**Synthetic studies on Macroviracin A:
a rapid construction of C₄₂ macrocyclic dilactone corresponding to the core**

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General Experimental Methods. The NMR spectra were recorded at 400 or 600 MHz for ^1H and 100 or 125 MHz for ^{13}C . Column chromatography was performed on silica gel (230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was carried out on TLC glass plates pre-coated with silica gel (0.25 mm layer thickness). The solvent extracts were dried with magnesium sulphate, and the solutions were evaporated under diminished pressure at 40-45 °C.

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