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Synthesis and Pharmacological Evaluation of 5,6-*exo*-Epoxy-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane Derivatives¹

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 $[1\alpha,2\beta(5Z),3\beta(1E,3S),4\alpha,5\alpha,6\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3-cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-propenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic acid (31) and $[1\alpha,2\beta(5Z),3\beta(1E,3S),4\alpha,5\alpha,6\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-epoxy-3-[3-hydroxy-5-(p-hydroxyphenyl)-1-pentenyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic acid (37) were found to be selective TxA₂ antagonists at the platelet and pulmonary thromboxane receptors. An efficient stereospecific synthesis of these compounds and a series of structural analogues is described. Compounds 31 and 37 both inhibited the bronchoconstriction induced by arachidonic acid in the anesthetized guinea pig.

Arachidonic acid (AA) is metabolized by platelets into thromboxane A_2 (TxA₂),² which is a powerful inducer of platelet aggregation³ and of vascular⁴ and pulmonary⁵ smooth muscle contraction. Overproduction of TxA₂ has been implicated in several pathophysiological conditions including thrombosis, asthma, ischemia, and myocardial infarction.⁶ In recent years considerable efforts have been directed toward identification of agents that would either inhibit TxA₂ biosynthesis⁷ or block its action at the thromboxane receptor.⁸ Over the past few years several 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane derivatives have been reported to be potent TxA₂ antagonists.⁹⁻¹⁵ Inspection of Dreiding

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models indicated a striking resemblance between the proposed structure of TxA_2 and that of the 7-oxabicyclo-

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[2.2.1]heptane nucleus. We reasoned that introduction of a 5,6-exo-epoxy linkage in the 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane nucleus might increase its structural resemblance to TxA_2 (Chart I) and as such would lead to potent TxA_2 antagonists. In an attempt to design such antagonists, we retained the α -heptenoic acid side chain and varied the nature and stereochemistry of the ω -octenol side chain. Such variations led to the synthesis of the 16-cyclohexyl-16-methyl and 16-*p*-hydroxyphenethyl derivatives **31** and **37**, which were found to be selective TxA_2 antagonists at the platelet and pulmonary thromboxane receptors. The synthesis and pharmacological properties of these compounds and their structural analogues are reported here.

Chemistry. Compounds 31, 37, and their structural analogues 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, and 34 were synthesized as outlined in Scheme I and Table I. Key steps in the synthesis required conversion of anhydride 3^{16} to a monoprotected diol 6, which, through one-carbon extension, followed by stereospecific epoxidation, functional group manipulations, and Wittig condensation, led to aldehyde 15. This aldehyde served as the common intermediate for the synthesis of all ω side chain modified analogues.

Accordingly, anhydride 3 was reduced with LiAlH₄ in THF at 0 °C-room temperature to afford diol 4 (91% yield), which on treatment with 1 equiv of phosgene in

Table II.	Effects of 31	l and 37 (1	l mg/kg iv)	on Arachidon	ic Acid
Induced B	ronchoconstr	iction in t	he Anesthet	ized Guinea I	Pig ^{a,b}

	% in pul			
compd	3′	10′	30′	n
31	85 ± 5	67 ± 13	22 ± 22	3
37	90 ± 1	83 ± 2	46 ± 9	5
BM 13177	89 ± 3	82 ± 6	40 ± 11	5
SQ 29548	97 ± 1	98 ± 1	96 ± 1	5

^a For details of the methods used, see ref 31c. ^b Experimental values are reported as mean \pm SEM.

THF at 0 °C formed a monochloroformate. Dropwise addition of a solution of pyridine in CH_2Cl_2 to a solution of crude chloroformate in CH_2Cl_2 at -50 °C furnished crystalline cyclic carbonate 5 in 78% overall yield from 4. Reaction of 5 with 2-propanol under reflux in presence of catalytic *p*-toluenesulfonic acid formed alcohol carbonate 6 in quantitative yield. Tosylation of 6 followed by displacement of tosylate with sodium cyanide in DMSO at 90-95 °C cleanly formed nitrile 8 in 75% yield. Removal of the carbonate protecting group under mild basic conditions (1% K₂CO₃, MeOH-H₂O, room temperature) followed by reprotection of alcohol as a tetrahydropyranyl ether afforded 10 in 64% overall yield from 8. Stereospecific introduction of the 5,6-epoxide was achieved by treatment of 10 with *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature, which afforded a single epoxide 11 (as a mixture of epimers at the anomeric tetrahydropyranyl

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carbon) in 93% yield. Since the presence of epimers due to the tetrahydropyran group in 11 made unambiguous interpretation of its ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra difficult, the exo orientation of the 5,6-epoxide was established by analysis of ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of the later intermediate 14.¹⁷ Moreover, an exclusive approach of the peracid to the 5,6-olefin from the less hindered exo face of the molecule was anticipated from the Dreiding model and literature precedence on related compounds.¹⁸ Epoxy nitrile 11 was now reduced with diisobutylaluminum hydride in toluene at -78 °C to obtain aldehyde 12 in 73% yield.

Elaboration of aldehyde 12 to the α -heptenoic acid side chain via a Wittig condensation required careful manipulations of the normal Wittig conditions due to the base sensitivity of 12. Dropwise addition of 1 equiv of a preformed ylide solution of (4-carboxybutyl)triphenylphosphorane¹⁹ to a precooled solution of aldehyde 12 in THF at -20 °C and brief warming to 0 °C, followed by esterification with ethereal diazomethane, provided 13 in 40-45% yield. Subsequent deprotection of the THP protecting group with amberlyst acid exchange resin in methanol formed alcohol 14 (91% yield), which was oxidized with pyridinium chlorochromate²⁰ to afford aldehyde 15. Aldehyde 15 was condensed with the appropriate phosphonates under the modified Roush-Masamune conditions²¹ to form enones, which were reduced with sodium borohydride²² to provide a mixture of epimeric alcohols. Separation of alcohol epimers²³ followed by saponification with lithium hydroxide in aqueous THF furnished the carboxylic acids (Table I).

Pharmacology. In Vitro. The 5,6-epoxy derivatives were tested for their ability to inhibit platelet aggregation induced by arachidonic acid (AA) and adenosine diphosphate (ADP) in human platelet-rich plasma (PRP). The test methods have been described earlier,²⁴ and the

(17) The stereochemistry of the 5,6-epoxide is clearly cis-exo as evidenced by the resonance multiplicities observed for H-1, H-4, H-5, and H-6 protons. H-1 and H-4 appeared as singlets at δ 4.44 and 4.15. The lack of coupling between H-1 and H-6, H-4 and H-5 is consistent with exo orientation of the epoxide, since the dihedral angles are $\sim 90^{\circ}$. H-5 and H-6 appeared as doublets at δ 3.32 (J = 3.2 Hz) and 3.26 (J = 3.2 Hz). These protons are coupled only to each other. Furthermore, this small coupling constant value is in agreement with the cis configuration of the epoxide.

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results are summarized in Table I. Based on these platelet data, a few general conclusions can be reached. Analogous to the 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes,^{8d,9,11,14} these 5,6-exoepoxy derivatives are, as a class, potent inhibitors of platelet aggregation with the exception of an epimer (20) of the hydroxyl group on the natural side chain, which is a platelet aggregation stimulator ($A_{50} = 12.4 \ \mu M$). This finding is similar to the one observed in the 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane series.⁹ Unlike in the 7-oxabicyclo-[2.2.1]heptane series, both 16-cyclohexyl alcohol epimers 24 and 25 are inhibitors of platelet aggregation induced by AA ($I_{50} = 5.2$ and 17.0 μ M, respectively) and by ADP ($I_{50} = 173$ and 134 μ M, respectively). We have previously shown that compounds with this platelet inhibitory profile are partial PGD_2/PGI_2 agonists and adenylate cyclase stimulators.²⁵ The 16,16-dimethyl analogue 28 is 7 times more potent ($I_{50} = 2.2 \ \mu$ M) than the natural side chain analogue 19 ($I_{50} = 15.3 \ \mu$ M). Similarly, the 16-cyclo-hexyl-16-methyl derivative 31 is about 1 order of magni-tude more potent ($I_{50} = 0.53 \ \mu$ M) than the 16-cyclohexyl analogue 24 ($I_{50} = 5.2 \ \mu$ M). In addition, unlike 24, 31 is devoid of any residual PGD_2/PGI_2 -like activity. Replacement of the natural side chain with an arylalkyl moiety (compound 34) caused 1 order of magnitude increase in potency ($I_{50} = 1.6 \ \mu M$), while introduction of a *p*-hydroxyl function in the aromatic ring (compound **37**) resulted in an additional sixfold enhancement ($I_{50} = 0.27$ $\mu {\rm M}).~$ The 16-cyclohexyl-16-methyl analogue 31 (I_{50} = 0.53 μ M) and the *p*-hydroxyphenethyl analogue **37** ($I_{50} = 0.27$ μ M) are thus the two most active inhibitors of AA-induced platelet aggregation in this series. Identification of these analogues as potent inhibitors prompted further investigations regarding their mechanism of action. Compounds 31 and 37 were therefore tested for their ability to inhibit platelet aggregation induced by the stable PGH_2 analogue U46619,²⁶ which is a thromboxane mimetic on the PGH_2/TXA_2 receptor.²⁷⁻²⁹ Both **31** and **37** inhibited platelet aggregation induced by U46619 (10 μ M) in a dose-dependent manner with I_{50} values of 2.0 and 2.2 μ M, respectively. Measurement of TxA_2 synthesis in lysed human platelet preparations^{24b,30} in the absence and presence of either 31 or 37 at concentrations up to 1000 μ M indicated that neither of these analogues influenced conversion of AA to TxA₂ to any significant extent. Thus, 31 and 37 are not inhibitors of either cyclooxygenase or thromboxane synthetase.

In Vivo. Compounds 31 and 37 were also tested for their efficacy in inhibiting AA-induced changes in lung mechanics in anesthetized guinea pigs.³¹ At a dose of 1 mg/kg, iv, both 31 and 37 inhibited bronchoconstriction and systemic hypertension in response to injections of AA (0.5 mg/kg, iv) (Table II). This inhibition lasted for 10 min after treatment with 31 and for 30 min with 37. The

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systemic hypertensive response after arachidonate challenge was reversed to a systemic hypotensive response after treatment with both these compounds. This is consistent with the mode of action of both 31 and 37 as TxA_2 receptor antagonists.³² Before treatment, AA caused an 85% increase in blood pressure. At 3 min after treatment with 31 and 37, AA decreased blood pressure by $13 \pm 8\%$ and $62 \pm 4\%$, respectively.

Conclusions

In the course of these studies we have demonstrated that the 5,6-exo-epoxy-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes are inhibitors of platelet aggregation with the exception of 20, which is a platelet aggregation stimulator. In this respect, these derivatives are very similar to the 7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptanes. Modification of the ω -octenol side chain in this series led to a number of potent inhibitors (Table I). The pharmacological profiles of the two most potent analogues 31 and 37 have been studied in detail. The results of this study indicate that both these analogues are selective TxA₂ receptor antagonists at the platelet, vascular, and airway TxA₂ receptors. In studies with PRP in vitro, 31 and 37 inhibited platelet aggregation induced by AA and a stable TxA₂ agonist without inhibiting ADP-induced aggregation and without inhibiting platelet TxA_2 synthesis. These compounds thus meet sufficient criteria to be considered TxA_2 antagonists.^{10,24b} Similarly, in anesthetized guinea pigs both 31 and 37 significantly inhibited AA-induced bronchoconstriction and reversed the systemic hypertensive response after AA challenge to a hypotensive effect. These results are consistent with their mechanism of action as TxA_2 antagonists.^{11,32} It is believed that agents like 31 and 37 might prove therapeutically useful in treatment of diseases involving increased levels of TxA₂.

Experimental Section

¹H NMR spectra were measured at 270 MHz on a JEOL FX-270 spectrometer with Me_4Si as an internal standard. ¹³C NMR spectra were taken at 67.5 MHz on JEOL FX-270 and at 15 MHz on JEOL FX-60 instruments. Chemical shifts are reported in δ units relative to Me₄Si, CHCl₃ assigned at δ 7.26 or CDCl₃ at δ 77.00. All ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ solution unless otherwise noted. Mass spectra were recorded with an Extranuclear Simulscan or a Finnigan TSQ mass spectrometer in either CI or EI mode. Melting points were recorded on a Thomas-Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere. All solvents were purified before use unless otherwise indicated; THF and ether were distilled from sodium benzophenone ketyl, CH2Cl2 was distilled from P2O5; and toluene was distilled from sodium and stored over activated 4A molecular sieves. Flash chromatography was performed as described by Still et al.³³ with use of J. T. Baker "Flash" grade silica gel.

exo-cis-7-Oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2,3-dimethanol (4). A solution of *exo-cis*-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid anhydride (3) (20 g, 120 mmol) in anhydrous THF (150 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C to a suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (6.84 g, 180 mmol) in THF (200 mL) over a period of 1 h. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 24 h. Excess hydride was now quenched by dropwise addition of saturated sodium sulfate solution at 0–5 °C. Addition was continued until all inorganic salts were precipitated as white granular solids. Anhydrous magnesium sulfate was thoroughly washed with methylene chloride, followed by 10% acetonitrile in ethyl acetate (500 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated in vacuo and

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was then purified by flash chromatography with 1:1 EtOAc/hexane, followed by EtOAc and 9:1 EtOAc/MeOH as eluents to afford diol 4 (17.25 g, 92%) as a colorless viscous oil: ¹H NMR δ 6.37 (s, 2 H), 4.67 (s, 2 H), 3.90 (br s, 2 H), 3.77 (m, 4 H), 1.92 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR δ 135.67, 81.16, 62.60, 42.40; MS, m/z 157(M⁺), 139 (M⁺ – H₂O), 121 (M⁺ – 2H₂O). Anal. (C₈H₁₂O₃·0.15H₂O) C, H.

exo-cis-7-Oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2,3-dimethanol Carbonate (5). A solution of diol 4 (16.73 g, 107.4 mmol) in anhydrous THF (200 mL) was treated dropwise with a 12.5% by weight solution of phosgene in toluene (90 mL, 112.5 mmol) at 0-5 °C. After 15 min, argon was bubbled through the reaction mixture to remove excess phosgene and hydrogen chloride. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to obtain crude monochloroformate, which was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) and cooled to -50 °C, and a solution of pyridine (25 mL) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at -50 °C for 30 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with water, and the CH₂Cl₂ layer was separated. The CH₂Cl₂ layer was washed with water (three times), dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was triturated with ether to afford carbonate 5 (15.25 g, 78%): mp 149–150.5 °C; ¹H NMR δ 6.45 (s, 2 H), 4.73 (s, 2 H), 4.58 (d, 1 H), 4.50 (d, 1 H), 4.43 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz),4.35 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.36–2.32 (m, 2 H); ¹³C NMR δ 135.73, 80.26, 69.27, 40.00. Anal. (C₉H₁₀O₃) C, H.

exo-cis-2-[[(p-Tolylsulfonyl)oxy]methyl]-3-[[[(isopropyloxy)carbonyl]oxy]methyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5ene (7). A suspension of carbonate 5 (15.25 g, 83.8 mmol) and p-TsOH (1 g) in 2-propanol (200 mL) was heated under reflux for 8 h. The cooled reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. Residual oil was partitioned between CH₂Cl₂ and aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (three times). Combined CH₂Cl₂ extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to give 6 (22.53 g, 100%) as a highly viscous oil.

To a solution of 6 (22.53 g, 83.8 mmol) in pyridine (100 mL) was added p-TsCl (19.2 g, 101 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 24 h and was then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 . The reaction mixture was washed with saturated CuSO₄ solution (three times) and water (three times). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 200 mL). The combined CH_2Cl_2 extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. It was triturated with ether at 0 °C and filtered to obtain tosylate 7 (28.3 g, 80%), mp 92–95 °C. The mother liquor was concentrated under reduced pressure and chromatographed on a silica gel column with 15-30% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to obtain additional 5.2 g of tosylate 7 (14.7%): ¹H NMR δ 7.8 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 7.35 (d, 2 H, J = 8 Hz), 6.33 (m, 2 H), 4.87 (m, 1 H), 4.79 (s, 1 H), 4.76 (s, 1 H), 4.15 (m, 2 H), 3.95 (m, 2 H), 2.45 (s, 3 H), 2.06 (m, 2 H), 1.29 (d, 6 H, J = 6.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 154.09, 144.91, 135.53, 135.17, 132.58, 127.75, 127.47, 80.18, 79.96, 72.09, 69.58, 66.31, 39.59, 39.31, 21.59, 21.48. Anal. (C₁₉H₂₄SO₇) C, H, S.

exo-cis-2-(Cyanomethyl)-3-[[[(isopropyloxy)carbonyl]oxy]methyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene (8). A solution of tosylate 7 (5.3 g, 12.99 mmol) and powdered anhydrous sodium cyanide (1.28 g, 26 mmol) in dry DMSO (50 mL) was heated (bath temperature 90-95 °C) for 2 h. The cooled reaction mixture was poured into ether (200 mL) and washed with water (three times). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether $(2 \times 150 \text{ mL})$. The combined ether extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. It was chromatographed on a silica gel column with 25-50% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to afford 8 (2.58 g, 75%): mp 34–36 °C; ¹H NMR δ 6.41 (s, 2 H), 4.87 (m, 1 H), 4.83 (d, 2 H, J = 14.2 Hz), 4.15 (d, 1 H, J = 2.6 Hz), 4.12 (d, 1 H, J = 2.6Hz), 2.62 (dd, 1 H, J = 16.4, 2.1 Hz), 2.37 (dd, J = 16.4, 10.5 Hz), 2.06 (m, 2 H), 1.3 (d, 6 H, J = 6.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 154.23, 136.12, 135.12, 118.74, 82.30, 80.74, 72.43, 66.62, 39.48, 37.30, 21.68, 17.88. Anal. (C₁₃H₁₇NO₄) C, H, N.

exo-cis-2-(Cyanomethyl)-3-[[(tetrahydropyranyl)oxy]methyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene (10). A solution of 8 (2.58 g, 9.8 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was added to a solution of potassium carbonate (1 g) in methanol (75 mL) and water (25 mL) at 0-5 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5 °C for 15 min and at 25 °C for 6 h. It was acidified with 1 N aqueous HCl solution and concentrated under reduced pressure. The reaction mixture was now exhaustively extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (12 times).

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The combined extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification was effected by chromatography on a silica gel column with 25–50% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to obtain alcohol 9 (1.23 g, 75%).

A solution of cyano alcohol 9 (1.23 g, 7.36 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was treated with dihydropyran (800 μ L, 8.29 mmol) and catalytic *p*-TsOH at 0–5 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0–5 °C for 4 h. It was then diluted with ether and washed with aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (two times). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column with 10–25% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to obtain 10 (1.61 g, 86%): mp 52–59 °C; ¹H NMR δ 6.38–6.45 (m, 2 H), 4.85 (s, 1 H), 4.78, 4.76 (s, each 1 H), 4.58 (m, 1 H), 3.75–3.85 (m, 2 H), 3.50 (m, 1 H), 3.40 (q, 1 H), 2.75 (dt, 1 H), 2.40 (m, 1 H), 2.00–2.12 (m, 2 H), 1.8 (m, 2 H), 1.55 (m, 4 H). Anal. (C₁₄H₁₉NO₃) C, H, N.

exo-cis-5,6-exo-Epoxy-2-(cyanomethyl)-3-[[(tetrahydropyranyl)oxy]methyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (11). A solution of 10 (1.61 g, 6.4 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) was treated with 85% *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (1.66 g, 9.6 mmol) at 0-5°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5 °C for a few minutes and then at 25 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether and then stirred for 30 min with aqueous sodium metabisulfite solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (two times). The combined organic extracts were dried $(MgSO_4)$, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification was done by chromatography on a silica gel column with 25-67% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to obtain epoxide 11 (1.57 g, 93%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR δ 4.51 (m, 1 H), 4.41, 4.40 (s, each 1 H), 4.34, 4.32 (s, each 1 H), 3.76 (m, 2 H), 3.55 (m, 1 H), 3.38 (m, 3 H), 2.68 (m, 1 H), 2.43 (m, 1 H), 2.2–2.4 (m, 2 H), 1.8 (m, 2 H), 1.54 (m, 4 H); ^{13}C NMR δ 118.88, 99.29, 98.79, 78.17, 76.69, 64.92, 64.86, 62.71, 62.21, 49.24, 48.85, 43.38, 43.21, 40.03, 30.33, 30.27, 24.94, 19.50, 19.16, 16.37. Anal. (C₁₄H₁₉NO₄) C, H, N.

exo-cis-5,6-exo-Epoxy-2-(formylmethyl)-3-[[(tetrahydropyranyl)oxy]methyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]heptane (12). A solution of nitrile 11 (1.57 g, 5.88 mmol) in toluene (25 mL) was treated dropwise with a 25% by weight solution of DIBAH (6.8 mL, ~ 12 mmol) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at -78 °C and was then guenched by dropwise addition of glacial acetic acid (1 mL). The cooling bath was removed, and silica gel (20 g) was added with stirring; water (1.5 mL) was then added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min and filtered. Residual silica gel was washed successively with THF, 19:1 EtOAc/CH₃CN, and acetone. The combined filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification was done by chromatography on a silica gel column with 1:1 EtOAc/hexane and EtOAc as eluents to obtain aldehyde 12 (1.16 g, 73%): mp 67-73 °C; ¹H NMR δ 9.79, 9.78 (s, each 1 H), 4.55 (m, 1 H), 4.36, 4.33 (s, each 1 H), 4.12 (s, 1 H), 3.85 (m, 1 H), 3.70 (m, 1 H), 3.50 (m, 1 H), 3.41 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.33-3.35 (m, 1 H), 3.28 (m, 1 H), 2.85–2.10 (m, 4 H), 1.9–1.45 (m, 6 H); 13 C NMR δ 200.67, 99.60, 98.79, 79.18, 76.64, 66.01, 65.73, 62.89, 62.27, 49.63, 43.22, 43.05, 42.52, 36.35, 36.16, 30.58, 25.28, 19.75, 19.33. Anal. (C14H20O5) C, H.

 $[1\alpha, 2\beta(5Z), 3\beta, 4\alpha]$ -7-[5, 6-exo-Epoxy-3-[(tetrahydropyranyloxy)methyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid Methyl Ester (13). A suspension of freshly dried (carboxybutyl)triphenylphosphonium bromide (5.77 g, 13.03 mmol) in freshly distilled THF (50 mL) was treated dropwise with a 1.5 M solution of potassium *tert*-amylate (12 mL, 19.2 mmol) in toluene at 0-5 °C. The yellow-orange suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and at 25 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to -20 °C, and a solution of aldehyde 12 (2.33 g, 8.69 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at -20 °C for 2 h and at 0 °C for 15 min and then quenched with glacial acetic acid. The mixture was poured into water and extracted with ether (three times). The combined ether extracts were washed with saturated $NaHCO_3$ solution. The combined aqueous extracts were dried (MgSO4), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was esterified with excess diazomethane in ether and purified by chromatography on a silica gel column with 15–40% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to afford 13 (1.27 g, 40%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR δ 5.41 (m, 2 H), 4.57 (m, 1 H), 4.43, 4.40 (s, each 1 H), 4.15 (s, 1 H), 3.83 (m, 2 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 3.5 (m, 1 H), 3.35 (m, 1 H), 3.33 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.25 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 2.3 (t, 2 H), 2.05 (m, 5 H), 1.9–1.5 (m, 9 H). Anal. (C₂₀H₃₀O₆) C, H.

[1α,2β(5Z),3β,4α]-7-[5,6-exo-Epoxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)-7oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid Methyl Ester (14). A solution of 13 (1.27 g, 3.46 mmol) in methanol (30 mL) was stirred with powdered and dried amberlyst-15 acid exchange resin at 25 °C for 6 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether, filtered (through a pad of MgSO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was chromatographed on a silica gel column with 50–75% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to obtain alcohol 14 (892 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR δ 5.39 (m, 2 H), 4.44 (s, 1 H), 4.15 (s, 1 H), 3.72 (dd, 1 H), 3.65 (s, 3 H), 3.62 (dd, 1 H), 3.32 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.26 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 2.30 (t, 2 H, J = 7.3 Hz), 1.85–2.1 (m, 7 H), 1.68 (q, 2 H); ¹³C NMR δ 173.95, 130.99, 129.31, 78.26, 77.22, 61.18, 51.95, 50.47, 50.38, 46.45, 43.80, 33.84, 27.17, 25.69, 25.11. Anal. (C₁₅H₂₂O₅·0.29H₂O) C, H.

 $[1\alpha,2\beta(5Z),3\beta,4\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-exo-Epoxy-3-formyl-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid Methyl Ester (15). A solution of alcohol 14 (211 mg, 0.75 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added to a stirred suspension of pyridinium chlorochromate (325 mg, 1.51 mmol) and Celite (325 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 4 h, diluted with ether (100 mL), and filtered (through Florisil). The filtrate was washed with water. The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain aldehyde 15 (174 mg, 83%). The crude aldehyde was used immediately without any further purifications: ¹H NMR δ 9.56 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 5.55–5.30 (m, 2 H), 4.75 (s, 1 H), 4.31 (s, 1 H), 3.67 (s, 3 H), 3.35 (s, 2 H), 2.55 (dd, 1 H), 2.30 (t, 2 H, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.25–2.00 (m, 5 H), 1.69 (m, 4 H); MS, m/z 281 (M⁺), 279 (M⁻).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Enones. The synthesis of enones followed the procedure described below for 16.

 $[1\alpha, 2\beta(5Z), 3\beta(1E), 4\alpha, 5\alpha, 6\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3-oxo-1-octenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid Methyl Ester (16). A suspension of dry lithium bromide (90 mg, 1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was treated with triethylamine (140 μ L, 1 mmol), followed by a solution of dimethyl (2-oxoheptyl)phosphonate (222 mg, 1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 15 min and then a solution of aldehyde 15 (174 mg, 0.62 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C overnight. It was then diluted with ether and washed with water. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (two times). The combined ether extracts were dried $(MgSO_4)$, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by chromatography with 15-30% EtOAc/hexane as eluents to obtain enone 16 (175 mg, 75%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR δ 6.67 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.83 Hz, 10.28 Hz), 6.08 (d, 1 H, J = 15.83 Hz), 4.26 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (s, 1 H), 3.63 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (s, 1 H), 3.63 (s, 1 H), 3.633 H), 3.33 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.29 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.62 (t, 1 H), 2.52 (t, 2 H, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.28 (t, 2 H, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.1-1.8(m, 5 H), 1.7–1.5 (m, 4 H), 1.29–1.27 (m, 4 H), 0.86 (t, 3 H), 5.5–5.25 (m, 2 H).

 $[1\alpha, 2\beta(5Z), 3\beta(1E), 4\alpha, 5\alpha, 6\alpha]$ -7-[5, 6-Epoxy-3-(3-oxo-3-cyclohexyl-3-methyl-1-propenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid Methyl Ester (29): mp 43-45 °C; ¹H NMR δ 6.83 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.3 Hz, 10.3 Hz), 6.53 (d, 1 H, J = 15.3 Hz), 5.4 (m, 2 H), 4.29 (s, 1 H), 4.21 (s, 1 H), 3.66 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.30 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 2.65 (t, 1 H), 2.29 (t, 2 H), 2.02 (m, 6 H), 1.75-1.2 (m, 11 H), 1.08 (s, 3 H). Anal. (C₂₄H₃₄O₅) C, H.

 $[1\alpha,2\beta(5Z),3\beta(1E),4\alpha,5\alpha,6\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-[3-oxo-5-[p-[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]phenyl]-1-pentenyl]-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid Methyl Ester (35): ¹H NMR δ 7.00 (d, 2 H), 6.72 (d, 2 H), 6.66 (dd, 1 H, J = 15.8 Hz and 10.3 Hz), 6.10 (d, 1 H, J = 15.8 Hz), 5.4 (m, 1 H), 5.3 (m, 1 H), 4.25 (s, 1 H), 4.2 (s, 1 H), 3.63 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.28 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.85 (br s, 4 H), 2.6 (t, 1 H), 2.26 (t, 2 H), 2.1–1.8 (m, 5 H), 1.65 (q, 2 H), 0.97 (s, 9 H), 0.16 (s, 6 H).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Allylic Alcohols. The synthesis of allylic alcohols followed the procedure described below for 17 and 18.

 $[1\alpha, 2\beta(5Z), 3\beta(1E, 3S), 4\alpha, 5\alpha, 6\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3hydroxy-1-octenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (17)Methyl Ester and $[1\alpha, 2\beta(5Z), 3\beta]$ - $(1E, 3R), 4\alpha, 5\alpha, 6\alpha$]-7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3-hydroxy-1-octenyl)-7oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid Methyl Ester (18). Cerium(III) chloride (170 mg) was added to a stirring solution of enone 16 (170 mg, 0.45 mmol) in 1:1 THF/CH₃OH (10 mL) at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 10 min and was then cooled to -50 °C. Sodium borohydride (20 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at -50 °C for 1 h and then guenched by addition of aqueous NH₄Cl solution. The reaction mixture was diluted with ether. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether and CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by chromatography with 30-50% EtOAc/ hexane to give fast-moving alcohol epimer 17 (130 mg, 76%) (^{13}C NMR δ 174.24, 136.01, 130.23, 129.14, 128.84, 79.65, 77.14, 72.45, 51.47, 50.02, 49.57, 47.23, 45.67, 37.13, 33.23, 31.66, 27.09, 26.61, 25.05, 24.60, 22.51, 13.92) and slow-moving alcohol epimer 18 (40 mg, 23%).

General Procedure for the Synthesis of Acids. The synthesis of acids followed the procedure described below for 19.

 $[1\alpha, 2\beta(5Z), 3\beta(1E, 3S), 4\alpha, 5\alpha, 6\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3hydroxy-1-octenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (19). A solution of alcohol 17 (130 mg, 0.34 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was treated with 1 N aqueous LiOH solution (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 8 h, diluted with ether, and acidified to pH 1 with 1 N aqueous HCl solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (two times). The combined organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified on a silica gel column with 2-3% MeOH in CH_2Cl_2 as eluents to give acid 19 (80 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR δ 6.55 (br s, 2 H), 5.65-5.30 (m, 4 H), 4.20 (s, 1 H), 4.14 (s, 1 H), 4.09 (q, 1 H), 3.3 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.26 (d, 1 H, J = 3.2 Hz), 2.48 (t, 1 H, J = 8.4 Hz), 2.28 (t, 2 H, J = 6.8 Hz), 2.1–1.2 (m, 15 H), 0.87 (t, 3 H, J = 6.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 177.05, 135.09, 130.12, 129.81, 129.42, 79.51, 77.00, 72.98, 50.13, 49.63, 47.34, 45.89, 36.96, 32.53, 31.61, 26.84, 26.28, 25.00, 24.24, 22.54, 13.95. Anal. $(C_{21}H_{32}O_5)$ C, H.

 $[1\alpha, 2\beta(5Z), 3\beta(1E, 3R), 4\alpha, 5\alpha, 6\alpha]$ -7-[5, 6-Epoxy-3-(3-hydroxy-1-octeny])-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (20): ¹H NMR δ 5.75 (br s, 2 H), 5.6–5.3 (m, 4 H), 4.22 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (s, 1 H), 4.1 (m, 1 H), 3.3 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.27 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.5 (t, 1 H), 2.31 (t, 2 H, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.2–1.2 (m, 15 H), 0.87 (t, 3 H); ¹³C NMR δ 178.02, 135.31, 130.23, 129.37, 128.84, 79.43, 72.45, 77.00, 50.16, 49.66, 47.12, 45.67, 37.02, 32.72, 31.66, 27.20, 26.36, 25.08, 24.30, 22.57, 13.97; MS, m/z 347 (M⁺ - H₂O), 329 (M⁺ - 2 H₂O). Anal. (C₂₁H₃₂O₅·1.0H₂O) C, H.

[1 α ,2 β (5Z),3 β (1E,3S),4 α ,5 α ,6 α]-7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3-cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-1-propenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (24): ¹H NMR δ 5.95 (br s, 2 H), 5.6-5.3 (m, 4 H), 4.20 (s, 1 H), 4.14 (s, 1 H), 3.83 (t, 1 H), 3.30 (d, ¹H, J = 3.2 Hz), 3.26 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.49 (t, 1 H), 2.28 (t, 2 H), 2.25 (m, 2 H), 2.0-1.5 (m, 10 H), 1.45-0.85 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR δ 177.49, 133.47, 130.65, 130.10, 129.37, 79.54, 77.00, 50.10, 49.60, 47.40, 45.84, 43.44, 32.59, 28.65, 28.60, 26.84, 26.39, 26.28, 25.94, 24.24; MS, m/z 369 (M⁺ – H₂O), 341 (M⁺ – 2 H₂O), 275. Anal. (C₂₂H₃₂O₅) C, H.

[1α,2β(5Z),3β(1E,3R),4α,5α,6α]-7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3-cyclohexyl-3-hydroxy-1-propenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (25): ¹H NMR δ 5.8–5.3 (m, 6 H), 4.23 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (s, 1 H), 3.87 (t, 1 H), 3.32 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.27 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.52 (t, 1 H), 2.32 (t, 2 H), 2.09 (m, 2 H), 2.0–1.6 (m, 10 H), 1.5–0.90 (m, 6 H); ¹³C NMR δ 177.52, 133.83, 130.26, 129.87, 129.42, 79.51, 77.00, 50.19, 49.71, 47.29, 45.70, 43.66, 28.87, 28.57, 27.31, 26.47, 26.39, 26.08, 24.33; MS: 399 (M⁺ + Na), 375 (M⁻ - H). Anal. (C₂₂H₃₂O₅·0.27H₂O) C, H.

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1\alpha, 2\beta (5Z), 3\beta (1E, 3R), 4\alpha, 5\alpha, 6\alpha \end{bmatrix} -7 - \begin{bmatrix} 5, 6-Epoxy-3-(3-hydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-1-octenyl) -7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl] -5-heptenoic Acid (28): ¹H NMR & 6.65 (br s, 2 H), 5.58 (m, 2 H), 5.43 (m, 2 H), 4.22 (s, 1 H), 4.15 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.3 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.28 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.53 (m, 1 H), 2.32 (t, 2 H), 2.15-1.8 (m, 5 H), 1.66 (q, 2 H), 1.25 (m, 6 H), 0.90 (t, 3 H, J = 6.3 Hz), 0.88 (s, 3 H), 0.84 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR & 177.24, 131.80, 131.38, 130.12, 129.40, 79.82, 79.59, 77.00, 50.13, 49.63, 47.57, 45.92, 38.55, 37.19, 32.64, 26.92, 26.31, 25.80, 24.30, 23.60, 22.82, 14.09; MS, m/z 375 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. (C₂₃H₃₆O₅) C, H.$

[1 α ,2 β (5Z),3 β (1E,3R),4 α ,5 α ,6 α]-7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3-cyclo-hexyl-3-hydroxy-3-methyl-1-propenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]-hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (31): ¹H NMR δ 6.80 (br s, 2 H), 5.60 (m, 2 H), 5.42 (m, 2 H), 4.22 (s, 1 H), 4.16 (s, 1 H), 3.84 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.28 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.52 (m, 1 H), 2.32 (t, 2 H), 2.2-1.8 (m, 5 H), 1.66 (q, 2 H), 1.6-1.15 (m, 10 H), 0.88 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 177.22, 131.52, 131.43, 130.12, 129.42, 80.54, 79.59, 77.00, 50.13, 49.63, 47.57, 45.92, 37.22, 34.26, 33.78, 32.64, 26.92, 26.28, 24.27, 21.56, 18.72; MS, m/z 373 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. (C₂₃H₃₄O₅·0.5H₂O) C, H.

[1α,2β (5Z),3β (1E,3S),4α,5α,6α]-7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-(3-hydroxy-5-phenyl-1-pentenyl)-7-oxabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (34): ¹H NMR δ 7.3–7.17 (m, 5 H), 6.86 (br s, 2 H), 5.65–5.41 (m, 4 H), 4.21, (s, 1 H), 4.15 (s, 1 H), 4.13 (m, 1 H), 3.3 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.27 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.7 (m, 2 H), 2.49 (t, 1 H), 2.30 (t, 2 H), 2.1–1.6 (m, 9 H); ¹³C NMR δ 177.13, 141.59, 134.81, 130.18, 129.40, 128.36, 125.85, 79.48, 77.00, 72.28, 50.13, 49.60, 47.34, 45.89, 38.53, 32.53, 31.64, 26.89, 26.28, 24.21; MS, m/z 381 (M⁺ – H₂O). Anal. (C₂₄H₃₀O₅) C, H.

 $[1\alpha,2\beta(5Z),3\beta(1E,3S),4\alpha,5\alpha,6\alpha]$ -7-[5,6-Epoxy-3-[3-hydroxy-5-(p-hydroxyphenyl)-1-pentenyl]-7-oxabicyclo-[2.2.1]hept-2-yl]-5-heptenoic Acid (37): ¹H NMR δ 7.00 (d, 2 H), 6.75 (d, 2 H), 5.6–5.3 (m, 4 H), 4.25 (s, 1 H), 4.15 (s, 1 H), 4.06 (q, 1 H), 3.32, (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 3.27 (d, 1 H, J = 3.7 Hz), 2.6 (m, 2 H), 2.5 (t, 1 H), 2.25 (t, 2 H), 2.07 (m, 3 H), 2.00–1.50 (m, 7 H). Anal. (C₂₄H₃₀O₆·0.6H₂O) C, H.

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