# Stereoselective Total Synthesis of Nemorosone

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ABSTRACT: The highly stereoselective total synthesis of nemorosone via a new approach to the bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-2,4,9trione core which features intramolecular cyclopropanation of an  $\alpha$ -diazo ketone, stereoselective alkylation at the C8 position, and regioselective ring-opening of cyclopropane is described. The total synthesis of nemorosone includes chemo- and stereoselective hydrogenation directed by the internal alkene.

# **NO INTRODUCTION**

Polycyclic polyprenylated acylphloroglucinols (PPAPs) feature complex and diverse structures, including a highly oxygenated and densely substituted bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-2,4,9-trione or bicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2,4,8-trione core complete with prenyl or geranyl side chains, among others (Figure 1).<sup>1</sup> The family of PPAPs consists of more than 110 members, and their number continues to increase. Interestingly, PPAPs h[av](#page-1-0)i[ng](#page-8-0) closely related structures show different and wide-ranging biological activities. For example, nemorosone exhibits anti-HIV and antitumor activities,<sup>2</sup> hyperforin shows antidepressant and antitumor activities,<sup>3</sup> and garsubellin A has anti-Alzheimer activity, $4$  while the differ[en](#page-8-0)ces in their structures lie only in the substituents.

Consequently, development of a synthetic [a](#page-8-0)pproach to the bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-2,4,9-trione core would contribute to structure−activity relationship studies of PPAPs, with the potential of finding new artificial compounds that show significant biological activity. The intriguing structures and biological activities of PPAPs described above have made them attractive synthetic targets, and many synthetic studies,<sup>5</sup> as well as total syntheses,<sup>6</sup> have been reported thus far. Regarding nemor-osone, two total syntheses were reported.<sup>6c,e</sup> [H](#page-8-0)owever, most of these sy[nth](#page-9-0)eses have been accomplished via cyclohexenone derivatives as the synthetic intermediates. [We](#page-9-0) herein report the total synthesis of nemorosone via a new approach to the bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-2,4,9-trione core, which can be applied to the synthesis of other PPAPs.

# ■ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Nemorosone and some PPAPs share the bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-2,4,9-trione core, which incorporates stereogenic centers as well as oxygen functionalities at the same positions. Considering these structural features and the hidden symmetry in the

structure, we started to develop an approach to the synthetic intermediate 4 that is common for PPAPs (Scheme  $1$ ).<sup>7</sup>

Our approach features intramolecular cyclopropanation (IMCP) of 1 (step I),<sup>8</sup> subsequent stereoselective [alk](#page-1-0)[yla](#page-9-0)tions of 2 (step II), and regioselective ring-opening of the cyclopropane ring in 3 (ste[p](#page-9-0) III). As step I is the desymmetrization step, it would be made sufficiently enantioselective through the use of a chiral catalyst. Step II would enable the introduction of two different substituents at the C8 position to generate an allcarbon quaternary stereogenic center because the alkylation proceeds from the less hindered convex side. Hence, this approach allows for the stereoselective total synthesis of hyperforin. Step III regioselectively affords 4 because the electrondonating methoxy group on the cyclopropane and the electronwithdrawing ketone cooperatively enhance the ring-opening reaction.

Scheme 2 shows the retrosynthetic analysis of nemorosone to 4. The C1 benzoyl and C2 hydroxyl groups of nemorosone were plan[ne](#page-1-0)d to be added at the last stage because the C1 benzoyl group basically suffers from nucleophilic addition and the C2 enol hydroxyl is reactive. Hence, the set precursor, 5, could be obtained by the introduction of prenyl groups at the C3 and C5 positions of 6. Alternatively, conversion of all the allyl groups at the C3, C5, and C7 positions to prenyl groups via cross-metathesis would also be possible if the introduction of prenyl groups proves difficult.  $5c,6c,d,9$  Compound 6 was thought to be obtained by allylic oxidation at the C4 position of 7, which could be derived from [4](#page-8-0) [via](#page-9-0) the stereoselective construction of the C7 stereogenic center.

Scheme 3 shows the preparation of  $\alpha$ -diazo- $\beta$ -ketone 1 from 2,6-dimethoxybenzoic acid methyl ester 8. Compound 8 was

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Figure 1. Structures of nemorosone, hyperforin, garsubellin A, and bicyclo[3.3.1]nonane-2,4,9-trione.





Scheme 2. Retrosynthetic Analysis of Nemorosone to 4 Scheme 3. Attempted Preparation of 13



subjected to Birch reduction, followed by a one-pot reaction with allylbromide, reduction of the methyl ester with lithium aluminum hydride, and protection of the primary hydroxyl group as a TIPS ether to afford 9. Selective dihydroxylation of 9 and the following 1,2-diol cleavage afforded aldehyde 10,<sup>10</sup> which was subjected to the reaction with a methyllithium to afford 11. Since compound 11 was acid-sensitive, 12 [was](#page-9-0)



formed from 11 when it was subjected to the purification by silica gel chromatography.

Hence, we explored the one-pot procedure for converting 10 to methyl ketone 13 and found that 10 was converted to 13 by the one-pot methylation<sup>11</sup>−Oppenauer oxidation<sup>12</sup> protocol developed in this study ([Sch](#page-9-0)eme 4). That is, the re[act](#page-9-0)ion of 10





with trimethylaluminum afforded the alkoxide, which was subsequently treated with 3-nitrobenzaldehyde in a one-pot manner to afford 13 in 85% yield. Methyl ketone 13 was successfully converted to 1 according to Danheiser's protocol.<sup>13</sup> Initially, we isolated the trifluoroacetyled methyl ketone, which was prepared from 13, and used it for the next diazotrans[fer](#page-9-0) reaction to prepare 1, but soon found that the two reactions were able to carry out in a one-pot manner with high yield.

IMCP of 1 was carried out under conditions optimized by us (Scheme 5).<sup>7,8</sup> Since the IMCP of 1 with a chiral ligand was





planned to be examined separately, IMCP of 1 was carried out with achiral ligand A to afford 2. Since compound 2 is acid-sensitive, crude 2 was subjected to a reaction with excess methyl iodide and potassium tert-butoxide to afford a dimethylated compound, which was then treated with acid. The ringopening reaction of cyclopropane proceeded regioselectively to afford diketone 4 as the single isomer (58%, three steps). Conversion of 4 to the corresponding enol triflate and subsequent palladium-mediated carbonylation afforded 14.

We also found that the sequential allylation and methylation of 2 proceeded at the less-hindered convex face and subsequent treatment with acid afforded 3′ as the single product with excellent overall yield, which is a potential intermediate for the total synthesis of hyperforin (Scheme 6).

### Scheme 6. Highly Stereoselective Preparation of 3′ from 2



To generate the C7 stereogenic center, chemo- and stereoselective reduction of the C6−C7 alkene in 14 was examined. Compound 14 has a methoxy group on the electronrich C2−C3 alkene and an ester group on the electron-deficient C6−C7 alkene. Hence, the C6−C7 alkene of 14 was expected to be selectively reduced under suitable conditions. However, the reduction of 14 with common reagents that have been used for the reduction of  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated esters did not proceed, most probably owing to steric hindrance.

Fortunately, we found that hydrogenation of 14 with Crabtree's catalyst  $(0.5 \text{ mol } \%)^{14}$  proceeded smoothly at room temperature to afford 15 as the single isomer (Scheme 7).

Scheme 7. Highly Stereoselective Hydrogenation of 14 To Afford 15



Interestingly, extensive  $^1\mathrm{H}$  NMR studies suggested that 15 has the desired C7 configuration. More usually, hydrogenation of the alkene in a bridge-ring system such as 14 selectively proceeds at the less hindered convex face. However, the structure of 15 indicated that hydrogenation of 14 exclusively occurred at the more hindered concave face. Therefore, we speculated that hydrogenation of 14 was directed by the C2− C3 alkene.

To confirm the directing effect of the C2−C3 alkene, hydrogenation of 14′, which was prepared by acidic hydrolysis of 14, was examined (Scheme 8). As the result, no reactions

## Scheme 8. Preparation and Attempted Hydrogenation of 14′



occurred under the same conditions in Scheme 7, suggesting the directing effect by the C2−C3 alkene. To the best of our knowledge, stereoselective hydrogenation directed by the internal alkene has not been reported in the literature thus far.

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Reduction of 15 with DIBAL-H, subsequent selective acetylation of the primary hydroxyl group, and oxidation of the secondary hydroxyl group afforded 16 (Scheme 9). Allylic





oxidation at the C4 position of 16 successfully afforded  $17.^{\rm 5t,15}$ The acetate of 17 was removed, and the resultant alcohol was converted to triflate 18 so as to introduce a prenyl group at [the](#page-9-0) C7 position via a coupling reaction.

However, coupling reaction of 18 with the organocopper reagent derived from 2-methyl-1-propenyllithium did not take place (Scheme 10). To our delight, the coupling reaction of 18





with divinyl cuprate smoothly afforded 20 without involving 1,4-addition in the enone system. Thereafter, the allyl group at the C7 position was planned to be converted to a prenyl group by cross-metathesis at a later stage of the synthesis.

Since the cross-metathesis had to be carried out at the later stage, allylations at the C5 and C3 positions were carried out because all of the allyl groups at the C3, C5, and C7 positions were expected to be simultaneously converted to prenyl groups via the cross-metathesis. Allylation at the C5 position of 20 using LDA resulted in reduction of the C9 ketone, but use of LTMP solved this problem, successfully affording the C5 allylated product (Scheme 11).<sup>50,p,6e,16</sup> Subsequent allylation at the C3 position did not take place under the same conditions as those used for the C5 allyation[. Howev](#page-9-0)er, as has been reported, use of thienylcuprate as the additive provided 22 in good yield.<sup>5p,6c,17</sup>

Scheme 11. Introduction of Allyl Groups at C5 and C3 Positions



Alternatively, although the overall yield was reduced, one-pot allylation at the C5 and C3 positions was found to be possible (Scheme 12). Thus, reaction of 20 with excess LTMP, followed

Scheme 12. One-Pot Introduction of Allyl Groups at C5 and C3 Positions



by the reaction with allylbromide, and subsequent addition of thienylcuprate afforded 22 in 50% yield.

Removal of the TIPS group of 22, Dess−Martin oxidation, reaction with phenylmagnesium bromide, and further Dess− Martin oxidation afforded 23 (Scheme 13). The intermediate

# Scheme 13. Total Synthesis of Nemorosone



aldehyde was suspected to be not so reactive because it was a sterically hindered neopentyl type aldehyde having a successive quaternary carbon center, but the addition of a phenylmagnesium bromide to the aldehyde selectively took place with high yield. The high yield could be attributed to the C2−C3 alkene and C9 ketone that would inductively activate the aldehyde. In addition, oxygen atoms of the C2 methoxy group and C9 ketone could act as directing groups that accelerate the addition of a phenylmagnesium bromide. The three allyl groups of 23 were cleanly converted to prenyl groups by crossmetathesis with Grubbs II catalyst and 2-methylpropene at 60 °C in a sealed tube. Finally, the methyl group on the C2 hydroxyl group was successfully removed under Krapcho conditions.<sup>3p,6d,e</sup> The final product proved to be identical to nemorosone in all respects (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, IR, and  $H RMS<sup>2</sup>$  [con](#page-9-0)[fi](#page-9-0)[rm](#page-9-0)ing the total synthesis of nemorosone.

In summary, we have established a new synthetic route to the bicyclo[[3.](#page-8-0)3.1]nonane-2,4,9-trione core of PPAPs via the intramolecular cyclopropanation (IMCP) (step I), subsequent stereoselective alkylations (step II), and regioselective ringopening of cyclopropane (step III). The IMCP (step I) can be made enantioselective through the use of a chiral catalyst, and stereoselective alkylations (step II) enable the construction of the C8 all-carbon quaternary stereogenic center for the total synthesis of hyperforin. The total synthesis of nemorosone features the successful application of this new approach developed by us, wherein chemo- and stereoselective hydrogenation, which is directed by the internal alkene, precedes palladiummediated allylic oxidation at the C4 position, one-pot allylations at the C5 and C3 positions, and global cross-metathesis with Grubbs II catalyst and 2-methyl-1-propene. Further synthetic studies of PPAPs on the basis of this research are underway and will be reported in due course.

## **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

**General Methods.** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on 400 or 500 MHz spectrometers.  ${}^{1}H$  and  ${}^{13}C$  chemical shifts are reported in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS,  $\delta$  scale) with the solvent resonances as internal standards. The following abbreviations are used to explain the multiplicities: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; band, several overlapping signals; brs, broad; Cq, quaternary carbon; CH, methine carbon; CH<sub>2</sub>, methylene carbon; CH<sub>3</sub>, methyl carbon. IR spectra were recorded on a  $FT/IR$  spectrometer. To confirm the  ${}^{1}\text{H}$  and  ${}^{13}\text{C}$  NMR peak assignments (Supporting Information) and carbon multiplicities, <sup>1</sup>H NMR, BCM, DEPT, COSY, HMQC, HMBC, and NOESY methods were used. All reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere with dry, fres[hly distilled solvents und](#page-8-0)er anhydrous conditions, unless otherwise noted. All reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography carried out on 0.25 mm silica gel plates using UV light as visualizing agent and phosphomolybdic acid and heat as developing agents. Silica gel (60, particle size 0.040−0.063 mm) was used for flash chromatography. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (PTLC) separations were carried out on self-made 0.3 mm silica gel plates. THF and  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  were distilled from sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Toluene was distilled from sodium. MeOH was distilled with a small amount of magnesium and  $I_2$ . Benzene and MeCN were distilled from  $CaH<sub>2</sub>$ , and all commercially available reagents were used without further purification. Optical rotations were measured on a polarimeterat a wavelength of 589 nm. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained by either an electronspray ionization (ESI) recorded in a TOF mass spectrometer (Time-of-Flight mass spectrometer) or a fast atom bombardment (FAB) recorded in a DFMS (double-focusing mass spectrometer), and theoretical monoisotopic molecular masses were typically ≤5 ppm. Melting point was uncorrected. TLC  $R_f$ 's of purified compounds are included.

[(1-Allyl-2,6-dimethoxycyclohexa-2,5-dienyl)methoxy] triisopropylsilane (9). To a stirred solution of methyl 2,6 dimethoxybenzoate (33.6 g, 171 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (114 mL) was added t-BuOH (18.0 mL, 189 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at room temperature, and then the mixture was cooled to −78 °C. To the mixture was added liquid  $NH<sub>3</sub>$  (230 mL), which was introduced via a dry ice condenser, and with stirring, sodium (9.46 g, 411 mmol, 2.4 equiv) was added in portions. After 30 min, allyl bromide (46.0 mL, 531 mmol, 3.1 equiv) was added dropwise. When the reaction was completed,  $NH<sub>3</sub>$  was allowed to evaporate overnight, and  $Et_2O$  (150 mL) and  $H_2O$  (150 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was

washed with brine (350 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude ester 8a (ca. 40.8 g) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred suspension of LiAlH4 (8.74 g, 187 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in Et<sub>2</sub>O was added a solution of 8a (ca. 40.8 g) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (93 mL) at 0 °C. After the reaction was completed, to the mixture was added saturated aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  (20 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. Then the mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude alcohol 8b (ca. 37.0 g) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of 8b (ca. 37.0 g) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (180 mL) were added Et<sub>3</sub>N (62.7 mL, 450 mmol, 2.6 equiv) and TIPSOTf (53.2 mL, 198 mmol, 1.2 equiv) successively at 0 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (180 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (150 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (400 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 50/1) to afford 9 (49.6 g, 79%) as an oil:  $R_f$  = 0.85 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 5.68−5.50 (1H, m), 4.95−4.87 (2H, m), 4.79 (2H, t, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.73  $(2H, s)$ , 3.49 (6H, s), 2.78–2.71 (2H, m), 2.20 (2H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.00 (21H, brs); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  152.9 (Cq), 135.0 (CH), 115.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 93.8 (CH), 65.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.2 (Cq), 34.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.0 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2942, 2865, 1698, 1464, 1225, 1208, 1137 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; HRMS (FAB-DFMS) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si 367.2668, found 367.2682.

2-[2,6-Dimethoxy-1-((triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl)cyclohexa-2,5 dienyl]acetaldehyde (10). To a stirred solution of  $K_2OsO_4·2H_2O$ (118 mg, 0.320 mmol, 0.3 mol %) in  $H_2O$  (305 mL) were added  $(DHQD)_{2}$ PHAL (623 mg, 0.800 mmol, 0.75 mol %), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (44.2 g, 319.7 mmol, 3.0 equiv), and  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  (105 g, 320 mmol, 3.0 equiv) successively at room temperature. Then, to the reaction mixture was added a solution of  $9$  (39.1 g, 106.6 mmol) in t-BuOH (305 mL) at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (200 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (300 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (500 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na2SO4), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude diol 9a (ca. 44.9 g) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of 9a (ca. 44.9 g) in MeOH (373 mL) was added a solution of NaIO<sub>4</sub> (26.3 g, 123.2 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (373 mL) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature. After the reaction was completed, water (746 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$ (500 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (700 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ) to afford 10 (31.9 g, 81%) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.35$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.58 (1H, t, J = 3.0 Hz), 4.85 (2H, t, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.77  $(2H, s)$ , 3.50 (6H, s), 2.85−2.75 (2H, m), 2.44 (2H, d, J = 3.0 Hz), 0.99 (21H, brs); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  203.0 (Cq), 152.0 (Cq), 94.3 (CH), 64.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.3 (Cq), 43.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.0 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2941, 2865, 1720, 1695, 1205, 1125, 1065 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; HRMS (FAB-DFMS) [M + H]+ calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 369.2461, found 369.2449; mp 58–59 °C.

1-[2,6-Dimethoxy-1-((triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl)cyclohexa-2,5 dienyl]propan-2-one  $(13)$ . To a stirred solution of 10  $(33.5 g, 90.8$ mmol) in toluene was added a solution of  $Me<sub>3</sub>Al$  in toluene (50 mL, 100 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h. To the reaction mixture was added 3-nitrobenzaldehyde (62.1 g, 272 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at 0  $^{\circ}$ C, and the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature. After the reaction was completed,  $CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>$  (200 mL) and saturated aqueous Rochelle salt solution (200 mL) were added to the reaction mixture, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h. Then the mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (200 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous  $NAHCO<sub>3</sub>$ 

(400 mL) and then washed with brine (500 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford 13 (29.6 g, 85%) as an oil:  $R_f = 0.50$  (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $(4/1)$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.80 (2H, t, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.70 (2H, s), 3.50 (6H, s), 2.77 (2H, brs), 2.56 (2H, s), 2.00 (3H, s), 0.99 (21H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.6 (Cq), 152.3 (Cq), 94.0 (CH), 65.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.4 (Cq), 44.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.9 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2941, 2865, 1710, 1698, 1663, 1464, 1385, 1352, 1225, 1211, 1077 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB-DFMS)  $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{21}H_{39}O_4Si$  383.2618, found 383.2625.

1,3-Dimethoxy-2-[(triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-2-(3-diazo-2-oxopropyl)-1,3-cyclohexadiene (1). To a stirred solution of LHMDS in THF (72.3 mL, 76.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added a solution of 13 (27.7 g, 72.3 mmol) in THF (145 mL) at  $-78$  °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at the same temperature. Then, to the reaction mixture was added 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl trifluoroacetate (10.7 mL, 79.6 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in one portion at −78 °C, and then was added water (3.9 mL, 217 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was warmed up to room temperature and stirring was continued for additional 1 h. To the reaction mixture was added  $Et_3N$ (101 mL, 723 mmol, 10 equiv) and  $p$ -NO<sub>2</sub>PhSO<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub> (49.5 g, 217) mmol, 3.0 equiv), and the mixture was warmed up to 40 °C. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was diluted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$ (400 mL  $\times$  1), and washed with 10% NaOH aqueous solution (100 mL  $\times$  3). The organic layer was washed with brine (500 mL  $\times$  1), dried  $(Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography  $(CH_2Cl_2)$  to afford 1 (24.7 g, 84%) as a yellow powder:  $R_f = 0.30$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.21 (1H, brs), 4.83 (2H, t, J = 4.0 Hz), 3.70 (2H, brs), 3.53 (6H, s), 2.78 (2H, t, J = 4.0 Hz), 2.50  $(2H, brs)$ , 0.96  $(21H, s)$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  193.0 (Cq), 151.9 (Cq), 94.5 (CH), 65.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.5 (Cq), 54.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.8 (Cq), 42.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.9 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\rm max}$ 2942, 2865, 2098, 1698, 1643, 1464, 1386, 1355, 1206, 1133 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; HRMS (FAB-DFMS)  $[M + H]^+$  calculated for  $C_{21}H_{37}O_4N_2Si$ 409.2523, found 409.2522; mp 60−61 °C.

(1R\*,5S\*)-1-[(Triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8,8-dimethyl-2 methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-7,9-dione (4). To a stirred solution of  $\lceil \text{CuOTf} \rceil_2$ ·PhMe (161 mg, 0.311 mmol, 2 mol %) in toluene (6.2 mL) was added a solution of ligand  $A^{18}$  (112 mg, 0.623 mmol, 4 mol %) in toluene (6.2 mL) at room temperature, and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature [fo](#page-9-0)r 30 min. Then, to the reaction mixture was added a solution of 1 (6.35 g, 15.6 mmol) in toluene (31.1 mL) at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (50 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$ (100 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (400 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude cyclopropane 2 (ca. 6.52 g) was unstable under acidic conditions. Therefore, it was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of crude 2 (ca. 6.52 g) in THF (71.5 mL) and HMPA (14.3 mL) was added t-BuOK (5.78 g, 51.5 mmol, 3.3 equiv) at 0 °C. After 30 min, to the reaction mixture was added MeI (6.41 mL, 17.2 mmol, 6.6 equiv) at 0 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (50 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (100 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (300 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude dimethyl cyclopropane 2a (ca. 11.3 g) was unstable under acidic conditions. Therefore, it was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of 2a (ca. 11.3 g) in THF (23.0 mL) was added 2 N HCl (4.6 mL) at 0 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NaHCO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$ (100 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (200 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by recrystallization

(hexane) to afford 4 (4.52 g, 58% (three steps)) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.60$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.74 (1H, dd, J = 5.5, 1.5 Hz), 4.25 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.95 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.46 (3H, s), 3.02 (1H, dd, J = 16.5, 7.5 Hz), 2.94−2.85  $(1H, brs)$ , 2.56  $(1H, d, J = 16.5, 5.5, 2.0 Hz)$ , 2.42  $(1H, d, J = 16.5)$ Hz), 2.27 (1H, ddd, J = 16.5, 5.5, 1.5 Hz), 1.17 (3H, s), 1.10−1.01 (21H, brs), 0.99 (3H s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.5 (Cq), 207.3 (Cq), 154.6 (Cq), 93.4 (CH), 60.9 (Cq), 57.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 53.7 (Cq), 45.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.7 (CH), 30.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.0 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2956, 2940, 2864, 1729, 1708, 1656, 1458, 1241, 1217, 1105, 1089, 1063 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB-DFMS)  $[M + H]^+$  calcd for  $C_{22}H_{39}O_4Si$  395.2618, found 395.2632; mp 106−107 °C.

(1R\*,5S\*,8S\*)-1-[(Triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8-allyl-8-methyl-2 methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-7,9-dione (3′). To a stirred solution of 2 (ca. 1.46 g), which was prepared from 1 (1.40 g, 3.43 mmol), in THF (16.0 mL) and HMPA (14.0 mL) was added KHMDS in toluene (23.0 mL, 11.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv) at −78 °C. After 30 min, to the reaction mixture was added allyl iodide (2.10 mL, 23.0 mmol, 6.0 equiv) at −78 °C. The resultant solution was warmed to 0 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NaHCO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (50) mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (200 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude allylated cyclopropane 2b (ca. 3.57 g) was unstable under acidic conditions. Therefore, it was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of 2b (ca. 3.57 g) in THF (35.3 mL) and HMPA (7.1 mL) was added KHMDS in toluene (67.8 mL, 33.9 mmol, 4.0 equiv) at −78 °C. After 30 min, to the reaction mixture was added methyl iodide (4.22 mL, 67.8 mmol, 8.0 equiv) at −78 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NAHCO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (400 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude cyclopropane 2c (ca. 3.21 g) was unstable under acidic conditions. Therefore, it was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of  $2c$  (ca. 3.21 g) in THF (36.9 mL) was added 2 N HCl (7.4 mL) at 0 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$  solution (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$ (200 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (300 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $20/1$ ) to afford 3' (1.26 g, 88% (three steps)) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.50$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.92–5.81 (1H, m), 5.05–4.95 (2H, m), 4.76  $(1H, dd, J = 5.5, 2.0 Hz)$ , 4.20  $(1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz)$ , 4.08  $(1H, d, J = 1.55 Hz)$ 8.5 Hz), 3.48 (3H, s), 3.01 (1H, dd, J = 15.5, 6.5 Hz), 2.89 (1H, t, J = 6.5 Hz), 2.83 (1H, dd,  $J = 14.5$ , 4.5 Hz), 2.60 (1H, ddd,  $J = 16.5, 6.5$ , 2.0 Hz), 2.37 (1H, dd, J = 15.5, 1.0 Hz), 2.29 (1H, ddd, J = 16.5, 5.5, 1.0 Hz), 2.12 (1H, dd. J = 14.5, 9.5 Hz), 1.11–0.98 (21H, brs), 0.99 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  209.0 (Cq), 206.8 (Cq), 154.3 (Cq), 136.1 (CH), 117.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 93.8 (CH), 61.9 (Cq), 57.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 54.5 (Cq), 45.1 (CH), 44.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.0 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2941, 2865, 1715, 1659, 1463, 1426, 1238, 1164, 1129, 1109, 1011 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; HRMS (FAB-DFMS)  $[M + H]^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{41}O_{4}Si$  421.2774, found 421.2788; mp 59−60 °C.

(1R\*,5S\*)-1-[(Triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8,8-dimethyl-2-methoxy-9-oxobicyclo[3.3.1]nona-2,6-diene-7-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (14). To a stirred solution of 4 (6.40 g, 16.2 mmol) and Comins' reagent (2-[N,N-bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)amino]-5-chloropyridine)<sup>19</sup> (7.00 g, 17.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv) in THF (66.5 mL) was added KHMDS in toluene (35.6 mL, 17.8 mmol, 1.1 equiv) dropwise at −[78](#page-9-0) °C. The resultant solution was warmed to room temperature. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NAHCO<sub>3</sub>$ solution (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL  $\times$  3). The combined

organic layer was washed with 10% NaOH (300 mL) and brine (300  $mL \times 1$ , dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ ethyl acetate =  $15/1$ ) to afford 4a (7.33 g, 86%) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.70$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.67 (1H, d, J = 5.5 Hz), 4.81 (1H, dd, J = 5.5, 2.0 Hz), 4.27 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.92 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.52 (3H, s), 3.07−2.98 (1H, m), 2.57 (1H, ddd, J = 16.5, 5.5, 2.0 Hz), 2.35 (1H, ddd, J = 16.5, 5.5, 1.5 Hz), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.07−1.00 (21H, brs), 0.95 (3H, s); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.4 (Cq), 155.2 (Cq), 154.3 (Cq), 118.3 (Cq), 116.9 (CH), 93.7 (CH), 61.1 (Cq), 57.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.1  $(Cq)$ , 43.8  $(CH)$ , 28.4  $(CH<sub>2</sub>)$ , 22.4  $(CH<sub>3</sub>)$ , 21.7  $(CH<sub>3</sub>)$ , 17.9  $(CH<sub>3</sub>)$ , 12.1 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2943, 2866, 1741, 1659, 1465, 1417, 1246, 1209, 1140, 1004, 983 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB-DFMS) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{23}H_{38}F_3O_6S$ Si 527.2110, found 527.2117; mp 46−47 °C.

A solution of 4a (5.79 g, 11.0 mmol),  $Et<sub>3</sub>N$  (4.60 mL, 33.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv),  $Pd(OAc)_{2}$  (113.6 mg, 0.506 mmol, 0.046 equiv), and dppf (560 mg, 1.01 mmol, 0.092 equiv) in MeOH/DMF (1/1, 110 mL) was stirred under an atmosphere of CO at 50 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was dried  $(Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 15/1) to afford 14 (4.50 g, 94%) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.45$ (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.59  $(1H, d, J = 5.0 Hz)$ , 4.76  $(1H, dd, J = 5.5, 2.0 Hz)$ , 4.31  $(1H, d, J = 8.5$ Hz), 3.97 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 3.48 (3H, s), 2.97 (1H, dt,  $J = 5.0$ , 2.0 Hz), 2.55 (1H, ddd,  $J = 16.5$ , 5.0, 2.0 Hz), 2.34 (1H, ddd,  $J = 16.5$ , 5.5, 2.0 Hz), 1.32 (3H, s), 1.10 (3H, s), 1.08–1.00 (21H, m);  $^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.1 (Cq), 167.1 (Cq), 155.1 (Cq), 140.0 (Cq), 137.9 (CH), 93.4 (Cq), 62.4 (Cq), 58.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.4  $(CH_3)$ , 51.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.7 (Cq), 46.0 (CH), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 22.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.1 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2943, 2865, 1737, 1720, 1656, 1463, 1330, 1245, 1230, 1155, 1127, 1106, 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{40}NaO_5Si$  459.2543, found 459.2535; mp 111−113 °C.

(1R\*,5S\*)-1-[(Triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8,8-dimethyl-2,9 dioxobicyclo[3.3.1]non-6-ene-7-carboxylic Acid Methyl Ester (14′). A solution of 14 (11.0 mg, 0.0252 mmol) in acetone/ $H_2O$  (40/1, 1.0 mL) was added p-toluene sulfonic acid monohydrate (9.6 mg, 0.0504 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h before being quenched with saturated aqueous  $NaHCO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (10 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to afford 14′  $(3.5 \text{ mg}, 33\%)$  as an oil:  $R_f = 0.45$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.65 (1H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.25 (1H, d, J = 10.5 Hz), 4.11 (1H, d, J = 10.5 Hz), 3.73 (3H, s), 3.26 (1H, dd, J = 10.5, 4.5 Hz), 2.62−2.41 (2H, m), 2.10−1.98 (1H, m), 1.97−1.85 (1H, m), 1.25 (3H, s), 1.18 (3H, s), 1.06−1.02 (21H, brs); 13C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.9 (Cq), 206.0 (Cq), 166.0 (Cq), 140.8  $(Cq)$ , 136.4 (CH), 75.3 (Cq), 59.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 48.0 (Cq), 46.5 (CH), 36.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.9 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2943, 2867, 1743, 1721, 1705, 1462, 1435, 1316, 1239, 1113, 1039 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB-DFMS) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{23}H_{39}O_5Si$  423.2567, found 423.2576.

(1R\*,5S\*,7S\*)-7-Acetoxymethyl-1-[(triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]- 8,8-dimethyl-2-methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-en-9-one (16). To a stirred solution of 14 (1.00 g, 2.29 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (11.4 mL) was added Crabtree's catalyst (9.2 mg, 11.5  $\mu$ mol, 0.5 mol %) at room temperature under an atmosphere of Ar, and the reaction mixture was stirred under an atmosphere of  $H_2$  at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous NH4Cl solution (30 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (50 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was dried  $(Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude ester 15 (ca. 1.03 g) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of crude 15 (ca. 1.03 g) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (11.7 mL) was added a solution of DIBAL-H in toluene (7.40 mL, 1.01 M, 7.47 mmol, 3.3 equiv) at −78 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous Rochelle salt (50 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the resultant mixture was stirred for 1 h. Then the mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (100 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (200 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude diol 15a (ca. 997.5 mg) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of  $15a$  (ca. 997.5 mg) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (24.2 mL) were added  $Et<sub>3</sub>N$  (1.01 mL, 7.25 mmol, 3.2 equiv), DMAP (29.5 mg, 0.242 mmol, 0.11 equiv), and  $Ac_2O$  (0.25 mL, 2.66 mmol, 1.2 equiv) successively at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NAHCO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (20 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (40 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude acetate 15b (ca. 1.08 g) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of 15b (ca. 1.08 g) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (23.8 mL) were added Dess−Martin periodinane (3.04 g, 7.13 mmol, 3.1 equiv) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2.00 g, 27.8 mmol, 12 equiv) at room temperature. After the reaction was completed,  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (50 mL) and a mixture of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (60 mL) and saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution (60 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ) to afford 16 (832) mg, 80% (4 steps)) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexane/ethyl acetate=10/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.03–4.95 (1H, m), 4.22 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 4.18 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.0$ , 4.0 Hz), 4.00 (1H, d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz), 3.74 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.0$ , 8.5 Hz), 3.50 (3H, s), 2.67–2.53 (2H, m), 2.43−2.33 (1H, m), 2.24 (1H, dd, J = 15.5, 4.5 Hz), 2.04 (3H, s), 1.93 (1H, ddd, J = 13.5, 4.5, 2.0 Hz), 1.79−1.68 (1H, m), 1.08 (3H, s), 1.06−1.00 (21H, m), 0.68 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl3) δ 210.5 (Cq), 171.1 (Cq), 153.1 (Cq), 97.4 (CH), 65.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 62.9 (Cq), 58.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 54.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 44.2 (CH), 43.7 (Cq), 40.6 (CH), 36.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.1 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2942, 2864, 1743, 1726, 1663, 1464, 1365, 1236, 1211, 1102, 1033 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{44}NaO_5Si$  475.2856, found 475.2838; mp 93−94 °C.

(1R\*,5R\*,7S\*)-7-Acetoxymethyl-1-[(triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]- 8,8-dimethyl-2-methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-4,9-dione (17). To a stirred solution 16 (17.3 mg, 0.0382 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (0.55 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (2.0 mg, 3.77  $\mu$ mol, 0.099 equiv), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (62.2 mg, 0.191 mmol, 5.0 equiv), and TBHP in decane (34.8  $\mu$ L, 0.191 mmol, 5.0 equiv) successively at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of Celite, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ ethyl acetate =  $3/2$ ) to afford 17 (12.4 mg, 70%) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.45$  (hexane/ethyl acetate = 1/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.88 (1H, s, H-3), 4.35 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 4.16 (1H, dd, J = 11.0, 3.5 Hz), 4.05 (1H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 3.77 (3H, s), 3.71 (1H, dd,  $J = 11.0$ , 9.0 Hz), 3.25 (1H, dd,  $J = 5.0$ , 2.5 Hz), 2.21 (1H, ddd,  $J = 13.5$ , 5.0, 2.5 Hz), 2.13−2.03 (1H, m), 1.98 (3H, s), 1.76 (1H, dt, J = 13.5, 5.0 Hz), 1.09 (3H, s), 1.07−0.92 (21H, m), 0.74 (3H, s); 13C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  204.4 (Cq), 194.5 (Cq), 176.9 (Cq), 170.8 (Cq), 108.0 (CH), 65.5 (Cq), 64.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.5 (CH), 57.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 42.8 (Cq), 40.2 (CH), 32.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.9 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2942, 2865, 1737, 1658, 1592, 1463, 1379, 1367, 1343, 1237, 1218, 1202, 1108 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{25}H_{42}NaO_6Si$  489.2648, found 489.2637; mp 130−131 °C.

(1R\*,5R\*,7S\*)-7-Allyl-1-[(triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8,8-dimethyl-2-methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-4,9-dione (20). To a solution of

17 (514.6 mg, 1.10 mmol) in MeOH (22.0 mL) was added  $K_2CO_3$ (304.6 mg, 2.20 mmol, 2.0 equiv) at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (30 mL) and  $H<sub>2</sub>O$  (30 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL  $\times$ 2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (100 mL  $\times$  1), dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude alcohol 17a (ca. 535.1 mg) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of 17a (ca. 535.1 mg) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (11 mL) was added  $2,6-$ lutidine  $(0.38 \text{ mL}, 3.30 \text{ mmol}, 3.0 \text{ equiv})$  and  $Tf<sub>2</sub>O$   $(0.28 \text{ mJ})$ mL, 1.65 mmol, 1.5 equiv) successively at −78 °C. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NaHCO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (60 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous  $CuSO_4$  solution (100 mL), brine (20 mL  $\times$  1), dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude triflate 18 (ca. 645.0 mg) was unstable. Therefore, it was used for the next step without further purification.

To a solution of 18 (ca. 645.0 mg) in THF (4.4 mL) was added  $(vinyl)_2Cu(CN)Li_2$  (7.92 mL, 0.25M, 1.98 mmol, 2.0 equiv)<sup>20</sup> at −40 °C. After the reaction was completed,  $30\%$  aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>OH solution (30 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. The aque[ous](#page-9-0) layer was extracted with  $Et_2O$  (30 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (80 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ) to afford 20 (408.2 mg, 88% (three steps)) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.25$  (hexane/ ethyl acetate =  $2/1$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.87, 5.65–5.51  $(1H, m)$ , 4.97  $(1H, s)$ , 4.95  $(1H, d, J = 4.5 Hz)$ , 4.37  $(1H, d, J = 8.5$ Hz), 4.07 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz), 3.77 (3H, s), 3.22 (1H, brs), 2.28–2.22 (2H, m), 1.83−1.67 (1H, m), 1.65−1.51 (2H, m), 1.07−0.95 (21H, m), 1.04 (3H, s), 0.71 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 205.2 (Cq), 195.0 (Cq), 177.2 (Cq), 136.5 (CH), 116.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 107.8 (CH), 65.8 (Cq), 61.1 (CH), 57.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 43.6 (Cq), 40.4 (CH), 34.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 11.9 (CH); IR (neat)  $ν_{\text{max}}$  2942, 2864, 1736, 1657, 1592, 1463, 1341, 1249, 1213, 1198, 1131, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB-DFMS) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 435.2931, found 435.2910; mp 136−137 °C.

(1R\*,5R\*,7S\*)-5,7-Diallyl-1-[(triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8,8-dimethyl-2-methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-4,9-dione (21). To a stirred solution of  $20$  (17 mg, 0.0391 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added LTMP (0.78 mL, 0.5 M, 0.391 mmol, 10 equiv) at −78 °C, and stirring was continued for 1 h at the same temperature. Then, to the reaction mixture were added HMPA (0.25 mL) and allyl bromide (0.05 mL, 0.587 mmol, 15 equiv). After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NH<sub>4</sub>Cl$  solution (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (10 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine  $(20 \text{ mL} \times 1)$ , dried  $(Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 5/1) to afford 21 (17.9 mg, 96%) as a white powder:  $R_f = 0.25$ (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $2/1$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.89 (1H, s), 5.77−5.65 (1H, m), 5.64−5.53 (1H, m), 5.08−4.88 (4H, m), 4.43 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 4.10 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 3.77 (3H, s), 2.55  $(1H, dd, J = 14.0, 7.0 Hz)$ , 2.50  $(1H, dd, J = 14.0, 7.0 Hz)$ , 2.25–2.12 (1H, m), 1.95 (1H, dd, J = 13.0, 4.0 Hz), 1.82−1.70 (1H, m), 1.65− 1.51 (1H, m), 1.25 (1H, t, J = 13.0 Hz), 1.09−0.97 (24H, m), 0.69 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.1 (Cq), 196.3 (Cq), 175.9 (Cq), 136.6 (CH), 134.1 (CH), 117.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 116.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 108.1 (CH), 65.8 (Cq), 63.2 (Cq), 58.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 56.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 43.6 (Cq), 41.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.9 (CH), 34.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.89 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.88 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.0 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ 2941, 2865, 1731, 1655, 1600, 1463, 1376, 1342, 1240, 1214, 1105 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB-DFMS) [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>47</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 475.3244, found 475.3225; mp 58−59 °C.

(1R\*,5R\*,7S\*)-3,5,7-Triallyl-1-[(triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8,8-dimethyl-2-methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-4,9-dione (22). To a stirred solution of 21 (24.9 mg, 0.0525 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added LTMP (0.53 mL, 0.5 M, 0.263 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at −78 °C, and stirring was continued for 30 min at the same temperature. Then to the reaction mixture was added  $(2-Th)Cu(CN)L1^{6}$  (2.9 mL, 0.1 M, 0.289 mmol, 5.5 equiv), and after the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at the same temperature, allyl bromide (22[.8](#page-9-0)  $\mu$ L, 0.263 mmol, 5.0 equiv) was added to the reaction mixture. After the reaction was completed, 30% aqueous  $NH<sub>4</sub>OH$  solution (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (10 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL  $\times$ 1), dried  $(Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ ethyl acetate =  $20/1$ ) to afford 22 (26.6 mg, 99%) as a white powder:  $R_f$  = 0.20 (hexane/ethyl acetate = 15/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.97−5.82 (1H, m), 5.72−5.61 (1H, m), 5.61−5.50 (1H, m), 5.08− 4.85 (6H, m), 4.43 (1H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 4.10 (1H, d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 4.02  $(3H, s)$ , 3.34 (1H, ddt, J = 16.0, 5.5, 2.0 Hz), 3.27 (1H, ddt, J = 16.0, 5.5, 2.0 Hz), 2.54 (1H, dd, J = 14.0, 7.0 Hz), 2.49 (1H, dd, J = 14.0, 7.0 Hz), 2.22−2.12 (1H, m), 1.93 (1H, dd, J = 13.0, 4.5 Hz), 1.75−1.63  $(1H, m)$ , 1.60−1.50  $(1H, m)$ , 1.24  $(1H, t, J = 12.5 Hz)$ , 1.17−0.98 (24H, m), 0.67 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.6 (Cq), 197.0 (Cq), 174.1 (Cq), 136.7 (CH), 136.2 (CH), 134.1 (CH), 124.7  $(Cq)$ , 117.6  $(CH_2)$ , 116.6  $(CH_2)$ , 115.3  $(CH_2)$ , 67.5  $(Cq)$ , 63.1  $(Cq)$ , 62.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 59.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 44.2 (Cq), 42.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 40.6 (CH), 35.3  $(CH<sub>2</sub>)$ , 33.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 12.3 (CH); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2944, 2867, 1731, 1655, 1640, 1601, 1464, 1376, 1239, 1100 cm<sup>−</sup><sup>1</sup> ; HRMS (ESI-TOF) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{31}H_{50}NaO_4Si$  537.3376, found 537.3351.

(1R\*,5R\*,7S\*)-3,5,7-Triallyl-1-[(triisopropylsilyloxy)methyl]-8,8-dimethyl-2-methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-4,9-dione (22) (One-Pot Procedure). To a stirred solution of 21 (21.8 mg, 0.0502 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) was added LTMP (0.50 mL, 0.5 M in THF, 0.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at −78 °C, and stirring was continued at the same temperature for 2 h. Then, to the reaction mixture were added HMPA (0.19 mL) and allyl bromide (21.7  $\mu$ L, 0.251 mmol, 5.0 equiv). After 30 min, to the reaction mixture was added LTMP (0.50 mL, 0.5 M in THF, 0.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at −78 °C, and stirring was continued at the same temperature for 1 h. Then, to the reaction mixture was added  $(2-Th)Cu(CN)Li(2.5 mL, 0.1 M, 0.25 mmol, 5.0 equiv)$  at the same temperature, and after 30 min, allyl bromide  $(21.7 \,\mu L, 0.251 \,\text{mmol}, 5.0$ equiv) was added. After the reaction was completed, 30% aqueous NH4OH solution (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL  $\times$  3). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to afford 22 (13.0 mg, 50%) as a white powder.

(1S\*,5R\*,7S\*)-3,5,7-Triallyl-1-benzoyl-8,8-dimethyl-2 methoxybicyclo[3.3.1]non-2-ene-4,9-dione (23). To a stirred solution of 22 (50.8 mg, 0.0987 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added TBAF (0.49 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.49 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at room temperature. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NH<sub>4</sub>Cl$  (3 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (10 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude 22a (ca. 55.9 mg) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of crude 22a (ca. 55.9 mg) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3.0 mL) were added Dess−Martin periodinane (62.4 mg, 0.148 mmol, 1.5 equiv) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (41.5 mg, 0.494 mmol, 5.0 equiv) at room temperature. After the reaction was completed,  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (15 mL) and a mixture of saturated aqueous  $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$  solution (10 mL) and saturated aqueous  $Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>$  solution (10 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (10 mL  $\times$ 2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine  $(20 \text{ mL} \times 1)$ , dried  $(Na_2SO_4)$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude 22b (ca. 53.5 mg) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of 22b (ca. 53.5 mg) in THF (3 mL) was added a solution of PhMgBr in THF (0.22 mL, 0.50 M, 0.109 mmol, 1.1 equiv) at −78 °C. Stirring was continued at −78 °C for 30 min. After the reaction was completed, saturated aqueous  $NH<sub>4</sub>Cl$  (10 mL) <span id="page-8-0"></span>was added to the reaction mixture, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (10 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude 22c (ca. 63.5 mg) was used for the next step without further purification.

To a stirred solution of  $22c$  (ca. 63.5 mg) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3.0 mL) were added Dess−Martin periodinane (103.9 mg, 0.247 mmol, 2.5 equiv) and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (62.2 mg, 0.720 mmol, 7.5 equiv) at room temperature. After the reaction was completed,  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (10 mL) and a mixture of saturated aqueous  $NaHCO<sub>3</sub>$  solution (10 mL) and saturated aqueous  $Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>$  solution (10 mL) were added to the reaction mixture. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (20 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $15/1$ ) to afford 23 (34.1 mg, 80% (four steps)) as an oil:  $R_f = 0.40$  (hexane/ ethyl acetate = 4/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz,), 7.44 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.31 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 5.92−5.81 (1H, m), 5.81−5.70 (1H, m), 5.65−5.51 (1H, m), 5.18−5.10 (1H, m), 5.09−5.03 (2H, m), 5.03−4.93 (3H, m), 3.45 (3H, s), 3.30 (2H d, J = 6.0, 1.8 Hz), 2.64 (1H, dd, J = 14.0, 7.5 Hz), 2.57 (1H, dd, J = 14.0, 7.5 Hz), 2.35−2.26 (1H, m), 1.98 (1H, dd, J = 13.0, 4.5 Hz), 1.84−1.72 (1H, m), 1.71−1.61 (1H, m), 1.47 (1H, t, J = 13.0 Hz), 1.34 (3H, s), 1.19 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.3 (Cq), 196.3 (Cq), 193.0 (Cq), 170.9 (Cq), 137.0 (Cq), 136.6 (CH), 135.7 (CH), 133.8 (CH), 132.2 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 121.2 (Cq), 119.0  $(CH<sub>2</sub>)$ , 116.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 115.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 74.2 (Cq), 64.8 (Cq), 61.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 47.7 (Cq), 42.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.4 (CH), 34.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3078, 2922, 2851, 1721, 1702, 1656, 1600, 1445, 1393, 1242, 1217 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF)  $[M + Na]^+$  calcd for  $C_{28}H_{32}NaO_4$  455.2198, found 455.2180.

(1R\*,5R\*,7S\*)-1-Benzoyl-4-hydroxy-8,8-dimethyl-3,5,7-tris(3 methylbut-2-enyl)bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-ene-2,9-dione (Nemorosone). Compound 23 (19.4 mg, 0.0448 mmol) and Grubbs II catalyst (0.38 mg, 4.48  $\mu$ mol, 1 mol %) were added to a sealed tube. Liquid isobutene (5 mL) was added via a dry ice condenser to the sealed tube cooled at −78 °C. The closed sealed tube was slowly warmed to 60 °C. After being stirred for 4 h, the sealed tube was cooled to −78 °C, opened, and warmed to room temperature to vent off the excess isobutene. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ ethyl acetate =  $15/1$ ) to afford 23a (21.1 mg, 91%) as an oil:  $R_f = 0.40$ (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61  $(2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz)$ , 7.43  $(1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz)$ , 7.29  $(2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz)$ , 5.01 (2H, brs), 4.91 (1H, brs), 3.45 (3H, s), 3.34 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 6.0 Hz), 3.22 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 6.0 Hz), 2.56 (1H, dd, J = 14.5, 7.0 Hz), 2.47 (1H, dd, J = 14.5, 7.5 Hz), 2.09 (1H, brs), 1.94 (1H, dd, J = 13.5, 4.0 Hz), 1.66 (17H, brs), 1.55 (3H, s), 1.44 (1H, t, J = 13.5 Hz), 1.34 (3H, s), 1.18 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  207.9 (Cq), 197.1 (Cq), 193.1 (Cq), 169.9 (Cq), 137.0 (Cq), 134.4 (Cq), 133.2 (Cq), 133.0 (Cq), 132.1 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 123.2 (Cq), 122.5 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 119.7 (CH), 73.9 (Cq), 65.1 (Cq), 61.5  $(CH_3)$ , 47.8  $(Cq)$ , 43.1  $(CH_2)$ , 42.5  $(CH)$ , 29.5  $(CH_2)$ , 27.7  $(CH_2)$ , 26.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 24.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>); IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  2966, 2915, 2360, 2341, 1721, 1703, 1665, 1604, 1446, 1391, 1337, 1241, 1217 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB-DFMS) [M]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 516.3240, found 516.3254.

To a stirred solution of 23a (25.8 mg, 0.0499 mmol) in DMSO (1 mL) was added LiCl (21.2 mg, 0.499 mmol, 10 equiv), and the mixture was heated at 120  $^{\circ}\textrm{C}$  for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, diluted with water (2 mL) and extracted with  $Et<sub>2</sub>O$  (10 mL  $\times$  2). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (10 mL  $\times$  1), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexane/ethyl acetate =  $10/1$ ) to afford nemorosone (quant) as an oil:  $R_f = 0.40$  (h exane/ethyl acetate = 4/1); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.56 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.43 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz), 7.26  $(2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz)$ , 5.09 (1H, t,  $J = 7.5 Hz$ ), 5.01 (2H, brs), 3.13 (1H, dd, J = 15.0, 7.5 Hz), 3.08 (1H, dd, J = 15.0, 7.5 Hz), 2.53 (1H, dd, J = 14.5, 6.5 Hz), 2.48 (1H, dd, J = 14.5, 6.5 Hz), 2.19–2.10 (1H, m), 2.02  $(1H, dd, J = 13.0, 3.5 Hz), 1.79–1.71 (2H, m), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.66 (3H,$ s), 1.65 (9H, s), 1.59 (3H, s), 1.43 (1H, t,  $J = 13.0$  Hz), 1.34 (3H, s), 1.11 (3H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  209.7 (Cq), 195.2 (Cq), 138.4 (Cq), 135.2 (Cq), 134.3 (Cq), 133.5 (Cq), 133.2 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 128.9 (CH), 124.2 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 121.10 (Cq), 121.07 (CH), 78.3 (Cq), 62.1 (Cq), 49.1 (Cq), 44.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.4 (CH), 30.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.17 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.15  $(CH_3)$ , 24.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 16.4 ( $CH<sub>3</sub>$ ). Because of tautomerism C-2 and C-4 carbons could not be identified in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum.; IR (neat)  $\nu_{\text{max}}$  3297, 2964, 2923, 2855, 2359, 2342, 1723, 1699, 1581, 1446, 1372, 1220, 1186 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI-TOF) [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{33}H_{42}NaO_4$  525.2981, found 525.2991.

# ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

## **6** Supporting Information

 ${}^{1}$ H and  ${}^{13}$ C NMR assignments and spectra for new compounds. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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