# Efficient Diastereoselective Synthesis of Trifarane-type Sesquiterpenes, Trifarienols A and B

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General Experimental Procedures. Melting points were measured with a melting point

apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as thin films on sodium chloride plates. Otherwise noted,  $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra were obtained for solutions in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, and chemical shifts are reported on the  $\delta$  scale using TMS as an internal standard of  $\delta$  0.00 for  $^{1}$ H-NMR spectra, and CDCl<sub>3</sub> as an internal standard or  $\delta$  77.00 for  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra, respectively ( $^{1}$ H-NMR: 400 MHz,  $^{13}$ C NMR: 100 MHz). Reagents were purchased from commercial sources.

## (3R)-3-[(1S, 4S)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl]butyl benzoate and (3S)-3-[(1S, 4S)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl]butyl benzoate (4).

To a stirred suspension of CuI (1.20 g, 6.51 mmol) in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL), was added MeLi (1.09 M Et<sub>2</sub>O solution) (12 mL) (13 mmol) at -40 °C under Ar, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 20 min. To this mixture was added a solution of enone **3** (620 mg, 2.17 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL) at -78 °C, and the whole was stirred at -40 °C for further 1 h. After addition of saturated aq. ammonium chloride, the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The extract was washed with brine and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue, which was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel. Elution with *n*-hexane-AcOEt (7:1, v/v) afforded a diastereoisomeric mixture of ketone **4** (611 mg, 93%) as a colorless oil.

(3*R*)-3-[(1*S*, 4*S*)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl]butyl benzoate (major): IR vmax 2954, 1720, 1704 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.01-8.05 (2H, m), 7.54-7.58 (1H, m), 7.42-7.46 (2H, m), 4.28-4.36 (2H, m), 2.25-2.32 (2H, m), 2.13-2.20 (1H, m), 2.02-2.07 (1H, m), 1.71-1.81 (1H, m), 1.29-1.65 (5H, m), 0.97 (3H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz), 0.95 (3H, d, *J*=6.4 Hz), 0.89 (3H, s);  ${}^{13}$ C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 100 MHz)  $\delta$  216.0, 166.4, 132.9, 130.1, 129.4 (2), 128.3 (2), 63.3, 51.3, 46.8, 36.4, 35.5, 31.5, 30.8, 28.8, 22.2, 16.21, 12.3; MS (EI): 302 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 302.1882. Found: 302.1904.

(3*R*)-3-[(1*S*, 4*S*)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl]butyl benzoate (minor):  $^{1}$ H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz) δ 8.01-8.05 (2H, m), 7.54-7.58 (1H, m), 7.42-7.76 (2H, m), 4.38-4.43 (2H, m), 2.25-2.32 (2H, m), 2.13-2.20 (1H, m), 2.02-2.07 (1H, m), 1.71-1.81 (1H, m), 1.57-1.65 (1H, m), 1.29 -1.50 (4H, m), 0.99 (3H, d, *J*=5.9 Hz), 0.94 (3H, d, *J*=6.7 Hz), 0.89 (3H, s);  $^{13}$ C- NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 215.5, 166.4, 132.8, 130.3, 129.5 (2), 128.3 (2), 64.0, 50.9, 46.4, 33.8, 33.3, 32.7, 30.7, 28.5, 21.2, 19.7, 14.3.

### (3R)-3-{[(1S, 4S)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-cyclohex-2-en-1-yl}butyl benzoate and (3R)-3-{[(1S, 4R)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-cyclohex-2-en-1-yl}butyl benzoate (5).

To a stirred solution of (3*R*)-ketone **4** (6.8 g, 22.5 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (140 mL) were added Et<sub>3</sub>N (53 ml, 225 mmol) and TMSOTf (16.3 mL, 90 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar, and the resulting mixture was stirred for further 30 min at rt. After treatment with saturated aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> at 0 °C, the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O-pentane (1:1, v/v). The extract was washed with brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>.

Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel. Elution with n-hexane-AcOEt (20:1, v/v) afforded silyl enol ether **5** (7.9 g, 94%) as a colorless oil.

(3*R*)-3-{[(1*S*, 4*S*)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-cyclohex-2-en-1-yl}butyl benzoate (major): IR vmax 2959, 1724, 1653 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.01-8.06 (2H, m), 7.53-7.57 (1H, m), 7.41-7.46 (2H, m), 4.66 (1H, d, *J*=4.8 Hz), 4.40-4.46 (1H, m), 4.25-4.35 (1H, m), 2.21-2.27 (1H, m), 1.90-2.07 (1H, m), 1.77-1.89 (1H, m), 1.63-1.75 (1H, m), 1.20-1.47 (3H, m), 1.11-1.16 (1H, m), 1.05 (3H, s), 0.96 (3H, d, *J*=7.0 Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, *J*=6.7 Hz), 0.17 (9H, s); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 100 MHz)  $\delta$  166.7, 155.2, 132.7, 130.6, 129.5 (2), 128.3 (2), 108.6, 64.6, 40.9, 35.3, 29.9, 28.73, 26.7, 26.3, 23.8, 21.7, 15.2, 0.3 (3); MS (EI): 374 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si: 374.2277. Found: 374.2298.

#### (3R)-3-{[(1S, 4R)-1,4-Dimethyl-2-(trimethylsilyl)oxy]cyclohex-2-en-1-yl}butyl benzoate (minor):

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz) δ 8.01-8.06 (2H, m), 7.53-7.57 (1H, m), 7.41-7.46 (2H, m), 4.52 (1H, s), 4.40-4.46 (1H, m), 4.24-4.35 (1H, m), 2.21-2.27 (1H, m), 1.90-2.07 (1H, m), 1.77-1.89 (1H, m), 1.63 -1.75 (1H, m), 1.20-1.47 (3H, m), 1.11-1.16 (1H, m), 1.07 (3H, s), 0.93 (3H, d, *J*=6.9 Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, *J*=6.7 Hz), 0.17 (9H, m); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 166.7, 155.2, 132.7, 130.6, 129.5 (2), 128.3 (2), 109.7, 64.5, 40.9, 35.5, 30.4, 29.7, 26.7, 26.3, 24.1, 22.9, 14.7, 0.3 (3).

#### (3R)-3- $\{(1S)$ -1,4-Dimethyl-2-oxocyclohex-3-en-1-yl $\}$ butyl benzoate (6).

To a stirred solution of silyl enol ether **5** (124 mg, 0.332 mmol) in dry DMSO (2 mL) was added Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (30 mg, 0.133 mmol) at rt, and the mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 20 h under an atmospheric pressure of oxygen. The mixture was treated with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with AcOEt. The extract was washed with brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue, which was purified by column chromatography on silica gel. Elution with *n*-hexane-AcOEt (5:1, v/v) afforded enone **6** (74.9 mg, 75%) as a pale yellowish oil:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +18.3$  (c 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); mp 71-73 °C; IR vmax 2965, 1719, 1663, 1276 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.99-8.02 (2H, m), 7.53-7.57 (1H, m), 7.41-7.44 (2H, m), 5.77 (1H, d, *J*=1.3 Hz), 4.23-4.38 (2H, m), 1.99-2.35 (4H, m), 1.88 (3H, s), 1.82-1.89 (1H, m), 1.66-1.73 (1H, m), 1.34-1.43 (1H, m), 1.01 (3H, s), 0.97 (3H, d, *J*=6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 100 MHz)  $\delta$  204.1, 166.5, 159.9, 132.8, 130.3, 129.5 (2), 128.2 (2), 125.4, 63.7, 46.4, 32.3, 30.8, 30.1, 27.9, 23.7, 18.0, 14.6; MS (EI): 300 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 300.1725. Found: 300.1748. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: C, 75.97; H, 8.05. Found: C, 75.98, H, 8.17.

(3R)-3-{(1S, 4S)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2- oxocyclohexyl}butyl benzoate and (3R)-3-{(1S, 4R)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl}butyl benzoate (7). Vinylmagnesium bromide (1.0 M THF solution) (22 mL, 22 mmol) was added lithium-2-thienylcyanocuprate (0.25 M THF solution) (44 mL, 11.0 mmol) at -78 °C under Ar, and the whole was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. The mixture was cooled to -78 °C, and a solution of enone 6 (1.1 g, 3.67 mmol) in THF (18 mL) was added to the mixture

at the same temperature, and stirred at -40 °C for 12 h. After treatment with saturated aq. ammonium chloride, the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue, which was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel. Elution with *n*-hexane-AcOEt (9:1, v/v) afforded ketone **7** (1.1 g, 90%) as a colorless oil.

(3*R*)-3-{(1*S*, 4*S*)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl}butyl benzoate (major): IR vmax 2966, 1719, 1704, 1274 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  ${}^{1}$ H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz)  $\delta$  8.00-8.03 (2H, m), 7.52-7.58 (1H, m), 7.41-7.46 (2H, m), 5.72 (1H, dd, *J*=17.5 and 10.8 Hz), 4.92 (1H, dd, *J*=10.8 and 0.71 Hz), 4.88 (1H, dd, *J*=17.5 and 0.71 Hz), 4.28-4.39 (2H, m), 2.60 (1H, d, *J*=13.8 Hz), 2.19-2.29 (1H, m), 2.15 (1H, dd, *J*=12.2 and 1.5 Hz), 1.91-1.97 (1H, m), 1.78-1.85 (1H, m), 1.41-1.66 (4H, m), 1.00 (3H, s), 0.97 (3H, s), 0.96 (3H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz);  ${}^{13}$ C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 100MHz)  $\delta$  215.4, 166.5, 146.9, 132.9, 130.2, 129.5 (2), 128.4 (2), 111.2, 63.4, 51.1, 48.6, 41.8, 32.3, 31.8, 31.5, 30.7, 25.3, 18.0, 13.2; MS (EI): 328 (M<sup>+</sup>); HRMS (EI): Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 328.2038. Found: 328.2044.

(3*R*)-3-{(1*S*, 4*R*)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-oxocyclohexyl}butyl benzoate (minor): <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz) δ 8.00-8.03 (2H, m), 7.52-7.58 (1H, m), 7.41-7.46 (2H, m), 5.63 (1H, dd, *J*=17.5 and 11.0 Hz), 5.02 (1H, dd, *J*=11.0 and 0.71 Hz), 4.99 (1H, dd, *J*=17.5 and 0.71 Hz), 4.28-4.39 (2H, m), 2.60 (1H, d, *J*=13.8 Hz), 2.19- 2.41 (1H, m), 2.15 (1H, dd, *J*=12.2 and 1.5 Hz), 1.91-1.97 (1H, m), 1.78-1.85 (1H, m), 1.58-1.66 (1H, m), 1.41-1.54 (3H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, *J*=6.6 Hz), 0.89 (3H, s), 0.89 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 100MHz) δ 215.4, 166.5, 146.9, 132.9, 130.2, 129.5 (2), 128.4 (2), 111.2, 63.4, 51.1, 48.6, 41.8, 32.3, 31.8, 31.5, 30.7, 25.3, 18.0, 13.2.

(3R)-3-((1S,4R)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2- $\{[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]oxy\}$ -cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)buty l benzoate and (3R)-3-((1S,4S)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2- $\{[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]oxy\}$ -cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)butyl benzoate (8).

To a stirred solution of ketone **7** (158 mg, 0.482 mmol) and Comins reagent (284 mg, 0.723 mmol) in THF (2.4 mL) was gradually added NaHMDS (1.9 M THF solution) (0.3 ml, 0.578 mmol) at -40 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for further 12 h. After treatment with saturated aq. ammonium chloride, the mixture was extracted with AcOEt. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . Evaporation of the solvent gave a residue, which was subjected to column chromatography on silica gel. Elution with *n*-hexane-AcOEt (95:5, v/v) afforded triflate **8** (153 mg, 69%) as a colorless oil.

(3*R*)-3-((1*S*,4*R*)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-{[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]oxy}-cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)buty l benzoate (major): IR νmax 2968, 1721, 1453 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz) δ 8.01-8.03 (2H, m), 7.49-7.55 (1H, m), 7.40-7.44 (2H, m), 5.72 (1H, dd, *J*=17.4 and 10.6 Hz), 5.51 (1H, s), 5.05 (1H, dd, *J*=10.6 and 1.1 Hz), 4.95 (1H, dd, *J*=17.4 and 1.1 Hz), 4.41-4.47 (1H, m), 4.21-4.28 (1H, m), 1.83-2.01

(2H, m), 1.69-1.77 (1H, m), 1.52-1.55 (2H, m), 1.25-1.42 (2H, m), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.15 (3H, s), 0.95 (3H, d, J=6.7 Hz);  $^{13}$ C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 100 MHz)  $\delta$  166.4, 154.8, 144.7, 132.8, 130.2, 129.4 (2), 128.3 (2), 123.1, 118.3 (q), 114.2, 63.5, 41.5, 40.3, 35.6, 31.4, 29.4, 28.7, 26.8, 23.1, 14.6; MS (CI): 461 (M+1)<sup>+</sup>, HRMS (CI): Calcd for  $C_{22}H_{27}O_5F_3S$ +H: 461.1609. Found: 461.1628.

(3*R*)-3-((1*S*,4*S*)-4-Ethenyl-1,4-dimethyl-2-{[(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl]oxy}-cyclohex-2-en-1-yl)butyl benzoate (minor): <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 400 MHz) δ 8.01-8.03 (2H, m), 7.49-7.55 (1H, m), 7.40-7.44 (2H, m), 5.77 (1H, dd, *J*=17.4 and 10.6 Hz), 5.57 (1H, s), 5.05 (1H, dd, *J*=17.4 and 1.1 Hz), 4.95 (1H, dd, *J*=10.6 and 1.1 Hz), 4.41-4.47 (1H, m), 4.21-4.28 (1H, m), 1.83-2.01 (2H, m), 1.69-1.77 (1H, m), 1.52-1.55 (2H, m), 1.25-1.42 (2H, m), 1.20 (3H, s), 1.14 (3H, s), 0.99 (3H, d, *J*=6.8 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>; 100 MHz) δ 166.4, 154.2, 145.8, 132.0, 130.2, 129.9 (2), 128.7 (2), 124.1, 118.3 (q), 112.5, 68.0, 41.3, 39.6, 35.3, 31.6, 29.9, 29.6, 27.4, 25.8, 14.9.































































