# De Novo Asymmetric Synthesis of Milbemycin $\beta_{3}$ via an Iterative 

## Asymmetric Hydration Approach

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## General Methods and Materials:

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were recorded on a 600 MHz or a 270 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported relative to $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(\delta 7.24 \mathrm{ppm})$ for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}(\delta 77.23 \mathrm{ppm})$ for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR. Infrared (IR) spectra were obtained on a FT-IR spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured with a digital polarimeter in the solvent specified. Melting points were uncorrected. Flash chromatography was performed using the indicated solvent system on silica gel 60 (60-200 mesh). Diethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran (THF), methylene chloride $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$, and triethylamine $\left(\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}\right)$ were dried by passing through activated alumina columns with argon gas pressure. $\mathrm{R}_{f}$ values were obtained by elution in the stated solvent ( $\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ). Commercial reagents were used without purification unless otherwise noted. Air- and moisture-sensitive reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of argon using oven-dried glassware and standard syringe/septa techniques.

## 6-(4-Methoxy-phenoxy)-hex-1-yne (A).



To a solution of 5-hexyn-1-ol $11(0.196 \mathrm{~g}, 2.00 \mathrm{mmol})$ in benzene $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, containing $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}(0.630 \mathrm{~g}, 2.40 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $p$-methoxyphenol ( $0.40 \mathrm{~g}, 3.22 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), was added DEAD $(0.418 \mathrm{~g}, 0.240 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at $10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 2 h before the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was triturated with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ and filtered to remove $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}=\mathrm{O}$. After removal of the solution, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:19 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to afford PMP ether A ( $0.38 \mathrm{~g}, 92 \%$ ) as a white solid: m.p. $=56-58{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(30 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes $)=0.72$; $\mathrm{IR}\left(\right.$ thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3293$, 2952, 1508, 1230, 1039, 825; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 6.80(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 3.91(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.24(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.2,2.4 \mathrm{HZ}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{t}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.86(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.69$
( $\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}$ ) ; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 154.0,153.4,115.7,114.9,84.4,68.8,68.2,56.0$, 28.6, 25.3, 18.4; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2}+\mathrm{Na}^{+}\right.$: 227.1048, Found: 227.1042.

## Ethyl 7-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-hept-2-ynoate (12).



To a solution of alkyne $\mathbf{A}(2.4 \mathrm{~g}, 11.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was added $n-\mathrm{BuLi}$ ( $5.2 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.5 \mathrm{M}$ in $n$-hexane, 13.0 mmol ) dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 1 h . Then, ethylchloroformate ( $1.46 \mathrm{~mL}, 15.3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and the mixture was stirred for 1 h . The reaction mixture was warmed to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 15 min . The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( 2 x 50 mL ). The organic layer was washed with brine ( 20 ml ) and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvent in in vacuo, the residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:9 EtOAc/hexane) on silica gel to afford ethyl heptynoate $\mathbf{1 2}(3.1 \mathrm{~g}, 95 \%)$ as a light yellow oil: $\mathrm{R}_{f}(30 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes $)=0.6$; $\mathrm{IR}\left(\right.$ thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 2943,2872,2234$, 1706, 1508, 1249, 1230, 1070, 825; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 6.83(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.22(\mathrm{q}, \mathrm{J}=$ $7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.93(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.42(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.78$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.31(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 154.0,153.9,153.2,115.6$, 114.8, 88.9, 73.7, 67.9, 61.9, 55.9, 28.6, 24.4, 18.6, 14.2; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{4}+\right.$ $\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 299.1259$, Found: 299.1258.

Ethyl 7-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-hept-2,4-dienoate (10).


Into a 100 mL round bottom flask were added ynoate $12(3.1 \mathrm{~g}, 11.2 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{P}(2.94 \mathrm{~g}$, $11.2 \mathrm{mmol})$, phenol ( $1.06 \mathrm{~g}, 11.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and benzene ( 20 mL ). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h . The solution was diluted with ether ( 50 mL ) and $1 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{NaOH}(50$ $\mathrm{mL})$. The layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed (water, brine), dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$, and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in ether ( 100 mL ) and MeI ( $4.8 \mathrm{~g}, 33.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the solution. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 12 h . The solution was filtered, concentrated, and purified by flash chromatography (1:9 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give ethyl dienoate $10(3.0 \mathrm{~g}, 97 \%)$ as light yellow oil: $\mathrm{R}_{f}(20 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.42$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2983, 2937, 1707, 1643, 1506, 1227, 1137, 1037, 999, 824; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.28(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.83(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.29(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.20(\mathrm{dt}, J$ $=15.0,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.21(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.00(\mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.63(\mathrm{dt}, J=12.6,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.30(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (150 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 167.2,154.2,153.0,144.6,139.6,130.5,120.4,115.8,114.8,67.5,60.4,55.8$, 33.1, 14.4; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{4}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}:$299.1259, Found: 299.1258.

## Ethyl (4R,5R)-7-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-4,5-dihydroxy-hept-2-enoate (B).



Into a 250 mL round bottom flask were added 60 mL of $t-\mathrm{BuOH}, 60 \mathrm{~mL}$ of water, $\mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}$ $(11.80 \mathrm{~g}, 35.8 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(4.94 \mathrm{~g}, 35.8 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{MeSO}_{2} \mathrm{NH}_{2}(1.14 \mathrm{~g}, 11.9 \mathrm{mmol})$,
(DHQD) $)_{2}$-PHAL ( $140 \mathrm{mg}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{OsO}_{4}(30.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.119 \mathrm{mmol})$. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 15 minutes and then cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. To this solution was added dienoate $10(3.3 \mathrm{~g}, 11.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ and the reaction was stirred vigorously at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium sulfite $(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature. Ethyl acetate ( 100 mL ) was added to the reaction mixture, and after separation of the layers, the aqueous phase was further extracted with the ethyl acetate ( $2 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with 2 N KOH ( 20 mL ) and brine to remove the methanesulfonamide, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (3:7 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded diol B as a white solid (3.2 g, 86\%): m.p. $=80-82{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+22\left(c 1.0, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(50 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=$ 0.32; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3428,2956,1709,1509,1230,1038,826 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 6.99(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.17(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.24$ (br, 1H), $4.21(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.11(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.88(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.78(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.02$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.30(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.4,154.4,152.7$, 146.7, $122.9,115.8,115.0,74.2,72.3,66.3,60.8,56.0,55.9,32.8,14.4$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{6}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 333.1314$, Found: 333.1314.

## Ethyl (4R,5R)-3-\{[5-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-oxo-[1,3]dioxolan-4-yl\} acrylate (13).



Into a 250 mL round-bottom flask were placed $1.84 \mathrm{~g}(5.93 \mathrm{mmol})$ of diol $\mathbf{B}, 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, pyridine ( $2.34 \mathrm{~g}, 29.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and DMAP ( 10 mg ). The solution was cooled to -78 and triphosgene $(1.23 \mathrm{~g}, 4.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 20 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added slowly with an addition funnel. The reaction was stirred and warmed to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in 2 h and quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(40 \mathrm{~mL})$. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $3 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated
aqueous sodium bicarbonate ( 30 mL ), brine ( 25 mL ), and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (1:9 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded carbonate 13 as a colorless oil ( $1.92 \mathrm{~g}, 96 \%$ ): $[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{25}+47$ (c 1.1, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(40 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.57$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2939, 2836, 1802, 1718, 1508, $1228,1169,1032,826 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 6.89(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.83$ $(\mathrm{m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.20(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.06(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.0,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.23(\mathrm{q}, ~ J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.06-4.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.26(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ) ; ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 165.1,154.6,153.6,152.3,139.3,125.1,115.6$, $115.0,80.1,79.2,63.8,61.2,55.9,33.2,14.3$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{7}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 359.1107, Found: 359.1107.

Ethyl (5S)-7-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-5-hydroxy-2-heptenoate (14).


Into a 100 mL round bottomed flask maintained under argon were added $\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{dba})_{3} \cdot \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(29$ $\mathrm{mg}, 0.028 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{PPh}_{3}(7.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.029 \mathrm{mmol})$, THF ( 20 mL ) and carbonate $13(1.92 \mathrm{~g}, 5.7$ mmol). Triethylamine ( $2 \mathrm{~mL}, 14.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{HCO}_{2} \mathrm{H}(1 \mathrm{~mL}, 26.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature until the color of the solution turned black. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate ( 20 mL ). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( 2 x 50 mL ). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine ( 20 mL ) and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (2:8 EtOAc/hexanes) provided alcohol 14 as a yellow oil ( $1.56 \mathrm{~g}, 93 \%$ ): $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}-3.0\left(c 1.2, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(40 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=$ 0.41; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3459, 2940, 2836, 1716, 1655, 1508, 1228, 1038, $825 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.00(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.0,7.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.83$ (m, 4H), 5.92 (dd, $J=15.6$, $1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.19(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.13(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.60(\mathrm{~d}, J=$
$3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.44(\mathrm{dd}, J=6.6,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.93(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 166.5,154.3,152.9,145.0,124.2,115.7,114.9,69.0,66.6,60.5,55.9$, $40.4,36.3,14.4$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{5}+\mathrm{Na}^{+}: 317.1365\right.$, Found: 317.1365 .

Ethyl 2-\{(2R,4R,6R)-6-[(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-4-yl\} acetate (15).


To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{1 4}(1.56,5.3 \mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 50 mL ) at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ were added benzaldehyde ( $0.54 \mathrm{ml}, 5.3 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), followed $t$-BuOK ( $59.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.53 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The solution was stirred for 15 min . The addition of benzaldehyde $/ t-\mathrm{BuOK}$ was repeated 3 more times and the reaction was quenched with 50 mL of pH 7 phosphate buffer. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $3 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed, dried over anhydrous $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (1:9 EtOAc/hexanes) to produce benzylidene protected diol $15(1.29 \mathrm{~g}, 61 \%)$ as colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+33\left(c 1.2, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}$ $(30 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes $)=0.46$; IR $\left(\right.$ thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 2916,1734,1508,1231,1027,826,700$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.86(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.36$ (dddd, $J=13.2,6.6,6.6,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.19(\mathrm{q}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.16(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.07$ (dddd, $J=$ $10.8,5.4,5.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.75 (dd, $J=15.0,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 2.55 (dd, $J=15.0$, $6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.07(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.80(\mathrm{ddd}, J=13.2,2.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(\mathrm{ddd}, J=12.6,12.0$, $12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 170.9,154.0,153.3$, $138.6,128.8,128.3,126.2,115.7,114.9,100.8,73.6,73.4,64.6,60.8,55.9,41.2,36.8,35.9$, 14.4; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{O}_{6}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 423.1784$, Found: 423.1784.

## $N$-Methoxy- $N$-methyl- 2-\{(2R,4R,6R)-6-[(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-phenyl-

## 1,3-dioxan-4-yl\}acetamide (16).



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89\%


Into a 100 mL round bottomed flask maintained under argon were added ester $\mathbf{1 5}(1.29 \mathrm{~g}, 3.2$ mmol ), $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}$-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride ( $0.56 \mathrm{~g}, 5.7 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and THF ( 30 mL ). The reaction mixture was cooled to $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ using $\mathrm{NaCl} /$ ice bath. To the reaction mixture was added 2 M solution of isopropylmagnesium chloride in ether ( $5.8 \mathrm{ml}, 11.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) dropwise over 30 min . The reaction mixture was stirred at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30 min and quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with brine ( 25 mL ) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (3:7 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded Weinreb amide $\mathbf{1 6}$ as a colorless oil ( $1.19 \mathrm{~g}, 89 \%$ ): $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+48\left(c 1.4, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(60 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.46$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2937, 1660, 1508, 1230, 1111, 1027, 826, 701; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.49(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.43$ (dddd, $J=13.2,6.6,6.6,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.06(\mathrm{dddd}, J=11.4,5.4,5.4,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.21(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.00(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.58(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.88$ (ddd, $J=12.6,2.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(\mathrm{ddd}, J=12.6,11.4,11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 150 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 171.5,154.0,153.3,138.8,128.8,128.3,126.3,115.7,114.9,100.9,73.7,64.7$, 61.6, 56.0, 38.4, 37.2, 36.0, 32.2, 31.1; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{NO}_{6}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 438.1893, Found: 438.1893.

## Dimethyl 3-\{(2R,4R,6R)-6-[(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-

## 4-yl\}-2-oxopropyl phosphonate (8).



A solution of dimethyl methylphosphonate ( $1.42 \mathrm{~g}, 11.4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in THF $(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon. To this solution was added $n$-BuLi $(4.6 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.5 \mathrm{M}$ in $n$-hexane, $11.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ dropwise and the mixture was stirred for 1 h . A solution of amide $16(1.19 \mathrm{~g}, 2.86$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ in THF ( 1 mL ) was added via cannula. The solution was stirred at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h . The reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with $\operatorname{EtOAc}(2 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with brine ( 25 mL ) and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (7:3 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded ketophosphonate 8 as a colorless oil ( $1.15 \mathrm{~g}, 84 \%$ ): $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+24.4$ ( $c$ $\left.0.75, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(100 \% \mathrm{EtOAc})=0.38$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2955, 1717, 1508, 1231, 1025, 827, 701; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.84(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.57(\mathrm{~s}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.40$ (dddd, $J=12.6,7.2,7.2,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.14$ (m, 2H), 4.05 (dddd, $J=13.2,5.4,5.4$, $1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.78(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.17(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 3.03 (dd, $J=16.8,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.81(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.04(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.77$ (ddd, $J=$ 13.2, 2.4, $2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 1.51 (ddd, $J=13.2,11.4,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 199.8,199.7,154.1,153.2,138.5,128.9,128.4,126.2,115.7,114.9,100.8,73.6,72.9,64.6$, $56.0,53.3,53.2,53.1,49.9,42.9,42.1,36.7,35.9$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{31} \mathrm{O}_{8} \mathrm{P}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 501.1654, Found: 501.1656.

## (3E,5Z)-1-\{(2R,4R,6R)-6-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-

## 4-yl\}-5-methylhepta-3,5-dien-2-one (7).



To a solution of ketophophonate $8(3.1 \mathrm{~g}, 6.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 2-propanol $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was added $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(2.1 \mathrm{~g}, 6.4 \mathrm{mmol})$. The slurry was stirred for 5 min before angelaldehyde ( 1.09 $\mathrm{g}, 13.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added. The cloudy white reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with ether ( 20 mL ) and saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( 2 x 50 mL ). The combined organic layers were washed with brine ( 25 mL ), dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to an oil. Flash chromatography on silica gel (1:9 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded dienone 7 as a colorless oil ( $2.3 \mathrm{~g}, 82 \%$ ): $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+42$ (c 0.5 , $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(30 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.55$; IR (thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 2916,2872,1683,1631,1656$, $1588,1507,1229,1125,1015,825,699 ;{ }^{1}{ }^{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.35 (m, 3H), $6.86(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.91(\mathrm{q}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, 1H), $5.61(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.45$ (dddd, $J=13.2,6.6,6.0,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.16(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.07$ (dddd, $J=$ $10.8,5.4,5.4,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.12(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.79(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.06(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.87(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.86(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(\mathrm{ddd}, J=12.6,11.4,11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}),{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (150 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 198.4,154.0,153.2,139.5,138.7,135.6,132.0,128.8,128.3,126.7$, 126.2, 115.7,114.8, 100.7, 73.7, 73.6, 64.6, 55.9, 46.9, 37.2, 35.9, 20.1, 14.0; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{O}_{5}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 459.2148$, Found: 459.2150.

## (E,5S,6R)-1-\{(2R,4R,6R)-6-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-phenyl-1,3-

 dioxan-4-yl\}-5,6-dihydroxy-5-methylhept-3-en-2-one (17).

Into a 100 mL round bottom flask were added 10 mL of $t-\mathrm{BuOH}, 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ of water, $\mathrm{K}_{3} \mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{CN})_{6}$ $(1.11 \mathrm{~g}, 3.37 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(0.46 \mathrm{~g}, 3.37 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(0.3 \mathrm{~g}, 3.37 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{MeSO}_{2} \mathrm{NH}_{2}$ $(0.213 \mathrm{~g}, 1.12 \mathrm{mmol})$, (DHQD) ${ }_{2}$-PHAL ( $26.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.036 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and $\mathrm{OsO}_{4}(5.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.024$ $\mathrm{mmol})$. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 15 minutes and then cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. To this solution was added dienone $7(0.49 \mathrm{~g}, 1.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ and the reaction was stirred vigorously at $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 5 h . The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium sulfite $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. Ethyl acetate $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to the reaction mixture, and after separation of the layers, the aqueous phase was further extracted with ethyl acetate ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (4:6 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded starting material dienone $7(0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 30 \%)$ and diol $17(0.31 \mathrm{~g}, 58 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+37\left(c 1.3, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(80 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.44$; IR (thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3452,2934$, $1665,1628,1508,1230,1017,826,700 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.46(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.33$ $(\mathrm{m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.43(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.57(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.02(\mathrm{br}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.41$ (dddd, $J=$ $13.2,6.0,6.0,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.13(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.05(\mathrm{dddd}, J=11.4,6.0,6.0,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.67(\mathrm{q}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.07(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.6,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.71(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $2.36(\mathrm{br}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.80(\mathrm{ddd}, J=13.2,2.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.53(\mathrm{ddd}, J=12.6,11.4$, $11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.12(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ 198.1, $154.0,153.2,149.0,138.6,129.4,128.9,128.3,126.2,115.7,114.9,100.8,75.6,73.9,73.7$, $73.4,64.6,55.9,46.8,37.0,35.9,24.4,18.2$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{O}_{7}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 493.2202, Found: 493.2204.
(4S,5R)-4-\{(E)-4-[(2R,4R,6R)-6-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-4-yl]-3-oxobut-1-enyl\}-4,5-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one (C).


Into a 50 mL round-bottom flask were placed $0.46 \mathrm{~g}(0.98 \mathrm{mmol})$ of diol $17,10 \mathrm{~mL}$ of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, pyridine ( $0.39 \mathrm{~g}, 4.9 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), and DMAP ( 2 mg ). The solution was cooled to -78 and triphosgene ( $0.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.67 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in 2 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred and warmed to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in 2 h and quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate ( 10 mL ), brine ( 20 mL ), and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (2:8 EtOAc/hexanes) afforded carbonate $\mathbf{C}$ as a colorless oil ( $0.47 \mathrm{~g}, 98 \%$ ): $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+49\left(c 1.5, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(60 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.65$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2951, 2877, 1802, 1701, 1677, 1636, 1508, 1347, 1230, 1004, 827, 701; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.45(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.63$ (d, $J=15.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.57(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.53$ (q, $J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.41$ (dddd, $J=13.2$, $6.6,6.6,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.06(\mathrm{dddd}, J=10.8,6.0,6.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $3.04(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.71(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.80(\mathrm{ddd}, J=$ $12.6,1.8,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.56(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.55(\mathrm{ddd}, J=12.0,11.4,11.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.24(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (150 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ 196.7, 154.0, 153.3, 153.2, 140.4, 138.5, 130.1, 128.9, 128.4, 126.2, 115.7, 114.9, 100.8, 84.4, 81.9, 73.6, 73.3, 64.5, 55.9, 47.8, 37.0, 35.9, 24.4, 16.0; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{O}_{8}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 519.1995$, Found: 519.1997.

## (E,5S,6R)-1-\{(2R,4R,6R)-6-[2-(4-Methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-2-phenyl-1,3-dioxan-

## 4-yl\}-6-dihydroxy-5-methylhept-3-en-2-one (6).



Into a 10 mL round bottomed flask maintained under argon were added $\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{dba})_{3} \cdot \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ $(2.48 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0024 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{PPh}_{3}(0.63 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0024 \mathrm{mmol})$, THF ( 3 mL ) and carbonate $\mathbf{C}(0.12 \mathrm{~g}$, $0.24 \mathrm{mmol})$. Triethylamine ( $167 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{HCO}_{2} \mathrm{H}(45 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added and the mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature until the color of the solution turned black. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate ( 20 mL ). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine ( 20 mL ) and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (2:8 EtOAc/hexanes) provided alcohol 6 as a yellow oil $(90 \mathrm{mg}, 83 \%):[\alpha]^{25}+8\left(c 1.0, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(60 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.53$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3448, 2963, 2931, 1665, 1624, 1508, 1230, 1027, 826, 700; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.47(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=16.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 5.58 (s, 1H), 4.41 (dddd, $J=13.2,8.4,6.6,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.06$ (dddd, $J=10.8$, $6.0,6.0,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.72(\mathrm{dq}, J=6.0,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.71(\mathrm{dd}, J=16.2,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.34(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.82(\mathrm{ddd}, J=13.2,2.4,1.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.53(\mathrm{ddd}, J=13.2,11.4,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.48(\mathrm{br}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.09$ $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 198.0,154.0,153.3,149.8,138.7$, 131.7, $128.9,128.3,126.3,115.7,114.9,100.8,73.7,73.5,71.0,64.6,56.0,55.9,64.2,44.5,37.2$, 36.0, 21.0, 15.8; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{O}_{6}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 477.2253$, Found: 477.2255.
(2S,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-Hydroxy-8,9-dimethyl-2-[2-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-1,7dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane (19).


To a solution of alcohol $6(0.63 \mathrm{~g}, 1.38 \mathrm{mmol})$ in methanol ( 15 mL ) was added palladium on carbon $(10 \%, 0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$. The reaction mixture was stirred under $\mathrm{H}_{2}(1 \mathrm{~atm})$ for 12 h . Ethyl ether ( 20 ml ) was added and the mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (2:8 EtOAc/hexanes) provided spiroketal 19 as a colorless solid ( $0.45 \mathrm{~g}, 92 \%$ ): m.p. $=86-88^{\circ} \mathrm{C} ;[\alpha]^{25} \mathrm{D}+67(c 0.8$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(40 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.5$; IR (thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3510,2930,1509,1231,1086$, 1041; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 6.83(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.26(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=10.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.25(\mathrm{dddd}, J=$ $12.0,9.6,3.0,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.16$ (dddd, $J=13.8,10.2,9.6,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 4.08 (ddd, $J=9.0$, $3.0,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.02(\mathrm{ddd}, J=9.0,5.4,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.25(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.2,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.85(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.60(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.49(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.06(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.05(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 154.0,153.4,115.3,114.9$, 98.2, 72.0, 65.6, 64.1, 60.1, 56.0, 40.4, 38.7, 36.3, 35.8, 35.6, 27.6, 19.7, 17.6; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{5}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 373.1992$, Found: 373.1991.
(2S,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-[(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)-oxy]-8,9-dimethyl-2-[2-(4-methoxy-phenoxy)-ethyl]-1,7-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane (D).


Imidazole ( $0.12 \mathrm{~g}, 1.76 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\operatorname{TBDPSCl}(0.22 \mathrm{~g}, 0.80 \mathrm{mmol})$ were added to a solution of alcohol $19(0.20 \mathrm{~g}, 0.57 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DMF $(6 \mathrm{ml})$. After stirring at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 12 h , the mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ether ( 20 mL ) and water ( 10 mL ). The organic layer was separated, washed with brine and dried $\left(\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)$. After removal of the solvents in vacuo, flash chromatography on silica gel (1:19 EtOAc/hexanes) yielded TBDPS ether $\mathbf{D}(0.32 \mathrm{~g}, 94 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+32\left(c 2.4, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(10 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)$ $=0.42$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3049, 2951, 2928, 1508, 1230, 1089, 822, 701; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.72(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.52$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.16(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.05(\mathrm{ddd}, J=11.2,5.4,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.31(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.2$, $6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.88(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.61(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.42-1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.36$ (ddd, $J=14.4,12.0,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.29(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.13(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.12(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.64$ $(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 153.9,153.5,136.3,136.1,134.9,134.8$, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.5, 115.4, 114.8, 96.3, 71.3, 66.1 64.6, 60.2, 56.0, 41.8, 38.9, 36.8, 36.5, 35.7, 28.2, 27.2, 19.8, 19.5, 18.0; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{36} \mathrm{H}_{48} \mathrm{O}_{5} \mathrm{Si}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 611.3169$, Found: 611.3172.

## (2R,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-[(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)-oxy]- 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-8,9-dimethyl-

 1,7-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane (E).


To a solution of $\mathbf{D}(0.32 \mathrm{~g}, 0.54 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(5: 1)(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was added ceric ammonium nitrate ( $0.60 \mathrm{~g}, 1.09 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). After 10 min the mixture was diluted with EtOAc ( 50 mL ), washed with brine ( 20 mL ), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:9 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give the expected product alcohol $\mathbf{E}(0.25 \mathrm{~g}, 96 \%)$ as a yellow oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+28\left(c 2.4, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(30 \%$

EtOAc/hexanes) $=0.54$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3452, 3072, 2929, 2858, 1428, 1073, 701; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.77(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.68(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.43(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.37(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.43(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.43(\mathrm{dq}, J=9.6,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.92(\mathrm{br}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.86(\mathrm{ddd}, \mathrm{J}=$ $13.8,2.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.38-1.55(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 1.27(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 1.09(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.88(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 136.3,136.0$, 134.7, 134.6, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.6, 96.7, 71.8, 65.7, 65.4, 62.1, 41.6, 38.7, 37.7, 36.5 (2C), 28.3, 27.2, 19.9, 19.5, 18.2; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Si}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 505.2750$, Found: 505.2752.

## 2-\{(2S,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-[(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)-oxy]-8,9-dimethyl-1,7-dioxaspiro [5.5]undecyl\}-ethanal (4).



To a solution of alcohol $\mathbf{E}(0.25 \mathrm{~g}, 0.52 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ at room temperature was added Dess-Martin periodinane ( $0.44 \mathrm{~g}, 1.04 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The resulting mixture was stirred for 3 h before being quenched with saturated $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The mixture was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:19 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give the expected product aldehyde $4(0.23 \mathrm{~g}, 92 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+43\left(c 1.3, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(20 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes $)=0.62$; IR (thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ 3048, 2956, 2929, 2858, 1729, 1428, 1083, 702; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 9.85(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $3.0,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.67(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.72(\mathrm{dddd}, J=$ $13.2,9.0,4.2,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.10$ (dddd, $J=6.6,6.0,3.0,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.2,6.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.50(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.6,9.0,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.40(\mathrm{ddd}, J=15.6,4.2,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.85$ (ddd, $J=14.4,2.4,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.59(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.47(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 1.38(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.23$
$(\mathrm{d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.08(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta$ $201.8,136.3,136.0,134.6,134.5,129.8,129.6,127.8,127.6,96.6,71.9,65.6,60.2,49.6$, $41.4,38.5,36.7,36.6,27.9,27.1,19.9,19.4,18.2$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Si}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 503.2594, Found: 503.2586.
(2R)-1-\{(2R,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-[(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)-oxy]-8,9-dimethyl-1,7-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecyl\}-3-methylbut-3-en-2-ol (20).


To 20 mL of ether at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon was added $t$-BuLi ( 1.5 M in pentane, 15.6 mL , 23.4 $\mathrm{mmol})$ followed by addition of neat 2-propenyl bromide ( $1.04 \mathrm{ml}, 11.76 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The reaction mixture was stirred at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h before being transferred via cannula to another flask which was charged with $\mathrm{CuCN}(0.525 \mathrm{~g}, 5.86 \mathrm{mmol})$ in ether $(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under argon. The resulting mixture was stirred for 20 min at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then warmed to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred until all the CuCN dissolved. The solution was recooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and neat benzaldehyde ( $100 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added. After 10 min , aldehyde $4(0.94 \mathrm{~g}, 1.96 \mathrm{mmol})$ in ether ( 3 mL ) was added dropwise. After 10 min , the solution was warmed to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 100 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and the combined organic layers were washed with $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{OH}$ and brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:19 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give the expected product alcohol $20(0.80 \mathrm{~g}, 78 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+31\left(c 1.5, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(20 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.59 ;$ IR $\left(\right.$ thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ $3436,3071,2928,2858,1450,1428,1378,1111,1076,701 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta$ $7.75(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.08(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.50$ (dddd, $J=13.2,10.8,9.0,4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.30(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.09$ (dddd, $J=6.6,6.6,4.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.52$
(dq, $J=9.6,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.14(\mathrm{~d}, ~ J=4.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.74(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.73(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.45-1.54(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.40(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.06(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 147.4,136.3,136.0$, 134.7, 134.6, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.6, 110.7, 96.8, 72.9, 71.7, 65.8, 62.3, 41.7, 40.0, 38.4, 36.7, 36.6, 28.3, 27.1, 19.7, 19.4, 18.9, 18.3; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Si}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}$: 545.3063, Found: 545.3065.
(2R) -2-(Allyloxy)-1-\{(2R,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-[(tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)-oxy]-8,9-dimethyl-1,7-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecyl\}-3-methylbut-3-ene (21).


A $30 \%$ suspension of KH in mineral oil ( 77 mg , equivalent to ca. 0.58 mmol of active hydride) was washed three times under argon with dry ether. Dry THF ( 2 mL ) was then added, followed by addition of 18-crown-6 ( 1 mg ) and a solution of alcohol $20(0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 0.29 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry THF ( 1 mL ). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 10 min . Allyl bromide ( $52 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.58 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was then added dropwise, followed by tetrabutylammonium iodide ( 1 mg ). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h before being quenched with careful addition of water ( 5 mL ). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:19 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give the allyl etherl $21(0.16 \mathrm{~g}, 99 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+40\left(c 1.0, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(10 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes) $=0.56$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 3072, 2951, 2927, 1428, 1106, 1071, 701; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.75(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.66(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.38(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.92$ (dddd, $J=17.4,16.2,10.8,5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.28(\mathrm{ddd}, J=17.4,3.0,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.13$ (ddd, $J=$ $10.2,3.0,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.88(\mathrm{dd}, J=1.8,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.39$ (dddd, $J=13.2,12.0$,
$3.0,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.06(\mathrm{dddd}, J=6.6,6.6,3.0,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.98(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.2,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 3.94 (dddd, $J=12.6,5.4,1.8,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.69$ (dddd, $J=12.0,5.4,1.8,1.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.43$ (dq, $J=9.6,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.80(\mathrm{ddd}, J=13.8,2.4,2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.69(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1,67(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.42-1.57(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.8,3.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.18(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.06(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 145.5,136.4,136.1$, $135.2,135.0,134.8,129.6,129.5,127.7,127.5,116.4,113.2,96.2,80.1,71.3,69.4,66.1$, $60.5,41.8,41.5,39.3,36.9,36.7,28.3,27.2,19.9,19.5,18.4,16.9$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{50} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Si}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 585.3376$, Found: 585.3380.
(5R)-1-\{(2R,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-[(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl)-oxy]-8,9-dimethyl-1,7-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecan-2-yl\}-3,5-dimethyl-2(E)-hexen-6-al (2).


A solution of $\left[\left({ }^{c} \mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{14}\right)_{2} \mathrm{IrCl}\right]_{2}(1.27 \mathrm{mg}, 1.4 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ and $\mathrm{PCy}_{3}(2.39 \mathrm{mg}, 8.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ $(0.1 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to a solution of $\mathrm{NaBPh}_{4}(0.97 \mathrm{mg}, 2.8 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in 1,2-DCE/acetone (25:1) $(2 \mathrm{~mL})$. The resulting yellow solution was stirred for 5 min at room temperature. Allyl ether $21(80 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 1,2-DCE ( 1 mL ) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min before the addition of $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}(2.23 \mathrm{mg}, 8.5 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$. The resulting solution was heated at reflux $\left(83^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ for 24 h . Evaporating the solvent provided the crude aldehyde product that was used in the subsequent reaction without purification. For characterization purposes, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:19 ether/hexanes) on florisil to give the aldehyde $2(66 \mathrm{mg}, 83 \%)$ as a yellow oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+24$ (c $0.9, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ); $\mathrm{R}_{f}(15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.66$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3071,2928,1728,1428$, 1377, 1105, 1073, 991, 701; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 600 MHz , Acetone-d $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $9.61(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.79 $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.70(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.44(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.36(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=7.8,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.20$ (dddd,
$J=12.6,9.0,6.6,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.15(\mathrm{dddd}, J=6.0,6.0,3.0,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.48(\mathrm{dq}, J=9.6$, $6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.21(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.08(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 150 MHz, Acetone- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ ) $\delta 206.7,137.5,137.3,136.0,135.9,134.9,131.2$, 131.0, 129.1, 129.0, 125.1, 97.5, 72.5, 67.7, 65.3, 45.9, 45.6, 42.8, 42.2, 39.6, 38.1, 35.8, 29.4, 28.1, 20.8, 20.5, 19.0, 17.0, 14.2; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{50} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Si}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 585.3376$, Found: 585.3368.

## 1-Bromo-4-methoxy-3-methylbenzene (F). ${ }^{1}$



To a stirred solution of 2-methylanisol $5(3.67 \mathrm{~g}, 30.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ at rt was added NBS ( $5.87 \mathrm{~g}, 33.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). After 1 h , the solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in ether ( 100 mL ). The organic layer was washed with water ( 100 mL ), brine ( 20 mL ) and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was recrystallized from hexane/ether to give bromide $\mathbf{F}(5.7 \mathrm{~g}, 95 \%)$ as a white solid: m.p. $=$ $66-68{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $270 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 6.67(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.79(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $68 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 156.9,133.2,129.4,129.0,112.4,111.5,55.5,16.2$.

## 4-Methoxy-3-methylbenzoic acid (G). ${ }^{2}$



[^0]To a mixture of magnesium turnings ( $6.7 \mathrm{~g}, 0.28 \mathrm{~mol}$ ), THF ( 300 mL ), 1,2-dibromoethane ( 0.5 mL ) was added a solution of bromide $\mathbf{F}(50 \mathrm{~g}, 0.25 \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 100 mL ) slowly. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 5 h under argon. Then the Grignard reagent was added to dry ice ( $\sim 500 \mathrm{~g}$ ) over 1 h . When the addition was completed, the mixture was warmed to rt and water ( 500 mL ) was added. The solution was acidified with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}(2 \mathrm{M})$ to $\mathrm{pH}=2$. The solution was extracted with $\operatorname{AcOEt}(500 \mathrm{~mL} x 2)$. The organic layers were washed with water $(200 \mathrm{~mL})$, brine $(200 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. After removal of the solvent in vacuo, the residue was recrystallized from AcOEt/hexane (1:1) to give acid $\mathbf{G}$ (39.2 g, $95 \%$ ) as a white solid: m.p. $=194-196{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 270 MHz, DMSO-d $)_{6}$ ) $7.80(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=$ 8.7, $2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.73(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.45(\mathrm{br}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 2.17 (s, 3H); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 68 MHz, DMSO-d $_{6}$ ) $\delta 167.8,161.5,132.0,129.8,126.2,122.9$, 110.4, 56.1, 16.5.

## 4,5-Dihydro-2-(4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl)-4,4-dimethyloxazole (H). ${ }^{3}$



Following the procedure reported by Smith et al., acid G (121 g, 0.73 mol ) was converted into oxazoline $\mathbf{H}(144 \mathrm{~g}, 90 \%):{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.72(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.70$ (dd, $J=8.4,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.76(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.03(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.81(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.33(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 162.2,160.3,130.7,127.5,126.8,120.1,109.4$, 79.1, 67.5, 55.5, 28.6, 16.1.

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## 3-Ethenyl-5-methoxy-3,6-dimethyl-1(3H)-isobenzofuranone (I).



Following the procedure reported by Smith et al., oxazoline $\mathbf{H}$ was transformed to lactone I (43\%): ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.56(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.67(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.99$ (dd, $J=16.8,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 5.37(\mathrm{~d}, J=17.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.22(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.68(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 169.9,163.3,153.8,138.5,129.3,127.2,117.0,115.4$, 102.0, 85.8, 56.0, 25.4, 16.7.

## Methyl 2-[3-(diphenylphosphinyl)-1-propenyl]-4-methoxy-5-methyl-(E)-benzoate (3).



Following the procedure reported by Smith et al., lactone I was converted into phosphine oxide $3^{4}(36 \%)$ : ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.62(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.49(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.30$ (s, 1H), $5.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.4,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.75(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.0,7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.14(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 1.84(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 167.3,160.4,147.0,146.9$, $143.4,143.3,133.6,132.9,132.9,132.0,131.9,131.3,131.2,128.8,128.7,125.3,120.0$, $115.8,115.8,111.6,111.6,55.6,51.8,31.7,31.2,19.2,19.2,15.8$.

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## Methyl 2-\{(5R)-9-[(2R,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-[(tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)-oxy]-8,9-

dimethyl-1,7-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecan-2-yl]-1,5,7-trimethyl-1(E),3(E),7(E)-nonatrien-1-yl \}-4-methoxy-5-methylbenzoate (23).


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To a solution of phosphine oxide $\mathbf{3}(158 \mathrm{mg}, 364 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 2 mL ) under argon at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was added sodium hexamethyldisilazide in THF ( $2 \mathrm{M}, 0.16 \mathrm{~mL}, 320 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ). After 10 min , aldehyde $2(66 \mathrm{mg}, 117 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 1 mL ) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 min before warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1 h . The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:9 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give the expected product dien 23 (81 $\mathrm{mg}, 89 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}+19\left(c 0.8, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(15 \% \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes $)=0.55$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2954, 2928, 1718, 1607, 1560, 1428, 1257, 1152, 1104, 907, 730. $701 ;{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.74(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.65(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.39(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.32(\mathrm{~m}$, 4H), $6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.34(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.0,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.66(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $15.0,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.24(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.15(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $3.79(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.43(\mathrm{dq}, J=10.8,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.43(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.19(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.08$ (ddd, $J=13.8,4.8,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.90(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.6,8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.81(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.34-1.59(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.05(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.98(\mathrm{~d}$, $J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.83(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 168.0,160.4,147.5$, $141.1,137.5,136.3,136.1,135.1,134.9,134.8,132.9,129.6$, 129.5, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, $125.1,124.6,123.0,120.8,111.2,96.4,71.3,66.2,64.3,55.7,51.9,47.7,41.8,38.5,36.8$, 36.7, 35.2, 34.7, 28.1, 27.1, 19.9, 19.8, 19.5, 19.0, 18.3, 16.6, 15.9; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{49} \mathrm{H}_{66} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{Si}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 801.4526$, Found: 801.4517.

## Methyl 2-\{(5R)-9-[(2R,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-hydroxy-8,9-dimethyl-1,7-dioxaspiro

[5.5]undecan-2-yl]-1,5,7-trimethyl-1(E),3(E),7(E)-nonatrien-1-yl\}-4-methoxy-5-methylbe nzoate (K).


To a solution of TBDPS ether 23 ( $81 \mathrm{mg}, 104 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in THF ( 5 mL ) under argon was added TBAF ( 1 M in THF, 1 ml ). The mixture was warmed to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 24 h . The reaction was cooled to room temperature and quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ (10 $\mathrm{mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (15:85 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give the expected product alcohol $\mathbf{K}(53 \mathrm{mg}, 95 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+19\left(c 0.95, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(30 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes $)=0.58 ; \operatorname{IR}\left(\operatorname{thin}\right.$ film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3510,2953,2926,1721,1607,1561,1500,1435$, 1327, 1556, 1151, 1039, $965 ;{ }^{1}{ }^{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.62(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.31$ (dd, $J=15.0,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.62(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.0,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.21$ (dd, $J=7.2,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.00(\mathrm{dddd}, J=9.6,9.6,3.0,3.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.84(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.83$ (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dq, $J=9.6,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.41(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.23$ (m, $1 \mathrm{H}), 2.17(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.11(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.90(\mathrm{dd}, J=13.2,8.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.78(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 1.60(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.35-1.59(\mathrm{~m}, 7 \mathrm{H}), 1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.96(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 168.0,160.4,147.5,140.9$, $137.5,135.4,132.9,127.6,125.1,124.7,122.4,122.4,120.7,111.2,98.3,71.1,65.6,64.4$, $55.7,51.9,47.8,40.4,38.2,36.5,35.9,35.2,34.6,27.5,20.0,19.8,19.0,18.1,16.6,15.9$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{49} \mathrm{O}_{6}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 563.3349$, Found: 563.3340.

## 2-\{(5R)-9-[(2R,4R,6R,8R,9S)-4-Hydroxy-8,9-dimethyl-1,7-dioxaspiro

## [5.5]undecan-2-yl]-1,5,7-trimethyl-1(E),3(E),7(E)-nonatrien-1-yl\}-4-methoxy-5-methylbe

 nzoic acid (L).

To a solution of ester $\mathbf{K}(53 \mathrm{mg}, 98 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in THF ( 1 mL ) under argon was added methanol ( 2 mL ) and $\mathrm{LiOH}(1.5 \mathrm{M}, 1 \mathrm{~mL})$. The mixture was heated to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for 24 h . The resulting solution was cooled to room temperature and acidified to PH 2 by using $\mathrm{HCl}(1 \mathrm{M})$ solution. The solution was extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 50 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography ( $4: 6 \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ hexanes) on silica gel to give the expected product acid $\mathbf{L}(40 \mathrm{mg}, 78 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+28\left(c \quad 1.3, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(40 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes) $=0.37$; IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) $3478,3100(\mathrm{br}), 2928,1686,1606,1560,1446$, 1381, 1249, 1154, 1039, 908, 730; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.70(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $6.29(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.0,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.57(\mathrm{dd}, J=15.0,7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $5.18(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.09(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.84(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.38(\mathrm{dq}, J=9.0,6.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.44(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.24(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.06(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.96(\mathrm{dd}, J=$ $13.2,6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.81(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.61(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.50-1.59(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 1.44(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.23(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.99(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (150 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 160.4,147.5,140.6,136.9,135.5,133.2,127.6,124.9,124.8$, $121.8,120.3,110.8,98.1,72.0,65.4,64.3,64.2,55.4,47.7,39.9,37.6,36.3,35.6,35.0,34.6$, 30.6, 27.2, 20.6, 19.6, 19.1, 18.8, 17.8, 16.3, 15.6, 13.6; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{O}_{6}+\right.$ $\mathrm{Na}]^{+}: 549.3192$, Found: 549.3195.

## 5-O-Methylmilbemycin $\beta_{3}$ (M).



To a solution of hydroxy acid $\mathbf{L}(40 \mathrm{mg}, 76 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in benzene ( 20 mL ) under argon was added $\mathrm{PPh}_{3}(60 \mathrm{mg}, 229 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$. The solution was cooled to $8{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and diisopropyl azodicarboxylate ( $30 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 152 \mu \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in benzene ( 2 mL ) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (1:29 EtOAc/hexanes) on silica gel to give the expected product macrolactone $\mathbf{M}(30 \mathrm{mg}, 79 \%)$ as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}{ }_{\mathrm{D}}+84\left(c \quad 1.1, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(5 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes $)=0.31 ;$ IR (thin film, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) 2958, 2927, 1706, 1608, 1501, 1447, 1378, 1257, 1163, 997, 731; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=0.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.12$ (dd, $J=15.0,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.48(\mathrm{dddd}, J=16.2,11.4,9.6,4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 5.25(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=15.0,9.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.88(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.8,1.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.67(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.27(\mathrm{dq}, J=9.6,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.47(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.20(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.91-2.02(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 1.84(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.64(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.62(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.44-1.56(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.37(\mathrm{dd}, J$ $=12.0,12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.24(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.78$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 169.3,159.1,144.0,140.2,135.8,134.8,131.2$, $128.6,125.4,125.2,123.4,121.5,109.0,97.7,71.2,68.0,67.6,55.4,48.7,41.2,36.6$ (2C), $36.3,35.8,33.9,27.8,21.6,19.4,18.2,17.9,16.1,15.7$; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{44} \mathrm{O}_{5}+\right.$ $\mathrm{Na}^{+}: 531.3086$, Found: 531.3089.

## Milbemycin $\beta_{3}$ (1).



Sodium hydride ( $400 \mathrm{mg}, 60 \%$ in mineral oil, 6 mmol ) was washed with ether ( $2 \times 3 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and dried under argon. DMF ( 2 mL ) was added followed by the addition of 1:1 EtSH-DMF solution to consume all of the NaH . Methyl ether $\mathbf{M}(30 \mathrm{mg}, 59 \mu \mathrm{~mol})$ in DMF was added and the mixture heated to reflux for 1 h . The reaction mixture was cooled and quenched with saturated aqueous $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ), and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered, and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography ( $1: 9 \mathrm{EtOAc} / \mathrm{hexanes}$ ) on silica gel to give the expected product milbemycin $\beta_{3}$ (1) ( $24 \mathrm{mg}, 81 \%$ ) as a light yellow solid, crystallization from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$-hexane gave 22 mg of crystalline solid: m.p. $=182-184{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\right.$ lit. ${ }^{5}$ $\left.181-183{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) ;[\alpha]_{\mathrm{D}}^{25}+99(c 0.25, \mathrm{MeOH})\left[\right.$ lit. value ${ }^{5}+102$ (c $\left.\left.0.17, \mathrm{MeOH}\right)\right] ; \mathrm{R}_{f}(30 \%$ EtOAc/hexanes $)=0.59$; IR $\left(\right.$ thin film, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right) 3378,2968,2928,1682,1612,1577,1449,1381$, 1311, 1282, 1164, 1096, 1054, 998, 909; ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $600 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 7.32(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.60(\mathrm{~s}$, 1H), 6.11 (dd, $J=15.0,10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 5.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=10.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.49(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=14.4$, $9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.05(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.67(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.27(\mathrm{dq}, J=9.6,6.6$ Hz,1H), $2.46(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.30(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.20(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.18(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.95(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, 1.83 (dd, $J=12.6,12.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.62(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.52(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.38(\mathrm{dd}, J=12.6,12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $1.25(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.86(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.6$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.76(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $150 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 169.4,155.3,144.1,140.3,135.8$,

[^3]134.0, 131.9, 128.8, 125.4, 124.2, 122.2, 121.4, 114.1, 97.7, 71.2, 68.1, 67.6, 48.7, 41.2, 36.6 (2C), 36.3, 35.8, 33.9, 27.8, 21.6, 19.4, 18.0, 17.9, 16.1, 15.2; ESI HRMS Calcd for $\left[\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{O}_{5}+\mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}: 517.2930$, Found: 517.2922.





























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