# Supporting Information for "Asymmetric Synthesis of Neolignans (-)-*epi*-Conocarpan and (+)-Conocarpan via Rh(II)-Catalyzed C-H Insertion Process and Revision of the Absolute Configuration of (-)-*epi*-Conocarpan"

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#### **Experimental Section**

General. Melting points were determined on a capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. Optical rotations were measured on a digital polarimeter at the sodium D line (589 nm). IR spectra were recorded on a FT/IR spectrometer and absorbance bands are reported in wavenumber (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a 270 MHz or a 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported relative to internal standard (tetramethylsilane at 0.00 ppm, CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 7.26 ppm, or CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 3.31 ppm). Data are presented as follows: chemical shift ( $\delta$ , ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constant and integration. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a 67.5 MHz, a 100 MHz or a 125 MHz spectrometer. The following internal references were used (CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 77.0 ppm or CD<sub>3</sub>OD at 49.0 ppm). Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 N (63-210 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on silica gel 60  $F_{254}$  plates. Visualization was accomplished with UV light, and anisaldehyde or phosphomolybdic acid stain solution followed by heating. Analytical high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on an intelligent HPLC pump with intelligent UV/VIS detector. Detection was performed at 254 nm. Chiralcel OD-H, OJ-H, Chiralpak AD-H and IA columns (0.46 cm × 25 cm) were used.

All non-aqueous reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under Ar atmosphere unless otherwise noted. Reagents and solvents were purified by standard means. Dehydrated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and THF were purchased from a commercial source. 4 Å molecular sieves were used after dried (150 °C, 1 mmHg, 12 h). Methyl 2-(5-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate (11)<sup>1</sup>, [(4-bromomethyl)phenoxy]triisopropylsilane (12)<sup>2</sup>, 3,3-diethylpentanoic acid (14)<sup>3</sup> and (*S*)-4-benzyloxazolidin-2-one,<sup>4</sup> were prepared according to literature procedures.

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#### I. Preparation of Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-PTTEA)<sub>4</sub> (3b)

#### 2-Azido-3,3-diethylpentanoic acid (15)

Phosphorus trichloride (0.50 mL, 5.67 mmol) was added to a mixture of 3,3-diethylpentanoic acid  $(14)^3$  (15.0 g, 94.8 mmol) and bromine (5.58 mL, ~114 mmol). After stirring at 50 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was heated at 100 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product (24.5 g), which was used without further purification.

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NaN<sub>3</sub> (18.5 g, 284 mmol) was added to a solution of the crude product in DMSO (75 mL), and the whole was heated at 90 °C for 2 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was poured into water and acidified with 10% aqueous HCl. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 150 mL) and washed with brine (2 × 70 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (18.2 g), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 150 g, 10:1→5:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide carboxylic acid **15** (16.1 g, 85%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f$  0.58 (5:1 benzene/Et<sub>2</sub>O); IR (film)  $\nu$  2971, 2106, 1711, 1458, 1416 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 9H), 1.40–1.55 (m, 6H), 4.03 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.1 (C), 68.5 (CH), 174.7 (C); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na (M<sup>+</sup>+Na) 222.1218, found 222.1212.

### (4S,2'S)-2'-Azido-3',3'-diethylpentanoyl-4-benzyloxazolidin-2-one (16) and (4S,2'R)-2'-azido-3',3'-diethylpentanoyl-4-benzyloxazolidin-2-one (17)

Oxalyl chloride (4.3 mL, 50.3 mmol) and DMF (0.1 mL, 1.3 mmol) were added to a solution of carboxylic acid **15** (6.68 g, 33.5 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (45 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 3 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product (7.5 g), which was used without further purification.



n-BuLi (1.59 M solution in hexane, 21.1 mL, 33.5 mmol)

was added to a solution of (*S*)-4-benzyloxazolidin-2-one<sup>4</sup> (5.94 g, 33.5 mmol) in THF (45 mL) at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. A solution of the crude acid chloride in THF (15 mL) was added to the mixture at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, the mixture was poured into a two-layer mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O (60 mL) and 5% aqueous HCl (60 mL) at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc (120 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (40 mL) and brine (2 × 40 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (11.4 g), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 300 g, 15:1 $\rightarrow$ 10:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide less polar isomer **17** (5.18 g, 43%) as colorless oil and more polar isomer **16** (5.30 g, 44%) as a white solid. **16**: *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.50 (2:1 hexane/EtOAc); mp

153.0–153.5 °C (hexane/EtOAc);  $[α]_D^{24}$  +32.2 (*c* 1.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) *v* 2968, 2101, 1780, 1704, 1455, 1388 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 9H), 1.52 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 2.87 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (dd, *J* = 3.2, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17–4.25 (m, 2H), 4.69 (ddd, *J* = 3.2, 9.5, 12.2 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (s, 1H), 7.23–7.38 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.0 (C), 55.9 (CH), 63.6 (CH), 66.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 127.5 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 129.4 (CH), 134.8 (C), 153.1 (C), 169.4 (C); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M<sup>+</sup>+Na) 381.1903, found 381.1882. **17**: *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.56 (2:1 hexane/EtOAc);  $[α]_D^{24}$  +52.1 (*c* 1.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) *v* 2971, 2103, 1782, 1705, 1456, 1389 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.91 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 9H), 1.45–1.66 (m, 6H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 4.15–4.75 (m, 2H), 4.79 (ddd, *J* = 3.5, 10.5, 14.6 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (s, 1H), 7.24–7.39 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.5 (C), 55.6 (CH), 63.5 (CH), 66.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 127.5 (CH), 129.0 (CH), 129.3 (CH), 135.0 (C), 153.3 (C), 169.5 (C); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M<sup>+</sup>+Na) 381.1910, found 381.1882.

The absolute configuration of 16 was established to be (4S,2'S) by a single-crystal X-ray analysis. Suitable crystals of 16 for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained by recrystallization from hexane/EtOAc.

#### (S)-Triethylalanine (18)

A 35% aqueous solution of  $H_2O_2$  (5.6 mL, 58.0 mmol) and LiOH· $H_2O$  (1.22 g, 29.0 mmol) were added to a solution of **16** (5.20 g, 14.5 mmol) in THF/ $H_2O$  (3:1, 150 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 3 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of 3 M aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>

NH<sub>2</sub> CO<sub>2</sub>H

(200 mL). The mixture was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 × 50 mL), and the water layer was acidified with 10% aqueous HCl. The solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 100 mL) and washed with brine (2 × 50 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (2.32 g), which was used without further purification.

10% Pd/C (120 mg) was added to a solution of the crude product in AcOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (2:1, 12 mL), and the resulting mixture was stirred vigorously under 1 atm of hydrogen at 23 °C for 20 h. The catalyst was filtered through a Celite pad, and the filtrate was evaporated in vacuo to furnish the crude product (2.4 g). The residue was dissolved in MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (3:1, 20 mL) at 60 °C. The white solid formed at 23 °C after standing for 48 h, and were collected by suction, washed with ice-cold MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (5:1, 6 mL) and dried in vacuo to give **18** (1.76 g, 70%):  $R_f$  0.50 (19:1 EtOH/15% aqueous NH<sub>3</sub>); mp >250 °C (MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O);  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  +12.2 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (KBr) *v* 3527, 3120, 2967, 1638, 1603, 1526 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 9H), 1.52 (dq, *J* = 7.3, 14.6 Hz, 6H), 3.39 (s, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  8.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.5 (C), 61.1 (CH), 173.4 (C); HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+H) 174.1494, found 174.1485.

#### *N*-Phthaloyl-(*S*)-triethylalanine (19)

Triethylamine (173 mg, 1.71 mmol) was added to the mixture of (S)-18 (740 mg, 4.27 mmol), phthalic anhydride (633 mg, 4.27 mmol) and toluene (40 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux, while the solvent was distilled off at a rate such that ca. 6 mL of the solvent was removed per



hour. After heating the mixture for 2.5 h, the mixture was cooled to 23 °C. 5% aqueous HCl (10 mL) was added and resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 15 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (1.33 g), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 60 g, 100:1→50:1 CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH) to provide **19** (1.19 g) as a white solid. The solid was dissolved in hexane/EtOAc (5:1, 12 mL) at 60 °C. Colorless needles formed at 23 °C after standing overnight, and were collected by suction, washed with ice-cold hexane/EtOAc (5:1, 4 mL) and dried in vacuo to give **19** (1.06 g, 82%): *R<sub>f</sub>* 0.43 (10:1 CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH); mp 131.0–131.5 °C (hexane/EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  –12.5 (*c* 1.01, EtOH); IR (KBr) *v* 2967, 1719 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 9H), 1.57 (dq, *J* = 7.3, 14.6 Hz, 3H), 1.75 (dq, *J* = 7.3, 14.6 Hz, 3H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 7.70–7.76 (m, 2H), 7.83–7.89 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.7 (C), 57.0 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 131.6 (C), 134.2 (CH), 168.3 (C), 174.8 (C); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>+H) 304.1549, found 304.1577. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>: C, 67.31; H, 6.98; N, 4.62. Found: C, 67.28; H, 7.01; N, 4.55.

The enantiopurity of **19** was determined to be >99% ee by comparison of HPLC retention time with the racemic sample after conversion to the corresponding methyl ester obtained by the treatment of **19** with diazomethane in ether [Chiralcel OJ-H (9:1 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min):  $t_{\rm R}$  (major) = 8.3 min for (*S*)-**19**,  $t_{\rm R}$  (minor) = 11.6 min for (*R*)-**19**.]

#### Dirhodium(II) tetrakis[N-phthaloyl-(S)-triethylalaninate] (3b)

A mixture of  $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ ·2MeOH (202 mg, 0.40 mmol) and **19** (606 mg, 2.0 mmol) in chlorobenzene (30 mL) was heated at reflux with vigorous stirring, while the solvent was distilled off at a rate such that *ca*. 3 mL of the solvent was removed per hour. After 3 h, the remaining solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (30 mL). The resulting solution was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2 × 5



mL) and brine (2 × 5 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished a green solid (798 mg), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 40 g, 2:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide a green solid (680 mg). The solid was dissolved in EtOAc/hexane (3:2, 25 mL) at 60 °C. Green needles formed at 23 °C after standing overnight, and were collected by suction, washed with ice-cold hexane/EtOAc (3:1, 4 mL) and dried in vacuo to give **3b** (560 mg, 88%):  $R_f$  0.53 (1:1 hexane/EtOAc); mp >280 °C (hexane/EtOAc);

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{22}$  +35.3 (*c* 0.052, CDCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (KBr) *v* 3432, 1967, 1884, 1780, 1721, 1607, 1381cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.85 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 36H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 6H), 1.45–1.71 (m, 24H), 2.02 (s, 6H), 4.09 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 5.15 (s, 4H), 7.60–7.73 (m, 16H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (67.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 43.3 (C), 58.9 (CH), 60.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 122.8 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 132.1 (C), 133.3 (CH), 133.7 (CH), 167.5 (C), 168.7 (C), 171.9 (C), 187.7 (C); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>80</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Rh<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 1414.3679, found 1414.3680. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>68</sub>H<sub>80</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>Rh<sub>2</sub>·2EtOAc: C, 57.36; H, 6.08; N, 3.52. Found: C, 57.14; H, 6.03; N, 3.78. The enantiopurity of the methyl ester of **19** recovered from aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> layers was determined to be >99% ee by HPLC, indicating that no racemization occurred during the ligand exchange reaction.

#### II. Asymmetric Synthesis of (-)-epi-Conocarpan (2) and (+)-Conocarpan (1)

#### Methyl 2-[5-bromo-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxybenzyloxy)phenyl]acetate (13)

A solution of [(4-bromomethyl)phenoxy]triisopropylsilane  $(12)^2$  (1.10 g, 3.20 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added to a suspension of methyl 2-(5-bromo-2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate  $(11)^1$  (654 mg, 2.67 mmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (922 mg, 6.67 mmol) in THF (4 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 30 h, the reaction was quenched with water (10 mL). The mixture was



extracted with EtOAc (50 mL), and the combined organic layer was washed with brine (2 × 15 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (1.5 g), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 70 g, 40:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide ester **13** (925 mg, 68%) as a white solid:  $R_f = 0.63$  (4:1 hexane/EtOAc); mp 77.5–78.0 °C (hexane/EtOAc); IR (KBr)  $\nu$  1733 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 18H), 1.21–1.30 (m, 3H), 3.60 (s, 2H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.86–6.88 (m, 2H), 7.21–7.23 (m, 2H), 7.31–7.34 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.7 (CH), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 35.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 112.7 (C), 113.5 (CH), 119.8 (CH), 125.5 (C), 128.5 (CH), 128.7 (C), 131.0 (CH), 133.5 (CH), 155.7 (C), 155.8 (C), 171.5 (C); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiBr (M<sup>+</sup>) 506.1487, found 506.1478. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiBr: C, 59.16; H, 6.95; Br, 15.74. Found: C, 59.37; H, 6.92; Br, 15.81.

#### Methyl 2-diazo-2-[5-bromo-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxybenzyloxy)phenyl]acetate (9a)

A solution of ester **13** (1.30 g, 2.56 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added to lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide (0.29 M in THF, 13.2 mL, 3.84 mmol) at -78 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 30 min, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyltrifluoroacetate (0.55 mL, 4.10 mmol) was added in one portion. After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, the



mixture was poured into a two-layer mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and 5% aqueous HCl (20 mL) at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (15 mL) and brine (2  $\times$  15 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (1.9 g), which was used without further purification.

A solution of methanesulfonyl azide (929 mg, 7.68 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1 mL) was added to a solution of the crude product and triethylamine (1.3 mL, 9.33 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (3 mL). After stirring at 23 °C for 24 h, the mixture was poured into a two-layer mixture of Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and 5% aqueous NaOH (20 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc (50 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with water (15 mL), saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL) and brine ( $2 \times 15$  mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (1.7 g), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 200 g, 30:1 hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O) to provide  $\alpha$ -diazo ester 9a (1.02 g, 75%) as a yellow solid:  $R_f = 0.59$  (4:1 hexane/EtOAc); mp 63.5–64.5 °C (hexane/EtOAc); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) v 2108, 1698  $cm^{-1}$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 18H), 1.19–1.32 (m, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 4.98 (s. 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (dd, J = 2.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.7 (CH), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 70.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 113.5 (C), 113.6 (CH), 116.1 (C), 120.0 (CH), 127.9 (C), 129.2 (CH), 130.6 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 153.3 (C), 156.1 (C), 166.0 (C); HRMS (FAB) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiBrNa (M+Na<sup>+</sup>) 555.1291, found 555.1306. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiBr: C, 56.28; H, 6.23; N, 5.25; Br, 14.98. Found: C, 56.28; H, 6.15; N, 5.08; Br, 15.21.

#### (2*R*,3*S*)-5-Bromo-3-methoxycarbonyl-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (8a, Table 1, entry 8)

Rh<sub>2</sub>(S-PTTEA)<sub>4</sub> (**3b**)·2EtOAc (47.7 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 mol %) was added to a mixture of **9a** (1.60 g, 3.0 mmol) and 4 Å MS (1.60 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) at -60 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 24 h, the 4 Å MS was filtrated



through a Celite pad and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. The ratio of **8a/10a** was determined to be 97:3 by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude product. The residue (1.7 g) was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 90 g, 25:1 hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O) to give **8a** (1.21 g, 80%) as a white solid and **10a** (31.0 mg, 2% yield, 6% ee) as a colorless oil. **8a**:  $R_f = 0.50$  (6:1 hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O); mp 62.0–63.0 °C for 84 % ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  –31.4 (*c* 1.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for 84% ee; IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>) *v* 1738 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (270 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H), 1.20–1.29 (m, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80–6.85 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.33–7.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.6 (CH), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.6 (CH), 86.1 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 112.8 (C), 119.7 (CH), 127.0 (C), 127.5 (CH), 128.9 (C), 129.0 (CH), 132.3 (CH), 156.3 (C), 159.6 (C), 169.7 (C); LRMS (EI) m/z 504 (M<sup>+</sup>), 463, 433, 407,

The enantiomeric excess of **8a** was determined to be 84% by HPLC with a Chiralcel OD-H column (100:1 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min):  $t_R$  (major) = 20.6 min for (2*R*,3*S*)-**8a**,  $t_R$  (minor) = 25.6 min for (2*S*,3*R*)-**8a**.

Recrystallization was performed by dissolving **8a** (520 mg, 1.03 mmol, 84% ee) in hexane (5 mL)–EtOAc (0.2 mL) at 40 °C. Colorless prisms formed at –20 °C after standing overnight, and were collected by suction, washed with ice-cold hexane (2 mL) and dried in vacuo to give enantiomerically pure **8a** (106 mg, 20%): mp 60.0–62.0 °C (hexane/EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  –38.7 (*c* 1.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiBr: C, 59.40; H, 6.58; Br, 15.81. Found: C, 59.11; H, 6.36; Br, 16.11. The enantiopurity of **8a** was determined to be >99% ee by HPLC analysis.

The preferred absolute configuration of **8a** was established as (2R,3S) by a single-crystal X-ray analysis. Suitable crystals of **8a** for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained by recrystallization from *i*-PrOH/H<sub>2</sub>O.

#### (2*S*,3*S*)-5-Bromo-3-methoxycarbonyl-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (10a, Table 1, entry 2)

 $Rh_2(S-PTTL)_4$ ·2EtOAc (1.42 mg, 0.001 mmol, 1 mol %) was added to a solution of **9a** (53.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) at -23 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 0.5 h, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The ratio of



**8a/10a** was determined to be 89:11 by <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the crude product. The residue (56 mg) was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 5 g, 25:1 hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O) to give **8a** (31.8 mg, 63% yield, 75% ee) as a white solid and **10a** (4.4 mg, 9%) as a colorless oil. **10a**:  $R_f = 0.63$  (6:1 hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O);  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  +26.5 (*c* 0.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for 32% ee; IR (neat) *v* 1744 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 18H), 1.19–1.29 (m, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.26 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.05 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.84–6.88 (m, 2H), 7.20–7.24 (m, 2H), 7.33 (m, 1H), 7.46 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.6 (CH), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 52.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.3 (CH), 86.1 (CH), 111.4 (CH), 112.5 (C), 120.1 (CH), 126.2 (C), 127.1 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 132.2 (C), 132.4 (CH), 156.4 (C), 158.4 (C), 170.7 (C); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiBr (M<sup>+</sup>) 504.1331, found 504.1318. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiBr: C, 59.40; H, 6.58; Br, 15.81. Found: C, 59.41; H, 6.44; Br, 16.05.

The enantiomeric excess of **10a** was determined to be 32% by HPLC with a Chiralpak IA column (100:1 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 0.5 mL/min):  $t_{\rm R}$  (minor) = 11.9 min for (2*R*,3*R*)-**10a**,  $t_{\rm R}$  (major) = 15.0 min for (2*S*,3*S*)-**10a**.

The preferred absolute configuration of 10a was determined to be (2S,3S) by comparison of the sign of optical rotation with that of the compound obtained by epimerization of 8a at the C3 stereocenter.



Pyridine (0.5 mL) was added to (2*R*,3*S*)-**8a** (25.0 mg, 0.495 mmol, 84% ee) at 23 °C. After stirring for 15 h at 50 °C, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (1 mL). The whole was extracted with EtOAc (6 mL), and the organic layer was washed with water (2 mL) and brine (2 × 2 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (38 mg), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 4 g, 25:1 hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O) to provide (2*R*,3*R*)-**10a** (23.0 mg, 93%) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  –62.3 (*c* 1.08, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for 84% ee.

#### (2*R*,3*R*)-[5-Bromo-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl]methanol (20)

DIBAL-H (1.0 M in toluene, 5.2 mL, 5.2 mmol) was added to a solution of ester **8a** (1.20 g, 2.38 mmol, 84% ee) in THF (24 mL) at -23 °C. After stirring at -23 °C for 30 min, the reaction was quenched by addition of methanol (1 mL) and 1



M aqueous potassium sodium tartrate (30 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously at 23 °C for 2 h, and the whole was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 60 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (2 × 30 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (1.4 g), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 30 g, 15:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide alcohol **20** (1.10 g, 97%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f$ = 0.38 (4:1 hexane/EtOAc); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> +25.1 (*c* 1.33, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for 84% ee; IR (neat) *v* 3432 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.09 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 18H), 1.18–1.31 (m, 3H), 3.38–3.51 (m, 2H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 5.85 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.89–6.93 (m, 2H), 7.24–7.27 (m, 2H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.5 (CH), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.3 (CH), 62.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 86.5 (CH), 111.0 (CH), 112.4 (C), 120.0 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 128.7 (C), 130.9 (C), 131.4 (CH), 156.0 (C), 158.7 (C); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SiBr (M<sup>+</sup>) 476.1382, found 476.1382. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>3</sub>SiBr: C, 60.37; H, 6.97; Br, 16.73. Found: C, 60.44; H, 6.89; Br, 16.88.

## (2*R*,3*R*)-Methyl [5-bromo-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl]-*p*-toluenesulfonate (21)

*p*-Toluenesulfonyl chloride (658 mg, 3.45 mmol) was added to a solution of alcohol **20** (1.10 g, 2.30 mmol) in pyridine (12 ml) at 0 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 15 h, the reaction



was quenched with crushed ice. The whole was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 40 mL). The organic layer was washed with 5% aqueous HCl (2 × 20 mL), H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL), saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and brine (2 × 20 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (1.9 g), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 30 g, 12:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide sulfonate **21** (1.39 g, 96%) as a white solid:  $R_f = 0.47$  (4:1 hexane/EtOAc); mp 69.0–71.0 °C for 84 % ee;  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  +4.9 (*c* 1.18, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for 84% ee; IR (KBr) *v* 1513, 1472 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H), 1.20–1.30 (m, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (dt, *J* = 7.2, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (dt, *J* = 2.8, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dt, *J* = 2.8, 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.24–7.29 (m, 4H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.7 (CH), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 45.3 (CH), 69.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 85.9 (CH), 111.2 (CH), 112.7 (C), 120.1 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 127.6 (CH), 127.7 (C), 128.5 (CH), 129.1 (C), 129.7 (CH), 132.0 (CH), 132.3 (C), 144.7 (C), 156.2 (C), 158.6 (C); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SSiBr (M<sup>+</sup>) 630.1470, found 630.1471.

The enantiomeric excess of **21** was determined to be 84% by HPLC with a Chiralpak AD-H column (50:1 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min):  $t_R$  (major) = 11.1 min for (2*R*,3*R*)-**21**,  $t_R$  (minor) = 14.6 min for (2*S*,3*S*)-**21**.

**21** (1.39 g, 84% ee) was dissolved in hexane (15 mL)–EtOAc (2 mL) at 50 °C and stored at 23 °C overnight. Colorless prisms (238 mg, 17%, 6% ee) are removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo to afford enantiomerically pure **21** (1.15 g, 83%): mp 54.0–55.0 °C (hexane/EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$  +6.2 (*c* 1.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); Anal. Calcd for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SSiBr: C, 58.94; H, 6.22; S, 5.08; Br, 12.65. Found: C, 58.87; H, 6.09; S, 5.16, Br, 12.82. The enantiopurity of **21** was determined to be >99% ee by HPLC analysis.

#### (2*R*,3*R*)-Methyl {5-[(*E*)-propen-1-yl]-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl}-*p*-toluenesulfonate (22)

PdCl<sub>2</sub>(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (27.2 mg, 3.88  $\mu$ mol, 5 mol %) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (329 mg, 3.10 mmol) were added to a mixture of sulfonate **21** (490 mg, 0.776 mmol, >99% ee) and *trans*-1-propen-1-ylboronic acid (133 mg, 1.55 mmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (4:1, 8



mL), and the mixture was heated at reflux for 7 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL), and the organic layer was washed with water (2 × 5 mL) and brine (2 × 5 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (580 mg), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 20 g, 1:2 hexane/toluene) to provide sulfonate **22** (350 mg, 76%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f$  = 0.46 (4:1 hexane/EtOAc); [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> –39.8 (*c* 0.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for >99% ee; IR (neat) *v* 1609 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 18H), 1.21–1.30 (m, 3H), 1.87 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 6.6 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.68–3.92 (m, 3H) 5.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (dq, *J* = 6.6, 15.8 Hz,

1H), 6.31 (dd, J = 1.7, 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77–6.85 (m, 3H), 7.09–7.24 (m, 6H), 7.49–7.52 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.6 (CH), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 45.3 (CH), 69.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 85.6 (CH), 109.4 (CH), 120.0 (CH), 122.7 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 126.8 (C), 127.2 (CH), 127.3 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 128.4 (C), 129.6 (CH), 130.4 (CH), 131.5 (C), 132.4 (C), 144.6 (C), 156.1 (C), 158.5 (C); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SSi (M<sup>+</sup>) 592.2678, found 592.2661. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SSi: C, 68.88; H, 7.48; S, 5.41. Found: C, 68.81; H, 7.56; S, 5.42.

### (2*R*,3*S*)-3-Methyl-5-[(*E*)-propen-1-yl]-2-(4-triisopropylsilyloxyphenyl)-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran (23)

LiBEt<sub>3</sub>H (1.09 M solution in THF, 2.1 mL, 2.29 mmol) was added to a solution of sulfonate **22** (340 mg, 0.573 mmol, >99% ee) in THF (3.0 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 10 h, the reaction was quenched by addition



of water (3 mL). The whole was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL), and the organic layer was washed with water (5 mL) and brine (2 × 5 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (379 mg), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 15 g, 30:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide silyl ether **23** (213 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil:  $R_f = 0.46$  (4:1 hexane/EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  –11.5 (*c* 0.95, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for >99% ee; IR (neat) *v* 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.81 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 18H), 1.19–1.28 (m, 3H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 6.8 Hz, 3H), 3.58–3.66 (m, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dq, *J* = 6.8, 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.80–6.87 (m, 3H), 7.10–7.15 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.6 (CH), 16.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.8 (CH), 87.9 (CH), 109.1 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 122.9 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 130.4 (C), 130.7 (CH), 131.2 (C), 133.1 (C), 155.6 (C), 158.3 (C); HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si (M<sup>+</sup>) 422.2641, found 422.2643. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: C, 76.72; H, 9.06. Found: C, 76.83; H, 9.22.

#### (2R,3S)-epi-Conocarpan (2)

TBAF (0.4 M solution in THF, 0.8 mL, 0.32 mmol) was added to a solution of silyl ether **23** (90 mg, 0.213 mmol, >99% ee) in THF/AcOH (6;1, 1.4 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 8 h, the reaction was guenched with water (3



mL). The whole was extracted with EtOAc (30 mL), and the organic layer was washed with water (3 × 5 mL) and brine (2 × 5 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (141 mg), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 8 g, 8:1 hexane/EtOAc) to provide (–)-*epi*-conocarpan (**2**) (53.3 mg, 94%) as a white amorphous solid:  $R_f 0.37$  (3:1 hexane/EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  –9.7 (*c* 0.45, MeOH) for

>99% ee [lit.<sup>5</sup>  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  –33.3 (*c* 0.03, MeOH)]; IR (neat) *v* 3388, 2964, 1614, 1015 cm<sup>-1</sup>; CD (*c* 0.003, MeOH):  $[\theta]_{209}$  0,  $[\theta]_{228}$  +54825,  $[\theta]_{241}$  0,  $[\theta]_{262}$  –28671,  $[\theta]_{278}$  0,  $[\theta]_{285}$  +6609 [lit.<sup>5</sup> CD (*c* 0.003, MeOH):  $[\theta]_{218}$  0,  $[\theta]_{229}$  +14390,  $[\theta]_{235}$  0,  $[\theta]_{243}$  –9923,  $[\theta]_{275}$  0,  $[\theta]_{282}$  +2658]; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.83 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 6.9 Hz, 3H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 5.75 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (dq, *J* = 6.9, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.80–6.83 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.19 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  16.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 40.7 (CH), 87.9 (CH), 109.1 (CH), 115.1 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 130.0 (C), 130.7 (CH), 131.3 (C), 133.0 (C), 155.0 (C), 158.0 (C); LRMS (EI) m/z 266 (M<sup>+</sup>), 251; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 266.1307, found 266.1304.

The enantiopurity of synthetic (–)-*epi*-conocarpan (2) was determined to be >99% ee by comparison of HPLC retention time (Chiralcel OD-H column, 9:1 hexane/*i*-PrOH, 1.0 mL/min) with the racemic sample:  $t_R = 10.1$  min for (2*R*,3*S*)-2,  $t_R = 20.5$  min for (2*S*,3*R*)-2.

#### (2*S*,3*S*)-Conocarpan (1)

Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (53.3 mg, 0.50 mmol) was added to a solution of (–)-2 (53.3 mg, 0.20 mmol) in MeOH (2.0 mL) at 0 °C. After stirring at 23 °C for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (3 mL). The whole was



extracted with EtOAc (30 mL), and the organic layer was washed with water (5 mL) and brine (2 × 5 mL), and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Filtration and evaporation in vacuo furnished the crude product (64 mg), which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel 20 g, 8:1 hexane/EtOAc) to afford a 12:1 mixture of **1/2** (52.0 mg, 98%). The mixture was dissolved in hexane/EtOAc (5:1, 1.2 mL) at 60 °C. Colorless plates formed at 23 °C after standing overnight, and were collected by suction, washed with ice-cold hexane (1 mL) and dried in vacuo to give (+)-conocarpan (1) (37.7 mg, 71%):  $R_f = 0.37$  (3:1 hexane/EtOAc); mp 137–139 °C (hexane/EtOAc) [lit.<sup>6</sup> mp 133–135 °C]; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>22</sup> +117 (*c* 1.18, MeOH) [lit.<sup>6</sup> [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> +122 (*c* 1.03, MeOH)]; IR (neat)  $\nu$  3376, 1615, 1599 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.39 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.86 (d, *J* = 1.7, 6.6 Hz, 3H), 3.39 (m, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (dq, *J* = 6.6, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (dd, *J* = 1.7, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz 1H), 6.83–6.85 (m, 3H), 7.11–7.14 (m, 2H), 7.29–7.31 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 45.2 (CH), 92.6 (CH), 109.3 (CH), 115.4 (CH), 120.7 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 126.3 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 131.2 (C), 132.3 (C), 132.8 (C), 155.6 (C), 158.2 (C); LRMS (EI) m/z 266 (M<sup>+</sup>), 251; HRMS (EI) calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 266.1307, found 266.1304.

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Figure 1. X-ray structure of 8a.



Figure 2. X-ray structure of 16.









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epi-conocarpan





YN12135P\_first crops



YN12135P\_1st crops\_13C



8a (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [µV sec]	Area %
1	20.43	1297146	50.21
2	26.36	1286267	49.79



Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [µV sec]	Area %
1	20.57	14611856	92.10
2	25.59	1253687	7.90





**10a** (racemate)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [µV sec]	Area %
1	11.82	452079	49.94
2	15.25	453180	50.06



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Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [µV sec]	Area %
1	11.85	1826356	33.83
2	15.03	3572047	66.17



Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [µV sec]	Area %
1	14.31	4247935	50.01
2	18.50	4246675	49.99



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Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [µV sec]	Area %
1	13.95	1873743	92.11
2	18.63	160531	7.89



21 (optically pure)

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [µV sec]	Area %
1	14.22	5576513	100.00



racemate of epi-conocarpan

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [ V <sup>-</sup> sec]	Area %
1	10.09	1064994	50.22
2	20.49	1055461	49.78

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synthetic (-)-*epi*-conocarpan

Peak No.	Time (min)	Area [ V <sup>-</sup> sec]	Area %
1	9.95	4830618	100.00

