

A Convergent Synthesis of the Decacyclic Ciguatoxin Model Containing the F–M Ring Framework

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A highly convergent synthesis of the decacyclic ciguatoxin model **2**, which contains the F–M ring framework of the natural product, has been achieved through the assembly of pentacyclic oxonane **4** and JKLM ring fragment **5**. The two key steps in the synthesis of the former compound are (i) a Lewis acid-mediated intramolecular reaction of a γ -alkoxyallylsilane with an acetal group to form an *O*-linked oxacycle and (ii) a SmI_2 -mediated intramolecular Reformatsky reaction leading to construction of the annelated oxonane ring system. Preliminary biological investigations revealed that model compound **2** did not inhibit the binding of tritium-labeled dihydrobrevetoxin B to voltage-sensitive sodium channels at micromolar concentrations.

Introduction

Ciguatoxin (CTX1B, **1**) and its congeners, naturally occurring polycyclic ethers originating from marine unicellular algae, are the principle toxins for ciguatera fish poisoning.^{1,2} These toxins reportedly bind to the same site of voltage-sensitive sodium channels (VSSC) as brevetoxins, another class of structurally related marine toxins.³ The common structural feature of these polyether toxins is that they possess conformationally flexible medium-sized ether rings in the middle region of the molecules. It is speculated that the conformational flexibility of these marine toxins plays an important role in their high-affinity binding to VSSC and leads to alteration of the gating mechanism (or the inactivation mechanism) of the channels.^{2a} However, the scarcity of ciguatoxins from natural sources has prevented further investigations on their interactions with VSSC. Thus, the total synthesis of these toxins and the construction of more accessible model compounds are necessary for additional studies.

In addition, structure–activity relationship studies of well-designed synthetic models may provide useful topochemical information for the identification of the common structural features necessary for the toxic effect.

In light of these demands, ciguatoxins have attracted a great deal of attention from synthetic organic chemists, and thus a wide variety of new synthetic methods and strategies have been developed for their synthesis.^{4,5} At first glance, construction of the hexahydrooxonine ring F would appear to be one of the most formidable and challenging problems for their synthesis. Recently, we disclosed a convergent approach to the fused hexahydrooxonine ring system, featuring an intramolecular reaction of a γ -alkoxyallylsilane with an acetal group to form an *O*-linked oxacycle and a SmI_2 -mediated intramolecular Reformatsky reaction for constructing a fused oxonane ring system.^{4c,h} To understand the structural requirements of ciguatoxins for their specific and high-affinity binding to VSSC, we set out to synthesize structurally simplified model compounds. Since the left-hand portion, the A–E ring system, of ciguatoxin is considered to form a rigid backbone, we anticipated that this portion could be replaced with a *trans*-fused polytetrahydropyran unit. In addition, synthetically problematic substituents on rings G and I seemed irrelevant to the total shape of the molecule. In the course of our studies to synthesize a biologically active model compound as well as to execute the strategy for the total synthesis, we designed a decacyclic ciguatoxin model **2**, containing the F–M ring framework of the natural product, in which the conformationally rigid DE ring

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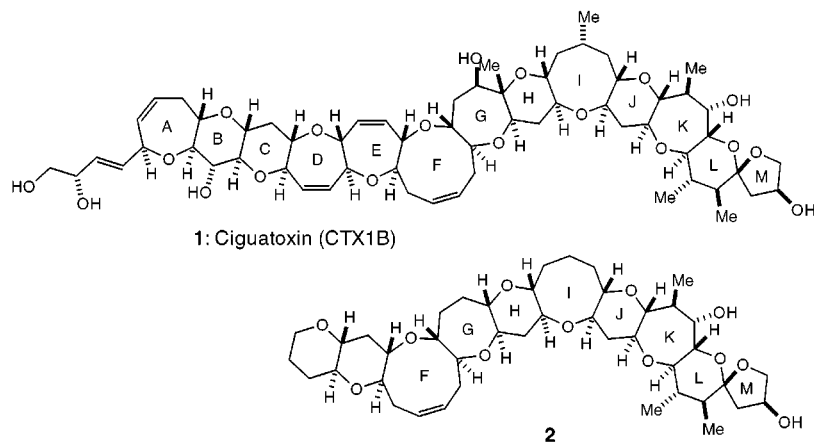


Figure 1. Structure of ciguatoxin (CTX1B, **1**) and decacyclic ciguatoxin model compound **2**.

system of ciguatoxin was replaced with a 1,5-dioxadecalin unit (Figure 1).

In this paper, we describe in detail the highly convergent synthesis of the decacyclic ciguatoxin model **2** which features the construction of the fused hexahydrooxonine ring system based on our previously described strategy.^{4c,d,h}

Results and Discussion

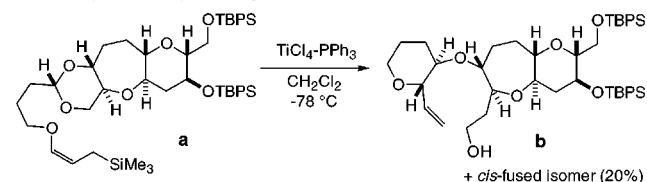
Synthetic Plan. The retrosynthetic analysis of decacyclic compound **2** is shown in Scheme 1. The *cis* double bond in the hexahydrooxonine ring of **2** was to be introduced in the final stage of the synthesis, because it causes severe broadening in the NMR.^{1a-c,4c,h} The construction of the tetrahydrooxocine ring in **2** was envisioned to occur via silver salt-mediated hydroxydithioacetal cyclization developed by Nicolaou and co-workers⁶ from **3**, which would be formed from aldehyde **4** and phosphonium salt **5** by a Wittig coupling reaction. The latter

compound, corresponding to the JKLM ring system, could be easily derived from alcohol **7**.^{4j} Construction of the oxonane ring in **4** would be feasible from the *O*-linked oxacycle **6** by our previously developed SmI₂-mediated Reformatsky reaction. *O*-Linked oxacycle **6** in turn could be derived via route A or route B through intramolecular reaction of γ -alkoxyallylsilane with acetal. Route A involves the cyclization to yield oxepane, while route B involves tetrahydropyran formation similar to the previous report.^{4c,h}

To investigate the feasibility of route A, γ -alkoxyallylsilanes **12** and **14** were prepared by conventional methods, and each was subjected to Lewis acid-mediated cyclization (Scheme 2). Unfortunately, treatment of **12** and **14** with TiCl₄-PPh₃ did not give the desired products **13** and **15** at all. Only oxepanes with the *cis* stereochemistry were obtained in quite low yield (ca. 10%); thus, alternate route B was adopted. Preliminary model experiments revealed that a six-membered acetal ring fused to an oxepane was so stable under acidic conditions that its cyclization with a γ -alkoxyallylsilane in the presence of Lewis acid would proceed via an S_N2 mechanism, leading predominantly to the undesired *anti* product.⁷ Thus, seven-membered acetal **9** was defined as the possible precursor for **6**, and the former compound was further traced back to aldehyde **10** and diol **11**.

Synthesis of the *O*-Linked Oxacycle. The synthesis of diol **11** began with the known alcohol **16** (Scheme 3), which was obtained from methyl α -D-glucopyranoside in eight steps.⁸ Routine protecting group manipulations allowed for its conversion to allyl ether **17** in 68% overall yield through the seven steps. Formation of the alkoxy-substituted allylic anion of **17** using *sec*-BuLi, followed by trapping with Bu₃SnCl, gave γ -alkoxyallylstannane **18** in 88% yield, which was oxidized with SO₃·pyridine and DMSO to provide aldehyde **19** (92%). Treatment of

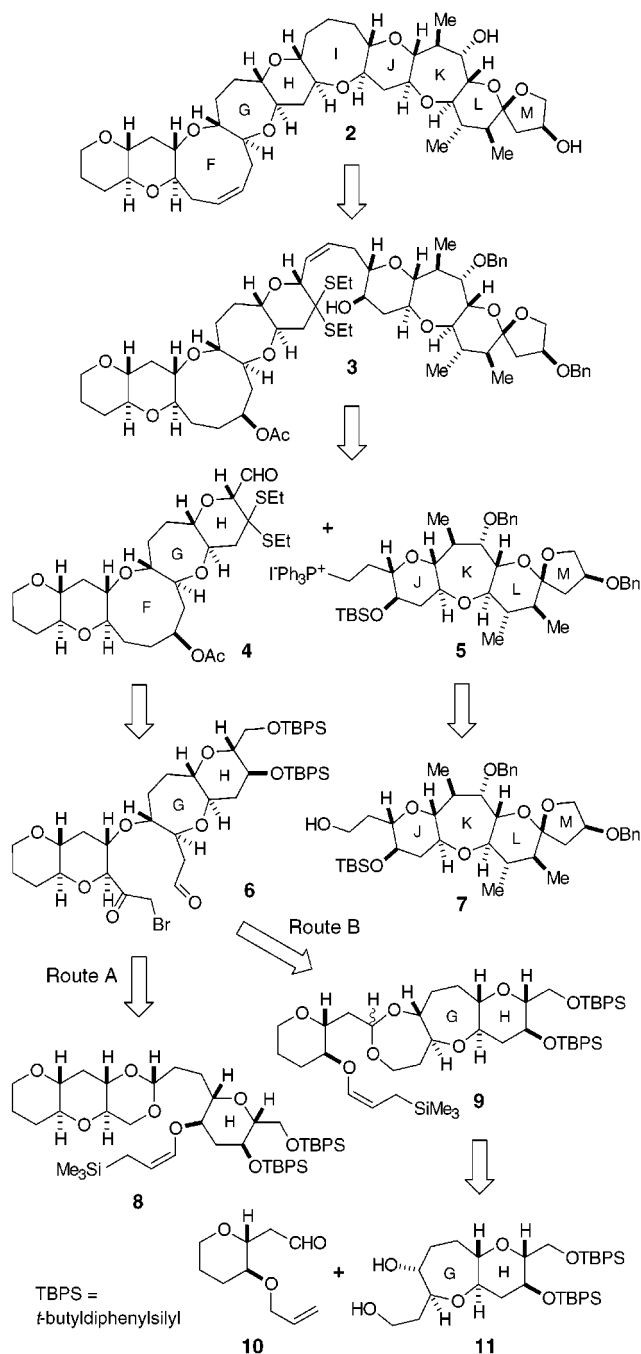
(7) Reaction of γ -alkoxyallylsilane **a** with TiCl₄-PPh₃ (CH₂Cl₂, -78 to 0 °C) yielded *O*-linked tricycle **b** with the undesired *anti* stereochemistry in 42% yield together with the *cis*-isomer (20%).



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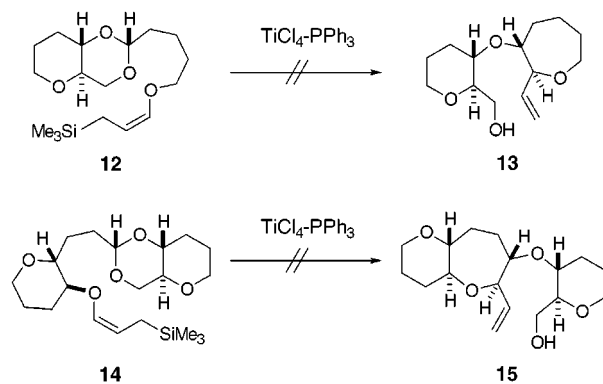
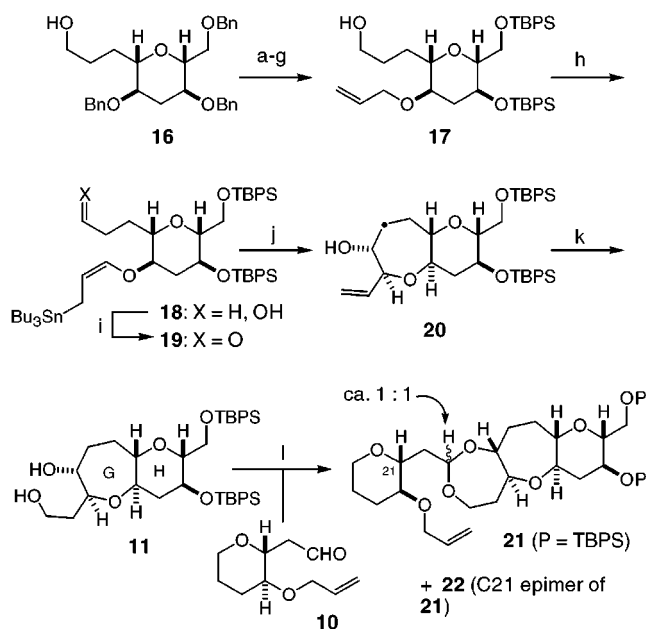
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Scheme 1. Retrosynthetic Analysis of Decacyclic Ciguatoxin Model 2


19 with $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ provided 6/7-bicyclic alcohol **20** as a single stereoisomer in high yield.⁹ Hydroboration of the olefin in **20** using 9-BBN-H, followed by oxidative workup, afforded the desired diol **11** in 94% yield from **19**.

Acetal formation between β -alkoxy aldehyde **10**¹⁰ and diol **11** was carried out in the presence of a catalytic

Scheme 2. Attempts To Construct the Seven-Membered Ring via γ -Alkoxyallylsilane-Acetal Cyclization

Scheme 3^a


^a Reagents and conditions: (a) *t*-BuCOCl, DMAP, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 , rt, quantitative; (b) H_2 , $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2/\text{C}$, $\text{EtOAc}-\text{MeOH}$; (c) $\text{Me}_2\text{C}(\text{OMe})_2$, CSA, CH_2Cl_2 -DMF, 88% (two steps); (d) NaHMDS, allyl bromide, THF-DMF (4:1), 0 °C to rt, 91%; (e) CSA, MeOH; (f) TBPSCI, imidazole, DMF, 65 °C, 91% (two steps); (g) DIBALH, CH_2Cl_2 , -78 °C, 93%; (h) *sec*-BuLi, Bu_3SnCl , THF, -78 °C, 88%; (i) $\text{SO}_3 \cdot \text{Pyr}$, Et_3N , DMSO, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 92%; (j) $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$, CH_2Cl_2 , -90 °C; (k) 9-BBN-H, THF, rt, then H_2O_2 , NaHCO_3 , 94% (two steps); (l) CSA, benzene, 80 °C, 73%.

amount of camphorsulfonic acid (CSA; 0.05 equiv) at 80 °C to produce acetal **21** in 73% yield as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers at the acetal. In this reaction a small amount of the C-21 stereoisomer **22** was also obtained. Epimerization at C-21 indicated that the ring opening of **10** by β -elimination and subsequent ring closure by hetero-Michael addition before acetalization occurred under the reaction conditions.

Having successfully prepared acetal **21**, the intramolecular γ -alkoxyallylsilane-acetal cyclization was next explored (Scheme 4). Metalation of **21** (a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers) with *sec*-BuLi followed by treatment with Me_3SiCl gave γ -alkoxyallyltrimethylsilane **9** as a mixture of diastereomers in 79% yield, along with recovered pure α -H isomer **21 α** (16%). Treatment of **9** with TiCl_4 - PPh_3 provided *O*-linked oxacycle **23** with the desired stereochemistry (23*S*,24*R*) as the major product albeit in

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(10) Aldehyde **10** was prepared from tri-*O*-acetyl-D-glucal in 13 steps by a standard sequence of reactions, which is included in the Supporting Information.

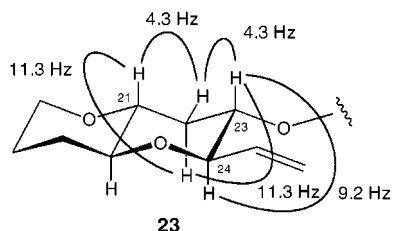


Figure 2. Stereochemical assignment of *O*-linked oxacycle **23** based on the proton–proton coupling constants. The stereochemistry at C21 is derived from the chiral center of *D*-glucose.

Scheme 4

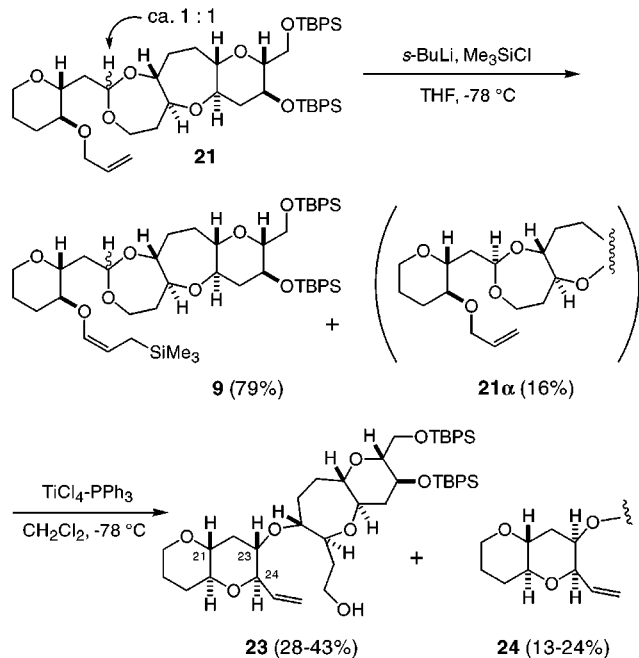


Table 1. Acetal Formation between Aldehyde **10** and Diol **11**

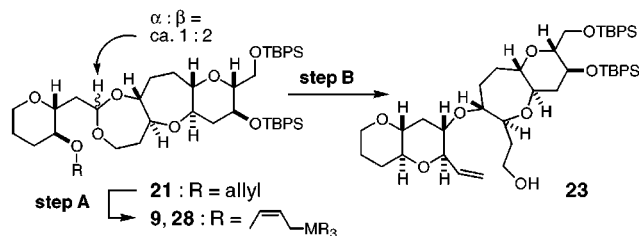
entry	acid catalyst (equiv)	solvent	temperature	time (h)	% yield	$\alpha:\beta$
1	CSA (0.05)	benzene	80 °C	16	73	1:1
2	CSA (1.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	rt	5	75	2:3
3 ^a	Me ₃ SiOTf (1.0)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-78 °C	1	80	1:1
4	Sc(OTf) ₃ (0.1)	benzene	rt	3	90	1:2

^a The bis(trimethylsilyl) ether of **11** was used.

modest and variable yields (28–43%), together with the *23R,24R* diastereoisomer **24** (13–24%) and trace amounts of two other stereoisomers. The newly generated stereocenters of the major product **23** were unambiguously determined to be *23S,24R* on the basis of proton–proton coupling constants as illustrated in Figure 2.

To evaluate the difference in the stereoselectivity of this cyclization between the two diastereomers at the acetal position, each isomer was separately subjected to the Lewis acid-mediated reaction (Scheme 5). Sequential treatment of the pure α -H isomer **21 α** , obtained as the recovered starting material in the allylsilylation reaction, with *sec*-BuLi and Me₃SiCl produced a mixture of the desired γ -alkoxyallylsilane **9 α** (32%), α -alkoxyallylsilane **25** (15%), and a significant amount of the starting material **21 α** (25%). This result indicates that the allyl ether portion of **21 α** was much more sterically hindered than that of the corresponding β -H isomer. Allylsilane **9 α** was separated by column chromatography on silica

Table 2. γ -Alkoxyallylmetal–Acetal Condensation



entry	MR ₃	step A ^a % yield	step B ^b % yield
1	SiMe ₃	79 (16)	28 (24)
2	SiMe ₂ Ph	77 (26)	11 (11)
3	Si(<i>i</i> -Pr) ₃	35 (30)	0 (25)
4	SiEt ₃	87 (12)	36 (16)
5 ^c	SnBu ₃	67 (20)	0 (0)

^a Numbers in parentheses represent the % yield of recovered **21 α** . ^b Numbers in parentheses represent the % yield of *cis*-isomer **23**. ^c TiCl₃(*O*-*i*-Pr) was used as a Lewis acid in step B.

gel and subjected to TiCl₄–PPh₃, yielding the desired **23** in only 29% yield together with three other stereoisomers, **24** (*23R,24R*), **26** (*23R,24S*), and **27** (*23S,24S*), in 28%, 27%, and 13% yields, respectively. Consequently, in the case of the α -H isomer, the desired *O*-linked oxacycle **23** was obtained in only 9% overall yield from allyl ether **21 α** . On the other hand, the corresponding β -H isomer **9 β** , which was obtained in approximately 75% purity by careful chromatographic separation of the diastereomeric mixture, was subjected to Lewis acid-promoted cyclization to produce the desired **23** in 42% yield as the major product together with a 30% yield of **24**. The significant difference in the diastereoselectivity observed for these isomers, **9 α** and **9 β** , is not easily understood, but these results indicate that these reactions do not proceed through a complete S_N1 mechanism via the oxocarbenium ion intermediate. Unusual steric congestion of the allylsilane moiety in **9 α** might have unfavorable effects on the formation of the desired isomer **23**.

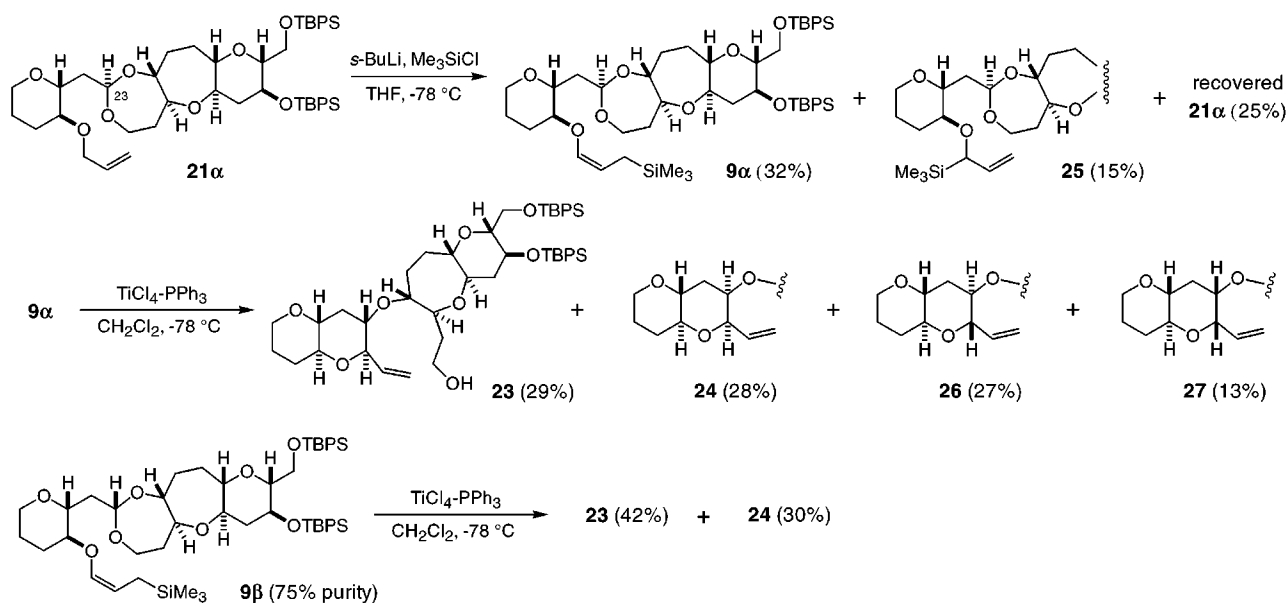
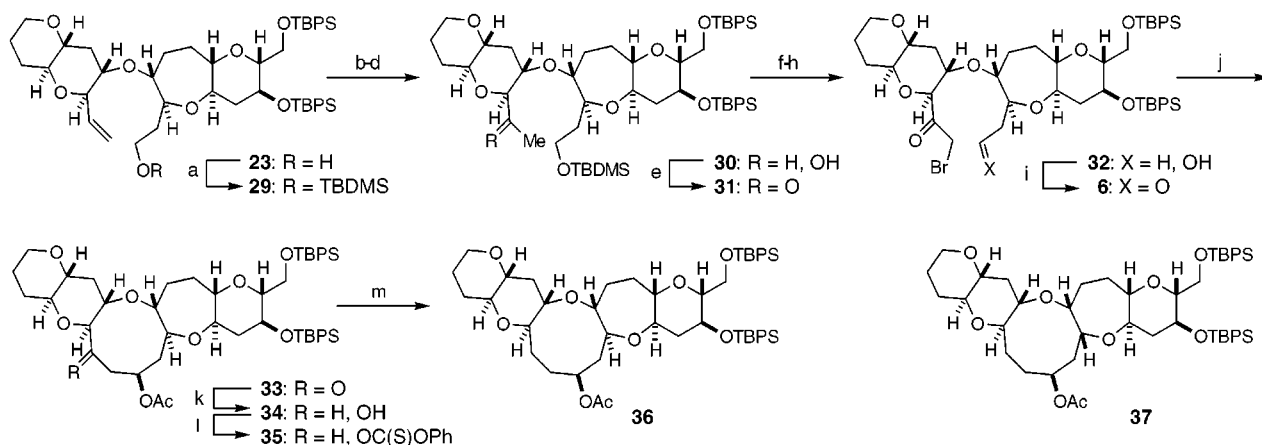
To improve the yield of **23**, selective formation of the more favorable β -H isomer **21 β** was next examined (Table 1). Whereas conventional acetalization conditions led to approximately 1:1 mixtures of the acetal isomers (entries 1–3), use of scandium trifluoromethanesulfonate¹¹ as an acid catalyst enhanced the formation of the β -H isomer ($\alpha:\beta = \text{ca. } 1:2$, 90% combined yield, entry 4). Moreover, under the reaction conditions in this case, acid-catalyzed epimerization of **10** at the C-21 position due to the ring opening–reclosure was not observed (vide supra).

Next, we investigated the influence of the trialkylmetal groups on this cyclization reaction (Table 2). Allyl anion derived from **21** ($\alpha:\beta = 1:2$) was treated with several trialkylmetal chlorides (step A), and the resulting γ -alkoxyallylmetals were subjected to TiCl₄–PPh₃-promoted cyclization (step B). A change from trimethylsilane to dimethylphenylsilane decreased the yield of the desired allylsilane, presumably due to the lower nucleophilicity of allyldimethylphenylsilane relative to allyltrimethylsilane (entry 2).¹² In the case of triisopropylsilane and

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Scheme 5

Scheme 6^a

^a Reagents and conditions: (a) TBDMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C , 95%; (b) OsO_4 , NMO, $t\text{-BuOH-H}_2\text{O}$; (c) $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$, benzene; (d) MeMgBr , THF, -78 to 0°C , 91% (three steps); (e) $(\text{COCl})_2$, DMSO, Et_3N , CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C to rt, 94%; (f) LDA, TMSCl, THF, -78°C ; (g) NBS, THF, 0°C ; (h) CSA, MeOH, rt, 83% (three steps); (i) $\text{SO}_3\text{-Pyr}$, Et_3N , DMSO, CH_2Cl_2 , 0°C ; (j) SmI_2 , THF, -78°C , then Ac_2O , DMAP, 0°C ; (k) NaBH_4 , $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{-MeOH}$, 0°C ; (l) $\text{PhOC}(\text{S})\text{Cl}$, DMAP, CH_3CN , rt, 66% (five steps); (m) Bu_3SnH (20 equiv), Et_3B (0.2 equiv), benzene, rt, 80%.

tributylstannane, the yields of step A were modest, and none of the desired product was obtained in step B (entries 3 and 5). These results indicate that both the size and nucleophilicity of the trialkylmetal play a significant role in steps A and B. Use of a triethylsilyl group in step A resulted in the formation of allyltriethylsilane **28** ($\text{MR}_3 = \text{SiEt}_3$) in 87% yield (entry 4). Furthermore, in the subsequent step B, allyltriethylsilane **28** ($\text{MR}_3 = \text{SiEt}_3$) afforded the desired **23** as the major product in better yield and reproducibility than in the case of the original γ -allyltrimethylsilane.

Synthesis of the FGH Ring Fragment. With the desired *O*-linked oxacycle **23** in hand, our attention was next focused on the construction of the oxonane ring, which corresponds to ring F of ciguatoxin (Scheme 6). Elaboration of **23** to aldehyde **6**, the requisite cyclization precursor, was carried out in a manner similar to that of the previous report.^{4c,d,h} Protection of **23** as its TBDMS ether **29** and oxidative cleavage of the double bond [(1) OsO_4 (cat.), NMO, acetone- H_2O ; (2) $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$, benzene]

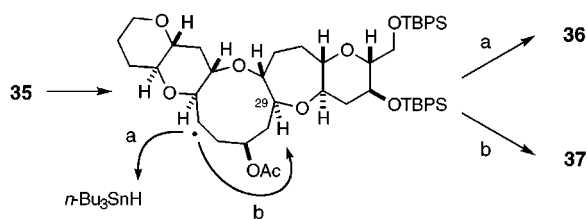
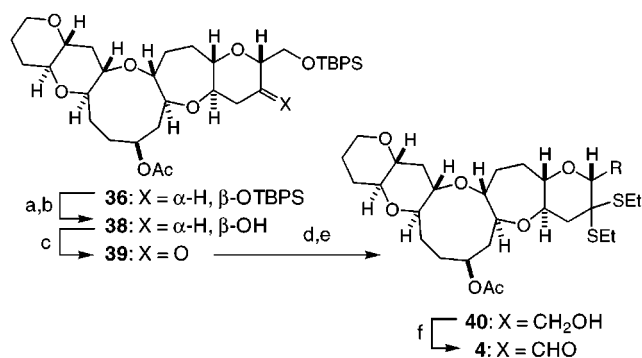
gave an aldehyde, which reacted with methylmagnesium bromide to afford alcohol **30** as a mixture of diastereomers. Swern oxidation of **30** furnished methyl ketone **31** in 81% overall yield from **29**. Enolization of **31** with LDA and subsequent trapping of the enolate with trimethylsilyl chloride provided the silyl enol ether, which was treated with NBS and then desilylated under acidic conditions to provide alcohol **32** in 83% yield for the three steps.

Oxidation of **32** with $\text{SO}_3\text{-pyridine}$ and DMSO led to aldehyde **6**, which was subjected to SmI_2 -mediated intramolecular Reformatsky reaction under the previously reported optimal conditions.^{4c,d,h} Thus, treatment of **6** with 5 equiv of SmI_2 in THF at -78°C gave, after in situ acetylation using Ac_2O and DMAP, β -acetoxy ketone **33** in high yield as a single stereoisomer. When **33** was purified by column chromatography on silica gel, partial β -elimination of the acetoxy group was observed, giving the *trans*- α,β -unsaturated ketone; therefore, the crude product was immediately reduced with sodium borohy-

Table 3. Radical Reduction of Phenylthiocarbonate 35

entry	reagents and conditions	% yield of 36	% yield of 37
1	Bu ₃ SnH (5 equiv), AIBN (0.2 equiv), benzene, rt to 80 °C	33	36
2	Bu ₃ SnH (5 equiv), AIBN (0.2 equiv), toluene, 80 °C	26	53
3	Bu ₃ SnH (3 equiv), Et ₃ B (0.2 equiv), benzene, rt	70	24
4	Bu ₃ SnH (20 equiv), Et ₃ B (0.2 equiv), benzene, rt	80	0

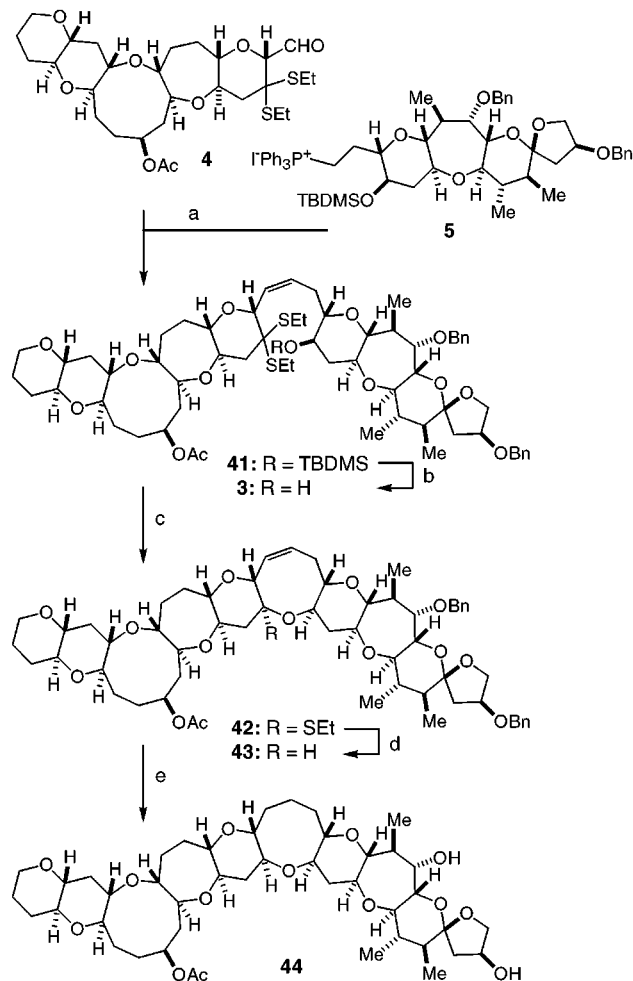
Scheme 7. Radical Reduction of Phenylthiocarbonate 35

Scheme 8^a

drude to afford **34** as a mixture of diastereomers. The resulting alcohol **34** was then converted to phenyl thiocarbonate **35** in 66% overall yield from **30**.

Subsequent radical reduction of **35** proved to be problematic (Table 3). When the reduction was performed using Bu₃SnH (5 equiv) and AIBN (0.2 equiv) in benzene or toluene at 80 °C, a mixture of the desired product **36** and its C29 isomer **37** was obtained, with the latter being the predominant product (Table 3, entries 1 and 2). Formation of the undesired isomer **37** was presumably due to transannular hydrogen abstraction as shown in Scheme 7. The yield of the desired **36** was improved by carrying out the reaction at room temperature with triethylborane¹³ as a radical initiator (entry 3). An optimal result was obtained using a large excess of Bu₃SnH (20 equiv) in the presence of triethylborane (0.2 equiv) in benzene at room temperature (entry 4). It is believed that the higher concentration of Bu₃SnH prevented the competitive intramolecular radical abstraction of the transannular hydrogen. By this method, an 80% yield of acetate **36** was obtained.

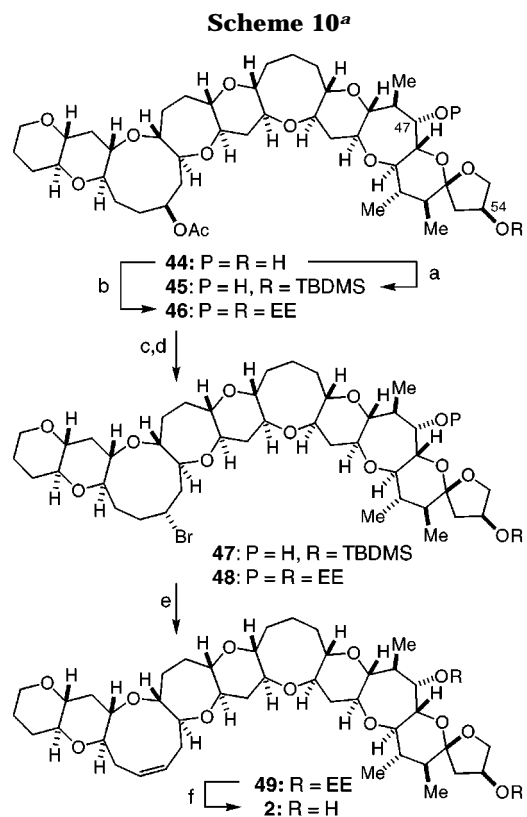
Completion of the Synthesis of Decacyclic Model Compound 2. Elaboration of bis(silyl ether) **36** to aldehyde **4** is summarized in Scheme 8. Desilylation of **36** using Bu₄NF and selective protection of the hydroxyl

Scheme 9^a

group as the *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl (TBPS) ether provided monosilyl ether **38** (82% yield for the two steps), which was then subjected to Swern oxidation to give ketone **39** in 94% yield. Dithioketal formation from **39** proceeded smoothly in the presence of excess EtSH and TiCl₄ to afford, after desilylation with Bu₄NF, alcohol **40** in 97% yield for the two steps. Finally, oxidation of the primary hydroxyl group in **40** with SO₃·pyridine and DMSO led to the desired aldehyde **4**.

Phosphonium salt **5** was easily prepared from alcohol **7^{4j}** by sequential treatment with I₂, PPh₃, and imidazole followed by excess PPh₃ in CH₃CN at 70 °C. With the requisite aldehyde **4** and phosphonium salt **5** in hand, the stage was then set to couple these fragments and further elaborate toward the target molecule **2** (Scheme 9). Generation of the ylide from phosphonium salt **5** using BuLi in the presence of HMPA in

(13) Nozaki, K.; Oshima, K.; Utimoto, K. *Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn.* **1990**, *63*, 2578.



^a Reagents and conditions: (a) TBDMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C, 84% from **43**; (b) ethyl vinyl ether, PPTS, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 99% from **43**; (c) DIBALH, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C; (d) Ms₂O, LiBr, *i*-Pr₂NEt, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C to rt; (e) KO-*t*-Bu, DMSO, rt, 52% from **46**; (f) PPTS, MeOH, rt, quantitative.

THF followed by addition of aldehyde **4** resulted in the formation of (*Z*)-olefin **41** in 63% yield, which upon treatment with Bu₄NF furnished hydroxy dithioketal **3** in 91% yield. Ring closure of **3** induced by silver trifluoromethanesulfonate gave rise to mixed thioketal **42** in 76% yield (based on 70% conversion), from which the ethylthio group was reductively removed under radical conditions using Ph₃SnH–AIBN, leading to decacyclic polyether compound **43** in 86% yield.⁶ Subsequent hydrogenation and hydrogenolysis of **43** to obtain diol **44** did not proceed at all, probably due to the contaminant sulfur-containing materials including a trace amount of starting **42**, which might have deactivated the catalyst. As expected, treatment of compound **43** with *m*-CPBA for 1 h at 0 °C prior to hydrogenation led to smooth conversion of **43** to **44**. Hydrogenation of the double bond and simultaneous hydrogenolysis of the benzyl group in **43** were achieved using Pearlman's catalyst in EtOAc–MeOH containing 1% AcOH to give **44** in excellent yield.

With the entire polycyclic ether framework in place, all that remained for the completion of the synthesis of **2** was introduction of a *cis* double bond on the oxonane ring. Since protection of the C47 hydroxyl group (e.g., pivaloyl, *p*-bromobenzoyl, and TBDMS) turned out to be difficult due to its steric hindrance, the selective protection of the C54 hydroxyl group over the one at C47 before introduction of the double bond was attempted (Scheme 10). Selective silylation using TBDMSOTf and 2,6-lutidine at -78 °C gave monosilyl ether **45** in 84% yield from **43**. Deprotection of the acetyl group in **45** with DIBALH, followed by treatment with methanesulfonic anhydride in the presence of lithium bromide and Et₃N,

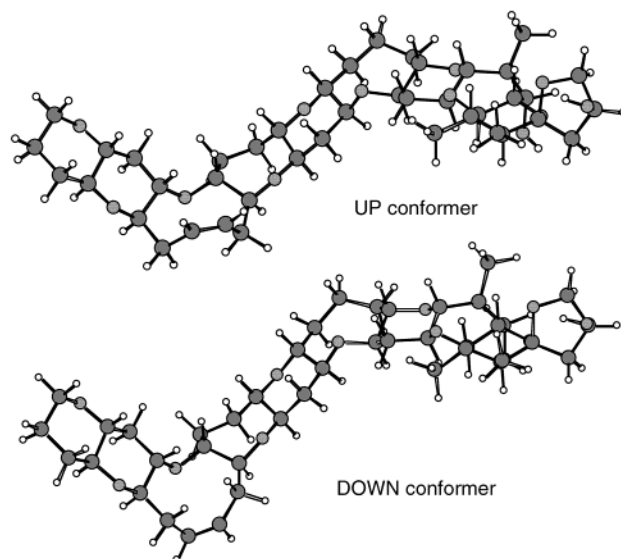
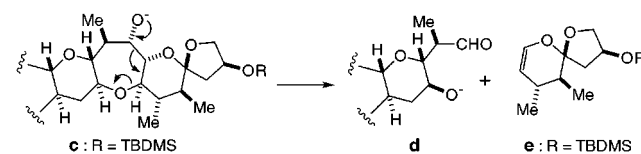


Figure 3. UP and DOWN conformers of decacyclic ciguatoxin model compound **2**.

smoothly afforded bromide **47**. Unexpectedly, upon exposure to KO-*t*-Bu in DMSO, only trace amounts of the desired compound **2** were obtained presumably due to decomposition of **47** under the basic reaction conditions.¹⁴ This result suggested that a protecting group for both hydroxyl groups at C47 and C54 other than silyl ethers was necessary for the final introduction of the double bond on the oxonane ring. Thus, **44** was protected as its bis(ethoxyethyl ether) **46** under the standard conditions in a quantitative yield. After deacetylation of **46** with DIBALH, the resultant alcohol was treated with methanesulfonic anhydride in the presence of lithium bromide and *i*-Pr₂NEt to give bromide **48** as a single stereoisomer. As expected, exposure of **48** to KO-*t*-Bu in DMSO at room temperature afforded the desired hexahydrooxonine **49** in 52% overall yield for the three steps.¹⁵ Finally, removal of the ethoxyethyl (EE) groups in **49** with PPTS furnished the targeted compound **2** in a quantitative yield.

Conformational Behavior of the Model Compounds Possessing a Hexahydrooxonine Ring. As was the case with the previous reported 6/9/6-tricyclic system,^{4c,h} the ¹H and ¹³C NMR signals on the hexahydrooxonine ring in **2** were severely broadened at room temperature, which also closely mimics the ring F of ciguatoxin.^{1a–c} The dynamic NMR studies showed that **2** existed as an approximately 1:1 mixture of two conformers. The structures of these two conformers were unambiguously assigned to be UP and DOWN (Figure 3) by virtue of proton–proton coupling constants in pyridine-*d*₅, an observation consistent with that of the tricyclic model.^{4c,h} The free energy of activation for this confor-

(14) Alkoxide **c** may suffer from Grob fragmentation to yield another alkoxide **d** and dihydropyran **e**, which lead to further decomposition; see: Grob, C. A.; Schiess, P. W. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **1967**, *6*, 1.



(15) The corresponding olefin regioisomer could not be isolated in this reaction.

mational change was estimated to be approximately 14.6 kcal/mol at the coalescence temperature (30 °C) in pyridine-*d*₅ from the chemical shift difference of olefin signals between two conformers. It is worth noting that the deduced conformation of the oxepane ring in **2** agrees well with that of ring G in ciguatoxin, which indicates that the entire shape of decacyclic model **2** would correspond to that of the natural product except for its molecular length.

Biological Studies. The biological activity of decacyclic model compound **2** was evaluated. The binding affinity of **2** to VSSC was examined using a competitive inhibition assay with tritiated dihydrobrevetoxin B (³H]PbTx-3).¹⁶ The model compound **2** did not inhibit the binding of [³H]PbTx-3 to rat brain synaptosomes or VSSC reconstructed in liposome even at concentrations of up to 100 μM, whereas ciguatoxin inhibits the binding of PbTx-3 at the 100 pM level under similar conditions. Assays at higher levels proved impractical owing to the low solubility of **2** in aqueous media.

Next, to evaluate the action of **2** upon VSSC, [¹⁴C]guanidinium influx assay using neuroblastoma NB14 cells was carried out.¹⁷ [¹⁴C]Guanidinium has often been used as a valid model for ²³Na⁺ influx, replacing radioisotope ²³Na⁺, which is a γ-light emitter and very difficult to handle in pharmacological experiments. Compound **2** did not stimulate [¹⁴C]guanidinium ion influx through VSSC at concentrations up to 30 μM.

Compared with ciguatoxin, the hydroxyl groups in **2** exist only in the right-hand portion of the molecule, which make this molecule detergent-like in structure with an amphiphilic dipole along the longitudinal direction. This amphiphilic nature of **2** may result in its low solubility in membranes due to micelle formation in aqueous media and/or prevent **2** from binding to VSSC with appropriate orientation when bound within membranes. Due to these problems, it appears necessary to devise another assay that efficiently evaluates the biological activity of **2**. Evaluation of noncompetitive binding, a procedure which has not yet been highly studied, is a potential method currently under investigation. Derivatization of **2** at the left side to improve the solubility will also be investigated in the future.

Conclusion

In conclusion, a convergent synthesis of the decacyclic ciguatoxin model **2**, containing the F–M ring framework of the natural product, has been achieved. The described synthesis demonstrates the power of our strategy for constructing the fused hexahydrooxonine ring system through (i) Lewis acid-mediated intramolecular condensation of γ-alkoxyallylsilane with acetal to yield *O*-linked oxacycles and (ii) SmI₂-mediated intramolecular Reformatsky-type reaction to construct the oxonane ring. The importance of the molecular length and/or the hydrophobicity of the left-hand portion of ciguatoxins for biological activity was also demonstrated. This work will provide the basis for the total synthesis of ciguatoxins as well as their simplified model compounds for further biological evaluation.

Experimental Section⁴

Alcohol 17. A solution of the known alcohol **16**⁸ (13.91 g, 29.2 mmol), DMAP (347 mg, 2.84 mmol), and Et₃N (14.0 mL, 100 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with pivaloyl chloride (5.6 mL, 45.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 2 h, and the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (80 mL). The resulting solution was diluted with EtOAc (800 mL) and washed with 1 N aqueous HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and brine. Drying (Na₂SO₄), filtration, concentration, and flash chromatography (silica gel, EtOAc) gave pivalate ester (17.14 g, quantitative): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.22–7.35 (15H, m), 4.51–4.63 (6H, m), 4.05 (2H, m), 3.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.7, 1.8 Hz), 3.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.7, 4.6 Hz), 3.46 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.5, 4.6 Hz), 3.35 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.5, 4.6, 1.8 Hz), 3.20 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 8.5, 2.4 Hz), 3.14 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.7, 9.2, 4.3 Hz), 2.69 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 4.6, 4.3 Hz), 1.97 (1H, m), 1.84 (1H, m), 1.67 (1H, m), 1.44 (1H, m), 1.41 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 11.0, 10.7 Hz), 1.16 (9H, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 178.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.7, 127.5, 126.9, 126.8, 80.3, 79.8, 76.1, 73.4, 72.5, 71.1, 70.9, 69.3, 64.6, 35.2, 28.3, 27.2, 27.1, 24.9; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₃₅H₄₄O₆Na [(M + Na)⁺] 583.3036, found 583.3038.

To a solution of the above pivalate (17.13 g, 30.6 mmol) in EtOAc–MeOH (1:1, 150 mL) was added 20% Pd(OH)₂/C (1.68 g), and the mixture was stirred under hydrogen overnight. Additional 20% Pd(OH)₂/C (1.06 g) was added, and the stirring was continued overnight. The catalyst was filtered off, and the solvent was removed under vacuum to give triol, which was used in the following reaction without further purification.

A solution of the triol and 2,2-dimethoxypropane (24 mL, 0.195 mol) in CH₂Cl₂–DMF (3:1, 200 mL) was treated with camphorsulfonic acid (0.592 g, 2.55 mmol), and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was poured into saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (300 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (500 mL × 2). The organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography (silica gel, 0–60% EtOAc–hexane) to give acetonide (8.47 g, 88% for the two steps): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 4.05 (2H, m), 3.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.7, 5.2 Hz), 3.64 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.7, 10.7 Hz), 3.54 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 9.2, 4.3 Hz), 3.42 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.2, 4.6 Hz), 3.13 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.7, 9.2, 5.2 Hz), 3.12 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 6.7, 1.8 Hz), 2.28 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 4.6, 4.3 Hz), 1.90 (1H, m), 1.82 (1H, m), 1.63–1.71 (2H, m), 1.48 (1H, ddd, 11.3, 11.3, 11.0 Hz), 1.46 (3H, s), 1.43 (1H, m), 1.38 (3H, s), 1.17 (9H, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 178.8, 99.1, 81.9, 74.2, 69.8, 68.9, 64.3, 62.7, 38.9, 38.7, 29.2, 28.1, 27.2, 24.7, 19.1; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₁₇H₃₀O₆Na [(M + Na)⁺] 353.1940, found 353.1934.

A solution of the above acetonide (8.46 g, 25.6 mmol) in THF–DMF (4:1, 400 mL) was treated with NaHMDS (1.0 M solution in THF, 31 mL, 31 mmol) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C. To this solution was added allyl bromide (3.6 mL, 42 mmol) at room temperature, and the solution was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (100 mL), and the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (1200 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (silica gel, 10–30% EtOAc–hexane) gave allyl ether (8.59 g, 91%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.85 (1H, dddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.4, 5.8, 5.5 Hz), 5.24 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.1, 0.9 Hz), 5.15 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 0.9 Hz), 4.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.5, 5.5 Hz), 4.03 (2H, t, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 3.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.5, 5.8 Hz), 3.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.7, 5.2 Hz), 3.62 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.7, 10.7 Hz), 3.49 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 9.5, 4.3 Hz), 3.21 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.9, 8.9, 2.5 Hz), 3.14 (2H, m), 2.38 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 4.3, 4.3 Hz), 1.92 (1H, m), 1.81 (1H, m), 1.66 (1H, m), 1.46 (3H, s), 1.41 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 11.3, 11.3 Hz), 1.38 (3H, s), 1.36 (1H, m), 1.17 (9H, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 178.6, 134.6, 117.2, 99.1, 80.5, 76.3, 74.0, 69.9, 69.0, 64.4, 62.8, 38.7, 35.2, 29.2, 28.4, 27.2, 24.8, 19.1; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₂₀H₃₄O₆Na [(M + Na)⁺] 393.2253, found 393.2228.

A solution of the above allyl ether (8.58 g, 23.2 mmol) in

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MeOH (400 mL) was treated with camphorsulfonic acid (0.511 g, 2.20 mmol), the solution was stirred at room temperature for 50 min, and then the reaction was quenched with Et₃N (1.0 mL). The mixture was evaporated, and the residue was diluted with EtOAc (1000 mL). The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration and concentration gave the crude diol, which was used in the next reaction without further purification.

A mixed solution of the above diol and imidazole (9.47 g, 139 mmol) in DMF (60 mL) was treated with *tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (TBPSCI) (18.5 mL, 71.3 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was heated for 17 h at 65 °C. The resulting solution was poured into H₂O (500 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (600 mL × 2). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration, concentration, and flash chromatography (silica gel, 5–20% Et₂O–hexane) gave diTBPS ether (18.31 g, 91% for the two steps): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.56–7.68 (8H, m), 7.22–7.41 (12H, m), 5.69 (1H, dddd, *J* = 17.3, 10.4, 5.7, 5.6 Hz), 5.06 (1H, dddd, *J* = 17.3, 2.9, 1.4, 1.3 Hz), 5.03 (1H, dddd, *J* = 10.4, 2.9, 1.4, 1.3 Hz), 4.04 (2H, dd, *J* = 6.4, 6.4 Hz), 3.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 1.8 Hz), 3.76 (1H, dddd, *J* = 12.5, 5.8, 1.4, 1.3 Hz), 3.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 6.0 Hz), 3.58–3.64 (2H, m), 3.31 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.0, 6.0, 1.8 Hz), 3.09 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 8.8, 1.6 Hz), 2.73 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.1, 9.2, 4.4 Hz), 2.05 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.8, 4.6, 4.4 Hz), 1.83–1.88 (2H, m), 1.66 (1H, m), 1.23–1.33 (2H, m), 1.16 (9H, s), 1.00 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 178.6, 135.8, 135.8, 135.8, 135.7, 134.7, 134.3, 134.0, 133.8, 133.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.4, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 117.0, 82.8, 79.7, 76.0, 69.7, 67.6, 64.5, 63.9, 39.0, 38.7, 31.6, 28.3, 27.2, 26.9, 26.8, 24.8, 22.6, 19.3, 19.2, 14.1; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₄₉H₆₆O₆Si₂Na [(M + Na)⁺] 829.4296, found 829.4324.

A solution of the above diTBPS ether (19.01 g, 23.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (150 mL) was cooled to –78 °C and treated with DIBALH (1.0 M solution in toluene, 86 mL, 86 mmol). After being stirred at –78 °C for 3 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium potassium tartrate (300 mL), and the mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature until the layers were separated. The resulting solution was diluted with EtOAc (800 mL) and washed with brine. The combined organic layer was dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography (silica gel, 10–30% EtOAc–hexane) gave alcohol **17** (15.87 g, 93%): ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.14–7.62 (20H, m), 5.70 (1H, dddd, *J* = 17.2, 10.4, 5.8, 5.7 Hz), 5.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 17.2, 3.1 Hz), 5.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 3.1 Hz), 4.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 1.8 Hz), 3.76 (1H, dddd, *J* = 12.5, 5.6, 1.2, 1.2 Hz), 3.57–3.67 (4H, m), 3.51 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.2, 4.6 Hz), 3.38 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 6.9, 1.8 Hz), 3.15 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.1, 9.2, 2.0 Hz), 2.75 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.2, 4.4 Hz), 2.05 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.6, 4.4 Hz), 1.92 (1H, m), 1.63–1.74 (3H, m), 1.35 (1H, m), 1.30 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 11.1, 11.0 Hz), 1.03 (9H, s), 0.90 (9H, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 135.8, 135.8, 135.7, 135.7, 134.7, 134.7, 133.8, 133.8, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 129.5, 128.3, 127.6, 127.5, 127.5, 117.1, 107.3, 82.8, 80.8, 75.8, 69.7, 67.8, 64.4, 62.8, 38.9, 29.2, 28.4; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₄₄H₅₈O₅Si₂Na [(M + Na)⁺] 745.3721, found 745.3702.

Oxepane 20. A solution of alcohol **17** (12.85 g, 17.79 mmol) in THF (200 mL) was cooled to –78 °C and treated with *sec*-BuLi (52.0 mL, 1.03 M solution in cyclohexane, 53.6 mmol). After 20 min at –78 °C, Bu₃SnCl (10.5 mL, 39.0 mmol) was added to this mixture. After being stirred for 1 h at –78 °C, the reaction was quenched with H₂O (50 mL), and the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (600 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (silica gel, 10–20% EtOAc–hexane containing 1% Et₃N) gave allylstannane **18** (15.91 g, 88%).

A solution of allylstannane **18** (15.91 g, 15.75 mmol) and Et₃N (11 mL, 78.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂–DMSO (220 mL, 10:1) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with sulfur trioxide–pyridine complex (10.25 g, 64.40 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then allowed to warm to room temperature, and the stirring was continued for 1.5 h. The resulting solution was diluted with EtOAc (600 mL), washed with H₂O, saturated

aqueous NaHCO₃, and brine, and dried (Na₂SO₄). Filtration, concentration, and flash chromatography (silica gel, 10–20% EtOAc–hexane containing 1% Et₃N) gave aldehyde **19** (14.63 g, 92%).

A solution of the aldehyde **19** (14.63 g, 14.51 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) was cooled to –90 °C and treated with boron trifluoride etherate (2.2 mL, 17.9 mmol). After being stirred for 30 min at –90 °C, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (100 mL) and allowed to warm to room temperature. To this mixture was added saturated aqueous KF (200 mL), and the resulting solution was vigorously stirred overnight. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (800 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (silica gel, 20–30% EtOAc–hexane) gave oxepane **20** (12.74 g), which was used in the following reaction without further purification: ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 500 MHz) δ 7.92–7.87 (4H, m), 7.72–7.68 (4H, m), 7.27–7.12 (12H, m), 5.71 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.7, 5.2 Hz), 5.15 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.1, 1.5, 1.5 Hz), 4.91 (1H, ddd, *J* = 10.7, 1.5, 1.5 Hz), 4.22 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 1.8 Hz), 3.92 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 5.8 Hz), 3.84 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 9.2, 4.9 Hz), 3.51 (1H, m), 3.49 (1H, m), 3.36 (1H, m), 3.02 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 9.2, 4.9 Hz), 2.94 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 9.2, 4.0 Hz), 2.33 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.6, 4.6 Hz), 1.88–1.49 (5H, m), 1.21 (9H, s), 1.09 (9H, s); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 125 MHz) δ 138.4, 136.4, 136.24 (x 2), 136.20, 134.6, 134.4, 134.3, 133.8, 130.02, 129.99, 129.8, 129.7, 128.5, 128.4, 128.3, 127.9, 114.6, 86.0, 83.3, 82.5, 79.6, 73.8, 68.3, 64.8, 41.6, 29.1, 27.2 (x 2), 27.0, 19.7, 19.5.

Diol 11. A solution of oxepane **20** (12.74 g) in THF (120 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with 9-BBN–H (110 mL, 0.5 M solution in THF, 55 mmol), and the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. The solution was recooled to 0 °C, and the reaction was quenched with H₂O (10 mL). To the mixture were added saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (80 mL) and 30% H₂O₂ (80 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h at room temperature and diluted with EtOAc (700 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O, saturated aqueous Na₂SO₃, saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and brine. Drying (Na₂SO₄), filtration, concentration, and flash chromatography (silica gel, 30–65% EtOAc–hexane) gave alcohol **11** (94% for two steps): [α]_D²⁷ = +12.0° (*c* 1.38, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3365 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.67–7.26 (20H, m, Si(C₆H₅)₂), 3.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.3, 1.8 Hz, 38-H), 3.72 (1H, m, 30-H), 3.69–3.60 (5H, m, 27-H₂, 38-H₂, 36-H), 3.35 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.2, 6.4, 4.3 Hz, 29-H), 3.30 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 5.8, 1.8 Hz, 37-H), 2.99 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 8.9, 3.4 Hz, 33-H), 2.90 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 9.2, 4.0 Hz, 34-H), 1.96 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.6, 4.6 Hz, 35-H), 1.84–1.65 (6H, m, 28-H₂, 31-H₂, 32-H₂), 1.45 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 11.6, 11.3 Hz, 35-H), 1.00 (9H, s, SiC₄H₉), 0.96 (9H, s, SiC₄H₉); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 135.88, 135.84, 135.80, 135.7, 134.1, 133.92, 133.88, 133.4, 129.70, 129.67, 129.4, 129.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.42, 127.37, 85.4, 82.8, 81.6, 80.8, 74.6, 67.6, 64.0, 60.8, 40.8, 37.3, 29.9, 26.9, 26.8, 26.4, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₄₄H₅₈O₆Si₂Na [(M + Na)⁺] 761.3670, found 761.3667.

Acetal 21. A solution of aldehyde **10** (3.00 g, 17.85 mmol) and diol **11** (10.14 g, 13.73 mmol) in dry benzene (150 mL) was treated with scandium trifluoromethanesulfonate (676 mg, 1.37 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred at room temperature for 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (500 mL), washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated to afford an inseparable mixture of acetal and the recovered aldehyde **10**. This crude residue was dissolved in MeOH–CH₂Cl₂ (1:1, 150 mL), and the solution was treated with sodium borohydride (700 mg, 18.5 mmol) and stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (100 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with CHCl₃ (120 mL × 4). The combined organic layers were dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (20% EtOAc–hexane) gave acetal **21** (10.04 g, 82%) as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers (α:β = 1:2): IR (film) 3070, 2933, 2856, 1427, 1081, 741, 704, 507 cm^{–1}; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) (α-isomer) δ 7.67–7.26 (20H, m), 5.86 (1H, dddd, *J* = 17.1, 10.4,

5.5, 5.5 Hz), 5.23 (1H, dddd, $J = 17.1, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5$ Hz), 5.13 (1H, dddd, $J = 10.4, 1.5, 1.5, 1.5$ Hz), 4.88 (1H, dd, $J = 8.9, 2.5$ Hz), 4.09 (1H, dddd, $J = 12.8, 5.5, 1.5, 1.5$ Hz), 3.92 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 1.8$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, dddd, $J = 12.8, 5.5, 1.5, 1.5$ Hz), 3.81 (2H, m, 17-H), 3.79 (1H, m), 3.69 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 5.5$ Hz), 3.66 (1H, m), 3.44 (1H, dd, $J = 11.6, 11.6$ Hz), 3.31 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 11.6, 2.4$ Hz), 3.29 (1H, m), 3.27 (1H, m), 3.22 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.8, 9.8, 1.8$ Hz), 3.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.2, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 2.97 (1H, ddd, $J = 10.4, 9.8, 4.3$ Hz), 2.89 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 9.2, 3.7$ Hz), 2.19 (1H, m), 2.12 (1H, ddd, $J = 14.3, 8.9, 1.8$ Hz), 2.02 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 1.89–1.44 (10H, m), 1.33 (1H, dddd, $J = 12.5, 12.5, 10.4, 4.9$ Hz), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s); ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) (β -isomer) δ 7.67–7.26 (20H, m), 5.86 (1H, m), 5.22 (1H, dddd, $J = 17.1, 1.8, 1.2, 1.2$ Hz), 5.12 (1H, dddd, $J = 10.1, 1.8, 1.2, 1.2$ Hz), 4.92 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 2.8$ Hz), 4.06 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 1.5$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.71–3.62 (4H, m), 3.54 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.5, 4.0, 4.0$ Hz), 3.34–3.26 (3H, m), 3.20 (1H, m), 3.00 (1H, m), 2.98 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, m), 2.19 (1H, m), 2.13 (1H, m), 2.02 (1H, m), 1.88–1.47 (10H, m), 1.33 (1H, m), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.96 (9H, s); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) (α -isomer) δ 135.94, 135.85, 135.81, 135.7, 135.0, 134.1, 134.0, 133.8, 133.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.36, 116.4, 99.1, 83.9, 82.9, 82.6, 80.9, 77.5, 77.1, 72.0, 69.7, 67.8, 67.5, 63.9, 63.7, 40.8, 36.3, 36.1, 29.7, 29.3, 27.8, 26.9, 26.8, 25.3, 19.3, 19.2; ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) (β -isomer) δ 135.9, 135.82, 135.80, 135.7, 135.1, 134.2, 134.0, 133.8, 133.3, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.48, 127.39, 127.34, 116.7, 99.7, 83.2, 82.8, 82.2, 80.7, 80.3, 77.2, 69.9, 67.7, 67.5, 63.9, 58.3, 40.8, 36.4, 36.2, 29.8, 29.4, 27.81, 27.77, 26.9, 26.8, 25.4, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{72}\text{O}_8\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$ [(M + Na) $^+$] 927.4663, found 927.4650.

Allyltriethylsilane 28. A solution of acetal **21** (9.22 g, 10.38 mmol, $\alpha:\beta = 1:2$) in THF (150 mL) was cooled to -78°C and treated with *sec*-BuLi (1.03 M solution in cyclohexane, 12.0 mL, 14.1 mmol). After 20 min at -78°C , triethylsilyl chloride (2.0 mL, 11.9 mmol) was added to this mixture. After the reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 20 min, the reaction was quenched with H_2O (30 mL), and the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (500 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Chromatography (10–20% EtOAc–hexane) gave allyltriethylsilane **28** (9.03 g, 87%) as an inseparable mixture of diastereomers ($\alpha:\beta = \text{ca. } 1:4$) along with the recovered acetal **21a** (1.16 g, 12%). Data for the β -isomer of **28**: ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67–7.26 (20H, m), 5.85 (1H, d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 4.93 (1H, dd, $J = 8.6, 3.1$ Hz), 4.29 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.6, 8.6, 6.1$ Hz), 3.92 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 1.8$ Hz), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.67 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 5.5$ Hz), 3.63 (3H, m), 3.52 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.8, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 3.33–3.18 (5H, m), 2.99 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.2, 8.2, 4.3$ Hz), 2.88 (1H, m), 2.12–1.23 (16H, m), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s), 0.91 (9H, t, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 0.49 (6H, q, $J = 7.9$ Hz).

Tetracyclic O-Linked Oxacycle 23. A solution of triphenylphosphine (7.09 g, 27.1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (100 mL) was cooled to -78°C and treated with TiCl_4 (3.0 mL, 27.4 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. A solution of allyltriethylsilane **28** (9.03 g, 9.01 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (75 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min to this solution. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30 min and at 0°C for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 (100 mL) and diluted with EtOAc– Et_2O (4:1, 500 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (30–60% EtOAc–hexane) gave tetracyclic ether **23** (2.09 g, 36%) and its diastereoisomer **24** (1.33 g, 16%). Data for **23**: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +12.2^\circ$ (c 0.81, CHCl_3); IR (film) 3475 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67–7.26 (20H, m), 5.74 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.4, 10.7, 7.0$ Hz), 5.26 (1H, d, $J = 17.4$ Hz), 5.10 (1H, d, $J = 10.7$ Hz), 3.94 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 1.8$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.65 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 6.1$ Hz), 3.60–3.56 (4H, m), 3.45 (1H, m), 3.42 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 11.6, 4.6$ Hz), 3.26 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.2, 6.1, 1.8$ Hz), 3.10 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 3.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 8.9, 4.6$ Hz), 2.95–2.89 (3H, m), 2.30 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 2.04 (1H, m), 1.91 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 1.81 (1H, m), 1.74 (2H, m), 1.69–1.64 (3H,

m), 1.59 (1H, m), 1.53 (1H, m), 1.47 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 11.3, 11.0$ Hz), 1.40 (2H, m), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.93, 135.89, 135.83, 135.79, 135.67, 134.1, 133.9, 133.8, 133.4, 129.69, 129.67, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.5, 127.43, 127.38, 118.7, 83.9, 82.5, 82.0, 81.8, 81.0, 79.2, 77.3, 76.5, 76.4, 67.8, 67.5, 63.9, 61.1, 40.8, 37.3, 37.1, 29.2, 26.9, 26.8, 26.0, 25.40, 25.36, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{72}\text{O}_8\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$ [(M + Na) $^+$] 927.4663, found 927.4665. Data for **24**: $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -5.1^\circ$ (c 2.32, CHCl_3); IR (film) 3444 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.68–7.27 (20H, m), 5.90 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.4, 10.7, 6.7$ Hz), 5.26 (1H, d, $J = 17.4$ Hz), 5.15 (1H, d, $J = 10.7$ Hz), 3.94 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 1.8$ Hz), 3.91 (1H, br d), 3.87 (1H, m), 3.65 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 5.8$ Hz), 3.62 (3H, m, 27-H₂), 3.54 (1H, br), 3.46 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.5, 6.7, 3.1$ Hz), 3.39 (1H, m), 3.37 (1H, m), 3.27 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.2, 5.8, 1.8$ Hz), 3.23 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.9, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 3.07 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 2.93 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.8, 9.8, 4.3$ Hz), 2.86 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 9.8, 4.3$ Hz), 2.12 (1H, ddd, $J = 14.0, 7.0, 4.0$ Hz), 2.02 (1H, m), 1.91 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 1.83–1.44 (10H, m), 1.41 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 11.3, 11.3$ Hz), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.9 ($\times 2$), 135.82, 135.78, 135.71, 134.1, 133.9, 133.8, 133.4, 127.9 ($\times 2$), 129.4, 129.3, 127.7, 127.6, 127.40, 127.35, 116.9, 84.3, 82.7, 81.9, 81.5, 81.3, 80.1, 78.3, 74.1, 74.0, 68.2, 67.7, 64.0, 61.1, 40.7, 36.9, 33.0, 29.2, 26.9, 26.8, 26.3, 25.7, 24.2, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{72}\text{O}_8\text{Si}_2\text{Na}$ [(M + Na) $^+$] 927.4663, found 927.4671.

TBDMS Ether 29. A solution of tetracyclic ether **23** (3.16 g, 3.56 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated sequentially with 2,6-lutidine (0.92 mL, 7.90 mmol) and TBDMSOTf (0.90 mL, 3.92 mmol). After the reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min, the reaction was quenched with MeOH (0.5 mL). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and Et_2O (40 mL), washed with 1 N aqueous HCl, saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10–20% EtOAc–hexane) gave TBDMS ether **29** (3.4578 g, 95%): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +24.9^\circ$ (c 0.36, CHCl_3); IR (film) 2931, 2856, 1427, 1257, 1111, 1007, 837, 704 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67–7.25 (20H, m), 5.76 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.1, 10.4, 6.4$ Hz), 5.24 (1H, d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 5.04 (1H, d, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 3.93 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 1.8$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.68 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 5.5$ Hz), 3.59 (1H, m), 3.58 (1H, m), 3.50 (2H, m), 3.40 (2H, m), 3.34 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 11.3, 4.3$ Hz), 3.26 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.9, 5.5, 1.8$ Hz), 3.11 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 8.9, 4.3$ Hz), 3.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 8.9, 4.3$ Hz), 2.95–2.87 (3H, m), 2.32 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.6, 4.3$ Hz), 2.04 (1H, m), 1.96 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.0, 4.0$ Hz), 1.80–1.37 (11H, m), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s), 0.81 (9H, s), -0.07 (3H, s), -0.11 (3H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 135.94 ($\times 2$), 135.86, 135.78, 135.70, 134.2, 134.1, 133.8, 133.4, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.43 ($\times 2$), 127.37, 118.3, 82.5, 81.9, 81.6, 81.4, 79.9, 78.8, 77.3, 76.6, 76.5, 67.8, 67.6, 64.0, 59.5, 40.8, 38.2, 37.1, 29.3, 26.92, 26.85, 26.1, 25.9, 25.8, 25.4, 19.3, 19.2, 18.2, -5.4 ($\times 2$); HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{86}\text{O}_8\text{Si}_3\text{Na}$ [(M + Na) $^+$] 1041.5528, found 1041.5521.

Alcohol 30. A solution of TBDMS ether **29** (2.972 g, 2.916 mmol) and *N*-methylmorpholine *N*-oxide (50% in H_2O , 2.05 g, 8.75 mmol) in *t*-BuOMe–*t*-BuOH– H_2O (1:1:1, 66 mL) was treated with OsO_4 (75.0 mg, 0.295 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and diluted with EtOAc (250 mL). The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous Na_2SO_3 , H_2O , and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give crude diol.

A solution of the crude diol in benzene (40 mL) was treated with $\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_4$ (1.94 g, 4.38 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (250 mL), washed with H_2O , saturated aqueous Na_2SO_3 , saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give crude aldehyde.

A solution of the crude aldehyde in THF (40 mL) was cooled to -78°C and treated with methylmagnesium bromide (3.0 M solution in Et_2O , 3.0 mL, 9.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 20 min and then at 0°C for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (10 mL), and the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (250 mL). The organic

layer was washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (30% EtOAc–hexane) gave alcohol **30** as a 5:1 mixture of diastereoisomers (2.778 g, 91% for the three steps): $[\alpha]_D^{29} = +6.37^\circ$ (*c* 1.55, CHCl_3); IR (film) 3479 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) (major isomer) δ 7.65–7.25 (20H, m), 3.94 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, br d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.64 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 5.8$ Hz), 3.60 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.2, 4.9$ Hz), 3.54 (1H, m), 3.51–3.45 (3H, m), 3.40–3.20 (3H, m), 2.99–2.92 (3H, m), 2.87 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 8.9, 4.0$ Hz), 2.79 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.9, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 2.35 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 2.03–1.36 (13H, m), 1.20 (1H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.96 (9H, s), 0.81 (9H, s), -0.06 (3H, s), -0.10 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) (major isomer) δ 135.92, 135.87, 135.78, 135.69, 134.2, 134.0, 133.8, 133.5, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.5, 127.42, 127.38, 83.0, 82.7, 82.4, 81.9, 81.2, 80.7, 77.6, 76.7, 73.2, 67.8, 67.7, 64.7, 64.1, 59.6, 40.8, 38.4, 37.2, 29.2, 27.3, 26.93, 26.85, 26.4, 25.9, 25.4, 20.4, 19.3, 19.2, 18.2, -5.4 , -5.5 ; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{88}\text{O}_9\text{Si}_3\text{Na}$ [(M + Na) $^+$] 1059.5634, found 1059.5643.

Methyl Ketone 31. A solution of oxalyl chloride (540 μL , 6.21 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) was cooled to -78°C and treated with DMSO (890 μL , 12.5 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at -78°C for 10 min. To the solution was added dropwise via cannula a solution of alcohol **30** (3.21 g, 3.09 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL). After being stirred at -78°C for 30 min, the mixture was treated with Et_3N (3.5 mL, 25.1 mmol) and allowed to warm to room temperature. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and diluted with EtOAc– Et_2O (4:1, 250 mL). The organic layer was washed with H_2O , saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 , and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (20% EtOAc–hexane) gave methyl ketone **31** (3.02 g, 94%): $[\alpha]_D^{29} = +2.9^\circ$ (*c* 0.98, CHCl_3); IR (film) 1730 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.67–7.25 (20H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 1.5$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, br d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 3.72 (1H, d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 3.62 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 5.8$ Hz), 3.57 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.2, 4.6$ Hz), 3.50 (1H, m), 3.45 (2H, m), 3.41 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 8.9, 6.4$ Hz), 3.28 (2H, m), 3.01 (1H, ddd, $J = 10.7, 8.9, 4.3$ Hz), 2.93 (2H, m), 2.76 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 2.39 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.6, 4.6$ Hz), 2.17 (3H, s), 2.02 (1H, m), 1.99 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.6, 4.3$ Hz), 1.81 (1H, m), 1.75–1.62 (5H, m), 1.54–1.34 (5H, m), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s), 0.80 (9H, s), -0.07 (3H, s), -0.12 (3H, s); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 205.3, 139.5, 135.84, 135.76, 135.69, 134.1, 133.93, 133.86, 133.4, 129.64, 129.57, 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.44, 127.42, 127.38, 83.7, 82.8, 82.6, 81.5, 80.5, 80.0, 77.9, 75.9, 74.4, 67.8, 67.6, 64.1, 59.3, 40.7, 38.0, 37.4, 29.5, 29.0, 26.9, 26.8, 26.5, 26.2, 25.9, 25.4, 19.3, 19.2, 18.2, -5.4 , -5.5 ; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{60}\text{H}_{86}\text{O}_9\text{Si}_3\text{Na}$ [(M + Na) $^+$] 1057.5477, found 1057.5459.

α -Bromoketo Alcohol 32. To a solution of LDA, prepared from *i*-Pr $_2$ NH (60 μL , 0.428 mmol) and BuLi (1.63 M solution in hexane, 230 μL , 0.375 mmol), in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise a solution of ketone **31** (125.3 mg, 0.1210 mmol) in THF (4 mL) at -78°C . The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 20 min and treated with TMSCl (50 μL , 0.39 mmol). After 20 min at -78°C , the reaction was quenched with H_2O , and the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. The solution was diluted with EtOAc (60 mL), washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give silyl enol ether, which was used immediately in the next reaction.

A solution of the silyl enol ether in THF (6 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated with *N*-bromosuccinimide (65.0 mg, 0.365 mmol). After being stirred at 0°C for 45 min, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (60 mL), washed with saturated aqueous Na_2SO_3 , H_2O , and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give α -bromoketone, which was used in the following reaction without purification.

A solution of the crude α -bromoketone in CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH (1:1, 6 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated with camphorsulfonic acid (6.0 mg, 0.026 mmol). After the resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 10 min and at room temperature for 45 min, the reaction was quenched with Et_3N , and the mixture was concentrated. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography (40–50% EtOAc–hexane) to give α -bromoketo alco-

hol **32** (101.0 mg, 83% for the three steps): $[\alpha]_D^{29} = +5.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.97, CHCl_3); IR (film) 3473, 1732 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.66–7.25 (20H, m), 4.08 (1H, d, $J = 13.7$ Hz), 4.05 (1H, d, $J = 13.7$ Hz), 3.94 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 1.8$ Hz), 3.93 (1H, d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, br d, $J = 11.9$ Hz), 3.59 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 6.1$ Hz), 3.56 (4H, m), 3.47 (1H, m), 3.37 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.9, 4.6, 4.6$ Hz), 3.34 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 9.2, 6.4$ Hz), 3.28 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.9, 6.1, 1.8$ Hz), 3.04 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 8.9, 4.3$ Hz), 2.94 (1H, m), 2.93 (1H, m), 2.81 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 2.38 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.9, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 2.03 (1H, m), 1.94 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.9, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 1.83–1.53 (8H, m), 1.52 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.9, 11.6, 11.6$ Hz), 1.41 (1H, m), 1.39 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.9, 11.6, 11.3$ Hz), 0.99 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 197.8, 135.82 ($\times 2$), 135.78, 135.69, 134.1, 133.9, 133.8, 133.4, 129.7 ($\times 2$), 129.4, 129.3, 127.6, 127.5, 127.40, 127.38, 83.9, 83.1, 82.6, 81.4, 81.0, 79.9, 78.2, 75.6, 74.2, 67.8, 67.6, 64.1, 60.9, 40.7, 37.27, 37.24, 33.6, 29.0, 26.9, 26.8, 26.1, 26.0, 25.3, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{71}\text{O}_9\text{BrSi}_2\text{Na}$ [(M + Na) $^+$] 1021.3718, found 1021.3698.

Phenylthiocarbonate 35. A solution of α -bromoketo alcohol **32** (417.2 mg, 0.4172 mmol) and Et_3N (300 μL , 2.15 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 –DMSO (3:1, 16 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated with sulfur trioxide–pyridine complex (270 mg, 1.70 mmol). After being stirred at 0°C for 40 min, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and Et_2O (40 mL), washed with H_2O and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give aldehyde **6**, which was used in the following reaction without purification.

To a solution of SmI_2 in THF (0.1 M, 21 mL, 2.10 mmol) was added dropwise over 10 min a solution of the above aldehyde **6** (0.4172 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at -78°C , and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78°C for 45 min. Excess SmI_2 was quenched by exposure to dry oxygen until the deep blue solution turned yellow. The mixture was directly treated with acetic anhydride (400 μL , 4.24 mmol) and DMAP (102 mg, 0.835 mmol) and allowed to warm to 0°C . After being stirred at 0°C for 30 min, the solution was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL), washed with 1 N aqueous HCl, saturated aqueous Na_2SO_3 , saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give crude β -acetoxy ketone **33** (557 mg), which was used in the following reaction without purification. Analytically pure sample was purified by flash chromatography (30–60% EtOAc–hexane) to afford **33** as a single diastereomer: $^1\text{H NMR}$ (500 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.65–7.26 (20H, m), 5.46 (1H, br dd, $J = 10.4, 10.1$ Hz), 4.08 (1H, d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 3.89 (1H, d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 3.87 (1H, br d, $J = 13.7$ Hz), 3.59 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 5.5$ Hz), 3.59 (1H, m), 3.41 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 9.5, 4.6$ Hz), 3.33 (1H, m), 3.28–3.25 (2H, m), 3.10 (1H, m), 3.06 (1H, dd, $J = 12.5, 2.8$ Hz), 3.00 (2H, m), 2.90 (1H, m), 2.82 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 9.2, 3.7$ Hz), 2.60 (1H, dd, $J = 12.5, 10.4$ Hz), 2.28 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.0, 4.0$ Hz), 2.04 (3H, s), 2.03–1.98 (3H, m), 1.78 (1H, ddd, $J = 15.0, 10.1, 7.6$ Hz), 1.74–1.59 (7H, m), 1.47 (2H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 11.3, 11.3$ Hz), 0.98 (9H, s), 0.94 (9H, s); $^{13}\text{C NMR}$ (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 206.8, 170.4, 135.9 ($\times 2$), 135.8, 135.7, 134.1, 134.0, 133.8, 133.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.4, 129.3, 127.7, 127.5, 127.4 ($\times 2$), 86.6, 83.0, 82.7, 82.2, 81.9, 80.5, 77.8, 77.4, 77.2, 76.0, 67.7, 66.9, 64.0, 51.9, 43.5, 40.8, 38.4, 28.9, 28.8, 26.9, 26.8, 26.5, 25.4, 21.3, 19.3, 19.2.

A solution of the above crude β -acetoxy ketone **33** in CH_2Cl_2 –MeOH (1:1, 16 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated with NaBH_4 (32.0 mg, 0.846 mmol) portionwise. After 10 min at 0°C , the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl (16 mL), and the solution was extracted with CHCl_3 (30 mL $\times 4$). The combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated. Flash chromatography (2% MeOH– CHCl_3) afforded alcohol **34** (389.8 mg), which was used in the next reaction without further purification.

A solution of the above alcohol **34** (376.3 mg, 0.3911 mmol) and DMAP (478 mg, 3.912 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was treated with phenyl chlorothiocarbonate (270 μL , 1.951 mmol) at room temperature. After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 23 h, most of the solvent was removed by evaporation, and the residue was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1 N aqueous HCl,

saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10–20% EtOAc–hexane) gave phenyl thiocarbonate **35** as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers (300 mg, 66% for the five steps): [α]_D²⁵ = +23.5° (c 0.59, CHCl₃); IR (film) 1732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers) δ 7.66–7.26 (23H, m), 7.09 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 5.75 (1/2H, m), 5.43 (1/2H, m), 5.19 (1H, m), 3.89 (2H, m), 3.63–3.49 (9/2H, m), 3.37–3.26 (7/2H, m), 3.00–2.82 (4H, m), 2.66 (1/2H, ddd, *J* = 16.8, 5.2, 5.2 Hz), 2.44 (1/2H, ddd, *J* = 12.2, 4.6, 4.6 Hz), 2.35 (1/2H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.3, 4.3 Hz), 2.25 (1/2H, ddd, *J* = 15.0, 7.3, 7.3 Hz), 2.14 (1/2H, ddd, *J* = 15.0, 4.9, 4.9 Hz), 2.06–1.55 (23/2H, m), 2.02 (3/2H, s), 2.00 (3/2H, s), 1.49 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 11.6, 11.6 Hz), 1.37 (1H, m), 0.98 (9H, s), 0.96 (9/2H, s), 0.95 (9/2H, s); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers) δ 194.4, 194.0, 170.5, 170.2, 153.4, 153.3, 136.0, 135.87, 135.85, 135.82, 135.79, 135.76, 135.69, 134.1, 134.0, 133.83, 133.79, 133.2, 133.1, 129.8, 129.7, 129.60, 129.57, 129.48, 129.45, 129.38, 129.33, 127.72, 85.2, 84.9, 84.8, 83.4, 83.0, 82.5, 82.3, 81.7, 81.3, 80.9, 80.7, 80.6, 80.4, 77.5, 77.2, 76.9, 76.2, 75.9, 75.6, 73.8, 69.3, 68.5, 67.8, 67.7, 67.6, 64.0, 63.9, 42.5, 41.6, 40.8, 39.13, 39.08, 36.9, 34.8, 29.9, 29.8, 29.2, 29.1, 26.91, 26.89, 26.84, 26.4, 25.3, 25.2, 21.4, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₆₃H₇₈O₁₁Si₂Na [(M + Na)⁺] 1121.4701, found 1121.4712.

Acetate 36. A solution of phenyl thiocarbonate **35** (121.1 mg, 0.1119 mmol) and triethylborane (1.04 M solution in hexane, 25 μ L, 0.026 mmol) in benzene (5 mL) was treated with Bu₃SnH (600 μ L, 2.23 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (20–30% EtOAc–hexane) to give acetate **36** (85.3 mg, 80%): [α]_D²⁸ = +21.2° (c 0.61, CHCl₃); IR (film) 1732 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.66–7.26 (20H, m), 5.03 (1H, m), 3.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.3, 1.8 Hz), 3.87 (1H, m), 3.60 (1H, m), 3.59 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.3, 5.8 Hz), 3.42 (1H, br dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz), 3.36 (1H, m), 3.32 (1H, m), 3.27 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 5.8, 1.8 Hz), 3.11–3.05 (2H, m), 2.95 (1H, m), 2.94–2.87 (3H, m), 2.24 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.0, 4.0 Hz), 2.05 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 3.7, 3.7 Hz), 1.99 (3H, s), 1.99 (1H, m), 1.85–1.64 (12H, m), 1.52 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 11.3, 11.3 Hz), 1.47 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 11.3, 11.3 Hz), 1.35 (1H, m), 0.98 (9H, s), 0.95 (9H, s); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.5, 135.9 (\times 2), 135.8, 135.7, 134.1, 134.0, 133.8, 133.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.39, 129.36, 127.7, 127.5, 127.40, 127.36, 88.2, 83.0, 82.3, 81.3, 81.0, 80.9, 80.7, 77.7, 77.2, 71.7, 67.8 (\times 2), 64.0, 42.2, 40.9, 38.8, 32.5, 30.2, 29.3, 29.1, 27.0, 26.9, 26.8, 25.4, 21.4, 19.3, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₅₆H₇₄O₉Si₂Na [(M + Na)⁺] 969.4760, found 969.4752.

Phosphonium Salt 5. A solution of alcohol **7** (213.1 mg, 0.3061 mmol) in benzene (7 mL) was treated sequentially with triphenylphosphine (241 mg, 0.919 mmol), imidazole (63.0 mg, 0.925 mmol), and iodine (156 mg, 0.615 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with saturated aqueous Na₂SO₃, H₂O, and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% EtOAc–hexane) gave the corresponding iodide (239 mg, 97%): [α]_D²⁸ = -51.1° (c 0.20, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2927, 2858, 1456, 1252, 1088, 1028, 837, 775, 735, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.36–7.20 (10H, m), 4.64 (1H, d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 4.60 (1H, d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 4.46 (1H, d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 4.44 (1H, d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 4.23 (1H, m), 3.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.8, 1.8 Hz), 3.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.8, 5.2 Hz), 3.78 (1H, m), 3.58 (1H, d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 3.38 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 9.5 Hz), 3.36 (1H, d, *J* = 3.1 Hz), 3.29 (2H, m), 3.25 (1H, m), 2.99 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 9.2, 2.4 Hz), 2.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.2, 5.2 Hz), 2.27 (1H, m), 2.18 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.2, 4.9, 4.9 Hz), 2.14–2.03 (3H, m), 1.73 (1H, m), 1.55 (1H, m), 1.51 (1H, m), 1.37 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.2, 11.6, 11.6 Hz), 1.10 (3H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.03 (3H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.86 (9H, s), 0.04 (3H, s), 0.02 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 139.4, 138.2, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 108.8, 87.0, 84.7, 81.1, 78.5, 77.4, 73.6, 72.2, 72.0, 71.4, 71.0, 69.8, 42.5, 41.5, 41.2, 40.4, 38.4, 36.0, 25.7, 20.0, 17.9, 16.0, 13.5, 2.9, -4.0, -4.7; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₄₀H₅₉O₇SiNa [(M + Na)⁺] 829.2973, found 829.3000.

A solution of the above iodide (236 mg, 0.2928 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (768 mg, 2.93 mmol) in CH₃CN (3 mL) was heated at 70–80 °C for 12 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated. The residue was subjected to flash chromatography (10% MeOH–EtOAc) to give phosphonium salt **5** (303 mg, 97%): [α]_D²⁹ = -24.9° (c 0.55, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2927, 2858, 1439, 1084, 1028, 939, 837, 739, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₃CN, 500 MHz) δ 7.83–7.27 (25H, m), 4.68 (1H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.58 (1H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.45 (1H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.42 (1H, d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 4.24 (1H, m), 3.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.8, 1.5 Hz), 3.85–3.79 (2H, m), 3.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 0.9 Hz), 3.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.4, 0.9 Hz), 3.45 (1H, m), 3.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 9.5 Hz), 3.25–3.18 (2H, m), 3.00 (1H, br dd, *J* = 8.9, 8.9 Hz), 2.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.5, 4.6 Hz), 2.28 (1H, m), 2.22 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.2, 4.9, 4.9 Hz), 2.08 (2H, m), 2.04 (1H, m), 1.52–1.42 (3H, m), 1.24 (1H, ddd, *J* = 12.2, 11.3, 11.3 Hz), 1.17 (3H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 1.01 (3H, d, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 0.94 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.70 (9H, s), -0.03 (3H, s), -0.18 (3H, s); ¹³C NMR (CD₃CN, 125 MHz) δ 140.4, 139.7, 136.10, 136.09, 134.6, 134.5, 131.3, 131.2, 129.3, 129.2, 128.64, 128.56, 128.4, 128.3, 119.5, 118.8, 109.8, 88.1, 85.6, 81.5, 79.6, 79.0, 74.8, 73.0, 72.9, 72.2, 71.4, 70.9, 43.3, 42.4, 41.8, 41.0, 39.5, 26.0, 20.4, 19.2, 18.9, 18.3, 16.2, 13.9, -3.9, -4.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₅₈H₇₄O₇SiP [(M + D)⁺] 941.4941, found 941.4945.

TBPS Ether 38. A solution of acetate **36** (384.8 mg, 0.4068 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was treated with Bu₄NF (1.0 M solution in THF, 1.3 mL, 1.3 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (5% MeOH–CHCl₃) to give diol, which was used in the following reaction without further purification.

A solution of the crude diol and imidazole (83.0 mg, 1.22 mmol) in DMF (6 mL) was cooled to 0 °C and treated with TBPSCl (130 μ L, 0.506 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and diluted with EtOAc (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O (\times 2) and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (30–50% EtOAc–hexane) gave TBPS ether **38** (236 mg, 82% for the two steps): [α]_D²⁹ = +4.1° (c 0.55, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3444, 1730 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.66–7.12 (10H, m), 5.05 (1H, m), 3.87 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 4.9 Hz), 3.86 (1H, m), 3.72 (1H, m), 3.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 7.3 Hz), 3.54 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.9, 8.9, 3.1 Hz), 3.47 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.9, 4.3, 4.3 Hz), 3.31 (1H, m), 3.24 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.9, 7.3, 4.9 Hz), 3.18 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.9, 9.2, 4.0 Hz), 3.09 (2H, m), 2.97 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.2, 6.4, 6.4 Hz), 2.91 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, m), 2.36 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.3, 4.3 Hz), 2.21 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.9, 3.7, 3.7 Hz), 2.02 (3H, s), 1.99 (1H, m), 1.95–1.64 (12H, m), 1.51 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.9, 11.0, 11.0 Hz), 1.47 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 11.6, 11.6 Hz), 1.34 (1H, m), 1.04 (9H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 170.7, 135.6, 135.5, 132.53, 132.46, 129.93, 129.91, 127.8 (\times 2), 88.1, 82.5, 81.4, 81.3, 80.9, 80.8, 79.4, 77.7, 77.0, 71.8, 69.9, 67.7, 66.5, 42.5, 39.5, 38.8, 32.8, 30.0, 29.3, 29.1, 26.9, 26.8, 25.4, 21.4, 19.1; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₄₀H₅₆O₉SiNa [(M + Na)⁺] 731.3591, found 731.3599.

Ketone 39. A solution of oxalyl chloride (55 μ L, 0.633 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and treated with DMSO (95 μ L, 1.34 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min. To the solution was added dropwise via cannula a solution of alcohol **38** (228.1 mg, 0.3217 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL). After being stirred at -78 °C for 30 min, the mixture was treated with Et₃N (360 μ L, 2.56 mmol) and allowed to warm to room temperature. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 30 min and diluted with EtOAc (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (40% EtOAc–hexane) gave ketone **39** (215.2 mg, 94%): [α]_D²⁹ = +13.6° (c 0.55, CHCl₃); IR (film) 1728 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.69–7.33 (10H, m), 5.06 (1H, m), 3.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.3, 2.7 Hz), 3.90 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.9 Hz), 3.86 (1H, m), 3.63 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.3, 9.5, 5.5 Hz), 3.56 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.9, 7.9, 4.9 Hz), 3.48 (1H, ddd, *J* = 8.9, 4.0, 4.0 Hz), 3.36–3.29 (3H, m), 3.12 (2H, m), 2.94 (1H, m), 2.92 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.8, 5.5 Hz), 2.33 (1H, dd, *J* = 16.8, 11.3 Hz), 2.27 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.9, 2.8, 2.8 Hz), 2.01 (1H, m), 2.00 (3H, s), 1.94–1.65

(12H, m), 1.56 (1H, m), 1.36 (1H, m), 1.01 (9H, s); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 205.9, 170.6, 135.7 ($\times 2$), 133.43, 133.36, 129.62, 129.59, 127.57, 127.56, 88.2, 83.9, 81.4, 81.3, 81.2, 81.0, 80.0, 77.7, 77.0, 71.7, 67.8, 63.4, 46.7, 42.2, 38.9, 32.6, 29.7, 29.3, 29.1, 26.9, 26.7, 25.4, 21.4, 19.2; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{54}\text{O}_9\text{SiNa}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 729.3435, found 729.3448.

Dithioketal 40. A solution of ketone **39** (207 mg, 0.293 mmol) and EtSH (110 μL , 1.49 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (8 mL) was cooled to -78°C and treated with TiCl_4 (60 μL , 0.547 mmol). After the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1.5 h, the reaction was quenched with aqueous NaHCO_3 (2 mL). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give dithioketal, which was used in the next reaction without purification. Analytically pure sample was purified by chromatography (30% EtOAc–hexane): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.69–7.32 (10H, m), 5.07 (1H, m), 4.11 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 1.8$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.75 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 8.2$ Hz), 3.67 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.5, 4.0$ Hz), 3.59 (1H, dd, $J = 8.2, 1.8$ Hz), 3.51 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.9, 5.8, 5.8$ Hz), 3.40 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.9, 4.6, 4.6$ Hz), 3.32 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 11.3, 4.3$ Hz), 3.12 (2H, m), 2.98 (1H, m), 2.93 (1H, m), 2.91 (1H, m), 2.60–2.34 (4H, m), 2.32 (1H, dd, $J = 13.1, 4.0$ Hz), 2.25 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 3.7, 3.7$ Hz), 2.00 (1H, m), 1.99 (3H, s), 1.95–1.64 (13H, m), 1.53 (1H, m), 1.35 (1H, m), 1.14 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.09 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.02 (9H, s); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 170.4, 135.70, 135.68, 134.0, 133.8, 129.5, 129.4, 127.51, 127.48, 88.4, 86.5, 83.3, 81.4, 81.3, 81.2, 78.5, 77.7, 77.0, 71.9, 67.8, 64.1, 60.3, 42.8, 42.1, 38.8, 32.2, 30.4, 29.3, 29.0, 27.3, 26.8, 25.4, 23.4, 23.3, 21.4, 19.3, 14.24, 14.15.

A solution of the above dithioketal in THF (8 mL) was treated with Bu_4NF (1.0 M solution in THF, 0.6 mL, 0.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (2% MeOH– CHCl_3) to give dithioketal **40** (163.4 mg, 97% for the two steps): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -13.0^\circ$ (c 0.55, CHCl_3); IR (film) 3479 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 5.07 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, $J = 11.6, 2.7$ Hz), 3.86 (1H, m), 3.74 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.5, 4.0$ Hz), 3.67 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 8.9$ Hz), 3.60 (1H, dd, $J = 8.9, 2.7$ Hz), 3.55 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.2, 6.4, 6.4$ Hz), 3.40 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.2, 4.9, 4.9$ Hz), 3.31 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 11.6, 4.6$ Hz), 3.10 (3H, m), 2.93 (1H, m), 2.90 (1H, m), 2.68–2.51 (4H, m), 2.37 (1H, dd, $J = 13.1, 4.0$ Hz), 2.24 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.6, 4.0, 4.0$ Hz), 2.00 (3H, s), 1.98 (1H, m), 1.95–1.63 (13H, m), 1.52 (1H, m), 1.34 (1H, m), 1.24 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.19 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 170.5, 83.3, 85.4, 83.4, 81.6, 81.3, 81.2, 78.2, 77.7, 76.9, 71.8, 67.7, 62.1, 59.9, 42.5, 42.2, 38.8, 32.3, 30.3, 29.3, 29.1, 27.5, 25.4, 23.7, 23.4, 21.4, 14.3, 14.1; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_8\text{S}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 597.2532, found 597.2538.

Aldehyde 4. A solution of dithioketal **40** (155.1 mg, 0.2698 mmol) and Et_3N (190 μL , 1.36 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 –DMSO (3:1, 6 mL) was cooled to 0°C and treated with sulfur trioxide–pyridine complex (172 mg, 1.08 mmol). After being stirred at 0°C for 30 min, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (100 mL), washed with H_2O ($\times 2$), and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give crude aldehyde **3**, which was used in the following reaction without purification.

(Z)-Olefin 41. A solution of phosphonium salt **5** (294.7 mg, 0.2759 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was cooled to -78°C and treated with BuLi (1.63 M solution in hexane, 170 μL , 0.277 mmol). The mixture was allowed to warm to 0°C and stirred at 0°C for 30 min. After being cooled to -78°C , the solution was treated with HMPA (150 μL , 0.862 mmol), and a solution of the above aldehyde **4** in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise via cannula. The resulting solution was stirred at -78°C for 20 min and then warmed to room temperature and stirred at that temperature for 3.5 h. The mixture was concentrated, and the residue was directly subjected to flash chromatography (20–60% EtOAc–hexane) to give (Z)-olefin **41** (210.6 mg, 63% from **5**): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -42.0^\circ$ (c 0.29, CHCl_3); IR (film) 2931, 2868, 1732, 1456, 1250, 1086, 837, 775, 737, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.55–7.22 (10H, m), 5.85 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.2, 4.9$ Hz), 5.58 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 8.9$ Hz), 5.08 (1H, m), 4.65 (1H, d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 4.58 (1H, d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 4.45 (1H, d, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 4.43 (1H, d, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 4.23 (1H, d, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 4.22 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 1.5$ Hz), 3.86 (1H, m), 3.80 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 4.9$ Hz), 3.78 (1H, m), 3.76 (1H, m), 3.56 (1H, d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 3.53 (1H, m), 3.41–3.28 (4H, m), 3.25 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 8.9, 4.6$ Hz), 3.13–3.05 (3H, m), 2.94 (2H, m), 2.89 (1H, m), 2.82 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 5.2$ Hz), 2.80 (1H, m), 2.68–2.56 (4H, m), 2.37 (1H, dd, $J = 13.1, 4.0$ Hz), 2.24 (1H, m), 2.19–1.47 (22H, m), 2.00 (3H, s), 1.34 (2H, m), 1.25 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.12 (3H, t, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.06 (3H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.02 (3H, d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 0.97 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 0.87 (9H, s), 0.07 (3H, s), 0.05 (3H, s); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 170.4, 139.4, 138.2, 132.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.4, 108.8, 88.4, 86.9, 84.7, 83.3, 81.7, 81.5, 81.4, 81.3, 81.2, 78.5, 78.2, 77.7, 77.4, 76.9, 73.8, 72.1, 72.0, 71.9, 71.4, 71.0, 70.4, 67.7, 63.3, 43.3, 42.5, 42.1, 41.5, 41.1, 40.3, 38.8, 38.4, 32.2, 31.0, 30.4, 29.3, 29.0, 27.6, 25.9, 25.4, 23.2, 23.0, 21.4, 20.0, 17.9, 16.0, 14.2, 14.1, 13.5, -4.0 ; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{68}\text{H}_{102}\text{O}_{14}\text{SiS}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 1257.6378, found 1257.6400.

Hydroxy Dithioketal 3. A solution of olefin **41** (206.2 mg, 0.1668 mmol) in THF (7 mL) was treated with Bu_4NF (1.0 M solution in THF, 340 μL , 0.34 mmol) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred for 5 h. The solvent was evaporated, and the residue was subjected to flash chromatography (30–60% EtOAc–hexane) to give hydroxy dithioketal **3** (169.6 mg, 91%): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -21.7^\circ$ (c 0.83, CHCl_3); IR (film) 3444 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.35–7.26 (10H, m), 5.85 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 7.9, 7.9$ Hz), 5.67 (1H, dd, $J = 11.3, 8.2$ Hz), 5.06 (1H, m), 4.65 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.60 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.45 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.43 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.28 (1H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 4.23 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 1.5$ Hz), 3.86 (1H, m), 3.83 (1H, m), 3.80 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 5.2$ Hz), 3.78 (1H, m), 3.59 (1H, d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 3.53 (1H, m), 3.41–3.28 (5H, m), 3.16 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.5, 7.0, 7.0$ Hz), 3.10 (2H, m), 3.02 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.9, 5.5, 5.5$ Hz), 2.93 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, m), 2.88 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 4.6$ Hz), 2.67–2.58 (4H, m), 2.57 (1H, m), 2.42 (1H, m), 2.39 (1H, dd, $J = 13.1, 4.0$ Hz), 2.29–1.47 (23H, m), 2.00 (3H, s), 1.32 (2H, m), 1.25 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.14 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.09 (3H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.01 (3H, d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 0.97 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 170.4, 139.4, 138.2, 132.7, 128.4, 128.1, 127.6, 127.5, 127.4, 127.2, 126.4, 108.9, 88.3, 87.0, 84.7, 83.5, 81.56, 81.53, 81.26, 81.23, 80.5, 78.5, 78.1, 77.9, 77.7, 76.9, 74.1, 72.1, 72.0, 71.9, 71.4, 71.0, 69.6, 67.7, 62.7, 42.9, 42.5, 42.2, 41.6, 40.1, 40.0, 38.8, 38.4, 32.3, 31.9, 30.3, 29.3, 29.0, 27.5, 25.4, 23.6, 23.0, 21.4, 20.2, 15.8, 14.2, 14.0, 13.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $\text{C}_{62}\text{H}_{88}\text{O}_{14}\text{S}_2\text{Na}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}$] $^+$ 1143.5513, found 1143.5532.

Mixed Thioketal 42. A heterogeneous mixture of hydroxyl dithioketal **3** (175.2 mg, 0.1562 mmol), powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (350 mg), silica gel (350 mg), NaHCO_3 (131.2 mg, 1.561 mmol), and silver trifluoromethanesulfonate (160.6 mg, 0.6250 mmol) in dry nitromethane (1.6 mL) was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 10 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL), filtered through Celite, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (30–50% EtOAc–hexane) gave mixed thioketal **42** (88.5 mg, 53%) along with the recovered **3** (51.9 mg, 30%): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +42.9^\circ$ (c 0.11, CHCl_3); IR (film) 2931, 2866, 1732, 1456, 1248, 1078, 737, 698 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ 7.36–7.26 (10H, m), 5.81 (1H, dddd, $J = 10.7, 6.7, 6.7, 1.2$ Hz), 5.62 (1H, dd, $J = 10.7, 6.4$ Hz), 5.05 (1H, m), 4.66 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.56 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.45 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.43 (1H, d, $J = 12.2$ Hz), 4.25 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.9, 9.2, 4.3$ Hz), 4.22 (1H, m), 4.02 (1H, dd, $J = 6.4, 1.2$ Hz), 3.92 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 1.8$ Hz), 3.86 (1H, m), 3.80 (1H, m), 3.79 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 4.9$ Hz), 3.74 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 9.2, 4.0$ Hz), 3.56 (1H, m), 3.55 (1H, d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 3.41 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.9, 4.6, 4.6$ Hz), 3.36–3.28 (4H, m), 3.10 (3H, m), 2.93 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, m), 2.82 (1H, dd, $J = 9.2, 4.9$ Hz), 2.57 (1H, m), 2.56 (1H, m), 2.46 (1H, m), 2.37 (1H, dd, $J = 13.1, 3.7$ Hz), 2.25 (2H, m, 22-H), 2.13 (1H, m), 2.08–1.46 (20H, m), 1.99 (3H, s), 1.34 (2H, m), 1.25 (3H, t, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.07 (3H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 0.99 (3H, d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 0.96 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 125 MHz) δ 170.4, 139.3, 138.2, 131.0, 129.3, 128.4, 128.1, 127.59, 127.55, 127.51, 127.2, 108.9, 91.7, 88.5, 87.5, 84.5, 83.2, 83.20, 82.0, 81.7, 81.3, 81.2, 79.3, 78.5, 77.7, 77.6, 76.9, 74.3, 72.0, 71.9 ($\times 2$), 71.4, 71.0, 67.8, 67.3, 42.8, 42.4, 42.3, 41.5,

39.7, 39.3, 38.8, 38.4, 32.4, 30.8, 30.4, 29.3, 29.1, 27.4, 25.4, 21.4, 20.9, 19.9, 15.8, 14.7, 13.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $C_{60}H_{82}O_{14}SNa [(M + Na)^+]$ 1081.5323, found 1081.5320.

Tetrahydrooxocine 43. A solution of mixed thioketal **42** (60.6 mg, 0.056 mmol), AIBN (1 mg, 0.006 mmol), and Ph_3SnH (197 mg, 0.561 mmol) in toluene (1.2 mL) was heated at 110 °C for 3 h. After being cooled to room temperature, the mixture was concentrated, and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (30–40% EtOAc–hexane) to give tetrahydrooxocine **43**, which was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) and treated with *m*-CPBA (80%, 15 mg, 0.070 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous Na_2SO_3 . The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (25 mL), washed with saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ (×2), dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated. Flash chromatography (30–40% EtOAc–hexane) gave pure **43** (49 mg, 86%): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +14.7^\circ$ (*c* 0.17, $CHCl_3$); IR (film) 2935, 2869, 1730, 1454, 1373, 1250, 1082, 735, 698 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 7.43–7.08 (10H, m), 5.92 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0, 5.2$ Hz), 5.80 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 8.9, 1.8$ Hz), 5.37 (1H, m), 4.65 (1H, d, $J = 11.9$ Hz), 4.62 (1H, d, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 4.17 (2H, s), 4.12 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.0, 9.5, 5.2$ Hz), 4.03 (1H, m), 4.00 (1H, d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 3.90 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 0.6$ Hz), 3.88 (1H, m), 3.85 (1H, m), 3.76 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 4.9$ Hz), 3.70 (1H, br d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 3.69 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 9.8$ Hz), 3.53 (1H, d, $J = 3.1$ Hz), 3.34 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.2, 8.9, 4.0$ Hz), 3.28 (1H, ddd, $J = 8.6, 4.0, 4.0$ Hz), 3.21 (2H, m), 3.09–3.04 (2H, m), 2.99 (1H, dd, $J = 9.2, 4.9$ Hz), 2.94–2.88 (2H, m), 2.84 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.3, 8.9, 4.6$ Hz), 2.79–2.72 (2H, m), 2.66 (1H, ddd, $J = 14.7, 11.0, 4.9$ Hz), 2.45 (1H, ddd, $J = 7.3, 4.9, 3.1$ Hz), 2.37–2.34 (3H, m), 2.28–2.23 (2H, m), 2.16–2.09 (2H, m), 2.00–1.62 (16H, m), 1.46 (1H, dq, $J = 11.3, 6.7$ Hz), 1.40 (1H, ddd, $J = 12.8, 4.3, 4.3$ Hz), 1.30 (1H, m), 1.21 (3H, d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 1.19 (1H, m), 1.10 (3H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.08 (3H, d, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 170.1, 139.7, 138.9, 135.2, 128.6, 128.5, 128.3, 128.1, 127.69, 127.65, 126.3, 109.4, 88.8, 88.2, 85.3, 82.7, 82.6, 82.0, 81.9, 81.4, 81.2, 80.3, 79.0, 78.7, 78.4, 77.9, 77.5, 75.5, 75.0, 72.7, 72.6, 72.3, 71.6, 71.1, 67.6, 43.7, 43.1, 42.1, 40.4, 40.1, 39.5(x 2), 39.0, 33.6, 31.0, 30.5, 29.9, 29.8, 27.5, 25.8, 21.0, 20.0, 16.1, 13.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $C_{58}H_{78}O_{14}Na [(M + Na)^+]$ 1021.5289, found 1021.5271.

Bis(ethoxyethyl ether) 46. A solution of tetrahydrooxocine **43** (26.5 mg, 0.0280 mmol) in EtOAc–MeOH (1:2, 2 mL) and AcOH (25 μ L) was treated with a catalytic amount of $Pd(OH)_2/C$, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature under hydrogen for 12 h. The catalyst was filtered, and the solvent was removed to give diol **44**, which was used in the following reaction without purification: 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz) δ 5.03 (1H, m), 4.48 (1H, m), 3.86 (1H, m), 3.86 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 4.3$ Hz), 3.77 (1H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 3.67 (1H, dd, $J = 3.7, 1.5$ Hz), 3.66 (1H, m), 3.61 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 1.5$ Hz), 3.53 (1H, m), 3.43 (1H, m), 3.30 (1H, m), 3.23 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 9.8$ Hz), 3.18 (1H, m), 3.16 (1H, m), 3.13 (1H, m), 3.08 (2H, m), 3.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 10.4, 10.4, 3.1$ Hz), 2.96–2.87 (4H, m), 2.83 (1H, dd, $J = 9.5, 4.6$ Hz), 2.31–1.32 (31H, m), 2.00 (3H, s), 1.11 (3H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.03 (3H, d, $J = 6.1$ Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, $J = 6.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR ($CDCl_3$, 125 MHz) δ 170.7, 109.3, 88.4, 86.3, 84.0, 83.8, 82.1, 81.5, 81.45, 81.42, 81.38, 81.03, 80.98, 78.4, 77.7, 77.1, 77.0, 75.7, 74.5, 72.0, 71.9, 71.7, 67.7, 45.7, 42.5, 42.0, 41.9, 40.5, 40.4, 38.8, 38.3, 36.9, 36.7, 32.7, 30.1, 29.3, 29.1, 27.2, 25.3, 21.4, 20.4, 19.7, 15.6, 13.4; MS (FAB) *m/z* 843 $[(M + Na)^+]$.

A solution of the above diol **44**, ethyl vinyl ether (110 μ L, 1.15 mmol), and PPTS (10.0 mg, 0.0398 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 4 h and then directly subjected to flash chromatography (50% EtOAc–hexane) to give bis(ethoxyethyl ether) **46** (25.3 mg, 99%), which was used in the following reaction without further purification: IR (film) 2935, 2870, 1732, 1456, 1375, 1338, 1250, 1082, 951 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $C_{52}H_{84}O_{16}Na [(M + Na)^+]$ 987.5657, found 987.5670.

Hexahydrooxonine 49. A solution of bis(ethoxyethyl ether) **46** (25.3 mg, 0.0277 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was cooled to $-78^\circ C$ and treated with DIBALH (1.0 M solution in CH_2Cl_2 , 100 μ L, 0.1 mmol). After the mixture was stirred at $-78^\circ C$ for 30 min, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartrate (2 mL), and the mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature until the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL), and the combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated to give crude alcohol, which was used in the next reaction without purification.

A solution of the above alcohol, LiBr (24.0 mg, 0.276 mmol), and *i*-Pr₂NEt (75 μ L, 0.431 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was treated with methanesulfonic anhydride (24.0 mg, 0.138 mmol). After being stirred at room temperature for 3 h, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc (30 mL), washed with water and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4), and concentrated to give crude bromide **48**.

A solution of the above bromide **48** in dry DMSO (1 mL) was treated with KO-*t*-Bu (16.0 mg, 0.143 mmol). After the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 75 min, the reaction was quenched with H₂O, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL × 3). The combined organic layers were dried (Na_2SO_4) and concentrated. Flash chromatography (40% EtOAc–hexane) gave hexahydrooxonine **49** (13.1 mg, 52%): IR (film) 2933, 2870, 1456, 1375, 1336, 1281, 972, 949 cm^{-1} ; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $C_{50}H_{80}O_{14}Na [(M + Na)^+]$ 927.5446, found 927.5455.

Decacyclic Compound 2. A solution of hexahydrooxonine **49** (13.1 mg, 0.0144 mmol) in MeOH (2 mL) was treated with PPTS (3.0 mg, 0.012 mmol), and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with Et₃N, and the mixture was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (5% MeOH– $CHCl_3$) to give decacyclic model compound **2** (11.0 mg, quantitative): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -29.8^\circ$ (*c* 0.17, $CHCl_3$); IR (film) 3446 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 5.74–5.61 (2H, br), 4.48 (1H, m), 3.86 (1H, dd, $J = 10.1, 4.3$ Hz), 3.85 (1H, m), 3.77 (1H, d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 3.67 (1H, dd, $J = 3.7, 1.5$ Hz), 3.66 (1H, m), 3.61 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 1.5$ Hz), 3.55 (1H, br), 3.43 (1H, m), 3.31 (1H, m), 3.22 (1H, dd, $J = 9.8, 9.8$ Hz), 3.19–3.13 (3H, m), 3.07 (2H, m), 3.01 (1H, m), 2.94–2.89 (4H, m), 2.83 (1H, dd, $J = 10.1, 5.2$ Hz), 2.80–2.56 (2H, br), 2.34–1.35 (27H, m), 1.11 (1H, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 1.02 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 0.98 (3H, d, $J = 6.7$ Hz); HRMS (FAB) calcd for $C_{42}H_{64}O_{12}Na [(M + Na)^+]$ 783.4295, found 783.4285.

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