

Stereochemical Consequences of 6- and 8-Substitution in Reactions of Bicyclo[4.2.0]octan-7-ones^{1,†}

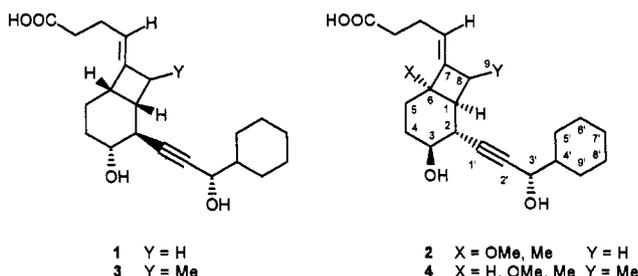
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Reduction (zinc/copper couple) of each epimer of 8-chloro-8-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-7-one (6 and 7) gives the same product mixture containing 95% of the 8-*endo*-methyl compound 8. Ketalization of 8 catalyzed by TMSOTf gives the *endo*-methyl cyclic ethylene ketal 10 at -78 °C and the *exo*-methyl epimer 11 (90:10) at 25 °C, in contrast to β -naphthalenesulfonic acid-catalyzed reactions. Wittig olefination of both the functionalized 8-*endo*- and 8-*exo*-methyl ketones gives only the 8-*endo*-methyl olefin, whereas introduction of a 6-methoxy or 6-methyl substituent favors the 8-*exo* configuration. A rationale for these observations is proposed.

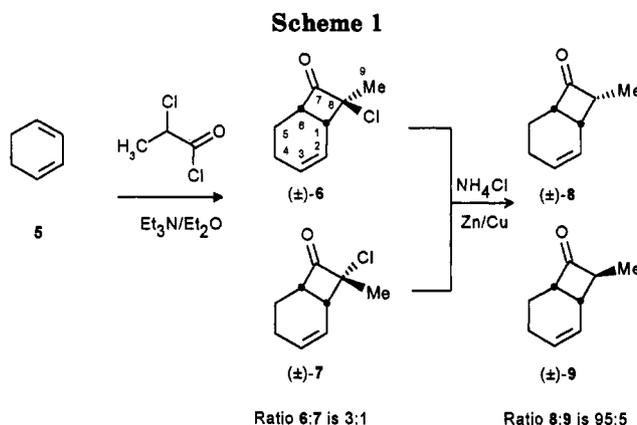
We recently described²⁻⁵ the synthesis of the bicyclo[4.2.0]octanes 1 and 2 as stable mimics of the natural antithrombotic agent prostacyclin. In the course of this work, we became interested in the effect of substitution at the 6- and 8-positions³⁻⁵ of the bicyclo[4.2.0]octane ring on the biological activity of these compounds and found that substitution at the 8-position significantly affected both the profile and intrinsic activity of the molecule.³ We therefore sought to prepare the individual 8-*exo*- and 8-*endo*-methyl isomers of compounds having different substituents at the 6-position. In the course of this work, we found some interesting stereochemical consequences in reactions leading to 3 and 4 and in particular have found remarkable effects of the 6- and 8-substituents on the Wittig reactions used to convert bicyclic ketones to final products.



We initially set out to prepare the isomeric 8-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octanones 8 and 9 for further elaboration to final products by our previous route² (Scheme 1). Reaction of 1,3-cyclohexadiene 5 with 2-chloropropionyl chloride and Et₃N in ether gave a separable mixture of 8-*endo*- and 8-*exo*-methyl chloro ketones 6 and 7 in a ratio of 3:1. However, separate reduction of each isomer with zinc/copper couple gave the same mixture of products consisting of 95% 8-*endo*-methyl ketone 8 and 5% of 8-*exo*-methyl ketone 9. The structures of ketones 8 and 9 were confirmed by ¹³C NMR spectroscopy and GC/MS (*vide infra*).

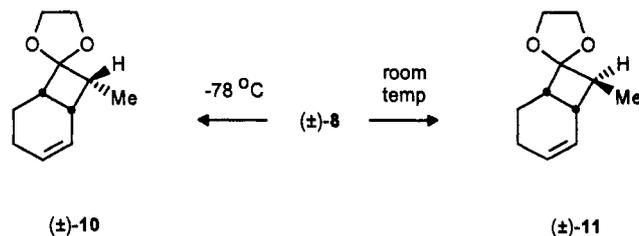
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The ratio of products obtained by ketalization of the purified 8-*endo*-methyl ketone 8 proved to be sensitive to the reaction conditions and temperature. Reaction with ethylene glycol and β -naphthalenesulfonic acid in refluxing benzene gave 8-*endo*-methyl ketal 10 (15%), the epimeric 8-*exo*-methyl ketal 11 (25%), and unreacted ketone 8 (60%), as estimated by ¹H NMR spectroscopy and GC/MS. When the reaction was repeated at a higher temperature in refluxing heptane, all the ketone 8 was consumed, giving a mixture of 65% of the epimeric 8-*exo*-methyl ketal 11 and only 35% of the desired 8-*endo*-methyl ketal 10. These results suggest that the 8-*exo*-methyl ketal 11 is thermodynamically more stable.

In an attempt to obtain a diastereomerically pure ketal, the ketalization was repeated using 1,2-bis[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]ethane in CH₂Cl₂ with trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate as catalyst⁶ at -78 °C. Under these conditions, very little epimerization (about 3%) occurred, giving

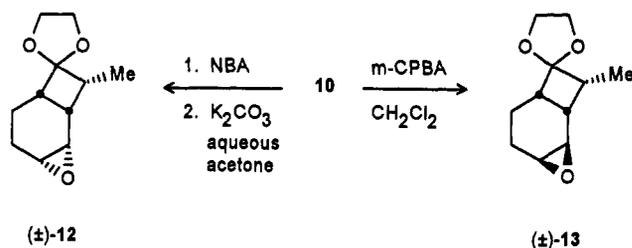


8-*endo*-methyl ketal 10 in 89% yield. Furthermore, it was noticed that as the reaction temperature was raised from

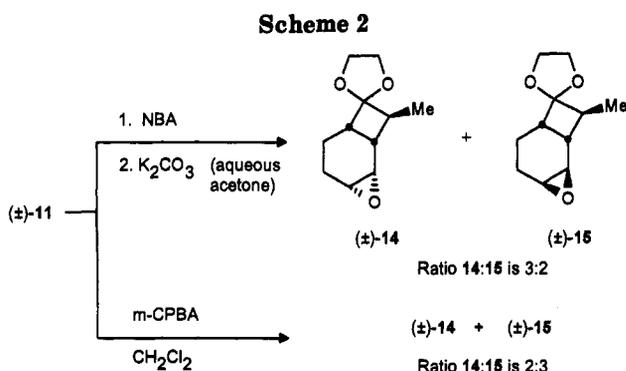
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-78 °C to room temperature, the 8-*endo*-methyl ketal 10 gradually and almost completely (90%) epimerized to the 8-*exo*-methyl ketal 11. Thus, use of 1,2-bis[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]ethane in CH₂Cl₂ with the appropriate choice of temperature permits preparation of either the 8-*exo*- or 8-*endo*-methyl isomer.

Having obtained isomers 10 and 11, it seemed that conversion to the epimeric final products would be routine. Introduction of the lower side chain with the correct stereochemistry required formation of an *endo* epoxide in the cyclohexane ring. Epoxidation of the 8-*endo*-methyl ketal 10 with *N*-bromoacetamide (NBA) and K₂CO₃ gave the desired 2,3-*endo*-epoxide 12 exclusively, whereas use of *m*-CPBA in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature gave only the undesired 2,3-*exo*-epoxide 13. In contrast, reaction of



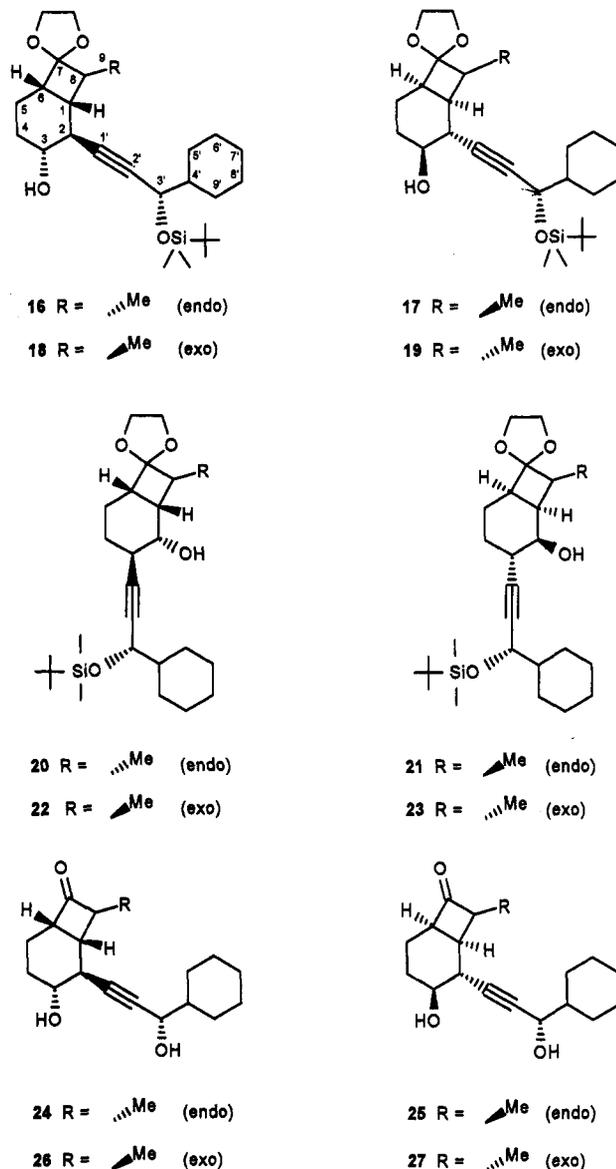
8-*exo*-methyl ketal 11 with NBA/K₂CO₃ gave a separable mixture of the desired *endo*-epoxide 14 (60%) and *exo*-epoxide 15 (40%), whereas reaction with *m*-CPBA gave 40% of the *endo*-epoxide 14 and 60% of 15 as determined by analysis of the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra (Scheme 2).



The assignments of the configuration of the C8-methyl group on the cyclobutane ring⁷⁻¹⁰ were based on the ¹³C NMR data. The ¹³C NMR chemical shift of the C8-Me resonance is shifted upfield when the methyl group is *cis* to the six-membered ring and downfield in the *trans* isomer due to steric compression.⁷ This general rule has been observed in other four-membered ring model compounds such as *cis*- and *trans*-1,2-dimethylcyclobutane⁸ and *cis*- and *trans*-2,3-dimethylloxetanes⁹ as well as in three-, five- and six-membered rings.¹⁰ This same rationale was used to assign the configurations of the four isomers of the epoxide analogues (compounds 12-15). NOE difference spectra were run on the final carbacyclin products (52-

55) to confirm these initial assignments as well as the *E/Z* configuration of the side chain.

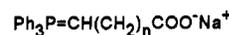
Addition of the lower side chain as described previously² by reaction of epoxide 12 with the chiral lithium acetylide in the presence of BF₃·Et₂O gave regioisomers 16 + 17 and 20 + 21 in a ratio of 10:1. Chromatography and further



treatment of 16 + 17 with dicobalt octacarbonyl in ether followed by separation and cleavage with ceric ammonium nitrate gave the pure enantiomers 16 and 17 (Scheme 3).

Similar treatment of the mixture of *endo*-epoxide 14 and *exo*-epoxide 15 (ratio of 3:2) from Scheme 2 with BF₃·Et₂O and the lithium acetylide gave compounds 18 + 19 as the major and 22 + 23 as the minor product. Pure enantiomers 18 and 19 were derived from the mixture as above. Acid hydrolysis of compounds 16-19 gave ketones 24-27, respectively.

The stage now seemed set for preparing both the target *exo*- and *endo*-isomers of compounds 3 and 4 (X = H) and their acid side-chain homologs. Wittig reaction of 8-*endo*-methyl ketone 24 with ylides 28 and 29 gave the expected 8-*endo*-methyl products 30 and 31, and 34 and 35.



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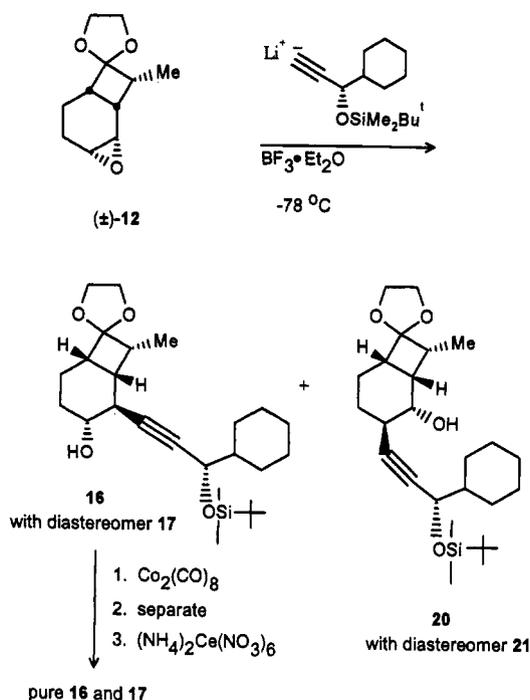
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Scheme 3



However, to our surprise, under the same conditions, the 8-*exo*-methyl ketone 26 gave the same *endo*-methyl products 30, 31, 34, and 35, with none of the *exo*-methyl compounds (32, 33, 36, and 37) isolated. The *ent-epi* 8-*endo*-methyl ketone 25 and 8-*exo*-methyl ketone 27 behaved similarly giving 8-*endo*-methyl analogs 38, 39, 42, and 43. The structural assignments were based on the

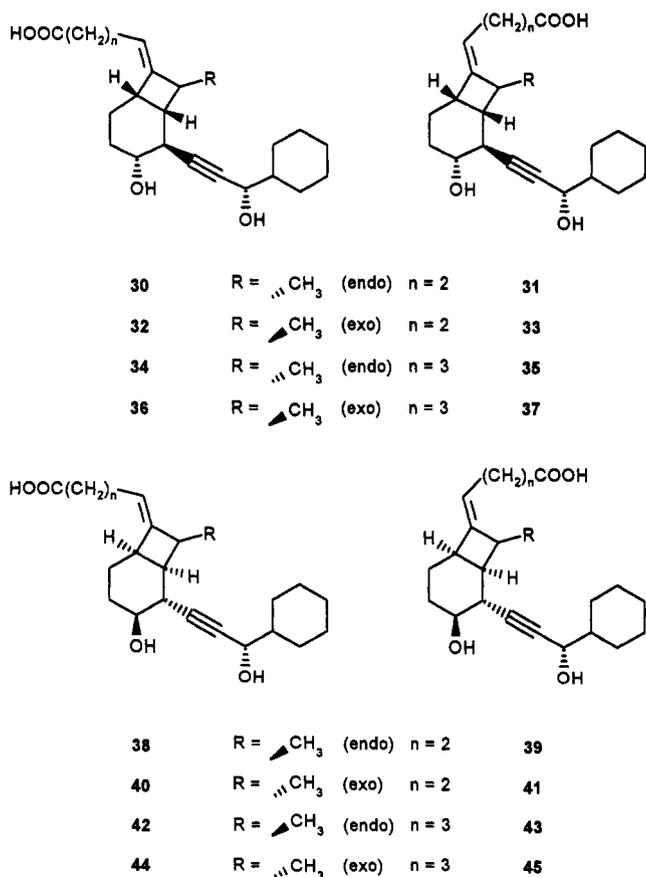


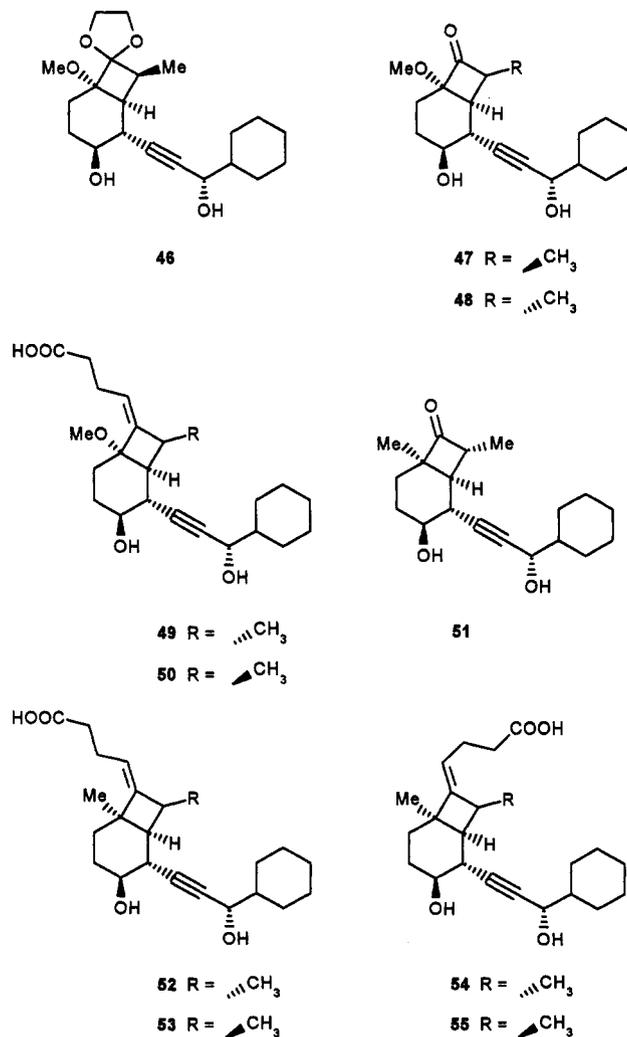
Table 1. Nuclear Overhauser Enhancements

compound	resonance saturated	NOE observed
30 ^a	C ₈ -Me	=CH (no enhancements on H-1 and H-6)
31	C ₈ -Me H-6 H-8	=CHCH ₂ , H-8 H-8, H-1 C ₈ -Me, H-1, H-6

^a The H-8 and H-6 resonances are only separated by 0.10 ppm, making observation of the enhancement between them impossible.

exo approach of the bulky triphenylphosphorane to the carbonyl group. We believe that base-catalyzed equilibration of the 8-*exo*-methyl ketone to a mixture containing the 8-*endo* methyl isomer, and conversion of the latter to product, is faster than the Wittig reaction of the starting ketone. As the more reactive 8-*endo* methyl isomer is removed by reaction, further equilibration eventually leads to exclusive formation of 8-*endo*-methyl olefin. Although base-catalyzed equilibration of the pure 8-*endo*-methyl ketone 24 may take place simultaneously with the Wittig reaction, it too eventually gives rise to only the 8-*endo*-methyl olefin by selection of the 8-*endo* isomer. Thus despite the preparation of isomerically pure precursors, the same stereochemically pure product could presumably have been obtained from a mixture of *exo* and *endo* ketones.

In stark contrast to the above observations, a different outcome is seen in the Wittig reaction when the 8-substituent is accompanied by one at the 6-position. Hydrolysis of ketal 46⁴ (dilute H₂SO₄/acetonitrile/60 °C)



¹H and ¹³C NMR and NOE difference spectra (Table 1). Apparently the 8-*exo*-methyl group restricts the preferred

Table 2. Nuclear Overhauser Enhancements

compound	resonance saturated	NOE observed
49	=CH C ₈ -Me C ₆ -OMe	C ₈ -Me, =CHCH ₂ , H-8 =CH, H-8, H-1 H-1

Table 3. Nuclear Overhauser Enhancements

compound	resonance saturated	NOE observed
52	=CH H-2 C ₈ -Me C ₆ -Me	C ₈ -Me, =CHCH ₂ , H-8 H-1, H-8, =CH H-1
53	=CH C ₈ -Me	C ₈ -Me H-2, H-8, =CH
54	H-8 C ₈ -Me C ₆ -Me	H-2, C ₈ -Me H-8, H-1 =CH, H-1
55	H-1 C ₈ -Me	C ₈ -Me, H-8, H-3 H-2, H-8

caused some epimerization giving 8-endo-methyl ketone 47 containing 20% of 8-*exo*-methyl ketone 48. Further epimerization was observed during purification on silica gel. When 47 and 48 were separately subjected to the Wittig reaction, again each gave the same product. In this case, however, 8-*exo*-methyl compound 49 rather than the 8-*endo* compound 50 was the sole product! The structural assignment was confirmed by NOE experiments (Table 2). It would appear that the presence of a 6-MeO substituent now prevents *exo* attack by the phosphorane, which is forced to react from the more hindered face. In this case, the 8-*exo*-methyl isomer is removed from the equilibrium as that least hindered to *endo*-attack, giving the *exo*-methyl olefin 49.

In view of these two opposing results, we were interested in the effect a smaller 6-methyl substituent might have. The Wittig reaction of 8-*exo*-methyl ketone 51⁵ gave two *Z* isomers, 8-*exo*-methyl compound 52 and 8-*endo*-methyl compound 53 in a ratio of 6:1, with trace amounts of the corresponding *E* isomers 54 and 55. The structures of 52–55 were confirmed by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, and NOE experiments (Table 3). It would therefore appear that this represents an intermediate case, such that reaction of the phosphorane takes place largely, but not exclusively, from the *endo* face.

We have thus shown that the stereochemistry of 8-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octan-7-one derivatives can be controlled during ketalization (and hydrolysis) to give either the *exo* or *endo* isomer; however, Wittig reactions of the stereochemically pure 8-methyl ketones give common products determined by the substituent at C-6.

The PGI₂ analogs inhibited ADP-induced aggregation¹¹ of human platelets *in vitro* with the following activities, relative to PGE₁ = 1.0: 30, 3.9; 31, 3.5; 34, 0.4; 35, 0.2; 38, 2; 39, 0.006; 42, 0.05; 43, 0.001; 49, 147; 52, 23; 53, 4.5; 54, 0.07; 55, 0.11.

Experimental Section

General. All reactions were performed under argon. Melting points are uncorrected. Thin-layer chromatograms were run on glass supported silica gel 60 plates (0.25-mm layer, F-254, E. Merck). Flash chromatography¹² was performed with 40–63 mm silica gel 60 (E. Merck). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker WM-300 instrument as CDCl₃ solutions referenced

to internal SiMe₄. Heteronuclear single frequency decoupling experiments and the attached proton test (APT)¹³ were used to assign the ¹³C NMR spectra. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was freshly distilled from sodium and benzophenone.

8-*exo*-Chloro-8-*endo*-methyl[4.2.0]oct-2-en-7-one (6) and 8-*endo*-Chloro-8-*exo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-7-one (7). A refluxing mixture of cyclohexadiene (50.0 g, 624 mmol) and 2-chloropropionyl chloride (58.4 g, 460 mmol) in ether (400 mL) under nitrogen was treated dropwise with triethylamine (46.7 g, 460 mmol) in ether (300 mL) over 3 h. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h and then filtered, and the filtrate was washed with brine, 1 N HCl and saturated NaHCO₃ and dried (Na₂SO₄). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue distilled to give a mixture of the 8-*exo*-methyl and 8-*endo*-methyl isomers (57.8 g). Chromatography on silica gel, eluting with hexane/CH₂Cl₂ (1:1) gave 6 (40 g, 51%) as an oil: IR (neat) 1778 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.50 (s, 3 H, H-9), 1.50, 2.00 (2 m, 2 H, H-5), 2.00 (m, 2 H, H-4), 3.14 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 1.3, 3.0, 5.8 Hz, H-1), 4.14 (m, 1 H, H-6), 5.87 (bd, 1 H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, H-2), 6.01 (m, 1 H, H-3); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 18.71 (t, C-5), 19.38 (q, C-9), 21.34 (t, C-4), 40.40 (d, C-1), 54.69 (d, C-6), 77.19 (s, C-8), 124.19 (d, C-2), 131.76 (d, C-3), 206.01 (s, C-7); MS *m/z* 170 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₁ClO: C, 63.35; H, 6.50; Cl, 20.78. Found: C, 63.41; H, 6.51; Cl, 20.82; and 7 (12.0 g, 15.3%) as an oil: IR (neat) 1778 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.60, 2.08 (2 m, 2 H, H-5), 1.82 (s, 3 H, H-9), 2.08 (m, 2 H, H-4), 2.96 (m, 1 H, H-1), 3.74 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 3.2, 6.0, 9.4 Hz, H-6), 5.83 (dm, 1 H, *J* = 9.9 Hz, H-2), 6.00 (bddd, 1 H, *J* = 5.4, 5.4, 9.9 Hz, H-3); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 18.98 (t, C-5), 20.98 (t, C-4), 26.41 (q, C-9), 38.01 (d, C-1), 52.40 (d, C-6), 76.04 (s, C-8), 124.63 (d, C-2), 130.29 (d, C-3), 206.58 (s, C-7); MS *m/z* 170 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₈H₁₁ClO: C, 63.35; H, 6.50; Cl, 20.78. Found: C, 63.10; H, 6.55; Cl, 20.90.

8-*endo*-Methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-en-7-one (8). To a mixture of 6 (40.0 g, 234 mmol) and NH₄Cl (60.0 g, 1122 mmol) in ethanol (250 mL) at room temperature was added zinc/copper couple (40 g) in portions. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h, diluted with ether, and filtered. The filtrate was washed with brine and dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, eluting with hexane–CH₂Cl₂ (1:1) to give 8 as an oil (25.9 g, 83%), containing 5% of 9.

8: IR (neat) 1770 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.99 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-9), 1.50, 2.00 (2 m, 2 H, H-5), 2.00 (m, 2 H, H-4), 3.02 (bdd, 1 H, *J* = 9.8, 9.8 Hz, H-1), 3.41 (ddq, 1 H, *J* = 2.2, 7.3, 9.8 Hz, H-8), 3.60 (m, 1 H, H-6), 5.76 (bd, 1 H, *J* = 9.9 Hz, H-2), 5.95 (m, 1 H, H-3); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 8.90 (q, C-9), 18.64 (t, C-5), 21.46 (t, C-4), 27.78 (d, C-1), 55.40 (d, C-6), 55.54 (d, C-8), 125.62 (d, C-2), 130.29 (d, C-3), 214.08 (s, C-7); MS *m/z* 136 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₉H₁₂O: C 79.37; H, 8.88. Found: C, 79.29; H, 8.88.

9 (as a mixture with 8): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.26 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-9).

Spiro[8-*endo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-7,2'-(1',3'-dioxolane)] (10). A mixture of 8 (680 mg, 5.0 mmol) and 1,2-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)ethane (2.1 g, 10.2 mmol) was cooled to –78 °C under N₂ and Me₃SiOTf (40 μL, 0.2 mmol) was added in portions (4 × 10 μL). The reaction mixture was stirred for a total of 16 h at –78 °C and then quenched by addition of excess pyridine. The mixture was then poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and extracted with ether. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure and chromatography of the residue on silica gel, eluting with 5% acetone/hexane, gave 10 (800 mg, 89%) as an oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.90 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, H-9), 1.55, 1.73 (2 m, 2 H, H-5), 1.80, 2.27 (2 m, 2 H, H-4), 2.58 (m, 1 H, H-1), 2.70 (m, 1 H, H-8), 2.78 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.82 (m, 4 H, ketal), 5.64 (bd, 1 H, *J* = 9.2 Hz, H-2), 5.94 (m, 1 H, H-3); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 9.68 (q, C-9), 19.40 (t, C-5), 21.93 (t, C-4), 27.34 (d, C-1), 42.68 (d, C-6), 43.07 (d, C-8), 63.51, 65.47 (2 t, ketal), 111.40 (s, C-7), 125.62 (d, C-2), 129.61 (d, C-3); MS *m/z* 180 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₆O₂: C, 73.30; H, 8.95. Found: C, 73.20; H, 9.00.

Spiro[8-*exo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-7,2'-(1',3'-dioxolane)] (11). Following the procedure for 10 above at room temperature instead of –78 °C gave 11 as an oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃,

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300 MHz) δ 1.05 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, H-9), 1.60–2.10 (2 m, 4 H, H-4, H-5), 2.04 (m, 1 H, H-1), 2.40 (dq, 1 H, $J = 7.0, 9.2$ Hz, H-8), 2.53 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.89 (m, 4 H, ketal), 5.81 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-3); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 12.76 (q, C-9), 20.79 (t, C-4), 22.08 (t, C-5), 32.83 (d, C-1), 42.44 (d, C-6), 48.39 (d, C-8), 63.89, 64.51 (2 t, ketal), 109.29 (s, C-7), 127.88 (d, C-2), 128.54 (d, C-3); MS m/z 181 (MH^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$: C, 73.30; H, 8.95. Found: C, 73.21; H, 8.97.

(1*S**,2*S**,4*R**,7*S**)-Spiro[3-oxa-9-endo-methyltricyclo[5.2.0.0^{2,4}]nonane-8,2'-(1',3'-dioxolane)] (12). To a stirred solution of 10 (5.0 g, 27.8 mmol) in acetone (40 mL) and water (20 mL) at 0 °C was added *N*-bromoacetamide (4.70 g, 34.1 mmol) over 1 h. This mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h and then treated with K_2CO_3 (12.4 g, 89.7 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 days. The mixture was saturated with sodium chloride and extracted with ether (4 \times 150 mL), and the combined extracts were washed with saturated NaCl solution (100 mL) and dried (Na_2SO_4). Removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and chromatography of the residue on silica gel eluting with 25% acetone/hexane gave 12 (3.07 g, 15.7 mmol, 56.3%) as an oil: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.23 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H-9), 1.30, 2.03 (2 m, 2 H, H-4), 1.65 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 4.5, 13.2, 13.2$ Hz, H-5 β), 1.90 (m, 1 H, H-5 α), 2.47 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 2.6, 9.8, 10.0$ Hz, H-1), 2.55 (m, 1 H, H-6), 2.92 (ddq, $J = 2.1, 7.6, 9.8$ Hz, H-8), 3.11 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-3), 3.85 (m, 4 H, ketal); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 10.29 (q, C-9), 14.75 (t, C-5), 21.76 (t, C-4), 26.70 (d, C-1), 41.39 (d, C-6), 44.61 (d, C-8), 49.62 (d, C-2), 51.19 (d, C-3), 63.46 and 65.26 (2 t, ketal), 109.78 (s, C-7); HRMS m/z exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ 196.109945, found 196.110809.

(1*S**,2*R**,4*S**,7*S**)-Spiro[3-oxa-9-endo-methyltricyclo[5.2.0.0^{2,4}]nonane-8,2'-(1',3'-dioxolane)] (13). *m*-CPBA (85%, 136 mg, 0.67 mmol) was added to a solution of 10 (100 mg, 0.56 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 5 h. The organic phase was washed with saturated NaHCO_3 (3 mL) and the aqueous phase reextracted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL). The organic phases were combined, dried (Na_2SO_4), and evaporated. The residual oil was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/acetone 4:1) to give 13 (86 mg, 78.6%) as an oil: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.03 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, H-9), 1.40, 1.57 (2 m, 2 H, H-4), 1.92, 2.33 (2 m, 2 H, H-5), 2.52 (m, 2 H, H-1, H-6), 2.82 (m, 1 H, H-8), 3.07 (d, 1 H, $J = 4.1$ Hz, H-2), 3.27 (m, 1 H, H-3), 3.90 (m, 4 H, ketal); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 8.90 (q, C-9), 16.10 (t, C-5), 20.76 (t, C-4), 25.85 (d, C-1), 40.31 (d, C-6), 41.59 (d, C-8), 52.04 (d, C-2), 53.99 (d, C-3), 63.81 and 65.55 (2 t, ketal), 111.46 (s, C-7); HRMS m/z exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$ 196.109945, found 196.110809. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$: C, 67.32; H, 8.22. Found: C, 67.41; H, 8.34.

(1*S**,2*S**,4*R**,7*S**)-Spiro[3-oxa-9-exo-methyltricyclo[5.2.0.0^{2,4}]nonane-8,2'-(1',3'-dioxolane)] (14) and (1*S**,2*R**,4*S**,7*S**)-Spiro[3-oxa-9-exo-methyltricyclo[5.2.0.0^{2,4}]nonane-8,2'-(1',3'-dioxolane)] (15). The reaction of 11 using conditions described above for 12 gave 14 and 15 in a ratio of 3:2. Reaction of 11 using conditions as for 13 gave 14 and 15 in a ratio of 2:3.

14 (as mixture with 15): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.07 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, H-9), 2.96 (bdq, 1 H, $J = 7.0, 9.5$ Hz, H-8), 3.12 (dd, 1 H, $J = 4.2, 4.2$ Hz, H-2), 3.21 (bdd, 1 H, $J = 3.4, 4.2$ Hz, H-3), 3.85 (m, 4 H, ketal); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 12.09 (q, C-9), 15.78 (t, C-5), 21.97 (t, C-4), 31.09 (d, C-1), 41.16 (d, C-6), 42.74 (d, C-8), 50.96 (d, C-2), 52.48 (d, C-3), 63.96 and 64.58 (2 t, ketal), 109.69 (s, C-7).

15 (as mixture with 14): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 1.11 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, H-9); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ 14.02 (q, C-9), 16.22 (t, C-5), 21.16 (t, C-4), 31.33 (d, C-1), 39.63 (d, C-6), 43.91 (d, C-8), 52.78 (d, C-2), 53.20 (d, C-3), 64.02 and 64.52 (2 t, ketal), 108.81 (s, C-7).

14 + 15: ms m/z 196 (M^+). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$: C, 67.32; H, 8.22. Found: C, 67.24; H, 8.25.

Mixture of (3*S*,1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,6*S*)-spiro[2-[3'-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy]-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl]-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7,2''-(1',3''-dioxolane)] (16) and (3*S*,1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-spiro[2-[3'-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy]-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl]-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7,2''-(1',3''-dioxolane)] (17). To a mixture of (S)-3-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-3-cyclohexyl-1-propyne (6.45 g, 25.5 mmol) in THF (48 mL) at 0 °C under

argon was added over 20 min *n*-BuLi (1.37 M, 15.96 mL, 21.9 mmol) in hexane. The resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C and treated with stirring with 12 (3.6 g, 18.4 mmol) in THF (18 mL) followed by $\text{BF}_3\cdot\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ (2.26 mL, 18.4 mmol) dropwise over 25 min. After addition of saturated Na_2SO_4 solution (25 mL), the mixture was warmed to room temperature and extracted thoroughly with EtOAc. The combined extracts were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated *in vacuo*, and the oily residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using 2% acetone/ CH_2Cl_2 to give regioisomers 16 + 17 (4.6 g, 55.8%) and 20 + 21 (0.4 g, 4.8%) as oils.

16 + 17: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 0.08 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.11 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.90 (s, 9 H, Si*t*Bu), 1.01 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, H-9), 2.16 (m, 1 H, H-1), 2.38 (m, 1 H, OH), 2.50 (bdd, 1 H, $J = 8.2, 8.2$ Hz, H-6), 2.65 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-8), 3.37 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 2.2, 10.5, 10.5$ Hz, H-3), 3.90 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.08 (m, 1 H, H-3'); HRMS m/z exact mass calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{44}\text{SiO}_4$ 391.230464, found 391.229665.

20 + 21: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 0.08 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.10 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.90 (s, 9 H, Si*t*Bu), 1.24 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H-9), 2.57 (m, 2 H, H-1, H-6), 2.70 (m, 1 H, H-3), 2.78 (dq, 1 H, $J = 4.5, 7.6$ Hz, H-8), 3.47 (d, 1 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, OH), 3.93 (m, 1 H, H-2), 3.93 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.06 (dd, 1 H, $J = 1.4, 6.3$ Hz, H-3'). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{44}\text{SiO}_4$: C, 69.60; H, 9.88. Found: C, 69.30; H, 9.91.

Separation of 16 and 17. The diastereomeric mixture 16 + 17 (4.5 g, 10.0 mmol) in ether (200 mL) was treated with dicobalt octacarbonyl (5.1 g, 14.9 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred at 23 °C for 2 h. The mixture was diluted with ether (200 mL) and filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to an oil. Purification by flash chromatography using 12% EtOAc/hexane gave two components: A (high R_f) and B (low R_f). Component A (2.7 g) was dissolved in acetone/water (9:1) (150 mL), to which was added ceric ammonium nitrate (10.1 g, 18.4 mmol). After 2 min this mixture was diluted with water (200 mL) and the product isolated by extraction with ether. After drying and evaporation there was obtained 16 (1.5 g, 33.3%) as an oil. Similarly, component B (3.1 g) was converted to 17 (1.62 g, 36.0%).

16: $[\alpha]_D^{25} -9.5^\circ$ (c 0.31, MeOH); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 0.08 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.11 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.90 (s, 9 H, Si*t*Bu), 1.01 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, H-9), 2.17 (m, 1 H, H-1), 2.37 (bd, 1 H, $J = 1.3$ Hz, OH), 2.50 (bdd, 1 H, $J = 8.0, 8.0$ Hz, H-6), 2.66 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-8), 3.36 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 3.6, 10.3, 10.3$ Hz, H-3), 3.90 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.08 (dd, 1 H, $J = 1.6, 6.2$ Hz, H-3'); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ -5.01 q, -4.36 q (SiMe₂), 8.01 (q, C-9), 18.27 (s, SiC), 20.70 (t, C-5), 25.84 (q, *t*-Bu), 26.05 (t, C-6'), 26.61 (t, C-7), 27.68 t, 28.79 t (C-5', C-9'), 29.57 (t, C-4), 35.47 (d, C-1), 36.18 (d, C-2), 41.55 (d, C-6), 43.04 (d, C-8), 45.18 (d, C-4'), 64.31, 65.57 (2 t, ketal), 67.83 (d, C-3'), 71.96 (d, C-3), 84.31 (s, C-2'), 85.93 (s, C-1'), 112.17 (s, C-7). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{44}\text{SiO}_4$: C, 69.60; H, 9.88. Found: C, 69.52; H, 9.95.

17: $[\alpha]_D^{25} -59.6^\circ$ (c 0.74, MeOH); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 0.09 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.12 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.90 (s, 9 H, Si*t*Bu), 1.01 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.1$ Hz, H-9), 2.16 (m, 1 H, H-1), 2.36 (bs, 1 H, OH), 2.49 (bdd, 1 H, $J = 7.9, 7.9$ Hz, H-6), 2.65 (m, 2 H, H-2, H-8), 3.36 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 3.4, 10.4, 10.4$ Hz, H-3), 3.92 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.09 (dd, 1 H, $J = 1.4, 6.2$ Hz, H-3'); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz) δ -4.99 q, -4.37 q (SiMe₂), 8.00 (q, C-9), 18.28 (s, SiC), 20.67 (t, C-5), 25.85 (q, *t*-Bu), 26.06 (t, C-6', C-8'), 26.60 (t, C-7), 28.69 t, 28.74 t (C-5', C-9'), 29.56 (t, C-4), 35.43 (d, C-1), 36.12 (d, C-2), 41.55 (d, C-6), 43.04 (d, C-8), 45.20 (d, C-4'), 64.30, 65.57 (2 t, ketal), 67.85 (d, C-3'), 71.91 (d, C-3), 84.27 (s, C-2'), 85.98 (s, C-1'), 112.17 (s, C-7); MS m/z 447 [$\text{M} - \text{H}^+$]. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{44}\text{SiO}_4$: C, 69.60; H, 9.88. Found: C, 69.35; H, 9.94.

(3*S*,1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,6*S*)-Spiro[2-[3'-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy]-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl]-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7,2''-(1',3''-dioxolane)] (18) and (3*S*,1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-Spiro[2-[3'-[(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy]-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl]-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7,2''-(1',3''-dioxolane)] (19). 12 was replaced with 8-*exo*-methyl isomers 14 + 15, and the regioisomers 18 + 19 (45.6%) and 22 + 23 (7.5%) were prepared as above.

18 + 19: ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 300 MHz) δ 0.09 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.12 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.90 (s, 9 H, Si*t*Bu), 1.11 (d, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, H-9), 2.29 (dq, 1 H, $J = 3.0, 7.2$ Hz, H-8), 2.61 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 1.7, 8.8, 8.8$ Hz, H-2), 2.69 (ddd, 1 H, $J = 3.2, 8.0, 8.8$ Hz, H-6), 3.42 (dddd, 1 H, $J = 2.2, 4.0, 10.0, 10.0$ Hz, H-3), 3.85 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.09 (dd, 1 H, $J = 1.7, 6.3$ Hz, H-3'); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 75.5 MHz), δ

-4.96, -4.31 (2q, SiMe₂), 14.97 (q, C-9), 18.30 (s, SiC), 19.49 (t, C-5), 25.87 (q, *t*-Bu), 26.05 (t, C-6', C-8'), 26.61 (t, C-7'), 28.69 and 28.80 (2 t, C-5', C-9'), 29.37 (t, C-4), 38.98 (d, C-1), 40.15 (d, C-6), 40.73 (d, C-2), 45.16 (d, C-4'), 47.28 (d, C-8), 64.05, 64.19 (2 t, ketal), 67.86 (d, C-3'), 71.27 (d, C-3), 84.25 (s, C-2'), 84.31 (s, C-1'), 110.60 (s, C-7); MS *m/z* 447 (M⁺ - H). Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₄₄SiO₄: C, 69.60; H, 9.88. Found: C, 69.44; H, 9.72.

22 + 23: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.09 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.12 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.91 (s, 9 H, Si_tBu), 1.12 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-9), 2.18 (m, 1 H, H-3), 2.23 (nm, 1 H, OH), 2.42 (dq, 1 H, *J* = 3.6, 7.3 Hz, H-8), 2.87 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 3.0, 9.6, 9.6 Hz, H-6), 3.73 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.5, 8.7 Hz, H-2), 3.85 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.09 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 1.9, 6.4 Hz, H-3'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ -4.99 q, -4.34 q (SiMe₂), 14.83 (q, C-9), 18.30 (s, SiC), 19.99 (t, C-5), 25.88 (q, *t*-Bu), 26.06 (t, C-6', C-8'), 26.59 (t, C-7'), 27.96 (t, C-4), 28.74 and 28.78 (2 t, C-5', C-9'), 35.95 (d, C-3), 40.15 (d, C-1), 41.46 (d, C-6), 45.11 (d, C-4'), 46.75 (d, C-8), 64.15, 64.19 (2 t, ketal), 67.87 (d, C-3'), 75.73 (d, C-3), 84.10 (s, C-2'), 84.11 (s, C-1'), 110.79 (s, C-7); HRMS *m/z* exact mass calcd for C₂₈H₄₄SiO₄ 391.230464, found 391.229665.

Separation of 18 and 19. Replacing the diastereomeric mixture 16 + 17 with the 8-*exo*-methylisomers 18 + 19 and following the procedure above gave:

18 (32.4%): [α]_D²⁵ -7.2° (c 0.5, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.09 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.12 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.90 (s, 9 H, Si_tBu), 1.11 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-9), 2.29 (dq, 1 H, *J* = 7.3, 9.8 Hz, H-8), 2.61 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 1.8, 10.0, 10.0 Hz, H-2), 2.70 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.40 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 2.0, 9.8, 9.8 Hz, H-3), 3.85 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.10 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 1.8, 6.3 Hz, H-3'); MS *m/z* 391 (M - C₄H₉)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₄₄SiO₄·0.5H₂O: C, 68.23; H, 9.91. Found: C, 68.32; H, 9.88.

19 (36.4%): [α]_D²⁵ -43.6° (c 0.44, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 0.09 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.12 (s, 3 H, SiMe), 0.90 (s, 9 H, Si_tBu), 1.11 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, H-9), 2.28 (dq, 1 H, *J* = 7.3, 9.8 Hz, H-8), 2.61 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 1.8, 10.0, 10.0 Hz, H-2), 2.70 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.41 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 2.0, 9.8, 9.8 Hz, H-3), 3.85 (m, 4 H, ketal), 4.10 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 1.8, 6.3 Hz, H-3'); MS *m/z* 391 (M - C₄H₉)⁺. Anal. Calcd for C₂₈H₄₄SiO₄: C, 69.60; H, 9.88. Found: C, 69.39; H, 10.19.

(3'S,1S,2S,3R,6S)-2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-*endo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7-one (24). A solution of 16 (110 mg, 0.25 mmol), acetonitrile (3 mL), and 2 N sulfuric acid (1.5 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction was quenched by neutralization with aqueous NaHCO₃ and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The extracts were dried (MgSO₄) and evaporated to dryness, and the residue was purified by short column silica gel chromatography. Elution with ethyl acetate/hexane (7:3) gave 24 (68 mg, 82%): mp 140–142 °C; [α]_D²⁵ +72.6° (c 0.35, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 1770 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.18 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H-9), 2.05 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 1.6, 9.8, 10.4 Hz, H-2), 2.19 (d, 1 H, *J* = 5.3 Hz, OH), 2.64 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 9.8, 9.8, 9.8 Hz, H-1), 2.65 (bs, 1 H, OH), 3.29 (bdd, 1 H, *J* = 7.7, 7.7 Hz, H-6), 3.50 (m, 2 H, H-3, H-8), 4.18 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 1.6, 5.3, 6.0 Hz, H-9'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 7.97 (q, C-9), 19.56 (t, C-5), 25.90 and 25.92 (2 t, C-6', C-8'), 26.48 (t, C-7'), 28.19 and 28.20 (2 t, C-5', C-9'), 30.10 (t, C-4), 34.21 (d, C-1), 38.27 (d, C-2), 44.37 (d, C-4'), 54.31 (d, C-6), 55.97 (d, C-8), 67.27 (d, C-3'), 71.15 (d, C-3), 84.09 (s, C-2'), 85.68 (s, C-1'), 208.40 (s, C-7); MS *m/z* 272 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₃: C, 74.45; H, 9.02. Found: C, 74.82, H, 9.22.

(3'S,1R,2R,3S,6R)-2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-*endo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7-one (25). Replacing 16 with 17 as above gave 25 (83%) as an oil: [α]_D²⁵ -54.4° (c 0.4, CHCl₃); IR (neat) 1770 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.18 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, H-9), 2.05 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 1.7, 9.7, 10.5 Hz, H-2), 2.51 (bs, 1 H, OH), 2.65 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 9.7, 9.7, 9.7 Hz, H-1), 3.29 (bdd, 1 H, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, H-6), 3.50 (m, 2 H, H-3, H-8), 4.20 (nm, 1 H, H-3'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 7.97 (q, C-9), 19.54 (t, C-5), 25.90 (t, C-6', C-8'), 26.47 (t, C-7'), 28.23 and 28.75 (2 t, C-5', C-9'), 29.98 (t, C-4), 34.20 (d, C-1), 38.31 (d, C-2), 44.36 (d, C-4'), 54.35 (d, C-6), 55.97 (d, C-8), 67.27 (d, C-3'), 71.13 (d, C-3), 84.29 (s, C-2'), 85.56 (s, C-1'), 208.29 (s, C-7); HRMS *m/z* exact mass calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₃ 272.177630, found 272.176635. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₃: C, 74.45; H, 9.02. Found: C, 74.73; H, 9.34.

(3'S,1S,2S,3R,6S)-2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-*exo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7-one (26). Replacing 16 by 18 as above gave 26 (85%): mp 125–128 °C; [α]_D²⁵ +36.5° (c 0.35, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 1770 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.34 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-9), 1.93 (d, 1 H, *J* = 5.3 Hz, OH), 2.23 (m, 2 H, H-1, H-2), 2.33 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.0 Hz, OH), 3.05 (m, 1 H, H-8), 3.52 (m, 2 H, H-3, H-6), 4.19 (bdd, 1 H, *J* = 5.3, 5.7 Hz, H-3'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 15.90 (q, C-9), 19.09 (t, C-5), 25.88 and 25.91 (2 t, C-6', C-8'), 26.47 (t, C-7'), 28.21 and 28.79 (2 t, C-5', C-9'), 29.70 (t, C-4), 37.68 (d, C-2), 41.77 (d, C-1), 44.36 (d, C-4'), 53.85 (d, C-6), 60.69 (d, C-8), 67.32 (d, C-3'), 70.66 (d, C-3), 84.14 (s, C-2'), 85.31 (s, C-1'), 211.93 (s, C-7); MS *m/z* 290 (M⁺). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₃: C, 74.45; H, 9.02. Found: C, 74.73; H, 9.34.

(3'S,1R,2R,3S,6R)-2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-*exo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]octane-7-one (27). Replacing 16 with 19 as above gave 27 (86%) as a gum: [α]_D²⁵ -25.7° (c 0.43, CHCl₃); IR (neat) 1770 cm⁻¹ (C=O); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.34 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, H-9), 2.23 (m, 2 H, H-1, H-2), 3.04 (m, 1 H, H-8), 3.52 (m, 2 H, H-3, H-6), 4.20 (bd, 1 H, *J* = 5.7 Hz, H-3'); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 15.89 (q, C-9), 19.08 (t, C-5), 25.91 (t, C-6', C-8'), 26.48 (t, C-7'), 28.20 and 28.77 (2 t, C-5', C-9'), 29.71 (t, C-4), 37.69 (d, C-2), 41.75 (d, C-1), 44.36 (d, C-4'), 53.83 (d, C-6), 60.70 (d, C-8), 67.30 (d, C-3'), 70.69 (d, C-3), 84.11 (s, C-2'), 85.33 (s, C-1'), 211.94 (s, C-7); HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₃ *m/z* 290.188195, found 290.188002.

(Z)-(3'S,1S,2S,3R,6S)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-*endo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic Acid (30) and (E)-(3'S,1S,2S,3R,6S)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-*endo*-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic Acid (31). A stock solution of dimethyl sodium was prepared by dissolving NaH (0.6 g of 50% dispersion in mineral oil; 12.5 mmol) in DMSO (10 mL) at 65 °C under nitrogen. To a stirred slurry of (3-carboxypropyl)-triphenylphosphonium bromide (1.13 g, 2.6 mmol) in DMSO (5 mL) under nitrogen was added the above stock solution (4.0 mL, 5.0 mmol). After 20 min at 23 °C, a solution of 24 (180 mg, 0.62 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was added in one portion. After 4 h at 23 °C the mixture was poured into 5% Na₂CO₃ solution (15 mL), washed with ethyl acetate (2 × 30 mL), and then acidified with concd HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether (3 × 50 mL) and the combined extract was concentrated to 20 mL and kept at -20 °C for 2 h. The resulting precipitate was filtered off and discarded. Evaporation of the filtrate gave an oil (300 mg) which was purified by silica gel flash chromatography eluting with AcOH/EtOAc/hexane (0.25:75:25) to give an oil (230 mg). Further purification by flash chromatography eluting with AcOH/methanol/dichloromethane (0.2:5:3:94.5) gave 30 and 31.

First eluted was 31 (73 mg, 32.6%): [α]_D²⁵ +101.5° (c 0.41, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.29 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7 Hz, 8αMe), 2.30* (1 H, H-1β), 2.40* (2 H, =CHCH₂), 2.75 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.12 (m, 1 H, H-8), 3.39 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 3.6, 6 Hz, H-3), 4.16 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2, 6 Hz, H-3'), 4.99 (m, 1 H, =CH) (*observed by other resonances); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 13.25 (q, C-9), 22.19 (t, C-5), 22.94 (t, CH₂CH=), 25.92 (t, C-6' or C-8'), 25.98 (t, C-6' or C-8'), 26.53 (t, C-7'), 28.07 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 28.78 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 28.84 (t, C-4), 35.01 (t, CH₂COO), 36.45 (d, C-2), 39.21 (d, C-6), 41.42 (d, C-1), 41.75 (d, C-8), 44.21 (d, C-4'), 67.32 (d, C-3'), 71.91 (d, C-3), 82.51 (s, C-1'), 87.81 (s, C-2'), 116.06 (d, =CH), 145.51 (s, C-7), 177.10 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 342 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂O₄·0.5H₂O: C, 71.51; H, 9.00. Found: C 71.49; H, 9.12.

The second eluted was 30 (36 mg, 16%): mp 46–51 °C; [α]_D²⁵ +103.1° (c 0.37, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.04 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 8αMe), 2.35* (3 H, =CHCH₂, H-1), 2.91 (m, 1 H, H-8), 3.01 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.45 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 3, 6, 6 Hz, H-3), 4.15 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2, 6 Hz, H-3'), 5.05 (m, 1 H, =CH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 11.92 (q, C-9), 22.84 (t, C-5), 23.77 (t, CH₂-CH=), 25.94 (t, C-6', C-8'), 25.97 (t, C-7'), 28.11 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 28.80 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 29.84 (t, C-4), 34.63 (t, CH₂COO), 36.38 (d, C-2), 39.70 (d, C-6), 40.61 (d, C-1), 40.96 (d, C-8), 44.37 (d, C-4'), 67.30 (d, C-3'), 71.93 (d, C-3), 82.84 (s, C-1'), 87.35 (s, C-2'), 116.47 (d, CH=), 146.56 (s, C-7), 176.78 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 342 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂O₄: C, 73.30; H, 8.95. Found: C 73.30; H, 9.16.

(*Z*)-(3'*S*,1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,6*S*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]pentanoic Acid (34) and (*E*)-(3'*S*,1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,6*S*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]pentanoic Acid (35). Prepared from 29 as above; first eluted was 35 (24.4%): mp 36–41 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 82.9^\circ$ (c 0.27, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.25 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, H-8αMe), 1.53 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 2.10 (m, 2 H, =CHCH₂), 2.36 (t, 2 H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₂COOH), 2.38 (m, 1 H, H-2), 2.67 (nm, 1 H, H-6), 3.15 (bdq, 1 H, *J* = 6.6, 7.0 Hz, H-6), 3.39 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 1.5, 9.3, 9.3 Hz, H-3), 4.15 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 1.8, 6.0 Hz, H-3'), 5.01 (bt, 1 H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, =CH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 13.55 (q, C-9), 22.15 (t, C-5), 25.32 (t, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 25.88 (t, C-6' or C-8'), 26.47 (t, C-7'), 26.52 (t, CH₂CH=), 28.09 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 28.76 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 28.94 (t, C-4), 33.35 (t, CH₂COO), 36.67 (d, C-2), 38.99 (d, C-6), 41.13 (d, C-8), 41.39 (d, C-1), 44.29 (d, C-4'), 64.26 (d, C-3'), 71.73 (d, C-3), 82.98 (s, C-1'), 87.38 (s, C-2'), 117.21 (d, =CH), 145.30 (s, C-7), 178.27 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 356 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄: C, 73.76; H, 9.50. Found: C, 73.87; H, 9.42.

The second eluted was 34 (29.1%): mp 31–38 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 107.6^\circ$ (c 0.25, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.05 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H-8αMe), 1.54 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 2.08 (m, 2 H, CHCH=), 2.35 (m, 2 H, CH₂COOH), 2.35 (m, 1H, H-2), 2.92 (bdq, 1 H, *J* = 6.6, 6.8 Hz, H-8), 3.01 (nm, 1H, H-6), 3.40 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 3.6, 9.4, 9.4 Hz, H-3), 4.14 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 1.9, 4.6 Hz, H-3'), 5.03 (bt, 1 H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH=); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 11.95 (q, C-9), 23.84 (t, C-5), 25.21 (t, CH₂CH₂CH₂), 25.93 (t, C-6' or C-8'), 25.95 (t, C-6' or C-8'), 26.40 (t, CH₂CH=), 26.51 (t, C-7'), 28.12 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 28.77 (t, C-5' or C-9'), 29.94 (t, C-4), 33.29 (t, CH₂COOH), 36.38 (d, C-2), 39.63 (d, C-8), 40.65 (d, C-1), 40.92 (d, C-6), 44.38 (d, C-4'), 67.31 (d, C-3'), 71.91 (d, C-3), 82.90 (s, C-1'), 87.31 (s, C-2'), 117.34 (d, CH=), 146.07 (s, C-7), 178.41 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 356 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄: C, 73.76; H, 9.15. Found: C, 73.71; H, 9.16.

Replacing 24 with 25 as above gave (*Z*)-(3'*S*,1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-4-[2-(3'-hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic Acid (38) (15.1%): mp 50–56 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 106.9^\circ$ (c 0.12, CHCl₃); ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to 30; MS *m/z* 342 (M⁺ - H₂O); HRMS exact mass calcd for (M⁺ - H₂O) 342.219496, found 342.219989. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂O₄·0.6H₂O: C, 71.17; H, 9.01. Found: C, 71.03; H, 9.08.

(*E*)-(3'*S*,1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic acid (39) (31%): gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 93.8^\circ$ (c 0.37, CHCl₃); ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to 31; MS *m/z* 342 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂O₄·1.75H₂O: C, 67.40; H, 9.13. Found: C, 67.01; H, 8.87.

(*Z*)-(3'*S*,1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]pentanoic acid (42) (31%): gum; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 90.8^\circ$ (c 0.19, CHCl₃); ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to 34; MS *m/z* 356 (M⁺ - H₂O). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄: C, 73.76; H, 9.15. Found: C, 73.83; H, 9.18.

(*E*)-(3'*S*,1*R*,2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]pentanoic acid (43) (24%): $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 71.9^\circ$ (c 0.42, CHCl₃); ¹H and ¹³C NMR are identical to 35; MS *m/z* 356 (M⁺ - H₂O); HRMS exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄ 374.245711, found 374.243208. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄·0.1H₂O: C, 73.41; H, 9.16. Found: C, 73.03, H, 9.51.

(*Z*)-(3'*S*,1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methoxy-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic Acid (49). Replacing 28 with 47 or 48, following the procedure for 30 and 31, and performing the reaction at 60 °C instead of room temperature gave 49 (27.4%): foam; $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 15^\circ$ (c 0.27, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.14 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 8αMe), 2.27 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 6.8 Hz, H-1), 2.3–2.5 (bm, 4 H, =CHCH₂CH₂COOH), 2.48* (1 H, H-8), 2.56 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 7.2, 7.2, 1.5 Hz, H-2), 3.25 (s, 3 H, C6-OMe), 3.89 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 7.2, 5.5, 5.3 Hz, H-3), 4.15 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.9, 1.5 Hz, H-3'), 5.23 (bt, 1 H, *J* = 6.0 Hz, =CH) (*obscured by other resonances); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 17.68 (q, 8αMe), 23.05 (t, C-5), 25.60 (t, =CHCH₂), 25.90 (t, C-6'), 26.44 (t, C-7'), 28.66 (t, C-4), 34.23 (t, CH₂COOH), 35.71 (d, C-2), 36.88 (d, C-8), 44.27 (d, C-4'), 45.14 (d, C-1), 50.89 (q, OMe), 67.25 (d, C-3'),

69.11 (d, C-3), 81.13 (s, C-6), 82.77 (s, C-2'), 86.57 (s, C-1'), 119.01 (d, =CH), 147.05 (s, C-7), 177.61 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 372 (M⁺ - H₂O); HRMS exact mass calcd for (M⁺ - H₂O) 372.230061, found 372.227861.

(*Z*)-(3'*S*,1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic Acid (52), (*E*)-(3'*S*,1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic Acid (53), and (*E*)-(3'*S*,1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,6*S*)-4-[2-(3'-Hydroxy-3'-cyclohexylprop-1'-ynyl)-3-hydroxy-6-methyl-8-endo-methylbicyclo[4.2.0]oct-7-ylidene]butanoic Acid (55). Replacing 28 with 51 (900 mg scale) and performing the reaction at 55 °C instead of room temperature, following the procedure of 30 gave 52–55. HPLC purification eluting with 8% 2-propanol in hexane with 0.1% H₂O gave, in order of elution:

55: an oil (7 mg, 0.6%); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.17 (s, 3 H, C-6 Me), 1.28 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, C-8 Me), 1.53 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 1.99 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.1, 7.9 Hz, H-1), 2.1–2.5 (m, 4 H, =CHCH₂CH₂COOH), 2.39 (ddd, 1 H, H-2), 3.43* (2 H, H-8, H-3), 4.23 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 6.0, 1.8 Hz, H-3'), 5.00 (m, 1 H, =CH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 13.55 (q, C-8 Me), 23.18 (t, C-5), 25.91 (t, C-6', C-8'), 26.48 (t, C-7'), 28.14, 28.71 (2 t, C-5', C-9'), 28.71 (q, C-6 Me), 29.36 (t, C-4), 31.14 (t, =CHCH₂), 34.83 (t, CH₂COOH), 36.75 (d, C-2), 39.05 (d, C-8), 43.21 (s, C-1'), 44.26 (d, C-4'), 47.16 (d, C-1), 67.19 (d, C-3'), 71.50 (d, C-3), 82.67 (s, C-1'), 87.87 (s, C-2'), 116.42 (d, =CH), 149.96 (s, C-7), 175.63 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 374 (M⁺); HRMS exact mass calcd 374.24511, found 374.245422.

54: an oil (19 mg, 1.7%); $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 67.3^\circ$ (c 0.37, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.17 (s, 3 H, C-6 Me), 1.31 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, C-8 Me), 1.52 (m, 1 H, C-4'), 1.58 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.5, 4.8 Hz, H-1), 2.30 (m, 4 H, =CHCH₂CH₂), 2.43 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 8.5, 8.5, 1.6 Hz, H-2), 2.84 (dq, 1 H, H-8), 3.68 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.18 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 5.8, 1.6 Hz, H-3'), 5.11 (bt, 1 H, *J* = 6.2 Hz, =CH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 20.26 (q, C-8 Me), 23.11 (t, C-5), 25.92 (t, C-6', C-8'), 26.47 (t, C-7'), 27.19 (q, C-6 Me), 27.88 (t, =CHCH₂), 28.08, 28.72 (t, C-5', C-9'), 30.40 (t, C-4), 34.45 (t, CH₂COOH), 39.45 (d, C-2), 41.75 (d, C-8), 41.95 (s, C-6), 44.27 (d, C-4'), 49.86 (d, C-1), 67.27 (d, C-3'), 70.32 (d, C-3), 82.44 (s, C-1'), 87.35 (s, C-2'), 117.33 (d, =CH), 153.09 (s, C-7), 177.45 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 356 (M⁺ - H₂O); HRMS exact mass calcd for C₂₂H₃₄O₄ 374.245697, found 374.244324.

53 (79 mg, 7.1%): an oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 62.6^\circ$ (c 0.30, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.08 (d, 3 H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, C-8Me), 1.26 (s, 3 H, C-6Me), 1.52 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 1.91 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 10.9, 8.4 Hz, H-1), 2.35 (m, 4 H, =CHCH₂CH₂), 2.37 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 10.9, 10.9, 1.7 Hz, H-2), 3.19 (dq, 1 H, *J* = 6.9, 8.4 Hz, H-8), 3.56 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.16 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 6.0, 1.7 Hz, H-3'), 5.01 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 7.2, 2.3 Hz, =CH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 12.44 (q, C-8 Me), 23.03 (t, C-5), 25.92 (t, C-6'), 26.47 (t, C-7'), 27.18 (q, C-6 Me), 28.14, 28.71 (t, C-5', C-9'), 29.31 (t, C-4), 31.30 (t, =CHCH₂), 34.65 (t, CH₂COOH), 36.05 (d, C-2), 37.02 (d, C-8), 44.31 (d, C-4'), 45.26 (s, C-6), 46.05 (d, C-1), 67.26 (d, C-3'), 71.60 (d, C-3), 82.79 (s, C-1'), 87.57 (s, C-2'), 117.02 (d, =CH), 151.37 (s, C-7), 176.97 (s, COOH); MS *m/z* 374 (M⁺); HRMS calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄ 374.245711, found 374.245026. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄: C, 73.76; H, 9.15. Found: C, 73.88; H, 9.35.

52 (512 mg, 46.3%): an oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 30.9^\circ$ (c 0.57, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 1.16 (d, 3 H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C-8 Me), 1.28 (s, 3 H, C-6 Me), 1.52 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 8.3, 5.5 Hz, H-1), 1.53 (m, 1 H, H-4'), 2.51 (ddd, 1 H, *J* = 8.3, 8.3, 1.9 Hz, H-2), 2.69 (dq, 1 H, *J* = 7.0, 5.5 Hz, H-8), 3.80 (m, 1 H, H-3), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 1.9 Hz, H-3'), 5.02 (dt, 1 H, *J* = 6.9, 2.1 Hz, =CH); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz) δ 19.71 (q, C-8Me), 23.52 (t, C-5), 25.88 (t, C-6'), 26.18 (q, C-6Me), 26.46 (t, C-7'), 26.74 (t, =CHCH₂), 28.06, 28.72 (t, C-5', C-9'), 28.46 (t, C-4), 34.68 (t, CH₂COOH), 37.84 (d, C-2), 40.57 (C-8), 42.97 (s, C-6), 44.34 (d, C-4'), 49.64 (d, C-1), 67.28 (d, C-3'), 69.40 (dq, C-3), 82.58 (s, C-1'), 87.12 (s, C-2'), 117.95 (d, =CH), 153.42 (s, C-7), 177.14 (s, COOH); HRMS exact mass calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄ 374.245697, found 374.244690. Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₄: C, 73.76; H, 9.15. Found: C, 74.05; H, 9.26.