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#### ABSTRACT

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Gold complexes catalyze the cyclyzation of homopropargylic ethers to prepare saturated hetercyclic ketones through a sequence of alkyne hydration, alkoxy elimination, and intramolecular conjugate addition of pendant oxygen or nitrogen nucleophiles. This reaction was used in an efficient total synthesis of the natural product andrachcinidine. Regioselective hydration of internal alkynes on propargylic ethers rather than homopropargylic ethers expanded the scope of products. Leucascandrolide A was synthesized through an Electron Transfer-Initiated Cyclization (ETIC) reaction as a key step. The reaction sequence also had highlights as stereoselective BiBr<sub>3</sub>-mediated allylation, acetal formation as a fragment-coupling reaction, and a rhenium-mediated allylic alcohol transposition leading to stable macrolactol formation. Intra-and intermolecular kinetic isotope effects of oxidative carbon-hydrogen bond cleavage in DDQ-mediated cyclization reations were also explored. The carbon-hydrogen cleavage is rate determining and that a radical cation is most likely a key intermediate in the reaction mechanism.

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## Synthesis of Leucascandrolide A

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Ac = AcetylAcac = AcetylacetonateAr = ArylBINOL = 1.1'-Bi-2-naphthol <sup>t</sup>Boc = *tert*-Butoxycabonyl Bn = BenzylBu = ButylCAN = Ceric Ammonium Nitrate Cbz = CarbobenzyloxyCSA = Camphorsulfonic Acid Cy = CyclohexylDABCO = 1,4-Diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane dba = Dibenzylidene Acetone DCC = Dicyclohexyl Carbodiimide DDQ = 2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone DIAD = Diisopropyl Azadicarboxylate DIBAL = Diisobutylaluminum Hydride DMAP = 4-Dimethylaminopyridine DMF = Dimethylformamide DMP = Dess-Martin Periodinane DMS = DimethylsulfideDMSO = Dimethylsulfoxide DTBAD = Di-*tert*-butylazodicaboxlate EDCl = 1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide EI = Electron Ionization ESI = Electrospray Ionization Et = EthylETIC = Electron Transfer-Initiated Cyclization Fmoc = 9-Fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl Fur = Furyl GC = Gas Chromatography HMPA = Hexamethylphosphorictriamide HRMS = High Resolution Mass Spectrometry HOBt = Hydroxybenzotriazole Ipc = Isopinocamphenyl KHMDS = Potassium Hexamethyldisilazide L.A. = Lewis Acid (generic) LAH = Lithium Aluminium Hydride LDA = Lithium Diisopropylamide mCPBA = *meta*-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid Me = MethylMOM = Methoxymethyl

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MS = Molecular Sieves
NMO = N-Methylmorpholine-N-Oxide
NMR = Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
NOESY = Nuclear Overhauser Enhancement Spectroscopy
NR = No Reaction (generic)
Ns = Nitrobenzenesulfonyl
PCC = Pyridinium Chlorochromate
PDC = Pyridinium Dichromate
PG = Protecting Group (generic)
Ph = Phenyl
PMB = para-Methoxybenzyl
PMP = para-Methoxyphenyl
PPTS = Pyridinium p-Toluenesulfonate
Pr = Propyl
Py = Pyridyl
R = Alkyl Chain (generic)
RT = Room Temperature
Salen = N,N'-Ethylenebis(salicylimine)
TBAF = Tetra-n-butylamonium Fuoride
TBDPS = tert-Butyldiphenylsilyl
TBS = tert-Butyldimethylsilyl
TCC = trans-2-(\alpha-Cumyl)cyclohexyl
Tf = Trifluoromethanesulfonyl
THF = Tetrahydrofuran
TIPS = Triisopropylsilyl
TMS = Trimethylsilyl
Ts = Toluenesulfonyl
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## PREFACE

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## 1.0 Gold-Catalyzed Synthesis of Heterocycles from Alkynyl Ethers: Application to the Total Synthesis of Andrachcinidine

#### **1.1 Introduction**

#### 1.1.1 General

A wide range of naturally occurring and biologically active molecules contain saturated heterocycles as structural component. For example, tetrahydropyrans are present in several cytotoxins,<sup>1</sup> tetrahydrofuran subunits are located in the annonaceous acetogenins,<sup>2</sup> and larger oxygen-containing rings are components of the marine ladder toxins.<sup>3</sup> Particularly, substituted piperidine rings are common structural features in numerous alkaloids<sup>4</sup> and serve as attractive scaffoldings for medicinal agents because of their ability to be converted to derivatives such as sulfonamides and carbamates that project functional groups into various spatial arrangements for binding to biological targets. Consequently, the development of new and efficient preparation methods for saturated heterocycles with high chemo- and stereoselectivity continues to be an important objective in organic synthesis.

#### 1.1.2 Gold catalysis in activation of alkynes and alkenes

Alkene and alkyne activation by electrophilic transition metal catalysts is proving to be a successful strategy for achieving this objective, with gold reagents proving to be exceptionally effective and versatile. Gold catalysts complement classical transition metal catalysts, such as palladium and platinum, because of their opposite properties: gold compounds are easily reduced, and do not tend to undergo  $\beta$ -hydride elimination.<sup>5</sup>

In 1991, Utimoto and coworkers showed that NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> promoted the hydration of alkynes **1** to form ketones **2** in excellent yield in a methanol/water mixture at reflux; however, when pure methanol was used as the solvent, dimethylacetals **3** were isolated (Scheme 1).<sup>6</sup> Of note in this process is that hydration occurs with complete regiocontrol (Markovnikov's rule).



Scheme 1. Gold-catalyzed hydration of terminal alkyne.

Furthermore, they observed that the ether group directed the nucleophile to the remote carbon for propargylic ethers **4**, and consequently the  $\beta$ -alkoxy ketone **5** was formed.  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated ketone **6** was obtained after the elimination of alcohol (Scheme 2).<sup>7</sup>



Scheme 2. Gold-catalyzed hydration of internal alkyne.

Cationic gold(I)-catalyzed alkyne hydration was reported by Tanaka and coworkers in 2002.<sup>8</sup> The cationic gold(I) complexes, first developed by Teles and coworkers,<sup>9</sup> can be generated *in situ* by protonation of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCH<sub>3</sub> with a strong acid (e.g., H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H, H<sub>3</sub>PW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>, or HBF<sub>4</sub>). Only 0.01 mol% of the gold catalyst, in the presence of CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H, was sufficient for alkyne hydration (Scheme 3). Control experiments showed that the reaction did not proceed in the absence of either the gold complex or Brønsted acids.



Scheme 3. Gold(I)-catalyzed hydration of alkyne.

Kobayashi and coworkers surveyed the catalytic activity of various transition metal salts and reported that AuCl and AuCl<sub>3</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O were effective catalysts for the intermolecular addition of carbamates **10** to enone **9** at room temperature (Scheme 4).<sup>10</sup> On the other hand, the conventional oxophilic Lewis acids, such as BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>, AlCl<sub>3</sub>, SnCl<sub>4</sub>, and TiCl<sub>4</sub>.were found to be less effective for this transformation.



Scheme 4. Gold-catalyzed 1,4-addition.

Utimoto and co-workers also reported gold-catalyzed intramolecular hydroaminations. 2,3,4,5-Tetrahydropyridine **13** and dihydro-3*H*-pyrrole **15** can be obtained in two steps: the nucleophilic addition of the amino group to the alkyne followed by the tautomerization of the enamine intermediate to the imine product. In contrast to palladium-catalyzed reactions that proceed to give the expected products in moderate yields with the lack of regioselectivity,<sup>11</sup> NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> gave pyridines and pyrroles in quantitative yield within 1–2 hour(s) (Scheme 5).<sup>12</sup>



Scheme 5. Gold-catalyzed formation of C–N bond.

Hashmi and coworkers reported the cycloisomerization of propargyl ketones **16** and allenyl ketones **17** in presence of AuCl<sub>3</sub> to form furans **18** (Scheme 6).<sup>13</sup> This type of reaction had already been described as silver(I)-catalyzed process by Marshall and coworkers (typical reaction condition: 20% catalyst, reflux in acetone and a reaction time of several hours);<sup>14</sup> however, gold salts are significantly more active catalysts, which is confirmed by the observation that quantitative yields are obtained after a few minutes at room temperature and that only 0.1 mol% of catalyst is required.



Scheme 6. Gold-catalyzed formation of C–O Bond.

#### 1.1.3 Controversy between Brønsted acid and transition metal catalysts

Brønsted acid catalysts are attractive as economical and environmentally benign reagents for many transformations. In 2002 a Brønsted acid-catalyzed intramolecular hydroamination was reported by Hartwig and coworkers.<sup>15</sup> In the course of their studies on the palladium-catalyzed cyclization of sulfonamides in the presence of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (HOTf), they found the reactions occurred in the absence of palladium to give pyrrolidine **20** (Scheme 7). According to their mechanistic studies, the protonation of sulfonamide group was the first stage for cyclizations.



Scheme 7. Brønsted acid-catalyzed intramolecular hydroamination.

Four years later, He and co-workers also reported that Brønsted acids can efficiently catalyze the addition of nucleophiles (Scheme 8),<sup>16</sup> which were identical to those subjected to previous gold(I)-catalyzed addition reactions.<sup>17</sup> They proposed that the alkene was directly protonated by HOTf to form a carbocation which was subsequently trapped by nucleophiles. This statement might be controversial because Hartwig and co-workers observed no isomerization of the *Z*-olefin to *E*-olefin under their reaction condition (Scheme 7). Both groups had strong experimental results and observations to verify their hypotheses and the issue is still unresolved.



Scheme 8. Intermolecular addition of nucleophile to alkene.

These groups also studied whether the gold-mediated reactions had been actually catalyzed by a Brønsted acid that was generated *in situ* from the reaction of gold with nucleophile. Pre-incubated Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuOTf that was prepared by heating overnight in toluene with or without **21**, could not promote the reaction at room temperature at which 2 mol% HOTf was sufficient to yield **23**. Based upon a series of control experiments, they postulated that Brønsted acids could not serve as the catalyst in gold-mediated reactions.

In 2001 Spencer and coworkers reported palladium-catalyzed aza-1,4-addition reaction with carbamate nucleophiles.<sup>18</sup> Later, they revealed that strong Brønsted acids, such as Tf<sub>2</sub>NH, CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H, and HBF<sub>4</sub>OMe<sub>2</sub>, were also efficient to catalyze aza-, oxy-, and thio-1,4-addition reactions (Scheme 9),<sup>19</sup> though weaker acids, such as CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, CF<sub>3</sub>COOH, and HCl, did not promote 1,4-addition reactions.



Scheme 9. Palladium vs Brønsted acid-catalyzed 1,4-addition.

Although  $H_2SO_4$ -mediated alkyne hydration has been reported,<sup>20</sup> the need of a large excess of  $H_2SO_4$  limits its synthetic utility. In 2000, Shirakawa and coworkers reported that 10 mol% of strong Brønsted acids such as Tf<sub>2</sub>NH and TfOH promote the catalytic hydration of alkynes at 100 °C (Scheme 10).<sup>21</sup> However, aliphatic alkynes reacted less efficiently than aromatic

alkynes in the processes.



Scheme 10. Brønsted acid-catalyzed hydration of alkynes.

#### 1.1.4 Summary

Recently numerous examples of the utility of gold as a catalyst for additions to alkynes, allenes, and alkenes have been reported. The clear picture emerging from those studies is that gold catalysts are soft Lewis acids that promote Markovnikov addition and the reactions can employ a range of oxygen and nitrogen nucleophiles. Although the exclusive or supporting role for Brønsted acids in some particular cases cannot be rigorously excluded, literature precedents show that gold-mediated conditions do not generate acids in sufficient concentration to promote reactions.

#### 1.1.5 Goals and objectives

Selective manipulation of one functional group in the presence of other moieties with similar reactivity patterns is essential for the synthesis of structurally complex heterocycles. Gold

catalysts have been demonstrated to be extremely useful agents for generating electrophiles through their association with  $\pi$ -bonds, thereby selectively activating alkynes toward reactions with a remarkable range of nucleophiles.

Homopropargylic ethers were considered as intriguing substrates because of their ease of preparation, generally inert behavior toward nucleophiles, and wealth of potential reaction pathways upon treatment with gold catalysts. We chose to study the behavior of homopropargylic ethers that bear a distal nucleophilic group toward the objective of catalyzing cyclization reactions. Mechanistic details will be presented, as will its application as the key step in the enantioselective total synthesis of a monocyclic alkaloid.

#### **1.2 Results and Discussion**

#### 1.2.1 Oxygen-containing heterocycle synthesis

Our initial studies showed that tetrahydropyran **30** was formed when homopropargylic ether **29** was subjected to 5 mol% of chloro(triphenylphosphine)gold(I) (Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl) and 5 mol% of silver hexafluoroantimonate(V) (AgSbF<sub>6</sub>) in unpurified CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> under standard atmospheric conditions (Scheme 11). Similar treatment of ether **31**, prepared as a mixture of diastereomers, yielded **32** as a single diastereomer in 60% yield.



Scheme 11. Gold-mediated tetrahydropyran synthesis.

These results led us to explore the unique chemoselectivity of gold catalysis in the synthesis of polyfunctional molecules through a new, efficient, and mild approach to the preparation of oxygen-containing heterocyclic ketones.

#### 1.2.1.1 Optimization of gold-mediated reaction

Our first consideration was to find the origin of additional oxygen because alkyne was converted to a ketone under the reaction conditions. However, continuous experimental observations with thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis led us to anticipate that water, required for hydration, could be accessed from the adventitious moisture in atmosphere. Initial TLC analyses showed that the homopropargylic alcohols are inert in the presence of the catalyst. Surprisingly, frequent TLC analyses under an open atmosphere allowed for the introduction of a sufficient amount of water to complete the hydration reaction. Control experiments in the presence of molecular sieves (4 Å) confirmed that the reaction did not proceed in the absence of water.

Reproducible results were not observed for this reaction, however, possibly due to differences in atmospheric humidity.

In order to assure a sufficient source of water for the hydration, we found that the use of water-saturated  $CH_2Cl_2$  (~60 mM), as the solvent, led to reproducible results for the reaction, giving clean and complete conversion in quantitative GC yield and 77% isolated yield of the semi-volatile product **30** (Table 1, entry 1). At lower temperatures, the gold did not promote the reaction (entry 2). Control reactions demonstrated that both gold and silver are essential for this process (see Table 1, entries 3 and 4).

	● ●	Me		Au(I)	° (	
		29			30	
entry	catalyst(s)	mol%	<b>solvent</b> <sup>a</sup>	temp (°C)	time (h)	GC yield <sup>b</sup>
1	Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl	5	$CH_2Cl_2$	35	24	$100\% (77\%)^c$
	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	5				
2	Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl	5		0	12	NR
	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	5				
3	Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl	5		30	24	NR
4	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	5		30	24	NR

<sup>*a*</sup> Water-saturated solvent (~60 mM). <sup>*b*</sup> *p*-cymene was used as internal standard for GC yield. <sup>*c*</sup> number in parentheses is isolated yield.

Table 1. Optimizing reaction condition with Au(I).

Based upon the operational simplicity and reduced reaction cost, NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> was also employed as an alternative catalyst for these transformations. The reaction proceeded smoothly and reproducibly when **29** was exposed to NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> (5 mol%) in water-saturated  $CH_2Cl_2$  (Table 2, entry 1). Adding a large quantity of catalyst (10 mol%) did not improve the product yield (entry 2) while loading each successive quantity of NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> (*ea.* 5 mol%) in two potions maintained the reactivity to provide a 96% GC yield and a 73% isolated yield (entry 3). Presumably NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> is converted to an inactive species over time.<sup>22</sup> Refluxing conditions in water-saturated dichloroethane were quite sluggish (entry 4). The use of water-saturated acetonitrile and aqueous THF (10:1 ratio ( $\nu/\nu$ ) of THF/water) were not efficient with respect to catalytic activity, presumably due to the higher solubility of water in those solvents and/or the coordinating ability of heteroatom containing solvents, resulting in catalyst deactivation (entries 5 and 6).

	OMe		OMe Au(III) OH conditions		u(III) ditions	0 L	
		29			30		
entry	catalyst	mol%	<b>solvent</b> <sup>a</sup>	temp (°C)	time (h)	GC yield <sup>b</sup>	
1	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	5	$CH_2Cl_2$	35	48	83%	
2	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	10	$CH_2Cl_2$	35	48	84%	
3	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	$10^c$	$CH_2Cl_2$	35	48	$96\% (73\%)^d$	
4	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	$10^c$	$C_2H_4Cl_2$	85	48	39%	
5	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	$10^c$	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	35	48	NR	
6	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	$10^c$	THF <sup>e</sup>	35	48	10% <sup>f</sup>	

<sup>*a*</sup> Water-saturated solvent (~60 mM). <sup>*b*</sup> *p*-cymene was used as internal standard. <sup>*c*</sup> adding catalyst (5 mol%) two times at intervals of 12 hours. <sup>*d*</sup> number in parentheses is isolated yield(s). <sup>*e*</sup> 10:1 ratio ( $\nu/\nu$ ) of THF/water. <sup>*f*</sup> isolated yield of hydrated product and 80% starting material recovered.

Table 2. Optimizing reaction conditions with Au(III).

#### 1.2.1.2 Preparation of homopropargylic ethers

We prepared a range of substrates to study the mechanism and scope of the process. These substrates were designed to examine the facility of accessing multiple ring sizes, the capacity for diastereocontrol in the cyclization step, and the ability to conduct chemoselective cyclization reactions in the presence of other potentially reactive functional groups. Syntheses of substrates are shown in Scheme 12. Diol monosilylation<sup>23</sup> with TBSCl followed by Parikh-Doering oxidation<sup>24</sup> provided aldehyde **37** in 52% yield over 2 steps. Zinc-mediated Barbier-type propargyl addition under sonication<sup>25</sup> provided homopropargylic alcohol **36** in 86% yield. The formation of methyl ether **43** by the Williamson ether synthesis with sodium hydride and iodomethane followed by cleavage of the TBS ether with aqueous HCl in THF afforded **29** in 95% yield over 2 steps. Its lower and higher homologues **41** and **42** were also prepared in good yield under the identical reaction sequences described above.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) NaH, THF, then TBSCl, 0 °C to RT; b)  $SO_3$ •pyridine, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMSO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT; c) propargyl bromide, Zn, 1,2-diiodoethane, THF, sonication; d) NaH, THF, then MeI, 0 °C to RT; e) HCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, THF, RT.

Scheme 12. Preparation of homopropargylic ethers.

A mixture of diastereomeric methyl branched substrates **48** (n = 1) and **31** (n = 2) were prepared by the oxidation of alcohols **45** (n = 1) and **29** (n = 2) with pyridinium dichromate (PDC) and subsequent addition of methyl magnesium bromide (Scheme 13).



Reagents and conditions: a) PDC, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT; b) MeMgBr, THF, 0 °C.

Scheme 13. Preparation of branched homopropargylic ethers 48 and 31.

A methoxy-substituted substrate was prepared by the sequence in Scheme 14. Monoprotection<sup>26</sup> of **49** with TBSCl followed by Parikh-Doering oxidation<sup>27</sup> provided aldehyde **51** in 30% overall yield. Allylation of **51** with allylmagnesium bromide followed by TBS-protection gave homoallylic ether **53** in 75% overall yield. Oxidative cleavage by  $OsO_4-NaIO_4^{26}$ followed by Barbier-type propargylation<sup>28</sup> and subsequent methyl ether formation yielded homopropargylic ether **56** in 65% yield over 3 steps. Hydroxy group manipulation gave branched homopropargylic ether **60** in 66% overall yield.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) NaH, THF, then TBSCl, 0 °C to RT; b) SO<sub>3</sub>•pyridine, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMSO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT; c) allylmagnesium bromide, THF, 0 °C to RT; d) NaH, THF, then TBSCl, 0 °C to RT; e) OsO<sub>4</sub>, NaIO<sub>4</sub>, 2,6-lutidine, 1,4-dioxane/H<sub>2</sub>O (3:1,  $\nu/\nu$ ), RT; f) proparely bromide, Zn, 1,2-diiodoethane, THF, sonication; g) NaH, THF, then MeI, 0 °C to RT; h) HCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, THF, RT; i) TBSCl, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT; j) 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine, MeOTf, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to RT; k) HCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, THF, RT.

Scheme 14. Preparation of branched homopropargylic ether 60.

Aldol addition of the lithium enolate of *tert*-butylacetate to aldehyde **47** and subsequent reduction of  $\beta$ -hydroxy ester **61** with lithium aluminum hydride (LAH) provided diol **62** in 86% overall yield (Scheme 15).



Reagents and conditions: a) tert-Butylacetate, LDA, THF, -78 °C; b) LAH, ether, -78 °C.

#### Scheme 15. Preparation of branched homopropargylic ether 62.

#### 1.2.1.3 Reaction scope and mechanism

The scope and efficiency of the gold-mediated cyclization reaction are summarized in Table 3. Several aspects of this study are noteworthy. The overall transformations were, in general, quite efficient and proceeded in nearly quantitative yield. Although NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> was a suitable as a simpler and more economical catalyst for many reactions, the Ph<sub>3</sub>AuCl/AgSbF<sub>6</sub> system produced a more active catalyst with respect to reaction time and product yield. Silyl- and MOM-protected nucleophilies **43** and **63** were sufficiently reactive to engage in this process (entries 2 and 3), alleviating the need for their cleavage prior to the cyclization reaction. Reactions, employing unprotected nucleophiles, produced methanol as the only side product. Tetrahydrofuran **64** was readily synthesized within 12 hours (entry 4). Substrates that yielded tetrahydrofuran products. Intermediates along the reaction pathway did not accumulate to a significant extent except when **46** was subjected to the reaction condition to yield oxepane **65** and isolable  $\alpha_{\alpha}\beta$ -unsaturated ketone **66** (entry 5).

entry	substrate	product(s)	time (h)	<b>conditions</b> <sup>a</sup>	yield(s) <sup>b</sup>
1	OMe	0	24	А	100% <sup>c</sup>
	ОН		48	В	96% <sup>c</sup>
	29	30			
2	OMe	30	48	В	78% <sup>c</sup>
	OTBS				
	43				
3	OMe	30	72	В	66% <sup>cd</sup>
	ОМОМ				
	63				





<sup>*a*</sup> Condition A: substrate in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (~60 mM), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (5 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5 mol%), 35 °C. condition B: substrate in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (~60 mM), NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> (2 × 5 mol%) at 12 h intervals, 35 °C. <sup>*b*</sup> yields are reported for isolated, purified products unless otherwise noted. <sup>*c*</sup> yield determined by GC. p-cymene was used as internal standard. <sup>*d*</sup> yield based upon 83% starting material consumption. <sup>*e*</sup> 5 mol% NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>. <sup>*f*</sup> yield based upon 81% starting material consumption. <sup>*g*</sup> diastereomeric ratio determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

Table 3. Reaction scope of oxygen-containing heterocycle syntheses.

Single diastereomers of the *cis*-2,6-disubstituted pyran products<sup>27</sup> were isolated in high yields from mixtures of diastereoisomers, suggesting that a planar intermediate forms during the reaction (entry 6). This outcome is consistent with the observation that *A*-values for substituents of tetrahydropyran at the 2- and 6-positions are higher than those at other positions due to shorter C–O bond lengths.<sup>28</sup> Treatment of **60** with both Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl/AgSbF<sub>6</sub> and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> catalysts yielded **67** in 96% and 71% yields respectively with a 2:1 dr (entry 7). Formation of tetrahydrofuran **68** shows very little conformational preference for the 2,5-*cis*-isomer relative to the 2,5-*trans*-isomer (entry 8). The reaction was tolerant of functional groups with ester, alkoxy, and hydroxyl groups providing to be compatible with the conditions, though methyl ester **69** was isolated as the major product, presumably due to methanolysis of the *tert*-butyl ester by the MeOH that is released in the reaction (entry 9). Diol **62** was also smoothly converted to pyran **71** without protecting the primary hydroxyl group, because 6-*exo* cyclizations are kinetically preferred over 8-*exo* cyclizations (entry 10).

We were able to isolate a small amount of ketone **72** when reactions were stopped at partial conversion from **29**. Ketone **72** was re-subjected to the reaction condition, and cyclization was observed (Scheme 16).



Scheme 16. Cyclization of ketone intermediate.

The formation of tetrahydropyrans **32**, **69**, and **71** as single stereoisomers from diastereomeric mixtures of starting materials indicates that the stereogenic center, bearing the methoxy group, is lost or is subjected to stereochemical mutation during the course of the reaction. The possibility that the loss of stereogenicity is only relevant when secondary alcohols are used as nucleophiles was discounted by preparing **29** in enantiomerically enriched form through an asymmetric propargylation reaction in the presence of (*S*)-BINOL-Ti(IV) complex and trimethyl borate.<sup>29</sup> (Scheme 17).



**Reagents and conditions:** a) (S)-BINOL, Ti(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub>, B(OMe)<sub>3</sub>, allenyltributyltin, 4 Å MS, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C; b) NaH, THF, then MeI, RT; c) TBAF, THF, RT.

<sup>*a*</sup> yield based upon 64% starting material consumption. <sup>*b*</sup>  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$  +3.4 (*c* 2.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). <sup>*c*</sup> enatiomeric excess was determined by GC with a ChiraldexTM G-TA column.

Scheme 17. Preparation of enantiomerically enrich homopropargylic ether 29.

When (*R*)-29 was subjected to gold-catalyzed cyclization under standard atmospheric condition, a racemic mixture of 30 was formed, as determined by a GC experiment with a chiral stationary phase (Scheme 18).



<sup>*a*</sup> Racemic mixture was determined by chiral GC.

Scheme 18. Gold-mediated cyclization of enantiomerically enriched 30.

When enone **66** was subjected to the reaction condition, oxepane **65** was formed. This indicates that enone intermediates are formed during the transformation. These experimental results, coupled with literature precedents, led us to propose the mechanism sequence shown in Figure 1. Ketone **72** is formed in the initial step through gold-mediated Markovnikov alkyne

hydration, followed by  $\beta$ -elimination of the methoxy group to yield enone **73**, and gold-mediated intramolecular conjugate addition of the nucleophilic hydroxyl group to provide **30**.



Figure 1. Proposed gold-mediated cyclization.

Several aspects of this mechanism merit further discussion. The initial alkyne hydration is well-precedented, though the elimination of the methoxy group has far less precedent. Utimoto and Fukuda observed the gold-mediated conversion of propargylic ethers to enones (see Scheme 2). However, the reaction proceeds through the formation of an enol intermediate that is adjacent to an alkoxy leaving group. The nucleophilic addition can simply be considered as the microscopic reverse of the elimination reaction. Several reports of gold-mediated additions of nucleophiles to alkenes have recently appeared in the literature, but these examples generally employ alkenes that are far more electron rich than the electron deficient intermediates that appear in this work. Trost, however, has postulated that ruthenium catalysts can promote tetrahydropyran formation through a similar mechanism<sup>30</sup> and Kobayashi has reported (see Scheme 6) carbamates undergo conjugate additions with  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds in the presence of gold catalysts. The failure of the enone to accumulate in most
cyclization reactions provides an evidence for gold-mediated cyclization reaction, since similar processes normally require somewhat forcing acid- or base-mediated conditions,<sup>31</sup> and indicates that gold-activated enones are quite reactive toward conjugate addition. The alternative possibility that the cyclization could be catalyzed by a phosphine-mediated alkoxide formation<sup>32</sup> can be discounted because of the ability of ligand-free NaAuCl<sub>4</sub> to promote the process. While a possible involvement of Brønsted acid in the alkyne hydration that could be generated from the reaction of water with the gold complex cannot be rigorously excluded, cyclization product, as well as any reaction intermediate, was not observed when substrate **29** was treated with a substoichiometric amount of HCl in the absence of gold catalysts. Neither Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl nor AgSbF<sub>6</sub> alone promoted the cyclization from any of the proposed intermediates. This result indicates that gold catalysts are uniquely responsible for alkyne activation and that Brønsted acid, should it be a relevant catalyst, requires both catalysts to be generated.

The stereochemical outcomes in these reactions could arise from kinetic control or thermodynamic control because the products are  $\beta$ -alkoxy ketone that can undergoes elimination. To address whether stereochemical equilibration can occur during the course of the reaction, we subjected a single diastereomer of tetrahydrofuran **68** and tetrahydropyran **67** to the reaction conditions (Scheme 19). After several hours the equilibration was observed for both reactions to yield a mixture of diastereomers, which were identical to those that were observed in the previous cyclization reactions. These studies provide that stereochemical outcomes can be predicted based on thermodynamic grounds, with heightened *A*-values for substituents at the 2- and 6-positions of tetrahydropyrans<sup>24</sup> accounting for the exceptional diastereocontrol that is observed in their formation.



Scheme 19. Product equilibrium under cyclization condition.

## 1.2.2 Nitrogen-containing heterocycle synthesis

Encouraged by the successful results from the gold-catalyzed synthesis of oxygen containing heterocycles, we next turned our attention to expanding the range of nucleophilic groups, as part of exploring the reaction scope upon the synthesis of nitrogen-containing heterocycles catalyzed by gold(I). Gold-catalyzed processes have been successfully accomplished using nitrogen nucleophiles<sup>33</sup> with the vast majority of reactions utilizing sulfonamides or carbamates instead of aliphatic amines. The objective of this study was to investigate the capacity of aliphatic amines, sulfonamides, and carbamates to serve as nucleophiles in this process and to assess the potential impact of the substituent on the nitrogen on the diastereoselectivity of the cyclization.

### 1.2.2.1 Preparation of substrate

A variety of substrates with different nucleophiles were prepared to evaluate the scope of the gold-catalyzed cyclizations. Sulfonamide 74 was prepared by Fukuyama-Mitsunobu procedure

whereby alcohol **29** was reacted with 2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (o-NsNH<sub>2</sub>) under di-*tert*butylazodicaboxylate (DTBAD)–PPyPh<sub>2</sub> conditions<sup>34</sup> followed by adding HCl. Deprotection of the nosyl group<sup>35</sup> in **74** was achieved by the treatment with thiophenol and potassium carbonate in acetonitrile at room temperature to give amine **75** in over 90% yield (Scheme 20).



Reagents and conditions: a) o-NsNH<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>2</sub>PyP, DTBAD, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, then HCl; b) PhSH, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, RT.

Scheme 20. Preparations of sulfonamide and amine.

Carbamates **76–79** were prepared in excellent yields with the appropriate acylating agents (Scheme 21).



Reagents and conditions: a) NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1), CH<sub>3</sub>OCOCl (for 76), CbzCl (for 77), FmocCl (for 78), (<sup>t</sup>Boc)<sub>2</sub>O (for 79), RT.



*N*-Phenyl 2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide **80**, readily prepared from *o*-NsCl and aniline in the presence of pyridine,<sup>36</sup> was alkylated efficiently under the Mitsunobu condition to give *N*,*N*-disubstituted 2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide **81** in quantitative yield. Facile nosyl deprotection of **96** was achieved by basic thiophenol in acetonitrile to provide aromatic amine **82** in quantitative yield (Scheme 22).



**Reagents and conditions:** a) *o*-NsCl, pyridine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT; b) **29**, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, DIPAD, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, then H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>; c) PhSH, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, RT.

### Scheme 22. Preparation of aromatic amine.

The treatment of **74** under Mitsunobu conditions gave branched sulfonamide **98** in 69% yield. Again, cleavage of nosyl group in **83** and *in situ* addition of methyl chloroformate gave branched carbamate **84** in quantitative yield (Scheme 23).



**Reagents and conditions:** a) *o*-NsNH<sub>2</sub>, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, DTBAD, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT; b) PhSH, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, RT, then CH<sub>3</sub>OCOCl, RT.

Scheme 23. Preparation of branched sulfonamide and carbamate.

#### 1.2.2.2 Optimazing reaction conditions and exploring reaction scope

Sulfonamide **74** was first subjected to gold-mediated reactions under the identical reaction conditions that have been highly effective in synthesizing pyrans. Unfortunately, the previous reaction conditions were not suitable for promoting complete conversion to piperidine **85** (entries 1 and 2 in Table 4). The reaction with unpurified  $CH_2Cl_2$  gave **85** in moderate yield (entry 3). Echavarren and co-workers reported that biphenyl phosphine (Figure 2), as ligand for Au(I), achieved the higher reactivity in intramolecular [4+2] cyclization reactions.<sup>37</sup> Accordingly, cationic gold(I) complex **86** was prepared by known procedure,<sup>38</sup> and subjected to the cyclization reactions. The results showed that it was not efficient in our reaction system (entries 4–6). In the course of exploring better conditions, we discovered that changing the solvent from  $CH_2Cl_2$  to water-saturated toluene and using a 1:2 ratio of  $Ph_3PAuCl$  to  $AgSbF_6$ (procedure C) resulted in complete conversions and reduced reaction times. Notably, toluene can be used directly from the bottle with no loss of yield.

OMe N H 74			[Au] various comditions			
entry	catalyst(s)	mol%	solvent	temp (°C)	yield(s) <sup>a</sup>	
1	Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl	5	$\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}^b$	35	<1%	
	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	5				
2	NaAuCl <sub>4</sub>	5	$\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}^b$		$5\%^d$	
3	Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl	5	$\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}^e$		67%	
	$AgSbF_6$	5				
4	86	5	$\mathrm{CH}_{2}\mathrm{Cl}_{2}^{e}$	40	10% <sup>f</sup>	
5	86	5	$\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}^e$		34%	
6	86	5	$\mathrm{CH_2Cl_2}^e$		43%	
7	Ph <sub>3</sub> PAuCl	5	toluene <sup>e</sup>		84%	
	AgSbF <sub>6</sub>	10				



<sup>*a*</sup> Yields are reported for isolated, purified products unless otherwise noted. <sup>*b*</sup> water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, <sup>*c*</sup> 27% yield of hydrated product based upon 30% starting material consumption. <sup>*d*</sup> yield based upon 20% starting material consumption. <sup>*e*</sup> commercially available solvent was directly used without further purification. <sup>*f*</sup> 85% yield of hydrated product.

Figure 2

86: R = <sup>t</sup>Bu

Table 4. Further optimization of reaction condition.

The results of exposing the nitrogen-containing substrates to these conditions are shown in Table 5. Methyl (**76**), benzyl (**77**), and fluorenyl methyl (**78**) carbamates smoothly underwent the transformation to give the corresponding piperidines in good to excellent yield (entries 2–4), though *tert*-butyl carbamate **79** did not yield any cyclization product (entry 5). This is most likely due to steric interactions in the cyclization transition state. Free amine **75** and aromatic amine **82** failed to react (entries 6 and 7), presumably as a result of higher basicity of free amine and aromatic amine, compared with sulfonamides and carbamates. Tanaka has proposed<sup>39</sup> that amines react with gold catalysts, and the resulting species are less electrophilic than cationic Au(I) catalysts. Krause reported<sup>40</sup> that utilizing aliphatic amines in gold-catalyzed cyclization reactions results in substantially diminished rates when compared to the corresponding sulfonamides (5 d *vs* 1 h).

entry	substrate	product	time (h)	yield <sup>b</sup>
	OMe N.R. H	O N R		
1	R	07	10	0.407
1	74: NS	85	12	84%
2	76: $CO_2Me$	87	48	91%
3	77: Cbz	88	48	///%
4	<b>78:</b> Fmoc	89	48	84%
5	<b>79:</b> <sup><i>i</i></sup> Boc	-	-	NR
6	<b>75:</b> H	-	-	NR
7	<b>82:</b> Ph	-	-	NR
	OMe K N H R	O N R		
	R			
9	<b>83</b> : Ns	90	12	83%
				$(92:8 dr)^{\circ}$
10	<b>84</b> : CO <sub>2</sub> Me	91	48	84%
				$(87:13 \ dr)^c$
11	31	32	1	78%

<sup>*a*</sup> Procedure C: substrate in water-saturated toluene (~25 mM), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (5 mol%), AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (10 mol%), 40 °C. <sup>*b*</sup> yields are reported for isolated, purified products unless otherwise noted. <sup>*c*</sup> diastereomeric ratio determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

Table 5. Reaction scope of nitrogen-containing heterocycle syntheses.<sup>a</sup>

As observed in the oxygen-containing heterocycle syntheses,  $AgSbF_6$  alone does not promote any of the steps in the sequence, suggesting that excess silver in these reactions simply promotes more efficient generation of the relevant cationic Au(I) catalyst. As shown in entry 11 (Table 5), exposing substrate **31** to procedure C led to complete conversion to oxygen-containing heterocycle **32** within 1 h rather than the 48 h that were required for the previous reactions (Table 2), highlighting the dramatic rate enhancement. Branched sulfonamides **83** and carbamates **84** react to form 2,6-disubstituted piperidines, with the *cis*-isomer being the dominant, though not exclusive, product in both cases.

Sulfonamide and carbamate groups have subtle structural differences. While the sulfonamide has an sp<sup>3</sup>-hybridized nitrogen atom, the carbamate has an sp<sup>2</sup>-hybridized nitrogen atom. We initially envisaged that these factors could impact the stereochemical outcome because allylic strain is expected in carbamates to change the thermodynamical equilibrium from the 2,6-*cis*-isomer to the 2,6-*trans*-isomer, and that accessing both stereochemical possibilities simply by changing group on the nitrogen atom would significantly enhance the utility of the method since both *cis*- and *trans*-isomers are present in numerous natural products. However, we observed 2,6-*cis*-isomer as major diastereoisomer from the reaction with carbamate **91** as well as sulfonamide **90** by analyzing a series of NMR data including 2D NOESY spectroscopy and 1D homonuclear decoupling experiments.

### 1.2.3 Total synthesis of (+)-andrachcinidine

Andrachcinidine is a piperidine-containing alkaloid isolated from the beetle *Andrachne aspera*<sup>41</sup> that has been implicated as a chemical defense agent (Figure 3).<sup>42</sup> We envisioned that preparing 2,6-*cis*-dialkylpiperidine rings of **92** through our gold-mediated cyclization reaction would provide an good example for demonstrating the capacity of the method as a key step in natural product total synthesis.



Figure 3. Andrachcinidine.

## 1.2.3.1 Precedent of andrachcinidine synthesis

Liebeskind and Shu reported the total synthesis of (–)-andrachcinidine based upon pseudodesymmetrization (Scheme 24).<sup>43</sup> Chiral molybdenum complex **95** was prepared in 60% yield over five steps from racemic starting material **94**<sup>44</sup> which was also prepared over five steps from commercially available 1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine. The sequential functionalization of **95** was carried out by Lewis acid-mediated methoxy group abstractions and nucleophilic additions, followed by the selective reduction with K-Selectride<sup>®</sup> and acetylation to give **96** in 35% yield over 3 steps. The reductive demetalation by replacing CO with NO<sup>+</sup> followed by nucleophilic attack with NaCNBH<sub>3</sub> afforded a mixture of cyclohexene olefinic regioisomers. The (+)-TCC auxiliary and acetate groups were cleaved, and the amine was reprotected with CbzCl to provide **97** in 40% over 2 steps. A Mitsunobu reaction, followed by a Wacker oxidation at the allyl side chain gave the isomeric mixture **98** in 50% yield over 2 steps. Finally, basic hydrolysis followed by hydrogenation provided (–)-**93** in 90% yield ( $[\alpha]_D$  –20° (*c* 0.18 CHCl<sub>3</sub>), *lit*.  $[\alpha]_D$  – 20° (*c* 1.6 CHCl<sub>3</sub>)). The overall sequence was preceded in 13 steps in 3.8% yield from **94**.



 $R^* = (+)$ -*trans*-2-( $\alpha$ -cumyl)cyclohexyl

**Reagents and conditions:** a)  $Ph_3CPF_6$  then allylmagnesium chloride;  $HBF_4$  then  $CH_2=C(OLi)C_3H_7$ ; b) K-Selectride<sup>®</sup>; c) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMAP; d) NOPF<sub>6</sub> then NaCNBH<sub>3</sub>; e) KOH/EtOH, seal tube (140 °C), then CbzCl, NaOH; f) *p*-NO<sub>2</sub>PhCO<sub>2</sub>H, Ph<sub>3</sub>P, DEAD; g) PdCl<sub>2</sub>, CuCl, O<sub>2</sub>, DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O; h) KOH/MeOH then H<sub>2</sub>, Pd/C, MeOH/EtOAc.

Scheme 24. Total synthesis of andrachcinidine by Liebeskind and Shu.

### 1.2.3.2 Restrosynthesis of (+)-andrachcinidine

Our retrosynthetic analysis of (+)-andrachcinidine (102) is shown in Scheme 25. The desired

product could be accessed from 105. A sulfonamide, instead of a sulfinamide, was chosen as

the distal nucleophile since we observed sulfinyl group cleavage and catalyst sequestration when sulfinyl substrates were subjected to the reaction conditions. Hydroxyl group protection would not be expected to be required due to the kinetic preference for 6-*exo* cyclizations over 8-*exo* cyclizations. Ellman's sulfinyl imine-based approach to amino alcohols **104** would be employed to set the absolute and relative stereochemical arrangements from ketone **101**. This ketone can be accessed readily from commercially available bromide **99**.



Scheme 25. Retrosynthetic analysis of andrachcinidine (93).

#### 1.2.3.3 Total synthesis of (+)-andrachcinidine

The synthesis of andrachcinidine is shown in Scheme 26. Ionization of the commercially available 3-bromopropionaldehyde dimethyl acetal (99) with TiCl<sub>4</sub> at -78 °C and propargyl addition into the resulting oxocarbenium ion by allenyltributyltin<sup>45</sup> gave homopropargylic methyl ether 100 in 93% yield. The resulting homopropargylic ether was inert against the remaining reagents in the sequence, highlighting the utility of using this substrate as a ketone surrogate in multistep syntheses. Displacement of the bromide with the metalloenamine derived from the condensation of cyclohexylamine and acetone followed by acidic work-up,<sup>46</sup> provided ketone 101 in 41% yield. Condensation of (*R*)-*tert*-butanesulfinamide<sup>47</sup> with 101 in

the presence of Ti(OEt)<sub>4</sub> at 70 °C afforded *N*-sulfinyl imine **102** in 72% yield. We selected this antipode of the auxiliary because it had previously been prepared in our group for a different purpose. While its use results in the synthesis of the enantiomer of the natural product, the antipodes of the sulfinamide are now equally accessible through an improved synthetic protocol. Thus this sequence can be applied to the synthesis of the correct enantiomer of the natural product. Again, the formation of the metalloenamine followed by addition of *n*-butyraldehyde with MgBr<sub>2</sub> at -78 °C provided an inseparable 4:1 diastereomeric mixture of  $\beta$ -hydroxy *N*-sulfinyl imine **103** in 65% yield.<sup>48</sup> Diastereoselective reduction of **103** with catecholborane<sup>22</sup> at -50 °C afforded a separable 84:16 diasteromeric mixture of amino alcohol **104** in 78% yield. The treatment of **104** with HCl for the removal of the sulfinyl group and the sequential formation of the nosyl group in basic condition provided the nosyl protected amino alcohol **105** in 83% yield in one-pot protocol. Mosher ester analysis showed the enantiomeric excess of **105** to be 94%. The high enantiomeric purity can be attributed to the sulfinyl auxiliary promoting good diastereocontrol in both the aldehyde addition and reduction steps.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) Allenyltributyltin, TiCl<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C; b) acetone cyclohexylamine, LDA, THF, HMPA, -78 °C to RT, then H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>; c) (*R*)-(+)-*tert*-butanesulfinamide, Ti(OEt)<sub>4</sub>, THF, 70 °C; d) LDA, THF, then MgBr<sub>2</sub>, then *n*-butyraldehyde, -78 °C; e) catecholborane, THF, -50 °C; f) *i*. HCl, MeOH. *ii*. *o*-NsCl, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O/THF.

Scheme 26. Synthesis of homopropargylic ether amino alcohol 105.

Exposing **105** to Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl/AgSbF<sub>6</sub> system in water-saturated toluene at 40 °C afforded protected andrachcinidine (**106**) as single diastereomer in 89% yield. Finally, the removal of sulfonyl group with basic thiophenol yielded (+)-andrachcinidine in 95% yield. The spectroscopic data (<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR) of the synthetic product (+)-**93** are in excellent agreement with those of its enantiomers (–)-**93** reported in the literature ( $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +24 (*c* 0.39, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).



Reagents and conditions: a) PPh<sub>3</sub>AuCl, AgSbF<sub>6</sub>, water-saturated toluene, 40 °C; b) PhSH, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, RT.

Scheme 27. Synthesis of (+)-andrachcinidine via gold-mediated cyclization.

Thus (+)-andrachcinidine can be prepared with excellent enantio- and diastereocontrol through a 8 steps sequence in 8% overall yield that was a substantial improvement over the 18 step sequence in the previously reported synthesis (Scheme 24).

#### 1.2.4 Reaction with internal alkynes

Teminal alkynes have been subjected to the gold-mediated cyclization reaction and exhibit complete regioselectivity for the initial hydration reaction. Application of the internal alkynes to the mild gold-mediated cyclization conditions would immensely expand the scope of available products. Applying the standard reaction conditions to internal alkyne **107** (Scheme 28) provided a mixture of products with the major pathway being simple alkyne hydration in which water reacted at the distal carbon with respect to the methoxy group to yield ketone **108**. In an alternative approach, we exploited Utimoto's results<sup>3</sup> in which propargylic ethers undergo hydration at the distal carbon with respect to the alkoxy group, ultimately leading to the formation of enones (see Scheme 2). In efforts to be attentive to the presumed intermediacy of enones along our proposed mechanistic pathway, we have placed our focus on the cyclization of

propargylic ether **109**, and the results from exposing **109** to the standard cyclization protocol (procedure C) provided tetrahydrofuran **110** in 93% yield within 1 hour. This result clearly exhibits that internal alkynes can be used as substrates in this reaction. Additionally, the result indicates that any gold-mediated reaction that yields an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl group can potentially serve as an entry into heterocycle synthesis.<sup>49</sup>



Scheme 28. Cyclization with an internal alkyne substrate.

### **1.3 Conclusions**

We have demonstrated that electrophilic gold catalysts mediate efficient oxygen- and nitrogenheterocycle syntheses using homopropargylic ethers as latent electrophiles through a sequence of alkyne hydration,  $\beta$ -alkoxy group elimination, and conjugate addition. The process is experimentally simple and versatile, preceeds at ambient atmosphere, is tolerant of substrate functionality, and is viable with protected nucleophiles. In these reactions, hydroxyl, silyloxy, sulfonamide, and carbamate groups can play a role as nucleophiles in the cyclization event. Mechanistic investigations indicated that the reaction pathway proceeds through alkyne hydration, alkoxy group elimination to form an enone, and nucleophilic addition. Diastereoselectivity in these transformations can be predicted on the basis of product stability, and the reactions can be highly stereoselective when one diastereomer of the product is significantly more stable than the other because product stereoisomers interconvert under the The method was applied to accomplish an efficient enantioselective reaction conditions. synthesis of (+)-andrachcinidine that highlighted the capacity of the reaction to proceed without interference from a distal unprotected hydroxyl group. This result suggests that the formation of an electrophilic alkene could be led by gold-mediated protocols, which can be adapted to heterocycle synthesis.

### **1.4 Experimental**

# 1.4.1 General

Proton (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 300 spectrometers at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively; or Bruker Avance 500 spectrometers at 500 MHz and 125 MHz if specified. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta ( $\delta$ ) scale. The solvent peak was used as reference values. For <sup>1</sup>H NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 7.26 ppm,  $C_6D_6$  = 7.15 ppm. For <sup>13</sup>C NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 77.00 ppm,  $C_6D_6$  = 128.00 ppm. For proton data: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; p = pentet; dd = doublet of doublets: dt = doublet of triplets: ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets: ddt = doublet of doubletof triplets; ddq = doublet of doublet of quartets; br = broad; m = multiplet; app t = apparenttriplet; app q = apparent quartet; app p = apparent pentet. High resolution and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a VG 7070 spectrometer. Infrared (IR) spectra were collected on a Mattson Gygnus 100 spectrometer. Analytical gas chromatography (GC) was performed using a Hewlett-Packard 6850 Series Gas Chromatograph fitted with a flame ionization detector. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on E. Merck pre-coated (25 nm) silica gel 60F-254 plates. Visualization was done under UV (254 nm). Flash column chromatography was performed using ICN SiliTech 32-63 60 Å silica gel. Reagent grade ethyl acetate and hexanes (commercial mixture) were purchased from EM Science and used as is for chromatography. Reagent grade methylene chloride  $(CH_2Cl_2)$  was distilled from  $CaH_2$ . Diethyl ether  $(Et_2O)$  and

tetrahydrofuran (THF) were dried by passing through aluminum drying column. Anhydrous methanol (MeOH), acetonitrile (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) were purchased from Aldrich and used as is. All reactions were conducted under nitrogen atmosphere, unless otherwise specified. Water-saturated  $CH_2Cl_2$  was prepared by shaking  $CH_2Cl_2$  with  $H_2O$  in a separatory funnel and collecting the lower freaction. Water-saturated toluene was prepared by shaking toluene with  $H_2O$  in a separatoy funnel and collecting the top fraction.

### 1.4.2 Yield determination by gas chromatography

Three samples with different quantities of the pure pyran compound, which was confirmed to be pure by <sup>1</sup>H NMR, were diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to prepare 1.0 mL of sample solution. To each of three sample solutions was added 6.0  $\mu$ L of *p*-cymene as internal standard. In order to generate a calibration curve for the quantification of the compound **30**, 2  $\mu$ L portions of each sample solution was injected into the gas chromatograph. For reference, conditions of the gas chromatograph were shown in Table 6. From the GC data, the curves were constructed by plotting the ratio of the quantities of the compound **30** (x-axis) versus response ratio (y-axis), the area of the compound divided by the area of the internal standard. The linear calibration curve was shown in Figure 4, and the data for the compounds was displayed in Table 7. Regression analysis of the calibration curve yielded the following line equation 1:

$$y = 0.1134x - 0.037 \tag{1}$$

Where, y = the response ratio, x = the quantities of the compound **30** 

Therefore, solving for x gave the following equation 2:

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{y} + 0.037) / 0.1134 \tag{2}$$

GC Column	HP19091Z-413E, 30 m × 0.32 mm × 0.25 $\mu$ m
Front Detector Air Flow	450 mL/min
Front Detector H <sub>2</sub> Flow	40 mL/min
Front Inlet Total Flow	83 mL/min
Column Flow	1.6 mL/min
Oven Temperature	100 °C
Front Detector Temperature	250 °C
Front Inlet Temperature	200 °C





Figure 4. Calibration curve for compound.

	1 <sup>st</sup> sample		2 <sup>nd</sup> sample		3 <sup>rd</sup> sample	
	Internal		Internal		Internal	
	Standard	30	Standard	30	Standard	30
Molecular weight	134.22	142.19	134.22	142.19	134.22	142.19
Amount used	6.0 μL	5.4 mg	6.0 μL	11.5 mg	6.0 μL	20.1 mg
Retention time (min)	3.589	4.545	3.591	4.583	3.595	4.827
Peak Area	3822.9	2229.9	3981.9	4992.4	4107.1	9233.7
Response ratio	0.5833		1.2538		2.2482	

 Table 7. Quantification of compound.

### 1.4.3 General cyclization procedures

**Procedure A.** In a 2 dram (8 mL) screw-capped vial containing a magnetic stir bar was placed homopropargylic methyl ether and water-saturated  $CH_2Cl_2$  (~60 mM final concentration). To the stirred solution at room temperature were added 5 mol% of Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl and 5 mol% of AgSbF<sub>6</sub>. The white suspended mixture was stirred at 35 °C for given time. The completion of most reactions was checked by a thin layer chromatography at 12-hour intervals. In cases of the cyclization reactions to tetrahydrofurans, 6-hour intervals were suitable. The blackish reaction solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the crude contents of the vial in an ice bath were concentrated using a stream of N<sub>2</sub> gas. For volatile products yields were determined by GC with 6  $\mu$ L of *p*-cymene as internal standard in accord with the procedure defined above.

**Procedure B**. In a 2 dram (8 mL) screw-capped vial containing a magnetic stir bar was placed homopropargylic methyl ether and water-saturated  $CH_2Cl_2$  (~60 mM final concentration). To the stirred solution at room temperature was added 5 mol% of NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O. The reaction mixture was stirred at 35 °C for given time and, if necessary, additional 5 mol% of NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O was added. The completion of most reactions was normally checked by a thin layer chromatography at 12-hour intervals. In cases of the cyclization reactions to tetrahydrofurans, 6-hour intervals were suitable. The dark yellowish reaction solution was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and the crude contents of the vial in an ice bath were concentrated using a stream of N<sub>2</sub> gas. For volatile products yields were determined by GC with 6  $\mu$ L of *p*-cymene as internal standard in accord with the procedure defined above.

**Procedure C**. In a 4 dram (16 mL) screw-capped vial containing a magnetic stir bar was placed homopropargylic methyl ether and bulk toluene or water-saturated toluene (~25 mM final concentration). To the stirred solution at room temperature were added 5 mol% of  $Ph_3PAuCl$  and 10 mol% of  $AgSbF_6$ . The white suspended mixture was stirred at 40 °C for given time. The completion of most reactions was normally checked by a thin layer chromatography at 12-hour intervals. The crude contents of the vial were directly subjected to chromatography on silica gel.

## 1.4.4 Oxygen-containing heterocycle compound

#### 1-(Tetrahydropyran-2'-yl)propan-2-one (30)

General procedure A was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **29** (31.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (5.0 mg), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (3.4 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL) for 1 d to give pyran **30** (response ratio = 3.25, 29 mg, 0.20 mmol, 100% GC

yield; 22 mg, 0.15 mmol, 77% isolated yield). General Procedure B was followed with **29** (30.8 mg, 0.20 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 4.0 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.0 mL) for 2 d to give **30** (response ratio = 2.86, 26 mg, 0.18 mmol, 91% GC yield; 21 mg, 0.14 mmol, 73% isolated yield). General procedure B was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **29** (43.0 mg, 0.16 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 3.2 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.2 mL) for 2 d to give **30** (response ratio = 1.97, 18 mg, 0.12 mmol, 78% GC yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.97–3.89 (m, 1H), 3.80–3.70 (m, 1H), 3.49–3.39 (m, 1H), 2.66 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd, *J* = 15.6, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.87–1.75 (m, 1H), 1.67–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.35–1.19 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.3, 74.1, 68.5, 50.4, 31.8, 30.9, 25.7, 23.3; IR (neat): 2636, 2848, 1713, 1440, 1377, 1357, 1090, 1047 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 142.0994 found 142.0990. The spectroscopic data was consistent with the data reported in the literature.<sup>50</sup>

# 1-(Tetrahydrofuran-2'-yl)propan-2-one (64)

General procedure B was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **45** (27.7 mg, 0.19 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (3.9 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.8 mL) for 12 h to give furan **64** (response ratio = 2.38, 21 mg, 0.17 mmol, 85% GC yield; 20 mg, 0.15 mmol, 79% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.26–4.17 (m, 1H), 3.90–3.82 (m, 1H), 3.76–3.67 (m, 1H), 2.74 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (s, 3H), 2.15–2.04 (m, 1H), 1.97–1.83 (m, 2H), 1.52–1.40 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.2, 75.0, 67.8, 49.6, 31.5, 30.6, 25.5; IR (neat): 2971, 2873, 1713, 1418, 1358, 1163, 1071 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 128.0837 found 128.0839. The spectroscopic data was consistent with the data reported in the literature.<sup>50</sup>

### 1-(Oxepan-2'-yl)propan-2-one (65)

General procedure B was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **46** (46.0 mg, 0.27 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 5.4 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.4 mL) for 2 d to give oxepane **65** (response ratio = 2.67, 24 mg, 0.15 mmol, 56% GC yield; 22 mg, 0.14 mmol, 52% isolated yield) and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone **66** (4.2 mg, 0.027 mmol, 10% isolated yield). For **65**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.01–3.93 (m, 1H), 3.84–3.77 (m, 1H), 3.59–3.51 (m, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 15.6, 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 15.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.80–1.42 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.5, 75.8, 68.9, 50.6, 35.9, 30.9, 26.3, 25.9; IR (neat): 2928, 2858, 1716, 1445, 1358, 1115, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 156.1150 found 156.1154.

For **66**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.80 (dt, J = 15.9, 6.9 Hz, OH 1H), 6.08 (dt, J = 15.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.31–1.16 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.35 (m, 6H).

# cis-1-(6'-Methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2'-yl)propan-2-one (32)

General procedure B was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **31**(44.0 mg, 0.26 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 5.2 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.2 mL) for 3 d to give pyran **32** (response ratio = 3.58, 32 mg, 0.20 mmol, 79% GC yield; 30 mg, 0.19 mmol, 74% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.81–3.72 (m, 1H), 3.51–3.39 (m, 1H), 2.61 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (dd, J = 15.5, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.83–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.64–1.45 (m, 3H), 1.24–1.09 (m, 2H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.7, 74.1, 74.0, 50.4, 32.9, 31.2, 31.0, 23.5, 22.1; IR (neat): 2970, 2933, 2860, 1715, 1371, 1356, 1074 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 156.1150 found 156.1160. The spectroscopic data was consistent with the data reported in the literature.<sup>31</sup>

### cis-1-(3'-Methoxytetrahydropyran-2'-yl)propan-2-one (67)

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OMe General procedure A was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **60** (34.7 mg, 0.19 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (4.7 mg), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (3.3 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.8 mL) for 6 h to give pyran **67** (31 mg, 0.18 mmol, 96% isolated

vield). General procedure B was followed with 60 (39.7 mg, 0.21 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O  $(2 \times 4.2 \text{ mg})$  in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4.2 mL) for 3 d to give 67 (21 mg, 0.12 mmol, 52%) isolated vield) and **60** (8 mg, 19% recovered). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude products showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 2:1 by integration of the signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 2.40 (*cis*-isomer) and 2.37 (*trans*-isomer) respectively. For *cis*-67: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  3.72 (ddd, J = 11.7, 4.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64–3.55 (m, 1H), 3.06 (s, 3H), 3.03 (dm, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.30-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.40 (dd, J = 15.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (dd, J = 15.9, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (dm, J = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.54 (dm, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.40–1.28 (m, 1H), 1.13–1.02 (m. 1H): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 204.6, 76.4, 72.7, 65.9, 54.9, 49.6, 38.4, 32.5, 30.6; IR (neat): 2946, 2852, 1716, 1358, 1147, 1084 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_9H_{16}O_3$  (M)<sup>+</sup> 172.1099 found 172.1105. For *trans*-67: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 4.30-4.17 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.53 (m, 1H), 3.19 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 3H), 2.37 (dd, J = 15.3, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (dd, J = 15.3, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.67 (dm, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 1.43–1.24 (m, 2H), 1.13-1.02 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 204.8, 72.8, 70.0, 62.9, 55.6, 50.1, 35.7, 30.3, 29.9.

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#### cis- and trans-1-(6'-Methyltetrahydro-2H-furan-2'-yl)propan-2-one (68)

General procedure A was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether 48 (27.2 mg, 0.17 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (4.3 mg), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (3.0 mg) in watersaturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.4 mL) for 6 h to give furan 68 (response ratio = 2.65, 24 mg, 0.17 mmol, 96% GC vield; 18 mg, 0.13 mmol, 73% isolated vield). General procedure B was followed with 48 (27.7 mg, 0.18 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (3.6 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.6 mL) for 6 h to give **68** (response ratio = 2.60, 23 mg, 0.16 mmol, 92% GC yield; 18 mg, 0.13 mmol, 72% isolated vield). Gas chromatographic analysis of the crude product showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 55:45 by integration of the signals at  $t_{\rm R} = 3.776$  (*cis*-isomer) and 3.891 (*trans*-isomer). Data for *cis*-68: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.25–4.16 (m, 1H), 4.01-3.90 (m, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.56 (dd, J = 15.9, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.12–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 207.3, 75.5, 75.1, 50.2, 32.7, 31.4, 30.7, 21.4; Data for *trans*-68: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.44–4.35 (m, 1H), 4.15–4.04 (m, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 15.7, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, J = 15.7, 5.9Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.12–1.94 (m, 2H), 1.58–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.20 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 207.4, 74.8, 74.4, 50.0, 33.6, 32.4, 30.7, 21.2; Data for the mixture of isomers: IR (neat): 2964, 2927, 2871, 1716, 1457, 1375, 1358, 1085 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_8H_{14}O_2(M)^+$  142.0994 found 142.0994.

### Methyl-2-(cis-6'-(2"-oxopropyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2'-yl)acetate (69)

General procedure A was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **61** (42.0 mg, 0.15 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (3.7 mg), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (2.6 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mL) for 12 h to give pyran **69** (20 mg, 0.09 mmol, 60% isolated yield) and pyran **70** (3.8 mg, 0.015 mmol, 10% isolated yield). For **69**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.83–3.73 (m, 2H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.62 (dd, J = 15.2, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 14.9, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (dd, J = 15.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (dd, J = 14.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H), 1.88–1.79 (m, 1H), 1.69–1.52 (m, 3H), 1.25 (s, -OH), 1.29–1.14 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.4, 171.6, 74.6, 74.5, 51.5, 50.3, 41.4, 31.0, 30.8, 30.6, 23.1; IR (neat): 2936, 2862, 1740, 1714, 1438, 1336, 1199, 1086, 1070, 1041, 1002 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 214.1205 found 214.1208.

## tert-Butyl-2-(cis-6'-(2"-oxopropyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2'-yl)acetate (70)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.83–3.70 (m, 2H), 2.61 (dd, J = 15.1,  $\delta$  0<sup>t</sup>Bu 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dd, J = 14.9, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 15.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (dd, J = 14.9, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 1.86–1.78 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.48 (m, 3H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.28–1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.5, 170.5, 80.4, 74.8, 74.6, 50.3, 42.9, 31.1, 30.9, 30.7, 28.1, 23.2; IR (neat): 2934, 2862, 1730, 1368, 1164, 1087 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M–CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 241.1440 found 241.1435.

### 1-(cis-6'-(2"-Hydroxyethyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2'-yl)propan-2-one (71)

General procedure A was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether  $\bullet$  **62** (49.9 mg, 0.25 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (6.2 mg), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (4.3 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) for 2 d to give pyran **71** (45 mg, 0.24 mmol, 97% isolated yield). General procedure B was followed with **62** (49.5 mg, 0.25 mmol) and NaAuCl<sub>4</sub>•2H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 5.0 mg) in water-saturated CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5.0 mL) for 2 d to give **71** (32 mg, 0.17 mmol, 70% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.84–3.75 (m, 1H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.60–3.52 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, OH), 2.64 (dd, J = 16.1, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, J = 16.1, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 1.84–1.76 (m, 1H), 1.70–1.45 (m, 3H), 1.33–1.12 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.9, 78.0, 74.0, 61.0, 50.0, 38.1, 31.2, 30.1, 30.7, 23.2; IR (neat): 3457, 2936, 2861, 1713, 1446, 1439, 1358, 1076, 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M–CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 171.1021 found 171.1028.

# 1-(1-(2-Nitrophenylsulfonyl)piperidin-2-yl)propan-2-one (85)

General procedure C was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **74** (50.0 mg, 0.147 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (3.8 mg, 7.7  $\mu$ mol), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.2 mg, 15.1  $\mu$ mol) in bulk toluene (6.0 mL) for 12 h to give piperidine **85** (40.5 mg, 0.124 mmol, 84% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09 (m, 1H), 7.67 (m, 3H), 4.46 (m, 1H), 3.78 (dm, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (td, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 16.7, 9.1 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (dd, J = 16.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.72–1.44 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  205.5, 147.7, 133.7, 133.4, 131.8, 131.2, 124.3, 49.2, 44.0, 41.8, 30.3, 28.1, 25.1, 18.3; IR (neat): 2944, 1716, 1544, 1342, 1372, 1160 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 349.0834 found 349.0811.

## Hydrated intermediate from 74

OME H NMR (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  7.81 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.70 (td, J = 7.8, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (td, J = 7.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (p, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.29 (dd, J = 16.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.96 (dd, J = 16.0, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (s, 3H), 1.19–1.01 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  205.9, 148.8, 134.7, 133.5, 132.3, 131.2, 125.3, 77.2, 57.0, 48.0, 44.0, 33.7, 31.0, 30.0, 22.4.

### Methyl 2-(2-oxopropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (87)

General procedure C was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **76** (32.8 mg, 0.154 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (4.0 mg, 8.1  $\mu$ mol), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.3 mg, 15.4  $\mu$ mol) in bulk toluene (6.0 mL) for 2 d to give piperidine **87** (27.8 mg, 0.140 mmol, 91% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.75 (m, 1H), 4.00 (dm, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.82 (t, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.71–1.34 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.8, 156.0, 52.5, 47.5, 44.3, 39.7, 30.0, 28.3, 25.2, 18.8; IR (neat): 2940, 2862, 1696, 1447, 1407, 1264, 1169 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>17</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 199.1208 found 199.1214.

### Hydrated intermediate from 76

O OME O IH NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.67 (m, 1H), 3.68 (m, 1H), N OME 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.17 (m, 2H), 2.69 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.1Hz, 1H), 2.45 (dd, J = 16.0, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.55–1.29 (m, 6H).

# Benzyl 2-(2-oxopropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (88)

General procedure C was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether 77 (60.0 mg, 0.207 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (5.2 mg, 10.5  $\mu$ mol), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (7.2 mg, 20.9  $\mu$ mol) in bulk toluene (8.5 mL) for 2 d to give piperidine **88** (44.2 mg, 0.161 mmol, 77% isolated yield) and hydrated product (13.1 mg, 0.043 mmol, 20% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (m, 5H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.79 (m, 1H), 4.05 (dm, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (t, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.68–1.38 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.7, 155.3, 136.8, 128.4, 127.9, 127.8, 67.1, 47.6, 44.3, 39.8, 30.0, 28.3, 25.2, 18.8; IR (neat): 2937, 1695, 1420, 1355, 1261, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O)<sup>+</sup> 218.1181

found 218.1182.

### Hydrated intermediate from 77

OME H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (m, 5H), 5.09 (m, 2H), 4.75 M Cbz (m, 1H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 3.28 (m, 1H), 3.19 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (dd, J = 16.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (dd, J = 16.0, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.63–1.29 (m, 6H).

### (9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl 2-(2-oxopropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (89)

General procedure C was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **78** (68.0 mg, 0.180 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (4.5 mg, 9.1  $\mu$ mol), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (6.2 mg, 18.0  $\mu$ mol) in bulk toluene (7.0 mL) for 2 d to give piperidine **89** (55.0 mg, 0.151 mmol, 84% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.76 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (tt, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.69 (m, 1H), 4.42 (m, 2H), 4.23 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (dm, J = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.10 (m, 3H), 1.69–1.30 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.5, 155.2, 144.1, 144.0, 141.4, 141.3, 127.6, 127.0, 124.9, 124.8, 119.9, 67.0, 47.4, 44.1, 39.8, 29.9, 28.0, 25.2, 18.8; IR (neat): 2939, 2861, 1694, 1450, 1422, 1354, 1261, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 386.1732 found 386.1743.

### 1-(cis-6'-methyl-1'-(2"-nitrophenylsulfonyl)piperidin-2'-yl)propan-2-one (90)

General procedure C was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **83** (44.8 mg, 0.126 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (3.2 mg, 6.4  $\mu$ mol), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (4.4 mg, 12.8  $\mu$ mol) in water-saturated toluene (5.0 mL) for 12 h to give piperidine **90** (35.9 mg, 0.106 mmol, 83% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude products showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 92:8 by integration of the signals at  $\delta_{\rm H} = 3.00$  (*cis*-isomer) and 2.86 (*trans*-isomer) respectively. For *cis*-**90**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.07 (m, 1H), 7.67 (m, 3H), 4.30 (m, 1H), 4.24 (m, 1H), 2.98 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.69–1.43 (m, 6H), 1.37 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.0, 147.8, 133.6, 133.3, 131.8, 131.3, 124.4, 49.0, 48.7, 47.9, 30.3, 29.5, 28.0, 22.0, 13.2. For *trans*-**90**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.11 (m, 1H), 7.70 (m, 3H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.83 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.69–1.43 (m, 6H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  205.6, 147.8, 133.6, 133.3, 132.9, 131.9, 124.3, 52.0, 51.5, 45.4, 32.4, 30.2, 28.8, 19.3, 18.6. For the mixture of isomers: IR (neat): 3096, 2943, 1716, 1544, 1373, 1337, 1170 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M–CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 325.0858 found 325.0852.

### cis-Methyl 2-methyl-6-(2-oxopropyl)piperidine-1-carboxylate (91)



General procedure C was followed with homopropargylic methyl ether **84** (45.8 mg, 0.201 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (5.0 mg, 10.1  $\mu$ mol), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (7.0 mg, 20.4  $\mu$ mol) in water-saturated toluene (8.0 mL) for 24 h to give piperidine **91** 

(36.0 mg, 0.169 mmol, 84% isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude products showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 89:11 by integration of the signals at  $\delta_{\rm H} = 2.77$  (*cis*-isomer) and 2.97 (*trans*-isomer) respectively. For *cis*-**91**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.61 (m, 1H), 4.33 (m, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.77 (dd, J = 15.5, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (dd, J = 15.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.64–1.45 (m, 6H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.8, 156.2, 52.5, 48.6, 46.3, 45.9, 30.0, 29.8, 27.9, 20.4, 13.6. For *trans*-**91**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.22 (m, 1H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.97 (dd, J = 16.0,

4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (m, 1H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 1.64–1.45 (m, 6H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.8, 156.2, 52.1, 48.4, 47.9, 47.7, 30.0, 27.4, 26.0, 19.6, 14.8. For a mixture of isomers: IR (neat): 2929, 2855, 1695, 1443, 1362, 1096 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 213.1365 found 213.1363.

## 1.4.5 Preparation of homopropargylic ethers





To a suspended mixture of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 905 mg, 22.64 mmol) in THF (60 mL) was added a solution of 1,4-butanediol (**33**) (2.06 g, 22.64 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 20 min at which time a large amount of an opaque white precipitate had formed. A solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (4.25 mg, 27.35 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was then added. The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred for 24 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residues were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (4:1, Hexanes/EtOAc) to afford the desired *tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butan-1-ol (**33a**) (2.83 g, 13.84 mmol, 61%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR

(300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.66 (m, 4H), 1.65 (m, 4H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>26</sup>

To a solution of **33a** (2.82 g, 13.79 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (16 mL) were added DMSO (32 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (5.8 mL, 41.36 mmol) followed by the addition of sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (3.29 g, 20.68 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. EtOAc and water were added and the organic fraction was separated. The aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butanal (**36**) (2.05 g, 10.13 mmol, 73%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.79 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (p, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>51</sup>

To a mixture of **36** (377 mg, 1.86 mmol) and dust zinc (609 mg, 9.31 mmol) in THF (30 mL) were added propargyl bromide (80wt% solution in toluene, 0.25 mL, 2.23 mmol) and 1,2diiodoethane (525 mg, 1.86 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was sonicated for 10 h. After the sonication, the reaction solution was filtered through a silica gel plug and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by the flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 7-(*tert*butyldimethylsilyloxy)hept-1-yn-4-ol (**39**) (350 mg, 1.44 mmol, 78%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.77 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.12 (bs, OH), 2.38 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.02 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.83–1.53 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  81.2, 70.4, 69.8, 63.4, 33.5, 29.0, 27.2, 25.9, 18.3, -4.8; IR (neat): 3400 (br), 3313, 2954, 2930, 2858, 2090, 1472, 1256, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si (M–C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 185.0998 found 185.0994.



To a suspended mixture of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 243 mg, 6.08 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added a solution of **39** (0.98 g, 4.05 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at room temperature. Methyl iodide (0.38 mL, 6.08 mmol) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residues were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (30:1, Hexanes/EtOAc) to afford *tert*-butyl(4-methoxyhept-6-ynyloxy)dimethylsilane (**42**) (950 mg, 3.70 mmol, 91%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.62 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.33 (p, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.98 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.75–1.50 (m, 4H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  81.0, 79.0, 69.8, 63.0, 56.9, 29.8, 28.4, 25.9, 23.1, 18.3, -5.3; IR (neat): 3314, 2954, 2930, 2858, 2825, 2100, 1472, 1361, 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si (M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 199.1154 found 199.1161.

To a solution of **42** (902 mg, 3.51 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added 10% aqueous HCl solution (5.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction was neutralized with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic fraction was

separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (3:2, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 4-methoxyhept-6-yn-1-ol (**45**) (490 mg, 3.45 mmol, 98%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.64 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.38–3.31 (m, 1H), 2.50–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.09 (s, OH), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.79–1.60 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.8, 79.2, 70.0, 62.7, 56.9, 30.2, 28.5, 23.0; IR (neat): 3415 (br), 3294, 2936, 2873, 2829, 1456, 1360, 1097, 1067 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 103.0759 found 103.0757.

### Preparation of 5-methoxyoct-7-yn-1-ol (29)



To a suspended mixture of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 4.51 g, 112.83 mmol) in THF (150 mL) was added a solution of 1,5-pentanediol (**34**) (12.24 g, 112.83 mmol) in THF (50 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and then stirred for 30 min at which time a large amount of an opaque white precipitate had formed. A solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (17.53 g, 112.83 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was then added. The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide crude 5-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)pentan-1-ol (**34a**) that was used for oxidation without further purification.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.61 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (bs, OH), 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.37 (m, 2H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>26</sup>

To a solution of crude **34a** (22.90 g, 104.84 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) were added DMSO (150 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (29.5 mL, 209.68 mmol) followed by the addition of sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (16.70 g, 104.84 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and water were added and the organic fraction was separated. The aqueous fraction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 5-(*tert*-butyl dimethylsilyloxy)pentanal (**37**) (12.72 g, 58.78 mmol, 52% over 2 steps) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.76 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>52</sup>

To a mixture of **37** (12.72 g, 58.78 mmol) and dust zinc (19.22 mg, 293.90 mmol) in THF (250 mL) were added propargyl bromide (80 wt% solution in toluene, 9.8 mL, 88.17 mmol) and 1,2-diiodoethane (16.73 mg, 58.78 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was sonicated for 2 h. After the sonication, the reaction solution was filtered through a silica gel plug and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by the flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 8-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)oct-1-yn-4-ol (**40**) (12.96 g, 50.55 mmol, 86%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.76 (p, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (ddd, J = 16.6, 4.8, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd) = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd) = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd) = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz,

1H), 1.96 (s, OH), 1.60–1.33 (m, 6H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.9, 70.7, 69.9, 63.0, 35.9, 32.6, 27.4, 26.0, 21.9, 18.3, -5.3; IR (neat): 3450, 3313, 2929, 2858, 2120, 1472, 1256, 1099, 1030 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 257.1937 found 257.1938.



To a suspended mixture of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 572 mg, 14.25 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added a solution of **40** (2.35 g, 9.18 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at room temperature. Methyl iodide (1.0 mL, 15.90 mmol) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residues were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20:1, Hexanes/EtOAc) to afford *tert*-butyl-(5-methoxyoct-7-ynyloxy)dimethylsilane (**43**) (2.33 g, 9.09 mmol, 99%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.61 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.30 (p, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.47–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.66–1.38 (m, 6H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  81.1, 79.2, 69.8, 63.1, 57.0, 33.4, 32.8, 26.0, 23.2, 21.6, 18.3, -5.3; IR (neat): 3314, 2930, 2858, 1472, 1361, 1255, 1103 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 231.1780 found 231.1786.
To a solution of **43** (896 mg, 3.49 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added 10% aqueous HCl solution (10.0 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. The reaction was neutralized with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 5-methoxyoct-7-yn-1-ol (**29**) (524 mg, 3.35 mmol, 96%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.66 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.31 (p, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.69–1.38 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.9, 79.1, 69.8, 62.5, 56.9, 33.2, 32.6, 23.0, 21.4; IR (neat): 3416 (br), 3296, 2938, 2865, 1459, 1359, 1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 117.0915 found 117.0914.

# Preparation of 6-methoxynon-8-yn-1-ol (46)



To a suspended mixture of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 502 mg, 12.55 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added a solution of 1,6-hexanediol (**35**) (1.50 g, 12.55 mmol) in THF (20 mL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 20 min at which time a large amount of an opaque white precipitate had formed. A solution of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.95 mg, 12.60 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was then added. The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred for 24 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with

EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residues were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (4:1, Hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 6-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy) hexan-1-ol (**35a**) (1.41 g, 6.07 mmol, 48%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.64 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.62-1.33 (m, 8H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>26</sup>

To a solution of **35a** (1.40 g, 6.02 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) were added DMSO (15 mL) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (2.5 mL, 18.11 mmol) followed by the addition of sulfur trioxide pyridine complex (1.47 g, 9.04 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. EtOAc and water were added and the organic fraction was separated. The aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 6-(*tert*butyldimethylsilyloxy) hexanal (**38**) (950 mg, 4.12 mmol, 68%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.77 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>53</sup>

To a mixture of **38** (178 mg, 0.773 mmol) and dust zinc (253 mg, 3.864 mmol) in THF (20 mL) were added propargyl bromide (80 wt% solution in toluene, 0.1 mL, 0.927 mmol) and 1,2-diiodoethane (218 mg, 0.773 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was sonicated for 10 h. After the sonication, the reaction solution was filtered through a silica gel plug and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by the flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to

afford 9-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)non-1-yn-4-ol (**41**) (120 mg, 0.444 mmol, 57%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.76 (p, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (ddd, J = 16.6, 4.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (ddd, J = 16.6, 6.7, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.59–1.33 (m, 8H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.9, 70.8, 69.8, 63.1, 36.2, 32.7, 27.4, 26.0, 25.8, 25.4, 18.4, -5.3; IR (neat): 3400 (br), 3313, 2932, 2858, 2120, 1472, 1388, 1255, 1099 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 231.1780 found 231.1790.



To a suspended mixture of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 94 mg, 2.350 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added a solution of **41** (318 mg, 1.175 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at room temperature. Methyl iodide (0.15 mL, 2.350 mmol) was added by a syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residues were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20:1, Hexanes/EtOAc) to afford *tert*-butyl(6-methoxynon-8-ynyloxy)dimethylsilane (**44**) (275 mg, 0.966 mmol, 82%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.58 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.27 (p, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 1.95 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.60–1.23 (m, 8H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.02 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  81.0, 79.2, 69.7, 63.1, 56.9, 33.5, 32.7, 25.9, 25.8, 25.0, 23.1, 18.3, -5.3; IR (neat):

3314, 2931, 2858, 2825, 2100, 1472, 1360, 1255, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{29}O_2Si (M-C_3H_3)^+$  245.1937 found 245.1936.

To a solution of **44** (80 mg, 0.281 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added 10% aqueous HCl solution (0.4 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h. The reaction was neutralized with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 6-methoxynon-8-yn-1-ol (**46**) (47 mg, 0.277 mmol, 98%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.65 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.34–3.27 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.69–1.32 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  81.0, 79.0, 69.9, 62.9, 57.0, 33.4, 32.6, 25.7, 25.0, 23.0; IR (neat): 3415 (br), 3298, 2935, 2861, 1462, 1359, 1089 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 131.1072 found 131.1071.

## Preparation of 5-methoxyoct-7-yn-2-ol (48)



To a suspended mixture of **45** (114 mg, 0.81 mmol) and 4Å powdered molecular sieves (100 mg) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL) was added pyridinium dichromate (619 mg, 1.61 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a silica gel plug and rinsed with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1,

hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 4-methoxyhept-6-ynal (**46**) (80 mg, 0.57 mmol, 71%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.77 (t, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.34 (m, 1H), 2.54 (td, J = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (ddd, J = 16.8, 4.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, J = 16.8, 6.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.08–1.86 (m, 2H), 2.02 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  201.9, 80.3, 78.3, 70.4, 57.0, 39.8, 26.4, 23.0; IR (neat): 3287, 2933, 2829, 2730, 2118, 1720, 1441, 1359, 1192, 1115 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M–H)<sup>+</sup> 139.0759 found 139.0760.

To a cooled solution of **46** (25.0 mg, 0.178 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added methylmagnesium bromide (3.0 M solution in ether, 0.12 mL, 0.357 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and evaporated carefully in an ice bath. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1, pentane/diethyl ether) to afford volatile 5-methoxyoct-7-yn-2-ol (**48**) (23.0 mg, 0.147 mmol, 83%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.28 (h, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.40–3.30 (m, 1H), 2.49–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.15 (s, OH), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.43 (m, 4H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.8, 79.4, 70.1, 70.0, 62.9, 67.7, 56.9, 35.0, 34.9, 30.0, 29.8, 23.4, 23.0; IR (neat): 3417 (br), 3299, 2931, 2828, 1457, 1373, 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O (M–OH)<sup>+</sup> 139.1123 found 139.1116.

### Preparation of 6-methoxynon-8-yn-2-ol (31)



To a suspended mixture of 29 (200 mg, 1.28 mmol) and 4Å powdered molecular sieves (50 mg)

in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) was added pyridinium dichromate (983 mg, 2.56 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction solution was filtered through a silica gel plug and rinsed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (4:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 5-methoxyoct-7-ynal (**47**) (188 mg, 1.22 mmol, 95%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.77 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.86–1.57 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  202.3, 80.7, 78.8, 70.1, 57.0, 43.7, 33.0, 22.9, 17.9; IR (neat): 3291, 2936, 1712, 1458, 1360, 1153, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

To a cooled solution of **47** (130 mg, 0.843 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C was added methylmagnesium bromide (3.0 M solution in ether, 0.42 mL, 1.264 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 6-methoxynon-8-yn-2-ol (**31**) (115 mg 0.675 mmol, 80%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.82 (h, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.31 (p, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.32 (m, 2H), 1.98 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.70–1.36 (m, 6H), 1.20 (d, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  81.0, 79.2, 79.1, 69.9, 67.8, 67.7, 56.9, 39.1, 33.4, 39.1, 33.4, 23.4, 23.1, 23.0, 21.4, 21.3, 21.4; IR (neat): 3417 (br), 3300, 2934, 2866, 2828, 1460, 1374, 1105 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 131.1072 found 131.1075.

Preparation of 3,5-dimethoxyoct-7-yn-1-ol (60)



To a stirred solution of NaH (1.00 g, 25.07 mmol) in THF (100 mL) was added a solution of 1,3propanediol (**49**) (1.89 g, 24.41 mmol) in THF (25 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at which time a large amount of an opaque white precipitate had formed. A solution of TBDMSCl was then added. The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred for 24 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residues were purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (4:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) to afford the desired 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)propan-1-ol (**50**) (1.76 g, 9.25 mmol, 38%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.83 (m, 4H), 2.14 (bs, OH), 1.79 (m, 2H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>26</sup>

To a solution of **50** (1.64 g, 8.60 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL) were added DMSO (20 mL) and  $Et_3N$  (3.6 mL, 25.80 mmol) followed by the addition of  $SO_3$ •pyridine (2.09 g, 12.90 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Diethyl ether and water were added and the organic fraction was separated. The aqueous fraction was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (15:1 pentane/diethyl ether) to afford 3-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy) propanal (**51**) (1.26 g, 6.67 mmol, 78%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.80 (t, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (td, J = 6.0, 2.1 Hz, 2H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>54</sup>

To a solution of **51** (1.21 g, 6.40 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at 0 °C was added 1.0 M solution of allylmagnesium bromide in diethyl ether (9.6 mL, 9.60 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 Hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)hex-5-en-3-ol (**52**) (1.10 g, 4.79 mmol, 75%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.83 (m, 1H), 5.07 (m, 2H), 3.86 (m, 2H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.26 (bs, OH), 2.24 (m, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>54</sup>

To a solution of **52** (1.08 g, 4.70 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added a mixture of imidazole (0.5 g, 7.27 mmol) and TBDMSCl (1.10 g, 7.08 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 7 h. EtOAc and water were added. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (40:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 4,6-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)hex-1-ene (**53**) (1.62 g, 4.70 mmol, 100%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.83 (m, 1H), 5.04 (m, 2H), 3.86 (p, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 0.88

(s, 18H), 0.05 (s, 6H), 0.04 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>54</sup>



To a solution of **53** (1.65 g, 4.80 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (35 mL) and water (12 mL) were added 2.6-lutidine (1.1 mL, 9.60 mmol), OsO<sub>4</sub> (24.4 mg, 0.096 mmol), and then NaIO<sub>4</sub> (4.15 g, 19.21 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After the reaction was complete, water and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added. The organic fraction was separated, and the aqueous fraction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 3,5-bis(*tert*-butyldimethyl silyloxy)pentanal (**54**) (1.36 g, 3.92 mmol, 82%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.81 (m, 1H), 4.37 (p, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 5.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (ddd, *J* = 15.7, 6.2, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>54</sup>

To a mixture of **54** (1.35 g, 3.89 mmol) and dust zinc (1.27 g, 19.43 mmol) in THF (30 mL) were added 80 wt% solution of propargyl bromide in toluene (0.52 mL, 4.66 mmol) and 1,2-diiodoethane (1.11 g, 3.89 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was sonicated for 10 h. After the sonication, the reaction solution was filtered through a silica gel pad and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue

was purified by the flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 6,8-bis(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)oct-1-yn-4-ol (**55**) (1.20 g, 3.10 mmol, 80%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the substrate showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 1:1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.22 (m, 1/2H), 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.93 (1/2H), 3.65 (m, 2H), 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.02 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.93–1.57 (m, 4H), 0.90 (s, 9/2H), 0.89 (s, 9/2H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H); IR (neat): 3458 (br), 3314, 2955, 2858, 2090, 1463, 1388, 1361, 1256, 1097 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si (M–CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 371.2438 found 371.2427.

To a suspended solution of sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 185.3 mg, 4.63 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added a solution of 55 (1.19 g, 3.09 mmol) in THF (10 mL) followed by the addition of CH<sub>3</sub>I (0.29 mL, 4.63 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 7 h. The reaction was guenched by adding water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 6,8-bis(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-methoxyoct-1-yne (56) (1.24 g, 3.09 mmol, 99%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the substrate showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 1:1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.00 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 2H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 2.41 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.79–1.66 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): *δ* 80.8, 75.8, 70.1, 66.7, 59.5, 56.4, 42.3, 41.1, 25.9, 23.1, 18.2, 18.1, -4.2, -4.6, -5.3; For diastereoisomer:  $\delta$  81.0, 76.3, 69.9, 66.6, 59.8, 56.8, 41.5, 40.1, 25.9, 23.4, 18.7, 18.1, -4.4, -4.6, -5.3; IR (neat): 3315, 2929, 2886, 2857, 2100, 1472, 1388, 1255, 1102 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI)

m/z calcd. for  $C_{17}H_{35}O_3Si_2 (M-C_4H_9)^+$  343.2125 found 343.2127.



To a solution of 56 (1.17 g, 2.93 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added 10% aqueous HCl (3.2 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h. The reaction was neutralized with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1, hexanes/EtOAc to EtOAc only) to afford 5-methoxyoct-7vne-1,3-diol (57) (485 mg, 2.82 mmol, 96%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the substrate showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 2:1 by integration of the signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$ = 3.42 (major) and 3.43 (minor). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.16 (m, 1H), 3.87 (m, 2H),  $3.69 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.42 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 2.91 \text{ (bs, 2OH)}, 2.48 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 2.01 \text{ (t, } J = 2.7 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.82 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 1.82 \text$ 1.72 (m, 2H); For diastereoisomer: δ 4.10 (m, 1H), 3.83 (m, 2H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.91 (bs, 2OH), 2.43 (m, 2H), 2.03 (2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.1, 77.1, 70.4, 68.9, 61.7, 57.2, 40.3, 38.7, 22.8; For diastereoisomer:  $\delta$  80.5, 77.1, 71.6, 70.7, 61.3, 56.7, 40.9, 38.7, 23.0; IR (neat): 3400, 3290, 2942, 2100, 1427, 1362, 1258, 1083 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_9H_{17}O_3$  (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 173.1178 found 173.1181.

To a solution of 57 (297 mg, 1.72 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL) were added TBDMSCl (402 mg, 2.58 mmol), Et<sub>3</sub>N (0.73 mL, 5.17 mmol), and DMAP (12.7 mg, 0.10 mmol) at room

temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred at same temperature for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by hexanes/EtOAc) to chromatography silica gel (10:1, afford flash on 1-(tertbutyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-methoxyoct-7-yn-3-ol (58) (420 mg, 1.47 mmol, 85%) as a colorless <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.10–3.93 (m, 1H), 3.90-3.76 (m, 2H), 3.68–3.53 (m, 1H), oil. 2.46 (m, 2H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.60 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 78.3, 76.2, 70.1, 68.3, 62.4, 57.3, 41.7, 39.0, 25.9, 23.3, 18.1, -5.5; For diastereoisomer:  $\delta$  80.8, 80.5, 70.3, 69.2, 61.5, 56.7, 40.8, 39.3, 25.9, 22.9, 18.2, -5.5; IR (neat): 3501 (br), 3313, 2930, 2858, 2100, 1472, 1255, 1094 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{11}H_{21}O_3Si (M-C_4H_9)^+$  229.1260 found 229.1262.

To a solution of **58** (239 mg, 0.83 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.4 mL) was added 2,6-di-*tert*butylpyridine (0.29 mL, 1.25 mmol) at room temperature. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and then methyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.14 mL, 1.25 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with water. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 times). The combined organic fraction was washed with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford *tert*-butyl(3,5-dimethoxyoct-7-ynyloxy)dimethylsilane (**59**) (210 mg, 0.70 mmol, 84%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.69 (m, 2H), 3.51 (m, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 2.42 (m, 2H), 2.00 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.79–1.67 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); For diastereoisomer:  $\delta$  3.71 (m, 2H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.32 (s, 3H), 2.44 (ABX system, m, 2H), 2.00 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.93–1.63 (m, 4H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.8, 76.1, 75.8, 70.1, 59.4, 57.1, 56.9, 39.7, 37.2, 25.9, 23.3, 18.2, -5.3; for diastereoisomer:  $\delta$  80.8, 76.1, 75.8, 70.1, 59.4, 56.9, 56.4, 37.4, 37.0, 23.2, 18.2, -5.3; IR (neat): 3313, 2930, 2857, 2824, 2121, 1472, 1387, 1255, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si (M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 243.1416 found 243.1416.

To a solution of 59 (150 mg, 0.50 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added 10% aqueous HCl solution (0.7 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h. The reaction was neutralized with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 3,5dimethoxyoct-7-yn-1-ol (60) (90 mg, 0.48 mmol, 97%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the substrate showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 2:1 by integration of the signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 3.40 (major) and 3.37 (minor). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 3.86-3.70 (m, 2H), 3.69-3.56 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.40 (m, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H, major), 3.39 (s, 3H, major), 3.37 (s, 3H, minor), 3.36 (s, 3H, minor), 2.44 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.64 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 80.5 (minor), 80.4 (major), 78.1, 75.9, 70.3, 60.8 (minor), 60.2 (major), 57.0 (major), 56.9 (major), 56.8 (minor), 56.3 (minor), 39.1 (major), 36.9 (minor), 35.7 (major), 35.5 (minor), 23.2 (major), 23.1 (minor); IR (neat): 3418 (br), 3294, 2935, 2828, 1427, 1379, 1112 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 186.1256 found 186.1257.

Preparation of 7-methoxydec-9-yne-1,3-diol (62)



To a cooled 1.0 M solution of LDA in THF (5.1 mL, 5.1 mmol) at -78 °C was added tertbutylacetate (0.64 mL, 4.67 mmol) dropwise over 2 min. The vellow mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min at same temperature. A solution of 47 (360 mg, 2.33 mmol) in THF (7.0 mL) was added dropwise over 10 min. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min and allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction mixture was then continued to stir for additional 2 h. The reaction was guenched by adding water at -78 °C and allowed to warm to room temperature. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography on silica gel (4:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford tert-butyl-3hydroxy-7-methoxydec-9-ynoate (61) (550 mg, 2.03 mmol, 87%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.14 (s, OH), 2.48–2.28 (m, 4H), 1.99 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.35 (m, 6H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  172.5, 81.2, 80.1, 79.2, 79.1, 69.9, 68.0, 67.9, 57.0, 42.3, 42.2, 36.4, 36.3, 33.5, 33.4, 28.1, 23.1, 21.3, 21.2; IR (neat): 3467 (br), 3297, 2978, 2933, 1726, 1368, 1151, 1113 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_7H_{15}O_2 (M-Ot-Bu)^+$  197.1178 found 197.1183.

To a solution of **61** (300 mg, 1.11 mmol) in diethyl ether (10 mL) was added LAH (1.0 M solution in diethyl ether, 1.66 mL, 1.66 mmol) at 0 °C dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 5 h. The reaction was quenched by adding sat. aqueous sodium tartrate solution (10 mL) and then continued to stir for 30 min.

10% aqueous HCl solution (10 mL) was added and the resulting solution was stirred for additional 30 min. To the milky colored solution was added brine until reaction color became clear. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1, hexanes/EtOAc to EtOAc only) to afford 7-methoxydec-9-yne-1,3-diol (**62**) (220 mg, 1.10 mmol, 99%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.92–3.78 (m, 3H), 3.40-3.27 (m, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 2.65 (brs, 2 × OH), 2.41 (m, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.74–1.34 (m, 8H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.1, 79.2, 79.1, 71.9, 71.8, 69.9, 61.7, 57.0, 56.9, 38.3, 38.2, 37.7, 37.6, 33.4, 23.1, 23.0, 21.2, 21.1; IR (neat): 3415 (br), 3298, 2938, 1459, 1358, 1191, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 201.1491 found 201.1498.

# N-(5-Methoxyoct-7-ynyl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (74)

To a solution of 2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (3.59 g, 17.76 mmol), diphenyl-2-pyridylphophine (4.28 g, 17.76 mmol) and alcohol **29** (1.39 g, 8.88 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (120 mL) was added a solution of di-*tert*-butylazodicarboxylate (4.17 g, 17.76 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) dropwise over 50 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at same temperature. HCl (4.0 M in 1,4-dioxane, 90.0 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was continued to stir for additional 1 h. The solvents were evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with 10% aqueous HCl solution (2 times). The organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford *N*-(5-methoxyoct-7-ynyl)-2-nitrobenzene sulfonamide (74) (2.10 g, 6.17 mmol, 69%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.16–8.10 (m, 1H), 7.89–7.83 (m, 1H), 7.78–7.71 (m, 2H), 5.28 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.29-3.21 (m, 1H), 3.11 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (ddd, J = 16.9, 4.7, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, J = 16.9, 6.5, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.61–1.31 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.1, 133.8, 133.5, 132.7, 131.0, 125.3, 80.8, 78.8, 70.0, 56.9, 43.7, 32.9, 29.6, 22.9, 22.2; IR (neat): 3293, 3069, 2938, 2866, 2120, 1593, 1539, 1441, 1362, 1165, 1124, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 363.0991 found 363.1004.

Preparation of carbamate substrates (76, 77, 78, and 79)



### 5-Methoxyoct-7-yn-1-amine (75)

To a solution of sulfonamide 74 (1.89 g, 5.54 mmol) in acetonitrile  $NH_2$  (50 mL) were added potassium carbonate (2.30 g, 16.63 mmol) and thiophenol (1.7 mL, 16.63 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h. The yellowish mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (90:8:2, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH/Et<sub>3</sub>N) to afford 5-methoxyoct-7-yn-1-amine (75) (750 mg, 4.83 mmol, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.13 (bs, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.78 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.47–2.32 (m, 2H), 2.00 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.32 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  81.0, 79.1, 70.0, 57.0, 41.2, 33.2, 31.4, 23.1, 22.5; IR (neat): 3289, 2935, 1616, 1558, 1506, 1458, 1103 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMA (EI) m/z, calcd. for  $C_8H_{14}N (M-OCH_3)^+$  124.1126, found 124.1126.

# Methyl 5-methoxyoct-7-ynylcarbamate (76)

To a solution of amine **75** (100 mg, 0.644 mmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O Ne (10 mL,  $\nu/\nu$  1:1) was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (81 mg, 0.966 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at same temperature for 10 min, and methyl chloroformate (75  $\mu$ L, 0.966 mmol) was then added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford methyl 5methoxyoct-7-ynylcarbamate (**76**) (120 mg, 0.563 mmol, 87%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.68 (bs, 1H), 3.65 (bs, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.28 (m, 1H), 3.18 (m, 2H), 2.43 (ddd, *J* = 16.8, 4.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (ddd, *J* = 16.8, 6.3, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.69–1.34 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.0, 80.9, 79.0, 69.9, 57.0, 52.0, 41.0, 33.2, 30.0, 23.1, 22.4; IR (neat): 3335, 3308, 2933, 2864, 1712, 1532, 1460, 1251, 1103 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 236.1263 found 236.1261.

# Benzyl 5-methoxyoct-7-ynylcarbamate (77)

To a solution of amine **75** (100 mg, 0.644 mmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (10  $M_{H}^{Cbz}$  mL, v/v 1:1) was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (81 mg, 0.966 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at same temperature for 10 min, and benzyl chloroformate (140  $\mu$ L, 0.966 mmol) was then added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min. The milky suspended mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford benzyl 5-methoxyoct-7-ynylcarbamate (77) (186 mg, 0.644 mmol, 100%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.35 (m, 5H), 5.12 (bs, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.77 (bs, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.20 (q, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.47–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.66–1.29 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.4, 136.7, 128.5, 128.0, 80.9, 79.0, 70.0, 66.6, 57.0, 41.0, 33.2, 30.0, 23.1, 22.4; IR (neat): 3335 (br), 3304, 2935, 1705, 1531, 1455, 1249, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 289.1678 found 289.1685.

# (9H-Fluoren-9-yl)methyl 5-methoxyoct-7-ynylcarbamate (78)

To a solution of amine (75) (241 mg, 1.552 mmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O OMe ך Fmoc (20 mL, v/v 1:1) was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (196 mg, 2.329 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at same temperature for 10 min, and 9-fluoenylmethoxy carbonyl chloride (602 mg, 2.329 mmol) was then added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (4:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford (9H-fluoren-9-yl)methyl 5-methoxyoct-7-ynylcarbamate (78) (500 mg, 1.325 mmol, 85%) as a <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.77 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.40 solid. (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (td, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (bs, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 4.22(t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.21 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.47-2.32 (m, 2H), 2.00 $(t, J = 2.6 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 1.68-1.32 \text{ (m, 6H)}; {}^{13}\text{C NMR} (75 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3): \delta 156.4, 144.0, 141.3, 127.6,$ 127.0, 125.0, 119.9, 80.9, 79.0, 70.0, 66.5, 57.0, 47.3, 40.9, 33.2, 29.9, 23.0, 22.4; IR (neat):

3334 (br), 3304, 2932, 2862, 1717, 1521, 1450, 1247, 1135, 1105 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{24}H_{27}NO_3Na (M+Na)^+ 400.1889$  found 400.1866.

# tert-Butyl 5-methoxyoct-7-ynylcarbamate (79)

To a solution of amine 75 (160 mg, 1.031 mmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (10 OMe ∖N\_Boc mL, v/v 1:1) was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (130 mg, 1.549 mmol) at room The mixture was stirred at same temperature for 10 min, and di-tert-butyl temperature. dicarbonate (273 mg, 1.237 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 12 h. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (4:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford *tert*-butyl 5-methoxyoct-7ynylcarbamate (79) (180 mg, 0.705 mmol, 68%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.52 (bs, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 3.11 (bm, 2H), 2.47–2.31 (m, 2H), 1.98 (t, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.64–1.30 (m, 6H), 1.43 (s, 9H); (300 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  4.02 (bs, 1H), 3.04 (s, 3H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.20 (ddd, J = 16.7, 4.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (ddd, J = 16.7, 6.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.42 (m, 1H), 1.24–1.05 (m, 5H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz. CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 156.0, 81.0, 79.1, 69.9, 57.0, 40.5, 33.2, 30.1, 28.4, 23.1, 22.5; (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 155.8, 81.5, 79.3, 78.4, 70.2, 56.7, 40.7, 33.6, 30.3, 28.6, 23.4, 22.6; IR (neat): 3399, 2982, 2934, 1742, 1515, 1447, 1373, 1242, 1047 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{10}H_{16}NO_3 (M-C_4H_9)^+$ 198.1130 found 198.1136.

Preparation of N-(5-methoxyoct-7-ynyl)benzenamine (82)



#### 2-Nitro-N-phenylbenzenesulfonamide (80)



To a mixture of aniline (0.42 mL, 4.59 mmol) and 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (525 mg, 2.30 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (20 mL) was added pyridine (0.56 mL, 6.89 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature

for 3 h. 10% aqueous HCl solution was added until pH became approximately 1.0. The mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 times). The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (2:3, hexanes/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford 2-nitro-*N*-phenylbenzene sulfonamide (**80**) (600 mg, 2.16 mmol, 94%) as a light yellowish solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.86 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (dd, *J*= 7.8, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.29–7.15 (m, 5H). The spectroscopic data was consistent with the date reported in the literature.<sup>55</sup>

To a mixture of alcohol **29** (132 mg, 0.845 mmol), sulfonamide **80** (279 mg, 1.00 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (336 mg, 1.268 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (10 mL) was added di-*iso*-propylazo dicarboxylate (0.26 mL, 1.268 mmol) dropwise over 30 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. 10% aqueous HCl solution and  $CH_2Cl_2$  were added and the organic fraction was separated. The aqueous fraction was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (40:1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc) to afford *N*-(5-methoxyoct-7-ynyl)-2-nitro-*N*-phenylbenzenesulfonamide (**81**) (352 mg, 0.845 mmol, 100%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.62 (m, 2H), 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.31 (m, 3H), 7.21 (m, 2H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.26 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.30 (m, 2H), 1.98 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67–1.40 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.1, 137.9, 133.4, 132.0, 131.8, 130.9, 129.4, 129.3, 128.4, 123.7, 80.9, 78.9, 69.9, 57.0, 52.0, 33.0, 28.6, 23.1, 22.0; IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3294, 3094, 2937, 2865, 2118, 1593, 1544, 1372, 1164, 1127, 1103; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 417.1484 found 417.1496.

To a solution of **81** (335 mg, 0.804 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) were added potassium carbonate (333 mg, 2.413 mmol) and thiophenol (0.25 mL, 2.413 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 4 h. The yellowish mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (40:1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc) to afford *N*-(5-methoxyoct-7-ynyl)benzenamine (**82**) (186 mg, 0.804 mmol, 100%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.17 (tm, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (tm, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dm, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 3.62 (bs, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.32 (m, 1H), 3.13 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.49–2.34 (m, 2H), 2.00 (t, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.73–1.41 (m, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  148.4, 129.2, 117.1, 112.7, 80.9, 79.1, 70.0, 57.0, 43.8, 33.4, 29.5, 23.1, 22.9; IR (neat): 3400, 3292, 2935, 2861, 2118, 1603, 1507, 1320, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>21</sub>NO (M)<sup>+</sup> 231.1623 found 231.1619.

### N-(6-Methoxynon-8-yn-2-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (83)

OMe To a mixture of alcohol **31** (575 mg, 3.04 mmol), 2nitrobenzenesulfonamide (1.23 g, 6.08 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (1.62 g, 6.08 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (70 mL) was added a solution of di-*iso*-

propylazodicarboxylate (1.31 g, 6.08 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL) dropwise over 1 h. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 8 h. Water and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were added and the white solid was filtrated through a silica gel plug. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (80:1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc) to afford N-(6-methoxynon-8-yn-2-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (83) (550 mg, 1.55 mmol, 51%) as <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude products showed two a colorless oil. diastereoisomers in the ratio of 1:1 by integration of the signals at  $\delta_{\rm H}$  = 3.33 and 3.32 respectively. For a mixture of diastereoisomers: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.16 (m, 1H), 7.86 (m, 1H), 7.73 (m, 2H), 5.10 (m, 1H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.33 (s, 3/2H), 3.32 (s, 3/2H), 3.21 (m, 1H), 2.33 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.21 (m, 6H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3/2H), 1.09 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3/2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  147.9, 135.2, 133.3, 132.8, 130.6, 125.4, (125.3 for diastereoisomer), 80.8, 78.9, 70.0, 57.0, 51.2, (51.1 for diastereoisomer), 37.4, 33.2, 23.0, 21.7, (21.6 for diastereoisomer), 21.4, (21.3 for diastereoisomer); IR (neat): 3293, 2118, 1540, 1418, 1361, 1166, 1123 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{13}H_{19}N_2O_5S$  (M-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 315.1015 found 315.1007.

#### Methyl 6-methoxynon-8-yn-2-ylcarbamate (84)

OMe To a mixture of sulfonamide **83** (150 mg, 0.423 mmol) and potassium carbonate (230 mg, 1.664 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was added thiophenol (131  $\mu$ L, 1.270 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 2 h. After the denosylation was complete, to the yellowish solution was added methyl chloroformate (200  $\mu$ L, 2.539 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (4:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford methyl 6methoxynon-8-yn-2-ylcarbamate (**84**) (96 mg, 0.423, 100%) as a colorless oil. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopic analysis of the crude products showed two diastereoisomers in the ratio of 1:1 by height of the signals at  $\delta_c = 21.7$  and 21.6 respectively. For a mixture of diastereoisomers: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.44 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.29 (p, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 1.99 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.68–1.30 (m, 6H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.4, 81.0, 79.1, 69.9, 57.0, 51.8, 47.1, 37.1, 33.4, 23.1, 21.7, (21.6 for diastereoisomer), 21.2; IR (neat): 3309, 2934, 2865, 2119, 1716, 1538, 1456, 1355, 1254, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (M–CH<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 212.1287 found 212.1278.

### 1.4.6 Total synthesis of (+)-andrachcinidine

#### 6-Bromo-4-methoxyhex-1-yne (99)

To a cooled solution of 3-bromopropionaldehyde dimethyl acetal (2.31 g, Br 11.36 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (15 mL) at -78 °C was added allenyltributyltin(IV) (5.2 mL, 17.04 mmol), followed by the dropwise addition of 1.0 M solution of TiCl<sub>4</sub>(IV) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (13.6 mL, 13.6 mmol). The dark brown mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> at -78 °C and then allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction solution was poured into sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The crude was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic fraction was washed with brine (2 times), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (20:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford **99** (2.10 g, 10.54 mmol, 93%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.54 (m, 3H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 2.45 (dd, J = 5.4, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.03 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.1, 76.8, 70.5, 57.4, 37.1, 29.8, 22.8; IR (neat): 3298, 2931, 2828, 2120, 1433, 1360, 1260, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OBr (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup> 151.9837 found 151.9824.

### 6-Methoxynon-8-yn-2-one (101)

To a cooled 1.0 M solution of LDA in THF (10 mL, 10.0 mmol) with HMPA (3.5 mL, 20.0 mmol) at -45 °C was added a cooled solution of cyclohexylimine (1.40 g, 10.1 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C dropwise. The yellow mixture was stirred at -45 °C for 1.5 h. To a solution of metalloenamine was added a cooled solution of bromide **100** (1.58 g, 8.27 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at -78 °C dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at -45 °C for 2 h and allowed to warm to room temperature. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction was quenched with water and acidified with 10% aqueous HCl solution at 0 °C (pH = 6). The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash silica gel chromatography on silica gel (4:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford ketone **101** (573 mg, 3.41 mmol, 41%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.36 (s, 3H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.45 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s,

3H), 1.98 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.73–1.54 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  208.6, 80.8, 79.0, 70.0, 57.0, 43.6, 33.0, 29.8, 23.0, 19.6; IR (neat): 3287, 2933, 2827, 2118, 1715, 1427, 1360, 1160, 1112 cm<sup>-1</sup>: HRMS (EI) m/z calcd, for  $C_7H_{13}O_2$  (M- $C_3H_3$ )<sup>+</sup> 129.0915 found 129.0919.

# (12R,E)-N-(6-Methoxynon-8-vn-2-vlidene)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (102)



OMe  $N^{S}_{\frac{1}{2}}$  was added Ti(OEt)<sub>4</sub> at room temperature, followed by adding a To a solution of ketone 101 (500 mg, 2.97 mmol) in THF (3 mL) solution of (R)-(+)-2-methyl-2-propansulfamide (540 mg, 4.46

mmol) in THF (3 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C immediately and then poured into a brine solution with vigorously stirring. The resulting white suspended solution was filtered through a Celite pad and rinsed with EtOAc. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (10:1 to 4:1, hexanes/EtOAc with 5% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to afford 102 (584 mg, 2.15 mmol, 72%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.36 (s, 3H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.98 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  185.0, 80.8, 79.0, 70.0, 57.0, 56.2, 43.2, 33.0, 23.1, 22.9, 22.2, 21.3; IR (neat): 3469, 3294, 3235, 2928, 2826, 2118, 1624, 1475, 1362, 1189, 1112 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>26</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 272.1684 found 272.1685.

#### (R,Z)-N-((4R)-4-Hydroxy-10-methoxytridec-12-yn-6-ylidene)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (103)



To a cooled 1.0 M solution of LDA in THF (2.2 mL, 2.2 mmol) at -78 °C was added a cooled solution of **102** (502 mg, 1.85 mmol) in THF (8 mL). The mixture was stirred for 30 min

and anhydrous MgBr<sub>2</sub> (670 mg, 3.70 mmol) was added with a portion. The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. To the light yellowish metalloenamine solution was added *n*-butyraldehyde (0.25 mL, 2.77 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 24 h. After reaction was complete, a cooled 2.0 N AcOH in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise and the resulting mixture was then stirred at -78 °C for 20 min. Brine and sat. aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution were added and reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified with short silica gel chromatography (4:1 to 2:1, hexanes/EtOAc with 5% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to afford **103** (410 mg, 1.19 mmol, 65%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.32 (d, *J* = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.11 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (m, 4H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.71–1.33 (m, 8H), 1.26 (s, 9H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  184.8, 80.9, 79.2, 79.1, 70.0, 67.4, 57.7, 57.1, 45.2, 41.5, 40.9, 33.0, 22.5, 21.3, 18.8, 14.0.

### (S)-N-((4R,6S)-4-Hydroxy-10-methoxytridec-12-yn-6-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (syn-104)



To a solution of **103** (404 mg, 1.18 mmol) in THF (8 mL) at -50 °C was added catecholborane (0.38 mL, 3.53 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at same

temperature for 2 h. MeOH (10 mL) and sat. aqueous Na,K tartrate solution (10 mL) were The resulting mixture was continued to stir for an additional 20 min and allowed to added. warm to room temperature. The white solution was washed with brine and extracted with The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated. The crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1, hexanes/EtOAc to EtOAc only) to afford syn-104 (258 mg, 0.75 mmol, 64%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 3.89 (m. 1H), 3.72 (m. 1H), 3.36 (s. 3H), 3.30 (m. 2H), 2.90 (dd. J = 6.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (m. 2H)2H), 1.98 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.65-1.30 (m, 10H), 1.20 (s, 9H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 80.9, 79.0, 78.9 (for diastereoisomer), 71.5, 69.9, 57.0, 56.9, 56.8 (for diastereoisomer), 55.8, 43.1, 43.0 (for diastereoisomer), 40.9, 35.8, 35.7 (for diastereoisomer), 33.2, 23.0, 22.6, 21.6, 21.5, 18.5, 14.0; IR (neat): 3400 (br), 3311, 2932, 2870, 2119, 1645, 1457, 1364, 1106, 1043 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 368.2235 found 368.2217.

### (S)-N-((4R,6R)-4-Hydroxy-10-methoxytridec-12-yn-6-yl)-2-methylpropane-2-sulfinamide (anti-114)



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.64 (m, 1H),
3.47 (m, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.29 (m, 1H), 2.39 (ABX system, m, 2H), 1.99 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 1H), 1.64–1.27 (m, 12H),

1.23 (s, 9H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  80.9, 79.0, 69.9, 67.6, 57.0, 56.9 (for diastereoisomer), 55.8, 54.5, 54.4 (for diastereoisomer), 42.6, 40.0, 37.1, 33.3, 33.2 (for diastereoisomer), 23.1, 22.7, 21.7, 19.0, 14.1; IR (neat): 3400 (br), 3310, 2932, 2870, 2119, 1633, 1458, 1364, 1107, 1042 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>SNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 368.2235

found 368.2235;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  -29.0° (*c* 0.700, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### N-((4R,6S)-4-Hydroxy-10-methoxytridec-12-yn-6-yl)-2-nitrobenzenesulfonamide (105)

To a solution of *syn*-**104** (246 mg, 0.71 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10 mL) was added 4.0 M HCl solution in 1,4-dioxane (0.36 mL,

1.42 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 1 h. After the desulfinylation was complete, excess HCl and solvents were evaporated under the reduced pressure. A mixture of THF/H<sub>2</sub>O ( $\nu/\nu$  1:1, 10 mL) was added, followed by the addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (180 mg, 2.14 mmol) and 2-nitrobenzenesulfonyl chloride (181 mg, 0.85 mmol) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. The crude was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$ , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:2 to 1:1, hexanes/EtOAc) to afford 105 (252 mg, 0.59 mmol, 83%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 8.15 (m, 1H), 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.73 (m, 2H), 5.52 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (m, 2H), 3.31 (s, 3/2H), 3.29 (s, 3/2H), 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.29 (ABX system, m, 2H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.65–1.18 (m, 12 H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 147.8, 135.0, 133.2, 132.7, 130.6, 125.2, 125.1 (for diastereoisomer), 80.8, 78.9, 78.8 (for diastereoisomer), 70.0, 69.3, 56.9, 53.6, 53.5 (for diastereoisomer), 42.6, 42.5 (for diastereoisomer), 40.1, 35.2, 33.2, 33.1 (for diastereoisomer), 23.0, 22.9 (for diastereoisomer), 18.5, 13.9; IR (neat): 3541, 3294, 3097, 2932, 2872, 2118, 1732, 1541, 1418, 1365, 1165 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{20}H_{30}N_2O_6SNa (M+Na)^+ 449.1722$  found 449.1699;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} + 26.2^\circ$ (c 0.480, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### 1-((2R,6S)-6-((R)-2-Hydroxypentyl)-1-(2-nitrophenylsulfonyl)piperidin-2-yl)propan-2-one (106)



To a solution of **105** (70.0 mg, 0.164 mmol) in water saturated toluene (6.6 mL, 0.025 M) were added PPh<sub>3</sub>AuCl (4.1 mg, 0.008 mmol) and AgSbF<sub>6</sub> (5.6 mg, 0.016 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 24 h. The reaction solution was directly

purified by chromatography on silica gel (10:1, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/EtOAc) to afford piperidine **106** (60.5 mg, 0.147 mmol, 89%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.09 (m, 1H), 7.68 (m, 3H), 4.43 (ddm, J = 9.8, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.01–2.85 (m, 2H), 2.98 (dd, J = 16.5, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (dd, J = 16.5, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (s, 3H), 1.89 (ddd, J = 13.8, 9.3, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.83 (ddd, J = 13.8, 9.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.69 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, OH), 1.65–1.34 (m, 10H), 0.95 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.0, 147.7, 133.4, 131.9, 131.4, 124.5, 69.5, 50.1, 48.8, 48.1, 43.1, 40.5, 30.3, 27.7, 27.2, 18.8, 14.0, 13.3; IR (neat): 3400, 2955, 2871, 1714, 1544, 1373, 1340, 1168, 1136 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S (M–C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O)<sup>+</sup> 355.1337 found 355.1328 ;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} -44.0^\circ$  (*c* 0.425, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### (+)-Andrachcinidine (93)

To a solution of **106** (50.0 mg, 0.121 mmol) in acetonitrile (3.0 mL) were added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (83.7 mg, 0.606 mmol) and thiophenol (37  $\mu$ L, 0.364 mmol). The yellowish reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (EtOAc to 10:1, EtOAc/methanol with 5% Et<sub>3</sub>N) to afford (+)-**93** (26.3 mg, 0.116 mmol, 95%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.80 (m, 1H), 2.97 (dtd, J = 11.2, 6.3, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (tt, J = 10.3, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 16.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.43 (dd, J = 16.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.82 (dm, J = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (dm, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (dm, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.49 (m, 1H), 1.40 (m, 2H), 1.32 (m, 2H), 1.21 (dt, J = 14.2, 10.2, 1H), 1.08–0.96 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.2, 72.5, 58.2, 53.0, 50.5, 43.1, 40.4, 33.5, 32.5, 30.6, 24.5, 18.6, 14.1; IR (neat): 3299 (br), 2929, 2859, 1713, 1457, 1360, 1107 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 227.1885 found 227.1882;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  +24.1° (*c* 0.390, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

# 1.4.7 Preparation of internal alkyne and heterocycle compound

### 1-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)dec-5-yn-4-ol

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hexanes (1.85 mL, 2.96 mmol) dropwise. After the mixture was stirred at same temperature for 10 min, a solution of 4-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)butanal<sup>46</sup> (500 mg, 2.47 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 0.5 h and quenched with water. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:10, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 1-(*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy)dec-5-yn-4-ol (550 mg, 1.93 mmol, 78%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.40 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 2H), 2.95 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, OH), 2.20 (td, *J* = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.83–1.64 (m, 4H), 1.53–1.33 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  85.3, 81.2, 63.2, 64.4,

35.6, 30.8, 28.6, 25.9, 21.9, 18.4, 18.3, 13.6, -5.38; IR (neat) 3402 (br), 2956, 2930, 2858, 1472, 1255, 1103 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>31</sub>OSi (M–OH) 267.2144 found 267.2136.

## 4-Methoxydec-5-yn-1-ol (109)

To a solution of 1-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)dec-5-yn-4-ol (400 OMe OH mg, 1.40 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at room temperature was added NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 84 mg, 2.11 mmol) with several portions, followed by addition of CH<sub>3</sub>I (131  $\mu$ L, 2.11 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. 10% acueous HCl solution (10 mL) was carefully added dropwise and the resulting mixture was stirred overnight. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with water and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:4, EtOAc/hexanes) to give 109 (257 mg, 1.39 mmol, 99%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.98 (m, 1H), 3.65 (app q, J = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 2.22 (td, J = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (m, OH), 1.78 (m, 4H), 1.54–1.37 (m, 4H), 0.91 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  86.9, 78.3, 71.3, 62.7, 56.2, 32.7, 30.8, 28.7, 21.9, 18.3, 13.6; IR (neat) 3403 (br), 2934, 2873, 2820, 2231, 1466, 1337, 1110 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O (M–OH) 167.1436 found 167.1437.

# 1-(Tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)hexan-2-one (110)



General procedure C was followed with internal propargylic methyl ether **109** (39.4 mg, 0.214 mmol), Ph<sub>3</sub>PAuCl (5.4 mg, 10.7  $\mu$ mol), and AgSbF<sub>6</sub>

(7.3 mg, 21.3  $\mu$ mol) in water-saturated toluene (8.6 mL) for 0.5 h to give 110 (34 mg, 93%

isolated yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.21 (p, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 15.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.29 (m, 2H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  209.5, 75.1, 67.8, 48.6, 43.3, 31.5, 25.7, 25.6, 22.3, 13.8; IR (neat) 2958, 2872, 1712, 1465, 1380, 1040 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>+</sup>) 170.1307 found 170.1305.

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# 2.0 Synthesis of Leucascandrolide A

## **2.1 Introduction**

## 2.1.1 Isolation

(+)-Leucascandrolide A<sup>1</sup> (1), a doubly oxygen-bridged macrolide, was isolated in 1996 from a calcareous sponge *Leucascandra caveolata* Borojevic and Klautau<sup>2</sup> by Pietra and co-workers (Figure 5).



Figure 5. Structure of leucascandrolide A (1).

The sponge was first collected along the Passe de Nakéty, on the eastern coast of New Caledonia in September 1989 (3 kg of fresh weight, 200 g of freeze-dried weight) and in July 1992 (40 g of freeze-dried weight). After extraction with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, flash chromatography and further purification by HPLC, 70 mg of pure leucascandrolide A were obtained. The sponge was regularly found at the same location where it had been first collected. However, in April 1995, only a few specimens could be found. Furthermore, samples collected in 1994 at the identical sampling location from the 1989 isolation did not contain any traces of **1**. Pietra and co-workers thus suspected that **1** could be biosynthesized from opportunistic microbes residing in dead portions of the sponges which has a limited life cycle of 2–3 years and displays a great sensitivity to ecological change.

#### 2.1.2 Biological Activity

Leucascandrolide A (1) is not only the first powerfully potent bioactive metabolite isolated from a calcareous sponge, but also the first macrolide ever found in calcareas. Preliminary assays with the pure compound showed strong *in vitro* cytotoxic activity against KB tumor cell lines  $(IC_{50} 71 \text{ nM})$  and P338 murine leukemia cells  $(IC_{50} 356 \text{ nM})$ . Strong inhibition was also found against the fungus *Candida albicans*, pathogenic yeast that causes oral candidiasis, which is a condition often observed in HIV infected patients and presages the progression to AIDS. Additional biological evaluations revealed that leucascandrolide A macrolide moiety **2** (see Scheme 29) is essential to the cytotoxic activity towards KB cells, with activity comparable to that of **1**, while the oxazole side chain **3** significantly contributes to the antifungal properties of the natural product. Recently, Kozmin and co-workers synthesized a racemic mixture of leucascandrolide A (1), resolved both enantiomers<sup>3</sup> and performed bioassays on them.<sup>4</sup> However, they perceived that the naturally occurring (+)-1 is only two- to three-fold more potent than the unnatural enantiomer (–)-1 in a number of cancer cell lines and in *S. cerevisiae*, and thus proposed that the oxazole-containing side chain may be primarily responsible for the toxicity of leucascandrolide A.

#### 2.1.3 Structure

The composition  $C_{38}H_{56}N_2O_{10}$  was deduced from HR–EI–MS and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra and DEPT data, and structural details were assigned by HMQC, HMBC, DQ–COSY and ROESY experiments. To establish the absolute configuration, methanolysis of **1** with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in methanol proceeded to provide a macrolide alcohol **2** and oxazole-containing methyl ester **3** (Scheme 29). Converting alcohol **2** into its C5-epimer using a two-step reaction sequence: oxidation with PCC and subsequent reduction with NaBH<sub>4</sub> gave C5 *epi-***2** with the hydroxyl group in equatorial position. Mosher–ester analysis<sup>5</sup> of C5 *epi-***2** allowed for clear and unambiguous assignment of the (5*R*)-configuration in leucascandrolide A.

Leucascandrolide A displays several distinctive architectural features. The structure is characterized by extensive 1,3-dioxygenation, a single methyl branching (at C12), an (*E*)-olefinic bond (C18–C19) and a peculiar side chain bearing a 2,4-disubstituted oxazole and two (*Z*)-olefinic bonds (C2<sup>2</sup>–C3<sup>2</sup> and C9<sup>2</sup>–C10<sup>2</sup>). Its eighteen-membered macrolactone encompasses two trisubstituted tetrahydropyran rings whose endocyclic oxygens are directed towards the interior of the macrolide.



Reagents and conditions: a) Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 77%; b) PCC, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 70%; c) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, EtOH, 86%

Scheme 29. Methanolysis and epimerization on C5.

## 2.1.4 Previous Syntheses

The potent bioactivity, the lack of any reliable source from nature, and the unique structural features of leucascandrolide A sparked a tremendous response from the synthetic community.<sup>6</sup> The first total synthesis of leucascandrolide A was reported by Leighton and co-workers in

2000.<sup>6(a)</sup> Leighton's strategy towards **1** is highlighted by the successful reiterative application of metal-mediated carbonylation reactions. The synthesis began with the Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>-catalyzed oxymercuration<sup>7</sup> with HgClOAc in acetone to produce the 1,3-syn-organomercury chloride 5 from the known homoallylic alcohol 4 (Scheme 30). A Rh(I)-catalyzed formylation<sup>8</sup> provided the aldehyde for the application of Brown's asymmetric crotylation. Regioselective hydroformylation of the C13-C14 olefin in 6 led to hemiacetals via internal cyclization. Transformation to tetrahydropyran was achieved via the Lewis acid-mediated addition of allyltrimethyl silane to acetals 7. Deprotection and oxidation of the C5 alcohol, followed by an asymmetric allylation and then Semmelhack intramolecular alkoxy carbonylation<sup>9</sup> provided *cis*tetrahydropyran 10 with >10:1 dr. Methylation of the C9 alcohol in 10 followed by oxidative cleavage of the C17 olefin provided aldehyde 11. Addition of an organozinc reagent to 11 yielded allylic alcohol with a modest 3:1 dr. The seco-acid generated by hydrolysis of the methyl ester was subjected to Yamaguchi macrolactonization.<sup>10</sup> The C5 side chain was appended via sequential C5 esterification to phosphonate and the Still-Gennari modified Horner-Emmons *cis*-olefination with aldehyde 14 to complete the synthesis in 20 steps from 4. Chemical synthesis of 1 also confirmed the relative and absolute stereochemistry reported by Pietra.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) HgClOAc, acetone, 5 mol% Yb(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, 0 °C to RT, 76%; b) 4 mol% Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub>, 4 mol% P(O-*o*-*t*BuPh)<sub>3</sub>, 50 mol% DABCO, 800 psi 1:1 CO/H<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C, 62%; c) (*E*)-crotyl-(–)-di-*iso*-pinocampheylborane, BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C; NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 67%; d) 2 mol% Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub>, 8 mol% PPh<sub>3</sub>, 400 psi 1:1 CO/H<sub>2</sub>, 50 °C, 89%; e) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP, pyridine; f) H<sub>2</sub>C=CHCH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>, Ti(O-*i*Pr)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C; g) *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NF, 64% over 3 steps; h) (COCl)<sub>2</sub>, DMSO, Et<sub>3</sub>N, -78 °C to -40 °C; i) allyl-(–)-diisopinocampheylborane, -78 °C to RT; NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 75% over 2 steps; j) *tert*-BuPh<sub>2</sub>SiCl, imidazole, 99%; k) AcOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, 40 °C, 98%; l) 10 mol% PdCl<sub>2</sub>, 4 equiv CuCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 atm CO, MeOH:PhCN (1:1), 75%; m) Me<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, Proton Sponge<sup>®</sup>, 4 Å MS; n) O<sub>3</sub>, -78 °C; PPh<sub>3</sub>, RT, 93%; o) 4-methyl-1-pentyne, Cy<sub>2</sub>BH, Et<sub>2</sub>Zn, *N*,*N*-dibutylamino-ethanol, then Ti(O-*iso*-Pr)<sub>4</sub>, -40 °C to -20 °C, 60%, 3:1 *dr*; p) KOSiMe<sub>3</sub>; q) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et<sub>3</sub>N, DMAP, 76% over 2 steps; r) TBAF, 77%; s) (CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>P(O)CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, EDCI+HCl, HOBt+H<sub>2</sub>O; t) KHMDS, 18-crown-6, -78 °C then **14**, -100 °C, 7:1 ratio of olefin isomers, 55% over 2 steps.

Scheme 30. The Leighton synthesis of 1.

Kozmin and co-workers reported an efficient stereocontrolled synthesis of racemic leucascandrolide A,<sup>3,6(c),6(l), 11</sup> featuring a substrate-directed relay of the stereochemical information via a series of highly diastereoselective transformations (Scheme 31). The synthesis began with intramolecular Prins cyclization of 16, which was prepared by vinylogous transesterification of 4-methoxy-2-butenone with 15. A C5 equatorial hydroxyl group in 2,6cis-tetrahydropyrane ring, generated by subsequent basic hydrolysis of the trifluoroacetate, was protected as a benzyl ether. A boron-mediated aldol reaction of ketone 17 with aldehyde 18 furnished a  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketone as a single diastereomer through 1,5-*anti* stereoinduction.<sup>12</sup> A SmI<sub>2</sub>-mediated reduction,<sup>13</sup> followed by methylation of C9 alcohol and reductive removal of the acetate led to key intermediate **19** for hydroxyl-directed hydrosilylation process.<sup>14</sup> Conversion to the C11 silvl ether using tetramethyldisilazane, followed by treatment with catalytic H<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>6</sub> resulted in preferential formation of silacycle 20 with a dr of 87:13. The outcome of diastereoselectivity was explained by considering the minimization of unfavorable A<sup>1,2</sup> strain in the assumed stereochemistry-determining hydroplatination step. This is a distinctive stereoselective introduction of C12 methyl group while other groups employed asymmetric auxiliary-mediated enolate alkylation or crotylation. Protodesilylation of 20 was followed up by dioxolane removal, lactol acylation, and stereocontrolled C-glycosidation with silvl enol ether **21**. A diastereoselective reduction of the C17 ketone by L-Selectride<sup> $\mathbb{R}$ </sup> was followed by chemoselective dihydroxylation of the C1 terminal alkene and subsequent Red-Al® alkyne reduction to provide triol 22. Triol 22 was subjected to oxidative cleavage of vicinal diol moiety. Unexpectedly, treatment with  $Pb(OAc)_4$  afforded lactol 23 as a single diastereomer, presumably due to the spontaneous intramolecular macrolactolization process that results from the unusual thermodynamic stability of the macrocyle. PCC-mediated oxidation of the robust

14-membered macrocycle afforded the macrolactone. Removal of the C5 benzyl ether set the stage for an efficient incorporation of the side chain **24** via Mitsunobu esterification. This final step concluded the racemic synthesis in 19 steps for the linear sequence from **15**.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) 4-methoxy-2-butenone, PPTS, 92%; b)  $CF_3CO_2H$ ; c) LiOH, THF-H<sub>2</sub>O, 77% over 2 steps; d) BnO(NH)CCl<sub>3</sub>, cat. TfOH, 71%; e) Cy<sub>2</sub>BCl, 0 °C, then aldehyde at -78 °C, 74%; f) SmI<sub>2</sub> (30 mol %), CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, -10 °C; g) MeOTf, 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine, 71%; h) LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, -78 °C, 86%; i) (Me<sub>2</sub>HSi)<sub>2</sub>NH then H<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>6</sub>, 50 °C, *dr* 87:13; j) TBAF, 70 °C, 54% over 2 steps; k) THF-H<sub>2</sub>O, cat. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> then Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DMAP, 83%; l) ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, **21**,-78 °C to 0 °C, 80%; m) L-Selectride<sup>®</sup>, -78 °C, 3:1 *dr*, 91%; n) cat. OsO<sub>4</sub>, NMO, *t*-BuOH-H<sub>2</sub>O, 77%; o) Red-Al<sup>®</sup>, 20 °C, 78%; p) Pb(OAc)<sub>4</sub>, 0 °C, filtered, concentrated, left standing for 18 h, single diastereomer of lactol, 92%; q) PCC,4 Å MS, 85%; r) DDQ, pH 7 buffer, 99%; s) **24**, DIAD, benzene, 78%.

Scheme 31. The Kozmin synthesis of 1.

Rychnovsky chose a convergent assembly of the macrolide portion of **1** which utilized one pot Mukaiyama aldol-Prins cyclization cascade between **28** and **29** (Scheme 32),<sup>6(b),6(n)</sup> whereas Leighton and Kozmin constructed the molecule using consecutive cyclizations on a linear precursor. Myers' alkylation of iodide **25** with (–)-pseudoephedrine propionamide set the C12 methyl stereocenter of **26**. Treatment of **26** with acid yielded lactone **27** which was subsequently transformed to **28**. Coupling of aldehyde **28** and enol ether **29**, which was prepared in eight steps from 3-(tri-*iso*-propylsilyloxy)propanal, with BF<sub>3</sub>•Et<sub>2</sub>O in the presence 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine as a proton scavenger led to a simultaneous formation of **30** with moderate diastereoselectivity (5.5:1 ratio of C9 alcohols). The intermediate oxocarbenium ion was trapped internally with the allylsilane in a Prins-type reaction to form a *cis*-tetrahydropyran ring exclusively. A series of straightforward transformations which included a stereoselective reduction of the C5 ketone gave **31**.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) LDA, (–)-pseudoephedrine propionamide, LiCl, then **25**, –78 °C, 98%, 20:1 *dr*; b) 2N aq. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 95 °C, 77%; c) DIBAL, –78 °C, then Ac<sub>2</sub>O, DMAP, pyridine, 95%. d) allyltrimethylsilane, BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>, –78 °C, 97%, 20:1 *dr*; e) O<sub>3</sub>, –78 °C, then PPh<sub>3</sub>, 95%; f) **29**, BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>, 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine, –78 °C, 5.5:1 *dr* at C9; g) MeO<sup>+</sup>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, Proton Sponge<sup>®</sup>, 4 Å MS, 79% (single epimer) plus C9 epimer (15%). h) OsO<sub>4</sub>, NMO, then NaIO<sub>4</sub>, 80%; i) L-Selectride<sup>®</sup>, –90 to –60 °C, 82% (single epimer) plus C5 epimer (10%); j) TBAF, 92%; j) TBSOTf, 2,6-lutidine, 89%.

Scheme 32. The Rychnovsky synthesis of the macrolide of 1.

The Paterson approach<sup>6(f),6(j)</sup> to leucascandrolide A demonstrated the use of Jacobsen's asymmetric hetero Diels-Alder reaction with siloxydiene **33** and aldehyde **32**, generating 2,6-*cis*-tetrahydropyran-4-one **35** which upon reduction with sodium borohydride yielded the C5 equatorial alcohol (Scheme 33). Again, control of the C9 and C11 stereochemistry was possible with a boron-mediated aldol reaction through 1,5-*anti* stereoinduction. Instead of setting the requisite C17-(R) alcohol stereochemistry in the natural product, subjecting the ketone

**37** to LiAlH(O*t*-Bu)<sub>3</sub> results in formation of the C17-(*S*) alcohol with superior stereocontrol (>32:1 *dr*). Later, Mitsunobu macrolactonization proceeded effectively set the C17-(*R*) configuration via inversion.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) 10 mol% **34**, 4 Å MS, acidified CHCl<sub>3</sub>, >20:1 dr, >98% ee, 80%; b) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, 13:1 dr, 99%; c) TIPSOTf, lutidine, -78 °C; d) CSA, 2:1 MeOH/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 82% over 2 steps; e) Tf<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, -10 °C; f) LDA, TMSCCH, HMPA, -78 to 20 °C; K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 84% over 2 steps; g) cat. Hg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, PPTS, wet THF, 40 °C, 86%; h) LiAlH(Ot-Bu)<sub>3</sub>, -78 to 10 °C, 32:1 dr, 76%; i) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, pyridine, DMAP; j) DDQ, 10:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pH 7 buffer; k) TEMPO, PhI(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, NaClO<sub>2</sub>, NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, methyl-2-butene, aq. *t*-BuOH, 0 to 20 °C; l) K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH, 70% over 4 steps.

Scheme 33. The Paterson synthesis of 1.

## 2.1.5 Electron-Transfer-Initiated Cyclization (ETIC)

Our group has developed the electron transfer initiated cyclization (ETIC) reaction.<sup>16</sup> The proposed mechanism for the ETIC reaction (Figure 6) involves coordination of Ce(IV) to the dimethyl-*p*-methoxy benzyl arene, followed by an inner-sphere electron transfer to give Ce(III) and a radical cation of the substrate. The radical cation can undergo mesolytic cleavage to produce a radical and a cation. The resulting oxocarbenium ion is then trapped by the pendant enol acetate nucleophile to yield the desired 4-tetrahydropyranone. Furthermore, 6-*endo*-cyclizations to proceed through chairlike transition states provide excellent levels of stereocontrol in the synthesis of *syn*-2,6-dialkyl tetrahydropyran-4-ones which are useful building blocks in natural product synthesis.



Figure 6. Proposed ETIC reaction pathway.

#### 2.1.6 Retrosynthesis

The synthesis of leucascandrolide A (1) became the focus of our study since 2,6-*cis*dialkyltetrahydropyran-4-one, relevant to the C3–C7 portion of 1, could be prepared through efficient oxidative cleavage reactions of homobenzylic ethers.<sup>15</sup> The initial effort to synthesize 1 by Dr. Seiders,<sup>19</sup> who was a previous group member, proved that application of diastereoselective electron-transfer-initiated cyclization (ETIC) method<sup>16</sup> for natural product synthesis was feasible. Moreover, the exhibited sequence was designed to minimize the use of protecting groups and reagent-based stereoinduction resulting in an efficient approach with respect to linear and overall step counts.

Our retrosynthetic analysis of 1 is outlined in Scheme 34. Phosphonate **39**, which had been converted into the natural product in one step by Leighton and co-workers,<sup>6(a)</sup> was chosen for our synthetic target molecule. The macrocyclization reaction, planned by lactolization of  $\omega$ -hydroxyl aldehyde, was believed to be facilitated by the presence of both tetrahydropyran rings because of reduced degrees of freedom as compared to a linear substrate and unusual thermodynamic stability of the macrocyle, proposed by Kozmin and co-workers.<sup>6(1)</sup> Unraveling of requisite C17 allylic alcohol could be achieved by cross-metathesis reaction. 2,6-*cis*-Dialkyltetrahypropyran in **40** would be accessed through the single-electron oxidation, fragmentation, and cyclization of **41**. Enol acetate **41** could be obtained from the metal-mediated addition of acetic acid to homopropargylic ether, which was generated by a diastereoselective opening of a cyclic acetal **42**. The challenging disconnection of ether between C3 and C7 on **41** could be solved by nucleophilic opening of acetal **42**. While tetrahydropyran **43** could be prepared from alcohol **44** by various ways, we envisioned

hydroformylation as an efficient route to meet the goals. Alcohol **44** could be readily prepared in high enantiomeric purity through a reported three-step sequence<sup>17</sup> from a commercially available 1,3-propanediol that utilizes a Brown crotylation reaction<sup>18</sup> to establish relative and absolute stereochemical control.







Ar = p-methoxyphenyl

Scheme 34. Retrosynthetic analysis of leucascandrolide A (1).

#### 2.2 Results and Discussion

The synthesis of leucascandrolide A commenced with the preparation of 2,6-*trans*-disubstituted tetrahydropyran **43** (Scheme 35). Our initial synthetic effort<sup>19</sup> clearly showed that **43** can be prepared through a highly diastereoselective four step sequence from the known enantiomerically enriched alcohol. Accordingly, alcohol **45**<sup>17</sup> was subjected to the ruthenium catalyzed hydroesterification/lactonization protocol developed in our labs,<sup>20</sup> to afford lactone **46** in 78% yield. Conversion to acyl lactol **47** was carried out by one pot reduction/acylation protocol.<sup>21</sup> Subsequent treatment of **47** with BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub> in the presence of allyltrimethylsilane gave 2,6-*trans*-tetrahydropyran **48** as a single diastereomer in 90% yield over two steps. The *p*-methoxybenzyl ether was oxidatively removed using DDQ to give alcohol **43**.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) i. 5 mol%  $Ru_3(CO)_{12}$ , 2-pyridylmethyl formate, 15 mol% NMO, 110 °C; ii. HOAc/THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:2:1), 85 °C, 78%; b) i. DIBAL, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C; ii. pyridine, DMAP, Ac<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 to -35 °C; c) BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>, allyltrimethylsilane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 90% over two steps; d) DDQ, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/pH 7 buffer (10:1), 98%.

Scheme 35. Tetrahydropyran synthesis.

While our initially developed protocol provided 2,6-*trans*-tetrahydropyran **43** in excellent overall yields, we re-deigned an alternative complement pathway to avoid harsh

reaction conditions and the use of cryogenic conditions. To access a tetrahydropyran group in a single step from  $44^{17}$ (Scheme 36), we employed Briet and co-workers' hydroformylation <sup>22</sup> (step (a) in Scheme 36) for this transformation. This extraordinarily facile procedure, shown in Figure 7 (H<sub>2</sub> and CO can be introduced individually through separate balloons, making the need to purchase syngas unnecessary), provided lactol **49** in 90% yield. Exposing **49** to allyl trimethylsilane and BiBr<sub>3</sub><sup>23</sup> at room temperature yielded tetrahydropyranyl alcohol **43** as a single stereoisomer in nearly quantitative yield within 20 minutes.



Figure 7. Hydroformylation.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) H<sub>2</sub>, CO, 5 mol% Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub>, 25 mol% 6-diphenylphosphino-2-pyridone (6-DPPon), THF, 1 atm, RT, 90%; b) allyl trimethylsilane, 50 mol% BiBr<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, RT, 99%.

Scheme 36. Revised tetrahydropyran synthesis.

The reaction proceeded through the instantaneous formation of an isolable bridged bicyclic acetal **50**, arising from the intramolecular addition of the silyloxy group into the intermediate oxocarbenium ion and subsequent desilylation, followed by a second ionization that allowed for allyl group incorporation. Subjecting the isolated acetal **50** to identical reaction conditions also gave **43** as a single diastereomer. The high stereoselectivity of the C-glycosidation reaction results from axial attack of the energetically favorable conformation in which both alkyl groups occupy pseudo-equatorial positions.<sup>24</sup> Axial addition of the nucleophile to the ring flip conformation is highly disfavored due to the *syn*-pentane interaction developed in the transition state and two pseudo-axial substituents (Figure 8). These conditions promote direct nucleophilic substitutions of lactols and avoid cryogenic conditions without sacrificing efficiency or stereocontrol. It is also noteworthy that new pathway obviates an additional manipulation of protecting groups.



Figure 8. Mechanism for the stereocontrol in the C-glycosidation reaction.

The introduction of electroauxiliary for the key ETIC reaction (Scheme 37) proceeded through a sequence of alcohol oxidation with the Dess-Martin periodinane and subsequent BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>-mediated Mukaiyama aldol addition<sup>25</sup> of enolsilane **52**<sup>26</sup> to provide  $\beta$ -hydroxyketone **53** as an inseparable 4.5:1 mixture of diastereomers, as determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy. Diastereomers could be separated by chromatography at a later stage. Higher diastereocontrol (7.8:1) was observed when the solvent was changed from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to toluene, but the overall yield was reduced (50%). The use of TiCl<sub>4</sub> or TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-*i*-Pr)<sub>2</sub> as a chelating Lewis acid could not enhance the stereoselectivity.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) Dess–Martin periodinane, pyridine, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; b) **52**, BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 78% over two steps, 4.5:1 *dr*.

#### Scheme 37. Formation of $\beta$ -hydroxy ketone 53.

The BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub>-mediated Mukaiyama aldol reaction with  $\alpha$ -unsubstituted  $\beta$ -alkoxy aldehydes affords good levels of 1,3-*anti* induction in the absence of internal aldehyde chelation.

Evans' polar model<sup>19</sup> provides the explanation of stereoselectivity in this transformation, in which the level of 1,3-induction is primarily dependent on minimization of internal electrostatic and steric repulsion between the aldehyde carbonyl moiety and the  $\beta$ -substituents resulting in placing the largest alkyl group perpendicular to the aldehyde's  $\pi$ -system. The alkyl group then blocks one face of the aldehyde from nucleophilic attack, and the nucleophile attacks from the opposite face (Figure 9). The solvent effects are consistent with the fact that 1,3-induction is based on electrostatic interactions that are enhanced in nonpolar media.



Figure 9. Proposed transition state for the Mukaiyama aldol reaction.

Highly selective *syn*-reduction with NaBH<sub>4</sub> and Et<sub>2</sub>BOMe<sup>27</sup> gave diol **54**, which could be isolated in 76% yield as a single stereoisomer (Scheme 38). It is worth noting that establishing C7 stereocenter is required for introducing subsequent stereocenters on the molecule, even though it is later sacrificed during the ETIC reaction. The observed selectivity can be rationalized by chelation-controlled 1,3-induction with energetically more favorable half-chair conformation where  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ , as the large substituents, occupy pseudo-equatorial positions. Intermolecular hydride delivery occurs axially to give the *syn*-diol as the preferred product.



Reagents and conditions: a) Et<sub>2</sub>BOMe, 10:1 MeOH/THF, -78 °C; b) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, -78 °C, then H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to RT, 76%.

Scheme 38. Conversion of  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketone to *syn*-diol.

The preparation of substrate for ETIC reaction was shown in Scheme 39. To establish C1–C3 fragment, Noyori's acetalization protocol<sup>28</sup> was carried out through the formation of the bis(trimethylsilyl) ether of **54** and subsequent addition of known aldehyde **55**<sup>29</sup> with catalytic TMSOTf<sup>30</sup> to yield **56** in 87% yield. The C4–C6 subunit was then incorporated by a Lewis acid-mediated acetal opening<sup>31</sup> in the presence of allenyltributyltin, thereby completing the construction of the requisite ether linkage between C3 and C7 on **57** for the oxidative cyclization reaction. Maintaining the reaction temperature to -78 °C was required to avoid an intramolecular Friedel-Crafts reaction by the arene. The hindered hydroxyl group on **57** was transformed to methyl ether **58** in 87% yield upon treatment with MeOTf and 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine.<sup>32</sup> The synthesis of cyclization precursor **59** was completed by ruthenium-mediated Markovnikov addition of acetic acid across the alkyne.<sup>33</sup>



**Reagents and conditions:** a) i. TMSOTf, 2,6-lutidine,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , -78 °C; ii. **55**, 10 mol% TMSOTf,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , -78 to -45 °C, 87%; b) allenyltributyltin, 3:1 TiCl<sub>4</sub>/Ti(O*i*-Pr)<sub>4</sub>,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , -78 °C, 89%; c) MeOTf, 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine,  $CH_2Cl_2$ , 0 °C to RT, 87%; d) 2 mol% [Ru(*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, 4 mol% (2-furyl)<sub>3</sub>P, HOAc, Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, toluene, 80 °C, 72%.

Scheme 39. Synthesis of ETIC substrate.

Regioselective formation of the C9 hydroxyl group in this reaction results from Lewis acid chelation between C9 and C11 oxygen atoms, while coordinating to the C7 oxygen atom by Lewis acid is expected to develop the sterically disfavorable interaction with germinal methyl groups on the electroauxiliary (Figure 10). Furthermore, tight ion-pair between oxocarbenium ion and oxyanion bound with titanium that keeps the stereochemical conformation results in shielding *Si*-face from nucleophilic additions.



Figure 10. Transition state of diastereoselective Lewis acid-mediated acetal ring opening.

The key transformation in the synthesis of leucascandrolide A to form C3–C7 *syn*-2,6-tetrahydropyran ring involved the ETIC reaction. Treating **59** with ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN) at room temperature provided **61** in 68% yield as a single stereoisomer<sup>34</sup> (Scheme 40). This reaction proceeded through oxidative cleavage of the benzylic carbon–carbon bond to form oxocarbenium ion **60**, with the excellent diastereoselectivity arising from the much-precedented chair transition state for *endo*-cyclizations of this type.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) Ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN), 4 Å MS, NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 1,2-dichloroethane, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, RT, 68%.

#### Scheme 40. ETIC reaction.

With the two tetrahydropyran rings in place, we turned our attention to completing the synthesis of the macrocycle (Scheme 41). The need for reducing the C5 ketone on **61** was apparent. Although both diastereomers of the C5 alcohol had been successfully converted into the natural product, we made a decision to proceed through the axial alcohol. Therefore, ketone **61** was reduced with L-Selectride<sup>®35</sup> to provide **62** in 76% yield along with 8% of the equatorial alcohol. Instead of capping the resulting alcohol with a protecting group we converted **62** into phosphonoacetate **63** using (CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>P(O)CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H and EDC.<sup>36</sup> While the phosphonate group could be ultimately used for the construction of the C5 side chain through a Still–Gennari olefination,<sup>37</sup> the presence of this electrophilic group required us to complete the synthesis under very mild conditions. Removal of the TBDPS group by exposure to hydrochloric acid in methanol at room temperature readily furnished alcohol **64** in quantitative yield which was subsequently subjected to oxidation with Dess-Martin periodinane<sup>38</sup> to provide aldehyde **65** in 95% yield. Notably, we observed that attempts to conduct the silyl group cleavage reaction with fluoride sources, such as TBAF and HF-pyridine, promoted the cleavage of one

trifluoroethoxy group from the phophonate.



**Reagents and conditions:** a) L-Selectride<sup>®</sup>, THF, -90 °C, 76%; b) (CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>P(O)CH<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H, EDC, HOBt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, 92%; c) HCl, MeOH, RT, 98%; d) Dess–Martin periodinane, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, 95%.

### Scheme 41. Formation of phosphonate 65.

Completion of our synthesis was shown in Scheme 42. A cross-metathesis reaction<sup>39</sup> between **65** and **66** using the Hoveyda–Grubbs catalyst<sup>40</sup> and quick purification by a flash chromatography provided *trans*-allylic alcohol **67**. Enatiomerically enriched **66** was prepared by means of the addition of vinylmagnesium bromide to isovaleraldehyde and subsequent

Sharpless kinetic resolution of the resulting racemic allylic alcohol.<sup>41</sup> Adding 1,4-benzoquinone to this reaction resulted to be useful for inhibiting ketone formation through olefin migration.<sup>42</sup>



**Reagents and conditions:** a) **66**, 20 mol% Hoveyda–Grubbs catalyst, 40 mol% 1,4-benzoquinone, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, reflux, 70%; b) Re<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, 69%; c) PCC, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 81%.

Scheme 42. Completion of the synthesis.

At this stage, allylic alcohol transposition was required prior to macrolide formation. While **67** and the product of its transposition are both secondary allylic alcohols, we postulated that the desired transposed hydroxyl group on C17 would be formed preferentially under equilibrating conditions through a chair-like transition state. A bias of this equilibrium was assumed to be caused by the capacity for the transposed hydroxy group to engage in hydrogen bonding with oxygen on the tetrahydropyranyl ring and its potential to add into the pendent C1 carbonyl group by considering the unusual thermodynamic stability of leucascandrolide A macrolactol (Scheme 43).<sup>11</sup>



Scheme 43. Proposed bias of equilibrium.

Thus we exposed **67** to  $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_7$  in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}^{43}$  at room temperature to promote suprafacial migration. Indeed, lactol **68** was directly formed in 69% yield through the transposition of the allylic hydroxyl group. Notably, we observed that subjecting the C19-epimer of **67**, prepared through the cross metathesis of **65** with the enantiomer of **67**, to the transposition conditions also provided **68** in 49% yield. This result suggests that epimerization can occur during the transposition and that resolving **59** prior to metathesis is not necessary. While the mechanism for the epimerization has yet to be determined, we speculate that the transposition is rapid and

reversible, and that rearrangement occasionally proceeds through a boat-like rather than a chairlike transition state. Oxidizing **68** with PCC completed the synthesis of leucascandrolide macrolactone **39**. Since **37** has been converted in one step into leucascandrolide A by the Leighton group (see Scheme 30), this completes a formal synthesis. Cleaving the phosphonoacetate group (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, MeOH) provided a C5 alcohol that is spectroscopically identical to material<sup>44</sup> that was derived from cleaving the ester side chain from **1**, thereby confirming the structural assignment.

#### 2.3 Conclusion

We have developed a highly efficient and concise formal synthesis of leucascandrolide A through a sequence in which our ETIC method was employed for the stereoselective formation of a key 2,6-*cis*-tetrahydropyran ring from an advanced intermediate. Thus, our efforts established the utility of the method in the framework of complex molecule construction. Additionally, we make significant progresses through (*i*) the minimization of protecting group manipulations (only two steps in the longest linear sequence were solely devoted to functional group protection or deprotection), (*ii*) the use of BiBr<sub>3</sub> in a mild and efficient lactol functionalization, (*iii*) the extensive use of substrate-derived stereocontrol, and (*iv*) the utilization of macrolactol formation as a thermodynamic driving force for allylic alcohol transposition. The sequence proceeds in 17 linear steps from the known alcohol **44** (19 steps from commercially available material) and in 4.5% yield, making this route quite competitive with the most efficient enantioselective routes to leucascandrolide A.

#### 2.4 Experimental

## General

Proton (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 300 spectrometers at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively; or Bruker Avance 500 spectrometers at 500 MHz and 125 MHz if specified. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta ( $\delta$ ) scale. The solvent peak or the internal standard tetramethylsilane were used as reference values. For <sup>1</sup>H NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 7.26 ppm,  $C_6D_6$  = 7.15 ppm, TMS = 0.00 ppm. For <sup>13</sup>C NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 77.23,  $C_6D_6$  = 128.0, TMS = 0.00. For proton data: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; p = pentet; dd = doublet of doublets; dt = doublet of triplets; ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets; dddd = doublet of doublet of doublets; ddt = doublet of doublet of triplets; ddg = doublet of doublet of guartets; br = broad; m =multiplet; app t = apparent triplet; app q = apparent quartet; app p = apparent pentet. High resolution and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a VG 7070 spectrometer. Infrared (IR) spectra were collected on a Mattson Gygnus 100 spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on E. Merck pre-coated (25 nm) silica gel 60F-254 plates. Visualization was done under UV (254 nm). Flash column chromatography was performed using ICN SiliTech 32-63 60 Å silica gel. Reagent grade ethyl acetate and hexanes (commercial mixture) were purchased from EM Science and used as is for chromatography. Reagent grade methylene chloride (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were dried by passing through aluminum drying column. Anhydrous methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH), and acetonitrile (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) were purchased from Aldrich and used as is. All reactions were conducted under nitrogen atmosphere, unless otherwise specified.

#### (5R,6S)-6-(2-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)ethyl)-5-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-ol (49)

In a two neck round-bottom flask connected to a three way adapter were Me OTBS placed Rh(acac)(CO)<sub>2</sub> (42.2 mg, 0.164 mmol), 6-diphenylphosphanyl-2-Ω pyridone (6-DPPon) (228.5 mg, 0.818 mmol), and THF (5 mL). After ÒН stirring at room temperature for 10 min under an atmosphere of Ar gas, a solution of 44 (800 mg, 3.273 mmol) in THF (2.0 mL) was added. A CO balloon and a H<sub>2</sub> balloon were individually fitted into the three way adapter. The reaction mixture was saturated with a mixture of CO and H<sub>2</sub> gases applying three cycles of careful evacuation and refilling with a mixture of gases. The brown mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature for 3 days. Then solvent was removed under a reduced pressure. The crude was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:10 to 1:4, EtOAc/Hexanes) to afford 49 (808.5 mg, 2.946 mmol, 90%) as a colorless <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.27 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.7 Hz, 0.5H), 4.67 (ddd, J = 9.3, 5.7, 2.1 oil. Hz, 0.5H), 3.78-3.67 (m, 2.5H), 3.20 (td, J = 9.6, 2.4 Hz, 0.5H), 2.79 (m, 0.5H), 2.33 (m, 0.5H), 1.93-1.23 (m, 7H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.86 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.5H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1.5H), 0.05 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 96.3, 91.4, 78.2, 71.3, 59.8, 59.4, 36.2, 36.1, 35.0, 34.4, 33.3, 31.6, 30.2, 26.3, 26.0, 18.3, 18.1, 17.2, -5.22, -5.24, -5.27, -5.32; IR (neat): 3402 (br), 2954, 2929, 2857, 1472, 1462, 1256, 1087 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si (M-OH)<sup>+</sup> 257.1937 found 257.1945;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$  -56.17 (*c* 1.54, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### 2-((2S,3R,6R)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)ethanol (43)

Me ....OH To a solution of **49** (3.0 g, 10.93 mmol) in acetonitrile (50 mL) was added allyltrimethylsilane (8.68 mL, 54.62 mmol). After stirring at room temperature for 5 min, bismuth(III) bromide (2.45 g, 5.45 mmol) was added with a portion. The clear yellow mixture was stirred at room temperature for

20 min. Aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL) was then added. The resulting solution was stirred at same temperature for additional 20 min. With EtOAc, the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:4 to 1:2, EtOAc/hexanes) gave **43** (2.0 g, 10.85 mmol, 99%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.81 (m, 1H), 5.10 (m, 2H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.45 (td, *J* = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.95 (m, OH), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.85–1.32 (m, 7H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  135.3, 116.8, 76.4, 71.6, 61.6, 35.7, 34.8, 34.7, 27.7, 26.9, 18.0; IR (neat): 3421 (br), 3075, 2930, 2873, 1459, 1439, 1379, 1355, 1236, 1053 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>21</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H)<sup>+</sup> 185.1541 found 185.1537; [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>2</sub><sup>23</sup> –45.65 (*c* 1.64, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

# (*S*)-6-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-5-hydroxy-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylhexan-3-one (53)



To a solution of **43** (413 mg, 2.24 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5 mL) was added pyridine (0.73 mL, 9.02 mmol) followed by the addition of Dess-Martin periodinane (1.90 g, 4.48 mmol) at

0 °C. The reaction mixture was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with a mixture of aqueous saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution and aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution ( $\nu/\nu$  1:5, 20 mL). The resulting milky solution was then stirred vigorously until the solution became clear (ca. 30 min). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 times). The combined organic layers were washed with aqueous saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the resulting residue was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$ . To a cooled solution of the crude aldehyde in  $CH_2Cl_2$  at -78 °C was added freshly distilled BF3 ·OEt2 (0.43 mL, 3.39 mmol) dropwise followed by the addition of enolsilane 52 (1.18 g, 4.46 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was then stirred at -78 °C for 2 h and quenched with aqueous saturated  $NH_4Cl$ . The resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature. The mixture was then poured into water. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic layers were washed with water and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced The resulting residue was purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (1:4, pressure. EtOAc/hexanes) to provide ketone 53 (658 mg, 1.76 mmol, 78% over two steps) as an inseparable 4.5:1 mixture of diastereomers. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.16 (dm, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.86 (dm, J = 9.0, 2H), 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.05 (m, 2H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.39 (td, J = 8.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.60–1.25 (m, 6H), 1.48 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  213.7, 158.5, 135.6, 127.2, 116.5, 114.1, 72.7, 71.7, 65.0, 55.2, 51.5, 44.3, 38.7, 35.6, 34.5, 27.6, 26.9, 25.4, 24.8, 18.0; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 212.7, 159.0, 136.22, 136.19, 127.5, 116.4, 114.4, 73.0, 71.6, 65.4, 54.7, 51.7, 45.0, 39.5, 36.1, 34.7, 27.9, 27.2, 25.6, 24.9,
18.1; IR (neat): 3489 (br), 2932, 1702, 1513, 1463, 1253, 1035 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{34}O_4$  (M)<sup>+</sup> 374.2457 found 374.2445.

## (2*R*,4*S*)-1-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5methylhexane-2,4-diol (54)



To a solution of **53** (1.65 g, 4.40 mmol) in THF/CH<sub>3</sub>OH ( $\nu/\nu$  10:1, 55 mL) at -78 °C was added Et<sub>2</sub>BOMe (0.87 mL, 6.62 mmol) dropwise. The clear solution was stirred at same temperature for 1 h and NaBH<sub>4</sub> (501 mg, 13.24 mmol) was

then added with several portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and poured into an ice-cooled pH 7 buffer solution (100 mL) with caution (bubbling and eruption). After stirring at 0 °C for 30 min, hydrogen peroxide (wt. 30% solution in water, 10 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was vigorously stirred at room temperature overnight (*ca.* 10 h). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic layers were washed with water, aqueous saturated Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified *via* flash column chromatography (1:4, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **54** (1.27 g, 3.37 mmol, 76%) as a single stereoisomer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.29 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 9.0, 2H), 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.09 (m, 2H), 3.97 (m, 2H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, OH), 3.60 (s, OH), 3.40 (td, *J* = 8.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.13 (m, 1H), 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.66–1.30 (m, 8H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 0.81 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.6, 139.4, 136.0, 127.5, 116.8, 113.4, 80.2, 72.3, 71.9, 70.0, 55.2, 41.6, 39.9, 37.3, 35.2, 35.0, 27.9, 27.0, 25.2, 23.1, 17.9; IR (neat): 3444 (br), 3074, 2931, 1641, 1611, 1513, 1251, 1185 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{23}H_{36}O_4Na (M+Na)^+$  399.2511 found 399.2530;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -33.15 (c 1.49, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

## (2-((2S,4S,6S)-4-(((2S,3R,6R)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)methyl)-6-(2-(4methoxyphenyl)propan-2-yl)-1,3-dioxan-2-yl)ethoxy)(tert-butyl)diphenylsilane (56)



To a cooled solution of diol 54 (1.32 g, 3.50 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35 mL) at -78 °C was added 2,6-lutidine (1.63 mL, 14.00 OMe mmol) followed by the dropwise addition of TMSOTf (1.59 mL, 8.76 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h and poured into water. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was The combined organic layers were washed with HCl (wt. 10% extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 times). solution in water), water and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the resulting residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) and cooled down to -78 °C. Aldehyde 55 (1.31 g, 4.21 mmol) was added followed by the addition of TMSOTf (64  $\mu$ L, 0.35 mmol). The reaction mixture was then slowly warmed to -45 °C and stirred for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with pyridine (43  $\mu$ L, 0.52 mmol) and poured into water. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with The combined organic layers were washed with water and then brine, dried  $CH_2Cl_2$  (2 times). over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified via flash column chromatography (1:20, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 56 (2.05 g, 3.05 mmol, 87%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.67 (m, 4H), 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, J = 9.0, 2H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.69 (dd, J = 6.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.85–3.65 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 3.42 (app t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.08–1.82 (m, 3H), 1.73–1.55 (m, 3H), 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.34–1.27 (m, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.07 (m, 2H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.84 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.6, 138.7, 135.54, 135.52, 135.47, 134.02, 133.99, 129.5, 127.7, 127.6, 116.4, 113.1, 99.1, 83.8, 72.9, 71.6, 71.2, 59.9, 55.1, 40.5, 39.6, 38.1, 35.9, 34.7, 32.2, 27.9, 27.1, 26.9, 26.1, 22.8, 19.2, 18.1; IR (neat): 3071, 2930, 1641, 1612, 1513, 1361, 1251, 1185 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>58</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SiNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 693.3951 found 693.3951;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  –24.56 (*c* 1.71, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

# (2*S*,4*S*)-1-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-4-((*S*)-1-(*tert*-butyldiphenyl-silyloxy)hex-5-yn-3-yloxy)-5-(4-methoxyphenyl)-5-methylhexan-2-ol (57)



To a cooled solution of acetal **56** (200 mg, 0.298 mmol) and allenyltributyltin (294 mg, 0.894 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) at -78 °C was added a freshly prepared a mixture of TiCl<sub>4</sub> (286  $\mu$ L, 2.61 mmol) and Ti(O-*i*-Pr)<sub>4</sub> (0.262  $\mu$ L, 0.89 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL). The

reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 1 h and quenched with CH<sub>3</sub>OH. The resulting mixture was poured into aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 times). The combined organic layers were washed with water and KF (wt. 10% solution in water), dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was then purified *via* flash column chromatography (1:20 to 1:10, EtOAc/hexanes) to give **57** (188 mg, 0.265 mmol, 89%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (m, 4H), 7.40 (m, 6H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 9.0, 2H), 5.74 (m, 1H), 5.02 (m, 2H), 3.83–3.72 (m, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.17 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, OH), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.39 (ddd, *J* = 16.5, 5.7, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (ddd, *J* = 16.5, 3.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.96 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (app q, *J* =

6.3 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.57–1.23 (m, 8H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.72 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.6, 139.7, 135.8, 135.6, 135.5, 133.9, 129.5, 127.7, 127.63, 127.61, 116.4, 113.2, 81.7, 81.5, 72.8, 71.8, 71.6, 70.1, 66.7, 60.6, 55.1, 42.2, 39.6, 39.5, 36.3, 35.4, 34.1, 27.8, 27.0, 26.9, 26.7, 23.2, 22.9, 19.2, 18.0; IR (neat): 3497 (br), 3309, 3071, 3031, 2118, 1611, 1513, 1428, 1251, 1098 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>62</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SiNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 733.4264 found 733.4268.

## ((*S*)-3-((3*S*,5*S*)-6-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-5-methoxy-2-(4methoxyphenyl)-2-methylhexan-3-yloxy)hex-5-ynyloxy)(*tert*-butyl)diphenylsilane (58)



To a solution of alcohol **57** (369 mg, 0.519 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4 mL) at 0 °C was added 2,6-di-*tert*-butylpyridine (459, 2.076 mmol) followed by the addition of MeOTf (176  $\mu$ L, 1.557 mmol). The reaction was then slowly warmed to room temperature and stirred

for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 times). The combined organic layers were washed with water and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography on silica gel (1:20 to 1:10, EtOAc/hexanes) afforded **58** (329 mg, 0.454 mmol, 87%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.67 (m, 4H), 7.38 (m, 6H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 9.0, 2H), 5.72 (m, 1H), 5.01 (m, 2H), 3.78 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.41 (app t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (m, 1H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.41–2.27 (m, 3H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.95 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.15 (m, 9H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.82 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.6, 139.6, 135.7, 135.6, 135.5, 134.0, 129.5, 127.9,

127.6, 116.3, 113.1, 81.9, 80.3, 72.8, 71.8, 70.9, 69.8, 60.9, 57.2, 55.1, 42.3, 38.5, 37.8, 37.2, 36.9, 34.0, 27.1, 26.9, 26.7, 26.5, 23.1, 23.0, 19.2, 18.2; IR (neat): 3497 (br), 3309, 3071, 2930, 2119, 1611, 1513, 1428, 1251, 1111 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{46}H_{64}O_5SiNa (M+Na)^+$  747.4421 found 747.4431.

## (*R*)-4-((3*S*,5*S*)-6-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-5-methoxy-2-(4methoxyphenyl)-2-methylhexan-3-yloxy)-6-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)hex-1-en-2-yl acetate (59)



To a solution of alkyne (316 mg, 0.435 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (7.0 mg, 0.066 mmol) followed by the addition of acetic acid (50  $\mu$ L, 0.871 mmol) under an atmosphere of Ar gas.

The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 10 min, and [Ru(p-

cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5.3 mg, 8.7 μmol), tri(2-furyl)phosphine (4.0 mg, 17.4 μmol). The brown reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 36 h. The color of reaction was slowly changed to green over 6 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and the solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified *via* flash column chromatography (1:20 to 1:10, EtOAc/hexanes) to give **59** (245 mg, 0.312 mmol, 72%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (m, 4H), 7.37 (m, 6H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.7, 2H), 5.71 (m, 1H), 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.73 (s, 1H), 3.77 (m, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.39 (app t, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (m, 1H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 2.90 (m, 1H), 2.55 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (m, 1H), 2.23–2.05 (m, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.90–1.71 (m, 2H), 1.60–1.15 (m, 9H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.80 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.1, 157.6, 153.7, 139.7, 135.7, 135.6, 135.5, 134.0, 129.50, 129.48, 127.9, 127.6,

116.3, 113.1, 103.51, 80.0, 76.4, 72.6, 71.0, 60.8, 57.2, 55.1, 42.3, 38.7, 37.9, 37.7, 37.1, 36.7, 34.2, 27.0, 26.9, 26.7, 26.6, 23.0, 21.1, 19.2, 18.2; IR (neat): 3071, 2931, 2858, 1757, 1665, 1513, 1428, 1368, 1200, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{48}H_{68}O_7SiNa$  (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 807.4632 found 807.4608;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  –2.82 (*c* 1.42, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

## (2*S*,6*R*)-2-((*R*)-3-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-methoxypropyl)-6-(2-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl)-tetrahydropyran-4-one (61)



To a solution of enol acetate **59** (236 mg, 0.301 mmol) in 1,2dichloroethane (6 mL) was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (472 mg) and 4 Å molecular sieves (472 mg). After stirring at room temperature for 20 min, a dark orange colored solution of ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN)

(659 mg, 1.202 mmol) in acetonitrile (1 mL) was added dropwise. The dull green colored reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for an additional 2 h. The resulting mixture was filtered through a small silica plug and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was then concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified *via* flash column chromatography (1:10 to 1:4, EtOAc/hexanes) to provide **61** (121 mg, 0.204 mmol, 68%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.64 (app d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.40 (m, 6H), 5.78 (m, 1H), 5.05 (m, 2H), 3.87–3.68 (m, 5H), 3.56–3.44 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.48–2.34 (m, 3H), 2.30–2.16 (m, 3H), 1.98–1.84 (m, 2H), 1.81–1.44 (m, 7H), 1.40–1.23 (m, 2H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.4, 135.6, 135.5, 133.7, 133.6, 129.63, 129.62, 127.7, 116.4, 74.3, 73.91, 73.87, 72.6, 71.2, 60.1, 56.8, 48.1, 47.8, 40.6, 39.3, 38.6, 36.8, 34.2, 27.3, 26.8, 26.6, 19.1, 18.3; IR (neat): 3071, 2929, 2857, 1720, 1460, 1427, 1147, 1109, 1090 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>52</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SiNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 615.3482 found 615.3455;

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$  -22.25° (*c* 2.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

## (2*R*,4*R*,6*R*)-2-((*R*)-3-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-methoxypropyl)-6-(2-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl)-tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-ol (62)



To a cooled solution of ketone **61** (349 mg, 0.589 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at -90 °C was slowly added L-Selectride<sup>®</sup> (1.0 M solution in THF, 0.88 mL, 0.88 mmol) over 5 min. The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 1 h and quenched with aqueous

saturated potassium sodium tartrate solution (30 mL). The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. Diethyl ether (30 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was vigorously stirred for 1 h. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic layers were washed with water and then brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified *via* flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:2, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **62** (266 mg, 0.447 mmol, 76%) and the epimer (30 mg, 0.050 mmol, 8%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.66 (m, 4H), 7.38 (m, 6H), 5.79 (m, 1H), 5.04 (m, 2H), 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.95–3.81 (m, 2H), 3.79 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.52 (m, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.21 (m, 1H), 1.86–1.25 (m, 15H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.91 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  135.7, 135.5, 134.1, 134.0, 129.5, 127.6, 116.3, 74.4, 72.7, 70.8, 68.6, 68.4, 64.8, 60.8, 56.8, 40.4, 39.3, 39.0, 38.7, 38.5, 37.2, 33.9, 27.1, 26.9, 26.5, 19.2, 18.4; IR (neat): 3436 (br), 3071, 2931, 2858, 1460, 1428, 1109 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>54</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SiNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 617.3638 found 617.3591;  $[\alpha]_{23}^{23}$  –25.80° (*c* 2.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,4*R*,6*R*)-2-((*R*)-3-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-methoxypropyl)-6-(2-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)ethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl 2-((bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy))phosphoryl)acetate (63)



To a mixture of alcohol 62 (80.1 mg, 0.135 mmol)

and bis-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)phosphonoacetic

acid<sup>45</sup> (81.8 mg, 0.269 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL)

were added HOBt•H<sub>2</sub>O (9.1 mg, 0.067 mmol) and

then EDC•HCl (51.6 mg, 0.269 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and quenched with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 times). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO4, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified *via* flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:3, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 63 (109.1 mg, 0.124 mmol, 92%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.39 (m, 6H), 5.77 (m, 1H), 5.24 (m, 1H), 5.04 (m, 2H), 4.47 (qd,  ${}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{19}F) = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{31}P) = 3.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H}), 4.44 \text{ (qd, } {}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{19}F) = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{31}P) = 3.6 \text{ Hz}, 2\text{H})$ 2H), 3.77 (m, 5H), 3.49 (m, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.15 (d,  ${}^{2}J({}^{1}H, {}^{31}P) = 21.0$  Hz, 1H), 3.14 (d,  ${}^{2}J({}^{1}H, {}^{31}P) = 21.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.40 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 2.21 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 1.85-1.44 \text{ (m, 13H)}, 1.29 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 1.03 \text{ (s, 2H)}, 1.03 \text{$ 9H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  164.1 (d, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P) = 4 Hz), 135.7, 135.5, 133.94, 133.89, 129.6, 127.6, 122.5 (q,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 274$  Hz), 122.4 (q,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 274$ Hz), 116.3, 74.4, 72.5, 71.0, 70.8, 69.2, 68.9, 62.6 (gm,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 37$  Hz), 62.5 (gm,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F)$ = 37 Hz), 60.6, 56.7, 40.1, 39.0, 38.5, 36.9, 35.7, 35.3, 34.2 (d,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 143$  Hz), 34.1, 27.2, 26.8, 26.6, 19.2, 18.3; IR (neat): 3072, 2931, 2858, 1737, 1460, 1427, 1299, 1269, 1175, 1101 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>59</sub>O<sub>9</sub>F<sub>6</sub>SiPNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 903.3468 found 903.3495;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ 

(2*S*,4*R*,6*R*)-2-((*R*)-3-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-methoxypropyl)-6-(2-hydroxyethyl)-tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl 2-((bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy))phospho-ryl)acetate (64)



A solution of **63** (107.7 mg, 0.122 mmol) in 3%  $P(OCH_2CF_3)_2$  HCl in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction was quenched with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. After adding

EtOAc, the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified *via* flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1, EtOAc/hexanes) to give alcohol **64** (76.6 mg, 0.119 mmol, 98%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 5.80 (m, 1H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 5.07 (m, 2H), 4.48 (q,  ${}^{3}J({}^{1}\text{H}, {}^{19}\text{F}) = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 4.45 (q,  ${}^{3}J({}^{1}\text{H}, {}^{19}\text{F}) = 8.1 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 3.96–3.79 (m, 3H), 3.73–3.60 (m, 3H), 3.48 (app t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (br s, OH), 3.32 (s, 3H), 3.19 (d,  ${}^{2}J({}^{1}\text{H}, {}^{3}\text{P}) = 21.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.81–1.47 (m, 11H), 1.34 (m, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ 163.9 (d,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}\text{C}, {}^{31}\text{P}) = 5 \text{ Hz}$ ), 135.6, 122.4 (q,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}\text{C}, {}^{19}\text{F}) = 275 \text{ Hz}$ ), 122.3 (q,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}\text{C}, {}^{19}\text{F}) = 37 \text{ Hz}$ ), 58.6, 56.6, 38.9, 37.9, 37.5, 35.8, 35.6, 35.4, 35.1, 34.4 (d,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}\text{C}, {}^{31}\text{P}) = 143 \text{ Hz}$ ), 27.8, 27.1, 18.2; IR (neat): 3467 (br), 2927, 2858, 1737, 1459, 1269, 1174, 1073 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>9</sub>F<sub>6</sub>PNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 665.2290 found 665.2281; (a)<sup>23</sup> –25.29° (c 1.70, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

### (2*S*,4*S*,6*S*)-2-((*R*)-3-((2*S*,3*R*,6*R*)-6-Allyl-3-methyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)-2-methoxypropyl)-6-(2-oxoethyl)-tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-4-yl 2-((bis(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy))phosphoryl)acetate (65)



To a solution of alcohol **64** (100 mg, 0.156 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added pyridine (50  $\mu$ L, 0.622 mmol) followed by the addition of Dess-Martin periodinane (132 mg, 0.311 mmol). The reaction

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The mixture was filtered through a short silica plug and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated. The crude was purified via flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:1, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 65 (95 mg, 0.148 mmol, 95%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.77 (dd, J = 1.8, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (m, 1H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 5.06 (m, 2H), 4.50 (qd,  ${}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{19}F) = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{31}P) = 1.2 \text{ Hz}, 2H), 4.47$  $(qd, {}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{19}F) = 8.1 \text{ Hz}, {}^{3}J({}^{1}H, {}^{31}P) = 1.2 \text{ Hz}, 2H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.82 (m, 2H), 3.51 ($ 3.29 (s, 3H), 3.20 (d,  ${}^{2}J({}^{1}H, {}^{31}P) = 21.3$  Hz, 2H), 2.55 (ddd, J = 16.2, 8.4, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 2.51–2.41 (m, 1H), 2.39 (ddd, J = 16.2, 4.5, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.28–2.17 (m, 1H), 1.87–1.47 (m, 11H), 1.35 (m, 12) 2H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  200.8, 163.8 (d, <sup>2</sup> $J(^{13}C, ^{31}P) = 5$  Hz), 135.7, 122.4 (q,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 276$  Hz), 122.3 (q,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 276$  Hz), 116.3, 74.3, 72.5, 71.2, 70.1, 69.2, 67.6, 62.6 (qd,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 37 \text{ Hz}, {}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 2 \text{ Hz}), 62.5 (qd, {}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 37 \text{ Hz},$  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 2 \text{ Hz}$ , 56.6, 49.3, 39.6, 38.5, 36.7, 35.4, 34.9, 34.4 (d,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 142 \text{ Hz}$ ), 34.3, 27.4, 26.7, 18.3; IR (neat): 2928, 2876, 1731, 1420, 1299, 1270, 1174, 1074 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{39}O_9F_6PNa$  (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 663.2134 found 663.2106;  $[\alpha]_D^{23}$  -25.12° (c 1.60, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### **Macrocyclic lactol (68)**



To a solution of alkene **65** (20.0 mg, 31.2  $\mu$ mol) and (*S*)-5-methylhex-1-en-3-ol<sup>46</sup> (17.8 mg, 155.9  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) was added Hoveyda-Grubbs (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) (3.9 mg, 6.2  $\mu$ mol) followed by the addition of 1,4-benzoquinone (1.3

mg, 12.5  $\mu$ mol). The flask was fitted with a condenser and refluxed at 45 °C for 6 h under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> gas. The greenish crude was then concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (1:1 to 2:1, EtOAc/hexanes) to give **67** (15.9 mg, 21.9  $\mu$ mol, 70%) as a colorless oil that was allowed to use directly for the next reaction of rhenium-catalyzed 1,3-isomerization by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis.

To a solution of allyl alcohol **67** (14.5 mg, 19.9  $\mu$ mol) in diethyl ether (2 mL) was added Re<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> (0.9 mg, 1.9  $\mu$ mol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified *via* flash chromatography on silica gel (1:2 to 1:1, EtOAc/hexanes) to give **68** (10.0 mg, 13.8  $\mu$ mol, 69%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.73 (dt, *J* = 15.3, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 5.10 (dd, *J* = 15.3, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (dm, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (m, 1H), 4.47 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F) = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.44 (q, <sup>3</sup>*J*(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>19</sup>F) = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 3.94 (dm, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (m, 1H), 3.74 (tm, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.65 (tm, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.22 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P) = 21.0 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (ddm, *J* = 14.1, 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.02–1.36 (m, 18H), 1.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (ddd, *J* = 14.1, 11.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 0.87 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  163.8 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P) = 5 Hz), 134.1, 130.7, 122.4 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F) = 276 Hz), 122.3 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F) = 276 Hz), 90.94, 74.0, 73.8, 71.4,

70.7, 70.3, 68.8, 63.1, 62.6 (qd,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 37 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 62.5 (qd,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{19}F) = 37 \text{ Hz}$ ,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 2 \text{ Hz}$ ), 57.1, 44.2, 41.7, 39.8, 38.7, 35.8, 35.6, 35.5, 34.4 (d,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 142 \text{ Hz}$ ), 31.2, 28.1, 27.3, 24.2, 22.3, 22.2, 18.4; IR (neat): 3487 (br), 2927, 1740, 1457, 1271, 1173, 1097, 1075 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>49</sub>O<sub>10</sub>F<sub>6</sub>PNa (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 749.2865 found 749.2833;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23}$  –39.30° (*c* 1.20, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### **Macrocyclic lactone (39)**



To a solution of lactol **68** (8.2 mg, 11.3  $\mu$ mol) in  $P(OCH_2CF_3)_2$  CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) was added 4 Å molecular sieves (8.2 mg). After gently stirring for 10 min, pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) (4.9 mg, 22.6  $\mu$ mol) was added with a portion. The resulting

mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was purified *via* flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:10 to 1:4, EtOAc/hexanes) to provide **39** (6.6 mg, 9.1  $\mu$ mol, 81%) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.70 (m, 1H), 5.37 (m, 1H), 5.36 (m, 1H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.46 (m, 4H), 4.01 (tm, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dm, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H), 3.61 (tm, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 2H), 3.53 (tm, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.23 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P) = 21.0 Hz, 1H), 3.22 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*(<sup>1</sup>H, <sup>31</sup>P) = 21.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.31 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 12.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01–1.84 (m, 4H), 1.76–1.65 (m, 2H), 1.63–1.49 (m, 7H), 1.42 (dm, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.32 (dm, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (m, 1H), 0.85 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.2, 163.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>31</sup>P) = 5 Hz), 132.4, 130.1, 122.4 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F) = 276 Hz), 122.3 (q, <sup>1</sup>*J*(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F) = 276 Hz), 73.7, 73.3, 70.9, 70.4, 69.7, 69.3, 63.0, 62.6 (m), 62.5 (m), 57.3, 43.2, 42.8,

41.6, 39.1, 35.5, 35.2, 35.1, 34.4 (d,  ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C, {}^{31}P) = 142$  Hz), 31.0, 28.1, 27.2, 24.0, 22.2, 18.3; IR (neat): 2927, 1739, 1459, 1271, 1171, 1073 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for  $C_{31}H_{47}O_{10}F_{6}PNa (M+Na)^{+} 747.2709$  found 747.2685;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} -40.30^{\circ} (c \ 0.67, CHCl_{3})$ .

#### Validation of stereochemistry for macrocyclic lactone (39)



To a solution of macrocyclic lactone **39** (3.5 mg, 4.8  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1 mL) was added K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mg, 0.7  $\mu$ mol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified *via* flash column chromatography on silica gel (1:1 to 2:1,

EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the desired product (1.8 mg, 4.1  $\mu$ mol, 85%) which provided to be identical with spectroscopic data reported by Crimmins and Siliphaivanh.<sup>44</sup>

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## **3.0 Mechanistic Analysis of Oxidative C–H Cleavages** using Inter- and Intramolecular Kinetic Isotope Effects.<sup>1</sup>

#### **3.1 Introduction**

Oxygen-containing heterocycles are present in numerous biologically active compounds, making these structures the focus of intensive reaction development studies.<sup>2</sup> These units are often prepared through variations in the Prins reaction, in which ring formation occurs via intramolecular additions of carbon nucleophiles to oxocarbenium ions.<sup>3</sup> These processes often require the use of strongly acidic conditions to initiate ionization, thereby limiting functional group compatibility. In an effort to enhance functional group tolerance, Floreancig group has developed a DDQ-mediated synthesis of tetrahydropyranone (Scheme 44).<sup>4</sup> The cyclization reactions can be initiated by forming oxocarbenium ions through DDQ-mediated oxidative carbon-hydrogen bond activation from benzylic and allylic ethers. The development of this promising method would be facilitated by a greater understanding of the mechanistic nuances of the individual steps of the process. We have initiated studies that are directed toward elucidating the details of the carbon-hydrogen bond activation step. In this chapter we detail our findings from inter- and intramolecular kinetic isotope effect studies and present evidence for the formation of a radical cation intermediate prior to hydrogen atom abstraction en route to the oxocarbenium ion intermediate.



Scheme 44. Cyclization reactions through oxidative carbon-hydrogen bond activation.

#### 3.2 Results and Discussion

#### 3.2.1 Background

Three mechanisms have been postulated for the generation of stabilized carbocations through DDQ-mediated oxidation (Scheme 45). The most direct pathway proceeds through a one-step hydride transfer to DDQ.<sup>5</sup> The other two pathways proceed through an initial electron transfer to form the radical cation of the substrate and the radical anion of DDQ. The oxocarbenium ion can then be accessed through hydrogen atom abstraction or proton abstraction followed by a second electron transfer. Bordwell and Zhang postulated<sup>6</sup> that proton transfer should be

favored over hydrogen atom transfer for radical cations in solution based on the highly favorable proton solvation energy, though this analysis does not discuss the role that a quinone radical anion would play in partitioning the pathways. Baciocchi and co-workers provided solvent-dependent spectroscopic evidence<sup>7</sup> for both hydrogen atom transfer and proton transfer in photoinitiated oxidations of diarylmethanes by tetrachloroquinone.



Scheme 45. Possible mechanisms of oxidative carbocation formation.

We initiated a series of inter- and intramolecular kinetic isotope effect studies on several benzylic and allylic ether substrates (Scheme 46) to study the mechanism of carbocation formation in these reactions. Intramolecular kinetic effects are used to determine the preference for cleaving a C–H bond when a C–D bond is present in the same methylene group. Intermolecular kinetic isotope effects measure the rate difference between substrates that contain

a reactive CH<sub>2</sub> group relative to substrates that contain a CD<sub>2</sub> group at the corresponding position.



Scheme 46. Intra- and intermolecular kinetic isotope effects.

Comparisons of intermolecular and intramolecular kinetic isotope effects have been used to provide evidence for the formation of a reactive intermediate as a rate determining step prior to bond cleavage.<sup>8</sup> In this study, rate determining electron transfer would not necessarily diminish the kinetic isotope effect in the intramolecular experiments because the C–H and C–D bond strengths would be still different in a putative radical cation intermediate. Isotope effects would significantly lessen if electron transfer were rate determining in the intermolecular experiments, however (Scheme 47). The radical cations from the H<sub>2</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> substrates are expected to form in approximately identical concentrations because of their similar oxidation

potentials, and the rate of bond cleavage would not be isotope dependent because this step would have a lower energetic barrier than return electron transfer. Intermolecular kinetic isotope effects would be approximately equal to intramolecular kinetic isotope effects if electron transfer was not rate determining since equilibration of the radical cations would occur prior to bond cleavage.



rate determining electron transfer:  $k_{\rm H} = k_{\rm D}$ reversible electron transfer:  $k_{\rm H} > k_{\rm D}$ 

Scheme 47. Relative rate constants for intermolecular KIE studies.

#### 3.2.2 Substrate design and synthesis

The substrates in this study were selected to cover a wide range of reactivities in the oxidative cyclization reactions (Scheme 48).<sup>4a</sup> We prepared benzylic ethers that undergo oxidative cyclization quickly (*p*-methoxybenzyl ether 1), moderately quickly (*p*-methylbenzyl ether 2), and

slowly (benzyl ether **3**), with reactivity paralleling the ease of substrate oxidation. We also prepared ether **4** in which the cyclization proceeds at a moderate rate despite the low substrate oxidation potential. Highly reactive allylic ether **5** and relatively unreactive allylic ether **6** were also prepared. While our prior work utilized substrates that contain branched ethers, we employed unbranched ether groups to circumvent the possibility of a kinetic resolution in the carbon–hydrogen bond activation step.



Scheme 48. Cyclization substrates, n=0-2.

Compounds 1–5 were prepared (Scheme 49) through reductions, brominations, standard Williamson ether syntheses between the non-, mono-, and dideuterated benzylic or allylic bromides, and the sodium alkoxide of 3-butyn-1-ol followed by ruthenium catalyzed enol acetate formation.<sup>9</sup> Tri-substituted allylic alcohol for compound **5** was prepared by cross-metathesis reaction between 1-dodecene and methacrolein using Grubbs catalyst (2<sup>nd</sup> generation).



Scheme 49. Preparation of cyclization substrates 1–5.

Preparation of compound **6** was started from the reaction with Eschenmoser's salt to provide a methylene group in the  $\alpha$ -position of the aldehyde (Scheme 50). In order to avoid the possibility of label scrambling through an S<sub>N</sub>2' reaction, Lewis acid-mediated reaction between the allylic alcohol and the trichloroacetimidate of butynol was accomplished.



Scheme 50. Preparation of cyclization substrates 6.

#### 3.2.3 Isotope effect determination

Intramolecular kinetic isotope effect studies were conducted by exposing monodeuterated substrates to DDQ and 2,6-dichloropyridine, while intermolecular kinetic isotope effect studies were conducted by exposing 1:1 mixtures of non-deuterated and dideuterated substrates to the reaction conditions. The reactions were taken to approximately 10% conversion to avoid interpretation errors that could arise from product oxidation in the intramolecular series and from selective starting material depletion in the intermolecular series. Kinetic isotope effects were determined by comparing the intensities of <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) signals from the benzylic or allylic hydrogens in the products to reference signals.



Scheme 51. Cyclization products and intra- and intermolecular kinetic isotope effects.

The products of the oxidative cyclizations (7-12) and values for intra- and intermolecular kinetic isotope effects are shown in Scheme 51. The magnitudes of the kinetic isotope effects were largest with the more reactive substrates 1, 2, 4, and 5. Intra- and intermolecular effects were reasonably consistent for each substrate.

#### **3.2.4 Discussion**

Several aspects of these data merit further comment. All substrates showed a kinetic isotope effect, indicating that carbon–hydrogen bond cleavage is involved in the rate determining step.

The similar values between the intra- and intermolecular KIE's in all examples confirm that reactive intermediate formation prior to carbon-hydrogen cleavage is not the rate determining The magnitudes of the values for rapidly reacting substrates 1, 2, 4, and 5 are at or above step. the theoretically maximum value of 6.5 for primary KIE's at room temperature. Secondary KIE's are also possible for these reactions since bond cleavage results in a change of hybridization at the benzylic or allylic position. Secondary KIE values would be >1 when D is retained after cleavage and <1 when H is retained, indicating that primary and secondary effects are synergistic for intramolecular experiments and are antagonistic for intermolecular experiments. The generally close agreement between the intra- and intermolecular KIE values indicates that secondary KIE's are minimal and do not contribute to the large observed values. The largest KIE values are consistent with a modest contribution from tunneling in the transition The magnitude of the KIE values correlates to substrate reactivity, with compounds that states. react quickly showing large effects and compounds that react slowly showing small effects. This indicates that bond cleavage is more difficult for substrates that react most quickly, in contrast to the result that would be expected for a one-step hydride transfer process. The result is consistent, however, with an electron transfer mechanism. Substrates with lower oxidation potentials, upon single electron oxidation, will form less reactive radical cations than substrates with high oxidation potentials (Figure 11). This phenomenon can be explained by Eq. 3,<sup>10</sup> in which BDE(RC) is the bond dissociation energy of the cleaving bond in the radical cation, BDE(S) is the bond dissociation energy of this bond in the neutral substrate,  $E_{pa}(S)$  is the oxidation potential of the substrate, and  $E_{pa}(E')$  is the oxidation potential of the radical from the fragment that becomes the carbocation in the cleavage step. Thus lowering the oxidation potential of the substrate<sup>11</sup> by appending electron donating groups increases the bond



$$BDE(RC) = BDE(S) - E_{pa}(S) + E_{pa}(E')$$
(1)

Figure 11. Bond strength as a function of radical cation stability.

dissociation energy of the scissile carbon–hydrogen bond. While these results strongly suggest the presence of an intermediate radical ion pair, a concern for the electron transfer mechanism lies in the considerably disfavorable thermodynamics of electron transfer between the substrates in this study and DDQ. Kochi, however, has reported<sup>12</sup> that rates for electron transfer and carbon–hydrogen bond cleavage for quinone/arene mixtures are substantially faster than predicted values based on Rehm–Weller considerations, <sup>13</sup> particularly for endergonic transformations, due to the formation of an encounter complex that promotes inner sphere electron transfer.

The high rates of reactions for compounds that have low oxidation potentials appear to contrast the high KIE values for these substrates. These observations can be reconciled by considering the rate equation for cation formation that would arise from the proposed mechanism in Scheme 52. In this relationship (Eq. 2) the rate of cation formation depends on the rate

constant for hydrogen atom transfer k, the concentration of the radical cation [RC], and the concentration of the DDQ radical anion [RA]. While the values of k are expected to be smaller for substrates with low oxidation potentials than for substrates with high oxidation potentials, the concentrations of the radical cations and the radical anions would be higher. The higher concentrations for these species overwhelm the smaller values of k and lead to faster reactions.

$$Rate = k[RC][RA]$$
(2)

While these data provide compelling evidence for an electron transfer pathway, determining whether the bond cleavage results from hydrogen atom abstraction to form the cation directly or from deprotonation, with carbocation formation arising from subsequent radical oxidation, remains a difficult issue to resolve. Baciocchi's studies<sup>7</sup> of diarylmethane oxidation by tetrachloroquinone are instructive in this regard. This work showed that hydrogen atom abstraction should be favored on thermodynamic grounds, but that the pathway could be perturbed by solvent polarity. Polar solvents promote direct hydrogen atom transfer while nonpolar solvents promote deprotonation through destabilizing the negative charge on the quinone radical anion. According to Eq. 1 our substrates should be more prone to undergo direct cation formation than those in the Baciocchi study because alkoxy groups lower the oxidation potential of alkyl radicals more than aryl groups.<sup>14</sup> Moreover, the negative charge of the radical anion of DDQ will be stabilized by the cyano groups to a greater degree than the corresponding charge in the radical anion of tetrachloroquinone, thereby lessening its capacity for deprotonation. Thus we postulate that these reactions proceed through hydrogen atom abstraction to form the oxocarbenium ions directly, as shown in Scheme 52.



Scheme 52. Proposed reaction mechanism.

#### 3.3 Summary

We have shown that cyclization reactions that proceed through oxidative carbon-hydrogen bond activation exhibit moderate to large  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$  kinetic isotope effects. This result is consistent with bond cleavage occurring in the rate determining step. The magnitudes of the effects were consistent when determined by intra- and intermolecular processes, confirming that the formation of a reactive intermediate prior to bond cleavage is not rate determining. KIE values were largest for substrates that have low oxidation potentials and react quickly. This behavior suggests the intermediacy of radical cation intermediates in which the bond dissociation energies for allylic and benzylic carbon–hydrogen bonds are highest when substrate oxidation potentials are low. The higher reaction rates for substrates that form stable radical cations with stronger carbon–hydrogen bonds must be attributed to the higher concentrations of reactive intermediates. Literature analogy indicates that these reactions most likely proceed through hydrogen atom abstraction from the radical cation to form oxocarbenium ions directly.
#### **3.4 Experimental**

# 3.4.1 General

Proton (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) and carbon (<sup>13</sup>C NMR) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded at 300 MHz and 75 MHz, respectively, or at 500 MHz and 125 MHz if specified. The chemical shifts are given in parts per million (ppm) on the delta (d) scale. The solvent peak was used as a reference value, for <sup>1</sup>H NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 7.26 ppm, for <sup>13</sup>C NMR: CDCl<sub>3</sub> = 77.23. Data are reported as follows: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; p = pentet; dd = doublet of doublets; dt = doublet of triplets; ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets; dddd = doublet of doublet of doublet of doublets; ddt = doublet of doublet of triplets; ddq = doublet of doublet of quartets; br = broad; m = multiplet; app t = apparent triplet; app q = apparent quartet; app p = apparent High resolution and low resolution mass spectra were recorded on a VG 7070 pentet. spectrometer. Infrared (IR) spectra were collected on a Mattson Cygnus 100 spectrometer. Samples for IR were prepared as a thin film on a NaCl plate by dissolving the compound in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and then evaporating the CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Methylene chloride was distilled under N<sub>2</sub> from 1,2-Dichloroethane was dried over 4 Å molecular sieves. Analytical TLC was CaH<sub>2</sub>. performed on E. Merck pre-coated (25 mm) silica gel 60F-254 plates. Visualization was done under UV light (254 nm). Flash chromatography was done using ICN SiliTech 32-63 60 Å silica gel. Sodium borodeuteride and lithium aluminum deuteride were purchase from Sigma-Aldrich. Reagent grade ethyl acetate, diethyl ether, pentane, and hexanes (commercial mixture) were purchased from EM Science and used as purchased for chromatography. All reactions

were performed in oven or flame-dried glassware under a positive pressure of N<sub>2</sub> with magnetic stirring unless otherwise noted.

#### 3.4.2 Method for determining intramolecular kinetic isotope effects

To a 0.1 M solution of the ether substrate- $d_1$  (1.0 equiv) and 2,6-dichloropyridine (0.2 equiv) in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane was added powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (2 mass equiv). In the case of the allylic ether substrate, LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, and then DDQ (0.1 equiv) was added in one portion. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The crude solution was directly purified by flash chromatography, and a mixture of non- ( $d_0$ ) and monodeuterated ( $d_1$ ) products was separated from the starting substrate. The product ratio of  $d_1$  to  $d_0$  was calculated by acquiring a <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, pulse delay time = 10 s) and comparing the intensities of the signals from the benzylic or allylic hydrogen to a signal from a hydrogen that was unaffected by the reaction.

# 3.4.3 Method for determining intermolecular kinetic isotope effects

To a 0.1 M solution of the ether substrate- $d_0$  (0.5 equiv) and ether substrate- $d_2$  (0.5 equiv) and 2,6-dichloropyridine (0.2 equiv) in anhydrous 1,2-dichloroethane was added powdered 4 Å molecular sieves (2 mass equiv). In the case of the allylic ether substrates, LiClO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, and then DDQ (0.1 equiv)

was added in one portion. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The crude solution was directly purified by flash chromatography, and a mixture of non-( $d_0$ ) and monodeuterated ( $d_1$ ) products was separated from the starting substrate. The product ratio of  $d_1$  to  $d_0$  was calculated by acquiring a <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (500 MHz, pulse delay time = 10 s) and comparing the intensities of the signals from the benzylic or allylic hydrogen to a signal from a hydrogen that was unaffected by the reaction.

# 3.4.4 General method for preparing benzylic ether substrates $(d_0)$



To a solution of benzylic bromide (1.0 equiv) and 3-butyn-1-ol (1.2 equiv) in DMF was added sodium hydride (60% dispersion in mineral oil, 1.5 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 2–3 h and quenched with water at 0 °C. The organic fraction was extracted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was filtrated through a short pad of silica gel with EtOAc/hexanes (1:4) as the eluent to afford the homoproparylic benzylic ether ( $d_0$ ) as a colorless oil (>90% yield).

To a mixture of  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (0.01 equiv), tri(2-furyl)phosphine (0.02 equiv), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.5 equiv) and 1-decyne (0.3 equiv) in toluene was added acetic acid (5.0 equiv). The brown mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the reaction color was changed to green (ca. 2–4 h) and cooled to room temperature. A solution of homopropargylic ether ( $d_0$ ) (1.0 equiv) in toluene was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via flash column chromatography to afford the benzylic substrates- $d_0$  as a colorless oil (>70% yield).

# 4-(4-Methoxybenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (1-d<sub>0</sub>)

OAC <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.1, 159.2, 153.5, 130.3, 129.3, 113.8, 102.8, 72.6, 66.7, 55.3, 33.9, 21.0; IR (neat): 3003, 2936, 2862, 1754, 1667, 1612, 1513, 1369, 1249, 1215, 1181, 1098, 1032, 822 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 250.1205, found 250.1192.

# 4-(4-Methylbenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (2-*d*<sub>0</sub>)

OAc <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 4.48 (s, 2H), 3.58 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$ 169.1, 153.5, 137.3, 135.1, 129.0, 127.8, 102.7, 72.8, 66.9, 33.9, 21.1, 21.0; IR (neat): 3021, 2923, 2862, 1755, 1667, 1368, 1214,1183,1100, 1020, 881, 804 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for  $C_{14}H_{18}O_3 (M)^+ 234.1256$ , found 234.1261.

# 4-(Benzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (3-d<sub>0</sub>)

OAc <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.33 (sm, 4H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 4.52 (s, 2H), 3.60 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.1, 153.4, 138.2, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 102.9, 73.0, 67.0, 33.9, 21.0; IR (neat): 3031, 2862, 1755, 1667, 1369, 1214, 1184, 1103, 1020, 739 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 243.0997, found 243.1127.

# 4-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (4-d<sub>0</sub>)



#### 3.4.5 General method for preparing benzylic ether substrates $(d_1)$



To a solution of benzaldehyde (1.0 equiv) in THF was added NaBD<sub>4</sub> (1.0 equiv) with one portion at 0 °C, followed by addition of water (several drops). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 1–3 h and quenched with water at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and extracted with ether or EtOAc. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was dissolved in diethyl ether, followed by addition of phosphorous tribromide (0.5 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 2–3 h and quenched with caution by adding aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution dropwise. The organic fraction was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the crude was directly subjected to next general procedures, described above in preparation of benzylic ether substrates- $d_0$ .

# 4-(4-Methoxybenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (1-d<sub>1</sub>)

OAC <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (dm, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dm, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 4.43 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.0, 159.2, 153.5, 130.3, 129.3, 113.8, 102.7, 72.2 (t, 1:1:1, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>2</sup>H) = 22 Hz), 66.7, 55.3, 33.9, 21.0; IR (neat): 3002, 2932, 2862, 2120, 1755, 1667, 1612, 1513, 1370, 1247, 1183, 1101, 1032, 881, 822 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>DO<sub>4</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 274.1166, found 274.1167.

# 4-(4-Methylbenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (2-d<sub>1</sub>)

OAC <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 2H), 4.80 (sm, 2H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 3.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.0, 153.5, 137.3, 135.1, 129.0, 127.8, 102.7, 72.5 (t, 1:1:1, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>2</sup>H) = 22 Hz), 66.9, 34.0, 21.1, 21.0; IR (neat): 3022, 2923, 2865, 2121, 1756, 1667, 1370, 1185,1104, 1020, 881, 794 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>DO<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 235.1319, found 235.1323.

# 4-(Benzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (3-d<sub>1</sub>)

OAC <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (sm, 4H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.81 (sm, 2H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 3.59 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.0, 153.5, 138.2, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 102.8, 72.6 (t, 1:1:1, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>2</sup>H) = 22 Hz), 67.0, 34.0, 21.0; IR (neat): 3062, 3029, 2865, 2120, 1755, 1667, 1369, 1215, 1184, 1107, 1021, 880, 727 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>15</sub>D<sub>1</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 221.1162, found 221.1169.

#### 4-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (4-d<sub>1</sub>)



1:1:1,  ${}^{2}J({}^{13}C, {}^{2}H) = 22$  Hz), 66.9, 55.3, 33.9, 21.0; IR (neat): 3001, 2940, 2868, 2840, 2121, 1754, 1667, 1598, 1462, 1350, 1206, 1155, 1109, 1063, 1021, 883, 833 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for

 $C_{15}H_{19}DO_5Na(M)^+$  281.1373, found 281.1363.

#### **3.4.6** General method for preparing benzylic ether substrates $(d_2)$



To a solution of benzoic acid (1.0 equiv) in diethyl ether was added LiAlD<sub>4</sub> (1.0 equiv) with several portions at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for approximately 1–2 h and then at room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with D<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C. Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and EtOAc or ether were added. Organic fraction was separated, washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was dissolved in diethyl ether, followed by addition of phosphorous tribromide (0.5 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for approximately 2–3 h and quenched with caution by adding aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution dropwise. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The combined organic fraction was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the crude was directly subjected to next general procedure, described above in preparation of benzylic ether substrates- $d_0$ .

# 4-(4-Methoxybenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (1-d<sub>2</sub>)

OAC  $IH NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): \delta 7.26 (dm, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (dm, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.80 (s, 2H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.56 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): <math>\delta$  169.1, 159.2, 153.5, 130.1, 129.3, 113.8, 102.8, 66.6, 55.3, 33.9, 21.0; IR (neat): 3003, 2957, 2862, 2165, 2061, 1754, 1667, 1612, 1513, 1370, 1255, 1183, 1104, 1030, 879, 801 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>D<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 275.1228, found 275.1271.

# 4-(4-Methylbenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (2-d<sub>2</sub>)

OAC <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.23 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.0Hz, 2H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 3.57 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.10 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.0, 153.5, 137.3, 135.0, 129.0, 127.8, 102.7, 66.8, 34.0, 21.1, 21.0; IR (neat): 3022, 2923, 2863, 2167, 2064, 1755, 1667, 1370, 1216, 1186,1107, 1020, 880, 780 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>D<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 236.1381, found 236.1377.

#### 4-(Benzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (3-d<sub>2</sub>)

OAC  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.34 (sm, 4H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 4.81 (sm, 2H), 3.59 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.1, 153.4, 138.0, 128.4, 127.7, 127.6, 102.9, 66.9, 33.9, 21.0; IR (neat): 3028, 2863, 2168, 2063, 1755, 1667, 1370, 1217, 1185, 1111, 1021, 882, 721 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>D<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na (M+Na)<sup>+</sup> 245.1123, found 245.1348.

# 4-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (4-d<sub>2</sub>)



831 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>D<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na (M)<sup>+</sup> 282.1436, found 282.1432.

# 3.4.7 Preparation of 1,1,2-trisubstituted allylic ether substrates $(d_0)$



A mixture of 1-dodecene (2.0 g, 12 mmol), methacrolein (2.0 mL, 24 mmol) and Grubbs (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) (101 mg, 10 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35 mL) was refluxed at 50 °C for 12 h. The mixture was filtrated through a short pad of silica gel and washed with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified via flash column chromatography to afford (*E*)-2-methyltridec-2-enal as a colorless oil (2.0 g, 9.5 mmol, 80% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.39 (s, 1H), 6.48 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.49 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.35–1.21 (brs, 14H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  195.3, 155.0, 139.3, 31.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.28, 29.0, 28.4, 22.6, 14.0, 9.1.

To a solution of aldehyde (1.0 g, 4.7 mmol) in THF (20 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.18 g, 4.7 mmol) with one portion at 0 °C, followed by addition of water (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and quenched with water at 0  $^{\circ}$ C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and extracted with EtOAc. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced The crude was dissolved in diethyl ether (40 mL), followed by addition of pressure. phosphorous tribromide (0.22 mL, 2.4 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and quenched with caution by adding aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution dropwise. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the crude was directly subjected to next general procedure, described in preparation of benzylic ether substrates- $d_0$ .

#### (*E*)-4-(2-Methyltridec-2-enyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate(5-*d*<sub>0</sub>)

OAc  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.38 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.00 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.35–1.29 (m,

2H), 1.29–1.20 (brs, 14H), 0.86 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.9, 153.6, 131.8, 128.6, 102.5, 77.0, 66.3, 33.9, 31.8, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.30, 29.27, 27.6, 22.6, 20.9, 14.0, 13.7; IR (neat): 2924, 2854, 1760, 1667, 1464, 1369, 1213, 1185, 1093, 1019, 871 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 324.2664, found 324.2673.

#### **3.4.8** Preparation of 1,1,2-trisubstituted allylic ether substrates (*d*<sub>1</sub>)



To a solution of (E)-2-methyltridec-2-enal (0.7 g, 3.3 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added NaBD<sub>4</sub> (0.14 g, 3.3 mmol) with one portion at 0 °C, followed by addition of water (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and guenched with water at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight and extracted with EtOAc. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was dissolved in diethyl ether (30 mL), followed by addition of phosphorous tribromide (0.16 mmol, 1.7 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and quenched with caution by adding aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution dropwise. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the crude was directly subjected to next general procedure described above in preparation of benzylic ether substrates- $d_0$ .

#### (*E*)-4-(2-Methyltridec-2-enyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (5-*d*<sub>1</sub>)

OAc <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 
$$\delta$$
 5.39 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H),  
4.79 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 1H), 3.47 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz,

2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.02 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.35–1.29 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.20 (brs, 14H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.1, 153.7, 131.8, 128.7, 102.6, 76.7 (t, 1:1:1, <sup>2</sup>J(<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>2</sup>H) = 21 Hz), 66.3, 34.0, 31.9, 29.6, 29.54, 29.50, 29.4, 29.3, 27.7, 22.7, 21.0, 14.1, 13.8; IR (neat): 2924, 2855, 2130, 1759, 1668, 1464, 1369, 1215, 1186, 1102, 1020, 873 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>35</sub>DO<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 325.2727, found 325.2719.

# 3.4.9 Preparation of 1,1,2-trisubstituted allylic ether substrates (d<sub>2</sub>)



A mixture of 1-dodecene (1.32 mL, 5.6 mmol), methyl methacrylate (1.2 mL, 11 mmol) and Grubbs (2<sup>nd</sup> generation) (48 mg, 50 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was refluxed at 50 °C for 2 days. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via flash column chromatography to afford (*E*)-methyl 2-methyltridec-2-enoate as a colorless oil (1.33 g, 5.5 mmol, 98% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.76 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.16 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.48–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.21 (brs, 14H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  168.8, 142.8, 127.3, 51.6, 31.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.44, 29.36, 29.3, 28.7, 28.6, 22.7, 14.1, 12.3.

To a solution of ester (700 mg, 2.9 mmol) in diethyl ether (15 mL) was added  $LiAlD_4$  (122 mg, 2.9 mmol) with several portions at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at same

temperature for 2 h and then at room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with  $D_2O$  at 0 °C. Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and EtOAc were added and the organic fraction was separated. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was dissolved in diethyl ether (30 mL), followed by addition of phosphorous tribromide (0.14 mL, 1.45 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h and quenched with caution by adding aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution dropwise. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with ether. The combined organic fraction was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the crude was directly subjected to next general procedure, describe above in preparation of benzylic ether substrates- $d_0$ .

# (*E*)-4-(2-Methyltridec-2-enyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (5-*d*<sub>2</sub>)

OAc  $^{1}$ H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.39 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 3.47 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.02 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.35–1.29 (m, 2H), 1.29–1.20

(brs, 14H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.0, 153.7, 131.8, 128.8, 102.6, 66.2, 34.0, 31.9, 29.6, 29.54, 29.50, 29.4, 29.3, 27.7, 22.7, 21.0, 14.1, 13.7; IR (neat): 2925, 2854, 2166, 2061, 1760, 1667, 1464, 1370, 1215, 1186, 1106, 1020, 876 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>34</sub>D<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 326.2790, found 326.2785.

#### **3.4.10** Preparation of 1,1-disubstituted allylic ether substrates (*d*<sub>0</sub>)



To a solution of tridecanal (1.5 g, 7.6 mmol) and triethylamine (3.2 mL, 23 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70 mL) was added *N*,*N*-dimethylmethyleneiminium iodide (2.8 g, 15 mmol) at room temperature. The yellow reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature overnight and quenched with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (1:20, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford methylenealdehyde (0.95 g, 4.5 mmol, 60% yield) as a colorless oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.54 (s, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 2.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.34–1.22 (brs, 16H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

To a mixture of methylenealdehyde (300 mg, 1.4 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (54 mg, 1.4 mmol) with several portions at room temperature, followed by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature overnight. Water and EtOAc were added and the organic fraction was separated. The aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude was purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (1:10, EtOAc/hexanes) to give alcohol (273 mg, 1.3 mmol, 90% yield) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.01 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.08 (s, 2H), 2.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.49–1.35 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.22 (m, 16), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H).

To a solution of alcohol (269 mg, 1.3 mmol) and imidate (448 mg, 2.1 mmol) in cyclohexane (15 mL) was added TMSOTF (25  $\mu$ L, 0.14 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 2 h for which the clear reaction mixture was become milky. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and the residue was directly purified via flash chromatography on silica gel (1:20, EtOAc/hexanes) to give alkyne (285 mg, 1.1 mmol, 85% yield). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.00 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.53 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (td, *J* = 7.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.04 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (t, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.48–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.20 (brs, 16H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  146.1, 111.4, 81.4, 73.9, 69.2, 67.9, 33.0, 31.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 27.6, 22.7, 19.8, 14.1.

To a mixture of  $[Ru(p-cymene)Cl_2]_2$  (5.5 mg, 9.0 µmol), tri(2-furyl)phosphine (4.2 mg, 18 µmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (68.5 mg, 0.45 mmol) and 1-decyne (49 µL, 0.27 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added acetic acid (0.26 mL, 4.5 mmol). The brown mixture was stirred at 80 °C until the reaction color was changed to green (approximately 3–4 h) and cooled to room temperature. A solution of alkyne (240 mg, 0.91 mmol) in toluene (2 mL) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified via flash column chromatography (1:20, EtOAc/hexanes) to afford enolacetate (233 mg, 0.72 mmol, 79% yield) as a colorless oil.

# 4-(2-Methylenetridecyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (6-d<sub>0</sub>)



# 3.4.11 Preparation of 1,1-disubstituted allylic ether substrates $(d_1)$



To a mixture of methylenealdehyde (300 mg, 1.4 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added NaBD<sub>4</sub> (54 mg, 1.4 mmol) with several portions at room temperature, followed by addition of H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature overnight. Water and EtOAc were added and the organic fraction was separated. The aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic fraction was washed with brine, dried, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the crude material was followed to next general procedures, described above in preparation of ( $6-d_0$ ).

# 4-(2-Methylenetridecyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (6-d<sub>1</sub>)

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#### 3.4.12 Preparation of 1,1-disubstituted allylic ether substrates (d<sub>2</sub>)



To a solution of methylenealdehyde (174 mg, 0.83 mmol) in *tert*-butanol (10 mL) was added 2methyl-2-butene at room temperature. A solution of sodium chlorite (1.35 g, 15 mmol) and sodium phosphate monobasic monohydrate (1.08 g, 7.8 mmol) in water (8.5 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 3 h. The slightly lime green solution was diluted with water and EtOAc. The organic fraction was separated and the aqueous fraction was extracted with EtOAc (2 times). The combined organic fraction was washed with water, 10% aqueous solution of citric acid and brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude material was dissolved in ether. LiAlD<sub>4</sub> (52 mg, 1.24 mmol) was added with several potions at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at same temperature for 2 h and then at room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with D<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C. Water (H<sub>2</sub>O) and EtOAc were added and the organic fraction was separated. The organic fraction was washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Without further purification, the crude was followed to next general procedures, described above in preparation of (6-*d*<sub>0</sub>).

# 4-(2-Methylenetridecyloxy)but-1-en-2-yl acetate (*d*<sub>2</sub>).

OAC <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  4.98 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.80 (s, 1H), 4.79 (sm, 1H), 3.52 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.03 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.33–1.22 (brs,

16H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  169.1, 153.6, 146.2, 111.3, 102.8, 66.8, 34.0, 33.1 31.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 27.6, 22.7, 21.0, 14.1; IR (neat): 2925, 2854, 2170, 2065, 1758, 1668, 1464, 1370, 1216, 1186, 1109, 1020, 875 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>34</sub>D<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 326.2790, found 326.2785.

# 3.4.13 Products of the oxidative cyclization

# 2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)dihydro-2*H*-pyran-4(3*H*)-one (7)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.30 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.91 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 4.60 (dd, J = 10.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (ddd, J = 11.5, 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (td, J = 11.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.75–2.68 (m, 2H), 2.65–2.59 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dm, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.5, 159.5, 132.7, 127.1, 114.0, 79.5, 66.6, 55.3, 49.8, 42.2; IR (neat): 2964, 2935, 2839, 1718, 1613, 1514, 1369, 1249, 1032, 831 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 206.0943, found 206.0940.

#### 2-*p*-Tolyldihydro-2*H*-pyran-4(3*H*)-one (8)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.26 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.61 (dd, J = 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (ddd, J = 11.5, 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (td, J = 11.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, J = 14.5, 9.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dm, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.4, 137.9, 137.7, 129.3, 125.7, 79.8, 66.7, 49.9, 42.2, 21.1; IR (neat): 2965, 2922, 2855, 1720, 1516, 1370, 1315, 1247, 1167, 1073, 805 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 190.0994, found 190.0986.

# 2-Phenyldihydro-2*H*-pyran-4(3*H*)-one (9)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.38 (brs, 4H), 7.35–7.31 (m, 1H), 4.65 (dd, J =9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (ddd, J = 11.0, 7.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (td, J = 11.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, J = 14.5, 12.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (m, 2H), 2.43 (dm, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.4, 140.6, 128.7, 128.2, 125.7, 79.8, 66.8, 50.0, 42.2; IR (neat): 3032, 2968, 2924, 2857, 1720, 1415, 1370, 1247, 1152, 1075, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 176.0837, found 176.0841.

# 2-(3,5-Dimethoxyphenyl)dihydro-2*H*-pyran-4(3*H*)-one (10)



161.0, 143.0, 103.5, 100.0, 79.7, 66.7, 55.3, 49.9, 42.1; IR (neat): 2963, 2843, 1717, 1598, 1462, 1430, 1367, 1204, 1155 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 236.1048, found 236.1058.

# (E)-2-(Tridec-2-en-2-yl)dihydro-2H-pyran-4(3H)-one (11)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  5.46 (td, J = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (ddd, J = 11.5, 7.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (td, J = 11.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (ddd, J = 14.5, 12.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dm, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (ddm, J = 14.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.34 (dm, J = 14.5 Hz, 1H), 2.03 (td, J = 7.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.02 (td, J = 7.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.38–1.30 (m, 2H), 1.30–1.22 (m, 14 H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  207.2, 133.5, 128.3, 82.9, 66.1, 47.1, 42.2, 31.9, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 27.6, 22.7, 14.1, 12.1; IR (neat): 2924, 2854, 1721, 1465, 1371, 1246, 1155, 1078 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 280.2402, found 280.2411.

# 2-(Tridec-1-en-2-yl)dihydro-2*H*-pyran-4(3*H*)-one (12)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 
$$\delta$$
 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.30 (dm,  $J = 11.5$   
Hz, 1H), 4.05 (dd,  $J = 9.5$ , 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (td,  $J = 11.5$ , 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61  
(ddd,  $J = 14.5$ , 11.5, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.52–2.46 (m, 2H), 2.37 (dm,  $J = 14.5$  Hz,  
1H), 2.15–2.07 (m, 1H), 2.07–2.00 (m, 1H), 1.50–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.34–1.18 (m, 16H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  206.9, 148.3, 110.8, 80.0, 66.2, 47.2, 42.2, 32.1, 31.9,  
29.65, 29.62, 29.59, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 27.8, 22.7, 14.1; IR (neat): 2925, 2853, 1722, 1465, 1248,  
1154, 1088 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M)<sup>+</sup> 280.2402, found 280.2403.

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# **APPENDIX A**

Gold-Catalyzed Synthesis of Heterocycles from Alkynyl Ethers: Application to the Total Synthesis of Andrachcinidine (Supporting Information <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra)























































































































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## **APPENDIX B**

Synthesis of Leucascandrolide A

(Supporting Information <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra)





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## **APPENDIX C**

Mechanistic Analysis of Oxidative C–H Cleavages using Inter- and Intramolecular Kinetic Isotope Effects. (Supporting Information <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra)







































































































