Supporting Information

Diastereoselective Formation of Tetrahydrofurans via Pd-AAA: Synthesis of the C13–C29 Subunit of Amphidinolide N

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General information

All chemicals were used as received, or purified using standard procedures. Solvents were dried by standard techniques and distilled under nitrogen or argon before use. All experiments were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an inert atmosphere of nitrogen or argon.

Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using EMD silica gel 60 F_{254} plates (0.25 mm); visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by ultraviolet light and/or treatment with potassium permanganate or *para*-anysaldehyde stains followed by heating as deemed appropriate.

Flash column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (particle size 0.040-0.063 mm) under a positive pressure of nitrogen.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were respectively recorded at 300 MHz and 75 MHz using an NMR spectrometer Varian Inova console Sun Sparcstation 5. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and are referenced to a residual solvent peak.

Mass spectra were recorded using a Micromass Q-Tof API-US mass spectrometer (Waters Corporation, Milford, MA).

Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on sodium chloride plates as thin films on a Thermo Scientific Nicolet IR100 FT-IR spectrometer, monitoring from 4000–700 cm⁻¹.

Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-1000 digital polarimeter using 5 cm cells and the sodium D line (589 nm) at ambient temperature in the solvent and concentration indicated.

Chiral HPLC was performed on Thermo Separation Products Spectra Series P-100 and an Agilent Technologies 1200 Series using Chiralcel[©] columns. Columns were eluted with heptane / *i*-propanol in ratios indicated. Retention times (R_t) are given in minutes.

Experimental procedures and analytical data

Synthesis of chloride (9):

Triphenylphosphine (11.5 g, 43.8 mmol) was added to a solution alcohol **8** (5.00 g, 43.8 mmol, 96% pure from commercial source) in CCl_4 (34 mL) and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h, cooled to rt and concentrated *in vacuo*. The white residue was suspended in pentane, filtered and washed with pentane (× 2). The resulting solution was concentrated *in vacuo* and the crude product purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with hexanes) to yield **9** (4.02 g, 72%) as a colorless oil. The spectroscopic data matches that reported in the literature.¹

Synthesis of diol (10):



(DHQD)₂PHAL (211 mg, 0.271 mmol), K₂OsO₄(OH)₄ (50.0 mg, 0.136 mmol), K₃Fe(CN)₆ (26.8 g, 81.4 mmol), K₂CO₃ (11.3 g, 81.4 mmol), NaHCO₃ (6.84 g, 81.4 mmol) and CH₃SO₂NH₂ (2.58 g, 27.1 mmol) were successively added to a solution of *t*-BuOH (135 mL) and H₂O (135 mL). The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and alkene 9 (3.60 g, 27.1 mmol) was added. The dark orange solution was stirred at 0 °C for 4h and the resulting yellow solution was quenched by addition of sodium metabisulfite and stirred for a further 30 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (× 3) and the combined organic extracts were washed with a 1 N aqueous solution of KOH, a 5% aqueous solution of HCl and brine. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : EtOAc 7 : 3 to 1 : 1) to yield diol **10** (3.95 g, 87%) as a white solid. Lit: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +11.0$ (*c* 2.6, THF): ee = 94%;² Calculated for **10**: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +13.2$ (*c* 2.6, THF): ee determined for compound **12**. The other spectroscopic data matches that reported in the literature.²

Synthesis of epoxide (11):



Sodium hydroxide (1.80 g, 45.0 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of diol **10** (3.75 g, 22.5 mmol) in THF (33 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h then diluted with Et₂O and

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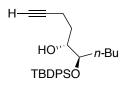
H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (× 2) and the combined organic extracts were washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl and brine. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to yield epoxide **11** (2.85 g, 97%) as a colorless oil. The spectroscopic data matches that reported in the literature.²

Synthesis of silyl ether (12):



Imidazole (1.57 g, 23.0 mmol) and TBDPSCl (2.40 mL, 9.22 mmol) were successively added to a solution of alcohol **11** (1.00 g, 7.68 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and washed with H₂O and brine. The organic phase was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with hexanes : Et₂O 96 : 4) to yield silyl ether **12** (2.70 g, 95%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.73–7.69 (m, 4 H), 7.43–7.34 (m, 6 H), 3.36 (m, 1 H), 3.05 (ddd, *J*_{H,H} = 6.7 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 4.1 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.73 (dd, *J*_{H,H} = 4.9 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 4.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.47 (dd, *J*_{H,H} = 4.9 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.54–1.46 (m, 2 H), 1.27–1.06 (m, 13 H), 0.78 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.0, 134.2, 133.9, 129.5, 127.4, 127.3, 75.1, 55.7, 44.9, 34.4, 27.0, 22.6, 19.4, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₃H₃₂NaO₂Si 391.2064 [M + Na]⁺; found 391.2054. IR (neat, film): *v*_{max} = 3071, 3049, 1590, 1471, 1427, 1390, 1362, 1257, 1111, 1008, 944 cm⁻¹. [*a*]_D²⁵ = -22.3 (*c* 0.16, CHCl₃). Chiral HPLC: OD-H eluting with heptane : *i*-PrOH (5000 : 1), 0.8 mL/min, 254 nm, R_t (*major*) = 12.0 min, R_t (*minor*) = 15.3 min, ee = 97%.

Synthesis of alkyne (14):

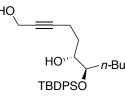


HgCl₂ (17 mg, 0.0615 mmol) and a crystal of iodine were added to a suspension of Mg turnings (600 mg, 25.0 mmol) in dry Et₂O (12 mL). The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and propargyl bromide (13) (1.37 mL, 12.3 mmol, 80 wt % in toluene) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was then stirred at rt for 1 h (exothermic reaction, a condenser is needed) and diluted with 4 mL of Et₂O to yield a 0.77 M solution of allenylmagnesium bromide.

A freshly prepared solution of allenylmagnesium bromide (10.6 mL, 8.14 mmol, 0.77 M in Et₂O) was added dropwise to a solution of epoxide **12** (1.00 g, 2.71 mmol) in Et₂O (60 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min and warmed to rt over 1 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (× 4) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et₂O 95 : 5 to 9 : 1) to yield alkyne **14** (905 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil. ¹H

NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.70–7.66 (m, 4 H), 7.47–7.35 (m, 6 H), 3.67–3.54 (m, 2 H), 2.28–2.21 (m, 3 H), 1.93 (t, $J_{\rm H,H}$ = 2.7 Hz, 3 H), 1.86–1.55 (m, 3 H), 1.37–1.29 (m, 1 H), 1.20–1.00 (m, 13 H), 0.71 (t, $J_{\rm H,H}$ = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 135.9, 135.8, 133.9, 133.3, 129.8, 129.7, 127.7, 127.5, 84.2, 76.3, 71.5, 68.4, 33.0, 32.7, 27.1, 26.9, 22.6, 19.5, 15.1, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₆H₃₆NaO₂Si 431.2377 [M + Na]⁺; found 431.2358. IR (neat, film): $v_{\rm max}$ = 3460, 3310, 3071, 1471, 1428, 1390, 1111, 1082 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = –1.80 (*c* 0.34, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of propargyl alcohol (15):



n-BuLi (2.20 mL, 4.85 mmol, 2.20 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to a solution of alkyne **14** (900 mg, 2.20 mmol) in dry Et₂O (5.4 mL) at –78 °C. The insoluble dianion solution was then slowly warned to –15 °C, diluted with dry Et₂O (9.2 mL) and stirred for 1 h. Dry paraformaldehyde (200 mg, 6.60 mmol) was added in one portion and the mixture warmed to rt then stirred at reflux for 3.5 h. The mixture was cooled to rt, quenched by addition of H₂O and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc (× 4). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et₂O 65 : 35 to 60 : 40) to yield propargyl alcohol **15** (675 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.70–7.66 (m, 4 H), 7.47–7.36 (m, 6 H), 4.22 (dt, *J*_{H,H} = 6.0 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 2.1 Hz, 2 H), 3.68–3.53 (m, 2 H), 2.31–2.26 (m, 2 H), 2.22 (d, *J*_{H,H} = 6.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.69–1.51 (m, 3 H), 1.45 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.38–1.12 (m, 2 H), 1.07–1.01 (m, 12 H), 0.71 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 135.9, 135.8, 133.9, 133.3, 129.8, 129.7, 127.7, 127.5, 86.1, 78.6, 76.3, 71.6, 51.4, 33.0, 32.7, 27.1, 27.0, 22.6, 19.5, 15.4, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₇H₃₈NaO₃Si 461.2482 [M + Na]⁺; found 461.2476. IR (neat, film): v_{max} = 3389, 3072, 3051, 1471, 1428, 1390, 1111, 1079, 1019 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = +0.42 (*c* 0.35, CHCl₃).

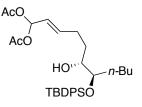
General procedure for the redox isomerisation/oxa-Michael addition:

A vial containing a magnetic stirrer, neat propargyl alcohol **15** (1 eq.), $IndRu(PPh_3)_2Cl$ (5 mol %) and CSA (10 to 30 mol %) was purged with Ar several times. Freshly distilled THF (0.2 M) was then added and the solution stirred for 5 min. $In(OTf)_3$ (5 mol %, glove box, stock solution in freshly distilled THF) was added and the mixture was heated (66 °C or 40 °C) for 2 h, cooled to rt and concentrated *in vacuo*. The dr and conversion was determined by analysis of the crude ¹H NMR. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with PE : Et₂O 1 : 1) to yield **17** and **18** as an inseparable mixture of isomers.

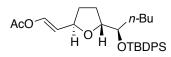


Allylmagnesium bromide (**21**) (8.13 mL, 8.13 mmol, 1 M in Et₂O) was added dropwise to a solution of epoxide **12** (1.00 g, 2.71 mmol) and CuI (78 mg, 0.407 mmol) in THF (27 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was then warmed to rt and stirred for 1 h, cooled to 0 °C and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (× 2) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et₂O 96 : 4 to 95 : 5) to yield alkene **22** (990 mg, 89%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.70–7.67 (m, 4 H), 7.47–7.35 (m, 6 H), 5.85–5.72 (m, 1 H), 5.01–4.92 (m, 2 H), 3.59–3.46 (m, 2 H), 2.20 (d, *J*_{H,H} = 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.19–1.95 (m, 2 H), 1.65–1.43 (m, 3 H), 1.38–1.27 (m, 1 H), 1.17–0.97 (m, 13 H), 0.71 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 138.5, 136.0, 135.9 134.1, 133.4, 129.8, 129.6, 127.7, 127.5, 114.6, 76.2, 72.1, 33.1, 33.0, 30.1, 27.1, 27.0, 22.5, 19.5, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₆H₃₈NaO₂Si 433.2533 [M + Na]⁺; found 433.2517. IR (neat, film): *v*_{max} = 3570, 3463, 3072, 1471, 1428, 1390, 1111, 1076, 912 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = –2.75 (*c* 0.26, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of gem-diacetate (19):

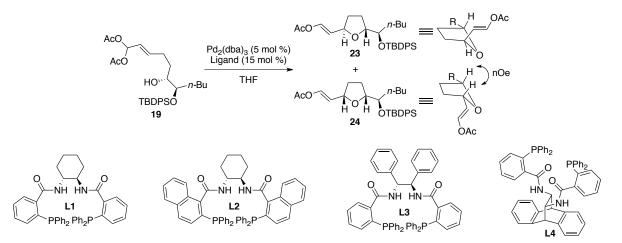


Grubbs catalyst second generation (161 mg, 0.190 mmol) was added to a solution of alkene **22** (2.60 g, 6.33 mmol) and allyl *gem*-diacetate (**20**) (1.97 mL, 12.7 mmol) in degassed CH₂Cl₂ (32 mL). The mixture was then stirred at 40 °C for 6 h, cooled to rt and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et₂O 85 : 15 to 75 : 25) to yield alkene **19** (2.46 g, 72%) as a light yellow viscous oil (ratio E / Z 95 : 5 by the crude ¹H NMR). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.69–7.65 (m, 4 H), 7.47–7.36 (m, 6 H), 7.08 (d, $J_{H,H}$ = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.98 (dt, $J_{H,H}$ = 15.7 Hz, $J_{H,H}$ = 6.6 Hz, 1 H), 5.49 (dd, $J_{H,H}$ = 15.7 Hz, $J_{H,H}$ = 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.56–3.42 (m, 2 H), 2.20 (*app*-d, $J_{H,H}$ = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 2.08 (*app*-s, 7 H), 1.60–1.27 (m, 4 H), 1.18–0.97 (m, 13 H), 0.71 (t, $J_{H,H}$ = 6.9 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 168.7, 137.7, 136.0, 135.9, 133.9, 133.3, 129.8, 129.7, 127.7, 127.5, 123.4, 89.7, 76.2, 71.9, 33.0, 32.7, 28.3, 27.1, 26.9, 22.5, 20.9, 19.5, 13.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₃₁H₄₄NaO₆Si 563.2799 [M + Na]⁺; found 563.2803. IR (neat, film): v_{max} = 3569, 3072, 3050, 1761, 1471, 1428, 1372, 1243, 1207, 1111, 1050, 1008, 957 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = +3.16 (*c* 0.26, CHCl₃).



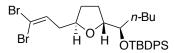
Pd₂(dba)₃.CHCl₃ (83.0 mg, 0.081 mmol) and (*R*,*R*)-standard Trost ligand (L1) (167 mg, 0.242 mmol) were dissolved in degassed THF (21.5 mL). The mixture was then stirred at rt for 20 min and freshly distilled triethylamine (500 µL, 3.54 mmol) was added. The resulting orange solution was added via cannula to neat alkene 19 (1.74 g, 3.22 mmol), stirred at 50 °C for 18 h, then cooled to rt and concentrated in vacuo. The crude ^TH NMR showed the presence of two diastereoisomers 23 and 24 with a ratio of 4.6 : 1 in favor of the desired *trans*-THF. The crude mixture was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with hexanes : Et_2O 95 : 5) to yield a mixture of 23 and 24 (1.27 g, 82%). Repurification of this mixture by flash column chromatography (eluting with hexanes : Et₂O 96.5 : 3.5) led to pure *trans*-THF **23** (1.04 g, 67%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta =$ 7.71–7.68 (m, 4 H), 7.42–7.32 (m, 6 H), 7.21 (d, J_{H,H} = 12.5 Hz, 1 H), 5.37 (dd, J_{H,H} = 12.5 Hz, J_{H,H} = 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.26–4.19 (m, 1 H), 4.09–4.02 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (dt, *J*_{H,H} = 5.5 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 (s, 3 H), 2.06–1.74 (m, 3 H), 1.64–1.45 (m, 2 H), 1.40–1.28 (m, 1 H), 1.22–1.04 (m, 13 H), 0.73 (t, $J_{\rm H,H} = 7.1$ Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 167.9$, 136.9, 136.0, 135.9, 134.7, 134.2, 129.4, 129.3, 127.3, 127.2, 115.5, 80.8, 76.0, 75.6, 33.4, 32.6, 27.5, 27.1, 22.7, 20.7, 19.6, 13.9 ppm (One carbon obscured in the aliphatic region). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{29}H_{40}NaO_4Si$ 503.2588 [M + Na]⁺; found 503.2584. IR (neat, film): $v_{max} = 3072$, 1760, 1678, 1471, 1428, 1371, 1220, 1110, 933 cm^{-1} . $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -2.85$ (c 0.60, CHCl₃).

Attempts at improving the formation of the desired *trans*-THF (23) by Pd-AAA catalysis:



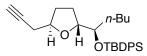
Entry	Conditions	Conversion	dr from the crude 1 H NMR (23 : 24)
1	L2 (R,R), 50 °С, 0.15 м	(35%)	1:2
2	L3 (R,R), 50 °С, 0.15 м	(100%)	1.1 : 1
3	L4 (R,R), 50 °С, 0.15 м	(70%)	> 1 : 10
4	L4 (S,S), 50 °С, 0.15 м	(100%)	1 : 1.5
5	L1 (R,R), 35 °С, Еt ₃ N, 0.15 м	(35%)	4.3 : 1
6	L1 (R,R), 50 °С, NaF, 0.15 м	(90%)	3 : 1

Synthesis of dibromoalkene (25a) via aldehyde (17) (first step of the Corey-Fuchs reaction):



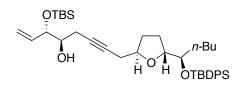
Triethylamine (215 μ L, 1.55 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of vinyl acetate **23** (710 mg, 1.48 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL). The mixture was then stirred at rt for 45 min, diluted with CHCl₃ and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃ (× 3) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Aldehyde **17** was used in the next step with no further purification.

Triphenylphosphine (1.55 g, 5.92 mmol) was added in portions to a solution of carbon tetrabromide (980 mg, 2.96 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10.7 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and a solution of freshly prepared aldehyde **17** (1.48 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4.8 mL) was then added. The mixture was stirred for a further 20 min and quenched by addition onto H₂O. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (× 2) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et₂O 99 : 1 to 99 : 2) to yield alkene **25a** (700 mg, 80% over 2 steps) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.72–7.69 (m, 4 H), 7.43–7.33 (m, 6 H), 6.15 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.02–3.95 (m, 1 H), 3.75–3.66 (m, 1 H), 3.60–3.54 (m, 1 H), 2.22–2.04 (m, 2 H), 1.93–1.82 (m, 2 H), 1.66–1.10 (m, 8 H), 1.04 (s, 9 H), 0.78 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.0, 135.9, 135.7, 134.6, 134.5, 129.3, 129.2, 127.7, 127.2, 81.5, 76.7, 76.0, 38.9, 32.7, 31.8, 27.8, 27.3, 27.1, 22.8, 19.7, 14.0 ppm (One quaternary carbon obscured). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₈H₃₈Br₂NaO₂Si 615.0900 [M + Na]⁺; found 615.0905. IR (neat, film): v_{max} = 3071, 3048, 1471, 1427, 1110, 822 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = +16.2 (*c* 0.65, CHCl₃).

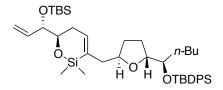


n-BuLi (1.25 mL, 2.65 mmol, 2.15 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to a solution of alkene **25a** (630 mg, 1.06 mmol) in THF (10.6 mL) at –78 °C. The mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 20 min, warmed to –30 °C and stirred for a further 30 min. The mixture was then quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl at –78 °C, warmed to rt and extracted with Et₂O (× 3). The combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with hexanes : Et₂O 98 : 2) to yield alkyne **25** (402 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71–7.68 (m, 4 H), 7.43–7.32 (m, 6 H), 4.06 (dt, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.98–3.89 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (dt, *J*_{H,H} = 6.4 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (ddd, *J*_{H,H} = 12.4 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.0 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 2.23 (ddd, *J*_{H,H} = 12.4 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.08–1.99 (m, 1 H), 1.93 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.92–1.84 (m, 1 H), 1.80–1.58 (m, 2 H), 1.53–1.28 (m, 2 H), 1.22–1.05 (m, 13 H), 0.74 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.1, 136.0, 134.7, 134.4, 129.3, 127.3, 127.2, 81.4, 81.3, 77.2, 75.6, 69.4, 32.5, 31.5, 27.4, 27.3, 27.1, 25.2, 22.7, 19.6, 13.9 ppm (One carbon obscured (TBDPS)). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₂₈H₃₈NaO₂Si 457.2533 [M + Na]⁺; found 457.2529. IR (neat, film): *v*_{max} = 3311, 3071, 3050, 1471, 1428, 1389, 1361, 1110, 939 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = +33.0 (*c* 0.19, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of homopropargyl alcohol (27):

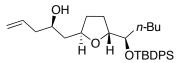


n-BuLi (250 µL, 0.534 mmol, 2.15 M in hexanes) was added dropwise to a solution of alkyne 25 (211 mg, 0.485 mmol) in THF (1.3 mL) at -40 °C. The mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 30 min, cooled to -78 °C and BF₃.Et₂O was added dropwise. A solution of epoxide **26** in THF (0.30 mL) was then added and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min and slowly warmed to rt over 1 h. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl. The aqueous phase was extracted with $Et_2O (\times 3)$ and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et_2O 96 : 4 to 90 : 10) to yield homopropargyl alcohol 27 (202 mg, 66%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.72 - 7.69$ (m, 4 H), 7.43–7.32 (m, 6 H), 5.84 (ddd, $J_{H,H}$ = 17.3 Hz, $J_{H,H}$ = 10.4 Hz, $J_{H,H}$ = 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 5.32–5.20 (m, 2 H), 4.19-4.16 (m, 1 H), 4.08-4.02 (m, 1 H), 3.95-3.88 (m, 1 H), 3.68-3.61 (m, 2 H), 2.46-2.17 (m, 5 H), 2.05-1.85 (m, 2 H), 1.80-1.57 (m, 2 H), 1.53-1.26 (m, 2 H), 1.24-1.05 (m, 13 H), 0.91 (s, 9 H), 0.75 (t, $J_{\rm H,H}$ = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.09 and 0.06 (2 × s, 6 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.9, 136.0, 135.9, 134.7, 134.3, 129.3, 127.3, 127.2, 117.3, 81.3, 79.2, 77.5, 77.3, 75.8, 75.6, 73.2, 32.4, 31.6, 27.4, 27.2, 27.1, 25.8, 25.5, 22.7, 22.6, 19.6, 18.1, 13.9, -4.4, -4.9 ppm (One carbon obscured (TBDPS)). HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{39}H_{60}NaO_4Si_2$ 671.3922 [M + Na]⁺; found 671.3924. IR (neat, film): $v_{\text{max}} = 3411$, 3072, 1471, 1428, 1254, 1110, 1069, 861, 836 cm⁻¹. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +22.2$ (c 0.15, CHCl₃).

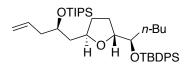


1,1,3,3-Tetramethyldisilazane (11 μ L, 0.0606 mmol) was added to homopropargyl alcohol **27** (13.1 mg, 0.0202 mmol) and the neat solution was stirred at 50 °C for 2.5 h. The mixture was cooled to rt and the volatiles removed under high vacuum for 2 h to yield the corresponding silyl ether. The latter and the [CpRu(NCMe)₃]PF₆ catalyst were then dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (0.20 mL) and the dark brown/orange mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min, diluted with Et₂O, filtered through Florisil® (eluting with Et₂O) and concentrated to yield the crude vinyl siloxane **28** (12.0 mg, 84% over 2 steps) as a light yellow oil. This material was used in the next step with no further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71–7.68 (m, 4 H), 7.43–7.31 (m, 6 H), 6.35 (*app*-br. t, *J*_{H,H} = 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.90 (ddd, *J*_{H,H} = 17.1 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 10.5 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.29–5.09 (m, 2 H), 4.07–3.97 (m, 2 H), 1.50–1.25 (m, 5 H), 1.21–1.04 (m, 13 H), 0.90 (s, 9 H), 0.72 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz, 3 H), 0.14-0.13-0.06 and 0.03 (4 × s, 12 H) ppm.

Synthesis of alcohol (32):

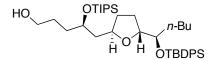


Magnesium bromide (520 mg, 2.81 mmol) was added to a solution of freshly prepared aldehyde **17** (410 mg, 0.936 mmol) in anhydrous Et₂O (5.5 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 min and allyltributyltin (720 μ L, 2.34 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture was slowly warmed to rt over 16 h. The mixture was diluted with Et₂O and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (× 3) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et₂O 90 : 10 to 85 : 15) to yield alcohol **32** (340 mg, 76% over 2 steps from **23**) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.74–7.71 (m, 4 H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 6 H), 5.87–5.73 (m, 1 H), 5.11–5.06 (m, 2 H), 4.08–3.98 (m, 2 H), 3.76–3.68 (m, 1 H), 3.63 (dt, *J*_{H,H} = 5.4 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.87 (d, *J*_{H,H} = 4.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.29–2.16 (m, 2 H), 1.94–1.84 (m, 2 H), 1.77–1.44 (m, 5 H), 1.38–1.11 (m, 5 H), 1.05 (s, 9 H), 0.76 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.1 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 135.9 (2 C, TBDPS), 135.2, 134.6, 134.3, 129.3 (2 C, TBDPS), 127.3 (2 C, TBDPS), 117.2, 81.0, 76.7, 75.8, 68.3, 41.8, 40.0, 32.9, 32.0, 27.6, 27.1, 27.0, 22.7, 19.6, 13.9 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₃₀H₄₄NaO₃Si 503.2952 [M + Na]⁺; found 503.2948. IR (neat, film): v_{max} = 3466, 3072, 3050, 1471, 1428, 1389, 1110, 999 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = -2.04 (*c* 0.50, CHCl₃).

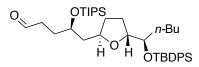


2,6-Lutidine (120 μL, 0.998 mmol) followed by TIPSOTf (215 μL, 0.800 mmol) were added to a solution of alcohol **32** (320 mg, 0.665 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6.7 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (× 3) and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with hexanes : Et₂O 98 : 2) to yield silyl ether **33** (401 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.73–7.70 (m, 4 H), 7.44–7.35 (m, 6 H), 5.91–5.83 (m, 1 H), 5.06–5.03 (m, 2 H), 4.06–3.97 (m, 3 H), 3.70 (dt, *J*_{H,H} = 5.2 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.35–2.25 (m, 2 H), 2.04–1.98 (m, 1 H), 1.88–1.71 (m, 3 H), 1.55–1.43 (m, 3 H), 1.38–1.31 (m, 1 H), 1.19–1.07 (m, 34 H), 0.74 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.0, 135.9, 134.9, 134.8, 134.3, 129.4, 129.3, 127.3, 127.2, 116.9, 80.0, 76.3, 75.6, 70.0, 43.2, 42.3, 32.7, 32.5, 27.6, 27.2, 27.1, 22.8, 19.6, 18.2, 13.9, 12.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₃₉H₆₄NaO₃Si₂ 659.4286 [M + Na]⁺; found 659.4287. IR (neat, film): v_{max} = 3072, 3050, 1464, 1428, 1388, 1110, 1064, 999, 883 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = -10.8 (*c* 0.55, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of alcohol (34a) (step 1 to aldehyde (34)):

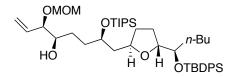


BH₃.SMe₂ (300 μL, 0.610 mmol, 2 M in THF) was added dropwise to a solution of alkene **33** (130 mg, 0.204 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was slowly warmed to rt over 4 h and cooled to 0 °C. The mixture was then quenched by the dropwise addition of an aqueous solution of NaOH (2.0 mL, 2.5 M) followed by H₂O₂ (1.0 mL, 30% in H₂O) and stirred for a further 1 h. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (× 3) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : Et₂O 85 : 15 to 80 : 20) to yield alcohol **34a** (104 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71–7.69 (m, 4 H), 7.42–7.34 (m, 6 H), 4.01–3.91 (m, 3 H), 3.67 (dt, $J_{\rm H,H}$ = 5.8 Hz, $J_{\rm H,H}$ = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.60 (*app*-br. s, 2 H), 2.17 (*app*-br. s, 1 H), 2.02–1.96 (m, 1 H), 1.89–1.79 (m, 3 H), 1.73–1.56 (m, 5 H), 1.53–1.40 (m, 2 H), 1.38–1.25 (m, 1 H), 1.17–1.02 (m, 34 H), 0.72 (t, $J_{\rm H,H}$ = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 136.0, 135.9, 134.8, 134.2, 129.4, 129.3, 127.3, 127.2, 80.0, 76.5, 75.7, 70.3, 63.2, 42.5, 33.6, 32.7, 32.6, 27.5, 27.3, 27.2, 27.1, 22.7, 19.5, 18.2, 13.9, 12.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₃₉H₆₆NaO₄Si₂ 677.4392 [M + Na]⁺; found 677.4393. IR (neat, film): v_{max} = 3367, 3072, 3050, 1464, 1428, 1388, 1110, 1060, 883 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = -4.08 (*c* 0.60, CHCl₃).

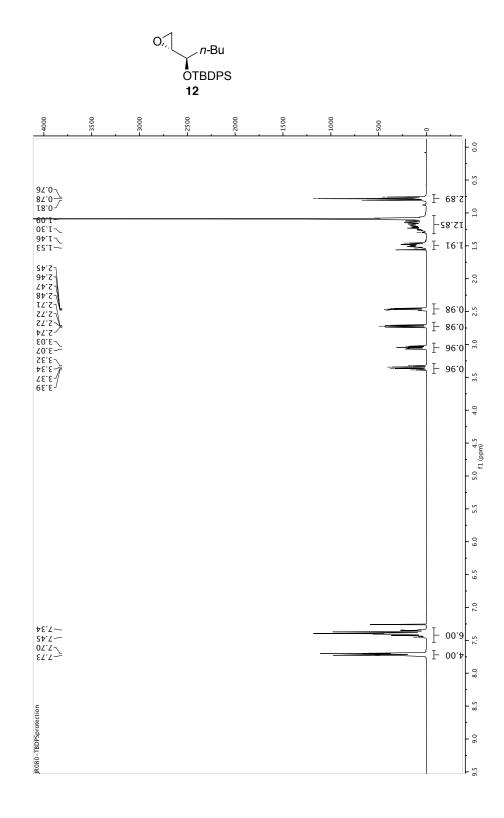


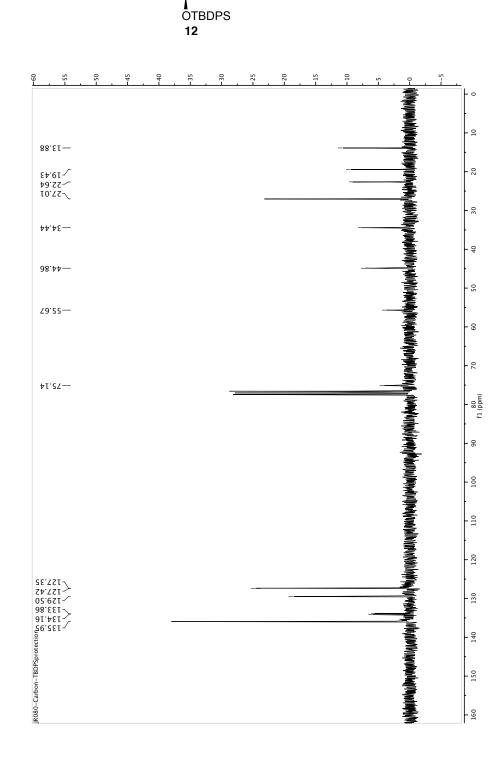
Dess-Martin periodinane (97 mg, 0.229 mmol) was added to a solution of alcohol **34a** (100 mg, 0.153 mmol) and solid NaHCO₃ (32 mg, 0.383 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.0 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min and directly purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with hexanes : Et₂O 98 : 2) to yield quantitatively aldehyde **34** (100 mg) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.75 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 7.69–7.68 (m, 4 H), 7.42–7.33 (m, 6 H), 3.99–3.95 (m, 2 H), 3.90–3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.66 (dt, *J*_{H,H} = 5.6 Hz, *J*_{H,H} = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.58–2.43 (m, 2 H), 2.01–1.81 (m, 5 H), 1.72–1.62 (m, 1 H), 1.59–1.54 (m, 1 H), 1.51–1.29 (m, 3 H), 1.17–1.11 (m, 2 H), 1.08–1.04 (m, 32 H), 0.72 (t, *J*_{H,H} = 7.2 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.9, 136.0, 135.9, 134.7, 134.3, 129.4, 129.3, 127.3, 127.2, 80.2, 76.3, 75.6, 69.5, 42.8, 38.8, 32.8, 32.6, 29.1, 27.5, 27.2, 27.1, 22.7, 19.6, 18.2, 13.9, 12.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for C₃₉H₆₄NaO₄Si₂ 675.4235 [M + Na]⁺; found 675.4244. IR (neat, film): v_{max} = 3071, 3049, 2714, 1728, 1464, 1428, 1388, 1110, 883 cm⁻¹. [α]_D²⁵ = -1.46 (*c* 0.17, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of alcohol (36):



sec-Butyllithium (625 µL, 0.808 mmol, 1.3 M in cyclohexane) was added dropwise to a solution of methoxymethyl allyl ether (35) (100 mg, 0.970 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) at -78 °C. After the resultant orange solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, (-)-B-methoxydiisopinocamphenylborane (256 mg, 0.808 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and BF₃.Et₂O (130 μL, 1.05 mmol) was added followed by a solution of aldehyde 34 (264 mg, 0.404 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL). The mixture was kept at -78 °C for 3 h then warmed to rt over 1 h. The mixture was cooled to 0 $^{\circ}$ C and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (2.0 mL) followed by H₂O₂ $(1.0 \text{ mL}, 30\% \text{ in H}_2\text{O})$ and further stirred for 30 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (× 3) and the combined organic extracts were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was filtered through silica gel (eluting with CH_2Cl_2 : Et_2O 94 : 6) to remove the boron byproducts and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (eluting with gradient hexanes : $Et_2O 9$: 1 to 8 : 2) to yield alcohol **36** (223 mg, 73%, dr = 92 : 8) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.71–7.67 (m, 4 H), 7.44–7.32 (m, 6 H), 5.76–5.62 (m, 1 H), 5.33–5.28 (m, 2 H), 4.74 (d, $J_{H,H} = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 4.58 (d, $J_{H,H} = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 4.01–3.90 (m, 3 H), 3.84 (*app*-t, $J_{H,H} = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 4.74 (d, $J_{H,H} = 6.7$ Hz, 1 H), 4.74 (d, J_{H,H} = 6.7 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.70–3.62 (m, 1 H), 3.54–3.47 (m, 1 H), 3.39 (s, 3 H), 2.58 (d, J_{H,H} = 3.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.03– 1.94 (m, 1 H), 1.86–1.26 (m, 11 H), 1.18–1.05 (m, 34 H), 0.72 (t, $J_{H,H}$ = 7.0 Hz, 3 H) ppm. ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) : $\delta = 136.0, 135.9, 134.8, 134.7, 134.3, 129.3, 129.2, 127.3, 127.2, 120.0, 93.9, 81.5, 129.2, 12$ 80.0, 76.4, 75.6, 73.8, 70.0, 55.7, 43.0, 33.2, 32.6, 32.4, 27.6, 27.2, 27.1, 27.0, 22.7, 19.5, 18.2, 13.9, 12.7 ppm. HRMS (ESI): calcd. for $C_{44}H_{74}NaO_6Si_2$ 777.4916 $[M + Na]^+$; found 777.4928. IR (neat, -15.1 (c 0.71, CHCl₃).

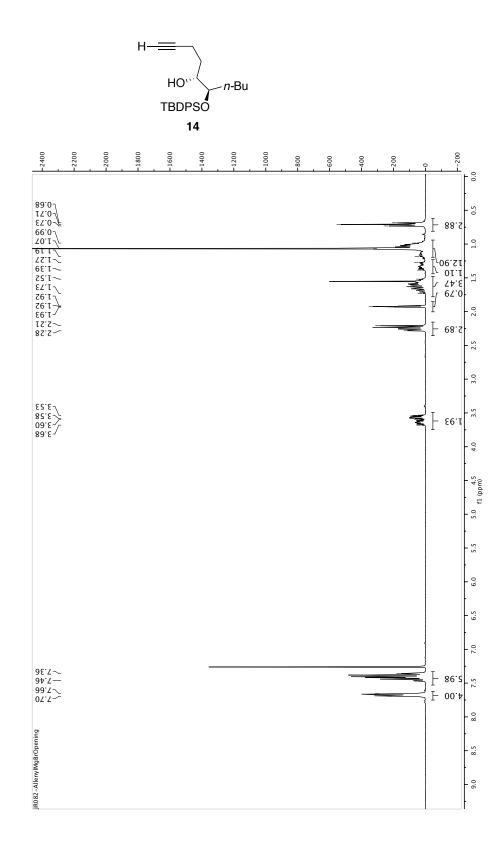


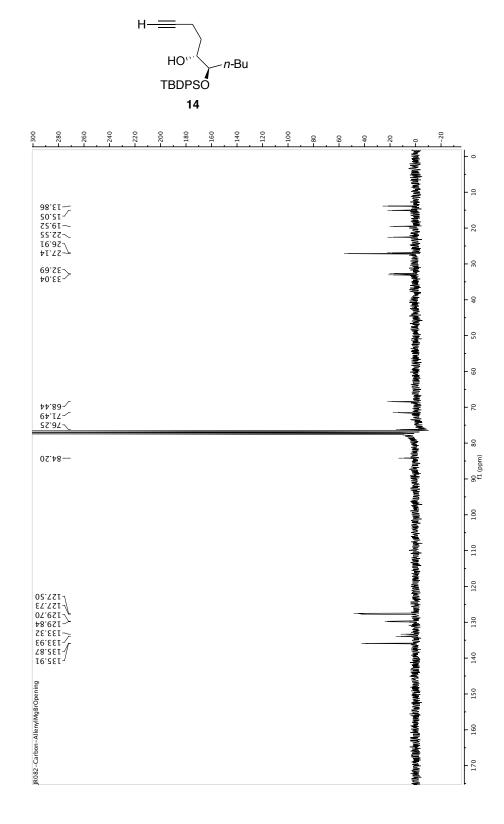


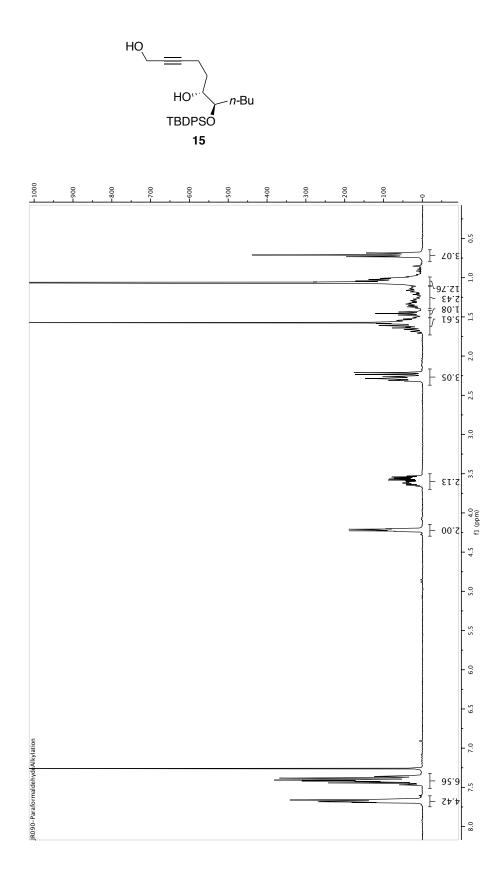
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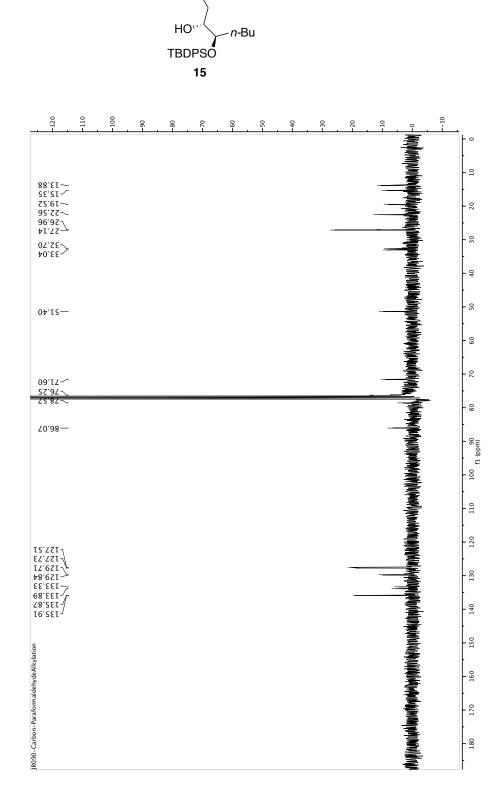
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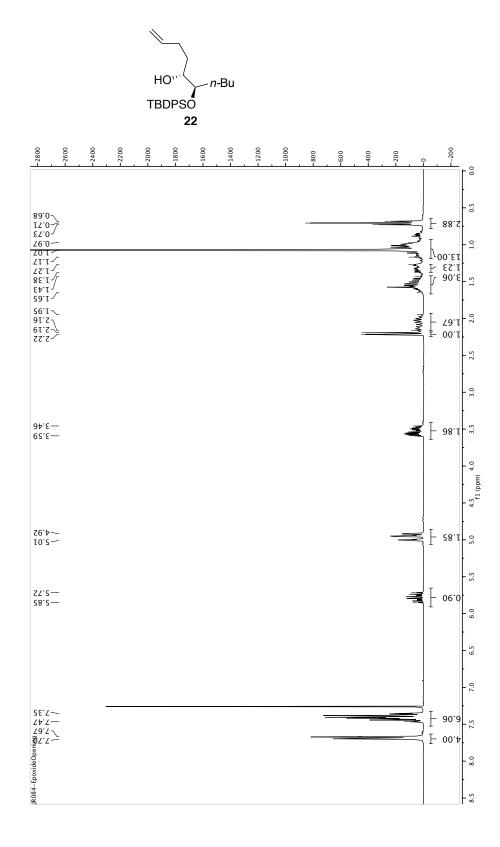
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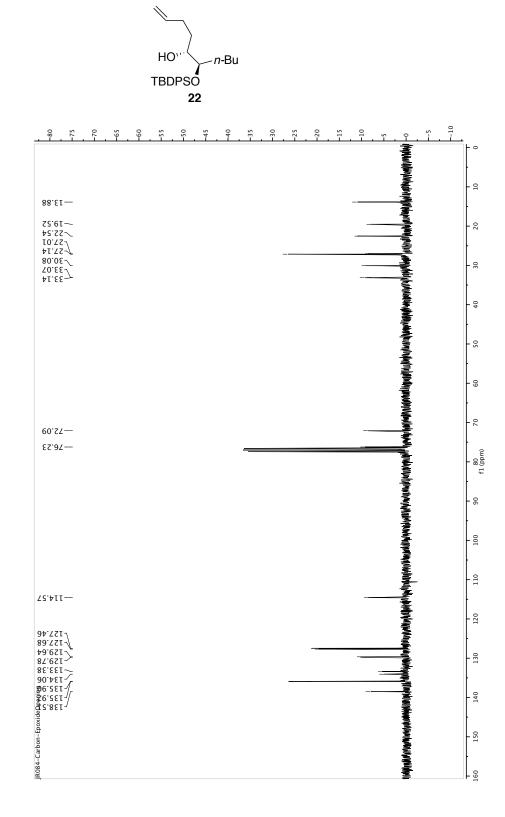


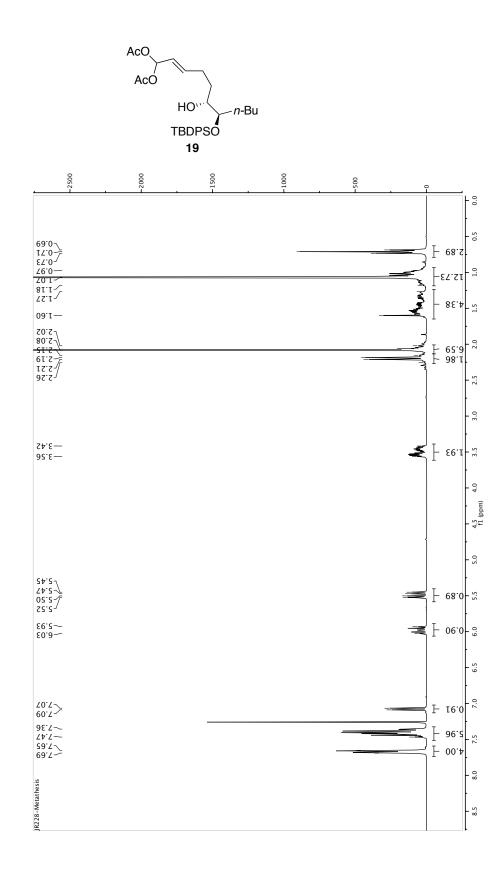
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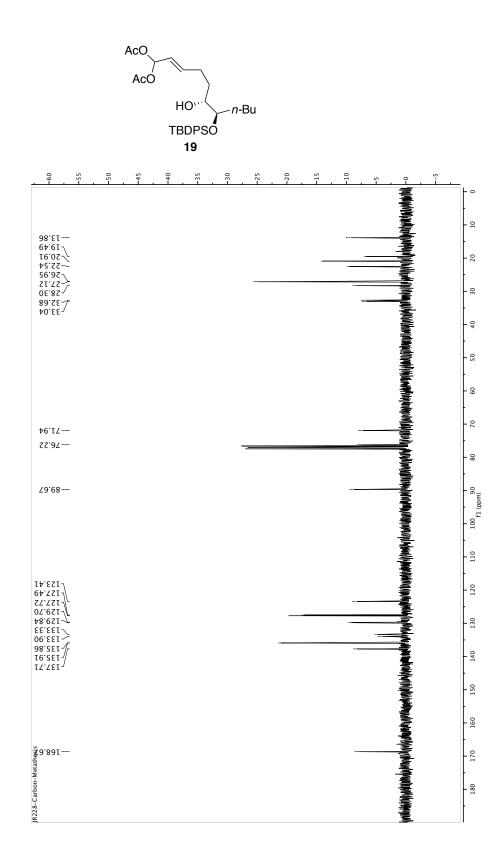
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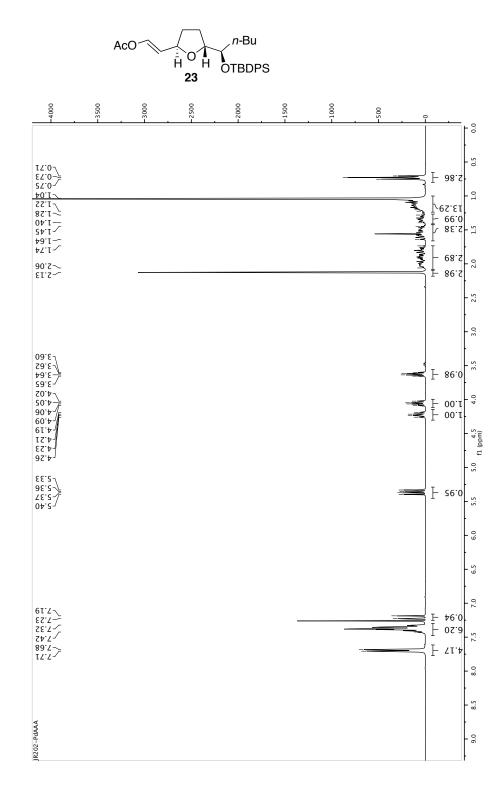
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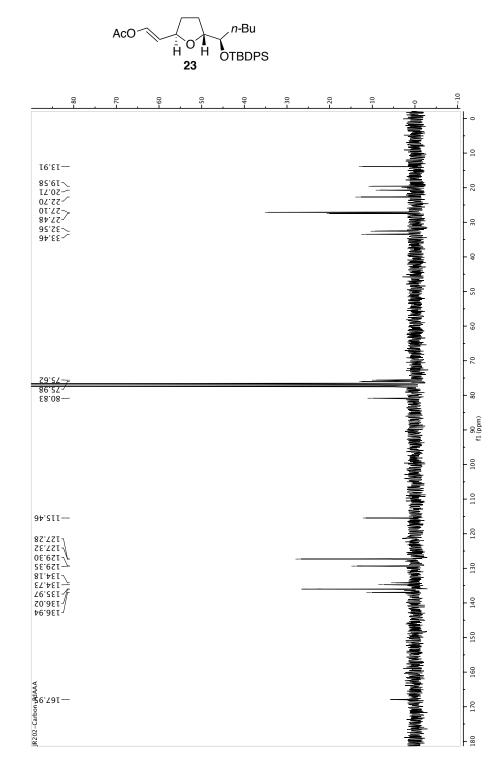


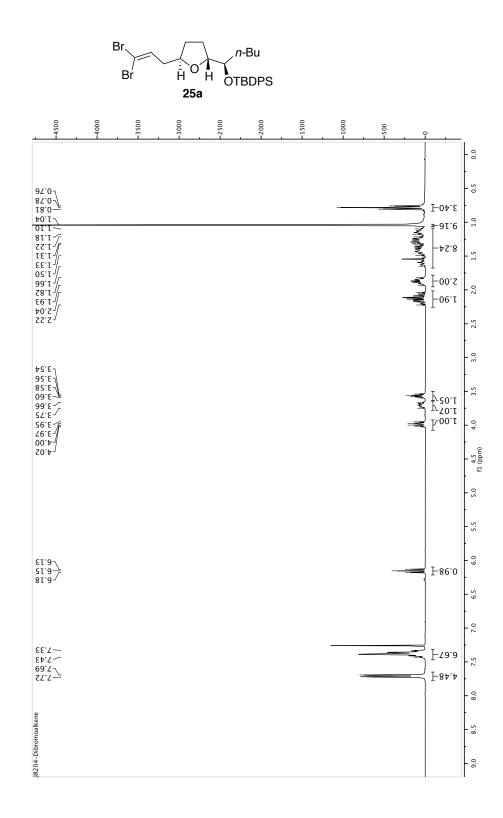


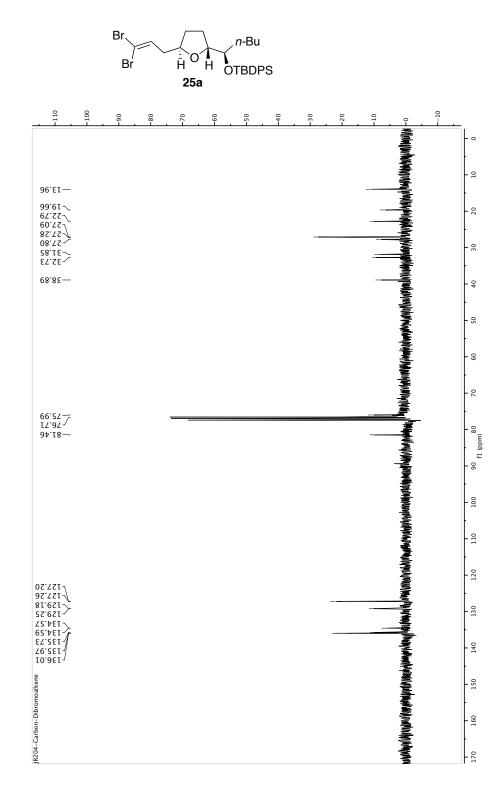


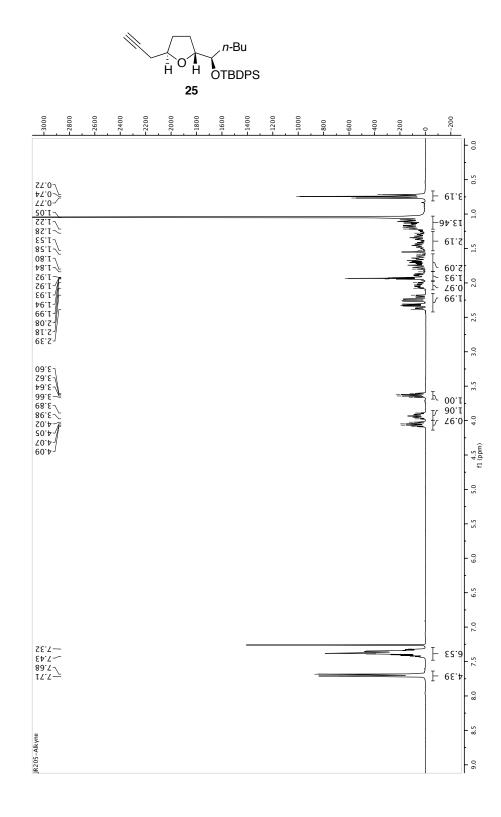


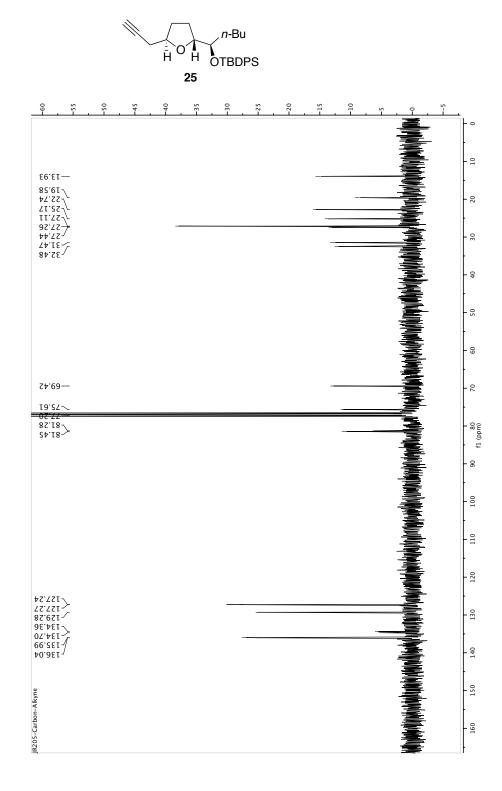


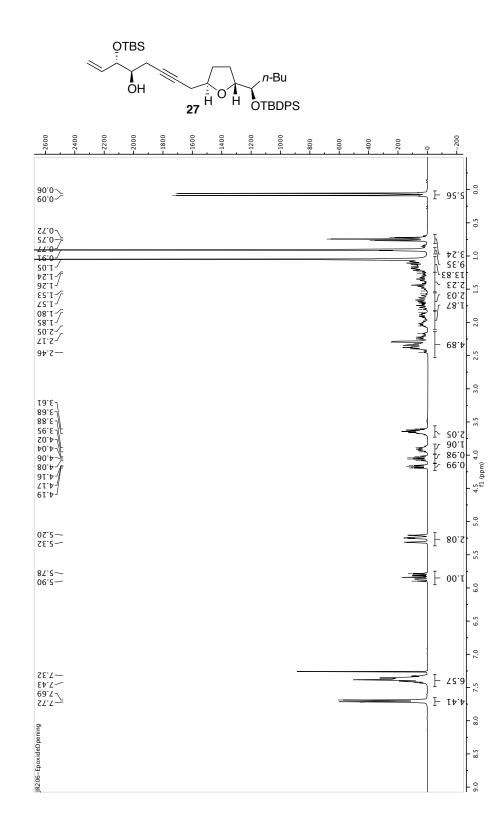


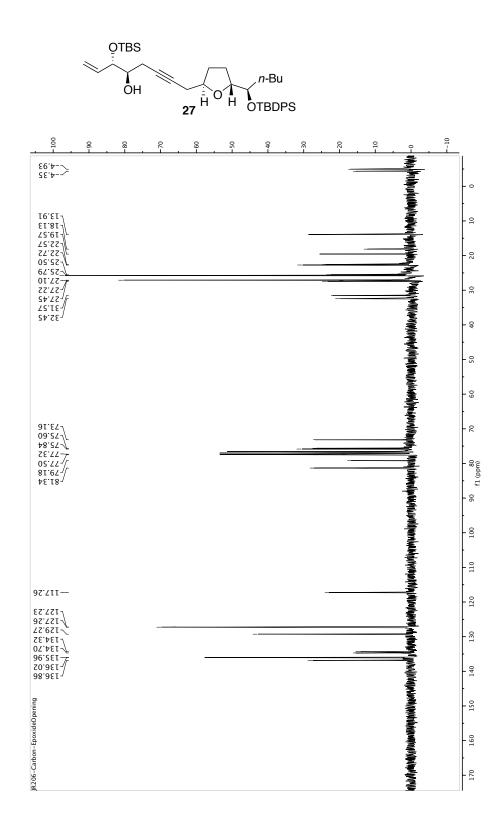












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