

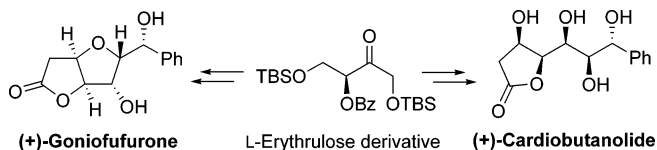
Stereoselective Synthesis of the Naturally Occurring Styryllactones (+)-Goniofufurone and (+)-Cardiobutanolide

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The naturally occurring γ -lactones (+)-goniofufurone **1** and (+)-cardiobutanolide **2**, two pharmacologically active products from *Goniothalamus* species (Annonaceae), have been synthesized in enantiopure form using L-erythrulose as the chiral starting material. Key steps of these syntheses were a stereoselective *anti* boron aldol reaction and an asymmetric allylboration.

Introduction

The plant family Annonaceae, with its about 128 genera and over 2000 species, has for a long time aroused a considerable interest from a pharmacological point of view, most particularly because of its polyketide constituents.¹ One of its most notorious representatives, the Indomalayan genus *Goniothalamus* has given rise to the isolation of a range of compounds endowed with cytotoxic, pesticidal, teratogenic, and other various biological properties.² Two of these compounds are (+)-goniofufurone **1** and (+)-cardiobutanolide **2** (Figure 1). The former was isolated in 1990 from *Goniothalamus giganteus* and found to display significant cytotoxic properties.^{3,4} Not surprisingly, it has been the object of numerous synthetic efforts,

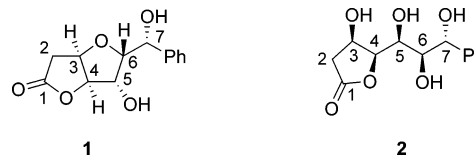


FIGURE 1. Structures of (+)-goniofufurone **1** and (+)-cardiobutanolide **2**.

not only toward the natural product but also toward several stereoisomers thereof.⁵ Cardiobutanolide has very recently been isolated from *Goniothalamus cardiopetalus*.⁶ No synthesis has been reported so far for this compound. Within our general interest in the application of aldol reactions to the stereoselective synthesis of bioactive natural compounds,⁷ we have now achieved a synthesis of these two natural styryllactones in enantiopure form.

Lactones **1** and **2** contain five contiguous stereocenters and display a clear structural similarity. In fact, **1** may be formally derived from **2** through dehydration between the hydroxyl groups at C-3 and C-6 with cyclic ether formation and configurational retention at both ends. We thus wanted to design a divergent synthesis for both compounds from a common intermediate. Among other methods,⁸ a tetrahydrofuran system can be formed through internal 5-*exo*-tet nucleophilic displacement of a suitable leaving group by a hydroxyl function with subsequent configurational inversion. Accordingly, we envisaged the retrosynthetic concept depicted in Scheme

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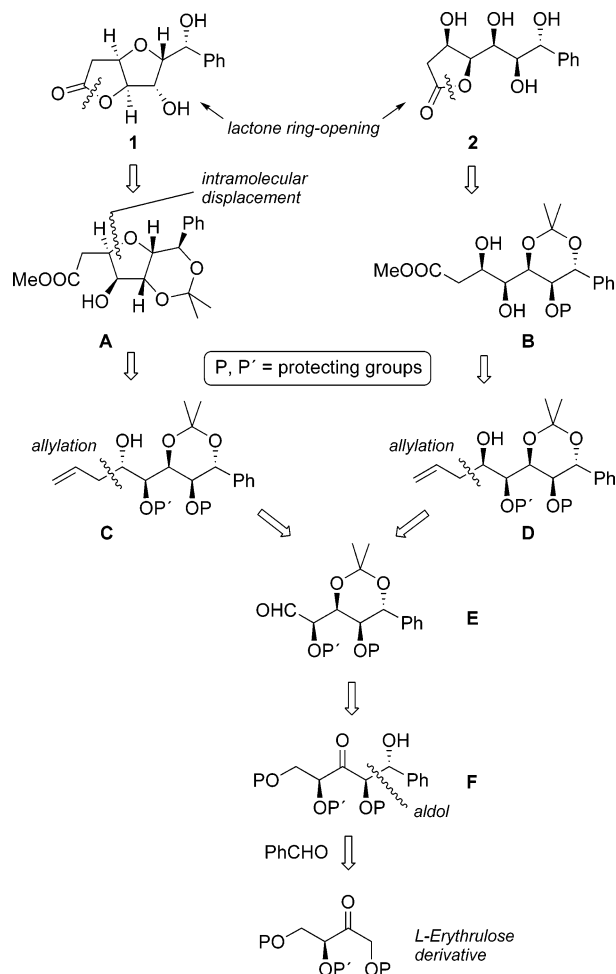
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SCHEME 1. Retrosynthetic Plan for Compounds 1 and 2



1. For both compounds, lactone ring-opening and, in the case of **1**, intramolecular displacement would give rise via, respectively, **A** and **B**, to the two epimeric homoallyl alcohols **C** and **D**. These can be prepared from the same precursor aldehyde **E** by means of asymmetric allylation. Compound **E** in turn can be referred to β -hydroxy ketone **F** via standard functional manipulations. The structural features of **F** suggest that it can be obtained by means of an *anti*-aldol addition with a suitably protected L-erythrulose derivative^{7d} as the chiral starting material.

Results and Discussion

The synthesis of **1** and **2** is shown in Scheme 2. The common starting material was acetone **4**, obtained via an *anti* boron aldol reaction of L-erythrulose derivative **3** with benzaldehyde,^{7d} followed by functional manipulation.⁹ Interchange of protecting groups in compound **4** gave **6**, which was then selectively desilylated with the HF–pyridine complex¹⁰ to primary alcohol **7**. Swern oxidation of the latter gave aldehyde **8**, which was used in crude form in either of the two following allylation steps. The chiral allylborane generated from

(–)-DIP–Cl and allylmagnesium bromide¹¹ reacted with **8** to yield homoallyl alcohol **9**. The epimeric alcohol **13** (see below) was not present in the reaction mixture as judged by means of NMR detection. The free hydroxyl group of **9** was then mesylated, and mesylate **10** was treated with TBAF (Scheme 2). This treatment not only caused desilylation but also intramolecular nucleophilic attack of the generated alkoxide anion to the mesylate-bearing carbon, with configurational inversion at the latter and formation of the tetrahydrofuran ring. Compound **11** was then subjected to ozonolytic cleavage of the olefinic double bond in alkaline medium¹² to yield methyl ester **12**. Treatment of the latter with boron trifluoride etherate and dimethyl sulfide¹³ caused complete elimination of the two acetal protecting groups and, in addition, *in situ* lactonization to give (+)-goniofufurone **1**.

Aldehyde **8** was also a key intermediate in the synthesis of cardiobutanolide. Thus, allylation of **8** with (+)-DIP–Cl and allylmagnesium bromide¹¹ exclusively provided homoallyl alcohol **13**. Silylation of the hydroxyl group and oxidative cleavage of the olefinic bond furnished methyl ester **15**. Finally, cleavage of all protecting groups in **15** and subsequent lactonization yielded (+)-cardiobutanolide **2**, with spectral properties identical to those reported in the literature.⁶

Conclusion

We have performed a divergent, stereoselective synthesis of the natural γ -lactones (+)-goniofufurone **1** and (+)-cardiobutanolide **2**. The chiral starting material was the protected L-erythrulose derivative **3**,^{7d} which has again been shown to be a useful chiral d⁴ synthon that maximizes atom economy.¹⁴ Furthermore, this is the first synthesis of cardiobutanolide reported so far.

Experimental Section

(1S)-2-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-[(4R,5R,6R)-5-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyl-1,3]dioxan-4-yl]ethanol (**5**). Oil; $[\alpha]_D +4$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 4.54 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 4.27 (dd, 1H, *J* = 4.5, 2 Hz), 4.23 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 4.5 Hz), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.4, 8.4 Hz), 3.66 (dd, 1H, *J* = 9.4, 4.6 Hz), 3.40 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 6H), 0.00 (s, 3H), –0.62 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.3, 101.3, 18.2, 17.8 (C), 128.5 (x 2), 128.4 (x 3), 78.3, 77.0, 71.5, 69.1 (CH), 62.3 (CH₂), 25.9 (x 3), 25.8 (x 4), 24.4, –4.7, –5.5 (x 2), –5.6 (CH₃). IR ν_{\max} 3550 (br, OH) cm^{–1}. HR FAB MS *m/z* 519.2942 (M + Na)⁺; calcd for C₂₆H₄₈NaO₅Si₂, 519.2938.

(4R,5R,6R)-5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-[(1S)-2-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-1-(methoxymethoxy)ethyl]-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyl-1,3]dioxane (**6**). Solid, mp 51–52 °C (from hexanes–Et₂O); $[\alpha]_D -12.2$ (c 1.4, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 4.84 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 4.78 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 4.60 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.89 (m,

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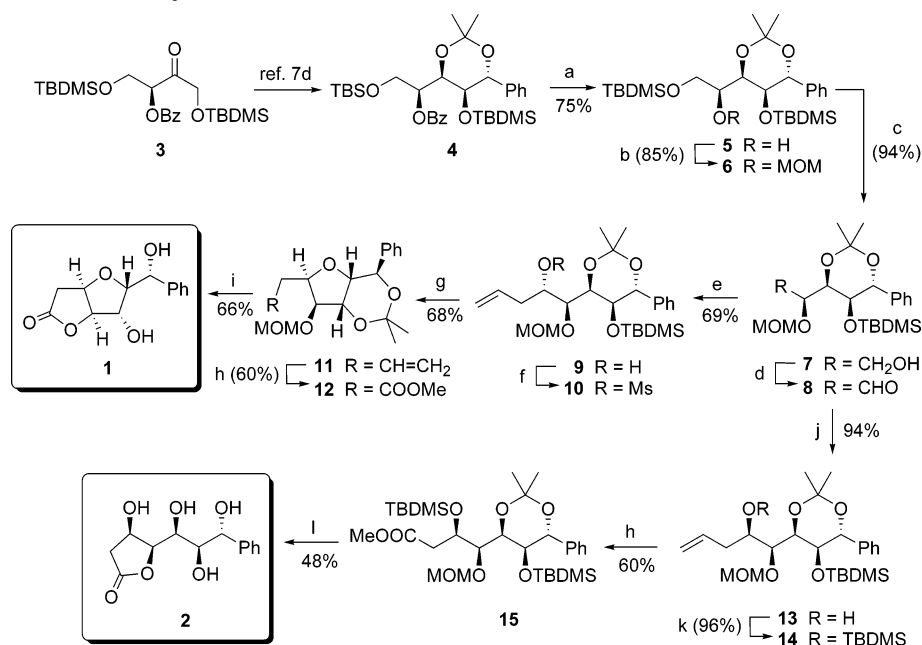
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SCHEME 2. Stereoselective Synthesis of Goniofufurone 1 and Cardiobutanolide 2^a

^a Reagents and conditions: (a) Excess K_2CO_3 , MeOH, rt, 24 h. (b) MOMCl, EtNiPr₂, CH_2Cl_2 , Δ , 12 h. (c) HF-py, py/THF, rt, 12 h. (d) Swern oxidation, the crude aldehyde **8** is used in the subsequent allylation step (overall yields are given for the two consecutive steps). (e) AllylBipc₂ from (-)-DIP-Cl and allylmagnesium bromide, Et₂O, -90 °C, 1 h. (f) MsCl, Et₃N, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 , rt, 1 h. (g) TBAF, THF, rt, 24 h (overall yield given for the two consecutive steps). (h) O₃, CH_2Cl_2 , 2.5 M NaOH/MeOH, -78 °C. (i) BF₃·Et₂O, SME₂, -10 °C, 40 min. (j) AllylBipc₂ from (+)-DIP-Cl, Et₂O, -90 °C, 1 h. (k) TBDMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, rt, CH_2Cl_2 , 4 h. (l) (1) BF₃·Et₂O, SME₂, -10 °C, 5 min; (2) aq TFA, rt, 24 h; (3) CSA (cat.), toluene, 80 °C, 4 h. Abbreviations and acronyms: DIP-Cl = diisopinocampheylboron chloride; TBAF = tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride hydrate; CSA = camphorsulfonic acid.

1H), 3.83 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.8$, 3 Hz), 3.78 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.8$, 4.7 Hz), 3.43 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), -0.14 (s, 3H), -0.32 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.0, 100.9, 18.3, 18.2 (C), 128.5 (x 2), 128.4 (x 2), 128.3, 77.8, 77.0, 74.5, 72.0 (CH), 97.3, 63.4 (CH₂), 55.5, 26.0 (x 3), 25.9 (x 3), 25.8, 24.4, -4.0, -4.8, -5.4, -5.5 (CH₃). HR EIMS m/z (% rel intensity) 525.3003 (M⁺ - Me, 1), 363 (100), 319 (45), 279 (90); calcd for C₂₈H₅₂O₆Si₂ - Me, 525.3067.

(2S)-2-[(4R,5R,6R)-5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyl-[1,3]dioxan-4-yl]-2-(methoxymethoxy)ethanol (7). Oil; [α]_D -37.4 (c 1.5, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 4.82 (d, 1H, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 4.77 (d, 1H, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 4.56 (d, 1H, $J = 6$ Hz), 4.22 (dd, 1H, $J = 6$, 3.5 Hz), 4.14 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.3$, 3.5 Hz), 3.92 (ddd, 1H, $J =$ Hz), 3.79 (dd, 1H, $J = 11.7$, 2.5 Hz), 3.65 (dd, 1H, $J = 11.7$, 5.4 Hz), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.90 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H), -0.15 (s, 3H), -0.36 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.5, 101.1, 18.2 (C), 128.6 (x 2), 128.5 (x 2), 128.4, 78.7, 77.8, 74.4, 72.2 (CH), 97.6, 62.6 (CH₂), 55.8, 26.0 (x 3), 25.6, 24.1, -4.0, -4.8 (CH₃). IR ν_{max} 3470 (br, OH) cm⁻¹. HR EIMS m/z (% rel intensity) 411.2231 (M⁺ - Me, 8), 231 (100), 177 (25); calcd for C₂₂H₃₈O₆Si - Me, 411.2197.

(1S,2S)-1-[(4R,5R,6R)-5-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyl-[1,3]dioxan-4-yl]-1-(methoxymethoxy)pent-4-en-2-ol (9). Oil; [α]_D -43.2 (c 0.7, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.95 (m, 1H), 5.15 (dd, 1H, $J = 17.2$, 1.8 Hz), 5.11 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.2$, 1.8 Hz), 4.80 (d, 1H, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 4.78 (d, 1H, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 4.60 (d, 1H, $J = 5.6$ Hz), 4.17 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.6$, 3.2 Hz), 4.10 (dd, 1H, $J = 7.5$, 3.2 Hz), 3.93 (m, 2H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.10 (d, 1H, $J = 7$ Hz, OH), 2.35 (t, 2H, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), -0.10 (s, 3H), -0.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.6, 101.2, 18.2 (C), 135.6, 128.6 (x 2), 128.5, 128.4 (x 2), 81.9, 78.1, 74.3, 72.7, 70.0 (CH), 117.1, 98.9, 37.4 (CH₂), 56.1, 26.0 (x 3), 25.8, 24.1, -4.0, -4.8 (CH₃). IR ν_{max} 3460 (br, OH) cm⁻¹. HR FAB MS m/z 489.2724 (M + Na)⁺; calcd for C₂₅H₄₂NaO₆Si, 489.2649.

(4R,4aR,6R,7S,7aS)-6-Allyl-7-methoxymethoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenyl-tetrahydrofuro[3,2-*d*][1,3]dioxine (11). Oil; [α]_D +0.7 (c 0.75, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.32 (t, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.23 (t, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.15 (dd, 1H, $J = 17.2$, 1.8 Hz), 5.07 (dd, 1H, $J = 10.2$, 1.8 Hz), 4.76 (d, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 4.66 (d, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 4.55 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.42 (d, 1H, $J = 5$ Hz), 4.33 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5$, 5 Hz), 4.25 (dt, 1H, $J = 7$, 3 Hz), 4.07 (d, 1H, $J = 3$ Hz), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 140.3, 100.8 (C), 134.8, 128.4 (x 2), 127.6, 126.4 (x 2), 82.5, 81.6, 80.1, 75.4, 71.0 (CH), 116.9, 96.3, 32.8 (CH₂), 56.0, 24.8, 24.0 (CH₃). HR EIMS m/z (% rel intensity) 319.1511 (M⁺ - Me, 1), 363 (100), 319 (45), 279 (90); calcd for C₁₉H₂₆O₅ - Me, 319.1545.

Methyl (4R,4aR,6R,7S,7aS)-2-(7-Methoxymethoxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-phenyltetrahydrofuro[3,2-*d*][1,3]dioxin-6-yl)acetate (12). Oil; [α]_D -17.3 (c 1.5, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.44 (d, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.34 (t, 2H, $J = 8$ Hz), 7.27 (t, 1H, $J = 8$ Hz), 4.75 (d, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 4.65 (dt, 1H, $J = 7$, 3.3 Hz), 4.62 (d, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 4.57 (d, 1H, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.44 (d, 1H, $J = 5$ Hz), 4.33 (dd, 1H, $J = 8.5$, 5 Hz), 4.23 (d, 1H, $J = 3.3$ Hz), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, 2H, $J = 7$ Hz), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.45 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 140.1, 100.8 (C), 128.4 (x 2), 127.6, 126.4 (x 2), 82.7, 81.7, 76.7, 75.5, 71.0 (CH), 96.3, 33.6 (CH₂), 55.9, 51.7, 24.8, 24.0 (CH₃). IR ν_{max} 1740 (C=O) cm⁻¹. HR FAB MS m/z 367.1779 (M + H⁺); calcd for C₁₉H₂₇O₇, 367.1757.

(+)-Goniofufurone (1). Colorless crystals, mp 154–156 °C (from hexanes–EtOAc), lit.³ mp 152–154 °C; [α]_D +39.5 (c 1, CHCl₃), lit.^{5m} [α]_D +44.9 (c 1.12, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.45–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.19 (d, 1H, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 5.10 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.7$, 4.2 Hz), 4.86 (d, 1H, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 4.40 (d, 1H, $J = 2.7$ Hz), 4.10 (dd, 1H, $J = 4.8$, 2.7 Hz), 2.74 (dd, 1H, $J = 18.8$, 5.7 Hz), 2.68 (d, 1H, $J = 18.8$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.3, 139.1 (C), 128.8 (x 2), 128.4, 126.0 (x 2), 87.5, 83.1, 77.4, 74.6, 73.5 (CH), 36.1 (CH₂). IR ν_{max} 3340 (br, OH), 1755 (C=O) cm⁻¹. EIMS m/z (% rel intensity) 251 (M + H⁺, 1), 233 (M + H⁺

– H₂O, 11), 126 (60), 107 (100), 79 (64). The spectral features of synthetic **1** were identical to those of the natural compound.^{3,5m}

(1S,2R)-1-[(4R,5R,6R)-5-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyl-[1,3]dioxan-4-yl]-1-(methoxymethoxy)-pent-4-en-2-ol (13). Colorless solid, mp 71–72 °C (from hexanes–Et₂O); [α]_D –46 (c 1.4, CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.93 (m, 1H), 5.15 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.2, 1.5 Hz), 5.12 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.2, 1.5 Hz), 4.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.58 (d, 1H, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 4.36–4.30 (m, 2H), 3.80–3.74 (m, 2H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.20 (d, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, OH), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 9H), –0.17 (s, 3H), –0.34 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.6, 101.0, 18.2 (C), 135.0, 128.6 (x 2), 128.5 (x 2), 128.4, 78.8, 78.0, 76.8, 73.2 (CH), 70.0 (CH), 117.7, 98.3, 39.5 (CH₂), 56.4, 26.0 (x 3), 25.7, 24.2, –3.8, –4.7 (CH₃). IR ν_{max} 3460 (br, OH) cm^{–1}. HR EIMS *m/z* (rel intensity) 451.2430 (M⁺ – Me, 1), 231 (88), 177 (100), 105 (90); calcd for C₂₅H₄₂O₆Si – Me, 451.2515.

(4R,5R,6R)-5-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-[(1R,2R)-2-(tert-butylidimethylsilyloxy)-1-(methoxymethoxy)pent-4-enyl]-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyl-[1,3]dioxane (14). Oil; [α]_D –44 (c 1.7; CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 5.92 (m, 1H), 5.11 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.2, 1.5 Hz), 5.05 (dd, 1H, *J* = 10.2, 1.5 Hz), 4.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.75 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.60 (d, 1H, *J* = 6 Hz), 4.40 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7, 3.5 Hz), 4.24 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6, 3.5 Hz), 3.99 (dt, 1H, *J* = 6.5, 2.9 Hz), 3.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7, 2.9 Hz), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.43 (m, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H), –0.12 (s, 3H), –0.42 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 139.9, 101.0, 18.3, 18.2 (C), 135.6, 128.5 (x 2), 128.4 (x 2), 128.3, 78.0, 77.8, 75.0, 72.9, 72.0 (CH), 117.2, 98.5, 38.8 (CH₂), 56.2, 26.2 (x 6), 25.7, 24.3, –3.1, –3.8, –3.9, –4.0 (CH₃). HR EIMS *m/z* (rel intensity) 565.3446 (M⁺ – Me, 12), 403 (16), 231 (100); calcd for C₃₁H₅₆O₆Si₂ – Me, 565.3380.

Methyl (3R,4R)-3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-[(4R,5R,6R)-5-(tert-butylidimethylsilyloxy)-2,2-dimethyl-6-phenyl-[1,3]dioxan-4-yl]-4-methoxymethoxybutyrate (15). Oil; [α]_D –26.8 (c 2; CHCl₃). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.40–7.30 (m, 5H), 4.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.72 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 4.52 (m, 1H), 4.43 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.5, 4 Hz), 4.22 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.5, 4 Hz), 3.73 (dd, 1H, *J* = 5.5, 3.3 Hz), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.72 (m, 2H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.82 (s, 9H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), –0.06 (s,

3H), –0.50 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.8, 139.7, 101.1, 18.2 (x 2) (C), 128.6 (x 2), 128.5 (x 2), 128.4, 78.7, 77.6, 75.4, 71.0, 69.9 (CH), 98.4, 39.5 (CH₂), 56.2, 51.4, 26.1 (x 3), 26.0 (x 3), 25.4, 24.6, –4.1, –4.2, –4.3, –4.5 (CH₃). IR ν_{max} 1742 (C=O) cm^{–1}. HR EIMS *m/z* (rel intensity) 597.3313 (M⁺ – Me, 1), 555 (M⁺ – *t*Bu, 2), 231 (100), 177 (26), 73 (60); calcd for C₃₁H₅₆O₈Si₂ – Me, 597.3279.

Cardiobutanolide (2). Colorless crystals, mp 196–198 °C (from acetone), lit.⁶ mp 189–190 °C; [α]_D +5.5 (c 0.3; MeOH), lit.⁶ [α]_D +6.4 (c 0.28; MeOH). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, Me₂CO-*d*₆) δ 7.44 (br d, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 7.30 (br t, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (br t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz), 4.80 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.3, 5 Hz), 4.70 (d, 1H, *J* = 5 Hz, OH), 4.62 (br s, 2H), 4.55 (dd, 1H, *J* = 7.5, 3 Hz), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.30 (d, 1H, *J* = 5 Hz, OH), 3.92 (td, 1H, *J* = 8, 1.5 Hz), 3.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 8 Hz, OH), 2.82 (m, overlapped by residual water), 2.37 (d, 1H, *J* = 17 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, Me₂CO-*d*₆) δ 176.1, 144.2 (C), 128.6, 128.0, 127.8, 86.6, 75.6, 74.2, 70.4, 68.7 (CH), 40.4 (CH₂). IR ν_{max} 3380 (br, OH), 1759 (C=O) cm^{–1}. The spectral features of synthetic **2** were identical to those of the natural compound.⁶

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