

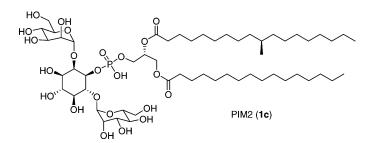
Synthesis and Structure of Phosphatidylinositol Dimannoside

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(*R*)-Tuberculostearic acid (2) was synthesized in seven steps from (*S*)-citronellol (5). The carbon chain of 2 was assembled by copper-catalyzed cross coupling of (*S*)-citronellol tosylate (6) and hexylmagnesium bromide; subsequent ozonolysis and reaction with 6-benzyloxyhexylmagnesium bromide furnished alcohol 10. Functional group manipulation afforded (*R*)-2 in 49% overall yield from 5. DCC coupling of (*R*)-2 with 3-*O*-benzyl-1-*O*-palmitoyl-*sn*-glycerol (16), followed by hydrogenolytic removal of the benzyl group and treatment with benzyl bis(diisopropyl)phosphoramidite, afforded phosphoramidite 20. Tetrazole-mediated coupling of 20 with PIM1 head group 21 gave 22, and subsequent debenzylation afforded phosphatidylinositol mono-mannoside, PIM1 (23). Similarly, coupling of 20 and 24 and removal of the benzyl protecting groups gave PIM2 (1c). Both 23 and 1c have a clearly defined acylation pattern, which was confirmed by mass spectrometry, with *sn*-1 palmitoyl and *sn*-2 tuberculostearoyl groups on the glycerol moiety. Both 23 and 1c were shown to modulate the release of the pro-inflammatory cytokine, IL-12, in a dendritic cell assay.

Introduction

Phosphatidylinositol mannosides (PIMs), present in the cell walls of mycobacteria, are attracting a great deal of attention as they elicit a range of immune responses and constitute the biosynthetic precursors of lipomannan and lipoarabinomannan. PIMs act as agonists of Toll-like receptor 2 (TLR2), which is involved with innate immunity.^{1,2} They are also known to recruit natural killer T-cells^{1,3} and cause T-cell expansion via binding to the lipid presentation molecule, CD1b.^{1,4,5} As part of an

ongoing program investigating the potential of PIMs for modulating immune responses we recently reported the syntheses of diacylated phosphatidylinositol mannosides, PIM1, PIM2, and PIM4.^{6,7} Mixtures of PIMs isolated from *Mycobacterium bovis* and synthetic PIM1 and PIM2 **1a**, which contain the stearoyl acyl residue, were shown to suppress the recruitment of eosinophils in a mouse model of allergic asthma.^{6,8} Synthetic PIM2 **1b** and PIM4, containing palmitoyl residues, were shown

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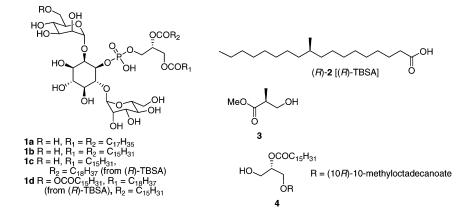
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to be effective in inducing IFN- γ production when given as an adjuvant with a model antigen in an in vivo system.7 Structureactivity relationships of PIMs are complicated by the fact that these molecules exist in nature in multiacylated forms, and obtaining single entities from cell wall material is challenging. Although structures of the pseudo-oligosaccharide moieties of PIMs have been well established,⁹⁻¹¹ those of the diacyl-glyceryl component are still unclear. Gilleron et al.1 carried out a comprehensive study of this unit of PIMs from Mycobacterium bovis Bacilluss Calmette Guérin using negative-ion ESI-MS/ MS mass spectrometry to elucidate the acylation pattern. The specific location of these acyl groups was deduced on the basis of work by Hsu and Turk,¹² who showed that loss of a fatty acid at the sn-2 position occurs more readily than that at the sn-1 position of deprotonated molecular ions of phosphatidylinositols. Gilleron et al.1 concluded from their mass spectral data that PIM2 existed as a 62:38 mixture of two compounds with differing acylation patterns. The major form 1c contained a palmitate residue at the sn-1 position of the glycerol unit and an (R)-tuberculostearate (TBSA) residue at the sn-2 position. The minor form 1b possessed palmitate residues at both of these sites. The glyceryl moieties of tri- and tetra-acylated PIM2 species were shown to have palmitate at the sn-1 and tuberculostearate at the sn-2 positions only. In a later paper, Gilleron et al.² depicted a structure of the hexa-mannoside, AcPIM6. In this case they showed the tuberculostearate residue at the *sn*-1 and palmitate at the sn-2 positions of the glycerol unit.

Liu et al.¹³ recently reported the total synthesis of "native" AcPIM2 and AcPIM6 based upon the later structural assignment of Gilleron et al.² They synthesized (*R*)-tuberculostearic acid (TBSA, **2**) from the Roche ester **3** and prepared differentially acylated diacylglycerol **4**. Glycerol **4** was coupled to protected PIM head groups to furnish AcPIM2 **1d** and AcPIM6. In this paper, we report an alternative synthesis of (*R*)-TBSA (**2**) from (*S*)-citronellol (**5**), the regioisomer of **4** and PIM2 **1c**, where the acylation pattern is consistent with the 2001 findings of Gilleron et al.¹ We aim to gain insight into the structures of these natural products.

Discussion

Several syntheses of racemic and two of enantiopure (R)tuberculostearic acid (2) have been reported to date.¹³⁻¹⁷ The elegant synthesis of (*R*)-2, by Liu et al., 13 relied on building up the carbon chain from a derivative of Roche ester 3 by coppercatalyzed cross-coupling reactions. Our approach is somewhat similar and builds upon the work of Djerassi and co-workers,¹⁸ who reported the synthesis of 10-methylhexadecanoic acid from citronellol. In our synthesis (Scheme 1) commercially available (S)-citronellol (5) was tosylated to give 6^{19} which was then coupled with hexylmagnesium bromide catalyzed by dilithium copper tetrachloride to give hydrocarbon 7 (Scheme 1). Due to difficulties in separating 7 from dodecane produced from the Grignard homocoupling reaction the mixture was used as is for subsequent reaction. Ozonolysis of the alkene furnished aldehyde 8 in 88% from tosylate 6. Attempts to extend the carbon chain of 8 using Wittig chemistry proved low yielding, and cross coupling with Grignard reagent 9 after reduction and subsequent tosylation of 8 failed. Thus, aldehyde 8 was directly reacted with Grignard reagent 9 to give the secondary alcohol 10 as a mixture of epimers in 78% yield. Tosylation of 10 gave 11, and subsequent elimination on alumina furnished a mixture of alkenes 12. Simultaneous removal of the alkene and benzyl group was achieved by treatment with hydrogen to give the known alcohol 13¹³ in 58% yield from 10. Oxidation of 13 with acidified potassium permanganate under phase-transfer conditions afforded (R)-tuberculostearic acid (2) in 98% yield.

With tuberculostearic acid in hand our attention turned to synthesis of the diacylated glycerol derivative. We felt that the most efficient method to prepare a protected diacyl glycerol derivative was via nucleophilic opening of benzyl glycidol by a carboxylate salt.²⁰ This was achieved from (*R*)-benzyl glycidol (14), which is readily available by hydrokinetic resolution of (*rac*)-14^{21,22} using Jacobsen's methodology.²³ The resolution of 14, using catalyst (*S*,*S*)-15 (Schaus et al.²³ reported that the

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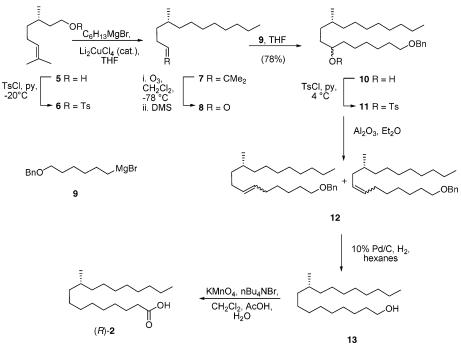
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SCHEME 1. Synthesis of (R)-Tuberculostearic acid (2)



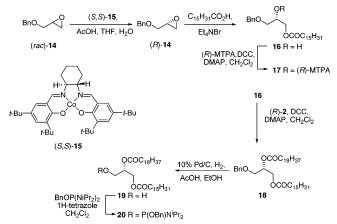
hydrokinetic resolution of 14 with (R,R)-15 gave (R)-benzyl glycidol), afforded (R)-14, which had an optical rotation consistent with that reported by Mikkilineni et al.²⁴ and also that of a commercial sample (Aldrich). Reaction of (R)-14 with palmitic acid and tetraethylammonium bromide in a melt²⁵ yielded, after careful column chromatography, mono-acyl-glycerol 16 in 64% yield. The ee of 16 was estimated as greater than 95% from the ¹H and ¹⁹F NMR spectra of the corresponding (R)-MTP-ester 17. Carbodimide coupling of 16 and TBSA (R)-2 gave the corresponding differentially acylated diacyl glycerol 18 in 97% yield. Removal of the benzyl protecting group was achieved without significant acyl migration under the hydrogenolytic conditions as reported for debenzylation of the corresponding regioisomer by Liu et al.¹³ to afford 19 in 93% yield.

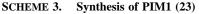
The next step in the synthesis was the tetrazole-mediated coupling of phosphoramidite **20** with PIM1 head group **21**⁶ (Scheme 3). After an in situ oxidation, the reaction furnished protected PIM1 **22** as a mixture of isomers about the phosphorus atom in a 51% yield. Hydrogenolysis of the benzyl groups of **22** gave PIM1 (**23**) in 86% yield as a white amorphous solid after lyopholization. Of note in the ¹H NMR spectrum recorded in a mixture of CDCl₃, CD₃OD and D₂O was a multiplet at δ 5.29–5.34 due to *sn*-2 proton and a broad one-proton singlet at δ 5.14 attributed to the anomeric proton, H-1'.

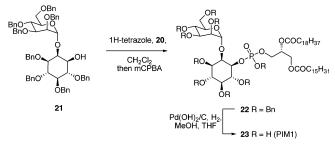
PIM2 (1c) was synthesized in a similar manner (Scheme 4). Tetrazole-mediated coupling of phosphoramidite 20 with PIM2 head group 24^7 gave, after an in situ oxidation, protected PIM2

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SCHEME 2. Synthesis of Phosphoramidite 20







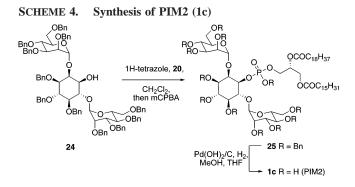
25 as a mixture of isomers about the phosphorus atom in a 48% yield. Hydrogenolytic removal of the benzyl groups of **22** gave PIM2 (**1c**) in 86% yield as a white amorphous solid after lyopholization. The ¹H NMR spectrum recorded in a mixture of CDCl₃, CD₃OD, and D₂O showed a multiplet at δ 5.22–5.33 due to *sn*-2 proton and two broad one-proton singlets at δ 5.10 and 5.13 attributed to the two anomeric protons, H-1' and H-1".

The negative-ion ESI MS/MS CID spectrum of 1c showed two fragments at m/z 877.4 and 920.4. The former was the more

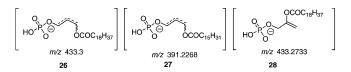
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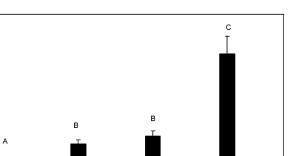
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significant peak that arose by elimination of the tuberculostearate (C_{19}) residue from the *sn*-2 position of the glyceryl moiety of the molecular ion. The latter less significant peak was due to loss of the sn-1 palmitate (C16) residue. This result is consistent with the acylation pattern of 1c and the findings of Hsu and Turk,¹² who have shown that the acid on the *sn*-2 position of a glyceryl phosphate is more readily lost. Very recently, Gilleron et al. revisited their structural characterization of natural PIMs.26 In this work they have used negative-ion ES-IRMPD and MALDI-TOF/TOF CID mass spectrometry on tetra-acylated PIM2 (Ac₂PIM2) from Mycobacterium bovis Bacilluss Calmette Guérin to establish the acylation pattern. In this study they proposed that the C_{19} fatty acid is located on the *sn*-1 and the C₁₆ acid at is on the *sn*-2 position of the glycerol contrary to their earlier assignment. The basis for this new assignment was the presence of a peak at m/z 433.3 that was assigned to fragment 26 consistent with loss of the C16 fatty acid from the sn-2 position. In the current study, prominent in the ESI MS/MS CID spectrum of 1c is a peak at m/z 391.2268 attributed to ion 27, clearly establishing the presence of the C_{16} fatty acid at the sn-1 position. A much smaller peak at m/z 433.2733 was attributed to 28. A similar pattern of peaks due to ions 27 and 28 were apparent in a negative-ion MALDI-TOF/TOF CID spectrum of PIM1 (23).



Given the potential of PIMs to modulate immune responsiveness,^{1,2} we elected to test the obtained products to ascertain if they could modulate the release of pro-inflammatory cytokines. To that aim, dendritic cells (DCs) from mice were exposed to 50 μ g of synthesized compounds and the release of the key Th1 cytokine interleukin-12 (IL-12)²⁷ was assessed (Figure 1). It was found that PIM2 (**1b**),⁷ possessing palmitoyl residues at the *sn*-1 and *sn*-2 positions, was significantly more active than PIM1 (**23**) and PIM2 (**1c**) at enhancing IL-12, suggesting that the modified products, although immunologically active, are less potent than **1b** at stimulating DCs. This result confirms that subtle changes in the composition of the acyl residues in the PIM structure affect the bioactivity of these compounds, at least in this in vitro system. The crystal structure of the lipid antigen presenting molecule, CD1d, with a PIM2 (**1b**) ligand has



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FIGURE 1. Bone marrow cells from BALB/c mice were cultured in the presence of 100 U of granulocyte-macrophage stimulating factor (GM-CSF) and interleukin-4 (IL-4) for 10 days. Cells (95% DCs) were stimulated with 50 μ g of indicated products or diluent (control). Levels of interleukin-12 (IL-12) released by DCs were measured by a commercial ELISA kit. Columns identified by different letters are significantly different from each other (ANOVA test). Each data point represents results from four mice cell cultures. Bars indicate standard errors of the means.

recently been published.²⁸ The *sn*-2 palmitate inserts into the hydrophobic F' pocket, making an optimal fit, whereas the *sn*-1 palmitate only partially fills the larger hydrophobic A' pocket. In the current work, if binding of CD1d to PIM is important, it would follow that for tight binding the larger tuberculostearic acid would need to insert into the larger A' pocket, and this would only occur if it was attached to the *sn*-1 position of the glycerol moiety.

In summary, we developed simple syntheses of (R)-tuberculostearic acid (2) from commercially available (S)-citronellol and differentially acylated glycerol 19 incorporating 2 from (R)benzyl glycidol. The latter was then utilized in the total syntheses of the PIM1 (23) and PIM2 (1c), both of which possess a defined acylation pattern. Our MS/MS studies on 1c and 23 unambiguously confirm the findings of Turk¹² and Gilleron²⁶ that loss of the sn-2 fatty acid residue is more facile than that of the sn-1 fatty acid. The fatty acid composition and distribution on the glycerol moiety of natural PIM molecules can now be validated using this method. Although PIM1 (23) and PIM2 (1c), both of which possess an 'unnatural' acylation pattern of the glycerol moiety, were immunologically active in a dendritic cell assay which measured the release of the Th1 cytokine IL-12; they were significantly less active than PIM2 (1b). We plan to synthesize a library of PIM variants, including those with tuberculostearoyl and palmitoyl residues at the sn-1 and sn-2 positions of the glyceryl unit, to establish a structure-activity relationship. Careful study of these newly synthesized variants may provide some clues in the mechanisms of immunomodulation of PIMs.

Experimental Section

(*R*)-2,6-Dimethyl-tetradec-2-ene (7). LiCl (0.525 g, 12.4 mmol) and CuCl₂ (0.915 g, 6.81 mmol) were stirred in THF (100 mL) under a N₂ atmosphere for 5 min; then tosylate 6^{19} (9.72 g, 31.3 mmol) was added. The solution was cooled to 0 °C, and freshly

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prepared hexylmagnesium bromide, from 1-bromohexane (17.8 g, 108 mmol) and magnesium (3.59 g, 148 mmol) in THF (150 mL), was added dropwise to the mixture, which was stirred at 0 °C for a further 1 h. The solution was then stirred 24 h at room temperature. Saturated NH₄Cl solution (200 mL) was added, and the mixture was filtered though Celite, diluted with ether (400 mL), washed with water (150 mL), brine (150 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). Removal of the solvent and purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (hexanes as eluent) gave an inseparable mixture of the title compound 7 and dodecane as a colorless oil (9.76 g). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ inter alia 0.87–0.91 (m, 6H), 1.08-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.30-1.46 (m, 17H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.89-2.08 (m, 2H), 5.10-5.14 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 17.7, 19.7, 22.8, 25.7, 25.8, 27.2, 29.5, 29.8, 30.2, 32.1, 32.6, 37.1, 37.3, 125.2, 131.0. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₃₂: C, 85.63; H, 14.37. Found: C, 85.66; H, 14.16.

(R)-4-Methyl-dodecanal (8). Ozone was bubbled though a solution of 7 and dodecane (9.76 g, 31.3 mmol) from the previous reaction in CH₂Cl₂ (400 mL) at -78 °C until the solution turned blue. Oxygen was bubbled through the solution to remove excess ozone; then dimethyl sulfide (4.6 mL, 63 mmol) was added. The stirred solution was warmed to room temperature over 2 h, then diluted with dichloromethane (200 mL), and washed with water (300 mL) and brine (300 mL). The solution was dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent was removed. Purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (light petroleum to light petroleum/ $CH_2Cl_2 = 3:1$) gave the title compound 8 (5.85 g, 88% from 6) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{18} + 1.1$ (c = 0.44, CH₂Cl₂); v_{max} (film), 2925, 2855, 2713, 1728 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.86-0.90 (m, 6H), 1.08-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.21-1.34 (m, 12H), 1.39-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.62–1.65 (m, 1H), 2.36–2.48 (m, 2H), 9.77 (t, J = 2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 19.4, 22.7, 27.0, 29.0, 29.4, 29.7, 30.0, 32.0, 32.5, 36.7, 41.8, 203.1. Anal. Calcd for C13H26O: C, 78.72; H, 13.21. Found: C, 78.57; H, 13.12.

(7R*,10R)-1-Benzyloxy-10-methyloctadecan-7-ol (10). A solution of aldehyde 8 (2.38 g, 11.2 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added to 6-benzyloxylhexylmagnesium bromide (9), prepared from 6-benzyloxy-1-bromohexane (7.0 g, 26 mmol) and magnesium turnings in THF (60 mL), dropwise at room temperature. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 16 h; then saturated NH₄Cl solution (100 mL) was added. The mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), washed with 1 M HCl (50 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). Removal of the solvent and purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (light petroleum/ $Et_2O = 4:1$) gave the title compound 10 (3.291 g, 75%, mixture of diastereoisomers) as a colorless oil. v_{max} (film), 3364, 2926, 2854, 1454 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 0.86 \text{ (dd}, J = 3.3, 6.6 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}), 0.89 \text{ (d}, J =$ 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.06-1.14 (m, 2H), 1.19-1.52 (m, 26H), 1.58-1.66 (m, 2H), 3.47 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.52–3.58 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H) 7.25–7.35 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 19.7, 19.8, 22.8, 25.6, 25.7, 26.3, 27.1, 27.2, 29.4, 29.6, 29.7, 29.8, 30.1, 32.0, 32.9, 32.9, 33.0, 35.0, 35.1, 37.0, 37.2, 37.4, 37.5, 70.5, 72.4, 72.5, 72.9, 127.5, 127.7, 128.4, 138.8. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₄₆O₂: C, 79.94; H, 11.87. Found: C, 79.67; H, 11.89.

(7*R**,10*R*)-1-Benzyloxy-10-methyl-7-tosyloxyoctadecane (11). Tosyl chloride (2.3 g, 13 mmol) was added to a solution of 10 (3.29 g, 8.43 mmol) in a 1:1 mixture of pyridine and CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was maintained at 0 °C for 3 days. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo, diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL), washed with 1 M HCl (50 mL), and dried (MgSO₄). Removal of the solvent and purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (light petroleum/CH₂Cl₂ = 1:1, then light petroleum/EtOAc = 4:1) gave the title compound 11 (4.30 g, 93%) as a colorless oil; v_{max} (film), 2926, 1454, 1599, 1454 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.76 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95–1.24 (m, 2H), 1.10–1.35 (m, 27H), 1.50–1.61 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 3.44 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.50–4.56 (m, 1H), 7.26–7.35 (m, 7H), 7.76–7.80 (m 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 19.4, 19.5, 21.7, 22.8, 24.7, 24.8, 29.2, 29.4, 29.70, 29.74, 29.8, 30.0, 30.1, 31.68, 31.72, 31.8, 31.9, 32.0, 32.58, 32.61, 34.1, 34.2, 36.8, 36.9, 70.4, 73.0, 85.0, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 128.4, 129.6, 129.7, 134.9, 138.7, 144.4. Anal. Calcd for $C_{33}H_{52}O_4S$: C, 72.75; H, 9.62; S, 5.89. Found: C, 72.49; H, 9.55; S, 5.55.

(R)-1-Benzyloxy-10-methyloctadec-6- and -7-ene (12). Diethyl ether (50 mL) was added to freshly activated neutral alumina (28 g), and the mixture was cooled to room temperature. Tosylate 11 (2.10 g, 3.83 mmol) in ether (25 mL) was added, and the resultant slurry was stirred for 17 h under nitrogen. The mixture was filtered, and the alumina was washed with diethyl ether (100 mL). Concentration of the combined filtrates and purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (light petroleum/ $Et_2O = 9:1$) gave the title compounds **12** (1.08 g, 75%) as a colorless oil; v_{max} (film), 2923, 2854, 1455, 1112 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.82-0.90 (m, 6H), 1.05-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.20-1.44 (m, 20H), 1.58-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.94-2.07 (m, 2H), 3.47 (dt, J = 1.0, 7.0 Hz,2H), 5.31-5.39 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 14.2, 19.57, 19.64, 19.66, 19.69, 22.8, 24.9, 25.8, 26.0, 26.1, 26.16, 26.18, 27.09, 27.12, 27.17, 27.23, 27.3, 27.4, 29.0, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6, 29.7, 29.75, 29.82, 30.0, 30.1, 30.2, 32.0, 32.3, 32.48, 32.6, 32.7, 33.3, 33.51, 34.6, 36.7, 36.8, 37.0, 37.1, 40.2, 70.4, 70.5, 70.6, 72.92, 72.94, 127.5, 127.7, 128.4, 128.6, 129.0, 129.5, 130.0, 130.3, 130.6, 130.8, 131.5, 138.76, 138.78. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₄₃O: C, 84.03; H, 11.66. Found: C, 84.05; H. 11.89

(*R*)-(-)-10-Methyl-octadecan-1-ol (13). A mixture of 10% palladium on carbon (0.305 g), 12 (2.46 g, 6.37 mmol), and hexanes (100 mL) was stirred under an atmosphere of hydrogen for 72 h. The reaction mixture was filtered though Celite, and the solvent was removed. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (light petroleum/Et₂O = 9:1) gave the title compound 13 (1.84 g, 96%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{29}$ -0.03 (c = 2.75, CH₂Cl₂) {Lit.¹³ [α]_D -0.02 (c = 8.0, CHCl₃)}; v_{max} (film), 3336, 2922, 1459, 1370, 1057 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.83 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.02-1.14 (m, 1H), 1.18-1.44 (m, 29H), 1.50-1.65 (2H, m), 3.64 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 19.8, 22.8, 24.7, 27.1, 27.2, 29.1, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 26.8, 30.0, 30.1, 32.0, 32.8, 34.1, 37.1, 37.2, 63.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₄₀O: C, 80.21; H, 14.17. Found: C, 80.56; H, 14.06.

(R)-10-Methyloctadecanoic acid [(R)-(2)]. Alcohol 13 (0.255 g, 0.898 mmol), tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.157 g, 0.487 mmol), and potassium permanganate (0.443 g, 2.80 mmol) were refluxed in a mixture of CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL), acetic acid (2 mL), and water (30 mL) for 4 h. The solution was cooled, and 1 M HCl (50 mL) was added. Sodium sulfite (0.5 g) was added, and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). The organic extracts were dried (MgSO₄), and the solvent was removed. Purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (light petroleum/ $Et_2O = 4:1$) gave the title compound (R)-2 (0.263 g, 98%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D{}^{30} - 0.03$ (c = 4.75, CHCl₃) {Lit.¹³ $[\alpha]_D - 0.02$ $(c = 10.5, \text{CHCl}_3)$; v_{max} (film), 3016, 2923, 1705, 1459, 1057 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.83 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.05 - 1.10 (m, 1H), 1.18 - 1.39 (m, 29H),1.60-1.66 (2H, m), 2.35 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 19.8, 22.8, 24.8, 27.1, 27.2, 29.1, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 26.8, 30.0, 30.1, 32.0, 32.8, 34.1, 37.1, 37.2, 180.2. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₃₈O₂: C, 76.45, H, 12.83. Found: C, 76.09; H, 12.93.

(*R*)-Benzyl Glycidyl Ether (-)-(14). A mixture of (*S*,*S*)-15 (76.0 mg, 126 μ mol), (\pm)-benzyl glycidyl ether (14) (4.15 g, 25.3 mmol), AcOH (28 μ L, 0.49 mmol), and THF (0.25 mL) was cooled to 0 °C; then H₂O (240 μ L, 13.3 mmol) was added with stirring. The mixture was warmed to rt, and after 16 h, (*R*)-benzyl glycidyl ether (-)-(14) (2.05 g, 49%) was isolated by vacuum distillation (bpt, 120 °C 0.7 mm/Hg) followed by further purification by silica gel column chromatography (light petroleum/Et₂O = 9:1); [α]_D²⁰ -5.7 (*c* = 5, C₆H₅CH₃); Aldrich: (-)-Benzyl (*R*)-glycidyl ether, cat. No. 363529 [α]_D²⁰ -5.4 (*c* = 5, C₆H₅CH₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.60-2.64 (m, 1H); 2.80 (1H, t, *J* = 4.6 Hz); 3.07-3.12

(m, 1H); 3.44 (dd, J = 6.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H); 3.77 (dd, J = 8.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H); 4.59 (dt, J = 15.8, 11.7 Hz, 2H), 7.26–7.40 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 44.3, 50.9, 70.8, 73.3, 127.8, 128.4, 137.9.

3-O-Benzyl-1-O-palmitoyl-*sn***-glycerol**²⁹ (**16**). A melt of (*R*)benzyl glycidol (*R*)-**14** (1.06 g, 6.46 mmol), palmitic acid (1.68, 6.53 mmol), and tetraethylammonium bromide (30 mg, 0.14 mmol) at 100 °C was stirred for 3 h. The reaction mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (toluene to toluene/EtOAc = 95:5) to give the title compound **16** (1.75 g, 64%) as a white wax. $[\alpha]_D^{15}$ +0.6 (*c* = 3.00, CH₂Cl₂); *v*_{max} (film), 3494, 2917, 2852, 1715 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.20– 1.34 (m, 24H), 1.57–1.67 (m, 2H), 2.32 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (bs, 1H), 3.49 (dd, *J* = 6.2, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.00–4.06 (m, 1H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 6.1, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 4.4, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (s, 2H), 7.27–7.38 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.1, 22.7, 24.9, 29.1, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6, 29.65, 29.69, 31.9, 34.1, 65.3, 68.9, 70.9, 73.5, 127.7, 127.8, 128.4, 137.7, 173.9.

3-O-Benzyl-2-O-((R)- α , α , α -methoxytrifluoromethylphenylacetyl)-1-O-palmitoyl-sn-glycerol (17). A mixture of 16 (20 mg, 48 μmol), DCC (20 mg, 97 μmol), (*R*)-MTPA (26 mg, 111 μmol), and DMAP (7.0 mg, 57 μ mol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica chromatography (light petroleum/ $Et_2O = 9:1$) to give MTPA-ester 17 (27 mg, 89%) as a white wax. $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ 31.0 (c = 1.40, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.20-1.40 (m, 24H), 1.50-1.60 (m, 2H), 2.21 (dt, J = 2.4, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.54 (d, J = 1.0 Hz, 3H), 3.69 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 6.8, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 3.53, 12.0 Hz, 1H),4.55 (dd, J = 11.8, 17.9 Hz, 2H), 5.50-5.54 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.40(m, 8H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 22.8, 24.8, 29.2, 29.3, 29.4, 29.5, 29.67, 29.71, 29.8, 32.0, 34.0, 55.5, 62.3, 68.3, 72.7, 73.4, 127.5, 127.7, 127.9, 128.4, 128.5, 129.6, 132.2, 137.4, 166.1, 173.3; ¹⁹F NMR (470 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -72.5. HRMS-ESI: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{36}H_{51}F_3O_6Na$, 659.3535; found, 659.3530.

3-O-Benzyl-2-O-((R)-10-methyloctadecanoyl)-1-O-palmitoylsn-glycerol (18). A mixture of 16 (344 mg, 817 µmol), DCC (343 mg, 1.66 mmol), (R)-2 (268 mg, 898 µmol), and DMAP (5.9 mg, 48 μ mol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL) at rt and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was filtered through Celite and concentrated. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (light petroleum/Et₂O = 19:1) to give the title compound **18** (556 mg, 97%) as a white wax. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 5.2 (*c* = 3.00, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR: (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.83 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.02 - 1.12 (m, 1H), 1.19 - 1.40 (m, 48H),1.55-1.65 (m, 4H), 2.28 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 3.56-3.62 (m, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 6.4, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.34(dd, J = 3.7, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J)= 12.1 Hz, 1H), 5.22-5.27 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR $(125 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 14.2, 19.8, 22.8, 24.9, 25.0, 27.1, 27.2, 29.18,$ 29.20, 29.36, 29.39, 29.43, 29.44, 29.56, 29.61, 29.70, 29.73, 29.74, 29.8, 30.0, 30.1, 32.0, 32.8, 34.2, 34.4, 37.2, 62.7, 68.3, 70.1, 73.4, 127.7, 127.8, 128.5, 137.8, 173.2, 173.5. HRMS-ESI: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₄₅H₈₀O₅Na, 723.5903; found: 723.5931. Anal. Calcd for C₄₅H₈₀O₅: C, 77.09; H, 11.50. Found: C, 76.72; H, 11.29.

2-O-((R)-10-methyloctadecanoyl)-1-O-palmitoyl-sn-glycerol (19). A mixture of glycerol **18** (200 mg, 285 μ mol) and 10% Pd/C (30 mg, 28 μ mol) in ethanol (15 mL) and AcOH (0.15 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h under an atmosphere of H₂. The mixture was filtered through Celite, and the solvent was removed. Purification of the residue by silica gel column chromatography (CH₂Cl₂/light petroleum 1:1 to CH₂Cl₂ to CH₂Cl₂/EtOAc = 19:1) gave the title compound **19** (163 mg, 93%) as a colorless oil. [α]p²⁰

-2.6 (*c* = 0.40, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 1.10–1.13 (m, 1H), 1.17–1.40 (m, 48H), 1.57–1.66 (m, 4H), 2.30–2.36 (m, 6H), 3.69–3.76 (m, 2H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 12.1 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 11.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06–5.11 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 14.2, 19.8, 22.8, 24.9, 25.0, 27.1, 29.2, 29.3, 29.36, 29.43, 29.5, 29.6, 29.67, 29.72, 29.8, 30.0, 30.1, 32.0, 32.8, 34.2, 34.4, 37.2, 61.6, 62.1, 72.2, 173.5, 173.9; HRMS-ESI: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₃₈H₇₄O₅Na, 633.5434; found, 633.5462. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₇₄O₅: C, 74.70; H, 12.21. Found: C, 74.87; H, 11.99.

Benzyl (2-O-(R)-10-Methyloctadecanovl-1-O-hexadecanovlsn-glycero)-diisopropylphosphoramidite (20). 1H-Tetrazole (15.0 mg, 0.214 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of alcohol 19 (100 mg, 0.164 mmol) and benzyl bis(diisopropyl)phosphoramidite (124 mg, 0.367 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL) cooled to 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After stirring at rt for 1.5 h, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography (Et₃N/EtOAc/light petroleum = 3:10:90), affording the title compound **20** (128 mg, 0.151 mmol, 92%) as an oil. $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ 5.4 (c = 1.7, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.81–0.91 (m, 9H), 1.02–1.38 (m, 63H), 1.52–1.62 (m, 4H), 2.21–2.31 (m, 4H), 3.58–3.80 (m, 4H), 4.12–4.19 (m, 1H), 4.30–4.38 (m, 1H), 4.61-4.77 (m, 2H), 5.17-5.24 (m, 1H), 7.19-7.37 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 14.2, 19.8, 22.7, 24.6, 24.7, 24.8, 25.0, 27.1, 29.2, 29.4, 29.5, 29.6, 29.7, 30.1, 32.0, 32.8, 34.2, 34.4, 37.2, 43.1, 43.3, 61.5, 61.7, 61.9, 62.6, 65.3, 65.6, 70.9, 127.0, 127.3, 128.3, 139.4, 173.4, 173.4; ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.0, 150.2; HRMS-ESI: $[M + H]^+$ calcd for C₅₁H₉₅O₆NP, 848.6897; found, 848.6885.

3,4,5,6-Tetra-O-benzyl-2-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl-1-O-(2-O-(R)-10-methyloctadecanoyl-1-O-hexadecanoyl-sn-glycero-3-benzylphosphoryl)-D-myo-inositol (22). 1H-Tetrazole (16 mg, 0.23 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 3,4,5,6-tri-O-benzyl-2-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-α-D-mannopyranosyl)-D-myo-inositol (21) (94 mg, 0.088 mmol) and phosphoramidite 20 (149 mg, 0.176 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) cooled to 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After stirring at rt for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and a solution of m-CPBA (50%, 61 mg, 0.18 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture. After warming to rt over 2 h the reaction was quenched with addition of 10% aqueous Na₂SO₃ solution (50 mL) and the combined mixture extracted with Et₂O (100 mL). The ethereal extract was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (3 \times 50 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After filtration the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum = 1:9 to 1:4), followed by a second column (CH₂Cl₂ to EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ = 1:25), giving the title compound 21 (83 mg, 51%) as an oil. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.83 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.03–1.11 (m, 2H), 1.15–1.35 (m, 49H), 1.45–1.59 (m, 4H), 2.17–2.25 (m, 4H), 3.21–3.55 (m, 4H) 3.66–4.34 (m, 12H), 4.44–5.07 (m, 18H), 5.07-5.13 (m, 1H), 5.34-5.38 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.44 (m, 45H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.8, 14.2, 19.8, 22.8, 24.8, 24.85, 24.89, 27.2, 29.1, 29.17, 29.21, 29.38, 29.40, 29.42, 29.43, 29.58, 29.64, 29.7, 29.8, 30.09, 30.12, 31.3, 32.0, 32.9, 34.0, 34.07, 34.11, 37.2, 38.2, 59.6, 61.58, 61.60, 65.6, 65.78, 65.82, 66.0, 67.5, 68.7, 68.8, 69.4, 69.5, 69.70, 69.74, 69.8, 71.8, 71.9, 72.1, 72.15, 72.19, 72.24, 73.4, 73.7, 74.0, 74.4, 74.5, 74.6, 74.7, 75.1, 75.4, 75.5, 75.7, 75.8, 76.2, 77.3, 78.5, 78.7, 79.0, 79.1, 79.3, 79.34, 79.6, 79.7, 80.7, 80.8, 82.98, 83.01, 98.9, 127.3, 127.40, 127.42, 127.48, 127.51, 127.6, 127.66, 127.70, 127.77, 127.83, 127.9, 128.0, 128.06, 128.07, 128.07, 128.11, 128.15, 128.23, 128.26, 128.31, 128.33, 128.38, 128.42, 128.44, 128.49, 128.53, 128.57, 128.63, 128.68, 128.72, 128.8, 130.96, 130.97, 131.2, 135.5, 135.6, 138.0, 138.1, 138.31, 138.34, 138.39, 138.43, 138.43, 138.45, 138.53, 138.54, 138.87, 138.88, 172.8, 173.09, 173.13; ³¹P NMR (202 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -0.64 (0.7P) and -0.34 (0.3P). HRMS-ESI: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₁₃H₁₄₉NaO₁₈P, 1849.0413; found, 1849.0452. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃₃H₁₄₉O₁₈P: C, 74.31; H, 8.22. Found: C, 74.23; H, 8.32.

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2-(O-α-D-Mannopyranosyl)-1-O-(2-O-(R)-10-methyloctadecanoyl-1-O-hexadecanoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphoryl)-D-myo-inositol (23). Pd(OH)₂/C (20%, 19 mg) was added to a stirred solution of 22 (51 mg, 0.028 mmol) in a 3:2 mixture of MeOH and THF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere for 4 h at rt and filtered through Celite, washed with further 3:2 MeOH and THF (30 mL), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH/H₂O = 90:10:0 to 70:40:6) to afford the title compound 23 (26 mg, 91%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃:MeOD:D₂O 70:40:6) δ 0.85 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, J= 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.05-1.12 (m, 2H), 1.17-1.40 (m, 49H), 1.65-1.121.55 (m, 4H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.6, Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.5, Hz, 2H), 3.27 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47–3.52 (m, 1H), 3.57–3.67 (m, 2H), 3.62-3.84 (m, 4H), 3.84-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.93-4.10 (m, 5H), 4.27-4.35 (m, 1H), 4.31 (bs, 1H), 4.44 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.5 Hz, 2H), 5.14 (s, 1H), 5.29-5.23 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃: MeOD: D₂O 70: 40: 6) & 16.7, 22.4, 25.4, 27.7, 27.8, 29.87, 29.92, 32.0, 32.1, 32.2, 32.4, 32.5, 32.6, 32.8, 32.9, 34.7, 35.6, 36.9, 37.1, 39.91, 39.93, 57.3, 58.3, 62.9, 63.0, 64.0, 65.9, 66.5, 69.8, 71.4, 73.1, 73.3, 73.35, 73.42, 73.45, 75.3, 75.7, 76.9, 77.4, 78.2, 78.9, 79.3, 81.5, 90.9, 104.3, 176.9, 177.2; ³¹P NMR (121 MHz, CDCl₃: MeOD: D₂O 70: 40: 6) δ -0.06. HRMS-ESI: [M - H]⁻ calcd for C₅₀H₉₄O₁₈P, 1013.6183; found, 1013.6172.

3,4,5-Tri-O-benzyl-2,6-di-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-a-D-mannopyranosyl-1-O-(2-O-(R)-10-methyloctadecanoyl-1-O-hexadecanoyl-sn-glycero-3-benzylphosphoryl)-D-myo-inositol (25). 1H-Tetrazole (18 mg, 0.26 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 3,4,5-tri-O-benzyl-2,6-di-O-(2,3,4,6-tetra-O-benzyl-a-D-mannopyranosyl)-D-myo-inositol (24) and phosphoramidite 20 (215 mg, 0.253 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) cooled to 0 °C under an argon atmosphere. After stirring at rt for 1.5 h the reaction mixture was cooled to -40 °C and a solution of *m*-CPBA (50%, 88 mg, 0.25 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) was transferred by cannula into the reaction mixture. After warming to rt over 2 h the reaction was quenched with addition of 10% aqueous Na₂SO₃ solution (50 mL) and the combined mixture extracted with Et₂O (100 mL). The ethereal extract was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (3 \times 50 mL) and dried (MgSO₄). After filtration the solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue purified by silica gel column chromatography (EtOAc/light petroleum = 1:9 to 1:4) followed by a second column (CH₂Cl₂ to EtOAc/CH₂Cl₂ = 1:25) to give the title compound 21 (69 mg, 0.031 mmol, 48%) as an oil. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.81–0.91 (m, 9H), 1.01–1.13 (m, 2H), 1.14– 1.34 (m, 49H), 1.42-1.58 (m, 4H), 2.09-2.24 (m, 4H), 3.21-3.52 (m, 6H), 3.75-4.26 (m, 17H), 4.40-5.15 (m, 24H), 5.275.36 (m, 1H), 5.49 (brs, 1H), 6.98–7.39 (m, 60H), ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) δ 14.2, 19.8, 22.8, 24.9, 27.2, 29.2, 29.4, 29.8, 30.1, 32.0, 32.9, 33.9, 34.1, 37.2, 61.4–81.1 (CH and CH₂), 98.5, 99.6, 127.2–128.9 (CH-Aryl),137.8–139.2 (C_q-Aryl), 172.6, 173.0; ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.16, 0.94. HRMS-ESI: [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄₀H₁₇₇O₂₃NaP, 2280.2316; found, 2280.2317.

2,6-(Di-O-a-D-mannopyranosyl)-1-O-(2-O-(R)-10-methyloctadecanoyl-1-O-hexadecanoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphoryl)-D-myoinositol (1c). Pd(OH)₂/C (20%, 37 mg) was added to a stirred solution of 25 (32 mg, 0.014 mmol) in a 3:2 mixture of MeOH and THF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred under a hydrogen atmosphere for 3 h at rt when the hydrogen was replaced with argon, and the mixture was filtered through Celite, washed with 3:2 MeOH and THF (30 mL), and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified on silica gel (CHCl₃/MeOH/H₂O = 70:40:1 to 70:40:6) to afford the title compound 5 (14 mg, 86%). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃/CD₃OD/D₂O, 70:40:6) δ 0.82–0.90 (m, 9H), 1.05–1.13 (m, 2H), 1.55–1.66 (m, 4H), 1.21–1.34 (m, 49H), 2.27–2.40 (m, 4H), 3.25-3.31(m, 1H), 3.43-3.50 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.86 (m, 10H), 3.91-4.09 (m, 7H), 4.30 (br s, 1H), 4.40-4.43 (m, 1H), 5.10 (br s, 1H), 5.13 (br s, 1H), 5.22-5.32 (m, 1H); ³¹P NMR (121.5 MHz, CDCl₃/ CD_3OD/D_2O , 70:40:6) δ -3.7. HRMS-ESI: $[M - H]^-$ calcd for C₅₆H₁₀₄O₂₃P, 1175.6706; found, 1175.6725. Anal. Calcd for C₅₆H₁₀₅O₂₃P.1.5SiO₂: C, 53.07; H, 8.35. Found: C, 53.11; H, 8.27.

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