Total Asymmetric Syntheses of β-Hydroxy-δ-lactones via Umpolung with Sulfur Dioxide†

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Cyclic stereotriads and stereotetrads of the β -hydroxy- δ -lactone type, e.g. prelactones B and E, common in polyketides and polypropionates, are prepared via $SO₂$ -induced oxyallylations of enoxysilanes with $(1E,3Z)$ -1-(1-phenylethoxy)penta-1,3-dien-3-yl carboxylates. Using (Z) - or (E) -enoxysilanes both 4,5-cis- or 4,5-trans-δ-lactones are obtained. Depending on the reduction method applied to the obtained aldol intermediates 5,6-trans or 5,6-cis-derivatives are formed. The δ-lactones can be prepared in both their enantiomeric forms depending on the $(1R)$ - or $(1S)$ -configuration of the starting 1-(1-phenylethoxy)penta-1,3-dienes.

Introduction

Polyketides and polypropionates represent an important class of natural compounds¹ with broad potential for pharmacological applications.² Their stereochemical complexity has stimulated intensive research toward the development of chemical^{3,4} and biochemical methods⁵ for their total synthesis. β -Hydroxy- δ -lactones like compounds 1-7 (Chart 1) constitute, as cyclic stereotriads and stereotetrads, a common

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structural motif in a large number of natural polyketides and polypropionates and are intermediates in the step-by-step biosynthesis of these compounds.⁶ As such, they have been isolated from different polyketide-producing organisms.

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CHART 1. Different δ -Lactones 1-7, Synthesized Using SO₂-Chemistry

SCHEME 1. One-Pot Synthesis of α, β, γ -syn,anti- or anti,anti-Stereotriads through SO₂-Induced Oxyallylation of (Z)-or (E)-Enoxysilanes^a

^aThe shown structures are obtained for $R^* = (S)$ -1-phenethyl.

For instance, $β$ -hydroxy- $δ$ -lactone prelactone B (1) has been found in the fermentation broth of *Streptomyces* producing concanamycins and bafilomycins (Chart 1), $\frac{7}{7}$ which stimulated several syntheses of $(+)$ - (1) and its stereoisomers using various approaches.⁸ Prelactone E $((-)-2)$, a product of chemical degradation of concanolide derivatives,⁹ has been synthesized recently by two groups applying Evans' aldol chemistry.10,11 Using an L-proline-catalyzed aldol reaction Barbas and co-workers obtained lactone $(+)$ -3 in a two-step process with 11% ee, that could be improved by carrying out the reaction in an ionic liquid.^{12,13} Lactone (-)-4, the 5-epimer of $(+)$ -3, has been prepared by Cordova and co-workers from propanal in a three-step process with an ee >99% involving two successive L-proline- and D-proline-catalyzed aldol reactions followed by $MnO₂$ -oxidation.¹⁴ Compound (-)-5 was obtained by Hoffmann and co-workers via enantioselective crotylboration of methacroleine followed by diastereoselective hydroboration.^{17b} Chênevert and co-workers made (-)-5 in a few stepswith 58% overall yield via enzymatic desymmetrization

of *meso*-(*anti*,*anti*)-2,4-dimethyl-1,3,5-pentanetriol.^{15,16} δ -Lactone $(+)$ -6, the 5-epimer of $(-)$ -5, has been obtained only through biological synthesis applying polyketide synthase.^{6a} Both lactones, (-)-5 and (+)-6, contain an α, β, γ -anti,anti-stereotriad subunit, the most elusive to obtain.¹

In this report we propose alternative syntheses of lactones $(+)-1-(+)-6$. Our method is general and has been applied also to the synthesis of lactone $(-)$ -7, a yet unknown compound.¹⁸

With the use of our SO_2 -reaction cascade that combines electron-rich dienes $\bf{8}$ and (Z) - or (E) -enoxysilanes $\bf{10}$ via $SO₂$ -Umpolung, we have developed a one-pot synthesis of α, β, γ -syn, anti- and -anti, anti-stereotriads of types 12 and 13, respectively (Scheme 1).^{19,20} The starting dienes 8 are readily obtained from pentan-3-one, ethyl formate and inexpensive, enantiomerically enriched (S) - or (R) -1-phenylethanol, the source of chirality.²¹

A hetero-Diels-Alder addition between diene 8 and $SO₂$ followed by Lewis acid-assisted ionization gives a zwitterionic

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SCHEME 2. Syntheses of Prelactones B $((+)$ -1) and E $((-)$ -2)

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SCHEME 4. Synthesis of δ -Lactone (-)-7

species 9, which undergoes an oxyallylation reaction with alkenes 10 to silylsulfinates 11. The latter are converted in situ into stereotriads 12 and 13, respectively, in the presence of catalytic $Pd(OAc)₂/PPh₃$, involving a highly stereoselective chirality transfer from the ε -center in 11 to the γ -center in 12 respective 13 (Scheme 1).^{22,23}

Results and Discussion

Our syntheses of the natural prelactones B $((+)$ -1) and E $((-)-2)$ combine diene 14²⁴ with (Z)-enoxysilanes 15a and 15b, respectively. The SO_2 -induced oxyallylation and concomitant desulfinylative desilylation afforded 3:1-mixtures of α, β-syn- and α, β-anti-stereodiad 16a/17a (72% yield) and 16b/17b (55% yield), respectively (Scheme 2). These mixtures were treated with $TiCl₄$ in $CH₂Cl₂²⁵$ to cleave the phenethyl ether moieties and provided 3:1 mixtures of the corresponding alcohols 18a/19a (84%) and 18b/19b (95%). Reduction of these mixtures with $Me₄NBH(OAc)₃/AcOH²⁶$ gave 3:1 mixtures of stereotriads $20a/21a$ (94%) and $20b/21b$ (60%). Ozonolysis of the latter, treatment with $Me₂S$, and chromatographic purification furnished $(+)$ -1 (83% based on 20a) and $(-)$ -2 (91% based on 20b).

This synthesis of $(+)$ -1 gives the final product in four steps and 35% yield based on diene (S)-14 or in eight steps and 13% yield based on propionyl chloride, the starting material of diene (S)-14.²⁴ Prelactone E ((-)-2) was obtained in four steps and 21% overall yield based on diene (S)-14.

The β -hydroxy- δ -lactones (+)-3, (-)-4, (-)-5, and (+)-6 (Scheme 3) were obtained by applying our oxyallylation cascade to diene $(+)$ -22,^{21,27} and using (Z)-15b and (E)-enoxysilane 23. This generated the stereotriads $(+)$ -24²⁷ and $(+)$ -25²⁰ with

diastereoselectivities of 6:1 and 3:1, respectively.²⁸ Treatment of 24 with $TiCl_4$ in CH_2Cl_2 at -78 °C afforded titanium alkoxide 26 which was reacted directly with $BH_3 \cdot Me_2S^{29}$ to give stereotetrad $(+)$ -27 in 90% yield. Ozonolysis of the enol ester of $(+)$ -27 followed by workup with Me₂S provided lactone $(+)$ 3 (78%). Aqueous workup of 26 furnished alcohol (-)-28. Its reduction with $Me₄NBH(OAc)₃²⁶$ gave $(+)$ -29 (67%), the ozonolysis of which provided lactone $(-)$ -4 (78%). The same reaction sequence applied to $(+)$ -25 furnished stereotetrads $(+)$ -32 (72%) and $(-)$ -33 (67%), which were ozonolyzed to produce lactones $(-)$ -5 (62%) and $(+)$ -6 (73%), respectively. Structures of lactones $(+)$ -3, $(-)-4$, $(-)-5$, and $(+)-6$ were proven by their spectral data. Their relative configuration was established by the vicinal ${}^{3}J_{\text{H,H}}$ coupling constants in the ${}^{1}\text{H}$ NMR sprectra. Structures of $(-)$ -5 and $(+)$ -6 were also confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies.³⁰ The diversity of our methodology is demonstrated by the synthesis of four different stereotetrads, i. e. structures $(+)$ -27, $(+)$ -29, $(+)$ -32, and $(-)$ -33 (Scheme 3), all using the same diene (R) -22 as starting material.

Lactone $(+)$ -3 was synthesized in three steps and 48% overall yield from diene $(+)$ -22, and $(-)$ -4 was obtained in four synthetic steps and 29% overall yield based on $(+)$ -22. Diastereoisomers $(-)$ -5 and $(+)$ -6 were synthesized in four and three steps with 14% and 26% overall yields, respectively, starting from diene $(+)$ -22.

Lactone $(-)$ -7 was derived in a similar way from diene $(-)$ -34²⁷ and (E)-enoxysilane 35 (Scheme 4). Their SO₂-mediated condensation produced stereotriad (-)-36²⁰ (67%, dr > 10:1). Reduction of ketone (-)-36 with $Me₂AlCl/Bu₃SnH³¹$ in CH_2Cl_2 (workup with KF) gave stereotetrad (-)-37²⁰ in 90% yield (dr > 10:1). FeCl₃-induced S_N 1-debenzylation of (-)-37 provided diol (+)-38 (93%, dr > 10:1). Its relative configuration was confirmed by the 1 H- and 13 C NMR

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Conclusion

Fully substituted 4-hydroxy-δ-lactones containing up to four continuous stereocenters can be prepared applying the oxyallylation of enoxysilanes through SO_2 -Umpolung of enantiomerically enriched $(1E,3Z)$ -1- $(1$ -phenylethoxy)penta-1,3-dien-3-yl carboxylates. These stereotriads and stereotetrads are common motifs in a large number of natural polyketides and polypropionates. The number of synthetic steps, yields, and availability of starting materials are comparable with other well-accepted methods. The present methodology offers an alternative approach and extends the toolbox of chemists chasing cyclic polypropionate structures.We were able to obtain lactone $(+)$ -6 for the first time using chemical synthesis^{6a} as well as the yet unknown $(-)$ - $(3R, 4R, 5S, 6R)$ -4-hydroxy-6-isopropyl-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one $((-)$ -7).

Experimental Section

 $(+)$ -(3R,4R,5S,6R)-6-Ethyl-4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-**2H-pyran-2-one** ((+)-6). O₃ was bubbled into a soln of (-)-33 (12 mg, 0.037 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) at -78 °C until persistence of the blue color. After the disappearance of $(-)$ -33 by TLC, $Me₂S$ (0.1 mL) was added and the mixture stirred at -78 °C for 20 min. The mixture was allowed to warm to 25° C. Solvent evaporation and flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc) gave $(+)$ -6 (5 mg, 73%) as colorless crystals (X-ray, Supporting Information). $R_f = 0.23$ (PE/EtOAc, 3:2). Mp 79–81 °C. α^{25} D = $+21$ (CHCl₃, $c = 0.16$). IR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) = 3433, 2971, 2938, 2882, 1707 (s), 1461, 1380, 1212, 1172, 1119, 992, 974. ¹ H NMR $(CDCl_3, 400 \text{ MHz})$: (ppm) = 1.02 (t, 3H, ³J = 7.5 Hz), 1.07 (d, 3H, ³J = 6.5 Hz), 1.33 (d, 3H, ³J = 7.0, Hz), 1.55 (ddq, 1H, ³J = 7.0, 7.5 Hz), $1.82 \text{ (ddq, 1H, }^3J = 3.0, 7.0, 7.5 \text{ Hz}), 1.87 - 1.93 \text{ (m, 1H)},$ 2.53 (dq, 1H, $3I = 3.0$, 7.0 Hz), 3.84 (br s, 1H), 4.36 (ddd, 1H, $3I = 3.0$, 7.0, 10.5 Hz), ^{13}C NMB $(CDCU, 100.6$ MHz); λ (ppm) = $J^3J = 3.0, 7.0, 10.5$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (*CDCl*₃, 100.6 MHz): δ (ppm) = 8.7, 12.9, 14.3, 26.1, 37.7, 42.6, 73.3, 82.1, 173.8. ESI-HRMS: m/z calcd for $C_9H_{17}O_3$ ⁺ 173.1178, found 173.1175 [M + H⁺].

 $(-)$ -(3S,4S,5R,6S)-4-Hydroxy-6-isopropyl-3,5-dimethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-one $((-)-7)$. O₃ was bubbled through a soln of (-)-38 (200 mg, 0.62 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) at -78 °C until persistence of the blue color, then O_2 was bubbled. After the disappearance of $(-)$ -38 by TLC, Me₂S (0.25 mL) was added and the mixture was allowed to warm to 25° C overnight. Water (10 mL) was added and the aq phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine $(2 \times 10 \text{ mL})$ and dried (Na₂SO₄), and the solvent was evaporated. Flash chromatography on silica gel $\left(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{EtOAc}\right)$ gave pure $(-)$ -7 (110 mg, 87%), that was recrystallized from hexane (X-ray, Supporting Information). $R_f=0.45$ (PE/EtOAc, 7:3). Mp 92-95 °C. α^{25} _D = -28 (CHCl₃, $c = 0.40$). IR (film): $v \text{ (cm}^{-1})$ = 3370, 3260, 2970, 2920, 1725, 1695, 1465, 1370, 1345, 1220, 1195, 1170, 1120, 990. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): (ppm) $=0.89$ (d, 3H, $3j = 7.1$ Hz), 1.06, 1.11 (2d, 6H, $3J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.32 $(d, 3H, \sqrt[3]{J} = 7.1 \text{ Hz})$, 1.87 (sept, 1H, $\sqrt[3]{J} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}$), 1.95 (dq, 1H, $\sqrt[3]{J} =$ 6.6, 10.7 Hz), 2.51 (q, 1H, $3J = 7.1$ Hz), 3.85 (s, 1H), 4.29 (d, 1H, $3J = 10.7$ Hz), $3\overline{C}$ NMB (CDCJ, 100.6 MHz); δ (ppm) = 12.7 $J^3J = 10.7$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): δ (ppm) = 12.7, 14.0, 10.0, 28.9, 36.0, 42.3, 73.2, 84.8, 173.9. ESI-HRMS: m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{19}O_3$ ⁺ 187.1334, found 187.1336 [M + H⁺].

(2Z,4R,5R,6R,7R)-5,7-Dihydroxy-4,6-dimethylnon-2-en-3-yl **2-methylpropanoate** ((-)-33). One molar TiCl₄ in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL, 3.0 mmol) was added quickly to a stirred soln of $(+)$ - $(1Z, 2R, 1)$ 3S,4S)-1-ethylidene-2,4-dimethyl-5-oxo-3-[(1R)-1-phenylethoxy] heptyl-2-methylpropanoate $((+)$ -25) (550 mg, 1.47 mmol). After stirring at -78 °C for 1 h, 1 M BH₃ · Me₂S in CH₂Cl₂ (6.7 mL, 6.7 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for two more hours. The reaction mixture was quenched with a sat. aq soln of $NaHCO₃$ (15 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (15 mL) and dried $(MgSO₄)$. Solvent evaporation and flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc) gave $(-)$ -33 (269 mg, 67%) as colorless oil. $R_{\rm f} = 0.29$ (PE/EtOAc, 4:1). α^{25} α^{25} -26 (CHCl₃, $c = 0.58$). IR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) = 3438, 2970, 2935, 2876, 1746 (s), 1691, 1459, 1408, 1337, 1240, 1138, 968. ¹H NMR $(CDCl_3, 400 \text{ MHz})$: (ppm) = 0.93 (d, 3H, ³J = 7.0 Hz), 0.97 $(t, 3H, \sqrt[3]{3}J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}), 1.08 \text{ (d, 3H, } \sqrt[3]{3}J = 6.5 \text{ Hz}), 1.26 \text{ (d, 6H, } \sqrt[3]{3}J =$ 7.0 Hz), $1.34-1.49$ (m, 1H), 1.46 (d, $3H$, $3J = 6.5$ Hz), $1.58-1.78$ $(m, 2H), 2.64 - 2.76$ $(m, 2H), 3.19$ (dd, $1H, 3J = 5.0$ Hz, $3J = 7.5$ Hz), $3.51-3.61$ (m, 1H), 5.25 (q, 1H, $3J = 7.0$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100.6 MHz): (ppm)=10.1, 10.9, 15.3, 16.6, 19.2, 19.3, 27.9, 34.3, 40.1, 44.4, 76.5, 78.5, 114.6, 149.0, 176.2. ESI-HRMS: calcd for $C_{15}H_{29}O_4^+$ 273.2066, found 273.2059 [M + H⁺].

(þ)-(2Z,4S,5S,6S,7S)-5,7-Dihydroxy-4,6,8-trimethylnon-2-en-3-yl benzoate $((+)$ -38). To a soln of $(2Z, 4S, 5S, 6S, 7S)$ -7-hydroxy-4,6,8-trimethyl-5-[(1S)-1-phenylethoxy]non-2-en-3-yl benzoate $((-)-37)$ (277 mg, 0.65 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added a solution of FeCl₃ (0.2 g, 1.3 mmol) in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂. The resulting mixture was stirred vigorously for 10 min at 25 °C, and H_2O was added. The aq phase was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 \times 30 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried $(Na₂SO₄)$, filtered, and evaporated. Flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc, 9:1) gave (+)-38 (195 mg, 93%) as colorless oil. $R_f = 0.48$ (PE/AcOEt, 8:2). α^{25} _D = +16 (CHCl₃, $c = 0.22$). IR (*film*): *ν* $(cm⁻¹) = 3441, 3063, 2963, 2930, 2875, 1722, 1715, 1694, 1601, 1462,$ 1453, 1261, 1176, 1165, 1142, 1105, 1069, 1026. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz): (ppm) = 0.88, 0.88 (2d, 6H, $3J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.00, 1.19 (2d, 6H, ${}^{3}J$ = 6.8 Hz), 1.53 (d, 3H, ${}^{3}J$ = 6.8 Hz), 1.79–1.90 (m, 2H), 2.91 (quint, 1H, $3J = 7.4$ Hz), 3.32 (dd, 1H, $3J = 7.4$, 4.3 Hz), 3.50 (dd, 1H, ${}^{3}J = 8.6$, 3.1 Hz), 5.38 (q, 1H, ${}^{3}J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.51 (t, 2H, ${}^{3}J =$ 7.4 Hz), 7.64 (t, 1H, $3j = 7.4$ Hz), 8.13 (d, 2H, $3j = 8.0$ Hz). ¹³C NMR $(CDCl_3, 100.6 \text{ MHz})$: (ppm) = 11.1, 14.7, 15.4, 16.9, 20.4, 30.2, 37.6, 44.2, 78.7, 79.7, 114.9, 128.7, 129.1, 130.2, 133.8, 149.3, 165.5. ESI-HRMS: calcd for $C_{19}H_{28}O_4$ Na⁺ 343.1885; found 343.1895 $[M + Na^{+}]$.

 $(+)$ -(2Z,4S)-4-[(4S,5S,6S)-2,2,5-Trimethyl-6-(propan-2-yl)-1,3-dioxan-4-yl]pent-2-en-3-yl benzoate $((+)$ -39). To a soln of diol $(+)$ -38 (190 mg, 0.59 mmol) in dimethoxypropane (2 mL) was added p -TsOH·H₂O (5.6 mg, 0.03 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 1 h at 25 °C, then neutralized by adding solid NaHCO_{3} , filtered, and evaporated. Flash chromatography on silica gel (PE/EtOAc, 9:1) gave (+)-39 (200 mg, 96%) as a colorless oil. $\alpha^{25}D = +6$ $(CHCI₃, c = 0.30)$. IR $(film): v (cm⁻¹) = 2964, 2930, 2875, 2849,$ 1738, 1687, 1602, 1492, 1453, 1390, 1378, 1261, 1201, 1174, 1154, 1133, 1105, 1026. ¹H NMR (*CDCl*₃, 400 MHz): (ppm) = 0.72 (d, 3H, ³J = 6.5 Hz), 0.88, 0.93 (2d, 6H, ³J = 6.4 Hz), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.21 (d, 3H, ${}^{3}J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.54 (d, 3H, ${}^{3}J = 6.8$ Hz), 1.80-1.90 (m, 2H), 2.68 (qd, 1H, $\frac{3}{7} = 7.4$, 1.8 Hz), 3.32 (dd, 1H, $\frac{3}{7} = 10.4$, 1.8 Hz), 3.40 (dd, 1H, $\frac{3}{7} = 9.8$, 2.4 Hz), 5.33 (q, 1H, $\frac{3}{7} = 1$ $J=10.4, 1.8$ Hz), 3.40 (dd, 1H, $^{3}J=9.8, 2.4$ Hz), 5.33 (q, 1H, $^{3}J=$ 6.8 Hz), 7.48 (t, 2H, ³ $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.58 (t, 1H, ³ $J = 7.4$ Hz), 8.13 (d, 2H, ³ $J = 8.0$ Hz). ¹³C NMR (*CDCl₃*, 100.6 MHz): (ppm) = 10.8, 11.4, 14.1, 15.7, 18.8, 19.8, 27.8, 29.5, 29.7, 32.6, 39.1, 76.4, 77.0, 97.3, 112.7, 128.0, 129.7, 132.6, 148.8, 163.5. ESI-HRMS: calcd for $C_{22}H_{32}O_4K^+$ 399.1938; found 399.1937 [M $+$ K⁺]. Anal. calcd for $C_{22}H_{32}O_4$ (360.49): C, 73.30%; H, 8.95%; O, 17.75%. Found C, 73.22%; H, 8.85%; O, 17.74%.

 $(-)-(4S,5S,6S,7S)$ -5,7-Isopropylidendioxy-4,6,8-trimethylnona-3-one (-)-40. A soln of (+)-39 (1.00 g, 2.78 mmol) in DME (15 mL) was added to a soln of MeLi \cdot LiBr (2.1 M in Et₂O, 6.6 mL, 13.9 mmol) in Et₂O (10 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 5 h, poured into an ice-cold sat. aq soln of NH₄Cl (30 mL). The aq phase was extracted with Et_2O (4×20 mL). The organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL) , dried (Na_2SO_4) , and evaporated. The residue was purified by recrystallization from hexane, giving (-)-40 (615 mg, 86%) as colorless crystals. R_f = 0.52 (PE/AcOEt, 9:1). $\dot{M}p = 89 - 92 \degree C$. $\alpha^{25}D = -20$ (CHCl₃, $c =$ 0.15). IR (film): ν (cm⁻¹) = 2975, 2959, 2938, 2875, 2841, 1693, 1458, 1412, 1378, 1358, 1346, 1249, 1198, 1164, 1152, 1130, 1101, 1048. ¹H NMR (*CDCl₃*, 400 MHz): (ppm) = 0.75, 0.80 (2d, 6H, $3I - 6.7$ Hz) 0.01 (d, 3H, $3I - 6.9$ Hz) 1.01 (t, 3H, $3I - 7.1$ Hz) $J = 6.7$ Hz), 0.91 (d, 3H, $3J = 6.9$ Hz), 1.01 (t, 3H, $3J = 7.1$ Hz), 1.19 (d, 3H, $3J = 7.3$ Hz), 1.31, 1.36 (2s, 6H), 1.44 (m, 1H), 1.85 (sept, 1H, $3J = 6.6$ Hz), 2.45, 2.59 (2qd, 2H, $3J = 18.1$ Hz, $3J = 7.2$ Hz), 2.71 (m, 1H), 3.27 (d, 1H, $3J = 10.0$ Hz), 3.56 (d, 1H, $3J =$ 10.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (*CDCl*₃, 100.6 MHz): (ppm) = 7.4, 7.6, 11.7, 13.7, 14.2, 19.1, 20.1, 27.9, 29.9, 34.1, 49.7, 76.9, 77.6, 97.8, 214.2. ESI-HRMS: m/z calcd for $C_{15}H_{28}O_3Na^+$ 279.1936, found 279.1939 [M + Na⁺].

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