## First Stereoselective Total Synthesis of Oplopandiol

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The first stereoselective synthesis of the naturally occurring conjugated diyne oplopandiol is reported. The pivotal functionalities are derived from *Cadiots–Chodkiewicz* cross-coupling reaction, Ohira–Bestmann alkynation, asymmetric Noyori reduction, and cis-olefination reaction

Introduction. – Several natural conjugated acetylenic compounds such as oplopandiol (1), falcarindiol, panaxytriol, panaxydol, and oploxynes A and B posses excellent biological activities [1] including antibacterial, antituberculosis, anticancer, antiviral, and pesticidal properties. Chinese and Koreans widely used Oplopanax elatus Nakai in traditional medicine for analgesic and anti-inflammatory purposes [2] [3]. Kobaisy et al. in 1997 first reported the isolation of oplopandiol (1) from Oplopanax horridus, a medicinal plant from North America [4]. Later, in 2010 Yang et al. reported the isolation of 1 and other conjugated diynes from the stem of Oplopanax elatus [5]. Falcarindiol, oplopandiol (1), and oploxynes A and B show promising anti-inflammatory activities and inhibit the formation of nitric oxide (NO) and prostaglandin  $E_2$  $(PGE<sub>2</sub>)$  in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced murine macrophage RAW 267.7 cells. Oplopandiol (1) shows  $IC_{50}$  values of  $2.72 \pm 0.10$  and  $2.9 \pm 0.37$  (NO and PGE<sub>2</sub>), resp. and also exhibited moderate cytotoxic and antimycobacterial properties. The absolute configuration of 1, *i.e.*, (3S,8S,9Z)-heptadec-9-ene-4,6-diyne-3,8-diol, was determined by spectroscopic methods  $[4-6]$ .



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In continuation of our ongoing program [7] towards the total synthesis of biologically active natural products, herein we describe the first stereoselective total synthesis of 1. In 2000,  $Xu$  et al. reported the synthesis of oplopandiol acetate via Cadiots–Chodkiewicz cross-coupling reaction as a common key step [8].

Results and Discussion. – Our synthetic approach for oplopandiol (1) was envisioned through the retrosynthetic strategy as depicted in *Scheme 1*. Accordingly, we proposed that 1 could be derived from coupling of the two key fragments 2 and 3 by the *Cadiot–Chodkiewicz* cross-coupling. The alkyne key fragment 2 could be obtained by *Ohira–Bestmann* alkynation, regioselective reduction of 4-methoxybenzaldehyde acetal and cis-Wittig olefination of  $D$ -glyceraldehyde  $(5)$ , which could be obtained from commercially available D-mannitol. The preparation of the other key fragment 3 was planned via asymmetric Noyori reduction of a pent-1-yn-3-one derivative, which can be prepared from propionyl chloride (4).





The synthesis of key fragment  $2$  started from readily available  $D$ -mannitol utilizing a chiral-pool approach. It can be easily converted into 5 by using a well-known method [9] (Scheme 2). Olefination of  $D$ -glyceraldehyde (5) upon treatment with  $Me(CH_2)$ <sub>7</sub>PPh<sup>+</sup><sub>3</sub>Br<sup>-</sup> in the presence of BuLi at  $-78^{\circ}$  for 2 h afforded (Z)-6 and (E)-6 in 90% combined yield with a high diastereoselectivity [10]  $((Z)/(E)$  80:20; <sup>1</sup>H-NMR). The less polar major (Z)-alkene (Z)-6 was easily separated by flash column chromatography and obtained in 72% yield, and the minor  $(E)$ -alkene  $(E)$ -6 in 18% yield. Subsequently, deprotection of the acetonide by using PTSA (p-toluenesulfonic acid) in MeOH at room temperature for 3 h afforded diol 7 in 90% yield. The latter was converted to the corresponding anisidine acetal 8 in 95% yield by treating with 4-methoxybenzaldehyde acetal and catalytic amounts of PPTS (pyridinium ptoluenesulfonate) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  for 12 h at room temperature. Regioselective reduction of 8 by using DIBAL-H (= diisobutylaluminium hydride) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 4 h afforded primary alcohol 9 in 88% yield [11]. Next, compound 9 was treated with *Dess–Martin* periodinane in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at room temperature for 3 h to afford an aldehyde, which, on subsequent alkyne homologation by using *Ohira–Bestmann* 



reagent I and  $K_2CO_3$  in MeOH at room temperature for 12 h gave the required key intermediate alkyne 2 in 82% overall yield for two steps [12] (Scheme 2).

The other key fragment, bromo alkynol 3, was synthesized from propanoyl chloride (4), which can be smoothly converted to alkynone 10, in 94% yield, by the reaction with bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene and AlCl<sub>3</sub> in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 2 h (Scheme 3). Stereoselective reduction of 10 using the Noyori catalyst [RuCl((S,S)- $TsDPEN$ )(p-cymene)] (TsDPEN = N-(p-toluenesulfonyl)-1,2-diphenylethylenediamine;  $\mathbf{II}$ ) in <sup>i</sup>PrOH at room temperature for 12 h afforded 11 with high enantioselectivity and in 86% yield [13]. Desilylation and subsequent bromination of 11 using NBS (*N*-bromosuccinimide) and catalytic amount of  $AgNO<sub>3</sub>$  in acetone at room temperature for 2 h afforded 3 in 94% yield [14] (Scheme 3).

Thus, compound 2 was cross-coupled with bromo alkynol 3 under Cadiot-Chodkiewicz conditions to afford diynol 12 in 83% yield [15] (Scheme 4). Examining the deprotection of the PMB (p-methoxybenzyl) ether by various reaction conditions such as with DDQ  $(2,3$ -dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and CAN (ceric ammonium nitrate  $((NH_4)_2Ce(NO_3)_6))$  in MeCN led to decomposition. Eventually, the PMB ether was easily converted to the final target molecule 1 by a single deprotection step using TFA (CF<sub>3</sub>COOH) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 15 h 1 in 66% yield [16] (Scheme 4).

The spectroscopic data of our synthetic compound 1 were compared with the reported data of the isolated natural product and found to be identical. Optical rotation of the synthetic 1:  $\lbrack \alpha \rbrack_{D}^{24} = +242$  (*c* = 1.3, MeOH); [5]:  $\lbrack \alpha \rbrack_{D}^{25} = +248$  (*c* = 1.3, MeOH).

In conclusion, we have achieved a simple, versatile, and efficient stereoselective total synthesis of oplopandiol (1). Our synthetic strategy involves asymmetric Noyori reduction, (Z)-olefination, and *Cadiots–Chodkiewicz* cross-coupling reactions. Further



Scheme 4. Cadiot-Chodkiewicz Cross-Coupling Reaction



syntheses of conjugated alkyne natural products are in progress and will be disclosed in due course.

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## Experimental Part

General. All solvents and reagents were used as received from the suppliers. TLC: Merck Kieselgel 60,  $F_{254}$  plates with the layer thickness of 0.25 mm. Column chromatography (CC): silica gel (SiO<sub>2</sub>; 100 – 200 mesh); gradient of AcOEt and hexane as mobile phase. Optical rotations: JASCO digital polarimeter. IR Spectra: *Perkin–Elmer RX-1* FT-IR system;  $\tilde{\nu}$  in cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H- and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra: at 300 and 500 ( ${}^{1}$ H), and 75 MHz ( ${}^{13}$ C);  $\delta$  in ppm rel. to Me<sub>4</sub>Si as internal standard, J in Hz. HR-MS: *ORBITRAP* high-resolution mass spectrometer; in  $m/z$ .

 $(4S)-2,2-Dimethyl-4-[(1Z)-non-1-en-1-yl]-1,3-dioxolane$   $((Z)-6)$ . To a stirred soln. of  $\text{Me}(\text{CH}_2)$ <sub>7</sub>PPh<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> (41.90 g, 92.3 mmol) in dry THF (150 ml) at  $-78^{\circ}$  under N<sub>2</sub> was added slowly BuLi (33.23 ml, 83.07 mmol, 2.5m), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at the same temp. Then, a soln. of d-glyceraldehyde (6 g, 46.25 mmol) in dry THF (50 ml) was transferred via cannula to the mixture, which was then stirred for 2 h at  $-78^{\circ}$ . The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 ml). The org. layer was separated, and the aq. layer was extracted with AcOEt  $(3 \times 100 \text{ ml})$ . The combined org. layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1  $\times$  100 ml), and brine (1  $\times$  100 ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by CC ( $SiO<sub>2</sub>$  (100 – 200 mesh); 2% AcOEt in hexane) to afford the less polar major (Z)-6 (7.50 g, 72%) as a colorless oil, along with the more polar minor (E)-6 (1.88 g, 18%). Colorless oil.

*Data of* (Z)-6.  $\left[\alpha\right]_0^{24}$  = +6.0 (c = 3.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3323, 2956, 1721, 1461, 1379, 1214, 1061, 861, 867, 723. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 5.54 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.5, 1 H); 5.34 (dd, J = 10.5, 8.3, 1 H); 4.74 (q,  $J = 7.5, 1 \text{ H}$ ); 3.97 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 6.0, 1 \text{ H}$ ); 3.42 (t,  $J = 8.3, 1 \text{ H}$ ); 2.17 – 1.96 (m, 2 H); 1.40 – 1.19 (m, 16 H); 0.86 (t,  $J = 6.7$ , 3 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 135.2; 126.8; 109.0; 71.9; 69.4; 31.7; 29.5; 29.1; 25.9; 27.7; 26.7; 25.9; 22.6; 14.0. ESI-MS: 249 ( $[M + Na]^+$ ).

 $(2\text{S},3\text{Z})$ -Undec-3-ene-1,2-diol (7). To a stirred soln. of (Z)-6) (5 g, 22.12 mmol) in MeOH (50 ml) was added cat. PTSA and stirred for 3 h at r.t. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO $_2$  (20 ml), and the mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 60$  ml). The combined org. extracts were washed with  $H_2O$  (1 × 60 ml) and brine (1 × 60 ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (100 – 200 mesh); 25% AcOEt in hexane) to afford 7  $(3.7 \text{ g}, 90\%)$ . Colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = +3.5 (c = 6.0, \text{CHCl}_3)$ . <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 5.57 (dt, J = 11.0, 7.7, 1 H); 5.35 (dd, J = 11.0, 8.8, 1 H); 4.54 (td, J = 8.8, 3.3, 1 H); 3.55 (dd, J = 11.0, 3.3, 1 H); 3.47 (dd, J = 11.0, 7.7, 1 H); 3.0 (br. s, OH, 1 H); 2.18 – 2.03 (m, 2 H); 1.43 – 1.14 (m, 10 H); 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.6$ , 3 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 134.0; 128.0; 68.7; 66.3; 31.9; 29.7; 29.32; 29.27; 28.0; 22.7; 14.2. ESI-MS: 186  $(M^+).$ 

 $(4S)$ -2- $(4-Methoxyphenyl)$ - $4-[(1Z)$ -non-1-en-1-yl]-1,3-dioxolane  $(8)$ . To a stirred soln. of 7 (3.70 g, 19.9 mmol) and dist. p-methoxybenzaldehyde acetal  $(3.7 \text{ ml}, 21.8 \text{ mmol})$  in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 ml) was added PPTS (0.225 g, 0.99 mmol) at  $0^{\circ}$  under N<sub>2</sub>. Then, the mixture was stirred for 12 h at r.t. The reaction was quenched with  $Et<sub>3</sub>N$  (0.2 ml), and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (100 – 200 mesh); 2% AcOEt in hexane) to yield **8** (5.74 g, 95%). Colorless oil.  $\left[\alpha\right]_D^{24} = -3.7$  ( $c = 3.2$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3446, 2922, 2852, 1613, 1513, 1247, 1037, 830, 724.  $1\,\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.40 – 7.30  $(m, 2 \text{ H})$ ; 6.84  $(d, J = 8.6, 2 \text{ H})$ ; 5.87  $(s, 0.5 \text{ H})$ ; 5.75  $(s, 0.5 \text{ H})$ ; 5.62 (dt, J = 10.9, 7.3, 1 H); 5.49 (dd, J = 10.9, 8.4, 1 H); 4.94 – 4.82 (m, 1 H); 4.23 (dd, J = 7.9, 6.4, 0.5 H);  $4.06$  (t,  $J = 7.1, 0.5$  H);  $3.8$  (s, 3 H);  $3.64 - 3.51$  (m, 1 H);  $2.25 - 1.99$  (m, 2 H);  $1.54 - 1.20$  (m, 10 H); 0.85 (t,  $J = 6.7, 3$  H); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 160.3; 160.2; 135.31; 135.28; 130.4; 129.9; 128.0; 127.7; 126.8; 126.7; 113.6; 104.1; 103.4; 73.1; 72.1; 70.8; 70.0; 55.2; 31.7; 29.5; 29.1; 27.8; 27.7; 22.6; 14.0. ESI-MS: 327  $([M + Na]^+)$ . HR-ESI-MS: 327.1950  $([M + Na]^+, C_{19}H_{28}NaO_3^+$ ; calc. 327.1936).

 $(2\text{S},3\text{Z})$ -2-[(4-Methoxybenzyl)oxy]undec-3-en-1-ol (9). To a stirred soln. of 8 (4 g, 13.15 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 ml) at 0° under N<sub>2</sub> was added slowly DIBAL-H (12.33 ml, 1.6m in toluene, 19.73 mmol) dropwise, the mixture was and stirred for 15 min at the same temp. and then for 4 h at r.t. The reaction was quenched with sat. sodium potassium tartrate soln. (10 ml), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at r.t. The org. layer was separated, and the aq. layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 50 \text{ ml})$ . The combined org. extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1  $\times$  20 ml), and brine (1  $\times$  20 ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash CC ( $SiO<sub>2</sub>$  (100 – 200 mesh); 10% AcOEt in hexane) to afford 9 (3.54 g, 88%). Colorless oil.  $[a]_D^{24} = +25.0$  ( $c = 2.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3446, 2952, 2854, 1612, 1513, 1462, 1247, 1037, 822, 756. <sup>1</sup> H-NMR: (300 MHz, CDCl3): 7.25 – 7.16 (m, 2 H); 6.87 – 6.78  $(m, 2 H)$ ; 5.68  $(dt, J = 10.5, 7.5, 1 H)$ ; 5.27  $(dd, J = 10.5, 9.0, 1 H)$ ; 4.52  $(t, J = 11.3, 1 H)$ ; 4.26  $(d, J = 10.5, 7.5, 1 H)$  $J = 10.5, 2$  H); 3.78 (s, 3 H); 3.56 – 3.26 (m, 2 H); 2.32 (br. s, OH, 1 H); 2.12 – 1.96 (m, 2 H); 1.44 – 1.19 (m,  $10$  H); 0.87 (t, J = 6.7, 3 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 159.1; 136.1; 130.3; 129.4; 126.5; 113.7; 75.0; 69.8; 65.1; 55.1; 31.7; 29.6; 29.2; 29.1; 27.9; 22.5; 14.0. ESI-MS: 329 ([M þ Na]<sup>þ</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 329.2105  $([M+Na]^+, C_{19}H_{30}NaO_3^+;$  calc. 329.2092).

 $1 - \frac{1}{8}$ , 1- $\frac{1}{3}$  (38,4Z)-Dodec-4-en-1-yn-3-yloxy]methyl]-4-methoxybenzene (2). To a stirred soln. of 9 (3 g, 9.80 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (40 ml) at 0° under N<sub>2</sub> was added *Dess–Martin* periodinane (5.1 g,

11.79 mmol), and then the resulting mixture was stirred for 3 h at r.t. The reaction was quenched with aq. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (5 ml). The org. layer was separated, and the aq. layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$  40 ml). The combined org. extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1  $\times$  40 ml), and brine (1  $\times$  40 ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated to afford a crude aldehyde as colorless oil, which was used in the next step without purification. To the resulting crude aldehyde, dissolved in dry MeOH (12 ml), *Ohira–Bestmann* reagent I (2.35 g, 12.2 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (2.7 g, 19.6 mmol) were added, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 10 h under  $N<sub>2</sub>$ . The solvent was evaporated in *vacuo*, the residue was diluted with H<sub>2</sub>O and extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub> ( $3 \times 30$  ml). The combined org. layers were washed H<sub>2</sub>O ( $1 \times 30$  ml), and brine ( $1 \times 30$  ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash CC  $(SiO_2 (100-200 \text{ mesh})$ ; 12% AcOEt in hexane) to afford 2 (2.04 g, 82%). Colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{24} = -2.0$  ( $c =$ 1.0, CHCl3). IR (neat): 3432, 2922, 2852, 1733, 1513, 1463, 1249, 1038, 756. <sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl3):  $7.28 - 7.20$   $(m, 2 H)$ ;  $6.85 - 6.79$   $(m, 2 H)$ ;  $5.60 - 5.45$   $(m, 2 H)$ ;  $4.74$   $(dd, J = 7.4, 1.8, 1 H)$ ;  $4.58$   $(d, J = 11.5,$  $1 \text{ H}$ ); 4.47 (d, J = 11.5, 1 H); 3.78 (s, 3 H); 2.41 (d, J = 2.0, 1 H); 2.0 (q, J = 6.7, 2 H); 1.42 – 1.16 (m, 10 H); 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.7, 3$  H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 159.3; 134.6; 129.7; 129.3; 126.8; 113.8; 82.3; 73.6; 69.4; 63.4; 55.2; 31.8; 29.23; 29.16; 29.1; 27.7; 22.6; 14.1. ESI-MS: 323 ( $[M + Na]$ <sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 323.2001  $([M+Na]^+, C_{20}H_{28}NaO_2^+;$  calc. 323.1987).

 $1-(Trimethylsilyl)pent-1-yn-3-one$  (10). To a stirred soln. of bis(trimethylsilyl)acetylene (3.0 g, 17.64 mmol)) and propanoyl chloride (4; 1.67 ml, 17.64 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 ml) at 0° under N<sub>2</sub>, a soln. of AlCl<sub>3</sub> (2.34 g, 17.64 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 ml) was added *via* cannula, and the mixture, was then stirred for 2 h at r.t. After completion of the reaction, the mixture was cooled to  $0^{\circ}$ , and then reaction was quenched with 1n HCl (20 ml). The org. layer was separated, and the aq. layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 × 30 ml). The combined org. extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (1 × 30 ml), and brine (1 ×  $30$  ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (100 – 200 mesh); 5% AcOEt in hexane) to afford 10 (2.5 g, 94%). Yellow oil. IR (neat): 2964, 2904, 2150, 1733, 1679, 1459, 1411, 1346, 1253, 1195, 1130, 1051, 962, 850, 761. <sup>1</sup> H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 2.56 (q, J = 7.5, 2 H); 1.13 (t, J = 7.5, 3 H); 0.23 (s, 9 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 186.9;  $102.1$ ; 96.5; 38.5; 7.9; -0.6. ESI-MS: 154 ( $M^+$ ).

(3S)-1-(Trimethylsilyl)pent-1-yn-3-ol (11). To a dried two-neck round bottom flask containing dichloro(p-cymene)ruthenium(II) dimer (43 mg, 0.07 mmol),  $(+)$ -(1S,2S)-N-(p-toluenesulfonyl)-1,2diphenylethylenediamine (51 mg, 0.140 mmol), and KOH (56.25 mg, 1.0 mmol) were added, followed by addition of 3 ml of dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. After stirring for 5 min, the color of the orange soln. turned to purple. Then, 2.25 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O and 2 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added to the mixture. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was separated and washed again with 2 ml of H<sub>2</sub>O. The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> layer was dried (CaH<sub>2</sub>), filtered, and evaporated to afford  $[(S, S)$ -TsDPEN)Ru(p-cymene)]Cl<sub>2</sub> (II) as dark purple crystals. Catalyst II (70 mg, 0.11 mmol) was dissolved in 15 ml of degassed PrOH at r.t. under  $N_2$ . To this soln. was added a soln. of 9 (4 g, 25.9 mmol), dissolved in <sup>i</sup> PrOH (5 ml), during 1 h using a syringe pump. The mixture was allowed stirred for an additional 12 h, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (100–200 mesh); 10% AcOEt in hexane) to afford **11** (3.5 g, 86%). Colorless oil.  $[a]_0^{24}$  =  $-5.9$  ( $c = 2.0$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3338, 2964, 2173, 1736, 1464, 1409, 1336, 1251, 1118, 1016, 968, 846, 759.  $1\,\text{H-NMR}$  (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 4.20 (t, J = 6.9, 1 H); 2.34 (br. s, OH, 1 H); 1.72 – 1.60 (m, 2 H); 1.02 – 0.92 (*m*, 3 H); 0.14 (*s*, 9 H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 107.0; 89.2; 63.9; 30.7; 9.5; -0.01. ESI-MS: 156  $(M^+).$ 

 $(3S)$ -1-Bromopent-1-yn-3-ol (3). To a stirred soln. of 11 (204 mg, 1.32 mmol) in acetone (3 ml), NBS (353 mg, 1.98 mmol) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (45 mg, 0.26 mmol) were added. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at r.t., cooled to  $0^{\circ}$ , with cold H<sub>2</sub>O, and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O ( $3 \times 10$  ml). The combined org. extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O ( $1 \times 10$  ml) and brine ( $1 \times 10$  ml), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub>;  $100-200$  mesh); 5% AcOEt in hexane) to afford 3 (200 mg, 94%). Colorless oil.  $\lbrack a \rbrack_2^2 = -9.3$  ( $c = 0.5$ , CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3338, 2964, 2173, 1736, 1464, 1409, 1336, 1251, 1118, 1016, 968, 846, 759. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 4.32 (t, J = 6.6, 1 H); 1.78 – 1.72  $(m, 2H)$ ; 1.02  $(t, J = 6.6, 3 H)$ . <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 80.9; 64.4; 44.8; 30.6; 9.3. ESI-MS: 163  $(M^{+}).$ 

(3S,8S,9Z)-8-[(4-Methoxybenzyl)oxy]heptadec-9-ene-4,6-diyn-3-ol (12). To a stirred soln. of 2 (50 mg, 0.16 mmol) in MeOH (3 ml), CuCl (1.2 mg, 0.012 mmol), NH2OH · HCl (11 mg, 0.16 mmol), and BuNH<sub>2</sub> (2 ml) were added at r.t. A soln. of  $3$  (32.4 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added dropwise to the mixture at  $0^{\circ}$  during 1 h using a syringe pump, and the mixture was stirred at  $0^{\circ}$ . The reaction was quenched by H<sub>2</sub>O, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> ( $3 \times 10$  ml). The combined org. extracts were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O  $(1 \times 10 \text{ ml})$  and brine  $(1 \times 10 \text{ ml})$ , dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (100 – 200 mesh); 10% AcOEt in hexane) to afford 12 (50 mg, 83%). Colorless oil.  $\lbrack a \rbrack_0^2$  = +2.8 (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). IR (neat): 3443, 2952, 2854, 1612, 1513, 1461, 1247, 1037, 822, 754. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 300 MHz): 7.33 – 7.23 (m, 2 H); 6.91 – 6.84 (m, 2 H); 5.63 (dt, J = 10.5, 7.5, 1 H); 5.51  $(dd, J=10.5, 8.3, 1$  H); 4.88  $(d, J=8.3, 1$  H); 4.63  $(d, J=12.0, 1$  H); 4.48  $(d, J=12.0, 1$  H); 4.38 (t,  $J = 6.0, 1$  H); 3.8 (s, 3 H); 2.03 – 1.93 (m, 2 H); 1.81 – 1.70 (m, 2 H); 1.65 (br. s, OH, 1 H); 1.39 – 1.19  $(m, 10 \text{ H})$ ; 1.02  $(t, J = 7.5, 3 \text{ H})$ ; 0.88  $(t, J = 6.7, 3 \text{ H})$ . <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 159.3; 135.1; 129.8; 129.3; 125.9; 113.8; 80.1; 77.9; 69.7: 69.6; 69.0; 64.0; 63.9; 55.2; 31.7; 30.6; 29.1; 29.0; 27.7; 22.6; 14.1; 9.3. ESI-MS: 405 ([ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 405.2420 ([ $M + Na$ ]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 405.2405).

Oplopandiol  $(=(3S,8S,9Z)\cdot Heptadec-9-ene-4,6-diyne-3,8-diol; 1)$ . To a stirred soln. of 12 (40 mg, 0.105 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml), TFA (0.015 ml, 0.2 mmol) was added at  $0^\circ$ , and then the mixture was stirred for 15 h at r.t. The soln. was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was purified by CC (SiO<sub>2</sub> (100 – 200 mesh); 20% AcOEt/hexane) to afford 1 (18 mg, 66%). Colorless oil.  $\lbrack \alpha \rbrack_0^{24} = +242$  (c = 1.3, MeOH). IR (neat): 3354, 2925, 2856, 1716, 1652, 1459, 1015, 959, 769. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR  $(CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz): 5.60 (dtd, J = 10.8, 7.9, 0.9, 1 H); 5.52 (ddt, J = 10.8, 8.5, 0.9, 1 H); 5.2 (d, J = 8.5, 1 H);$  $4.38$  (t,  $J = 5.9$ , 1 H); 2.11 (dq,  $J = 7.9$ , 0.9, 2 H); 1.90 – 1.80 (br. s, OH, 1 H); 1.79 – 1.71 (m, 2 H); 1.44 – 1.35  $(m, 2 H)$ ; 1.33 – 1.22  $(m, 8 H)$ ; 1.01  $(t, J = 7.9, 3 H)$ ; 0.85  $(t, J = 6.9, 3 H)$ ; <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 134.6; 127.7; 80.7; 79.2; 68.9; 68.8; 64.0; 58.6; 31.8; 30.6; 29.3; 29.14; 29.09; 27.7; 22.6; 14.1; 9.3. ESI-MS: 285 ([M + Na]<sup>+</sup>). HR-ESI-MS: 263.2009 ([M+H]<sup>+</sup>, C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>; calc. 263.2011)

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