Supporting Information For:

C-Glycosides to Fused Polycyclic Ethers. An Efficient Entry into the A-D Ring System of Gambierol

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Experimental protocols and spectroscopic data for all new compounds.

General Information

Ether and THF were distilled from sodium/benzophenone. Benzene, toluene, CH_2Cl_2 , CH_3OH , and *i*-Pr₂NEt were distilled from CaH_2 . All other reagents were used without purification. Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were run under an atmosphere of argon in flame-dried glassware. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker EM-500 or EM-600 spectrophotometer. Chemical shifts were reported in δ , parts per million (ppm), relative to chloroform ($\delta = 7.24$ ppm) or benzene ($\delta = 7.15$ ppm) as an internal standard. Coupling constants, *J*, were reported in Hertz (Hz) and refer to apparent peak multiplicities and not true coupling constants. Mass spectra were recorded at the Mass Spectrometry Facility at the Department of Chemistry of the University of Arizona on a Jeol HX-110A and are reported as % relative intensity to the molecular base peak. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet Impact 410.



Preparation of (+)-**pyrone 4**. To a solution of aldehyde **2** (4.81 g, 27 mmol), Cr (III) catalyst **5** (0.399 g, 0.81 mmol), 4Å MS (5.4 g) and acetone (5.4 mL) at rt was added

diene **3** (7.55 g, 40.5 mmol). After 52 hours the reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and cooled to 0°C. Trifluoroacetic acid (3.12 mL, 40.5 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and filtered. The mother liquor was neutralized with NaHCO₃ (sat., 100 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 50 ml). The extracts were washed with brine (100 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 6.34 g (90% yield, 94% ee) of pyrone **4** as a colorless oil. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC (chiracel OD). Conditions: 10% 2-propanol in hexanes, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min; the $t_{\rm R}$ major isomer = 24.0 min; $t_{\rm R}$ minor isomer = 34.7 min. [α]²⁷_D= +90.16° (c = 0.70, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.28 (m, 5 H), 7.24 (s, 1 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H), 4.37 (dddd, *J* = 16.9, 12.1, 7.9, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.54 (ddd, *J* = 15.1, 9.3, 5.9 Hz, 1 H), 3.52 (ddd, *J* = 14.8, 9.4, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.51 (dd *J* = 16.7, 13.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 16.7, 4.2 Hz, 1 H), 1.91-1.71 (m, 4 H), 1.68 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.0, 159.6, 138.3, 128.4, 127.6, 113.6, 79.1, 72.9, 69.5, 41.6, 31.3, 25.1, 10.4; IR (neat) 1679, 1107 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₁₆H₂₁O₃ (MH⁺) 261.1491, found 261.1494.



Preparation of (+)-**PMB ether 6**. $CeCl_3$ ⁷H₂O (0.880 g, 2.69 mmol) was added to a solution of **4** (0.50 g, 1.92 mmol) and ethanol (43 mL) at rt. After 0.33 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to $-60^{\circ}C$ and a solution of NaBH₄ (0.172 g, 4.61 mmol) and ethanol (9.5 ml) was added drop wise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 2 h and concentrated. The resulting residue was taken up in H₂O (20 mL) and ether (20 mL). After separation the aqueous phase was extracted with ether (5 X 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated to give a yellow oil.

The oil from the reduction was taken up in DMF (9.6 mL) and cooled to 0° C. NaH (0.92 g, 3.84 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0° C for 0.5 h. 4-Methoxy benzyl chloride (0.52 mL, 3.84 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 4 hrs. After cooling to 0° C, the reaction mixture was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., 15 mL) and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 20 mL). The extracts were washed with water (30 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 730 mg (97%) of **6** as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = +31.70° (c = 2.41, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.36 (m, 4H), 7.33-7.30 (m, 3H), 6.94-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.23 (br s, 1H), 4.58 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.08 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.91-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.54 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 9.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.52 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 9.3, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (ddd, *J* = 13.1, 6.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.82-1.65 (m, 5H), 1.64 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.1, 140.9, 138.6, 130.9, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 113.7, 110.3, 74.3, 72.8, 72.0, 70.0, 69.8, 55.2, 34.0, 31.6, 25.6, 14.3; IR (neat) 1678, 1103 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₃₁O₄ (MH⁺) 383.2229, found 383.2222.



Preparation of (-)-alcohol. To a solution of **6** (0.541 g, 1.79 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (28 mL) at -60°C was added dimethyl dioxirane (26.8 mL of a 0.1 M solution in acetone, 2.68 mmol) dropwise. The reaction was warmed slowly to rt and then concentrated. The resulting residue was taken up in THF (28 mL) and cooled to 0°C. Propenylmagnesium chloride (4.5 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 8.94 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to rt at which point it was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., 15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3 X 20 mL), the extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 419 mg (65%) of the alcohol as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{24}{}_{D}$ = - 6.54° (c = 0.33, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38-7.36 (m, 3 H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 4H), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.95-5.85 (m, 1 H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 1.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.03 (dd, *J*= 10.2, 0.7 Hz, 1 H) 4.65 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H), 4.45 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.38 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.8 Hz, 1 H) 3.38-3.33 (m, 1 H), 3.10 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 2.3 Hz, 1 H),

2.44 (dd, J = 14.5, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.17 (ddd, J = 14.6, 10.0, 6.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 (s, 1 H), 1.99 (ddd, J = 12.8, 4.7, 2.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.85-1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.72-1.64 (m, 1 H), 1.63-1.56 (m, 2 H), 1.31 (dd, J = 24.0, 11.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.18 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 159.2, 138.6, 136.3, 130.6, 129.1, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 115.9, 113.9, 82.9, 81.9, 75.8, 73.4, 72.8, 70.8, 70.1, 55.2, 35.2, 32.7, 32.4, 26.0, 15.0; IR (neat) 3479, 1623, 1098 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₂₇H₃₇O₅ (MH⁺) 441.2641, found 441.2621.



Preparation of (+)-acetate 7. To a solution of the alcohol from above (0.419 g, 1.16 mmol), acetic anhydride (0.868 mL, 9.3 mmol), *i*-Pr₂EtN (2.55 mL, 14.6 mmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (12 mL) was added DMAP (0.284 g, 2.32 mmol) at rt. After 50 hrs the reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃ (sat., 20 mL), extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 352 mg (78%) of acetate 7 as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +20.75^{\circ}$ (c = 0.08, THF); ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$ 7.39-7.34 (m, 2 H), 7.32-7.25 (m, 5 H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 5.88-5.80 (m, 1 H), 5.08 (d, J = 17.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.03 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1 H), 4.63, (dd, J 11.4, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 4.53 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.52 (s, 2 H), 4.49 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.25 (dd, J = 8.2, 4.5 Hz, 1 H), 3.83 (s, 3 H), 3.50 (ddd, J = 15.6, 9.2, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 15.2, 8.5, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.47-3.41 (partially obscured m, 1 H), 2.25-2.21 (m, 2) H), 1.99 (s, 3 H), 2.00-1.97 (m, 1 H), 1.81-1.76 (m, 1 H), 1.69-1.62 (m, 1 H), 1.59-1.54 (m, 2 H), 1.41 (dd, J= 24.1, 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 159.1, 138.6, 135.3, 130.8, 129.1, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 116.3, 113.7, 86.3, 75.9, 75.7, 72.8, 71.2, 70.1, 55.2, 36.9, 32.8, 32.2, 26.0, 22.5, 13.6; IR (neat) 1738, 1103, 1043 cm^{-1} ; HRMS calcd for $C_{29}H_{39}O_6$ (MH⁺) 483.2747, found 483.2752.



Preparation of (-)-bicycle 8. TiCl₄ (14.0 mL of a 1.0 M solution in CH₂Cl₂, 14.0 mmol) and TMEDA (12.64 mL, 83.92 mmol) were added sequentially to CH₂Cl₂ (99 mL) and THF (7.4 mL) at 0°C. The resulting brown mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 10 min. Zn dust (2.05 g, 31.5 mmol), and PbCl₂ (0.463 g, 1.66 mmol) were then added. The resulting slurry was stirred for 16 min to reach a blue/green color. To this was added a solution of acetate **7** (0.352 g, 0.874 mmol), CH₂Br₂ (0.982 mL, 14.0 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (19 mL). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 2 hrs, cooled to 0°C, and quenched with K₂CO₃ (sat., 3.2 mL). After stirring for 30 min., the mixture was filtered. Concentration of the mother liquor and filtration of the residue through a plug of SiO₂ (5:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) gave a mixture of cyclic and acyclic enol ether as a yellow oil.

To a solution of the mixture of enol ethers and C_6H_6 (87 mL) was added ruthenium catalyst **10** (0.148 g, 174 mmol). After stirring for 16 hrs at rt, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 214 mg (65%) of bicycle **8** as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = -5.40° (c = 0.235, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.48 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (dd, J = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.95 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 4.98 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.79 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.42 (s, 2 H), 4.41 (dd, J = 15.2, 4.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.62 (dd, J = 11.6, 5.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.46 (s, 3 H), 3.44-3.35 (m, 2 H), 1.81 (s, 3 H), 1.75-1.62 (m, 2 H), 1.57-1.44 (m, 2 H), 1.48 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 159.3, 148.2, 139.2, 131.7, 129.2, 128.3, 127.4, 127.3, 113.7, 92.8, 80.1, 78.6, 75.9, 74.7, 72.6, 72.0, 70.1, 54.6, 36.7, 32.5, 26.1, 24.3, 20.0, 9.8; IR (neat) 1115 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for $C_{28}H_{37}O_5$ (MH⁺) 453.6406, found 453.6410.



Preparation of (-)-Ketone 13.

Preparation of mixed ketal. *m*-CPBA (0.230 g, 1.44 mmol) was added to a solution of bicycle **8** (0.217 g, 0.48 mmol) and MeOH (16 mL) at -60° C. After warming to rt, the reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃ (sat., 10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 X 15 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 220 mg (92%) of ketal as a colorless oil.

A solution of the mixture of ketals (0.190 g, 0.379 mmol) from above, NaH (45.5 mg, 1.897 mmol), allyl bromide (0.318 mL, 3.79 mmol), tetrabutyl ammonium iodide (ca. 8 mg) and THF (5.4 mL) was heated to reflux for 2 hrs. After cooling to 0°C, the reaction was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat., 15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 160 mg (78%) of allyl ether **11** as a colorless oil.

Preparation of (-)-ketone 13. A solution of **11** (160 mg, 0.296 mmol), PPTS (453 mg, 1.81 mmol), pyridine (0.062 mL, 0.77 mmol) and toluene was heated, first to 100°C for 2 hrs and then to reflux for 1 h. After cooling to rt, the reaction mixture was quenched with NaOH (2 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 20 ml), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 146 mg (97%) of ketone **13** as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$ = -3.70° (c = 0.12, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35-7.25 (m, 7 H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.80-5.72 (m, 1 H), 5.08 (d, *J* = 20.1 Hz, 1 H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 27.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.81 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (s, 2 H), 3.79 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 5.2, 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 1 H), 1.66-1.57 (m, 1 H), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2 H), 1.40 (dd, *J* = 25.1, 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.38 (s, 3 H), 1.19 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.7, 159.1, 138.5, 132.8, 131.1, 129.3, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 119.0, 113.7, 82.9, 80.4, 77.3, 76.3, 74.1, 72.8,

72.5, 70.0, 55.3, 46.6, 39.4, 36.3, 32.2, 26.6, 25.7, 12.1; IR (neat) 1724, 1103 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for $C_{31}H_{41}O_6$ (MH⁺) 509.2903, found 509.2886.



Preparation of C-6 alcohol. DDQ (0.0984 g, 0.434 mmol) was added to a solution of ketone **15** (0.147 g, 0.289 mmol), CH₂Cl₂ (13.9 mL) and H₂O (0.77 mL) at rt. After stirring for 0.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with NaHCO₃ (sat., 5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 20 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 103 mg (92%) of the alcohol as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}=+10.80^{\circ}$ (c = 0.25, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1 H), 5.92-5.84 (m, 1 H), 5.13-5.09 (m, 2 H), 4.44 (s, 2 H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.42-3.35 (m, 3 H), 3.32-3.27 (m, 1 H), 2.70 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.49 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.26 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 7.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.05 (s, 1 H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 1 H), 1.75 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 5.1, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 1.72-1.60 (m, 2 H), 1.57-1.49 (m, 1 H), 1.45 (partially obscured dd, *J* = 24.8, 11.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.41 (s, 3 H), 1.13 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 209.6, 139.4, 133.2, 128.5, 127.6, 118.9, 83.2, 76.5, 76.3, 75.3, 74.1, 73.0, 70.2, 46.8, 39.6, 36.9, 32.6, 26.7, 26.3, 11.4; IR (neat) 3475, 1725, 1101, 1037 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₃₃O₅ (MH⁺) 389.2328, found 389.2327.

Summary of The Assignment of the Absolute Stereochemistry on the C-6 Mosher's Ester of (13):





Inversion of the C-6 alcohol. To a solution of the alcohol from **15** (0.053 g, 0.137 mmol), PPh₃ (0.180 g, 0.684 mmol), 4-nitro-benzoic acid (0.103 g, 0.615 mmol) and toluene (4 mL) at rt was added DEAD (0.108 mL, 0.684 mmol). After stirring for 0.33 h, the reaction was heated to reflux for 30 min and then concentrated. The residue was taken up in MeOH (2 mL), THF (2 mL) and NaOH (0.5 mL of a 5% solution in water) and stirred for 2 hours. The mixture was extracted with ether (5 X 10 ml), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 36.6 mg (70%) of the alcohol as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}=+1.43^{\circ}$ (c = 1.83, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.31-7.28 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.21 (m, 1 H), 5.75-5.67 (m, 1 H), 5.06-5.01 (m, 2 H), 4.43 (s, 2 H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.08-4.03 (m, 1 H), 3.80 (dd, *J* = 2.7, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.42 (ddd, *J* = 15.4, 9.1, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.41 (ddd, *J* = 15.5, 9.1, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.97 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 18.7, 7.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.47 (dd, *J* = 18.7, 12.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.37 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 1.96-1.88 (m, 1 H), 1.86 (ddd, *J* = 14.4, 2.7, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.80-1.71 (m, 1 H), 1.69-1.61 (m, 1 H), 1.58-1.51 (m, 1 H), 1.48-1.42 (m, 1 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H), 0.99

(s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 208.8, 139.2, 132.9, 128.3, 128.0, 127.5, 118.9, 82.7, 74.0, 72.7, 72.3, 71.4, 70.1, 68.8, 46.3, 39.3, 35.5, 32.4, 26.2, 26.2, 16.6; IR (neat) 3539, 1718,1105 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for $C_{23}H_{33}O_5$ (MH⁺) 389.2328, found 389.2335.



Preparation of ketone 15. To a solution of the alcohol from the Mitsunobu protocol (0.036 g, 0.093 mmol), *i*-Pr₂EtN (0.065 mL, 0.37 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) at 0°C was added TMSOTf (0.034 mL, 0.19 mmol) dropwise. After stirring for 1h, the reaction was quenched with NaHCO₃ (sat., 2 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 10 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 37 mg (87%) of ketone **15** as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$ = +9.92° (c = 1.83, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 6.21-6.13 (m, 1 H), 5.10-5.07 (m, 2 H), 4.46-4.43 (m, 1 H), 4.43 (s, 2 H), 4.02 (br s, 1 H), 3.76 (br s, 1 H), 3.46-3.40 (m, 2 H), 2.80 (dd, *J* = 18.9, 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.50 (dd, *J* = 19.1, 11.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.45 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.40 (dd, *J* = 13.5, 6.1 Hz, 1 H), 1.96-1.90 (m, 1 H), 1.79-1.72 (m, 1 H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 1 H), 1.60-1.50 (m, 3 H), 1.46 (s, 3 H), 1.03 (s, 3 H), 0.29 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 209.8, 139.2, 133.5, 128.3, 127.5, 127.3, 118.1, 83.1, 73.3, 72.7, 71.9, 71.6, 70.2, 68.5, 47.0, 39.8, 38.3, 32.5, 26.8, 26.2, 17.5, 0.1; IR (neat) 1731, 1148, 1113 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₂₆H₄₁O₅Si (MH⁺) 461.2723, found 461.2743.



Preparation of (-)-ester 16. To a solution of ketone **15** (0.0367 g, 0.0798 mmol) and EtOH (6 mL) at -60° C was added a solution of NaBH₄ (8 mg, 0.21 mmol) and EtOH (2 ml). The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt over 2 hours. The reaction was

quenched with acetone (1 ml) and the mixture was then concentrated. The resulting residue was taken up in a 1:1 mixture of water and ether (5 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (3 X 5 ml), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated.

Acid 17 (0.124 g, 0.836 mmol), DMAP (0.0045 mg, 0.037 mmol), and DCC (0.181 g, 0.878 mmol) were added to a solution of the residue from the reduction and CH₂Cl₂ (5.8 mL). After 1 h, the reaction mixture was filtered and the filter cake was washed with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 2 ml). The extracts were combined and washed with HCl (0.5 M, 2 mL) and NaHCO₃ (sat., 2 mL), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 43 mg (91%) of ester 16 as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -14.98^{\circ}$ (c = 0.185, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.41 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.32-7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1 H), 6.38-6.30 (m, 1 H), 5.30-5.22 (m, 2 H), 4.44 (s, 2 H), 4.36 (dd, J = 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 4.07 (dd, J = 12.7, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.95-3.91 (m, 1 H), 3.78 (br s, 1 H), 3.45 (ddd, J = 15.1, 9.1, 6.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.43 (ddd, J = 15.1, 1.1)9.1, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.18 (s, 3 H), 2.51 (dd, *J* = 14.1, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.46-2.38 (m, 2 H), 2.37 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.35 (dd, J = 7.1, 21.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.09-1.92 (m, 4 H), 1.83-1.75 (m, 1 H), 1.73-1.64 (m, 2 H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 1 H), 1.50 (dd, J= 2.9, 2.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.47 (dd, J = 2.8, 2.8 Hz, 1 H), 1.43 (s, 3 H), 1.34 (s, 3 H), 0.29 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 171.3, 139.3, 134.7, 128.2, 127.3, 117.3, 103.5, 76.0, 74.6, 73.2, 73.0, 72.7, 72.1, 71.1, 70.2, 52.5, 52.5, 47.1, 38.8, 32.6, 29.4, 27.9, 27.7, 26.3, 23.3, 19.2, 0.2; IR (neat) 1743, 1136,1089 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for $C_{32}H_{53}O_8Si$ (MH⁺) 593.3510, found 593.3502.



Preparation of (+)-**tricycle 18**. The acyclic enol ether from **16** was prepared according to the procedure used for the formation of bicycle **8** using **16** (0.037 g, 0.062 mmol), TiCl₄ (1.16 mL of a 1.0 M solution in CH₂Cl₂, 1.16 mmol), TMEDA (1.05 mL, 6.96 mmol), Zn (0.170 g, 2.61 mmol), PbCl₂ (0.038 g, 0.138 mmol), CH₂Br₂ (0.081 mL, 1.16 mmol), THF (0.612 mL, 6.96 mmol), and CH₂Cl₂ (10.8 mL).

To a solution of acyclic enol ether from above and hexanes (6 ml) in a dry box was added molybdenum catalyst **9** (0.0106 g, 0.0138 mmol). After the reaction mixture was sealed, it was removed from the box and placed in a 60°C bath for 16 hours. After exposure to air and concentration, flash chromatography (20:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 27.2 mg (77%, 2 steps) of tricycle **18** as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ = +9.09° (c = 0.15, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.20 (m, 1 H), 4.49 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 5.7, 5.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.43 (s, 2 H), 4.02-3.99 (m, 1 H), 4.01 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (br s, 1 H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.48-3.41 (m, 2 H), 3.25 (s, 3 H), 3.24 (s, 3 H), 2.38 (d, *J* = 15.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 7.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.24 (ddd, *J* = 11.3, 3.6, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.10 (dd, *J* = 23.9, 12.1 Hz, 1 H), 2.06-1.94 (m, 4 H), 1.85-1.56 (m, 5 H), 1.52-1.48 (m, 1 H), 1.40 (s, 3 H), 1.36 (s, 3 H), 0.31 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 154.2, 139.3, 128.2, 127.4, 127.3, 103.8, 95.2, 78.5, 75.6, 73.6, 72.7, 72.5, 72.1, 71.8, 70.3, 52.0, 52.0, 39.1, 39.0, 32.6, 30.3, 28.9, 27.3, 26.3, 20.5, 19.8, 0.41; IR (neat) 1678, 1142, 1095, 1060 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₃₁H₅₁O₇Si (MH⁺) 563.3404, found 563.3380.



Preparation of (-)-**alcohol 20**. To a solution of **18** (0.009 g, 0.16 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) at -60°C was added dimethyl dioxirane (0.24 mL of a 0.1 M solution in acetone, 0.24 mmol) dropwise. The reaction was warmed to 0°C and concentrated. After taking the residue up in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and cooling to -60°C, DIBAL (0.032 mL of a 1.0 M solution in hexane, 0.032 mmol) was added. After stirring for 10 min, the reaction was quenched with HCl (0.5 M) and the resulting mixture was allowed to warm to rt. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 X5 ml), dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (3:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 6.4 mg (69%) of alcohol **20** as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$ = -23.09° (c = 0.210, THF); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.41 (d, *J*= 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.27 (m, 2 H), 7.23-7.20 (partially obscured m, 1 H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.02 (dd, *J* = 12.2, 3.7 Hz, 1 H), 4.04-4.00 (m, 1 H), 3.78 (br s, 1 H), 3.47 (ddd, *J* = 17.0, 9.1, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.44 (ddd, *J* = 16.9,

9.1, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 3.35 (br s, 1 H), 3.29 (s, 3 H), 3.28 (s, 3 H), 3.15 (dd, J = 12.1, 3.1 Hz, 1 H), 3.15-3.11 (partially obscured m, 1 H), 2.22-1.93 (m, 6 H), 1.87-1.78 (m, 2 H), 1.72-1.57 (m, 3 H), 1.50 (ddd, J = 11.4, 2.7, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.50-1.47 (partially obscured m, 2 H), 1.35 (s, 3 H), 1.30 (s, 3 H), 0.35 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 139.3, 128.1, 127.9, 127.7, 104.6, 83.8, 81.5, 75.4, 73.8, 73.8, 73.5, 72.7, 72.1, 70.3, 69.6, 52.2, 51.9, 48.1, 39.1, 32.7, 28.7, 27.5, 27.5, 26.3, 21.5, 20.9, 0.5; IR (neat) 3445, 1136, 1101, 1072 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₃₁H₅₃O₈Si (MH⁺) 581.3510, found 581.3509.



Preparation of (+)-tetracycle 21. A solution of 20 (0.0044 g, 0.0076 mmol), PPTS (0.0116 g, 0.0462 mmol), pyridine (1.6 mL, 0.0197 mmol) and chlorobenzene were heated to reflux for 16 hrs. The reaction was then cooled to rt and quenched with NaHCO₃ (1 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 X 5 mL), dried (Na_2SO_4) , and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10:1 hexanes/ethyl acetate) afforded 3.2 mg (95%) of tetracycle **21** as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = +29.94^{\circ}$ (c = 0.155, THF); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, $C_6 D_6$) δ 7.29 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.18-7.15 (m, 2 H), 7.10-7.08 (m, 1 H), 6.25 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.42 (ddd, J = 5.7, 5.7, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.31 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (ddd, J = 11.6, 7.7, 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 3.78 (dd, J = 12.2, 3.6 Hz, 1 H), 3.66 (br s, 1 H), 3.48 (ddd, J = 10.6, 10.6, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 3.34-3.27 (m, 3 H), 2.95 (dd, J = 12.0, 3.4 Hz, 1 H),2.55 (s, 1 H), 2.17 (dd, J = 11.4, 5.3 Hz, 1 H), 2.13 (dd, J = 5.5, 5.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.04-1.99 (m, 2 H), 1.85 (dd, J = 23.8, 11.9 Hz, 1 H), 1.83-1.77 (m, 1 H), 1.74 (ddd, J = 14.6, 2.7, 2.7 Hz, 1 H), 1.69-1.62 (m, 1 H), 1.58-1.40 (m, 4 H), 139.5, 1.13 (s, 3 H), 1.10 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (150 MHz, $C_6 D_6$) δ 143.9, 128.3, 128.1, 127.5, 127.3, 98.6, 82.0, 77.2, 76.1, 74.7, 74.6, 73.7, 72.7, 71.1, 70.2, 43.4, 35.8, 32.6, 27.6, 27.4, 26.2, 21.1, 20.2; IR (neat) 1650, 1187, 1107, 1062 cm⁻¹; HRMS calcd for C₂₆H₃₇O₆ (MH⁺) 445.2590, found 445.2589.



Summary of COSY spectrum for 21.

- 1. Protons at 3.30 ppm (C-1) show cross peaks with protons at 1.80, 1.66 ppm (C-2).
- 2. Protons at 1.80, 1.66 ppm (C-2) show cross peaks with protons at 1.55 ppm (C-3)
- 3. Protons at 1.55 ppm (C-3) show cross peaks with protons at 3.89 ppm (C-4).
- 4. Protons at 3.89 ppm (C-4) show cross peaks with protons at 1.72, 1.48 ppm (C-5).
- 5. Protons at 1.72, 1.48 ppm (C-5) show cross peaks with protons at 3.66 ppm (C-6).
- 6. Protons at 3.78 ppm (C-8) show cross peaks with protons at 2.11, 1.87 ppm (C-9).
- Protons at 2.11, 1.87 ppm (C-1) show cross peaks with protons at 2.95 ppm (C-10).
- Protons at 1.43, 2.17 ppm (C-12) show cross peaks with protons at 3.48 ppm (C-13).
- 9. Protons at 3.48 ppm (C-13) show cross peaks with protons at 3.32 ppm (C-14).
- 10. Protons at 3.32 ppm (C-14) show cross peaks with protons at 2.13, 1.99 ppm (C-15).
- 11. Protons at 2.13, 1.99 ppm (C-15) show cross peaks with protons at 4.42 ppm (C-16).
- 12. Protons at 4.42 ppm (C-16) show cross peaks with protons at 6.25 ppm (C-17).



Summary of 1D nOe difference experiments for 21.

- 1. Irradiation at 3.89 ppm (C-4) resulted in enhancement at 3.78 (C-8).
- 2. Irradiation at 3.78 ppm (C-8) resulted in enhancement at 3.89 ppm (C-4), 2.95 ppm (C-10), 2.55 ppm (OH).
- 3. Irradiation at 3.66 ppm (C-6) resulted in enhancement at 1.13 ppm (C-19).
- 4. Irradiation at 3.48 ppm (C-13) resulted in enhancement at 1.09 ppm (C-18).
- Irradiation at 2.95 ppm (C-10) resulted in enhancement at 3.78 ppm (C-8), 3.32 ppm (C-14).



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