# Supporting Information 

# Total Synthesis of Muricadienin, the Putative Key Precursor in the Solamin Biosynthesis 

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## I. Materials and Methods

All reagents were used as purchased from commercial suppliers. Solvents were purified by conventional methods prior to use. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using Machery-Nagel pre-coated TLC-sheets ALUGRAM Xtra SIL $G / \mathrm{UV}_{254}$ and visualized with potassium permanganate $\left[\left(2.4 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{KMnO}_{4}, 16 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}, 4 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{NaOH}(5 \%), 196 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right.$ ] or ceric ammonium molybdate [(phosphomolybdic acid $\quad(5 \mathrm{~g}), \quad \mathrm{Ce}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \quad(2 \mathrm{~g}), \quad \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ conc $\quad(12 \mathrm{~mL}), \quad \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \quad(188 \mathrm{~mL})$ ]. Chromatographic purification was per-formed as flash chromatography on Fluka silica gel 60 (particle size $0.040-0.063 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). Yields refer to chromatographically purified and spectroscopically pure compounds. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker F-300 (operating at 300 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and 75 MHz for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ acquisitions), a Bruker AV-40o (operating at 400 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and 100 MHz for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ acquisitions), a Bruker DRX-500 (operating at 500 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and 125 MHz for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ acquisitions) or a Bruker AV-6oo (operating at 600 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and 150 MHz for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ acquisitions). Chemical shifts $\delta$ are reported in ppm with the solvent resonance as the internal standard: chloroform-di: $7.26\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}\right), 77.16\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}\right)$. Coupling constants $J$ are given in Hertz (Hz). Multiplicities are classified as follows: s = singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ doublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{q}=$ quartet and combinations thereof, or $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet or $\mathrm{br}=$ broad signal. Two-dimensional NMR (H-COSY, HSQC, HMBC) were used for the assignment of all compounds. Assignment of every single carbon atom of long alkyl chains was not always possible due to overlap of signals in ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra (compounds 4, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23). High resolution mass spectra were obtained on an Agilent 6224 ESI-TOF. EI mass spectra were obtained on a Thermo Fisher ISQ mass spectrometer EI LT Large Turbo (low resolution). IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ALPHA FT-IR Platinum ATR. Absorbance frequencies $\tilde{v}$ are reported in reciprocal centimeters $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$. Optical rotation data were measured with a Krüss Optronic P8ooo at 598 nm using a 100 mm path-length cell in the solvent, at the concentration and temperature indicated. Melting Points were measured with a Büchi Melting Point $\mathrm{M}-565$ and are uncorrected. All compounds were named according to IUPAC rules. For simplicity, the numbering of the carbon atoms of a given structure does not follow IUPAC rules.

## II. Characterization Data of all Compounds

## Heptadec-1-en-4-yne (15)



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1-Tetradecyne (16) ( $1.94 \mathrm{~g}, 2.46 \mathrm{~mL}$, 10.0 mmol , 1.00 equiv.) in $\mathrm{THF}_{\text {abs }}$ ( 20 mL ) was cooled to $\mathrm{o}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. $n$-Butyl-lithium ( 1.6 M in hexane, 9.40 mL , $15.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.50$ equiv.) was added slowly and the yellowish solution stirred for 1 h with warming to rt. 3 -Bromopropene ( $3.63 \mathrm{~g}, 2.60 \mathrm{~mL}, 30.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 3.00$ equiv.) and TBAI ( 369 mg , 1.00 mmol , o. 10 equiv.) were added and the reaction mixture was heated to $80{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After complete conversion brine ( 15 mL ) was added and the solution extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was co-distilled with toluene to remove excess of 3-bromopropene. Flash chromatography ( $100 \%$ hexanes) of the residue gave the title compound 15 ( $2.11 \mathrm{~g}, 90 \%$ ) as a colourless liquid.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=5.83(\mathrm{ddt}, J=16.8,10.4,5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 5.34-5.29(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1 \mathrm{a}), 5.11-$ 5.08 (m, 1H, H-1b), 2.95 - 2.93 (m, 2H, H-3), 2.18 (tt, $J=7.1,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6$ ), $1.53-1.47$ (m, 2H, H-7), 1.39 $-1.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-8), 1.31-1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-9-\mathrm{H}-16), 0.88(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-17) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{N M R}(75 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=133.6(\mathrm{C}-2), 115.7(\mathrm{C}-1), 83.1(\mathrm{C}-5), 76.6(\mathrm{C}-4), 32.1,29.8,29.8,29.8,29.7,29.5,29.3,29.2,29.1$, 23.3 (C-3), 22.9, 18.9 (C-6), 14.3 (C-17) ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=3086,2922,2853,1642,1465,1421,1401,1378$, 1331, 1284, 1110, 989, 913, 721, $558 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (EI) m/z $=234[\mathrm{M}]^{+}, 219\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right]^{+}, 205\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right]^{+}, 163[\mathrm{M}-$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right]^{+}, 149\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{13}\right]^{+}, 135\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{15}\right]^{+}, 121\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{17}\right]^{+}, 107\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{19}\right]^{+}, 93\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{21}\right]^{+}, 79[\mathrm{M}-$ $\left.\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{23}\right]^{+}$.

## Heptadec-4-yn-1-ol (13)



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9-BBN-dimer ${ }^{1}$ ( $2.99 \mathrm{~g}, 12.3 \mathrm{mmol}$, 0.49 equiv.) was added under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$-atmosphere to enyne $\mathbf{1 5}$ ( 5.86 g , 25.0 mmol , 1.00 equiv.). The reaction mixture was warmed to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 min (until all solids had been dissolved) and subsequently stirred at rt for 4 hours, before adding THF ( 50 mL ), 2 N NaOH ( 75 mL , 150 mmol , 6.00 equiv.) and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\left(30 \%, 12.8 \mathrm{~mL}, 125 \mathrm{mmol}, 5.00\right.$ equiv.) at $\mathrm{o}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to rt overnight under vigorous stirring. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were washed with brine ( 75 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography ( $100 \%$ hexanes to $10 \%$ ethyl acetate in hexanes) of the residue gave alcohol 13 ( 4.80 g , $78 \%$, borsm $91 \%$ ) as a colourless solid ( $17 \%$ starting material reisolated).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (300 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=3.76(\mathrm{t}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 2.28(\mathrm{tt}, J=6.8,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 2.13(\mathrm{tt}, J=$ $7.1,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6), 1.78-1.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 1.63$ (br s, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{OH}$ ), 1.52 - 1.40 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-7$ ), 1.39 - 1.32 (m, 2H, H-8), 1.31 - 1.24 ( $\mathrm{m}, 16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-9-\mathrm{H}-16$ ), 0.87 ( $\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-17$ ) ppm; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=81.3$ (C-5), 79.4 (C-4), 62.3 (C-1), 32.1 (C-2), 31.8 (C-15), 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 22.8 (C-16), 18.9 (C-6), 15.6 (C-3), 14.2 (C-17) ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=3252,2954,2918,2849,1729,1460,1335$, 1284, 1177, 1052, 999, 912, $724 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{O}\right]^{+}$: 253.2526, found: 253.2528; m.p.: $31-33^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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## 1-Bromoheptadec-4-yne (14)



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$\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ( $973 \mathrm{mg}, 3.71 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.30$ equiv.) was added to a solution of alcohol 13 ( $78 \mathrm{omg}, 3.10 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.00$ equiv.) in $\mathrm{THF}_{\text {abs }}(7 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. NBS ( $605 \mathrm{mg}, 3.40 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.20$ equiv.) was added and the clear light yellow solution was stirred for 4 h with warming to rt . The reaction was quenched with $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{\mathrm{aq}}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. Filtration over a short plug of silica gel (100 \% hexanes) gave bromide 14 ( $961 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \%$ ) as a colourless oil.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=3.52(\mathrm{t}, J=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1), 2.34(\mathrm{tt}, J=6.7,2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 2.13(\mathrm{tt}, J=$ 7.1, $2.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6$ ), 2.04 - 1.98 (m, 2H, H-2), 1.49 - 1.45 (m, 2H, H-7), 1.37 - 1.35 (m, 2H, H-8), 1.31 - 1.24 ( $\mathrm{m}, 16 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-9-\mathrm{H}-16$ ), o. $88\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-17\right.$ ) ppm; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) : $\delta=81.8(\mathrm{C}-5), 78.0$ (C-4), 32.7 (C-1), 32.1 (C-2), 32.1 (C-15), 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 29.0, 22.8 (C-16), 18.9 (C-6), 17.7 (C-3), 14.3 (C-17) ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{V}=2922,2852,1465,1433,1377,1350,1331,1272,1247,1205,1169,982$, 961, 854, 721, 652, 566, $511 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; MS (EI) m/z $=314[\mathrm{M}]^{+}, 271\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7}\right]^{+}, 235[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{Br}]^{+}, 215\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{15}\right]^{+}$, $207\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{Br}\right]^{+}, 201\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{17}\right]^{+}, 187\left[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{19}\right]^{+}$.

## Heptadec-4-yn-1-yltriphenylphosphonium bromide (12)


$\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\left(3.70 \mathrm{~g}, 14.1 \mathrm{mmol}\right.$, 1.20 equiv.) was added to bromide 14 ( 3.70 g , 11.7 mmol , 1.00 equiv.) under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere in the absence of any solvent. The mixture was heated to $140{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred at this temperature overnight. After cooling to rt the crude reaction mixture was diluted with small amounts of chloroform and added dropwise to diethyl ether. The colourless precipitate was filtered off and the purification procedure was repeated. The title compound $12(6.76 \mathrm{~g}$, quant.) was isolated as a colourless foam after drying at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in vacuo overnight.
${ }^{1}{ }^{1}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.88-7.74(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 7.73-7.63(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}), 3.97-3.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-1)$, $2.61-2.49(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3), 2.09(\mathrm{tt}, J=7.0,2.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-6), 1.89-1.77(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 1.46-1.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-$ 7), $1.35-1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.24-1.19(\mathrm{~m}, 14 \mathrm{H}), 0.86(\mathrm{t}, J=6.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-17) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=135.2(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-21), 133.8(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-19), 130.6(\mathrm{~d}, J=12.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-20), 118.3\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{P}}=86.1\right.$ $\mathrm{Hz}, \mathrm{C}-18$ ), 82.5 (C-5), 78.2 (C-4), 32.0 (C-15), 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.2, 29.1, 29.1, 22.7 (C-16), 22.6 (d, $J=3.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-2$ ), $21.7(\mathrm{~d}, J=51.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-1), 19.7(\mathrm{~d}, J=18.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-3), 18.8(\mathrm{C}-6), 14.2(\mathrm{C}-17) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{31} \mathbf{P}$ NMR ( $162 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=24.2 \mathrm{ppm}$; IR (ATR): $\tilde{V}=3409,3054,3008,2922,2852,1621,1587,1485,1465,1437$, 1339, 1190, 1162, 1111, 996, 924, 815, 723, 690, 639, 616, 537, 508, $49 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{P}\right]^{+}: 497 \cdot 3332$, found: 497.3330.

## Methyl 13-Oxotridecanoate (10)



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Methyl 13-Oxotridecanoate (10) was synthesized according to a literature procedure ${ }^{2}$. The analytical data were identical to those reported by Ducho and coworkers ${ }^{2}$.

## (Z)-Methyl triacont-13-en-17-ynoate (17)



Phosphonium salt 12 ( $4.28 \mathrm{~g}, 7.41 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.00 equiv.) was added to a solution of NaHMDS ( 2 M in THF, 4.08 mL , 8.15 mmol , 1.10 equiv.) in $\mathrm{THF}_{\text {abs }}$ ( 30 mL ). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 30 min and aldehyde 10 ( $1.98 \mathrm{~g}, 8.15 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.10 equiv.), dissolved in $\mathrm{THF}_{\text {abs }}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$, was added slowly to the orange solution at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred 1 h at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ before warming to rt. After complete conversion ( 4 h ) the reaction was quenched with water ( 25 mL ) and extracted with diethyl ether ( $3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography ( $2 \%$ ethyl acetate in hexanes) of the residue gave methyl ester $\mathbf{1 7}^{3}$ ( $2.42 \mathrm{~g}, 71 \%$ ) as a slightly yellow oil.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) : $\delta=5.47-5.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-13, \mathrm{H}-14)$, $3.66(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-31), 2.30(\mathrm{t}, J=7.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, H-2), 2.24 - 2.19 ( $\mathrm{m}, 4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15$ ), 2.19 - 2.15 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-16$ ), 2.15 - 2.10 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-19$ ), 2.06 - 1.99 (m, 2H, H-12), $1.64-1.59$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3$ ), $1.50-1.43$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2 \mathrm{O}$ ), $1.40-1.29$ (m, 4H), $1.32-1.25$ ( $\mathrm{m}, 30 \mathrm{H}$ ), o. 88 $(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3 \mathrm{o}) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $125 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=174.5(\mathrm{C}-1), 131.3$ (C-13), 128.2 (C-14), 8 o .6 (C-18), 79.9 (C-17), 51.6 (C-31), 34.3 (C-2), 32.1 (C-28), 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 29.3, 29.0, 27.5, 27.2, 25.1 (C-3), 22.8 (C-29), 19.4 (C-16), 18.9 (C-19), 14.3 (C-30) ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=3006,2922,2852,1742,1464,1435,1361,1333,1246,1195,1169,1107,1010,879,721 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ : calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{57} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]^{+}: 461.4353$, found: 461.4361 , calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{56} \mathrm{NaO}_{2}\right]^{+}: 483.4173$, found: 483.4178 , calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{60} \mathrm{NO}_{2}\right]^{+}: 478.4619$, found: 478.4626 .

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## (Z)-Triacont-13-en-17-ynoic acid (18)



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$\mathrm{KOH}_{\mathrm{aq}}$ (sat., 5 mL ) was added to a stirred solution of 17 ( $1.38 \mathrm{~g}, 3.00 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.00 equiv.) in $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{THF}$ (2:1, 15 mL ). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h . After complete conversion of the starting material the reaction was acidified with a solution of $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{KHSO}_{4}$. After extraction with diethyl ether ( 3 x 10 mL ) the combined organic phases were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. Fatty acid 18 was obtained as a pale yellow solid ( 1.37 g , quant.).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) : $\delta=5.49-5.31(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-13, \mathrm{H}-14), 2.35(\mathrm{t}, J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-2), 2.29-2.08$ (m, 6H, H-15, H-16, H-19), 2.06-1.99 (m, 2H, H-12), 1.69 - 1.57 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-3$ ), 1.53 - 1.41 ( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-20$ ), 1.41 - $1.33(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.33-1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-30) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=179.4(\mathrm{C}-1), 131.3$ (C-13), 128.2 (C-14), 80.7 (C-18), 79.9 (C-17), 34.1 (C-2), 32.1 (C-28), 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 27.5, 27.3, 24.8 (C-3), 22.8 (C-29), 19.4 (C16), 18.9 (C-19), 14.3 (C-30) ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=3011,2953,2916,2848,1708,1460,1433,1332,1309,1286$, 1261, 1233, 1209, 1188, 1108, 912, 723, 707, 630, $591 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. HRMS (ESI) m/z: calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{55} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]^{+}$: 447.4197, found: 447.4195, calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{54} \mathrm{NaO}_{2}\right]^{+}: 469.4016$, found: 469.3986 ; mp: $50-53^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## (S)-Ethyl 2-acetoxypropanoate (19)



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Acetyl chloride ( 10.7 mL , $150 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.50$ equiv.) was slowly added to a solution of (S)-ethyl lactate ( $\mathbf{9}$ ) ( $11.8 \mathrm{~g}, 11.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 100 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.00$ equiv.) in $\mathrm{DCM}_{\mathrm{abs}}\left(50 \mathrm{~mL}\right.$ ) at $\mathrm{o}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was stirred overnight with slow warming to rt. After complete conversion the reaction was quenched with $\mathrm{MeOH}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ and stirred for 10 min . Brine ( 30 mL ) was added and the phases were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. Vacuum distillation ( $13 \mathrm{mbar}, 68-72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) gave the title compound 19 ( $12.2 \mathrm{~g}, 76 \%$ ) as a colourless liquid.

The analytical data were identical to those reported in reference 4.

## (S)-4-Hydroxy-5-methylfuran-2(5H)-one (8)



Butenolide 8 was synthesized according to a literature procedure. ${ }^{4}$
The analytical data were identical to those reported in reference 4 .

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## (S,Z)-4-Hydroxy-5-methyl-3-(triacont-13-en-17-yn-1-yl)furan-2(5H)-one ${ }^{5}$ (21)



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DIPEA ( $2.01 \mathrm{~mL}, 11.8 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.10 equiv.) was added to a suspension of butenolide $8(1.35 \mathrm{~g}, 11.8 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.10 equiv.), fatty acid 18 ( 4.8 og , 10.7 mmol , 1.00 equiv.), 4-DMAP ( $394 \mathrm{mg}, 3.22 \mathrm{mmol}$, o. 30 equiv.), and DCC ( $2.66 \mathrm{~g}, 12.9 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.20$ equiv.) in DCM ( 50 mL ) at $\mathrm{o}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight with warming to rt. The yellow solution was filtered and the solid was washed with diethyl ether. The filtrate was concentrated and the residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with a solution of $1 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HCl}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and brine ( 30 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and concentrated under reduced pressure. In order to remove residual urea derivative, the mixture was dissolved in diethyl ether, filtrated and concentrated in vacuo to yield a brownish solid that was directly used in the subsequent reduction step. To this end, the crude product was dissolved in acetic acid ( 30 mL ) and $\mathrm{NaBH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\left(1.35 \mathrm{~g}, 21.4 \mathrm{mmol}\right.$, 2.00 equiv.) was slowly added at $10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight with warming to rt and then poured into a solution of $1 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HCl}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate ( $3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ and brine ( 15 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and concentrated in vacuo ( $3 \times$ co-destillation with toluene to remove acetic acid). The title compound 21 ( $5.56 \mathrm{~g}, 98 \%$ ) was obtained in analytically pure form as a colourless solid.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=-1.70\left(0.30, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (300 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=5.50-5.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15, \mathrm{H}-16), 4.81(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=$ $6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-34$ ), 2.23 - 1.98 (m, 10H, H-3, H-14, H-17, H-18, H-21), 1.52 - 1.42 (m, 7H, H-22, H-35), $1.40-$ $1.32(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.32-1.24(\mathrm{~m}, 32 \mathrm{H})$, o. $88(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-32) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=175.9$ (C-33), 175.6 (C-1), 131.3 (C-15), 128.2 (C-16), 101.7 (C-2), 80.7 (C-20), 79.9 (C-19), 74.7 (C-34), 32.1 (C-30), 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 29.1, 28.1, 27.5, 27.3, 22.8 (C-31), 21.4 (C-3), 19.4 (C-18), 18.9 (C-21), 18.0 (C-35), 14.3 (C-32) ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=3011,2953,2915,2847,1707$, 1624, 1466, 1403, 1368, 1345, 1312, 1296, 1280, 1261, 1245, 1224, 1110, 1082, 1054, 974, 824, 779, 722, 693, 666, 641, 613, $599 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{61} \mathrm{O}_{3}\right]^{+}: 529.4615$, found: 529.4617 , calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{60} \mathrm{NaO}_{3}\right]^{+}: 551.4435$, found: $551.4435 ; \mathbf{m p}: 65-68{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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## (S,Z)-2-Methyl-5-oxo-4-(triacont-13-en-17-yn-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (22)



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DIPEA ( 3.00 mL , 17.0 mmol , 1.50 equiv.) was added to a stirred solution of 21 ( $6.00 \mathrm{~g}, 11.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.00$ equiv.) in $\mathrm{DCM}_{\text {abs }}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$ at rt . The solution was cooled to $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{Tf}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3.84 \mathrm{~g}, 2.30 \mathrm{~mL}, 13.6 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.20 equiv.) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h . After complete conversion DCM $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with a solution of $1 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HCl}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic phases were washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( 100 mL ), brine ( 100 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and filtrated. The solvents were removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography (5 \% ethyl acetate in hexanes) of the residue gave triflate 22 ( 7.59 g , quant.) as a pale yellow oil.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+32.4\left(1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathbf{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=5.47-5.35(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15, \mathrm{H}-16), 5.11(\mathrm{q}, J=6.7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-34$ ), 2.36 - $2.28(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.24$ - $2.11(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 2.05$ - $2.01(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.57-1.53(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.44$ (m, 2H), 1.39 - 1.33 (m, 4H), $1.33-1.28(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.28-1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H})$, o. $88(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-32) \mathrm{ppm} ;$ ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=169.3(\mathrm{C}-1)$, $163.5(\mathrm{C}-33)$, 131.3 (C-15), 128.2 (C-16), 122.1 (C-2), 118.6 (q, $J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}}$ $=321.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-36$ ), 80.6 (C-20), 79.9 (C-19), 74.6 (C-34), 32.1 (C-30), 29.9, 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 29.3, 29.0, 27.5, 27.3, 26.8, 22.8 (C-31), 19.4 (C-18), 18.9 (C-21), 17.9 (C-35), 14.3 (C-32) ppm; ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $188 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-72.9 \mathrm{ppm}$; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=2923,2853,1780,1735,1699,1434,1379$, 1339, 1218, 1136, 1105, 1066, 936, 891, 806, 764, 722, 603, 534, $509 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{60} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{~S}\right]^{+}: 661.4108$, found: 661.4112.

## (S)-2-Methyl-5-oxo-4-((13Z,17Z)-triaconta-13,17-dien-1-yl)-2,5-dihydrofuran-3-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (23)



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Lindlar catalyst ( $195 \mathrm{mg}, 0.09 \mathrm{mmol}, 5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$, 0.05 equiv.) and quinoline ( $0.22 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.83 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.00$ equiv.) were added to a stirred solution of alkyne 22 ( $1.21 \mathrm{~g}, 1.83 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.00$ equiv.) in $\mathrm{MeOH}_{\mathrm{abs}}$. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h under $\mathrm{H}_{2}$-atmosphere ( 1 atm ). After complete conversion of the starting material the mixture was filtrated over a short plug of Celite and silica gel, washed with ethyl acetate and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography (5 \% ethyl acetate in hexanes) of the residue gave $Z, Z$-diene 23 ( $1.18 \mathrm{~g}, 98 \%)$ as a colourless oil.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+25.2\left(1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=5.42-5.32(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-15, \mathrm{H}-16, \mathrm{H}-19, \mathrm{H}-2 \mathrm{O})$, $5.11(\mathrm{q}, J=6.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-34), 2.36-2.29(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.11-1.97(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}), 1.58-1.52(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.35-1.28(\mathrm{~m}$, 12 H ), 1.28 - $1.24(\mathrm{~m}, 26 \mathrm{H})$, o. $88(\mathrm{t}, J=7.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-32) \mathrm{ppm} ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=169.2(\mathrm{C}-1)$, $163.5(\mathrm{C}-33)$, $130.5\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {sp2 }} \mathrm{H}\right)$, $130.5\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {sp2 }} \mathrm{H}\right), 129.3\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{sp} 2} \mathrm{H}\right)$, $129.3\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {sp2 }} \mathrm{H}\right)$, $122.1(\mathrm{C}-2)$, $118.6\left(\mathrm{q}, J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{F}}=321.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{C}-\right.$ 36), 74.6 (C-34), 32.1 (C-30), 29.9, 29.9, 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 27.6, 27.4, 27.4, 26.8, 22.8, 22.8 (C-31), 17.9 (C-35), 14.3 (C-32) ppm; ${ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $188 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=-72.9$ ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=3007,2923,2853,1781,1737,1699,1434,1378,1340,1322,1218,1137,1104,1066,936,806$, $764,722,603,535,509 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{61} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NaO}_{5} \mathrm{~S}\right]^{+}: 685.4084$, found: 685.4093; calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{65} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{5} \mathrm{~S}\right]^{+}: 680.4530$, found: 680.4529 .

## (S)-5-Methyl-3-((13Z,17Z)-triaconta-13,17-dien-1-yl)furan-2(5H)-one (4)


$\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{dba})_{3}$ ( 4.12 mg , o. $0045 \mathrm{mmol} 1.5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$, o. 015 equiv.) and $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$ ( $11.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.045 \mathrm{mmol}, 15.0 \mathrm{~mol} \%$, 0.15 equiv.) were dissolved in $\mathrm{THF}_{\mathrm{abs}}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$. After stirring for 5 min at rt triflate 23 ( $199 \mathrm{mg}, 0.30 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.00 equiv.) and $\mathrm{Bu}_{3} \mathrm{SnH}(243 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.90 \mathrm{mmol}, 3.00$ equiv.) were added to the orange solution. The mixture was heated to $50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred at this temperature for 5 hours. After complete conversion of the starting material the reaction was cooled to rt, diluted with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3 \mathrm{~mL})$ and extracted with diethyl ether ( $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic phases were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, filtrated and the solvents were removed under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography ( $2 \%$ ethyl acetate in hexanes to $5 \%$ ethyl acetate in hexanes) of the residue gave (+)-muricadienin (4) (140 mg, $91 \%$ ) as a colourless waxy solid.
$[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}{ }^{22}=+13.5\left(1.0, \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=6.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-33), 5.46-5.27(\mathrm{~m}$, 4H, H-15, H-16, H-19, H-20), 4.99 (qd, $J=6.8,1.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-34$ ), 2.29 - 2.22 (m, 2H), $2.14-1.92$ (m, 8H), $1.56-1.50(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}-35), 1.38-1.29(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{oH}), 1.26(\mathrm{~s}, 28 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{H}-32$ ) ppm; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=174.0(\mathrm{C}-1), 148.9$ (C-33), 134.5 (C-2), $130.5\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {sp2 }} \mathrm{H}\right.$ ), 130.5 $\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {sp } 2} \mathrm{H}\right), 129.3\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {sp } 2} \mathrm{H}\right), 129.3\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {sp } 2} \mathrm{H}\right)$, 77.5 (C-34), 32.1 (C-30), 29.9, 29.9, 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 27.6, 27.4, 25.3, 22.8 (C-31), 19.4 (C-35), 14.3 (C-32) ppm; IR (ATR): $\tilde{v}=3005,2921,2852,1757,1655$, 1463, 1373, 1317, 1197, 1119, 1075, 1026, 966, 857, 782, 721, 639, 611, $504 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; HRMS (ESI) m/z: calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]^{+}$: 515.4823, found: 515.4824; calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{62} \mathrm{NaO}_{2}\right]^{+}: 537.4642$, found: 537.4642, calculated for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{66} \mathrm{NO}_{2}\right]^{+}: 532.5088$, found: 532.5089 .
III. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR Spectra of all Compounds







$\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 150 \mathrm{MHz}$
















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