# Chemistry of zamoranic acid. Part 10.† Homochiral hemisynthesis of pereniporin A

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The synthetic versatility of 12-acetoxydrima-7,9(11)-diene 1 obtained from 15-hydroxylabda-7,13-dien-17oic acid (zamoranic acid), as a key intermediate in the homochiral semisynthesis of highly functionalized drimanes such as pereniporin A 3, an important antibiotic, through the carbonate 2, is highlighted.

#### Introduction

The drimanes are sesquiterpenes that exhibit a wide range of biological activities.<sup>1</sup> Due to the importance of these properties, much work has been carried out on their synthesis and semisynthesis, using in the latter case a large number of natural products.<sup>2</sup> For several years we have been studying the transformation of zamoranic acid into active drimanes.<sup>3</sup> Zamoranic acid belongs to the labdane class of sesquiterpenes and was isolated as the major component from *Halimium viscosum*.<sup>4</sup> It is an ideal precursor<sup>5</sup> for antifeedant drimanes such as polygodial, isolated from Polygonum hydropiper,6 warburganal, isolated from *Warburgia ugandensis*,<sup>7</sup> or antibiotic drimanes such as pereniporin A and B, isolated from the filtered culture of the basidiomycete Perenniporia medullaepanis.8 Pereniporin A exhibits antimicrobial activity against Bacillus subtilis, it inhibits the root elongation of lettuce and shows cytotoxicity against Friend leukaemia cells at 130  $\mu$ g ml<sup>-1</sup>.



#### **Results and discussion**

Recently we reported the preparation of carbonate **2** from diene **1**, which was obtained from 15-hydroxylabda-7,13-dien-17-oic acid (zamoranic acid).<sup>3</sup> It was thought that allylic oxidation at C-6 of compound **2**, carbonate ring-opening and oxidation at C-11 would lead to an aldehyde that after deprotection of the hydroxy group at C-12 and cyclization would give pereniporin A, **3** (Scheme 1).

The treatment of **2** with  $CrO_3$ -HOAc<sup>9</sup> gave the required ketone **4** in an acceptable yield (52%). This ketone was hydrolysed to the triol **5** that was selectively protected with *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBDMSCl) to give the compound



**6**. Reduction of the ketone to the required  $\beta$ -hydroxy compound **7** was achieved with DIBAL-H. Any attempt to selectively oxidize C-11 to an aldehyde failed, giving in all cases **8** (Scheme 2).





Because of these results, a new route from **4** was designed. The selective deprotection of C-12 with retention of the carbonate protecting group was achieved *via* reduction with four equivalents of NaBH<sub>4</sub> in THF–MeOH at 40 °C. Under these conditions diol **9** was obtained (Scheme 2). The reaction of **9** under the usual conditions with TBDMSCI gave only monoprotected product **10**. It was necessary to use TBDMSOTf<sup>10</sup> to obtain compound **11**. The selective hydrolysis of the carbonate rather than the silyl groups was carefully undertaken, the best conditions being 2 M NaOH in dioxane, to give diol **12**, a com-

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pound previously reported by Mori and Takaishi.<sup>11</sup> After Swern oxidation of **12** to obtain aldehyde **13**, both silyl groups were removed using TBAF, and the resulting triol cyclized to afford pereniporin A, **3** (Scheme 3). The IR and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of



Scheme 3 Reagents and conditions: a, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, CeCl<sub>3</sub>, MeOH–THF, 40 °C, 82%; b, TBDMSCl, DMAP, imidazole, DMF, 90%; c, TBDMS-OTf, 2,6-lutidine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C, 95%; d, c, 90%; e, 2 M NaOH, 1,4-dioxane, 79%; f, Swern, 93%; g, 1.1 M TBAF in THF, 74%

the synthetic material were identical with those of natural pereniporin A.<sup>8a</sup>

This semisynthesis of (-)-pereniporin A in eleven steps from zamoranic acid, in 4.0% overall yield, demonstrates the synthetic utility of diene **1**.

#### **Experimental**

#### **General details**

Unless otherwise stated, all chemicals were purchased as the highest purity commercially available and were used without further purification. Melting points were determined with a Kofler hot stage melting point apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a BOMEM 100 FT IR spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were performed in deut-

**Table 1** <sup>13</sup>C NMR data,  $\delta$ (ppm) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

eriochloroform and referenced to the residual peak of CHCl<sub>3</sub> at  $\delta$  7.26 and  $\delta$  77.0, for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C respectively, in a Bruker WP-200 SY spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta(\text{ppm})$  and coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. Mass spectra and accurate mass measurements were recorded on an AEI MS-902 or a VG Micromass 7070E spectrometer. Microanalysis was carried out using a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN Elemental Analyser. Optical Rotations were determined in a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter in 1 dm cells and are given in units of  $10^{-1}$  deg cm<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>. Diethyl ether, THF and benzene were distilled from calcium hydride under an Ar atmosphere. Ether refers to diethyl ether.

#### Allylic oxidation of 12-acetoxy-9α,11-carbonyldioxydrim-7-ene 2: 12-acetoxy-9α,11-carbonyldioxydrim-7-en-6-one 4

To a stirred solution of 2 (24 mg, 0.07 mmol) in acetic acid (0.7 ml) was added  $CrO_3$  (70 mg, 0.7 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 15 h, then it was diluted with water (20 ml) and extracted with ether (3  $\times$  20 ml). The combined organic phases were washed with 5% aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, saturated aqueous NaHCO3 and brine, dried, filtered and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed (SiO2, n-hexane-EtOAc 4:1) yielding 13 mg (52%) of 4, mp 129-130 °C (Found: C, 64.27; H, 7.2.  $C_{18}H_{24}O_6$  requires C, 64.27; H, 7.2%);  $[a]_D^{21}$ -62.1 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, c 1.56);  $v_{max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 1805, 1745, 1682, 1380, 1222, 1126, 1065;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.15 (1H, s, H-7), 4.87 (1H, d, J 14.0, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.78 (1H, d, J 14.0, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 4.48 (2H, s, H-11), 2.73 (1H, s, H-5), 2.13 (3H, s, OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.18, 1.17, 0.97 (3 × 3H,  $3 \times s$ , Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  see Table 1; m/z336 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 6%), 294 (3), 276 (83), 232 (5), 212 (36), 170 (100), 149 (31), 126 (100), 109 (75), 91 (56), 69 (78) [Found: (EI) M<sup>+</sup>, 336.1572. C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>6</sub> requires M, 336.1573].

#### Hydrolysis of 4: 9a,11,12-trihydroxydrim-7-en-6-one 5

A solution of 3% K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in MeOH (0.47 ml) was added to compound **4** (11 mg, 0.033 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then water was added and the mixture extracted with EtOAc, washed with 2 M HCl and water, dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated. The crude reaction product was chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane– EtOAc 1:2) affording 7 mg (80%) of **5** (Found: C, 67.15; H, 9.00. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires C, 67.14; H, 9.01%); [a]<sup>20</sup><sub>20</sub> -62.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH, *c* 0.94);  $\nu_{max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3380, 1660, 1212, 1030, 870;  $\delta_{\rm H}$ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 5.88 (1H, s, H-7), 4.50 (1H, d, *J* 13.8, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.30 (1H, d, *J* 13.8, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 3.87 (2H, s, H-11), 2.89 (1H, s, H-5),

С	4	5 <i>ª</i>	6	7	9 <sup>a</sup>	10	11	12	13
1	30.5	32.6	31.5	32.5	32.3	31.4	31.5	32.4	33.5
2	17.2	29.0	18.0	18.7	19.1	18.0	17.9	18.5	18.1
3	42.1	43.8	42.5	44.2	45.4	43.9	44.1	44.2	44.3
4	32.5	33.2	32.3	34.2	35.1	34.2	33.9	33.8	34.1
5	58.9	57.2	56.2	46.4	b	46.7	47.3	46.9	46.5
6	197.6	203.3	200.8	65.6	64.7	64.8	65.3	65.5	65.7
7	133.5	126.1	128.4	130.9	136.3	133.8	134.0	131.0	130.7
8	143.3	161.1	153.6	139.0	134.4	134.0	132.8	137.9	135.8
9	85.5	75.9	74.9	75.2	88.9	86.9	87.2	75.0	81.4
10	44.3	46.7	44.7	40.4	40.8	39.6	39.6	40.2	41.6
11	62.8	61.8	62.1	62.7	64.1	64.2	63.8	62.6	204.9
12	66.2	62.6	65.0	66.9	68.0	66.4	66.4	67.0	64.6
13	33.0	34.3	33.7	33.0	32.6	32.2	32.0	32.7	32.8
14	21.4	22.3	21.9	25.2	25.0	25.0	24.5	24.7	24.7
15	17.9	18.6	17.9	19.1	17.9	18.0	17.6	18.7	20.6
-0000-	153.7				151.6	152.4	154.8		
Bu <sup>t</sup> CSi			18.2	18.3		18.5	18.2 (2)	18.1 (2)	18.3, 18.2
<i>Bu</i> <sup>t</sup> CSi			25.8	25.9		25.9	26.1, 25.9	26.0, 25.7	26.1, 25.9
Me <sub>2</sub> Si			-5.0, -5.2	-5.3, -5.0		-5.4, -5.3	-5.5(2), -3.6(2)	-5.0(2), -3.9, -3.1	-5.5(2), -3.7, -3.3
$CH_3COO$	170.1								
$GH^{-}COO$	20.5								

<sup>a</sup> In CD<sub>3</sub>OD. <sup>b</sup> Not observed.

1.19, 1.15, 0.94 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively);  $\delta_{\rm H}({\rm CD_3OD})$  6.01 (1H, s, H-7), 4.41 (2H, s, H-12), 3.71 (2H, s, H-11), 2.90 (1H, s, H-5), 1.17, 1.11, 1.02 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  see Table 1; m/z 268 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 3%), 250 (11), 237 (34), 220 (12), 207 (6), 189 (11), 163 (11), 144 (37), 126 (83), 109 (61), 97 (39), 81 (53), 69 (100) [Found: (EI) M<sup>+</sup>, 268.1676. C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub> requires *M*, 268.1675].

#### Selective protection of 5: 12-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-9a,11dihydroxydrim-7-en-6-one 6

To a solution of the triol 5 (33 mg, 0.12 mmol) in DMF (0.05 ml), catalytic 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine and imidazole (34 mg, 0.50 mmol) at room temperature under argon was added tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (23 mg, 0.15 mmol) and the resulting mixture was stirred for 22 h at room temperature. Then it was diluted with water, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried, evaporated and chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, n-hexane-EtOAc 19:1) affording 36 mg (77%) of protected alcohol 6 (Found: C, 65.96; H, 9.95.  $C_{21}H_{38}O_4Si$  requires C, 65.92; H, 10.01%);  $v_{max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3440, 1660, 1460, 1255, 1095, 965, 840;  $\delta_{H}$  5.85 (1H, s, H-7), 4.46 (1H, d, J 13.0, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.36 (1H, d, J 13.0, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 3.90-3.60 (3H, m, 2H-11, -OH), 2.84 (1H, s, H-5), 1.21, 1.16, 0.98 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively), 0.93 (9H, s, Bu<sup>4</sup>), 0.14, 0.13 (2 × 3H, 2 × s, Me<sub>2</sub>Si);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  see Table 1; m/z 382 ([M]<sup>+</sup>, 2%), 351 (11), 307 (14), 277 (17), 256 (8), 233 (7), 203 (24), 183 (35), 109 (43), 91 (29), 75 (100) [Found: (EI) M<sup>+</sup>, 382.2540. C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si requires *M*, 382.2539].

#### Reduction of 6 with DIBAL-H: 12-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxydrim-7-ene-6 $\beta$ ,9 $\alpha$ ,11-triol 7 and 12-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxydrim-7-ene-6 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ ,11-triol, C-6 epimer of 7

DIBAL-H (1.5 M in toluene; 0.16 ml, 0.24 mmol) was added to a solution of **6** (21 mg, 0.055 mmol) in dry  $CH_2Cl_2$  (1 ml) at -78 °C under argon and the reaction mixture was stirred for 20 min at -78 °C. Water (0.01 ml, 0.55 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was warmed to room temperature then dried with Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated to give, after chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane–EtOAc 9:1), 20 mg (95%) of **7** and 1 mg (5%) of the C-6 epimer of **7**.

**Compound 7**. (Found: C, 65.60; H, 10.52.  $C_{21}H_{40}O_4$ Si requires C, 65.58; H, 10.48%);  $\nu_{max}(film)/cm^{-1}$  3440, 1460, 1250, 1045, 940, 828;  $\delta_H$  5.86 (1H, d, *J* 5.2, H-7), 4.46 (1H, dd, *J* 5.2, 4.4, H-6), 4.35 (1H, d, *J* 12.7, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.27 (1H, d, *J* 12.7, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 3.82 (1H, d, *J* 10.7, H<sub>A</sub>-11), 3.63 (1H, d, *J* 10.7, H<sub>B</sub>-11), 1.73 (1H, d, *J* 4.4, H-5), 1.33, 1.12, 1.07 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively), 0.91 (9H, s, Bu'), 0.12 (6H, s, Me<sub>2</sub>Si);  $\delta_C$  see Table 1; *m*/*z* 386 ([M<sup>+</sup> + 2], 14%), 368 (11), 353 (31), 341 (15), 323 (9), 309 (13), 284 (63), 256 (100), 242 (23), 149 (15), 109 (21), 95 (28), 81 (53), 69 (100), 55 (100).

**C-6 Epimer of compound 7.** (Found: C, 65.57; H, 10.50.  $C_{21}H_{40}O_4$ Si requires C, 65.58; H, 10.48%);  $\nu_{max}(film)/cm^{-1}3340$ , 1470, 1250, 1215, 1055, 1005, 960, 835;  $\delta_H$  5.73 (1H, s, H-7), 4.37 (1H, d, *J* 12.0, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.22 (1H, m, H-6), 4.19 (1H, d, *J* 12.0, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 3.94 (1H, br s, OH), 3.8–3.6 (2H, m, H-11), 3.48 (1H, br s, OH), 1.70 (1H, d, *J* 10.3, H-5), 1.26, 1.18, 1.10 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively), 0.91 (9H, s, Bu'), 0.13, 0.11 (2 × 3H, s, 2 × Me\_2Si); *m/z* 386 ([M<sup>+</sup> + 2], 1%), 353 (32), 291 (16), 261 (10), 235 (15), 187 (47), 161 (18), 105 (52), 75 (100), 69 (59), 55 (59).

#### Swern oxidation of 7: 12-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-9α-hydroxy-6-oxodrim-7-en-11-al 8

Oxalyl chloride (3.5  $\mu$ l, 0.04 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.1 ml) was cooled to -60 °C. A solution of DMSO (6  $\mu$ l, 0.08 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.1 ml) was slowly added over a 5 min period. A solution of 7 (15 mg, 0.039 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 ml) was added dropwise and stirred for 50 min at -60 °C. Triethylamine (27  $\mu$ l, 0.19 mmol) was added and the reaction kept at -60 °C for 5 min, warmed to room temperature and then quenched with water, extracted with ether and washed successively with 0.5 M

HCl, 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and water, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and evaporated yielding, after chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*hexane–EtOAc 19:1), 5 mg (34%) of **8** (Found: C, 66.27; H, 9.52. C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si requires C, 66.27; H, 9.58%);  $v_{max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3380, 1710, 1666, 1460, 1250, 1060, 835;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  9.92 (1H, s, H-11), 5.96 (1H, s, H-7), 4.20 (2H, s, H-12), 2.83 (1H, s, H-5), 1.29, 1.21, 1.16 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively), 0.89 (9H, s, Bu'), 0.06 (6H, s, Me<sub>2</sub>Si).

#### Reduction of 4: 9a,11-carbonyldioxydrim-7-ene-6ß,12-diol 9

To a solution of **4** (100 mg, 0.30 mmol) and CeCl<sub>3</sub> (150 mg, 0.61 mmol) in methanol (3 ml) and THF (3 ml) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (11 mg, 0.29 mmol) and the mixture warmed to 40 °C and stirred for 20 h, diluted with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 ml) and extracted with ether, washed with brine, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane–EtOAc 1:2) yielding 72 mg (82%) of **9** (Found: C, 64.88; H, 8.22. C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub> requires C, 64.84; H, 8.16%);  $[a]_{2}^{\text{pl}}$  –134.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>OH, *c* 0.86);  $\nu_{\text{max}}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3380, 1740, 1260, 1068, 1008, 925;  $\delta_{\text{H}}$ (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 5.99 (1H, d, *J* 5.5, H-7), 4.64 (1H, d, *J* 9.5, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.40 (1H, m, H-6), 4.36 (1H, d, *J* 9.5, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 4.14 (1H, d, *J* 12.0, H<sub>A</sub>-11), 4.02 (1H, d, *J* 12.0, H<sub>B</sub>-11), 1.20 (3H, s), 0.97 (6H, s);  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  see Table 1.

#### Protection of 9: 12-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-9α,11-carbonyldioxydrim-7-en-6β-ol 10

To a solution of **9** (72 mg, 0.24 mmol) in DMF (50 µl), catalytic 4-(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)pyridine and imidazole (66 mg, 0.97 mmol) at room temperature under argon was added *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (91 mg, 0.61 mmol) and the resulting mixture stirred for 1 day at room temperature. Then it was diluted with water, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried, evaporated and chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane–EtOAc 4:1) affording 90 mg (90%) of protected alcohol **10** (Found: C, 64.40; H, 9.30. C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si requires C, 64.35; H, 9.33%);  $[a]_{D}^{20}$  -79.2 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* 0.36);  $\nu_{max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3500, 1785, 1460, 1380, 1246, 1135, 1060, 835;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.08 (1H, d, *J* 4.0, H-7), 4.77 (1H, d, *J* 9.0, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.56 (1H, m, H-6), 4.33 (1H, d, *J* 9.0, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 4.23 (2H, s, H-11), 1.30 (3H, s), 1.09 (6H, s), 0.90 (9H, s, Bu<sup>1</sup>), 0.10, 0.09 (2 × 3H, 2 × s, Me<sub>2</sub>Si);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  see Table 1.

#### Protection of 9: 6β,12-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-9α,11carbonyldioxydrim-7-ene 11

To a solution of **9** (17 mg, 0.057 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.26 ml) and 2,6-lutidine (2,6-dimethylpyridine) (29 µl, 0.25 mmol) at 0 °C under argon was added *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (52 µl, 0.228 mmol) and the resulting mixture stirred for 15 h at room temperature. Then it was diluted with water, extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, dried, evaporated and chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane–EtOAc 19:1) affording 27 mg (90%) of diprotected alcohol **11** (Found: C, 64.00; H, 10.52. C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> requires C, 64.07; H, 9.99%);  $[a]_D^{22}$  –116.3 (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c* 1.24);  $\nu_{max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 1810, 1470, 1260, 1232, 1115, 960, 840;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  6.04 (1H, d, *J* 4.7, H-7), 4.70 (1H, d, *J* 9.5, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.54 (1H, m, H-6), 4.32 (1H, d, *J* 9.5, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 4.23 (1H, d, *J* 12.0, H<sub>A</sub>-11), 4.13 (1H, d, *J* 12.0, H<sub>B</sub>-11), 1.24, 1.10, 1.03 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively), 0.90, 0.88 (2 × 9H, 2 × s, Bu'), 0.14 (6H, s, Me<sub>2</sub>Si), 0.09 (6H, s, Me<sub>2</sub>Si);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  see Table 1.

## Hydrolysis of 11: $6\beta$ ,12-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)drim-7-ene- $9\alpha$ ,11-diol 12

Aqueous 2 M NaOH (0.22 ml) was added to **11** (12 mg, 0.023 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (0.41 ml) and stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was extracted with ether, washed with 2 M HCl and water. The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and evaporated. The residue was chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane–EtOAc 49:1) affording 4 mg (33%) of starting material **11** and 6 mg (79% of the transformed **11**) of **12**.  $[a]_{D}^{22} - 102.3$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>, *c*0.6) (Found: C, 65.40; H, 10.43. C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> requires C, 65.00; H, 10.91%);  $v_{max}(film)/cm^{-1}$  3480–3200, 1460, 1250, 1110, 1075, 970, 840;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  5.73 (1H, d, J 5.2, H-7), 4.46 (1H, t, J 5, H-6), 4.35 (1H, d, J 12.0, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.17 (1H, d, J 12.0, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 3.80–3.60 (2H, m, H-11), 3.40 (1H, s, -OH), 1.23, 1.09, 0.99 (3  $\times$  3H, 3  $\times$  s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively), 0.89, 0.86 (2  $\times$  9H, 2  $\times$  s, Bu'), 0.10 (12H, s, 2  $\times$  Me<sub>2</sub>Si);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  see Table 1.

#### Swern oxidation of 12: 6β,12-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-9αhydroxydrim-7-en-11-al 13

Oxalyl chloride (3 µl, 0.04 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 ml) was cooled at -60 °C. A solution of DMSO (6 µl, 0.08 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.2 ml) was slowly added over a 5 min period. A solution of 12 (6.5 mg, 0.013 mmol) in CH2Cl2 (0.4 ml) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred for 1 h at -60 °C. Triethylamine (18  $\mu$ l, 0.13 mmol) was added and the reaction kept at -60 °C for 5 min, warmed to room temperature and guenched with water and extracted with ether. The combined extracts were washed successively with 0.5 M HCl, 5% aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and water, dried, filtered and evaporated yielding, after chromatography (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane-EtOAc 49:1), 6 mg (93%) of **13** (Found: C, 65.28; H, 10.53. C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> requires C, 65.27; H, 10.55%);  $v_{\rm max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3460, 1715, 1460, 1255, 1070, 955, 835;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  9.86 (1H, s, H-11), 5.91 (1H, d, J 5.2, H-7), 4.51 (1H, m, H-6), 4.06 (1H, d, J 11.7, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 3.96 (1H, d, J 11.7, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 1.42, 1.24, 1.00 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively), 0.89, 0.86 (2 × 9H, 2 × s, Bu<sup>4</sup>), 0.13 (6H, s, Me<sub>2</sub>Si), 0.02 (3H, s, MeSi), 0.01 (3H, s, MeSi);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  see Table 1.

#### Deprotection of 13: pereniporin A 3

Dry tetra-*n*-butylammonium fluoride (1.1 M solution in THF; 0.35 ml, 0.39 mmol) was added to **13** (6 mg, 0.012 mmol) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 4 h at 50 °C and then for 1 day at room temperature. The mixture was poured into water (1 ml) and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were combined and washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was chromatographed (SiO<sub>2</sub>, *n*-hexane–EtOAc 7:3) affording 2.4 mg (74%) of **3**,  $[a]_{D}^{22}$  –170.5 (MeOH, *c* 0.24);  $v_{max}$ (film)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3450, 3430, 3390, 2980, 2940, 2900, 1465, 1425,

1390, 1365, 1130, 1090, 1050, 1030, 1010, 915, 865;  $\delta_{\rm H}({\rm CD_3OD})$  5.69 (1H, ddd, J 4.0, 2.0, 1.5, H-7), 5.35 (1H, s, H-11), 4.58 (1H, dt, J 12.5, 2.0, H<sub>A</sub>-12), 4.50 (1H, m, H-6), 4.21 (1H, dt, J 12.5, 1.5, H<sub>B</sub>-12), 1.39, 1.19, 1.13 (3 × 3H, 3 × s, Me-15, Me-14, Me-13, respectively).

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