

Practical Enantiospecific Syntheses of Lysobisphosphatidic Acid and Its Analogues

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We describe a versatile, efficient, and practical method for the preparation of enantiomerically pure lysobisphosphatidic acid (LBPA), bisether analogues, and phosphorothioate analogues of LBPA from solketal. Phosphorylation of a protected *sn*-2-*O*-oleoyl glycerol with 2-cyanoethyl bis(*N*,*N*-diisopropylamino)phosphite, followed by oxidation and deprotection, generated the enantiomers of 2,2′-LBPA. The corresponding phosphorothioate analogues were obtained by oxidation with sulfur. The (*R*,*R*) and (*S*,*S*) enantiomers of both LBPA and phosphorothioate LBPA were synthesized from (*S*)- and (*R*)-solketal, respectively. The ether analogue of (*S*,*S*)-lysobisphosphatidic acid (LBPA) and its enantiomer were synthesized from the same enantiomer (*S*)-solketal by simply changing the sequence of deprotection steps.

Introduction

Lysobisphosphatidic acid (LBPA) is a natural yet unusual phospholipid found in most tissues and cell types.^{1,2} Although LBPA represents less than 1% of the total phospholipid mass, 3% increased LBPA titers have been found in several lipid disorders and as the result of certain therapeutic drugs.4,5 Recent biochemical and immunocytochemical studies have shown that LBPA is highly enriched in late endosomes (\approx 15 mol %), but is not detected in other subcellular compartments.6,7 This lipid

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is involved in cholesterol transport⁸ and receptor trafficking.⁷ LBPA has also been shown to be an antigen in the antiphospholipid syndrome, a condition in which endosomal sorting and multivesicular endosome formation is disrupted.9 The trafficking defects observed in the cholesterol storage disorder Niemann-Pick type C can be recapitulated by disruption of LBPA function.^{10,11} As a result, versatile synthetic access to enantiomerically and regiochemically defined LBPA and its analogues will further physiological research in the treatment of antiphospholipid syndrome lipid storage disorders.

The naturally occurring LBPA has a peculiar and interesting * Address correspondence to this author. Phone: 801-585-9051. Fax: 801-
structure—two acyl chains at each of the *sn*-2 positions of

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glycerol backbones. However, this *sn*-2 acyl structure is very labile during isolation or preparation conditions.12 Intramolecular acyl migration, which is facilitated by both acidic and basic conditions, results in an equilibrium between the 1-acyl- and 2-acyl-*sn*-glycerol 3-phosphates that favors the biologically inactive 1-acyl isomer. The instability of 2-acyl-*sn*-glycerol thus seriously compromises both isolation of the naturally occurring species as well as purification of chemically synthesized materials. The complex and fascinating structure and biology of LBPA motivated the development of a facile and practical synthetic route to LPBA and its analogues.

Replacement of acyl groups by alkyl chains in phospholipid compounds has afforded many valuable analogues. $13-15$ For example, we found that alkyl analogues of lysophosphatidic acid (LPA) were equipotent with the natural acyl LPAs for three G-protein coupled LPA receptors.16 Moreover, a strategic substitution of acyl by alkyl chain can enhance biological activity by altering pharmacokinetics and metabolism; the resulting alkyl analogues are useful probes for determining the mechanism of action. Since the alkyl chains cannot be hydrolyzed by phospholipase A,¹³ alkyl substitution can introduce unexpected biological activity. Besides acyl chain hydrolysis, the phosphate diester group at the LBPA could be hydrolyzed in the presence of phosphatases.17 One common approach for stabilization of phosphate diesters is the use of phosphothioate analogues in place of the phosphates. Phosphorothioates thus have potential applications for the selective manipulation of fundamental cellular responses that could validate new therapeutic approaches for human diseases and elucidate cellular signaling pathways.¹⁸ We decided to test the hypothesis that bisether analogues of LBPA and phosphorothioate analogues of LBPA might mimic the 2,2′-bisacyl-LBPA as a biological ligand, but would lack the propensity to undergo intramolecular acyl migration or phosphate hydrolysis.

A modular strategy for the expedient preparation of enantiopure LBPA was described by using solketal and a protected dichlorophosphite.12 This method demonstrated some advantages of P^{III} relative to the P^{V} chemistry commonly used in classical phospholipid synthesis. In a preliminary communication, we developed a general method for the preparation of migrationresistant bisether LBPA analogues in which the commercially available reagent 2-cyanoethyl bis(*N*,*N*-diisopropylamino)phosphite was employed for phosphorylation.19 Herein, we describe the extension of this methodology to the multimilligram scale synthesis of both enantiomers of 2,2′-bisacyl LPBA and the corresponding phosphorothioate analogues. In addition, full experimental details of the bisether LBPA analogues synthesis are included.

Results and Discussion

The strategy for the synthesis of LBPA and its analogues was designed on the basis of the following considerations. First,

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the alkyl or acyl chains were installed early in the synthesis. Second, a commercially available phosphatidylating reagent (2 cyanoethyl-bis-*N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphordiamidite) was used to introduce both glycerol backbones simultaneously. It would be extremely difficult to install alkyl chain once the phosphate moiety was constructed. Both enantiomers of LBPA and its analogues could be synthesized from the same starting material, *S*-solketal, by phosphorlyation of either the 1- or the 3-position of glycerol backbone. Third, revealing the charged phosphodiester of the enantiomeric LBPA and its analogues at the end of the synthesis facilitated the purification of synthetic precursors. Conventional silyl protection of the hydroxyl groups coupled with the cyanoethyl ester protection of the phosphate was selected as the most promising approach; all protecting groups could thus be removed under mild conditions in a single final step to give the desired LBPAs.

We selected *S*-solketal ((2*S*)-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane-4 methanol) as our chiral starting material. Using the phosphoramidite methodology, widely exploited in nucleic acid chemistry, the alcohol was efficiently phosphorylated by using a variety of trivalent phosphorus reagents. The resulting phosphite triester could be oxidized in situ to yield the corresponding phosphate triester or phosphorothioate if desired. As shown in Scheme 1, protection of (*S*)-1,2-*O*-isopropylidene-*sn*-glycerol was performed with *p*-methoxybenzyl chloride (PMB-Cl) to give PMB ether, which was transketalized (10 mol % of *p*-TsOH in methanol) to the 1,2-diol in 83% isolated yield.20 After silylation at the primary alcohol with *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl (TBDMS) $chloride²¹$, the secondary alcohol was alkylated with octadecenyl ((*Z*)-9-octadecen-1-yl) triflate in the presence of the hindered base "proton sponge" $(1,8$ -bis(dimethylamino)naphthalene)²² to give ether **5**. The octadecenyl triflate was prepared by a

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TEA, TFBSA, CH₃CN rt. 24 h. 84%

modification to the literature protocol; 23 specifically, the use of 2,6-lutidine in place of pyridine significantly increased the yield by minimizing the *N*-alkylation of pyridine. Removal of the PMB group with DDQ in wet CH_2Cl_2 (0.5% water in volume) afforded the primary alcohol **6** in 65% yield without migration of the alkyl group from the 2-position to the 3-position. Coupling of two molecules of this alkyl glyceryl intermediate **6** with 2-cyanoethyl-bis-*N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphordiamidite in the presence of 1*H*-tetrazole followed by *t*-BuOOH oxidation gave the fully protected LBPA precursor **7** in medium yield. However, the use of the more reactive phosphatidylating reagent (2 cyanoethyl-bis-*N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphordiamidite) gave a disappointingly low yield (20%). The most frequently used reagent for the deprotection of the TBS group is tetra(*n*-butyl)ammonium fluoride, or TBAF. Since the cyanoethyl ester protective group is base labile, the basicity of TBAF was harnessed to simultaneously deprotect the cyanoethyl ester and TBS groups. The final deprotection was carried out in THF containing 10 equiv of TBAF at room temperature overnight. The final product (*R*,*R)*-2,2′-octadecenyl LBPA was readily purified on silica gel with use of CH_2Cl_2 and methanol (10:1, v:v) as the eluent.

The enantiomeric (*S*,*S)*-2,2′-octadecenyl LBPA was prepared from intermediate **5** as shown in Scheme 2. First, TBAF was used to remove the TBS group and gave the 2*R* configuration primary alcohol **9**. The 2*R* configuration alcohol **9** reacted with 2-cyanoethyl-bis-*N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphordiamidite in the presence of 1*H*-tetrazole, and subsequently was oxidized by *tert*butyl hydrogen peroxide to give the fully protected (*S*,*S*)-LBPA 10 in high yield. Next, DDQ in wet CH₂Cl₂ (overnight, room temperature) completely removed both PMB protective groups to give the primary alcohol **11**. Under basic aprotic conditions in the presence of *N*,*O*-bis(trimethylsilyl)trifluoroacetamide, deprotection of cyanoethyl ester occurred at room temperature and without any side reactions to yield the final bisether LBPA analogue **12**. ²⁴ Both natural and unnatural enantiomers of LBPA can thus be obtained in optically pure form from the (*S*)-solketal. The routes are short and efficient and proceed in good overall yields.

The syntheses of (*S*,*S)*-2,2′-bisoleoyl LBPA and its analogues were designed by using the same strategy as the synthesis of bisether LBPA. The acyl chain was installed instead of an alkyl chain on the 3-*O*-TBS-1-*O*-PMB-*sn*-glycerol building block. As shown in Scheme 3, 3-*O*-TBS-1-*O*-PMB-(2S)-*sn*-glycerol **4** was

acylated with oleic acid in the presence of the DCC and DMAP to give ester **13**. Removal of the PMB group with DDQ in wet CH2Cl2 afforded the primary alcohol **14** in 93% yield without migration of the acyl group. Rapid elution with silica gel flash chromatography was necessary. Although the *sn*-2 acyl glycerol **14** was reasonably stable, extended contact with silica gel facilitated acyl chain migration. Coupling of two molecules of this acyl glyceryl intermediate **14** with 2-cyanoethyl-bis-*N*,*N*diisopropylphosphordiamidite in the presence of 1*H*-tetrazole followed by *t*-BuOOH oxidation gave the fully protected LBPA precursor **15** in 63% yield.25

Since the migration of the acyl group from the 2-position to the 3-position is facilitated under basic conditions, TBAF neutralized with HOAc was employed for deprotection. As expected, the TBS group and cyanoethyl ester protective group were both removed. The final (*R*,*R*)-2,2′-bisoleoyl-LBPA **16** was readily purified on silica gel with cold $(0 °C) CH₂Cl₂$:methanol (6:1, v:v) as the eluent. No acyl migration was detectable by proton NMR. Importantly, the LBPA generated and purified in this fashion was the tetra-*n*-butylammonium salt, which was stable to purification on silica gel without acyl migration. The tetra-*n*-butylammonium LBPA salt was then converted to the sodium or ammonium salt by passage through a Dowex sodium or ammonium ion exchange column. The sodium and ammonium LBPA salts were stable for further NMR analysis, and optimal for biological studies. In this way, we have circumvented the instability¹² of acyl LBPA during its deprotection and purification. The product was soluble in CH₃OH and showed clear 1H NMR signals, consistent with those reported previously.12 The acyl chain migration can be monitored and determined accurately by proton NMR. For 2,2,-bisoleyl-LBPA, the *sn*-2 proton has the distinct resonance at 4.9 ppm. If acyl chain migration had occurred, the chemical shift of *sn*-2 proton would move to 4.0 ppm. Similarly, the chemical shift of *sn*-1 proton would change significantly if acyl chain migration had occurred.12

Coupling of two molecules of this acyl glyceryl intermediate **14** with 2-cyanoethyl-bis-*N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphordiamidite in the presence of 1*H*-tetrazole followed by elemental sulfur oxidation gave the fully protected phosphorothioate LBPA precursor 17 in 75% yield.²¹ The phosphorothioate LBPA was obtained in 63% yield after deprotection of TBS and cyanoethyl groups by TBAF. The tetra-*n*-butylammonium salt was then converted to the ammonium salt by ion exchange for spectro-

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SCHEME 4. Synthesis of the Phosphorothioate Analogue 18 of (*R***,***R***)-2,2**′**-Bisoleoyl-LBPA**

SCHEME 5. Synthesis of the (*S***,***S***)-2,2**′**-Bisoleoyl-LBPA**

SCHEME 6. Synthesis of (*S***,***S***)-2,2**′**-Bisoleoyl-LBPA 23 and Its Phosphorothioate Analogue 24**

Initially, we attempted to synthesize the enantiomeric (*S*,*S)*- 2,2′-bisoleyl LBPA from intermediate **13** as shown in Scheme 5. First, TBAF was used to remove the TBS group and gave the 2*R* configuration primary alcohol **19**. The 2*R* configuration alcohol **19** reacted with 2-cyanoethyl-bis-*N*,*N*-diisopropylphosphordiamidite in the presence of 1*H*-tetrazole, and subsequently was oxidized by *tert*-butyl hydrogen peroxide to give the fully protected (*S*,*S*)-LBPA **20** in high yield. The protective groups were removed sequentially by TEA followed by DDQ. Unfortunately, the deprotection of PMB with DDQ in wet CH_2Cl_2 proved problematic, as substantial acyl chain migration occurred indicated by both TLC and NMR analysis. Deprotection of the PMB group with BBr_3 or TMSBr at low temperature (-78 to -20 °C) failed and afforded a complicated mixture.^{26,27} From these results, we determined that it was unsuitable for preparation of 2,2′-bisoleoyl-LBPA. Therefore, we circumvented this problem for synthesis of (*S*, *S*)-2,2′-bisoleoyl-LBPA by starting from (*R*)-solketal and following the same procedure as for (*R*,*R*)- 2,2′-bisoleoyl-LBPA.

Both the (*S*,*S*)-LBPA and phosphorothioate (*S*,*S*)-LBPA were prepared following the same procedures but starting from *R*-solketal as outlined in Scheme 6. The availability of both the natural *S,S* (as the biologically active configuration) and the unnatural *R,R* enantiomers (as experimental control) is crucial for in vitro structure-function studies with LBPA.

In summary, we have described a general and practical enantiospecific method for the preparation of LBPA, its bisether analogues, and its phosphorothioate analogue from commercially available reagents. Our synthetic strategy utilized TBAF for deprotection and neutralization of the final product, thereby solving the problem of obtaining and purifying LBPA without acyl migration. In addition, both enantiomers of bisether LBPA were synthesized from the same starting material, *S*-solketal, by phosphorlyation of either the 1- or the 3-position of the glycerol backbone.

Experimental Section

3-*O***-***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl-1-***O***-methoxybenzyl-(2***S***)-glycerol (4).** To an ice-cooled solution of 1.36 g (6.41 mmol) of 3-*O*methoxybenzyl-(2*S*)-glycerol and 0.98 g (14.2 mmol) of imidazole in 5 mL of DMF was added 1.17 g (7.45 mmol) of *tert*butyldimethylsilyl chloride in 3 mL of DMF over 1 h. Then the reaction mixture was kept at 4 °C overnight and stirred at room temperature for 8 h. Next, 5 mL of water was added to quench the reaction, and the mixture was extracted with 100 mL of ethyl acetate/hexane $= 1/4$ and 80 mL of diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with ice-cold 0.5 N HCl, saturated NaHCO₃ solution, followed by a saturated NaCl solution. Solvent was removed at reduced pressure and residue was purified by FC (ethyl acetate/ hexane, 1/5, v/v) to afford a colorless oil **4** (1.52 g, 73%): R_f 0.20 (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/5, v/v); $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ –6.25 (*c* 3.04, MeOH); 1H NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 7.20 (m, 2H), 6.82 (m, 2H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 3.66-3.80 (m, 4H), 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 1H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.01 (s, 6H); 13C NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 159.2 (s), 130.1 (s), 129.3 (d, $J = 91.6$ Hz), 113.8 (s), 73.1 (s), 70.7 (s), 70.6 (s), 64.0 (s), 55.2 (s), 25.83 (s), 18.24 (s), -5.45 (s); MS (CI) *^m*/*^z* 325.2 $(M^+ - 1)$. HRMS (CI) for C₁₇H₃₀O₄Si (M⁺): found 326.1936, calcd 326.1913.

3-*O***-***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl-1-***O***-methoxybenzyl-(2***S***)-***O***-((***Z***)- 9-octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***-glycerol (5).** To a mixture of **4** (800 mg, 2.45 mmol), serachyl triflate (3.00 g, 7.20 mmol) and 1,8-bis(dimethylamino)naphthalene (proton sponge, 1.54 g, 7.20 mmol) under argon was added anhydrous distilled CH_2Cl_2 (12 mL). The yellow solution was refluxed under argon for 48 h. CH_2Cl_2 was then removed under reduced pressure to give dark brown oil, and hexane was added (60 mL). Then, the mixture was sonicated to ensure dissolution of product and filtered through a 1-in. bed of Celite 521, and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield orange oil. Silica gel FC (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/100, v/v) gave **5** as a colorless oil (925 mg, 66%): R_f 0.23 (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/15, v/v); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -1.28 (*^c* 0.57, MeOH); 1H NMR (CDCl3) *^δ* 7.21 (m, 2H), 6.82 $(m, 2H), 5.32$ $(m, 2H), 4.42$ $(m, 2H), 3.75$ $(s, 3H), 3.60$ $(d, J = 4.8)$ Hz, 2H), 3.52 (m, 3H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 1.96 (m, 4H), 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.36 (m, 24H), 0.83 (m, 12H), 0.01 (m, 6H); 13C NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 159.1 (s), 130.5 (s), 129.9 (s), 129.8 (s), 129.2 (s), 113.7 (s), 79.5 (s), 73.0 (s), 70.6 (s), 69.7 (s), 70.6 (s), 62.9 (s), 55.2 (s), 35.6 (s), 31.9 (s), 30.1 (s), 29.8 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.6 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s), 27.2 (s), 26.1 (s), 25.9 (s), 22.7 (s), 18.2 (s), 14.1 (s), -5.4 (s), -5.5 (s); MS (CI) m/z 577.5 (M⁺ + 1). HRMS (CI) for $C_{35}H_{64}O_4Si$ (M⁺ + 1): found 577.4631, calcd 577.4652.

3-*O***-***tert***-Butyldimethylsilyl-(2***S***)-***O***-((***Z***)-9-octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***glycerol (6).** To a solution of glyceryl ether **5** (364 mg, 0.612 mmol) in 10 mL of wet CH_2Cl_2 was added DDQ (290 mg, 1.27 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with 10% NaHCO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and purified on silica gel FC (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/10,

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v/v) to give compound 6 (188 mg, 65%): R_f 0.18 (ethyl acetate/ hexane, $1/10$, v/v); $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D +1.11 (*c* 0.48, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) *^δ* 5.28 (m, 2H), 3.66 (m, 2H), 3.53 (m, 3H), 3.32-3.47 (m, 2H), 2.14 (s, 1H), 1.94 (m, 4H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.32 (m, 24H), 0.81 (m, 12H), 0.01 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 129.9 (d, *J* = 13 Hz), 79.7 (s), 70.4 (s), 63.0 (s), 62.8 (s), 31.9 (s), 30.1 (s), 29.8 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.6 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.4 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s) , 27.2 (s) , 26.1 (s) , 25.8 (s) , 22.7 (s) , 18.1 (s) , 14.1 (s) , -5.5 (s) , -5.5 (s); MS (CI) m/z 457.2 (M⁺ + 1). HRMS (CI) for C₂₇H₅₆O₃-Si (M+): found 456.3983, calcd 456.3999.

2-**Cyanoethyl Bis(3-***O***-***tert***-butyldimethylsilyl-(2***R***)-***O***-((***Z***)-9 octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***-glycer1-yl) Phosphate (7).** To a solution of 2-cyanoethyl-bis(*N,N*-diisopropylamino)phosphine (51 mg, 0.167 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1*H*-tetrazole (70 mg 1.0 mmol, 6.0 equiv) in dry CH2Cl2 was added a solution of ether **6** (168 mg, 0.367 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 . The mixture was stirred under argon for 48 h. Then *t-*BuOOH (0.075 mL, 0.67 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added, and the reaction was stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , poured into saturated Na₂S₂O₃, and extracted with 2 \times 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂-SO4) and concentrated in vacuo, and the crude product was purified on silica gel FC (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/5, v/v) to give 70 mg (0.068 mmol, 41%) of phosphate **7**. *Rf* 0.33 (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/5, v/v); $[α]^{20}$ _D -5.71 (*c* 0.41, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.33 (m, 4H), 4.20 (m, 4H), 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.67 (m, 10H), 2.72 (t, *^J*) 6 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (m, 8H), 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.25 (m, 44H), 0.85 (m, 24H), 0.04 (s, 12H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 129.8 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 116.2 (s), 78.7 (s), 78.6 (s), 70.7 (s), 67.1 (s), 66.2 (s), 61.8 (s), 61.7 (s), 51.6 (s), 51.0 (s), 31.9 (s), 30.2 (s), 29.8 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.3 (s), 27.2 (s), 26.1 (s), 25.8 (s), 22.7 (s), 19.6 (s), 18.2 (s), 14.1 (s), -5.4 (s); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) -0.91 (s); HRMS (MALDI) for $C_{57}H_{114}NNaO_8PSi_2$ (M⁺ + Na): found 1050.7713, calcd 1050.7718.

Bis(3-Hydroxy-(2*R***)-***O***-((***Z***)-9-octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***-glyceryl) Phosphate (8).** To a solution of protected **7** (50 mg, 0.0486 mmol**)** in anhydrous THF (10 mL) was added TBAF (90 mg, 0.285 mmol, 6 equiv). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Concentration and silica gel FC (CH_2Cl_2 :/MeOH, $6/1$, v/v) furnished colorless oil. The oil was purified on H^+ Dowex ion-exchange resin to give compound **8** (31 mg, 85%): R_f 0.17 $(CH_2Cl_2/MeOH, 5/1, v/v); [\alpha]^{20}D + 2.33$ (*c* 0.14, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) *δ* 5.26 (m, 4H), 3.97 (m, 4H), 3.40–3.60 (m, 10H), 1.93 (m, 8H), 1.48 (m, 4H), 1.21 (m, 44H), 0.80 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) *δ* 128.9 (s), 128.8 (s), 78.6 (s), 78.6 (s), 69.5 (s), 63.4 (s), 63.3 (s), 59.9 (s), 31.1 (s), 29.3 (s), 28.9 (s), 28.9 (s), 28.8 (s), 28.1 (s), 28.5 (s), 28.4 (s), 28.4 (s), 26.2 (s), 26.2 (s), 25.3 (s), 21.8 (s), 12.5 (s); ³¹P NMR (CD₃OD) 0.55 (s). HRMS (MALDI) for $C_{42}H_{83}NaO_8P (M^+ + Na)$: found 769.5745, calcd 769.5723.

1-*O***-Methoxybenzyl-(2***R***)-***O***-((***Z***)-9-octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***-glycerol (9).** To a solution of protected **5** (420 mg, 0.739 mmol**)** in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added TBAF \cdot 3H₂O (690 mg, 2.22 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Concentration and silica gel flash chromatography (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/5, v/v) furnished **9** (320 mg, 95%): *Rf* 0.10 (ethyl acetate/hexane 1/5, v/v); $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D +1.44 (*c* 0.49, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 7.18 (m, 2H), *δ* 6.81 (m, 2H), 5.27 (m, 2H), 4.10 (m, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.40-3.65 (m, 7H), 1.94 (m, 4H), 1.50 (t, *^J*) 7.2 Hz, 2H), $1.18-1.22$ (m, 22H), δ 0.81 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.1 (s), 129.9 (s), 129.8 (s), 129.3 (s), 113.8 (s), 78.4 (s), 73.1 (s), 73.4 (s), 69.4 (s), 62.9 (s), 55.2 (s), 31.9 (s), 30.0 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.4 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s), 27.2 (s), 26.1 (s), 22.7 (s), 14.1 (s). HRMS (MALDI) for $C_{29}H_{50}$ -NaO₄ (M^+ + Na): found 485.3601, calcd 485.3607.

2-Cyanoethyl Bis(1-*O***-methoxybenzyl-(2***S***)-***O***-((***Z***)-9-octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***-glycer-1-yl) Phosphate (10).** To a solution of 2-cyanoethyl bis(*N,N*-diisopropylamino) phosphine (370 mg, 0.80 mmol, 2.4 equiv) and 1*H*-tetrazole (139 mg 1.98 mmol, 6.0 equiv) in 1.5 mL of CH3CN was added a solution of ether **9** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol, 1.0 equiv). The mixture was stirred under argon for 48 h. Then *t*-BuOOH (0.148 mL, 1.32 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added, and the reaction was stirred for a further 1 h. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , poured into saturated Na₂S₂O₃, and extracted with 2 \times 40 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . Combined organic phases were dried (Na₂SO₄) and concentrated in vacuo, and the crude product was purified on silica gel FC (ethyl acetate/hexane, 1/3, v/v) to give 142 mg (0.137 mmol, 42%) of phosphate **10**. R_f 0.41 (ethyl acetate/hexane, $1/1$, v/v); $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D +15.14 (*c* 0.12, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.18 (m, 4H), 6.80 (m, 4H), 5.29 (m, 4H), 4.39 (m, 4H), 4.00-4.15 (m, 6H), 3.73 (s, 6H), $3.40 - 3.65$ (m, 10H), 2.60 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.92 $(m, 8H)$, 1.47 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 4H), $1.18 - 1.22$ (m, 44H), 0.81 (t, *J* $= 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 159.2 (s), 130.4 (s), 130.2 (s), 130.0 (s), 129.9 (s), 129.8 (s), 129.3 (s), 116.3 (s), 113.7 (s), 73.1 (s), 70.6 (s), 68.4 (s), 67.3 (s), 61.7 (s), 61.6 (s), 55.2 (s), 32.6 (s), 31.9 (s), 30.0 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.6 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.4 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s), 29.1 (s), 27.2 (s), 26.0 (s), 22.6 (s), 19.5 (s), 19.4 (s), 14.1 (s); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) -0.39 (s). HRMS (MALDI) for $C_{61}H_{102}NNaO_{10}P (M^+ + Na)$: found 1062.7120, calcd 1062.7139.

2-Cyanoethyl Bis(3-hydroxy-(2*S***)-***O***-((***Z***)-9-octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***glycer-1-yl) Phosphate (11).** To a solution of **10** (110 mg, 0.106 mmol) in 2 mL of wet CH_2Cl_2 was added DDQ (120 mg, 0.529) mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with 10% NaHCO₃, dried over Na₂-SO4, concentrated, and purified on silica gel FC (ethyl acetate/ hexane, $2/1$, v/v followed by $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$, $25/1$, v/v) to give compound **11** (57 mg, 67%): R_f 0.34 (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 15/1, v/v); $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D +3.80 (*c* 0.36, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.28 (m, 4H), $4.10-4.23$ (m, 6H), $3.40-3.70$ (m, 10H), 2.71 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.49 (m, 4H), 1.20 (m, 44H), 0.81 (t, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 6H); 13C NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 129.95 (s), 129.77 (s), 116.28 (s), 81.15 (s), 77.85 (s), 70.59 (s), 66.12 (s), 66.06 (s), 61.99 (s), 60.78 (s), 60.75 (s), 31.88 (s), 29.94 (s), 29.74 (s), 29.68 (s), 29.50 (s), 29.43 (s), 29.30 (s), 29.26 (s), 29.19 (s), 26.01 (s), 22.66 (s), 19.67 (s), 19.60 (s), 14.10 (s); 31P NMR (CDCl3) 0.35 (s). HRMS (MALDI) for C₄₅H₈₆NNaO₈P (M⁺ + Na): found 822.6010, calcd 822.5989.

Bis(3-hydroxy-(2*S***)-***O***-((***Z***)-9-octadecen-1-yl)-***sn***-glycer-1-yl) Phosphate (12).** To a solution of **11** (12 mg, 0.015 mmol) in 0.5 mL of CH3CN was added 0.1 mL of BSTFA, followed by 0.5 mL of triethylamine. The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Solvent was removed at reduced pressure. Then 0.5 mL of MeOH/H₂O (20/1, v/v) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min, concentrated, and purified on silica gel (200-300 mesh, 10 g) FC (ethyl acetate, followed by $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$, $5/1$, v/v) to give a colorless oil. The oil was purified on H^+ Dowex ionexchange resin (5 g) to give compound 12: $R_f 0.17$ (CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, 5/1, v/v); $[α]^{20}$ _D -2.36 (*c* 0.17, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 5.33 (m, 4H), 3.90-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.40-3.70 (m, 10H), 2.02 (m, 8H), 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.26 (m, 44H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CD3OD) *δ* 128.9 (s), 128.8 (s), 78.6 (s), 78.6 (s), 69.5 (s), 63.4 (s), 63.3 (s), 59.9 (s), 31.1 (s), 29.3 (s), 28.9 (s), 28.9 (s), 28.8 (s), 28.1 (s), 28.5 (s), 28.4 (s), 28.4 (s), 26.2 (s), 26.2 (s), 25.3 (s), 21.8 (s), 12.5 (s); ³¹P NMR (CD₃OD) -1.01 (s). HRMS (MALDI) for $C_{42}H_{83}NaO_8P (M^+ + Na)$: found 769.5718, calcd 769.5723.

3-*O***-***tert***-Butyldimethysilyl-1-***O***-methoxybenzyl-(2***S***)-***O***-oleoyl***sn***-glycerol (13).** To a solution of 3-*O*-*tert*-butyldimethysilyl-1-*O*methoxybenzyl-2(*S*)-glycerol **4** (190 mg, 0.58 mmol) and oleic acid $(0.22 \text{ mL}, 0.70 \text{ mmol})$ in dry CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL) was added a solution of DCC (157 mg, 0.75 mmol) and DMAP (91 mg, 0.75 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL). The solution was stirred for 16 h at room temperature, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by FC (ethyl acetate:hexane, 1:100, v:v) to afford 325 mg of **13** (95%) as a colorless oil: *Rf* 0.20 (ethyl acetate:hexane, 1:20, v:v); $[α]^{20}$ _D -8.96 (*c* 0.44, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) *δ* 7.10 (m, 2H), 6.83 (m, 2H), 5.30 (m, 2H), 5.00 (m, 1H), 4.42 (m, 2H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.69 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.54 (m, 2H), 2.27 (t, $J =$ 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (m, 4H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.16-1.36 (m, 20H), 0.83 (m, 12H), 0.01 (m, 6H); 13C NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 173.3 (s), 159.2 (s), 130.1 (s), 130.0 (s), 129.7 (s), 129.2 (s), 113.7 (s), 72.9 (s),

72.8 (s), 68.0 (s), 61.6 (s), 55.2 (s), 34.4 (s), 31.9 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s), 29.1 (s), 27.2 (s), 27.2 (s), 25.8 (s), 25.0 (s), 22.7 (s), 18.2 (s), 14.1 (s), -5.5 (s), -5.5 (s); MS (ESI) m/z 591.59 (M⁺ + 1). HRMS (MALDI) for C₃₅H₆₂NaO₅Si (M⁺ + Na): found 613.4259, calcd 613.4264.

3-*O***-***tert***-Butyldimethysilyl-(2***S***)-***O***-oleoyl-***sn***-glycerol (14).** To a solution of glyceryl ester **13** (420 mg, 0.713 mmol) in 20 mL of wet CH_2Cl_2 was added DDQ (247 mg, 1.09 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, diluted with $CH₂Cl₂$, washed with 10% NaHCO₃, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated, and purified by FC quickly (ethyl acetate:hexane, 1:15, v:v) to give 311 mg of compound **14** (93%): *Rf* 0.12 (ethyl acetate:hexane, 1:10, v:v); [α]²⁰_D −7.06 (*c* 0.14, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 5.32 (m, 2H), 4.86 (m, 1H), 3.72-3.87 (m, 4H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.00 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.35 (m, 20H), 0.85 (m, 12H), 0.05 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 173.7 (s), 129.9 (d, $J = 28$ Hz), 74.2 (s), 62.8 (s), 62.5 (s), 34.4 (s), 31.9 (s), 29.8 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s), 29.18 (s), 27.2 (s), 27.2 (s), 25.8 (s), 24.9 (s), 22.7 (s), 18.2 (s), 14.1 (s), -5.5 (s), -5.6 (s); MS (ESI) *^m*/*^z* 471.56 ($M^+ + 1$). HRMS (CI) for C₂₇H₅₅O₄Si ($M^+ + 1$): found 471.3862, calcd 471.3869.

2-Cyanoethyl Bis(3-*O***-***tert***-butyldimethysilyl-(2***R***)-***O***-oleoyl-***sn***glycer-1-yl) Phosphate (15).** To a solution of 2-cyanoethyl bis- (*N,N*-diisopropylamino) phosphite (84 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1*H*-tetrazole (160 mg, 2.28 mmol, 8.0 equiv) in 0.5 mL of dry CH3CN was added a solution of ester **14** (291 mg, 0.62 mmol, 2.2 equiv) in 1 mL of dry CH3CN. The mixture was stirred under argon for 48 h. Then, *t*-BuOOH (0.126 mL, 1.12 mmol, 4.0 equiv) was added, and the reaction was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , poured into saturated $Na_2S_2O_3$, and extracted with 2 \times 30 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phases were dried (Na₂-SO4) and concentrated in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by FC (ethyl acetate:hexane, 1:5, v:v) to give 181 mg of phosphate **15** (61%). R_f 0.18 (ethyl acetate:hexane, 1:3, v:v); $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D -9.21 (*c* 0.47, MeOH); 1H NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 5.31 (m, 4H), 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.13-4.28 (m, 6H), 3.70 (m, 4H), 2.73 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 (dt, $J = 2.0$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.98 (m, 8H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.16-1.32 (m, 40H), 0.85 (m, 24H), 0.03 (s, 12H); 13C NMR (CDCl3) *δ* 173.0 (s), 129.9 (d, $J = 13$ Hz), 79.7 (s), 70.4 (s), 63.0 (s), 62.8 (s), 31.9 (s), 30.1 (s), 29.8 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.6 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.4 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s), 27.2 (s), 26.1 (s), 25.8 (s), 22.7 (s), 18.1 (s), 14.1 (s), -5.5 (s), -5.5 (s); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃) δ -0.42 (s); MS (ESI) m/z 1056.81 (M⁺ + 1). HRMS (ESI) for C₅₇H₁₁₁- $NO_{10}PSi₂$ (M⁺ + 1): found 1056.7483, calcd 1056.7479.

2-**Bis(3-hydroxyl-(2***R***)-***O***-oleoyl-***sn***-glycer-1-yl) Phosphate (16).**¹² A solution of protected **15** (14 mg, 0.0133 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was treated successively with acetic acid (15.1 *µ*L, 0.265 mmol, 20 equiv) and TBAF (84 mg, 0.265 mmol, 20 equiv) in 3 mL of THF. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After concentration in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in 30 mL of CHCl₃ and transferred to a separatory funnel, and MeOH (20 mL) and water (10 mL) were added. After mixing, the lower layer was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was loaded onto silica gel (200-300 mesh, 10 g) and eluted quickly with CH_2Cl_2 : MeOH (8:1 then 6:1, v:v) solution (precooled to 0 °C) to furnish 8 mg of a colorless oil **16** (78%): R_f 0.19 (CH2Cl2/MeOH, 5/1, v/v); 1H NMR (CDCl3 /CD3OD) *δ* 5.28 (m, 4H), 4.89 (m, 2H), 3.95 (m, 4H), 3.65 (m, 4H), 2.25 (t, *^J*) 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.21 (m, 40H), 0.81 (t, *J* $= 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃/CD₃OD) δ 173.6 (s), 129.6 (s),

129.1 (s), 72.8 (s), 71.5 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz), 68.1 (s), 63.9 (s), 34.1 (s), 31.7 (s), 29.6 (s), 29.4 (s), 29.2 (s), 29.1 (s), 29.0 (s), 27.1 (d, *^J*) 1.5 Hz), 24.8 (s), 22.5 (s), 13.9 (s); ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃/CD₃OD) *δ* 2.46 (s); MS (ESI) m/z 775.67 (M⁺ + 1).

2-**Cyanoethyl Bis(3-***O***-***tert***-butyldimethysily-(2***R***)-***O***-oleoyl-***sn***glycer-1-yl) Phosphorothioate (17).** To a solution of 2-cyanoethyl bis(*N,N*-diisopropylamino) phosphite (98 *µ*L, 0.30 mmol, 1.0 equiv) and 1*H*-tetrazole (170 mg, 2.4 mmol, 8.0 equiv) in 0.5 mL of dry CH3CN was added a solution of ester **16** (300 mg, 0.63 mmol, 2.1 equiv) in 1.5 mL of dry CH_3CN . The mixture was stirred under argon for 48 h. Then sulfur (48 mg, 1.5 mmol, 5.0 equiv) and CS_2 pyridine (75 μ L, 1:1, v/v) were added, and the reaction was stirred for an additional 2 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was washed with brine, dried over $Na₂SO₄$, and concentrated in vacuo, and the crude product was purified by FC (ethyl acetate: hexane, 1:15, v:v) to give 242 mg of phosphorothioate 1**7** (75%). *R_f* 0.50 (ethyl acetate:hexane, 1:5, v/v); $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20}$ -2.43 (*c* 2.33, MeOH); 1H NMR (CDCl3) *^δ* 5.30 (m, 4H), 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.11- 4.30 (m, 6H), 3.69 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 4H), 2.70 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.29 (dt, $J = 2.8$ Hz, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 4H), 1.97 (m, 8H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.16-1.32 (m, 40H), 0.84 (m, 24H), 0.03 (s, 12H); 13C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 172.9 (s), 129.8 (d, $J = 27$ Hz), 71.9 (s), 66.5 (s), 62.2 (s), 60.9 (s), 60.8 (s), 34.2 (s), 31.9 (s), 29.7 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.3 (s), 29.2 (s), 29.1 (s), 27.1 (s), 25.7 (s), 24.8 (s), 22.6 (s), 18.1 (s), 14.1 (s), -5.5 (s); 31P NMR (CDCl3) *^δ* 70.00 (s); MS (ESI) *^m*/*^z* 1072.2 (M^+) . HRMS (ESI) for $C_{57}H_{111}NO_9PSSi_2$ $(M^+ + 1)$: found 1072.7240, calcd 1072.7250.

2-**Bis(3-hydroxyl-(2***R***)-***O***-oleoyl-***sn***-glycer-1-yl)phosphorothioate (18).** A solution of protected **7** (52 mg, 0.052 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (1 mL) was treated successively with acetic acid (59 *µ*L, 1.04 mmol, 20 equiv) and TBAF (329 mg, 1.04 mmol, 20 equiv) in 3.5 mL of THF. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. After concentration in vacuo, the residue was dissolved in 40 mL of CHCl₃, transferred to separatory funnel, and treated with MeOH (10 mL) and 8 mM acetate ammonium solution (20 mL). After mixing, the lower layer was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was loaded onto silica gel $(200-300 \text{ mesh}, 15 \text{ g})$ and eluted quickly with hexane:acetone (2:1 to 1:2, v:v, with a drop of 2.0 M ammonium hydroxide) solution (precooled to 0° C) to furnish 26 mg of a colorless oil **18** (63%): *Rf* 0.20 (hexane:acetone, 1:1, v:v); [α]²⁰_D 6.72 (*c* 0.08, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃/CD₃OD) *δ* 5.17 (m, 4H), 4.80 (m, 2H), 3.92 (m, 4H), 3.57 (m, 4H), 2.18 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.84 (m, 8H), 1.44 (m, 4H), 1.21 (m, 40H), 0.71 (t, *J* $= 6.4$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃/CD₃OD) δ 173.6 (s), 129.7 (d, *J* $=$ 29 Hz), 72.5 (s), 62.9 (s), 59.4 (s), 58.4 (s), 33.9 (s), 31.6 (s), 29.4 (s), 29.2 (s), 29.0 (s), 28.8 (s), 26.9 (s), 24.5 (s), 22.4 (s), 13.7 (s); 31P NMR (CDCl3/CD3OD) *δ* 60.54 (s); MS (ESI) *m*/*z* 789.5 $(M^+ - 1)$. HRMS (MALDI) for C₄₂H₇₉O₉PS (M⁺): found 790.5141, calcd 790.5132.

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