

Synthesis of analogues of the 2-O-alkyl glycerate part of the moenomycins

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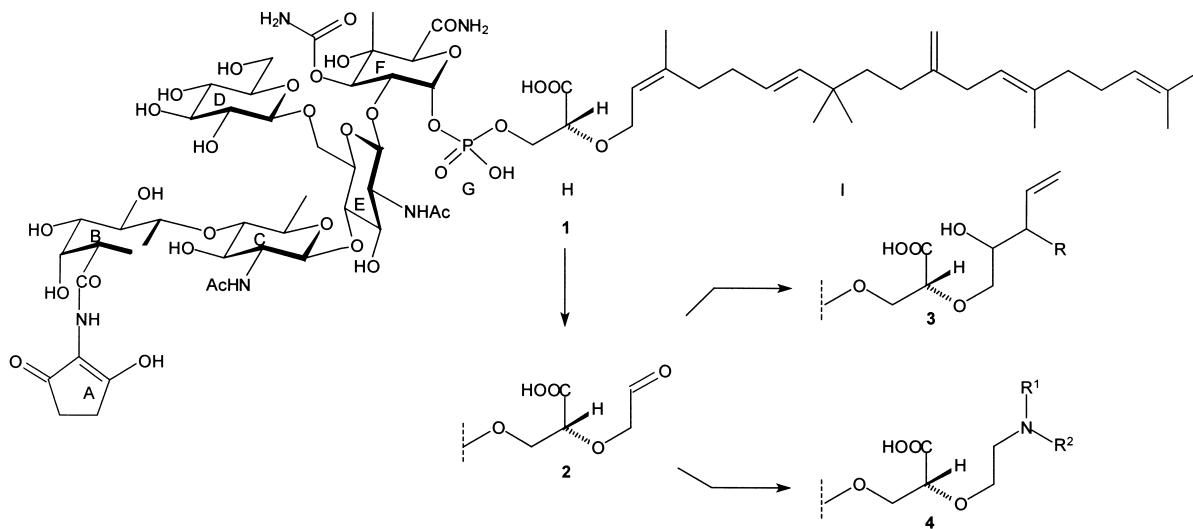
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Abstract—The title compounds have been prepared by hydroxymethylation of chiral enolates © 2002 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

The moenomycin antibiotics (see, for example, moenomycin A (**1**),¹ Scheme 1) are the only compounds known with certainty to inhibit the enzyme of the transglycosylation reaction,² one of the last steps in the biosynthesis of peptidoglycan³ (main component of the bacterial cell wall). A mechanism for their mode of action has been proposed.^{4–6} It is assumed that they are anchored to the cytoplasmic membrane via the lipid part and bind then highly selectively to the active site of the enzyme via the C–E–F trisaccharide.⁷ Whereas the structural

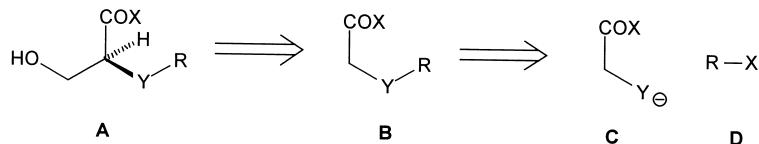
requirements for antibiotic activity in the carbohydrate part have been investigated in great detail,^{7,8} little is known how membrane anchoring assists the interaction of the antibiotic with the enzyme. The C₂₅ lipid may be cyclized in its terminal part⁹ as well as saturated without loss of antibiotic activity.¹⁰ However, converting the glyceric acid part into its methyl ester or introducing a single OH group to C-17 or C-18 of the lipid chain abolishes the antibiotic activity completely. Similarly, cleavage of the bond between the glyceric acid unit and the C₂₅ lipid leads to a compound devoid of antibiotic activity.^{11,12}



Scheme 1.

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Scheme 2.

Moenomycin can be degraded very efficiently by ozonolysis into a pentasaccharide derivative in which the chromophore A part is removed and the lipid chain shortened to a glycol-aldehyde unit (see formula 2). This aldehyde has been converted into moenomycin analogues with new lipid chains by indium-mediated Barbier reactions with allylic and benzylic halides (**2**→**3**)¹³ and by reductive amination reactions (**2**→**4**)¹⁴, respectively (see Scheme 1). Most of these compounds were antibiotically inactive. It may be assumed that the polar groups in the lipid chains prevent proper alignment of the antibiotic at the outer face of the membrane.

Membrane anchoring besides assisting recognition of moenomycin by the enzyme is made responsible for the insufficient pharmacokinetics of these antibiotics.¹⁵ Thus, it is important to find access to antibiotically active moenomycin analogues with more appropriate lipid parts. The 2-*O*-alkylation of suitably 3-*O*-protected glyceric acid derivatives usually suffers from low yields, probably caused by elimination.¹⁶ Previously, we have developed a synthetic scheme for this class of compounds that commences from d-mannitol and involves (i) protection of the 1-, 3-, 4-, 6-OH groups, (ii) alkylation of the OH-groups at C-2 and C-5, (iii) removal of the protecting groups, (iv) glycol cleavage, and (v) oxidation of the intermediate 2-*O*-alkylglyceraldehyde.¹⁶ This sequence is lengthy, and it provides, when conducted as described, only one enantiomeric series.¹⁷ It was the purpose of the studies reported below to seek for more convenient routes to structural analogues of the 2-*O*-alkylglycerate part of the moenomycins.

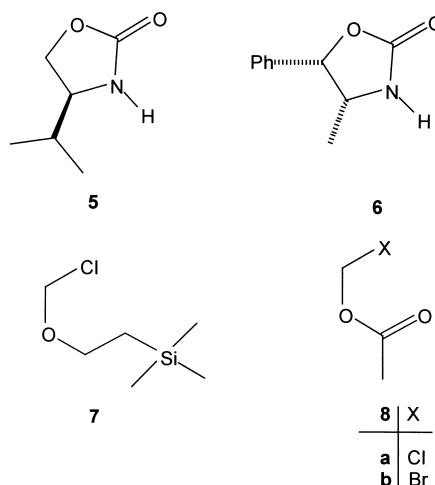
2. Synthetic considerations

Our goal was the conversion of compounds of type **B** (Scheme 2, Y=CH₂ and O, respectively) into the target compounds **A** by an (overall) enantioselective hydroxy-

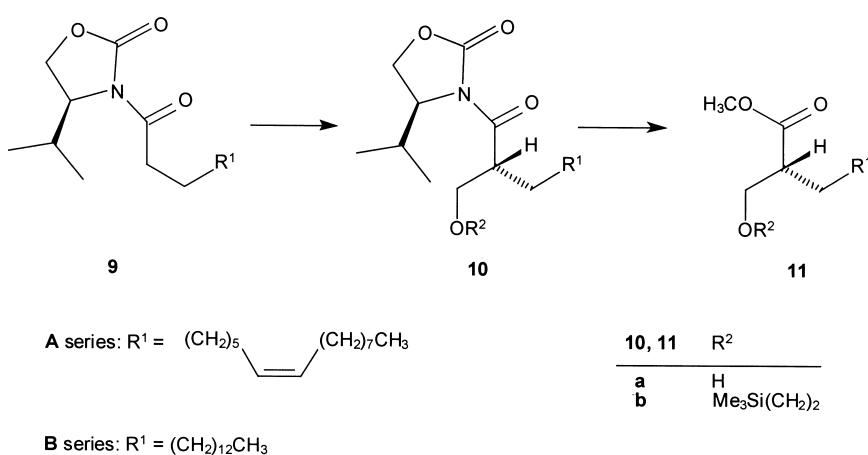
methylation. For compounds **B** we envisioned the use of simple fatty acids or a synthesis from a nucleophilic synthon of type **C** and an alkyl halide **D**. The Evans route¹⁸ seemed well-suited to achieve the desired stereoselective hydroxymethylation. This assumption was reduced to practice (vide infra).

3. Hydroxymethylation of fatty acids

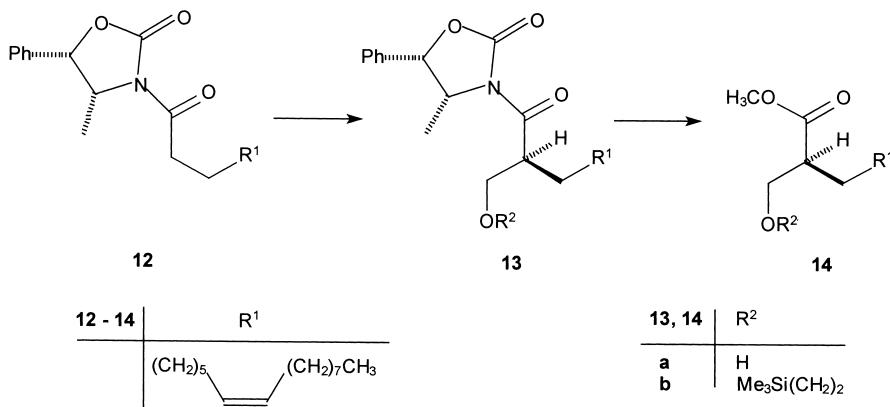
The Evans oxazolidinone **5** (Scheme 3) was *N*-acylated with oleic and palmitic acid in the usual way and the acylation products **9A** and **9B** (Scheme 4) were converted into the boron and the lithium enolates, respectively. The boron enolates were trapped with formaldehyde (freshly prepared solution in CH₂Cl₂) and the lithium enolates with trimethylsilyloxyethyl chloride (SEM chloride, **7**).



Scheme 3.



Scheme 4.



Scheme 5.

The corresponding alkylation products **10Aa/10Ba** and **10Ab/10Bb** were obtained in very satisfactory yields (in the range of 75–80%). In one case (**9A**) the lithium enolate was also trapped with the formaldehyde equivalents chloromethyl acetate (**8a**).¹⁹ The acetoxy methyl compound (formula not shown) was obtained in a lower yield (59%).

Removal of the auxiliary from **10Aa** and **10Ba** was accomplished by treatment with 0.1 mol L⁻¹ magnesium methoxide in absolute methanol. The yields of the methyl esters **11Aa** and **11Ba** were in the range of 90%. Sequential treatment of **10Ab** and **10Bb** with 0.1 mol L⁻¹ magnesium methoxide in absolute methanol and lithium tetrafluoroborate in 98:2 acetonitrile–water²⁰ removed the auxiliary and the trimethylsilylethyl protecting group to furnish **11Aa** and **11Ba**, respectively. Both reactions proceeded uneventfully. Mosher ester analysis²¹ proved that methyl (*R*)-2-hydroxymethylpalmitate (**11Ba**, obtained via the trimethylsilylethoxymethyl chloride route) was enantioselectively pure in the limits of the NMR analysis (¹⁹F NMR). For comparison *rac*-**11Ba** was prepared by direct hydroxymethylation of methyl palmitate.^{22,23}

In the same fashion the Evans auxiliary **6** was coupled to oleic acid to provide **12** (Scheme 5). The boron enolate of **12** was trapped with formaldehyde to give **13a** and the lithium enolate with **7** to furnish **13b**. The direct conversion of **13a** into **14a** and the two-step procedure **13b**→**14b**→**14a** were performed as described earlier. The ¹H NMR spectra of the two enantiomers of methyl 2-hydroxymethyleoleate (**11Aa** and **14a**) in the presence of the optically active shift reagent Eu(TFC)₃^{24,25} (addition of 10, 20 and 30 mol%) were compared. The lanthanide-induced shift for the methoxy group was somewhat different for the two enantiomers but the chemical shift difference was too small to permit an accurate determination of the optical purity. The CD curves of both enantiomers (CD maximum at 212 nm) were, of course, mirror images.

4. Reaction of geranyl halides with homoenolate equivalents and subsequent hydroxymethylation

Compounds of type **B** (Scheme 2, Y=CH₂) with an isoprenoid R seemed to be accessible from propionic acid

homoenolate equivalents and allyl halides. First the nickelalactone route of Schönecker and Walther was tried.^{26,27} In a test reaction under the published conditions (presence of MnI₂) the reaction of **15** (Scheme 6) with ethyl iodide provided the alkylation product in 74% (isolated) yield. However, with geranyl iodide (**19a**) no C–C bond formation was observed in agreement with a previous report by Fischer et al.²⁸

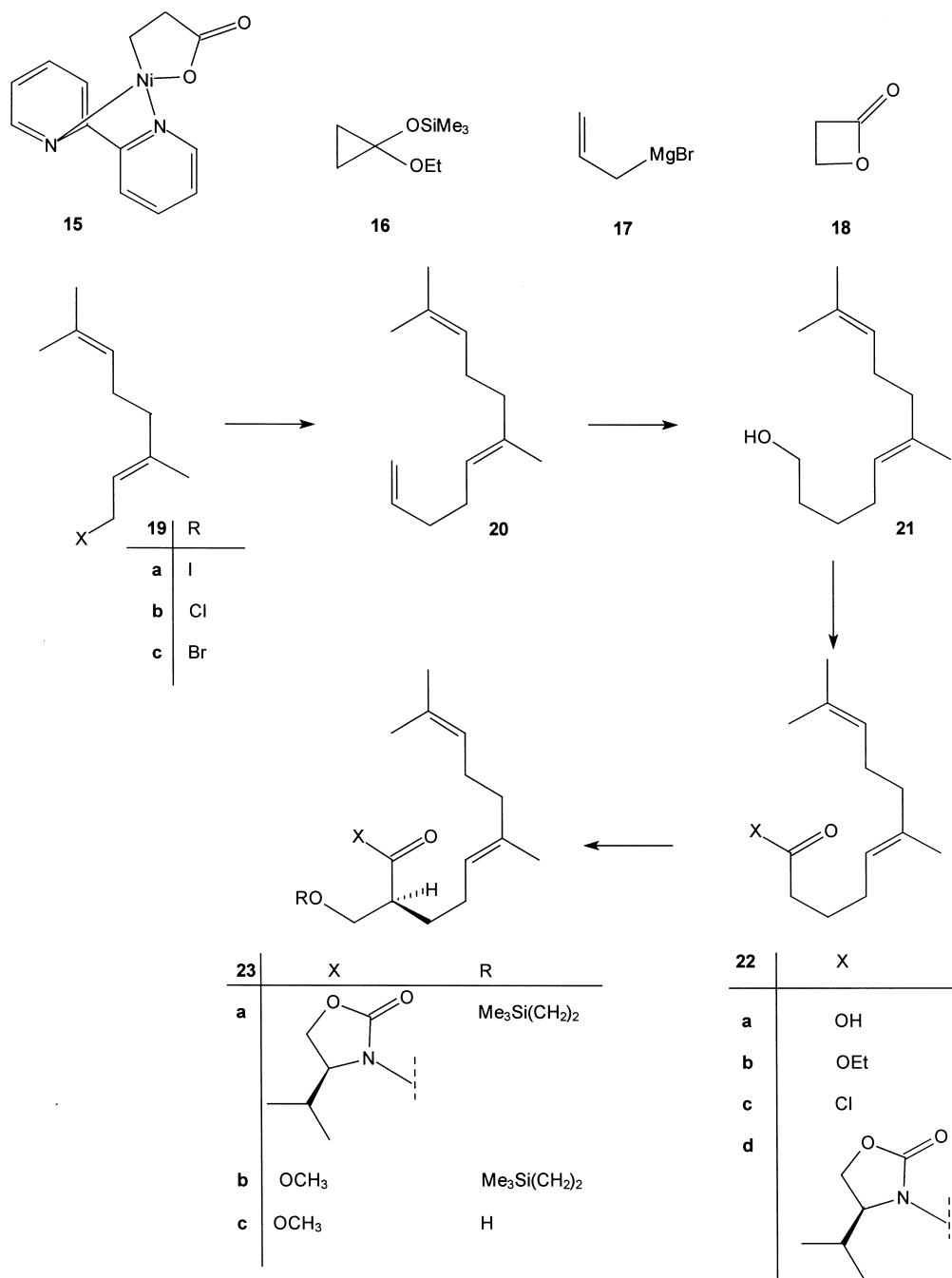
Nakamura has described the ring opening of mixed cyclopropanone acetals to give metal homoenolates of propionates.²⁹ It was reported that the zinc enolate on reaction with allyl chlorides led almost exclusively to S_N2' products, whereas the nickel-promoted allylation proceeded in a S_N2 manner. Under the latter conditions the desired compound **22b** was obtained from **16** and geranyl chloride (**19b**) in 28% yield as a 9:1 mixture of S_N2 and S_N2' isomers.

Use of the allyl anion as an equivalent of the propionic acid homoenolate (Grieco³⁰) was quite successful. Allylmagnesium bromide (**17**) on reaction with geranyl bromide (**19c**) gave the coupling product **20** in 94% yield. Hydroboration with disiamylborane and subsequent oxidation provided the primary alcohol **21** in 72% yield, and the final Jones oxidation (**21**→**22a**) proceeded also uneventfully. The sequence can also be conducted successfully with inverted reactivities. Thus, opening of β-propiolactone (**18**) in a S_N2 fashion according to Fujisawa and coworkers³¹ with the halomagnesium cuprate derived from geranyl-bromide (**19c**) provided the desired acid **22a** in 64% yield.

22a was armed with the auxiliary **5** (via **22c**) to give **22d**. Lithium enolate formation and trapping with SEM chloride provided **23a** in 68% yield. The auxiliary and the protecting group were removed sequentially as described earlier to give methyl ester **23c**.

5. Hydroxymethylation of alkoxy acetates

The sodium alkoxides of geraniol, nerol and of 4-phenylbenzyl alcohol were alkylated with sodium bromoacetate in DMF solution³² and the corresponding alkoxyacetic acids

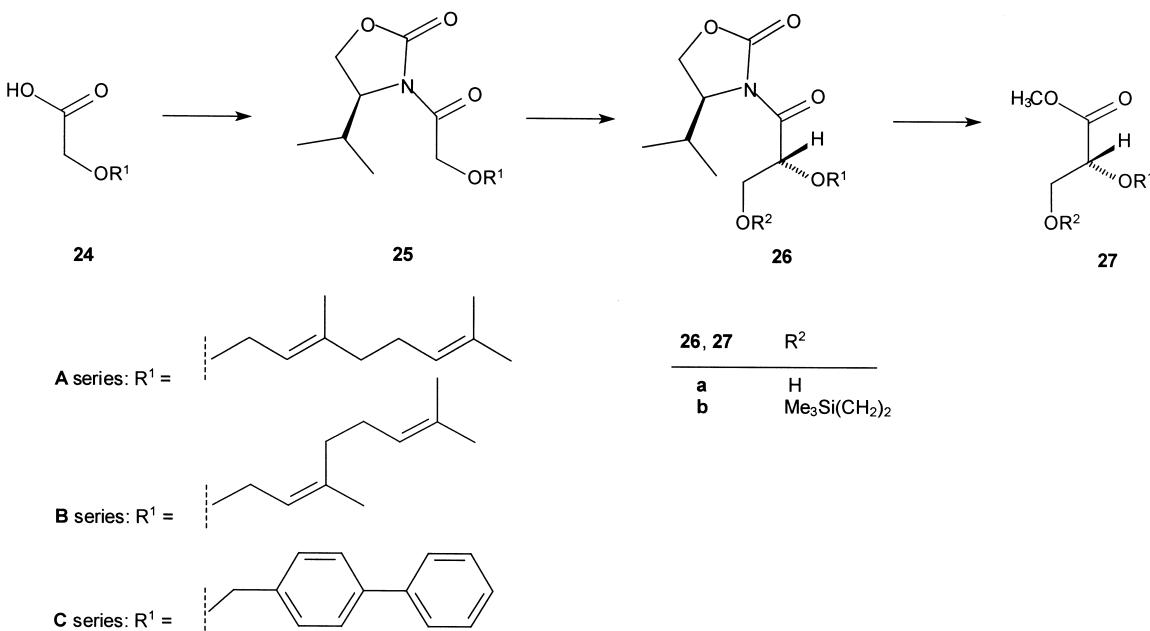


Scheme 6.

24A, **24B**, and **24C** were coupled to the Evans auxiliary **5** (see Scheme 7) in the usual way. The lithium enolates of **25A** and **25B** were alkylated with the two formaldehyde equivalents **7** and bromomethyl acetate (**8b**)³³ and that of **25C** only with **7**. In all experiments the yields were only moderate (around 40%). The acetyl group of the acetoxy-methylated products was lost during the work-up procedure to give **26Aa** and **26Ba** directly. Removal of the auxiliary from **26Aa** and **26Ba** and removal of the auxiliary and liberation of the primary OH group in the cases of **26Ab** and **26Cb** under the conditions described earlier provided the desired methyl (*R*)-2-*O*-alkyl-glycerates **27Aa**, **27Ba**, and **27Ca**.

6. Merits of the Evans route to 2-substituted 3-hydroxymyristoates

The approach described herein makes 2-*O*-alkylglycerate building blocks for moenomycin analogues easily available in both enantiomeric series. Especially facile is the hydroxymethylation in the fatty acid series (see Scheme 4) and for compound **22d** to give compounds of type **A** (Scheme 2, Y=CH₂). Hydroxymethylation in the alkoxyacetic acid series (see **25** in Scheme 7) which eventually leads to 2-*O*-alkylglycerates generally proceeds with lower yields (around 40%), probably as a result of a reduced nucleophilicity of the enolate. Of the hydroxymethylating agents

**Scheme 7.**

that were compared we found trimethylsilylethoxymethyl chloride (**7**) originally introduced by Lipshutz et al.³⁴ as an alcohol protecting group to be the most convenient one.

7. Synthesis of a new moenomycin analogue

Following an established route methyl (*R*)-2-hydroxy-methylpalmite (**11Ba**, see Scheme 4) was converted into a simple moenomycin analogue.³⁵ In these experiments the commercial 2,2,2-trichloroethyl dichlorophosphite³⁶ was converted into the ditriazolide³⁷ which in turn was sequentially treated with 2,3,4,6-tetra-*O*-acetyl-*D*-glucose (**28**) and with **11Ba** (Scheme 8). The intermediate phosphite was oxidized with bis(trimethylsilyl)peroxide^{38,39} to give the corresponding phosphate **29a**. ¹H and ³¹P NMR indicated that only the α -phosphate was formed as a 2:1 mixture of two diastereoisomers. The removal of the phosphate protecting group with zinc–copper couple⁴⁰ in the presence of 2,4-pentanedione⁴¹ to give **29b** required harsher conditions than usually encountered with the 2,2,2-trichloro-1,1-dimethylethoxy protecting group.⁷

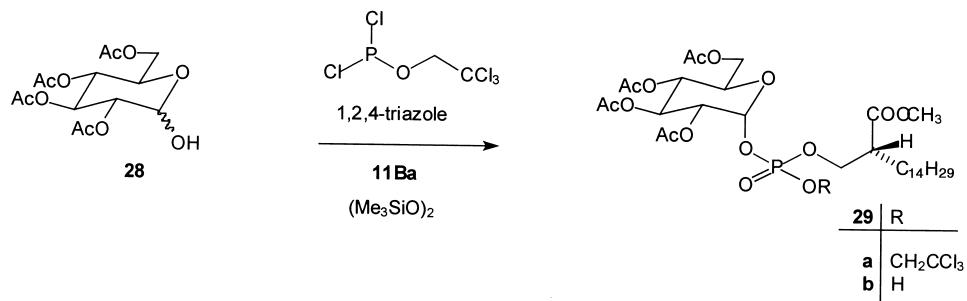
Synthesis of trisaccharide analogues of moenomycin A with

new lipid chains and their antibiotic properties will be reported in due course.

8. Experimental

8.1. General procedures

All O₂- or moisture-sensitive reactions were performed in oven-dried glassware under a positive pressure of argon. Liquids and solutions were transferred by syringe. Small-scale reactions were performed in Wheaton serum bottles sealed with aluminum caps with open top and Teflon-faced septum (Aldrich). Usual work-up means partitioning the reaction mixture between an aqueous phase and the solvent indicated in brackets, drying the combined organic solutions over Na₂SO₄, and removal of solvent by distillation using a rotatory evaporator (bath temperature 45°C). Solvents were purified by standard techniques. The following materials and methods were used for chromatographic separations: preparative gravitational liquid chromatography (LC): silica gel 63–100 μm (ICN Biomedicals); flash chromatography (FC):⁴² silica gel 32–63 μm (ICN Biomedicals); medium-pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC): silica gel

**Scheme 8.**

40–60 µm (Grace), Duramat pump (CfG); analytical TLC: Merck precoated silica gel 60 F₂₅₄ plates (0.2 mm), spots were identified under a UV lamp ($\lambda=254$ nm, Camag 29 200) and with a 2.22 mol L⁻¹ H₂SO₄ solution which contained Ce(SO₄)₂·4H₂O (10 g L⁻¹) and H₃[PO₄(Mo₃O₉)₄]·H₂O (25 g L⁻¹)⁴³ and heating at 140°C, a KMnO₄ reagent (25 g of KMnO₄, 10 g of Na₂CO₃, in water (500 mL)), or an anisaldehyde reagent for carbohydrates (2 mL of anisaldehyde, 8 mL of conc. H₂SO₄ in ethanol (190 mL)). NMR and MS equipment: NMR: UNITY 400 (Varian), DRX 400 (Bruker), DRX 600 (Bruker), gEMINI 200 (Varian), gEMINI 2000 (Varian); Mass spectrometry: EI MS: MAT-731 (Varian), FAB MS: VG Autospec (Fisons, matrix: 3-nitrobenzylalcohol), ESI MS: FT-ICR-MS Apex II (Bruker Daltonics, water-methanol). Following the molecular formula two masses are always communicated, the first was calculated using the International Atomic Masses, the second is the monoisotopic mass. IR: Genesis FTIR (ATI Mattson). UV: Beckman DU 650. CD: Jasco J-715 (10 mm cuvette). [α]_D: Polartronic D (Schmidt+Haensch).

All acid chlorides were prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acids with oxalyl chloride.

8.2. General procedure 1: *N*-acylation of oxazolidinones 5 and 6

To a solution of the oxazolidinone in THF (10 mL/2 mmol of the oxazolidinone) at -78°C butyllithium (1.6 mol L⁻¹ in hexane, 1.1 equiv.) was added and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The acid chloride (1.0–1.1 equiv.) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1 h. A saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ was added. Usual workup (ether) gave the acylated oxazolidinone.

8.3. General procedure 2: alkylation of acylated oxazolidinones with formaldehyde equivalents 7, 8a, and 8b

To a freshly prepared solution of LDA (1 equiv.) in THF (1 mL/0.3 mmol of the acylated oxazolidinone) at -78°C the acylated oxazolidinone was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. A solution of the halide (1–3 equiv.) in THF was added and stirring was continued at -78°C for 1 h and at -30°C for 12 h. A saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl was added and the product was worked up as usual (ether).

8.4. General procedure 3: alkylation of the acylated oxazolidinones with formaldehyde

To a freshly prepared solution of dibutylboryl trifluoromethanesulfonate (1 equiv.) and ethyldiisopropylamine (1 equiv.) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.4 mL/0.3 mmol of the *N*-acyloxazolidinone) the *N*-acyloxazolidinone was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78°C. A freshly prepared CH₂Cl₂ solution saturated with formaldehyde was added. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1 h and at -30°C for 12 h. A pH 7 phosphate buffer and a 1:1 solution of H₂O₂ (30%)—methanol were added sequentially and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 h. Usual work-up (ether) provided the crude hydroxymethyl derivative.

8.5. General procedure 4: removal of the auxiliary

To a solution of the *N*-acyloxazolidinone in methanol magnesium methoxide was added (final volume 5 mL/0.2 mmol of the *N*-acyloxazolidinone, 0.1 mol L⁻¹ in magnesium methoxide) and the mixture was stirred at 0°C until TLC indicated completion of the reaction. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure.

8.6. General procedure 5: removal of the trimethylsilylethyl protecting group

To a solution of LiBF₄ (5–10 equiv.) in 98:2 CH₃CN–H₂O (2 mL/0.06 mmol of the trimethylsilylethyl ether) the trimethylsilylethyl protected alcohol was added. The mixture was refluxed until TLC indicated completion. Usual work-up (ether) provided the crude alcohol.

8.6.1. (S)-3-Oleoyl-4-isopropoxyloxazolidin-2-one (9A). General procedure 1: (S)-4-Isopropoxyloxazolidin-2-one (5, 0.13 g, 1 mmol), oleoyl chloride (0.30 g, 1 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 5:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.32 g (82%). [α]_D²⁴=+47.8 (c=2.19, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 2854, 1785, 1704, 1386, 1206 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=0.88, 0.92 (2d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, J=6.9 Hz), 0.84–0.94 (m, 3H, CH₃-18), 1.19–1.43 (m, 20H, CH₂-4–CH₂-7, CH₂-12–CH₂-17), 1.57–1.73 (m, 2H, CH₂-3), 1.92–2.09 (m, 4H, CH₂-8, CH₂-11), 2.30–2.46 (m, 1H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 2.78–3.06 (m, 2H, CH₂-2), 4.20 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, ²J=9.1 Hz, ³J=3.0 Hz), 4.27 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H', ³J=8.2 Hz), 4.44 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H), 5.26–5.41 (m, 2H, 9-H, 10-H). ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=14.16 (CH₃-18), 14.69, 18.02 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 28.41 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 22.73, 24.49, 27.22, 27.25, 29.15, 29.18, 29.33, 29.36, 29.56, 29.70, 29.75, 29.81, 31.94, 35.57 (C-2–C-8, C-11–C-17), 58.41 (C-4^{aux}), 63.33 (C-5^{aux}), 129.81, 130.01 (C-9, C-10), 154.11 (C-2^{aux}), 173.45 (C-1). C₂₄H₄₃NO₃ (393.61, 393.32), EI MS: m/z (%)=393 [M]⁺ (8), 184 (22), 171 (35), 130 (100), 55 (42), 41 (37); HRMS: calcd 393.3243, found 393.3238.

8.6.2. (S)-3-[*(R*)-2-Hydroxymethyl-oleoyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (10Aa). General procedure 3: 9A (0.20 g, 0.50 mmol), formaldehyde solution in CH₂Cl₂, FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.16 g (76%). [α]_D²⁴=+47.8 (c=2.19, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3399, 2925, 2854, 1783, 1698, 1464, 1389, 1368, 1205, 1058 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=0.86, 0.90 (2d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, J=7.0 Hz), 0.86 (t, 3H, CH₃-18, J=6.2 Hz), 1.18–1.40 (m, 20H, CH₂-4–CH₂-7, CH₂-12–CH₂-17), 1.42–1.75 (m, 2H, CH₂-3), 1.80–2.07 (m, 4H, CH₂-8, CH₂-11), 2.21–2.54 (m, 2H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, CH₂-OH), 3.76 (d, 2H, CH₂-OH, J=6.0 Hz), 3.89–4.05 (m, 1H, 2-H), 4.18 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, ²J=9.0 Hz, ³J=3.3 Hz), 4.27 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H', ³J=8.2 Hz), 4.49 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H), 5.22–5.38 (m, 2H, 9-H, 10-H). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=(-)14.56 (CH₃-18), (-)15.16, (-)18.41 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), (-)28.91 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), (+)23.14, (+)27.53, (+)27.62, (+)27.67, (+)29.56, (+)29.78, (+)29.91, (+)30.00, (+)30.11, (+)30.22, (+)32.37, (C-3–C-8, C-11–C-17), (-)45.90 (C-2), (-)58.86 (C-4^{aux}), (+)63.69 (CH₂-OH), (+)63.72 (C-5^{aux}), (-)130.15, (-)130.45 (C-9, C-10), (+)154.47 (C-2^{aux}),

(+)176.65 (C-1). $C_{25}H_{45}NO_4$ (423.63, 423.33). FAB MS: $m/z=424.4 [M+H]^+$, 130.1; HRMS: calcd 424.3427, found 424.3421.

8.6.3. (*S*)-3-[*(R*)-2-Acetoxymethyl-oleoyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (formula not shown). General procedure 2: **9A** (0.20 g, 0.50 mmol), **8a** (0.10 g, 1 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield: 0.14 g (59%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+24.2$ ($c=0.94$, $CHCl_3$). IR (KBr): 3420, 2854, 2798, 1786, 1747, 1703, 1461, 1379, 1227 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=0.87$, 0.91 (2d, 6H, $CH(CH_3)_2^{aux}$, $J=7.2$ Hz), 0.86–0.98 (m, 3H, CH_3 -18), 1.12–1.41 (m, 20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.42–1.80 (m, 2H, CH_2 -3), 1.85–2.10 (m, 4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 2.11 (s, 3H, CH_3COO), 2.23–2.41 (m, 1H, $CH(CH_3)_2^{aux}$), 4.02–4.36 (m, 5H, 2-H, CH - CH_2 -O, CH_2 -5 aux), 4.45 (ddd, 1H, 4 aux -H), 5.24–5.41 (m, 2H, 9-H, 10-H). ^{13}C NMR (50.3 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=14.48$ (CH_3 -18), 15.09, 18.35 ($CH(CH_3)_2^{aux}$), 21.10 (CH_3COO), 28.89 ($CH(CH_3)_2^{aux}$), 23.06, 27.11, 27.53, 27.60, 29.44, 29.71, 29.90, 30.01, 30.15, 32.29 (C-3–C-8, C-11–C-17), 42.80 (C-2), 59.00 (C-4 aux), 63.73 (CH - CH_2 -O), 64.68 (C-5 aux), 130.17, 130.54 (C-9, C-10), 154.31 (C-2 aux), 171.30 (CH_3COO), 174.55 (C-1). $C_{27}H_{47}NO_5$ (465.67, 465.35). EI MS: m/z (%)=465 [M] $^+$ (7), 405 (30), 276 (29), 130 (75), 55 (51), 43 (100), 41 (37); HRMS: calcd 465.3454, found 465.3488

8.6.4. (*S*)-3-[*(R*)-2-(2-Trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)-oleoyl]-4-isopropylloxazolidin-2-one (10Ab). General procedure 2: **9A** (0.97 g, 2.46 mmol), **7** (0.61 g, 3.70 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 5:1). Colourless oil, yield: 1.06 g (84%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+20.9$ ($c=7.16$, $CHCl_3$). IR (KBr): 2926, 2854, 1782, 1703, 1464, 1387, 1365, 1302, 1248, 1101, 860, 837 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=-0.01$ (s, 9H, $Si(CH_3)_3$), 0.87 (2t, 6H, CH_2 - CH_2 -Si, CH_3 -18, $J=8.2$ Hz), 0.88, 0.91 (2d, 6H, $CH(CH_3)_2^{aux}$, $J=5.9$ Hz), 1.18–1.37 (m, 20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.44–1.78 (m, 2H, CH_2 -3), 1.90–2.12 (m, 4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 2.28–2.46 (m, 1H, $CH(CH_3)_2^{aux}$), 3.41–3.52 (m, 2H, CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), 3.54 (dd, 1H, CH - CHH' -O, $^2J=9.2$ Hz, $^3J=5.1$ Hz), 3.64 (dd, 1H, CH - CHH' -O, $^3J=7.7$ Hz), 4.08–4.19 (m, 1H, CH - CH_2 -O), 4.18 (dd, 1H, 5 aux -H, $^2J=9.2$ Hz, $^3J=3.7$ Hz), 4.26 (dd, 1H, 5 aux -H', $^3J=8.1$ Hz), 4.50 (ddd, 1H, 4 aux -H), 5.28–5.39 (m, 2H, 9-H, 10-H). ^{13}C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=(-)1.26$ ($Si(CH_3)_3$), $(-)14.27$ (CH_3 -18), $(-)14.86$, $(-)18.05$ ($CH(CH_3)_2^{aux}$), $(+)18.21$ (CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), $(-)28.49$ ($CH(CH_3)_2$), $(+)22.84$, $(+)27.37$, $(+)29.09$, $(+)29.25$, $(+)29.47$, $(+)29.67$, $(+)29.74$, $(+)29.81$, $(+)29.92$, $(+)32.05$ (C-3–C-8, C-11–C-17), $(-)43.69$ (CH - CH_2 -O), $(-)58.64$ (C-4 aux), $(+)63.19$ (C-5 aux), $(+)68.44$ (CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), $(+)71.77$ (CH - CH_2 -O), $(-)129.88$, $(-)130.08$ (C-9, C-10), $(+)153.90$ (C-2 aux), $(+)175.42$ (C-1). $C_{29}H_{55}NO_4Si$ (509.85, 509.39), ESI MS: m/z =1069.79929, calcd for $C_{58}H_{110}N_2NaO_8Si_2$ [2M+Na] $^+$: 1069.80059.

8.6.5. Methyl (2*R*)-2-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)-oleate (11Ab). General procedure 4: **10Ab** (0.74 g, 1.45 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 10:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.47 g (75%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+11.4$ ($c=0.85$, $CHCl_3$). IR (KBr): 2927, 2856, 1742, 1653,

1436, 1359, 1249, 1197, 1172, 1110, 972, 860, 838, 695 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=0.00$ (s, 9H, $Si(CH_3)_3$), 0.82–0.96 (m, 5H, CH_3 -18, CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), 1.21–1.38 (m, 20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.40–1.65 (m, 2H, CH_2 -3), 1.92–2.12 (m, 4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 2.58–2.74 (m, 1H, 2-H), 3.38–3.63 (m, 4H, O - CH_2 - CH_2 -Si, CH - CH_2 -OH), 3.69 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 5.31–5.39 (m, 2H, 9-H, 10-H). ^{13}C NMR (50.3 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=-1.23$ ($Si(CH_3)_3$), 14.27 (CH_3 -18), 18.12 (CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), 22.84, 27.31, 27.38, 29.21, 29.47, 29.56, 29.68, 29.81, 29.92, 32.06 (C-3–C-7, C-8–C-17), 46.37 (C-2), 51.68 (OCH_3), 68.49 (CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), 71.29 (CH - CH_2 -O), 129.86, 130.13 (C-9, C-10), 175.48 (C-1). $C_{25}H_{50}O_3Si$ (426.76, 426.15), FAB MS: m/z =427.1 [M+H] $^+$.

8.6.6. Methyl (*R*)-2-hydroxymethyl oleate (11Aa). (a) General procedure 5: **11Ab** (0.45 g, 1.05 mmol), $LiBF_4$ (0.49 g, 5.25 mmol), 98:2 CH_3CN -water (10 mL), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1), yield: 0.25 g (72%).

(b) General procedure 4: **10Aa** (88.60 mg, 0.22 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L $^{-1}$, 4.6 mL), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1), yield 68 mg (93%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+7.7$ ($c=2.07$, $CHCl_3$). CD: λ_{max} ($\Delta\epsilon$)=212.8 nm (2.05). IR (KBr): 3411, 2925, 2855, 1739, 1462, 1439, 1199, 1170, 1049 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=0.87$ (t, 3H, CH_3 -18, $J=6.5$ Hz), 1.18–1.39 (20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.42–1.70 (2H, CH_2 -3), 1.89–2.08 (4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 2.24 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.43–2.53 (1H, 2-H), 3.71 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.71–3.80 (2H, CH_2 -OH), 5.24–5.41 (2H, 9-H, 10-H). ^{13}C NMR (APT, 50.3 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=(-)14.47$ (CH_3 -18), $(+)23.06$, $(+)27.52$, $(+)27.60$, $(+)28.87$, $(+)29.43$, $(+)29.70$, $(+)29.81$, $(+)29.91$, $(+)30.04$, $(+)30.15$, $(+)32.29$ (C-3–C-8, C-11–C-17), $(-)47.89$ (C-2), $(-)52.12$ (OCH_3), $(+)63.57$ (CH_2 -OH), $(-)130.19$, $(-)130.54$ (C-9, C-10), $(+)176.50$ (C-1). $C_{20}H_{38}O_3$ (326.51, 326.28), EI MS: m/z (%)=326 [M] $^+$ (7), 308 (7), 245 (15), 104 (90), 55 (100), 43 (62), 41 (79); HRMS: calcd 326.2821, found 326.2832

8.6.7. (4*R*,5*S*)-3-Oleoyl-4-methyl-5-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one (12). General procedure 1: (4*R*,5*S*)-4-methyl-5-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one (**6**, 0.18 g, 1.0 mmol), oleoyl chloride (0.30 g, 1.0 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 5:1). Colourless oil, yield: 0.34 g (76%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=-51.4$ ($c=2.56$, $CHCl_3$). IR (KBr): 3385, 2927, 2856, 1785, 1703, 1456, 1348, 1246, 1199, 1150, 1122, 768, 701 cm^{-1} . 1H NMR (200 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=0.88$ (t, 3H, CH_3 -18), 0.90 (d, 3H, 4- CH_3^{aux} , $J=6.6$ Hz), 1.18–1.43 (20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.57–1.78 (2H, CH_2 -3), 1.91–2.10 (4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 2.80–3.08 (2H, CH_2 -2), 4.77 (dq, 1H, 4 aux -H, $J_{4,5}=7.0$ Hz), 5.31–5.39 (2H, 9-H, 10-H), 5.66 (d, 1H, 5 aux -H), 7.26–7.48 (5H, H^{arom}). ^{13}C NMR (50.3 MHz, $CDCl_3$): $\delta=14.59$ (CH_3 -18), 15.05 (4- CH_3^{aux}), 23.16, 24.79, 27.70, 29.47, 29.62, 29.80, 30.00, 30.09, 30.20, 30.26, 32.39 (C-3–C-8, C-11–C-17), 36.12 (C-2), 55.22 (C-4 aux), 79.43 (C-5 aux), 126.13, 129.18, 129.20, 133.89 (6× C^{arom}), 130.26, 130.46 (C-9, C-10), 153.53 (C-2 aux), 173.66 (C-1). $C_{28}H_{43}NO_3$ (441.65, 441.32), EI MS: m/z (%)=441 [M] $^+$ (17), 232 (32), 219 (56), 178 (45), 159 (31), 134 (75), 55 (100), 43 (95); HRMS: calcd 441.3243, found 441.3243.

8.6.8. (4*R*,5*S*)-3-[*(S*)-2-Hydroxymethyl-oleoyl]-4-methyl-5-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one (**13a**). General procedure 2: **12**

(0.21 g, 0.50 mmol), formaldehyde dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 , FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.18 g (78%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=-38.7$ ($c=1.96$, CHCl_3). IR (KBr): 3389, 2925, 2854, 1783, 1698, 1459, 1345, 1197, 1121, 1031, 766, 700 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=0.88$ (t, 3H, CH_3 -18), 0.89 (d, 3H, 4- CH_3 ^{aux}, $J=6.6$ Hz), 1.10–1.39 (20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.50–1.79 (2H, CH_2 -3), 1.86–2.11 (4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 2.32 (bs, 1H, OH), 3.83 (d, 2H, CH_2 -OH, $J=5.9$ Hz), 3.89–4.06 (1H, 2-H), 4.85 (dq, 1H, 4^{aux}-H, $J_{4,5}=6.9$ Hz), 5.26–5.42 (2H, 9-H, 10-H), 5.69 (d, 1H, 5^{aux}-H), 7.20–7.50 (m, 5H, H^{arom}). ^{13}C NMR (HETCOR, 50.3 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=14.59$ (CH_3 -18), 15.09 (4- CH_3 ^{aux}), 23.16, 27.50, 27.65, 27.70, 29.23, 29.58, 29.80, 30.00, 30.06, 30.16, 30.24, 32.39 (C-3–C-8, C-11–C-17), 46.04 (C-2), 55.24 (C-4^{aux}), 63.90 (CH_2 -OH), 79.36 (C-5^{aux}), 126.14, 129.20, 129.29, 133.79 (6 \times C^{arom}), 130.19, 130.49 (C-9, C-10), 153.47 (C-2^{aux}), 176.40 (C-1). $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{45}\text{NO}_4$ (471.68, 471.33), EI MS: m/z (%)=471 [M]⁺ (18), 249 (36), 178 (71), 134 (93), 55 (100), 43 (71); HRMS: calcd 471.3349, found 471.3358.

8.6.9. (4*R*,5*S*)-3-[*(2S*)-2-(2-Trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)-oleoyl]-4-methyl-5-phenyl-oxazolidin-2-one (**13b**).

General procedure 2: **12** (1.15 g, 2.60 mmol), **7** (0.43 g, 5.20 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 20:65). Colourless oil, yield 1.16 g (78%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=-27.1$ ($c=3.26$, CHCl_3). IR (KBr): 2927, 2856, 1785, 1703, 1457, 1343, 1249, 1196, 1118, 1069, 861, 838, 767, 700 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=-0.04$ –0.01 (9H, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), 0.81–0.96 (5H, CH_3 -18, CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), 0.89 (d, 3H, 4- CH_3 ^{aux}, $J=6.6$ Hz), 1.16–1.42 (20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.50–1.78 (2H, CH_2 -3), 1.81–2.11 (4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 3.43–3.54 (2H, O- CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), 3.53 (dd, CHH' -OH, $^2J=9.0$ Hz, $^3J=5.3$ Hz), 3.66 (dd, CHH' -OH, $^3J=7.9$ Hz), 4.09–4.27 (1H, 2-H), 4.82 (dq, 1H, 4^{aux}-H, $J_{4,5}=7.1$ Hz), 5.28–5.45 (2H, 9-H, 10-H), 5.65 (d, 1H, 5^{aux}-H), 7.25–7.50 (5H, H^{arom}). ^{13}C NMR (APT, HETCOR, 50.3 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=(-)-1.23$ ($\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$), $(-)14.25$, $(-)14.68$ (CH_3 -18, 4- CH_3 ^{aux}), $(+)18.18$ (CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), $(+)22.82$, $(+)27.32$, $(+)29.24$, $(+)29.36$, $(+)29.46$, $(+)29.66$, $(+)29.83$, $(+)32.04$ (C-3–C-8, C-11–C-17), $(-)43.78$ (C-2), $(-)54.98$ (C-4^{aux}), $(+)68.49$ (CH_2 - CH_2 -Si), $(+)71.44$ (CH_2 -O), $(-)78.76$ (C-5^{aux}), $(-)125.80$, $(-)128.78$, $(-)133.66$ (6 \times C^{arom}), $(-)129.86$, $(-)130.11$ (C-9, C-10), $(+)152.86$ (C-2^{aux}), $(+)175.24$ (C-1). $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{57}\text{NO}_4\text{Si}$ (571.92, 571.40), ESI MS: $m/z=1165.81082$, calcd for $\text{C}_{68}\text{H}_{114}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_8\text{Si}_2$ [2M+Na]⁺: 1165.80859.

8.6.10. Methyl (*S*)-2-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)oleate (14b**).** General procedure 4: **13b** (0.74 g, 1.30 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L⁻¹ in methanol, 20 mL), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 20:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.47 g (84%). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): The spectrum was identical with that of the *R*-enantiomer. $[\alpha]_D^{24}=-11.2$ ($c=2.63$, CHCl_3).

8.6.11. Methyl (*S*)-2-hydroxymethyl oleate (14a**).** (a) General procedure 5: **14b** (0.37 g, 0.87 mmol), LiBF_4 (0.41 g, 4.35 mmol), 98:2 CH_3CN –water (10 mL), FC

(petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.19 g (68%).

(b) General procedure 4: **13a** (0.10 g, 0.22 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L⁻¹ in methanol, 4.6 mL), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield 63.83 mg (89%). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=0.88$ (t, 3H, CH_3 -18), 1.14–1.39 (20H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -7, CH_2 -12– CH_2 -17), 1.42–1.70 (2H, CH_2 -3), 1.89–2.08 (4H, CH_2 -8, CH_2 -11), 2.14 (t, 1H, OH, $J=5.9$ Hz), 2.50–2.66 (1H, 2-H), 3.72 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.72–3.80 (2H, CH_2 -OH), 5.26–5.42 (2H, 9-H, 10-H). ^{13}C mass and IR spectra were identical with the spectra of the (*R*)-enantiomer. $[\alpha]_D^{24}=-7.7$ ($c=2.34$, CHCl_3). CD: $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\Delta\epsilon)=211$ nm (+2.29).

8.6.12. (4*S*)-3-Palmitoyl-4-isopropylloxazolidin-2-one (**9B**).

General procedure 1: **5** (0.13 g, 1.00 mmol), palmitoyl chloride (0.33 g, 1.10 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.30 g (84%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+46.5$ ($c=1.81$, CHCl_3). IR (KBr): 2919, 2851, 1769, 1710, 1389, 1210 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=0.87$, 0.91 (d, 3H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ^{aux}, $J=7.1$ Hz), 0.87 (t, 3H, CH_3 -16, $J=7.0$ Hz), 1.13–1.41 (24H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -15), 1.55–1.73 (2H, CH_2 -3), 2.26–2.47 (1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ^{aux}), 2.72–3.08 (2H, CH_2 -2), 4.19 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, $^2J=9.0$ Hz, $^3J=3.7$ Hz), 4.26 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H', $^3J=7.6$ Hz), 4.43 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H). ^{13}C NMR (HETCOR, 50.3 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=14.49$ (CH_3 -16), 15.02, 18.34 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ^{aux}), 24.85 (C-3), 28.77 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ^{aux}), 23.07, 29.53, 29.75, 29.88, 30.00, 30.07, 32.32 (C 4–C-15), 35.93 (C-2), 58.80 (C-4^{aux}), 63.72 (C-5^{aux}), 154.61 (C-2^{aux}), 174.00 (C-1). $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{41}\text{NO}_3$ (367.57, 367.30), FAB MS: $m/z=390.3$ [M+Na]⁺, 368.3 [M+H]⁺, 130.1; HRMS: [M+H]⁺: calcd 368.3165, found 368.3184.

8.6.13. (*S*)-3-[*(R*)-2-Hydroxymethyl-palmitoyl]-4-isopropylloxazolidin-2-one (**10Ba**).

General procedure 3: **9B** (0.10 g, 0.27 mmol), formaldehyde solution in CH_2Cl_2 , FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.09 g (85%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+35.6$ ($c=2.58$, CHCl_3). IR (KBr): 3450, 2919, 2851, 1772, 1710, 1468, 1390, 1305, 1259 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=0.87$ (t, 3H, CH_3 -16, $J=7.0$ Hz), 0.88, 0.92 (2d, 6H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ^{aux}, $J=7.3$ Hz), 1.16–1.40 (24H, CH_2 -4– CH_2 -15), 1.43–1.75 (2H, CH_2 -3), 2.24–2.45 (1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 3.78 (d, 2H, CH_2 -OH), 3.89–4.06 (1H, 2-H), 4.19 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, $^2J=8.9$ Hz, $^3J=3.1$ Hz), 4.28 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H', $^3J=8.1$ Hz), 4.50 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H). ^{13}C NMR (HETCOR, 50.3 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=14.59$ (CH_3 -16), 15.17, 18.43 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ^{aux}), 28.90 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 29.52 (C-3), 23.16, 27.57, 29.83, 29.93, 30.02, 30.10, 30.13, 32.40 (C 4–C-15), 45.91 (C-2), 58.85 (C-4^{aux}), 63.71 (CH_2 -OH), 63.74 (C-5^{aux}), 154.45 (C-2^{aux}), 176.75 (C-1). $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{43}\text{NO}_4$ (397.59, 397.31), FAB MS: $m/z=420.3$ [M+Na]⁺, 398.3 [M+H]⁺, 130.1; HRMS: [M+H]⁺: calcd 398.3270, found 398.3271.

8.6.14. (*S*)-3-[*(R*)-2-(2-Trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)-palmitoyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (10Bb**).** General procedure 2: **9B** (0.18 g, 0.50 mmol), **7** (0.17 g, 1.00 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 6:1). Colourless oil, yield: 0.22 g (87%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+18.6$ ($c=2.45$, CHCl_3). IR

(KBr): 2925, 2855, 1783, 1702, 1386, 1248, 1204, 1100, 860, 837 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =−0.03 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.85 (t, 2H, CH₂—CH₂—Si, J =8.2 Hz), 0.86 (t, 3H, CH₃-16, J =6.2 Hz), 0.86, 0.90 (2xd, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, J =5.5 Hz), 1.15–1.37 (24H, CH₂-4—CH₂-15), 1.42–1.79 (2H, CH₂-3), 2.28–2.44 (1H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 3.39–3.52 (2H, O—CH₂—CH₂—Si), 3.52 (dd, 1H, CH—CHH'—O, 2J =9.2 Hz, 3J =4.9 Hz), 3.62 (dd, 1H, CH—CHH'—O, 3J =7.8 Hz), 4.07–4.16 (1H, 2-H), 4.16 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}—H, 2J =9.1 Hz, 3J =3.8 Hz), 4.24 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}—H', 3J =8.0 Hz), 4.48 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}—H). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =(-)−0.94 (Si(CH₃)₃), (−)14.59 (CH₃-16), (−)15.19, (−)18.36 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), (+)18.53 (CH₂—CH₂—Si), (−)28.82 (CH(CH₃)₂), (+)23.16, (+)27.70, (+)29.41, (+)29.83, (+)29.90, (+)30.05, (+)30.13, (+)32.39 (C-3—C-15), (−)44.00 (C-2), (−)58.96 (C-4^{aux}), (+)63.51 (C-5^{aux}), (+)68.75 (CH₂—CH₂—Si), (+)72.10 (CH—CH₂—O), (+)154.20 (C-2^{aux}), (+)175.77 (C-1). C₂₈H₅₅NO₄Si (497.83, 497.39), FAB MS: *m/z*=520.4 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS: calcd 520.3798, found 520.3797.

8.6.15. Methyl (*R*)-2-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)-palmitoate (11Bb). General procedure 4: **10Bb** (0.10 g, 0.20 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L⁻¹ in methanol, 5 mL), FC (petroleum ether—ethyl acetate 5:1). Colourless oil, yield 0.07 g (87%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+9.5$ (*c*=2.46, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 2925, 2855, 1742, 1465, 1248, 1197, 1171, 1110, 859, 838 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =−0.01 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.85 (t, 3H, CH₃-16, J =6.6 Hz), 0.87 (t, 2H, CH₂—CH₂—Si, J =8.1 Hz), 1.16–1.39 (24H, CH₂-4—CH₂-15), 1.41–1.67 (2H, CH₂-3), 2.54–2.71 (1H, 2-H), 3.43 (1H, dd, CH—CHH'—OH, 2J =9.3 Hz, 3J =5.3 Hz), 3.57 (dd, 2H, CH—CHH'—OH, 3J =8.2 Hz), 3.44–3.54 (2H, CH₂—CH₂—Si), 3.68 (s, 3H, OCH₃). ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =−1.36 (Si(CH₃)₃), 14.13 (CH₃-16), 18.02 (CH₂—CH₂—Si), 22.72, 27.30, 29.09, 29.38, 29.44, 29.53, 29.59, 29.66, 29.68, 29.71, 31.95 (C-3—C-15), 46.27 (C-2), 51.52 (OCH₃), 68.37 (CH₂—CH₂—Si), 71.19 (CH—CH₂—O), 175.38 (C-1). C₂₃H₄₈O₃Si (400.71, 400.33), EI MS: *m/z* (%)=400 [M]⁺ (<1), 357 (66), 73 (100); HRMS: calcd 400.3373, found 400.3377.

8.6.16. Methyl (*R*)-2-hydroxymethyl palmitate (11Ba). (a) General procedure 5: **11Bb** (0.38 g, 0.95 mmol), LiBF₄ (0.44 g, 4.75 mmol), FC (petroleum ether—ethyl acetate—cyclohexane 1:1:3). Colourless oil, yield 0.22 g (77%).

(b) General procedure 4: **10Ba** (0.08 g, 0.20 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L⁻¹ in methanol, 4.6 mL), FC (petroleum ether—ethyl acetate—cyclohexane 1:1:3). Yield 51.3 mg (85%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+5.4$ (*c*=1.62, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3431, 2926, 2854, 1734, 1458, 1199, 1171 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.82 (t, 3H, CH₃-16, J =6.4 Hz), 1.07–1.33 (24H, CH₂-4—CH₂-15), 1.34–1.67 (2H, CH₂-3), 1.94 (bs, 1H, OH), 2.45–2.60 (1H, 2-H), 3.72 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.72–3.78 (2H, CH₂—OH). ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =14.58 (CH₃-16), 23.16, 27.71, 28.96, 29.83, 29.88, 29.99, 30.13, 32.40 (C-3—C-15), 47.93 (C-2), 52.20 (OCH₃), 63.62 (CH₂—OH), 176.44 (C-1). C₁₈H₃₆O₃ (300.48, 300.26), FAB MS: *m/z*=323.3 [M+Na]⁺, 301.3 [M+H]⁺; HRMS: [M+H]⁺: calcd 301.2743, found 301.2743.

The racemate was obtained by formation of the ester enolate of methyl palmitate with LDA and trapping it with formaldehyde (solution in CH₂Cl₂).

8.6.17. Methyl (2*R*)-2-[*(2S)*-3,3,3-trifluoro-2-methoxy-2-phenyl-propionyloxymethyl]-palmitate (formula not shown). A solution of **11Ba** (0.03 g, 0.10 mmol), triethylamine (0.10 g, 1.00 mmol) and a catalytic amount of DMAP in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was stirred at 20°C for 5 min. *S*-(+)- α -methoxy- α -trifluoromethylphenylacetic acetyl chloride (0.13 g, 0.50 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 20°C for 12 h. After filtration and solvent evaporation, FC (petroleum ether—ethyl acetate 4:1) yielded the compound as a colourless oil, yield 37.70 mg (73%). The racemic compound was obtained accordingly. IR (KBr): 2926, 2854, 1745, 1458, 1267, 1246, 1171, 1024, 719 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.83 (t, 3H, CH₃-16, J =6.6 Hz), 1.07–1.33 (24H, CH₂-4—CH₂-15), 1.34–1.67 (2H, CH₂-3), 2.65–2.90 (1H, 2-H), 3.46 (s, 3H, −OCH₃), 3.56 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 4.35 (dd, 1H, CH—CHH'—O, 2J =10.7 Hz, 3J =5.7 Hz), 4.42 (dd, 1H, 2H, CH—CHH'—O, 3J =8.1 Hz), 7.31–7.49 (5H, H^{arom}). ¹³C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =14.60 (CH₃-16), 23.18, 27.37, 29.13, 29.85, 30.01, 30.17, 32.41 (C-3—C-15), 44.89 (C-2), 52.27 (COOCH₃), 55.88 (CF₃C—OCH₃), 66.82 (CH—CH₂—O), 78.41 (CF₃C—OCH₃), 127.82, 128.86, 130.07, 132.59 (6×C^{arom}), 166.76 (CF₃C—OCOO), 174.08 (C-1). ¹⁹F NMR (188.2 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =4.72. No signal of the second diastereomer was found. C₂₈H₄₃F₃O₅ (516.64, 516.30), FAB MS: *m/z*=517.1 [M+H]⁺; HRMS: calcd 517.3141, found 517.3146.

For comparison the Mosher esters of racemic **11Ba** were prepared accordingly.

8.7. Reaction of nickelalactone **15** with geranyl iodide

To a solution of **15** (0.86 g, 3 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) successively MnI₂ (0.92 g, 3 mmol) and (in portions) geranyl iodide (**19a**, 0.47 g, 3 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was sonicated at 20°C for 24 h and then stirred at 20°C for 7 days. After work-up no product formation was observed by TLC.

8.7.1. Ethyl (5*E*)-6,10-dimethylundeca-5,9-dienoate (22b).

A mixture of freshly sublimed zinc chloride (0.27 g, 2 mmol) and **16** (0.70 g, 4 mmol) in diethyl ether (8 mL) was stirred at 20°C for 1 h and under reflux for 1 h. After cooling to 0°C successively HMPT (0.72 g, 4 mmol), Ni(dppe) (catalytic amount) and geranyl chloride (**19b**, 0.34 g, 2 mmol) were added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 20°C for 20 h. Usual work-up (diethyl ether) followed by FC (*n*-hexane—ethyl acetate) provided **22b** as a colourless oil (0.13 g, 28% based on geranyl chloride). IR (KBr): 2926, 1734, 1447, 1267, 1175 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =1.08–1.37 (3H, O—CH₂—CH₃), 1.60, 1.62 (2s, 6H, 6-CH₃, 10-CH₃), 1.68 (s, 3H, CH₃-11), 1.82–2.19 (8H, CH₂-3, CH₂-4, CH₂-7, CH₂-8), 2.28 (t, 2H, CH₂-2, J =7.5 Hz), 4.07–4.23 (2H, O—CH₂—CH₃), 5.01–5.20 (2H, 5-H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, 100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =14.73 (O—CH₂—CH₃), 16.43 (6-CH₃), 18.14 (10-CH₃), 25.54 (C-3), 26.14 (CH₃-11), 26.98, 27.70 (C-4, C-8), 34.21 (C-2), 40.19 (C-7), 60.60 (O—CH₂—CH₃),

123.90, 124.76 (C-5, C-9), 131.84 (C-10), 136.54 (C-6), 171.28 (C-1). $C_{15}H_{26}O_2$ (238.37, 238.19), FAB MS: $m/z=239.1 [M+H]^+$.

8.7.2. (5E)-6,10-Dimethylundeca-1,5,9-triene (20). To a vigorously stirred solution of geranyl chloride (**19b**, 0.88 mL, 5.80 mmol) in dry diethyl ether (7.50 mL) and DMPU (7.50 mL) slowly allylmagnesium bromide (1 mol L⁻¹ in dry diethyl ether, 43.50 mL, 6.32 g, 43 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was then stirred at 20°C for 12 h. Ice-water (50 mL) was added. Usual work-up (diethyl ether), followed by FC (n-hexane) provided **20** as a colourless, bad-smelling oil. Yield: 0.79 g (94%). IR (KBr): 2922, 1640, 1444, 1379, 1106, 911 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=$ 1.61 (s, 6H, 6-CH₃, 10-CH₃), 1.66–1.72 (3H, CH₃-11), 1.95–2.15 (8H, CH₂-3, CH₂-4, CH₂-7, CH₂-8), 4.96 (ddt, 1H, 1-H_{cis}, ²J=2.1 Hz, J_{1-cis,2}=10.2 Hz, J_{1-cis,3}=1.0 Hz), 5.03 (ddt, 1H, 1-H_{trans}, J_{1-trans,2}=16.8 Hz, J_{1-trans,3}=1.5 Hz), 5.08–5.19 (2H, 5-H, 9-H), 5.72–5.92 (1H, 2-H). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=(-)$ 16.50 (6-CH₃), (–)18.15 (10-CH₃), (–)26.16 (CH₃-11), (+)27.18 (C-8), (+)27.89 (C-4), (+)34.47 (C-3), (+)40.18 (C-7), (+)114.82 (C-1), (–)124.28, (–)124.83 (C-5, C-9), (+)131.80 (C-10), (+)135.85 (C-6), (–)139.24 (C-2). $C_{13}H_{22}$ (178.31, 178.17), EI MS: $m/z(\%)=178 [M]^+$ (2), 69 (100), 41 (54); HRMS: calcd 178.1722, found 178.1720.

8.7.3. (5E)-6,10-Dimethylundeca-1,5-dien-1-ol (21). To a solution of disiamylborane (5.45 mL, 4.50 mmol) in absolute THF (10 mL) at –10°C slowly **14** (0.40 g, 2.25 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at –10°C for 5.5 h. Water (1.53 mL) and subsequently a solution prepared from 3 mol L⁻¹ NaOH (1.53 mL) and 30% H₂O₂ (1.53 mL) were added. The mixture was stirred at 20°C for 18 h. Usual work-up (ether) and FC (petroleum ether–diethyl ether 2:1) furnished **21** as a colourless oil. Yield: 0.32 g (72%). IR (KBr): 3337, 2929, 1444, 1378, 1059 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=$ 1.34–1.37 (2H, CH₂-3), 1.49–1.53 (2H, CH₂-2), 1.55 (s, 6H, 6-CH₃, 10-CH₃), 1.63 (s, 3H, CH₃-11), 1.93–2.03 (6H, CH₂-4, CH₂-7, CH₂-8), 3.63 (t, 2H, CH₂-1, J_{1,2}=6.5 Hz), 5.07 (dddd, 1H, 9-H, J_{9,8}=6.7 Hz, J_{9,8'}=2.8 Hz, J_{9,7}=1.3 Hz), 5.13 (dddd, 1H, 5-H, J_{5,4}=7.4 Hz, J_{5,4'}=2.8 Hz, J_{5,3}=1.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (HMQC, 100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=$ 15.86 (6-CH₃), 17.52 (10-CH₃), 25.52 (CH₃-11), 25.83 (C-3), 26.61 (C-8), 27.47 (C-4), 32.25 (C-2), 39.61 (C-7), 62.82 (C-1), 124.17 (C-5)*, 124.26 (C-9)*, 131.13 (C-10), 135.16 (C-6). * The assignments of the signals of C-5 and C-9 and 5-H and 9-H have perhaps to be reversed. $C_{12}H_{24}O$ (196.33, 196.18), EI MS: $m/z (\%)=196 [M]^+$ (2), 69 (100), 41 (71); HRMS: calcd 196.1827, found 196.1817.

8.7.4. (5E)-6,10-Dimethylundeca-5,9-dienoic acid (22a). (a) Jones reagent was added at 0°C to a solution of **21** (0.30 g, 1.53 mmol) in acetone (2 mL) until the red colour persisted. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for 3 h. Excess of oxidant was destroyed with isopropanol. Water (20 mL) was added. Usual work-up (diethyl ether) and FC (petroleum ether–diethyl ether 4:1) furnished **22a** as a colourless oil. Yield: 0.20 g (65%).

(b) To a suspension of CuI (0.42 g, 2.20 mmol) in dry THF

(10 mL) dimethylsulfide (1 mL) was added. The mixture was cooled to –50°C. Slowly a 1 mol L⁻¹ solution of geranyl magnesiumbromide (4 mL, 1.06 g, 4.40 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at –50°C for 30 min. A solution of β-propiolactone (**18**, 0.14 g, 2.00 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at –50 and 20°C (1 h at each temperature). The reaction was stopped by addition of 3 mol L⁻¹ HCl (2 mL). Usual work-up (ether) and FC (petroleum ether–diethyl ether 2:1) furnished **22a** as a colourless oil, yield 0.58 g (2.77 mmol). IR (KBr): 2924, 1710, 1441, 1244 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HH COSY, 400 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=$ 1.52, 1.53 (2s, 6H, 6-CH₃, 10-CH₃), 1.61 (s, 3H, CH₃-11), 1.58–1.65 (2H, CH₂-3), 1.90–1.93 (2H, CH₂-7), 1.93–2.01 (4H, CH₂-4, CH₂-8), 2.27 (t, 2H, CH₂-2, J=7.5 Hz), 5.01–5.04 (2H, 5-H, 9-H), 10.17 (bs, 1H, COOH). ¹³C NMR (HMQC, 100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=$ 16.65 (6-CH₃), 18.34 (10-CH₃), 25.42 (C-3), 26.35 (CH₃-11), 27.29, 27.79 (C-4, 8), 34.07 (C-2), 40.39 (C-7), 123.86, 124.93 (C-5, C-9), 132.09 (C-10), 137.01 (C-6), 180.93 (C-1). $C_{13}H_{22}O_2$ (210.31, 210.16), FAB MS: $m/z=233.1 [M+Na]^+$; HRMS: $C_{13}H_{23}O_2 [M+H]^+$: calcd 211.1698, found 211.1680.

8.7.5. (S)-3-[(5E)-6,10-Dimethylundeca-5,9-dienoyl]-4-isopropylloxazolidin-2-one (22d). General procedure 1: **5** (0.13 g, 1.00 mmol), **22c** (prepared from **22a**, 0.25 g, 1.00 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 4:1). Colourless syrup, yield: 0.28 g (88%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+48.3$ (c=2.15, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3386, 2925, 1782, 1703, 1384, 1205, 1064 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=$ 0.86, 0.90 (2d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, J=7.0 Hz), 1.58 (s, 6H, 6-CH₃, 10-CH₃), 1.65 (s, 3H, CH₃-11), 1.63–1.77 (2H, CH₂-3), 1.90–2.12 (6H, CH₂-4, CH₂-7, CH₂-8), 2.26–2.45 (1H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 2.84 (dt, 1H, 2-H, ²J=17.0 Hz, ³J=7.5 Hz), 2.97 (dt, 1H, 2-H'), 4.18 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, ²J=9.0 Hz, ³J=3.5 Hz), 4.25 (dd, 1H, CH'-5^{aux}-H', ³J=7.5 Hz), 4.42 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H), 5.06 (dddd, 1H, 9-H, J_{9,8}=6.8 Hz, J_{9,8'}=4.1 Hz, J_{9,7}=2.7 Hz, J_{9,7'}=1.4 Hz), 5.13 (dddd, 1H, 5-H, J_{5,4}=7.3 Hz, J_{5,4'}=2.7 Hz, J_{5,3}=1.4 Hz). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=(-)$ 15.02, (–)18.34 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), (–)16.38 (6-CH₃), (–)18.05 (10-CH₃), (+)24.94 (C-3), (–)26.05 (CH₃-11), (+)27.06, (+)27.63 (C-4, 8), (–)28.78 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), (+)35.42 (C-2), (+)40.10 (C-7), (–)58.78 (C-4^{aux}), (+)63.72 (C-5^{aux}), (–)123.93 (C-5), (–)124.80 (C-9), (+)131.83 (C-10), (+)136.60 (C-6), (+)154.57 (C-2^{aux}), (+)173.91 (C-1). $C_{19}H_{31}NO_3$ (321.46, 321.23), EI MS: $m/z (\%)=321 [M]^+$ (8), 278 (20), 149 (40), 130 (100), 69 (96), 41 (87); HRMS: calcd 321.2304, found 321.2299.

8.7.6. (4S)-3-[(2R,5E)-6,10-Dimethyl-2-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)-undeca-5,9-dienoyl]-4-isopropylloxazolidin-2-one (23a). General procedure 2: **22d** (0.06 g, 0.20 mmol), **7** (0.07 g, 0.40 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 6:1). Colourless syrup, yield: 61.34 mg (68%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+14.6$ (c=1.94, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 2958, 1780, 1701, 1385, 1246, 1203, 1099, 837 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=-$ 0.04–0.07 (9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.79–0.87 (2H, CH₂–CH₂–Si, J=8.4 Hz), 0.88, 0.91 (2d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, J=7.4 Hz), 1.56 (s, 3H, 6-CH₃), 1.58 (s, 3H, 10-CH₃), 1.66 (s, 3H, CH₃-11), 1.70–1.84 (2H, CH₂-3),

1.87–2.10 (6H, CH₂-4, CH₂-7, CH₂-8), 2.25–2.44 (1H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 3.43–3.51 (1H, CH₂-CH₂-Si), 3.55 (dd, 1H, CH-CHH'-O, ²J=9.1 Hz, ³J=5.2 Hz), 3.64 (dd, 1H, CH-CHH'-O, ³J=7.4 Hz), 4.11–4.19 (1H, 2-H), 4.18 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, ²J=9.1 Hz, ³J=3.6 Hz), 4.24 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, ³J=8.0 Hz), 4.49 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H), 5.04–5.14 (2H, 5-H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=−0.85 (Si(CH₃)₃), (−)14.75, (−)17.91 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), (−)16.03 (6-CH₃), (−)17.69 (10-CH₃), (+)18.10 (CH₂-CH₂-Si), (−)25.69 (CH₃-11), (+)25.71 (C-4), (+)26.72 (C-8), (+)28.91 (C-3), (+)39.70 (C-7), (−)28.42 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), (−)43.30 (C-2), (−)58.52 (C-4^{aux}), (+)63.08 (C-5^{aux}), (+)68.32 (CH₂-CH₂-Si), (+)71.64 (CH-CH₂-O), (−)123.59, (−)124.30 (C-5, C-9), (+)131.34 (C-10), (+)135.85 (C-6), (+)153.71 (C-2^{aux}), (+)175.11 (C-1). C₂₅H₄₅NO₄Si (451.72, 451.31), FAB MS: *m/z*=490.2 [M+K]⁺, 474.2 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS: C₂₅H₄₅NNaO₄Si [M+Na]⁺: calcd 474.3016, found 474.3002.

8.7.7. Methyl (2*R*,5*E*)-6,10-Dimethyl-2-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxymethyl)-undeca-5,9-dienoate (23b). General procedure 4: **23a** (0.17 g, 0.39 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L^{−1} in methanol, 5 mL), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 5:1). Colourless oil, yield: 0.11 g (84%). [α]_D²⁰=+9.8 (*c*=2.47, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 2952, 1741, 1437, 1249, 1109, 839 cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=0.02 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.85–0.92 (2H, CH₂-CH₂-Si), 1.44–1.56 (2H, CH₂-3), 1.56 (s, 3H, 6-CH₃), 1.58 (s, 3H, 10-CH₃), 1.66 (s, 3H, CH₃-11), 1.92–2.14 (6H, CH₂-4, CH₂-7, CH₂-8), 2.87–2.98 (1H, 2-H), 3.44 (dd, 1H, CH-CHH'-O, ²J=9.1 Hz, ³J=5.5 Hz) 3.56 (dd, 2H, CH-CHH'-O, ³J=8.2 Hz), 3.45–3.78 (2H, CH₂-CH₂-Si), 3.67 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 5.02–5.14 (2H, 5-H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=−0.85 (Si(CH₃)₃), (−)15.98 (6-CH₃), (−)17.68 (10-CH₃), (+)18.01 (CH₂-CH₂-Si), (+)25.63 (C-4), 25.68 (CH₃-11), (+)26.68 (C-8), (+)29.10 (C-3), (+)39.72 (C-7), (−)45.71 (C-2), (−)51.50 (OCH₃), (+)68.36 (CH₂-CH₂-Si), (+)71.11 (CH-CH₂-O), (−)123.33, (−)124.29 (C-5, C-9), (+)131.33 (C-10), (+)136.02 (C-6), (+)175.21 (C-1). C₂₀H₃₈O₃Si (354.60, 354.25), FAB MS: *m/z*=377.1 [M+Na]⁺.

8.7.8. Methyl (2*R*,5*E*)-2-Hydroxymethyl-6,10-dimethyl-undeca-5,9-dienoate (23c). General procedure 5: **23b** (57.20 mg, 0.16 mmol), LiBF₄ (57.20 mg, 0.16 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield: 21.08 mg (51%). [α]_D²⁴=+10.8 (*c*=1.03, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3431, 2925, 1734, 1458, 1200, 1171, 1049 cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=1.19–1.34 (CH₂-3), 1.59 (s, 3H, 6-CH₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, 10-CH₃), 1.69 (s, 3H, CH₃-11), 1.86–2.20 (6H, CH₂-4, CH₂-7, CH₂-8), 2.48–2.72 (1H, 2-H), 3.73 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.74–3.83 (2H, CH₂-OH), 5.02–5.14 (2H, 5-H, 9-H). ¹³C NMR (100.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=16.68 (6-CH₃), 18.37 (10-CH₃), 26.17 (C-4), 26.37 (CH₃-11), 27.31 (C-8), 29.16 (C-3), 40.38 (C-7), 47.48 (C-2), 52.43 (OCH₃), 63.76 (CH₂-OH), 123.79, 124.90 (C-5, C-9), 132.13 (C-10), 137.04 (C-6), 176.59 (C-1). C₁₅H₂₆O₃ (254.36, 254.18), FAB MS: *m/z*=255.1 [M+H]⁺; HRMS: C₁₅H₂₇O₃ [M+H]⁺: calcd 255.1960, found 255.1957.

8.7.9. [(2*E*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy]-acetic acid (24A). To a vigorously stirred solution of geraniol (2.56 mL, 14.60 mmol) in dry DMF (30 mL) NaH (0.70 g, 29.20 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 30°C for 1 h. After addition of sodium bromoacetate (3.50 g, 21.90 mmol) the mixture was stirred under reflux for 12 h. After cooling to ambient temperature the solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure. The residue was taken up in water and the solution acidified with HCl. Subsequent work-up and FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1) provided **24A** as a colourless, strongly smelling oil (1.91 g, 62%). IR (KBr): 3424, 2975, 2934, 1734, 1381, 1214, 1133 cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=1.56 (s, 3H, 7-CH₃^{ger}), 1.64 (s, 6H, 3-CH₃^{ger}, CH₃-8^{ger}), 1.89–2.12 (4H, CH₂-4^{ger}, CH₂-5^{ger}), 4.07 (s, 2H, O-CH₂-COOH), 4.10 (d, 2H, CH₂-1^{ger}, ²J_{1,2}=7.3 Hz), 5.04 (tm, 1H, 6^{ger}-H, ²J_{6,5}=6.8 Hz), 5.32 (tm, 1H, 2^{ger}-H), 10.61 (bs, 1H, COOH). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=16.85 (3-CH₃^{ger}), 18.09 (7-CH₃^{ger}), 26.09 (CH₃-8^{ger}), 26.71 (C-5^{ger}), 40.03 (C-4^{ger}), 66.54 (O-CH₂-COOH), 68.05 (C-1^{ger}), 119.80 (C-2^{ger}), 124.25 (C-6^{ger}), 132.24 (C-7^{ger}), 142.81 (C-3^{ger}), 176.24 (COOH). C₁₂H₂₀O₃ (212.28, 212.14), EI MS: *m/z* (%)=212 [M]⁺ (2), 93 (24), 69 (100), 41 (63); HRMS: calcd 212.1412, found 212.1414.

8.7.10. (4S)-3-[(*(2E*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy]-acetyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (25A). General procedure 1: **5** (0.13 g, 1.00 mmol), [*(2E*)-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy]-acetyl chloride (obtained from **24A**; 0.23 g, 1.00 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 4:1). Colourless oil, yield: 0.23 g (72%). [α]_D²⁵=+50.8 (*c*=2.78, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3427, 2964, 2921, 1765, 1713, 1390, 1255, 1211, 1130 cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=0.85, 0.90 (2d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, ²J=7.0 Hz), 1.57 (s, 3H, 7-CH₃^{ger}), 1.64 (s, 3H, 3-CH₃^{ger}), 1.66 (CH₃-8^{ger}), 1.89–2.18 (4H, CH₂-4^{ger}, CH₂-5^{ger}), 2.25–2.55 (1H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 4.11 (d, 2H, CH₂-1^{ger}, ³J_{1,2}=7.0 Hz), 4.23 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, ²J=8.8 Hz, ³J=3.3 Hz), 4.32 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H', ³J=8.0 Hz), 4.43 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H), 4.62 (s, 2H, NCO-CH₂-O), 5.06 (tm, 1H, 6^{ger}-H, ²J_{6,5}=6.8 Hz), 5.38 (tm, 1H, 2^{ger}-H). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=15.10, 18.35 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 16.96 (3-CH₃^{ger}), 18.14 (7-CH₃^{ger}), 26.12 (CH₃-8^{ger}), 26.81 (C-5^{ger}), 28.71 (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 40.06 (C-4^{ger}), 58.65 (C-4^{aux}), 64.87 (C-5^{aux}), 68.24 (C-1^{ger}), 69.77 (NCO-CH₂-O), 120.30 (C-2^{ger}), 124.36 (C-6^{ger}), 132.16 (C-7^{ger}), 142.08 (C-3^{ger}), 154.49 (C-2^{aux}), 170.83 (NCO-CH₂-O). C₁₈H₂₉NO₄ (323.43, 323.20), EI MS: *m/z* (%)=323 [M]⁺ (>1), 69 (100), 41 (74); HRMS: calcd 323.2097, found 323.2111.

8.7.11. (S)-3-[*(R*)-2-{*(2E*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy}-3-hydroxy-propionyl]-4-isopro-pyloxazolidin-2-one (26Aa). General procedure 2: **25A** (0.20 g, 0.62 mmol), **8b** (0.18 g, 1.20 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 1:1.75). Colourless syrup, yield: 78 mg (36%). [α]_D²⁵=+36.2 (*c*=3.17, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3402, 2965, 2925, 1781, 1711, 1389, 1246, 1207, 1119, 1055 cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl₃): δ=0.90, 0.95 (2d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, ²J=7.0 Hz), 1.60 (s, 3H, 7-CH₃^{ger}), 1.67 (s, 6H, 3-CH₃^{ger}, CH₃-8^{ger}), 1.95–2.20 (4H, CH₂-4^{ger}, CH₂-5^{ger}), 2.37–2.60 (2H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), 3.84 (dd, 1H, CHH-OH, ²J=12.0 Hz, ³J=4.6 Hz), 3.94 (dd, 1H, CHH-OH, ³J=4.0 Hz), 4.05–4.20 (2H, CH₂-1^{ger}), 4.25 (dd, 1H,

^5aux -H, $^2J=8.9$ Hz, $^3J=3.1$ Hz), 4.34 (dd, 1H, ^5aux -H', $^3J=8.2$ Hz), 4.41–4.53 (1H, ^4aux -H), 5.03–5.14 (1H, 6^{ger}-H), 5.23 (dd, 1H, 2-H), 5.38 (tm, 1H, 2^{ger}-H). ^{13}C NMR (HMQC, APT, 100.6 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=(-)15.03$, $(-)18.45$ (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), $(-)16.96$ (3-CH₃^{ger}), $(-)18.16$ (7-CH₃^{ger}), $(-)26.14$ (CH₃-8^{ger}), $(+)26.81$ (C-5^{ger}), $(-)28.69$ (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), $(+)40.08$ (C-4^{ger}), $(-)59.35$ (C-4^{aux}), $(+)63.71$ (CH₂-OH), $(+)64.45$ (C-5^{aux}), $(+)67.27$ (C-1^{ger}), $(-)78.06$ (C-2), $(-)120.22$ (C-2^{ger}), $(-)124.26$ (C-6^{ger}), $(+)132.27$ (C-7^{ger}), $(+)142.32$ (C-3^{ger}), $(+)154.51$ (C-2^{aux}), $(+)171.15$ (NCO-CH). C₁₉H₃₁NO₅ (353.45, 353.22), EI MS: m/z (%)=353 [M]⁺ (>1), 201 (17), 130 (36), 86 (57), 69 (100), 41 (78), FAB MS: m/z =392.2 [M+K]⁺, 376.2 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS: C₁₉H₃₁NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: calcd 376.2100, found 376.2098.

8.7.12. (S)-3-[*(R)*-2-{(2*E*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy}-3-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxy)-pro-pionyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (26Ab). General procedure 2: **25A** (1.15 g, 3.57 mmol), **7** (0.89 g, 5.34 mmol), FC (petroleum ether-ethyl acetate 10:1). Colourless oil, yield: 0.63 g (39%). $[\alpha]_D^{25}=+23.6$ ($c=1.48$, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 2959, 1780, 1712, 1387, 1249, 1206, 1110 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=-0.02$ (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.88, 0.91 (2d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}, $J=7.0$ Hz), 0.87–0.97 (2H, CH₂-CH₂-Si), 1.58 (s, 3H, 7-CH₃^{ger}), 1.67 (s, 3H, CH₃-8^{ger}), 1.73 (s, 3H, 3-CH₃^{ger}), 1.89–2.15 (4H, CH₂-4^{ger}, CH₂-5^{ger}), 2.24–2.44 (2H, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.42–3.65 (2H, CH₂-CH₂-Si), 3.72 (dd, 1H, CH-CHH'-O, $J=10.3$ Hz, $^3J=3.8$ Hz), 3.83 (dd, 1H, CH-CHH'-O, $^3J=5.1$ Hz), 4.00 (dd, 1H, 1^{ger}-H, $^2J=11.4$ Hz, $^3J=7.7$ Hz), 4.12 (dd, 1H, 1^{ger}-H', $^3J=7.7$ Hz), 4.23 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H, $^2J=9.0$ Hz, $^3J=3.7$ Hz), 4.32 (dd, 1H, 5^{aux}-H', $^3J=8.4$ Hz), 4.53 (ddd, 1H, 4^{aux}-H), 5.00–5.13 (1H, 6^{ger}-H), 5.28 (dd, 1H, CH-CH₂-OH), 5.37 (tm, 1H, 2^{ger}-H). ^{13}C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=(+)-1.32$ (Si(CH₃)₃), $(-)15.02$, $(-)17.94$ (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), $(-)17.81$ (7-CH₃^{ger}), $(+)18.22$ (CH₂-CH₂-Si), $(-)23.63$ (3-CH₃^{ger}), $(-)25.81$ (CH₃-8^{ger}), $(+)26.87$ (C-5^{ger}), $(-)28.55$ (CH(CH₃)₂^{aux}), $(+)32.38$ (C-4^{ger}), $(-)58.46$ (C-4^{aux}), $(+)64.17$ (C-5^{aux}), $(+)66.94$ (C-1^{ger}), $(+)68.94$ (CH₂-CH₂-Si), $(+)70.70$ (CH-CH₂-O), $(-)76.81$ (CH-CH₂-OH), $(-)121.54$ (C-2^{ger}), $(-)123.97$ (C-6^{ger}), $(+)132.01$ (C-7^{ger}), $(+)141.17$ (C-3^{ger}), $(+)153.87$ (C-2^{aux}), $(+)170.94$ (NCO-CH). C₂₄H₄₃NO₅Si (453.69, 453.29), EI MS: m/z (%)=453 [M]⁺ (>1), 202 (28), 73 (100), 41 (34), FAB MS: m/z =476.3 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS: C₂₄H₄₃NNaO₅Si [M+Na]⁺: calcd 476.2808, found 476.2802.

8.7.13. Methyl (*R*)-2-{(2*E*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy}-3-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxy)-propio-nate (27Ab). General procedure 4: **26Ab** (0.11 g, 0.25 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L⁻¹ in methanol, 2 mL), FC (petroleum ether-ethyl acetate 6:1). Colourless oil, yield: 71.27 mg (81%). $[\alpha]_D^{25}=+14.3$ ($c=2.52$, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 2955, 2918, 2863, 1752, 1250, 1200, 1117, 859, 837 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=-0.01$ (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.85–0.98 (2H, CH₂-CH₂-Si), 1.58 (s, 3H, 7-CH₃^{ger}), 1.67 (s, 3H, CH₃-8^{ger}), 1.74 (s, 3H, 3-CH₃^{ger}), 1.98–2.14 (4H, CH₂-4^{ger}, CH₂-5^{ger}), 3.49–3.60 (2H, CH₂-CH₂-Si), 3.67 (d, CH₂-3, $J=5.1$ Hz), 3.75 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.96–4.24 (3H, CH-CH₂-O, CH₂-1^{ger}), 5.00–5.13 (1H, 6^{ger}-H), 5.36 (tm, 1H, 2^{ger}-H). ^{13}C NMR (HETCOR, APT,

50.3 MHz, CDCl₃). $\delta=(+)-1.29$ (Si(CH₃)₃), $(-)17.78$ (7-CH₃^{ger}), $(+)18.13$ (CH₂-CH₂-Si), $(-)23.63$ (3-CH₃^{ger}), $(-)25.79$ (CH₃-8^{ger}), $(+)26.81$ (C-5^{ger}), $(+)32.34$ (C-4^{ger}), $(-)52.05$ (OCH₃), $(+)66.94$ (C-1^{ger}), $(+)69.02$ (CH₂-CH₂-Si), $(+)70.87$ (CH-CH₂-OH), $(-)77.73$ (CH-CH₂-OH), $(-)121.23$ (C-2^{ger}), $(-)123.88$ (C-6^{ger}), $(+)132.04$ (C-7^{ger}), $(+)141.49$ (C-3^{ger}), $(+)171.71$ (COOCH₃). C₁₉H₃₁NO₅Si (356.57, 356.23), EI MS: m/z (%)=356 [M]⁺ (>2), 136 (29), 121 (21), 93 (47), 73 (100); HRMS: calcd 356.2383, found 356.2392.

8.7.14. Methyl (*R*)-2-[{(2*E*)-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy}-3-hydroxy-propionate (27Aa). (a) General procedure 5: **27Ab** (92 mg, 0.26 mmol), LiBF₄ (0.24 g, 2.58 mmol), FC (petroleum ether-ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield: 66 mg, (69%).

(b) General procedure 4: **26Aa** (50 mg, 0.14 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L⁻¹ in methanol, 4.6 mL), FC (petroleum ether-ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield: 32 mg (91%). $[\alpha]_D^{25}=+9.3$ ($c=1.43$, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 3432, 2922, 2853, 1733, 1458, 1166, 1056 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=1.60$ (s, 3H, 7-CH₃^{ger}), 1.67 (s, 6H, 3-CH₃^{ger}, CH₃-8^{ger}), 1.97–2.11 (4H, CH₂-4^{ger}, CH₂-5^{ger}), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.78 (dd, H, CHH'-OH, $^2J=11.6$ Hz, $^3J=6.1$ Hz), 3.88 (dd, 2H, CHH'-OH, $^3J=3.8$ Hz), 4.05 (dd, 1H, CH-CH₂-OH), 4.06 (dd, 1H, 1^{ger}-H, $^2J=11.3$ Hz, $^3J=7.4$ Hz), 4.27 (dd, 1H, 1^{ger}-H'), 5.00–5.16 (1H, 6^{ger}-H), 5.36 (tm, 1H, 2^{ger}-H). ^{13}C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=16.94$ (3-CH₃^{ger}), 18.16 (7-CH₃^{ger}), 26.15 (CH₃-8^{ger}), 26.76 (C-5^{ger}), 40.07 (C-4^{ger}), 52.57 (OCH₃), 63.94 (CH₂-OH), 67.62 (C-1^{ger}), 78.52 (CH-CH₂-OH), 120.10 (C-2^{ger}), 124.27 (C-6^{ger}), 132.33 (C-7^{ger}), 142.59 (C-3^{ger}), 171.85 (COOCH₃). C₁₄H₂₄O₄ (256.34, 256.16), EI MS: m/z (%)=256 [M]⁺ (>2), 69 (100), 41 (67); FAB MS: m/z =279.1 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS: C₁₄H₂₄NaO₄ [M+Na]⁺: calcd 279.1572, found 279.1567.

8.7.15. [(2*Z*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy]-acetic acid (24B). The reaction was performed as described for **24A**. Nerol (2.56 mL, 14.60 mmol), sodium bromoacetate (3.50 g, 21.90 mmol), FC (petroleum ether-ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless, strongly smelling oil, yield: 1.67 g (54%). IR (KBr): 3121, 2967, 2926, 1733, 1444, 1377, 1242, 1220, 1120 cm⁻¹. ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=1.59$ (s, 3H, 7-CH₃^{ner}), 1.67 (s, 6H, CH₃-8^{ner}), 1.76 (s, 3H, 3-CH₃^{ner}), 1.95–2.17 (4H, CH₂-4^{ner}, CH₂-5^{ner}), 4.10 (s, 2H, O-CH₂-COOH), 4.10 (d, 2H, CH₂-1^{ner}, $J=6.4$ Hz), 5.00–5.14 (1H, 6^{ner}-H), 5.35 (tm, 1H, 2^{ner}-H), 10.32 (bs, 1H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (HETCOR, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta=17.99$ (7-CH₃^{ner}), 23.84 (3-CH₃^{ner}), 26.05 (CH₃-8^{ner}), 26.98 (C-5^{ner}), 32.56 (C-4^{ner}), 66.74 (C-1^{ner}), 67.91 (O-CH₂-COOH), 120.88 (C-2^{ner}), 124.07 (C-6^{ner}), 132.68 (C-7^{ner}), 142.90 (C-3^{ner}), 176.19 (COOH). C₁₂H₂₀O₃ (212.28, 212.14), FAB MS: m/z =235.1 [M+Na]⁺; HRMS: C₁₂H₂₀NaO₃ [M+Na]⁺: calcd 235.1310, found 235.1302.

8.7.16. (4*S*)-3-[{(2*Z*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy}-acetyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (25B). General procedure 1: **5** (0.17 g, 1.30 mmol), [(2*Z*)-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyloxy]-acetyl chloride (obtained from **24A**; 0.30 g, 1.30 mmol), FC (petroleum ether-ethyl acetate

4:1). Colourless oil, yield: 0.27 g (65%). $[\alpha]_D^{24}=+51.2$ ($c=1.54$, CHCl_3). IR (KBr): 2965, 2927, 1782, 1717, 1390, 1260, 1210, 1123 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=0.88$, 0.93 (2 \times d, 6H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$, $J=7.0$ Hz), 1.59 (s, 3H, 7- CH_3^{ner}), 1.67 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-}8^{\text{ner}}$), 1.76 (3- CH_3^{ner}), 1.94–2.18 (4H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-}4^{\text{ner}}$, $\text{CH}_2\text{-}5^{\text{ner}}$), 2.32–2.53 (1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 4.12 (d, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-}1^{\text{ner}}$, $J=7.0$ Hz), 4.26 (dd, 1H, 5 $^{\text{aux}}$ -H, $^2J=8.8$ Hz, $^3J=3.3$ Hz), 4.34 (dd, 1H, 5 $^{\text{aux}}$ -H', $^3J=8.1$ Hz), 4.46 (ddd, 1H, 4 $^{\text{aux}}$ -H), 4.64 (s, 2H, $\text{NCO}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$), 5.02–5.16 (1H, 6 $^{\text{ner}}$ -H), 5.41 (tm, 1H, 2 $^{\text{ner}}$ -H). ^{13}C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=15.14$, 18.37 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 18.12 (7- CH_3^{ner}), 23.98 (3- CH_3^{ner}), 26.15 ($\text{CH}_3\text{-}8^{\text{ner}}$), 27.19 (C-5 $^{\text{ner}}$), 28.75 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 32.73 (C-4 $^{\text{ner}}$), 58.67 (C-4 $^{\text{aux}}$), 64.88 (C-5 $^{\text{aux}}$), 68.02 (C-1 $^{\text{ner}}$), 69.78 ($\text{NCO}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$), 121.42 (C-2 $^{\text{ner}}$), 124.25 (C-6 $^{\text{ner}}$), 132.46 (C-7 $^{\text{ner}}$), 142.10 (C-3 $^{\text{ner}}$), 154.52 (C-2 $^{\text{aux}}$), 170.80 ($\text{NCO}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$). $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_4$ (323.43, 323.20), FAB MS: $m/z=346.1$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; HRMS: $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{29}\text{NNaO}_4$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calcd 346.1994, found 346.1992.

8.7.17. (*S*)-3-[*(R*)-2-{(2*Z*)-3,7-Dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyl-oxy}-3-hydroxy-propionyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (26Ba). General procedure 2: **25B** (0.20 g, 0.62 mmol), **8b** (0.28 g, 1.85 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 2:1) provided **26A** (6.3 g, 70%) as bright pale yellow plates. Mp 115–117°C (petroleum ether). IR (KBr): 3427 (OH), 1732 and 1707 cm^{-1} (C=O). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=4.20$ (s, 2H, Ar- $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$), 4.71 (s, 2H, O- $\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$), 7.36–7.53 (9H, Ar $^{\text{A,B}}$ -Hs), 8.79 (bs, 1H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=66.79$ (Ar- $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$), 73.37 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$), 127.25, 127.50, 127.56 (C-3 $^{\text{A}}$, C-5 $^{\text{A}}$, C-2 $^{\text{B}}$, C-4 $^{\text{B}}$, C-6 $^{\text{B}}$), 128.73, 128.94 (C-2 $^{\text{A}}$, C-6 $^{\text{A}}$, C-3 $^{\text{B}}$, C-5 $^{\text{B}}$), 135.69 (C-1 $^{\text{A}}$), 140.83 (C-1 $^{\text{B}}$), 141.41 (C-4 $^{\text{A}}$), 175.16 (COOH). UV (CHCl_3): $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\epsilon)=254.0$ nm (17.680). $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ (242.27, 242.09), FAB MS: $m/z=265.0$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 242.0 [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

8.7.18. Methyl (*R*)-2-{(2*Z*)-3,7-dimethyl-octa-2,6-dienyl-oxy}-3-hydroxy-propionate (27Ba). General procedure 4: **26Ba** (42 mg, 0.12 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L $^{-1}$ in methanol, 3.70 mL), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Colourless oil, yield: 27.2 mg (88%). $[\alpha]_D^{25}=+8.5$ ($c=0.73$, CHCl_3). IR (KBr): 3432, 2922, 2853, 1733, 1458, 1198, 1056 cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=1.59$ (s, 3H, 7- CH_3^{ner}), 1.68 (s, 3H, $\text{CH}_3\text{-}8^{\text{ner}}$), 1.77 (s, 3H, 3- CH_3^{ner}), 1.97–2.20 (4H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-}4^{\text{ner}}$, $\text{CH}_2\text{-}5^{\text{ner}}$), 3.77 (s, 3H, OCH_3), 3.72–3.93 (2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-OH}$), 4.03 (dd, 1H, 1 $^{\text{ner}}$ -H, $^2J=11.1$ Hz, $^3J=7.2$ Hz), 4.04 (dd, 1H, $\text{CH}\text{-CH}_2\text{-OH}$, both $J \sim 6.0$ Hz), 4.23 (dd, 1H, 1 $^{\text{ner}}$ -H', $^3J=6.7$ Hz) 5.00–5.15 (1H, 6 $^{\text{ner}}$ -H), 5.38 (tm, 1H, 2 $^{\text{ner}}$ -H). ^{13}C NMR (50.3 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=18.16$ (7- CH_3^{ner}), 23.99 (3- CH_3^{ner}), 26.17 (CH-3 $^{\text{ner}}$), 27.13 (C-5 $^{\text{ner}}$), 32.68 (C-4 $^{\text{ner}}$), 52.58 (OCH_3), 63.95 ($\text{CH}_2\text{-OH}$), 67.43 (C-1 $^{\text{ner}}$), 78.68

(CH- $\text{CH}_2\text{-OH}$), 121.14 (C-2 $^{\text{ner}}$), 124.10 (C-6 $^{\text{ner}}$), 132.66 (C-7 $^{\text{ner}}$), 142.69 (C-3 $^{\text{ner}}$), 171.82 (COOCH $_3$). $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$ (256.34, 256.16), FAB MS: $m/z=279.2$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; HRMS: $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{NaO}_4$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$: calcd 279.1572, found 279.1579.

8.7.19. 4-Phenylbenzyloxyacetic acid (24C).⁴⁵ Prepared from 4-phenylbenzyl alcohol (6.9 g, 0.038 mol) as described for **24A**. FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 2:1) provided **24C** (6.3 g, 70%) as bright pale yellow plates. Mp 115–117°C (petroleum ether). IR (KBr): 3427 (OH), 1732 and 1707 cm^{-1} (C=O). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=4.20$ (s, 2H, Ar- $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$), 4.71 (s, 2H, O- $\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$), 7.36–7.53 (9H, Ar $^{\text{A,B}}$ -Hs), 8.79 (bs, 1H, COOH). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=66.79$ (Ar- $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$), 73.37 (O- $\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$), 127.25, 127.50, 127.56 (C-3 $^{\text{A}}$, C-5 $^{\text{A}}$, C-2 $^{\text{B}}$, C-4 $^{\text{B}}$, C-6 $^{\text{B}}$), 128.73, 128.94 (C-2 $^{\text{A}}$, C-6 $^{\text{A}}$, C-3 $^{\text{B}}$, C-5 $^{\text{B}}$), 135.69 (C-1 $^{\text{A}}$), 140.83 (C-1 $^{\text{B}}$), 141.41 (C-4 $^{\text{A}}$), 175.16 (COOH). UV (CHCl_3): $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\epsilon)=254.0$ nm (17.680). $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_3$ (242.27, 242.09), FAB MS: $m/z=265.0$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 242.0 [$\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$.

8.7.20. (*S*)-3-[4-Phenylbenzyloxy]-acetyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (25C).⁴⁵ General procedure 1: **5** (1.4 g, 11 mmol), 4-phenylbenzyloxy-acetyl chloride (2.9 g, 11 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). White solid, yield: 2.6 g (67%). Mp 95–98°C (petroleum ether). IR (KBr): 1776 and 1709 cm^{-1} (C=O). UV (CHCl_3): $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\epsilon)$: 253.0 nm (20.896). ^1H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=0.89$, 0.94 (2d, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$, $J=7.0$ Hz), 2.45 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 4.15–4.35 (2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-}5^{\text{aux}}$), 4.45 (m, 1H, 4 $^{\text{aux}}$ -H), 4.65 (s, 2H, Ar- $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$), 4.68 (s, 2H, $\text{NCO}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$), 7.36–7.53 (9H, Ar $^{\text{A,B}}$ -H). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3 , HETCOR): $\delta=14.72$, 17.95 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 28.34 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 58.29 (C-4 $^{\text{aux}}$), 64.49 (C-5 $^{\text{aux}}$), 69.70 ($\text{NCO}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$), 73.27 (Ar- $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$), 127.24, 127.39, 127.44 (C-3 $^{\text{A}}$, C-5 $^{\text{A}}$, C-2 $^{\text{B}}$, C-4 $^{\text{B}}$, C-6 $^{\text{B}}$), 128.68, 128.89 (C-2 $^{\text{A}}$, C-6 $^{\text{A}}$, C-3 $^{\text{B}}$, C-5 $^{\text{B}}$), 136.36 (C-1 $^{\text{A}}$), 140.98 (C-1 $^{\text{B}}$), 141.07 (C-4 $^{\text{A}}$), 154.15 (C-2 $^{\text{aux}}$), 170.20 ($\text{NCO}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$). $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_4\text{N}$ (353.42, 353.16), FAB MS: $m/z=376.1$ [$\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$.

8.7.21. (*S*)-3-[*(R*)-{4-Phenylbenzyloxy}-acetyl]-4-isopropyl-oxazolidin-2-one (26Cb).⁴⁵ General procedure 2: **25C** (0.3 g, 0.85 mmol), **7** (0.35 mL (2.11 mmol), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate 3:1). Yellow syrup, yield: 70 mg (17%). IR (KBr): 1776, 1709 cm^{-1} (C=O). UV (CHCl_3): $\lambda_{\text{max}} (\epsilon)=255.5$ nm (15.209). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=0.04$ (s, 9H, $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, 0.95 (m, 8H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-Si}$), 2.38 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 3.61 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-Si}$), 3.82 (dd, 1H, $\text{CH}\text{-CHH}'\text{-O}$, $J_1=10.5$ Hz, $J_2=3.9$ Hz), 3.92 (dd, $\text{CH}\text{-CHH}'\text{-O}$, $J_1=10.5$ Hz, $J_2=5.7$ Hz), 4.15–4.28 (2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{-}5^{\text{aux}}$), 4.45 (m, 1H, 4 $^{\text{aux}}$ -H), 4.64 (d, 1H, Ar- $\text{CHH}'\text{-O}$, $J_{\text{AB}}=11.7$ Hz), 4.76 (d, 1H, Ar- $\text{CHH}'\text{-O}$), 5.41 (dd, 1H, $\text{CH}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$, $J_1=5.1$ Hz, $J_2=3.9$ Hz), 7.34–7.62 (9H, Ar $^{\text{A,B}}$ -Hs). ^{13}C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta=14.91$, 17.86 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 18.18 ($\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-Si}$), 28.44 ($\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2^{\text{aux}}$), 58.36 (C-4 $^{\text{aux}}$), 64.06 (C-5 $^{\text{aux}}$), 68.97 ($\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-Si}$), 70.65 ($\text{CH}\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$), 72.69 (Ar- $\text{CH}_2\text{-O}$), 76.53 ($\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-O}$), 127.11, 127.38 (C-3 $^{\text{A}}$, C-5 $^{\text{A}}$, C-2 $^{\text{B}}$, C-6 $^{\text{B}}$), 128.71, 128.85 (C-2 $^{\text{A}}$, C-6 $^{\text{A}}$, C-3 $^{\text{B}}$, C-5 $^{\text{B}}$), 136.68 (C-1 $^{\text{A}}$), 140.81, 140.89 (C-4 $^{\text{A}}$, C-1 $^{\text{B}}$), 153.77 (C-2 $^{\text{aux}}$),

170.72 (C-1'). $C_{27}H_{37}O_5NSi$ (483.68, 483.24), ESI MS: $m/z=989.47732$, calcd for $[2M+Na]^+$: 989.47742.

8.7.22. Methyl (*R*)-(4-phenylbenzyloxy)-3-(2-trimethylsilyl-ethoxy)-propionate (27Cb).⁴⁵ General procedure 4: **26Cb** (0.4 g, 0.8 mmol), magnesium methoxide (0.1 mol L⁻¹ in methanol, 12 mL), FC (petroleum ether–ethyl acetate, 4:1). Yellow oil, yield: 0.12 g (40%). IR (KBr): 1751 cm⁻¹ (C=O). UV (CHCl₃): λ_{max} (ϵ)=254.0 nm (20.561). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =0.02 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₂), 0.96 (2H, CH₂–CH₂–Si), 3.61 (2H, CH₂–CH₂–Si), 3.75 (d, 2H, CH–CH₂–O, J =4.9 Hz), 3.78 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.14 (t, 1H, CH–CH₂–O, J =4.9 Hz), 4.59 (d, 1H, Ar–CHH'–O, J =12.0 Hz), 4.82 (d, 1H, Ar–CHH'–O), 7.35–7.61 (9H, Ar^{A,B}–H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =18.21 (CH₂–CH₂–Si), 52.18 (OCH₃), 69.16 (CH₂–CH₂–Si), 70.94 (CH–CH₂–O), 72.49 (Ar–CH₂–O), 78.17 (CH–CH₂–O), 127.27, 127.32, 127.46 (C-3^A, C-5^A, C-2^B, C-4^B, C-6^B), 128.66, 128.92 (C-2^A, C-6^A, C-3^B, C-5^B), 136.60 (C-1^A), 141.01 (C-4^A), 171.47 (COOCH₃). $C_{22}H_{30}O_4Si$ (386.56, 386.19), (386.19079), ESI-MS: $m/z=409.18101$, calcd for $[M+Na]^+$: 409.18056.

8.7.23. Methyl (*R*)-(4-phenylbenzyloxy)-3-hydroxy-propionate (27Ca).⁴⁵ General procedure 5: **26Cb** (64 mg, 0.17 mmol) LiBF₄ (78 mg, 0.83 mmol), FC (cyclohexane–ethyl acetate 3:1). Pale yellow solid, yield: 31 mg (64%). Mp 54–56°C (cyclohexane). $[\alpha_D^{20}]$ =+48.06 (0.186 g/100 mL, CHCl₃). IR (KBr): 1743 cm⁻¹ (C=O). UV (CHCl₃): λ_{max} (ϵ)=252.5 (17.747), 255.5 nm (15.209). ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl₃). δ =1.91 (bs, 1H, OH), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.87 (dd, 1H, CHH'–OH, J =11.7 Hz, J =3.7 Hz), 3.94 (dd, 1H, CHH'–OH, J =11.7 Hz, J =5.5 Hz), 4.15 (dd, 1H, CH–CH₂–OH, J =5.5 Hz, J =3.7 Hz), 4.57 (d, 1H, Ar–CH–O), 4.67 (d, 1H, Ar–CH'–O), 7.29–7.56 (9H, Ar^{A,B}–H). ¹³C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =52.33 (OCH₃), 63.68 (CH₂–OH), 72.49 (Ar–CH₂–O), 78.17 (CH–CH₂–OH), 127.29, 127.49, 127.58 (C-3^A, C-5^A, C-2^B, C-4^B, C-6^B), 128.86, 128.98 (C-2^A, C-6^A, C-3^B, C-5^B), 136.20 (C-1^A), 140.91 (C-1^B), 141.34 (C-4^A), 171.24 (COOCH₃). $C_{17}H_{18}O_4$ (286.33, 286.12), ESI MS: $m/z=595.22933$, calcd for $[2M+Na]^+$: 595.23024, $m/z=309.10937$, calcd for $[M+Na]^+$: 309.10973.

8.7.24. 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl-1-O-[(*R*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-2-tetradecyl-ethoxy]-2,2,2-tri-chloroethoxy-phosphoryl- α -D-glucopyranose, mixture of diastereomers (29a). To a solution of 1H-1,2,4-triazole (49.70 mg, 0.72 mmol) in 1:4 pyridine–CH₂Cl₂ (1.20 mL) 2,2,2-trichloroethyl dichlorophosphite (46.90 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added at 0°C and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. A solution of 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl-D-glucopyranose (**28**, 46.90 mg, 0.19 mmol) in 1:4 pyridine–CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) was added dropwise. Stirring was continued for 70 min at 0°C. Within 1.5 h a solution of **11Ba** (124 mg, 0.41 mmol) in 1:4 pyridine–CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added in 4 portions. After another 3 h stirring at 0°C bis(trimethylsilyl)peroxide (64.60 μ L, 0.30 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at 20°C for 17 h. Solvents were evaporated (25°C) and the product was dried at 0.1 mbar. FC (CHCl₃–methanol 120:1) provided **29a** (80 mg, 64%) as a colourless oil. IR (KBr): 3452, 2926, 2854, 1753, 1458,

1371, 1227, 1157, 1111, 1036, 966, 897, 723 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (HH COSY, 200 MHz, CDCl₃): sugar part: δ =2.03 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.05 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.10 (s, 6H, 2×CH₃CO), 4.05–4.42 (3H, 5-H, CH₂–6), 5.03 (ddd, 1H, 2-H, $J_{2,3}$ =10.3 Hz, $J_{2,1}$ =3.1 Hz), 5.16 (dd, 1H, 4-H, $J_{4,3}$ =9.7 Hz, $J_{4,5}$ =9.7 Hz), 5.49 (dd, 1H, 3-H, $J_{3,2}$ =9.9 Hz, $J_{3,4}$ =9.9 Hz), 5.91 (dd, 1H, 1-H, $J_{1,2}$ =3.5 Hz, $J_{1,p}$ =6.4 Hz); (2*R*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-2-tetradecyl-ethoxy part: δ =0.88 (t, 3H, CH₃–14, $J_{14,13}$ =6.4 Hz), 1.19–1.39 (s, 24H, CH₂–4–CH₂–16), 1.50–1.71 (2H, CH–CH₂–O), 2.70–2.87 (1H, CH–CH₂–O), 3.73 (s, 3H, COOCH₃), 4.05–4.42 (2H, CH₂–3); 2,2,2-trichloroethoxy part: δ =4.52–4.66 (2H, CH₂–CCl₃). ¹³C NMR (HETCOR, APT, 50.3 MHz, CDCl₃): sugar part: δ =21.21, 21.27, 21.35 (4×CH₃CO), 61.94 (C-6), 68.19 (C-4), 69.92 (C-2), 70.42 (C-3, 5), 95.36 (C-1), 170.04, 170.34, 170.62, 171.19 (4×CH₃CO); (2*R*)-methoxycarbonyl-2-tetradecyl-ethoxy part: δ =14.78 (CH₃–16), 23.36, 27.55, 28.97, 30.02, 30.08, 30.21, 30.32, 30.35, 32.59 (CH₂–4–CH₂–16), 46.67 (CH–CH₂–O), 52.68 (COOCH₃), 69.42 (C-3), 173.96 (C-1); 2,2,2-trichloroethoxy part: δ =77.71 (CH₂–CCl₃), 95.22 (CH₂–CCl₃). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =−5.03–5.26 (1:2). $C_{34}H_{56}Cl_3O_{15}P$ (842.14, 840.24), FAB MS: $m/z=863.2$ [M+Na]⁺, ESI MS: $m/z=863.23414$ calcd for $C_{34}H_{56}NaO_{15}P$ [M+Na]⁺: 863.23146.

8.7.25. 2,3,4,6-Tetra-O-acetyl-1-O-[(*R*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-2-tetradecyl-ethoxy]-hydroxy-phosphoryl- α -D-glucopyranose (29b). A mixture of **29a** (44 mg, 0.05 mmol), freshly prepared zinc–copper couple (56 mg, 0.85 mmol), 2,4-pentanedione (74 μ L, 0.63 mmol), and pyridine (2.7 mL) was stirred at 50°C for 3 h. After filtration the residue was carefully washed with ethanol. The combined organic solutions were evaporated and dried at 10² Pa. The crude product was dissolved in 1:8 ethanol–water (15 mL) and treated with Dowex 50W X 2 (H⁺ form, 2 g) for 30 min. The resin was removed by filtration and washed with 1:8 ethanol–water. From the combined solutions after solvent removal (rotavapor and lyophilisation) and FC (CHCl₃–MeOH 5:1) **29b** (42 mg, 64%) was obtained as colourless oil. IR (KBr): 3031, 3013, 2400, 1230, 1202, 777, 675 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (200 MHz, CD₃OD): sugar part: δ =1.98 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.01 (s, 3H, CH₃CO), 2.06 (s, 6H, 2×CH₃CO), 3.87–4.39 (3H, 5-H, CH₂–6), 4.90 (ddd, 1H, 2-H, $J_{2,3}$ =10.4 Hz, $J_{2,1}$ =2.5 Hz, further coupling with 2.2 Hz), 5.11 (dd, 1H, 4-H, $J_{4,3}$ =9.8 Hz, $J_{4,5}$ =9.8 Hz), 5.47 (dd, 1H, 3-H, $J_{3,2}$ =9.9 Hz, $J_{3,4}$ =9.9 Hz), 5.69 (dd, 1H, 1-H, $J_{1,2}$ =3.3 Hz, $J_{1,p}$ =7.4 Hz); (2*R*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-2-tetradecyl-ethoxy part: δ =0.89 (t, 3H, CH₃–16, J =6.6 Hz), 1.09–1.39 (s, 24H, CH₂–4–CH₂–16), 1.45–1.64 (2H, CH–CH₂–O), 2.67–2.80 (1H, CH–CH₂–O), 3.69 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.87–4.39 (2H, CH₂–3). ¹³C NMR (HMQC, 100.6 MHz, CD₃OD): sugar part: δ =20.20, 20.34 (4×CH₃CO), 62.45 (C-6), 69.08 (C-4), 69.36 (C-5), 70.80 (C-3), 71.53 (C-2), 93.15 (C-1), 170.78, 171.13, 171.25, 171.95 (4×CH₃CO); (2*R*)-2-methoxycarbonyl-2-tetradecyl-ethoxy part: δ =14.07 (CH₃–16), 23.35, 27.83, 29.31, 30.10, 30.18, 30.24, 30.32, 30.38, 30.42, 32.69 (CH₂–4–CH₂–16), 47.38 (CH–CH₂–O), 51.89 (OCH₃), 67.11 (C-3), 175.85 (C-1). ³¹P NMR (81 MHz, CDCl₃): δ =−4.25. $C_{32}H_{55}O_{15}P$ (710.75, 710.32), ESI MS: $m/z=709.31951$, calcd for $C_{33}H_{55}O_{15}P$ [M–H][−]: 709.32058.

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