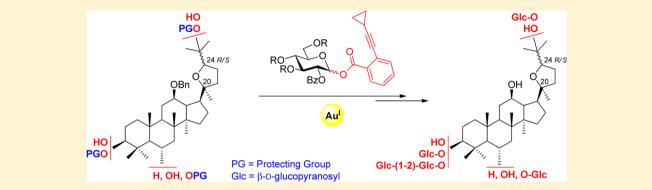
# Synthesis of Ocotillol-Type Ginsenosides

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**Supporting Information** 



**ABSTRACT:** A total of 14 ocotillol-type ginsenosides were conveniently synthesized employing glycosylation of ocotillol sapogenin derivatives with glucosyl *ortho*-alkynylbenzoate donors under the promotion of a gold(I) catalyst as the key step. Relying on a rational protecting group strategy and the unexpected regioselectivity of the glycosylation of the 3,25-diol sapogenins (2a/2b, 5a/5b) for the tertiary 25-OH, mono 3-O-glucosyl ocotillol-PPD, 6-O-glucosyl ocotillol-PPT, 25-O-glucosyl ocotillol-PPD/PPT and 3,25-di-O-glucosyl ocotillol-PPD/PPT ginsenosides were prepared in which the configuration at the C-24 is either *R* or *S*.

# INTRODUCTION

Ocotillol-type ginsenosides represent a small group of triterpenoid saponins derived from dammarane ginsenosides.<sup>1</sup> Their characteristic triterpenoid aglycone consists of either a 20(S)-protopanaxadiol (PPD) or 20(S)-protopanaxatriol (PPT) featuring a hydroxyisopropyl-tetrahydrofuran side chain at the C-20. Naturally, they mainly occur in Panax species (Araliaceae family), but some have also been isolated from Neoalsomitra integrifoliola vine and Gynostemma pentaphyllum herb (Cucurbitaceae family).<sup>2,3</sup> Thus, far, less than 20 naturally occurring ocotillol-type ginsenosides have been characterized and reported, namely majonoside R1, R2, pseudoginsenoside F11 (24-R/S epimers), RT2, RT4, RT5, vina-ginsenoside R1 (24-R/S epimers), R2, R5, R6, neoalsoside D1, E1 and gynoside A, B, C.  $^{1-4}$  For all these compounds, the C-20 of the sapogenin aglycone has a S-configuration and the sugar units which are D-glucose, L-rhamnose and D-xylose are attached onto the aglycone either at the  $3\beta$ -OH (PPD) or  $6\alpha$ -OH (PPT). Recently, the 20(R)-epimer of 24(R)-pseudoginsenoside F11 was isolated from red American ginseng and novel structures will probably continue to be reported with the aid of modern and more sensitive characterization techniques.<sup>5</sup>

The variability in the type of sugars and the degree of glycosylation determine their biological properties. For instance, majonoside R2, the major constituent of the Vietnamese ginseng, exhibits antinociceptive,<sup>6</sup> antitumor-

promoting,<sup>7</sup> hepatoprotective,<sup>8</sup> antioxidant,<sup>9</sup> and anti-inflammatory activities,<sup>10</sup> whereas 24(R)-pseudoginsenoside F11, present in American ginseng, enhances neuronal activity,<sup>11</sup> attenuates nephrotoxicity induced by Cisplastin,<sup>12</sup> and can be effective for the treatment of type-2 diabetes.<sup>13</sup> In addition to their own biological properties, some ocotillol-type ginsenosides have been identified as metabolites of the corresponding dammarane saponins, implying that they might be involved in their beneficial effects.<sup>14</sup>

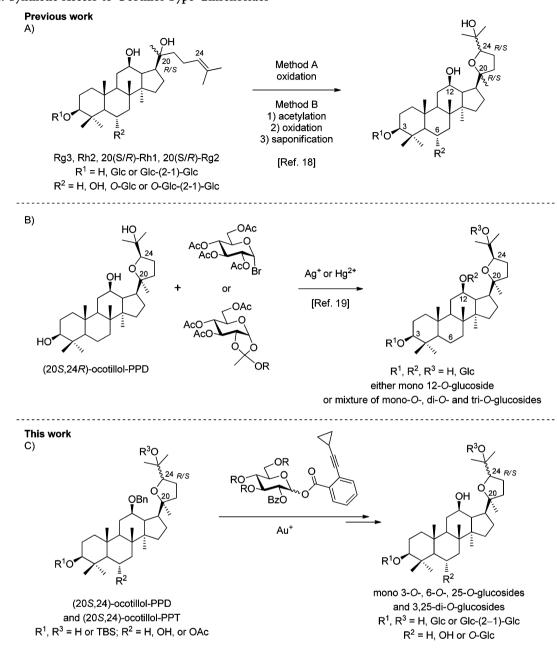
The wide range of biological activities of ocotillol-type ginsenosides recently renewed their interest as potential pharmacophores. However, molecular mechanistic study is hampered by the fact that they are naturally produced in heterogeneous complex mixtures and in low yield. Tissue and cell cultures,<sup>15</sup> as well as biotechnology and gene regulation methods,<sup>16</sup> have been studied to produce ginsenosides, however, improvements are required since the content of ginsenosides remains low. Alternatively, chemical synthesis appears attractive for the preparation of homogeneous natural and synthetic ginsenosides in appreciable amounts with the aim of studying structure–activity relationship and discovering novel therapeutic targets.<sup>17</sup>

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Scheme 1. Synthetic Access to Ocotillol-Type Ginsenosides<sup>4</sup>



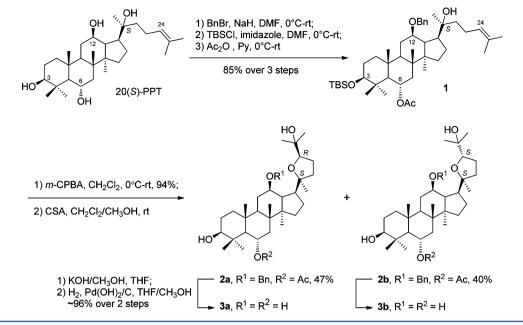
<sup>*a*</sup>Ac = acetyl; Bn = benzyl; Glc =  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl; TBS = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl.

Biosynthetically, it is assumed that ocotillol-type ginsenosides are derived from dammarane ginsenosides after epoxidation of the C-24–C-25 double bond followed by an intramolecular cyclization of the 20-OH.<sup>16</sup> On the basis of this consideration, semisynthesis of ocotillol-type ginsenosides have been described by oxidation of the corresponding dammarane saponins. The oxidation is usually carried out with *m*-CPBA,  $H_2O_2$ , or oxone either on the natural or partially protected dammarane saponins.<sup>18</sup> The cyclization then provides a 1:1 mixture of C-24 epimers while the configuration at the C-20 remains unchanged (Scheme 1, A). However, this method suffers from undesired oxidized byproducts and is limited by the availability of the starting dammarane saponins. Indeed, synthetic ocotillol-type ginsenosides bearing a sugar moiety at the C-25 cannot be synthesized under these conditions.

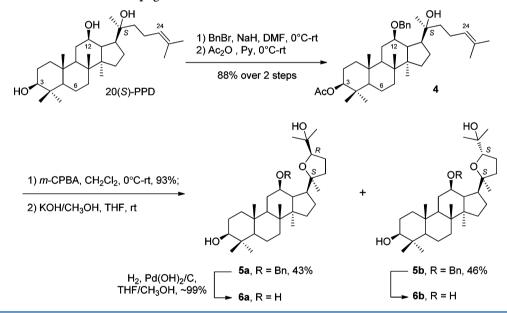
Direct glycosylation between an ocotillol aglycone and a sugar donor appears as the most straightforward approach to synthesize various ocotillol-type saponins. In this regard, Atopkina et al. reported the synthesis of ocotillol-type ginsenosides by coupling between (20S,24R)-ocotillol-PPD acceptor and  $\alpha$ -acetobromoglucose and orthoester donors under the promotion of silver or mercury salts (Scheme 1, B).<sup>19</sup> Although, ocotillol-type ginsenosides bearing a glucose unit at the sterically hindered 25-OH could be synthesized, the low to moderate regioselectivity and yields as well as the use of toxic promoter clearly represent a limitation. Accordingly, the development of an alternative glycosylation protocol is still of great interest.

For several years now, our group has devoted much effort on the chemical synthesis of triterpenoid saponins.<sup>20</sup> The preparation of the sterically hindered and acid-labile dammar-

# Scheme 2. Synthesis of Ocotillol-PPT Sapogenins 2a and 2b



Scheme 3. Synthesis of Ocotillol-PPD Sapogenins 5a and 5b



ane ginsenosides have been successfully achieved through the selective protection of the hydroxyl groups of the sapogenins as well as the development of a gold(I)-catalyzed glycosylation protocol which proceeds under neutral conditions.<sup>21,22</sup> Herein, we report the synthesis of mono 3-*O*-, 6-*O*-, 25-*O*- and 3,25-di-*O*-glucosyl ocotillol-type PPD and PPT ginsenosides by glycosylation between a partially protected ocotillol sapogenin and a glucosyl *ortho*-alkynylbenzoate donor (Scheme 1, C).

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Initially, four ocotillol-PPT and PPD sapogenins were prepared from 20(*S*)-PPT and 20(*S*)-PPD, respectively. Relying on our previous results which clearly established the reactivity sequence of the four hydroxyl groups of 20(*S*)-PPT (12-OH > 3-OH > 6-OH  $\gg$  20-OH) and demonstrated that an ether protecting group at the 12-OH increases the nucleophilicity of the 20-OH by intramolecular H-bonding,<sup>21</sup> 20(S)-PPT was orthogonally protected as depicted in Scheme 2. The 12-, 3and 6-OHs were protected, in this order, as benzyl ether, tertbutyldimethyl-silyl ether (TBS), and acetyl, respectively, providing the 20(S)-OH PPT derivative 1 in 85% yield (3 steps). Then, the construction of the THF-ring in a stereoselective manner was attempted by using t-BuOOH and a catalytic amount of  $VO(acac)_2$  in  $CH_2Cl_2$ .<sup>23</sup> However, no stereoselectivity was observed and the corresponding ocotillol-PPT was isolated in a moderate 55% yield and in a 1:1 mixture of cis/trans-THF ring. Thus, standard m-CPBA in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was employed and provided the corresponding ocotillol-PPT in a high 94% yield,<sup>18</sup> albeit in an 1:1 mixture of 24(R/S)-epimers, inseparable at this stage. Several functionalizations of the 25-OH were carried out in order to separate the two diastereoisomers. Fortunately, they could be cleanly separated at the next step, that is after removal of the TBS group with

Table 1. Glycosylation between Ocotillol Sapogenins (2a/2b,	, $5a/5b$ ) and Perbenzoyl Glucopyranosyl Donors $(7-8)^a$
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2a, 2b 5a, 5b	$BzO \xrightarrow{OBz} \\ BzO \xrightarrow{BzO} LG$ promoter, 5A MS CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , rt 7, LG =	Bzo OBz	HO OBn Sz R	+ HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO HO	OBz OBz H Bz BzO BzO OBz OBz	BZO OBZ OBZ OBZ OBZ RVS OBD S C S C S C S C S C S C S C S C S C S
		9a, 24( <i>R</i> ), R = H 9b, 24(S), R = H 12a, 24( <i>R</i> ), R = OAc 12b, 24(S), R = OAc		<b>10a</b> , 24( <i>R</i> ), R = H <b>10b</b> , 24( <i>S</i> ), R = H <b>13a</b> , 24( <i>R</i> ), R = OAc <b>13b</b> , 24( <i>S</i> ), R = OAc	10b, 24(S), R = H         11b, 24(S), R = H           13a, 24(R), R = OAc         14a, 24(R), R = OAc	
ent	ry acceptor	donor	promoter (equiv)	3-O-glucoside <sup>b</sup>	25-O-glucoside <sup>b</sup>	3,25-di-O-glucoside <sup>b</sup>
1	5a	7	$Ph_3PAuNTf_2$ (0.2)	<b>9</b> a, 12%	10a, 47%	<b>11a</b> , 17%
2	5a	7	$Ph_3PAuNTf_2$ (0.5)	9a, trace	<b>10a</b> , 61%	<b>11a</b> , 23%
3	5a	<b>8</b> <sup>c</sup>	TMSOTf (0.2)	9a, trace	10a, 36%	<b>11a</b> , 37%
4	5b	7	$Ph_3PAuNTf_2$ (0.2)	<b>9b</b> , 4%	10b, 59%	<b>11b</b> , 12%
5	2a	7	$Ph_3PAuNTf_2$ (0.2)	12a, 6%	13a, 58%	<b>14a</b> , 16%
6	2b	7	$Ph_3PAuNTf_2$ (0.2)	<b>12b</b> , trace	13b, 67%	14b, 14%
<sup>a</sup> Condi	itions: donor (1.0 equiv)	accentor (1.0	equiv) promoter 5 Å mol	ecular sieves CH.Cl. rt un	ess otherwise sta	ted <sup>b</sup> Vield % refers to the pure

<sup>*a*</sup>Conditions: donor (1.0 equiv), acceptor (1.0 equiv), promoter, 5 Å molecular sieves, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, rt, unless otherwise stated. <sup>*b*</sup>Yield % refers to the pure isolated product and is calculated based on the acceptor. <sup>*c*</sup>1.1 equiv of donor 8 is used. TMSOTf = trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate.

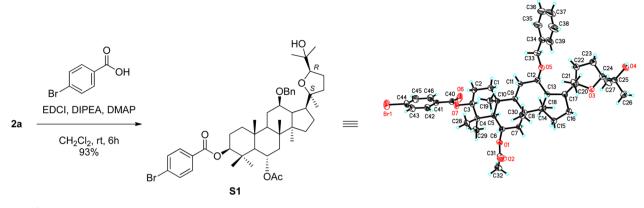
camphorsulfonic acid (CSA), providing the two 3,25-diol PPT sapogenins **2a** (47%) and **2b** (40%). In order to confirm the configuration of the C-24, the acetyl and benzyl groups were removed under basic and hydrogenolytic conditions and the NMR spectra of the corresponding fully deprotected ocotillol-PPT were compared with the literature. On the basis of the difference of chemical shifts between the C-27 and C-26,<sup>24</sup> **3a** was found to have the *R*-configuration ( $\Delta_{C27-C26} = 0.5$  ppm) and **3b** the S-configuration ( $\Delta_{C27-C26} = 2.2$  ppm). As expected, the configuration of the C-20(S) remained unchanged. Furthermore, a single crystal of **3b** was subjected to X-ray diffraction analysis and confirmed unambiguously the configuration of C-20 and C-24 (Supporting Information).<sup>25</sup>

Following a similar approach, the 3- and 12-OHs of 20(S)-PPD were protected as acetyl and benzyl ether, respectively, affording the 20-OH PPD **4** in 88% yield over 2 steps (Scheme 3). Then, treatment with *m*-CPBA afforded the corresponding ocotillol-PPD in a 1:1 mixture of C-24 epimers (93%), inseparable at this stage. Like previously, the removal of the acetyl group under basic conditions (KOH/CH<sub>3</sub>OH in THF) allowed us to isolate the two diastereoisomers **5a** (43%) and **5b** (46%). After hydrogenolysis of the benzyl group at the 12-position, NMR analysis demonstrated that **6a** and **6b** corresponded to the 24(*R*)- and 24(*S*)-forms, respectively, without modification of the configuration of the C-20(*S*).<sup>26,27</sup> In addition, the structure of **6a** was unequivocally confirmed by X-ray crystallography analysis (Supporting Information).<sup>27</sup>

Assuming that the secondary 3-OH would be more reactive than the sterically hindered tertiary 25-OH,<sup>19</sup> regioselective glycosylation of the four ocotillol sapogenins (2a/2b, 5a/5b) with two perbenzoyl glucosyl donors, namely 2,3,4,6-tetra-Obenzoyl-D-glucopyranosyl *ortho*-cyclopropylethynylbenzoate (7) and N-phenyl trifluoroacetimidate (8),<sup>28</sup> was investigated (Table 1). The reactions were performed with 1.0 equiv of acceptor, 1.0 equiv of donor, 5 Å molecular sieves in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at room temperature and proceeded smoothly with the donor being totally consumed after 4 h. Depending on the promotion conditions, mono 3-O- (9a/9b, 12a/12b), 25-O- (10a/10b, 13a/13b) and 3,25-di-O-glucosides (11a/11b, 14a/14b) were isolated, in complete 1,2-trans configuration due to the neighboring participation of the benzoyl protecting group.

To our surprise, when coupling 3,25-diol acceptor 5a with donor 7 under the promotion of  $Ph_3PAuNTf_2$  (0.2 equiv), 25-O-glycoside 10a was isolated as the main product (47%) along with the 3-O-glucoside 9a (12%) and 3,25-di-O-glucoside 11a (17%, entry 1). Increasing the amount of gold(I) catalyst to 0.5 equiv did not improve the regioselectivity of the glycosylation, although glucosides 10a and 11a were isolated in slightly better yields (61% and 23%, respectively). Only traces of the 3-Oglycoside 9a was detected on TLC in that case (entry 2). When performing the reaction with donor 8 under the promotion of TMSOTf (0.2 equiv), the regioselectivity of the glycosylation decreased significantly. Indeed, glucosides 10a and 11a were isolated in 36% and 37% yields, respectively, while only traces of 9a were detected on TLC (entry 3). The conditions employing donor 7 promoted by Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuNTf<sub>2</sub> (0.2 equiv) were then applied to sapogenins 5b, 2a, and 2b (entries 4-6). In these cases, the 25-O-glycosides (10b, 13a, 13b) were also isolated as the main products in moderate yields ranging from 58% to 67%. The corresponding 3-O- (9b, 12a, 12b) and 3,25di-O-glucosides (11b, 14a, 14b) remained as minor products, with less than 10% and 20% yields, respectively.

These results imply that the sterically hindered tertiary 25-OH of the four ocotillol sapogenin derivatives 2a/2b and 5a/5b is more reactive than the secondary 3-OH. A similar observation was reported by Atopkina et al. during the glycosylation of the  $12\beta$ -OAc derivative of betulafolienetriol oxide acceptor, the  $3\alpha$ -epimer of ocotillol-PPD, with  $\alpha$ - Scheme 4. Synthesis and X-ray Structure of Sapogenin S1<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>ORTEP figure with thermal ellipsoids shown at 30% probability.

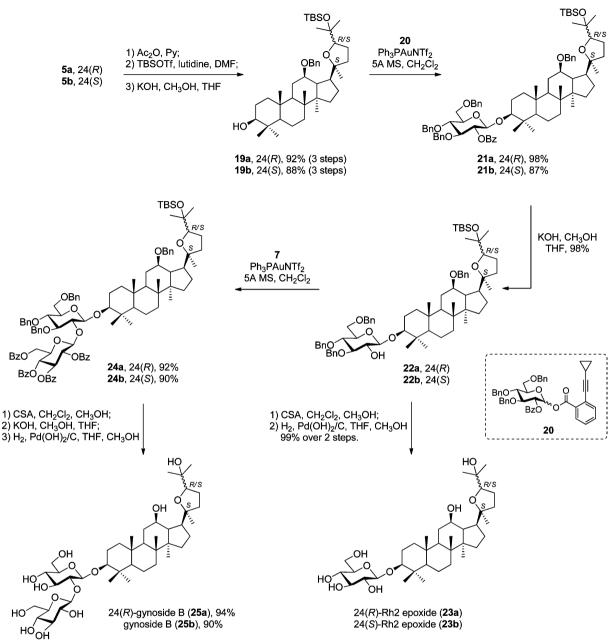


10a/10b 11a/11b 13a/13b 14a/14b	1) H <sub>2</sub> , Pd(OH) <sub>2</sub> /C, THF/CH <sub>3</sub> C 2) KOH/CH <sub>3</sub> OH, THF 87-97% over 2 steps	HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC HC	OH OH OH I5a/ 16a/ 17a/ 18a/	16b 17b
	Name	C-20,C-24	$\mathbf{R}^1$	R <sup>2</sup>
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT1 (15a)	S,R	Η	Н
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT2 (15b)	S,S	Η	Н
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT3 (16a)	S,R	Glc	Н
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT4 ( <b>16b</b> )	S,S	Glc	Н
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT5 (17a)	S,R	Н	OH
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT6 (17b)	S,S	Н	OH
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT7 (18a)	S,R	Glc	OH
pseudo-	ginsenoside OT8 (18b)	<i>S,S</i>	Glc	OH

<sup>*a*</sup>Glc =  $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl.

acetobromoglucose donor.<sup>29</sup> On the basis of IR analysis of the acceptor, they postulated the presence of a weak intramolecular H-bond between the proton of the 25-OH and the oxygen of the 12-OAc, resulting in an increased nucleophilicity of the 25-OH. A similar intramolecular H-bond was also suggested to explain the anomalous catalytic rearrangement of 1,2-orthoacetates of  $\alpha$ -D-glucose and ocotillol-PPD.<sup>30</sup> In our case, an analogous intramolecular H-bond may explain the higher nucleophilicity of the 25-OH. In order to characterize and confirm the intramolecular H-bond, crystallization of the sapogenins 2a/2b and 5a/5b were attempted but have failed, due to their amorphous nature. The introduction of a 4-bromobenzoyl protecting group at the 3-OH of 2a enabled us

to obtain a single crystal of the corresponding 25-OH ocotillol-PPT sapogenin **S1** which was then analyzed by X-ray crystallography (Scheme 4). The X-ray structure did not show any intramolecular H-bond. Thus, we assume that the conformation of the ocotillol sapogenin, which depends on the protecting group pattern and the solvent in which the reaction is performed, might render the 25-OH more accessible for glycosylation. The match/mismatch of the two chiral acceptor and donor might explain these results, although further study is needed.<sup>31</sup> It is also worth noting that the 24(*S*)-isomers provided slightly better yields than their corresponding 24(*R*)forms under these glycosylation conditions. Scheme 6. Synthesis of Natural and Synthetic 3-O-Glucosyl Ocotillol-PPD Ginsenosides (23a/23b, 25a/25b)



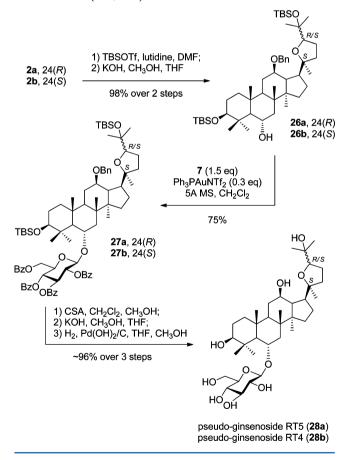
This unexpected regioselectivity provided readily synthetic ocotillol-type ginsenosides bearing a glucose unit either at the 25-position (10a/10b, 13a/13b) or the 3,25-positions (11a/11b, 14a/14b). Full deprotection of these 8 glycosides by a sequential removal of the benzyl group ( $H_2$ , Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C in THF/CH<sub>3</sub>OH) and the ester groups (KOH/CH<sub>3</sub>OH in THF) afforded in excellent yields the corresponding ocotillol-type ginsenosides 15-18, that we have named pseudoginsenoside OT1-OT8 (Scheme 5).

Because the glycosylation prevails at the 25-OH, alternative route was designed to access natural and synthetic mono 3-Oglucosyl ocotillol-PPD ginsenosides. As depicted in Scheme 6, the two separated diastereoisomers **5a** and **5b** were, in parallel experiments, acetylated with  $Ac_2O$  in pyridine at room temperature. Under these reaction conditions, the secondary 3-OHs were selectively protected in excellent yields (>90%) whereas the sterically hindered tertiary 25-OHs remained free, thus corroborating the likely match/mismatch of the two chiral acceptor and donor during the glycosylation reaction. The successful protection of the 25-OHs with a TBS group was achieved using tert-butyldimethylsilyl triflate (TBSOTf) and 2,6-lutidine in DMF, and subsequent removal of the 3-O-acetyl groups under basic conditions provided the two 3-OH ocotillol-PPD sapogenins 19a and 19b in excellent yields (>88% over 3 steps). Due to the low reactivity of the 3-OH observed in the previous glycosylation reactions (Table 1), the "super armed" 2-O-benzoyl-3,4,6-tri-O-benzyl-D-glucopyranosyl ortho-cyclopropylethynylbenzoate (20) was used as donor.<sup>32</sup> The coupling of 19a and 19b with 20 proceeded smoothly and almost quantitatively under the promotion of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuNTf<sub>2</sub>. The corresponding 3-O-glucosides 21a and 21b were obtained in excellent yields (>87%) and complete  $\beta$ -selectivity due to the neighboring participation of the benzoyl protecting group. Then, removal of the benzoyl group under basic conditions

afforded the intermediates 22a and 22b (98%). On the one hand, 22a and 22b were fully deprotected by desilylation with CSA and hydrogenolysis of the 4 benzyl groups, thus yielding 24(R)-Rh2 epoxide (23a) and its 24(S)-isomer (23b) (99% over 2 steps).<sup>18</sup> On the other hand, 22a and 22b were coupled with donor 7 under the promotion of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuNTf<sub>2</sub> and provided **24a** and **24b** in high yield (>90%) and complete  $\beta$ selectivity ensured by the benzoyl protecting group at the 2position of the glucosyl donor. After full deprotection, including desilvlation, saponification of the 4 benzovl groups, and hydrogenolysis of the 4 benzyl groups, gynoside B (25b) and its 24(R)-epimer (25a) were isolated in 90% and 94% vields, respectively, over 3 steps. Gynoside B has also been named Rg3 oxide/epoxide or pseudoginsenoside GQ in the literatures.<sup>18,26,33</sup> It is worth mentioning that a stepwise glycosylation strategy was adopted in order to control the 1,2-trans configuration of the two glycosidic bonds, and that the NMR data of 23a/23b and 25a/25b were in agreement with those reported in the literature (Supporting Information).<sup>18,26</sup>

Finally, mono 6-O-glucosyl ocotillol-PPT ginsenosides were conveniently synthesized starting from the two separated diastereoisomers 2a and 2b (Scheme 7). TBS protection

Scheme 7. Synthesis of Natural 6-O-Glucosyl Ocotillol-PPT Ginsenosides (28a/28b)



(TBSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, DMF) of the 3,25-OHs followed by deacetylation (KOH/CH<sub>3</sub>OH, THF) provided the corresponding 6-OH sapogenins **26a** and **26b** in 98% yields over 2 steps. Then, glycosylations between **26a/26b** and donor 7 required a slight excess of donor (1.5 equiv) and a higher loading of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuNTf<sub>2</sub> (0.3 equiv/donor) to attain 75% yields of the

corresponding 6-O-glucosides 27a and 27b. Sequential removal of the TBS, benzoyl, and benzyl groups was achieved under conventional conditions and yielded the natural pseudoginsenosides RT5 (28a) and RT4 (28b) (95–97% over 3 steps). Their NMR data were in agreement with those reported in the literature (Supporting Information).<sup>4,26,34</sup>

# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, 14 ocotillol-type ginsenosides were chemically synthesized via direct glycosylation of partially protected ocotillol sapogenins and glycosyl ortho-alkynylbenzoate donors under the catalysis of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuNTf<sub>2</sub>. The unexpected regioselectivity of the glycosylation occurring at the tertiary 25-OH of sapogenins 2a/2b and 5a/5b allowed us to synthesize 8 ocotillol-type ginsenosides (PPD and PPT), named pseudoginsenoside OTn (n = 1-8) (15a/15b-18a/18b), bearing a glucosyl unit either at the 25-position or the 3,25-positions, and in which the C-24 was either R- or S-form. Following a rational protecting group approach, 6 natural 3-Oglycosyl ocotillol-PPD and 6-O-glycosyl ocotillol-PPT ginsenosides, namely 24(R)-gynoside B (25a)/gynoside B (25b), 24(R/S)-Rh2 epoxide (23a/23b), and pseudoginsenoside RT5/RT4 (28a/28b) were also prepared conveniently and effectively. We assume that this straightforward approach represents a valuable alternative in order to access natural and synthetic ocotillol-type ginsenosides in appreciable amounts with the aim of accelerating their structure-activity relationship study.

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Information. All reactions were carried out under nitrogen or argon atmosphere with anhydrous solvents in flamedried glassware, unless otherwise noted. All glycosylation reactions were performed in the presence of 5 Å molecular sieves, which were flame-dried immediately before use in the reaction under high vacuum. Glycosylation solvents were dried using a solvent purification system and used directly without further drying. The chemicals used were reagent grade as supplied, except where noted. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed using silica gel 60 F254 glass plates. Compound spots were visualized by UV light (254 nm) and by heating with a solution of 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in ethanol. Flash column chromatography was performed on silica gel. NMR spectra were referenced using Me<sub>4</sub>Si (0 ppm), residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> (<sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  = 7.26 ppm, <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  = 77.23 ppm), or C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N (<sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  = 7.22 ppm, <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  = 123.87 ppm). Peak and coupling constant assignments are based on <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY, and <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC experiments. Splitting patterns are indicated as s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), and brs (broad singlet) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR data. High-resolution mass spectra were recorded on ESI-TOF and MALDI-FT spectrometers. Optical rotations were measured on a polarimeter using either CHCl<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>OH as solvent.

Protopanaxadiol (PPD) and protopanaxatriol (PPT) were prepared readily from the crude extract of ginseng following the known procedure.<sup>21,35</sup> Glucosyl donors 7, 8, and 20 were synthesized according to literature procedures.<sup>22,36</sup>

General Procedure for Gold(I)-Catalyzed Glycosylation with ortho-Alkynylbenzoate Donors. To a flask were added the glucosyl donor, the sapogenin acceptor, PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub>, and freshly activated 5 Å molecular sieves (weight equal to the combined weight of the donor and acceptor). The flask was evacuated and refilled with Ar, and this process was repeated for 3 times. Then, dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was evaporated under vacuum (workup). The resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the coupled glycosides.

**General Debenzylation Procedure.** To a solution of the benzylated compound in  $CH_3OH$  and THF was added  $Pd(OH)_2/C$  (Pd 20 wt % on carbon) and the suspension was stirred under hydrogen pressure (1 atm). After complete consumption of the benzylated compound (TLC), the suspension was filtered through a pad of Celite and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo (workup). The resulting residue was finally purified by column chromatography to provide the desired alcohol.

**General Saponification Procedure.** To a solution of the esterified compound in  $CH_3OH$  and THF was added KOH, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. After complete consumption of the esterified compound (TLC), the solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure (workup). The resulting residue was then purified by column chromatography to provide the desired alcohol.

**General Desilylation Procedure.** To a solution of the silylated (TBS) compound in a solvent mixture of  $CH_3OH$  and  $CH_2Cl_2$  was added camphorsulfonic acid (CSA). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h, and TLC showed that the TBS-compound was completely consumed. NEt<sub>3</sub> was added to quench the reaction and the solvents were then evaporated under reduced pressure (workup). The resulting residue was finally purified by silica gel column chromatography to provide the desired alcohol.

3β-O-tert-Butyldimethylsilyl-6α-O-acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-20(S)protopanaxatriol (1). To a mixture of PPT (200 mg, 0.42 mmol) and 60% NaH (50 mg, 1.26 mmol) in dry DMF (25 mL) was added BnBr (56  $\mu$ L, 0.50 mmol) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (200 mL × 3). The organic layers were combined, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum to give a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ EtOAc, 2:1) to afford 12β-OBn-PPT-3β,6α,20-triol C1 as a white solid.

To a solution of C1 and imidazole (57 mg, 0.84 mmol) in dry DMF (1.5 mL) was added TBSCl (126 mg, 0.84 mmol) at room temperature. After being stirred for 24 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (300 mL) and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered, the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10:1) to afford 3 $\beta$ -OTBS,12 $\beta$ -OBn-PPT-6 $\alpha$ ,20-diol C2 as a white solid.

To a solution of C2 in dry pyridine (5 mL) was added dropwise Ac<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, whereupon the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10:1) to give 1 (258 mg, 85% over 3 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +27.8$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.42–7.19 (m, 5H), 5.33 (dt, *J* = 10.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (td, J = 10.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.53 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 12H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.2, 137.0, 130.9, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 125.4, 79.1, 78.8, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 72.6, 70.7, 69.8, 58.7, 54.0, 51.7, 49.4, 45.8, 42.4, 40.7, 39.4, 39.3, 38.7, 35.5, 30.9, 30.7, 27.3, 26.9, 26.5, 25.91, 25.85, 25.76, 22.1, 22.0, 18.1, 17.6, 17.2, 17.01, 16.98, 16.1, –3.6, –5.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{45}H_{74}O_{5}SiNa\ [M + Na]^{+}$ 745.5198, found 745.5187.

(205,24*R*)-*Epoxy*-6α-O-acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-dammarane-3β,25diol (2a) and (205,245)-*Epoxy*-6α-O-acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-dammarane-3β,25-diol (2b). To a solution of 1 (211 mg, 0.29 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added dropwise a solution of *m*-CPBA (100 mg, 0.58 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight (control TLC showed that 1 was completely consumed). Saturated aqueous NaHSO<sub>3</sub> was added to quench the reaction, and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (100 mL × 3). The organic layers were combined, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was removed under vacuum to give a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (toluene/EtOAc, 20:1) to afford (20S,24)-Epoxy-3 $\beta$ -OTBS-6 $\alpha$ -OAc-12 $\beta$ -OBn-dammarane-25-ol C3 (203 mg, 94%) in a 1:1 mixture of C-24 isomers, as white solids.

Ocotillol sapogenin C3 (234 mg, 0.32 mmol) was then subjected to the general desilylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (25 mL), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL), and CSA (147 mg, 0.63 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 2:1) afforded ocotillol sapogenins **2a** (93 mg, 47%) and **2b** (79 mg, 40%) as white solids.

**2a**:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{\rm D}$  = +11.9 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.53–7.03 (m, 5H), 5.33 (td, *J* = 10.8, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 8.9, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.27 (td, *J* = 10.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.2, 139.0, 128.1, 127.7, 127.2, 86.0, 83.7, 78.9, 78.0, 70.8, 70.3, 70.2, 58.7, 51.9, 49.9, 49.3, 47.7, 42.4, 40.6, 39.4, 38.8, 38.6, 32.0, 30.4, 28.4, 28.3, 27.4, 27.0, 26.4, 24.6, 22.0, 18.3, 17.2, 16.7, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>60</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 647.4282, found 647.4274.

**2b**:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{\rm D}$  = +15.3 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.39–7.15 (m, 5H), 5.35 (dt, *J* = 11.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (td, *J* = 10.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.2, 138.9, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 86.2, 84.4, 79.3, 78.1, 70.8, 70.7, 70.2, 58.7, 51.6, 50.3, 49.4, 47.9, 42.4, 40.6, 40.0, 39.5, 38.8, 38.6, 30.9, 30.4, 27.7, 27.5, 27.0, 26.9, 25.6, 23.9, 22.7, 22.0, 17.6, 17.0, 16.9, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>60</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 647.4282, found 647.4271.

(205,24R)-Epoxy-dammarane- $3\beta$ , $6\alpha$ , $12\beta$ ,25-tetraol (**3a**)..<sup>24,25</sup> Ocotillol sapogenin **2a** (18 mg, 0.029 mmol) was subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and KOH (8.0 mg, 0.014 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 5:3) provided (20S,24R)-epoxy-12 $\beta$ -OBn-dammarane- $3\beta$ , $6\alpha$ ,25-triol C4 as a white solid (17 mg, > 99%).

Ocotillol sapogenin C4 was subjected to the general debenzylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (0.5 mL), THF (0.5 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (17 mg, 0.024 mmol Pd) for 6 h. After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 1:1) provided compound **3a** (13 mg, 97% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +3.2 (c 1.0, CHCl_3)$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  4.41 (td, J = 9.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (td, J = 10.3, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dt, J = 11.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  86.8, 85.8, 78.5, 71.3, 70.5, 67.8, 62.1, 55.2, 52.3, 50.6, 49.5, 48.5, 47.6, 41.2, 40.5, 39.6, 39.4, 33.0, 32.5, 32.0, 31.8, 28.9, 28.2, 27.8, 27.3, 27.1, 25.6, 18.5, 17.9, 17.3, 16.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 515.3707, found 515.3701.

(205,245)-Epoxy-dammarane-3β,6α,12β,25-tetraol (**3b**)..<sup>24,25</sup> Following the procedure described above for **3a**, **2b** (39 mg, 0.062 mmol) led to **3b** (31 mg, 96% over 2 steps), isolated as a white solid:  $[α]^{25}_{D} = +0.5$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ ) δ 4.50–4.40 (m, 1H), 4.20 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (td, *J* = 10.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ ) δ 88.6, 87.2, 78.6, 71.0, 70.1, 67.9, 62.1, 52.4, 50.4, 49.7, 49.3, 47.7, 41.3, 40.5, 39.6, 39.5, 32.83, 32.77, 32.4, 32.1, 29.2, 28.8, 28.3, 27.2, 26.8, 25.9, 18.2, 18.0, 17.4, 16.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>s2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 515.3707, found 515.3707. (X-ray analysis provided in the Supporting Information).

 $3\beta$ -O-Acetyl-12 $\beta$ -O-benzyl-20(S)-protopanaxadiol (4). To a mixture of PPD (300 mg, 0.65 mmol) and 60% NaH (52 mg, 2.0 mmol) in dry DMF (45 mL) was added BnBr (109  $\mu$ L, 0.78 mmol) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room

temperature for 2 h. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added to quench the reaction, and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc (200 mL  $\times$  3). The organic layers were combined, washed with water and brine, and dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The solvent was evaporated under vacuum to give a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 4:1) to afford 12 $\beta$ -OBn-PPD-3 $\beta$ ,20-diol C5 as a white solid.

To a solution of C5 in dry pyridine (5 mL) was added dropwise Ac<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was then removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ EtOAc, 6:1) to give compound 4 (340 mg, 88% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +34.3$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36–7.17 (m, 5H), 5.19 (brs, 1H), 5.10 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.54-4.36 (m, 2H), 3.44 (td, J = 10.3, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 170.9, 137.1, 130.8, 128.4, 128.1, 127.8, 125.5, 80.7, 79.2, 72.5, 69.8, 55.9, 54.0, 51.9, 49.9, 46.2, 39.8, 38.6, 37.8, 37.2, 35.6, 34.6, 31.0, 28.0, 27.1, 26.6, 26.0, 25.8, 23.6, 22.2, 21.3, 18.1, 17.6, 17.0, 16.5, 16.2, 15.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{39}H_{60}O_4Na [M + Na]^+$  615.4384, found 615.4373

(205,24R)-Epoxy-12 $\beta$ -O-benzyl-dammarane-3 $\beta$ ,25-diol (5a) and (205,24S)-Epoxy-12 $\beta$ -O-benzyl-dammarane-3 $\beta$ ,25-diol (5b). Following the procedure described for 2a/2b, 4 (340 mg, 0.57 mmol) led to (205,24)-epoxy-3 $\beta$ -OAc-12 $\beta$ -OBn-dammarane-25-ol C6 (324 mg, 93%, 1:1 mixture of C-24 isomers), isolated as a white solid.

Sapogenin C6 (324 mg, 0.53 mmol) was subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (5.0 mL), THF (5.0 mL) and KOH (160 mg, 2.85 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 7:1 to 5:1) afforded ocotillol sapogenins **5a** (132 mg, 43%) and **5b** (142 mg, 46%) as white solids.

**5a**:  $[α]^{25}_{D} = -14.6$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.50–7.10 (m, 5H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (td, *J* = 10.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.18 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.1, 86.0, 83.8, 79.2, 78.8, 70.2, 70.1, 55.9, 52.1, 50.5, 49.4, 48.2, 39.7, 39.0, 38.9, 37.2, 34.7, 32.0, 28.5, 28.3, 28.0, 27.5, 27.3, 26.4, 24.6, 18.4, 18.3, 16.2, 15.5, 15.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 589.4227, found 589.4221.

**5b**:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -13.4$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.42–7.16 (m, 5H), 4.60 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (td, *J* = 10.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 11.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.0, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 86.3, 84.4, 79.7, 78.9, 70.7, 70.1, 55.9, 51.9, 50.3, 50.0, 48.3, 40.0, 39.7, 38.9, 37.2, 34.7, 31.0, 28.0, 27.9, 27.5, 27.3, 27.0, 25.7, 23.9, 22.7, 18.3, 17.7, 16.1, 15.7, 15.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 589.4227, found 589.4223.

(205,24*R*)-*Epoxy-dammarane*-3*β*,12*β*,25-*triol* (*6a*)..<sup>26,27</sup> Ocotillol sapogenin **5a** (14 mg, 0.025 mmol) was subjected to the general debenzylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (0.5 mL), THF (0.5 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (14 mg, 0.020 mmol Pd) for 6 h. After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/ EtOAc, 1:1) provided **6a** (12 mg, 99%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +5.9$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>)  $\delta$  4.19 (dd, *J* = 10.8, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (td, *J* = 10.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 10.9, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 6H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>)  $\delta$  88.6, 87.2, 78.2, 70.9, 70.1, 56.6, 52.4, 50.9, 49.70, 49.68, 40.2, 39.75, 39.70, 37.6, 35.4, 32.9, 32.8, 32.4, 29.2, 28.8, 28.5, 27.1, 26.8, 26.0, 19.0, 18.3, 16.9, 16.5, 15.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 499.3758, found 499.3764. (X-ray analysis provided in the Supporting Information).

(205,245)-Epoxy-dammarane-3 $\beta$ ,12 $\beta$ ,25-triol (**6b**)..<sup>26,27</sup> Following the procedure described above for **6a**, **5b** (16 mg, 0.028 mmol) led to **6b** (13 mg, 99%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +0.6$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_{\rm S}$ )  $\delta$  3.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (td, J =10.1, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_{\rm S}$ )  $\delta$  86.9, 85.8, 78.1, 71.3, 70.4, 56.6, 52.4, 51.0, 49.9, 48.6, 40.2, 39.7, 39.6, 37.6, 35.4, 33.0, 32.6, 31.8, 30.2, 29.0, 28.8, 28.4, 27.8, 27.4, 27.1, 25.6, 18.9, 18.5, 16.8, 16.4, 15.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 499.3758, found 499.3761.

 $3\beta$ -O-(2',3',4',6'-Tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-12 $\beta$ -O-benzyl-(205,24R)-epoxydammarane-25-ol (**9a**) and 12 $\beta$ -O-Benzyl-25-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(205,24R)-epoxydammarane-3 $\beta$ -ol (**10a**) and 12 $\beta$ -O-Benzyl-3,25-di-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(205,24R)-epoxydammarane (**11a**). The general glycosylation procedure was used with donor 7 (134 mg, 0.176 mmol), acceptor **5a** (100 mg, 0.176 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (26 mg, 0.035 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (toluene/EtOAc, 15:1 to 10:1) afforded saponins **9a** (24 mg, 12%), **10a** (95 mg, 47%) and **11a** (53 mg, 17%) as white solids.

**9a:**  $[\alpha]^{25}_{\rm D}$  = +9.3 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (t, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 4H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.54–7.22 (m, 17H), 5.91 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.62–5.54 (m, 1H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.70–4.59 (m, 2H), 4.59–4.42 (m, 2H), 4.18–4.11 (m, 1H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.25 (td, *J* = 10.2, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.76 (s, 3H), 0.66 (s, 3H), 0.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.0, 165.9, 165.3, 165.0, 139.2, 133.4, 133.2, 133.1, 133.0, 129.84, 129.78, 129.75, 129.71, 129.4, 128.85, 128.78, 128.4, 128.31, 128.28, 128.26, 128.1, 127.7, 127.2, 103.3, 90.6, 86.0, 83.8, 79.3, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.8, 73.0, 72.1, 72.0, 70.3, 70.2, 70.0, 63.4, 56.1, 52.0, 50.4, 49.4, 48.1, 39.6, 38.9, 38.8, 36.8, 34.7, 31.9, 28.34, 28.30, 27.5, 27.4, 26.4, 26.0, 24.6, 18.3, 18.0, 16.1, 15.9, 15.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>85</sub>O<sub>13</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 1145.5985, found 1145.5990.

**10a**:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  = +9.2 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.55-7.20 (m, 17H), 5.88 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.76 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (td, J = 10.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, J = 11.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H),0.99 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.1, 165.9, 165.3, 164.9, 139.0, 133.3, 133.1, 133.00, 132.96, 129.8, 129.74, 129.70, 129.67, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 96.2, 86.6, 82.1, 80.1, 79.6, 78.9, 77.2, 73.3, 72.2, 72.0, 70.2, 70.0, 63.6, 55.9, 51.5, 51.4, 50.0, 48.0, 39.7, 39.05, 38.96, 37.2, 34.7, 31.9, 31.0, 29.4, 28.0, 27.9, 27.8, 27.3, 25.9, 23.2, 23.1, 22.7, 21.2, 18.3, 17.6, 16.1, 15.7, 15.3, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{71}H_{84}O_{13}Na [M + Na]^+$  1167.5804, found 1167.5793.

11a:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  = +16.5 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.08-8.03 (m, 2H), 8.03-8.00 (m, 2H), 8.00-7.95 (m, 4H), 7.95-7.90 (m, 4H), 7.88-7.81 (m, 4H), 7.58-7.22 (m, 29H), 5.94 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.90 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.67–5.55 (m, 3H), 5.48 (dd, J = 9.7, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.66–4.52 (m, 4H), 4.47 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.2-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.15-4.07 (m, 1H), 3.77 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (td, J = 10.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.65 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.1, 166.0, 165.9, 165.32, 165.28, 165.0, 164.9, 138.9, 134.2, 134.1, 133.5, 133.4, 133.2, 133.14, 133.11, 133.04, 132.99, 132.00, 131.98, 129.85, 129.81, 129.75, 129.70, 129.65, 129.63, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 128.95, 128.90, 128.82, 128.76, 128.44, 128.38, 128.30, 128.26, 128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 103.3, 96.2, 90.6, 86.6, 82.1, 80.1, 79.7, 73.3, 72.9, 72.2, 72.1, 72.0, 70.3, 70.1, 69.9, 63.6, 63.4, 56.1, 51.5, 51.3, 49.9, 48.0, 39.7, 39.1, 38.9, 38.8, 36.8, 34.7, 31.0, 27.8, 27.7, 27.6, 26.0, 23.2, 23.1, 21.3,

18.0, 17.5, 15.9, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{105}H_{110}O_{22}Na\ [M + Na]^+$  1745.7381, found 1745.7361.

 $3\beta$ -O-(2',3',4',6'-Tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-12 $\beta$ -Obenzyl-(205,245)-epoxydammarane-25-ol (**9b**) and 12 $\beta$ -O-Benzyl-25-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(205,245)-epooxydammarane-3 $\beta$ -ol (**10b**) and 12 $\beta$ -O-Benzyl-3,25-di-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-(205,245)-epoxy dammarane (**11b**). The general glycosylation procedure was used with donor 7 (134 mg, 0.176 mmol), acceptor **5b** (100 mg, 0.176 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (26 mg, 0.035 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (toluene/EtOAc, 15:1 to 10:1) provided saponins **9b** (8 mg, 4%), **10b** (120 mg, 59%) and **11b** (38 mg, 12%) as white solids.

**9b**:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  = +10.8 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.97–7.90 (m, 4H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.22 (m, 17H), 5.92 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.62–5.54 (m, 2H), 4.85 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.66–4.57 (m, 2H), 4.54 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.11 (m, 1H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (td, *J* = 9.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.68 (s, 3H), 0.63 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  165.9, 165.8, 165.3, 165.0, 138.9, 133.4, 133.2, 133.1, 132.9, 129.83, 129.78, 129.75, 129.70, 129.4, 128.82, 128.76, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 127.5, 127.2, 103.3, 90.6, 86.3, 84.4, 79.7, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 72.9, 72.1, 71.9, 70.6, 70.3, 70.0, 63.4, 56.1, 51.8, 50.3, 50.0, 48.3, 40.0, 39.6, 38.9, 38.8, 36.8, 34.6, 31.9, 30.9, 29.3, 27.7, 27.5, 27.0, 26.0, 25.6, 23.9, 22.7, 18.0, 17.6, 15.9, 15.6, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>85</sub>O<sub>13</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 1145.5985, found 1145.5987.

**10b**:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}} = +3.6$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.00 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.60–7.18 (m, 17H), 5.92–5.80 (m, 1H), 5.57 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.54–5.35 (m, 2H), 4.65–4.55 (m, 2H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.14–4.10 (m, 1H), 3.60 (dd, *J* = 9.4, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (td, *J* = 10.2, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.1, 165.8, 165.3, 165.0, 139.0, 133.3, 133.1, 133.0, 132.9, 129.84, 129.81, 129.73, 129.69, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.2, 96.6, 86.8, 84.6, 80.2, 79.7, 78.9, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 73.3, 72.2, 71.9, 70.3, 70.1, 63.7, 55.9, 51.9, 51.0, 50.0, 48.3, 39.7, 39.5, 39.0, 37.2, 34.7, 31.1, 29.7, 29.0, 28.0, 27.8, 27.3, 26.2, 24.2, 22.3, 21.0, 18.3, 17.6, 16.1, 15.7, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>84</sub>O<sub>13</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1167.5804, found 1167.5793.

11b:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  = +14.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.03-7.98 (m, 4H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 7.84 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 4H), 7.58–7.24 (m, 29H), 5.94 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.63-5.53 (m, 3H), 5.54-5.36 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.65-4.52 (m, 4H), 4.48 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.18-4.14 (m, M)1H), 4.15-4.03 (m, 1H), 3.60-3.58(m, 1H), 3.31 (td, J = 10.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 6H), 0.97 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H), 0.66 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.1, 166.0, 165.9, 165.8, 165.34, 165.31, 165.02, 164.96, 138.9, 134.2, 134.1, 133.5, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 133.0, 132.9, 132.0, 129.84, 129.80, 129.76, 129.73, 129.68, 129.4, 129.3, 129.2, 129.0, 128.9, 128.84, 128.77, 128.43, 128.37, 128.30, 128.26, 128.23, 128.21, 127.6, 127.3, 103.3, 96.6, 90.6, 86.8, 84.6, 80.2, 79.8, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 73.3, 72.9, 72.2, 72.1, 72.0, 71.9, 70.3, 70.1, 63.7, 63.4, 56.1, 51.9, 50.9, 50.0, 48.2, 39.7, 39.5, 38.9, 38.8, 36.8, 34.7, 31.1, 29.7, 28.9, 27.7, 27.6, 26.2, 26.0, 24.1, 22.3, 21.0, 18.0, 17.6, 15.97, 15.96, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{105}H_{110}O_{22}Na \ [M + Na]^+ 1745.7381$ , found 1745.7364.

3β-O-(2',3',4',6'-Tetra-O-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-6α-O-acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane-25-ol (**12a**) and 6α-O-Acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-25-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane-3β-ol (**13a**) and 6α-O-Acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-3,25-di-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane (**14a**). The general glycosylation procedure was used with donor 7 (122 mg, 0.16 mmol), acceptor **2a** (100 mg, 0.16 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (23 mg, 0.032 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 5:2 to 2:1) provided saponins 12a (12 mg, 6%), 13a (112 mg, 58%) and 14a (46 mg, 16%) as white solids.

**12a:**  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +13.0$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.95–7.90 (m, 4H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55–7.22 (m, 17H), 5.91 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.63–5.53 (m, 2H), 5.20 (td, *J* = 10.6, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.68–4.60 (m, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 4.22– 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.66–3.60 (m, 1H), 3.25 (td, *J* = 10.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.05 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.78 (s, 3H), 0.67 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.9, 166.0, 165.9, 165.3, 165.0, 139.1, 133.5, 133.2, 133.1, 133.0, 129.9, 129.8, 129.5, 128.9, 128.8, 128.4, 128.35, 128.32, 128.2, 127.7, 127.3, 103.5, 89.9, 86.0, 83.8, 79.1, 72.9, 72.2, 72.0, 70.5, 70.3, 70.2, 63.4, 59.0, 51.8, 49.8, 49.6, 47.8, 42.4, 40.6, 39.0, 38.9, 38.5, 36.5, 31.9, 31.8, 29.9, 29.4, 28.25, 28.19, 27.2, 26.4, 25.6, 25.0, 24.6, 22.7, 21.8, 18.2, 17.0, 16.8, 16.1, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>73</sub>H<sub>86</sub>O<sub>15</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1225.5859, found 1225.5847.

**13a**:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +20.3$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.00 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.56-7.21 (m, 17H), 5.89 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.61 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (td, J =10.3, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.18–4.06 (m, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.32 (td, J = 10.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.2, 166.1, 165.9, 165.3, 164.9, 138.9, 133.4, 133.1, 133.03, 132.98, 129.8, 129.74, 129.73, 129.69, 129.66, 129.6, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.5, 127.2, 96.2, 86.5, 82.1, 80.0, 79.3, 78.3, 73.3, 72.2, 71.9, 70.8, 70.2, 70.0, 63.6, 58.7, 51.3, 49.3, 47.6, 42.5, 40.7, 39.5, 39.1, 38.8, 38.6, 30.9, 30.4, 29.7, 27.72, 27.68, 26.9, 25.8, 23.3, 23.1, 22.1, 21.1, 17.5, 17.0, 16.9, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{73}H_{86}O_{15}Na \ [M + Na]^+ 1225.5859$ , found 1225.5857.

14a:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  = +18.4 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.97-7.88 (m, 8H), 7.83 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H), 7.54–7.23 (m, 29H), 5.93 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.63–5.55 (m, 3H), 5.46 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.23–5.20 (m, 2H), 4.86 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.67–4.51 (m, 4H), 4.46 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.13 (m, J)1H), 4.13–4.02 (m, 1H), 3.73 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (td, J = 14.6, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.68 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 169.9, 166.1, 165.93, 165.87, 165.28, 165.27, 165.0, 164.9, 138.7, 133.5, 133.3, 133.2, 133.1, 133.02, 132.98, 132.96, 129.84, 129.81, 129.79, 129.76, 129.74, 129.68, 129.6, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.81, 128.76, 128.43, 128.37, 128.3, 128.24, 128.21, 127.4, 127.3, 103.5, 96.2, 89.8, 86.4, 82.0, 79.9, 79.3, 73.3, 72.8, 72.2, 72.1, 72.0, 71.9, 70.5, 70.3, 70.2, 69.9, 63.6, 63.3, 58.9, 51.35, 51.28, 49.3, 47.5, 42.4, 40.6, 39.1, 39.0, 38.8, 38.4, 31.9, 30.8, 29.9, 29.7, 29.3, 27.7, 27.5, 25.8, 25.6, 23.3, 23.1, 22.7, 21.8, 21.1, 17.5, 16.9, 16.8, 16.1, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{107}H_{112}O_{24}Na [M + Na]^+$  1803.7436, found 1803.7410.

 $6\alpha$ -O-Acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-25-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl-β-Dglucopyranosyl)-(205,245)-epoxydammarane-3β-ol (**13b**) and  $6\alpha$ -O-Acetyl-12β-O-benzyl-3,25-di-O-(2',3',4',6'-tetra-O-benzoyl-β-Dglucopyranosyl)-(205,245)-epoxydammarane (**14b**). The general glycosylation procedure was used with donor 7 (122 mg, 0.16 mmol), acceptor **2b** (100 mg, 0.16 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (23 mg, 0.032 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 5:2 to 2:1) afforded saponins **13b** (130 mg, 67%) and **14b** (40 mg, 14%) as white solids.

**13b:**  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +24.7$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 7.99 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.58–7.14 (m, 17H), 5.85 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (t, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.49–5.40 (m, 2H), 5.41–5.29 (m, 1H), 4.64–4.53 (m, 2H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.13–4.10 (m, 1H), 3.58 (dd, *J* = 9.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (td, *J* = 10.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dd, *J* = 11.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 6H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s) 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.2, 166.1, 165.8, 165.4, 165.0, 138.8, 133.4, 133.1, 133.03, 132.96, 129.84, 129.81, 129.72, 129.69, 129.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.3, 128.24, 128.18, 127.6, 127.2, 96.6, 86.6, 84.5, 80.1, 79.4, 78.2, 73.3, 72.2, 72.0, 70.8, 70.3, 70.2, 63.7, 58.7, 51.7, 51.0, 49.4, 47.8, 42.5, 40.7, 39.55, 39.52, 38.9, 38.6, 31.0, 30.4, 29.7, 28.9, 27.7, 26.9, 26.1, 24.1, 22.2, 22.0, 21.0, 17.5, 17.0, 16.9, 15.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>73</sub>H<sub>86</sub>O<sub>15</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1225.5859, found 1225.5854.

14b:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  = +15.9 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.05 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.97-7.89 (m, 6H), 7.85 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.58–7.24 (m, 29H), 5.94 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.67–5.54 (m, 3H), 5.51–5.41 (m, 2H), 5.25 (td, J = 10.4, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.67-4.52 (m, 1)4H), 4.48 (dd, J = 11.8, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.21-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.15–4.10 (m, 1H), 3.59 (dd, J = 9.0, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.35-3.28 (m, 1H), 3.09 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (s, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 169.9, 166.1, 165.95, 165.88, 165.8, 165.35, 165.29, 165.0, 164.9, 138.7, 133.5, 133.4, 133.3, 133.09, 133.06, 133.03, 132.98, 132.9, 129.84, 129.80, 129.76, 129.73, 129.68, 129.4, 129.0, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.45, 128.39, 128.32, 128.28, 128.25, 128.23, 127.5, 127.3, 103.5, 96.5, 89.9, 86.6, 84.4, 80.2, 79.4, 73.3, 72.8, 72.2, 72.1, 72.0, 71.9, 70.4, 70.3, 70.2, 70.1, 63.7, 63.3, 58.9, 51.6, 51.0, 49.4, 47.7, 42.4, 40.6, 39.5, 39.0, 38.8, 38.4, 30.9, 29.9, 29.7, 28.9, 27.5, 26.1, 25.6, 24.0, 22.2, 21.8, 21.1, 17.5, 16.9, 16.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{107}H_{112}O_{24}Na \ [M + Na]^+$  1803.7436, found 1803.7420.

 $25-\overline{O}-\beta-D$ -Glucopyranosyl-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane-3 $\beta$ ,12 $\beta$ diol (15a). The general debenzylation procedure was used with 10a (38 mg, 0.033 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (38 mg, 0.054 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding 12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and KOH (18 mg, 0.33 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 5:1) provided 15a (20 mg, 97% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +11.4$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 10.3, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25–4.17 (m, 2H), 4.11 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.89– 3.85 (m, 3H), 3.66-3.61 (m, 1H), 3.40-3.34 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.82 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  99.1, 86.6, 85.3, 78.5, 78.22, 78.16, 76.9, 75.7, 72.1, 70.9, 63.3, 56.6, 52.5, 50.5, 49.1, 48.7, 40.1, 39.7, 39.3, 37.4, 35.3, 32.2, 32.1, 30.5, 30.1, 28.9, 28.8, 28.5, 26.0, 24.8, 24.6, 24.1, 18.9, 17.9, 16.6, 16.4, 15.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{36}H_{62}O_9Na [M + Na]^+$  661.4286, found 661.4284.

25-O-β-D-Glucopyranosyl-(20S,24S)-epoxydammarane-3 $\beta$ ,12βdiol (15b). The general debenzylation procedure was used with 10b (72 mg, 0.063 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2.0 mL), THF (2.0 mL) and  $Pd(OH)_2/C$  (72 mg 0.10 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding 12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (5.0 mL), THF (5.0 mL) and KOH (35 mg, 0.63 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 6:1) furnished 15b (39 mg, 97% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -11.7$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.98 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.16 (m, 3H), 4.12 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 8.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.83 (m, 1H), 3.65 (td, J = 10.2, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.45–3.29 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>) δ 99.4, 88.1, 87.0, 78.8, 78.6, 78.25, 78.20, 75.8, 71.9, 71.0, 63.0, 56.6, 52.3, 50.8, 49.5, 49.4, 40.1, 39.73, 39.66, 37.6, 35.3, 32.8, 32.7, 32.2, 29.0, 28.8, 28.6, 28.4, 26.6, 24.8, 20.4, 19.0, 18.2, 16.8, 16.4, 15.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{36}H_{62}O_9Na$  [M + Na] 661.4286, found 661.4284.

3,25-Di-O- $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-(205,24R)-epoxydammarane-12 $\beta$ ol (**16a**). The general debenzylation procedure was used with **11a** (36 mg, 0.021 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (36 mg, 0.051 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding

12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and KOH (12 mg, 0.21 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/ H<sub>2</sub>O, 5:1) afforded 16a (16 mg, 96% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  = +19.3 (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine-d<sub>5</sub> + 1 drop of  $D_2O$ )  $\delta$  4.89 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, J = 11.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 11.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29–4.20 (m, 3H), 4.17 (t, J = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04–3.95 (m, 2H), 3.92–3.87 (m, 3H), 3.65 (td, J = 10.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  107.1, 99.2, 89.1, 86.5, 85.3, 78.9, 78.6, 78.5, 78.2, 76.9, 76.0, 75.7, 72.1, 72.0, 70.8, 63.3, 56.6, 52.5, 50.5, 49.2, 48.7, 40.1, 39.8, 39.0, 37.0, 35.3, 32.2, 32.1, 30.5, 30.2, 28.9, 28.3, 26.9, 26.1, 24.8, 24.6, 24.1, 18.6, 17.9, 16.9, 16.6, 15.8; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{42}H_{72}O_{14}Na [M + Na]^+$  823.4814, found 823.4811.

3,25-Di-O- $\beta$ -D-qlucopyranosyl-(20S,24S)-epoxydammarane-12 $\beta$ ol (16b). The general debenzylation procedure was used with 11b (58 mg, 0.034 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (58 mg, 0.083 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding 12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (3.0 mL), THF (3.0 mL) and KOH (20 mg, 0.34 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/ H<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1) provided 16b (26 mg, 96% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = -4.9$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5 + 1$ drop of  $D_2O$ )  $\delta$  4.99 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29–4.19 (m, 4H), 4.14 (q, J = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 4.05–3.95 (m, 3H), 3.91–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.70–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H), 0.75 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>) δ 107.1, 99.4, 88.9, 88.1, 87.0, 78.9, 78.8, 78.6, 78.3, 76.0, 75.9, 72.1, 71.9, 71.0, 63.3, 63.0, 56.6, 52.3, 50.7, 49.8, 49.5, 49.4, 40.1, 39.8, 39.5, 37.1, 35.3, 32.8, 32.7, 32.2, 29.0, 28.5, 28.3, 26.9, 26.6, 24.9, 20.3, 18.6, 18.2, 16.9, 16.7, 15.7; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>73</sub>O<sub>14</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 801.4995, found 801.4991.

25-O-β-D-Glucopyranosyl-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane- $3\beta$ ,  $6\alpha$ ,  $12\beta$ -triol (**17a**). The general debenzylation procedure was used with 13a (25 mg, 0.021 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and  $Pd(OH)_2/C$  (25 mg, 0.036 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding 12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and KOH (12 mg, 0.21 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 2:1) afforded 17a (13 mg, 96% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +31.7$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.83 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.37–4.28 (m, 1H), 4.26–4.15 (m, 2H), 4.09 (t, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93-3.81 (m, 3H), 3.68-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.43 (dd, J = 10.6, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>) δ 99.1, 86.5, 85.2, 78.5, 78.4, 78.1, 76.9, 75.7, 72.0, 70.8, 67.8, 63.2, 61.9, 52.3, 50.0, 48.7, 48.6, 47.5, 41.1, 40.4, 39.3, 39.2, 32.1, 32.0, 31.9, 30.4, 28.8, 28.2, 25.9, 24.7, 24.5, 24.0, 17.8, 17.7, 17.3, 16.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{36}H_{62}O_{10}Na [M + Na]^+$  677.4235, found 677.42.37

25-O-β-D-Glucopyranosyl-(205,245)-epoxydammarane-3β,6α,12β-triol (17b). The general debenzylation procedure was used with 13b (20 mg, 0.017 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (20 mg, 0.028 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding 12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2.0 mL), THF (2.0 mL) and KOH (9 mg, 0.17 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 2:1) furnished 17b (10 mg, 92% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -1.8$  (*c* 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub> + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 5.01 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.41–4.35(m, 1H), 4.33–4.20 (m, 3H), 4.16 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.92–3.84 (m, 1H), 3.67 (td, J = 10.5, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.51 (dd, J = 10.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  99.3, 88.0, 86.9, 78.8, 78.6, 78.5, 78.2, 75.8, 71.8, 71.0, 67.8, 63.0, 62.0, 52.2, 50.3, 49.4, 49.0, 47.6, 41.2, 40.5, 39.6, 39.4, 32.7, 32.6, 32.2, 32.0, 30.1, 28.9, 28.5, 28.2, 26.5, 24.7, 20.4, 18.1, 17.9, 17.3, 16.6; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 677.4235, found 677.4223.

3,25-Di-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane- $6\alpha$ , 12 $\beta$ -diol (18a). The general debenzylation procedure was used with 14a (15 mg, 0.0086 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (15 mg, 0.021 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding 12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and KOH (5 mg, 0.086 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 2:1) provided 18a (6 mg, 87% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +22.4$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine $d_5 + 1$  drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.89 (d, I = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (d, I = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32–4.12 (m, 5H), 4.09 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (brs, 1H), 3.92–3.82 (m, 3H), 3.69–3.59 (m, 1H), 3.35 (dd, J = 11.5, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.84 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  107.3, 99.1, 89.7, 86.4, 85.2, 78.9, 78.5, 78.4, 78.1, 76.8, 76.0, 75.6, 72.0, 71.9, 70.8, 67.6, 63.3, 63.2, 62.0, 52.3, 50.0, 48.8, 48.6, 47.5, 41.0, 40.6, 38.9, 38.8, 32.1, 31.9, 31.5, 30.4, 30.1, 28.8, 26.7, 26.0, 24.8, 24.5, 24.1, 17.9, 17.6, 17.3, 17.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C42H72O15Na [M + Na]+ 839.4763, found 839.4760.

3,25-Di-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(20S,24S)-epoxydammarane- $6\alpha$ , 12 $\beta$ -diol (18b). The general debenzylation procedure was used with 14b (22 mg, 0.012 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (22 mg, 0.031 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, the corresponding 12-OH compound was obtained as a crude residue. This latter was then subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2.0 mL), THF (2.0 mL) and KOH (7 mg, 0.12 mmol). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 2:1) provided 18b (9 mg, 90% over 2 steps) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +0.7$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.98 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.38-4.28 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.18 (m, 4H), 4.17-4.09 (m, 2H), 4.05 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99–3.95 (m, 2H), 3.88–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.65 (td, J = 9.9, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.40 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.19 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  107.4, 99.3, 89.5, 88.0, 86.9, 78.9, 78.8, 78.5, 78.2, 76.0, 75.8, 72.0, 71.8, 71.0, 67.7, 63.2, 62.9, 62.0, 52.2, 50.2, 49.4, 49.0, 47.5, 41.1, 40.7, 39.3, 38.9, 32.7, 32.5, 32.2, 31.4, 30.1, 28.9, 28.5, 26.7, 26.6, 24.8, 20.2, 18.1, 17.8, 17.2, 17.0; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{42}H_{72}O_{15}Na [M + Na]^+ 839.4763$ , found 839.4758.

(205,24R)-Epoxy-12 $\beta$ -O-benzyl-25-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-dammarane-3 $\beta$ -ol (**19a**). To a solution of **5a** (156 mg, 0.28 mmol) in dry pyridine (2.0 mL) was added dropwise Ac<sub>2</sub>O (2.0 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight, whereupon the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 7:1) to give the corresponding 3 $\beta$ -OAc ocotillol sapogenin C7 (163 mg, 98%) as a white solid.

To a solution of C7 (111 mg, 0.18 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine (42  $\mu$ L, 0.36 mmol) in dry DMF (1.0 mL) was added TBSOTf (78  $\mu$ L, 0.36 mmol) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h (control TLC showed that C7 was completely consumed). The mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The crude residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10:1) to afford the corresponding 3 $\beta$ -OAc-

12 $\beta$ -OBn-25-OTBS-ocotillol sapogenin C8 as a white solid (124 mg, 94%).

Sapogenin **C8** (124 mg, 0.17 mmol) was subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2.0 mL), THF (2.0 mL) and KOH (48 mg, 0.85 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10:1) provided **19a** (116 mg, 99%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -10.2$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36–7.23 (m, 5H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (td, *J* = 10.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 6H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 12H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.2, 128.1, 127.6, 127.1, 86.6, 84.1, 79.8, 78.9, 74.9, 70.1, 55.9, 51.6, 51.5, 50.0, 48.0, 39.7, 39.5, 38.9, 37.2, 34.7, 31.1, 28.0, 27.9, 27.7, 27.3, 27.0, 26.0, 25.9, 25.2, 21.0, 18.3, 18.2, 17.6, 16.1, 15.7, 15.3, -2.1, -2.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 703.5092, found 703.5093.

 $3\beta$ -O-(2'-O-Benzoyl-3',4',6'-tri-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-12β-O-benzyl-25-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane (21a). The general glycosylation procedure was used with donor 20 (109 mg, 0.176 mmol), acceptor 19a (60 mg, 0.088 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (13 mg, 0.018 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 20:1 to 10:1) afforded **21a** (105 mg, 98%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +32.6$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.00 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (m, 15H), 7.12 (brs, 5H), 5.32 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.70-4.50 (m, 6H), 4.35 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.70-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.61-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.05 (dd, J = 11.4, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.81 (s, 3H), 0.67 (s, 3H), 0.60 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $CDCl_{2}$ )  $\delta$  165.1, 139.2, 138.4, 137.9, 137.9, 132.9, 130.1, 129.8, 128.45, 128.35, 128.28, 128.26, 128.14, 128.07, 128.06, 127.9, 127.63, 127.61, 127.5, 127.1, 103.4, 89.8, 86.6, 84.1, 82.9, 79.8, 78.4, 75.1, 75.05, 74.96, 74.2, 73.5, 70.0, 69.3, 56.2, 51.6, 51.5, 50.0, 48.0, 39.7, 39.5, 39.0, 36.9, 34.7, 31.1, 29.7, 27.9, 27.7, 27.6, 27.1, 26.1, 26.0, 25.9, 25.2, 21.0, 18.2, 18.1, 17.5, 16.03, 15.98, 15.7, -2.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>77</sub>H<sub>104</sub>O<sub>10</sub>SiNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1239.7291, found 1239.7292.

3β-O-(3',4',6'-Tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-12β-O-benzyl-25-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane (22a). The general saponification procedure was used with 21a (105 mg, 0.086 mmol), CH<sub>3</sub>OH (3.0 mL), THF (3.0 mL) and KOH (29 mg, 0.86 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10:1) provided 22a (94 mg, 98%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +1.9$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(500 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.42 - 7.14 \text{ (m, 20H)}, 4.95 \text{ (d, } J = 11.2 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}),$ 4.83 (dd, J = 10.6, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.62–4.52 (m, 4H), 4.43–4.26 (m, 2H), 3.74 (d, J = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.57 (m, 3H), 3.57-3.48 (m, 3H), 3.34 (td, J = 10.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 12H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.2, 138.7, 138.4, 138.1, 128.43, 128.41, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.7, 127.6, 127.5, 127.1, 105.0, 89.5, 86.6, 84.8, 84.1, 79.8, 77.8, 75.5, 75.2, 75.1, 75.02, 74.97, 73.4, 70.1, 69.4, 56.2, 51.6, 51.5, 50.0, 48.0, 39.7, 39.5, 39.2, 39.0, 37.0, 34.8, 31.1, 29.7, 28.2, 27.9, 27.7, 27.1, 26.1, 26.0, 25.9, 25.2, 21.0, 18.2, 17.6, 16.5, 16.1, 15.7, -2.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>70</sub>H<sub>100</sub>O<sub>9</sub>SiNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1135.7029, found 1135.7016.

 $3\beta$ -O- $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-(205,24R)-epoxydammarane-12 $\beta$ ,25diol (**23a**, 24(R)-Rh2 Epoxide).<sup>18</sup> Compound **22a** (20 mg, 0.018 mmol) was subjected to the general desilylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) and CSA (8 mg, 0.036 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 5:1) provided the corresponding 25-OH glucoside C9 as a white solid (18 mg, > 99%).

Glucoside C9 (18 mg, 0.018 mmol) was subjected to the general debenzylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (18 mg, 0.026 mmol Pd). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 8:1) afforded

**23a** (11 mg, 99%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}{}_{D}$  = +11.1 (*c* 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.91 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (t, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.06–3.92 (m, 3H), 3.69 (td, *J* = 10.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 0.73 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  106.8, 88.8, 86.7, 85.5, 78.4, 78.2, 75.6, 71.6, 71.0, 70.4, 62.8, 56.4, 52.1, 50.7, 49.5, 48.3, 40.0, 39.6, 39.2, 36.9, 35.1, 32.8, 32.3, 31.6, 28.7, 28.1, 27.2, 27.0, 26.9, 26.6, 25.4, 18.4, 18.3, 16.7, 16.5, 15.5; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 661.4286, found 661.4289.

 $3\beta$ -O-[2", 3", 4", 6"-Tetra-O-benzoyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-3',4',6'-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl]-12β-O-benzyl-25-O-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-(20S,24R)-epoxydammarane (24a). The general glycosylation procedure was used with donor 7 (65 mg, 0.086 mmol), acceptor 22a (48 mg, 0.043 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (6 mg, 0.008 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10:1) furnished 24a (67 mg, 92%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +4.8$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.87 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.80 (d, I = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57–7.16 (m, 30H), 7.12– 7.04 (m, 2H), 5.84 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.69 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (t, *J* = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.72–4.24 (m, 11H), 4.08– 3.98 (m, 1H), 3.88 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.73-3.65 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.57-3.45 (m, 3H), 3.44-3.25 (m, 2H), 3.09 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 12H), 0.76 (s, 6H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.2, 165.8, 165.1, 165.0, 139.2, 138.3, 138.2, 137.8, 134.2, 134.1, 133.3, 133.15, 133.09, 132.9, 130.9, 129.9, 129.80, 129.78, 129.7, 129.3, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.6, 128.4, 128.33, 128.31, 128.2, 128.1, 127.83, 127.78, 127.60, 127.59, 127.56, 127.5, 127.1, 103.7, 100.6, 90.3, 86.7, 85.6, 84.1, 79.8, 78.7, 78.1, 75.4, 75.0, 74.8, 74.6, 73.4, 73.2, 72.4, 72.0, 70.0, 69.9, 69.2, 65.6, 63.2, 56.3, 51.6, 51.5, 50.0, 48.0, 39.7, 39.5, 39.4, 39.1, 36.9, 34.8, 31.1, 30.6, 29.7, 27.85, 27.75, 27.69, 27.1, 26.1, 26.0, 25.9, 25.2, 21.0, 19.2, 18.2, 18.0, 17.6, 16.1, 16.0, 15.7, 13.7, -2.1, -2.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C104H126O18SiNa [M + Na]+ 1713.8606, found 1713.8609.

 $3\beta$ -O-[ $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl]-(205,24R)epoxydammarane-12 $\beta$ ,25-diol (**25a**, 24(R)-Gynoside B)..<sup>18,26</sup> Compound **24a** (52 mg, 0.031 mmol) was subjected to the general desilylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) and CSA (14 mg, 0.062 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 2:1) provided the corresponding 25-OH glucoside **C10** as a white solid (44 mg, 94%).

Glucoside C10 (44 mg, 0.029 mmol) was subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2.0 mL), THF (2.0 mL) and KOH (16 mg, 0.29 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 15:1) provided debenzoylated glucoside C11 as a white solid (33 mg, > 99%).

Glucoside C11 (33 mg, 0.028 mmol) was subjected the general debenzylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2.0 mL), THF (2.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (33 mg, 0.047 mmol Pd), overnight. After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 4:1) provided 25a (23 mg, > 99%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +6.8$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  5.35 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.56-4.44 (m, 2H),4.40-4.14 (m, 6H), 4.12-4.02 (m, 2H), 3.95 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H),3.93–3.82 (m, 2H), 3.67 (td, J = 10.4, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.45 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine-d<sub>5</sub>) δ 106.2, 105.2, 88.9, 86.8, 85.7, 83.6, 78.4, 78.3, 78.2, 78.0, 77.3, 71.75, 71.70, 71.2, 70.4, 62.9, 62.8, 56.5, 52.3, 50.8, 49.8, 48.5, 40.1, 39.8, 39.3, 37.0, 35.2, 32.9, 32.5, 31.7, 28.9, 28.1, 27.8, 27.3, 27.0, 26.8, 25.6, 18.5, 18.4, 16.6, 15.6; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for  $C_{42}H_{72}O_{14}Na [M + Na]^+$  823.4814, found 823.4825.

(205,245)-Epoxy-12 $\beta$ -O-benzyl-25-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-dammarane-3 $\beta$ -ol (19b). Following the procedure described above for 19a, 5b (171 mg, 0.30 mmol) led to the corresponding 3 $\beta$ -OAc ocotillol sapogenin C12 (165 mg, 90%). TBSOTf-silylation of C12 (143 mg, 0.23 mmol) led to the corresponding 3 $\beta$ -OAc-12 $\beta$ -OBn-25OTBS-ocotillol sapogenin **C13** (169 mg, 99%). Finally, saponification of sapogenin **C13** (169 mg, 0.23 mmol) led to **19b** (157 mg, 99%), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = -18.2$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.40–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.59 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (td, *J* = 10.1, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 3.20 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 6H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.78 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.1, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 86.0, 85.0, 79.7, 78.9, 74.7, 70.1, 55.9, 51.9, 50.0, 49.6, 48.2, 39.7, 39.3, 38.9, 37.2, 34.7, 31.0, 28.0, 27.9, 27.7, 27.35, 27.33, 25.9, 25.6, 24.7, 22.5, 18.3, 18.1, 17.7, 16.1, 15.6, 15.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>72</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 703.5092, found 703.5089.

3B-O-(2'-O-BenzovI-3',4',6'-tri-O-benzvI-B-D-alucopyranosvI)-12β-O-benzyl-25-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-(20S,24S)-epoxydammarane (21b). Following the procedure described above for 21a, 19b (95 mg, 0.14 mmol) led to 21b (147 mg, 87%), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +20.5$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 8.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.57 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.44 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41–7.21 (m, 15H), 7.15 (brs, 5H), 5.34 (t, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.74–4.53 (m, 6H), 4.39 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.90-3.78 (m, 2H), 3.77-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.60-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.41-3.24 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 11.5, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 12H), 0.84 (s, 3H), 0.69 (s, 3H), 0.62 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(126 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 165.1, 139.1, 138.4, 137.9, 137.8, 132.9, 130.1,$ 129.7, 128.4, 128.34, 128.27, 128.24, 128.14, 128.06, 128.04, 127.9, 127.62, 127.60, 127.54, 127.52, 127.1, 103.4, 89.8, 86.0, 84.9, 82.9, 79.7, 78.4, 75.1, 75.0, 74.7, 74.1, 73.5, 70.0, 69.3, 56.2, 51.9, 50.0, 49.6, 48.2, 39.7, 39.3, 39.0, 36.9, 34.7, 31.0, 29.7, 27.8, 27.6, 27.4, 26.1, 25.9, 25.7, 25.6, 24.7, 22.5, 18.15, 18.06, 17.6, 16.02, 15.96, 15.6, -2.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{77}H_{108}NO_{10}Si \ [M+NH_4]^+ \ 1234.7737$ , found 1234.7733.

 $3\beta$ -O-(3',4',6'-Tri-O-benzyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl)-12 $\beta$ -O-benzyl-25-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-(20S,24S)-epoxydammarane (22b). Following the procedure described above for 22a, 21b (147 mg, 0.12 mmol) led to 22b (132 mg, 98%), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$  $= -4.9 (c 1.0, CHCl_3);$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45-7.09 (m, 20H), 4.95 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 2H), 4.64-4.50 (m, 4H), 4.37 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (brs, 1H), 3.74 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.69-3.45 (m, 6H), 3.35-3.30 (m, 1H), 3.20-311 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 6H), 0.83 (s, 12H), 0.06 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz,  $CDCl_3$ )  $\delta$  139.1, 138.7, 138.4, 138.1, 128.42, 128.40, 128.3, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9, 127.8, 127.65, 127.58, 127.52, 127.49, 127.1, 104.9, 89.5, 86.0, 85.0, 84.7, 79.8, 77.8, 75.5, 75.2, 75.1, 75.0, 74.7, 73.4, 70.0, 69.4, 56.2, 52.0, 50.0, 49.6, 48.2, 39.7, 39.3, 39.2, 39.0, 36.9, 34.7, 31.0, 29.7, 28.2, 27.84, 27.77, 27.4, 26.1, 25.9, 25.6, 24.7, 22.6, 18.1, 17.7, 16.5, 16.1, 15.7, -2.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{70}H_{100}O_9SiNa [M + Na]^{-1}$ 1135.7029, found 1135.7033.

3β-O-β-D-Glucopyranosyl-(205,245)-epoxydammarane-12β,25diol (23b, 24(5)-Rh2 Epoxide).<sup>26</sup> Following the procedure described above for 23a, 22b (28 mg, 0.025 mmol) led to 23b (16 mg, 99% over 2 steps), isolated as a white solid:  $[α]^{25}_{D} = +8.3$  (*c* 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 4.86 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 4.31–4.20 (m, 2H), 4.17–4.04 (m, 2H), 3.99–3.93 (m, 2H), 3.66 (td, *J* = 9.8, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.1 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.21 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ ) δ 106.8, 88.6, 88.2, 86.9, 78.6, 78.2, 75.6, 71.7, 70.6, 69.8, 62.9, 56.3, 52.1, 50.4, 49.30, 49.27, 39.8, 39.5, 39.1, 36.8, 35.0, 32.5, 32.4, 32.0, 28.8, 28.5, 27.9, 26.8, 26.6, 26.4, 25.6, 18.3, 17.9, 16.6, 16.4, 15.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 661.4286, found 661.4271.

3β-O-[2",3",4",6"-Tetra-O-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→2)-3',4',6'-tri-O-benzyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl]-12β-O-benzyl-25-O-tertbutyldimethylsilyl-(205,245)-epoxydammarane (**24b**). Following the procedure described above for **24a**, **22b** (66 mg, 0.059 mmol) led to **24b** (90 mg, 90%), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  = +6.9 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H),

7.90-7.75 (m, 6H), 7.57-7.13 (m, 30H), 7.09 (brs, 2H), 5.85 (t, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (t, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75-4.26 (m, 11H), 4.05 (brs, 1H), 3.88 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.64–3.44 (m, 4H), 3.44–3.27 (m, 2H), 3.09 (d, I = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 6H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.09 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.76 (s, 6H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.2, 165.8, 165.1, 165.0, 139.2, 138.4, 138.2, 137.8, 133.3, 133.15, 133.09, 132.9, 129.9, 129.8, 129.7, 129.2, 128.9, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 128.33, 128.31, 128.2, 128.1, 127.83, 127.78, 127.61, 127.56, 127.53, 127.48, 127.1, 103.7, 100.6, 90.3, 86.0, 85.6, 84.9, 79.8, 78.7, 78.1, 75.4, 74.8, 74.7, 74.6, 73.4, 73.2, 72.4, 72.0, 70.0, 69.9, 69.2, 63.2, 60.4, 56.3, 52.0, 50.0, 49.6, 48.3, 39.7, 39.4, 39.3, 39.1, 36.9, 34.8, 31.0, 29.4, 27.8, 27.7, 27.4, 26.1, 25.9, 25.6, 24.7, 22.6, 18.2, 18.0, 17.7, 16.1, 16.0, 15.7, 14.2, 0.0, -2.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{104}H_{126}O_{18}SiNa [M + Na]^+$  1713.8606, found 1713.8604

 $3\beta$ -O-[ $\beta$ -D-Glucopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl]-(20S,24S)epoxydammarane- $12\beta$ ,25-diol (**25b**, Gynoside B)...<sup>1</sup> Following the procedure described above for 25a, 24b (55 mg, 0.032 mmol) led to 25b (23 mg, 90% over 3 steps), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$  = -5.0 (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of  $D_2O$ )  $\delta$  5.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J =10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 4.45–4.36 (m, 1H), 4.36– 4.21 (m, 5H), 4.20-4.15 (m, 1H), 4.11 (brs, 1H), 3.93 (brs, 1H), 3.74 (brs, 1H), 3.28 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ )  $\delta$  106.2, 105.2, 89.0, 88.5, 87.2, 83.6, 78.5, 78.4, 78.2, 78.1, 77.3, 71.8, 71.7, 70.9, 70.1, 63.0, 62.8, 56.6, 52.4, 50.7, 49.63, 49.61, 40.1, 39.8, 39.4, 37.1, 35.3, 32.8, 32.7, 32.3, 29.1, 28.8, 28.2, 27.1, 26.9, 26.7, 25.9, 18.6, 18.2, 16.7, 15.7; HRMS (MALDI) calcd for  $C_{42}H_{72}O_{14}Na [M + Na]^+$  823.4814, found 823.4820.

(205,24*R*)-Epoxy-3β,25-di-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-12β-O-benzyl-dammarane-6α-ol (**26a**). To a solution of **2a** (71 mg, 0.11 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine (59  $\mu$ L, 0.44 mmol) in dry DMF (0.3 mL) was added TBSOTf (0.1 mL, 0.44 mmol) at 0 °C. The ice bath was removed and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h (control TLC showed that **2a** was completely consumed). The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 20:1) to afford the corresponding 3,25-di-OTBS sapogenin C14 as a white solid (95 mg, 98%).

Sapogenin C14 (57 mg, 0.067 mmol) was subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and KOH (18 mg, 0.33 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 20:1) provided **26a** (53 mg, 98%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +6.3$  (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.45–7.04 (m, 5H), 4.56 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.12–4.05 (m, 1H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (td, *J* = 10.1, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 11.1, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 15H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  139.1, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 86.5, 84.1, 79.6, 79.2, 77.3, 77.0, 76.7, 74.9, 70.1, 68.7, 61.3, 51.5, 51.4, 49.5, 47.6, 47.0, 40.8, 39.9, 39.5, 39.1, 38.8, 31.1, 31.0, 29.7, 27.8, 27.7, 27.4, 27.0, 25.95, 25.90, 25.2, 20.9, 18.1, 17.5, 17.2, 17.1, 16.0, -2.09, -2.10, -3.6, -4.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>86</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 833.5906, found 833.5890.

 $6\alpha$ -O-(2',3',4',6'-Tetra-O-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3β,25-di-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-12β-O-benzyl-(205,24R)-epoxydammarane (27a). The general glycosylation procedure was used with donor 7 (76 mg, 0.099 mmol), acceptor 26a (54 mg, 0.066 mmol) and PPh<sub>3</sub>AuNTf<sub>2</sub> (24 mg, 0.033 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 10:1 to 8:1) provided 27a (68 mg, 75%) as a white solid: [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> = +9.9 (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.03 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 4H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.59–7.22 (m, 17H), 5.91 (t, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.72–5.56 (m, 2H), 5.13 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 4.54–4.47 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27–4.21 (m, 1H), 4.04 (t, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.33–3.20 (m, 1H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 11.2, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.88 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 12H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.72 (s, 9H), 0.66 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s,3H), 0.08 (s, 3H), -0.07 (s, 3H), -0.19 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.1, 165.8, 165.2, 165.1, 139.0, 133.3, 133.1, 133.0, 129.78, 129.75, 129.69, 129.5, 129.4, 128.81, 128.78, 128.34, 128.26, 128.2, 128.08, 128.07, 127.5, 127.1, 102.4, 86.4, 84.0, 80.6, 79.6, 79.5, 74.9, 73.5, 72.2, 70.0, 69.6, 63.4, 60.0, 51.5, 51.3, 49.3, 47.5, 44.9, 40.8, 39.5, 39.3, 39.2, 38.7, 30.6, 30.4, 29.6, 27.7, 27.5, 27.1, 25.9, 25.8, 25.2, 20.8, 18.1, 17.9, 17.3, 17.2, 17.1, 15.9, -2.12, -2.15, -3.8, -5.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>83</sub>H<sub>112</sub>O<sub>14</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1411.7483, found 1411.7470.

 $6\alpha$ -O- $\beta$ -o-Glucopyranosyl-(205,24R)-epoxydammarane-3 $\beta$ ,12 $\beta$ ,25-triol (**28a**, Pseudoginsenoside RT5)...<sup>4,26,34</sup> Compound **27a** (66 mg, 0.047 mmol) was subjected to the general desilylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) and CSA (45 mg, 0.19 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 1:1) provided the corresponding 3,25-OHs C15 as a white solid (55 mg, 99%).

Compound C15 (55 mg, 0.047 mmol) was subjected to the general saponification procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and KOH (28 mg, 0.49 mmol). After workup, purification by silica gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OH, 8:1) afforded the corresponding 12-OBn compound C16 a white solid (36 mg, 99%).

Compound C16 (36 mg, 0.049 mmol) was subjected to the general debenzylation procedure with CH<sub>3</sub>OH (2.0 mL), THF (1.0 mL) and Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (36 mg, 0.051 mmol Pd). After workup, purification by RP-18 column chromatography (CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O, 5:1) provided 28a (32 mg, > 99%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +20.3$  (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O)  $\delta$  4.94 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 11.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (td, J = 10.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.20 (m, 2H), 4.13 (t, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.96-3.90 (m, 2H), 3.65 (td, J = 10.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (dd, J = 11.4, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 0.74 (s, 3H);  $^{13}\mathrm{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, pyridine-*d*<sub>5</sub>) δ 106.0, 86.7, 85.6, 80.1, 79.7, 78.6, 78.2, 75.5, 71.9, 71.2, 70.3, 63.1, 61.5, 52.2, 50.6, 49.4, 48.4, 45.1, 41.0, 40.4, 39.6, 39.5, 32.7, 32.4, 31.7, 28.8, 27.9, 27.7, 27.2, 27.0, 25.5, 18.0, 17.9, 17.1, 16.3; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{36}H_{62}O_{10}Na [M + Na]^+$  677.4235, found 677.4240.

(20S,24S)-Epoxy-3 $\beta$ ,25-di-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-12 $\beta$ -O-ben*zyl-dammarane-6\alpha-ol* (**26b**). Following the procedure described above for 26a, 2b (52 mg, 0.083 mmol) led first to the corresponding 3,25-di-OTBS derivative C17, isolated as a white solid (70 mg, 98%). Then, saponification of C17 (53 mg, 0.062 mmol) led to 26b (49 mg, 98%), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} = +6.6 (c \ 1.0, CHCl_3); {}^{1}H \ NMR$ (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.36–7.20 (m, 5H), 4.58 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (td, J = 10.3, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, J =7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (td, J = 10.2, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 3.16 (dd, J = 11.2, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 15H), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 139.0, 128.1, 127.5, 127.1, 85.9, 85.0, 79.6, 79.2, 74.6, 70.0, 68.7, 61.3, 51.7, 49.6, 49.5, 47.8, 46.9, 40.8, 39.9, 39.3, 39.1, 38.8, 31.1, 30.9, 29.7, 27.8, 27.7, 27.4, 27.3, 25.94, 25.87, 25.6, 24.7, 22.5, 18.15, 18.13, 17.6, 17.2, 17.1, 16.0, -2.10, -2.11, -3.6, -4.9; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>86</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 833.5906, found 833.5894.

6α-O-(2',3',4',6'-Tetra-O-benzoyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)-3β,25-di-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-12β-O-benzyl-(205,245)-epoxydammarane (27b). Following the procedure described above for 27a, 26b (56 mg, 0.070 mmol) led to 27b (72 mg, 75%), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +8.0 (c \ 1.0, CHCl_3); {}^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.02 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 7.78 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.90 (t, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 5.70–5.55 (m, 2H), 5.12 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.63–4.46 (m, 3H), 4.33 (d, J = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (brs, 1H), 4.04 (t, J = 9.1 Hz, 1H), 3.53 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 3.31–3.22 (m, 1H), 3.01–2.94 (m, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.87 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 12H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 9H), 0.65 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 6H), -0.08 (s, 3H), -0.19 (s, 3H);

<sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 166.1, 165.8, 165.2, 165.1, 139.0, 133.3, 133.1, 133.0, 129.77, 129.74, 129.67, 129.5, 129.3, 128.8, 128.3, 128.25, 128.16, 128.1, 127.4, 127.0, 102.5, 85.7, 84.8, 80.8, 79.5, 77.2, 77.0, 76.7, 74.6, 73.5, 72.2, 70.0, 69.6, 63.5, 60.0, 51.6, 49.5, 49.3, 47.7, 44.9, 40.8, 39.33, 39.29, 39.2, 38.6, 30.4, 29.6, 27.7, 27.5, 27.3, 27.0, 25.8, 25.4, 24.8, 22.3, 18.1, 17.9, 17.4, 17.2, 17.1, 15.9, -2.1, -3.8, -5.2; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{83}H_{112}O_{14}Si_2Na$  [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 1411.7483, found 1411.7468.

 $6\alpha$ -O-β-D-Glucopyranosyl-(205,245)-epoxydammarane-3β,12β,25-triol (**28b**, Pseudoginsenoside RT4)..<sup>4,26,34</sup> Following the procedure described above for **28a**, **27b** (70 mg, 0.050 mmol) led to **28b** (31 mg, 95% over 3 steps), isolated as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +8.9$ (c 1.0, CH<sub>3</sub>OH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$  + 1 drop of D<sub>2</sub>O) δ 5.06 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J = 11.5, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (td, J =10.4, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 11.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.33–4.16 (m, 3H), 4.12 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02–3.99 (m, 1H), 3.77 (td, J = 10.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.80 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, pyridine- $d_5$ ) δ 106.1, 88.5, 87.1, 80.2, 79.7, 78.6, 78.3, 75.5, 71.9, 70.9, 70.0, 63.1, 61.6, 52.3, 50.4, 49.5, 49.2, 45.2, 41.1, 40.4, 39.7, 39.6, 32.7, 32.6, 32.3, 31.7, 29.0, 28.7, 28.0, 27.0, 26.6, 25.8, 17.9, 17.8, 17.2, 16.4; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>10</sub>Na [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 677.4235, found 677.4239.

(20S, 24R)-Epoxy-3 $\beta$ -O-para-bromobenzoyl-6 $\alpha$ -O-acetyl-12 $\beta$ -Obenzyl-dammarane-25-ol (S1). To a solution of 2a (30 mg, 0.048 mmol), 4-bromobenzoic acid (15 mg, 0.075 mmol), and DMAP (9.0 mg, 0.074 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 mL) were successively added EDCI (18 mg, 0.094 mmol) and DIPEA (18  $\mu$ L, 0.096 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h, and was then diluted with EtOAc (100 mL). The mixture was washed with water and saturated brine, and was then dried over Na2SO4. Evaporation of the solvent under reduced pressure gave a residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (petroleum ether/EtOAc, 5:1) to provide S1 (36 mg, 93%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +33.6$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H),7.29–7.21 (m, 1H), 5.37 (td, J = 10.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 8.4, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (td, J = 10.3, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 6H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.1, 165.6, 139.0, 131.7, 131.0, 129.6, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 85.9, 83.8, 81.2, 78.9, 77.3, 77.2, 77.0, 76.8, 70.5, 70.34, 70.26, 58.8, 51.9, 49.8, 49.4, 47.8, 42.4, 40.6, 39.3, 38.2, 38.1, 32.0, 31.6, 30.4, 28.5, 28.3, 27.4, 26.4, 24.6, 23.2, 22.7, 22.0, 18.3, 17.3, 17.0, 16.8, 14.1; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>63</sub>O<sub>7</sub>BrNa [M + Na]<sup>+</sup> 829.3649, found 829.3651.

#### ASSOCIATED CONTENT

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Crystal structure data for compounds **3b**, **6a** and **S1**, comparison of the <sup>13</sup>C NMR data of **23a**, **23b**, **25a**, **25b**, **28a** and **28b** with those reported in the literature, and <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of all numbered compounds (PDF)

Crystallographic data for compound **3b** (CIF) Crystallographic data for compound **6a** (CIF) Crystallographic data for compound **S1** (CIF)

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