Supporting Information

**On the Structure of Passifloricin A: Asymmetric Synthesis of
the δ -Lactones of 2Z,5S,7R,9S,11S- and 2Z,5R,7R,9S,11S-
Tetrahydroxyhexacos-2-enoic Acid**

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General Features. NMR spectra were measured at 30°C in a VARIAN Unity 500 MHz spectrometer. IR spectra were determined as films deposited on NaCl plates.

Amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D -15.8$ (*c* 1.4; MeOH); IR (NaCl) 3525, 3350 (br), 2908, 2850, 1702 (br), 1468, 1252, 1018, 807 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz) δ 6.89 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.6, 5, 3.5 Hz), 6.00 (1H, br d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 4.68 (1H, m), 4.40 (1H, br s, OH), 4.19 (2H, m), 3.87 (1H, m), 3.75 (1H, br s, OH), 2.44 (2H, m), 2.04 (1H, m), 1.80-1.30 (10H, br m), 1.30-1.20 (24H, br s), 0.87 (3H, t, *J* = 7 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz) δ 164.4 (C), 145.6, 121.2, 76.7, 73.1, 70.2, 65.8 (CH), 43.2, 42.6, 42.0, 38.4, 31.9, 29.7 (several overlapped peaks), 29.6 (several overlapped peaks), 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 25.4, 22.7 (CH_2), 14.1 (CH_3).

Amorphous solid; $[\alpha]_D +16.7$ (*c* 1.3; MeOH); IR (NaCl) 3300 (br), 2908, 2851, 1728, 1707, 1470, 1435, 1281, 1046, 809 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz) δ 6.87 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.8, 5, 3.5 Hz), 5.98 (1H, br d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 4.74 (1H, br t, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 4.50 (1H, br s, OH), 4.26 (1H, m), 4.16 (1H, m), 4.00 (1H, br s, OH), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.50 (1H, br s, OH), 2.35 (2H, m), 1.82 (1H, m), 1.72 (1H, m), 1.65-1.30 (8H, br m), 1.30-1.20 (24H, br s), 0.85 (3H, t, *J* = 7 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz) δ 164.9 (C), 145.7, 121.2, 75.1, 73.1, 70.3, 64.1 (CH), 43.6, 42.7, 42.6, 38.3, 31.9, 30.0, 29.7 (several overlapped peaks), 29.6 (several overlapped peaks), 29.3, 25.4, 22.7 (CH_2), 14.1 (CH_3).

Oil; $[\alpha]_D -15.6$ (*c* 1.6; CHCl_3); IR (NaCl) 1735 (br) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 6.85 (1H, ddd, *J* = 9.7, 6.2, 2.3 Hz), 6.00 (1H, br dd, *J* = 9.7, 2.5 Hz), 5.08 (1H, m), 4.95 (1H, m), 4.88 (1H, m), 4.46 (1H, m), 2.48 (1H, ddd, *J* = 18.2, 6.2, 3.8 Hz), 2.28 (1H, ddt, *J* = 18.2, 11.6, 2.5 Hz), 2.13 (1H, ddd, *J* = 14.5, 8, 6.3 Hz), 2.04 (6H, s), 2.02 (3H, s), 2.00-1.70 (6H, br m), 1.52 (2H, br m), 1.30-1.20 (25H, br s), 0.87

(3H, t, $J = 7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 170.8, 170.7, 170.5, 163.8 (C), 144.7, 121.5, 74.9, 71.0, 67.2, 66.6 (CH), 40.0, 39.3, 38.8, 34.5, 32.0, 29.7 (several overlapped peaks), 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 25.2, 22.7 (CH_2), 21.2, 21.1, 21.0, 14.1 (CH_3).

Oil; $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} +13.2$ (c 1.8; CHCl_3); IR (NaCl) 1735 (br) cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ 6.84 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.8, 5.5, 3$ Hz), 6.00 (1H, ddd, $J = 9.8, 2.5, 1.2$ Hz), 5.11 (1H, hept, $J = 4.5$ Hz), 4.93 (1H, m), 4.87 (1H, m), 4.45 (1H, m), 2.35 (2H, m), 2.03 (3H, s), 2.01 (3H, s), 2.00 (3H, s), 1.98 (1H, ddd, $J = 14, 8.5, 4.5$ Hz), 1.95-1.85 (4H, br m), 1.70 (2H, m), 1.52 (2H, br m), 1.30-1.20 (25H, br s), 0.86 (3H, t, $J = 7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ 170.7, 170.5, 170.4, 163.7 (C), 144.6, 121.6, 74.8, 71.0, 67.3, 67.1 (CH), 40.3, 39.3, 39.0, 34.4, 31.9, 29.7 (several overlapped peaks), 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 25.2, 22.7 (CH_2), 21.2 (two carbons), 21.0, 14.1 (CH_3).