

**PRINS REACTION AND INTERMEDIATES USEFUL IN THE SYNTHESIS OF
HALICHONDRIN MACROLIDES AND ANALOGS THEREOF**

Background

5 The invention relates to intermediates useful in the synthesis of pharmaceutically active macrolide compounds and methods of synthesizing macrolide compounds. Halichondrin B is a potent anticancer agent originally isolated from the marine sponge *Halichondria okadae*, and subsequently found in *Axinella* sp., *Phakellia carteri*, and *Lissodendoryx* sp. A total synthesis of halichondrin B was published in 1992 (Aicher, T. D. et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 114:3162-3164). Further synthetic and structure-activity
10 relationship studies have been disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,338,865 and 5,436,238 and in Towle et al., *Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research*, April 6-10, 2002, 5721 and Wang et al., *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, 10:1029-1032, 2000. Eribulin mesylate (also called Halaven®, E7389, and the mesylate salt of B1939), a nontaxane microtubule dynamics inhibitor, is a structurally simplified, synthetic analog of halichondrin B. Methods and intermediates for the synthesis of certain halichondrin B
15 analogs and intermediates are described in International Publication Nos. WO 2005/118565, WO 2009/046308, WO 2009/064029, and WO 2009/124237; U.S. Patent No. 6,214,865; Austad et al., *Synlett* 24(3):333-337, 2013; Austad et al., *Synlett* 24(3):327-332, 2013; and Chase et al., *Synlett* 24(3):323-326, 2013. New methods for the synthesis of halichondrin and its analogs (e.g., macrolide analogs) are desirable.

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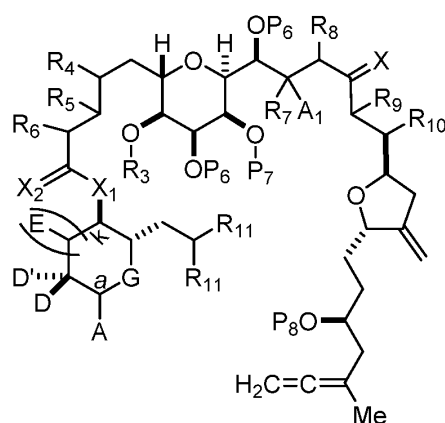
Summary of the Invention

In general, the present invention provides methods for the preparation of macrocyclic intermediates in the synthesis of a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof. In particular, the methods disclosed herein may be useful in the preparation of a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof by forming a C.26-C.27
25 bond through an allene-Prins reaction performed on an intermediate. The invention also provides intermediates that can be employed in the reactions described herein.

In one aspect, the invention provides a method of preparing a macrocyclic intermediate in the synthesis of a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof, the method comprising reacting an intermediate of formula
30 (IA) with R₁₂OH and a Lewis acid, the reaction producing the macrocyclic intermediate by forming a bond in the structure of the halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof,

where R₁₂ is optionally substituted acyl;

where the compound of formula (IA) is:

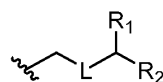


(IA),

or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

where

- 5 each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, where P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



(1),

where

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

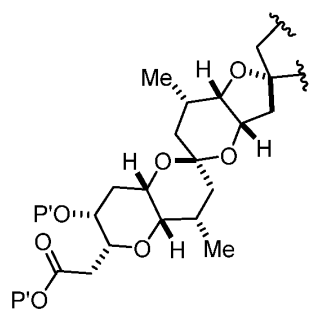
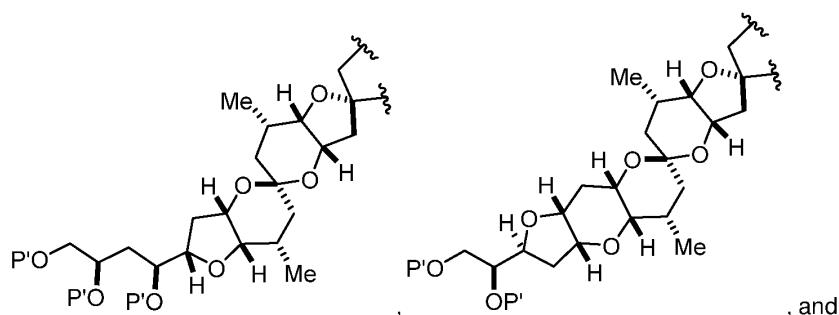
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

- 15 (i) R₂ is H, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

- 20 (iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

- 25 (iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



, where each P' is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

- 5 G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;
 each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A,
 NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, where each of R_A and
 R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl,
 arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic
 10 radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is -CH(Y)-, -CH₂-, or -O-,

- 15 X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -(C(R_X)₂)-; where each R_X
 is independently H, -OR_{X1}, or -SR_{X1}, provided that at least one R_X, when present, is -OR_{X1} or -SR_{X1};
 where each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally
 substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is -O-, X₂ is =O;

- 20 Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally
 substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally
 substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

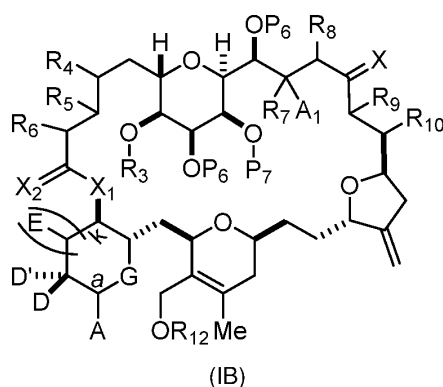
R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting
 group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a
 double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;

- 25 or

A₁ is H or OP'', and:

- (a) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
- or
- (b) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;
- 5 (i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;
- 10 (ii) both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or
- (iii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form acetal; and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;
- 15 R_9 is H, OP'' , or Y, and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
- each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and
- P_8 is H or silyl; and
- 20 where the macrocyclic intermediate in the synthesis of a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof is a compound of formula (IB):

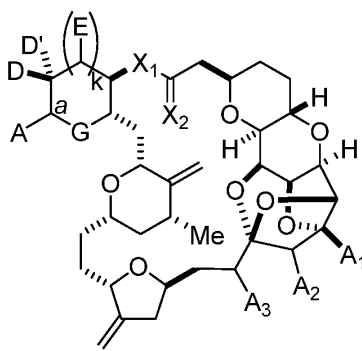


or a salt or a tautomer thereof.

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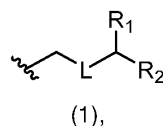
In some embodiments, the Lewis acid is an oxophilic Lewis acid (e.g., boron trifluoride or a solvate thereof).

In another aspect, the invention provides a method of preparing a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof:



5 or a salt thereof,
where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, where P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁,
10 the group of formula (1) having the structure:



where

15 L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

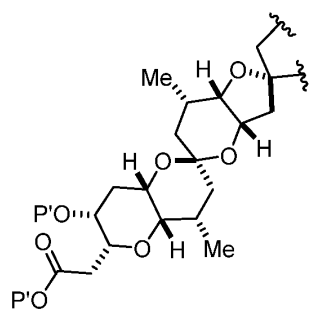
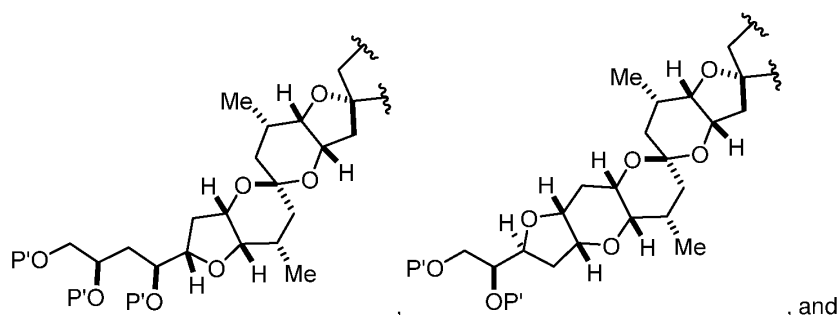
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

(i) R₂ is H, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P₃ is H or an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is H or an N-protecting group, (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene, or (c) each of P₂ and P₄ is H;

(iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo;

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



, where each P' is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

each of A₁, A₂, and A₃ is independently H or OP'', where each P'' is independently H or a hydroxyl

5 protecting group;

E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A,

10 NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, where each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

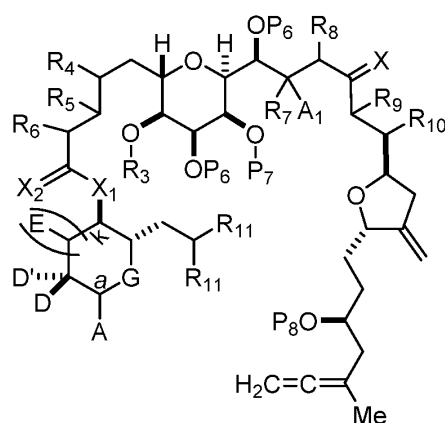
15 X₁ is -CH₂- or -O-, and

X₂ is =O;

by

(A) producing a compound of formula (IB) from a compound of formula (IA) and R₁₂OH, where

R₁₂ is optionally substituted acyl, and the compound of formula (IA) is of the following structure:

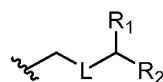


(IA)

or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

where

- 5 each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, where P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



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(1),

where

L is -(CH(OP₂))-, -(C(OH)(OP₂))-, or -C(O)-;

R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

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(i) R₂ is H, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

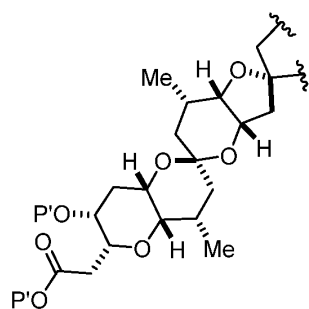
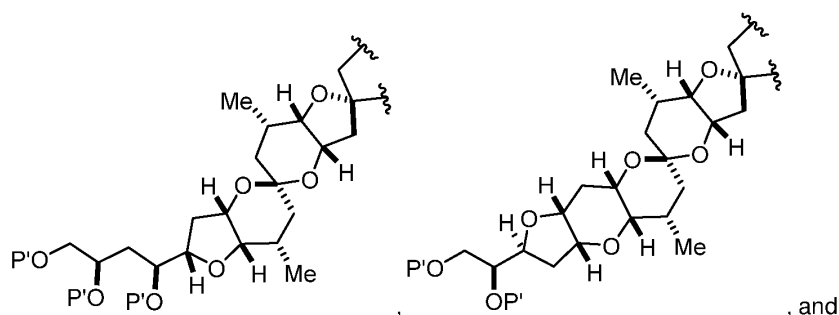
(ii) R₂ is -(CH₂)_nNP₃P₄, where P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

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(iii) R₂ is -(CH₂)_nOP₅, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:

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, where each P' is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

- 5 G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;
 each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A,
 NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, where each of R_A and
 R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl,
 arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic
 10 radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is -CH(Y)-, -CH₂-, or -O-,

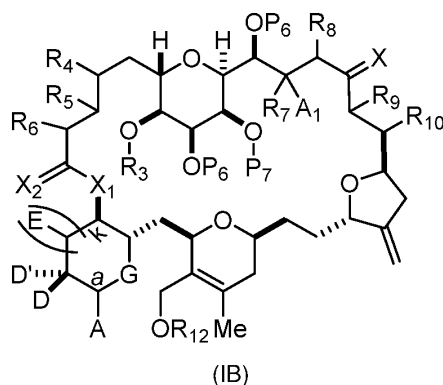
- 15 X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -(C(R_x)₂)-; where each R_x
 is independently H, -OR_{x1}, or -SR_{x1}, provided that at least one R_x, when present, is -OR_{x1} or -SR_{x1};
 where each R_{x1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{x1} combine to form optionally
 substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is -O-, X₂ is =O;

- 20 Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally
 substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally
 substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting
 group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a
 double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

- 25 A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;
 or
 A₁ is H or OP'', and:

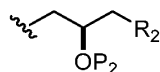
- (a) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
- or
- (b) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;
- 5 (i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;
- 10 (ii) both P_6 and X , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or
- (iii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form acetal; and X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;
- 15 R_9 is H, OP'' , or Y, and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
- each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and
- P_8 is H or silyl;
- 20 and
- the compound of formula (IB) is of the following structure:



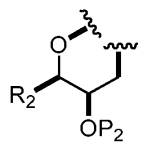
- or a salt or a tautomer thereof;
- 25 where
- R_{12} is optionally substituted acyl; and
- (B) producing the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof from compound (IB).

In certain embodiments, producing the compound of formula (IB) includes reacting the compound of formula (IA) with $R_{12}OH$ and a Lewis acid (e.g., an oxophilic Lewis acid (e.g., boron trifluoride or a solvate thereof)). In particular embodiments, producing the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof includes reacting the compound of formula (IB) with an allylic reducing agent. In further embodiments, R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H. In some embodiments, R_5 and R_6 , together with the

atom to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, R_4 is H, and R_3 is a hydroxyl protecting group. In other embodiments, each P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$. In yet other embodiments, R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H. In still other embodiments, P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond. In some embodiments, R_9 is H or SO_2R_C , and R_{10} is H. In other embodiments, P_8 is silyl. In particular embodiments, each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, where P_{10} is alkyl. In certain embodiments, G is O. In further embodiments, D is H. In yet further embodiments, D' is OP_1 , where P_1 is alkyl. In other embodiments, the stereogenic center designated by *a* is (*R*), and A is of the following structure:



In yet other embodiments, *k* is 0 and X_1 is $-CH_2-$. In still other embodiments, R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein *n* is 0. In further embodiments, A and D combine to form the following structure:

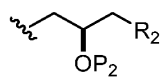


where, the bond to oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom, to which D is attached in formula (IA), and

where R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where *n* is 2.

In some embodiments, *k* is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl. In particular embodiments, X_1 is $-O-$.

The methods of the invention may be used in the preparation of eribulin or its salt (e.g., eribulin mesylate). Compounds of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (IE), (IJ), or (IN), where *k* is 0, X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$ or $-CH_2-$, D is H, D' is OP_1 , G is O, and A is of the following structure:



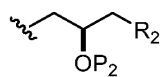
where

(i) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where *n* is 0, P_3 is H or an N-protecting group, and P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene or P_2 is H, an optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group and P_4 is an N-protecting group; or

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where *n* is 0, P_2 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo;

can be used for the synthesis of eribulin or its salt (e.g., eribulin mesylate).

In certain embodiments of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (IE), (IJ), or (IN), *k* is 0, X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$ or $-CH_2-$, D is H, D' is OP_1 , G is O, and A is of the following structure:



where

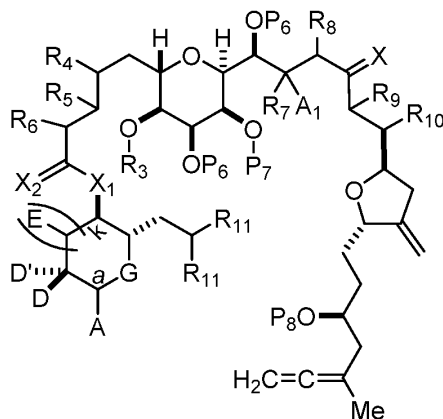
(i) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where n is 0, P_3 is an N-protecting group, and P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene; or

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where n is 0, P_2 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo;

can be used for the synthesis of eribulin or its salt (e.g., eribulin mesylate).

In another aspect, the invention provides the compounds of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (ID), (IDa), (IDb), (IDc), (IDd), (IE), (IF), (IH), (IHa), (IHa), (IJ), or (IN).

The structure of the compound of formula (IA) is as follows:

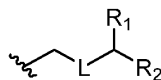


(IA),

or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of D and D' is OP_1 , where P_1 is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q_1 , the group of formula (1) having the structure:



(1),

where

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

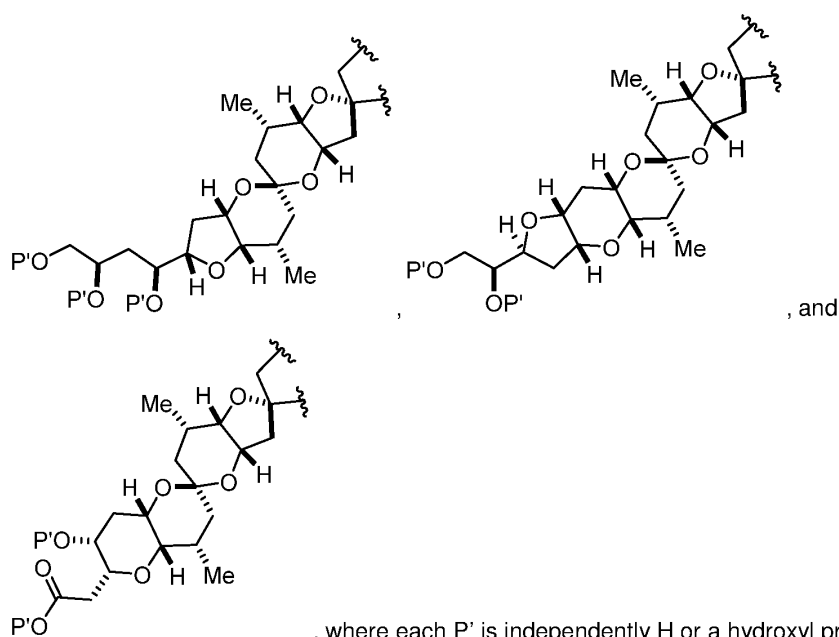
R_1 is H, or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

(i) R_2 is H, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , $NR_B R_A$, $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_B R_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_B R_A$, or $O(CO)NR_B R_A$, where each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n , when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$, $-CH_2-$, or $-O-$;

X_2 is $=O$ or X_2 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-(C(R_X)_2)-$; where each R_X is independently H, $-OR_{X1}$, or $-SR_{X1}$, provided that at least one R_X , when present, is $-OR_{X1}$ or $-SR_{X1}$;

where each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X_1 is $-O-$, X_2 is $=O$;

Y is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, where, when Y is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

A_1 and R_7 combine to form oxo, P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_8 is H;

or

A_1 is H or OP'' , and:

(i) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

(ii) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;

(i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or

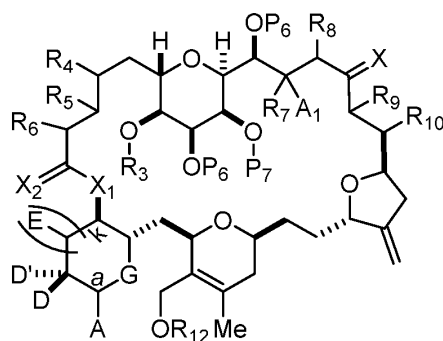
(iii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form acetal; and X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

R_9 is H, OP'' , or Y, and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

P_8 is H or silyl.

The structure of the compound of formula (IB) is as follows:

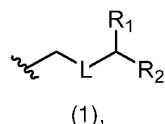


(IB)

or a salt or a tautomer thereof.

wherein

- each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of
- 5 D and D' is OP₁, wherein P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



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wherein

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

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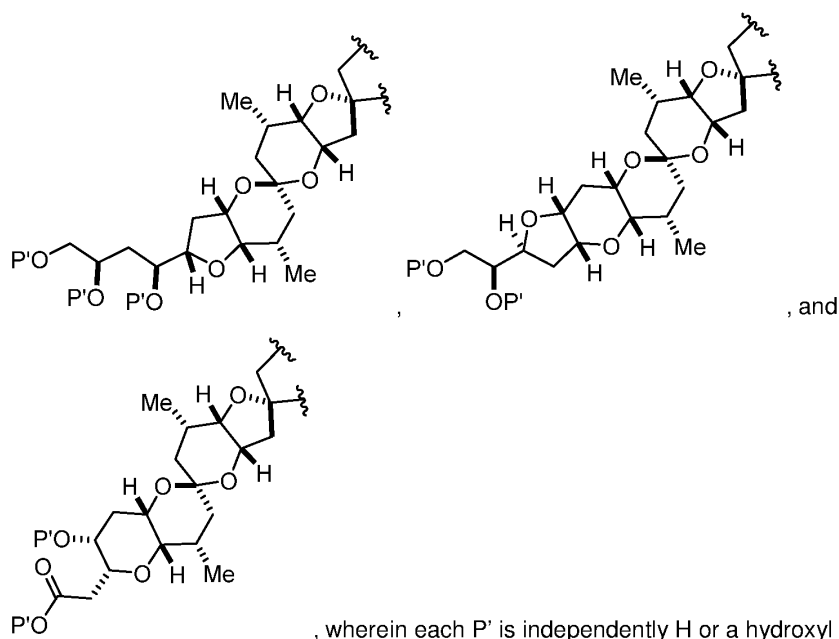
(i) R₂ is H, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

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(iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

- 5 G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;
 each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A,
 NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, wherein each of R_A
 and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl,
 alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or
 10 heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is -CH(Y)-, -CH₂-, or -O-;

X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -(C(R_X)₂)-; wherein each

- 15 R_X is independently H, -OR_{X1}, or -SR_{X1}, provided that at least one R_X, when present, is -OR_{X1} or -SR_{X1};
 wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally
 substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is -O-, X₂ is =O;

- 20 Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally
 substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally
 substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting
 group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a
 double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;

- 25 or

A₁ is H or OP'', and:

(a) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

(b) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;

5 (i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, wherein P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; or

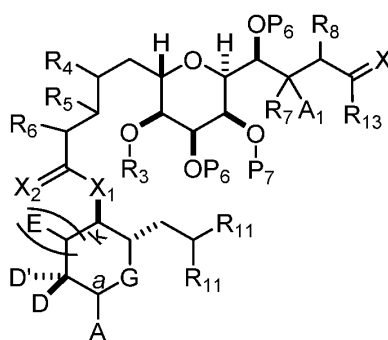
10 (ii) both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;
 R_9 is H, OP'' , or Y, and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

R_{12} is optionally substituted acyl.

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The structure of the compound of formula (IC) is as follows:



(IC),

or a salt or tautomer thereof,

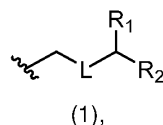
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where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of D and D' is OP_1 , where P_1 is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q_1 , the

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group of formula (1) having the structure:



where

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$ or $-C(O)-$;

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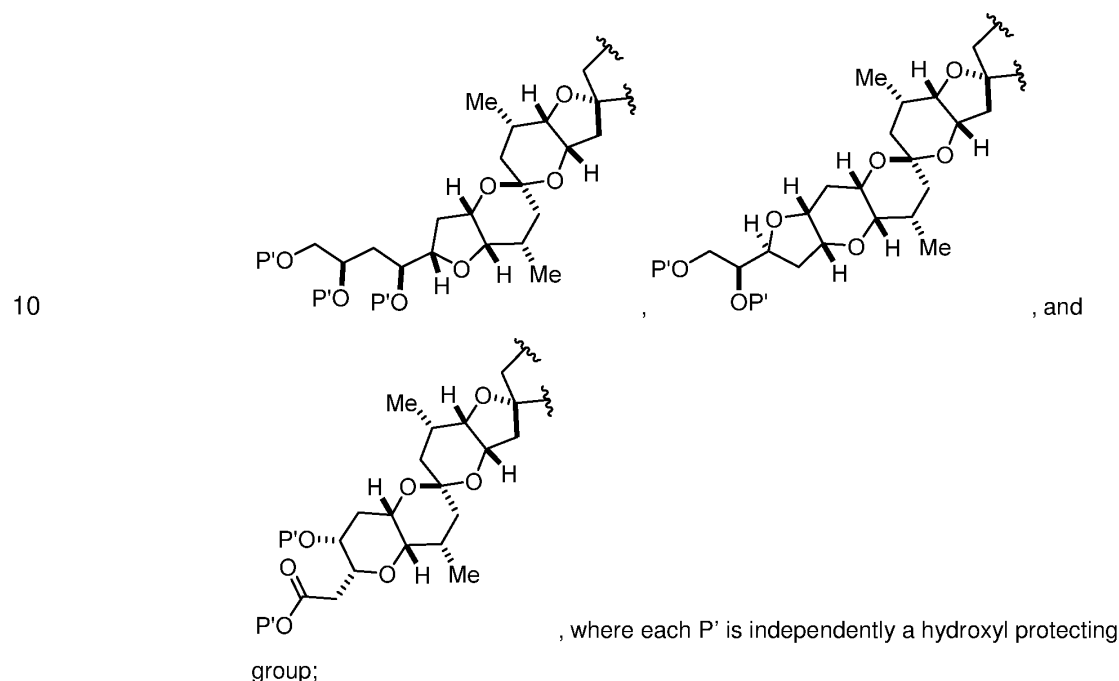
R_1 is H, or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

(i) R_2 is H, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;

5 (iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

15 each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , NR_BR_A , $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_BR_A$, or $O(CO)NR_BR_A$, where each of R_A and R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

20 n , when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$ or $-CH_2-$;

X_2 is $=O$ or X_2 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-(C(R_X)_2)-$; where each R_X is independently H, $-OR_{X1}$, or $-SR_{X1}$, provided that at least one R_X , when present, is $-OR_{X1}$ or $-SR_{X1}$;

25 where each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene;

Y is $\text{SO}_2\text{R}_\text{C}$ or COOR_C , where, when Y is $\text{SO}_2\text{R}_\text{C}$, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C , R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

5 R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

(a) each P_6 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;
 each R_{11} is independently $-\text{OP}_{10}$, or
 10 both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

or

(b) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form an acetal;

15 R_{13} is H or $-\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OR}_\text{E})_2$, where each R_E , when present, is independently optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

X is $=\text{O}$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(\text{CH}(\text{OP}_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

20 A_1 and R_7 combine to form oxo, P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_8 is H;
 or

A_1 is H or OP'' , and:

(i) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

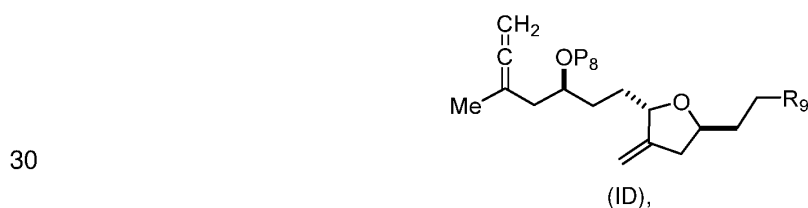
or

25 (ii) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;

and

each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group.

The structure of the compound of formula (ID) is as follows:

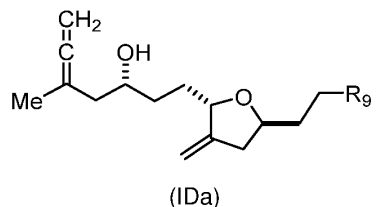


where

P_8 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

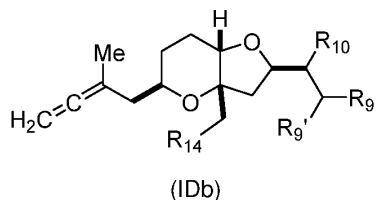
R_9 is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

- 5 The structure of the compound of formula (IDa) is as follows:



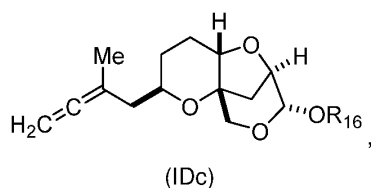
- 10 where R_9 is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

The structure of the compound of formula (IDb) is as follows:



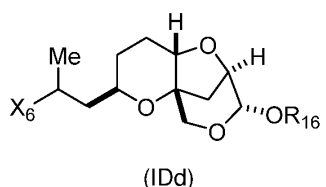
- 15 where R_9' and R_{10} are both H, or R_9' and R_{10} combine to form a double bond; R_{14} is hydroxyl, a halogen (e.g., iodide), or a pseudohalogen (e.g., triflate); and R_9 is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

- 20 The structure of the compound of formula (IDc) is as follows:



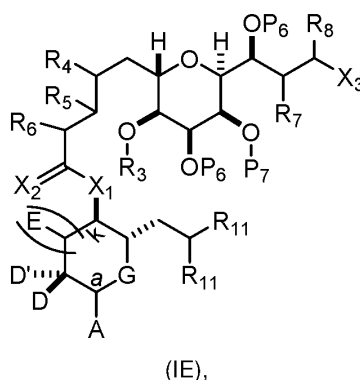
where R_{16} is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or an optionally substituted alkyl.

- 25 The structure of the compound of formula (IDd) is as follows:



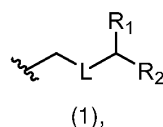
where X_6 is $-C(R_{17})=CH_2$, or $-C(O)-Me$, where R_{17} is a pseudohalogen (e.g., triflate) or halogen; and R_{16} is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or an optionally substituted alkyl.

The structure of the compound of formula (IE) is as follows:



5 or a salt or tautomer thereof,
where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, where P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



where

15 L is $-(CH(OP_2))_n-$ or $-C(O)-$;

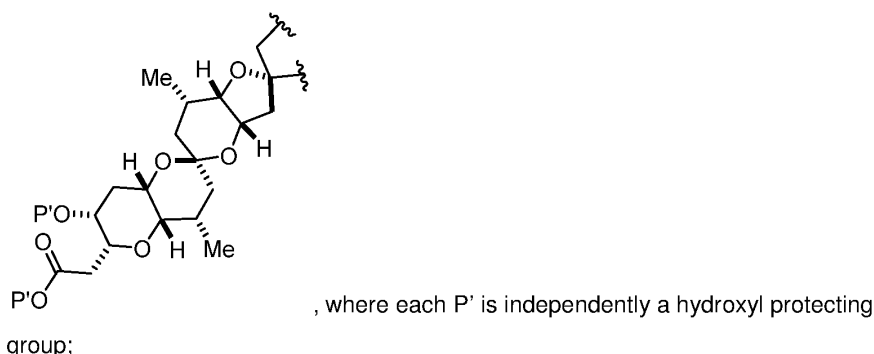
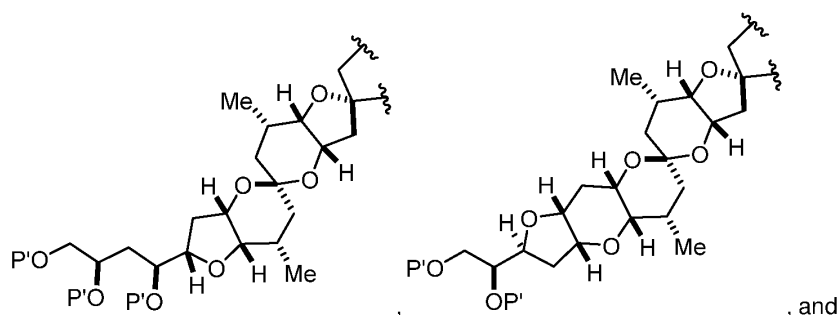
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

(i) R₂ is H, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

- 5 G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;
 each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A,
 NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, where each of R_A and
 R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl,
 arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic
 10 radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is -CH(Y)- or -CH₂-;

- 15 X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -(C(R_X)₂)-; where each R_X
 is independently H, -OR_{X1}, or -SR_{X1}, provided that at least one R_X, when present, is -OR_{X1} or -SR_{X1};
 where each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally
 substituted alkylene;

- 20 Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally
 substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally
 substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting
 group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a
 double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

- 25 R₇ and P₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H; or P₇ is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and
 R₈, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

- (i) each P₆ is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with
 the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;

each R_{11} is independently $-\text{OP}_{10}$, or
 both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

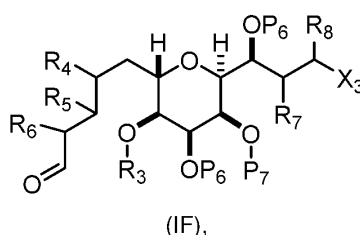
or

- 5 (ii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form an acetal; and

X_3 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, where each R_E is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl, and where each P_A is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol.

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The structure of the compound of formula (IF) is as follows:



where

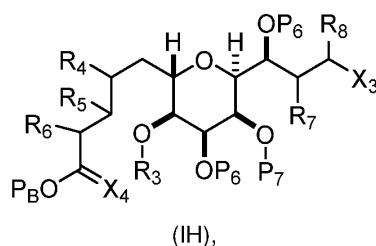
- 15 X_3 is $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

- 20 R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H; or P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond; and

each P_6 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal.

The structure of the compound of formula (IH) is as follows:



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or a salt thereof,

where

X_3 is $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$;

X_4 is $=\text{O}$ or X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $-\text{CH}_2-$;

- 30 R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

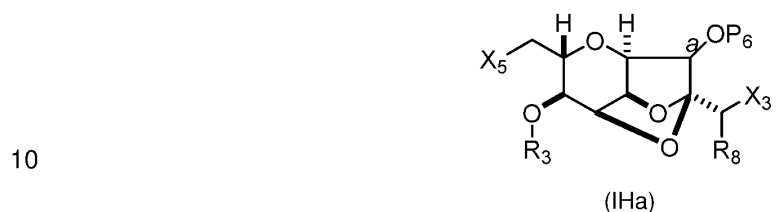
R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H; or P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

each P_6 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;

- 5 each P_A is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol; and

P_B is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl.

The structure of the compound of formula (IH_a) is as follows:



where

a identifies the carbon-oxygen bond as or ,

X_3 is $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$;

- 15 X_5 is $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ or $-\text{CH}(\text{R}_4)-\text{CH}(\text{R}_5)-\text{CH}(\text{R}_6)-\text{C}(\text{X}_4)\text{OP}_B$;

X_4 is $=\text{O}$ or X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $-\text{CH}_2-$;

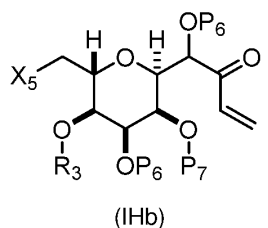
R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

- 20 P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 ;

each P_A is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol; and

P_B is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl.

- 25 The structure of the compound of formula (IH_b) is as follows:



where

X_5 is $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$ or $-\text{CH}(\text{R}_4)-\text{CH}(\text{R}_5)-\text{CH}(\text{R}_6)-\text{C}(\text{X}_4)\text{OP}_B$;

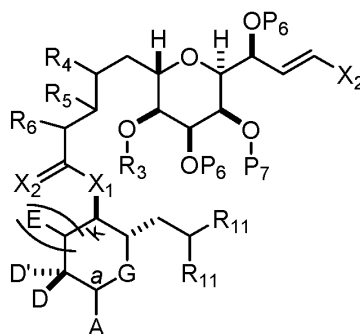
- 30 X_4 is $=\text{O}$ or X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $-\text{CH}_2-$;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H; and

each of P₆ and P₇ is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or one P₆ and P₇, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal (e.g., one P₆ and P₇ combine to form cyclohexylidene), and the remaining P₆ is a hydroxyl protecting group; or both P₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, and P₇ is a hydroxyl protecting group.

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The structure of the compound of formula (IJ) is as follows:

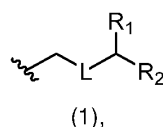


(IJ),

where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, where P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:

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where

L is -(CH(OP₂))- or -C(O)-;

R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

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(i) R₂ is H, where P₂ absent, is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

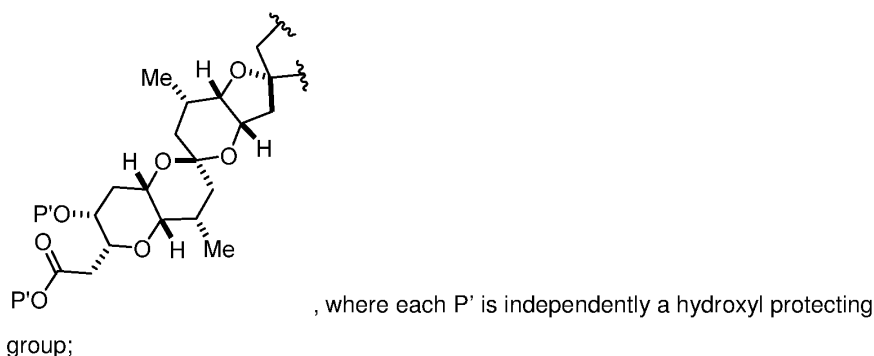
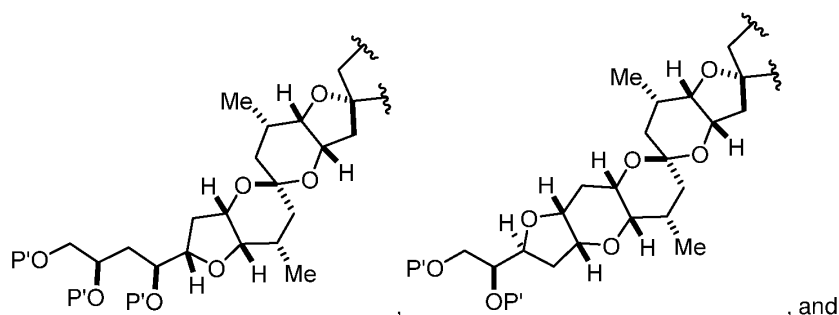
(ii) R₂ is -(CH₂)_nNP₃P₄, where P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

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(iii) R₂ is -(CH₂)_nOP₅, where P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

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(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

- 5 G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;
 each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A,
 NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, where each of R_A and
 R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl,
 arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic
 10 radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is -CH(Y)-, -CH₂-, or -O-;

- 15 X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -(C(R_x)₂)-; where each R_x
 is independently H, -OR_{x1}, or -SR_{x1}, provided that at least one R_x, when present, is -OR_{x1} or -SR_{x1};
 where each R_{x1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{x1} combine to form optionally
 substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is -O-, X₂ is =O;

- 20 Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally
 substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally
 substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting
 group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a
 double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

- 25 (i) each P₆ is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with
 the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;
 each R₁₁ is independently -OP₁₀, or

both R₁₁ combine to form oxo, where P₁₀ is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

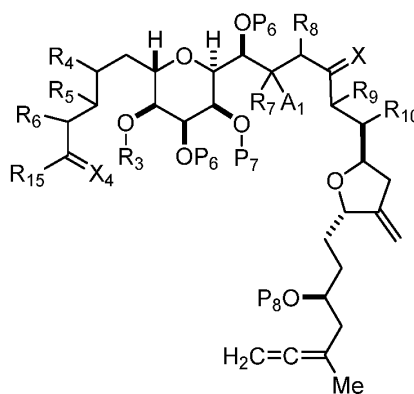
or

- (ii) both P₆ and both R₁₁, together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form an acetal;

P₇ is a hydroxyl protecting group; and

X₂ is a halogen or pseudohalogen.

The structure of the compound of formula (IN) is as follows:



(IN),

or a salt or tautomer thereof,

where

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;

or

A₁ is H or OP^{''}, and:

- (i) P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and R₈, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

- (ii) P₇ and R₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H or OP^{''};

each P^{''}, when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

each P₆ is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal, and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form -(CH(OP₉))-, where P₉ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; or both P₆ and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal; where, when both P₆ and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P₇ and R₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H or OP^{''};

R₉ is H, SO₂R_C, or COOR_C, and R₁₀ is H; or R₉ and R₁₀, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, where, when R₉ is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or

optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is COOR_C , R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R_{15} is H or $-\text{OP}_{11}$, where P_{11} is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

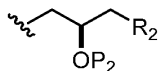
X_4 is $=\text{O}$ or, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-\text{CH}_2-$, provided that when

5 R_{15} is H, X_4 is $=\text{O}$; and

P_8 is H or silyl.

In some embodiments, each P_A is H, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol. In other
embodiments, A_1 is H. In yet other embodiments, each R_{11} is $-\text{OP}_{10}$, where P_{10} is alkyl. In still other
10 embodiments, R_9 is H or SO_2R_C , and R_{10} is H. In certain embodiments, R_9 is SO_2R_C . In further
embodiments, P_8 is silyl. In particular embodiments, P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and X is $=\text{O}$ or X
combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(\text{CH}(\text{OP}_9))-$. In certain embodiments, R_3
and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H. In further embodiments, R_5 and R_6 , together
with the atom to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, R_4 is H, and R_3 is a hydroxyl
15 protecting group. In yet further embodiments, R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H. In still
further embodiments, P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which
each is attached, combine to form a double bond. In certain embodiments, A_3 is H. In particular
embodiments, A_2 is H.

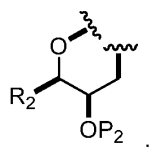
20 In further embodiments, the stereogenic center designated by a is (R), and A is of the following structure:



In yet further embodiments, k is 0 and X_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$. In still further embodiments, R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, wherein n is 0.

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In other embodiments, A and D combine to form the following structure:

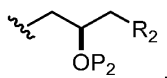


where, the bond to oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom, to which D is attached in formula (IA), and
where R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, wherein n is 2.

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In yet other embodiments, k is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl. In still other embodiments, X_1 is $-\text{O}-$.

In certain embodiments of the compound of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (IE), (IJ), or (IN), k is 0, D is H, D' is
35 OP_1 , and A is of the following structure:

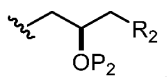


where

(i) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where n is 0, P_3 is H or an N-protecting group, and P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene; or

5 (ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where n is 0, P_2 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo.

10 In particular embodiments of the compound of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (IE), (IJ), or (IN), k is 0, D is H, D' is OP_1 , and A is of the following structure:



where

(i) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where n is 0, P_3 is an N-protecting group, and P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene; or

15 (ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where n is 0, each of P_2 and P_5 is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo.

20 In yet another aspect, the invention provides compounds **1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 7a, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36b, 36c, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 44a, 45, 47, 47a, 47b, 47c, 48, 49, 50, 50a, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, and 87.**

25 Definitions

Compounds useful in the invention may be isotopically labeled compounds. Useful isotopes include hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen (e.g., 2H , 3H , ^{13}C , ^{14}C , ^{15}N , ^{18}O , and ^{17}O). Isotopically-labeled compounds can be prepared by synthesizing a compound using a readily available isotopically-labeled reagent in place of a non-isotopically-labeled reagent.

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For any of the following chemical definitions, a number following an atomic symbol indicates that total number of atoms of that element that are present in a particular chemical moiety. As will be understood, other atoms, such as hydrogen atoms, or substituent groups, as described herein, may be present, as necessary, to satisfy the valences of the atoms. For example, an unsubstituted C_2 alkyl group has the formula $-CH_2CH_3$. When used with the groups defined herein, a reference to the number of carbon atoms includes the divalent carbon in acetal and ketal groups but does not include the carbonyl carbon in acyl, ester, carbonate, or carbamate groups. A reference to the number of oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur atoms in a heteroaryl group only includes those atoms that form a part of a heterocyclic ring.

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By "acetal" is meant --O--(CHR)--O-- , where R is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl, or R group is a bond to an enumerated carbon atom, as shown in Chart 1, within the intermediate or within the halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof.

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By "acetyl" is meant an acyl, in which R is $\text{--CX}_n\text{H}_{3-n}$, where n is 0, 1, 2, or 3, and each X is independently alkoxy or halogen, provided that, when n is 3, each X is independently halogen, and, when n is 2, either both of the X groups are independently halogen or both of the X groups are independently alkoxy. An acetyl group may be substituted (i.e., n is 1, 2, or 3) or unsubstituted (i.e., n is 0).

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By "acyl" is meant --C(O)R , where R is H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, or arylalkyl. In exemplary acyl groups, R is H, C_{1-12} alkyl (e.g., C_{1-8} , C_{1-6} , C_{1-4} , C_{2-7} , C_{3-12} , or C_{3-6} alkyl), C_{2-12} alkenyl (e.g., C_{2-8} , C_{2-6} , C_{2-4} , C_{3-12} , or C_{3-6} alkenyl), C_{6-20} aryl (e.g., C_{6-14} , C_{6-10} , C_{8-20} , or C_{8-14} aryl), monocyclic C_{1-6} heteroaryl (e.g., monocyclic C_{1-4} or C_{2-6} heteroaryl), C_{4-19} heteroaryl (e.g., C_{4-10} heteroaryl), $(\text{C}_{6-14})\text{aryl}(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{alkyl}$, $(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{heteroaryl}(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{alkyl}$, or $(\text{C}_{4-9})\text{heteroaryl}(\text{C}_{1-6})\text{alkyl}$. As defined herein, any heteroaryl group present in an acyl group has from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N, and S. An acyl group can be unsubstituted or substituted (e.g., optionally substituted acyl). In the optionally substituted acyl group, the substituent R is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl. In some embodiments, acyl is C_{2-10} acyl.

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By "acylating agent" is meant a compound that reacts with an amine or a hydroxyl group to produce an amide or an ester, respectively. An acylating agent has a formula R-LG , where R is acyl, and LG is halogen, carbonate, or --OR' , where R' is acyl.

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By "alkoxide" is meant an anionic compound RO^- , where R is alkyl. A counterion for alkoxide can be an alkali metal cation, an alkali earth metal cation, or a tetraalkylammonium cation. Alkoxide can be optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl.

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By "alkoxy" is meant --OR , where R is alkyl. Alkoxy can be optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl.

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By "alkoxyaryl" is meant --R'(R")_n , where n is 1 or 2, R' is arylene and R" is alkoxy, as defined herein. R' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl. R" can be optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl.

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By "alkoxyarylalkyl" is meant --R'(R"')(R'')_n , where n is an integer from 1 to 3, R' is alkylene, R" is arylene, and R''' is alkoxy, as defined herein. R' can be optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl. R" can

be further optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl. R" can be optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl.

By "alkyl" is meant a straight or branched chain saturated cyclic (i.e., cycloalkyl) or acyclic hydrocarbon group of from 1 to 12 carbons, unless otherwise specified. In some embodiments, alkyl is C₁₋₆ alkyl. Exemplary alkyl groups include C₁₋₈, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₄, C₂₋₇, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkyl. Specific examples include methyl, ethyl, 1-propyl, 2-propyl, 2-methyl-1-propyl, 1-butyl, 2-butyl, and the like. Alkyl group can be optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkyloxy, amino, oxo, alkylthio, alkylenedithio, alkylamino, [alkenyl]alkylamino, [aryl]alkylamino, [arylalkyl]alkylamino, dialkylamino, silyl, sulfonyl, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, and azido.

By "alkylamino" is meant -NHR, where R is alkyl. By "[alkenyl]alkylamino" is meant -NRR', where R is alkyl, and R' is alkenyl. By "[aryl]alkylamino" is meant -NRR', where R is alkyl, and R' is aryl. By "[arylalkyl]alkylamino" is meant -NRR', where R is alkyl, and R' is arylalkyl. By "dialkylamino" is meant -NR₂, where each R is alkyl, selected independently.

By "alkylaryl" is meant -R'(R)_n, where n is an integer from 1 to 3, R' is arylene, and R is alkyl. Alkylaryl can be optionally substituted in the same manner as defined for each R' and R group.

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By "alkylene" is meant a multivalent alkyl group. Alkylene groups can be optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl groups. Alkylene may be a divalent alkylene. For example, a C₁ alkylene group is -CH₂-.

By "alkylenedithio" is meant -S-alkylene-S-. Alkylenedithio can be optionally substituted in the same manner as an alkylene group.

By "alkylhaloaryl" is meant -R'(R)_n-R", where n is an integer from 1 to 5 and R' is arylene, R is halogen, and R" is alkylene, as defined herein. R' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl. R" can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl.

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By "alkylthio" is meant -SR, where R is alkyl. Alkylthio can be optionally substituted in the same manner as an alkyl group.

By "alkenyl" is meant a straight or branched chain cyclic or acyclic hydrocarbon group of, unless otherwise specified, from 2 to 12 carbons and containing one or more carbon-carbon double bonds. In some embodiments, alkenyl is C₂₋₆ alkenyl. Exemplary alkenyl groups include C₂₋₈, C₂₋₇, C₂₋₆, C₂₋₄, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkenyl. Specific examples include ethenyl (i.e., vinyl), 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl (i.e., allyl), 2-methyl-1-propenyl, 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl (i.e., crotyl), and the like. Alkenyl group can be optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl groups. Alkenyl groups, used in any context herein, may also be substituted with an aryl group.

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By "amido" is meant -NHR , where R is acyl. Amido can be optionally substituted in the same manner as acyl.

- 5 By "aminal" is meant $\text{-O-CR}_2\text{-NR}'$ -, where each R is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl, or both R groups are together optionally substituted alkylene, and R' is H or an *N*-protecting group. In particular, R' can be an *N*-protecting group (e.g., Boc).
- 10 By "amino" is meant -NR_2 , where N and R₂ combine to form azido, or each R is independently H or an *N*-protecting group, or both R combine to form an *N*-protecting group. Amino can be unmasked, when each R is H, or masked, when at least one R is not H. Thus, optionally masked amino can be masked or unmasked amino.
- 15 By "aminoalkyl" is meant $\text{-R}'(\text{R})_n$, where n is 1 or 2, R' is alkylene, and R" is amino, as defined herein. R' can be optionally substituted in the same manner as an alkyl group.

By "aryl" is meant a monocyclic or multicyclic ring system having one or more aromatic rings, where the ring system is carbocyclic. Exemplary aryl groups include C₆₋₂₀, C₆₋₁₅, C₆₋₁₀, C₈₋₂₀, and C₈₋₁₅ aryl. A preferred aryl group is a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group. Specific examples of carbocyclic aryl groups include phenyl, indanyl, indenyl, naphthyl, phenanthryl, anthracyl, and fluorenyl. Aryl group can be optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, halogen, alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkyloxy, alkylthio, alkylenedithio, alkylamino, [alkenyl]alkylamino, [aryl]alkylamino, [arylalkyl]alkylamino, dialkylamino, silyl, sulfonyl, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, and azido.

25 By "arylalkyl" is meant $\text{-R}'\text{R}''$, where R' is alkylene, and R" is aryl. Arylalkyl can be optionally substituted in the same manner as defined for each R' and R" group.

By "arylalkyloxy" is meant -OR , where R is arylalkyl. Arylalkyloxy can be optionally substituted in the same manner as defined for arylalkyl.

By "arylene" is meant a multivalent aryl group. Arylene groups can be optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl groups. For example, a C₆ arylene group is phenylene.

35 By "aryloxy" is meant -OR , where R is aryl. Aryloxy can be optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl.

By "azido" is meant -N_3 .

40 By "boronate" is meant -OB(R)O- , where R is alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkoxy, or 2,6-diacetamidophenyl. Boronate can be substituted, when R is a substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl,

substituted aryl, substituted arylalkyl, or substituted alkoxy. Alternatively, boronate can be unsubstituted, when R is unsubstituted alkyl, unsubstituted alkenyl, aryl, unsubstituted arylalkyl, unsubstituted alkoxy, or 2,6-diacetamidophenyl.

- 5 By "carbamate" is meant a group, when a hydroxyl protecting group, having the formula $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{NR}_2$, or, when an amine protecting group, having the formula $-\text{NR}'-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}$, where each R and R' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.
- 10 By "carbonate" is meant $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{OR}$, where R is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

By "carbonyl" is meant $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$.

- 15 By "carboxyl" is meant $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OH}$, in free acid, ionized, or salt form.

By "carboxylic acid" is meant $\text{R}-\text{OH}$, where R is optionally substituted acyl.

By "carboxylic acid anhydride" is meant $\text{R}-\text{O}-\text{R}$, where each R is independently optionally substituted acyl.

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By "cyclic carbonate" is meant $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{O}-$ that is part of a ring.

By "dicarbonyl" is meant $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}(\text{O})-$. Dicarbonyl-dioxo is $-\text{OC}(\text{O})-\text{COO}-$.

- 25 By "ester" is meant $-\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{R}$, where $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}$ is an optionally substituted acyl group.

By "ether" is meant $-\text{OR}$, where R is alkyl, alkenyl, arylalkyl, silyl, or 2-tetrahydropyranyl. Ether can be optionally substituted as defined for each R group.

- 30 By "halichondrin macrolide" is meant a lactone including the structure of carbons 1-30 as shown in Chart 1, wherein carbons 29 and 30 form part of a five- or six-membered ring.

By "haloalkyl" is meant $-\text{R}'(\text{R})_n$, where n is an integer from 1 to 5 and R' is alkylene and R is halogen, as defined herein. R' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl

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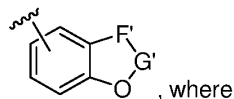
By "haloaryl" is meant $-\text{R}'(\text{R})_n$, where n is an integer from 1 to 5 and R' is arylene and R is halogen, as defined herein. R' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl.

- 40 By "haloarylalkyl" is meant $-\text{R}'(\text{R}''(\text{R}'''))_n$, where n is an integer from 1 to 5 and R' is alkylene, R'' is arylene, and R''' is halogen, as defined herein. R' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl. R'' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl.

By "halogen" is meant fluoro, chloro, bromo, or iodo.

By "heterocyclic radical" is meant a 5-, 6- or 7-membered ring, unless otherwise specified, containing one, two, three, or four heteroatoms independently selected from the group containing nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur. The 5-membered ring has zero to one double bonds, and the 6- and 7-membered rings have zero to two double bonds. Certain heterocyclyl groups include from 1 to 9 carbon atoms. Other such groups may include up to 12 carbon atoms. The term "heterocyclyl" also represents a heterocyclic compound having a bridged multicyclic structure in which one or more carbons and/or heteroatoms bridges two non-adjacent members of a monocyclic ring, *e.g.*, a quinuclidinyl group. The term "heterocyclyl" includes bicyclic, tricyclic, and tetracyclic groups in which any of the above heterocyclic rings is fused to one, two, or three carbocyclic rings, *e.g.*, an aryl ring, a cyclohexane ring, a cyclohexene ring, a cyclopentane ring, a cyclopentene ring, or another monocyclic heterocyclic ring, such as indolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, benzofuryl, benzothienyl and the like. Examples of fused heterocyclyls include tropanes and 1,2,3,5,8,8a-hexahydroindolizine. Heterocyclics include pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl, pyrrolidinyl, pyrazolyl, pyrazolinyl, pyrazolidinyl, imidazolyl, imidazolinyl, imidazolidinyl, pyridyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, pyrazinyl, piperazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, oxazolyl, oxazolidinyl, isoxazolyl, isoxazolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, thiazolyl, thiazolidinyl, isothiazolyl, isothiazolidinyl, indolyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, furyl, thienyl, thiazolidinyl, isothiazolyl, isoindazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxadiazolyl, purinyl, thiadiazolyl (*e.g.*, 1,3,4-thiadiazole), tetrahydrofuranlyl, dihydrofuranlyl, tetrahydrothienyl, dihydrothienyl, dihydroindolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, tetrahydroisoquinolyl, pyranlyl, dihydropyranlyl, dithiazolyl, benzofuranlyl, benzothienyl and the like. Still other exemplary heterocyclyls include: 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2-oxo-oxazolyl; 2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-1H-imidazolyl; 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-5-oxo-1H-pyrazolyl (*e.g.*, 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2-phenyl-5-oxo-1H-pyrazolyl); 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxo-1H-imidazolyl (*e.g.*, 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxo-5-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-imidazolyl); 2,3-dihydro-2-thioxo-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl (*e.g.*, 2,3-dihydro-2-thioxo-5-phenyl-1,3,4-oxadiazolyl); 4,5-dihydro-5-oxo-1H-triazolyl (*e.g.*, 4,5-dihydro-3-methyl-4-amino 5-oxo-1H-triazolyl); 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxypyridinyl (*e.g.*, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxo-3,3-diethylpyridinyl); 2,6-dioxo-piperidinyl (*e.g.*, 2,6-dioxo-3-ethyl-3-phenylpiperidinyl); 1,6-dihydro-6-oxopyrimidinyl; 1,6-dihydro-4-oxopyrimidinyl (*e.g.*, 2-(methylthio)-1,6-dihydro-4-oxo-5-methylpyrimidin-1-yl); 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxopyrimidinyl (*e.g.*, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxo-3-ethylpyrimidinyl); 1,6-dihydro-6-oxo-pyridazinyl (*e.g.*, 1,6-dihydro-6-oxo-3-ethylpyridazinyl); 1,6-dihydro-6-oxo-1,2,4-triazinyl (*e.g.*, 1,6-dihydro-5-isopropyl-6-oxo-1,2,4-triazinyl); 2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-1H-indolyl (*e.g.*, 3,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-1H-indolyl and 2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-3,3'-spiropropane-1H-indol-1-yl); 1,3-dihydro-1-oxo-2H-iso-indolyl; 1,3-dihydro-1,3-dioxo-2H-iso-indolyl; 1H-benzopyrazolyl (*e.g.*, 1-(ethoxycarbonyl)-1H-benzopyrazolyl); 2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-1H-benzimidazolyl (*e.g.*, 3-ethyl-2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-1H-benzimidazolyl); 2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-benzoxazolyl (*e.g.*, 5-chloro-2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-benzoxazolyl); 2,3-dihydro-2-oxo-benzoxazolyl; 2-oxo-2H-benzopyranlyl; 1,4-benzodioxanyl; 1,3-benzodioxanyl; 2,3-dihydro-3-oxo,4H-1,3-benzothiazinyl; 3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3H-quinazolinyl (*e.g.*, 2-methyl-3,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3H-quinazolinyl); 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxo-3H-quinazolyl (*e.g.*, 1-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2,4-dioxo-3H-quinazolyl); 1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2,6-dioxo-7H-purinyl (*e.g.*, 1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-7H-purinyl); 1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-2,6-dioxo-1H-purinyl (*e.g.*, 1,2,3,6-

tetrahydro-3,7-dimethyl-2,6-dioxo-1 *H*-purinyl); 2-oxobenz[*c,d*]indolyl; 1,1-dioxo-2H-naphth[1,8-*c,d*]isothiazolyl; and 1,8-naphthylenedicarboxamido. Heterocyclic groups also include groups of the formula



- 5 F' is selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -CH₂O- and -O-, and G' is selected from the group consisting of -C(O)- and -(C(R')(R''))_v-, where each of R' and R'' is, independently, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or alkyl of one to four carbon atoms, and v is one to three and includes groups, such as 1,3-benzodioxolyl, 1,4-benzodioxanyl, and the like. Any of the heterocyclyl groups mentioned
- 10 herein may be optionally substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: (1) alkanoyl (*e.g.*, formyl, acetyl, and the like); (2) alkyl (*e.g.*, alkoxyalkylene, alkylsulfanylalkylene, aminoalkylene, azidoalkylene, acylalkylene, haloalkylene (*e.g.*, perfluoroalkyl), hydroxyalkylene, nitroalkylene, or thioalkoxyalkylene); (3) alkenyl; (4) alkynyl; (5) alkoxy (*e.g.*, perfluoroalkoxy); (6) alkylsulfanyl; (7) aryl; (8) amino; (9) aryl-alkylene; (10) azido; (11) cycloalkyl; (12) cycloalkyl-alkylene; (13) cycloalkenyl; (14) cycloalkenyl-alkylene; (15) halo; (16) heterocyclyl (*e.g.*, heteroaryl); (17) (heterocyclyl)oxy; (18) (heterocyclyl)aza; (19) hydroxy; (20) oxo; (21) nitro; (22) sulfide; (23) thioalkoxy; (24) -(CH₂)_qCO₂R^A, where q is an integer from zero to four, and R^A is selected from the group consisting of (a) alkyl, (b) aryl, (c) hydrogen, and (d) aryl-alkylene; (25) -(CH₂)_qCONR^BR^C, where q is an integer from zero to four and where R^B and R^C are independently selected from the group consisting of (a) hydrogen, (b) alkyl, (c) aryl, and (d) aryl-alkylene; (26) -(CH₂)_qSO₂R^D, where q is an integer from zero to four and where R^D is selected from the group consisting of (a) alkyl, (b) aryl, and (c) aryl-alkylene; (27) -(CH₂)_qSO₂NR^ER^F, where q is an integer from zero to four and where each of R^E and R^F is, independently, selected from the group consisting of (a) hydrogen, (b) alkyl, (c) aryl, and (d) aryl-alkylene; (28) thiol; (29) aryloxy; (30) cycloalkoxy; (31) arylalkoxy; (31) heterocyclyl-alkylene (*e.g.*, heteroaryl-alkylene); (32) silyl; (33) cyano; and (34) -S(O)R^H where R^H is selected from the group consisting of (a) hydrogen, (b) alkyl, (c) aryl, and (d) aryl-alkylene. In some embodiments, each of these groups can be further substituted as described herein. For example, the alkylene group of an aryl-C₁-alkylene or a heterocyclyl-C₁-alkylene can be further substituted with an oxo group to afford the respective aryloyl and (heterocyclyl)oyl substituent group. In addition, when a heterocyclyl group is present in a bioreversible group of the invention it may be substituted with an ester, thioester, or disulfide group that is bound to a conjugating moiety, a hydrophilic functional group, or an auxiliary moiety as defined herein.

By "heterocyclic radical alkyl," as used herein, represents an alkyl group substituted with a heterocyclic radical. The heterocyclic radical and alkyl portions may be substituted as the individual groups as described herein.

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By "hydroxyalkyl" is meant -R'(R'')_n, where n is 1 or 2, R' is alkylene and R'' is hydroxyl, as defined herein. R' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as alkyl.

By "hydroxyaryl" is meant -R'(R'')_n, where n is 1 or 2, R' is arylene and R'' is hydroxyl, as defined herein.

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R' can be further optionally substituted in the same manner as aryl.

By "hydroxyl" is meant –OH.

By "hydroxyl protecting group" is meant any group capable of protecting the oxygen atom to which it is attached from reacting or bonding. Hydroxyl protecting groups are known in the art, e.g., as described in Wuts, *Greene's Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, Wiley-Interscience, 4th Edition, 2006.

Exemplary protecting groups (with the oxygen atom to which they are attached) are independently selected from the group consisting of esters, carbonates, carbamates, sulfonates, and ethers. In exemplary ester hydroxyl protecting groups, R of the acyl group is C₁₋₁₂ alkyl (e.g., C₁₋₈, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₄, C₂₋₇, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkyl), C₂₋₁₂ alkenyl (e.g., C₂₋₈, C₂₋₆, C₂₋₄, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkenyl), carbocyclic C₆₋₂₀ aryl (e.g., C₆₋₁₅, C₆₋₁₀, C₈₋₂₀, and C₈₋₁₅ aryl), monocyclic C₁₋₆ heteroaryl (e.g., C₁₋₄ and C₂₋₆ heteroaryl), C₄₋₁₉ heteroaryl (e.g., C₄₋₁₀ heteroaryl), (C₆₋₁₅)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₄₋₁₉)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, or (C₁₋₆)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl. Specific examples of acyl groups for use in esters include formyl, benzoylformyl, acetyl (e.g., unsubstituted or chloroacetyl, trifluoroacetyl, methoxyacetyl, triphenylmethoxyacetyl, and p-chlorophenoxyacetyl), 3-phenylpropionyl, 4-oxopentanoyl, 4,4-(ethylenedithio)pentanoyl, pivaloyl (Piv), vinylpivaloyl, crotonoyl, 4-methoxy-crotonoyl, naphthoyl (e.g., 1- or 2-naphthoyl), and benzoyl (e.g., unsubstituted or substituted, e.g., p-methoxybenzoyl, phthaloyl (including salts, such as triethylamine and potassium), p-bromobenzoyl, and 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl). As defined herein, any heteroaryl group present in an ester group has from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N, and S.

In exemplary carbonate hydroxyl protecting groups, R is C₁₋₁₂ alkyl (e.g., C₁₋₈, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₄, C₂₋₇, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkyl), C₂₋₁₂ alkenyl (e.g., C₂₋₈, C₂₋₆, C₂₋₄, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkenyl), carbocyclic C₆₋₂₀ aryl (e.g., C₆₋₁₅, C₆₋₁₀, C₈₋₂₀, and C₈₋₁₅ aryl), monocyclic C₁₋₆ heteroaryl (e.g., C₁₋₄ and C₂₋₆ heteroaryl), C₄₋₁₉ heteroaryl (e.g., C₄₋₁₀ heteroaryl), (C₆₋₁₅)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₄₋₁₉)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, or (C₁₋₆)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl. Specific examples include methyl, 9-fluorenylmethyl, ethyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl, 2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl, vinyl, allyl, t-butyl, p-nitrobenzyl, and benzyl carbonates. As defined herein, any heteroaryl group present in a carbonate group has from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N, and S.

In exemplary carbamate hydroxyl protecting groups, each R is independently H, C₁₋₁₂ alkyl (e.g., C₁₋₈, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₄, C₂₋₇, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkyl), C₂₋₁₂ alkenyl (e.g., C₂₋₈, C₂₋₆, C₂₋₄, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkenyl), carbocyclic C₆₋₂₀ aryl (e.g., C₆₋₁₅, C₆₋₁₀, C₈₋₂₀, and C₈₋₁₅ aryl), monocyclic C₁₋₆ heteroaryl (e.g., C₁₋₄ and C₂₋₆ heteroaryl), C₄₋₁₉ heteroaryl (e.g., C₄₋₁₀ heteroaryl), (C₆₋₁₅)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₄₋₁₉)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, or (C₁₋₆)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl. Specific examples include N-phenyl and N-methyl-N-(o-nitrophenyl) carbamates. As defined herein, any heteroaryl group present in a carbamate group has from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N, and S.

Exemplary ether hydroxyl protecting groups include C₁₋₁₂ alkyl (e.g., C₁₋₈, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₄, C₂₋₇, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkyl), C₂₋₁₂ alkenyl (e.g., C₂₋₈, C₂₋₆, C₂₋₄, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkenyl), (C₆₋₁₅)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₄₋₁₉)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylthio(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₆₋₁₀)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkoxy(C₁₋₆)alkyl, and silyl (e.g., tri(C₁₋₆ alkyl)silyl, tri(C₆₋₁₀ aryl or C₁₋₆ heteroaryl)silyl, di(C₆₋₁₀ aryl or C₁₋₆ heteroaryl)(C₁₋₆ alkyl)silyl, and (C₆₋₁₀ aryl or C₁₋₆ heteroaryl)di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)silyl). Specific examples of alkylethers include methyl and t-butyl, and an example of an alkenyl ether is allyl. Ether hydroxyl protecting groups can be used to protect a carboxyl group (e.g., with a C₁₋₁₂ alkyl (e.g., C₁₋₈, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₄, C₂₋₇, C₃₋₁₂, and C₃₋₆ alkyl), (C₆₋₁₅)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkylthio(C₁₋₆)alkyl, or (C₆₋₁₀)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkoxy(C₁₋₆)alkyl). Examples of alkoxyalkyls and alkylthioalkyls that

can be used as ether hydroxyl protecting groups include methoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, (2-methoxyethoxy)methyl, and β -(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl. Examples of arylalkyl groups that can be used as ether hydroxyl protecting groups include benzyl, p-methoxybenzyl (MPM), 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl, triphenylmethyl (trityl), o-nitrobenzyl, p-nitrobenzyl, p-halobenzyl, 2,6-dichlorobenzyl, p-cyanobenzyl, naphthylmethyl, and 2- and 4-picolyl ethers. Specific examples of silylethers include trimethylsilyl (TMS), triethylsilyl (TES), t-butyldimethylsilyl (TBS), t-butyldiphenylsilyl (TBDPS), triisopropylsilyl (TIPS), and triphenylsilyl (TPS) ethers. An example of an arylalkyloxyalkylether is benzyloxymethyl ether. As defined herein, any heteroaryl group present in an ether group has from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N, and S. Vicinal or 1,3-diols may be protected with a diol protecting group (e.g., to produce a "cyclic protected diol"), such as acetal (e.g., containing C₁₋₆ alkylene), ketal (e.g., containing C₃₋₆ alkylene or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl), cyclic silylene, cyclic carbonate, and cyclic boronate. Examples of acetal and ketal groups include methylene-dioxo, ethylidene-dioxo, benzylidene-dioxo, isopropylidene-dioxo, cyclohexylidene-dioxo, and cyclopentylidene-dioxo. An example of a cyclic silylene is di-t-butylsilylene. Another diol protecting group is 1,1,3,3-tetraisopropylsiloxanediyl. Examples of cyclic boronates include methyl, ethyl, phenyl, and 2,6-diacetamidophenyl boronates. Protecting groups may be substituted as is known in the art; for example, aryl and arylalkyl groups, such as phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, or pyridinyl, can be substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, or halogen. Alkyl groups, such as methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, n-propyl, t-butyl, n-butyl, and sec-butyl, and alkenyl groups, such as vinyl and allyl, can also be substituted with oxo, arylsulfonyl, halogen, and trialkylsilyl groups. Preferred protecting groups are TBS and Piv. Protecting groups that are orthogonal are removed under different conditions, as is known in the art.

By "imido" is meant --NR_2 , where each R is independently optionally substituted acyl.

By "ketal" is meant $\text{--O--CR}_2\text{--O--}$, where each R is independently optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl, or both R groups are together optionally substituted alkylene, or each of the R groups is a bond to an enumerated carbon atom, as shown in Chart 1, within the intermediate or within the halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof.

By "macrocyclic" is meant a compound containing at least one *n*-membered ring, where *n* is equal to or greater than 10.

By "non-enolizable" is meant a group that, either alone or in combination with a group to which it is attached, cannot form an enol through a deprotonation/reprotonation sequence. For example, a "non-enolizable alkyl" can be bonded to a sulfone group or to a carbonyl group through a quaternary carbon atom (i.e., the carbon atom that is not bonded to a hydrogen atom).

By "*N*-protecting group" is meant a group protecting a nitrogen atom in a molecule from participating in one or more undesirable reactions during chemical synthesis (e.g., oxidation reactions, or certain nucleophilic and electrophilic substitutions). Commonly used *N*-protecting groups are disclosed in Wuts,

Greene's Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, Wiley-Interscience, 4th Edition, 2006. Exemplary *N*-protecting groups include acyl (e.g., formyl, acetyl, trifluoroacetyl, propionyl, pivaloyl, t-butylacetyl, 2-chloroacetyl, 2-bromoacetyl, trifluoroacetyl, trichloroacetyl, phthalyl, o-nitrophenoxyacetyl, α -chlorobutyryl, benzoyl, 4-chlorobenzoyl, and 4-bromobenzoyl); sulfonyl-containing groups (e.g., benzenesulfonyl, p-toluenesulfonyl, o-nitrobenzenesulfonyl, and p-nitrobenzenesulfonyl); carbamate forming groups (e.g., benzyloxycarbonyl, p-chlorobenzyloxycarbonyl, p-methoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl, 2-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl, p-bromobenzyloxycarbonyl, 3,4-dimethoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, 3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, 2,4-dimethoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, 4-methoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, 2-nitro-4,5-dimethoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, 1-(p-biphenyl)-1-methylethoxycarbonyl, α,α -dimethyl-3,5-dimethoxybenzyloxycarbonyl, benzhydryloxy carbonyl, t-butylloxycarbonyl, diisopropylmethoxycarbonyl, isopropylloxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, methoxycarbonyl, allyloxycarbonyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethoxycarbonyl, phenoxycarbonyl, 4-nitrophenoxy carbonyl, fluorenyl-9-methoxycarbonyl, cyclopentylloxycarbonyl, adamantylloxycarbonyl, cyclohexylloxycarbonyl, and phenylthiocarbonyl), arylalkyl (e.g., triphenylmethyl); silyl groups (e.g., trimethylsilyl); and imine-forming groups (e.g., diphenylmethylenes). Preferred *N*-protecting groups are acetyl, benzoyl, phenylsulfonyl, p-toluenesulfonyl, p-nitrobenzenesulfonyl, o-nitrobenzenesulfonyl, t-butylloxycarbonyl (Boc), and benzyloxycarbonyl (Cbz).

By "oxo" or (O) is meant =O.

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By "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" is meant a salt within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of humans and animals without undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response and the like and commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts are well known in the art. For example, pharmaceutically acceptable salts are described in: Berge et al., J. Pharmaceutical Sciences 66:1-19, 1977 and in Pharmaceutical Salts: Properties, Selection, and Use, (Eds. P.H. Stahl and C.G. Wermuth), Wiley-VCH, 2008. Representative acid addition salts include acetate, adipate, alginate, ascorbate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, bisulfate, borate, butyrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, citrate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, fumarate, glucoheptonate, glycerophosphate, hemisulfate, heptonate, hexanoate, hydrobromide, hydrochloride, hydroiodide, 2-hydroxy-ethanesulfonate, lactobionate, lactate, laurate, lauryl sulfate, malate, maleate, malonate, methanesulfonate, 2-naphthalenesulfonate, nicotinate, nitrate, oleate, oxalate, palmitate, pamoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3-phenylpropionate, phosphate, picrate, pivalate, propionate, stearate, succinate, sulfate, tartrate, thiocyanate, toluenesulfonate, undecanoate, valerate salts and the like. A preferred salt is the mesylate salt.

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By "pseudohalogen" is meant $-\text{O}-\text{SO}_2\text{R}$, where R is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl. Non-limiting examples of pseudohalogens include trifluoromethanesulfonate and nonaflate.

By "silyl" is meant $-\text{SiR}_3$, where each R is independently alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, or arylalkyl. Examples of silyl groups include $\text{tri}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})\text{silyl}$, $\text{tri}(\text{C}_{6-10} \text{ aryl or C}_{1-6} \text{ heteroaryl})\text{silyl}$, $\text{di}(\text{C}_{6-10} \text{ aryl or C}_{1-6} \text{ heteroaryl})(\text{C}_{1-6}$

alkyl)silyl, and (C₆₋₁₀ aryl or C₁₋₆ heteroaryl)di(C₁₋₆ alkyl)silyl. It will be understood that, when a silyl group includes two or more alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or arylalkyl groups, these groups are independently selected. As defined herein, any heteroaryl group present in a silyl group has from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N, and S. Silyl can be optionally substituted in the same manner as defined for each R group.

By "silylene" is meant $-\text{SiR}_2-$, where each R is independently alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkoxy. By "dialkylsilylene" is meant a silylene, where each R is alkyl. Silylene can be optionally substituted in the same manner as defined for each R group. Silylene-dioxo is a group having the formula $-\text{O}-\text{SiR}_2-\text{O}-$.

By "strong base" is meant a Brønsted base, the conjugate acid of which has pKa that is greater than or equal to 13. Non-limiting examples of strong bases include alkyl alkali metals (e.g., butyl lithium or Schlosser's base), Grignard reagents (e.g., alkyl magnesium halide), alkali or alkali earth alkoxides (e.g., tertiary alkoxides, such as *t*-butoxide), alkali or alkali earth amides (e.g., diisopropylamide, tetramethylpiperidide, or bis(trimethylsilyl)amide), and phosphazene bases (e.g., Schwesinger base). Non-limiting examples of the alkali amides are lithium diisopropylamide, lithium tetramethylpiperidide, lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, sodium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide, and potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide.

By "sulfonamide" is meant $-\text{NR}$, where R is sulfonyl.

By "sulfonate" is meant $-\text{OS}(\text{O})_2\text{R}$, where R is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl. In exemplary sulfonates, R is C₁₋₁₂ alkyl (e.g., C₁₋₈, C₁₋₆, C₁₋₄, C₂₋₇, C₃₋₁₂, or C₃₋₆ alkyl), C₂₋₁₂ alkenyl (e.g., C₂₋₈, C₂₋₆, C₂₋₄, C₃₋₁₂, or C₃₋₆ alkenyl), carbocyclic C₆₋₂₀ aryl (e.g., C₆₋₁₅, C₆₋₁₀, C₈₋₂₀, or C₈₋₁₅ aryl), monocyclic C₁₋₆ heteroaryl (e.g., C₁₋₄ and C₂₋₆ heteroaryl), C₄₋₁₉ heteroaryl (e.g., C₄₋₁₀ heteroaryl), (C₆₋₁₅)aryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₄₋₁₉)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl, or (C₁₋₆)heteroaryl(C₁₋₆)alkyl. As defined herein, any heteroaryl group present in a sulfonate group has from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected independently from O, N, and S.

By "sulfonyl" is meant $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}$, where R is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted arylalkyl, or silyl. Preferred R groups for sulfonyl are the same as those described above for sulfonates.

By "thioacetal" is meant $-\text{S}-(\text{CHR})-\text{S}-$, where R is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

By "thioketal" is meant $-\text{S}-(\text{CR}_2)-\text{S}-$, where each R is independently optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

By "triflate" is meant trifluoromethanesulfonate.

The pKa values recited herein refer to the pKa values of a conjugate Brønsted acid in water at room temperature, unless stated otherwise.

Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as

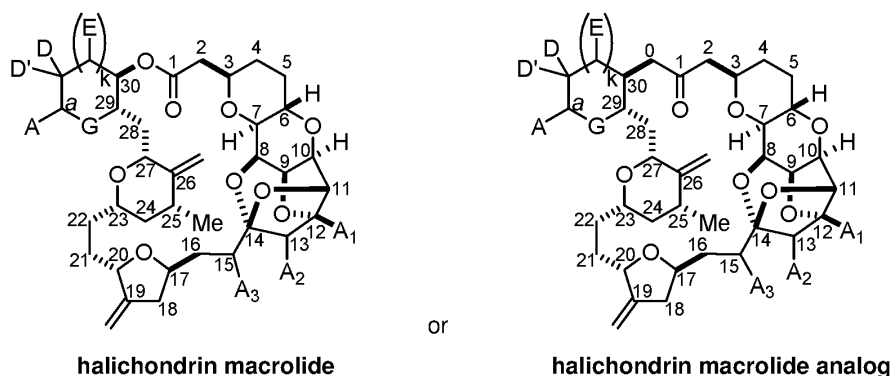
commonly understood to one of ordinary skill in the art to which this disclosure belongs. Although methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice of the disclosed methods and compositions, the exemplary methods, devices and materials are described herein.

For purposes of this disclosure, any term present in the art which is identical to any term expressly defined in this disclosure, the term's definition presented in this disclosure will control in all respects.

Detailed Description

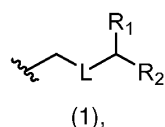
The present invention provides methods for the synthesis of a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof (see Chart 1). Preferably, the halichondrin macrolide analog is eribulin. Preferably the halichondrin macrolide is a halichondrin B macrolide. The processes of the present invention involve subjecting an intermediate to Prins reaction conditions. The carbon-atom numbering schemes for a halichondrin macrolide and an analog thereof are shown in Chart 1.

Chart 1



or a salt or tautomer thereof,

in which each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, wherein P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



where

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

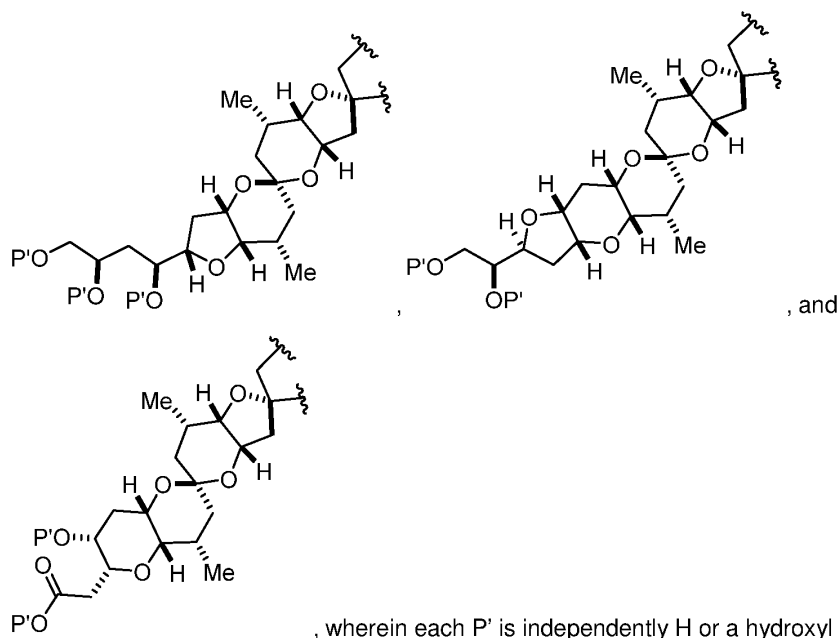
R_1 is H, or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

(i) R_2 is H, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

5 (ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P_3 is H or an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is H or an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene, or (c) each of P_2 and P_4 is H;

10 (iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



each of A_1 , A_2 , and A_3 is independently H or OP'' , where each P'' is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

20 G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , NR_BR_A , $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_BR_A$, or $O(CO)NR_BR_A$, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or

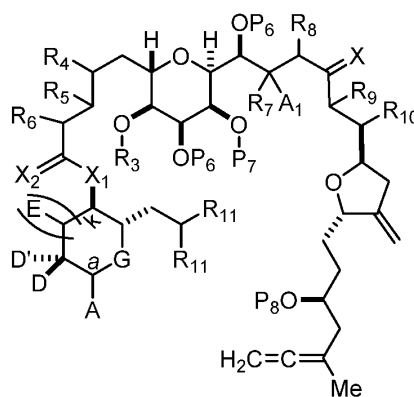
25 heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

k is 0 or 1; and

n is 0, 1, or 2.

Preparation of the halichondrin macrolide or analog thereof involves a reaction between a compound of formula (IA), $R_{12}OH$ (R_{12} may be optionally substituted acyl), and a Lewis acid (e.g., an oxophilic Lewis acid (e.g., boron trifluoride or a solvate thereof)) to produce a compound of formula (IB). The compound

5 of formula (IA) is of the following structure:

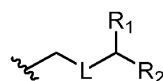


(IA),

or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

where

10 each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of D and D' is OP_1 , where P_1 is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q_1 , the group of formula (1) having the structure:



(1),

where

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

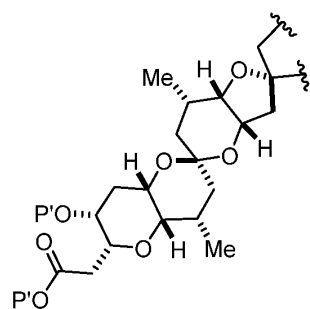
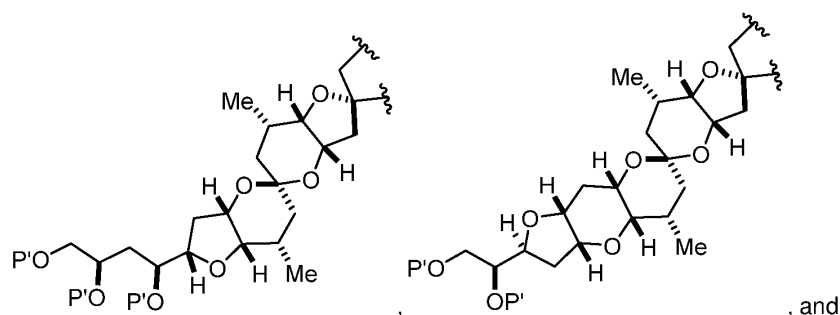
R_1 is H, or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

20 (i) R_2 is H, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;

25 (iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

30 (iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



, where each P' is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

- 5 G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;
 each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A,
 NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, where each of R_A and
 R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl,
 arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic
 10 radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

- X₁ is —CH(Y)—, —CH₂—, or —O—, and X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is
 attached, is —(C(R_X)₂)—; where each R_X is independently H, —OR_{X1}, or —SR_{X1}, provided that at least one
 15 R_X, when present, is —OR_{X1} or —SR_{X1}; where each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both
 R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is —O—, X₂ is =O; and where Y
 is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted
 non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl,
 or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

- 20 R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting
 group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a
 double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;
 or

- 25 A₁ is H or OP'', and:

- (i) P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and R₈, together with the
 atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

(ii) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;

(i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group (e.g., silyl);

(ii) both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group (e.g., silyl); or

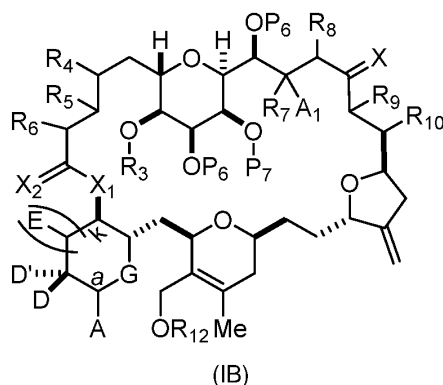
(iii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form acetal; and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; R_9 is H, OP'' , or Y, and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached,

combine to form a double bond;

P_8 is H or silyl; and

each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group.

The compound of formula (IB) is of the following structure:



or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

where R_{12} is optionally substituted acyl, and all other variables are as defined for the compound of formula (IA).

Typically, the reaction conditions for converting the compound of formula (IA) to the compound of formula (IB) are those known in the art for a Prins reaction.

Preparation of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof from the compound of formula (IB) further involves reacting the compound of formula (IB) with an allylic reducing agent to produce the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof.

In the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), G may be O. In the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), D may be H. In the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), D' may be OP_1 , where P_1 may be alkyl (e.g., methyl).

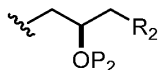
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In the halichondrin macrolide analog, formula (IA), or formula (IB), k may be 0, and X_1 may be $-CH_2-$. In the halichondrin macrolide, formula (IA), or formula (IB), k may be 1, and X_1 may be $-O-$.

10 In the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), E may be optionally substituted alkyl.

In the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), A_1 may be H.

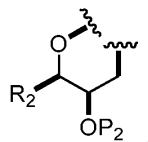
15 In the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), the stereogenic center designated by a may be (*R*), and A may be of the following structure:



In further embodiments of the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), k is 0 and X_1 is $-CH_2-$. In yet further embodiments of the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein n is 0.

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Alternatively, in the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), A and D may combine to form the following structure:



25 where the bond to the oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom to which D is attached in the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB). In still further embodiments of the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, and n is 2.

30 In other embodiments of the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), k is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl. In still other embodiments of the halichondrin macrolide, the analog thereof, formula (IA), or formula (IB), X_1 is $-O-$.

35 If, in the compound of formula (IA), R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H, treatment of the compound of formula (IA) with a Lewis acid (e.g., an oxophilic Lewis acid) and

R₁₂OH can produce a compound of formula (IB), in which R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H.

Preparation of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof may include further steps, depending on the nature of A₁, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀, X, X₁, P₆, and P₇.

Preparation of certain compounds of formula (IA) or formula (IB) may further involve conversion of the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), in which A₁ is H, and R₇ and R₈ combine to form a double bond, into the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB) in which R₇ and A₁ combine to form O. In a non-limiting example, the enone in the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), in which R₇ and R₈ combine to form a double bond can be converted into a C.12-C.13 epoxide using a nucleophilic peroxide agent, e.g., *t*-butyl hydroperoxide, which can then be converted into the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), in which A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, using methods known in the art, e.g., by reacting with a bidentate phosphine ligand and a source of Pd(0) (see, e.g., Muzart, J., *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, 4717-4741, 2011). Thus, the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), in which A₁ is OP", can be prepared. Other transformations may involve α -oxygenation to produce the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), in which R₈ and/or R₉ is OP".

If, in the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), X₁ is -CH(Y)- and/or R₉ is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, synthesis of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof may further involve a decarboxylation reaction (when X₁ is -CH(Y)-, and Y is COOR_C and/or R₉ is COOR_C) or a desulfonylation reaction (when X₁ is -CH(Y)-, and Y is SO₂R_C and/or R₉ is SO₂R_C) as described herein. The decarboxylation or desulfonylation reaction may be performed on the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB) or on an intermediate downstream of the compound of formula (IB) (e.g., after the compound of formula (IB) is reacted with an allylic reducing agent).

If, in the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), in which R₉ and R₁₀, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, synthesis of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof may further involve a 1,4-reduction as described herein (e.g., using Stryker's reagent). The 1,4-reduction may be performed on the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB) or on an intermediate downstream of the compound of formula (IB). Thus, the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), in which both R₉ and R₁₀ are H, may be prepared.

If, in the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB), X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form -(CH(OP₉))- , where P₉ is H, synthesis of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof may further involve reacting this compound of formula (IB) with an oxidizing agent capable of converting an alcohol to a carbonyl group to produce a compound of formula (IB), in which X is =O. Alternatively, treatment with an oxidizing agent capable of converting an alcohol to a carbonyl group may be performed on an intermediate downstream of the compound of formula (IB) (e.g., after the compound of formula (IB) is reacted with an allylic reducing agent). The reaction, whereby X is converted to oxo, may also be performed on the compound of formula (IA) prior to the macrocyclization reaction.

- If, in the compound of formula (IB), each P_6 is H, and X is =O, synthesis of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof may further involve reacting this compound of formula (IB) with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a Brønsted acid having a pK_a of 5 ± 3) to produce the compound of formula (IB), in which both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal. Alternatively, treatment with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a Brønsted acid having a pK_a of 5 ± 3) may be performed on an intermediate downstream of the compound of formula (IB) (e.g., after the compound of formula (IB) is reacted with an allylic reducing agent).
- If, in the compound of formula (IB), each P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group (e.g., silyl) and X is =O, synthesis of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof may further involve reacting this compound of formula (IB) with a hydroxyl protecting group removing agent (e.g., a fluoride source, if P_6 is silyl) to produce the compound of formula (IB), in which each P_6 is H and X is =O, which may then be subjected to the treatment with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a Brønsted acid having a pK_a of 5 ± 3) to produce the compound of formula (IB), in which both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal. Alternatively, treatment with a hydroxyl protecting group removing agent (e.g., a fluoride source, if P_6 is silyl) may be performed on an intermediate downstream of the compound of formula (IB) (e.g., after the compound of formula (IB) is reacted with an allylic reducing agent).
- If, in the compound of formula (IB), each P_6 is H, X is =O, P_7 is H, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, synthesis of the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof may further involve reacting this compound of formula (IB) with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a Brønsted acid having a pK_a of 5 ± 3) to produce the compound of formula (IB), in which both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond. Alternatively, treatment with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a Brønsted acid having a pK_a of 5 ± 3) may be performed on an intermediate downstream of the compound of formula (IB) (e.g., after the compound of formula (IB) is reacted with an allylic reducing agent).
- If the halichondrin macrolide analog contains A that is a group of formula (1), in which L is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, R_1 is H, and R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ (e.g., eribulin or a salt thereof), and, in a compound of formula (IB), A is a group of formula (1), in which L is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, R_1 is H, and R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, where P_5 is H, synthesis of the halichondrin macrolide analog may involve amination, as described herein. In some embodiments the halichondrin macrolide analog is eribulin or a salt thereof (e.g., eribulin mesylate).
- If the halichondrin macrolide analog is eribulin mesylate, synthesis may further involve salification of eribulin, as described herein.
- Additional protecting group manipulations will be readily recognizable in view of the invention disclosed herein and the knowledge in the art. In particular, one of skill in the art will recognize that a transformation, whereby an alcohol is oxidized into a carbonyl, may require deprotecting the alcohol, if the

alcohol is protected with a hydroxyl protecting group (e.g., by treating with a hydroxyl protecting group removing agent), unless such deprotection occurs *in situ* under the oxidation reaction conditions.

Likewise, one of skill in the art will recognize that an oxidative transformation performed on a compound including a primary or secondary alcohol may require protecting the primary or secondary alcohol, if such alcohol is to be preserved and if the primary or secondary alcohol is susceptible to oxidation under the conditions present for the oxidative transformation.

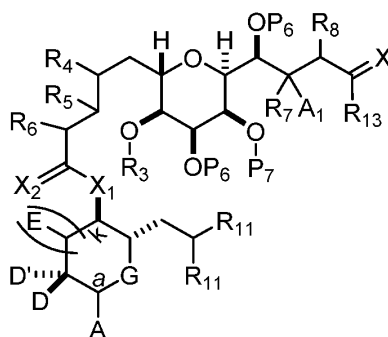
Synthesis of Intermediates

The compound of formula (IA) can be prepared using methods and intermediates disclosed, e.g., in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,338,865; 5,436,238; and 6,214,865; in International Patent application publication Nos. WO 2015/066729 and WO 2016/179607; and in Towle et al., *Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research*, April 6-10, 2002, 5721; Wang et al., *Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, 10:1029-1032, 2000; Aicher et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 114:3162-3164, 1992; Ueda et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 136:5171-5176; and Yamamoto et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 134:893-896, 2012; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Synthesis via Compound of Formula (IC)

A compound of formula (IA), in which X_1 is $-\text{CH}(\text{Y})-$ or $-\text{CH}_2-$, may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (IC), in which R_{13} is H, with a compound of formula (ID), which was treated with a strong base (e.g., alkali amide or alkyl lithium).

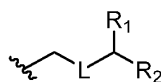
The compound of formula (IC) has the following structure:



(IC),

where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of D and D' is OP_1 , where P_1 is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q_1 , the group of formula (1) having the structure:



(1),

where

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$ or $-C(O)-$;

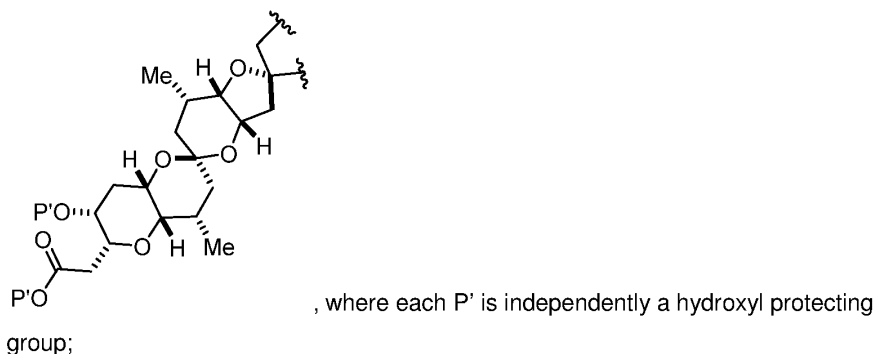
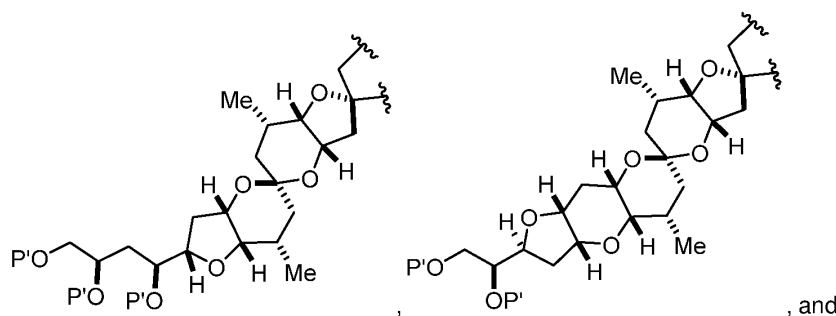
R_1 is H, or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

(i) R_2 is H, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , NR_BR_A , $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_BR_A$, or $O(CO)NR_BR_A$, where each of R_A and R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n , when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$ or $-CH_2-$

X_2 is =O or X_2 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-(C(R_X)_2)-$; where each R_X is independently H, $-OR_{X1}$, or $-SR_{X1}$, provided that at least one R_X , when present, is $-OR_{X1}$ or $-SR_{X1}$; where each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene;

- 5 Y is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, where, when Y is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

- 10 R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

R_{13} is H or $-CH_2P(O)(OR_E)_2$, where each R_E , when present, is independently optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

- 15 (i) each P_6 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;
 each R_{11} is independently $-OP_{10}$, or
 both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group (e.g., silyl);

or

- 20 (ii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form an acetal;

X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, wherein P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

A_1 and R_7 combine to form oxo, P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_8 is H;

or

- 25 A_1 is H or OP'' , and:

- (i) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
 or
 (ii) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;

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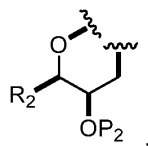
each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group.

In formula (IC), the stereogenic center designated by *a* may be (*R*), and *A* may be of the following structure:



In certain embodiments of formula (IC), *k* is 0 and X_1 is $-CH_2-$. In particular embodiments of formula (IC), R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where *n* is 0.

Alternatively, in formula (IC), A and D may combine to form the following structure:

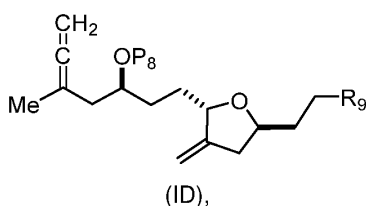


where the bond to the oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom to which D is attached in the formula (IC). In some embodiments of formula (IC) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, and n is 2.

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In other embodiments of formula (IC), k is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl. In still other embodiments of formula (IC), X_1 is $-O-$.

The compound of formula (ID) is of the following structure:



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where

P_8 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

R_9 is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

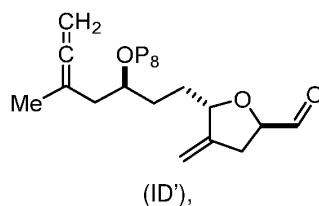
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Alternatively, a compound of formula (IA), in which X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$ or $-CH_2-$, may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (IC), in which X is $=O$ and R_{13} is $-CH_2P(O)(OR_E)_2$, with a compound of formula (ID')

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under Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction conditions.

The compound of formula (ID') is of the following structure:



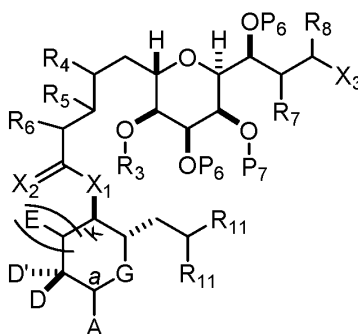
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where P_8 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group.

The compound of formula (IC), in which X is $=O$ and R_{13} is H, may be reacted with $(R_EO)_2P(O)-CH=N^+=N^-$ (e.g., Seyferth-Gilbert reagent) to produce the compound of formula (IC), in which X is $=O$ and R_{13} is $-CH_2P(O)(OR_E)_2$.

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The compound of formula (IC) may be prepared from the compound of formula (IE)



(IE),

where

- 5 X_3 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, where each P_A is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol; R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H; or P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond; and all other variables are as defined for the compound of formula (IC).

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Preparation of the compound of formula (IC) from the compound of formula (IE) may be performed by reacting the compound of formula (IE), in which X_3 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, and both P_A are H, with a glycol cleaving agent (e.g., periodic acid or a salt thereof, e.g., NaIO_4) to produce the compound of formula (IC), in which X is $=\text{O}$, and R_{13} is H.

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- Preparation of certain compounds of formula (IC) may further involve conversion of a compound of formula (IC), in which A_1 is H, R_7 and R_8 combine to form a double bond, and X is $=\text{O}$, into a compound of formula (IC) in which R_7 and A_1 combine to form O. In a non-limiting example, the enal in the compound of formula (IC), in which R_7 and R_8 combine to form a double bond can be converted into a C.12-C.13 epoxide using a nucleophilic peroxide agent, e.g., *t*-butyl hydroperoxide, which can then be converted into the compound of formula (IC), in which A_1 and R_7 combine to form oxo, using methods known in the art, e.g., by reacting with a bidentate phosphine ligand and a source of Pd(0) (see, e.g., Muzart, J., *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, 4717-4741, 2011). Thus, the compound of formula (IC), in which A_1 is OP'' , can be prepared. Other transformations may involve α -oxygenation to produce the compound of formula (IC), in which R_8 is OP'' .
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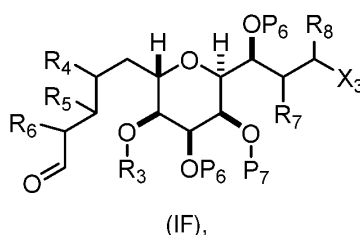
- If, in the compound of formula (IE), at least one of P_A is a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol, the compound of formula (IE) may be treated with a hydroxyl protecting group removing agent (e.g., a Brønsted acid (e.g., *p*-TsOH), if both both P_A combine to form a diol protected as a ketal) to prepare the compound of formula (IE), in which both P_A are H.
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The compound of formula (IE) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (IF) with a compound of formula (IG), which was treated with a strong base (e.g., alkali amide or alkyl lithium). Prior to this reaction, the compound of formula (IF), in which X_3 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, and both P_A are H, may be

converted into the compound of formula (IF), in which X_3 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, where P_A is a hydroxyl protecting group, according to the following procedure. The compound of formula (IF), in which X_3 is $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, and both P_A are H, may be reacted with a glycol cleaving agent (e.g., periodic acid or a salt thereof, e.g., NaIO_4) to produce the compound of formula (IF), in which X_3 is $-\text{CHO}$, which upon

5 reduction with a 1,2-reducing agent and protection with a hydroxyl protecting group, can provide the compound of formula (IF), in which X_3 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, where P_A is a hydroxyl protecting group. For the reduction step, the aldehyde proximal to R_6 in formula (IF) may be protected using protecting groups known in the art as suitable for protecting carbonyls.

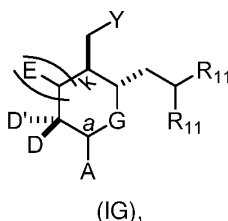
10 The compound of formula (IF) is of the following structure:



where X_3 is $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, and all other variables are as defined for the compound of formula (IE).

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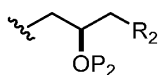
The compound of formula (IG) is of the following structure:



where all variables are as defined for formula (IE).

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In formula (IG), the stereogenic center designated by a may be (*R*), and A may be of the following structure:



25 In certain embodiments of formula (IG), k is 0 and X_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$. In particular embodiments of formula (IG), R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, where n is 0.

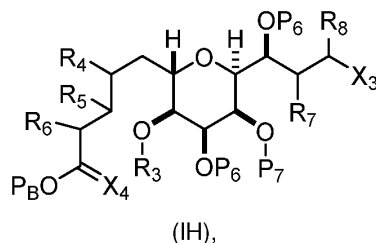
The compound of formula (IG) can be prepared using methods known in the art, e.g., those described in WO 2015/066729.

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The compound of formula (IF) may be prepared by reacting the compound of formula (IH), in which X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $-\text{CH}_2-$, with an oxidizing agent

capable of oxidizing an alcohol to a carbonyl. Alternatively, the compound of formula (IF) may be prepared by reacting the compound of formula (IH), in which X_4 is $=O$, and P_B is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, with a 1,2-reducing agent (e.g., DIBAL).

- 5 The compound of formula (IH) is of the following structure:

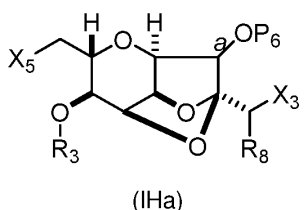


where P_B is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl, X_4 is $=O$ or X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $-CH_2-$, and all of the remaining variables are as

- 10 defined for the compound of formula (IF).

In some embodiments of formula (IH), R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond. In particular embodiments, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond.

- 15 The compound of formula (IH), in which R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, can be prepared from the compound of formula (IH_a)



where X_5 is $-CH=CH_2$ or $-CH(R_4)-CH(R_5)-CH(R_6)-C(X_4)OP_B$, a identifies the carbon-oxygen bond as

- 20 or $\equiv$, and the remaining variables are as defined for the compound of formula (IH).

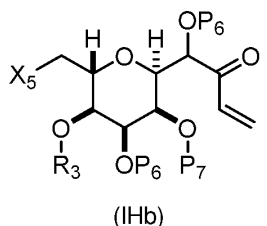
In some embodiments of formula (IH_a), X_3 is $-CH_2OP_A$. In particular embodiments, R_8 is H.

- 25 The compound of formula (IH_a) can be reacted with a hydrosilane (e.g., Et_3SiH , Ph_2SiH_2 , Ph_2MeSiH , or PMHS) and an acid (e.g., a Brønsted acid (e.g., trifluoroacetic acid) or a Lewis acid (e.g., boron trifluoride etherate)) to reduce the ketal thereby producing the compound of formula (IH), if X_5 is $-CH(R_4)-CH(R_5)-CH(R_6)-C(X_4)OP_B$. If X_5 in the compound of formula (IH_a) is $-CH=CH_2$, the preparation of the compound of formula (IH) may further involve manipulation of X_5 , whereby $-CH=CH_2$ is converted into $-CH(R_4)-CH(R_5)-CH(R_6)-C(X_4)OP_B$. For example, this conversion can involve hydroboration/oxidation, followed
- 30 by an olefination reaction (e.g., Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction with $P_BO-C(O)-CH_2-P(O)(OR_P)_2$, where R_P is optionally substituted alkyl).

If a in formula (IHa) identifies the bond as $\equiv$, the compound of formula (IHa) may be subjected to an epimerization reaction (e.g., using a reaction sequence involving oxidation of the group $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_6)-$ into a carbonyl with subsequent reduction and protection with a hydroxyl protecting group) to provide the compound of formula (IHa), in which a is I .

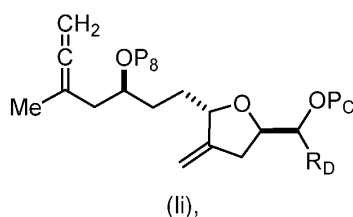
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The compound of formula (IHa), in which X_3 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, can be prepared from the compound of formula (IHb):



- 10 where each of P_6 and P_7 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or one P_6 and P_7 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal (e.g., one P_6 and P_7 combine to form cyclohexylidene), and the remaining P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group; or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, and P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group.
- 15 The compound of formula (IHb) can be subjected to oxa-Michael addition, followed by the removal of hydroxyl protecting groups from OP_6 and OP_7 with concomitant ketalization (e.g., using a hydroxyl protecting group removing agent (e.g., a Brønsted acid (e.g., *p*-toluenesulfonic acid)) to provide the compound of formula (IHa).
- 20 The compound of formula (IH) can also be prepared using methods known in the art, e.g., those described in WO 2015/066729 and WO 2005/118565.

The compound of formula (ID) may be prepared from a compound of formula (li):



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where

P_8 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(i) P_C is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_D is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_D$, where P_D is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_C and P_D combine to form a cyclic protected diol; or

30 (ii) P_C and R_D , together with the atoms to which each is attached combine to form carbonyl.

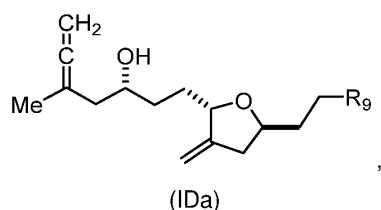
Synthesis of the compound of formula (ID) from the compound of formula (li), in which P_8 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_C and R_D , together with the atoms to which each is attached combine to form

- carbonyl, may involve reacting the compound of formula (Ii) with deprotonated $R_9\text{-CH}_2\text{-P(O)(OR}_E)_2$ to produce a product, which, upon treatment with a 1,4-reducing agent (e.g., LiHBEt_3), may yield the compound of formula (ID), where R_E is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl; and R_9 is SO_2R_C or COOR_C , where, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is COOR_C , R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl. The reaction between the compound of formula (Ii) and $R_9\text{-CH}_2\text{-P(O)(OR}_E)_2$ may be carried out under the reaction conditions known in the art for Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction. For example, $R_9\text{-CH}_2\text{-P(O)(OR}_E)_2$ may be deprotonated *in situ* using a strong base (e.g., an alkali amide) prior to the addition of the compound of formula (Ii).
- If, in the compound of formula (Ii), P_C is H, and R_D is $\text{-CH}_2\text{OP}_D$, where P_D is H, synthesis of the compound of formula (ID) or formula (ID') may involve reacting this compound of formula (Ii) with a glycol cleaving agent (e.g., periodic acid or a salt thereof, e.g., NaIO_4) to produce the compound of formula (Ii), in which P_C and R_D , together with the atoms to which each is attached combine to form carbonyl.
- The compound of formula (ID') corresponds to the compound of formula (Ii), in which P_C and R_D , together with the atoms to which each is attached combine to form carbonyl.

The compound of formula (Ii) can be prepared using methods known in the art, e.g., as described in WO 2015/066729 and in WO 2005/118565.

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Alternatively, the compound of formula (ID) may be prepared from the compound of formula (IDa):



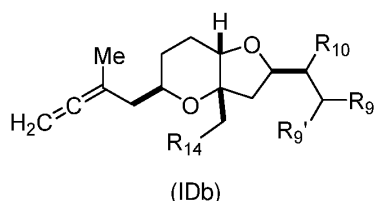
where R_9 is as defined for formula (ID).

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- The compound of formula (IDa) can be converted to the compound of formula (ID), in which P_8 is a hydroxyl protecting group, through an epimerization of the secondary carbinol (e.g., through a Mitsunobu reaction with $P_8\text{-OH}$, where P_8 is a hydroxyl protecting group, such as *p*-nitrobenzyl)). If the compound of formula (ID), in which P_8 is H, is desired, the compounds of formula (ID), in which P_8 is a hydroxyl protecting group, may be treated with a hydroxyl protecting group removing agent to produce the compound of formula (ID), in which P_8 is H.

The compound of formula (IDa) can be prepared by subjecting the compound of formula (IDb), in which R_{14} is a halogen (e.g., iodide) or a pseudohalogen, and each of R_9' and R_{10} is H, to Vasella fragmentation reaction conditions (e.g., Zn and aqueous acetic acid). The compound of formula (IDb) is of the following formula:

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where $R_{9'}$ and R_{10} are both H, or $R_{9'}$ and R_{10} combine to form a double bond; R_{14} is hydroxyl, a halogen (e.g., iodide), or a pseudohalogen (e.g., triflate); and R_9 is as defined for formula (ID).

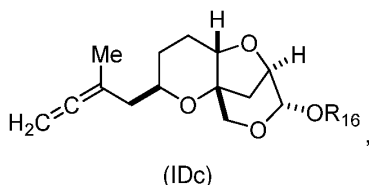
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The compound of formula (IDb), in which $R_{9'}$ and R_{10} are both H, can be prepared by treating the compound of formula (IDb), in which $R_{9'}$ and R_{10} combine to form a double bond, with a 1,4-reducing agent (e.g., LiBH_4).

- 10 The compound of formula (IDb), in which R_{14} is hydroxyl, can be converted into the compound of formula (IDb), in which R_{14} is a pseudohalogen, through a reaction with an appropriate pseudohalogen anhydride (e.g., trifluoromethanesulfonic acid anhydride) under basic conditions (e.g., in the presence of a bulky base, e.g., Hünig's base). The compound of formula (IDb), in which R_{14} is a pseudohalogen, may be treated with a halide salt (e.g., sodium iodide or a tetrabutylammonium iodide) to produce the compound
- 15 of formula (IDb), in which R_{14} is a halogen (e.g., iodide). The two reactions may be performed as a single pot process.

The compound of formula (IDb), in which R_{14} is hydroxyl, and $R_{9'}$ and R_{10} combine to form a double bond, can be prepared from the compound of formula (IDc), in which R_{16} is H, through a Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction with $R_9\text{-CH}_2\text{-P(O)(OR}_E)_2$, where each R_E is independently optionally substituted alkyl.

20 The compound of formula (IDc) is of the following formula:



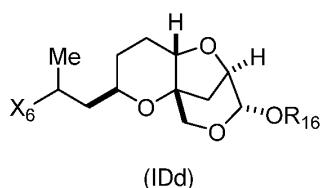
where R_{16} is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or an optionally substituted alkyl.

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The compound of formula (IDc), in which R_{16} is a hydroxyl protecting group or an optionally substituted alkyl, can be converted to the compound of formula (IDc), in which R_{16} is H, through the use of an acid-catalyzed hydrolysis (e.g., using a mixture of an aqueous Brønsted acid and a polar organic solvent, e.g., THF).

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The compound of formula (IDc), in which R_{16} is an optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group, can be prepared from the compound of formula (IDd), in which X_6 is $-\text{C(R}_{17})=\text{CH}_2$, through the metal-catalyzed net elimination of H-R_{17} (e.g., using Pd(0) , MOP ligand, and Hünig's base). The compound of formula (IDd) is of the following formula:



where X_6 is $-C(R_{17})=CH_2$, $-C(O)-Me$, or cyano, where R_{17} is a pseudohalogen (e.g., triflate) or halogen; and R_{16} is as defined for formula (IDc).

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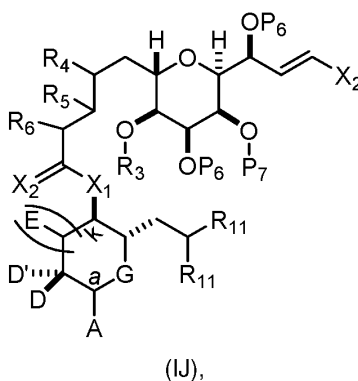
The compound of formula (IDd), in which R_{16} is H and X_6 is cyano, is known in the art (e.g., in WO 2009/046308). The compound of formula (IDd), in which R_{16} is H, can be subjected to an acid-catalyzed reaction with an excess of $R_{16}-OH$ to give the compound of formula (IDd), in which R_{16} is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl. The compound of formula (IDd), in which X_6 is cyano, and R_{16} is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, can be reacted with a nucleophilic source of methyl (e.g., $MeLi \cdot LiBr$) to give the compound of formula (IDd), in which X_6 is $-C(O)-Me$. The compound of formula (IDd), in which X_6 is $-C(O)-Me$, can be reacted with an electrophilic source of pseudohalogen (e.g., $PhNTf_2$ and a bulky base, e.g., $NaHMDS$) or an electrophilic source of halogen (e.g., triphenyl phosphite, elemental halogen, and a base, e.g., triethylamine) to give the compound of formula (IDd), in which X_6 is $-C(R_{17})=CH_2$.

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Synthesis via Compound of Formula (IJ)

The compound of formula (IA) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (IJ) with a compound of formula (IK) under Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction conditions, as described herein. The compound of formula (IJ) is of the following formula:

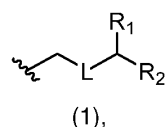
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where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of D and D' is OP_1 , where P_1 is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q_1 , the group of formula (1) having the structure:

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where

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$ or $-C(O)-$;

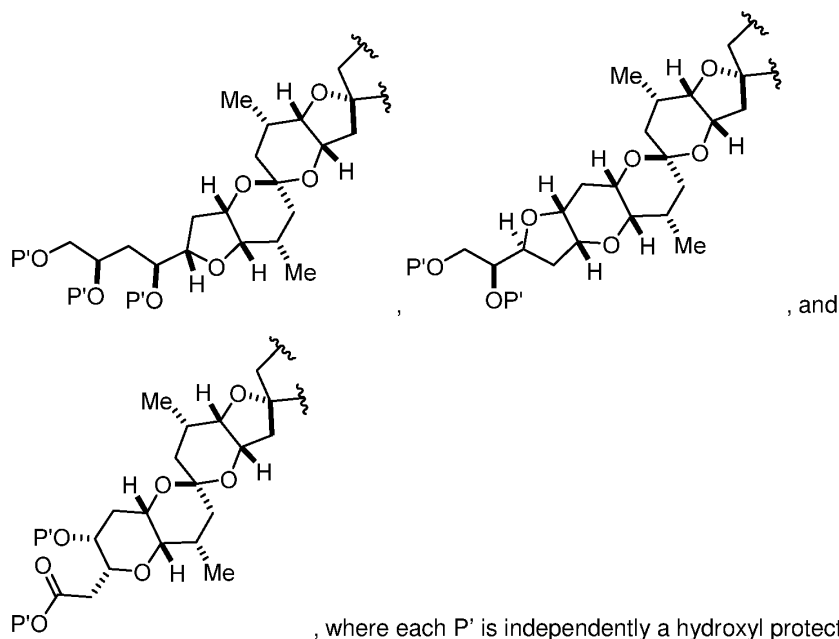
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

(i) R₂ is H, where P₂ is absent, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, where P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, where P₂ is absent, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, where R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, where each of R_A and R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is $-\text{CH}(\text{Y})-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, or $-\text{O}-$, and X₂ is $=\text{O}$ or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-\text{C}(\text{R}_\text{x})_2-$; wherein each R_x is independently H, $-\text{OR}_{\text{X}1}$, or $-\text{SR}_{\text{X}1}$, provided that at least one R_x, when present, is $-\text{OR}_{\text{X}1}$ or $-\text{SR}_{\text{X}1}$; wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is $-\text{O}-$, X₂ is $=\text{O}$; and where Y is $\text{SO}_2\text{R}_\text{C}$ or COOR_C , where, when Y is $\text{SO}_2\text{R}_\text{C}$, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C , R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

(i) each P₆ is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;

each R₁₁ is independently $-\text{OP}_{10}$, or

both R₁₁ combine to form oxo, where P₁₀ is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group (e.g., silyl);

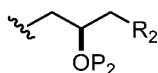
or

(ii) both P₆ and both R₁₁, together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form an acetal;

each P₇ is independently a hydroxyl protecting group; and

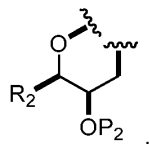
X₂ is a halogen or pseudohalogen.

In formula (IJ), the stereogenic center designated by *a* may be (*R*), and A may be of the following structure:



In certain embodiments of formula (IJ), k is 0 and X₁ is $-\text{CH}_2-$. In particular embodiments of formula (IJ), R₂ is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, where n is 0.

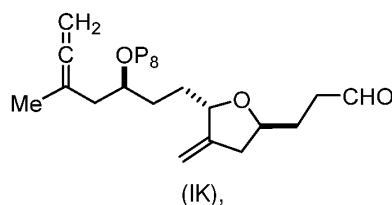
Alternatively, in formula (IJ), A and D may combine to form the following structure:



where the bond to the oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom to which D is attached in the formula (IJ). In some embodiments of formula (IJ) R₂ is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, and n is 2.

In other embodiments of formula (IJ), k is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl. In still other embodiments of formula (IJ), X₁ is $-\text{O}-$.

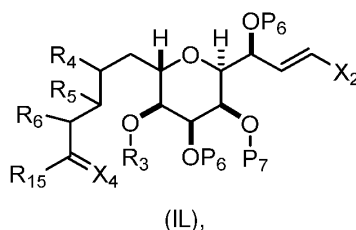
The compound of formula (IK) is of the following structure:



- 5 where P₈ is a hydroxyl protecting group.

The compound of formula (IK) may be prepared using methods known in the art, e.g., those described in WO 2015/066729 and WO 2005/118565.

- 10 The compound of formula (IJ), in which X₁ is -CH(Y)- or -CH₂-, may be prepared from a compound of formula (IG) and a compound of formula (IL), in which R₁₅ is H, and X₄ is =O. The compound of formula (IL) is of the following structure:



- 15 or a salt thereof,

where R₁₅ is H or -OP₁₁, and P₁₁ is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl; X₄ is =O or, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -CH₂-; and all remaining variables are as defined for the compound of formula (IJ); provided that when R₁₅ is H, X₄ is =O.

- 20 The compound of formula (IL) can be prepared using methods known in the art, e.g., those described in International Patent application Nos. WO 2005/118565 and WO 2015/066729, and in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,338,865; 5,436,238; and 6,214,865.

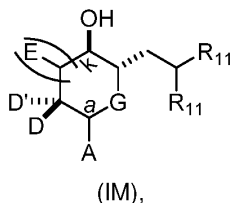
- 25 Synthesis of the compound of formula (IJ), in which X₁ is -CH(Y)- or -CH₂-, involves reacting the compound of formula (IL), in which R₁₅ is H, and X₄ is =O, with the compound of formula (IG), which was treated with a strong base (e.g., alkali amide or alkyl lithium) and subsequently oxidizing the alcohol formed from the aldehyde group through the use of an oxidizing agent capable of converting an alcohol to a carbonyl group (e.g., Dess-Martin periodinane).

- 30 If a compound of formula (IJ), in which X₁ is -CH₂-, is to be prepared, synthesis of this compound of formula (IJ) may further involve subjecting the compound of formula (IJ), in which X₁ is -CH(Y)-, to decarboxylation (if Y is COOR_C) or desulfonylation (if Y is SO₂R_C) reaction conditions, as described herein.

The compound of formula (IJ), in which X_1 is $-O-$, may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (IL), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, P_{11} is H, and X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-CH_2-$, with a compound of formula (IM) under esterification reaction conditions (e.g., Yamaguchi esterification, as described herein, or using EDCI/DMAP, e.g., as described in Namba and Kishi, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 127:15382-15383, 2005).

The compound of formula (IL), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, P_{11} is H, and X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-CH_2-$, can be reacted with an oxidizing agent capable of oxidizing hydroxyl to a carbonyl group to give the compound of formula (IL), in which R_{15} is H, and X_4 is $=O$. The compound of formula (IL), in which R_{15} is H, and X_4 is $=O$, can be oxidized using Pinnick oxidation to give the compound of formula (IL), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, P_{11} is H, and X_4 is $=O$. The compound of formula (IL), in which X_4 is $=O$, R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, can be treated with a 1,2-reducing agent (e.g., DIBAL) to give the compound of formula (IL), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, P_{11} is H, and X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-CH_2-$. The compound of formula (IL), in which X_4 is $=O$, and R_{15} is H, can be prepared by reacting the compound of formula (IL), in which X_4 is $=O$, R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, with a 1,2-reducing agent under the conditions known in the art for conversion of esters to aldehydes (e.g., with DIBAL at low (e.g., from about -80°C to about -50°C) temperature).

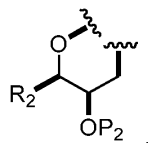
The compound of formula (IM) is of the following structure:



where each R_{11} is independently $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, where P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group (e.g., silyl); and all of the remaining variable are as defined for formula (IM).

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In formula (IM), A and D may combine to form the following structure:



where the bond to the oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom to which D is attached in the formula (IM). In some embodiments of formula (IM) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, and n is 2.

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In other embodiments of formula (IM), k is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl. In still other embodiments of formula (IM), X_1 is $-O-$.

The compounds of formula (IL) and (IM) may be prepared using methods known in the art, e.g., those described in International Patent application Nos. WO 2005/118565 and WO 2015/066729, and in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,338,865 and 5,436,238.

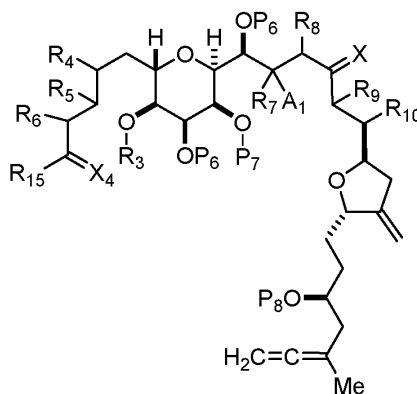
5 *Synthesis via Compound of Formula (IN)*

The compound of formula (IA), in which X_1 is $-O-$, may be prepared by reacting the compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is H, with a compound of formula (IM). This reaction may be performed using esterification reaction conditions known in the art (e.g., Yamaguchi esterification, which may involve the use of 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, an amine base (e.g., Hünig's base), and catalytic quantities of 4-dimethylaminopyridine). Yamaguchi esterification reaction conditions have been described, e.g., in Aicher et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 114:3162-3164, 1992). Alternatively, the esterification conditions may involve the use of a carbodiimide reagent (e.g., EDCI) and a Lewis base catalyst (e.g., DMAP); a non-limiting example of this transformation is described in Namba and Kishi, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 127:15382-15383, 2005.

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The compound of formula (IA), in which X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$, may be prepared by reacting the compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is H, with a compound of formula (IG), which was treated with a strong base (e.g., alkali amide or alkyl lithium).

20 The compound of formula (IN) is of the following structure:



(IN),

or a salt thereof,

where R_{15} is H or $-OP_{11}$, where P_{11} is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl; X_4 is $=O$ or, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-CH_2-$; and all remaining variables are as defined for formula (IA); provided that when R_{15} is H, X_4 is $=O$.

The compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, P_{11} is H, and X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-CH_2-$, can be reacted with an oxidizing agent capable of oxidizing hydroxyl to a carbonyl group to give the compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is H, and X_4 is $=O$. The compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is H, and X_4 is $=O$, can be oxidized using Pinnick oxidation to give the compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, P_{11} is H, and X_4 is $=O$. The compound of formula (IN),

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in which X_4 is $=O$, R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, can be treated with a 1,2-reducing agent (e.g., DIBAL) to give the compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, P_{11} is H, and X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-CH_2-$. The compound of formula (IN), in which X_4 is $=O$, and R_{15} is H, can be prepared by reacting the compound of formula (IN), in which X_4 is $=O$, R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, with a 1,2-reducing agent under the conditions known in the art for conversion of esters to aldehydes (e.g., with DIBAL at low (e.g., from about $-80\text{ }^{\circ}C$ to about $-50\text{ }^{\circ}C$) temperature).

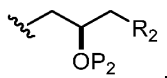
The compound of formula (IN) in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, may be prepared from the compound of formula (ID) and the compound of formula (IH), in which P_B is a hydroxyl protecting group or optionally substituted alkyl, X_3 is $-CHO$, and X_4 is $=O$.

Synthesis of the compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, from the compound of formula (IH) and the compound of formula (ID) may involve reacting the compound of formula (IH) with the compound of formula (ID), which was treated with a strong base (e.g., alkali amide or alkyl lithium) to produce a product containing an alcohol, which, upon removal of P_B (e.g., using a 1,2-reducing agent, if P_B is an acyl group, such as pivaloyl) and subsequent oxidation (e.g., sequential oxidation using an oxidizing agent capable of converting an alcohol to a carbonyl group, followed by Pinnick oxidation), can provide the compound of formula (IN).

Alternatively, the compound of formula (IN) may be prepared from the compound of formula (IL) and the compound of formula (IK). For example, the compound of formula (IL), in which X_4 is $=O$, R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group, may be reacted with the compound of formula (IK) under the Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction conditions to produce the compound of formula (IN), in which R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group; R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond; and X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, where P_9 is H. Subsequent, deprotection and a reaction with an oxidizing agent capable of converting an alcohol to a carbonyl group can provide the compound of formula (IN), in which X is $=O$ and R_{15} is $-OP_{11}$, and P_{11} is H.

Preparation of certain compounds of formula (IN) may further involve conversion of a compound of formula (IN), in which A_1 is H, R_7 and R_8 combine to form a double bond, and X is $=O$, into a compound of formula (IN) in which R_7 and A_1 combine to form O. In a non-limiting example, the enal in the compound of formula (IN), in which R_7 and R_8 combine to form a double bond can be converted into a C.12-C.13 epoxide using a nucleophilic peroxide agent, e.g., *t*-butyl hydroperoxide, which can then be converted into the compound of formula (IN), in which A_1 and R_7 combine to form oxo, using methods known in the art, e.g., by reacting with a bidentate phosphine ligand and a source of Pd(0) (see, e.g., Muzart, J., *Eur. J. Org. Chem.*, 4717-4741, 2011). Thus, the compound of formula (IN), in which A_1 is OP'' , can be prepared. Other transformations may involve α -oxygenation to produce the compound of formula (IN), in which R_8 and/or R_9 is OP'' .

In certain embodiments of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (IE), (IJ), or (IN), k is 0, X₁ is —CH(Y)— or —CH₂—, D is H, D' is OP₁, G is O, and A is of the following structure:



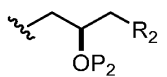
where

5 (i) R₂ is —(CH₂)_nNP₃P₄, where n is 0, P₃ is H or an N-protecting group, and P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene or P₂ is H, an optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group and P₄ is an N-protecting group; or

(ii) R₂ is —(CH₂)_nOP₅, where n is 0, P₂ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo;

can be used for the synthesis of eribulin or its salt (e.g., eribulin mesylate).

15 In particular embodiments of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (IE), (IJ), or (IN), k is 0, X₁ is —CH(Y)— or —CH₂—, D is H, D' is OP₁, G is O, and A is of the following structure:



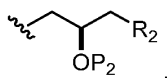
where

(i) R₂ is —(CH₂)_nNP₃P₄, where n is 0, P₃ is an N-protecting group, and P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene or P₂ is H, an optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group and P₄ is an N-protecting group; or

(ii) R₂ is —(CH₂)_nOP₅, where n is 0, P₂ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo;

25 can be used for the synthesis of eribulin or its salt (e.g., eribulin mesylate).

In further embodiments of the compound of formula (IA), (IB), (IC), (IE), (IJ), or (IN), k is 0, D is H, D' is OP₁, and A is of the following structure:



30 where

(i) R₂ is —(CH₂)_nNP₃P₄, where n is 0, P₃ is an N-protecting group, and P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene; or

(ii) R₂ is —(CH₂)_nOP₅, where n is 0, each of P₂ and P₅ is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo.

Masked Amines and Amine Unmasking Agents

The compounds used in the methods of the invention can contain a masked or unmasked amine (e.g., at C.35 carbon of the structure of the halichondrin macrolide analog, such as eribulin). An unmasked amine is -NH_2 . An amine can be masked using methods known in the art, e.g., by protecting the amine with an *N*-protecting group. Alternatively, an amine can be masked as a nitrogen-containing moiety, which can be reacted with an amine unmasking agent to afford an amine. Non-limiting examples of the nitrogen-containing moieties include azide and an imide (e.g., phthalimide). Amine unmasking agents can be those known in the art for removing *N*-protecting groups from amines. In a non-limiting example, a Boc group can be removed using amine unmasking agents known in the art, e.g., a Brønsted acid (e.g., HCl in 1,4-dioxane or trifluoroacetic acid). When amine is masked as azide, the amine can be unmasked by subjecting the compound containing the masked amine to Staudinger reaction conditions (e.g., by contacting with a phosphine, such as trialkylphosphine, dialkylarylphosphine, alkyl diarylphosphine, or triarylphosphine) or by reacting the compound containing the masked amine with a reducing agent (e.g., LiAlH_4). When amine is masked as an imide (e.g., phthalimide), the amine can be unmasked by reacting with an amine unmasking agent known in the art, e.g., hydrazine.

Oxidizing Agents Capable of Converting an Alcohol to a Carbonyl Group

Oxidizing agents capable of converting an alcohol to a carbonyl group are known in the art. Non-limiting examples of these oxidizing agents include Dess-Martin periodinane, TEMPO (in the presence of bleach or BAIB), a dimethylsulfonium compound (e.g., dimethylchlorosulfonium chloride), aluminum trialkoxide with an excess of a ketone (e.g., acetone), and catalytic tetrapropylammonium perruthenate (TPAP) (in the presence of *N*-methylmorpholine oxide). The dimethylsulfonium compound can be prepared *in situ* under the conditions known for Parikh-Doering oxidation, Swern oxidation, Corey-Kim oxidation, or Pfitzner-Moffatt oxidation. Alternatively, the dimethylsulfonium compound can be prepared *in situ* by a reaction between trichloroacetic acid anhydride and dimethyl sulfoxide. An oxidation reaction of an alcohol to a carbonyl group (e.g., a ketone) can be performed using aluminum trialkoxide and an excess of a ketone (e.g., acetone) under the conditions known in the art for Oppenauer oxidation. Allylic and benzylic alcohols can also be oxidized with MnO_2 .

Reducing Agents

Reducing agents that can be used in the methods of the invention are those known in the art. A reducing agent can be an electron-transfer reducing agent, a metal hydride, or a metalloid hydride. Non-limiting examples of electron-transfer reducing agents include alkali metals in oxidation state (0), alkali earth metals in oxidation state (0), alkali arenides, lanthanide (II) salts (e.g., SmI_2), $\text{Zn}(0)$, $\text{Fe}(0)$, and $\text{Mn}(0)$. Non-limiting examples of metal hydrides and metalloid hydrides include boron hydride compounds (e.g., NaBH_4 , LiBH_4 , LiHBEt_3 , selectrides (e.g., L-selectride), and boranes (e.g., 9-BBN and alpine borane)), aluminum hydride compounds (e.g., LiAlH_4 , Red-Al®, and alanes (e.g., diisobutylaluminum hydride (DIBAL))), hydrosilanes (e.g., PMHS and Ph_2SiH_2), hydrostannanes (e.g., Bu_3SnH), copper hydride complexes (e.g., Stryker's reagent), palladium hydride complexes, platinum hydride complexes, iridium hydride complexes, rhodium hydride complexes, and ruthenium hydride complexes. Reducing agents

can be formed *in situ*, e.g., a copper hydride complex can be formed by a reaction of a copper salt with, e.g., a boron hydride compound or a hydrosilane. Thus, some reducing reagents (e.g., boron hydride compounds, hydrosilanes, and hydrostannanes) can be used in combination with a catalytic quantity of a metal salt (e.g., Cu, Pd, Pt, Ir, Rh, or Ru salt). Alternatively, catalytic reducing agents can be metal salts (e.g., aluminum isopropoxide or a ruthenium complex) in combination with an alcohol, which undergo transfer hydrogenation of carbonyl-containing compounds without intermediacy of a metal hydride. Non-limiting examples of transfer hydrogenation reactions include Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley reduction (e.g., using aluminum isopropoxide/isopropanol) and Ru-catalyzed transfer hydrogenation (e.g., Hashiguchi et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 117:7562-7563, 1995).

When a substrate is an α,β -unsaturated carbonyl or sulfone compound (e.g., an α,β -enone or a vinyl sulfone), a reducing agent can be a 1,2-reducing agent or a 1,4-reducing agent. For example, a reaction between an α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound and a 1,2-reducing agent can afford, e.g., an allylic alcohol (or an allylic amine, if the starting compound is an enamide), whereas a reaction between an α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound and a 1,4-reducing agent can afford an α,β -saturated compound and can leave the carbonyl group intact after work up of the reaction mixture. Non-limiting examples of 1,2-reducing agents include metal hydrides and metalloid hydrides, e.g., aluminum hydride compounds, boron hydride compounds (e.g., CeCl_3 with NaBH_4), and ruthenium hydride complexes. Non-limiting examples of 1,4-reducing agents include boron hydride compounds (e.g., LiHBEt_3 and L-selectride), hydrostannanes, copper hydride complexes (e.g., Stryker's reagent), palladium hydride complexes, platinum hydride complexes, iridium hydride complexes, rhodium hydride complexes, and ruthenium hydride complexes.

A compound having an allylic leaving group (e.g., a carboxylate, a halide, or a sulfonate) can be treated with an allylic reducing agent to replace the leaving group with a hydrogen atom. A non-limiting example of allylic reducing agent is a palladium salt or complex (e.g., $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$) in combination with a formic acid salt (e.g., trialkylammonium formate).

Hydroxyl Protecting Groups and Hydroxyl Protecting Group Removing Agents

Hydroxyl protecting groups can be as defined herein. In particular, a hydroxyl protecting group can be an acyl, a sulfonyl, an arylalkyl (e.g., benzyl or *p*-methoxybenzyl), an aryl (e.g., *p*-methoxyphenyl), or an optionally substituted silyl (e.g., TMS, TES, TBS, TIPS, TBDPS, or TPS). Hydroxyl protecting groups, hydroxyl protecting agents, and hydroxyl protecting reaction conditions can be selected to protect selectively certain hydroxyl groups in a compound, while leaving other hydroxyl groups unprotected. The choice of hydroxyl protecting groups for a compound can facilitate subsequent deprotection strategies, as some hydroxyl protecting groups can be removed in the presence of others using appropriate hydroxyl protecting group removing agents. Some of these strategies involving the choice of silyl hydroxyl protecting groups are discussed in, e.g., *Silicon-Based Blocking Agents*, Gelest, Inc., 2011.

Hydroxyl protecting group removing agents are those agents that can react with a compound having a protected hydroxyl group to afford the compound with a deprotected hydroxyl group. Hydroxyl protecting

group removing agents and deprotection reaction conditions can be those known in the art. In a non-limiting example, hydroxyl masked as silyl ether can be unmasked by a reaction with a fluoride source (e.g., a fluoride salt, such as KF or TBAF). Alternatively, hydroxyl protected as TMS or TES ether can be deprotected by a reaction with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a carboxylic acid). In another non-limiting example, hydroxyl protected as an ester can be deprotected by a reaction with a base (e.g., alkali hydroxide (e.g., lithium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, or potassium hydroxide) or C₁₋₆ alkoxide (e.g., alkali C₁₋₆ alkoxide or alkali earth C₁₋₆ alkoxide)). Alternatively, hydroxyl protected as an ester (e.g., pivaloyl ester) can be deprotected by a reaction with a 1,2-reducing agent (e.g., DIBAL-H). In yet another non-limiting example, hydroxyl protected as an arylalkyl ether (e.g., 1-arylalk-1-yl ether) can be deprotected using a reduction reaction, e.g., with Pd/C and H₂ or with Na/NH₃. Alternatively, hydroxyl protected as an alkoxy-arylalkyl ether (e.g., MPM ether) can be deprotected by a reaction with 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ). In still another non-limiting example, hydroxyl protected as alkoxyalkyl ether (e.g., 1-alkoxyalk-1-yl) or THP ether can be deprotected by a reaction with a Brønsted acid. Cyclic protected diols, such as acetals or ketals (e.g., as 2-alkyl-1,3-dioxolane, 2,2-dialkyl-1,3-dioxolane, 2-alkyl-1,3-dioxane, or 2,2-dialkyl-1,3-dioxane), can be deprotected by a reaction with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a carboxylic acid).

Decarboxylation and Desulfonylation

The conditions for the decarboxylation reaction can be those known in the art, e.g., Krapcho decarboxylation or a sequence including deprotection, if R_C is not H, by converting R_C to H and subsequent protodecarboxylation. The conditions for the desulfonylation reaction can be those known in the art. For example, the desulfonylation reaction can include contacting the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB) or an intermediate downstream of the compound of formula (IA) or formula (IB) with an electron-transferring reducing agent (e.g., Sml₂; Cr(III) salt and Mn(0); or Mg(0)). For exemplary desulfonylation conditions, see WO 2009/064029.

Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi Reaction

Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction conditions that may be used in transformation described herein can be those known in the art. Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction can include reacting substrates (an aldehyde and a vinyl halide or pseudohalide) with a Cr(II) salt and a Ni(II) salt. Ancillary ligands can be used in combination with the metal salts. In a non-limiting example, a substituted 1,10-phenanthroline can be used in combination with a Ni(II) salt. Chiral ancillary ligands can be used to render the reaction stereoselective. In a non-limiting example, chiral N-(dihydrooxazolyl-phenyl)-sulfonamides can be used with a Cr(II) salt to control the stereochemistry of the carbonyl carbon, to which a vinyl nucleophile is added in the course of Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction.

Salification

Salification reaction conditions are known in the art. Salification of eribulin can afford a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of eribulin (e.g., eribulin mesylate). In particular, salification reaction can involve contacting eribulin with a Brønsted acid (e.g., a pharmaceutically acceptable Brønsted acid (e.g., methanesulfonic acid)) to afford a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of eribulin (e.g., *Handbook of Pharmaceutical Salts: Properties, Selection and Use*, ed.: Stahl and Wermuth, Wiley-VCH/VHCA,

Weinheim/Zurich, 2002). Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of eribulin, e.g., eribulin mesylate, can be formed by methods known in the art, e.g., in situ during the final isolation and purification of the compound or separately by reacting the free base group with a suitable organic acid. In one example, eribulin is treated with a solution of MsOH and NH₄OH in water and acetonitrile. The mixture is concentrated. The residue is dissolved in DCM-pentane, and the solution is added to anhydrous pentane. The resulting precipitate is filtered and dried under high vacuum to provide eribulin mesylate.

Epimerizations

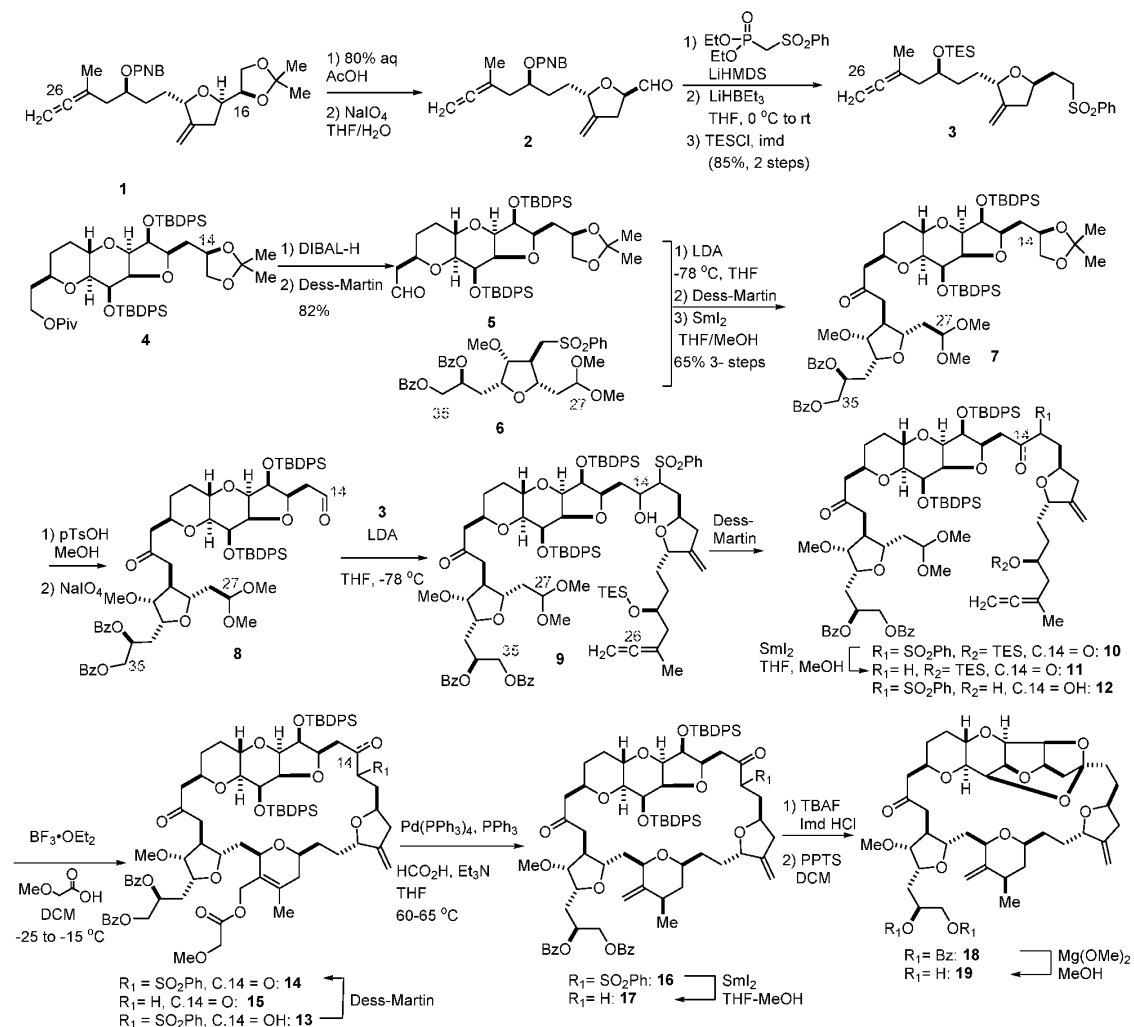
Epimerization reactions can be used to invert a stereogenic center having an undesired stereochemical identity. For example, through epimerization, an *R* stereogenic center can be converted to an *S* stereogenic center and *vice versa*. Epimerization of a stereogenic *sp*³-carbon bonded to one hydrogen atom and to one hydroxyl group can be achieved through a reaction sequence involving oxidation of the hydroxyl group to a carbonyl group followed by a 1,2-reduction reaction. The 1,2-reduction reaction can provide the desired stereochemical identity diastereoselectively, or the reaction can be carried out using a chiral catalyst, chiral auxiliary, or a chiral reducing agent. Non-limiting examples of chiral reducing agents include alpine borane and propine borane. Non-limiting examples of 1,2-reduction reactions involving chiral catalysts are Corey-Bakshi-Shibata reduction, Noyori hydrogenation, and Noyori transfer hydrogenation. The oxidation/reduction reaction sequence can be carried out *in situ* using dynamic kinetic resolution. A dynamic kinetic resolution can further involve a reaction with a hydroxyl protecting agent, which removes the desired stereoisomer from the reduction/oxidation equilibrium. In a non-limiting example, a dynamic kinetic resolution of chiral secondary alcohols can involve reduction/oxidation equilibration using η^5 -Ph₅CpRu(CO)₂H in combination with enantioselective esterification using isopropenyl acetate catalyzed by a lipase enzyme (e.g., lipase B from *Candida Antarctica*, see, e.g., Martin-Matute et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 127:8817-8825, 2005).

Epimerization can also be carried out on a compound containing a tetrahydropyran-2-yl-acetaldehyde moiety, in which carbon 2 of the pyran ring exhibits an undesired stereochemical identity. Contacting this compound with L-proline can provide equilibrium between two stereoisomers. If other, non-equilibrating stereogenic centers are present in the compound, the most stable stereoisomer will be present in a larger quantity relative to other stereoisomer(s) in equilibrium with the most stable stereoisomer.

The following examples are meant to illustrate the invention. They are not meant to limit the invention in any way.

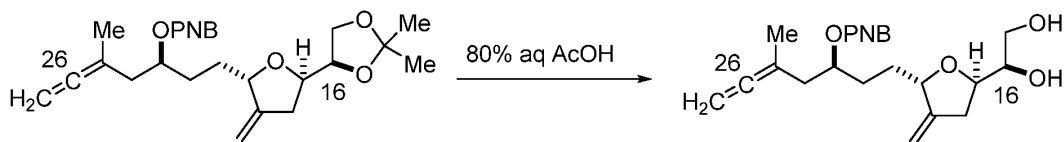
Examples

Example 1 – Preparation of a Halichondrin Macrolide Analog via a Compound of Formula (IC)



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(S)-1-((2S, 5R)-5-((R)-1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-3-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-5-methylhepta-5,6-dien-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate

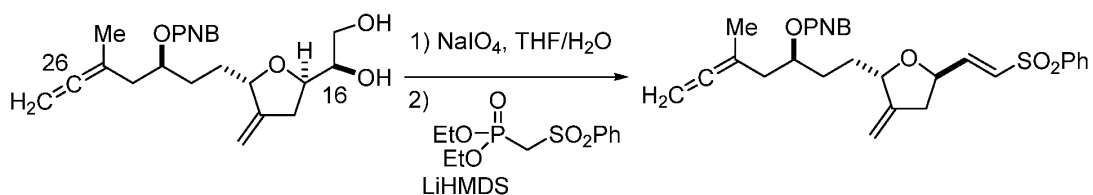


- 10 To a solution of (S)-1-((2S,5R)-5-((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)-3-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-5-methylhepta-5,6-dien-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (0.70 g, 1.53 mmol) in acetic acid (8 mL) at ambient temperature was added water (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and azeotroped with toluene twice to give 0.62 g of the target product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.56 - 1.70 (m, 2 H) 1.73 (t, *J*=3.13 Hz, 3 H) 1.81 - 1.94 (m, 2 H) 2.25 - 2.32 (m, 1 H) 2.37 - 2.47 (m, 1 H) 2.50 - 2.59 (m, 1 H) 2.60 - 2.70 (m, 1 H) 3.51 - 3.59 (m, 1 H) 3.60 - 3.68 (m, 1 H) 3.69 - 3.76 (m, 1 H) 4.04 - 4.14 (m, 1 H) 4.42 - 4.50 (m, 2 H) 4.50 - 4.59 (m, 1 H) 4.84 (q, *J*=2.21 Hz, 1 H) 5.02 (q, *J*=1.95 Hz, 1 H) 5.31 - 5.39 (m, 1 H) 8.16 - 8.23 (m, 2 H) 8.26 - 8.32 (m, 2 H)

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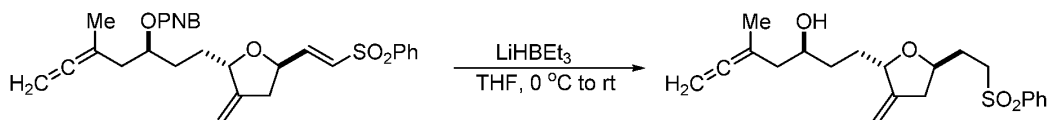
(S)-5-methyl-1-((2S,5R)-3-methylene-5-((E)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate



- 10 ((S)-1-((2S,5R)-5-((R)-1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-3-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-5-methylhepta-5,6-dien-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (0.62 g, 1.49 mmol) was dissolved in THF (12.4 ml) at ambient temperature. Water (6.20 ml) and sodium periodate (0.953 g, 4.46 mmol) were then added. The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with MTBE (30mL), washed twice with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (15 mL), and dried over MgSO₄.
- 15 Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided 573 mg of (S)-1-((2S,5R)-5-formyl-3-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-5-methylhepta-5,6-dien-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate. The crude product was dissolved in THF (8.6 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. In a separate flask, dimethyl ((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)phosphonate (589 mg, 2.23 mmol) was dissolved in THF (7 mL) and treated with 1.0 M LiHMDS (2304 μ L, 2.304 mmol) for 20 min at 0 °C. The resulting solution was added into the
- 20 aldehyde solution at -78 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred until all the aldehyde was consumed. Upon complete conversion, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (9 mL) and water (3 mL). The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and extracted twice with MTBE (12 mL each). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% aqueous NaCl (10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column
- 25 chromatography using a 20 - 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 438 mg of the target product as a colorless oil.

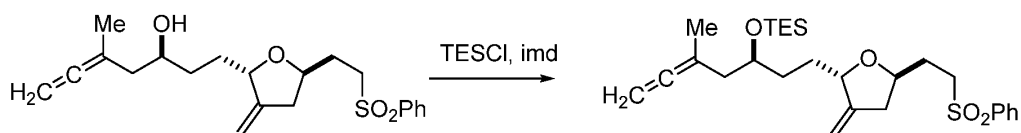
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.60 - 1.75 (m, 5 H) 1.80 - 1.92 (m, 2 H) 2.21 - 2.30 (m, 1 H) 2.33 - 2.54 (m, 2 H) 2.78 - 2.98 (m, 1 H) 4.42 - 4.48 (m, 2 H) 4.48 - 4.56 (m, 1 H) 4.61 - 4.75 (m, 1 H) 4.87 (d, *J*=1.95 Hz, 1 H) 5.00 - 5.10 (m, 1 H) 5.24 - 5.47 (m, 1 H) 6.54 (dd, *J*=15.05, 1.76 Hz, 1 H) 6.92 (dd, *J*=14.85, 3.91 Hz, 1 H) 7.49 - 7.58 (m, 2 H) 7.58 - 7.68 (m, 1 H) 7.80 - 7.95 (m, 2 H) 8.11 - 8.23 (m, 2 H) 8.24 - 8.33 (m, 2 H)

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(S)-5-methyl-1-((2S,5R)-3-methylene-5-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-ol

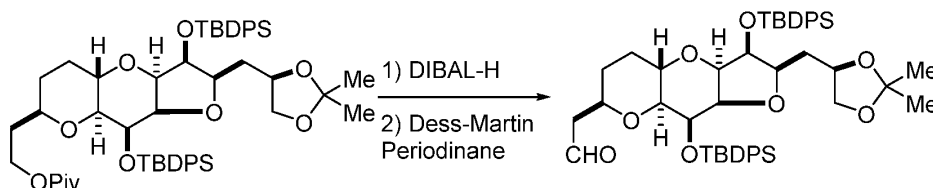
- 5 (S)-5-methyl-1-((2S,5R)-3-methylene-5-(E)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (438 mg, 0.837 mmol) was dissolved in THF (15 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. 1.0 M Super hydride in THF (3.35 mL, 3.35 mmol) was added, and the resulting mixture was brought to ambient temperature. Upon complete consumption of the starting material, a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (30 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (30 mL each). The combined organic layers
- 10 were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl solution (10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 30 - 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 280 mg of the target product as a colorless oil.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.48 - 1.66 (m, 3 H) 1.69 (t, *J*=3.12 Hz, 3 H) 1.83 - 1.94 (m, 2 H) 2.06 (dt, *J*=5.08, 2.54 Hz, 2 H) 2.19 - 2.31 (m, 1 H) 2.43 (d, *J*=2.73 Hz, 1 H) 2.64 - 2.76 (m, 1 H) 3.05
- 15 - 3.17 (m, 1 H) 3.20 - 3.32 (m, 1 H) 3.65 - 3.78 (m, 1 H) 4.01 - 4.14 (m, 1 H) 4.32 (br s, 1 H) 4.58 - 4.69 (m, 2 H) 4.85 (q, *J*=2.21 Hz, 1 H) 4.98 (q, *J*=1.95 Hz, 1 H) 7.52 - 7.60 (m, 2 H) 7.61 - 7.68 (m, 1 H) 7.88 - 7.92 (m, 2 H)

20 **Triethyl(((S)-5-methyl-1-((2S,5R)-3-methylene-5-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-yl)oxy)silane**



- To a solution of (S)-5-methyl-1-((2S,5R)-3-methylene-5-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-ol (0.14 g, 0.372 mmol) in dichloromethane (4 mL) at 0 °C were added imidazole (101
- 25 mg, 1.4 mmol) and chlorotriethylsilane (0.127 mL, 0.744 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with a sat'd NH₄Cl solution (10 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (20 mL), washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (5 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration,
- 30 concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 0 - 25% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 128 mg of the target product as a colorless oil.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.57 (q, *J*=8.08 Hz, 6 H) 0.94 (t, *J*=7.82 Hz, 9 H) 1.44 - 1.58 (m, 4 H) 1.67 (t, *J*=3.13 Hz, 3 H) 1.79 - 1.95 (m, 2 H) 1.99 - 2.07 (m, 1 H) 2.07 - 2.16 (m, 1 H) 2.18 - 2.30 (m, 1 H) 2.63 - 2.72 (m, 1 H) 3.05 - 3.18 (m, 1 H) 3.24 - 3.37 (m, 1 H) 3.72 - 3.87 (m, 1 H) 3.96 - 4.06 (m, 1 H) 4.21 - 4.33 (m, 1 H) 4.48 - 4.60 (m, 2 H) 4.83 (d, *J*=1.95 Hz, 1 H) 4.97 (d, *J*=1.95 Hz, 1 H) 7.49 -
- 35 7.59 (m, 2 H) 7.61 - 7.71 (m, 1 H) 7.84 - 7.95 (m, 2 H).

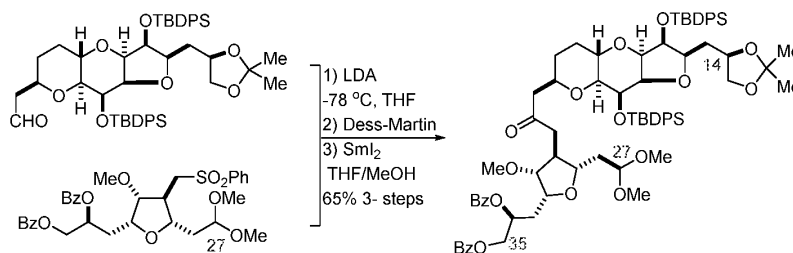
2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetaldehyde



- To a solution of 2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)ethyl pivalate (0.100 g, 0.107 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.0 mL) at -78 °C was added 1.0 M Dibal-H in toluene (0.214 mL, 0.214 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with methanol (0.043 mL, 1.07 mmol) and a solution of Rochelle's Salt (0.453 g) in water (2.0 mL). The resulting mixture was brought to ambient temperature overnight.
- The organic layer was set aside, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (4.00 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided 89 mg of [2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)ethanol]. The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane (1.8 mL) at ambient temperature and treated with sodium bicarbonate (43.9 mg, 0.523 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (111 mg, 0.261 mmol). Once the reaction was complete, MTBE (1.8 mL), a saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (8% w/v) (1 mL), water (0.5 mL) and sodium thiosulfate (165 mg, 1.05 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 h, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with 30% aqueous NaCl (1 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 2/1 mixture of n-heptane and ethyl acetate as eluent provided 73 mg of the target product as a white foam solid.

- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.09 (s, 9 H) 1.11 (s, 9 H) 1.21 - 1.30 (m, 6 H) 1.32 - 1.44 (m, 3 H) 1.58 - 1.68 (m, 1 H) 1.82-1.90 (m, 1 H) 1.96 - 2.20 (m, 1 H) 2.10 - 2.29 (m, 2 H) 3.05 (dd, *J*=9.57, 3.71 Hz, 1 H) 3.17 - 3.26 (m, 1 H) 3.64 - 3.83 (m, 4 H) 3.85 - 3.92 (m, 1 H) 3.99 - 4.09 (m, 1 H) 4.14 - 4.20 (m, 1 H) 4.23 (t, *J*=5.28 Hz, 1 H) 4.36 (dd, *J*=6.45, 3.71 Hz, 1 H) 7.29 - 7.41 (m, 12 H) 7.68 - 7.80 (m, 8 H) 9.54 (br s, 1 H).

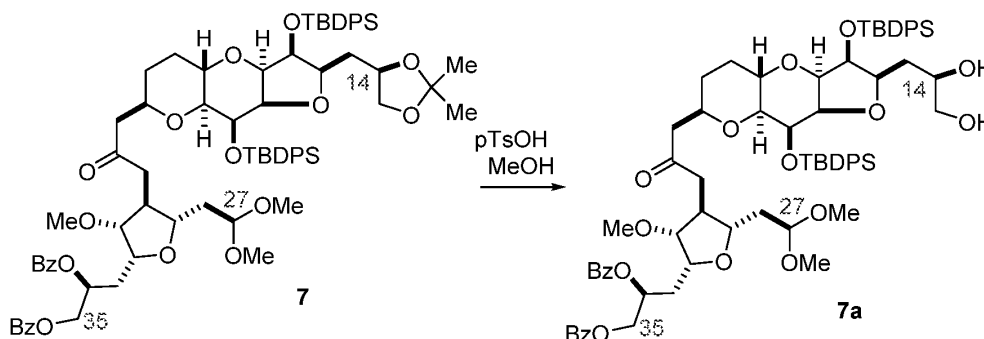
- (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate**



To a solution of (S)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxy-4-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (593 mg, 0.946 mmol) in THF (3.6 mL) at -78 °C was added 0.35 M lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) in THF (2.65 mL, 0.927 mmol). After 1 h, a solution of 2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetaldehyde (358 mg, 0.422 mmol) in n-heptane (5.4 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C until all the aldehyde was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (7 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted twice MTBE (50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (4 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 33 - 66% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 576 mg of (2R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-((1S)-3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-hydroxy-1-(phenylsulfonyl)propyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate contaminated with by-products. The crude product (658 mg) was dissolved in dichloromethane (13 mL) and treated with sodium bicarbonate (0.187 g, 2.229 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (0.473 g, 1.115 mmol) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, MTBE (30 mL), a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (15 mL), a sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL), and water (10 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h at ambient temperature, and the layers were separated. The organic layer was set aside, and the aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided 0.590 g of (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-((S)-3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxo-1-(phenylsulfonyl)propyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate as white foam solid. The crude ketone product was dissolved in THF/methanol (9/6 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. 0.1 M SmI₂ in THF (18.0 mL, 1.80 mmol) was added until the green color sustained. Once the reaction was complete, a saturated aqueous Rochelle's salt solution (30 mL), MTBE (7.2 mL), and water (4 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature over 4 h. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (7.2 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (2.4 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 33 - 88% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 353 mg of the target product as a white foam solid.

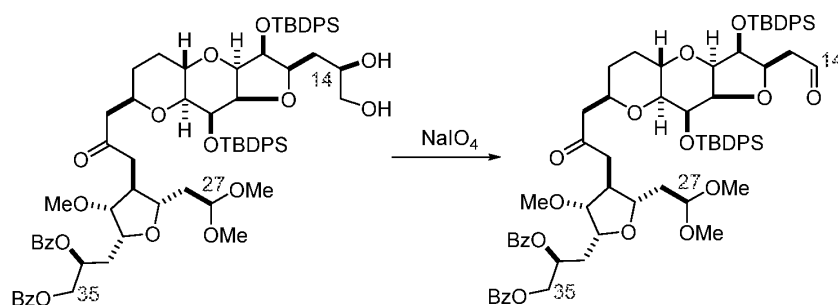
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.07 (s, 9 H) 1.10 (s, 9 H) 1.22 - 1.45 (m, 6 H) 1.57 - 1.66 (m, 1 H) 1.73 - 1.95 (m, 4 H) 1.97 - 2.07 (m, 1 H) 2.12 - 2.30 (m, 5 H) 2.31 - 2.41 (m, 1 H) 3.03 (dd, *J*=9.57, 3.32 Hz, 1 H) 3.17 - 3.22 (m, 1 H) 3.23 (s, 3 H) 3.25 (s, 3 H) 3.33 (s, 3 H) 3.29 - 3.39 (m, 1 H) 3.40 - 3.49 (m, 1 H) 3.64 (t, *J*=6.45 Hz, 1 H) 3.68 - 3.79 (m, 3 H) 3.81 - 3.90 (m, 2 H) 3.98 - 4.08 (m, 1 H) 4.09 - 4.17 (m, 1 H) 4.21 (t, *J*=5.28 Hz, 1 H) 4.31 (dd, *J*=6.64, 3.52 Hz, 1 H) 4.43 (dd, *J*=7.62, 3.71 Hz, 1 H) 4.55 (d, *J*=4.69 Hz, 2 H) 5.53 - 5.64 (m, 1 H) 7.28 - 7.45 (m, 16 H) 7.50 - 7.59 (m, 2 H) 7.67 - 7.73 (m, 6 H) 7.78 (d, *J*=6.64 Hz, 2 H) 8.00 (d, *J*=7.43 Hz, 2 H) 8.05 (d, *J*=7.43 Hz, 2 H).

(R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-((R)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate. Compound 7a



- 5 To a solution of (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-((R)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolan-4-yl)methyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (87 mg, 0.065 mmol) in methanol (5 mL) was added *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (3.10 mg, 0.016 mmol) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred until all the starting material
- 10 was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (5 mL) and water (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (10 mL each) twice, and the combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (2 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane as eluent provided 51 mg of the target product.
- 15 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.06 (s, 9 H) 1.08 (s, 9 H) 1.33 - 1.48 (m, 2 H) 1.59 - 1.67 (m, 1 H) 1.70 - 1.95 (m, 4 H) 1.99 - 2.04 (m, 1 H) 2.07 - 2.31 (m, 5 H) 2.32 - 2.42 (m, 1 H) 2.75 (d, *J*=5.08 Hz, 1 H) 3.02 (dd, *J*=9.97, 4.49 Hz, 1 H) 3.22 (s, 3 H) 3.24 (s, 3 H) 3.29 - 3.33 (m, 1 H) 3.34 (s, 3 H) 3.38 (br s, 3 H) 3.57 (dd, *J*=6.64, 4.69 Hz, 1 H) 3.62 (t, *J*=4.89 Hz, 1 H) 3.67 - 3.77 (m, 1 H) 3.86 (br s, 3 H) 4.05 (td, *J*=10.26, 4.49 Hz, 1 H) 4.23 (s, 2 H) 4.43 (dd, *J*=7.62, 3.71 Hz, 1 H) 4.55 (d, *J*=5.08 Hz, 2 H)
- 20 5.54 - 5.66 (m, 1 H) 7.29 - 7.43 (m, 16 H) 7.49 - 7.59 (m, 2 H) 7.61 - 7.69 (m, 6 H) 7.72 - 7.78 (m, 2 H) 7.97 - 8.01 (m, 2 H) 8.02 - 8.08 (m, 2 H)

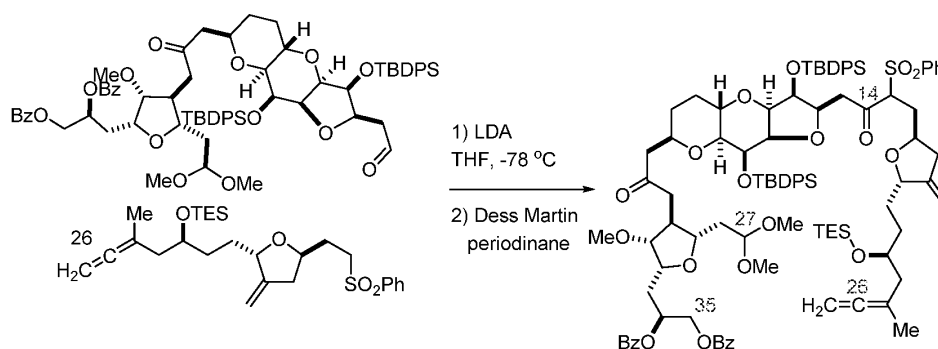
- (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-oxoethyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate**
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To a solution of (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyl)diphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-((R)-2,3-dihydroxypropyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (51 mg, 0.039 mmol) in THF (2 mL) were added water (0.7 mL, 39 mmol) and sodium periodate (50.6 mg, 0.237 mmol) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (12 mL), and the organic layer was washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (3 mL) twice and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided 48 mg of the target product as white foam solid. The crude product was used in the next step without further purification.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, BENZENE-*d*₆) δ ppm 1.19 (s, 9 H) 1.30 (s, 9 H) 1.35 - 1.44 (m, 2 H) 1.75 (dd, *J*=16.61, 4.89 Hz, 1 H) 1.85 - 1.92 (m, 1 H) 1.92 - 1.99 (m, 2 H) 2.08 - 2.22 (m, 3 H) 2.27 - 2.44 (m, 2 H) 2.50 - 2.61 (m, 2 H) 2.78 - 2.85 (m, 1 H) 2.85 - 2.93 (m, 1 H) 2.99 (dd, *J*=7.23, 4.10 Hz, 1 H) 3.12 - 3.17 (m, 1 H) 3.15 (s, 3 H) 3.18 - 3.21 (m, 1 H) 3.23 (s, 3 H) 3.28 (s, 3 H) 3.33 (d, *J*=3.13 Hz, 1 H) 3.62 - 3.75 (m, 2 H) 3.95 - 4.02 (m, 1 H) 4.05 (dd, *J*=6.45, 5.28 Hz, 1 H) 4.12 (dd, *J*=7.62, 2.54 Hz, 2 H) 4.24 (q, *J*=6.38 Hz, 1 H) 4.48 - 4.62 (m, 2 H) 4.76 (dd, *J*=7.23, 4.10 Hz, 1 H) 5.84 - 5.97 (m, 1 H) 6.92 - 6.98 (m, 2 H) 6.99 - 7.08 (m, 4 H) 7.19 - 7.38 (m, 12 H) 7.72 - 7.79 (m, 2 H) 7.82 - 7.95 (m, 6 H) 8.12 (d, *J*=7.43 Hz, 2 H) 8.17 (d, *J*=6.64 Hz, 2 H) 9.59 (s, 1 H)

(2R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyl)diphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate



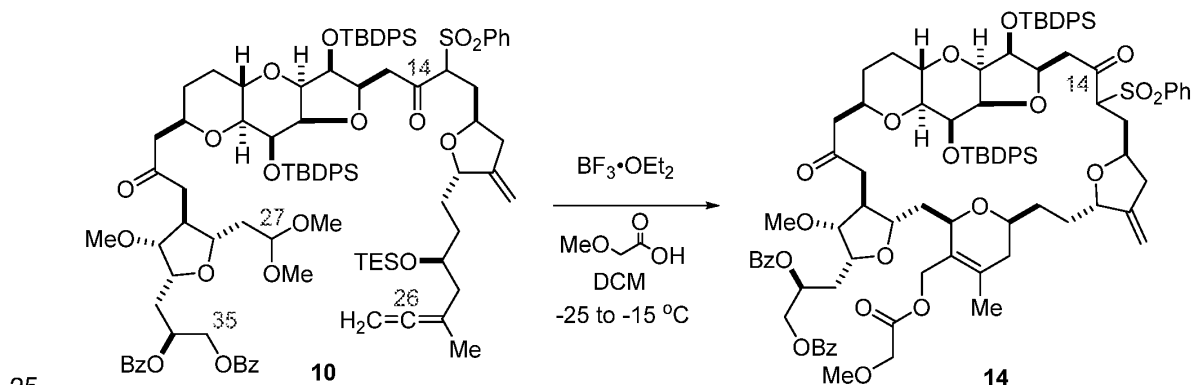
To a solution of triethyl(((S)-5-methyl-1-((2S,5R)-3-methylene-5-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-yl)oxy)silane (25.09 mg, 0.051 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) at -78°C was added 0.35 M LDA in THF (0.156 mL, 0.055 mmol). After 30 min at -78 °C, a solution of (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyl)diphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-oxoethyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (43 mg, 0.034 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added. After stirring for 30 min at -78 °C, the reaction mixture was treated with a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (3 mL), water (2 mL), and MTBE (5 mL). The resulting mixture was brought to ambient temperature, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (10 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v)

aqueous NaCl (2 mL) twice and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 15 – 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 36 mg of a mixture of (2R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butylidiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-hydroxy-4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate and the starting aldehyde, which was used in next step without further purification.

To a solution of the crude product in dichloromethane (1 mL) were added sodium bicarbonate (10.35 mg, 0.123 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (26.1 mg, 0.062 mmol) at ambient temperature. After stirring for 6 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with MTBE (5 mL) and treated with a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (3 mL) and a sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ (2 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred for 20 min, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (12 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl twice and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 33 – 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 24 mg of the target product as a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.49 - 0.64 (m, 6 H) 0.90 - 1.00 (m, 9 H) 1.04 - 1.14 (m, 18 H) 1.20 - 1.55 (m, 7 H) 1.60 - 1.64 (m, 1.5 H) 1.65 - 1.70 (m, 1.5 H) 1.71 - 2.70 (m, 18 H) 2.97 - 3.09 (m, 1 H) 3.22 (s, 1.5 H) 3.22 (s, 1.5 H) 3.24 (s, 1.5 H) 3.24 (s, 1.5 H) 3.25 - 3.31 (m, 1 H) 3.33 (s, 3 H) 3.36 - 3.48 (m, 1 H) 3.49 - 3.63 (m, 1 H) 3.65 - 3.90 (m, 3 H) 3.94 - 4.30 (m, 8 H) 4.39 - 4.45 (m, 1 H) 4.48 - 4.53 (m, 1 H) 4.53 - 4.58 (m, 3 H) 4.80 (br d, *J*=8.99 Hz, 1 H) 4.88 - 4.98 (m, 1 H) 5.52 - 5.64 (m, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.83 (m, 31 H) 8.00 (br d, *J*=7.43 Hz, 2 H) 8.05 (br d, *J*=7.82 Hz, 2 H)

Compound 14

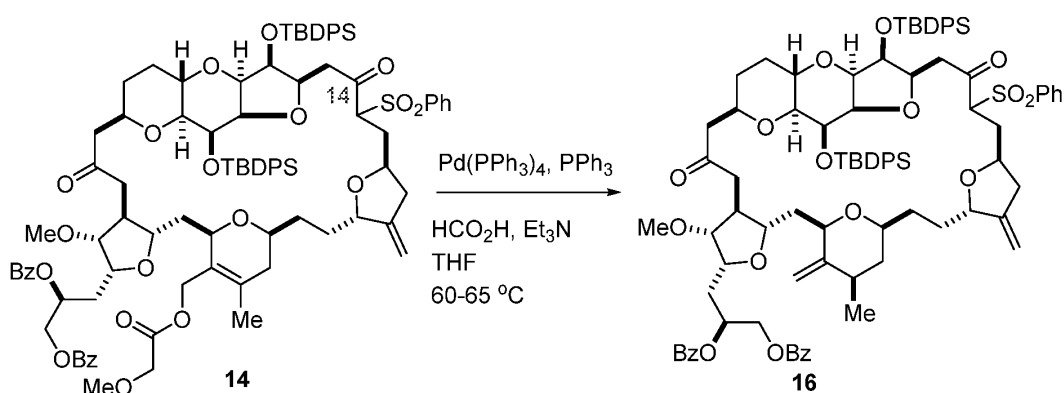


To a solution of (2R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butylidiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (12 mg, 5.484 μmol) in dichloromethane (2.4 mL) at -18 °C were added methoxyacetic acid (0.017 mL, 0.219 mmol) and BF₃·OEt₂ (5.6 μL, 0.044 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred between -25 °C and -15 °C until the cyclization was complete. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (10 mL). The combined organic layers were

washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (3 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 10 – 40% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 5.5 mg of the target product as a 3:2 diastereomeric mixture.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.93 (s, 5 H) 0.99 (s, 4 H) 1.11 (s, 4 H) 1.13 (s, 5 H) 1.31 – 1.58 (m, 9 H) 1.70 (s, 1.2 H) 1.74 (s, 1.8 H) 1.74-2.12 (m, 6 H) 2.19 (br t, *J*=6.25 Hz, 2 H) 2.27 - 2.78 (m, 7 H) 2.95 (t, *J*=9.18 Hz, 0.4 H) 3.07 (t, *J*=8.99 Hz, 0.6 H) 3.32 (s, 1.8 H) 3.34 (s, 1.2 H) 3.35 - 3.39 (m, 2 H) 3.41 (s, 1.2 H) 3.42 (s, 1.8 H) 3.49 - 3.55 (m, 1 H) 3.56 - 3.62 (m, 1 H) 3.64 - 3.90 (m, 4 H) 3.99 (s, 0.8 H) 3.99 (s, 1.2 H) 4.01 - 4.10 (m, 2 H) 4.20 - 4.44 (m, 3 H) 4.50 - 4.59 (m, 2 H) 4.60 - 4.73 (m, 2 H) 4.77 (s, 0.4 H) 4.82 (s, 0.6 H) 4.87 (s, 0.4 H) 4.96 (s, 0.6 H) 5.50 - 5.64 (m, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.81 (m, 31 H) 7.96 - 8.10 (m, 4 H)

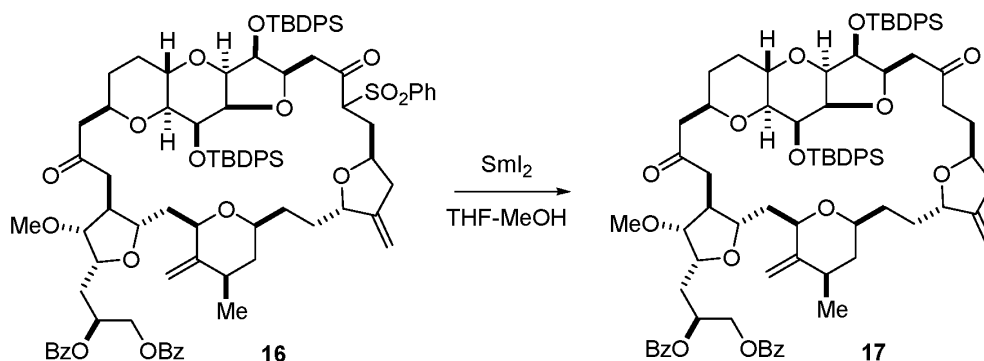
Compound 16



To a solution of compound **14** (5.5 mg, 3.309 μmol) in THF (1 mL) were added formic acid (6.35 μL, 0.165 mmol), triethylamine (0.023 mL, 0.165 mmol), and a solution of Pd(Ph₃P)₄ (1.147 mg, 0.993 μmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.041 mg, 3.971 μmol) in THF (0.1 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60-65 °C overnight and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with MTBE (10 mL), washed with a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (3 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 30 – 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 1.8 mg of the target product (2:1 diastereomeric mixture)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.94 (s, 6H) 0.98 (s, 3 H) 1.03 (br d, *J*=6.25 Hz, 3 H) 1.10 (s, 3 H) 1.12 (s, 6 H) 1.27-1.76 (m, 8H) 1.90- 2.12 (m, 7 H) 2.21 (br t, *J*=6.25 Hz, 2 H) 2.27 - 2.82 (m, 8 H) 2.95 - 3.03 (m, 0.33 H) 3.10 (t, *J*=9.18 Hz, 0.66 H) 3.37 (s, 2 H) 3.38 (s, 1 H) 3.34 - 3.43 (m, 1 H) 3.44 - 3.51 (m, 1 H) 3.52 - 3.57 (m, 0.33 H) 3.60 - 3.86 (m, 5 H) 3.88-4.06 (m, 3 H) 4.13 - 4.21 (m, 2 H) 4.27 (t, *J*=6.25 Hz, 0.66 H) 4.32 (t, *J*=6.84 Hz, 0.33H) 4.54 - 4.62 (m, 3 H) 4.71 (s, 0.33 H) 4.74 (s, 0.66 H) 4.78 (s, 0.33 H) 4.81 (s, 0.33 H) 4.84 (br s, 1.3 H) 4.87 (br s, 0.33 H) 4.95 (s, 0.66 H) 5.59 - 5.67 (m, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.74 (m, 31 H) 7.98 - 8.02 (m, 2 H) 8.05 (br d, *J*=7.03 Hz, 2 H)

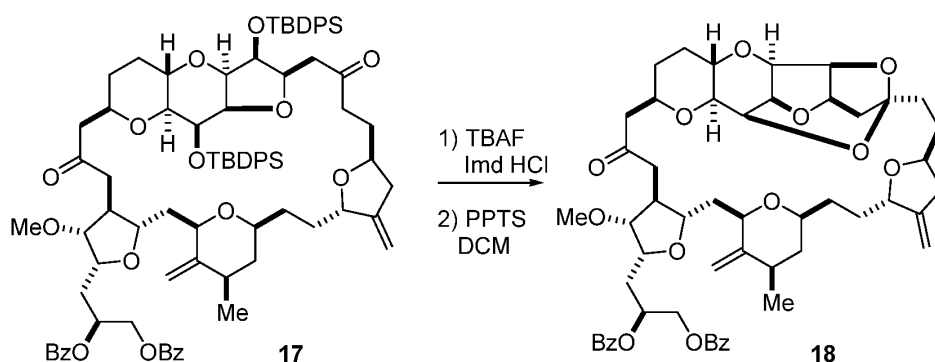
Compound 17



To a solution of compound **16** (1.8 mg, 1.144 μmol) in THF (0.5 mL)/methanol (0.25 mL) at -78°C was added 0.1 M samarium diiodide in THF (0.057 mL, 5.718 μmol) until green color persisted. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min, and treated with sat. aq. Rochelle's salt (3 mL) and MTBE (5 mL) and water (2 mL). The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and then extracted with MTBE (7 mL). The organic layer was washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (3 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 10 – 33% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 1.4 mg of the target product.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CHLOROFORM-}d$) δ ppm 0.98 (s, 9 H) 1.03 (br d, $J=6.25$ Hz, 3 H) 1.06 (s, 9 H) 1.27 - 2.15 (m, 11 H) 2.20 - 2.33 (m, 3 H) 2.56 - 2.81 (m, 5 H) 2.89-2.94 (m, 1H) 3.02 - 3.12 (m, 2 H) 3.41 (s, 3 H) 3.45 - 3.48 (m, 2 H) 3.68 (dd, $J=5.86, 4.69$ Hz, 1 H) 3.76 (br d, $J=8.60$ Hz, 2 H) 3.79 - 3.86 (m, 2 H) 3.86 - 3.96 (m, 2 H) 4.03 (dd, $J=8.99, 3.52$ Hz, 1 H) 4.10 - 4.19 (m, 1 H) 4.30 - 4.39 (m, 2 H) 4.55 - 4.60 (m, 2 H) 4.76 (s, 1 H) 4.82 (br s, 1 H) 4.85 (s, 1 H) 4.95 (d, $J=1.17$ Hz, 1 H) 5.57 - 5.66 (m, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.67 (m, 26 H) 8.01 (d, $J=7.43$ Hz, 2 H) 8.05 (d, $J=7.43$ Hz, 2 H).

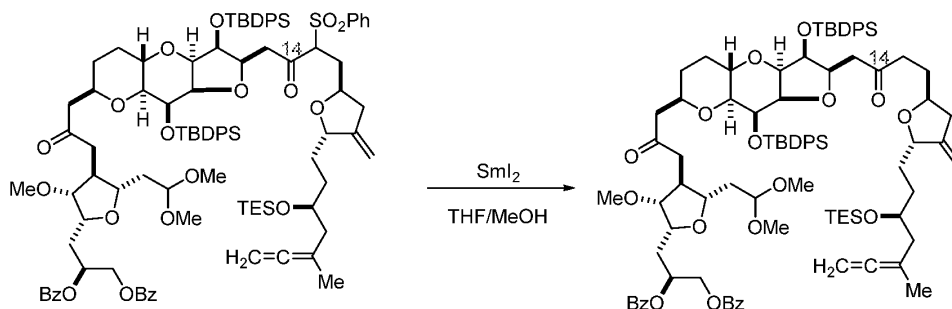
Compound 18



To compound **17** (1.4 mg, 0.976 μmol) in a vial was added THF (280 μL) and N,N-dimethylacetamide (98 μL) at ambient temperature. A mixture of TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 49 μL , 0.049 mmol) and imidazole hydrochloride (2.6 mg, 0.024 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred over 15 h at ambient temperature and then treated with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (2 mL) and MTBE (3 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with MTBE (3 mL each time). The combined organic layers were concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (0.5 mL) at ambient temperature and PPTS (0.9 mg, 3.6 μmol) was added. Once the starting material was

consumed, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using heptane/ethyl acetate (1/1) and ethyl acetate as eluent to give 0.6 mg of the target product, which was confirmed by NMR analysis with an authentic sample.

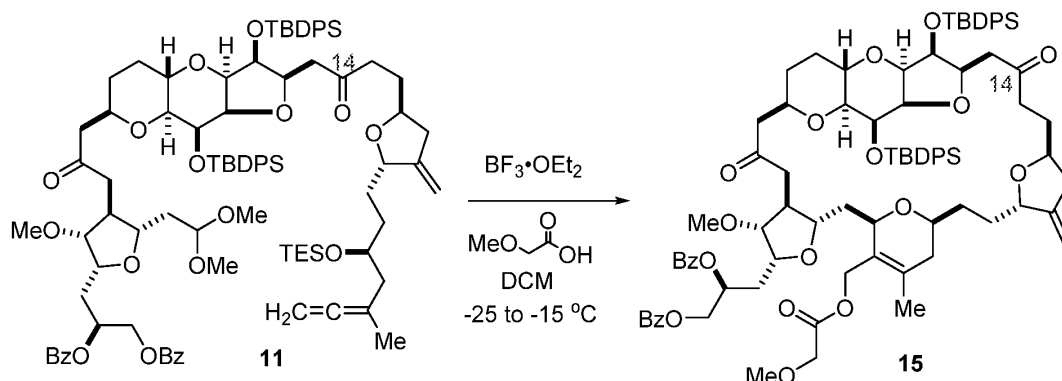
- 5 **(S)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2S,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxobutyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate**



- 10 To a solution of (S)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (12 mg, 6.856 μ mol) in THF (1.2 mL)/methanol (0.4 mL) at -78 $^{\circ}$ C was added a solution of samarium diiodide
- 15 in THF (0.1 M, 0.34 mL, 34 μ mol) until green color persisted. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 $^{\circ}$ C for 10 min and treated with sat. aq. Rochelle's salt (1.5 mL), MTBE (3 mL), and water (1 mL). The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and extracted with MTBE (7 mL). The organic layer was washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (3 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 33 – 50% gradient of ethyl acetate
- 20 in n-heptane as eluent provided 6.0 mg of the target product.

- ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3 - d) δ ppm 0.60 (q, $J=7.82$ Hz, 6 H) 0.96 (t, $J=7.82$ Hz, 9 H) 1.05 (s, 9 H) 1.06 (s, 9 H) 1.32 - 1.67 (m, 8 H) 1.69 (t, $J=3.13$ Hz, 3 H) 1.73 - 1.89 (m, 2 H) 1.90 - 1.98 (m, 1 H) 2.02 - 2.45 (m, 12 H) 2.54 - 2.64 (m, 1 H) 2.73 - 2.80 (m, 2 H) 2.97 (dd, $J=9.77, 3.13$ Hz, 1 H) 3.23 (s, 3 H) 3.24 (s, 3 H) 3.33 (br s, 4 H) 3.39 - 3.48 (m, 1 H) 3.52 - 3.63 (m, 2 H) 3.66 - 3.77 (m, 1 H) 3.78 - 3.93 (m, 3 H) 4.04 - 4.16 (m, 1 H) 4.18 - 4.25 (m, 2 H) 4.27 - 4.32 (m, 1 H) 4.35 (q, $J=6.12$ Hz, 1 H) 4.42 (dd, $J=7.62, 3.71$ Hz, 1 H) 4.51 - 4.58 (m, 4 H) 4.82 (d, $J=1.56$ Hz, 1 H) 4.95 (d, $J=1.95$ Hz, 1 H) 5.52 - 5.63 (m, 1 H) 7.26 - 7.46 (m, 16 H) 7.50 - 7.57 (m, 2 H) 7.63 - 7.70 (m, 6 H) 7.72 - 7.79 (m, 2 H) 7.98 - 8.01 (m, 2 H) 8.03 - 8.06 (m, 2 H)
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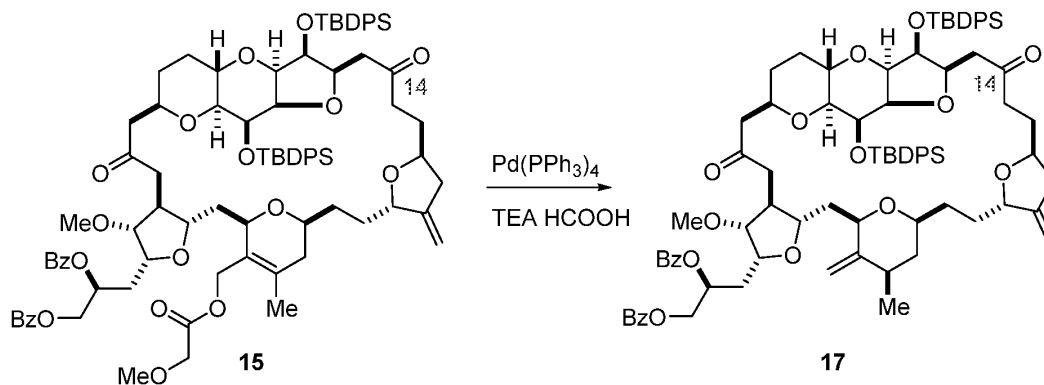
Compound 15



To a solution (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyl)diphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2S,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxobutyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (6.0 mg, 3.726 μ mol) in dichloromethane (1.8 mL) at -25 °C were added methoxyacetic acid (8.6 μ L, 0.112 mmol) and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (3.8 μ L, 0.03 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred between -20 °C and -15 °C, and the reaction was monitored by TLC. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (2 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (2 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 10 – 40% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 2.8 mg of the target product.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CHLOROFORM}-d$) δ ppm 0.98 (s, 9 H) 1.07 (s, 9H) 1.40 – 1.70 (m, 4 H) 1.73 (s, 3 H) 1.75 - 2.11 (m, 11 H) 2.20 (t, $J=6.45$ Hz, 2 H) 2.23 - 2.31 (m, 1 H) 2.49 (br d, $J=2.74$ Hz, 1 H) 2.50-2.55 (m, 1 H) 2.58 – 3.10 (m, 4 H) 2.92 - 3.02 (m, 1 H) 3.03 - 3.12 (m, 2 H) 3.39 (s, 3 H) 3.37-3.42 (m, 1 H) 3.42 (s, 3 H) 3.45 - 3.51 (m, 2 H) 3.63 - 3.70 (m, 2 H) 3.74 - 3.89 (m, 3 H) 3.94 (ddd, $J=11.43, 7.72, 3.52$ Hz, 1 H) 4.00 (s, 2 H) 4.04 (dd, $J=8.79, 3.71$ Hz, 1 H) 4.11 - 4.26 (m, 2 H) 4.33 (t, $J=6.64$ Hz, 2 H) 4.56 (d, $J=4.69$ Hz, 2 H) 4.60 - 4.72 (m, 2 H) 4.82 (s, 1 H) 4.95 (s, 1 H) 5.54 - 5.67 (m, 1 H) 7.29 - 7.45 (m, 16 H) 7.49 - 7.57 (m, 2 H) 7.57 - 7.70 (m, 8 H) 7.98 - 8.02 (m, 2 H) 8.02 - 8.08 (m, 2 H)

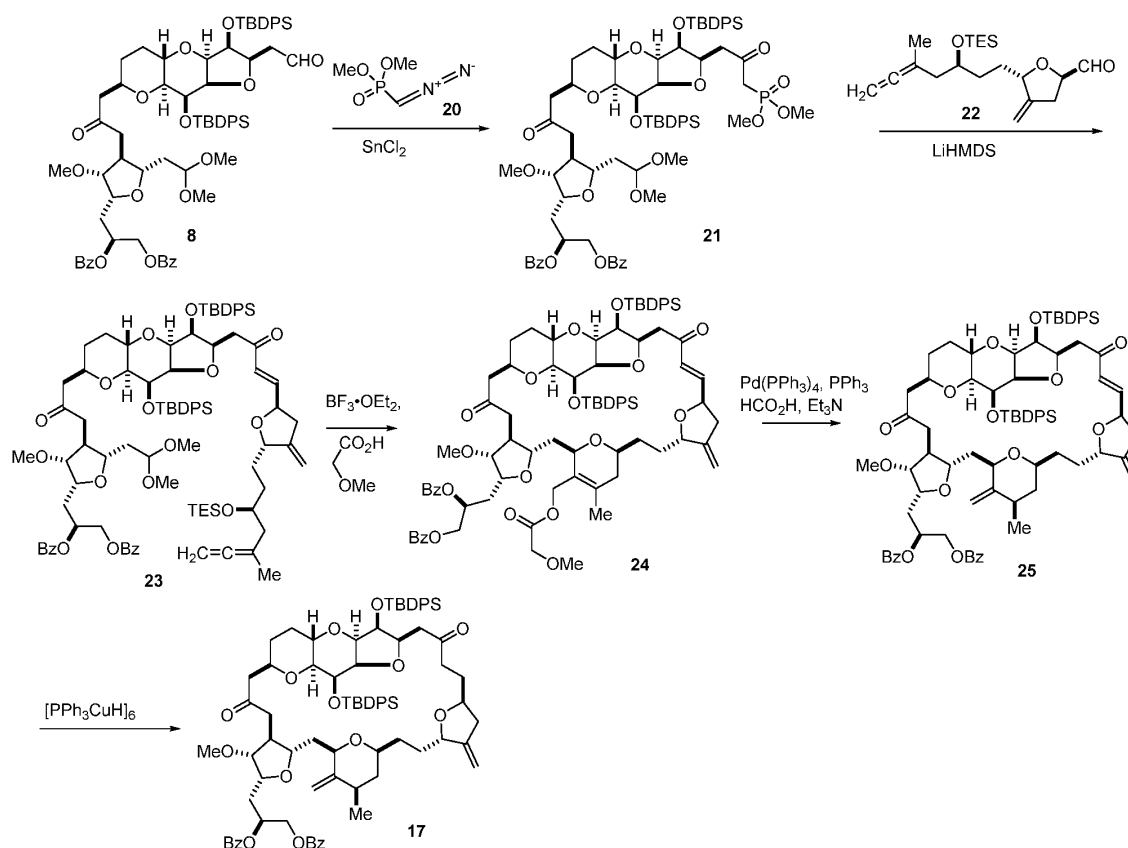
Compound 17



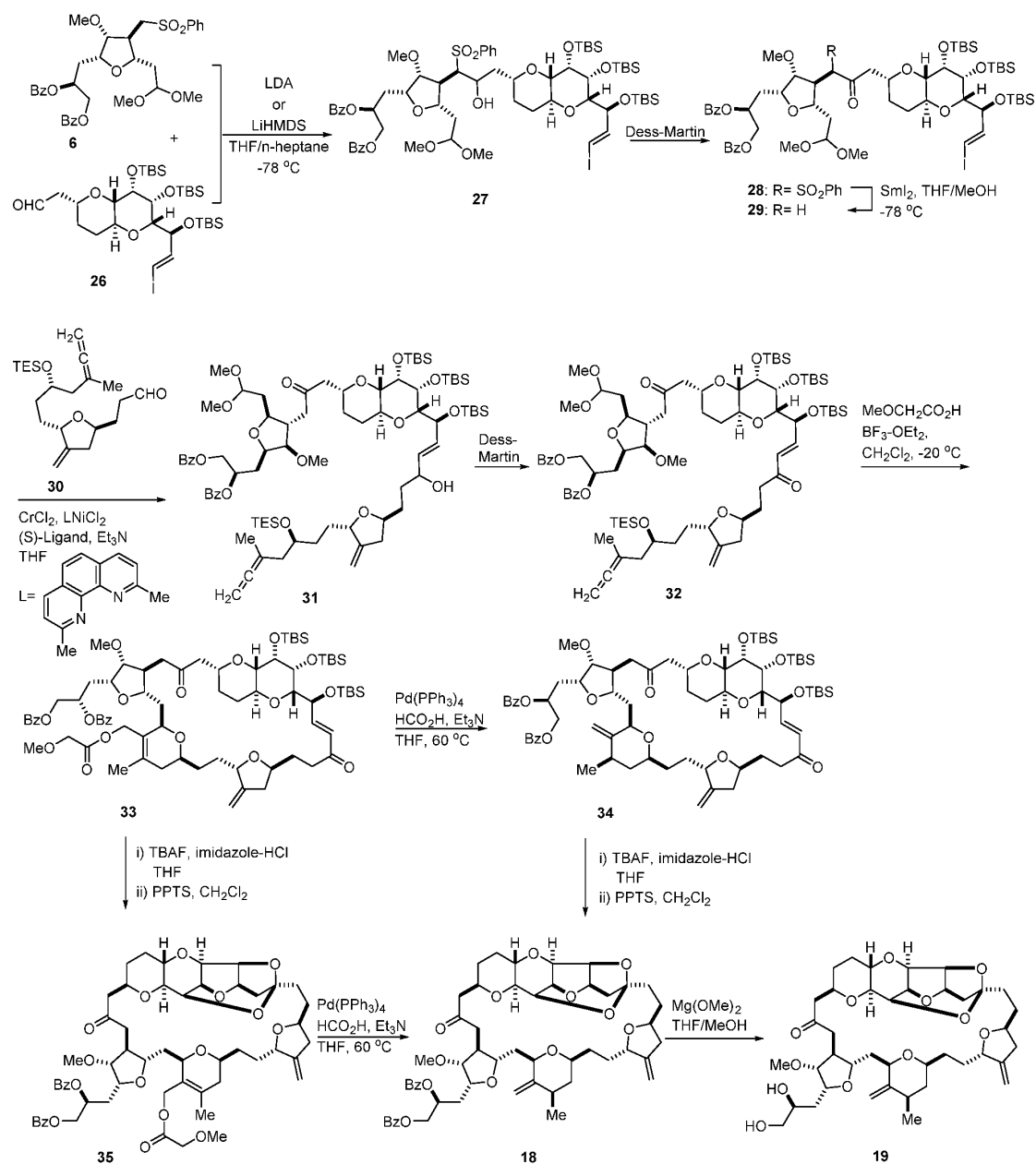
To a solution of compound **15** (1.3 mg, 0.85 μ mol) in THF (0.5 mL) was added formic acid (1.6 μ L, 0.043 mmol), triethylamine (6.0 μ L, 0.043 mmol), and a solution of $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4$ (0.5 mg, 0.42 μ mol) and triphenylphosphine (0.5 mg, 1.7 μ mol) in THF (0.1 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at 60-65 $^\circ\text{C}$ overnight and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with MTBE (5 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (1 mL) and 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (1 mL), and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 20 – 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 0.2 mg of the target product, which was confirmed by NMR comparison with an authentic sample.

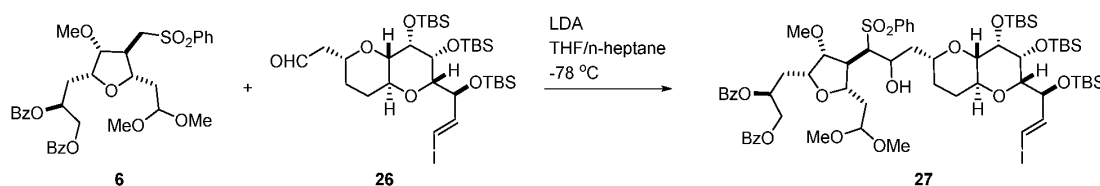
10 Alternative Synthesis via Compound (IC)

Compound **17** may also be prepared according to the following reaction sequence from compound **8**.

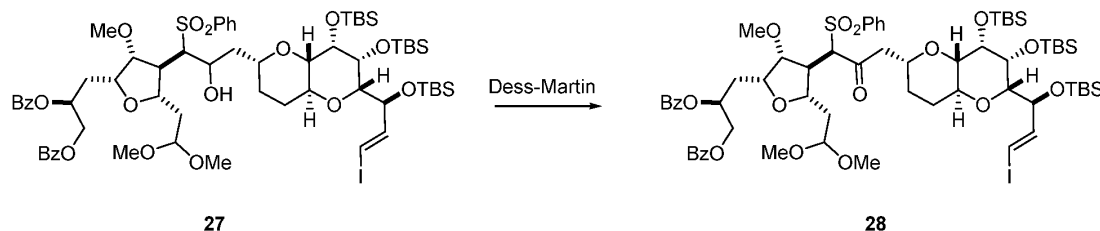


As illustrated in the above scheme, compound **8** can be reacted with Seyferth-Gilbert reagent **20** in the presence of SnCl_2 to give compound **21**, which, upon reaction with a strong base (e.g., LiHMDS) and compound **22**, can give compound **23**. Compound **23** may be subjected to Prins reaction with an oxophilic Lewis acid and a carboxylic acid to give compound **24**, which, upon allylic reduction (e.g., Pd -catalyzed allylic reduction) and 1,4-reduction (e.g., with Stryker's reagent), gives compound **17**.

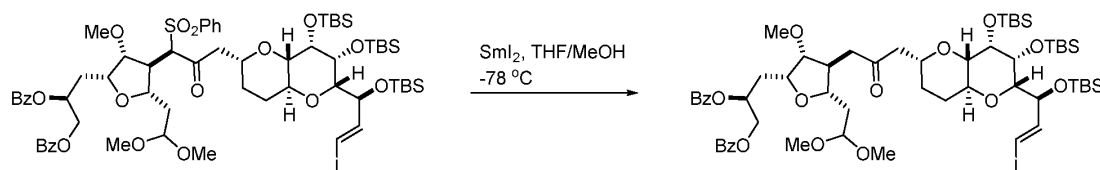
Example 2 – Preparation of a Halichondrin Macrolide Analog via a Compound of Formula (IJ)



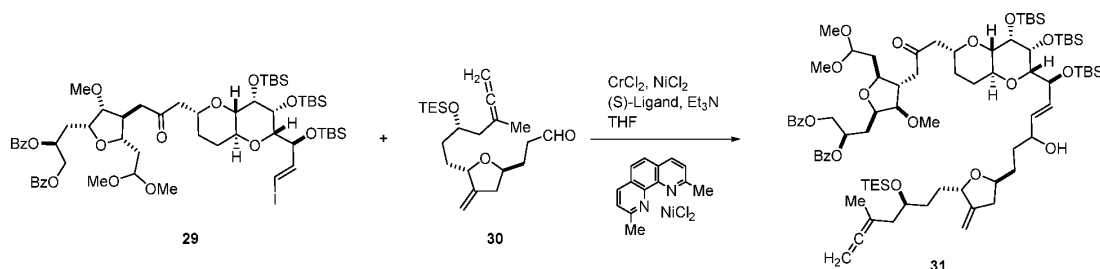
- (2S)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-((1R)-3-((2R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7,8-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((S,E)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodoallyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)-2-hydroxy-1-(phenylsulfonyl)propyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate. A solution of (S)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxy-4-((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (4.95 g, 7.89 mmol) (azeotroped twice with THF) in THF (40.5 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and treated with the freshly prepared lithium diisopropylamide (LDA, 19.7 mL, 0.40 M) maintaining the internal temperature below -68 °C. After stirring at -78 °C for 30 min, the mixture was treated with a solution of 2-((2R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7,8-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((S,E)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodoallyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)acetaldehyde (4.50 g, 6.07 mmol) in *n*-heptane (54.0 mL) over 15 min maintaining the internal temperature below -65 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h, at which time the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (45.0 mL) and extracted twice with methyl *tert*-butyl ether (MTBE, 45.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (8.6 g, 104%).



- (S)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-((R)-3-((2R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7,8-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((S,E)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodoallyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxo-1-(phenylsulfonyl)propyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate. A solution of a crude (2R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-((1S)-3-((2R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7,8-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((S,E)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodoallyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)-2-hydroxy-1-(phenylsulfonyl)propyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (10.8 g, 7.88 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (162 mL) was treated with Dess-Martin periodinane (4.01 g, 9.45 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (86 mL) and 20% (w/v) aq. Na₂SO₃ (86 mL). The mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (86 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound (11.23 g, 104%).

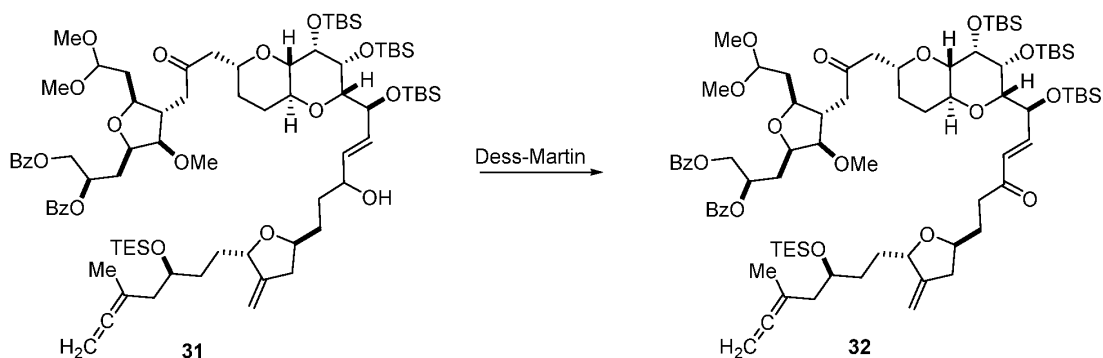


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(S)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7,8-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((S,E)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodoallyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate. A solution of a crude
 5 (R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-((S)-3-((2R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7,8-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((S,E)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodoallyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxo-1-(phenylsulfonyl)propyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl
 10 dibenzoate (10.75 g, 7.87 mmol) in a mixture of THF (82 mL) and methanol (56 mL) and cooled to -78 °C and treated with 0.1 M Sml₂ in THF (197 mL, 19.7 mmol) over 40 min maintaining the internal
 15 temperature below -60 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 40% (w/v) Rochelle's salt in water (153 mL), and the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature. After treating with potassium carbonate (32.6 g, 236 mmol), the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and extracted twice with MTBE (108 mL). The organic layers were
 20 combined, washed with brine, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/*n*-heptane=10% to 25%) to give the title compound (6.65 g, 69% for 3 steps). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm -0.01 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 6H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 1.21-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.97 (m, 3H), 2.12-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.34 (dd, *J*=16.61, 4.89 Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.46 (m, 3H), 2.66 (dd, *J*=16.41, 7.82 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J*=9.57, 2.15 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.39-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.49-
 25 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.77-3.94 (m, 4H), 4.03 (s, 1H), 4.45 (dd, *J*=6.64, 4.69 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, *J*=5.08 Hz, 2H), 4.87 (dd, *J*=8.01, 3.32 Hz, 1H), 5.50-5.67 (m, 1H), 6.27 (d, *J*=14.46 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (dd, *J*=14.46, 7.82 Hz, 1H), 7.35-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.63 (m, 2H), 7.91-8.11 (m, 4H).



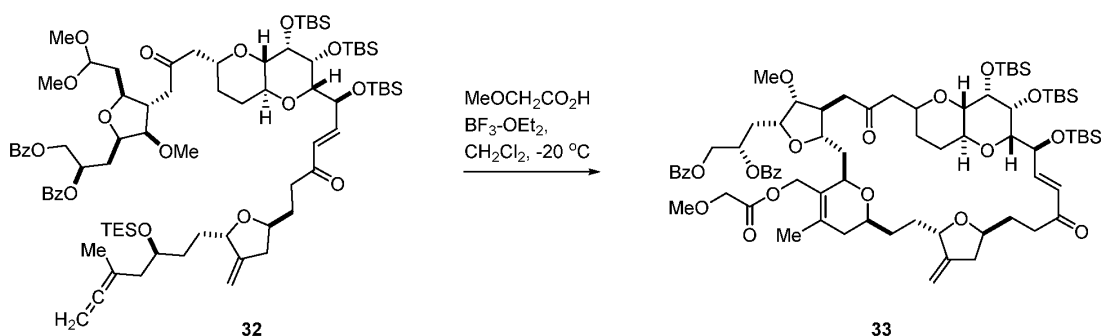
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(2R)-3-((2R,3R,4S,5S)-4-(3-((2R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7,8-bis((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((1S,E)-1-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4-hydroxy-6-((2S,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hex-2-en-1-yl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate. A
 30 three-necked flask was purged with nitrogen and charged with (S)-N-(2-(4-isopropyl-4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-

yl)-6-methylphenyl)methanesulfonamide ((S)-Ligand, 2.42 g, 8.16 mmol). After purging with nitrogen for 5 min, chromous chloride (1.00 g, 8.16 mmol) was added. After purging with nitrogen for 5 min, the mixture was heated to 35 °C and treated with Et₃N (1.14 mL, 8.16 mmol) maintaining the internal temperature below 35 °C. The mixture was stirred at 30 - 35 °C for 1 h. After cooling to 0 °C, the mixture was treated with nickel(II) chloride 2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline complex (0.069 g, 0.20 mmol) and a solution of 3-((2*S*,5*S*)-5-((*S*)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propanal (1.066 g, 2.815 mmol) and (*R*)-3-((2*R*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*)-4-(3-((2*R*,4*aS*,6*S*,7*R*,8*S*,8*aS*)-7,8-bis((tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((*S*,*E*)-1-((tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-iodoallyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-*b*]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (2.5 g, 2.04 mmol) in THF (11.25 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min and at room temperature for 16 h. After cooling to 0 °C, the mixture was treated with 1,2-ethylenediamine (2.05 mL, 30.6 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was treated with water (25 mL) and *n*-heptane (37.5 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with MTBE (30.0 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was treated with 2-propanol (*ca.* 10 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The precipitated ligand was filtered off and rinsed with 2-propanol. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate/*n*-heptane=10% to 40%) to give the title compound (1.398 g, 46%, a mixture of two isomers). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*, a mixture of two isomers) δ ppm -0.01 (s, 6H), 0.01-0.04 (m, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.08-0.12 (m, 6H), 0.59 (q, *J*=8.08 Hz, 6H), 0.79-0.87 (m, 9H), 0.88-0.92 (m, 9H), 0.92-0.94 (m, 9H), 0.96 (t, *J*=8.21 Hz, 9H), 1.48-1.66 (m, 12H), 1.68 (t, *J*=2.93 Hz, 3H), 1.77-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.92 (m, 2H), 2.06-2.35 (m, 7H), 2.41-2.52 (m, 3H), 2.58-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.87-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.26 (2s, 6H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.38-3.42 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.73-3.85 (m, 3H), 3.86-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.96-4.07 (m, 2H), 4.31-4.40 (m, 1H), 4.42-4.47 (m, 1H), 4.50-4.64 (m, 4H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.99-5.10 (m, 1H), 5.49-5.62 (m, 1H), 5.62-5.75 (m, 1H), 5.78-5.99 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.93-8.13 (m, 4H).



(*R*)-3-((2*R*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*)-4-(3-((2*R*,4*aS*,6*S*,7*R*,8*S*,8*aS*)-7,8-bis((tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((*S*,*E*)-1-((tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((2*S*,5*S*)-5-((*S*)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-4-oxohex-2-en-1-yl)octahydropyrano[3,2-*b*]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate. A solution of (*2R*)-3-((2*R*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*)-4-(3-((2*R*,4*aS*,6*S*,7*R*,8*S*,8*aS*)-7,8-bis((tert-butyl)dimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-

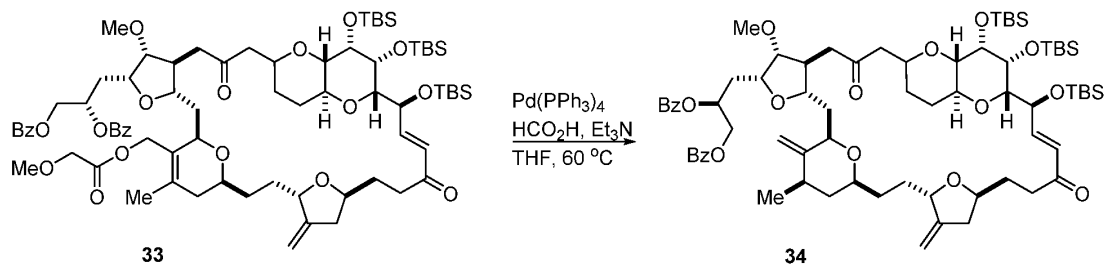
- ((1*S,E*)-1-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-4-hydroxy-6-((2*S,5S*)-5-((*S*)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hex-2-en-1-yl)octahydropyrano[3,2-*b*]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (0.957 g, 0.647 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (9.6 mL) was treated with aq. sodium bicarbonate (0.163 g, 1.94 mmol) and Dess-Martin
- 5 periodinane (0.33 g, 0.78 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 40 min. The reaction was quenched with 20% (w/v) aq. Na₂SO₃ (7.66 mL) and sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (7.66 mL). The mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (9.57 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine (9.6 mL), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 40%) to give the title compound (828 mg, 87%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,
- 10 CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm -0.03 (s, 3H), -0.01 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 6H), 0.58 (q, *J*=7.43 Hz, 6H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.96 (t, *J*=7.82 Hz, 9H), 1.47-1.66 (m, 7H), 1.68 (t, *J*=3.32 Hz, 3H), 1.71-1.84 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.93 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.34 (m, 5H), 2.52-2.78 (m, 5H), 2.86-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.26 (2s, 6H), 3.28-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.37-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.46-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.87-3.97 (m, 3H), 3.97-4.07 (m, 2H), 4.33 (br s, 1H), 4.39-4.49 (m, 1H), 4.51-
- 15 4.63 (m, 4H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 5.04-5.18 (m, 1H), 5.49-5.66 (m, 1H), 6.29 (d, *J*=16.02 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (dd, *J*=16.22, 7.23 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.97-8.13 (m, 4H).



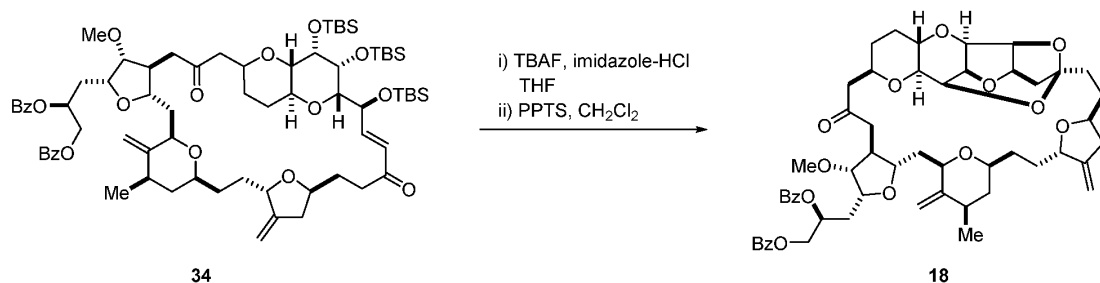
- Compound 33.** A solution of (*R*)-3-((2*R,3R,4S,5S*)-4-(3-((2*R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS*)-7,8-bis((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((*S,E*)-1-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((2*S,5S*)-5-((*S*)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-4-oxohex-2-en-1-yl)octahydropyrano[3,2-*b*]pyran-2-yl)-2-oxopropyl)-5-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-3-methoxytetrahydrofuran-2-yl)propane-1,2-diyl dibenzoate (0.10 g, 0.068 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (22 mL) was cooled to -25 °C and treated with methoxyacetic acid (0.104 mL, 1.36 mmol) and BF₃·OEt₂ (0.026 mL, 0.20 mmol). The mixture was
- 25 stirred at -25 °C to -15 °C for 3 h. Additional BF₃·OEt₂ (0.017 mL, 0.135 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued at -15 to -25 °C for another 1 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (20 mL). The mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (20 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 40%) to give the title compound (26 mg, 28%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz,
- 30 CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm -0.05 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.96 (s, 9H), 1.29-1.43 (m, 3H), 1.44-1.55 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.80 (m, 5H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.80-2.02 (m, 5H), 2.13-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.51 (m, 3H), 2.51-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.75 (m, 3H), 2.83 (dd, *J*=16.41, 6.64 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, *J*=9.38, 1.95 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.35-3.44 (m, 2H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 3.49-

3.63 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 4.00-4.08 (m, 3H), 4.16-4.24 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.33 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.59 (m, 2H), 4.61-4.75 (m, 1H), 4.83 (br s, 1H), 4.94-5.05 (m, 2H), 5.48-5.73 (m, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J=16.02$ Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.34-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.61 (m, 2H), 7.91-8.16 (m, 4H).

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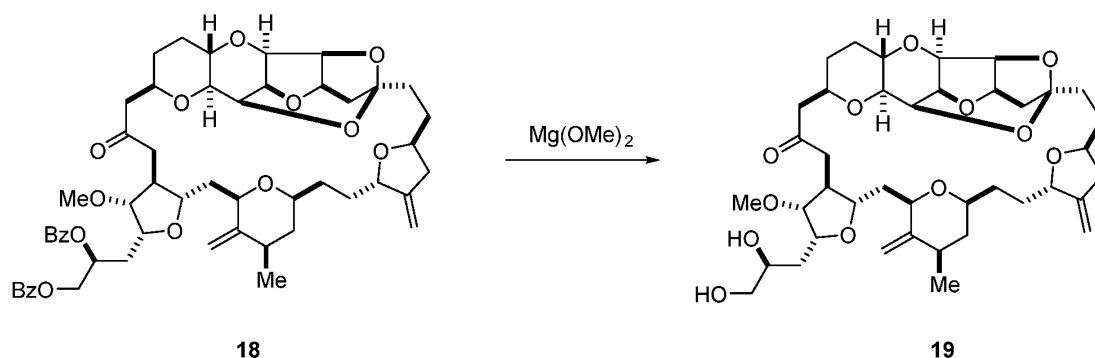
Compound 34. To a mixture of $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4$ (2.1 mg, 1.80 μmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.9 mg, 7.2 μmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added a solution of **compound 33** (25 mg, 0.018 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL), formic acid (0.017 mL, 0.45 mmol), and triethylamine (0.063 mL, 0.45 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 60 °C for 3 d. Additional $\text{Pd}(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4$ (2.1 mg, 1.8 μmol), triethylamine (0.063 mL, 0.45 mmol), and formic acid (0.017 mL, 0.45 mmol) were added, and stirring was continued at 60 °C for 1 d. The mixture was diluted with MTBE and washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 . The organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 25%) to give the title compound (17 mg, 73%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ ppm -0.06 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.98 (s, 9H), 1.07 (d, $J=6.25$ Hz, 3H), 1.24-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.73 (m, 3H), 1.74-1.84 (m, 3H), 1.85-1.94 (m, 1H), 1.96-2.04 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.36 (m, 4H), 2.43-2.58 (m, 3H), 2.59-2.77 (m, 4H), 2.83 (dd, $J=16.02$, 7.03 Hz, 1H), 2.92 (dd, $J=9.38$, 1.95 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.37-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.48-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.71-3.84 (m, 2H), 3.84-3.94 (m, 2H), 3.96-4.10 (m, 4H), 4.21 (br s, 1H), 4.51-4.64 (m, 2H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.84 (br s, 2H), 4.95-5.10 (m, 2H), 5.52-5.71 (m, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J=16.41$ Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.64 (m, 2H), 7.91-8.13 (m, 4H).



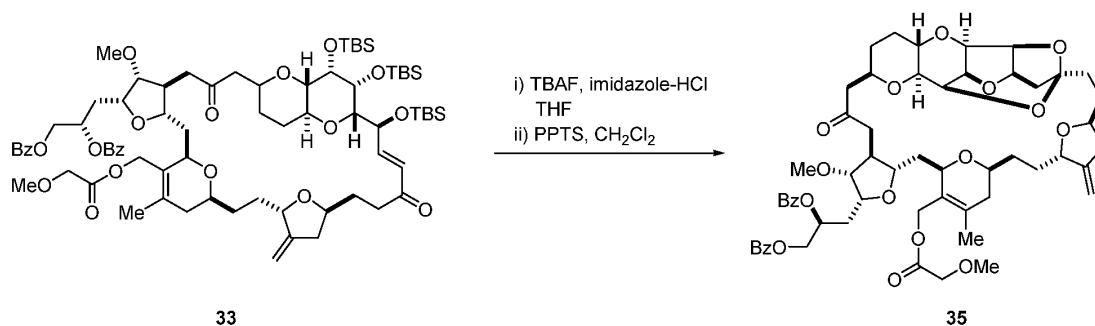
Compound 18. A mixture of imidazole hydrochloride (0.011 g, 0.11 mmol) and 1 M tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) in THF (0.23 mL, 0.23 mmol) was diluted with THF (0.46 mL) and treated with a solution of **compound 34** (0.023 g, 0.018 mmol) in THF (0.69 mL). After stirring at room temperature for 2 d, the

mixture was treated with toluene (2.3 mL) and water (1.2 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with a mixture of toluene (1.2 mL) and THF (1.2 mL). The organic layers were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was azeotroped twice with acetonitrile (1.2 mL).

- 5 The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL), treated with PPTS (0.045 g, 0.18 mmol), and stirred at room temperature for 1 d. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 80%) to give the title compound (12 mg, 72%).

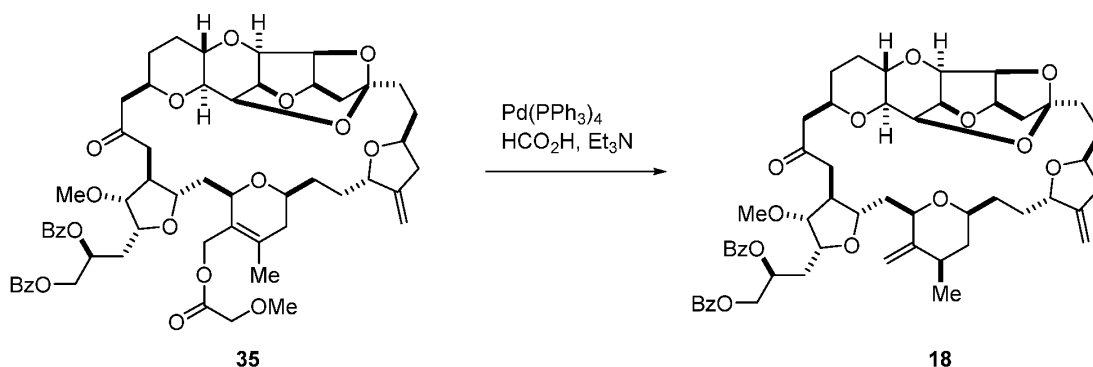


- 10 **Compound 19.** A solution of **compound 18** (0.012 g, 0.013 mmol) in a mixture of THF (0.024 mL) and methanol (0.48 mL) was treated with 6-10% (w/v) $\text{Mg}(\text{OMe})_2$ in methanol (0.051 g, 0.038 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. Additional 6-10% $\text{Mg}(\text{OMe})_2$ in methanol (0.051 g, 0.038 mmol) was added and stirring was continued at rt for another 1 d. After concentration, the mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane= 30% to 100% and then 5% MeOH in ethyl acetate) to give the title compound (4 mg, 43%).
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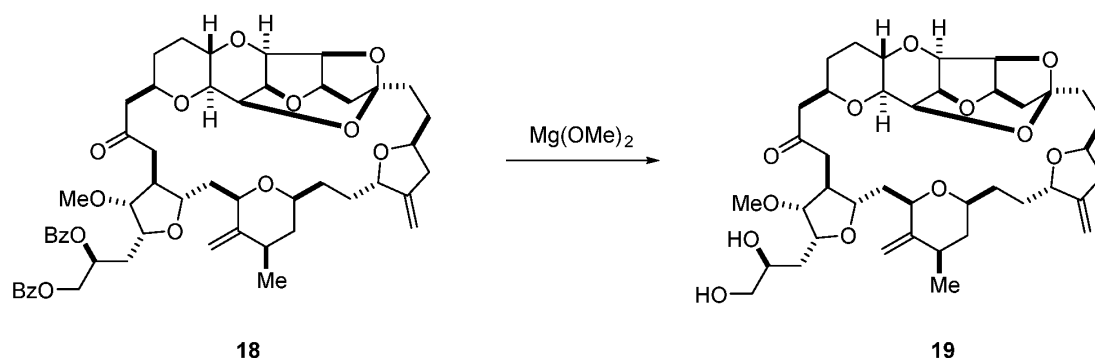


- Compound 35.** A mixture of imidazole hydrochloride (0.022 g, 0.21 mmol) and 1 M TBAF in THF (0.44 mL, 0.44 mmol) was diluted with THF (0.94 mL) and treated with a solution of **compound 33** (0.094 g, 0.068 mmol) in THF (2.256 mL). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 7 d. After dilution with toluene (2.35 mL) and water (2.35 mL), the organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with a mixture of toluene (1.6 mL) and THF (1.6 mL). The organic layers were combined, concentrated *in vacuo*, and azeotroped twice with acetonitrile (4.7 mL).
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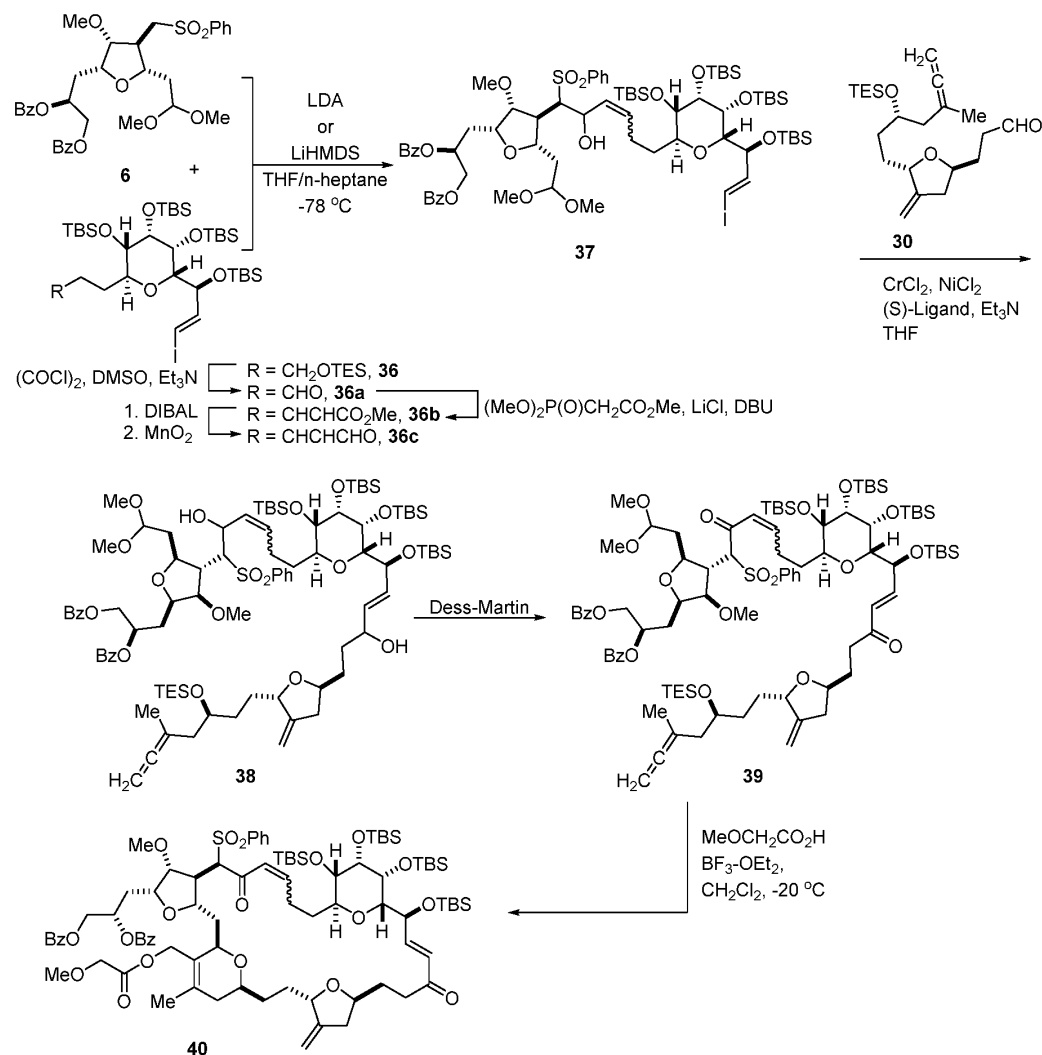
The residue was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (3.55 mL), treated with pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTS, 0.094 g, 0.37 mmol), and stirred at room temperature for 1 d. Additional PPTS (0.094 g, 0.37 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued at room temperature for another 3 d. After concentration, the mixture was dissolved in ethyl acetate and filtered through a glass filter to remove insoluble solid (PPTS). The filtrate was concentrate *in vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 80%) to give the title compound (18 mg, 26%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3 - d) δ ppm 1.29-1.48 (m, 3H), 1.50-1.71 (m, 4H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.78-2.35 (m, 13H), 2.37-2.61 (m, 3H), 2.68-2.81 (m, 2H), 2.82-2.96 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.46 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.48-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.77-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.96 (m, 2H), 3.97-4.07 (m, 4H), 4.08-4.21 (m, 2H), 4.24-4.37 (m, 3H), 4.50-4.62 (m, 3H), 4.62-4.70 (m, 2H), 4.76 (d, $J=12.51$ Hz, 1H), 4.87 (br s, 1H), 5.01 (br s, 1H), 5.45-5.71 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.48-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.90-8.14 (m, 4H).



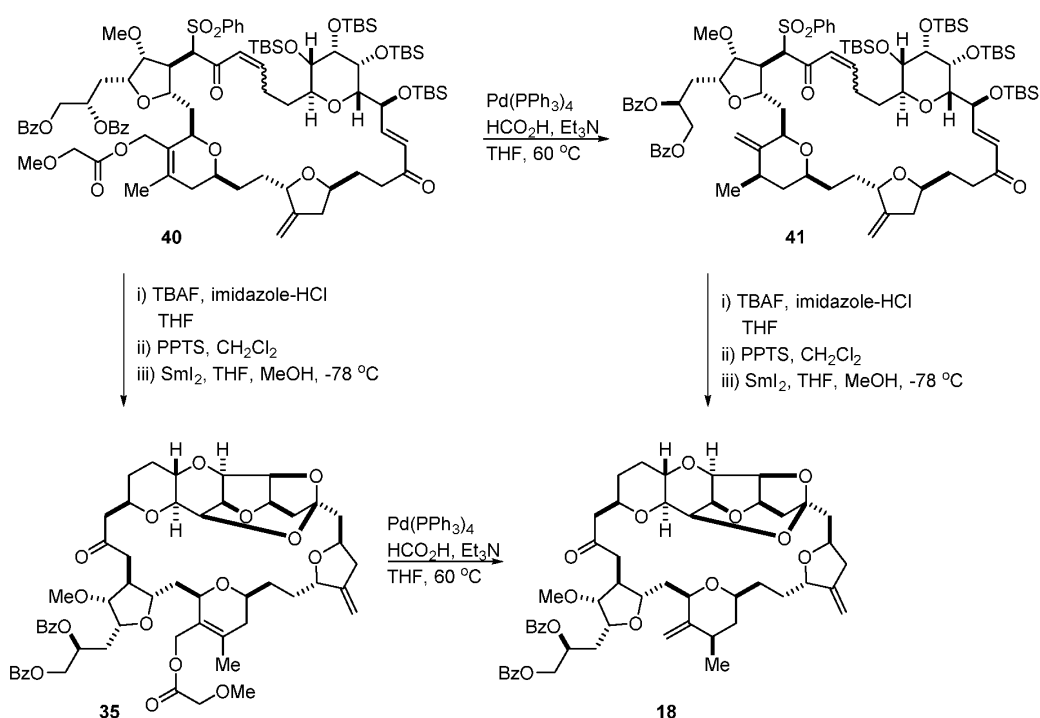
Compound 18. To a mixture of $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4$ (2.0 mg, 1.8 μmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.8 mg, 7.0 μmol) in THF (0.72 mL) was added a solution of **compound 35** (0.018 g, 0.018 mmol), formic acid (0.013 mL, 0.35 mmol), and triethylamine (0.049 mL, 0.35 mmol) in THF (0.72 mL). The mixture was stirred at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 20 h. Additional triethylamine (0.049 mL, 0.35 mmol) and formic acid (0.013 mL, 0.35 mmol) were added and stirring was continued at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for another 2.5 d. After dilution with MTBE, the mixture was washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 . The organic layer was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 80%) to give the title compound (18 mg). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3 - d) δ 1.08 (d, $J=6.25$ Hz, 3H), 1.28-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.36-1.48 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.77 (m, 3H), 1.81-1.99 (m, 3H), 2.05-2.34 (m, 11H), 2.37-2.53 (m, 3H), 2.67 (dd, $J=16.22, 9.97$ Hz, 1H), 2.78-2.89 (m, 2H), 3.32 (d, $J=3.52$ Hz, 1H), 3.39-3.46 (m, 3H), 3.51-3.64 (m, 2H), 3.72-3.79 (m, 1H), 3.79-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.98 (m, 1H), 4.02 (dd, $J=6.45, 4.49$ Hz, 1H), 4.06-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.18 (dd, $J=6.45, 4.49$ Hz, 1H), 4.24-4.37 (m, 3H), 4.56 (d, $J=5.08$ Hz, 2H), 4.60 (t, $J=4.30$ Hz, 1H), 4.68 (t, $J=5.08$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.86 (br s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.97-5.03 (m, 1H), 5.50-5.62 (m, 1H), 7.35-7.47 (m, 4H), 7.49-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.97-8.09 (m, 4H).



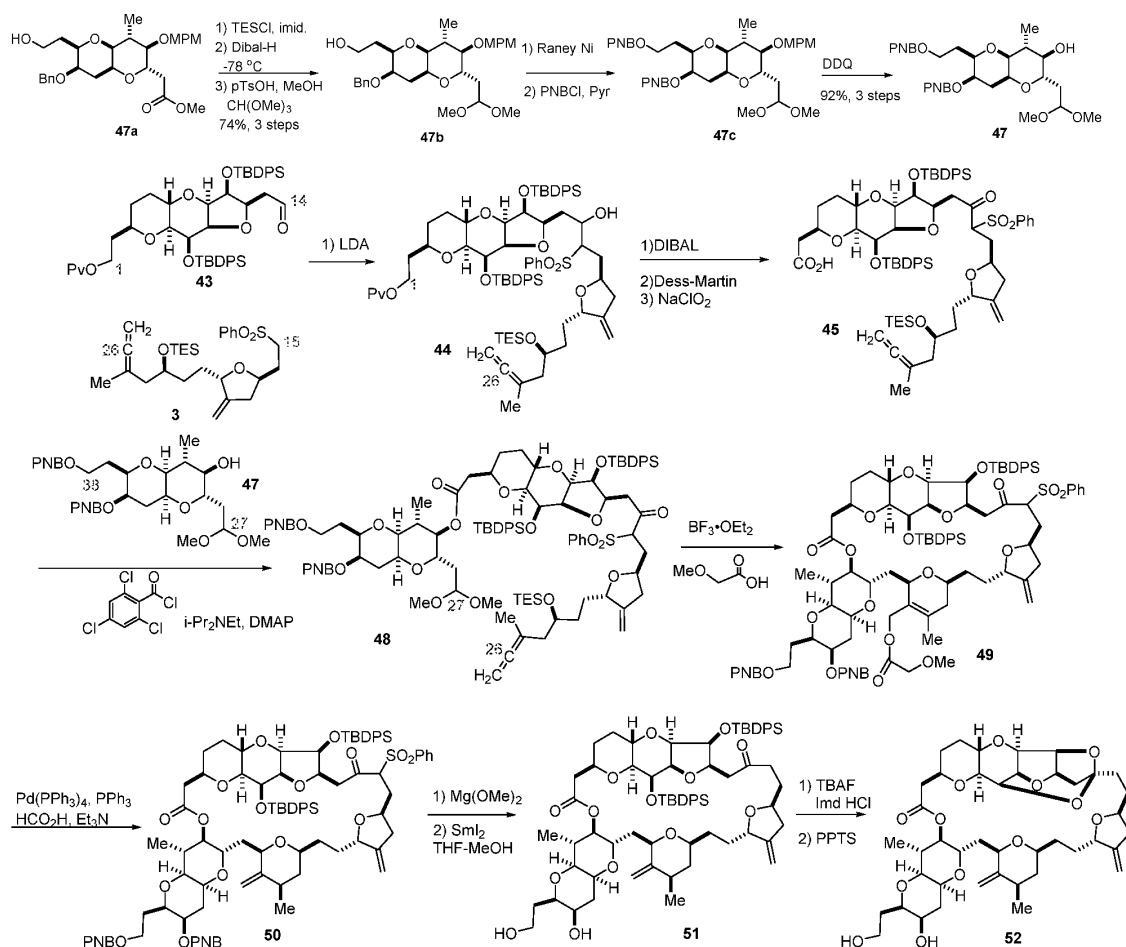
Compound 19. A solution of **compound 18** (0.018 g, 0.019 mmol) in a mixture of THF (0.045 mL) and methanol (0.9 mL) was treated with 6-10% (w/v) $\text{Mg}(\text{OMe})_2$ in methanol (0.186 mL, 0.134 mmol), and stirred at rt for 3 d. After concentration, the mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane= 30% to 100% and 5% MeOH in ethyl acetate) to give the title compound (3 mg, 23% for 2 steps). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ 1.08 (d, $J=6.25$ Hz, 3H), 1.28-1.51 (m, 5H), 1.58-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.79 (m, 4H), 1.88-2.02 (m, 4H), 2.06-2.56 (m, 12H), 2.71 (dd, $J=15.83, 9.97$ Hz, 1H), 2.81-2.92 (m, 2H), 3.29 (d, $J=0.78$ Hz, 1H), 3.30-3.35 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.70 (m, 4H), 3.85 (dt, $J=9.48, 3.27$ Hz, 1H), 3.88-3.98 (m, 3H), 4.03 (dd, $J=6.25, 4.30$ Hz, 1H), 4.09-4.12 (m, 1H), 4.18 (dd, $J=6.64, 4.69$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J=10.55, 3.52$ Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.39 (m, 2H), 4.60 (t, $J=4.49$ Hz, 1H), 4.69 (t, $J=4.30$ Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.93 (br s, 1H), 5.07 (br s, 1H).

Example 3 – Preparation of a Halichondrin Macrolide Analog via a Compound of Formula (IJ)

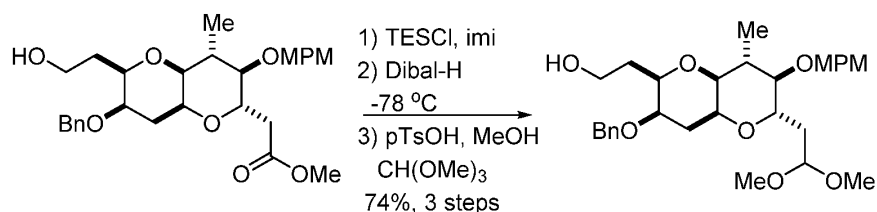
- An exemplary compound of formula (IA) can be prepared as shown in the above scheme. Compound **36** can be homologated in accordance with the following sequence: Swern oxidation, Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction (Masamune/Roush conditions), reduction with DIBAL-H, and oxidation with MnO₂. The homologated compound **36** can then be treated with compound **6**, which can be deprotonated with, e.g., LDA or LiHMDS, to give compound **37**. Reacting compound **37** with compound **30** under Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction conditions provides compound **38** (an exemplary compound of formula (IA)). Subsequent oxidation of compound **38** with Dess-Martin periodinane gives compound **39** (another exemplary compound of formula (IA)). Compound **39** can be converted to compound **40** (an exemplary compound of formula (IB)) by a reaction with methoxyacetic acid and BF₃·OEt₂ (exemplary Prins reaction conditions).



- An exemplary halichondrin macrolide analog can be prepared from a compound of formula (IB) as shown in the above scheme. Provided herein are two pathways that can be used to access compound **18** from compound **40**. In one approach, compound **40** can be reacted with an allylic reducing agent (e.g.,
- 5 $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4/\text{HCO}_2\text{H}/\text{Et}_3\text{N}$) to give compound **41**, which upon global desilylation with a fluoride source (e.g., TBAF, buffered with imidazolium hydrochloride), PPTS-catalyzed ketalization, and reductive desulfonylation (e.g., with Sml_2) can afford compound **18**. Alternatively, compound **40** can be first converted to compound **35** through global desilylation with a fluoride source (e.g., TBAF, buffered with imidazolium hydrochloride), PPTS-catalyzed ketalization, and reductive desulfonylation (e.g., with Sml_2).
 - 10 Compound **35** was reacted with an allylic reducing agent (e.g., $\text{Pd(PPh}_3)_4/\text{HCO}_2\text{H}/\text{Et}_3\text{N}$) to give compound **18**, as described in Example 2. Compound **18** was converted to compound **19** as described in Example 1.

Example 4 – Preparation of a Halichondrin Macrolide via a Compound of Formula (IN)

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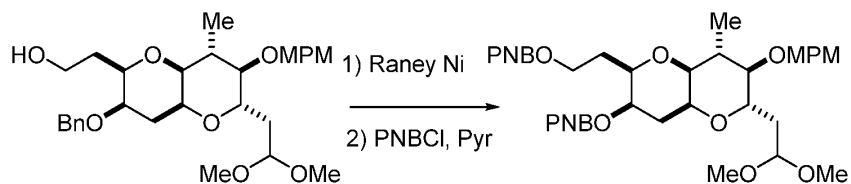
2-((2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8R,8aS)-3-(benzyloxy)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-7-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-8-methyloctahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)ethanol

To a solution of methyl 2-((2S,3R,4R,4aS,6R,7R,8aS)-7-(benzyloxy)-6-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-4-methyloctahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)acetate (1.0 g, 1.94 mmol) in dichloromethane (10.00 mL, 155.417 mmol) at 0 °C was added imidazole (0.397 g, 5.83 mmol) and chlorotriethylsilane (0.652 mL, 3.89 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1h and then treated with MTBE (20 mL) and a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (15 mL). The organic layer was separated, washed twice with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (10 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided 1.329 g of methyl 2-((2S,3R,4R,4aS,6R,7R,8aS)-7-(benzyloxy)-3-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-4-methyl-6-(2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)acetate. The

crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane (24 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. 1.0 M DIBAL-H in toluene (3.08 mL, 3.077 mmol) was added while the internal temperature was kept below -74°C. After stirring for 2 h at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched with methanol (0.778 mL, 19.231 mmol), and Rochelle's salt solution (30 mL) and water (20 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature overnight. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with dichloromethane (30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 1.314 g of crude 2-((2S,3R,4R,4aS,6R,7R,8aS)-7-(benzyloxy)-3-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-4-methyl-6-(2-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)acetaldehyde. The crude product was dissolved in methanol (20 mL) at ambient temperature. To the resulting solution were added trimethyl orthoformate (2 mL) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.018 g, 0.097 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at ambient temperature and treated with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (34.7 mL) and water (12 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (40 mL) three times. The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (20 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane as eluent provided 0.79 g of the target product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.12 (d, *J*=7.42 Hz, 3 H) 1.59 - 1.75 (m, 3 H) 1.97 (ddd, *J*=14.17, 7.13, 2.93 Hz, 1 H) 2.05 - 2.23 (m, 2 H) 2.32 (dt, *J*=14.75, 4.74 Hz, 1 H) 2.51 - 2.60 (m, 1 H) 2.99 (dd, *J*=8.79, 7.23 Hz, 1 H) 3.24 (s, 3 H) 3.28 (s, 3 H) 3.35 - 3.40 (m, 1 H) 3.46 (dd, *J*=5.08, 3.91 Hz, 1 H) 3.57 - 3.66 (m, 1 H) 3.72 - 3.83 (m, 3 H) 3.79 (s, 3 H) 4.04 (td, *J*=9.18, 2.74 Hz, 1 H) 4.42 (d, *J*=4.30 Hz, 1 H) 4.45 (d, *J*=2.74 Hz, 1 H) 4.50 - 4.55 (m, 1 H) 4.59 (dd, *J*=7.42, 3.91 Hz, 1 H) 4.75 (d, *J*=12.50 Hz, 1 H) 6.86 (d, *J*=8.99 Hz, 2 H) 7.21 - 7.29 (m, 3 H) 7.30 - 7.38 (m, 4 H)

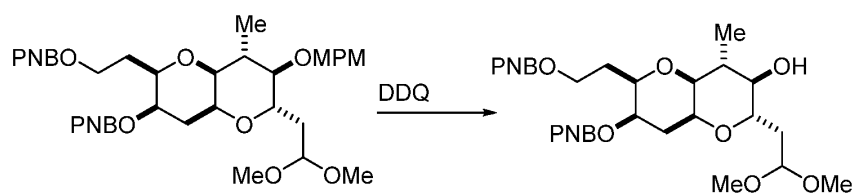
(2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8R,8aS)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-7-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-8-methyl-2-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate



To a solution of 2-((2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8R,8aS)-3-(benzyloxy)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-7-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-8-methyloctahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2-yl)ethanol (0.77 g, 1.451 mmol) in methanol (31 mL) was added a slurry of Raney-Nickel in water (ca. 8 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred under H₂ (balloon) until all starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with MeOH and filtered through a Celite pad, which was then rinsed with MeOH until all soluble products were removed. Concentration of the filtrates provided 0.639 g of (2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8R,8aS)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-7-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-8-methyloctahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-3-ol. The crude product was dissolved in pyridine (12.8 mL) and treated with 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (1.077 g, 5.802 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.018 g, 0.145 mmol) at ambient temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred until all starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL) and treated with a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (40 mL) and water (10 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with a mixture of EtOAc/MTBE (1/1, 30

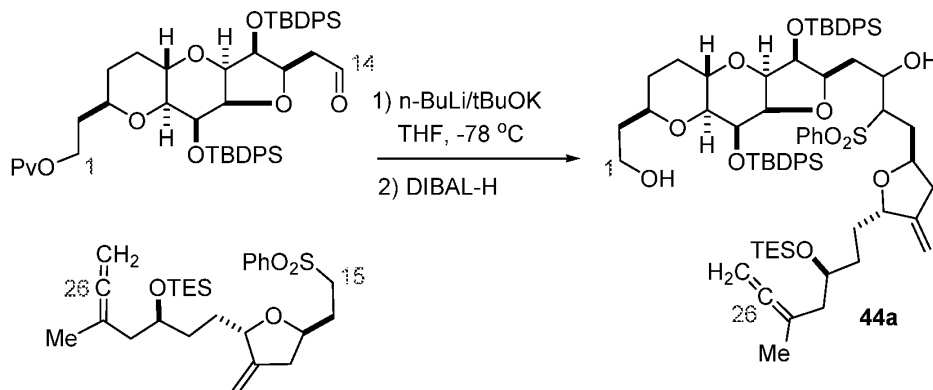
mL each). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (25 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 25 – 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 0.72 g of the target product. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.15 (d, *J*=7.42 Hz, 3 H) 1.72 (ddd, *J*=13.97, 9.28, 4.10 Hz, 1 H) 1.81 - 1.89 (m, 1 H) 1.91 - 1.95 (m, 1 H) 1.95 - 2.00 (m, 1 H) 2.15 (s, 2 H) 2.37 (dt, *J*=15.34, 2.88 Hz, 1 H) 3.06 - 3.11 (m, 1 H) 3.08 (s, 3 H) 3.16 (s, 3 H) 3.30 - 3.44 (m, 1 H) 3.64 - 3.72 (m, 1 H) 3.74 (br s, 1 H) 3.77 (s, 3 H) 3.95 (ddd, *J*=9.09, 7.52, 3.71 Hz, 1 H) 4.38 (dd, *J*=7.23, 4.10 Hz, 1 H) 4.50 - 4.59 (m, 3 H) 5.01 - 5.07 (m, 1 H) 5.48 - 5.49 (m, 1 H) 6.84 (d, *J*=8.60 Hz, 2 H) 7.26 (d, *J*=8.60 Hz, 2 H) 8.14 - 8.19 (m, 4 H) 8.22 - 8.29 (m, 4 H).

(2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8R,8aS)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-7-hydroxy-8-methyl-2-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate



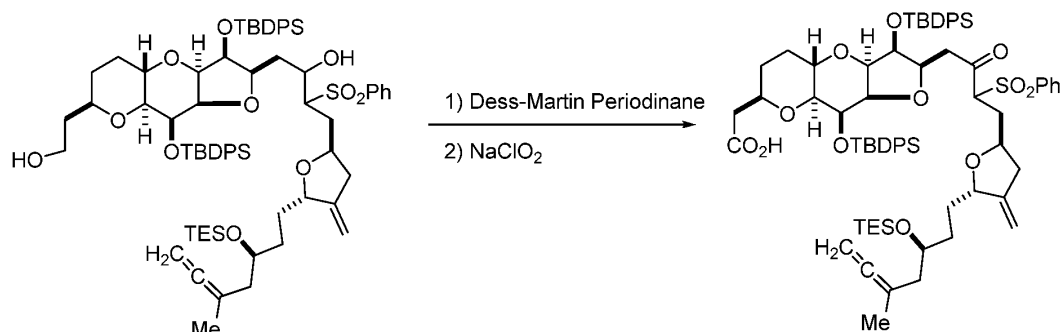
To a solution of (2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8R,8aS)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-7-((4-methoxybenzyl)oxy)-8-methyl-2-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (0.70 g, 0.948 mmol) in dichloromethane (22.4 mL) were added tert-butanol (0.224 mL), pH 7 phosphate buffer (2.2 mL) and DDQ (0.430 g, 1.895 mmol) at ambient temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all the starting material was consumed (*ca.* 2 h). Upon completion, the reaction mixture was treated with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ aqueous solution (30 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted twice with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL each). The combined organic layer were washed with 30% aqueous NaCl (10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 80% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 574 mg of the target product as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.13 (d, *J*=7.82 Hz, 3 H) 1.70 (ddd, *J*=14.17, 7.33, 4.30 Hz, 1 H) 1.93 - 2.01 (m, 3 H) 2.13 (ddt, *J*=14.80, 9.33, 5.52, 5.52 Hz, 1 H) 2.26 (q, *J*=7.82 Hz, 1 H) 2.41 (dt, *J*=15.63, 2.34 Hz, 1 H) 3.19 (s, 3 H) 3.25 (s, 3 H) 3.34 (dt, *J*=10.06, 2.78 Hz, 1 H) 3.38 - 3.42 (m, 1 H) 3.73 (dd, *J*=9.77, 3.13 Hz, 1 H) 3.85 (br s, 1 H) 3.88 (d, *J*=10.16 Hz, 1 H) 4.09 (br d, *J*=7.03 Hz, 1 H) 4.38 (dd, *J*=7.42, 3.91 Hz, 1 H) 4.51 (t, *J*=6.25 Hz, 2 H) 5.07 - 5.12 (m, 1 H) 8.13 - 8.18 (m, 2 H) 8.20 - 8.31 (m, 6 H)

1-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-7-(2-hydroxyethyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-2-yl)-4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butan-2-ol. **Compound 44a**



- 5 To a solution of triethyl(((S)-5-methyl-1-((2S,5R)-3-methylene-5-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-yl)oxy)silane (178 mg, 0.363 mmol) in THF (4.6 mL) at -78 °C were added potassium *tert*-butoxide (1.0 M in THF, 0.363 mL, 0.363 mmol) and *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 0.227 mL, 0.363 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred for 10 min at -78 °C and treated with a solution of 2-
 10 ((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-oxoethyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)ethyl pivalate (116 mg, 0.134 mmol) in THF (3 mL). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C until all of the aldehyde was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (4 mL) and water (2 mL). The resulting mixture was diluted with MTBE (5 mL) and warmed to ambient temperature. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer
 15 was extracted with MTBE (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (4 mL) twice and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration in vacuo provided 2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(2-hydroxy-4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)ethyl pivalate (MS *m/z* 1376.8 [M+Na]⁺). The crude product (182 mg in theory) was dissolved in dichloromethane (8 mL) and cooled to -78 °C. 1.0 M DIBAL-H in toluene (0.672 mL, 0.672 mmol) was added, and the resulting solution was stirred for 1.5 h at -78 °C. The reaction was then quenched with methanol (0.27 mL, 6.72 mmol) and a saturated Rochelle's salt solution (10 mL). The resulting mixture was diluted with dichloromethane (10 mL) and warmed up to ambient temperature overnight. The layers were separated, and the aqueous
 25 layer was extracted with dichloromethane (5 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 20 – 50% gradient of ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane as eluent provided 148 mg of the target product as a mixture of four diastereomers (MS *m/z* 1291.7 [M+Na]⁺).

2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetic acid

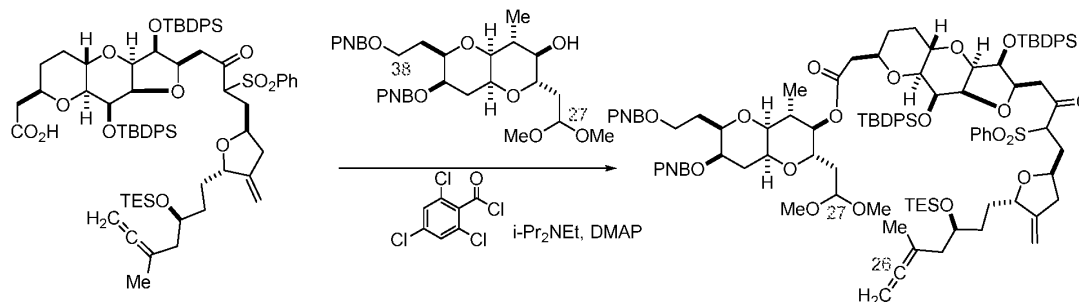


- 5 To a solution of 1-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-7-(2-hydroxyethyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-2-yl)-4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butan-2-ol (148 mg, 0.117 mmol) in dichloromethane (4.4 mL) at ambient temperature were added sodium bicarbonate (78 mg, 0.932 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (198 mg, 0.466 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 4 h and treated with a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (6 mL) and sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ solution (6 mL). The resulting mixture was diluted with MTBE (15 mL) and stirred for 30 min. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed twice with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (5 mL each) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentrated *in vacuo* provided 148 mg of 2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetaldehyde (MS *m/z* 1287.6 [M+Na]⁺). To the crude product were added *tert*-butanol (4.4 mL) and *n*-amylene (0.444 mL, 4.19 mmol). The resulting mixture was treated with a solution of sodium phosphate monobasic (49.1 mg, 0.409 mmol) and sodium chlorite (31.7 mg, 0.351 mmol) in water (2.2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the mixture was diluted with MTBE (15 mL) and treated with a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (10 mL). The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed twice with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (5 mL each) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 33 – 75% gradient of ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane as eluent provided 118 mg of the target product as a 1:1 mixture of two diastereomers (MS *m/z* 1303.8 [M+Na]⁺).

- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.54 - 0.62 (m, 6 H) 0.90 - 0.98 (m, 9 H) 1.05 (s, 4.5 H) 1.10 (s, 4.5 H) 1.11 (s, 4.5 H) 1.13 (s, 4.5 H) 1.29 - 1.75 (m, 8 H) 1.62 (t, *J*=3.12 Hz, 1.5 H) 1.68 (t, *J*=3.12 Hz, 1.5 H) 1.87 - 2.19 (m, 6.5 H) 2.25 - 2.38 (m, 2 H) 2.47 (dd, *J*=18.94, 2.54 Hz, 0.5 H) 2.50 - 2.57 (m, 0.5 H) 2.58 - 2.68 (m, 0.5 H) 3.04 (dd, *J*=18.55, 2.15 Hz, 0.5 H) 3.13 (dd, *J*=9.76, 5.86 Hz, 0.5 H) 3.23 (dd, *J*=9.76, 6.64 Hz, 0.5 H) 3.31 (dd, *J*=18.74, 8.98 Hz, 0.5 H) 3.40 - 3.50 (m, 1.5 H) 3.63 - 3.76 (m, 2.5 H) 3.77 - 3.85 (m, 1 H) 3.90 (ddd, *J*=9.18, 6.25, 2.54 Hz, 0.5 H) 3.96 - 4.12 (m, 3.5 H) 4.16 (dd, *J*=8.39, 4.10 Hz, 0.5 H) 4.20 (t, *J*=5.47 Hz, 0.5 H) 4.23 - 4.28 (m, 1.5 H) 4.32 (dd, *J*=10.15, 2.73 Hz, 0.5 H) 4.47 -

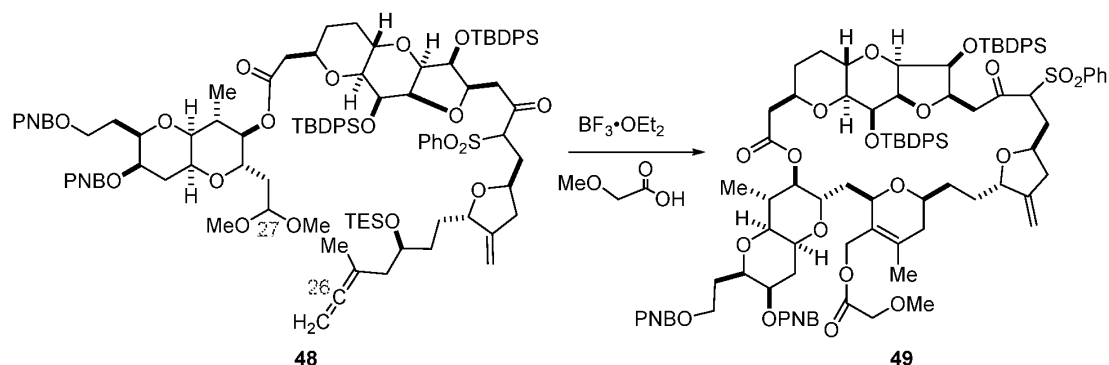
4.52 (m, 1 H) 4.52 - 4.58 (m, 1 H) 4.80 (dd, $J=4.49$, 2.15 Hz, 1 H) 4.94 (dd, $J=3.51$, 1.95 Hz, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.60 (m, 15 H) 7.65 - 7.81 (m, 10 H)

- 5 **(2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7-(2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butylidiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetox)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-8-methyl-2-(2-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate**



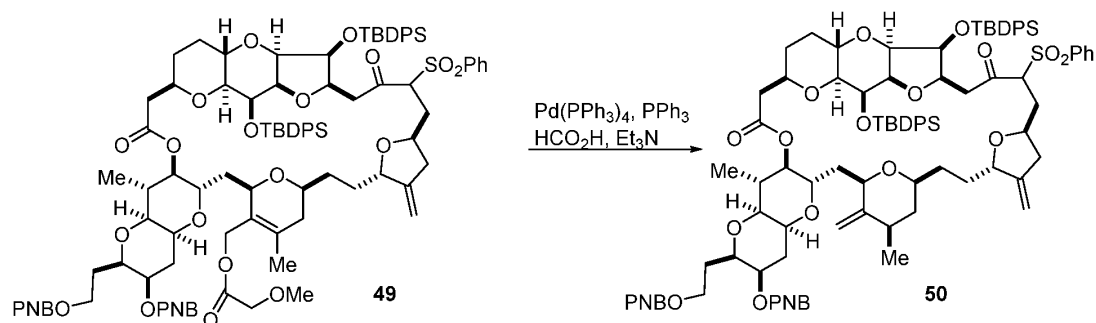
- 10 To a solution of 2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butylidiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetic acid (118 mg, 0.092 mmol) and (2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8R,8aS)-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-7-hydroxy-8-methyl-2-(2-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (159 mg, 0.258 mmol) in
- 15 dichloromethane (3.0 mL) at ambient temperature were added triethyl amine (TEA, 0.026 mL, 0.184 mmol), 6-nitro-o-toluic anhydride (47.5 mg, 0.138 mmol), and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5.62 mg, 0.046 mmol). After being stirred overnight, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 33 - 66% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 152 mg of the target product as a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture.
- 20 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.52 - 0.62 (m, 6 H) 0.90 - 0.97 (m, 9 H) 1.04 (d, $J=7.42$ Hz, 3 H) 1.06 (s, 4.5 H) 1.08 (s, 4.5 H) 1.11 (s, 4.5 H) 1.13 (s, 4.5 H) 1.17 - 1.53 (m, 5 H) 1.62 (t, $J=3.13$ Hz, 1.5 H) 1.67 (t, $J=3.13$ Hz, 1.5 H) 1.72 - 2.24 (m, 16 H) 2.35 - 2.46 (m, 3 H) 2.55 - 2.66 (m, 1 H) 3.02 - 3.06 (m, 0.5 H) 3.07 (s, 1.5 H) 3.08 (s, 1.5 H) 3.16 (s, 1.5 H) 3.16 (s, 1.5 H) 3.22 (d, $J=5.47$ Hz, 1 H) 3.29 (dd, $J=18.95$, 8.40 Hz, 0.5 H) 3.38 (br s, 1 H) 3.56 - 3.63 (m, 1 H) 3.64 - 3.75 (m, 4 H) 3.76 - 3.81 (m, 1.5
- 25 H) 3.86 - 3.94 (m, 1 H) 3.95 - 4.17 (m, 4 H) 4.18 - 4.30 (m, 2.5 H) 4.30 - 4.37 (m, 1 H) 4.46 - 4.57 (m, 4 H) 4.58 - 4.65 (m, 1 H) 4.78 (s, 1 H) 4.89 (d, $J=1.95$ Hz, 0.5 H) 4.93 (d, $J=1.95$ Hz, 0.5 H) 5.09 (br s, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.57 (m, 15 H) 7.65 - 7.81 (m, 10 H) 8.14 - 8.32 (m, 8 H)

Compound 49



- To a solution of (2R,3R,4aS,6S,7R,8S,8aS)-7-(2-((2R,3S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-3,9-bis((tert-butyl)diphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-(4-((2R,5S)-5-((S)-5-methyl-3-((triethylsilyl)oxy)hepta-5,6-dien-1-yl)-4-methylenetetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-oxo-3-(phenylsulfonyl)butyl)decahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetoxo-6-(2,2-dimethoxyethyl)-8-methyl-2-(2-((4-nitrobenzoyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydropyrano[3,2-b]pyran-3-yl 4-nitrobenzoate (76 mg, 0.04 mmol) in dichloromethane (38 mL) at -20 °C were added methoxyacetic acid (0.155 mL, 2.02 mmol) and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (51 μL , 0.40 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred between -20 °C and -10 °C, and the reaction was monitored by TLC and LCMS. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (20 mL). The organic layer was separated and washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (5 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 66% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 58 mg of the target product as a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture.
- ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CHLOROFORM}-d$) δ ppm 0.96 (s, 4.5 H) 1.02 (s, 4.5H) 1.09 (s, 4.5H) 1.12 (s, 4.5 H) 1.35 (s, 1.5 H) 1.45 (s, 1.5 H) 1.18 - 2.24 (m, 19 H) 2.31 - 2.54 (m, 3 H) 2.56 - 2.80 (m, 3 H) 2.98 - 3.10 (m, 1 H) 3.18 - 3.42 (m, 2 H) 3.40 (s, 1.5 H) 3.41 (s, 1.5 H) 3.47 (dd, $J=5.28, 2.15$ Hz, 1 H) 3.54 (t, $J=4.10$ Hz, 0.5 H) 3.59 - 3.78 (m, 5.5 H) 3.82 (td, $J=10.26, 4.10$ Hz, 1 H) 3.95 (s, 2 H) 3.97 - 4.04 (m, 1 H) 4.09 - 4.37 (m, 6 H) 4.48 - 4.73 (m, 6 H) 4.77 (br d, $J=5.86$ Hz, 1 H) 4.83 (br s, 1 H) 4.94 (s, 1 H) 5.13 (br s, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.55 (m, 15 H) 7.56 - 7.82 (m, 10 H) 8.15 - 8.35 (m, 8 H)

Compound 50

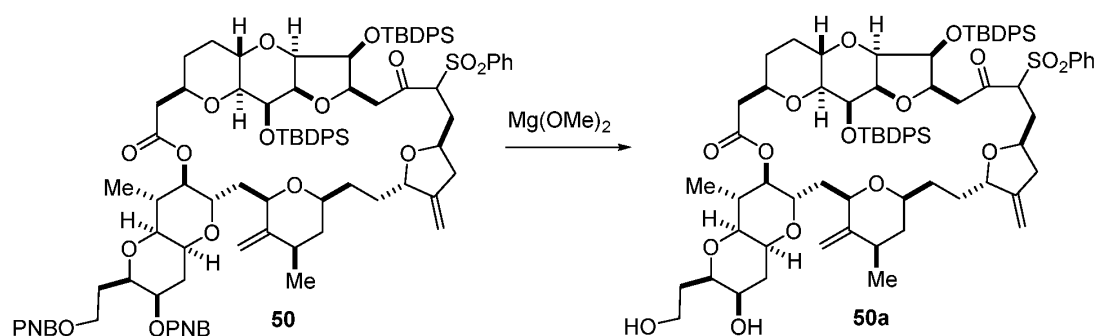


- To a solution of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (8.05 mg, 6.967 μmol) and triphenylphosphine (7.31 mg, 0.028 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added a solution of compound **49** (25 mg, 0.014 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL) at ambient temperature. Formic acid (3.2 μL , 0.084 mmol) and triethylamine (0.012 mL, 0.084 mmol) were added by

syringe. The resulting mixture was stirred at 60-65 °C for 15 h and cooled to ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with MTBE (10 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (3 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 25 – 60% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 10 mg of the target product as a 2:1 mixture of diastereomers.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.97 (s, 6 H) 1.02 (s, 3 H) 1.05 (s, 3 H) 1.08 (br d, *J*=6.64 Hz, 3 H) 1.12 (s, 6 H) 1.23 (br d, *J*=7.42 Hz, 3 H) 1.28 -1.88 (m, 8 H) 1.90 - 2.24 (m, 12 H) 2.32 - 2.84 (m, 6 H) 2.99 - 3.10 (m, 1 H) 3.22 – 3.95 (m, 10 H) 4.00 - 4.07 (m, 1 H) 4.07 - 4.39 (m, 4 H) 4.47 - 4.93 (m, 9 H) 5.21 (br s, 0.3 H) 5.26 (br s, 0.7 H) 7.28 - 7.50 (m, 14 H) 7.54 - 7.80 (m, 11 H) 8.11 - 8.42 (m, 8 H)

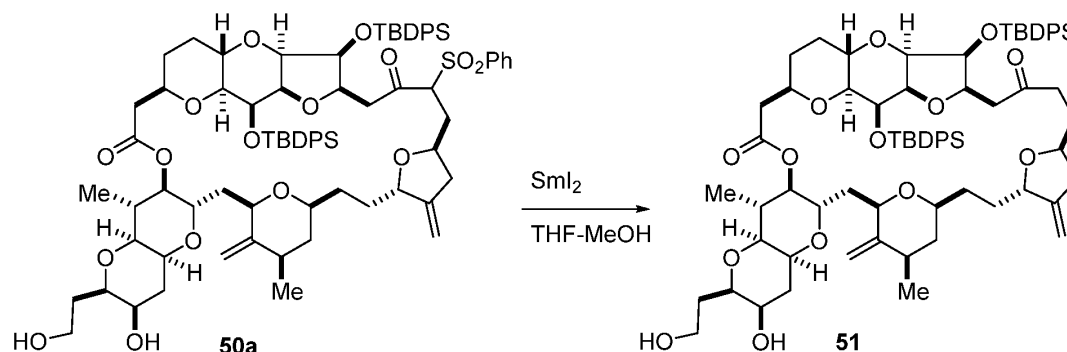
Compound 50a



To a solution of compound **50** (10 mg, 5.861 μmol) in MeOH (0.5 mL, 12.359 mmol) and THF (0.20 mL, 2.441 mmol) was added a solution of magnesium methoxide (3.88 μL, 2.931 μmol) at ambient temperature. The reaction was monitored by LCMS and TLC, and additional the magnesium methoxide solution (0.16 mL) was added over 6 days. The resulting mixture was diluted with EtOAc (6 ml) and washed with a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL), and the combined organic layers were washed with 30% aqueous NaCl (2 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 5 mg of the target product.

¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.97 (s, 9 H) 1.07 (br d, *J*=6.64 Hz, 3 H) 1.10 (s, 9 H) 1.19 (d, *J*=7.82 Hz, 3 H) 1.28 - 1.54 (m, 4 H) 1.65 - 2.04 (m, 9 H) 2.06 - 2.35 (m, 8 H) 2.41 (dd, *J*=16.02, 9.38 Hz, 1 H) 2.62 - 2.71 (m, 1 H) 2.75 (dd, *J*=16.02, 5.47 Hz, 1 H) 2.82 - 2.90 (m, 2H) 3.13 (dd, *J*=9.38, 8.21 Hz, 1 H) 3.25 - 3.34 (m, 3 H) 3.37 - 3.45 (m, 1 H) 3.53 (dd, *J*=4.69, 3.13 Hz, 1 H) 3.58 (s, 2 H) 3.59 - 3.63 (m, 1 H) 3.70 - 3.88 (m, 6 H) 3.91 (br s, 1 H) 4.00 (dd, *J*=7.82, 5.08 Hz, 1 H) 4.03 - 4.09 (m, 1 H) 4.18 (dd, *J*=7.62, 4.88 Hz, 1 H) 4.23 - 4.31 (m, 1 H) 4.36 (br d, *J*=11.33 Hz, 1 H) 4.55 (d, *J*=8.60 Hz, 1 H) 4.71 (s, 1 H) 4.80 (br s, 2 H) 4.83 (s, 1 H) 4.98 (s, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.47 (m, 12 H) 7.49 - 7.55 (m, 2 H) 7.58 - 7.72 (m, 9 H) 7.76 - 7.81 (m, 2 H)

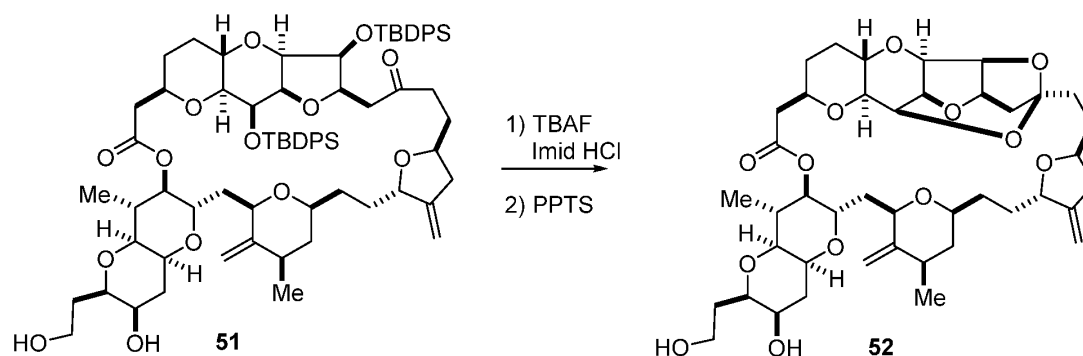
Compound 51



To a solution of compound **50a** (5.0 mg, 3.551 μ mol) in THF (0.9 mL)/methanol (0.3 mL) at -78 °C was added samarium diiodide as a 0.1 M solution in THF (0.2 mL, 0.02 mmol). After 10 min, a sat. aq.

- 5 Rochelle's salt solution (1.5 mL), MTBE (3 mL), and water (1 mL) were added. The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and extracted with MTBE (5 mL). The organic layer was washed with 30% (w/v) aq. NaCl (3 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 75% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 4.0 mg of the target product as a foam solid.
- 10 ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.01 (s, 9 H) 1.06 (s, 9 H) 1.09 (br d, *J*=6.64 Hz, 3 H) 1.19 (br d, *J*=7.82 Hz, 3 H) 1.28 – 1.53 (m, 6 H) 1.67 – 1.88 (m, 6 H) 1.91 – 1.99 (m, 1 H) 2.06 – 2.36 (m, 8 H) 2.54 (dd, *J*=6.84, 2.93 Hz, 1 H) 2.59 – 2.67 (m, 1 H) 2.68 – 2.84 (m, 3 H) 2.91 – 3.01 (m, 1 H) 3.05 (t, *J*=8.99 Hz, 1 H) 3.09 – 3.16 (m, 1 H) 3.31 (s, 1 H) 3.44 – 3.49 (m, 1 H) 3.50 (t, *J*=4.10 Hz, 1 H) 3.54 – 3.62 (m, 3 H) 3.64 (dd, *J*=5.67, 4.10 Hz, 1 H) 3.73 (br d, *J*=11.72 Hz, 1 H) 3.76 – 3.86 (m, 2 H) 3.89 – 3.98 (m, 2 H) 4.04 – 4.18 (m, 3 H) 4.25 – 4.35 (m, 2 H) 4.41 (br d, *J*=8.99 Hz, 1 H) 4.76 (br s, 1 H) 4.81 (d, *J*=1.17 Hz, 1 H) 4.82 (br s, 1 H) 4.84 (s, 1 H) 4.96 (d, *J*=1.56 Hz, 1 H) 7.28 – 7.46 (m, 12 H) 7.57 – 7.73 (m, 8 H)
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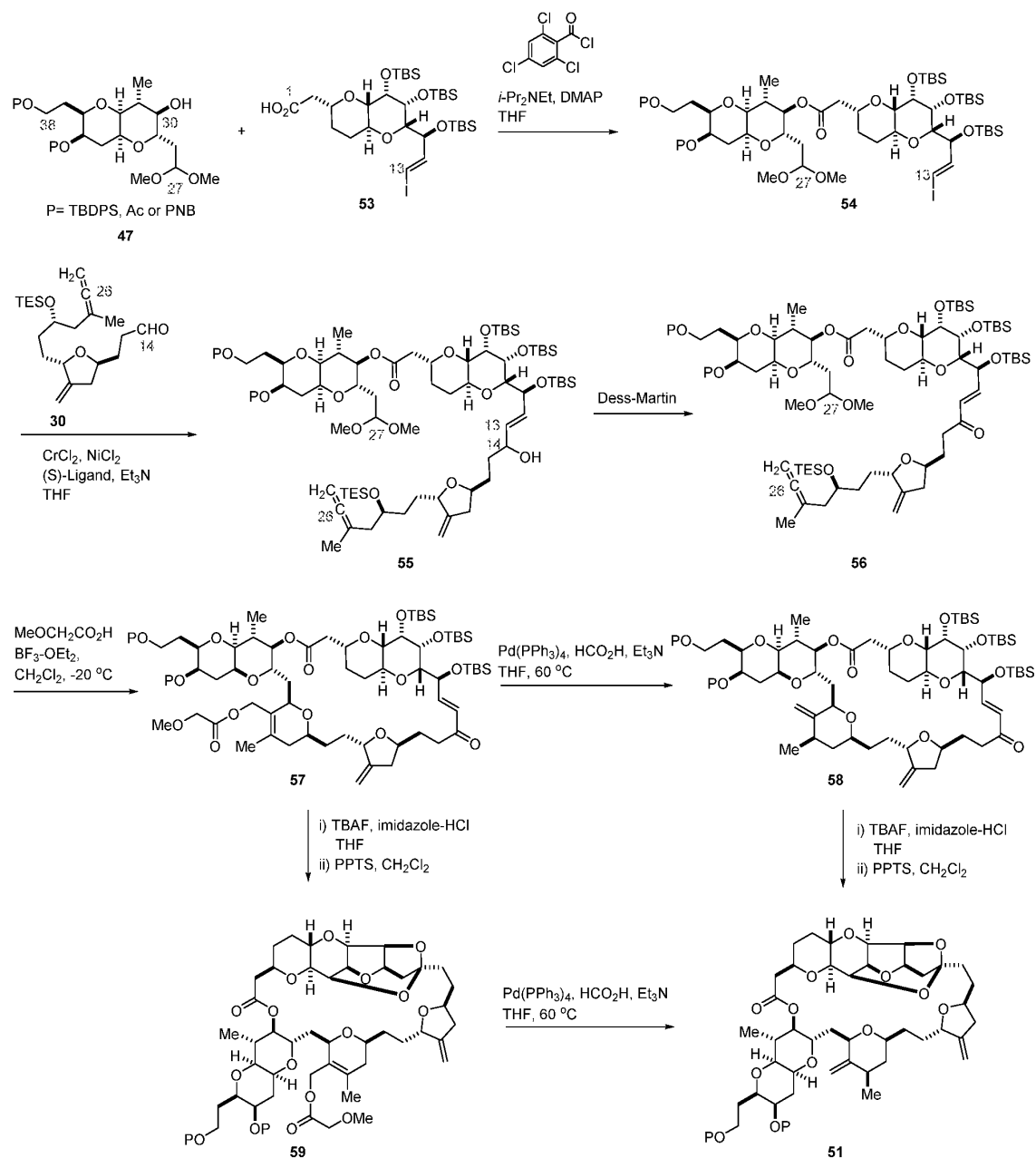
Compound 52



- 20 To compound **51** (2.5 mg, 3.2 μ mol) in a vial were added THF (0.8 mL) and *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (0.28 mL) at ambient temperature. TBAF (1.0 M in THF, 95 μ L, 0.095 mmol) and imidazole hydrochloride (5.0 mg, 0.047 mmol) were added. The resulting mixture was stirred over 2 days at ambient temperature. 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (2.0 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted twice with a mixture of THF (5.0 mL) and toluene (5.0 mL). The combined organic layer was concentrated under a stream of nitrogen. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) at ambient temperature, and
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PPTS (33 mg, 132 μ mol) was added. Once all starting material was consumed, the reaction mixture was purified by silica gel column chromatography using a 0 - 10% gradient of methanol in ethyl acetate as eluent to give 0.7 mg of the target product, which was confirmed by LCMS (MS m/z 795.4 $[M+Na]^+$) and 1H NMR comparison with that previously reported.

- 5 1H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM- d) δ ppm 1.10 (br d, $J=6.25$ Hz, 3 H) 1.18 (d, $J=7.82$ Hz, 3 H) 1.27 - 2.40 (m, 25 H) 2.39 - 2.45 (m, 1 H) 2.48 - 2.57 (m, 1 H) 2.77 - 2.86 (m, 1 H) 2.91 (dd, $J=9.38$, 2.34 Hz, 1 H) 3.29 (s, 1 H) 3.51 - 3.57 (m, 2 H) 3.65 (br d, $J=10.94$ Hz, 1 H) 3.72 - 3.89 (m, 5 H) 4.04 (dd, $J=6.25$, 4.30 Hz, 1 H) 4.19 (dd, $J=6.25$, 4.69 Hz, 1 H) 4.24 (td, $J=10.06$, 3.71 Hz, 1 H) 4.36 - 4.44 (m, 3 H) 4.50 (t, $J=2.34$ Hz, 1 H) 4.60 (t, $J=4.30$ Hz, 1 H) 4.65 - 4.72 (m, 1 H) 4.76 - 4.85 (m, 2 H) 4.98 (br s, 1 H) 5.08 (s, 1 H)
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Example 5 – Preparation of a Halichondrin Macrolide via a Compound of Formula (IJ)

An exemplary compound of formula (IA) can be prepared as shown in the above scheme. Subjecting compound **52** to Yamaguchi esterification with compound **53** gives compound **54**, which, upon reacting with compound **30** under Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction conditions, affords compound **55** (an exemplary compound of formula (IA)). Oxidation of compound **55** with Dess-Martin periodinane gives compound **56** (another exemplary compound of formula (IA)).

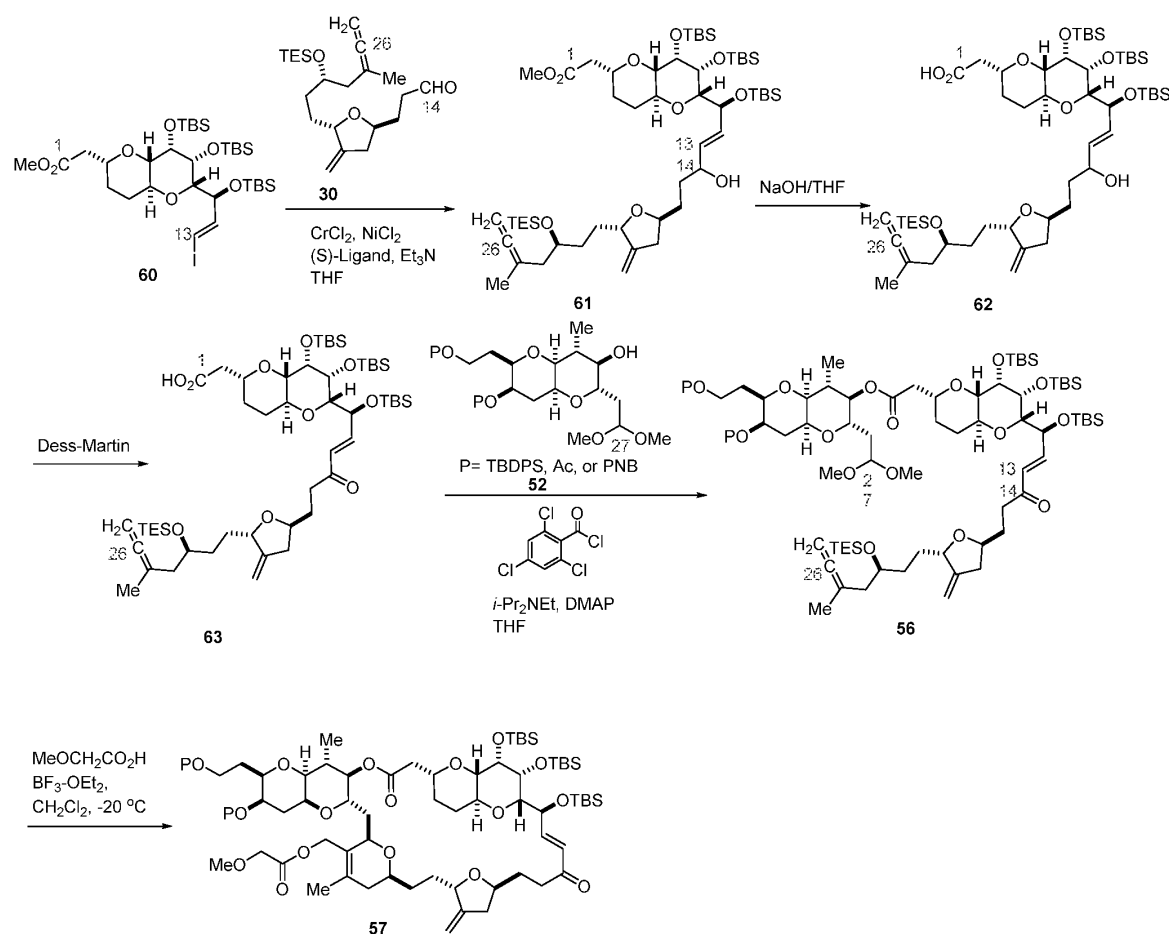
10 An exemplary halichondrin macrolide can be prepared as shown in the above scheme. Compound **56** can be converted to compound **57** by a reaction with methoxyacetic acid and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (exemplary Prins

reaction conditions). Provided herein are two pathways to accessing exemplary halichondrin macrolide **51** from compound **57**. In one approach, compound **57** can be reacted with an allylic reducing agent (e.g., $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4/\text{HCO}_2\text{H}/\text{Et}_3\text{N}$) to produce compound **58**, which upon global desilylation with a fluoride source (e.g., TBAF, buffered with imidazolium hydrochloride) and PPTS-catalyzed ketalization, can afford compound **51**. Alternatively, global desilylation with a fluoride source (e.g., TBAF, buffered with imidazolium hydrochloride) of compound **57**, followed by PPTS-catalyzed ketalization and a reaction with an allylic reducing agent (e.g., $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4/\text{HCO}_2\text{H}/\text{Et}_3\text{N}$), to yield compound **51**.

In some embodiments, P is PNB.

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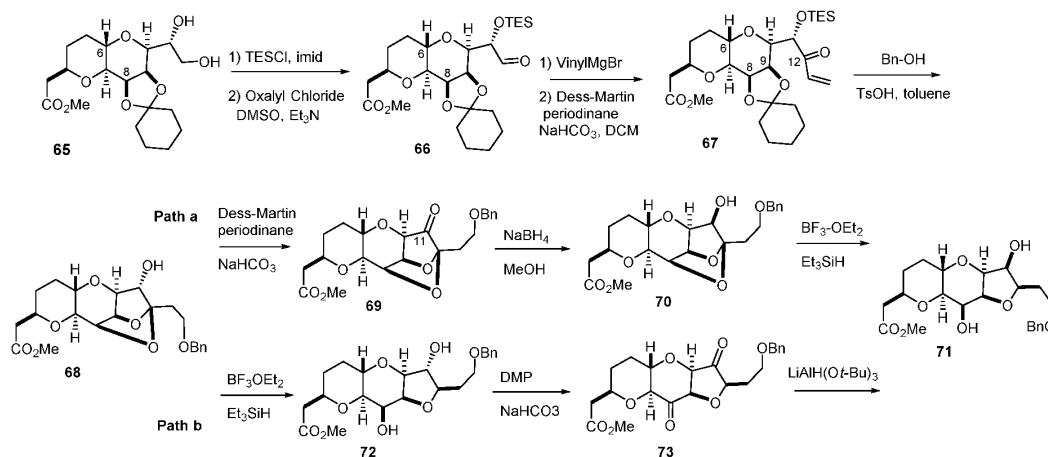
Example 6 - Preparation of a Halichondrin Macrolide via a Compound of Formula (IN)



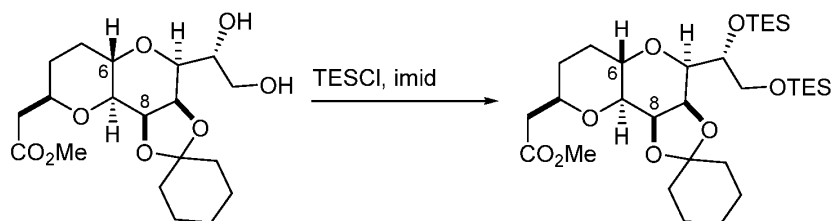
An exemplary compound of formula (IA) can be prepared as shown in the above scheme. Reacting compound **60** with compound **30** under Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi reaction conditions affords compound **61** (an exemplary compound (IN)). Hydrolysis of the ester in compound **61** provides compound **62**. Oxidation (e.g., with Dess-Martin periodinane) of compound **62** gives compound **63**. Yamaguchi esterification of compound **63** with compound **52** affords compound **56** (an exemplary compound of

formula (IA)). Prins reaction (methoxyacetic acid and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$; exemplary Prins reaction conditions) of compound **56** furnishes compound **57** (an exemplary compound of formula (IB)).

Example 7 – Preparation of Compound (IH)

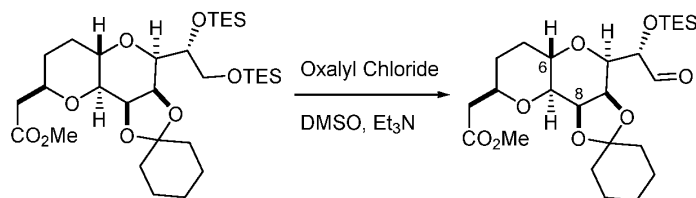


Methyl 2-((3aR,4R,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((R)-3,3,8,8-tetraethyl-4,7-dioxa-3,8-disiladecan-5-yl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate



- 10 To a solution of methyl 2-((3aR,4S,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((R)-1,2-dihydroxyethyl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate (1.1 g, 2.847 mmol) in dichloromethane (11.0 mL) at 0 °C were added imidazole (0.775 g, 11.4 mmol) and chlorotriethylsilane (1.19 mL, 7.12 mmol). The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature and stirred until all starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with a sat.
- 15 aq. NH_4Cl solution (10 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with MTBE (20 mL). The organic layer was washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (5 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 0 – 25% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 1.64 g of the target product as a colorless oil.
- ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ ppm 0.55 - 0.68 (m, 12 H) 0.95 (t, $J=8.01$ Hz, 13 H) 1.14 - 1.81 (m, 16 H) 2.01 - 2.10 (m, 1 H) 2.41 (dd, $J=16.02, 6.25$ Hz, 1 H) 2.71 (dd, $J=16.22, 6.84$ Hz, 1 H) 3.45 (dd, $J=10.16, 2.74$ Hz, 1 H) 3.62 - 3.65 (m, 1 H) 3.66 (s, 3 H) 3.74 (d, $J=3.91$ Hz, 2 H) 3.82 (br s, 3 H) 4.39 - 4.45 (m, 1 H) 4.45 - 4.51 (m, 1 H)
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Methyl 2-((3aR,4R,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((S)-2-oxo-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate



- 5 A solution of oxalyl chloride (2.67 mL, 5.33 mmol, 2.0 M in dichloromethane) was added dropwise into a solution of DMSO (0.76 mL, 10.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (4.1 mL) at -70 °C. After 15 min, methyl 2-((3aR,4R,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((R)-3,3,8,8-tetraethyl-4,7-dioxo-3,8-disiladecan-5-yl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate (0.82 g, 1.33 mmol) in dichloromethane (4.1 mL) was added. The reaction solution was stirred for 20 min at -70 °C and for 20 min at -40 °C, cooled to -78 °C, and treated with TEA (2.2 mL, 16.0 mmol). The resulting mixture was warmed to ambient temperature, treated with water (16.4 mL), and extracted with MTBE (32.8 mL). The organic layer was washed three times with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (24.6 mL) and twice with water (25 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided the target product as an oil (100% theoretical yield assumed), which was used in next step without further purification.

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Methyl 2-((3aR,4R,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((S)-2-oxo-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)but-3-en-1-yl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate

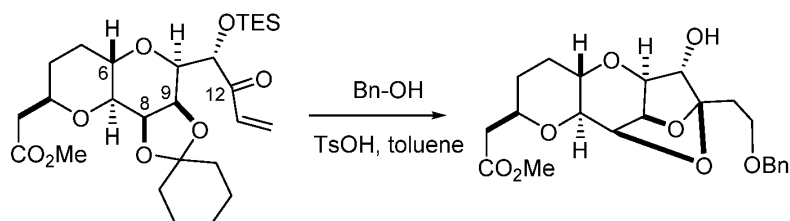


- Methyl 2-((3aR,4R,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((S)-2-oxo-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)ethyl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate (0.666 g, 1.33 mmol) was dissolved in THF (13 mL), and the resulting solution was cooled to -25 °C and treated with vinyl magnesium bromide (1.0 M in THF, 1.6 mL, 1.6 mmol). If needed, additional vinyl Grignard reagent was added until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with a sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (15 mL) and water (5 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (20 mL each). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (10 mL) and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided methyl 2-((3aR,4R,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((1R)-2-hydroxy-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)but-3-en-1-yl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate (100% theoretical yield assumed), which was used in next step without further purification.
- 30 The crude product was dissolved in dichloromethane (14 mL). To the solution were added Dess-Martin periodinane (1.01 g, 2.38 mmol) and sodium bicarbonate (0.556 g, 6.62 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, MTBE

(20 mL), a sat. aq. Na₂S₂O₃ solution (20 mL), and water (10 mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with MTBE (20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (10 mL) and 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (10 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 20 – 66% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 369 mg of the target product as a colorless oil.

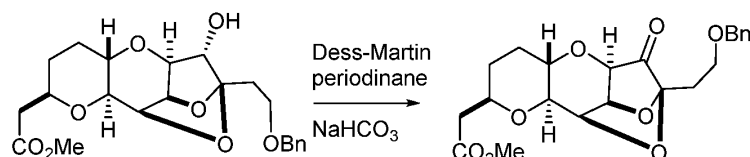
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 0.58 - 0.66 (m, 6 H) 0.90 - 0.97 (m, 9 H) 1.11 - 1.87 (m, 13 H) 2.08 - 2.14 (m, 1 H) 2.41 (dd, *J*=16.02, 6.25 Hz, 1 H) 2.70 (dd, *J*=16.22, 6.84 Hz, 1 H) 3.46 (dd, *J*=10.16, 3.13 Hz, 1 H) 3.66 (s, 3 H) 3.77 - 3.89 (m, 3 H) 4.32 (d, *J*=8.21 Hz, 1 H) 4.41 - 4.51 (m, 2 H) 5.67 (dd, *J*=10.55, 1.56 Hz, 1 H) 6.32 (dd, *J*=17.59, 1.95 Hz, 1 H) 6.81 (dd, *J*=17.59, 10.55 Hz, 1 H)

Methyl 2-((2R,3S,3aS,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3-hydroxydecahydro-2,9-epoxyfuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate



- To a solution of methyl 2-((3aR,4R,5aS,8R,9aS,9bS)-4-((S)-2-oxo-1-((triethylsilyl)oxy)but-3-en-1-yl)octahydrospiro[[1,3]dioxolo[4,5-d]pyrano[3,2-b]pyran-2,1'-cyclohexan]-8-yl)acetate (0.123 g, 0.234 mmol) in toluene (6 mL) were added benzyl alcohol (0.3 mL, 2.89 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (8.92 mg, 0.047 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated between 70-80 °C for 5 h, cooled to ambient temperature, and diluted with MTBE (20mL). The resulting mixture was washed with a sat. aq. NaHCO₃ solution (5 mL), 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (5 mL) and water (5 mL), and dried over MgSO₄. Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 40 – 80% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 40 mg of the target product as a white solid.
- ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ ppm 1.42 - 1.62 (m, 2 H) 1.78 - 1.90 (m, 1 H) 2.05 - 2.11 (m, 1 H) 2.15 (ddd, *J*=15.05, 5.28, 1.95 Hz, 1 H) 2.33 - 2.48 (m, 2 H) 2.68 (dd, *J*=16.02, 7.03 Hz, 1 H) 3.08 (d, *J*=9.38 Hz, 1 H) 3.50 (td, *J*=9.97, 4.30 Hz, 1 H) 3.61 - 3.71 (m, 1 H) 3.67 (s, 3 H) 3.77 - 3.82 (m, 1 H) 3.83 - 3.90 (m, 1 H) 4.02 - 4.06 (m, 1 H) 4.13 - 4.19 (m, 2 H) 4.45 - 4.51 (m, 1 H) 4.51 - 4.61 (m, 2 H) 7.27 - 7.43 (m, 5 H).

Methyl 2-((2S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aS)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3-oxodecahydro-2,9-epoxyfuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate

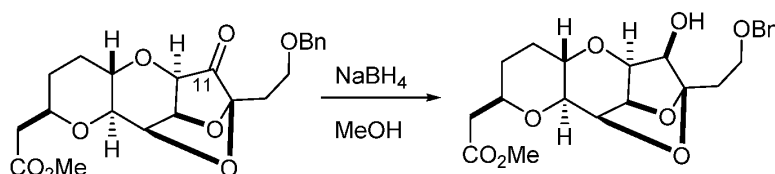


To a solution of methyl 2-((2R,3S,3aS,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3-hydroxydecahydro-2,9-epoxyfuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate (13 mg, 0.031 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) at

ambient temperature were added Dess-Martin periodinane (26.2 mg, 0.062 mmol) and sodium bicarbonate (12.99 mg, 0.155 mmol). After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with MTBE (5 mL), and treated with sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (3 mL) and water (1 mL). After 30 min stirring, the organic layer was separated, washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl, and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided 11 mg of the target product.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3 - d) δ ppm 1.38 - 1.56 (m, 2 H) 1.79 - 1.88 (m, 1 H) 2.10 - 2.19 (m, 1 H) 2.32 - 2.37 (m, 2 H) 2.41 (dd, $J=16.02$, 5.47 Hz, 1 H) 2.65 (dd, $J=16.02$, 7.43 Hz, 1 H) 3.21 (s, 1 H) 3.23 (dd, $J=9.77$, 1.17 Hz, 1 H) 3.31 - 3.40 (m, 1 H) 3.67 (s, 3 H) 3.66 - 3.72 (m, 1 H) 3.82 - 3.92 (m, 1 H) 4.26 (d, $J=5.86$ Hz, 1 H) 4.34 (br s, 1 H) 4.50 (s, 2 H) 4.79 (dd, $J=5.67$, 2.93 Hz, 1 H) 7.26 - 7.41 (m, 5 H)

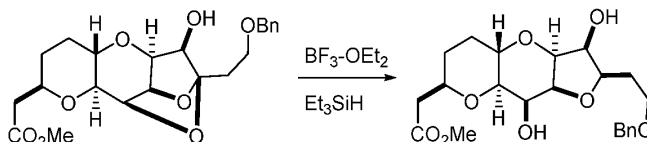
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To a solution of methyl 2-((2S,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aS)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3-oxodecahydro-2,9-epoxyfuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate (11 mg, 0.026 mmol) in methanol (1 mL) at 0 °C was added sodium borohydride (2.98 mg, 0.079 mmol). After 15 min, the reaction was quenched with a sat. aq. NH_4Cl solution (2 mL) and water (1 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted three times with EtOAc (5 mL each). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 80% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 8.0 mg of the target product as a colorless oil.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3 - d) δ ppm 1.38 - 1.58 (m, 2 H) 1.79 - 1.86 (m, 1 H) 2.12 - 2.25 (m, 3 H) 2.43 (dd, $J=16.02$, 5.47 Hz, 1 H) 2.69 (dd, $J=16.02$, 7.03 Hz, 1 H) 3.13 (dd, $J=9.77$, 1.17 Hz, 1 H) 3.59 - 3.64 (m, 1 H) 3.67 (s, 3 H) 3.75 - 3.80 (m, 1 H) 3.83 - 3.93 (m, 3 H) 4.23 (dd, $J=8.99$, 5.47 Hz, 1 H) 4.28 - 4.30 (m, 1 H) 4.36 (td, $J=10.36$, 4.30 Hz, 1 H) 4.50 - 4.61 (m, 3 H) 7.26 - 7.37 (m, 5 H)

Methyl 2-((2R,3S,3aS,4aS,7R,8aR,9S,9aS)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3,9-dihydroxydecahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate

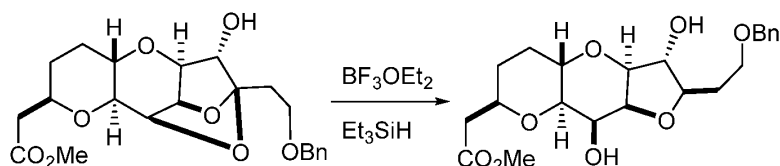


To a solution of methyl 2-((2R,3R,3aS,4aS,7R,8aS,9S,9aR)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3-hydroxydecahydro-2,9-epoxyfuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate (8 mg, 0.019 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added triethylsilane (0.1 mL, 0.626 mmol). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C and treated with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (0.012 mL, 0.095 mmol). The reaction mixture was brought to ambient temperature and stirred until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (1 mL) and 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (1 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (3 mL) and

dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane followed by a 0 – 20% gradient of methanol in ethyl acetate as eluent provided 3.0 mg of the target product.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3) δ ppm 1.37 - 1.49 (m, 2 H) 1.76 - 1.83 (m, 1 H) 1.92 - 2.10 (m, 2 H) 2.12 - 2.22 (m, 1 H) 2.43 (dd, $J=15.63, 5.47$ Hz, 1 H) 2.63 (dd, $J=16.02, 7.43$ Hz, 1 H) 3.05 (dd, $J=9.77, 1.95$ Hz, 1 H) 3.43 - 3.51 (m, 1 H) 3.52 - 3.65 (m, 2 H) 3.66 - 3.68 (m, 3 H) 3.83 - 3.93 (m, 1 H) 3.94 - 4.07 (m, 3 H) 4.09 - 4.20 (m, 2 H) 4.37 - 4.43 (m, 2 H) 4.49 - 4.52 (m, 2 H) 7.27 - 7.38 (m, 5 H)

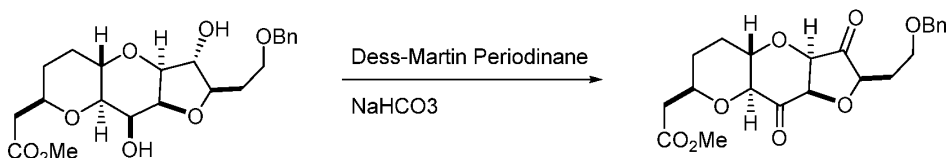
Methyl 2-((2R,3R,3aS,4aS,7R,8aR,9S,9aS)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3,9-dihydroxydecahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate



To a solution of methyl 2-((2R,3S,3aS,4aS,7R,8aR,9S,9aR)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3-hydroxydecahydro-2,9-epoxyfuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate (13 mg, 0.031 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added triethylsilane (0.1 mL, 0.626 mmol). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C and treated with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (0.020 mL, 0.155 mmol). The reaction mixture was brought to ambient temperature and stirred until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (1 mL) and 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (1 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted twice with EtOAc (5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (3 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 60 – 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane as eluent provided 8.0 mg of the target product.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3) δ ppm 1.37 - 1.55 (m, 2 H) 1.71 - 1.80 (m, 1 H) 1.94 - 2.02 (m, 1 H) 2.04 - 2.18 (m, 2 H) 2.43 (dd, $J=15.83, 5.67$ Hz, 1 H) 2.63 (dd, $J=15.83, 7.23$ Hz, 1 H) 3.08 (dd, $J=9.38, 2.34$ Hz, 1 H) 3.67 (s, 5 H) 3.72 - 3.81 (m, 2 H) 3.82 - 3.91 (m, 1 H) 4.02 - 4.06 (m, 1 H) 4.06 - 4.12 (m, 1 H) 4.27 (dd, $J=9.38, 7.43$ Hz, 1 H) 4.34 (dd, $J=9.38, 8.21$ Hz, 1 H) 4.51 - 4.55 (m, 2 H) 7.26 - 7.38 (m, 5 H)

Methyl 2-((2R,3aR,4aS,7R,8aR,9aR)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3,9-dioxodecahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate

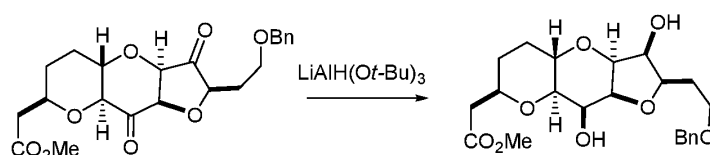


To a solution of methyl 2-((2R,3R,3aS,4aS,7R,8aR,9S,9aS)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3,9-dihydroxydecahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate (4 mg, 9.468 μmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) at ambient temperature were added Dess-Martin periodinane (12 mg, 0.028 mmol) and sodium bicarbonate (4 mg, 0.047 mmol). After being stirred for 2 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with MTBE (5

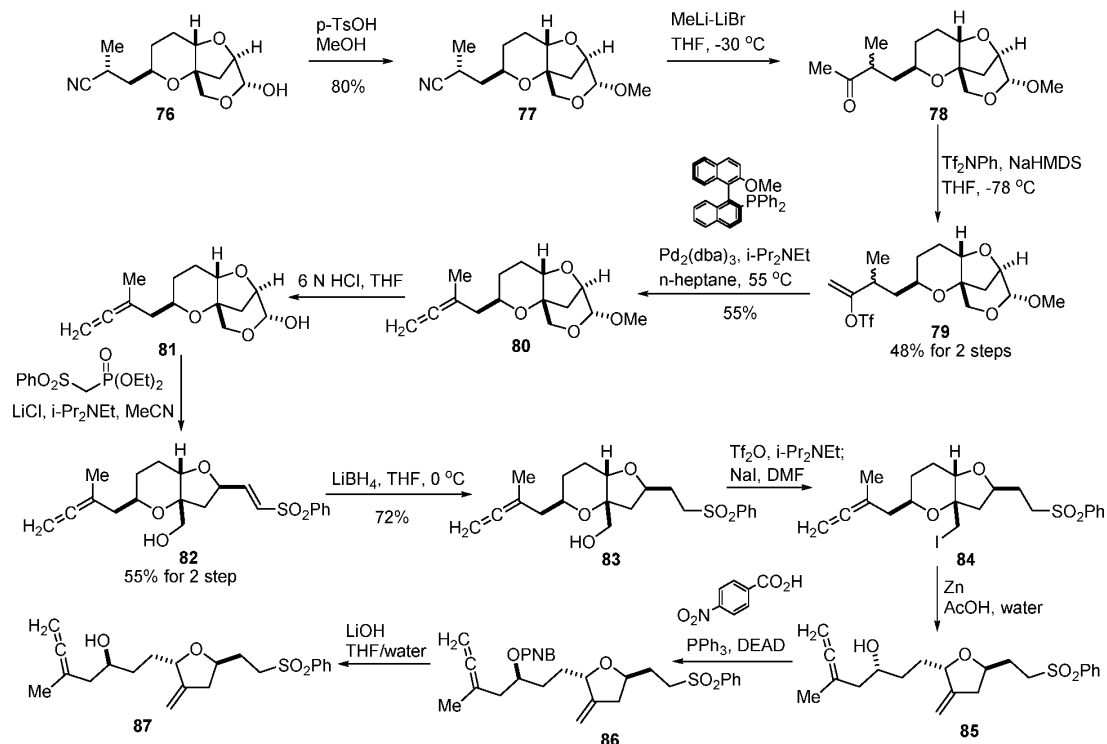
mL), and treated with sat. aq. $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ (3 mL) and water (1 mL). After 30 min stirring, the organic layer was separated, washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl, and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration and concentration *in vacuo* provided 4.0 mg of the target product.

^1H NMR (400 MHz, $\text{CHLOROFORM-}d$) δ ppm 1.05 - 1.18 (m, 1 H) 1.64 - 1.72 (m, 1 H) 1.72 - 1.81 (m, 1 H) 1.81 - 1.89 (m, 1 H) 1.90 - 2.01 (m, 1 H) 2.18 - 2.27 (m, 1 H) 2.35 - 2.44 (m, 1 H) 2.70 (dd, $J=16.02$, 6.64 Hz, 1 H) 3.34 (td, $J=10.26$, 4.89 Hz, 1 H) 3.67 (s, 3 H) 3.70 - 3.77 (m, 2 H) 3.79 - 3.86 (m, 1 H) 3.89 (d, $J=10.16$ Hz, 1 H) 4.40 - 4.46 (m, 1 H) 4.48 (s, 1 H) 4.85 (d, $J=10.55$ Hz, 1 H) 5.07 (dd, $J=10.75$, 1.37 Hz, 1 H) 7.27 - 7.37 (m, 5 H)

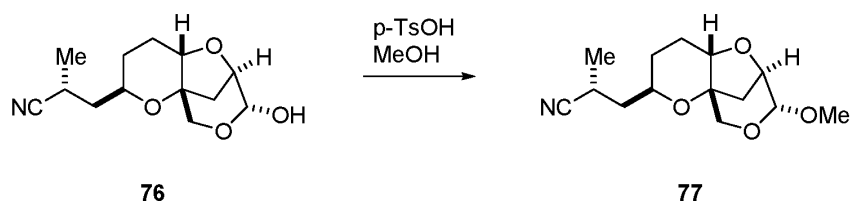
10 **Methyl 2-((2R,3S,3aS,4aS,7R,8aR,9S,9aS)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3,9-dihydroxydecahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate**



To a solution of methyl 2-((2R,3aR,4aS,7R,8aS,9aR)-2-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-3,9-dioxodecahydrofuro[3,2-b]pyrano[2,3-e]pyran-7-yl)acetate (4 mg, 9.464 μmol) in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C was added 1.0 M lithium tri-tert-butoxyaluminum hydride (0.047 mL, 0.047 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until all the starting material was consumed. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was treated with a sat. aq. Rochelle salt solution (3 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (5 mL) twice. The combined organic layers were washed with 30% (w/v) aqueous NaCl (2 mL) and dried over MgSO_4 . Filtration, concentration *in vacuo*, and purification by silica gel column chromatography using a 50 – 100% gradient of ethyl acetate in n-heptane followed by a 0 – 20% gradient of methanol in ethyl acetate as eluent provided 3.1 mg of the target product.

Example 8 – Preparation of Compound (ID)

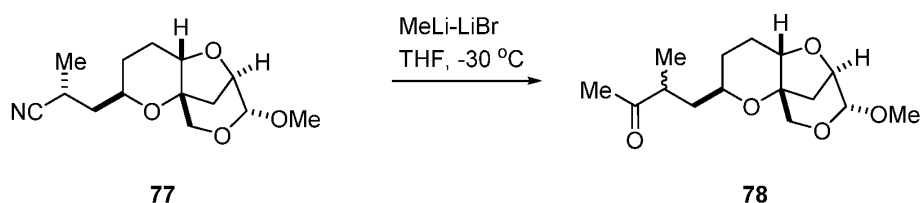
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A solution of (R)-3-((2R,3R,5aR,7R,9aS)-3-hydroxyhexahydro-2H-2,5a-methanopyrano[3,2-e][1,4]dioxepin-7-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (20 g, 79 mmol) in methanol (200 mL) was treated with *p*-TsOH (0.751 g, 3.95 mmol) and stirred at 40 °C for 22 h. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, evaporated again with methanol (100 mL), and azeotroped with toluene (100 mL). The residue was treated with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (100 mL) and extracted twice with MTBE (160 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in MTBE (30 mL) with heating to make a clear solution and treated with *n*-heptane (60 mL). The resulting suspension was stirred at 65 °C (bath) for 30 min and slowly cooled to room temperature over 1 d. The precipitate was filtered, washed with MTBE/*n*-heptane=1/5, and dried under a stream of N₂ to give the title compound (16.94 g, 80%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ 1.15-1.28 (m, 1H), 1.30 (d, 3H),

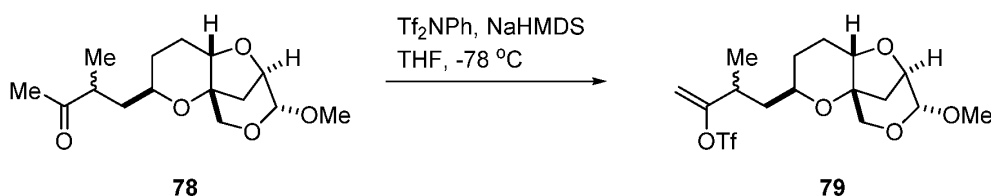
1.45-1.59 (m, 3H), 1.61-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.92 (d, 1H), 2.12-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.49 (m, 1H), 2.82-2.92 (m, 1H), 3.35-3.39 (m, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.72-3.80 (m, 3H), 4.12 (dd, 1H), 4.42 (dd, 1H).

4-((2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-3-methoxyhexahydro-5*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepin-7-yl)-3-methylbutan-2-one



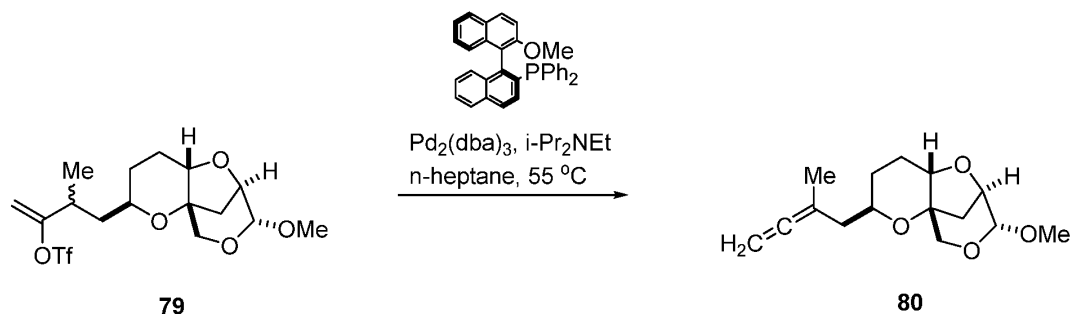
A solution of (*R*)-3-((2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-3-methoxyhexahydro-2*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepin-7-yl)-2-methylpropanenitrile (7.0 g, 26 mmol) in THF (105 mL) was cooled to -35 °C and treated with 1.5 M methyl lithium as lithium bromide complex in diethyl ether (21.0 mL, 31.4 mmol), while maintaining the internal temperature below -30 °C. The mixture was stirred at -30 °C for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (70 mL) and warmed to room temperature over 10 min with stirring. The mixture was extracted twice with MTBE (56 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a mixture of two isomers (3.43 g 105%).

4-((2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-3-methoxyhexahydro-5*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepin-7-yl)-3-methylbut-1-en-2-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate



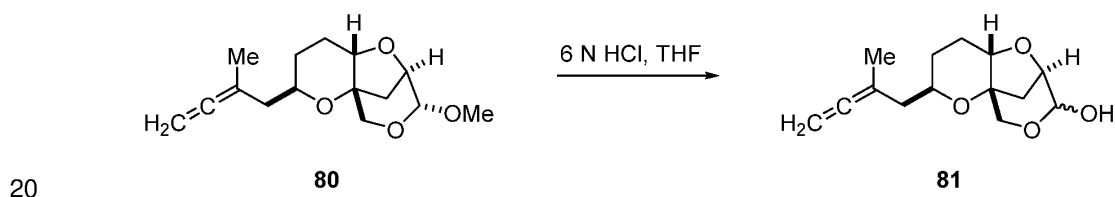
A solution of 4-((2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-3-methoxyhexahydro-2*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepin-7-yl)-3-methylbutan-2-one (0.13 g, 0.46 mmol) in THF (3.3 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and treated with 1 M NaHMDS in THF (0.50 mL, 0.50 mmol) over 10 min maintaining the internal temperature below -65 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. A solution of 1,1,1-trifluoro-*N*-phenyl-*N*-(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl methanesulfonamide (0.245 g, 0.686 mmol) in THF (1.0 mL) was added, and stirring was continued at -78 °C for 1 h. Additional 1 M NaHMDS in THF (0.091 mL, 0.091 mmol) was added, and stirring was continued at -78 °C for another 1 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH₄Cl (1.3 mL) and extracted twice with *n*-heptane (0.9 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with brine, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 30%) to give the title compound as a mixture of two isomers (130 mg 68%).

(2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-3-methoxy-7-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)hexahydro-5*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepine



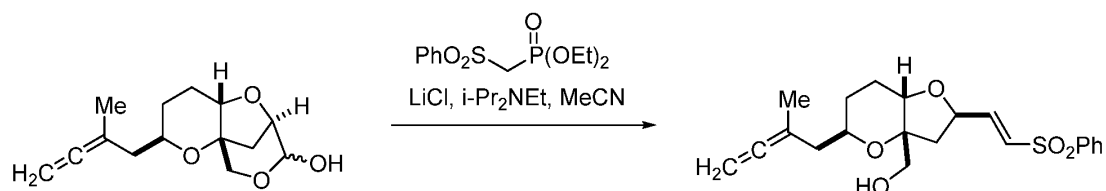
- 5 A 100 mL flask was charged with $\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3$ (0.088 g, 0.096 mmol), (*S*)-(-)-(diphenylphosphino)-2'-methoxy-1,1'-binaphthyl (0.180 g, 0.384 mmol), and *n*-heptane (32 mL) and heated to $55\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 min. The mixture was treated with a mixture of 4-((2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-3-methoxyhexahydro-2*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepin-7-yl)-3-methylbut-1-en-2-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (2.0 g, 4.8 mmol) and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (1.7 mL, 9.6 mmol) in *n*-heptane (15 mL). The mixture was stirred
- 10 at $55\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was filtered through a celite pad and rinsed with *n*-heptane. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane= 10% to 40%) to give the title compound (700 mg, 55%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CHCl_3 - d) δ 1.12-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.53 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.68 (t, $J=3.13\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 1.88 (d, $J=10.55\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.95-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.06-2.21 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.52 (m, 1H), 3.39
- 15 (s, 2H), 3.37-3.42 (dd, $J=9.77, 2.74\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.63-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.75 (d, $J=9.77\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 3.79 (dd, $J=10.55, 6.64\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.11 (dd, $J=6.25, 2.74\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.43 (d, $J=2.74\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 4.53-4.65 (m, 2H).

(2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-7-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)hexahydro-5*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepin-3-ol



- (2*R*,3*R*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-3-methoxy-7-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)hexahydro-2*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepine (0.60 g, 2.25 mmol) was dissolved in THF (9 mL) and treated with 6 N HCl (9.0 mL, 54 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 h. The mixture was extracted twice with ethyl acetate (9 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (9 mL), dried over
- 25 MgSO_4 , and concentrated *in vacuo* to give the title compound as a mixture of two anomeric isomers (630 mg, 110%).

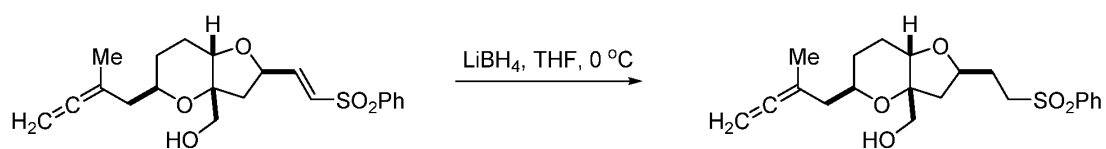
((2*R*,3*aR*,5*R*,7*aS*)-5-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)-2-((*E*)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinyl)hexahydro-3*aH*-furo[3,2-*b*]pyran-3*a*-yl)methanol

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- 5 A mixture of ((2*R*,3*aR*,5*aR*,7*R*,9*aS*)-7-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)hexahydro-2*H*-2,5*a*-methanopyrano[3,2-*e*][1,4]dioxepin-3-ol (0.68 g, 2.7 mmol), diethyl ((phenylsulfonyl)methyl)phosphonate (0.87 g, 3.0 mmol), and lithium chloride (0.17 g, 4.0 mmol) in acetonitrile (13.6 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.75 mL, 4.3 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and at room temperature for 4 h. Additional phosphonate (157 mg), lithium chloride (34 mg), and
- 10 *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.14 mL) were added, and stirring was continued at room temperature for another 15 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (6.8 mL) and extracted twice with MTBE (10 mL). The organic layers were combined, dried over MgSO₄, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane=10% to 50%) to give the title compound (548 mg, 55% for 2 steps). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ 1.19-1.34 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.80 (m, 3H), 1.69 (t, *J*=3.13 Hz, 3H), 1.81-1.95 (m, 1H), 2.00-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.21 (m, 1H), 2.44-2.60 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 2H), 3.68-3.84 (m, 1H), 3.88-4.01 (m, 1H), 4.54-4.67 (m, 2H), 4.76-4.91 (m, 1H), 6.56 (dd, *J*=14.85, 1.95 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (dd, *J*=14.85, 3.52 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.81-7.92 (m, 2H).

((2*R*,3*aR*,5*R*,7*aS*)-5-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)-2-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)hexahydro-3*aH*-furo[3,2-*b*]pyran-3*a*-yl)methanol

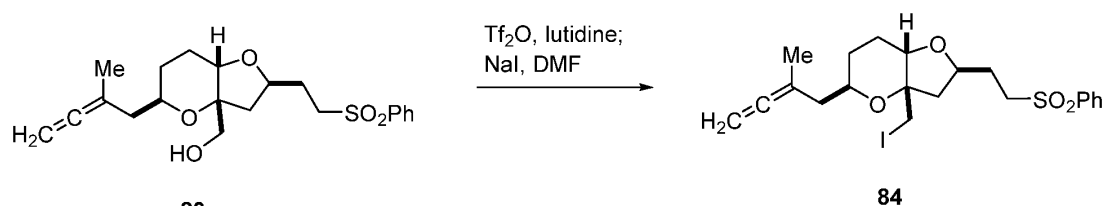
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- 25 A solution of ((2*R*,3*aR*,5*R*,7*aS*)-5-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)-2-((*E*)-2-(phenylsulfonyl)vinyl)hexahydro-2*H*-furo[3,2-*b*]pyran-3*a*-yl)methanol (0.51 g, 1.3 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with 2 M LiBH₄ in THF (0.98 mL, 2.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h. The reaction was quenched with 20% (w/v) citric acid in water (8.16 mL) and extracted twice with MTBE (10 mL). The organic layers were combined, washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and then with brine (5 mL), and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-

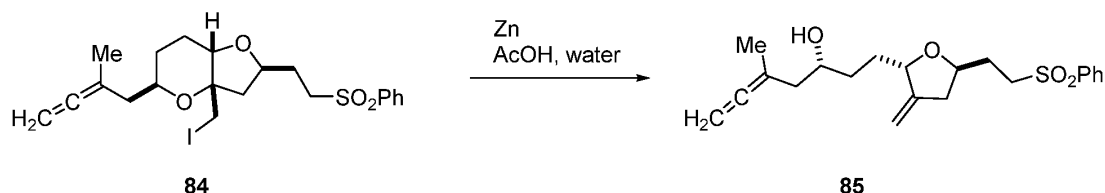
heptane= 10% to 60%) to give the title compound (370 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ 1.13-1.26 (m, 1H), 1.40 (dd, *J*=13.87, 6.06 Hz, 1H), 1.53-1.63 (m, 1H), 1.65 (t, *J*=3.13 Hz, 3H), 1.67-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.85 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.97-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.05-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.28 (dd, *J*=14.07, 8.60 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, *J*=14.07, 10.94, 5.08 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (ddd, *J*=14.07, 10.94, 5.08 Hz, 1H), 3.41 (s, 2H), 3.62-3.72 (m, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J*=8.60, 5.86 Hz, 1H), 4.12-4.22 (m, 1H), 4.51-4.61 (m, 2H), 7.49-7.58 (m, 2H), 7.59-7.67 (m, 1H), 7.83-7.93 (m, 2H).

(2*R*,3*aS*,5*R*,7*aS*)-3*a*-(iodomethyl)-5-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)-2-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)hexahydro-2*H*-furo[3,2-*b*]pyran



- 10 A solution of ((2*R*,3*aR*,5*R*,7*aS*)-5-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)-2-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)hexahydro-2*H*-furo[3,2-*b*]pyran-3*a*-yl)methanol (0.37 g, 0.94 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was cooled to -5 °C and treated with 2,6-lutidine (0.33 mL, 2.8 mmol) and 1M Tf₂O in CH₂Cl₂ (1.4 mL, 1.4 mmol). After stirring at -5 °C for 1.5 h, the mixture was diluted with DMF (2.78 mL) and treated with sodium iodide (0.42 g, 2.8 mmol).
- 15 The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. The mixture was diluted with MTBE (19 mL) and sequentially washed with water (5.6 mL), 1 N HCl (5.6 mL), sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (3.7 mL), and 20% (w/v) Na₂S₂O₃ in water (3.7 mL). After concentration, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane = 10% to 40%) to give the title compound (140 mg, 30%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-d) δ 1.13-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.54-1.82 (m, 3H), 1.68 (t, *J*=3.13 Hz, 3H), 1.72-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.99 (m, 2H), 2.00-2.09 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.43 (dd, *J*=14.07, 8.21 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, *J*=13.97, 10.84, 5.28 Hz, 1H), 3.20-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.27 (d, *J*=10.16 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (d, *J*=10.94 Hz, 1H), 3.60-3.70 (m, 1H), 3.77 (dd, *J*=7.82, 5.47 Hz, 1H), 4.11-4.24 (m, 1H), 4.52-4.60 (m, 2H), 7.51-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.60-7.70 (m, 1H), 7.84-7.96 (m, 2H).

- 25 **(*R*)-5-methyl-1-((2*S*,5*R*)-3-methylene-5-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hepta-5,6-dien-3-ol**



A suspension of zinc dust (0.128 g, 1.95 mmol) in water (0.9 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with acetic acid (0.019 mL, 0.33 mmol). After stirring for 10 min, the mixture was treated with a solution of

(2*R*,3*aS*,5*R*,7*aS*)-3*a*-(iodomethyl)-5-(2-methylbuta-2,3-dien-1-yl)-2-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)hexahydro-2*H*-furo[3,2-*b*]pyran (0.14 g, 0.28 mmol) in THF (1.4 mL). After stirring at 0 °C for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with 20% (w/v) citric acid in water (0.84 mL) and stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. The mixture was filtered through a celite pad to remove insoluble zinc and rinsed with MTBE (14 mL). The organic layers were separated, and washed with sat. NaHCO₃ (1.4 mL) and brine (1.4 mL). After concentration, the residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate in *n*-heptane= 10% to 50%) to give the title compound (76 mg, 72%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CHLOROFORM-*d*) δ 1.43-1.65 (m, 3H), 1.69 (t, *J*=3.12 Hz, 3H), 1.70-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.98-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.62-2.76 (m, 1H), 3.05-3.19 (m, 1H), 3.21-3.34 (m, 1H), 3.74 (br s, 1H), 4.06 (dt, *J*=12.88, 6.44 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (br s, 1H), 4.58-4.70 (m, 2H), 4.85 (q, *J*=2.34 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (q, *J*=2.34 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.60 (m, 2H), 7.61-7.69 (m, 1H), 7.87-7.94 (m, 2H).

Other Embodiments

Various modifications and variations of the described compositions and methods of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention. Although the invention has been described in connection with specific embodiments, it should be understood that the invention as claimed should not be unduly limited to such specific embodiments. Indeed, various modifications of the described modes for carrying out the invention that are obvious to those skilled in the art are intended to be within the scope of the invention.

Other embodiments are in the claims.

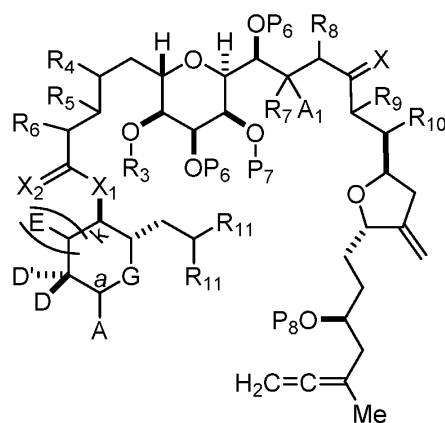
What is claimed is:

Claims

1. A method of preparing a macrocyclic intermediate in the synthesis of a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof, the method comprising reacting an intermediate of formula (I) with $R_{12}OH$ and a Lewis acid, the reaction producing the macrocyclic intermediate by forming a bond in the structure of the halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof,

wherein R_{12} is optionally substituted acyl;

wherein the compound of formula (IA) is:

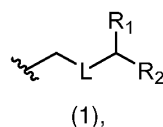


(IA),

or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

wherein

each of D and D' is independently H , optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of D and D' is OP_1 , wherein P_1 is H , alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q_1 , the group of formula (1) having the structure:



wherein

L is $-(CH(OP_2))_n-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))_n-$, or $-C(O)-$;

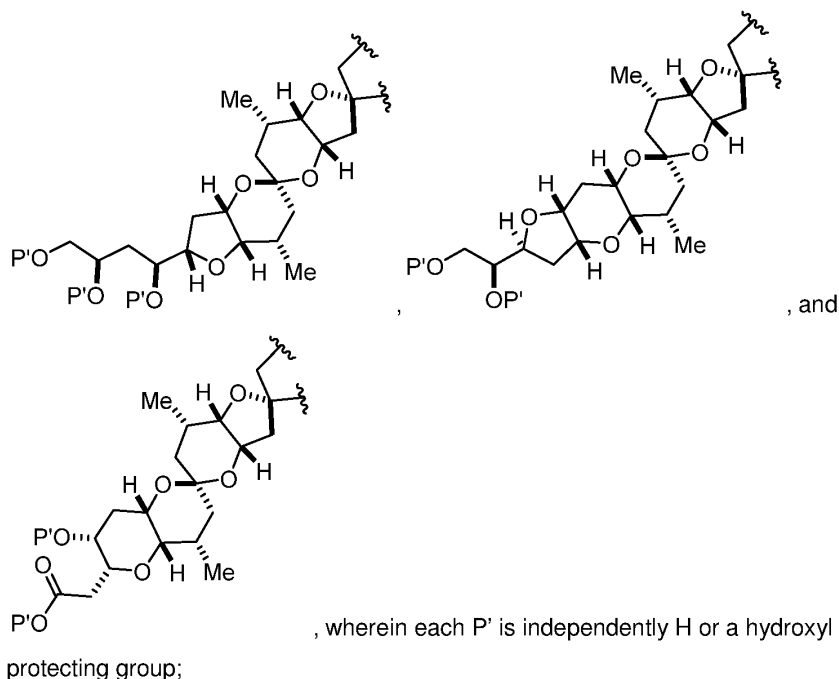
R_1 is H , or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

(i) R_2 is H , wherein P_2 is absent, H , optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H , optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P_2 is absent, H , optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H , optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , NR_BR_A , $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_BR_A$, or $O(CO)NR_BR_A$, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n , when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$, $-CH_2-$, or $-O-$;

X_2 is $=O$ or X_2 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-(C(R_X)_2)-$; wherein each R_X is independently H, $-OR_{X1}$, or $-SR_{X1}$, provided that at least one R_X , when present, is $-OR_{X1}$ or $-SR_{X1}$; wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X_1 is $-O-$, X_2 is $=O$;

Y is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, where, when Y is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

A_1 and R_7 combine to form oxo, P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_8 is H;

or

A₁ is H or OP^{''}, and:

(a) P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and R₈, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

(b) P₇ and R₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H or OP^{''};

(i) each P₆ is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form -(CH(OP₉))- , wherein P₉ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and each R₁₁ is -OP₁₀, or both R₁₁ combine to form oxo, wherein P₁₀ is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) both P₆ and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P₇ and R₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H or OP^{''}; and each R₁₁ is -OP₁₀, or both R₁₁ combine to form oxo, wherein P₁₀ is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or

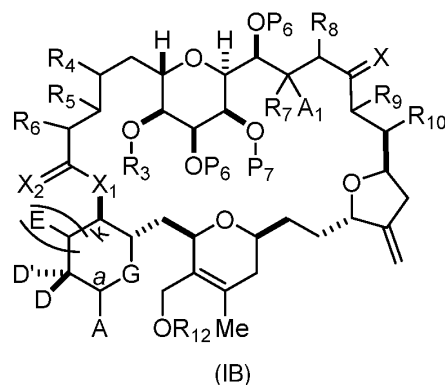
(iii) both P₆ and both R₁₁, together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form acetal; and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form -(CH(OP₉))- , wherein P₉ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

R₉ is H, OP^{''}, or Y, and R₁₀ is H; or R₉ and R₁₀, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

each P^{''}, when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

P₈ is H or silyl; and

wherein the macrocyclic intermediate in the synthesis of a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof is a compound of formula (IB):

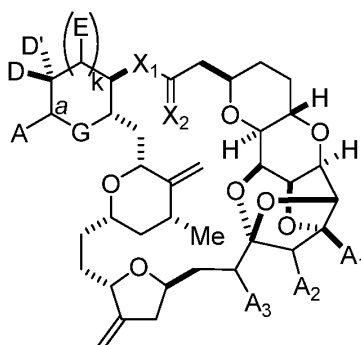


or a salt or a tautomer thereof.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the Lewis acid is an oxophilic Lewis acid.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the oxophilic Lewis acid is boron trifluoride or a solvate thereof.

4. A method of preparing

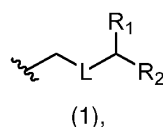


a halichondrin macrolide or an analog thereof,

or a salt thereof,

wherein

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, wherein P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



wherein

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

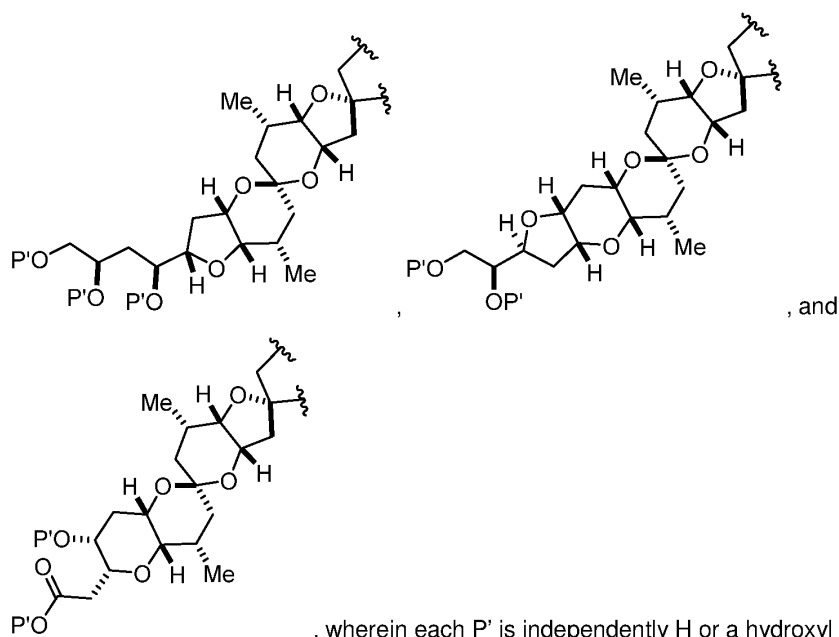
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

(i) R₂ is H, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P₃ is H or an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene, or (c) each of P₂ and P₄ is H;

(iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



protecting group;

each of A₁, A₂, and A₃ is independently H or OP'', wherein each P'' is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

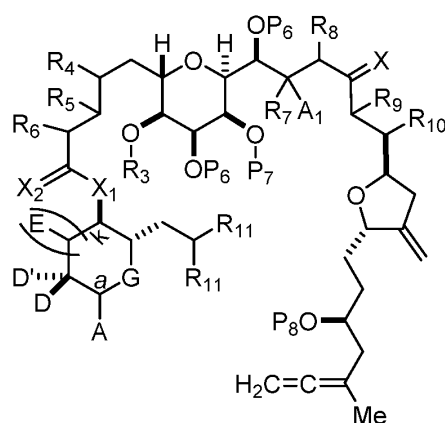
n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1; and

X₁ is -CH₂- or -O-, and X₂ is =O;

the method comprising:

(A) producing a compound of formula (IB) from a compound of formula (IA) and R₁₂OH, wherein R₁₂ is optionally substituted acyl, and the compound of formula (IA) is of the following structure:

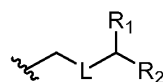


(IA)

or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

wherein

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, wherein P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



(1),

wherein

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

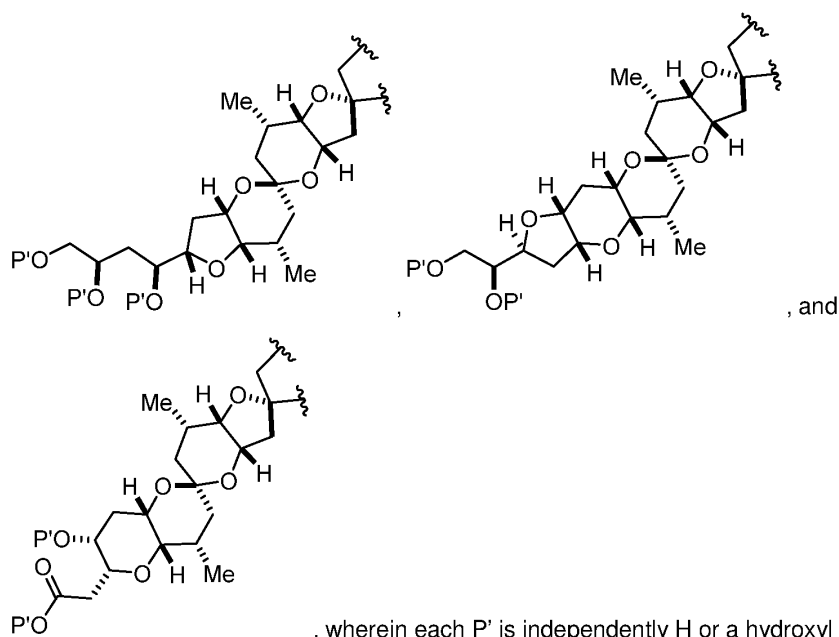
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

(i) R₂ is H, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is —CH(Y)—, —CH₂—, or —O—, and X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is —(C(R_X)₂)—; wherein each R_X is independently H, —OR_{X1}, or —SR_{X1}, provided that at least one R_X, when present, is —OR_{X1} or —SR_{X1}; wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is —O—, X₂ is =O; and wherein Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;

or

A₁ is H or OP'', and:

- (i) P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and R₈, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

(ii) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;

(i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, wherein P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, wherein P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) both P_6 and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, wherein P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or

(iii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form acetal; and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, wherein P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

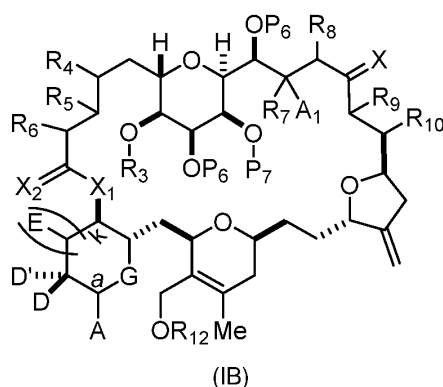
R_9 is H, OP'' , SO_2R_C , or $COOR_C$, and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

P_8 is H or silyl;

and

the compound of formula (IB) is of the following structure:



or a salt or a tautomer thereof;

wherein

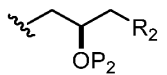
R_{12} is optionally substituted acyl;

(B) producing the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof from compound (IB).

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the producing the compound of formula (IB) comprises reacting the compound of formula (IA) with $R_{12}OH$ and a Lewis acid.

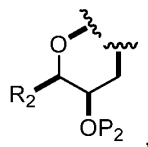
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the Lewis acid is an oxophilic Lewis acid.

7. The method of any one of claims 4 to 6, wherein the producing the halichondrin macrolide or the analog thereof comprises reacting the compound of formula (IB) with an allylic reducing agent.
8. The method of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H.
9. The method of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein R_5 and R_6 , together with the atom to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, R_4 is H, and R_3 is a hydroxyl protecting group.
10. The method of any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$.
11. The method of any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H.
12. The method of any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond.
13. The method of any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein R_9 is H or SO_2R_C , and R_{10} is H.
14. The method of any one of claims 1 to 13, wherein P_8 is silyl.
15. The method of any one of claims 1 to 14, wherein each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, wherein P_{10} is alkyl.
16. The method of any one of claims 1 to 15, wherein G is O.
17. The method of any one of claims 1 to 16, wherein D is H.
18. The method of any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein D' is OP_1 , wherein P_1 is alkyl.
19. The method of any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein the stereogenic center designated by *a* is (*R*), and A is of the following structure:



20. The method of any one of claims 1 to 19, wherein k is 0 and X_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$.
21. The method of any one of claims 1 to 20, wherein R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, wherein n is 0.

22. The method of any one of claims 1 to 17, wherein A and D combine to form the following structure:



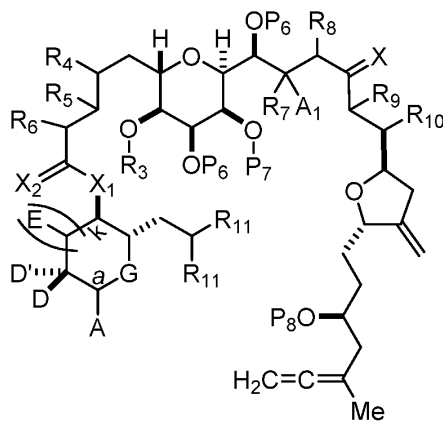
wherein, the bond to oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom, to which D is attached in formula (IA), and

wherein R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$ or $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein n is 2.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein k is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl.

24. The method of claim 22 or 23, wherein X₁ is $-O-$.

25. A compound of formula (IA):

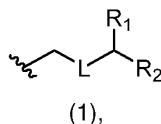


(IA),

or a salt or a tautomer thereof,

wherein

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, wherein P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



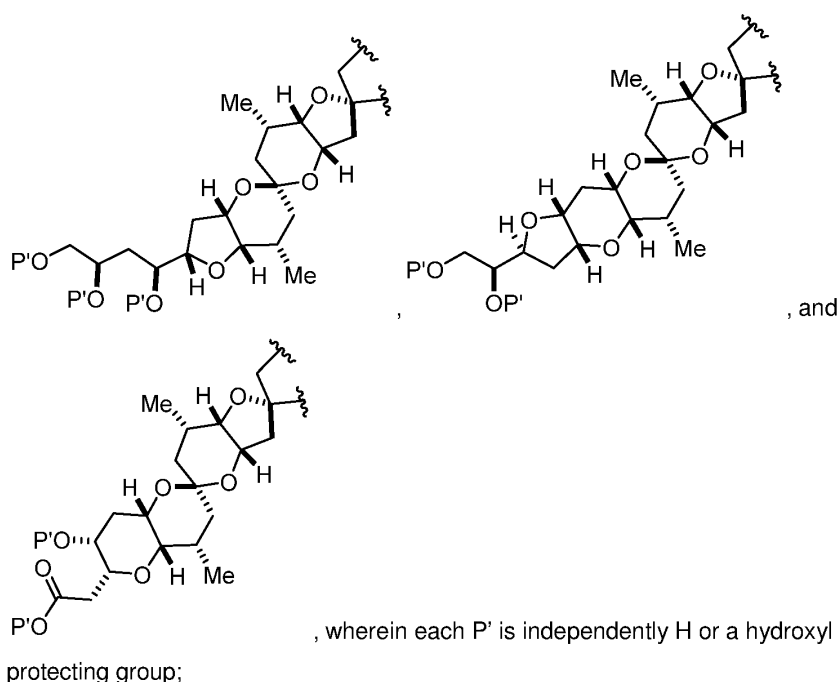
(1),

wherein

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$, $-(C(OH)(OP_2))-$, or $-C(O)-$;

R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

- (i) R_2 is H, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;
- (ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;
- (iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or
- (iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , NR_BR_A , $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_BR_A$, or $O(CO)NR_BR_A$, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n , when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$, $-CH_2-$, or $-O-$;

X_2 is $=O$ or X_2 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-(C(R_X)_2)-$; wherein each R_X is independently H, $-OR_{X1}$, or $-SR_{X1}$, provided that at least one R_X , when present, is $-OR_{X1}$ or $-SR_{X1}$;

wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X_1 is $-O-$, X_2 is $=O$;

Y is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, where, when Y is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

A_1 and R_7 combine to form oxo, P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_8 is H;

or

A_1 is H or OP'' , and:

(i) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

(ii) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;

(i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, wherein P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, wherein P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) both P_6 and X , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ; and each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, or both R_{11} combine to form oxo, wherein P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or

(iii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form acetal; and X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, wherein P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

R_9 is H, OP'' , or Y , and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

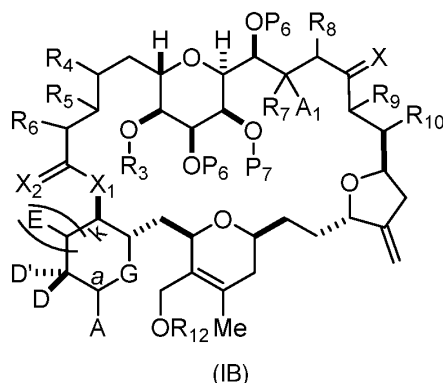
each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

P_8 is H or silyl.

26. The compound of claim 25, wherein P_8 is silyl.

27. The compound of claim 25 or 26, wherein each R_{11} is $-OP_{10}$, wherein P_{10} is alkyl.

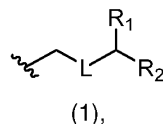
28. A compound of formula (IB):



or a salt or a tautomer thereof.

wherein

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, wherein P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, oxo, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



wherein

L is $\text{---(CH(OP}_2\text{))---}$, $\text{---(C(OH)(OP}_2\text{))---}$, or ---C(O)--- ;

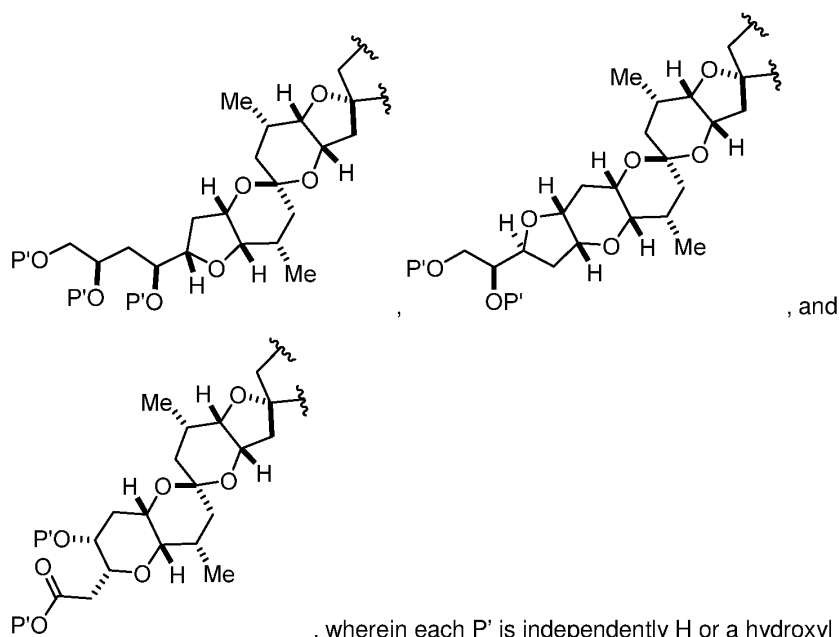
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

(i) R₂ is H, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $\text{---(CH}_2\text{)}_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$, wherein P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R₂ is $\text{---(CH}_2\text{)}_n\text{OP}_5$, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently H, alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is -CH(Y)-, -CH₂-, or -O-;

X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -(C(R_X)₂)-; wherein each R_X is independently H, -OR_{X1}, or -SR_{X1}, provided that at least one R_X, when present, is -OR_{X1} or -SR_{X1}; wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X₁ is -O-, X₂ is =O;

Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, where, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;

or

A₁ is H or OP'', and:

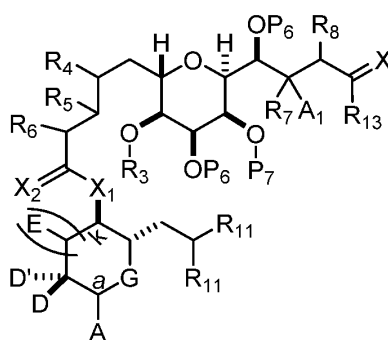
- (a) P_7 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
- or
- (b) P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;
- (i) each P_6 is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal; X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$, wherein P_9 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; or
- (ii) both P_6 and X , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P_7 and R_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H or OP'' ;
- R_9 is H, OP'' , or Y, and R_{10} is H; or R_9 and R_{10} , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
- each P'' , when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and
- R_{12} is optionally substituted acyl.

29. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 28, wherein R_9 is H or SO_2R_C , and R_{10} is H.

30. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 29, wherein P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and X is $=O$ or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))-$.

31. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 30, wherein A_1 is H.

32. A compound of formula (IC)

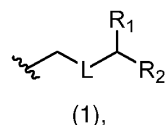


(IC),

or a salt or tautomer thereof,

wherein

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of D and D' is OP_1 , wherein P_1 is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q_1 , the group of formula (1) having the structure:



wherein

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$ or $-C(O)-$;

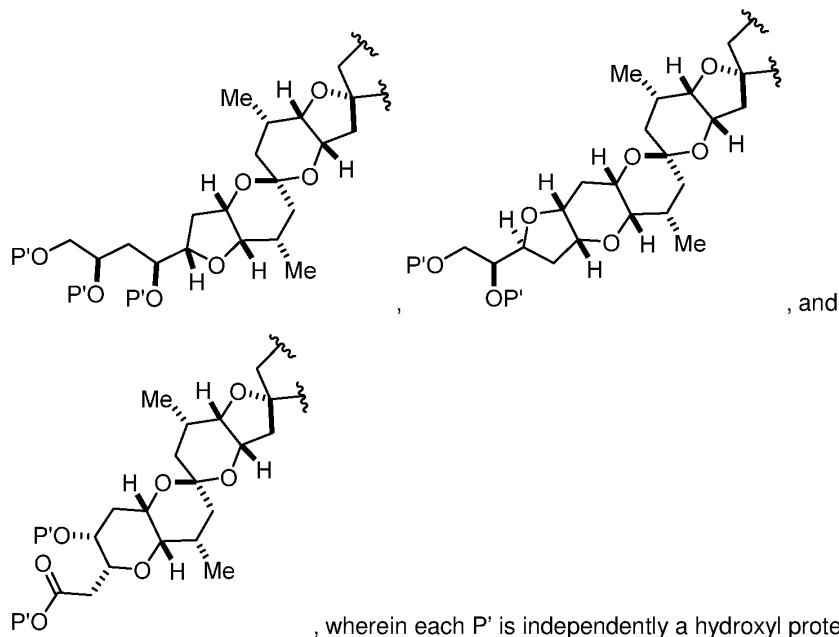
R_1 is H, or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

(i) R_2 is H, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , NR_BR_A , $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_BR_A$, or $O(CO)NR_BR_A$, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is -CH(Y)- or -CH₂-;

X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -(C(R_X)₂)-; wherein each R_X is independently H, -OR_{X1}, or -SR_{X1}, provided that at least one R_X, when present, is -OR_{X1} or -SR_{X1}; wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene;

Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, wherein, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

- (i) each P₆ is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;
 - each R₁₁ is independently -OP₁₀, or
 - both R₁₁ combine to form oxo, wherein P₁₀ is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

or

- (ii) both P₆ and both R₁₁, together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form an acetal;

R₁₃ is H or -CH₂P(O)(OR_E)₂, wherein each R_E, when present, is independently optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form -(CH(OP₉))-; wherein P₉ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H; or

A₁ is H or OP", and:

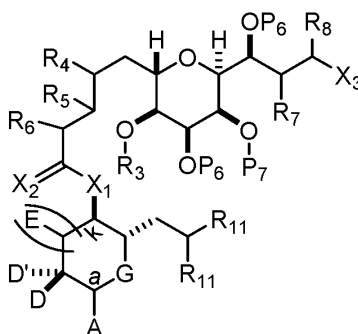
- (i) P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and R₈, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;
- or
- (ii) P₇ and R₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H or OP";

and

each P", when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group.

33. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 32, wherein A₁ is H.

34. A compound of formula (IE):

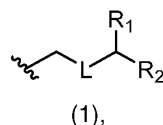


(IE),

or a salt or tautomer thereof,

wherein

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP₁, provided that only one of D and D' is OP₁, wherein P₁ is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a C₁₋₆ saturated or C₂₋₆ unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q₁, the group of formula (1) having the structure:



wherein

L is $-(CH(OP_2))-$ or $-C(O)-$;

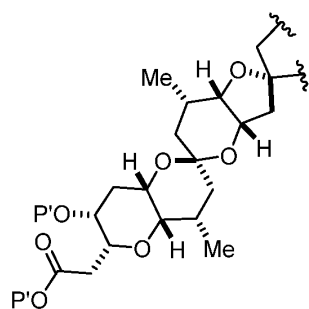
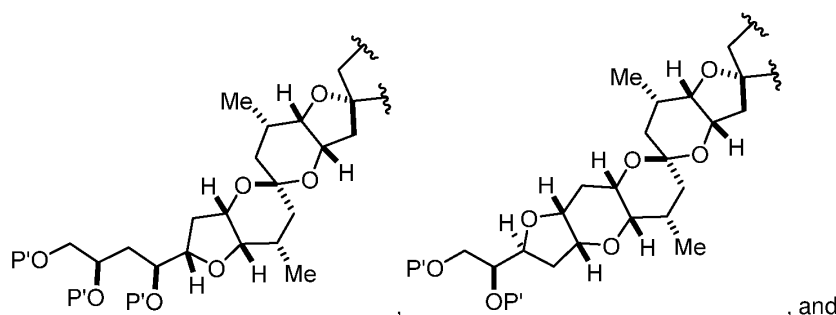
R₁ is H, or R₁ and P₁ combine to form a bond;

(i) R₂ is H, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group;

(ii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nNP_3P_4$, wherein P₃ is an N-protecting group, and (a) P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₄ is an N-protecting group, or (b) P₂ and P₄ combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R₂ is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P₂ is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P₅ is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P₂ and P₅, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R₂ and P₂ combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



, wherein each P' is independently a hydroxyl protecting group;

E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH₂, or NR_N, wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q₁ is independently OR_A, SR_A, SO₂R_A, OSO₂R_A, NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A, NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A, NR_B(CO)OR_A, (CO)OR_A, O(CO)R_A, (CO)NR_BR_A, or O(CO)NR_BR_A, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n, when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X₁ is —CH(Y)— or —CH₂—,

X₂ is =O or X₂, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is —(C(R_X)₂)—; wherein each R_X is independently H, —OR_{X1}, or —SR_{X1}, provided that at least one R_X, when present, is —OR_{X1} or —SR_{X1}; wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene;

Y is SO₂R_C or COOR_C, wherein, when Y is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

R₇ and P₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H; or P₇ is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and R₈, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

- (i) each P₆ is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;

each R_{11} is independently $-\text{OP}_{10}$, or
 both R_{11} combine to form oxo, wherein P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl
 protecting group;

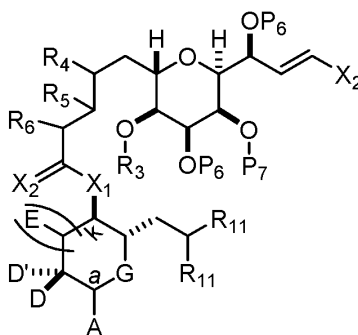
or

- (ii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached,
 combine to form an acetal;

X_3 is $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, wherein each R_E is optionally substituted alkyl,
 optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl, and wherein each P_A is independently H or a
 hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol.

35. The compound of claim 34, wherein each P_A is H, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic
 protected diol.

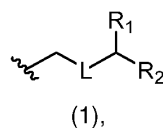
36. A compound of formula (IJ):



(IJ),

where

each of D and D' is independently H, optionally substituted alkyl, or OP_1 , provided that only one of
 D and D' is OP_1 , wherein P_1 is H, alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group; and A is a group of formula (1) or a
 C_{1-6} saturated or C_{2-6} unsaturated hydrocarbon skeleton, the skeleton being unsubstituted or having from
 1 to 10 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of cyano, halo, azido, and Q_1 , the
 group of formula (1) having the structure:



where

L is $-(\text{CH}(\text{OP}_2))-$ or $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$;

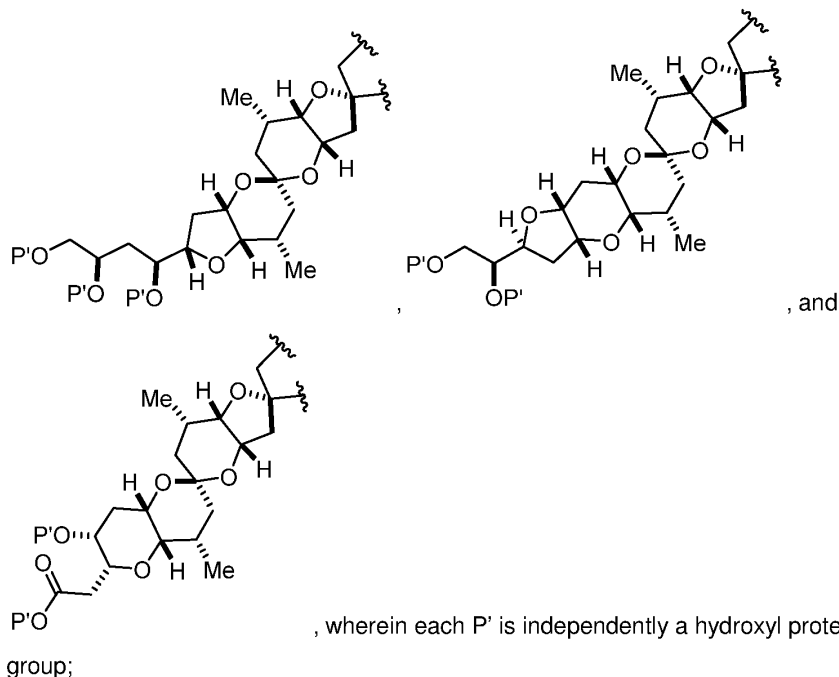
R_1 is H, or R_1 and P_1 combine to form a bond;

(i) R_2 is H, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl
 protecting group;

(ii) R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$, wherein P_3 is an N-protecting group, and (a) P_2 is absent,
 H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_4 is an N-protecting
 group, or (b) P_2 and P_4 combine to form an alkylidene;

(iii) R_2 is $-(CH_2)_nOP_5$, wherein P_2 is absent, H, optionally substituted alkyl, or a hydroxyl protecting group, and P_5 is optionally substituted alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group; or P_2 and P_5 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, a cyclic carbonate, a dicarbonyl-dioxo, or silylene-dioxo; or

(iv) R_2 and P_2 combine to form an optionally substituted ethylene or a structure selected from the group consisting of:



E is H, optionally substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted alkoxy;

G is O, S, CH_2 , or NR_N , wherein R_N is H, an N-protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

each Q_1 is independently OR_A , SR_A , SO_2R_A , OSO_2R_A , NR_BR_A , $NR_B(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)(CO)R_A$, $NR_B(CO)NR_BR_A$, $NR_B(CO)OR_A$, $(CO)OR_A$, $O(CO)R_A$, $(CO)NR_BR_A$, or $O(CO)NR_BR_A$, wherein each of R_A and R_B is independently alkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, aryl, haloaryl, hydroxyaryl, alkoxyaryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl, haloarylalkyl, alkylhaloaryl, (alkoxyaryl)alkyl, heterocyclic radical, or heterocyclic radical-alkyl;

n , when present, is 0, 1, or 2;

k is 0 or 1;

X_1 is $-CH(Y)-$, $-CH_2-$, or $-O-$;

X_2 is $=O$ or X_2 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is $-(C(R_X)_2)-$; wherein each R_X is independently H, $-OR_{X1}$, or $-SR_{X1}$, provided that at least one R_X , when present, is $-OR_{X1}$ or $-SR_{X1}$; wherein each R_{X1} is independently optionally substituted alkyl, or both R_{X1} combine to form optionally substituted alkylene, provided that, when X_1 is $-O-$, X_2 is $=O$;

Y is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, where, when Y is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when Y is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

- (i) each P_6 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;
 each R_{11} is independently $-\text{OP}_{10}$, or
 both R_{11} combine to form oxo, wherein P_{10} is alkyl or a hydroxyl protecting group;

or

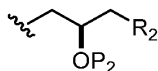
- (ii) both P_6 and both R_{11} , together with the atoms to which they are attached, combine to form an acetal;

each P_7 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group; and

X_2 is a halogen or pseudohalogen.

37. The compound of any one of claims 32 to 36, wherein each R_{11} is $-\text{OP}_{10}$, wherein P_{10} is alkyl.

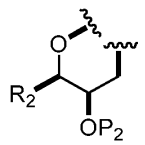
38. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 37, wherein the stereogenic center designated by a is (R), and A is of the following structure:



39. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 38, wherein k is 0 and X_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$.

40. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 39, wherein R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, wherein n is 0.

41. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 37, wherein A and D combine to form the following structure:



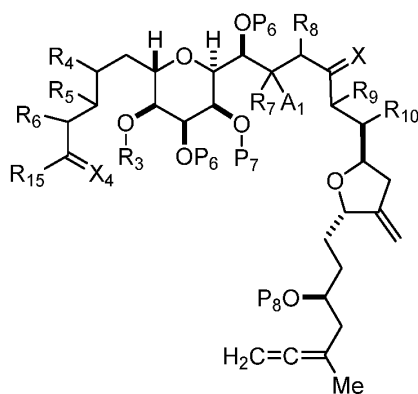
wherein, the bond to oxygen atom originates at the carbon atom, to which D is attached in formula (IA), and

wherein R_2 is $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{NP}_3\text{P}_4$ or $-(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{OP}_5$, wherein n is 2.

42. The compound of claim 41, wherein k is 1, and E is optionally substituted alkyl.

43. The compound of claim 41 or 42, wherein X_1 is $-\text{O}-$.

44. A compound of formula (IN):



(IN),

or a salt or tautomer thereof,

wherein

R₃ and R₅ combine to form a bond, and each of R₄ and R₆ is H; or R₃ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R₅ and one of R₄ and R₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R₄ or R₆ is H;

A₁ and R₇ combine to form oxo, P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₈ is H;

or

A₁ is H or OP^{''}, and:

(i) P₇ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, and R₇ and R₈, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

or

(ii) P₇ and R₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H or OP^{''};

each P^{''}, when present, is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group;

each P₆ is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P₆, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal, and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form -(CH(OP₉))-, wherein P₉ is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; or both P₆ and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal; where, when both P₆ and X, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form ketal, P₇ and R₇ combine to form a bond, and R₈ is H or OP^{''};

R₉ is H, SO₂R_C, or COOR_C, and R₁₀ is H, where, when R₉ is SO₂R_C, R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R₉ is COOR_C, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl; or R₉ and R₁₀, together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

R₁₅ is H or -OP₁₁, wherein P₁₁ is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl;

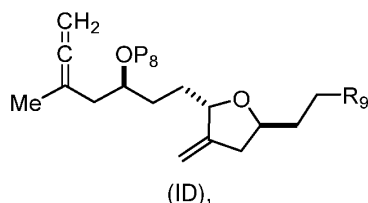
X₄ is =O or, together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, is -CH₂-, provided that when

R₁₅ is H, X₄ is =O; and

P₈ is H or silyl.

45. The compound of claim 44, wherein R₉ is H or SO₂R_C, and R₁₀ is H.

46. The compound of claim 44 or 45, wherein P_8 is silyl.
47. The compound of any one of claims 44 to 46, wherein P_8 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and X is =O or X combines with the carbon atom, to which it is attached, to form $-(CH(OP_9))_2-$.
48. The compound of any one of claims 44 to 47, wherein A_1 is H.
49. The compound of any one of claims 44 to 48, wherein R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H.
50. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 49, wherein R_5 and R_6 , together with the atom to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, R_4 is H, and R_3 is a hydroxyl protecting group.
51. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 50, wherein R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H.
52. The compound of any one of claims 25 to 50, wherein P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond.
53. A compound of formula (ID):

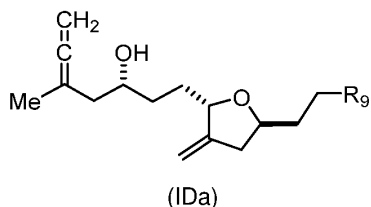


wherein

P_8 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group; and

R_9 is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

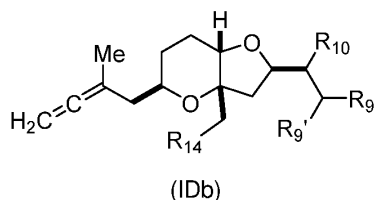
54. A compound of formula (IDa):



wherein

R_9 is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

55. A compound of formula (IDb):



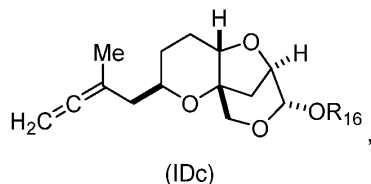
wherein

R_9' and R_{10} are both H, or R_9' and R_{10} combine to form a double bond; R_{14} is hydroxyl, a halogen, or a pseudohalogen; and

R_9 is SO_2R_C or $COOR_C$, when R_9 is SO_2R_C , R_C is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted non-enolizable alkyl, and when R_9 is $COOR_C$, R_C is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, or optionally substituted arylalkyl.

56. The compound of any one of claims 53 to 55, wherein R_9 is SO_2R_C .

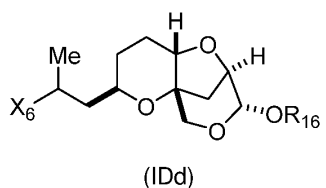
57. A compound of formula (IDc):



wherein

R_{16} is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or an optionally substituted alkyl.

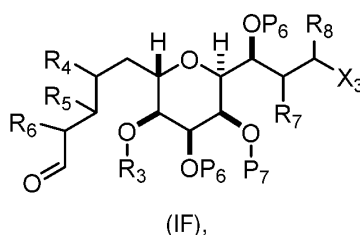
58. A compound of formula (IDd):



wherein

X_6 is $-C(R_{17})=CH_2$ or $-C(O)-Me$, wherein R_{17} is a pseudohalogen or halogen; and R_{16} is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or an optionally substituted alkyl.

59. A compound of formula (IF):



wherein

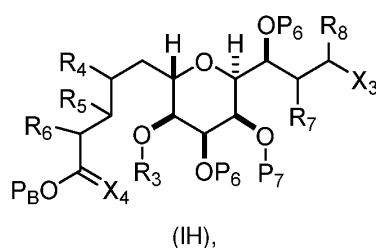
X_3 is $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H; or P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond; and

each P_6 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal.

60. A compound of formula (IH):



or a salt thereof,

where

X_3 is $-\text{CHO}$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, or $-\text{CH}(\text{OP}_A)\text{CH}_2\text{OP}_A$;

X_4 is $=\text{O}$ or X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $-\text{CH}_2-$;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

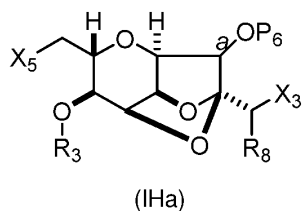
R_7 and P_7 combine to form a bond, and R_8 is H; or P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group, and R_7 and R_8 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond;

each P_6 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal or acetal;

each P_A is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol; and

P_B is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl.

61. A compound of formula (IHa):



wherein

a identifies the carbon-oxygen bond as — or — ,

X_3 is —CHO , $\text{—CH}_2\text{OP}_A$, —CH=CH_2 , or $\text{—CH(OP}_A\text{)CH}_2\text{OP}_A$;

X_5 is —CH=CH_2 or $\text{—CH(R}_4\text{)—CH(R}_5\text{)—CH(R}_6\text{)—C(X}_4\text{)OP}_B$;

X_4 is =O or X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$;

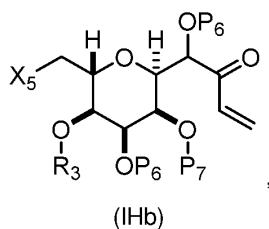
R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H;

P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_6 ;

each P_A is independently H or a hydroxyl protecting group, or both P_A combine to form a cyclic protected diol; and

P_B is H, a hydroxyl protecting group, or optionally substituted alkyl.

62. A compound of formula (IHb):



wherein

X_5 is —CH=CH_2 or $\text{—CH(R}_4\text{)—CH(R}_5\text{)—CH(R}_6\text{)—C(X}_4\text{)OP}_B$;

X_4 is =O or X_4 , together with the carbon atom to which it is attached, combine to form $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$;

R_3 and R_5 combine to form a bond, and each of R_4 and R_6 is H; or R_3 is H or a hydroxyl protecting group, R_5 and one of R_4 and R_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a double bond, and the remaining R_4 or R_6 is H; and

each of P_6 and P_7 is independently a hydroxyl protecting group, or one P_6 and P_7 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, and the remaining P_6 is a hydroxyl protecting group; or both P_6 , together with the atoms to which each is attached, combine to form a ketal, and P_7 is a hydroxyl protecting group.

63. A compound selected from the group consisting of: **1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 7a, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36b, 36c, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44,**

44a, 45, 47, 47a, 47b, 47c, 48, 49, 50, 50a, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, and 87.