# Synthesis of a Mimicking Hybrid of *Annonaceous* Acetogenin with Steroid for Antitumoral Activity Investigation<sup>†</sup>

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The first example of *annonaceous* acetogenin-steroid hybrid was synthesized for the antitumoral study.

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### Introduction

In the past two decades, a large family of natural products named annonaceous acetogenins were isolated and characterized by the global researchers from various species of the plant annonaeae. Among over 400 members, most of them were found to show potent cytotoxic and antitumor activities. They have been shown to function by blocking complex I in mitochondria<sup>2</sup> as well as ubiquinone-linked NADPH oxidase in the cells of specific tumor cell lines, including some multidrug-resistant ones.3 These features make these acetogenins excellent leads for the new antitumor agents. The latter is becoming more and more important in recent years based on the consideration of molecular diversity of these acetogenins, aiming to discover more active, more selective mimicking molecules with simpler structures for the future development of potential drug candidates. 4 The present work was initially based on the common existence of long hydrocarbon chain in acetogenins, which is considered to be one of the structural essentials for the antitumor activities. As part of our research interests on the investigation of polyether mimetics of annonaceous acetogenins and continuing our previous successful work, a steroid is designed to replace the straight hydrocarbon chain, mimicking the related lipophilic properties. The more important consideration of the hybrid design is that the steroid might play a better role in human cells to recognize certain target proteins, improve the membrane penetration and resultantly raise the cell selectivity. We know that steroids such as cholesterol, estrogen, not only have some activity but also are becoming medicinal study tools. Fig. 1 shows two

OH OH

Estramustine phosphate

Fig. 1 Two examples of steroid-based hybrids.

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successful examples, prednimustine and estramustine phosphate (Fig. 1).<sup>5</sup> Herein we would like to report our synthesis of the first example of the hybrid of acetogenin with steroid (1 in Fig. 2).

# Chemical synthesis

As shown in Fig. 2, the hybrid 1 could be mainly disconnected into two parts: one is the steroid part 5, and the other the diol-ester 7. The desired oxygenated ether functional region was going to be pre-installed in the first part so that the protecting groups would be reduced to the minimal. The construction of butenolide segment was designed in the later steps so that the highest utilization would be achieved upon the chiral material L-lactal alde-

hyde 4.

First of all, the synthesis of segment 7 was achieved by chiron approach utilizing (R)-glyceraldehyde acetonide, which is readily prepared from D-mannitol (Scheme 1). The commercially available cis-eruic acid 8 was cleaved by ozone oxidation and subsequent KBH<sub>4</sub> reduction afforded the  $\omega$ -hydroxyl carboxylic acid 9.6 Then the hydroxyl group was brominated by hydrobromic acid to give  $\omega$ -bromo acid 10, which was further transformed to the corresponding methyl ester 11. The Wittig reaction of (R)-glyceraldehyde acetonide with the triphenylphosphoronium salt prepared in situ from 11 and triphenylphosphite gave the olefin intermediate. A following hydrogenation and acidic deprotection of acetonide successively furnished the diol 7.

Fig. 2 Retrosynthetic analysis of mimicking hybrid 1.

#### Scheme 1

$$Br$$
 $OCH_3$ 
 $OCH_3$ 

Reagents and conditions: (a) 1) 0<sub>3</sub>, 0—5 °C, EtOH: cyclohexane (1:5), 2) KBH<sub>4</sub>, 87% from erucic acid; (b) HBr, HOAc, 75%; (c) MeOH, SOCl<sub>2</sub>; (d) 1) PPh<sub>3</sub>, 2) t-BuOK, then (R)-glyceraldehyde acetonide, 3) H<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, Pd-C, 4) H<sup>+</sup>, MeOH, 91% (61% over 4 steps).

The other segment started from commercially available cholesterol 12 (Scheme 2). It was treated with TsCl and pyridine to give high yield of tosylate 5, which was further reacted with ethylene glycol to form the monoether 13.7 The free alcohol of 13 was then iodinated by I<sub>2</sub>, imidazole and triphenylphosphite. With aid of Bu<sub>2</sub>SnO, coupling of 7 and 14 was achieved by a regioselective way. 8 By this stage, the convergent synthesis of the linear skeleton finished at 15. The following steps were set to install a butenolide sub-unit of the acetogenin, which applied a previously used sequence of aldol reaction, in situ lactonization and elimination. 9 Again, this approach was successfully utilized in this case upon the MOM protected compound 3, giving 2 in higher overall yield. The final MOM deprotection of 2 using BF<sub>3</sub>. Et<sub>2</sub>O in Me<sub>2</sub>S afforded the designed hybrid 1.

### **Biological evaluation**

With the hybrid in hand, the activity study was set in Beijing Institute of Medical Materials. Unfortunately, the recent preliminary cytotoxic testing of 1 against several human tumor cell lines gave negative results (Table 1). This may lie in several reasons: one is that the steroid

Table 1

Sample	IC <sub>50</sub> (μg/mL)			
	HT-29	НСТ-8	KB	HELF
1	> 10	> 10	> 10	> 10
adrimycin	$6.0 \times 10^{-2}(37.5)$	$3.6 \times 10^{-2}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-2}$	1.92

plate is not a proper mimetic of alphilic hydrocarbon chain; the second, a proper steroid molecule was not yet found to incorporate into the hybrid; the third may lie in the improper cell selection for activity testing. Further study of steroid hybrids is still going on in this laboratory.

#### Conclusion

In summary, the first example of annonaceous acetogenin hybrid-mimetic with steroid was reported, for which the synthesis was achieved by a convergent approach. This opens a new acetogenin mimicking direction aiming to improve the cell-selectivity of these antitumoral agents by introduction of steroids in the chemical structures.

#### **Experimental**

#### General methods

All reactions were carried out under argon or nitrogen in oven-dried glassware using standard gastight syringes, cannulas and septa. Solvents and reagents were purified and dried by standard methods prior to use. Optical rotations were measured at room temperature. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR instrument.  $^1\mathrm{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded at 300 MHz and 600 MHz and are reported in ppm ( $\delta$ ) downfield relative to TMS as internal standard, and  $^{13}$  C NMR spectra were recorded at 100 MHz and assigned in ppm ( $\delta$ ). Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel (10—40  $\mu\mathrm{m}$ ) using a mixture of petroleum ether (60—90 °C) and ethyl acetate as the eluent.

#### Scheme 2

Reagents and conditions: (a) TsCl, anhydrous pyridine, 0  $^{\circ}$ C, 79%; (b) diethyleneglycol, dioxane, reflux, 81%; (c) PPh<sub>3</sub>, imidazle, I<sub>2</sub>, dry benzene, 0  $^{\circ}$ C, 81%; (d) 1) 7, Bu<sub>2</sub>SnO, CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH (10:1, V:V), reflux, 2) CsF, DMF, 75% over 2 steps; (e) MOMCl, i-Pr<sub>2</sub>NH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 100%; (f) 1) LDA, THF-HMPA, -78  $^{\circ}$ C, 2) (S)-O-tetrahydropyranyl lactal, -78  $^{\circ}$ C, 3) 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, rt, 4) (CF<sub>3</sub>CO)<sub>2</sub>O, Et<sub>3</sub>N, dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0  $^{\circ}$ C, 60% overall yield; (g) BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O, Me<sub>2</sub>S, 0  $^{\circ}$ C, 60%.

#### Compound 5

Compound 5 was prepared according to the method reported: <sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.65—2.45 (m, 43H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 4.31—4.33 (m, 1H), 5.30 (bd, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H).

#### Compound 13

Compound 13 was prepared according to the method reported:  $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 29.2$  (c 1.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.63—2.32 (m, 43H), 3.17—3.23 (m, 1H), 3.55—3.69 (m, 8H), 5.30 (brs, 1H).

#### Compound 14

To a 100-mL flask was added 13 (2 g, 4.22 mmol), imidazole (1.95 g, 28.7 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>P (3.77 g, 14.3 mmol), and anhydrous benzene (70 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere. Then iodine (3.64 g, 14.3 mmol) was added in portions at  $0~^\circ\!\!\mathrm{C}$  . The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h. Excess of iodine was removed by the addition of aqueous sodium thiosulfate. The mixture was transferred to a separating funnel. The organic layer was diluted with benzene, washed with water and dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). The solid was filtered and the organic solution was concentrated. The residue was treated with diethyl ether and precipitated triphenylphosphine oxide was removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (petroleumether: ethyl acetate, 10:1) to yield the title compound  $(2.45 \text{ g}, 99\%). [\alpha]_D^{25} - 24.4 (c 1.65, CHCl_3);$ <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz)  $\delta$ : 0.68 (s, 3H), 0.85— 1.66 (m, 34H), 1.84—2.03 (m, 4H), 1.99—2.03 (m, 1H), 2.35-2.36 (m, 1H), 3.18-3.19 (m, 1H)1H), 3.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (s, 4H), 3.77(t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (bd, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H);IR (neat) v: 2867, 1467, 1379, 1331, 1110, 629 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z: 583 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd for C<sub>31</sub>-H<sub>53</sub>O<sub>2</sub>I; C 63.68, H 9.14; found C 63.69, H 8.91.

#### Compound 9

Compound 9 was prepared according to the method reported in the literature: <sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)

 $\delta$ : 1.27—1.30 (m, 16H), 1.54—1.66 (m, 4H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H); IR (neat)  $\nu$ : 3284, 3147, 2916, 2850, 1694, 1471, 1441, 1411, 1311, 1285, 1261, 1235, 1211, 1189, 1057, 719 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

#### Compound 10

To a solution of compound 9 (11.5 g, 0.05 mol) in HOAc (25 mL) was added concentrated sulfuric acid slowly, followed by a slow addition of 48% hydrobromic acid (15.19 g, 0.075 mol). The mixture was then refluxed for 5 h. The solution was quenched with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and adjusted to pH 4—6. The aqueous phase was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (60 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Flash chromatography of the residue afforded 10 as yellow liquid (11 g, 75%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.27—1.42 (m, 14H), 1.59—1.66 (m, 4H), 1.80—1.89 (m, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H); IR (neat)  $\nu$ : 2918, 2851, 1733, 1696, 1473, 1265, 1238, 1040, 718 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z: 293 [MH<sup>+</sup>].

#### Compound 11

To a solution of **10** (8 g, 0.027 mol) in dry CH<sub>3</sub>OH (100 mL) was added SOCl<sub>2</sub> (11.3 mL, 0.15 mol) slowly at 0 °C. The mixture is then reacted at rt for 1 h. The solution was quenched with sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and adjusted pH to 8. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (60 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Flash chromatography of the residue afforded **11** as yellow liquid (7.83 g, 93%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 1.20—1.42 (m, 14H), 1.60—1.67 (m, 4H), 1.80—1.89 (m, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.41 (t, J = 3.6 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H); IR (neat)  $\nu$ : 2920, 2851, 1737, 1474, 1464, 1214, 1174 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z: 307 [M<sup>+</sup>].

#### Compound 7

A stirred mixture of 11 (7.83 g, 25.5 mmol) and  $Ph_3P$  (6.71 g, 25.5 mmol) was heated at 140 °C under  $N_2$ . After 3 h, the reaction was cooled down and anhy-

drous THF (120 mL) was added to dissolve the syrup. To the cooled solution, was then added t-BuOK (3.15 g, 28.1 mmol) and THF (20 mL) under  $N_2$  atmosphere at 0~% . The reaction was stirred for 15 min at 0 % , and then (R)-glyceraldehyde acetonide (4.97 g, 38.3)mmol) in dry THF (30 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt slowly and stirred overnight. Petroleum ether (60-90 °C) (200 mL) and aqueous sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) were added at rt, and the aqueous phase was extracted with petroleum ether. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to give the olefin intermediate (7 g, 90%). The mixture of resultant intermediate, CH<sub>3</sub>OH (57 mL) and Pd-C (10%, 1.4 g) was stirred vigorously under H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere until hydrogen could not be absorbed. The catalyst was filtered and the methanol was evaporated. Flash chromatography of the crude product afforded the acetal-ester (7.1 g, 95%).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 10.3 (c 3.8, CHCl_3)$ . <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.25—1.64 (m, 24H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 4.03-4.05 (m, 2H); MS (EI) m/z: 342 (M<sup>+</sup>). Anal. calcd for C20H28O4: C 70.13, H 11.18; found C 70.14, H 11.26. A solution of the acetal compound (7.1 g) in 50% HOAc (30 mL) was stirred overnight at rt. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and aqueous sat. NaHCO3 was added to adjust pH to 7. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (30 mL  $\times$  3), dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Recrytallization of crude product with ethyl acetate afforded 7 as a white solid (6.62 g, 90%).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 10.6$  (c 1.06, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 1.23—1.38 (m, 18H), 1.39 (bs, 2H), 1.57—1.61 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.93 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.40 - 3.42 (m, 1H), 3.59 -3.62 (m, 1H), 3.64 (-s, 3H), 3.66-3.68 (m,1H); IR (neat) v: 3487, 2918, 2851, 1737, 1472  $cm^{-1}$ .

## Compound 15

A mixture of compound 7 (0.3 g, 0.993 mmol), Bu<sub>2</sub>SnO (0.273 g, 1.092 mmol) and CHCl<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10: 1, 8 mL) was refluxed until the solution turned clear. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dried in vaccum for 6 h. The residue was dis-

solved in DMF (9 mL) and treated with CsF (0.18 g, 1.191 mmol), followed by addition of 14 (0.579 g, 0.993 mmol) in DMF (15 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 h at 60  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was treated with brine and stirred 0.5 h. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL×3). The organic phase was washed with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and brine successively, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Flash chromatography of the residue afforded 15 as an oil (0.356 g, 83%), along with 7 (0.13 g) and 14 (0.20 g) recovered.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  -15.87 (c 5.34, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.68 (s, 3H), 0.86—1.54 (m, 55H), 1.61— 1.88 (m, 6H), 2.28-2.33 (m, 5H), 2.79 (brs, 1H), 3.15-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.30 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 2.8, 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.64-3.71 (m, 8H), 3.79 (brs, 1H), 5.34(d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 173.3, 140.0, 120.6, 78.6, 74.9, 69.9, 69.6, 69.2, 66.3, 55.8, 55.2, 50.4, 49.2, 41.3, 38.8, 38.6, 38.1, 36.3, 35.9, 35.2, 34.8, 33.1, 32.1, 31.0, 30.9, 28.8, 28.7, 28.6, 28.5, 28.3, 28.2, 27.4, 27.4, 27.3, 27.0, 24.6, 24.0, 23.3, 22.9, 21.8, 21.6, 20.1, 18.4, 17.8, 10.9; IR (neat)  $\nu$ : 3454, 2916, 2851, 1739, 1472, 1114, 718 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI) m/z: 781 (M + Na) (HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{48}H_{86}O_6Na$  [M<sup>+</sup> + Na] 781.6314, found 781.6316).

#### Compound 3

To a solution of compound 15 (0.24 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(2 mL) were added i-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt (0.34 mL, 0.19 mmol) and MOMCl (0.142 mL, 0.19 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred overnight at rt and quenched with aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic phase was washed with saturated brine, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. Flash chromatography of the crude product afforded 3 as a yellow liquid (0.226 g, yield 92%), along with 15 (0.08 g) recovered.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 20.4 (c \ 3.3, \text{ CHCl}_3); ^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.68 (s, 3H), 0.85—1.64 (m, 60H), 1.79-2.03 (m, 4H), 2.28-2.35 (m, 60H)2H), 3.16-3.19 (m, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.50-3.55 (m, 3H), 3.62-3.71 (m, 8H), 3.68 (s,3H), 4.64-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup> C NMR (100

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 173.3, 140.0, 120.5, 95.7, 95.1, 78.5, 78.3, 75.3, 73.2, 69.9, 69.8, 69.7, 68.8, 68.2, 66.4, 55.8, 55.2, 54.5, 54.2, 50.4, 49.3, 41.4, 38.8, 38.6, 38.1, 36.3, 35.9, 35.2, 34.8, 33.2, 31.1, 31.0, 30.9, 28.8, 28.7, 28.6, 28.5, 28.3, 28.2, 27.4, 27.3, 27.0, 24.6, 24.5, 24.0, 23.3, 22.9, 21.8, 21.6, 20.1, 18.4, 17.8, 10.9; IR (neat)  $\nu$ : 2930, 2854, 1743, 1467, 1145, 1109, 1041, 919 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI) m/z: 825 (M + Na); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{50}H_{90}O_7Na$  [M<sup>+</sup> + Na] 825.6575, found 825.6578.

#### Compound 2

To a solution of diisopropylamine (0.277 mL, 1.97) mmol) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was added n-BuLi (0.657 mL, 2.0 in hexane, 1.31 mmol) at  $0 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. After the mixture was stirred for additional 30 min at -78 ℃, anhydrous HM-PA (0.44 mL, 2.52 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. A solution of 3 (0.527 g, 0.657 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was injected into the above mixture. After 30 min, a solution of O-THP-(S)-lactal aldehyde (0.16 g, 0.99 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was introduced and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at -78 °C. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH4Cl and extracted with ether. The organic layer was washed with brine and dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). Removal of the solvents afforded a crude oil, which was treated with 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (6.5 mL) in THF (12 mL) for 18 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether, washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 and brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and evaporated to give a crude oil. To the mixture of the above oil and Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.17 mL, 1.209 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) at 0 °C was added  $(CF_3CO)_2O$  (0.085 mL, 0.604 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 12 h and at rt for 6 h, then quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After being dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), the extracts were filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the pure 2 (0.327g, 60%).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 11.1 (c \ 0.79, CHCl_3); ^1H NMR (300 MHz,$ CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.68 (s, 3H) 0.85—1.54 (m, 55H), 1.99-1.82 (m, 5H), 2.24-2.29 (m, 4H), 3.133.22 (m, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.55 (d, J = 4.7 Hz,2H), 3.63-3.74 (m, 9H), 4.66 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.96—5.03 (m, 1H), 5.35 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 1.4Hz, 1H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 173.9, 150.7, 141.0, 139.9, 134.4, 121.6, 96.1, 79.6, 79.3, 74.2, 71.0, 70.8, 70.7, 67.4, 65.0, 56.8, 56.2, 55.5, 50.3, 42.1, 39.9, 39.6, 39.1, 37.3, 36.9, 36.3, 35.8, 32.1, 32.0, 31.9, 31.4, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 28.4, 28.3, 28.1, 28.0, 27.5, 27.4, 25.5, 25.2, 24.3, 23.9, 22.9, 22.6, 21.5, 21.1, 19.4, 19.3, 18.8, 11.9; IR (neat) v: 2958, 2931, 2870, 1769, 1467, 1378, 1365 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (EI) m/z; 827 (M<sup>+</sup> + 1); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{52}H_{90}O_7Na$  [M<sup>+</sup> + Na] 849. 6571, found 849.6578.

#### Compound 1

To a solution of compound 2 (0.144 g, 0.174 mmol) in dimethyl sulfide (14.4 mL) was added BF<sub>3</sub>. Et<sub>2</sub>O (2.2 mL, 17.1 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 40 min and quenched with aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5.4 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL × 3) and the extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na2SO4, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to afford 1 (82 mg, 60%) as a waxy solid.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 3.3$  (c 1.23, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 0.68 (s, 3H), 0.85—1.54 (m, 55H), 2.03-1.82 (m, 5H), 2.21-2.36 (m, 4H), 3.15-3.22 (m, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 8.5, 9.9 Hz, 1H),3.54 (dd, J = 2.7, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64—3.70 (m, 8H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 4.99 (dd, J = 1.7, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, J = 1.4Hz, 1H);  $^{13}$  C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ ; 171.2, 148.3, 141.0, 134.4, 121.6, 79.6, 75.9, 70.9, 70.6, 70.2, 67.3, 42.3, 39.8, 39.5, 39.0, 37.3, 36.9, 36.2, 35.8, 33.0, 32.0, 31.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 28.3, 28.2, 28.0, 27.4, 25.6, 25.2, 24.3, 23.8, 22.8, 22.6, 21.1, 19.4, 19.3, 18.7, 11.9; IR (neat)  $\nu$ : 3500, 2927, 2851, 1755, 1744, 1469, 1320, 1114, 1026 cm<sup>-1</sup>; MS (ESI) m/z: 805 (M<sup>+</sup> + Na); HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $[M^+ + Na]$  805.6326, found 805.6316.

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