Biomimetic Synthesis of Two Salmahyrtisanes: Salmahyrtisol A and Hippospongide A

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Supporting Information



ABSTRACT: Sesterterpenes with a salmahyrtisane skeleton have been synthesized for the first time. (-)-Sclareol has been selected as a precursor for the synthesis of two novel natural products: salmahyrtisol A (1) and hippospongide A (2). Our results represent a biomimetic approach to obtaining salmahyrtisanes from hyrtiosanes. Salmahyrtisol A has shown an activity comparable to that of the standard anticancer drugs in the cell lines A549, HBL-100, HeLa, and SW1573.

INTRODUCTION

Marine organisms, mainly sponges and nudibranchs, have provided a large number of sesterterpenoids with novel carbon skeletons. Sesterterpenoids (C25) form a group of pentaprenyl terpenoids that exhibit a wide variety of biological activities.^{1–7} Until now, only three tetracarbocyclic sesterterpenoids with the novel salmahyrtisane skeleton are known, namely, salmahyrtisol A (1), hippospongide A (2), and similan A (3) (Figure 1). These compounds could be used as tools in the treatment of cancer,³ diabetes,⁴ or infectious diseases.⁵

Salmahyrtisol A (1) was isolated⁸ from the Red Sea sponge *Hyrtios erecta* and showed significant cytotoxicity to murine leukemia (P-388), human lung carcinoma (A549), and human colon carcinoma (HT-29). Hippospongide A (2) was isolated⁹ from the sponge *Hippospongia* sp. and has no significant biological activity. Similan A (3) was isolated¹⁰ from the Thai sponge *Hyrtios gumininae* and showed weakly cytotoxic activities against several cancer cell lines. The structures of similan A (3) and salmahyrtisol A (1) are closely related, and the authors suspect that similan A could be an artifact since the extraction of metabolites was done in methanol. The structures of all of these new pentacyclic sesterterpenoids have been determined by spectroscopic methods.

Scheuer and co-workers,⁸ considering the coexistence of salmahyrtisol A (1) and the sesterterpene of hyrtiosane skeleton hyrtiosal (4), proposed a biosynthetic route that could explain the formation of salmahyrtisol A (1) from hyrtiosal (4) (Scheme 1). Earlier, Iguchi and co-workers¹¹ proposed the biogenetic origin of hyrtiosal (4) from

sesterterpenes with a cheilantane skeleton (Scheme 1). With all of these considerations, a biogenetic sequence for the biosynthesis of salmahyrtisanes can be planned, as depicted in Scheme 1.

Previously, we reported the synthesis of hyrtiosal (4) from (-)-sclareol.^{12,13} With this tool in hand, we planned a biomimetic route toward salmahyrtisanes from hyrtiosanes. For the synthesis of the tetracarbocyclic skeleton, we envisioned two different strategies (Scheme 2). In the first one, we considered the cyclization of intermediate I by means of a "Prins-type reaction". An alternative is the Friedel–Craft reaction of intermediate II.

In the present work, we report the first synthesis of compounds with a salmahyrtisane skeleton, the structure and stereochemistry of salmahyrtisol A (1) and hippospongide A (2) being confirmed. In addition, the antiproliferative activity of 1 and its synthetic precursors was evaluated in a panel of representative human solid tumor cell lines.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The synthesis of the salmahyrtisanes reported in this work was started from commercially available (-)-sclareol. The synthesis of the tetracyclic framework of salmahyrtisanes is shown in Scheme 3. Hence, (-)-sclareol was transformed into the hyrtiosanes 5 and 6 (epimers in C-16), as reported earlier.¹² To test our first hypothesis, we submitted 5–6 to a "Prins-type

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Figure 1. Natural tetracarbocyclic salmahyrtisanes sesterterpenoids.

Scheme 1. Biosynthesis of Hyrtiosanes and Salmahyrtisanes



Scheme 2. Retrosynthetic Relationship between Hyrtiosanes and Salmahyrtisanes



reaction" using diverse Lewis acids, such as $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$,¹⁴ TiCl₄,¹⁵ or Yb(OTf)₃,¹⁶ or Brønsted acids, such as *p*-TsOH or PPA.¹⁷ Unfortunately, the cyclization process did not take place. Alternatively, we tried the synthesis of the tetracyclic system of salmahyrtisanes by a Friedel–Crafts reaction. The aldehyde group of **5**–**6** was oxidized with sodium chlorite to the carboxylic acid, leading to 7–**8** in almost quantitative yields. Compounds 7–**8** were transformed into the corresponding acyl chlorides with oxalyl chloride. However, when these compounds were treated with SnCl₄,¹⁸ the desired tetracyclic ketone was not obtained under the diverse experimental conditions attempted. In contrast, the direct cyclization of acids 7–**8** was accomplished by treatment with TFAA,¹⁹ affording the cycloheptanones **9–10** that have the salmahyrtisane skeleton.

Once the salmahyrtisane skeleton was obtained, the functional modification was carried out in order to achieve the functionality present at C-15 and C-18 of the objective molecule salmahyrtisol A (1). The sequence of reactions is described in Scheme 4.

The hydrolysis of the ester group of 9-10 gave hydroxyketones 11-12. The protection of the hydroxyl group as a TBDMS derivative under standard conditions led to compounds 13-14. The reduction of the carbonyl group at C-18 of these compounds with several reducing agents always gave exclusively the hydroxyl group in a β configuration corresponding with the entry of the hydride to the less hindered face. The method of choice was DIBAL-H,²⁰ which led to compounds 15-16 in excellent yield. Due to the α configuration of the hydroxyl at C-18 in the natural products salmahyrtisol A (1) and hippospongide A (2), it was necessary

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Scheme 3. Synthesis of the Salmahyrtisane Skeleton



Scheme 4. Synthesis of Salmahyrtisanes 1 and 2



to invert that stereogenic center. First of all, a Mitsunobu-type reaction under different conditions, such as DEAD/TPP (using several conditions and nucleophiles AcOH,²¹ PhCOOH²²), DIAD/TPP and PhCOOH, and TMAD/TBP using *p*-MeOC₆H₄COOH, was tried.²³ In any of the conditions related before, the inversion was not achieved due to the C-18 hydroxyl situation, hindered by the Me-21 and Me-23, recovering the

starting material. Then, acetylation of the hydroxyl group at C-18 and deprotection of the hydroxyl group at C-15 of compounds 15-16 gave alcohols 17-18, whose structures correspond to 18-*epi*-salmahyrtisol A (17) and 15,18-di-*epi*-salmahyrtisol A (18). Due to the impossibility to obtain an S-configuration for the C-18 hydroxy group, a bioreduction of ketone 13 was planned. Several alcohol dehydrogenases

Table	1. Ant	iproliferativ	e Activity	(GI_{50})	against	Human	Solid	Tumor	Cells"
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	cell line									
compound	A549	HBL-100	HeLa	SW1573	T-47D	WiDr				
1	4.7 (±1.0)	0.8 (±0.2)	0.6 (±0.4)	1.7 (±0.7)	52 (±5.6)	77 (±32)				
9-10	15 (±0.5)	16 (±0.9)	13 (±1.1)	15 (±2.1)	28 (±3.3)	38 (±5.0)				
11-12	44 (±5.9)	57 (±9.3)	34 (±5.9)	59 (±8.9)	>100	>100				
19	28 (±0.5)	>100	30 (±2.0)	48 (±7.7)	67 (±7.0)	75 (±4.9)				
20	35 (±3.2)	28 (±1.6)	25 (±1.9)	52 (±6.9)	73 (±20)	>100				
21	33 (±1.6)	31 (±2.4)	22 (±3.2)	31 (±7.0)	98 (±2.6)	>100				
cisplatin	2.1 (±0.6)	1.9 (±0.2)	2.0 (±0.3)	3.0 (±0.4)	15 (±2.3)	26 (±5.3)				
etoposide	$0.7 (\pm 0.2)$	2.3 (±0.9)	3.0 (±0.9)	15 (±1.5)	22 (±5.5)	23 (±3.1)				
^{<i>a</i>} Values are given in μ M and are means of two to three experiments; standard deviation is given in parentheses.										

(ADHs) were tried under different conditions, but no positive result was obtained. Among the different biocatalysts tested, ADs from *Rhodococcus ruber* (ADH-A), *Ralstonia* sp. (RasADH), and *Lactobacillus brevis* (LDADH) were included.²⁴ All the results showed that it was necessary to change the strategy to achieve the objective molecules.

Oxidation of the mixture of 11–12 with MnO₂ in DCM²⁵ gave diketone 19, which was the key compound for the synthesis of the natural products. Reduction of 19 with sodium borohydride²⁶ gave hydroxyketone 20 and diol 21. Mesylation of 20 in the usual conditions²⁷ gave mesylate 22, which was not isolated and submitted to further transformation. The inversion of the configuration at C-18 was finally achieved by treatment of mesylate 22 with KNO₂/DMSO²⁸ at 70 °C for 7 h, obtaining compound 2. The configuration at C-18 of 2 was corroborated by ROESY data, where NOE between H-23 and H-18 can be observed, confirming the β configuration of H-18. The physical properties of the obtained compound 2 ($[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -62.0$, lit. $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -66.0$) are in full agreement with the ones described for the natural product hippospongide A isolated from the sponge *Hippospongia* sp.⁹

From compound **2**, by acetylation of the hydroxyl group at C-18, the acetyl derivate **23** was obtained. Ulterior reduction of **23** with sodium borohydride gave compound **1** in excellent yield (Scheme 4). The physical and spectroscopical properties $([\alpha]_D^{20} = -57.0, \text{ lit. } [\alpha]_D^{20} = -59.0)$ are equivalent with the ones described for the natural product salmahyrtisol A isolated from *Hyrtios erecta.*⁸

We next evaluated the in vitro antiproliferative activity of compound 1 and its synthetic intermediates 9-12 and 19-21 against the panel of human solid tumor cell lines A549 (lung), HBL-100 (lung), HeLa (cervix), SW1573 (lung), T-47D (breast), and WiDr (colon) using the National Cancer Institute protocol.²⁹ The set of epimers 9-10 and 11-12 were tested as a mixture. The results expressed as GI_{50} (50% growth inhibition) are shown in Table 1. The standard anticancer drugs cisplatin and etoposide were used as reference agents. We found that salmahyrtisol A (1) was the most potent compound of the series with GI_{50} values in the range of $0.6-77 \ \mu$ M. The activity was comparable to that of the standard anticancer drugs in the cell lines A549, HBL-100, HeLa, and SW1573. In A549 cells, the results on antiproliferative activity are consistent with the reported value of IC₅₀ > 2.2 \ \muM.⁸

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the first synthesis of tetracarbocyclic sesterterpene salmahyrtisane natural compounds has been achieved. Two new natural compounds, salmahyrtisol A (1) and hippospongide A (2), have been synthesized, and their structure and stereochemistry were confirmed. The biological tests have been done in a representative panel of human solid tumor cell lines. All compounds, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, and 1, tested present a significant activity, salmahyrtisol A (1) being the most active one.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. NMR spectra were recorded on a 200, 400 MHz (1 H) and 50 and 100 MHz (13 C) spectrometer for all compounds. 2D HMQC and 2D HMBC experiments were carried out on compounds **9**, **18**, and **21** for full assignments of the signals of these compounds. FTIR spectra were recorded as films. HRMS spectra were recorded by Q-TOF using an electrospray ionization method.

16S-Acetoxy-19,25-epoxy-hyrtiosa-17(25)-18-dien-12-oic acid: 7. To a solution of 5 (25 mg, 0.06 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.4 mL) in 0.5 mL of t-BuOH was added a solution of 44 mg of NaH₂PO₄ in 0.3 mL of water and 0.2 mL of NaClO₂ 25% NaClO₂ (0.5 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2.5 h. Afterward, H₂O was added and the mixture was acidulated with 2 M HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O, and the combined organic layer was washed with H_2O_1 , dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain 7 as a colorless oil (25 mg, 96%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -32.9$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3200, 2930, 1738, 1694, 1464, 1387, 1371, 1236, 1161, 1024, 874, 801, 735 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.5 (1H, s, COOH), 7.44 (1H, s, H-19), 7.35 (1H, s, H-25), 6.41 (1H, s, H-18), 5.77 (1H, m, H-16), 2.14-0.82 (17H, m), 2.01 (3H, s, MeCOO), 1.25 (3H, s, Me-24), 0.84 (9H, s, Me-20, Me-21 and Me-23), 0.82 (3H, s, Me-22); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 185.4, 170.8, 143.3, 141.1, 124.9, 109.2, 67.1, 60.3, 57.4, 53.1, 48.3, 44.7, 42.7, 41.1, 40.2, 37.0 (2), 33.7, 33.3, 31.1, 22.4, 21.4 (2), 19.1, 18.5, 16.1, 16.0; HRMS calcd for $C_{27}H_{41}O_5$ requires $(M + 1)^+$ 445.2954; found 445.2947.

16R-Acetoxy-19,25-epoxy-hyrtiosa-17(25),18-dien-12-oic acid: 8. To a solution of 6 (12 mg, 0.03 mmol) and 2-methyl-2-butene (0.3 mL) in 1 mL of t-BuOH was added a solution of 21 mg of NaH₂PO₄ in 0.2 mL of water and 0.1 mL of NaClO₂ 25% NaClO₂ (0.3 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 4 h. Afterward, H₂O was added and the mixture was acidulated with 2 M HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O, and the combined organic layer was washed with H₂O, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 8 as a colorless oil (13 mg, 99%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -2.8$ (c = 0.9, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3397, 1732, 1717, 1456, 1373, 1260, 1086, 1024, 957, 874, 801, 737 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 10.50 (1H, s, COOH), 7.40 (1H, s, H-19), 7.36 (1H, s, H-25), 6.40 (1H, s, H-18), 5.79 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 6.2 Hz, H-16), 2.15-0.85 (17H, m), 2.00 (3H, s, MeCOO), 1.27 (3H, s, Me-24), 0.83 (6H, s, Me-20 and Me-21), 0.81 (6H, s, Me-22 and Me-23); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 185.6, 170.1, 143.1, 141.4, 124.1, 108.6, 67.6, 60.0, 57.1, 53.4, 48.1, 44.6, 42.4, 40.4, 40.0, 36.9, 36.6, 33.4, 33.0, 31.0, 22.4, 21.4, 21.2, 18.8, 18.2, 15.8 (2); HRMS calcd for $C_{27}H_{41}O_5$ requires $(M + 1)^+$ 445.2954; found 445.2948.

155-Acetoxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-18-one: 9. To a solution of 7 (8 mg, 0.02 mmol) in dry DCM (0.2 mL) at 0 °C was added TFAA (0.02 mL, 0.16 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 3.5 h at 0 °C, and then 10% NaHCO₃ (aq) was added. After that, the

mixture was stirred for 30 min and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with 10% NaHCO₃ (aq) and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt 9/1) to obtain 9 as a colorless oil (3 mg, 37%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -25.7$ (c = 0.3, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2929, 1742, 1677, 1462, 1371, 1232, 1033, 733 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.34 (1H, d, J = 1.8Hz, H-24), 6.00 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 8.0 Hz, H-15), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 6.8 Hz, H_A-11), 2.16 (1H, dd, J = 13.4, 8.0 Hz, H_A-14), 2.14 (3H, s, MeCOO), 1.97 (1H, dd, J = 13.4, 9.6 Hz, H_B-14), 1.73–0.75 (14H, m), 1.31 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.86 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.83 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.81 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.5, 170.2, 145.8, 145.2, 129.9, 112.9, 69.8, 60.4, 57.6, 53.3, 53.1, 44.9, 42.4, 39.9 (2), 36.7, 33.4, 33.0, 30.7, 27.4, 25.7, 21.2, 21.1, 18.5, 18.2, 16.0, 15.3; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₂₇H₃₈O₄ requires (M)⁺ 426.2770: found 426.2768.

15R-Acetoxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-18-one: 10. To a solution of 8 (12 mg, 0.03 mmol) in dry DCM (0.2 mL) at 0 °C was added TFAA (0.03 mL, 0.24 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 12 h at 0 °C, and then 10% NaHCO3 was added (aq). After that, the mixture was stirred for 30 min and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with 10% NaHCO3 and brine, dried (Na2SO4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt 9/1) to obtain 10 as a colorless oil (5 mg, 33%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +9.7$ (c = 0.4, CHCl₃); IR (fim) 2927, 1739, 1678, 1463, 1371, 1233, 1018, 891, 787 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.54 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.45 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 6.12 (1H, dd, J = 5.2, 3.0 Hz, H-15), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 12.4, 6.2 Hz, H_A-11), 2.20 (1H, dd, J = 13.2, 5.2 Hz, H_A-14), 2.06 (3H, s, <u>Me</u>COO), 1.98 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H_B-14), 1.90–0.80 (14H, m), 1.24 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.87 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.85 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.83 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20); 13 C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.8, 170.3, 147.0, 146.0, 128.6, 114.0, 67.5, 60.9, 57.9, 53.4, 51.0, 44.6, 42.7, 40.2, 39.8, 37.0, 33.8, 33.3, 31.0, 27.6, 24.7, 21.5 (2), 18.8, 18.5, 16.4, 15.6; HRMS(E.I.) calcd para C₂₇H₃₈O₄ requires (M)⁺ 426.2770; found 426.2766

15S-Hydroxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-18-one: 11. To a stirred solution of 9 (18 mg, 0.04 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) was added anhydrous K₂CO₃ (30 mg, 0.22 mmol). The mixture was stirred at r.t., following the evolution of reaction by TLC. When the reaction was finished, water was added and MeOH was removed under reduced pressure. It was extracted with AcOEt, and the combined organic layer was washed with water until neutral pH was reached, and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 11 as a colorless oil (16 mg, 99%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -19.4$ (c = 0.6, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3446, 2926, 1653, 1457, 1387, 1264, 1061, 970, 892, 737 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.55 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.66 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 4.81 (1H, dd, J = 10.6, 7.0 Hz, H-15), 2.81 $(1H, dd, J = 12.6, 6.6 Hz, H_A-11), 2.40-0.80 (16H, m), 1.31 (3H, s, 1.31)$ Me-23), 0.87 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.86 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.83 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20); $^{13}{\rm C}$ NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.8, 146.1, 144.6, 133.8, 113.3, 69.6, 60.7, 58.0, 53.6, 53.3, 45.2, 42.7, 40.2, 40.1, 37.0, 33.7, 33.3, 31.8, 30.9, 26.4, 21.5, 18.8, 18.5, 16.4, 15.5; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₂₅H₃₆O₃ requires (M)⁺ 384.2664; found 384.2669.

15*R***-Hydroxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-18-one: 12.** To a stirred solution of **10** (15 mg, 0.04 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) was added anhydrous K₂CO₃ (30 mg, 0.22 mmol). The mixture was stirred at r.t., following the evolution of reaction by TLC. When the reaction was finished, water was added and MeOH was removed under reduced pressure. It was extracted with AcOEt, and the combined organic layer was washed with water until neutral pH was reached, and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain **12** as a colorless oil (13 mg, 97%). [*α*]_D^{2D} = -15.2 (*c* = 0.3, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3419, 2924, 1653, 1464, 1387, 1284, 983, 908, 793, 732, 647 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.56 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.56 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 5.04 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.6, 3.4 Hz, H-15), 2.80 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.4, 6.2 Hz, H_A-11), 2.40–0.84 (16H, m), 1.22 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.88 (6H, s, Me-21 and Me-22), 0.82 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.2, 146.2, 145.4, 132.6, 113.8, 65.8, 61.0, 57.9, 53.4, 50.7, 44.6, 42.7, 40.2, 40.1, 37.0, 33.7, 33.3, 31.1, 30.4, 24.6, 21.5, 18.8, 18.5, 16.5, 15.7; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₂₅H₃₆O₃ requires (M)⁺ 384.2664; found 384.2670.

15S-t-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-18-one: 13. To a solution of 11 (14 mg, 0.036 mmol) in dry DCM (0.5 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere were added 2,6-lutidine (10 μ L, 0.1 mmol) and TBDMSOTf (20 μ L, 0.06 mmol). The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 2 h and then diluted with Et₂O. The organic layer was washed with 10% NaHCO3 and brine, dried (Na_2SO_4) , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 13 as a colorless oil (17 mg, 94%). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -22.6$ (*c* = 0.4, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2928, 1675, 1463, 1387, 1256, 1071, 970, 837, 778 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(200 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.51 (1\text{H}, \text{d}, J = 1.8 \text{ Hz}, \text{H}-25), 6.52 (1\text{H}, \text{d}, J = 1.8 \text{ Hz}, \text{H}-25)$ 1.8 Hz, H-24), 4.75 (1H, dd, J = 9.6, 6.6 Hz, H-15), 2.79 (1H, dd, J = 12.3, 6.6 Hz, HA-11), 2.09-0.80 (16H, m), 1.30 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.97 (9H, s, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.88 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.85 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.83 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20), 0.17 and 0.16 (6H, s, (CH₂)₂Si); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.6, 145.4, 144.4, 134.6, 113.2, 70.5, 60.6, 57.8, 53.2, 53.1, 44.8, 42.5, 40.0, 39.9, 36.7, 33.5, 33.0, 31.6, 30.6, 26.2, 26.0-25.8, 21.2, 18.5, 18.1, 16.2, 15.3, 1.0, -4.2, -4.8; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₃₁H₅₀O₃Si requires (M)⁺ 498.3529; found 498.3522.

15R-t-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-18-one: 14. To a solution of 12 (11 mg, 0.029 mmol) in dry DCM (0.5 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere were added 2,6-lutidine (10 μ L, 0.1 mmol) and TBDMSOTf (20 μ L, 0.06 mmol). The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 2 h and then diluted with Et₂O. The organic layer was washed with 10% NaHCO3 and brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 14 as a colorless oil (14 mg, 97%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -11.4$ (*c* = 0.3, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2930, 1678, 1464, 1387, 1254, 1067, 986, 934, 837, 775 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.52 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.45 (1H, d, I = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 5.05 (1H, dd, I = 6.3, 4.2 Hz, H-15), 2.80 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 6.4 Hz, H_A-11), 2.35–0.80 (16H, m), 1.22 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.91 (9H, s, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.88 (6H, s, Me-21 and Me-22), 0.82 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20), 0.15 and 0.13 (6H, s, Si(CH₂)₂); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.2, 145.4, 145.0, 133.7, 113.4, 66.2, 60.7, 57.5, 52.9, 51.0, 44.3, 42.5, 40.1, 40.0, 36.7, 33.5, 33.0, 31.9, 30.9, 25.8, 23.8, 21.2, 18.7, 18.5, 16.2, 15.5, 1.0, -4.3, -4.8; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₃₁H₅₀O₃Si requires (M)⁺ 498.3529; found 498.3536.

15S-t-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-**16,24-dien-18R-ol: 15.** To a solution of **13** (16 mg, 0.032 mmol) in dry DCM (0.4 mL) at -78 °C under an argon atmosphere was added a 1.5 M toluene solution of DIBAL-H (50 µL, 0.06 mmol), and the reaction was stirred for 30 min. Afterward, it was quenched with MeOH (0.5 mL), water (0.5 mL), and a saturated solution of sodium potassium tartrate. The mixture was stirred for 1 h and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with 10% NaHCO₃ and water, dried (Na2SO4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 15 as a colorless oil (16 mg, 99%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -8.0$ (c = 0.5, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3392, 2924, 1463, 1387, 1257, 1151, 1049, 836, 775, 738 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.30 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.46 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 4.51 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H-15), 4.39 (1H, s, H-18), 2.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.2 Hz, H_A-11), 1.74– 0.80 (16H, m), 1.26 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.96 (9H, s, SiC(CH₃)₃), 0.87 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.85 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20), 0.81 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.14 and 0.13 (6H, s, Si(<u>CH₃)₂</u>); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.0, 139.8, 122.7, 112.5, 78.0, 71.0, 60.2, 58.3, 55.2, 45.1, 44.6, 42.8, 40.3, 40.2, 36.9, 33.9, 33.8, 33.4, 31.3, 26.2, 21.5, 21.2, 18.9, 18.6, 16.8, 15.6, 1.2, -4.2, -4.6; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for $C_{31}H_{52}O_3Si$ requires (M)⁺ 500.3686; found 500.3680.

15*R***-t-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-18***R***-ol: 16**. To a solution of **14** (5 mg, 0.01 mmol) in dry DCM (0.4 mL) at -78 °C under an argon atmosphere was added a 1.5 M toluene solution of DIBAL-H (17 μL, 0.02 mmol), and the reaction was stirred for 30 min. Afterward, it was quenched with MeOH (0.2 mL), water (0.2 mL), and a saturated solution of sodium potassium tartrate. The mixture was stirred for 1 h and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with 10% NaHCO₃ (aq) and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain **16** as a colorless oil (5 mg, 99%). $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +1.6$ (c = 0.3, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3402, 2926, 1463, 1386, 1255, 1046, 834, 774, 731 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.26 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 4.80 (1H, d, J = 3.4 Hz, H-15), 4.51 (1H, s, H-18), 2.04 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 6.4 Hz, H_A-11), 1.88–0.80 (16H, m), 1.26 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.90 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.87 (9H, s, SiC(<u>CH₃)₃</u>), 0.84 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20), 0.79 (3H, s, Me-21) 0.10 and 0.07 (6H, s, Si(<u>CH₃)₂</u>); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.8, 139.9, 120.8, 109.5, 77.4, 66.3, 60.2, 58.1, 51.7, 44.6, 44.4, 42.9, 40.4 (2), 37.0, 34.2, 33.8, 33.4, 30.9, 26.1, 21.6, 19.4, 19.0, 18.6, 16.7, 15.7, 1.2, -4.2; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₃₁H₅₂O₃Si requires (M)⁺ 500.3686; found 500.3690.

18R-Acetoxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15S-ol: 17. To a solution of 15 (7 mg, 0.014 mmol) in pyridine (0.5 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added Ac₂O (1 mL). The reaction was stirred for 12 h and then was quenched with ice. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O, and the combined organic layer was washed with 2 M HCl, 10% NaHCO3, and water, dried (Na2SO4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 7 mg of acetate. To a solution of acetate of the last reaction in THF (0.5 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added TBAF (30 μ L, 0.13 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2 h and then was quenched with water. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O, and the combined organic layers was washed with brine, dried (Na2SO4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 17 as a colorless oil (6 mg, 99%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +23.0$ (c = 0.1, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3408, 2926, 2853, 1743, 1462, 1371, 1237, 1153, 1030, 895, 739, cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₂) δ 7.28 (1H, d, I =1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.50 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 5.67 (1H, s, H-18), 4.59 (1H, dd, J = 8.8, 6.5 Hz, H-15), 2.22 (3H, s, MeCOO), 1.94 (1H, dd, J = 12.8, 6.8 Hz, H₄-11), 1.76–0.80 (16H, m), 1.08 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.85 (6H, s, Me-21 and Me-22), 0.83 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.82 (3H, s, Me-20); ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.1, 144.8, 140.8, 122.2, 111.3, 77.0, 69.2, 59.5, 57.8, 54.6, 44.6, 44.0, 42.4, 40.1, 39.9, 36.5, 34.0, 33.5, 33.0, 31.9, 22.6, 21.2, 21.0, 18.6, 18.2, 16.2, 15.4; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for $C_{27}H_{40}O_4$ requires (M)⁺ 428.2927; found 428.2921.

18R-Acetoxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15R-ol: 18. To a solution of 16 (16 mg, 0.032 mmol) in pyridine (0.5 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added Ac₂O (1 mL). The reaction was stirred for 12 h and then was quenched with ice. The mixture was extracted with Et2O, and the combined organic layer was washed with 2 M HCl, 10% NaHCO₃, and water, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 17 mg of acetate. To a solution of acetate in THF (0.5 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added TBAF (40 μ L, 0.18 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2 h and then was quenched with water. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O, and the combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na_2SO_4) , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 18 as a colorless oil (13 mg, 95%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +35.0$ (*c* = 0.2, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3350, 2924, 1736, 1461, 1370, 1237, 1030, 894, 739, cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.33 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 5.79 (1H, s, H-18), 4.83 (1H, t, J = 3.3 Hz, H-15), 2.21 (3H, s, <u>Me</u>COO), 2.00–1.70 (4H, m, H-14, H_A-11, H-13), 1.70–0.80 (13H, m, H-1, H-2, H-3, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-9, H_B-11), 1.00 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.86 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.84 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.83 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.82 (3H, s, Me-20); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.1, 147.4, 141.1, 121.0, 112.9, 76.9, 65.5, 59.7, 57.8, 51.8, 44.4, 43.3, 42.5, 40.0 (2), 36.6, 34.0, 33.5, 33.0, 29.3, 21.2, 21.0, 19.9, 18.4, 18.2, 16.2, 15.4; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for $C_{27}H_{40}O_4$ requires (M)⁺ 428.2927; found 428.2936

17,24-Epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15,18-dione: 19. To a solution of **11**/**12** (39 mg, 0.1 mmol) in DCM (9 mL) under an argon atmosphere was added MnO₂ (293 mg, 3.4 mmol). The suspension was stirred for 45 min. After that time, the mixture was filtered through a short pad of Celite and concentrated *in vacuo* to obtain **19** as a colorless oil (34 mg, 89%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -35.0$ (c = 0.1, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2924, 2850, 1670, 1489, 1398, 1265, 1014, 783 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.58 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 6.89 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 2.86 (1H, dd, J = 19.0, 12.4 Hz, H_A-14), 2.67 (1H, dd, J = 19.0, 2.5 Hz, H_B-14), 2.12 (1H, dd, J = 12.4, 2.5 Hz, H-13), 1.80–0.80 (14H, m), 1.32 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.91 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.90 (3H, s, Me-23)

22), 0.83 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 195.7, 192.1, 148.5, 146.0, 128.4, 111.9, 60.6, 57.6, 53.6, 52.2, 44.7, 42.4, 40.1, 40.0, 38.0, 36.7, 33.4, 33.0, 30.8, 23.5, 21.2, 18.6, 18.2, 16.1, 15.6; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₂₅H₃₄O₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 405.2400; found 405.2397.

18*R*-Hydroxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15-one: 20, and 17,24-Epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15*S*,18*R*-diol: 21. To a solution of 19 (18 mg, 0.047 mmol) in EtOH (0.5 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere was added NaBH₄ (1 mg, 0.02 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 1.5 h and then quenched with 2 M HCl (0.1 mL) and water (2 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O; the combined organic layer was washed with water, dried (Na₂SO₄), and filtered; and the solvent was evaporated under pressure. The resulting crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt 95/5 and 9/1) to obtain 19 (6 mg, 34%), 20 (6 mg, 33%), and 21 (4 mg, 22%), all as colorless oils.

20: $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -36.7$ (c = 0.6, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3390, 2937, 1635, 1560, 1458, 1400, 1132, 1039, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.35 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 6.77 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 4.59 (1H, s, H-18), 2.64 (1H, dd, J = 18.9, 12.9 Hz, H_A-14), 2.47 (1H, dd, J = 18.9, 2.5 Hz, H_B-14), 2.08 (1H, dd, J = 12.9, 6.3 Hz, H_A-11), 1.43–1.35 (1H, m, H_B-11), 1.75–0.80 (13H, m), 1.10 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.90 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.87 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.85 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.84 (3H, s, Me-20); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 158.5, 141.8, 121.8, 110.7, 76.9, 59.6, 57.8, 52.6, 44.2, 44.1, 42.5, 40.3, 40.2, 37.8, 36.6, 34.5, 33.5, 33.1, 21.2, 18.7, 18.3, 18.1, 15.9, 15.8; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₂₅H₃₆O₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 407.2556; found 407.2534.

21: $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -3.0$ (c = 0.7, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3392, 2920, 1637, 1458, 1382, 1147, 1029, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 6.54 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 4.55 (1H, ddd, J = 10.4, 6.6, 1.8 Hz, H-15), 4.39 (1H, s, H-18), 2.04 (1H, dd, J = 12.9, 6.8 Hz, H-14), 1.91 (1H, dd, J = 12.7, 6.5 Hz, H-11), 1.78–0.80 (15H, m), 0.99 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.86 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.84 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.83 (3H, s, Me-20), 0.81 (3H, s, Me-21); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 148.1, 140.3, 121.5, 111.7, 77.3, 69.4, 59.7, 57.9, 54.3, 44.9, 44.3, 42.5, 40.1, 40.0, 36.6, 33.8, 33.5, 33.1, 31.3, 21.2, 19.8, 18.6, 18.3, 16.3, 15.4; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₂₅H₃₈O₃Na requires (M + Na)⁺ 409.2713; found 409.2707.

18S-Hydroxy-17.24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15-one: 2 (Hippospongide A). To a solution of 20 (10 mg, 0.026 mmol) in DCM (0.26 mL) at 0 °C under an argon atmosphere were added Et₃N (4.2 μ L, 0.03 mmol) and MsCl (4.6 μ L, 0.06 mmol). The reaction was stirred at r.t. for 1 h and then quenched with drops of 0.5 M HCl. The mixture was extracted with DCM, and the combined organic layer was washed with water, dried (Na2SO4), filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to obtain 22 as a colorless oil (12 mg, 99%). To mesylate 22 (12 mg, 0.03 mmol) in DMSO (0.1 mL) was added KNO₂ (57 mg, 0.63 mmol). The reaction was heated at 90 °C for 7 h under an argon atmosphere. After that time, the solution was quenched with brine and extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layer was washed with brine, dried (Na₂SO₄), and filtered, and the solvent was evaporated under pressure. The resulting crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt 95/5) to obtain 2 as a colorless oil (3 mg, 26%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -62.0$ (*c* = 0.3, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3383, 2956, 2918, 2859, 1718, 1637, 1465, 1386, 1271, 1041, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.33 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, H-24), 6.76 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, H-25), 4.58 (1H, s, H-18), 2.64 (1H, dd, J = 18.4, 12.7 Hz, H_A -14), 2.55 (1H, dd, J = 18.4, 2.9 Hz, H_B -14), 2.20 $(1H, dd, J = 12.7, 2.9 Hz, H-13), 1.99 (1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, H_A-11),$ 1.70-0.90 (13H, m), 1.14 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.87 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.85 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-21), 0.84 (3H, s, Me-20); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.7, 159.0, 142.3, 123.0, 110.8, 75.9, 61.0, 57.6, 47.6, 44.8, 43.0, 42.5, 40.2, 40.1, 39,6, 36.8, 34.9, 33.5, 33.1, 23.4, 21.3, 18.8, 18.3, 16.2, 15.6; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for $C_{25}H_{36}O_3Na$ requires (M + Na) 407.2556; found 407.2534.

185-Acetoxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15-one: 23. To a solution of 2 (4 mg, 0.01 mmol) in pyridine (0.5 mL) was added Ac₂O (1 mL). The reaction was stirred for 12 h and then quenched with ice. The mixture was extracted with Et_2O ; the

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combined organic layer was washed with 2 M HCl, 10% NaHCO₃, and water, dried (Na_2SO_4) , and filtered; and the solvent was evaporated under pressure. The resulting crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt 99/1) to obtain 23 as a colorless oil (4 mg, 94%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -64.4$ (c = 0.2, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2924, 2852, 1735, 1662, 1458, 1369, 1224, 1053, 1016 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.32 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 6.76 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 6.04 (1H, s, H-18), 2.65 (1H, dd, J = 18.4, 12.6 Hz, H_A-14), 2.57 (1H, dd, J = 18.4, 3.0 Hz, H_B-14), 2.24 (1H, dd, J = 12.6, 3.0 Hz, H-13), 2.16 (3H, s, MeCOO), 2.10-0.80 (14H, m), 1.22 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.86 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.85 (3H, s, Me-21), 0.84 (6H, s, Me-19 and Me-20); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 196.2, 170.2, 155.0, 142.4, 124.8, 110.7, 75.4, 61.2, 58.1, 48.9, 44.5, 42.6, 42.4, 40.0, 39.8, 39.5, 37.9, 34.7, 33.5, 33.1, 23.1, 21.3, 21.1, 18.7, 18.3, 16.1, 15.4; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for $C_{27}H_{38}O_4$ requires (M)⁺ 426.2770; found 426.2761.

18S-Acetoxy-17,24-epoxy-salmahyrtisa-16,24-dien-15S-ol: 1 (Salmahyrtisol A). To a solution of 23 (4 mg, 0.009 mmol) in EtOH (0.5 mL) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ under an argon atmosphere was added NaBH_4 (4 mg, 0.1 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 1.5 h and quenched with drops of 2 M HCl and water. The mixture was extracted with Et₂O; the combined organic layer was washed with water, dried (Na_2SO_4) , and filtered; and the solvent was evaporated under pressure. The resulting crude residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/AcOEt 9/1) to obtain 1 as colorless needles (3.6 mg, 93%). $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = -53.0$ (c = 0.8, CH₃Cl); IR (film) 3400, 2924, 2852, 1740, 1689, 1458, 1201, 1139 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (1H, d, I = 1.8 Hz, H-24), 6.50 (1H, d, I = 1.8 Hz, H-25), 5.87 (1H, s, H-18), 4.69 (1H, dd, J = 10.8, 6.1 Hz, H-15), 2.09 (3H, s, <u>Me</u>COO), 1.92 (1H, dd, J = 12.7, 6.1 Hz, H_A-14), 1.82 (1H, d, J =11.3 Hz, H-13), 1.75-0.74 (15H, m), 1.07 (3H, s, Me-23), 0.86 (3H, s, Me-19), 0.83 (3H, s, Me-20), 0.82 (3H, s, Me-22), 0.79 (3H, s, Me-21); ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.3, 146.4, 141.6, 126.3, 111.2, 75.9, 70.0, 61.3, 58.2, 50.7, 44.4, 43.0, 42.6, 40.7, 40.1, 36.7, 34.5, 33.4, 33.1, 32.7, 24.9, 21.3, 21.2, 18.6, 18.2, 16.4, 15.2; HRMS(E.I.) calcd for C₂₇H₄₀O₄ requires (M)⁺ 428.2927; found 428.2921.

ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

Copies of IR and NMR spectra and comparative tables of physical data of 1, 2, and natural compounds salmahyrtisol A and hippospongide A are included. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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