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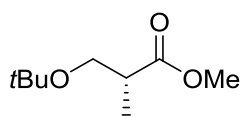
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General. All reactions were carried out under Ar in flame-dried glassware. The solvents were purified by distillation over the drying agents indicated and were transferred under Ar: THF, Et₂O (Mg/anthracene), CH₂Cl₂, MeCN (CaH₂), hexane, toluene (Na/K), MeOH (Mg), DMF (MS 4Å), DMSO (distilled over CaH₂, stored over MS 4Å). Flash chromatography: Merck silica gel 60 (40–63 μm) or Florisil (60-100 mesh). NMR: Spectra were recorded on Bruker DPX 300, AV 400, AV 500 or AVIII 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: $\delta_H \equiv 7.24$ ppm; CD₂Cl₂: $\delta_C \equiv 53.8$ ppm; residual ¹H: $\delta_H \equiv 5.32$ ppm; C₆D₆: $\delta_C \equiv 128.0$ ppm; residual C₆D₅H: $\delta_H \equiv 7.15$ ppm, [D₆]-DMSO: $\delta_C \equiv 39.52$ ppm, residual CD₂HS(O)CD₃: $\delta_H \equiv 2.50$ ppm); where indicated, the signal assignments are unambiguous; the numbering scheme is arbitrary and shown in the inserts. The assignments are based upon 1D and 2D spectra recorded using the following pulse sequences from the Bruker standard pulse program library: DEPT; COSY (*cosygppf* and *cosydqtp*); HSQC (*hsqcedetgpsisp2.2*) optimized for ¹J_{C,H} = 145 Hz; HMBC (*hmbcetgpl3nd*) for correlations via ⁿJ_{C,H}; HSQC-TOCSY (*invietgsm1*) using an MLEV17 mixing time of 120 ms; NOESY (*noesygpqh*). IR: Spectrum One (Perkin-Elmer) spectrometer, wavenumbers ($\tilde{\nu}$) 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). Unless stated otherwise, all commercially available compounds (Fluka, Lancaster, Aldrich) were used as received.

The Polyketide Segment

Compound S-1: Isobutene was bubbled through a solution of (*R*)-Roche ester (**18**) (4.67 mL, 42.3 mmol) and conc. H₂SO₄ (1 mL, 4.23 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) at ambient temperature for 4.5 h. For work-up, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ was carefully added and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated to give the title compound as a colorless oil (6.76 g, 92%) which was used without further purification. $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -13.7^\circ$ ($c = 0.75$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.67$ (s, 3H), 3.55 (dd, $J = 8.6, 7.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, $J = 8.6, 6.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.60 (m, 1H), 1.15 (s, 9H), 1.15 ppm (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 175.9, 73.0, 64.0, 51.6, 40.9, 27.6, 14.2$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2975, 1739, 1458, 1435, 1363, 1194, 1174, 1083, 1059, 1022, 880$ cm⁻¹; MS (EI): m/z (%): 159 (13), 117 (40), 102 (5), 101 (100), 88 (36), 87 (14), 85 (18), 73 (15), 69 (13), 59 (62), 57 (89), 56 (11), 55 (7), 43 (8), 41 (34), 39 (9), 29 (5); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₉H₁₈O₃Na:



197.1148 [$M+Na^+$]; found: 197.1149. The spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature for the enantiomer.¹

Compound S-2: A solution of ester **S-1** (6.70 g, 38.4 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of $LiAlH_4$ (2.92 g, 77.0 mmol) in THF (300 mL) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The mixture was then stirred at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h before the reaction was carefully quenched with water (3 mL). An aqueous solution of NaOH (15% v/v, 3 mL) and again water (9 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at ambient temperature before the organic layer was dried over $MgSO_4$. The solvents were evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1 \rightarrow 6/1) to give alcohol **S-2** as a colorless oil (4.50 g, 80%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -18.3^\circ$ ($c = 1.0$, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 3.62$ (ddd, $J = 10.7, 3.7, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, $J = 10.7, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.50 (ddd, $J = 8.6, 4.3, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.27 (t, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (br s, 1H), 2.04 - 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 0.83 ppm (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 73.4, 69.3, 68.2, 35.7, 27.5, 13.6$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3414, 2973, 2910, 2874, 1475, 1389, 1362, 1234, 1196, 1078, 1022, 1037, 991, 879\text{ cm}^{-1}$; MS (EI): m/z (%): 131 (19), 89 (23), 73 (9), 71 (6), 59 (98), 58 (8), 57 (100), 56 (38), 55 (25), 43 (15), 42 (10), 41 (35), 39 (11), 31 (9), 29 (13); HRMS (CI): m/z calcd. for $C_8H_{19}O_2$: 147.1385 [$M+H^+$]; found: 147.1386. The analytical and spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.²

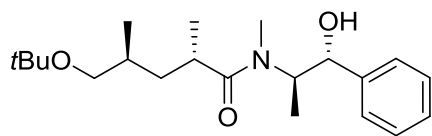
Compound 19: PPh_3 (26.5 g, 90.5 mmol), imidazole (6.16 g, 90.5 mmol), and iodine (23.0 g, 90.5 mmol) were successively added to a solution of alcohol **S-2** (7.35 g, 50.2 mmol) in $Et_2O/MeCN$ (2:1, 360 mL) at $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The resulting suspension was stirred for 1 h at ambient temperature before it was filtered. The residue was rinsed with the same solvent and the combined filtrates were evaporated. The crude product was dissolved in pentane and water, and the aqueous layer extracted with pentane. The combined extracts were dried over $MgSO_4$ and evaporated. The residue was purified by distillation in vacuum (5 mbar, $78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) to give iodide **19** as colorless oil (11.3 g, 88%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -15.5^\circ$ ($c = 1.2$, $CHCl_3$); 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 3.35$ - 3.27 (m, 2H), 3.23 (dd, $J = 8.6, 4.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, $J = 8.6, 7.9$ Hz, 1H), 1.69 - 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 0.96 ppm (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta = 72.8, 65.6, 35.5, 27.8, 18.0, 15.2$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2971, 2931, 2899, 2869, 1474, 1390, 1362, 1249, 1234, 1196, 1082, 1022, 884\text{ cm}^{-1}$; MS (EI): m/z (%): 256 (4), 241 (17), 200 (2), 183 (23), 155 (2), 129 (3), 88 (2), 87 (42), 73 (2), 59 (14), 58 (5), 57 (100), 56 (10), 55 (35), 43 (3), 42 (2), 41 (20), 39 (6), 29 (6); HRMS (EI): m/z calcd. for $C_8H_{17}OI$: 256.0324 [M^+]; found: 256.0325. The analytical and spectral data are in accordance with those reported in the literature.³

¹ M. Sunagawa, Y. Nozaki, A. Sasaki, H. Matsumura, EP 229384 A2 19870722, **1987**.

² N. Cohen, W. F. Eichel, R. J. Lopresti, C. Neukom, G. Saucy, *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 3505-3511.

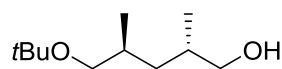
³ C. Spino, M. Allan, *Can. J. Chem.* **2004**, *82*, 177-184.

Compound S-3: Diisopropylamine (10.6 mL, 75.5 mmol) was added to a suspension of LiCl



(9.70 g, 228 mmol) in THF (70 mL) before *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 44.5 mL, 71.2 mmol) was introduced at 0 °C. After stirring for 15 min at this temperature the mixture was cooled to –78 °C and a solution of amide **25** (8.54 g, 38.6 mmol)⁴ in THF (70 mL) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at –78 °C, for 15 min at 0 °C and for 5 min at ambient temperature. A solution of iodide **19** (4.63 g, 18.1 mmol) in THF (70 mL) was then added at 0 °C and stirring continued for 2 d at ambient temperature before the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the combined extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to give amide **S-3** as a colorless oil (6.09 g, 96%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -70.2^\circ$ ($c = 1.24$, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, two rotamers, DMSO-d₆): $\delta = 7.38$ – 7.28 (m, 8H, 2 *rot.*), 7.27 (tt, $J = 7.1$, 1.6 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 7.22 (tt, $J = 6.9$, 1.9 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 5.46 (d, $J = 3.7$ Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 5.31 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 4.77–4.66 (m, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 4.57 (dd, $J = 7.5$, 4.6 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 4.52 (dd, $J = 8.3$, 3.7 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 3.95 (qd, $J = 7.3$, 6.8 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 3.14 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 5.4 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 3.11 (dd, $J = 8.6$, 6.2 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 3.09 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 5.8 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 3.02 (dd, $J = 8.8$, 6.4 Hz, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 2.89–2.84 (m, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 2.87 (s, 3H, 1 *rot.*), 2.78–2.72 (m, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 2.75 (s, 3H, 1 *rot.*), 1.59–1.52 (m, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 1.50–1.43 (m, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 1.42–1.29 (m, 3H, 2 *rot.*), 1.27–1.22 (m, 1H, 1 *rot.*), 1.13 (s, 9H, 1 *rot.*), 1.09 (s, 9H, 1 *rot.*), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H, 1 *rot.*), 0.91 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H, 1 *rot.*), 0.88 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H, 1 *rot.*), 0.82 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H, 1 *rot.*), 0.80 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H, 1 *rot.*), 0.79 ppm (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H, 1 *rot.*); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, two rotamers, DMSO-d₆): $\delta = 176.1$, 175.8, 143.6, 143.6, 128.1, 127.8, 127.3, 126.9, 126.9, 126.6, 73.8, 73.6, 71.7, 71.6, 66.6, 66.4, 57.0, 53.0, 37.9, 37.1, 32.8, 32.2, 31.5, 30.9, 29.8, 27.4, 27.3, 26.9, 17.7, 17.4, 17.4, 17.2, 15.5, 14.0 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3370$, 2971, 2932, 2872, 1616, 1453, 1361, 1197, 1078, 1051, 1022, 753, 700 cm^{–1}; MS (EI): m/z (%): 274 (11), 242 (7), 216 (27), 148 (25), 147 (25), 146 (11), 130 (6), 129 (57), 128 (8), 118 (5), 117 (8), 115 (5), 114 (5), 111 (18), 105 (5), 91 (8), 83 (19), 69 (21), 59 (7), 58 (100), 57 (24), 56 (11), 55 (11), 43 (8), 42 (6), 41 (13); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for C₂₁H₃₅NO₃Na: 372.2509 [M +Na⁺]; found: 372.2509.

Compound 20: *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 42.0 mL, 67.2 mmol) was added dropwise to a



solution of diisopropylamine (10.2 mL, 72.2 mmol) in THF (75 mL) at –78 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at this temperature and for 10 min at 0 °C before BH₃·NH₃ (90 % w/w, 2.75 g, 80.2 mmol) was introduced. After stirring for 1.5 h at ambient temperature, a solution of amide **S-3** (6.02 g, 17.2 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C and stirring was continued for 2.5 h at ambient

⁴ A. G. Myers, B. H. Yang, H. Chen, L. McKinsty, D. J. Kopecky, J. L. Gleason, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *119*, 6496–6511.

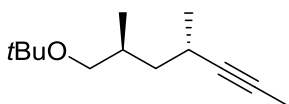
temperature before the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH_4Cl . The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the combined extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1) to give the title alcohol as a colorless oil (3.12 g, 96%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -30.5^\circ$ ($c = 0.9$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 3.45$ (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.15 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.88-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.24 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.06 (m, 1H), 1.18 (s, 9H), 0.88 ppm (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 72.8, 68.9, 68.0, 37.9, 33.3, 30.8, 27.7, 17.8, 16.7$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3370, 2972, 2924, 2873, 1461, 1390, 1361, 1234, 1197, 1082, 1038, 1022, 884$ cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 131 (9), 115 (12), 113 (12), 101 (5), 97 (25), 95 (6), 85 (5), 84 (9), 83 (10), 69 (13), 59 (18), 58 (11), 57 (100), 56 (21), 55 (38), 43 (12), 42 (6), 41 (21); HRMS (CI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_2$: 189.1854 [$M+\text{H}^+$]; found: 189.1856.

Compound S-4: MS 4\AA (7.6 g) was added to a solution of NMO (2.89 g, 24.7 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL). After stirring for 30 min at ambient temperature, the solution was cooled to 0°C and TPAP (288 mg, 0.82 mmol) and a solution of alcohol **20** (3.10 g, 16.4 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) were successively introduced. The mixture was stirred for 10 min at this temperature and for 30 min at ambient temperature before it was filtered through a pad of Celite which was carefully rinsed with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined filtrates were evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1) to give the title aldehyde as a yellow oil (2.20 g, 72%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +2.1^\circ$ ($c = 0.68$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.63$ (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.16 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.52-2.39 (m, 1H), 1.80-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.50 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 8.3, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.42 (ddd, $J = 13.8, 8.4, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 1.07 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 ppm (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 205.6, 72.5, 67.2, 44.3, 34.6, 31.6, 27.6, 17.0, 13.5$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3972, 2933, 2875, 1725, 1708, 1460, 1392, 1362, 1234, 1197, 1080, 1021, 882$ cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 130 (10), 129 (14), 114 (12), 113 (21), 112 (5), 111 (5), 95 (16), 83 (7), 71 (12), 69 (5), 59 (12), 58 (28), 57 (100), 56 (9), 55 (15), 43 (26), 41 (19); HRMS (CI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_2$: 187.1698 [$M+\text{H}^+$]; found: 187.1699.

Compound S-5: Zinc powder (1.48 g, 22.6 mmol), CBr_4 (7.30 g, 22.0 mmol) and PPh_3 (5.93 g, 22.6 mmol) were suspended in CH_2Cl_2 (70 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred for 14 h before a solution of aldehyde **S-4** (2.10 g, 11.3 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) was added. After stirring for another 1.5 h, the mixture was diluted with hexane and filtered, the combined filtrates were evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 1/0 \rightarrow 30/1) to give the title compound as a colorless oil (2.63 g, 68%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +5.3^\circ$ ($c = 0.72$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 6.20$ (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, $J = 8.6, 5.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.10 (dd, $J = 8.6, 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.62-2.49 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.41 (ddd, $J = 13.6, 6.8, 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.20-1.10 (m, 1H), 1.17 (s, 9H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 ppm (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 144.9, 87.1,$

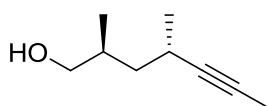
72.4, 66.8, 40.2, 36.2, 31.8, 27.7, 19.2, 17.7 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2971, 2929, 2872, 1455, 1391, 1361, 1197, 1081, 1064, 1021, 883, 871 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 215 (4), 213 (8), 211 (4), 133 (3), 131 (3), 125 (6), 108 (2), 107 (5), 71 (10), 59 (9), 58 (5), 57 (100), 55 (3), 53 (2), 43 (2), 41 (11), 39 (2), 29 (2), 28 (2); HRMS (CI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{23}\text{OBr}_2$: 341.0116 $[M+\text{H}^+]$; found: 341.0116.

Compound 21: *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 10.6 mL, 17.4 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of dibromide **S-5** (2.59 g, 7.57 mmol) in THF (25 mL) at -78°C . After stirring for 1.5 h at this temperature and for 30 min at ambient temperature, MeI (1.27 mL, 20.4 mmol) was introduced and stirring continued for 20 h before the reaction was quenched



with sat. aq. NH_4Cl . The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the combined extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 1/0 \rightarrow 50/1) to give the title alkyne as a colorless oil (1.47 g, 99%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +26.5^\circ$ ($c = 0.73$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.24 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J = 8.7$, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.52-2.40 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.78 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.42 (ddd, $J = 13.4$, 6.8, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (ddd, $J = 13.2$, 7.4, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 9H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 ppm (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 84.5, 75.4, 72.4, 66.7, 41.7, 32.1, 27.7, 23.8, 21.6, 17.9, 3.7 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2971, 2920, 2872, 1455, 1390, 1361, 1234, 1197, 1079, 1059, 1017, 883, 874 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 140 (9), 125 (7), 123 (14), 109 (5), 107 (12), 98 (43), 95 (10), 93 (6), 91 (5), 83 (12), 82 (23), 81 (30), 79 (9), 71 (10), 69 (12), 67 (27), 65 (6), 59 (5), 58 (6), 57 (100), 55 (8), 43 (7), 41 (22), 39 (5); HRMS (CI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}$: 197.1905 $[M+\text{H}^+]$; found: 197.1904.

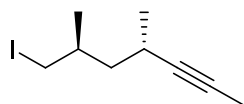
Compound S-6: Trifluoroacetic acid (5.2 mL, 67 mmol) was added to a solution of *tert*-butylether **21** (1.32 g, 6.72 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 17 h at ambient temperature before sat. aq. Na_2CO_3 was slowly introduced. The aqueous layer was extracted



with CH_2Cl_2 and the combined extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was dissolved in MeOH/ H_2O (2:1, 30 mL) and KOH (754 mg, 13.4 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred for 1 h before the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH_4Cl . The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the combined extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 1/0 \rightarrow 10/1) to give the title alcohol as a pale yellow oil (825 mg, 88%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +21.7^\circ$ ($c = 0.9$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.56 (dd, $J = 10.7$, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, $J = 10.7$, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.55-2.43 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.78 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.47 (br s, 1H), 1.42 (ddd, $J = 13.5$, 6.1, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 1.33 (ddd, $J = 13.5$, 8.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H) ppm; ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 84.1, 75.9, 67.7, 41.0, 33.7, 23.6, 21.7, 17.4, 3.6 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3324, 2965,

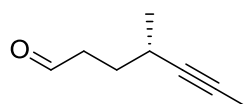
2919, 2873, 1453, 1375, 1335, 1042, 999, 978, 948 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 125 (9), 109 (6), 107 (17), 98 (20), 93 (7), 91 (17), 83 (24), 82 (92), 81 (8), 80 (12), 79 (26), 77 (12), 71 (7), 69 (22), 68 (8), 67 (100), 66 (6), 65 (20), 58 (6), 57 (8), 55 (27), 53 (17), 51 (5), 43 (24), 41 (57), 39 (26), 31 (14), 29 (10), 27 (9); HRMS (CI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{17}\text{O}$: 141.1279 [$M+\text{H}^+$]; found: 141.1278.

Compound 22: PPh_3 (1.73 g, 6.60 mmol), imidazole (450 mg, 6.60 mmol) and iodine (1.68 g, 6.60 mmol) were successively added to a solution of alcohol **S-6**



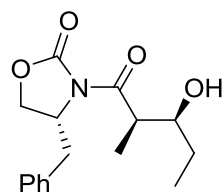
(840 mg, 6.00 mmol) in $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{MeCN}$ (2:1, 60 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at ambient temperature before pentane was added. The resulting precipitate was filtered off and the combined filtrates were evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes) to give iodide **22** as a colorless oil (1.43 g, 95%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +51.4^\circ$ ($c = 1.23$, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 3.30$ (dd, $J = 9.7, 3.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.25 (dd, $J = 9.7, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.32 (m, 1H), 1.78 (d, $J = 2.3$ Hz, 3H), 1.68-1.54 (m, 1H), 1.36 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 1.33 (dd, $J = 6.5, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.14 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.98 ppm (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 83.0, 76.3, 43.8, 32.1, 23.6, 21.8, 21.5, 18.4, 3.6$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2963, 2919, 2871, 1454, 1376, 1316, 1226, 1194, 1155, 909, 796, 733$ cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 250 (6), 169 (5), 124 (10), 123 (61), 109 (8), 107 (16), 95 (25), 93 (12), 91 (13), 82 (12), 81 (100), 80 (6), 79 (32), 77 (10), 69 (10), 68 (8), 67 (86), 66 (7), 65 (25), 57 (13), 55 (20), 53 (12), 43 (8), 41 (36), 39 (12); HRMS (EI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{I}$: 250.0218 [M^+]; found: 250.0219.

(S)-4-Methylhept-5-ynal (5). The compound was prepared as described in the literature (1.54 g, 96%, 90% ee).⁵ ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 9.77$ (s, 1H),



2.65 – 2.50 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.41 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.63 (tdd, 1H, $J = 14.3, 8.2, 6.2$ Hz), 1.12 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 202.0, 82.1, 76.5, 41.6, 29.0, 25.2, 21.0, 3.0$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2971, 2922, 1723, 1454, 1376, 1335, 1259, 1021, 800$ cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 96 (10), 82 (100), 81 (25), 80 (42), 79 (62), 77 (18), 67 (63), 65 (29), 55 (14), 53 (18), 41 (43), 39 (24); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_1$ [$M^+ + \text{H}$]: 125.0965, found 125.0966.

(R)-4-Benzyl-3-((2R,3S)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpentanoyl)oxazolidin-2-one (S-7). Bu_2BOTf

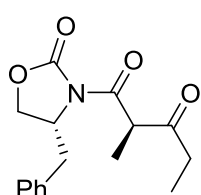


(1.0 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 29.4 mL, 29.4 mmol) was added via syringe over 10 min to a solution of (R)-4-benzyl-3-propionyloxazolidin-2-one (5.80 g, 24.9 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (47 mL) at -78°C . Et_3N (4.49 mL, 32.4 mmol) was then added dropwise over a period of 15 min before the mixture was briefly allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After cooling to 0 °C,

⁵ A. Fürstner, D. De Souza, L. Turet, M. D. B. Fenster, L. Parra-Rapado, C. Wirtz, R. Mynott, C. W. Lehmann, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2007**, *13*, 115-134.

freshly distilled propanal (2.35 mL, 32.4 mmol) was slowly introduced and stirring continued for another 3.5 h before the reaction was quenched with H₂O (28 mL), MeOH (74 mL) and H₂O₂ (28 mL, 30% w/w). The mixture was stirred for 2.5 h and then concentrated to a slurry which was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 90 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 7/3) to afford the title compound as a white solid (6.66 g, 92%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -36.5$ ($c = 1.07$, CHCl₃) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.28 - 7.19$ (m, 3H), 7.14 – 7.12 (m, 2H), 4.64 (ddt, 1H, $J = 9.4, 7.4, 3.3$ Hz), 4.18 – 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.79 (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.1, 5.1, 2.8$ Hz), 3.72 (qd, 1H, $J = 7.0, 2.7$ Hz), 3.18 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 3.4$ Hz), 2.79 (s, 1H), 2.72 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 9.4$ Hz), 1.56 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.18 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 0.91 ppm (t, 3H, $J = 7.4$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 177.2, 155.7, 134.7, 129.1$ (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.1, 72.7, 65.9, 54.8, 41.3, 37.5, 26.4, 10.1, 9.9 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 3524, 2975, 2937, 2880, 1755, 1697, 1478, 1456, 1373, 1346, 1326, 1264, 1208, 1185, 1115, 1098, 1069, 1055, 983, 969, 928, 764, 750, 706, 696$ cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 291 (42), 273 (17), 245 (12), 244 (74), 233 (38), 178 (63), 158 (15), 142 (13), 134 (36), 133 (23), 118 (16), 117 (68), 116 (33), 115 (70), 97 (33), 96 (11), 92 (27), 91 (57), 86 (100), 85 (11), 69 (27), 65 (14), 59 (23), 57 (38), 56 (17), 45 (14), 42 (14), 41 (13), 31 (16), 29 (16); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for C₁₆H₂₁NO₄Na [$M^+ + Na$]: 314.1362, found 314.1363. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁶

(R)-1-((R)-4-Benzyl-2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)-2-methylpentane-1,3-dione (12). Compound S-



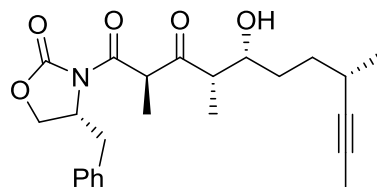
7 (5.49 g, 18.8 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂/DMSO (108 mL, 1:1) and the solution cooled to –15 °C before Et₃N (8.03 mL, 57.1 mmol) was added in one portion. Next, a solution of SO₃·pyridine (9.09 g, 57.1 mmol) in DMSO (81 mL) was added very slowly via a dropping funnel. Once the addition was complete, the mixture was stirred for 3 h. For workup, aq.

KHSO₄ (1 M, 250 mL) was added and the slurry extracted with Et₂O (3 x 200 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (40 mL) and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 1/1) to afford the title compound as a crystalline white solid (4.55 g, 83%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -129$ ($c = 1.38$, CHCl₃) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.35 - 7.27$ (m, 3H), 7.20 – 7.16 (m, 2H), 4.73 (ddt, 1H, $J = 9.5, 7.8, 3.2$ Hz), 4.60 (q, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 4.26 – 4.13 (m, 2H), 3.30 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 3.6$ Hz), 2.77 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 9.5$ Hz), 2.64 (dq, 2H, $J = 11.0, 7.3$ Hz), 1.43 (d, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.06 ppm (t, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 208.0, 170.1, 153.8, 135.1, 129.3$ (2C), 128.9 (2C), 127.3, 66.4, 55.2, 52.6, 37.9, 34.0, 12.8, 7.5 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2981, 1766, 1713, 1696, 1451, 1386, 1352, 1337, 1280, 1247, 1223, 1215, 1179, 1120, 1070, 1049, 994, 958, 908, 763, 750, 705,$

⁶ a) D. A. Evans, J. Bartroli, T. L. Shih, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1981**, *103*, 2127-2129; b) J. R. Gage, D. A. Evans, *Org. Synth.* **1989**, *68*, 83-91.

686 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 289 (20), 260 (32), 233 (20), 178 (12), 142 (29), 134 (21), 133 (18), 117 (59), 116 (21), 113 (51), 91 (28), 57 (100), 56 (15), 29 (22); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{19}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$ [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 312.1205, found 312.1206. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁷

(2R,4S,5R,8S)-1-((R)-4-Benzyl-2-oxooxazolidin-3-yl)-5-hydroxy-2,4,8-trimethylundec-9-yne-1,3-dione (13). $\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2$ (4.36 g, 10.5 mmol) was



dispersed in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) and the suspension cooled to -20°C . Upon addition of Et_3N (1.46 mL, 10.5 mmol) the white suspension turned pale yellow. A solution of compound **12** (2.86 g, 9.89 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) was added

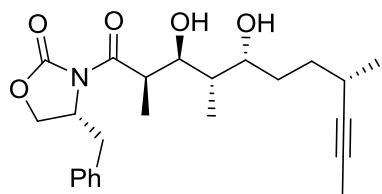
dropwise and the resulting mixture stirred for 1 h at -20°C before it was cooled to -78°C . A solution of aldehyde **5** (766 mg, 6.18 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) was slowly introduced. Once TLC control indicated complete conversion, the mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL), poured into a pre-cooled (0°C) aq. solution of NaHSO_4 (1 M, 150 mL) and vigorously stirred for 20 min. The mixture was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 100 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/*tert*-butyl methyl ether, 1/1) to afford the title compound as white sticky oil (1.46 g, 57%).⁸ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -48.0$ ($c = 1.00$, CHCl_3), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.35 - 7.32$ (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 4.87 (q, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 4.76 (ddt, 1H, $J = 9.7, 8.0, 3.1$ Hz), 4.27 (t, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 4.19 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.1, 2.9$ Hz), 3.94 (ddd, 1H, $J = 9.0, 4.1, 2.7$ Hz), 3.31 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 3.4$ Hz), 2.83 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.49 (br, 1H), 2.44 – 2.39 (m, 1H), 1.78 (d, 3H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 1.72 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.49 (d, 3H, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.47 – 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.25 (d, 3H, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 1.14 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 212.1, 170.3, 153.6, 135.0, 129.4$ (2C), 129.0 (2C), 127.4, 83.3, 76.0, 70.9, 66.5, 55.3, 51.9, 48.4, 37.9, 33.4, 31.6, 25.6, 21.4, 12.9, 10.0, 3.5 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2970, 2940, 1775, 1711, 1690, 1454, 1357, 1289, 1212, 1115, 1077, 1049, 998, 923, 761, 742, 702$ cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 344 (13), 289 (34), 260 (53), 233 (46), 178 (56), 177 (11), 167 (25), 142 (12), 135 (12), 134 (34), 133 (23), 125 (16), 123 (15), 118 (10), 117 (62), 116 (17), 113 (17), 112 (100), 107 (11), 93 (11), 92 (29), 91 (45), 86 (24), 83 (26), 82 (15), 80 (16), 79 (13), 67 (18), 65 (10), 56 (24), 55 (32); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{NO}_5\text{Na}$ [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 436.2098, found 436.2094. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁹

⁷ D. A. Evans, H. P. Ng, J. S. Clark, D. L. Rieger, *Tetrahedron* **1992**, 48, 2127-2142.

⁸ D. A. Evans, J. S. Clark, R. Metternich, V. J. Novack, G. S. Sheppard, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1990**, 112, 866-868.

⁹ Y. Yuan, H. Men, C. Lee, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, 126, 14720-14721.

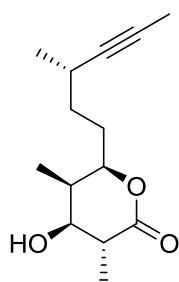
(R)-4-Benzyl-3-((2R,3S,4S,5R,8S)-3,5-dihydroxy-2,4,8-trimethylundec-9-ynyl)-



oxazolidin-2-one (S-8). A solution of aldol **13** (1.46 g, 3.53 mmol) in MeCN (44 mL) was added via a dropping funnel to a solution of Me₄NBH(OAc)₃ (4.64 g, 17.7 mmol) in MeCN (70 mL) and HOAc (39 mL) at –50 °C. The solution was allowed to slowly warm to –10 °C. After stirring for 1 h

the mixture was poured into a mixture of Rochelle salt (350 mL) and CH₂Cl₂ (350 mL) (1:1) at 0 °C. Sat. aq. NaHCO₃ followed by solid NaHCO₃ were successively added under vigorous stirring until gas evolution ceased. The biphasic mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 x 200 mL, the last batch was stirred with the aqueous layer for 5 min). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 1/1) to afford the title compound as white foam (1.16 g, 80%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -5.0$ ($c = 0.93$, CHCl₃), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.36 - 7.28$ (m, 3H), 7.21 – 7.19 (m, 2H), 4.71 (ddt, 1H, $J = 9.4, 7.6, 3.2$ Hz), 4.27 – 4.19 (m, 2H), 4.00 (dd, 1H, $J = 9.1, 2.5$ Hz), 3.90 (qd, 1H, $J = 7.0, 2.5$ Hz), 3.82 (dt, 1H, $J = 9.7, 2.8$ Hz), 3.65 (br, 1H), 3.25 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 3.4$ Hz), 2.80 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.4, 9.4$ Hz), 2.47 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 1.87 (dq, 1H, $J = 9.4, 7.1, 2.5$ Hz), 1.78 (d, 3H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 1.70 – 1.42 (m, 5H), 1.28 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.14 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 0.87 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 177.7, 152.5, 134.6, 129.1$ (2C), 128.6 (2C), 127.1, 83.3, 75.6, 73.4, 73.2, 65.9, 54.7, 39.2, 38.9, 37.5, 33.6, 30.2, 25.4, 21.1, 11.4, 9.8, 3.2 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2970, 2919, 1779, 1697, 1455, 1387, 1210, 1106, 1045, 1015, 972, 762, 702$ cm⁻¹; MS (pos. ESI) m/z (%): 438 (M+Na, 100); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for C₂₄H₃₃NO₅Na [$M^+ + Na$]: 438.2254, found 438.2251. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁹

(3R,4S,5R,6R)-4-Hydroxy-3,5-dimethyl-6-((S)-3-methylhex-4-yn-1-yl)tetrahydro-2H-

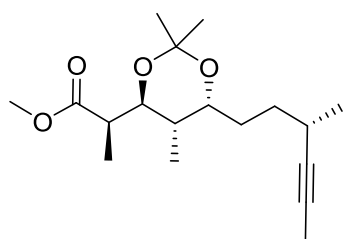


pyran-2-one (14). H₂O₂ (0.85 mL, 30% w/w) and LiOH (143 mg, 3.41 mmol) were subsequently added to a solution of diol **S-8** (878 mg, 2.13 mmol) in THF/H₂O (21 mL, 3:1) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 2 h until complete consumption of the substrate was observed by TLC. For workup the mixture was acidified with HCl (1 M, 2 mL) and stirred for 5 min before the aq. phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and

evaporated, and the residue purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 7/3 → 1/1) to afford the title compound as a colorless oil (512 mg, 99%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +95.2$ ($c = 0.75$, CHCl₃), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 3.80$ (ddd, 1H, $J = 8.7, 5.0, 2.4$ Hz), 3.36 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.4, 4.3$ Hz), 2.47 – 2.35 (m, 2H), 2.16 (br, 1H), 1.98 (dddd, 1H, $J = 13.1, 10.2, 8.6, 4.4$ Hz), 1.72 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.68 (d, 3H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 1.52 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.47 (d, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.22 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 0.81 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 173.3, 83.6, 79.4, 76.8, 74.0, 40.4, 37.8, 33.4, 30.6, 26.3, 21.9, 14.7, 4.7,$

3.6 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2941, 1766, 1713, 1696, 1475, 1464, 1451, 1386, 1353, 1337, 1280, 1247, 1223, 1214, 1179, 1120, 1085, 1070, 1049, 1032, 994, 973, 958, 908, 857, 825, 763, 750, 705, 686 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 152 (11), 151 (45), 147 (11), 137 (10), 136 (17), 135 (23), 133 (11), 131 (12), 130 (12), 125 (50), 124 (17), 123 (35), 122 (12), 121 (40), 119 (20), 113 (49), 112 (16), 111 (10), 109 (56), 108 (31), 107 (81), 106 (12), 105 (34), 103 (15), 98 (42), 97 (21), 96 (32), 95 (48), 94 (17), 93 (74), 91 (53), 87 (16), 86 (12), 85 (77), 83 (22), 82 (81), 81 (49), 80 (93), 79 (90), 77 (31), 69 (43), 68 (26), 67 (100), 66 (15), 65 (28), 59 (13), 58 (35), 57 (69), 56 (31), 55 (72), 53 (27), 44 (19), 43 (44), 41 (67), 39 (27), 29 (21); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_3\text{Na}$ [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 261.1459, found 261.1461. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.⁹

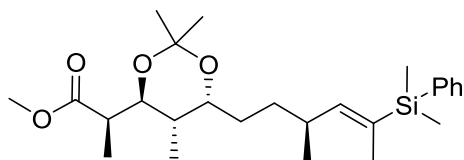
Methyl (R)-2-((4S,5S,6R)-2,2,5-trimethyl-6-((S)-3-methylhex-4-yn-1-yl)-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)propanoate (15). CSA (49 mg, 0.21 mmol, 10 mol%) was



added to a solution of lactone **14** (512 mg, 2.11 mmol) in 2,2-dimethoxypropane (26 mL) and the resulting solution was stirred at ambient temperature overnight. The mixture was diluted with Et_2O (50 mL), carefully neutralized with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and extracted with Et_2O (3 x 50 mL). The combined extracts were

washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/ Et_2O , 7/3) to afford the title compound as colorless oil (589 mg, 90%).¹⁰ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -1.86$ ($c = 0.59$, CHCl_3), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 3.76 (dt, 1H, $J = 9.4, 4.4$ Hz), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.7, 5.0$ Hz), 2.60 – 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.43 – 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.87 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.79 (d, 3H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 1.62 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.44 – 1.35 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.20 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.13 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 0.84 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 174.6, 100.2, 83.2, 75.4, 75.0, 68.7, 51.3, 42.6, 36.5, 33.0, 27.8, 25.3, 24.6, 23.3, 20.9, 11.7, 11.1, 3.2 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2983, 2937, 2877, 1738, 1456, 1434, 1379, 1224, 1198, 1166, 1126, 1090, 1018, 985, 954, 876, 855, 838 cm^{-1} ; MS (pos. ESI) m/z (%): 333 ($M + \text{Na}$, 100); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$ [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 333.2037, found 333.2036.

Methyl (R)-2-((4S,5S,6R)-6-((S,E)-5-(dimethyl(phenyl)silyl)-3-methylhex-4-en-1-yl)-2,2,5-trimethyl-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)propanoate (16). A



A solution of freshly prepared LiSiMe_2Ph (6.70 mL, 2.01 mmol)¹¹ in THF (5.1 mL) was added to CuCN (180 mg, 2.01 mmol) in a Schlenk flask at 0 °C. After

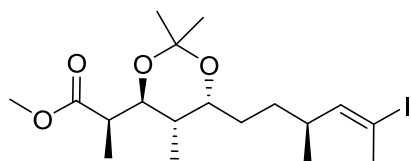
stirring for 30 min, the mixture was cooled to –78 °C before a solution of alkyne **15** (406 mg, 1.34 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was slowly added. Stirring was continued for 30 min at this

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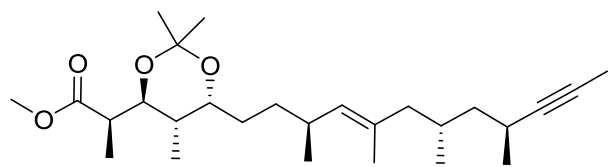
temperature before the mixture was allowed to reach 0 °C. For work up, sat. aq. NH₄Cl (20 mL) was introduced, the biphasic system was extracted CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 1/0 → 30/1) to afford the title compound as colorless oil (557 mg, 93%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -18.0$ ($c = 0.52$, CHCl₃), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.50 - 7.47$ (m, 2H), 7.34 – 7.32 (m, 3H), 5.58 (d, 1H, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 3.74 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.62 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.8, 5.0$ Hz), 2.63 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.64 (d, 3H, $J = 1.7$ Hz), 1.47 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.28 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.19 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 0.95 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.81 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.32 s, 3H), 0.31 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 175.1, 147.8, 139.1, 134.1$ (2C), 132.2, 128.9, 127.8 (2C), 100.7, 75.5, 69.4, 51.8, 43.1, 36.9, 33.3, 32.5, 28.5, 25.2, 23.8, 20.8, 15.1, 12.1, 11.6, –3.1, –3.3 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2986, 2953, 1739, 1618, 1456, 1428, 1379, 1320, 1290, 1247, 1224, 1200, 1173, 1200, 1173, 1109, 1055, 1020, 999, 985, 968, 956, 926, 880, 831, 811, 772, 746, 729, 699$ cm^{–1}; MS (EI) m/z (%): 245 (14), 137 (23), 136 (14), 135 (100), 128 (19), 127 (13), 121 (13), 75 (11), 73 (15); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for C₂₆H₄₂O₄SiNa [M⁺+Na]: 469.2748, found 469.2745.

Methyl (R)-2-((4S,5S,6R)-6-((S,E)-5-iodo-3-methylhex-4-en-1-yl)-2,2,5-trimethyl-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)propanoate (17). At 0 °C, a solution of



alkenyl silane **16** (472 mg, 1.06 mmol) in 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoroisopropanol (HFIP) (11 mL) was treated with 2,6-lutidine (0.50 mL, 4.3 mmol). N-iodosuccinimide (358 mg, 1.59 mmol) was then added in one portion and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. Sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₅ (30 mL) was introduced, the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL), and the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 1/0 → 20/1) to afford the title compound as colorless oil (458 mg, 97%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +11.5$ ($c = 1.08$, CHCl₃), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 5.97$ (d, 1H, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 3.80 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.7, 4.8$ Hz), 3.67 (dt, 1H, $J = 9.1, 4.2$ Hz), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.49 (qd, 1H, $J = 6.9, 4.4$ Hz), 2.20 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.75 – 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.45 – 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.29 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.13 – 1.00 (m, 2H), 0.75 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.75 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 174.2, 147.4, 100.7, 92.9, 75.8, 69.3, 51.3, 43.4, 37.7, 35.8, 33.4, 28.6, 27.8, 25.3, 23.9, 20.3, 12.3, 11.8$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2984, 2946, 1737, 1635, 1456, 1434, 1378, 1358, 1325, 1290, 1224, 1198, 1169, 1135, 1090, 1035, 1019, 986, 955, 878, 858, 839, 808, 765, 699$ cm^{–1}; MS (EI) m/z (%): 380 (31), 293 (14), 253 (43), 235 (17), 208 (31), 195 (51), 183 (15), 175 (13), 147 (16), 137 (28), 129 (31), 128 (100), 125 (69), 113 (34), 107 (21), 97 (39), 96 (11), 95 (37), 83 (23), 82 (11), 81 (49), 79 (11), 69 (80), 68 (26), 67 (40), 59 (34), 55 (42), 53 (12), 43 (46), 41 (43), 29 (12); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for C₁₈H₃₁O₄INa [M⁺+Na]: 461.1160, found 461.1160.

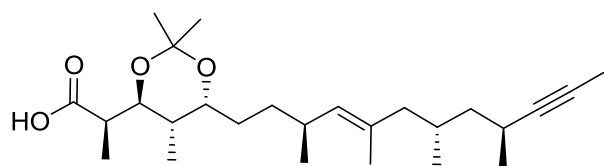
Methyl (R)-2-((4S,5S,6R)-2,2,5-trimethyl-6-((3S,7S,9S,E)-3,5,7,9-tetramethyldodec-4-en-10-yn-1-yl)-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)propanoate (23).



(23). *tert*-BuLi (1.7 M in pentane, 2.64 mL, 4.48 mmol) was added to a solution of alkyl iodide **22** (560 mg, 2.24 mmol) in Et₂O

(6.6 mL) and the resulting mixture was cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. After stirring for 5 min, 9-MeO-9-BBN (1 M in THF, 5.39 mL, 5.39 mmol) was introduced and the mixture diluted with THF (6.6 mL). After additional 10 min, the mixture was allowed to reach ambient temperature over 1 h. Next aq. K₃PO₄ (3 M, 0.87 mL, 2.61 mmol) and a solution of alkenyl iodide **17** (394 mg, 0.897 mmol) and PdCl₂(dppf)·CH₂Cl₂ (64 mg, 0.09 mmol, 10 mol%) in DMF (9 mL) were successively added and stirring was continued for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl and the mixture extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 1/0 → 30/1) to afford the title compound as colorless oil (388 mg, quant.). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +0.94$ ($c = 1.00$, CH₂Cl₂), ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 5.00$ (d, 1H, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 3.84 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.3, 4.8$ Hz), 3.80 (dt, 1H, $J = 9.6, 4.4$ Hz), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.55 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.37 (m, 1H); 2.14 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.0, 5.3$ Hz), 1.99 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.81 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.67 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.0, 9.0$ Hz), 1.64 (d, 3H, $J = 1.4$ Hz), 1.63 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.59 (d, 3H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 1.50 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 2H), 1.31 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.24 – 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.16 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.02 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.90 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.84 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, C₆D₆): $\delta = 174.2, 133.3, 132.8, 100.7, 84.2, 75.8, 75.7, 69.5, 51.1, 47.5, 45.3, 43.3, 37.3, 34.5, 32.8, 29.1, 29.1, 25.2, 24.2, 23.8, 21.9, 21.7, 20.2, 16.2, 12.3, 11.7, 3.4$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2952, 2920, 1740, 1455, 1435, 1379, 1328, 1291, 1225, 1196, 1167, 1087, 1056, 1020, 955, 877, 837, 809, 756\text{ cm}^{-1}$; MS (EI) m/z (%): 434 (17), 376 (28), 289 (31), 249 (16), 248 (57), 233 (24), 219 (10), 206 (20), 205 (97), 191 (21), 189 (44), 183 (27), 177 (15), 164 (15), 163 (37), 159 (36), 150 (18), 149 (44), 147 (28), 135 (34), 134 (16), 133 (24), 129 (17), 128 (34), 127 (58), 126 (77), 125 (12), 124 (15), 123 (57), 122 (27), 121 (100), 120 (14), 119 (35), 113 (13), 107 (48), 105 (16), 97 (11), 95 (32), 93 (19), 83 (11), 69 (70), 59 (25), 55 (22), 43 (32); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for C₂₇H₄₆NO₄Na [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 457.3294, found 457.3297.

(R)-2-((4S,5S,6R)-2,2,5-Trimethyl-6-((3S,7S,9S,E)-3,5,7,9-tetramethyldodec-4-en-10-yn-1-yl)-1,3-dioxan-4-yl)propanoic acid (24).



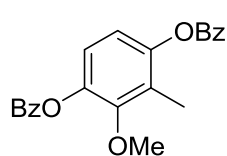
Ester **23** (356 mg, 0.81 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of THF/MeOH/H₂O (10 mL, 2:2:1). After addition of LiOH (195 mg, 8.1 mmol) the solution was stirred for 16 h.

CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) was then added and the biphasic system was acidified by dropwise addition of aq. HCl (1 M). The phases were separated and the aq. phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x

25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was dried by azeotropic distillation with toluene (3 x 5 mL) to afford the title compound as colorless sticky oil which was used without further purification (307 mg, 90%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = -0.20$ ($c = 1.0$, CH_2Cl_2), ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 10.0$ (br, 1H), 4.86 (d, 1H, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 3.74 – 3.65 (m, 2H), 2.60 (dq, 1H, $J = 7.0, 3.7$ Hz), 2.48 – 2.42 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.05 (dd, 1H, $J = 12.8, 5.0$ Hz), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.78 (d, 3H, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.56 (d, 3H, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 1.48 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.30 – 1.22 (m, 5H), 1.20 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.09 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.92 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.84 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.80 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 179.1, 132.3, 132.2, 100.5, 83.8, 74.9, 74.8, 69.1, 47.0, 44.5, 42.4, 36.2, 33.4, 31.9, 28.3, 28.0, 24.6, 23.4, 23.3, 21.0, 21.0, 19.5, 15.7, 11.8, 10.6, 3.1$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2953, 2919, 1708, 1455, 1379, 1225, 1166, 1087, 1019, 968, 928, 909, 877$ cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 362 (11), 289 (26), 248 (19), 233 (12), 227 (11), 220 (13), 205 (17), 203 (10), 191 (16), 177 (12), 175 (12), 169 (23), 164 (15), 163 (24), 161 (18), 151 (30), 150 (21), 149 (40), 147 (29), 137 (16), 136 (10), 135 (34), 134 (11), 133 (32), 127 (39), 126 (100), 125 (16), 124 (13), 123 (51), 122 (27), 121 (62), 120 (12), 119 (28), 114 (22), 111 (11), 110 (12), 109 (66), 108 (21), 107 (60), 105 (12), 97 (18), 96 (14), 95 (46), 93 (26), 91 (12), 85 (15), 83 (24), 82 (26), 81 (37), 79 (15), 69 (88), 68 (13), 67 (66), 59 (63), 57 (15), 55 (48), 43 (49), 41 (48); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{44}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$ [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 443.3137, found 443.3132.

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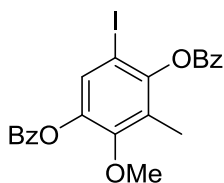
Compound 28: Benzoyl chloride (3.25 mL, 29.9 mmol) and NEt_3 (5.53 mL, 39.9 mmol) were



added to a solution of 2-methoxy-3,6-dihydroxytoluene (**27**) (2.05 g, 13.3 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring for 3 h at ambient temperature, sat. aq. NH_4Cl and *tert*-butyl methyl ether were introduced.

The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the combined extracts were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 20/1 \rightarrow 6/1) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (4.28 g, 89%). M.p. = 137-138 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.27$ -8.22 (m, 4H), 7.69-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.21 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.9, 164.9, 151.1, 147.9, 142.0, 133.9, 133.8, 130.4, 130.3, 129.4, 129.4, 128.8$ (2C), 126.1, 120.9, 117.9, 61.2, 10.1 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 1731, 1599, 1476, 1449, 1267, 1212, 1082, 1055, 1023, 1004, 975, 793, 706, 674$ cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 363 (4), 362 (18), 106 (7), 105 (100), 78 (1), 77 (21), 51 (3); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 385.1046 [$M + \text{Na}^+$]; found: 385.1045.

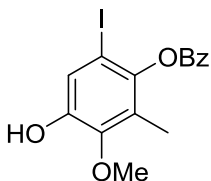
Compound S-9: NIS (2.69 g, 11.9 mmol) and conc. H₂SO₄ (0.2 mL) were added to a solution of **28** (2.88 g, 7.95 mmol) in HOAc (20 mL). After stirring for 1.5 h at



ambient temperature, a second portion of NIS (2.69 g, 11.9 mmol) was introduced and stirring continued for 1 h before an aqueous solution of NaOH (15 % v/v) and *tert*-butyl methyl ether were slowly added. The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the

combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 30/1 → 6/1) to give the title compound as a white solid (3.64 g, 94%). M.p. = 152-153 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.31-8.27 (m, 2H), 8.25-8.20 (m, 2H), 7.72-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.51 (m, 5H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.22 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.6, 163.8, 151.4, 148.7, 142.5, 134.1, 134.0, 130.6, 130.4, 130.3, 129.0, 129.0, 128.9 (2C), 127.5, 83.7, 61.3, 11.3 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1732, 1600, 1470, 1540, 1256, 1219, 1192, 1175, 1083, 1056, 1024, 884, 796, 702, 684 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 489 (4), 488 (15), 362 (1), 361 (4), 106 (7), 105 (100), 78 (1), 77 (21), 51 (3); HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₂₂H₁₇O₅INa: 511.0013 [*M*+Na⁺]; found: 511.0013.

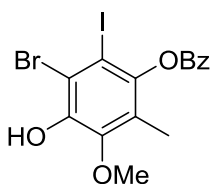
Compound 29: A solution of KOH (836 mg, 14.9 mmol) in MeOH (4 mL) was added to a suspension of diester **S-9** (3.64 g, 7.45 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL). After



stirring for 1 h, sat. aq. NH₄Cl was introduced and the mixture was acidified by dropwise addition of conc. HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash

chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1 → 6/1) to give the title compound as a pale yellow solid (2.28 g, 80%). M.p. = 122-124 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.29-8.25 (m, 2H), 7.67 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.33 (s, 1H), 5.58 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.18 ppm (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.3, 147.7, 146.2, 143.7, 134.0, 130.6, 129.2, 128.8, 125.6, 122.4, 84.8, 61.2, 22.3 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3380, 1729, 1584, 1470, 1450, 1425, 1238, 1190, 1165, 1089, 1054, 1024, 982, 838, 792, 752, 702, 684 cm⁻¹; MS (EI): *m/z* (%): 385 (3), 384 (17), 179 (1), 257 (3), 197 (1), 152 (1), 137 (1), 124 (1), 106 (8), 105 (100), 81 (1), 78 (1), 77 (21), 76 (1), 67 (3), 53 (2), 51 (4), 50 (1); HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calcd. for C₁₅H₁₃O₄INa: 406.9751 [*M*+Na⁺]; found: 406.9750.

Compound S-10: NBS (1.15 g, 6.47 mmol) was added to solution of alcohol **29** (2.26 g, 5.88 mmol) in MeCN (35 mL) at -10 °C. After stirring for 30 min at this

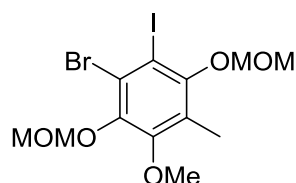


temperature, sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ and *tert*-butyl methyl ether were introduced and the aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether. The combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1 → 6/1) to

give bromide **S-10** as an orange solid (1.33 g, 49%). M.p. = 141-142 °C; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.29-8.24 (m, 2H), 7.68 (tt, *J* = 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.52 (m, 2H), 5.90 (s, 1H),

3.86 (s, 3H), 2.15 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 164.1, 146.4, 145.3, 144.6, 134.1, 130.7, 129.1, 128.9, 125.5, 114.7, 93.6, 61.2, 11.4 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3356, 1715, 1450, 1409, 1262, 1249, 1232, 1175, 1091, 1059, 1021, 1000, 908, 822, 710, 698, 685 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 465 (1), 464 (8), 463 (1), 462 (8), 337 (2), 335 (2), 213 (1), 179 (1), 106 (7), 105 (100), 83 (1), 79 (1), 78 (2), 77 (19), 67 (2), 51 (49); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_4\text{IBrNa}$: 484.8856 [$M+\text{Na}^+$]; found: 484.8855.

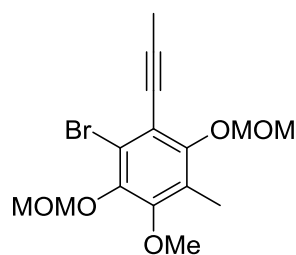
Compound S-11: A solution of DIBAL-H (1 M in CH_2Cl_2 , 8.24 mL, 8.24 mmol) was added to



a solution of benzoate **S-10** (1.09 g, 2.35 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (25 mL) at -78°C . The mixture was stirred for 30 min at this temperature before ethyl acetate (3 mL) was slowly added. After warming to ambient temperature water (1.13 mL) and an aqueous solution of NaOH (15 % v/v, 0.33 mL) were introduced and the organic phase

was dried over Na_2SO_4 . The solvents were evaporated and the residue was dissolved in acetone (25 mL). After the addition of DBU (1.23 mL, 8.24 mmol) and MOMCl (0.63 mL, 7.24 mmol) the resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h before the reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer. The aqueous layer was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether and the combined extracts were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 30/1 \rightarrow 20/1) to give compound **S-11** as an orange oil (643 mg, 61 % over two steps). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.13 (s, 2H), 5.01 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.25 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 154.2, 153.0, 145.3, 127.0, 123.0, 100.3, 99.3, 95.7, 60.5, 58.4, 58.2, 11.4 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2935, 2827, 1447, 1421, 1370, 1206, 1155, 1091, 1062, 1021, 1000, 984, 922, 894 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 448 (7), 447 (1), 368 (1), 367 (9), 335 (1), 322 (2), 321 (3), 294 (1), 275 (1), 273 (1), 263 (1), 195 (5), 46 (2), 45 (100); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_5\text{IBrNa}$: 468.9118 [$M+\text{Na}^+$]; found: 468.9118.

Compound 31: A solution of 1-propynylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M in THF, 1.36 mL, 0.68

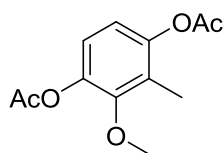


mmol) was added to a solution of ZnBr_2 (152 mg, 0.68 mmol) in THF (9 mL). After stirring for 15 min, the suspension was filtered and one half of the filtrate was added to a solution of iodide **S-11** (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) and $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (26 mg, 0.022 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL). After stirring for 1 h at 75°C in a closed vessel the second half of the filtrate and a second portion of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (26 mg, 0.022

mmol) were added and stirring was continued for 1 h at 75°C . After reaching ambient temperature, the mixture was passed through a plug of silica which was rinsed with *tert*-butyl methyl ether. The combined filtrates were evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes/EtOAc, 30/1 \rightarrow 20/1) to give the title compound as an orange oil (33 mg, 82%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 5.14 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.13 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 154.9,

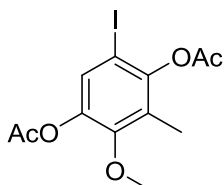
152.3, 144.7, 126.2, 118.8, 116.9, 99.7, 99.2, 94.4, 75.4, 60.7, 58.3, 57.8, 10.3, 4.9 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2937, 2829, 1456, 1423, 1405, 1377, 1344, 1156, 1062, 1020, 1002, 956, 923 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI): m/z (%): 360 (5), 358 (5), 285 (6), 283 (7), 249 (23), 219 (6), 189 (5), 175 (9), 91 (6), 45 (100); HRMS (ESI): m/z calcd. for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{19}\text{O}_5\text{BrNa}$: 381.0308 [$M+\text{Na}^+$]; found: 381.0306.

2-Methoxy-3-methyl-1,4-phenylene diacetate (42). Et_3N (11.2 mL, 81.1 mmol) was added



to a solution of compound **27** (2.50 g, 16.2 mmol) in THF (125 mL) at -78°C . Next, acetyl chloride (2.36 mL, 33.3 mmol) was added via a dropping funnel. Once the addition was complete, the mixture was allowed to reach 0°C over the course of 1 h. The reaction was carefully

quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (100 mL) and H_2O (50 mL) and the mixture was extracted with *tert*-butyl methyl ether (3 x 200 mL). The organic phases were dried over MgSO_4 and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/ EtOAc , 7/3) to afford the title compound as pale yellow oil (3.47 g, 90%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.90 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.09 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 168.6, 168.6, 150.3, 147.2, 141.2, 125.2, 120.1, 117.2, 60.4, 20.3, 20.3, 9.5 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1757, 1613, 1583, 1477, 1420, 1370, 1276, 1237, 1210, 1180, 1145, 1073, 1027, 1008, 980, 916, 897, 829, 797, 739, 657 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 196 (15), 154 (100), 139 (22), 43 (19); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ [$M^++\text{Na}$]: 261.0737, found 261.0733. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.¹²

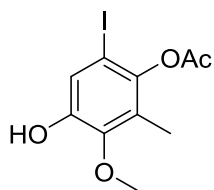


5-Iodo-2-methoxy-3-methyl-1,4-phenylene diacetate (S-12). N-

iodosuccinimide (2.88 g, 12.8 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of diacetate **42** (2.74 g, 7.53 mmol) in acetic acid (23 mL) and conc. H_2SO_4 (0.32 mL, 5.9 mmol, 50 mol%). The orange solution was stirred for 3 h before it was carefully diluted with H_2O (50 mL). The aq.

mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 70 mL), the combined extracts were evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/ EtOAc , 4/1) to afford the title compound as yellow solid (2.73 g, 99%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.39 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.31 (3H), 2.13 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 168.3, 167.5, 150.6, 148.1, 141.7, 129.6, 126.7, 83.2, 60.6, 20.6, 20.3, 10.7 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2941, 1763, 1468, 1423, 1408, 1367, 1285, 1228, 1166, 1086, 1031, 1007, 992, 919, 894, 872, 800, 681 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 364 (14), 322 (23), 280 (100), 265 (20), 43 (26); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$ [$M^++\text{Na}$]: 386.9689, found 386.9700. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.¹²

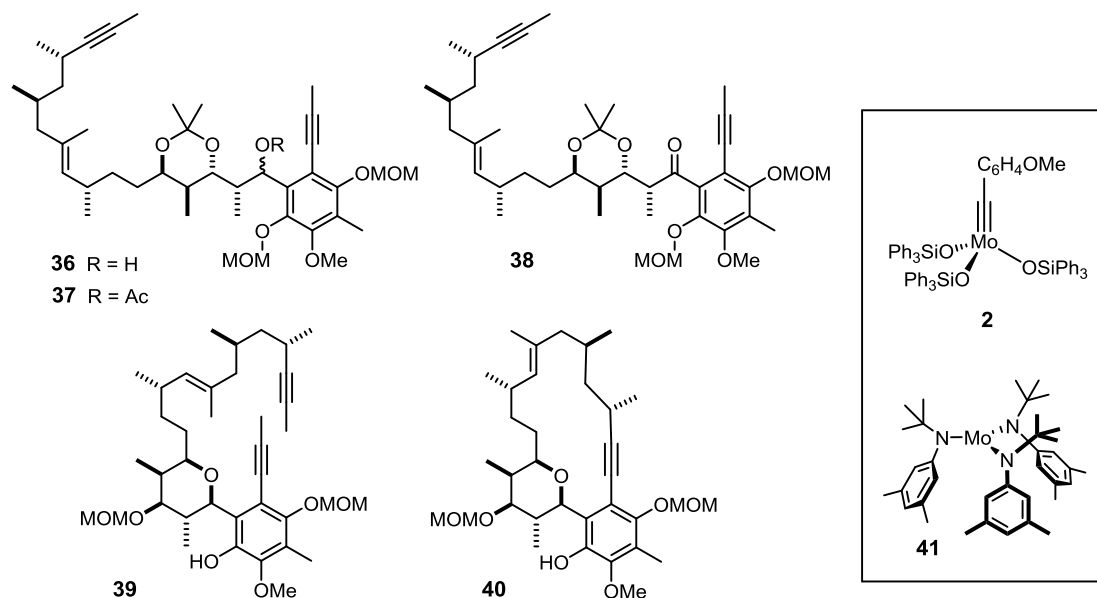
¹² K. B. Bahnck, S. D. Rychnovsky, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 13177-13181.



4-Hydroxy-6-iodo-3-methoxy-2-methylphenyl acetate (43). K_2CO_3 (1.52 g, 11.0 mmol) in H_2O (5 mL) were added to a stirred solution of iodide **S-12** (1.00 g, 2.75 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL) at 0 °C. Stirring was continued for 3 h at ambient temperature before the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH_4Cl (25 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x

100 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to afford the title compound as sticky yellow oil which was used without further purification (859 mg, 97%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.27 (s, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.14 ppm (s, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 168.7, 147.7, 146.1, 143.6, 125.4, 122.4, 84.8, 61.2, 21.1, 11.2 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 1753, 1712, 1581, 1472, 1423, 1368, 1336, 1284, 1180, 1079, 1030, 1008, 989, 917, 873, 847, 794, 757, 727, 707, 668 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 322 (15), 280 (100), 265 (40); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{11}\text{O}_4\text{INa}$ [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 344.9597, found 344.9594.

Table S1. Representative attempts at forming the macrocyclic frame of kendomycin starting from overcrowded diyne substrates comprising an *ortho,ortho'*-disubstituted arylalkyne subunit (“Route A”).

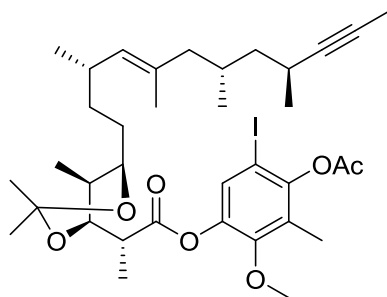


Entry	Substrate	Catalyst (mol%)	c (M)	T (°C)	t (h)	Outcome
1	36	2 (25)	0.0005	80	3	no reaction ^[a]
2		2 (50)	0.001	120	5	decomposition ^[b]
3	37	2 (25)	0.001	120	5	dimer (66%) ^[c]
4	38	2 (25)	0.001	80	1.5	no reaction ^[a]
5			0.002	120	4	dimer (53%) ^[c]
6		41 (100)	0.002	120	14	decomposition
7	39	41 (50)	0.001	120	19	decomposition
8		2 (50)	0.001	120	15	40 (37%)
9		2 (2 x 30)	0.0001	120	72	40 ($\leq 62\%$) ^[d]

^[a] the substrate was recovered; ^[b] elimination of the alcohol as the prevalent decomposition pathway; ^[c] refers to self-metathesis of the aliphatic alkyne; ^[d] as discussed in the text, the outcome was highly variable, with the single best result being 62%

Completion of the Synthesis

4-Acetoxy-5-iodo-2-methoxy-3-methylphenyl



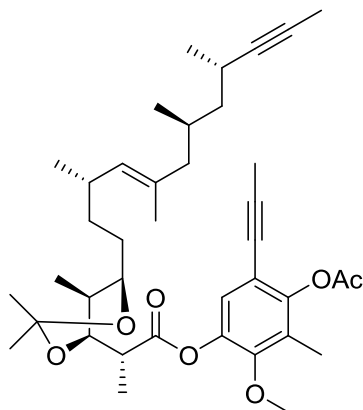
(2R)-2-((4R,5S)-2,2,5-trimethyl-6-

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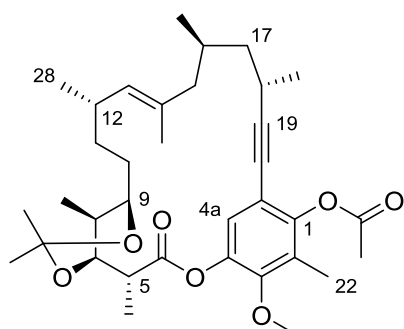
1,3-dioxan-4-yl)propanoate (44). EDCI·HCl (102 mg, 0.50 mmol) was added at 0 °C to a solution of acid **24** (219 mg, 0.500 mmol), phenol **43** (178 mg, 0.550 mmol) and DMAP (21 mg, 0.17 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL). Stirring was continued overnight at ambient temperature. The mixture was filtered through a pad of cotton and SiO₂, the filtrate was

evaporated and the crude material purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 1/0 → 10/1) to afford the title compound as colorless oil (279 mg, 77%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -6.4$ ($c = 0.50$, CH₂Cl₂), ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.34$ (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, 1H, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 3.82 – 3.75 (m, 2H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.83 (qd, 1H, $J = 7.0, 4.1$ Hz), 2.48 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.38 – 2.32 (m, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.0, 5.1$ Hz), 1.94 – 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.78 (d, 3H, $J = 2.2$ Hz), 1.67 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.57 (d, 3H, $J = 1.1$ Hz), 1.49 – 1.40 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.31 – 1.23 (m, 5H), 1.09 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.93 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.90 (s, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.81 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.5$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 172.5, 168.0, 151.2, 148.4, 142.3, 132.8, 132.6, 130.0, 127.1, 100.7, 84.3, 83.6, 75.4, 75.3, 69.4, 61.1, 47.4, 45.0, 43.0, 36.6, 33.9, 32.4, 28.8, 28.6, 25.2, 24.0, 23.7, 21.5, 21.5, 21.0, 20.0, 16.2, 12.3, 11.3, 11.2, 3.6$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2952, 2920, 1768, 1468, 1426, 1370, 1328, 1286, 1224, 1182, 1086, 1019, 968, 916, 873, 800, 753, 666$ cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 418 (22), 403 (11), 345 (26), 322 (59), 280 (100), 195 (18), 191 (19), 189 (10), 163 (11), 151 (31), 147 (10), 137 (12), 135 (29), 123 (32), 121 (35), 109 (49), 107 (32), 97 (10), 96 (40), 95 (32), 93 (12), 83 (23), 81 (20), 69 (60), 67 (28), 55 (20), 43 (36), 41 (16); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for C₃₆H₅₃O₇INa [$M^+ + Na$]: 747.2729, found 747.2728.

Diyne 45. Trimethylborate (110 μ L, 0.969 mmol) was added to a slurry of propynyl sodium (60 mg, 0.97 mmol) in THF (6.4 mL). The mixture was stirred for 10 min to form a clear solution. *t*BuXPhos (33 mg, 77 μ mol, 20 mol%), PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂ (27 mg, 39 μ mol, 10 mol%) and compound **44** (279 mg, 0.386 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was degassed by bubbling argon through it via needle for 10 min before the reaction vessel was sealed and heated to reflux temperature for 2 h. The black mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, the filtrate was evaporated and the brown residue subjected to flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 1/0 → 10/1) to afford the title compound as



colorless oil (192 mg, 78%). $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -5.1$ ($c = 0.57$, CHCl_3), ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 6.96$ (s, 1H), 4.88 (d, 1H, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 3.80 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 4.4 Hz), 3.76 (dt, 1H, $J = 8.5$, 4.6 Hz), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.83 (dq, 1H, $J = 7.1$, 4.4 Hz), 2.46 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 2.06 (dd, 1H, $J = 13.0$, 5.3 Hz), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.91 (ddq, 1H, $J = 7.4$, 6.8, 4.6 Hz), 1.81 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.79 (d, 3H, $J = 2.3$ Hz), 1.64 (ddd, 1H, $J = 13.0$, 8.9, 0.7 Hz), 1.58 (d, 3H, $J = 1.1$ Hz), 1.49 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.35 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.32 – 1.25 (m, 5H), 1.10 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.93 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.90 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.82 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 172.6$, 168.6, 150.5, 148.8, 141.4, 132.9, 132.7, 126.2, 124.2, 114.1, 100.8, 90.4, 84.8, 75.4, 75.4, 74.3, 69.5, 61.2, 47.5, 45.0, 43.2, 36.8, 34.0, 32.5, 28.8, 28.7, 25.3, 24.1, 23.8, 21.5, 21.5, 20.7, 20.0, 16.2, 12.4, 11.5, 10.2, 4.6, 3.6 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2919$, 2280, 1768, 1481, 1455, 1379, 1341, 1330, 1247, 1225, 1207, 1186, 1108, 1074, 1022, 966, 912, 879, 812, 739, 703 cm^{-1} ; MS (EI) m/z (%): 330 (19), 235 (12), 234 (70), 193 (14), 192 (100), 151 (13), 149 (12), 135 (14), 123 (14), 121 (17), 109 (24), 107 (16), 95 (16), 83 (11), 69 (28), 67 (15), 55 (11), 43 (13); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{56}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ [$M^+ + \text{Na}$]: 659.3924, found 659.3918.



Cycloalkyne 46. Activated MS 5Å powder (370 mg, 2 mg/ μmol) was dispersed in freshly distilled toluene (93 mL) under argon in a flame-dried Schlenk flask. A solution of diyne **45** (120 mg, 0.185 mmol, azeotropically dried with toluene (3 x 3 mL)) in toluene (1 mL) was added and the mixture stirred for 30 min before complex **2** (in 250 μL toluene)¹³ was introduced (9.4 mg, 9.3 μmol , 5 mol%). The resulting pale orange slurry was stirred at

ambient temperature for 1 h. For work up, the mixture was filtered through a pad of SiO_2 which was rinsed with EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/EtOAc, 20/1) to afford the title compound as colorless sticky oil (102 mg, 95%). As the material contained traces of silanol impurities, an aliquot was purified by HPLC (150 mm, Kromasil, \varnothing 30 mm, MeOH/ H_2O = 90:10, 35 mL/min, 308 K, 6.3 MPa) for characterization purposes. The impurity could be removed by flash chromatography after the next transformation. $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +2.3$ ($c = 0.57$, CHCl_3), ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 6.86$ (s, 1H), 4.93 (d, 1H, $J = 9.0$ Hz), 3.91 (td, 1H, $J = 7.1$, 3.6 Hz), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.51 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.9$, 5.3 Hz), 3.07 (dq, 1H–2.79 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.13 – 2.10 (m, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.92 (ddq, 1H, $J = 6.8$, 5.3, 3.5 Hz), 1.66 (d, 3H, $J = 0.8$ Hz), 1.52 (dd, 1H, $J = 14.0$, 9.8 Hz), 1.47 – 1.42 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.39 (m, 1H), 1.39 (s, 6H), 1.38 (d, 3H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.34 – 1.24 (m, 3H), 1.22 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.96 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 0.95 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.92 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz);

¹³ J. Heppekausen, R. Stade, A. Kondoh, G. Seidel, R. Goddard, A. Fürstner, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2012**, *18*, 10281-10299.

^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 172.5, 168.5, 150.7, 148.2, 141.0, 133.3, 131.1, 126.3, 124.7, 114.3, 100.5, 99.2, 78.2, 76.3, 68.7, 61.1, 44.6, 44.5, 44.4, 35.5, 32.5, 31.6, 30.1, 27.1, 25.9, 25.3, 24.7, 21.5, 21.2, 20.7, 20.4, 18.3, 15.1, 13.0, 10.2 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2930, 1767, 1589, 1482, 1456, 1428, 1371, 1318, 1247, 1224, 1207, 1186, 1116, 1065, 997, 934, 851, 740, 709, 699 cm^{-1} ; MS (pos. ESI) m/z (%): 605 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$, 100); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$]: 605.3453, found 605.3449.

Compound S-13. K_2CO_3 (47 mg, 0.34 mmol) in H_2O (200 μL) were added to a solution of cycloalkyne **46** (100 mg, 0.172 mmol) in MeOH (8.6 mL) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$. The mixture was stirred for 1.5 h at this temperature before it was filtered through a pad of SiO_2 that was rinsed with EtOAc. The filtrate was evaporated and the residue purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/EtOAc, 1/0 \rightarrow 10/1) to afford the title compound as colorless oil (73 mg, 86%).

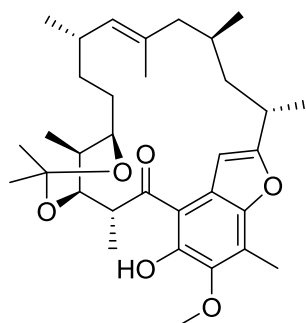
$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -31.8$ (c = 1.71, CHCl_3), ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 6.73 (s, 1H), 5.69 (s, 1H), 4.95 (d, 1H, J = 9.0 Hz), 3.90 (td, 1H, J = 7.4, 3.5 Hz), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.53 (dd, 1H, J = 7.7, 5.1 Hz), 3.07 (dq, 1H, J = 7.1, 6.9 Hz), 2.92 – 2.84 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.01 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.95 – 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.66 (d, 3H, J = 1.3 Hz), 1.52 – 1.41 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 6H), 1.37 (d, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.26 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.24 – 1.20 (m, 1H), 0.97 – 0.93 pm (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 173.1, 153.2, 151.4, 136.6, 133.1, 131.0, 122.8, 118.9, 105.5, 101.9, 100.4, 78.3, 75.3, 68.7, 61.0, 44.4, 44.4, 44.1, 34.9, 32.5, 31.7, 30.0, 27.3, 26.0, 25.5, 24.8, 21.7, 21.2, 20.4, 18.5, 15.0, 13.0, 9.5 ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 2931, 1756, 1713, 1483, 1454, 1423, 1377, 1317, 1251, 1220, 1159, 1111, 1095, 1023, 998, 881, 861, 798, 755, 663 cm^{-1} ; MS (pos. ESI) m/z (%): 563 ($\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$, 100); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [$\text{M}^+ + \text{Na}$]: 563.3346, found 563.3343.

Benzofuran 47. A solution of freshly prepared [JohnphosAu]OTs (8.7 mg, 13 μmol , 10 mol%) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 μL) was added to a solution of phenol **S-13** (70 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.3 mL). After stirring for 14 h, the mixture was filtered through a pad of SiO_2 . Evaporation of the filtrate and purification of the residue by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/EtOAc, 1/0 \rightarrow 9/1) afforded the title compound as pale yellow oil that was further subjected to HPLC purification to remove trace impurities

derived from the phosphine ligand (63 mg, 79%). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = -27.1$ (c = 0.35, CH_2Cl_2), ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 7.04 (s, 1H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 4.42 (d, 1H, J = 9.1 Hz), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.77 (ddd, 1H, J = 9.4, 5.4, 3.4 Hz), 3.58 (dd, 1H, J = 9.9, 9.9 Hz), 3.14 – 3.10 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dq, 1H, J = 7.1, 4.5 Hz), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.98 (d, 1H, J = 15.6 Hz), 1.91 (ddq, 1H, J = 6.9, 5.4, 3.4 Hz), 1.61 – 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.49 – 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H),

1.43 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 1.38 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.35 – 1.33 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 2H), 1.00 – 0.94 (m, 1H), 0.91 – 0.84 (m, 1H), 0.89 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 0.82 (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 0.79 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 172.8, 163.0, 151.6, 146.8, 140.4, 131.5, 129.4, 123.7, 115.7, 110.1, 102.9, 100.8, 78.4, 69.7, 61.7, 44.1, 42.8, 42.5, 33.8, 33.7, 32.3, 31.6, 28.3, 28.1, 26.9, 24.5, 21.6, 20.2, 19.2, 19.1, 14.4, 13.1, 9.4$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2930, 2872, 1758, 1604, 1456, 1417, 1377, 1324, 1226, 1194, 1108, 1024, 1002, 931, 861$ cm^{-1} ; MS (pos. ESI) m/z (%): 563 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$, 100); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [M^++Na]: 563.3346, found 563.3343. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

Photo-Fries Product 48. In a quartz tube (30 cm x 1.2 cm) a solution of benzofuran **47**

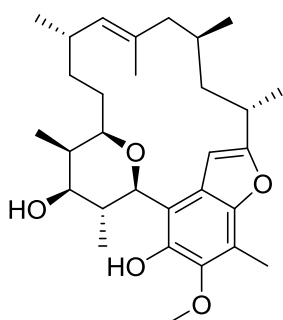


(37 mg, 0.068 mmol) in cyclohexane (15 mL) was degassed by bubbling argon through it via canula for 30 min. The quartz tube was then sealed and positioned directly next to a quartz photo reactor (double-walled vessel with water cooling at high flow). A Heraeus 125 W high pressure mercury gas lamp was put inside the quartz apparatus. The inner void containing the lamp was filled with argon and sealed with a plug of cotton to avoid ozone formation.

The stirred pale yellow solution was irradiated for 3-5 h causing a color change to deep yellow. The solvent was removed and the crude material was purified by flash chromatography (SiO_2 , pentane/EtOAc, 9/1) to afford ketone **48** as bright yellow oil (31 mg, 85%). $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{23} = -50.4$ ($c = 0.30$, CH_2Cl_2), ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 13.74$ (s, 1H), 6.77 (s, 1H), 4.67 (d, 1H, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.89 – 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.60 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.7, 6.7$ Hz), 3.12 – 3.05 (m, 1H), 2.52 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 3H), 2.30 (d, 1H, $J = 14.5$ Hz), 1.84 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.70 (d, 3H, $J = 1.3$ Hz), 1.60 (td, 1H, $J = 6.9, 4.2$ Hz), 1.49 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.0, 0.4$ Hz), 1.47 – 1.44 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.30 (m, 1H), 1.39 – 1.18 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.36 (d, 3H, $J = 6.0$ Hz), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.34 (d, 3H, $J = 6.3$ Hz), 1.18 – 1.10 (m, 1H), 0.83 (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 0.82 (d, 3H, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 0.71 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 208.1, 163.7, 156.3, 147.2, 143.5, 132.5, 129.2, 125.2, 121.9, 110.6, 103.8, 100.3, 78.2, 68.4, 60.6, 47.2, 43.8, 43.6, 37.0, 32.1, 31.7, 31.2, 30.2, 26.9, 25.9, 24.4, 21.5, 20.9, 20.0, 19.5, 15.7, 12.5, 10.0$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2928, 1612, 1454, 1401, 1378, 1311, 1263, 1226, 1162, 1084, 1014, 991, 939, 809, 722$ cm^{-1} ; MS (pos. ESI) m/z (%): 563 ($\text{M}+\text{Na}$, 100); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for $\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_6\text{Na}$ [M^++Na]: 563.3347, found 563.3343. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

Tetrahydropyran 49. NaBH_4 (4.9 mg, 0.13 mmol) was added in one portion to a solution of ketone **48** (17 mg, 32 μmol) in MeOH (0.64 mL), causing an immediate color change from yellow to colorless. After 10 min, the reaction was quenched by the dropwise addition of aq. HCl (0.5 M, 0.33 mL) and stirring was continued for 5 min. The mixture was extracted with

CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 120 mL), and the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated.



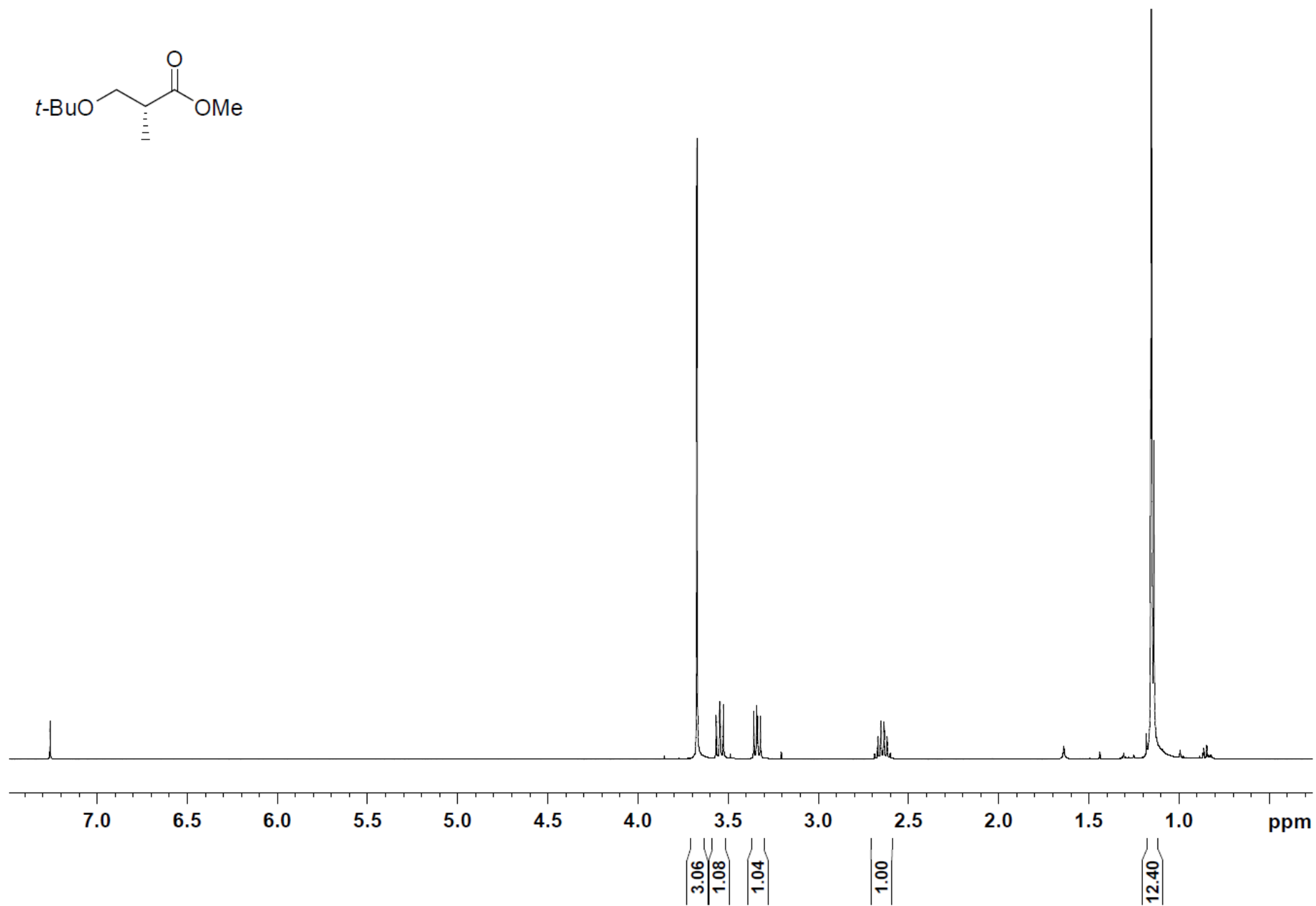
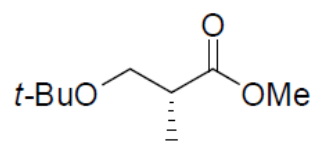
The residue was dissolved in MeOH (0.2 mL) and treated with four drops of HCl (2 M). The mixture was stirred overnight before it was diluted with H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and evaporated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (SiO₂, pentane/EtOAc, 3/2) to afford tetrahydropyran **49** as colorless oil (89%). $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +16.3$ ($c = 0.17$, CHCl₃), ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 6.55$ (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.60 (d, 1H, $J = 9.8$ –3.62 (m, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, 1H, $J = 11.3, 2.3, 1.5$ Hz), 3.11 – 3.03 (m, 1H), 2.46 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 2.25 – 2.19 (m, 1H), 1.93 – 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.61 – 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.51 (d, 1H, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 1.48 – 1.41 (m, 2H), 1.38 (d, 3H, $J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.33 – 1.18 (m, 5H), 1.03 (d, 3H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 0.90 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.81 (d, 3H, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.76 ppm (d, 3H, $J = 6.4$ Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 159.7, 148.2, 141.7, 141.5, 131.5, 129.0, 122.2, 115.7, 112.5, 104.8, 77.8, 77.4, 77.3, 61.4, 43.8, 41.8, 39.6, 38.7, 33.7, 32.5, 31.5, 31.2, 27.5, 21.8, 21.0, 19.6, 18.7, 12.8, 9.4, 6.6$ ppm; IR (film): $\tilde{\nu} = 2925, 1454, 1404, 1383, 1324, 1216, 1106, 1055, 998, 974, 922, 852, 808$ cm⁻¹; MS (EI) m/z (%): 485 (32), 484 (100), 466 (18), 456 (17), 245 (29); HRMS (ESI): m/z : calcd. for C₃₀H₄₄O₅Na [$M^+ + Na$]: 507.3082, found 507.3081. The analytical and spectroscopic data are in agreement with those reported in the literature.¹⁰

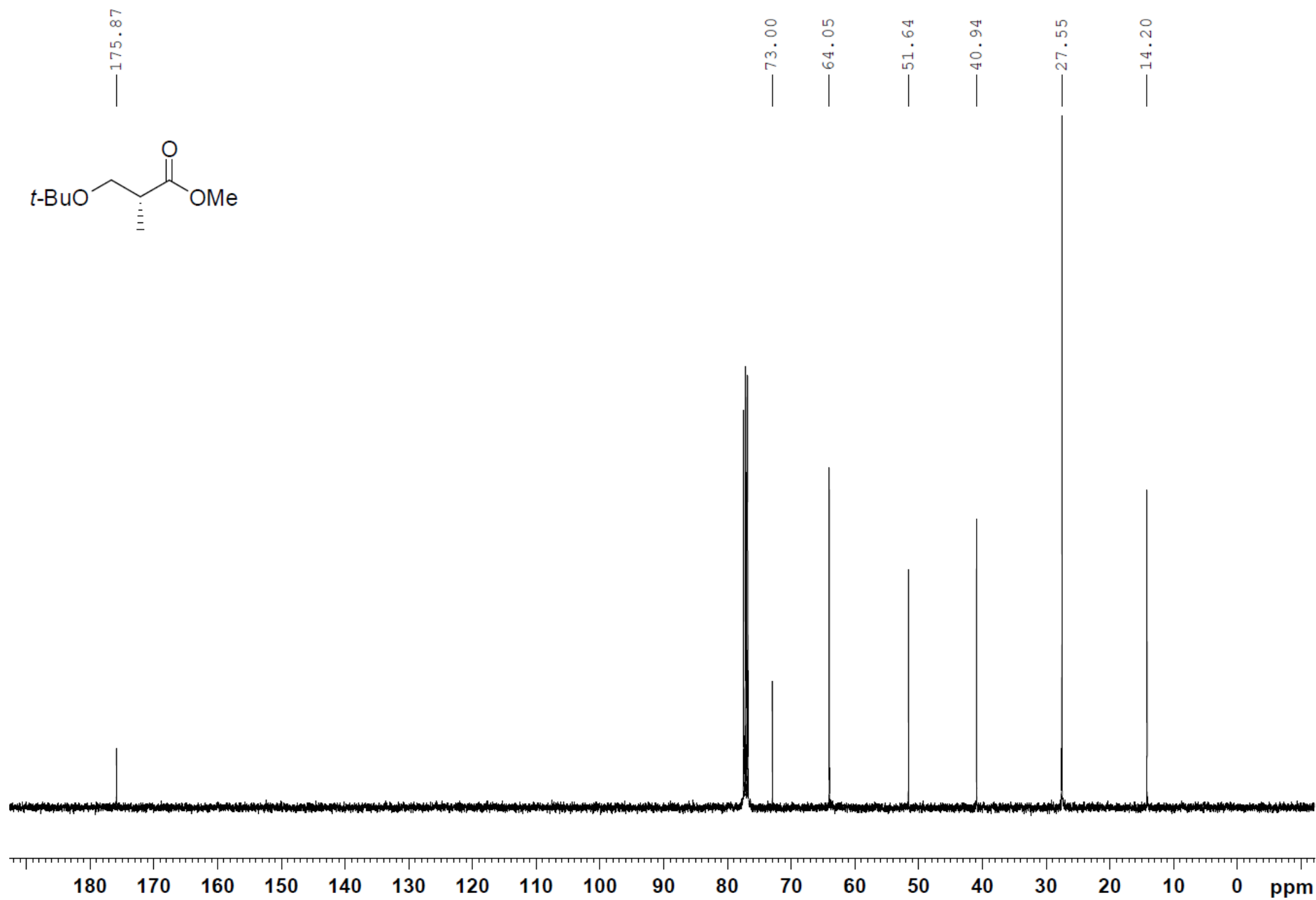
Table S2. Analysis of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data of cycloalkyne **46**; numbering scheme as shown in the Insert in the Experimental Part.

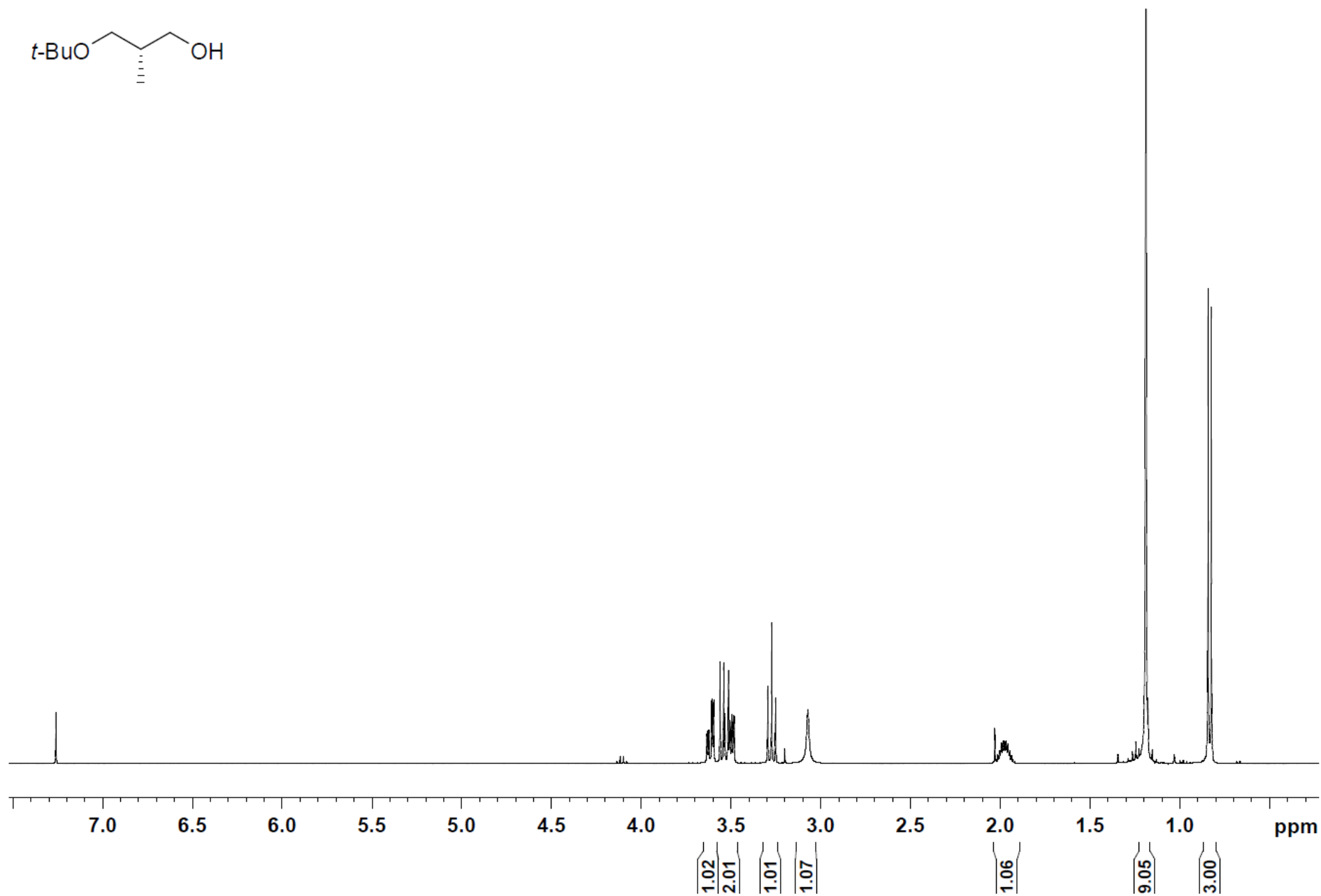
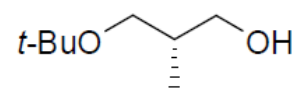
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz)						^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz)	
No.	δ (ppm)	Integral	Splitting	COSY	J (Hz)	δ (ppm)	HMBC
1	-	-	-	-	-	148.2	4a, 21, 22
2	-	-	-	-	-	126.3	22
3	-	-	-	-	-	150.7	4a, 22, 23
4	-	-	-	-	-	141.0	4a, 22
5	--	-	-	-	-	172.5	6, 7, 24
6	3.07	1H	dq	7, 24	7.9, 7.0	44.6	7, 8, 24
7	3.51	1H	dd	8, 24	7.9, 5.3	78.2	6, 8, 24, 27
8	1.92	1H	ddq	7, 9, 27	6.8, 5.3, 3.5	35.5	6, 7, 10, 27
9	3.91	1H	td	8, 10a, 10b	7.1, 3.6	68.7	7, 10, 11, 27
10	1.47 – 1.39	2H	m	9, 11a, 11b	-	27.1	9, 11, 12
11	1.34 – 1.24	2H	m	10, 11b, 12	-	32.5	9, 10, 12, 13, 28, 29
12	2.48 – 2.43	1H	m	11, 13, 28	-	31.6	10, 11, 13, 28, 29
13	4.93	1H	d	12, 15a, 29	9.0	131.1	12, 14, 15, 29
14	-	-	-	-	-	133.3	12, 15, 29
15a	2.13 – 2.10	1H	m	13, 15b, 16	-	44.4	13, 17, 29, 30
15b	1.52	1H	dd	15a, 16	14.0, 9.8	44.4	
16	1.99 – 1.94	1H	m	15a, 15b, 17a, 17b, 30	-	30.1	15, 17, 18, 30
17a	1.41 – 1.39	1H	m	16, 17b, 18	-	44.5	15, 18, 30, 31
17b	1.34 – 1.24	1H	m	16, 17a, 18	-		
18	2.85 – 2.79	1H	m	17a, 17b, 31	-	24.7	17, 31
19	-	-	-	-	-	99.2	17, 18, 31
20	-	-	-	-	-	76.3	4a, 17, 18, 22
21	2.34	3H	s	-	-	20.7	-
22	2.10	3H	s	4a	-	10.2	-
23	3.76	3H	s	-	-	61.1	-
24	1.38	3H	d	6	7.0	15.1	6, 7
25	-	-	-	-	-	100.5	7, 9, 26a, 26b
26a	1.39	6H	s	-	-	25.9	26b
26b				-	-	25.3	26a
27	0.95	3H	d	8	6.8	13.0	7, 8, 9
28	0.96	3H	d	12	6.7	20.4	11, 12, 13, 29
29	1.66	3H	d	13	0.8	18.3	13, 15
30	0.92	3H	d	16	6.6	21.2	15, 17
31	1.22	3H	d	18	6.8	21.5	17, 18

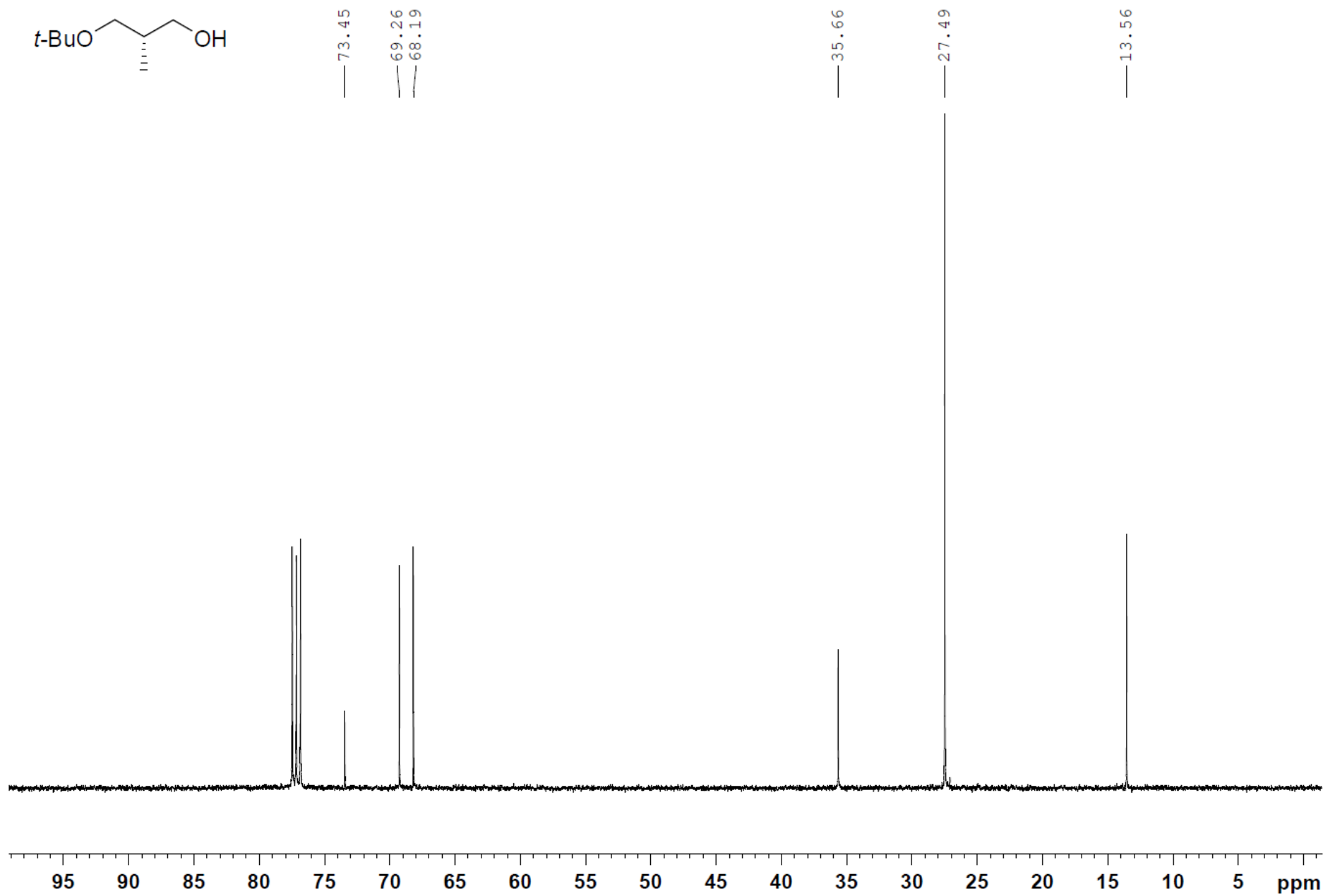
Table S3. Analysis of the ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data of benzofuran **47**; numbering scheme as shown in the Insert in the Experimental Part.

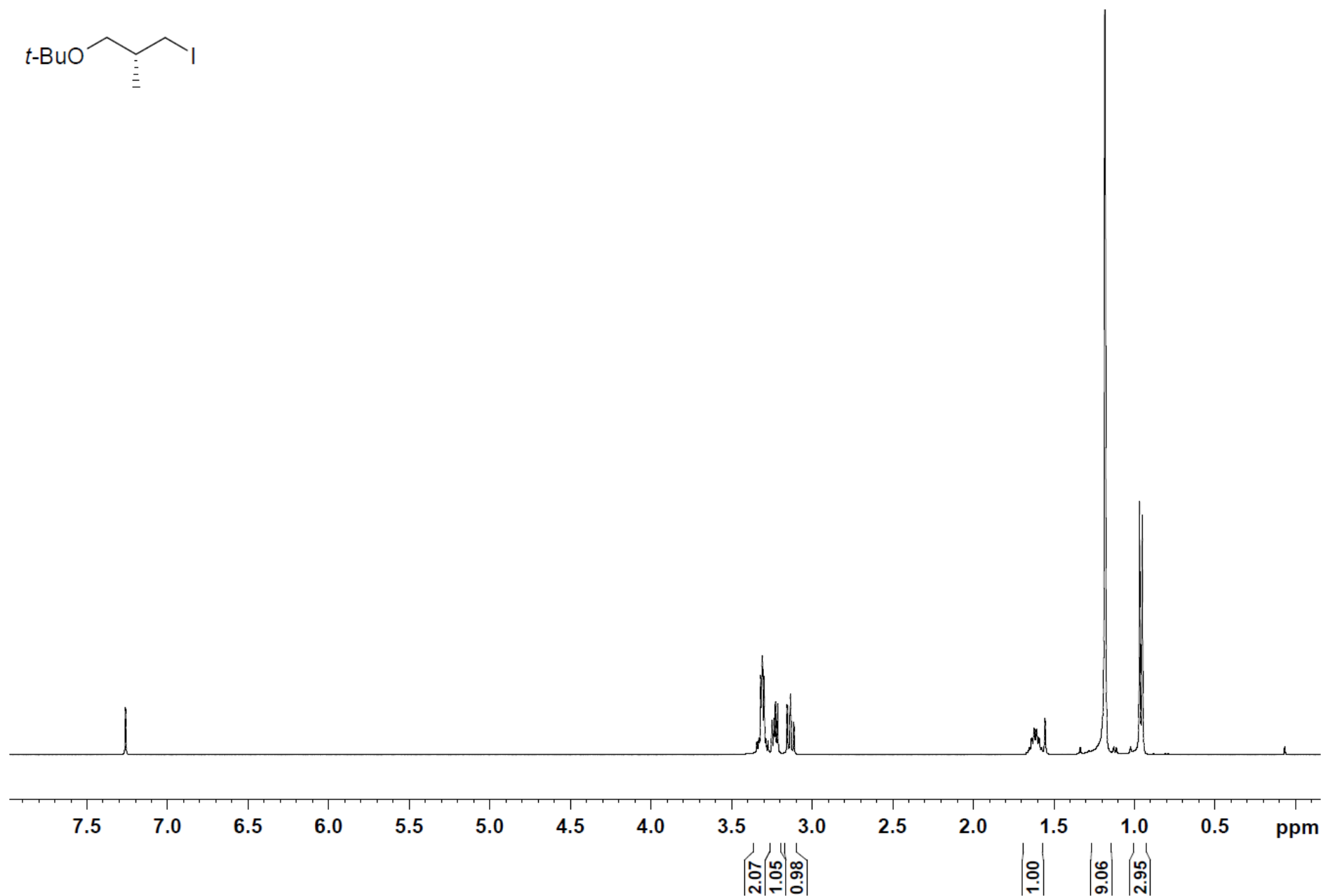
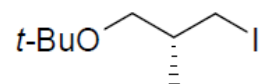
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 600 MHz)						^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 150 MHz)	
No.	δ (ppm)	Integral	Splitting	COSY	J (Hz)	δ (ppm)	HMBC
1	-	-	-	-	-	151.6	4a, 20, 21
2	-	-	-	-	-	115.7	4a, 21
3	-	-	-	-	-	146.8	4a, 21, 22
4	-	-	-	-	-	140.4	4a
5	-	-	-	-	-	172.8	5, 6, 23
6	3.05	1H	dq	7, 23	7.1, 4.5	44.1	7, 8, 23
7	3.58	1H	dd	5, 8	9.9, 9.9	78.4	6, 8, 9, 23, 26
8	1.91	1H	ddq	7, 9, 26	6.9, 5.4, 3.4	33.7	6, 7, 9, 10, 26
9	3.77	1H	ddd	8, 10a, 10b	9.4, 5.4, 3.4	69.7	7, 10, 11, 26
10a	1.43 – 1.41	1H	m	9, 10b, 11a, 11b	-	28.1	9, 11, 12
10b	1.31 – 1.25	1H	m	9, 10a, 11a, 11b	-		
11a	1.00 – 0.94	1H	m	10a, 10b, 11b, 12	-	33.8	9, 10, 12, 13, 27
11b	0.91 – 0.84	1H	m	10a, 10b, 11a, 12	-		
12	2.25 – 2.20	1H	m	11a, 11b, 13, 27	-	32.3	10, 11, 13, 27, 28
13	4.42	1H	d	12, 15a, 28	9.1	129.4	11, 12, 15, 27, 28
14	-	-	-	-	-	131.5	12, 15, 28
15a	1.98	1H	d	13, 15b, 16, 28	15.6	42.5	13, 17, 28, 29
15b	1.35 – 1.33	1H	m	15a, 16	-		
16	1.31 – 1.27	1H	m	15a, 15b, 17a, 17b, 29	-	28.3	15, 17, 18, 29
17a	1.61 – 1.55	1H	m	16, 17b, 18	-	42.8	15, 18, 29, 30
17b	1.49 – 1.45	1H	m	16, 17a, 18	-		
18	3.14 – 3.10	1H	m	17a, 17b, 30	-	31.6	17, 20, 30
19	-	-	-	-	-	163.0	4a, 17, 18, 20, 30
20	6.20	1H	s	-	-	102.9	4a, 18
21	2.45	3H	s	4a	-	9.4	20
22	3.80	3H	s	-	-	61.7	21
23	1.33	3H	d	6	7.1	14.4	6, 7
24	-	-	-	-	-	100.8	7, 9, 25a, 25b
25a	1.44	3H	s	-	-	26.9	25b
25b	1.41	3H	s	-	-	24.5	25a
26	0.89	3H	d	8	6.9	13.1	7, 8, 9
27	0.79	3H	d	12	6.7	20.2	11, 12, 13
28	1.51	3H	s	13, 15a	-	19.1	13, 15
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30	1.39	3H	d	18	6.9	19.2	18, 20

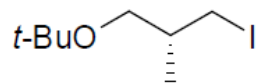












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