



Stereoselective total synthesis of (+)-anamarine via cross-metathesis protocol

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ABSTRACT

A convergent stereoselective total synthesis of (+)-anamarine via cross-metathesis (CM) protocol starting from 2-butyne-1,4-diol and vinyl lactone is reported. Other key features of the strategy include the use of Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation, Sharpless dihydroxylation, and Red-Al reduction.

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Anamarine (**1**)¹ is a member of the polyoxygenated 5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (α,β -unsaturated δ -lactone)-containing natural product family isolated from the flowers and leaves of a Peruvian *Hyptis*. Other members of the α,β -unsaturated δ -lactone family are spicigerolide (**2**),² hyptolide (**3**),³ synrotolide diacetate (**4**),⁴ and synargentolide (**5**)⁵ (Fig. 1) isolated from the *Hyptis* and *Syncolostemon* and related genera of the family Lamiaceae. These compounds have been found to exhibit antibacterial, antifungal, as well as cytotoxicity against human tumor cells.⁶ In addition, 6-substituted- α,β -unsaturated- δ -lactones have been reported to inhibit HIV protease,⁷ induce apoptosis,^{8,9} and have proven to be anti-leukemic,¹⁰ along with having many other relevant pharmacological properties.¹¹ Thus, these lactones have attracted the attention of synthetic chemists. Recently we have reported the first synthesis of synargentolide.¹² In continuation of our efforts toward the synthesis of naturally occurring six-membered lactones,¹³ we became interested in the synthesis of the natural lactone anamarine by a convergent strategy using a cross-metathesis (CM) protocol. So far three syntheses¹⁴ have been reported for **1**. Herein, we report the stereoselective total synthesis of (+)-anamarine **1** from the readily available starting materials 2-butyne-1,4-diol and 3-butyne-1-ol.

Retrosynthetic analysis reveals that the target compound **1** (Scheme 1) can be obtained by CM reaction of olefin **6** and vinyl lactone **7**. The substrate **6** in turn could be made from the commercially available 2-butyne-1,4-diol by sequential reactions, whereas, the vinyl lactone **7**^{13o} is accessible from 3-butyne-1-ol.

Accordingly, the synthesis of **1** starts with the readily available 2-butyne-1,4-diol **8** (Scheme 2) that was subjected to selective monobenylation to afford the propargyl alcohol **9**. Partial reduction of the triple bond using LAH gave low yields of product along with an unknown by-product. However, using Red-Al in THF, the problem was solved and the required allylic alcohol **10** was obtained in a very good yield (90%). The alcohol **10** was subjected to Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation [(+)-DIPT/Ti(OiPr)₄/TBHP/−20 °C, 24 h, 92%] to afford epoxy alcohol **11**, which was converted into propargylic alcohol **13** by a two-step process; first by converting to chloro epoxy compound **12** which on elimination using

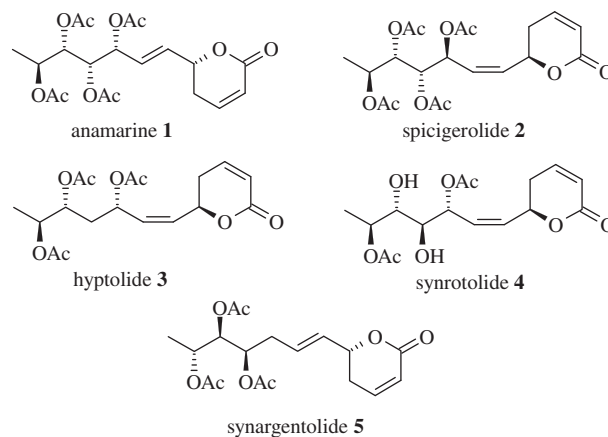
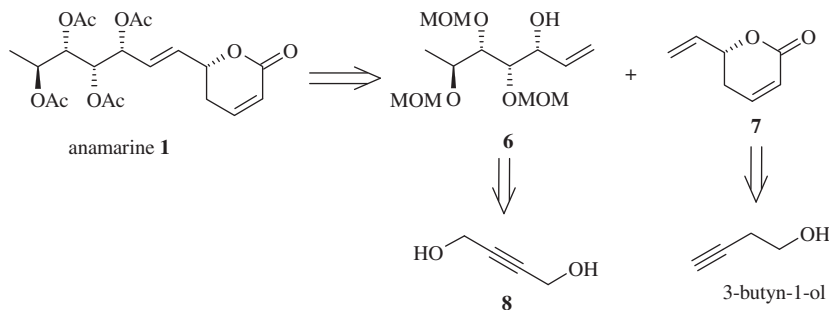


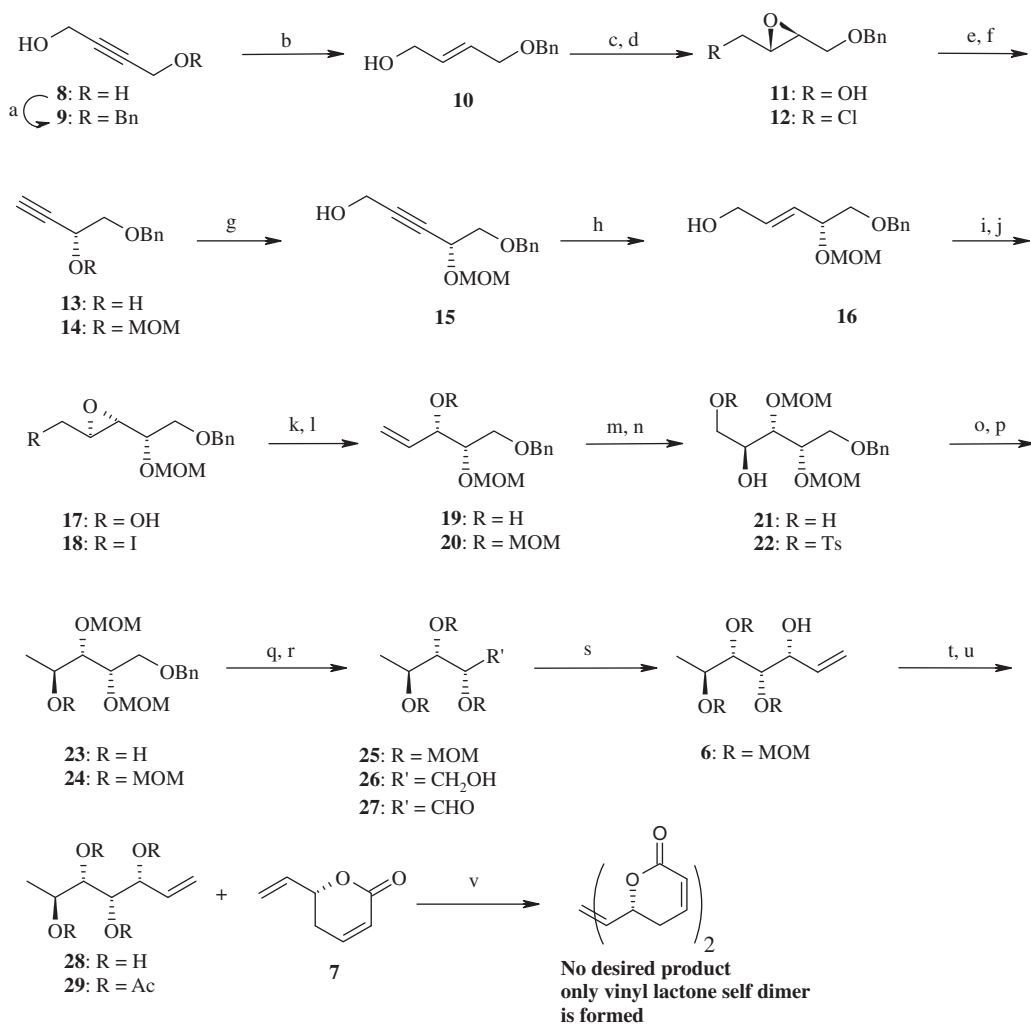
Figure 1. Polyoxygenated 5,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-one (α,β -unsaturated δ -lactone)-containing natural products.

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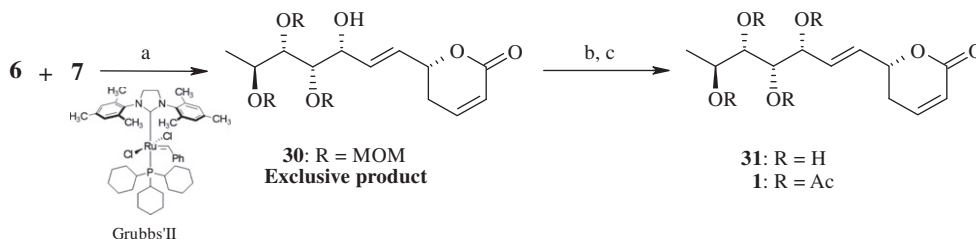
Scheme 1. Retrosynthesis.



Scheme 2. Reagents and conditions: (a) NaH, BnBr, anhydrous THF, 0 °C–rt, 24 h, 53%; (b) Red-Al, anhydrous THF, rt, 1 h, 90%; (c) Ti(OⁱPr)₄, (+)-DIPT, TBHP, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, –20 °C, 24 h, 92%; (d) PPh₃, NaHCO₃, anhydrous CCl₄, reflux, 3 h, 84%; (e) ⁿBuLi, anhydrous THF, –78 °C, 3 h, 81%; (f) MOMCl, DIPEA, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C–rt, 2 h, 91%; (g) EtMgBr, (CH₂O)_n, anhydrous THF, rt, 5 h, 75%; (h) Red-Al, anhydrous THF, rt, 1 h, 94%; (i) Ti(OⁱPr)₄, (–)-DIPT, TBHP, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, –20 °C, 24 h, 94%; (j) PPh₃, imidazole, I₂, Et₂O/AcN, (3:1) 0 °C–rt, 0.5 h, 92%; (k) Zn dust, EtOH, reflux, 1 h, 90%; (l) MOMCl, DIPEA, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C–rt, 2 h, 92%; (m) AD-mix-β, ^tBuOH/H₂O (1:1), 0 °C, 6 days, 90%; (n) TsCl, TEA, ⁿBu₂SnO, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C–rt, 1 h, 91%; (o) LAH, anhydrous THF, reflux, 1 h, 82%; (p) MOMCl, DIPEA, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C–rt, 2 h, 93%; (q) Pd/C, H₂, EtOAc, rt, 16 h, 95%; (r) (COCl)₂, DMSO, TEA, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, –78 °C, 2 h, 92%; (s) vinylmagnesium bromide, MgBr₂–Et₂O, anhydrous CH₂Cl₂, –78 °C, 1 h, 74%; (t) 3 N HCl MeOH/AcN (1:1), 0 °C–rt, 8 h, 80%; (u) Ac₂O, TEA, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C–rt, 0.5 h, 91%; (v) Grubb's-II, dry CH₂Cl₂, reflux, 5 h (90%).

n-BuLi afforded the propargylic alcohol **13** (83% yield over two steps). The hydroxyl group in **13** was protected as its MOM ether (MOMCl/DIPEA/CH₂Cl₂/0 °C to rt, 2 h, 91%) to afford **14**. The MOM ether **14** was treated with Grignard reagent prepared from ethyl bromide and magnesium followed by quenching with *para* formaldehyde in dry THF to afford **15** in 75% yield. In order to

get the *trans*-allyl alcohol, compound **15** was treated with Red-Al in THF at rt, which reduced the alkyne to the desired *trans*-olefin **16** in 94% yield. In the next step, olefin **16** was subjected to Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation using (–)-DIPT, Ti(OⁱPr)₄, and TBHP to furnish the desired epoxy alcohol **17**, which was converted into the corresponding epoxy iodide **18** in 92% yield. Compound **18** on



Scheme 3. Reagents and conditions: (a) anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 , reflux, 0.5 h, 86%; (b) 3 N HCl, MeOH/ACN (1:1), 0 °C–rt, 8 h, 80%; (c) Ac_2O , TEA, DMAP, anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 , 0 °C–rt, 0.5 h, 91%.

refluxing in ethanol in the presence of Zn dust eliminated to afford allylic alcohol **19** and the resulting alcohol was protected as MOM ether **20**. Asymmetric dihydroxylation¹⁵ of **20** using AD-mix- β in $t\text{BuOH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1) at 0 °C gave the diol **21** in 90% yield (dr 9:1). Selective conversion of the primary hydroxyl group of **21** into a tosylate was carried out using tosyl chloride in the presence of TEA and $^n\text{Bu}_2\text{SnO}$ in CH_2Cl_2 to give **22** in 91% yield, which was reduced to the methyl compound by using LiAlH_4 in THF in 82% yield. The secondary alcohol was protected as its MOM ether **25** and the benzyl group was removed using Pd/C, H_2 in EtOAc to afford the primary alcohol **26**, which was converted into the corresponding aldehyde **27** under Swern oxidation conditions. To create a fourth stereogenic center with the required stereochemistry, a chelation-controlled vinyl Grignard reaction¹⁶ was performed. Thus, adding a solution of vinylmagnesium bromide in THF to the complex formed between **27** and 1 equiv of magnesium bromide etherate in CH_2Cl_2 , provided the chelation-controlled product **6** in excellent yield and with high (>95%) diastereofacial selectivity.

The three MOM groups were removed and subsequently protected as acetates to give tetraacetate derivative **29**, which was expected to give directly the target molecule **1** when subjected to cross-metathesis reaction with vinyl lactone **7** using Grubb's II generation catalyst. But, this reaction failed to give the desired target **1**, instead it gave exclusively the dimer of vinyl lactone (Scheme 2).

However, the tri MOM derivative **6** underwent CM reaction smoothly with vinyl lactone **7** using Grubb's II generation catalyst to yield the desired lactone **30** (86%) exclusively (Scheme 3).

Subsequent removal of MOM groups in **30** using 3 N HCl in MeOH/ CH_3CN (1:1), at 0 °C afforded tetrahydroxy derivative **31** (80%). Acetylation of **31** with acetic anhydride in the presence of TEA and DMAP furnished the target lactone, anamarine **1**¹⁷ in 91% yield. The spectral data of the synthetic compound matched with the literature values.^{14c}

In summary, we accomplished the stereoselective total synthesis of (+)-anamarine via the CM protocol.

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- Analytical data of all the new compounds are given below. (*R*)-5-(Benzyloxy)-4-(methoxymethoxy)pent-2-yn-1-ol (**15**): $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -79.6$ (c 1, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 3426, 3030, 2929, 1452, 1027 cm^{-1} ; $^1\text{H NMR}$ (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34–7.27 (m, 5H, ArH), 4.88 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.61 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.59 (m, 1H), 4.53 (ABq,

$J = 12.5, 18.2$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-OAr}$), 4.22 (d, $J = 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.62 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.6, 128.3, 127.5, 127.4, 94.1, 85.0, 81.1, 73.3, 72.1, 65.1, 55.5, 50.5; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{Na}$: 273.1102; found: 273.1112.

((2R,3S)-3-((S)-2-(Benzyloxy)-1-(methoxymethoxy)ethyl)oxiran-2-yl)methanol (17): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +1.0$ (c 1, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 3444, 2897, 1453, 1101, 1031 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.36–7.20 (m, 5H, ArH), 4.77 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H, CH), 4.67 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H, CH), 4.53 (ABq, $J = 12.0, 14.0$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-OAr}$), 3.84 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.65–3.51 (m, 4H), 3.36 (s, 3H, CH_3); 3.10 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1H) 3.02 (d, $J = 1.32$ Hz, 1H), 1.70 (brds, 1H, OH); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.7, 128.3, 127.6, 127.4, 95.7, 75.6, 73.3, 70.0, 61.1, 56.1, 55.5, 55.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 291.1208; found: 291.1214.

1-(((2S,3S)-2,3-Bis(methoxymethoxy)pent-4-enyloxy)methyl)benzene (20): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +18.8$ (c 1, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 2891, 1452, 1151, 1033, 919 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.34–7.25 (m, 5H, ArH), 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.31 (dd, $J = 2.2, 17.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.24 (dd, $J = 3.0, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.83–4.61 (m, 4H), 4.54 (ABq, $J = 12.0, 15.1$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-OAr}$); 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.67–3.48 (m, 2H), 3.36 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.33 (s, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.6, 134.2, 127.8, 127.1, 127.0, 118.1, 96.5, 93.7, 77.7, 76.3, 72.9, 69.6, 55.2, 55.1; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$: 319.1521; found: 319.1517.

(2S,3S,4S)-5-(Benzyloxy)-3,4-bis(methoxymethoxy)pentane-1,2-diol (21): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -11.0$ (c 1, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 3380, 2933, 1452, 1153, 1026 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.37–7.21 (m, 5H, ArH), 4.79–4.60 (m, 4H), 4.53 (q, $J = 12.2, 13.4$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-OAr}$), 4.03 (t, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 1H), 3.79–3.58 (m, 6H), 3.39 (s, 3H, CH_3); 3.38 (s, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.6, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 98.4, 97.4, 78.6, 76.4, 73.4, 70.7, 69.4, 63.1, 56.3, 55.9; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$: 353.1576; found: 353.1564.

1-(((2S,3S,4S)-2,3,4-Tris(methoxymethoxy)pentyl)oxy)methyl)benzene (24): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +1.5$ (c 1, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 2934, 2891, 1452, 1150, 917 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.32–7.27 (m, 5H, ArH), 4.74–4.57 (m, 6H), 4.52 (q, $J = 12.0, 14.3$ Hz, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-OAr}$), 3.90–3.74 (m, 3H), 3.63–3.51 (m, 2H, CH_2), 3.37 (s, 3H,

CH_3), 3.35 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.33 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.21 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 138.0, 128.3, 127.7, 127.6, 97.7, 97.2, 95.1, 79.6, 76.5, 73.3, 73.2, 70.2, 56.0, 55.7, 55.3, 16.3; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$: 381.1889; found: 381.1900.

(3R,4S,5S,6S)-4,5,6-Tris(methoxymethoxy)hept-1-en-3-ol (6): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -16.1$ (c 1, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 3451, 2932, 1150, 1029, 918 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.97 (m, 1H), 5.40 (td, $J = 1.5, 10.5$ Hz, 1H), 5.21 (td, $J = 1.5, 11$ Hz, 1H), 4.81–4.64 (m, 6H), 4.34–4.25 (m, 1H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.63 (ABq, $J = 4.7, 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.43 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.38 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.27 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 137.4, 116.8, 98.5, 97.6, 95.2, 82.5, 79.8, 72.7, 71.8, 56.1, 56.0, 55.4, 16.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_7\text{Na}$: 317.1576; found: 317.1578.

(R)-5,6-Dihydro-6-((E,3R,4S,5S,6S)-3-hydroxy-4,5,6-tris(methoxymethoxy)hept-1-enyl)pyran-2-one (30): $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +5.2$ (c 1, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 3444, 2930, 1722, 1246, 1029, 916 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.89 (m, 1H), 6.10–5.93 (m, 3H), 4.98 (m, 1H), 4.82–4.63 (m, 6H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.88 (dt, $J = 5.5, 24.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dt, $J = 3.7, 30.7$ Hz, 1H), 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.42 (s, 3H, CH_3), 3.37 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.48 (m, 2H), 1.28 (d, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 163.8, 144.4, 132.6, 128.7, 121.6, 98.3, 97.7, 95.2, 82.3, 79.7, 76.3, 73.5, 72.7, 56.1, 55.9, 55.4, 29.4, 16.4; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_9\text{Na}$: 413.1787; found: 413.1808.

Anamarine (1): white solid; mp = 109–111 °C; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = +17.8$ (c 0.3, CHCl_3); IR (KBr) 2925, 1739, 1374, 1023, 974 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 6.88 (ddd, $J = 3.5, 5.2, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.05 (ddd, $J = 1.7, 1.7, 9.9$ Hz, 1H), 5.88–5.74 (m, 2H), 5.36 (dd, $J = 5.2, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.30 (dd, $J = 3.5, 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.17 (dd, $J = 3.5, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.96 (m, 1H), 4.90 (dq, $J = 6.4, 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.45 (m, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.07 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.06 (s, 3H, CH_3), 2.03 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.17 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 170.0, 169.8, 169.7, 169.5, 163.4, 144.5, 133.0, 125.6, 121.5, 75.9, 71.9, 71.5, 70.4, 67.5, 29.4, 21.0, 20.9, 20.8, 20.7, 15.9; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{O}_{10}\text{Na}$: 449.1423; found: 449.1434.