]_D²⁰ = +10.1 (*c* = 0.89, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.26–7.36 (m, 5H), 6.42 (brs, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 4.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.8, 160.6, 135.2, 128.7, 128.5, 128.4, 67.4, 63.4, 53.0, 25.7, 18.2, −5.6, −5.6; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 3309, 3066, 3035, 2954, 2929, 2884, 2857, 1748, 1689, 1588, 1499, 1471, 1464, 1387, 1362, 1337, 1257, 1213, 1188, 1118, 1045, 1006, 958, 836, 814, 779, 750, 735, 697, 665 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 280 (10), 202 (2), 91 (100), 75 (8), 73 (14); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₇H₂₇NO₄SiNa [*M*⁺ +Na]: 360.16065; found: 360.16071; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₇H₂₇NO₄Si: C 60.50, H 8.06; found: C 60.33, H 7.94.

O-tert-Butyldimethylsilyl-N-formyl-L-serine (8): Palladium on charcoal (10 % w/w, 347 mg) was added to a solution of compound **7** (1.53 g, 4.51 mmol) in EtOAc (10 mL). After three vacuum/H₂-refill cycles, the suspension was vigorously stirred for 30 min under H₂ (1 atm) before MeOH (3 mL) was added to dissolve the precipitated product. Stirring was continued for 2 h before the catalyst was filtered off through Celite, which was carefully rinsed with EtOAc and MeOH. Evaporation of the combined filtrates gave acid **8** as a white solid (1.10 g, 98 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +47.6 (*c* = 0.85, MeOH); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD): *δ* = 8.14 (s, 1H), 4.59 (t, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, *J* = 10.2, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD): *δ* = 173.1, 164.0, 64.9, 55.0, 26.7, 19.5, -5.0, -5.1; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 3349, 2955, 2928, 2884, 2857, 2741, 2450, 1923, 1714, 1619, 1521, 1471, 1444, 1370, 1345, 1289, 1252, 1233, 1125, 1104, 1051, 1006, 987, 948, 908, 835, 779, 716, 698, 665, 628, 581, 551, 494 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 190 (34), 172 (15), 162 (38), 144 (62), 134 (22), 116 (63), 89 (25), 75 (100), 73 (59), 59 (18), 45 (15), 28 (15); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for

C₁₀H₂₁NO₄SiNa [*M*⁺ +Na]: 270.11333; found: 270.11321; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₀H₂₁NO₄Si: C 48.55, H 8.56, N 5.66; found: C 48.58, H 8.44, N, 5.60.

(*E*)-Methyl 3-bromo-2-methylacrylate (9): A 2 L two-necked round bottom flask fitted with a dropping funnel and an Ar inlet was charged with methyl 2-methylacrylate (13) (59.9 g, 0.598 mol) and CH₂Cl₂ (600 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C before Br₂ (95 g, 0.598 mol) was slowly added via the funnel over 45 min. The resulting orange mixture was stirred for 2 h at ambient temperature before Et₃N (15 mL) was added to quench unreacted Br₂. The resulting colorless solution was cooled to 0 °C and DBU (100 g, 0.658 mol) was slowly introduced. The cooling bath was removed and the resulting brown mixture stirred for 16 h at ambient temperature. For work up, the mixture was washed with aq. HCl (2 M, 2 × 200 mL), the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 50 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (200 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated to give a crude pale brown oil. Purification by filtration through a short pad of silica, which was eluted with pentanes/Et₂O (95:5), afforded bromide 9 as a colorless oil (98.9 g, 92 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.49 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ = 165.5, 133.8, 122.9, 52.2, 15.6; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 1717, 1614, 1435, 1307, 1229, 1108, 729 cm⁻¹; MS (El): *m/z* (%): 178 (66, *M*⁺), 147 (100), 119 (57), 99 (94).

Phthalimide 14: To a solution of phthalimide (70.5 g, 0.48 mol) in DMF (500 mL) were added K₂CO₃ (132.6 g, 0.96 mol) and 3-chloro-2-methylpropene (45.4 mL, 0.72 mol). The resulting suspension was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h before it was cooled at 0 °C and diluted with H₂O (750 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 300 mL), the combined organic layers were successively washed with H₂O (3 × 300 mL) and brine (300 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to give product **14** as a white solid (91.4 g, 91 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.87–7.80 (m, 2H), 7.74–7.66 (m, 2H), 4.88–4.84 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 1.75 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ = 168.0, 139.3, 134.0, 133.2, 123.3, 111.9, 43.2, 20.4; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 2921, 1768, 1707, 1659, 1611, 1465, 1443, 1426, 1414, 1390, 1326, 1242, 1189, 1121, 1087, 1042, 947, 897, 884, 846, 726, 712 cm⁻¹; MS (El): *m/z* (%): 201 (100, *M*⁺), 186 (35), 182 (44), 160 (33), 144 (6), 130 (10), 104 (22), 76 (25).

Methyl (2E,4E)-N-(phthalimido)-6-amino-2,5-dimethylhex-2,4-dienoate (15): A 0.5 L two-necked round bottom flask fitted with a condenser connected to the Ar inlet and a mechanical stirring was

charged with **14** (50.0 g, 0.248 mol), bromide **9** (53.4 g, 0.298 mol), Pd(OAc)₂ (1.67 g, 7.46 mmol), P(otol)₃ (4.58 g, 14.92 mmol) and Et₃N (70 mL, 0.5 mol). The resulting yellow suspension was stirred at 100 °C for 48 h, during which time it first slowly became homogeneous before the desired product started to precipitate. After reaching ambient temperature, the suspension was filtered and the collected yellow solid carefully washed with *tert*-butyl methyl ether until the eluent was colorless. The remaining grey solid was dissolved in CHCl₃ (200 mL) and the solution was successively washed with aq. HCl (1 M, 50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated to give diene **15** as a white solid (50.6 g, 68 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 7.90–7.81 (m, 2H), 7.77–7.68 (m, 2H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 1.89 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ = 168.9, 168.0, 139.8, 134.1, 133.1, 131.9, 127.2, 123.4, 122.5, 51.8, 45.1, 15.6, 12.6; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 2950, 2864, 1772, 1706, 1642, 1609, 1467, 1422, 1386, 1331, 1253, 1118, 1010, 940, 751, 726, 712 cm⁻¹; MS (El): *m/z* (%): 299 (9, *M*⁺), 267 (45), 252 (13), 249 (15), 223 (18), 208 (3), 196 (4), 160 (23), 139 (100), 130 (8), 120 (10), 92 (14), 77 (18); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₇H₁₇NO₄+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 322.10497, found 322.10498; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₇H₁₇NO₄: C 68.21, H 5.72; found: C 68.18, H 5.69.

Methyl (2*E*,4*E*)-*N*-(trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-6-amino-2,5-dimethylhex-2,4-dienoate (16): A solution of MeNH₂ in EtOH (33 % *w/w*, 100 mL) was added to diene **15** (20 g, 66.9 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h before the yellow-orange precipitate was filtered off and dried in vacuo to give an orange solid. This material was triturated with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (200 mL) and the resulting suspension rapidly filtered. The orange filtrate was evaporated and dried under high vacuum for 1 h to give the corresponding crude amine as an orange solid (11 g).

Et₃N (9 mL, 62.9 mmol) and 4-nitrophenyl-2-trimethylsilylethyl-carbonate (10 g, 41.95 mmol) were introduced to a solution of the crude amine in CH_2Cl_2 (80 mL). The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 24 h before it was successively washed with aq. sat. Na_2CO_3 (200 mL) and H_2O (100 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2× 50 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, $15:1\rightarrow 6:1$, containing 1 % Et₃N) to give product **16** as a colorless oil

(11.1 g, 85 % over both steps). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.38 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (bs, 1H), 4.13 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), -0.02 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 169.0, 156.7, 143.2, 133.4, 126.4, 120.2, 63.2, 51.7, 48.3, 17.7, 15.4, 12.5, -1.6; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 3348, 2952, 1695, 1523, 1434, 1244, 1110, 1059, 941, 834, 751 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₅H₂₇NO₄Si+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 336.16016; found: 336.16042; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₅H₂₇NO₄Si: C 57.47, H 8.68; found: C 57.40, H 8.72.

(2*E*,4*E*)-*N*-(Trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-6-amino-2,5-dimethylhex-2,4-dien-1-ol: Dibal–H (1 M in hexane, 78 mL) was added dropwise at –78 °C to a solution of ester **16** (11.1 g, 35.44 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL). After stirring for 15 min at that temperature, the cooling bath was removed and the reaction carefully quenched with an aq. solution of Rochelle salt (1 M, 200 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 2 h, the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2× 20 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 2:1) to give the title alcohol as a white solid (8.68 g, 86 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.25 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (bs, 1H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (s, 2H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 1H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.04 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.0, 137.7, 135.2, 121.1, 120.3, 68.8, 63.3, 48.8, 18.0, 14.9, 14.2, -1.5; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 3331, 2954, 2914, 1689, 1531, 1346, 1246, 1130, 1063, 1001, 832, 690, 664 cm; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₄H₂₇NO₃Si+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 308.16525; found: 308.16515; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₄H₂₇NO₃Si: C 58.91, H 9.53; found: C 58.84, H 9.57.

(2*E*,4*E*)-*N*-(Trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-6-amino-2,5-dimethylhex-2,4-dien-1-al (17): MnO₂ (120 g, 1.35 mol) was added to a solution of (2*E*,4*E*)-*N*-(trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-6-amino-2,5-dimethylhex-2,4-dien-1-ol (8.68 g, 33.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (340 mL) and the resulting mixture stirred for 2 h. Filtration through a pad of Celite and evaporation of the filtrate gave aldehyde **17** which was directly used in the next step. Characteristic data: ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 9.45 (s, 1 H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (bs, 1H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (d, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 0.99 (t, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 0.1 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ =

196.7, 158.4, 148.4, 145.4, 139.1, 121.4, 65.0, 50.0, 19.5, 17.3, 10.9, 0.0; HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z*: calcd for C₁₄H₂₅NO₃Si+H [*M*⁺ +H]: 284.16820; found: 284.16823.

(2E,4E,6S,7S)-N-(Trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-1-amino-9-triiso-propylsilyl-2,5,7-trimethylnona-

2,4-dien-8-yn-6-ol (19): PPh₃ (398 mg, 1.52 mmol) was added to a solution of Pd(OAc)₂ (341 mg, 1.52 mmol) in THF (250 mL) at -78 °C. Once a homogenous solution had formed, a solution of mesylate 18 (12.15 g, 39.6 mmol) and aldehyde 17 (8.92 g, 30.44 mmol) in THF (50 mL) were added. Next, ZnEt₂ (1.0 M in hexanes, 91.3 mL, 91.3 mmol) was slowly introduced and the resulting mixture stirred at -78 °C for 30 min before it was warmed to -20 °C over a period of 1 h. Stirring was continued overnight at that temperature before the reaction was carefully quenched with aq. sat. NH₄Cl (100 mL) and H_2O (100 mL). The resulting suspension was filtered, the organic layer decanted and the aqueous phase extracted with EtOAc (2× 40 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered and evaporated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 20:1→9:1) to give product **19** as a colorless oil (10.54 g, 70 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +47.5 (*c* = 0.9, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD_2Cl_2): δ = 6.26 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (bs, 1H), 4.15 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (dd, J = 7.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.29 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.72 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (m, 21H), 0.98 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.04 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 157.0, 136.9, 135.8, 123.1, 121.0, 110.3, 83.7, 81.0, 63.3, 48.8, 33.2, 18.8, 18.2, 18.1, 15.0, 12.2, 11.5, -1.4; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 3344, 2943, 2865, 2160, 1701, 1515, 1462, 1382, 1249, 1124, 1060, 1016, 858, 835, 675 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₇H₅₁NO₃Si₂+Na [M^+ +Na]: 516.32997; found: 516.33032; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₂₇H₅₁NO₃Si₂: C 65.66, H 10.41; found: C 65.76, H 10.34.

(2E,4E,6S,7S)-N-(Trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-1-amino-2,5,7-trimethylnona-2,4-dien-8-yn-6-ol

(20): TBAF (1 M in THF, 7.4 mL) was added in portions over 1 h to a solution of compound 19 (10.5 g, 21.37 mmol) in THF (210 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was stirred at that temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with H₂O (100 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 6:1 \rightarrow 3:1) to give product 20 as a colorless oil (6.24 g, 87 %). [α]²⁰_D = +49.3 (c = 1.55,

CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 6.25 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (qd, *J* = 11.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (bs, 1H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.76 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.34 (bs, 1H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.04 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 157.0, 136.8, 136.1, 123.4, 120.7, 86.3, 81.0, 70.8, 63.3, 48.7, 31.7, 18.0, 17.8, 15.0, 12.0, -1.4; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 3310, 2970, 2953, 1737, 1721, 1520, 1372, 1248, 1230, 1217, 1058, 858, 836, 694 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₈H₃₁NO₃Si+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 360.19654; found: 360.19610; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₃₁NO₃Si: C 64.05, H 9.26; found: C 64.11, H 9.30.

(2E,4E,6S,7S,8E)-N-(Trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-1-amino-9-(tributylstannyl)-2,5,7-trimethylnona-2,4,8-trien-6-ol (21): nBuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 13.25 mL, 21.2 mmol) was added to a solution of $(Bu_3Sn)_2$ (12.31 g, 21.2 mmol) in THF (21 mL) at -78 °C and the mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 20 min. The resulting bright yellow solution was cooled to -78 °C before CuCN (1.84 g, 20.72 mmol) was added as a solid. The cooling bath was removed and stirring was continued until all CuCN had dissolved to give a bright yellow solution. After stirring for 1 h at ambient temperature, the mixture was again cooled to -78 °C before a solution of alkyne 20 (1.74 g, 5.18 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was introduced. After 10 min, the reaction was quenched with MeOH (5 mL) and diluted with aq. sat. NH₄Cl (20 mL). Stirring was continued at room temprature until all copper salts had dissolved in the aqueous phase. The blue colored aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3×10) mL), the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, $1:0\rightarrow 6:1$, containing 1 % Et₃N) to give vinyl stannane **21** as a colorless oil (3.11 g, 95 %, $E/Z \approx 30$:1). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +24.4$ (c = 1.10, CH_2Cl_2); ¹H NMR $(CDCI_3, 300 \text{ MHz})$: $\delta = 6.14$ (s, 2H), 6.08 (d, J = 19.0 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (dd, J = 19.0, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.65 (bs, 1H), 4.15 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (dd, J = 8.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 1.92 (s, 1H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.40–1.50 (m, 6H), 1.28 (sext., J = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 0.83–1.00 (m, 20H), 0.01 (s, 9H); 13 C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 156.8, 151.1, 137.2, 134.6, 131.3, 123.2, 121.2, 80.9, 63.1, 48.6, 46.6, 29.1, 27.2, 17.7, 16.7, 14.8, 13.7, 11.7, 9.5, -1.5; IR (film): $\widetilde{\upsilon}$ = 3338, 2955, 2924, 1699, 1513, 1456, 1249, 1061, 999, 858, 835, 692 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₃₀H₅₉NO₃Si+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 652.31783; found: 652.31777.

(2*E*,4*E*,65,7*S*,8*E*)-*N*-(Trimethylsilylethoxycarbonyl)-1-amino-9-iodo-2,5,7-trimethylnona-2,4,8-trien-6-ol (12): A solution of I₂ (1.31 g, 5.18 mmol) in Et₂O (20 mL) was added to a solution of vinyl stannane **21** (3.11 g, 4.94 mmol) in Et₂O (50 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting brown mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 15 min before the reaction was quenched with aq. sat. Na₂S₂O₃ (50 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3 × 30 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 10:1→7:1, containing 1 % Et₃N), affording iodide **12** as a colorless oil (2.0 g, 90 %). [α]²⁰_D = +28.1 (*c* = 1.05, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 6.55 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (m, 3H), 4.76 (bs, 1H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (m, 3H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.94 (bs, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.05 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 157.0, 149.2, 137.7, 135.9, 123.2, 120.8, 81.4, 75.9, 63.3, 48.7, 44.8, 18.0, 16.5, 15.0, 12.0, -1.4; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 3337, 2966, 2887, 1694, 1519, 1466, 1394, 1248, 1171, 1060, 945, 856, 835, 776, 693 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₈H₃₂NO₃Sil+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 488.10884; found: 488.10826; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₈H₃₂NO₃Sil+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]; found: C 46.53, H 7.06.

(S)-3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-formamido-N-((2E,4E,6S,7S,8E)-6-hydroxy-9-iodo-2,5,7-

trimethylnona-2,4,8-trienyl)propanamide (22): A solution of anhydrous Et₄NF (2.4 g, 16 mmol) and compound **12** (1.25 g, 2.68 mmol) in MeCN (7 mL) was stirred for 16 h at 40 °C. For work up, the solvent was evaporated, the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (5 mL) and the organic phase was washed with aq. sat. Na₂CO₃ (10 mL). The aqueous phase was re-extracted with EtOAc (6 x 5 mL), the combined extracts were washed with brine (5 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to give the somewhat unstable free amine as a pale yellow oil, which was immediately used without further characterization.

Acid **8** (692 mg, 2.8 mmol), HOBt (409 mg, 3 mmol), and N-methylmorpholine (NMM, 0.64 mL, 5.82 mmol) were successively added to a solution of this material (750 mg, 2.33 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (23 mL) at 0 °C. EDC·HCl (670 mg, 3.5 mmol) was then introduced and the mixture stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. For work up, all volatile materials were evaporated and the pale brown residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1 \rightarrow 1:2) to give product **22** as a white solid (1.15 g, 90 %). [α]_D²⁰ = +29.3 (c = 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.21 (s, 1H), 6.69 (d, J =

6.2 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (bs, 1H), 6.50 (dd, J = 14.4, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.14–6.08 (m, 3H), 4.48–4.41 (m, 1H), 4.03 (dd, J = 9.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.76 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (dd, J = 9.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.90 (bs, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H). 0.05 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 169.6$, 161.1, 148.4, 137.6, 134.1, 122.9, 121.9, 81.0, 76.0, 62.6, 52.9, 47.3, 44.5, 25.7, 18.0, 16.2, 15.0, 11.8, -5.5, -5.6; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon} = 3302$, 2928, 2857, 1650, 1530, 1385, 1255, 1107, 953, 834, 710 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₂₂H₃₉N₂O₄ISi+Na [M^+ +Na]: 573.16161; found: 573.16167.

1-(Trimethylsilyl)hept-6-en-1-yn-3-one (24): AICl₃ (14.9 g, 0.111 mol) was added in small portions over 5 min to a solution of bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene (25.3 mL, 0.111 mol) and acid chloride **23** (12.3 mL, 0.111 mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (140 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and at 20°C for 1 h before it was carefully poured onto aq. HCl (1 M) at 0 °C. The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated (because of the volatility of the product, the heating bath was set to 20 °C and the applied vacuum was kept at ≥ 30 mbar). The residue was purified by Kugelrohr distillation to yield **24** as a colorless oil (16.64 g, 83 %). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.81 (tdd, *J* = 16.8, 10.2, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (m, 2H), 2.66 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (m, 2H), 0.25 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 186.9, 136.3, 115.7, 101.9, 98.0, 44.3, 27.8, 0.8; IR (film): \tilde{U} 3081, 2963, 2902, 2152, 1680, 1643, 1439, 1409, 1356, 1253, 1227, 1115, 1094, 1031, 998, 968, 915, 865, 847, 762, 704, 626, 589 cm⁻¹; MS (El): *m/z* (%): 165 (46), 137 (10), 126 (12), 125 (100), 123 (24), 97 (41), 91 (16), 83 (21), 75 (45), 73 (64), 67 (12), 59 (19), 55 (15), 53 (10), 43 (17); HRMS (El): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₀H₁₆OSi [*M*⁺] 180.09704; found 180.09723; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₀H₁₆OSi: C 66.61; H 8.94; found: C 66.46, H 8.98.

(3*s*)-1-(Trimethylsilyl)-6-hepten-1-yn-3-ol (26): A flame-dried Schlenk flask was charged with ketone 24 (8.368 g, 46.41 mmol) and degassed *iso*-propanol (350 mL, 3 freeze-thaw cycles). The resulting solution was purged with Ar for 1.5 h before the ruthenium complex 25 was added as a solid (175 mg, 0.292 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 19 h at 20 °C before the mixture was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 50:1 \rightarrow 30:1) to give alcohol 26 as a colorless oil (8.31 g, 98 %, 98.8 % *ee*). [α]_D²⁰ = +6 (*c* = 0.43, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ = 5.84 (tdd, *J* = 6.7, 10.2, 16.9 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (m, 2H), 4.38 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.77–1.83 (m, 2H), 0.18 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.7, 115.3, 106.5, 89.7, 62.4, 36.8, 29.4, -0.1; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 3336, 3079, 2959, 2900, 2863, 2173, 1642, 1440, 1415, 1332, 1251, 1121, 1068, 1046, 1016, 955, 913, 895, 844, 761, 700, 648, 612, 555, 489 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 167 (9), 149 (8), 140 (17), 127 (15), 125 (12), 99 (45), 92 (10), 91 (32), 75 (100), 73 (73), 61 (12), 45 (21), 43 (13), 41 (13); elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₀H₁₈OSi: C 65.87, H 9.95; found: C 65.72, H 9.84.

(3S)-3-Methoxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)hept-6-en-1-yne (27): nBuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 10.6 mL, 16.96 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of alcohol 26 (3.1 g, 17 mmol) in THF (60 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring for 10 minutes, Mel (8.5 mL, 136.54 mmol) was slowly introduced before the temperature was raised to -25 °C. DMSO (2.5 mL) was added dropwise, causing the formation of a white precipitate. After stirring for 1 h at that temperature, the cooling bath was removed and stirring continued for 21 h. For work up, the mixture was poured onto a mixture of ice and sat. aq. NH₄Cl (1:1), the aqueous phase was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 50 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with H₂O and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated (due to high volatility of the product, the heating bath was set to 20 °C and pressure kept at \geq 35 mbar) to give product 27 as a pale yellow oil (3.30 g, 99 %, ee = 98.8 %, GC). The crude product was pure enough for use in the next step without further purification. $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = -37.9$ (*c* = 0.61 in CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.83 (tdd, J = 6.7, 10.2, 16.9 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (m, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.19 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.82 (m, 2H), 0.18 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 138.4, 115.1, 105.0, 90.9, 71.3, 56.4, 35.1, 29.8, 0.0; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 3079, 2958, 2927, 2854, 2822, 2170, 1642, 1465, 1450, 1415, 1335, 1251, 1160, 1107, 1011, 994, 922, 844, 761, 700, 652, 612 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 181 (5), 154 (21), 142 (13), 141 (92), 123 (15), 114 (10), 113 (94), 109 (18), 97 (15), 91 (18), 89 (65), 83 (56), 79 (5), 75 (23), 73 (100), 67 (10), 59 (44), 58 (10), 55 (13), 45 (20), 43 (24), 41 (14); HRMS (CI): m/z: calcd for C₁₁H₂₁OSi [*M*⁺ +H]: 197.13598, found 197.13607.

(3*S*)-3-Methoxy-1-(trimethylsilyl)hex-1-yn-6-al (28): O_3 was bubbled through a solution of compound 27 (6.65 g, 33.9 mmol) and Sudan Red 7B (38.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) in MeOH (240 mL). Once the red color disappeared (ca. 6.5 h), the solution was purged with Ar for 1 h before PPh₃ (9.6 g, 37.3 mmol) was introduced. The resulting mixture was stirred overnight before all volatile materials were evaporated.

The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 100:1 \rightarrow 30:1) to give aldehyde **28** as a pale yellow oil (6.2 g, 92 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -82.1 (c = 0.51, CH_2Cl_2); {}^{1}H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta = 9.79$ (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.61 (m, 2H), 2.04 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 0.18 (s, 9H); {}^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta = 201.8, 103.5, 91.7, 70.5, 56.6, 39.7, 28.2, 0.1; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon} = 2960, 2941, 2900, 2824, 2724, 2170, 1727, 1466, 1440, 1412, 1390, 1334, 1251, 1201, 1178, 1114, 1091, 1017, 989, 958, 919, 844, 761, 700, 668, 612 cm⁻¹; HRMS (CI):$ *m/z*: calcd for C₁₀H₁₈O₂Si+H [*M*⁺ +H]: 199.11543; found: 199.11528; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₀H₁₈O₂Si: C 60.56, H 9.15; found: C 60.43, H 9.08.

Methyl (2Z,6S)-6-methoxy-2-methyl-8-(trimethylsilyl)oct-2-en-8-ynoate (30): KHMDS (0.5 M in toluene, 62.5 mL) was slowly added to a solution of (CF₃CH₂O)₂P(O)CH(Me)COOMe (6.2 g, 31.3 mmol) and 18-crown-6 (6.6 g, 25.0 mmol) in THF (170 mL) at -40 °C. After 15 min, the mixture was cooled to -78 °C and stirred for 30 min before a solution of aldehyde 28 (6.2 g, 31.3 mmol) in THF (91 mL) was added dropwise. Stirring was continued for 1 h before the reaction was carefully quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and allowed to stir at ambient temperature. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with aq. sat. NH₄Cl and brine, before being dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 100:1 \rightarrow 50:1) afforded ester **30** as a colorless oil (7.12 g, 85 %). $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = -18.1$ (c = 0.44, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.95 (qt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.59 (m, 2H), 1.90 (dd, J = 2.7, 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.80 (m, 2H), 0.18 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR $(100 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$: $\delta = 168.5, 141.9, 127.7, 104.3, 90.7, 71.1, 56.4, 51.3, 35.2, 25.7, 20.7, 0.0; IR (film):$ $\widetilde{\upsilon}$ = 2955, 2901, 2843, 2822, 2169, 1720, 1648, 1456, 1435, 1367, 1334, 1251, 1227, 1198, 1175, 1134, 1108, 1074, 1009, 950, 844, 761, 700, 672, 616 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₄H₂₄O₃Si+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 291.13916; found: 291.13924; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₄H₂₄O₃Si: C 62.64, H 9.01; found: C 62.76, H 8.89.

(22,65)-6-Methoxy-2-methyl-8-(trimethylsilyl)oct-2-en-7-yn-1-ol (31): Dibal–H (1 \bowtie in hexane, 29.5 mL) was slowly added to a solution of compound **30** (3.05 g, 11.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (111 mL) at –78 °C. After 1 h, the reaction was quenched with EtOAc (100 mL), warmed to ambient temperature and treated with aq. Rochelle's salt solution (1 M, 80 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 1

h to ensure a clean phase separation. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to give the crude title alcohol as a colorless oil (2.7 g, quant.) which was pure enough for use in the next step without further purification. $\left[\alpha\right]_D^{20} = -17.8$ (c = 1.7, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 5.25$ (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.93 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 2.20 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.80–1.67 (m, 2H), 0.00 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 135.8$, 127.0, 104.3, 91.2, 70.6, 61.5, 56.1, 35.2, 23.4, 22.0, 0.0; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon} = 2360$, 2358, 2550, 2341, 667 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for C₁₃H₂₄O₂Si+Na [M^+ +Na]: 241.16214, found: 241.16239; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₃H₂₄O₂Si: C 64.95, H 10.06; found: C 64.91, H 10.25.

(6Z,3S)-6-Methoxy-7-methylnona-2,8-dien-1-yne (33): A solution of 31 (4.3 g, 17.9 mmol) in a mixture of CH_2Cl_2 /phosphate buffer (1:1, pH 8.6, 180 mL) was sequentially treated with tetra-*n*-butylammonium chloride (995 mg, 3.58 mmol), TEMPO (560 mg, 3.58 mmol) and NCS (5.02 g, 37.6 mmol). After stirring for 1.5 h at ambient temperature, the organic phase was washed with brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to afford crude aldehyde **32** which was immediately used in the next step.

A solution of **32** in THF (130 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of preformed $CH_2=PPh_3$ (5.44 g, 19.7 mmol) in THF (51.6 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was then allowed to reach ambient temperature and stirred for 1.5 h before it was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL), the combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to give the corresponding diene, which was directly used in the next step.

K₂CO₃ (7.4 g, 53.7 mmol) was added to a solution of the crude diene in MeOH (300 mL) and the resulting mixture stirred for 30 min. For work up, the mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was carefully rinsed with Et₂O. The combined filtrates were evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (pentane/Et₂O, 1:0→100:1), affording alkyne **33** as a colorless oil (2.08 g, 71 % over 3 steps). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -17$ (c = 0.75, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 6.79$ (ddd, J = 17.3, 10.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (dd, J = 17.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dt, J = 10.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91 (td, J = 6.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.45 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.40–2.28 (m, 2H), 1.82 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H), 1.87–1.71 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 133.5$, 133.3, 129.5, 113.7, 82.6, 73.8,

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70.2, 56.5, 35.5, 23.0, 19.8; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 3297, 2939, 2856, 2824, 1644, 1597, 1462, 1441, 1382, 1355, 1260, 1107, 920, 905, 638 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 164.11995; found: 164.12001.

(1E,6Z,3S)-6-Methoxy-7-methyl-1-(tributylstannyl)nona-1,2,8-triene (35): nBuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 7.75 mL, 12.4 mmol) was added to a solution of (Bu₃Sn)₂ (7.19 g, 12.4 mmol) in THF (12 mL) at -78 °C and the resulting bright yellow mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 20 min. After cooling to -78 °C, solid CuCN (1.06 g, 12 mmol) was introduced, the cooling bath was removed and stirring continued until all CuCN had dissolved and a bright yellow solution had formed (5-10 min). After cooling to -78 °C, a solution of alkyne 33 (0.656 g, 4 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added and stirring continued for 10 min before the reaction was quenched with MeOH (2 mL) and diluted with aq. sat. NH₄Cl (20 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all copper salts had dissolved in the aqueous phase. The blue colored aqueous layer was extracted with tert-butyl methyl ether (3×2) mL), the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/tert-butyl methyl ether, $1:0 \rightarrow 20:1$, containing 1 % Et₃N) to give vinyl stannane **35** as a colorless oil (1.47 g, 81 %). $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20}$ = +11.3 (*c* = 1, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.74 (dd, J = 17.4, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 19.1 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (dd, J = 19.1, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.28–2.10 (m, 2H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.70–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.54–1.42 (m, 7H), 1.34–1.22 (m, 6H), 0.98–0.78 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 148.6, 133.7, 132.6, 131.5, 130.7, 113.3, 85.1, 56.1, 35.3, 29.1, 27.2, 23.2, 19.8, 13.7, 9.5; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 2955, 2924, 2871, 2853, 1644, 1599, 1463, 1376, 1337, 1101, 989, 899, 689, 666 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 399 (100, *M*⁺ –Bu), 367 (7), 343 (8), 265 (31), 235 (67), 179 (79), 151 (38), 133 (56); HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₂₃H₄₄OSn+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 479.23072; found: 479.23056.

Compound 36: A 25 mL Schlenk tube was charged with vinyl stannane **35** (1.22 g, 2.67 mmol), vinyl iodide **22** (1.4 g, 2.545 mmol), $[Ph_2PO_2][NBu_4]$ (1.4 g, 3.05 mmol)¹ and DMF (5 mL). Pd(PPh₃)₄ (117.5 mg, 0.1 mmol) followed by CuTC (579 mg, 3.05 mmol)² were added to the vigorously stirred mixture, causing an instantaneous color change to brown-black. After stirring for 10 min, the reaction was

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quenched with H₂O (15 mL) at 0^{-c}. The resulting suspension was passed through a pad of Celite which was carefully rinsed with EtOAc (150 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 5 mL), the combined organic layers were successively washed with H₂O (3 × 30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated. The remaining yellow solid was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1→1:1) to give compound **36** as a colorless oil (1.3 g, 87 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +6.3 (c = 0.5, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): 8.26 (s, 1H), 6.76 (ddd,$ *J*= 17.3, 10.8, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.61–6.59 (br. m, 2H), 6.20–6.13 (m, 4H), 5.63 (dd,*J*= 12.1, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (dd,*J*= 14.4, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (t,*J*= 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (d,*J*= 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d,*J*= 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.49–4.44 (m, 1H), 4.09 (dd,*J*= 9.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.75 (d,*J*= 8.5 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd,*J*= 9.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.68–1.50 (m, 2H), 0.90 (d,*J* $= 8.1 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.12 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): <math>\delta$ = 169.2, 160.6, 137.5, 135.9, 133.5, 133.4, 132.6, 32.4, 132.0, 131.0, 130.1, 122.8, 121.8, 113.0, 81.5, 80.9, 75.9, 62.2, 55.9, 52.5, 47.0, 40.9, 35.2, 25.5, 22.9, 19.5, 17.7, 16.7, 14.6, 11.4, -5.8, -5.9; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3286, 2929, 2859, 1652, 1548, 1462, 1386, 1257, 1106, 990, 837, 778 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₃₃H₅₆N₂O₅Si+Na [*M*⁺ + Na]: 611.38535; found: 611.38507.

(*E*)-3-(TributyIstannyI)but-2-en-1-ol (38):³ *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexanes, 35.1 mL, 56.2 mmol) was added to a solution of $(Bu_3Sn)_2$ (34.16 g, 58.9 mmol) in THF (60 mL) at -78 °C and the resulting bright yellow mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 20 min. After cooling to -78 °C, solid CuCN (4.76 g, 53.5 mmol) was introduced, the cooling bath was removed and stirring continued until all CuCN had dissolved and a bright yellow homogeneous solution was formed. This solution was cooled to -78 °C before a solution of butyn-1-ol (37) (1.87 g, 26.77 mmol) in THF (27 mL) was added. After 30 min at this temperature, the cooling bath was removed and the mixture stirred at ambient temperature for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with MeOH (5 mL) and diluted with aq. sat. NH₄Cl (60 mL). Stirring was continued until all copper salts had dissolved in the aqueous phase, which was extracted with *tert*butyl methyl ether (3 × 10 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 1:0->7:1) to yield vinyl stannane **38** as a colorless oil (8.38 g, 86 %). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 300 MHz): δ = 5.76 (tq, *J* = 6.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 2H), 1.88 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 3H), 1.58-1.44 (m, 6H),

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1.40–1.26 (m, 6H), 0.96–0.85 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 142.3, 140.1, 59.1, 29.5, 27.8, 19.5, 13.9, 9.4; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 3301, 2955, 2923, 2871, 2851, 1463, 1417, 1376, 1339, 1291, 1058, 1002, 960, 873, 687, 661 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 305 (100, *M*⁺ –Bu), 249 (51), 193 (42), 177 (17), 137 (25), 121 (16).

(*E*)-3-(Tributylstannyl)but-2-en-1-al (39):³ MnO₂ (76 g, 880 mmol) was added to a solution of alcohol **38** (6.3 g, 17.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (400 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred for 4 h before being filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 20:1) to give aldehyde **39** as a pale yellow oil (5.58 g, 88 %). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ = 10.03 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dq, *J* = 7.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 3H), 1.60–1.41 (m, 6H), 1.35–1.22 (m, 6H), 1.00–0.83 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 187.5, 174.5, 139.9, 28.9, 27.3, 20.8, 13.6, 9.4; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 2956, 2923, 2871, 2851, 1673, 1463, 1143, 1072, 934, 875, 674 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 303 (100, *M*⁺ –Bu), 247 (68), 191 (32), 177 (25), 159 (11), 137 (12), 121 (21).

(2*E*,4**S**)-2-(Tributylstannyl)hept-2,6-dien-4-ol (40): A solution of allylmagnesium bromide (1 M in Et₂O, 22 mL) was added dropwise over 30 min to a solution of freshly prepared (–)-lpc₂BOMe (7.35 g, 23.26 mmol)⁴ in Et₂O (46 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C before it was allowed to reach ambient temperature over the course of 1 h. The precipitated salts were filtered off under Ar and the filtrate was cooled to –100 °C. A solution of freshly prepared aldehyde **39** (5.58 g, 15.5 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL) was added dropwise along the cold glass wall of the flask over a period of 30 min, and the resulting mixture was stirred at that temperature for 30 min. The mixture was quenched with MeOH (300 µL) at –100 °C and then allowed to stir at ambient temperature. H₂O₂ (8 mL, 30 % *w/w*) and aq. NaOH (3 M, 4 mL) were carefully added, the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at ambient temperature and decanted. The aqueous phase was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3 × 2 mL), the combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 1:0 → 20:1) to yield product **40** as a colorless oil (6.2 g, 99 %, *ee* = 95 %, HPLC). [α]²⁰_D = –12 (*c* = 0.23, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.54 (m, 1H), 5.10 (m, 2H), 4.59 (m, 1H), 2.28 (m,

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2H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.47 (m, 6H), 1.31 (m, 6H), 0.89 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.5, 141.6, 134.4, 117.8, 66.5, 41.9, 29.1, 27.3, 19.6, 13.6, 9.1; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 3321, 2956, 2923, 2871, 2853, 1641, 1463, 1376, 1339, 1292, 1070, 1018, 998, 911, 864, 663 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₉H₃₈OSn+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 425.18362; found: 425.18330; elemental analysis calcd (%) for C₁₉H₃₈OSn: C 56.88, H 9.55; found: C 56.68, H 9.56.

(2*E*,4*S*)-4-Methoxy-2-(tributylstannyl)hept-2,6-diene (41): A solution of compound 40 (6.20 g, 15.42 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was added dropwise over 15 min to a mixture of Meerwein salt (3.26 g, 22.2 mmol) and proton sponge (5.28 g, 24.67 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (125 mL) at 0 °C. After slowly warming to ambient temperature, the suspension was stirred for 3 h before it was diluted with hexanes (50 mL) and filtered through a pad of Celite. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 1:0→20:1) to give product **41** as a colorless oil (6.08 g, 95 %). [α]_D²⁰ = -23.6 (*c* = 1.5, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.37 (dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.22 (m, 1H), 1.88 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H), 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.30 (m, 6H), 0.88 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 142.5, 140.5, 134.4, 116.3, 75.1, 55.5, 28.8, 26.9, 19.4, 13.3, 13.3, 7.2; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 2956, 2924, 1641, 1463, 1098 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₂₀H₄₀OSn+Na [*M*⁺+Na]: 439.19926; found: 439.19912.

Ethyl (2*E*,4*S*)-5-((*tert*-butyl(diphenyl)silyl)oxy)-2,5-dimethylpent-2-enoate (49): Dibal–H (1 M in hexanes, 101.6 mL, 101.6 mmol) was added dropwise over 15 min to a solution of 48 (34.5 g, 96.8 mmol)⁵ in hexanes (605 mL) at –78 °C. After stirring for 1 h at this temperature, the cold mixture was slowly poured into an aq. solution of Rochelle's salt (1 M, 600 mL). The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h until a clean separation of the phases was reached. The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3 × 100 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (100 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to give a colorless oil. This crude aldehyde was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) and added to a solution of freshly prepared $Ph_3PC(Me)CO_2Et$ (70 g, 194 mmol)⁶ in CH_2Cl_2 (170 mL). The resulting bright yellow mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 4 h before all volatile materials were evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 1:0– \Rightarrow 95:5) to give ester 49 as a colorless oil

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(32.5 g, 82 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.5$ (c = 1.1, CHCl₃) (ref.⁷ $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -2.3$ (c = 1.58, CHCl₃)); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): $\delta = 7.67 - 7.61$ (m, 4H), 7.44–7.32 (m, 6H), 6.58 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (dq, J = 7.1, 1.3 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.81–2.65 (m, 1H), 1.79 (d, J = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): $\delta = 168.2$, 144.4, 135.6, 135.6, 133.6, 129.6, 128.0, 127.6, 67.7, 60.4, 36.1, 26.8, 19.2, 16.3, 14.3, 12.6; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon} = 2956$, 2931, 2858, 1716, 1428, 1267, 1236, 1111, 1083, 823, 740, 701 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): m/z (%): 353 (5, $M^+ - t$ Bu), 277 (100), 227 (2), 199 (14), 183 (16), 152 (9).

Ethyl (2*E*,4*S*)-5-hydroxy-2,4-dimethylpent-2-enoate (50): TBAF (1 M in THF, 237 mL, 237 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of ester **49** (32.5 g, 79.22 mmol) in THF (500 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with H₂O (200 mL), the THF was evaporated, and the remaining aqueous layer extracted with Et₂O (6 × 50 mL). The combined extracts were dried over MgSO₄, filtrated and evaporated. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography (hexanes/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 4:1→1:1) afforded alcohol **50** as a colorless oil (11.64 g, 86 %, *ee* ≥ 99.9 % by GC). [α]_D²⁰ = -20.3 (*c* = 0.3, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.52 (dd, *J* = 9.9, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.58–3.42 (m, 2H), 2.80–2.63 (m, 1H), 1.86 (bs, 1H), 1.84 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.1, 143.8, 129.0, 67.0, 60.6, 36.2, 16.0, 14.2, 12.7; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3440, 2962, 2932, 2874, 1707, 1649, 1448, 1368, 1259, 1128, 1032, 748 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₉H₁₆O₃+H [*M*⁺ +H]: 173.1178; found: 173.1176.

Ethyl (2E,4S)-6-iodo-2,4-dimethylpent-2,5-dienoate (53): TEMPO (9 mg, 0.058 mmol) and an aqueous solution of KBr (1 M, 0.58 mL, 0.58 mmol) were added to a solution of alcohol **50** (1.0 g, 5.8 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (15 mL). A mixture of aqueous NaOCI (12 %, 9 mL, 6.96 mmol) diluted with a sodium phosphate buffer (18 mL, 0.68 M, pH = 7.4) was then slowly introduced. After 15 min, the reaction was quenched with aq. sat. $Na_2S_2O_3$ (10 mL), decanted, and the aqueous phase extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H_2O (10 mL) and brine (10 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to give crude aldehyde **51** as a colorless oil (0.98 g) which was immediately used in the next step.

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A 250 mL Schlenk flask was charged with CrCl₂·(THF)_{1.8} (7.34 g, 29 mmol), THF (10 mL), 1,4–dioxane (55 mL) and CHI₃ (4.57 g, 11.6 mmol) and the initially blue suspension was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h until it had turned brown. A solution of aldehyde **51** in dioxane (5 mL) was added and stirring continued for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with H₂O (60 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with aq. sat. Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL and brine (20 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated. Purification of the yellow solid residue by flash chromatography (hexanes/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 1:0→25:1) afforded iodide **53** as a colorless oil (1.0 g, 59 %, *E:Z* ≥ 20:1). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +60$ (*c* = 1.38, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.50 (qd, *J* = 9.6, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, *J* = 14.5, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.27–3.13 (m, 1H), 1.81 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.0, 147.6, 142.2, 128.0, 75.3, 60.7, 39.7, 19.3, 14.2, 12.5; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 2973, 1711, 1447, 1367, 1248, 1179, 1117, 947, 748, 720, 682 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m*/*z*: calcd for C₁₀H₁₅O₂I+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 317.00109; found: 317.00090.

Ethyl (2*E***,4***R***,5***E***,7***E***,9S**)-9-methoxy-2,4,7-trimethyldodeca-2,5,7,10-tetraenoate (55): A 25 mL Schlenk flask was charged with stannane **41** (1.55 g, 3.74 mmol), iodide **53** (1.0 g, 3.4 mmol), [Ph₂PO₂][NBu₄] (1.87 g, 4.08 mmol) and DMF (6.8 mL). Pd(PPh₃)₄ (157 mg, 0.136 mmol) followed by CuTC (775 mg, 4.08 mmol) were then added to the vigorously stirred mixture, causing an immediate color change to black. After 10 minutes, the reaction was quenched at 0 °C with H₂O (20 mL), the resulting suspension was filtered through a short pad of Celite, which was carefully washed with EtOAc (100 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 5 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with H₂O (3 × 30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated to leave a pale brown residue. Purification by flash chromatography (hexanes/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 1:0→20:1) furnished ester **55** as a colorless oil (0.83 g, 84 %). [α]_D²⁰ = -10.3 (*c* = 1.48, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.60 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.57 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (m, 1H), 3.28 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.4, 144.8, 136.5, 134.6, 133.5, 131.5, 131.5, 126.8, 117.0, 76.9, 60.6, 56.1, 40.1, 36.4, 20.4, 14.4, 13.1, 12.6; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2977, 2929, 2873, 1711, 1643, 1448, 1367, 1263, 1240, 1098, 966, 750 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₃+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 315.19307; found: 315.19283.

(2*E*,4*R*,5*E*,7*E*,9**S**)-9-Methoxy-2,4,7-trimethyldodeca-2,5,7,10-tetraenoic acid (56): A solution of LiOH (6 M in H₂O, 4 mL) was added to a solution of ester **55** (1.15 g, 3.93 mmol) in MeOH/THF (1:1, 4 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred for 24 h. HCl (1 M) was slowly added until a pH ≈ 3 was reached and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 5 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 10:1→5:1) to give acid **56** as a colorless oil (828 mg, 80 %). [α]_D²⁰ = -36.8 (*c* = 1.2, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 6.75 (dd, *J* = 9.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 5.82-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.61 (dd, *J* = 15.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.08–4.99 (m, 2H), 4.10–4.00 (m, 1H), 3.38–3.23 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 2.40–2.30 (m, 1H), 2.27–2.18 (m, 1H), 1.87 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 174.3, 148.3, 137.2, 135.5, 134.4, 132.5, 131.8, 126.6, 117.2, 77.5, 56.4, 40.7, 37.3, 20.7, 13.6, 12.7; IR (film): \tilde{U} = 2964, 2927, 1683, 1640, 1418, 1274, 1094, 963 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₁₆H₂₃O₃ : [*M*⁺ -H] 263.16527; found: 263.16549.

Ester 57: EDC·HCl (489 mg, 2.55 mmol) was added to a solution of acid **56** (539 mg, 2.04 mmol) and 4-pyrrolidinyl-pyridine (25 mg, 0.17 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at 0 °C. The cooling bath was removed and the solution stirred at ambient temperature for 10 minutes. At this time, TLC [hexanes/EtOAc, (4:1)] indicated full consumption of **56** and the formation of a less polar spot (if necessary, more EDC·HCl was added to ensure full conversion).⁸ A solution of alcohol **36** (1.0 g, 1.7 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added and the solvent removed using a stream of Ar. The resulting viscous residue was slowly stirred for 18 h before it was taken up in the minimum amount of CHCl₃ and transferred on top of a silica gel column. Purification by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 4:1→1:1) provided ester **57** as a white solid (1.17 g, 82 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +10$ (c = 1.1, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 8.22$ (s, 1H), 6.76 (ddd, J = 16.2, 11.1, 0.6 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (dd, J = 9.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.51–6.48 (brm, 2H),

⁸ This activated acid derivative is soluble in the medium, whereas the corresponding derivative formed from DCC may precipitate from the mixture and therefore slow down the esterification. If the conversion of **56** is not quantitative at this stage, further EDC·HCl has to be added. Moreover, it was found that the use of HOBt forms an activated acid derivative which does not react with alcohol **36** in the absence of base. Excess base, however, should be avoided due to the sensitivity of the compounds.

6.23 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.15–6.06 (m, 4H), 5.77 (ddt, J = 17.4, 10.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.61–5.57 (m, 2H), 5.41–5.33 (m, 2H), 5.24 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07–5.05 (m, 4H), 4.42 (td, J = 6.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.07–4.00 (m, 2H), 3.62 (dd, J = 9.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (dd, J = 12.6, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.29–3.20 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.25–2.18 (m, 2H), 1.85 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.82 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.79 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.76 (bs, 6H), 1.65–1.60 (m, 1H), 1.52–1.46 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 169.8$ 167.4, 161.1, 145.1, 136.8, 136.2, 135.3, 135.2, 134.9, 134.1, 133.7, 133.1, 132.9, 132.7, 131.9, 131.9, 131.0, 130.7, 127.1, 124.3, 121.8, 116.8, 113.4, 83.0, 81.6, 77.1, 63.1, 56.1, 56.0, 53.5, 47.4, 40.4, 39.9, 36.7, 36.0, 25.9, 23.6, 20.5, 19.8, 18.4, 17.0, 15.2, 13.2, 12.8, 12.6, -5.4, -5.5; IR (film): $\tilde{U} = 3294$, 2926, 2855, 1733, 1653, 1547, 1462, 1378, 1259 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for $C_{49}H_{78}N_2O_7Si+Na$ [M^+ +Na]: 857.54774; found: 857.54705.

Macrocycle 59: Complex 58 (30.5 mg, 0.0359 mmol, 10 mol %) was added to a solution of ester 57 (300 mg, 0.359 mmol) in toluene (359 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 4 h. Ethyl vinyl ether (3.4 mL, 35.9 mmol) was then introduced and stirring continued for 30 min at ambient temperature before the mixture was concentrated to a volume of ca. 3 mL. Purification of this solution by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, $4:1 \rightarrow 1:1$, containing 1 % Et₃N) gave macrocycle **59** as a white solid (207 mg, 72 %). $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +4 (*c* = 0.54, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 8.22 (s, 1H), 6.57 (dd, J = 10.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.56–6.48 (m, 2H), 6.46 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dd, J = 14.6, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (dd, J = 15.2, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 15.4 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (ddd, J = 15.5, 10.2, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (dd, J = 15.4, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.40-5.35 (m, 2H), 5.19–5.17 (m, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.44–4.41 (m, 1H), 4.12 (ddd, J = 9.8, 9.6, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 9.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.95–3.83 (m, 2H), 3.62 (dd, J = 9.7, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.29–3.24 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 3.19–3.14 (m, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.64 (brd, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.58–2.52 (m, 2H), 2.31 (dt, J = 12.8, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 1.91–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.78 (brs, 6H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.76 (s 3H), 1.63–1.59 (m, 1H), 1.30–1.28 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H) 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 169.8, 167.5, 161.1, 145.6, 137.1, 136.2, 135.8, 134.3, 133.8, 133.8, 133.3, 132.4, 132.3, 132.0, 131.2, 129.8, 128.8, 125.9, 125.5, 125.4, 121.8, 83.2, 79.8, 77.0, 63.0, 56.5, 55.9, 53.8, 47.4, 41.0, 40.9, 38.3, 35.3, 25.9, 23.2, 21.5, 20.8, 18.4, 16.8, 15.2, 13.2, 12.1, 12.1, –5.4, –5.5; IR (film): $\widetilde{\upsilon}$ = 3300, 2926, 2856, 1651 (br), 1533, 1462, 1385, 1257, 1216,

1105, 989, 964, 837, 778, 744 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): *m/z*: calcd for C₄₇H₇₄N₂O₇Si+Na [*M*⁺ +Na]: 829.51592; found: 829.51575.

lejimalide B (2): TBAF (1 M in THF, 0.4 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of macrocycle 59 (291 mg, 0.36 mmol) in THF (3.6 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at that temperature for 15 min, the mixture was directly added on top of a silica gel column and purified by eluting with EtOAc/MeOH, $(1:0 \rightarrow 50:1 \rightarrow 20:1)$ to give iejimalide B (1) as a white solid (247 mg, 99 %). $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -16$ (c = 0.2, CH₂Cl₂), ref.⁹: $[\alpha] = -17.6$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 8.26$ (s, 1H), 6.70 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 6.58 (dq, J = 10.4, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.45 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 11.2, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (dq, J = 11.2, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (dd, J = 14.5, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (dd, J = 15.2, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.89 (d, J = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (ddd, J = 15.1, 10.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (dd, J = 15.5, 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.39 (dd, J = 14.0, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (dd, J = 14.5, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.20–5.17 (m, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.48–4.46 (m, 1H), 4.15–4.09 (m, 2H), 3.92–3.85 (m, 2H), 3.64 (ddd, J = 11.3, 8.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30–3.25 (m, 1H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.19–3.14 (m, 1H), 3.01 (dd, J = 8.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.65–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.58–2.47 (m, 2H), 2.29 (dt, J = 13.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 1.91–1.86 (m, 1H), 1.78 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 3H), 1.77 (s, 6H), 1.75 (d, J = 0.7 Hz, 3H), 1.73 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.61–1.58 (m, 1H), 1.33–1.30 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 170.7, 167.5,$ 161.8, 145.6, 137.2, 136.1, 135.5, 134.4, 133.7, 133.7, 133.3, 132.4, 132.3, 132.1, 131.2, 129.8, 128.8, 126.0, 125.3, 125.1, 121.2, 83.1, 80.0, 77.1, 62.8, 56.5, 55.9, 52.9, 47.1, 41.0, 40.8, 38.2, 35.3, 23.3, 21.5, 20.8, 16.8, 15.2, 13.2, 12.3, 12.1; IR (film): $\tilde{\upsilon}$ = 3329, 2925, 2856, 1654 (br), 1541, 1453, 1383, 1260, 1096, 965, 800, 698 cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI): m/z: calcd for $C_{41}H_{60}N_2O_7+Na$ [M^+ +Na]: 715.42934; found: 715.42927.

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