Supporting information

Total Synthesis and Elucidation of the Absolute Configuration of Clavilactone B

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1. GENERAL METHODS.

All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware under N₂ using solvents and reagents as commercially supplied, unless otherwise stated. Et₂O, THF, PhMe, CH₂Cl₂, Et₃N and MeOH were redistilled from Na-Ph₂CO, Na-Ph₂CO, Na, CaH₂, CaH₂ and Mg turnings–I₂, respectively. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel, particle size 40-63 μ m, using flash techniques (eluants are given in parenthesis). Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on pre-coated silica gel F₂₅₄ glass plates with visualization under UV light or by staining using either acidic vanillin or anisaldehyde spray reagents. Melting points were obtained using a hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded as thin films and quoted in cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR spectra, recorded at 300, 400 or 500 MHz and referenced to the residual solvent peaks at 7.26 ppm (CDCl₃) or 2.05 ((CD₃)₂CO) are quoted in ppm to 2 decimal places with coupling constants (*J*) to the nearest 0.5 Hz. ¹³C NMR spectra, recorded at 75 MHz, 100 MHz or 125 MHz and referenced to solvent at 77.0 ppm (CDCl₃) or 29.8 ppm ((CD₃)₂CO), are quoted in ppm to 1 decimal place.

1. PREPARATION OF (+)-EPOXY-ALDEHYDE 9.

1.1. Ethyl 4-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-but-2-ynoate (11).

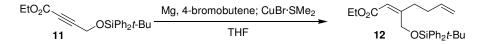
$$\bigcirc OH \xrightarrow{\text{TBDPSCI, imidazole}} OSiPh_2t-Bu \xrightarrow{n-BuLi; EtOCOCI} EtO_2C \xrightarrow{OSiPh_2t-Bu} 11$$

Propargyl alcohol (**10**) (10.0 g, 178 mmol), *t*-BuPh₂SiCl (53.9 g, 196 mmol) and imidazole (13.4 g, 196 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL) were stirred at room temperature 14 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (100 mL) and washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (2×50 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated. The resulting white solid was recrystallized from hexane and Et₂O to afford 3-*tert*-butyldimethylsilyloxy-1-propyne (50.7 g, 96%) as a white solid: m.p. 58–60 °C (MeOH, lit.¹ 62 °C); R_f 0.43 (hexanes:EtOAc 95:5); IR (KBr) 3309, 1587, 1426, 1370,

1110, 1078. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.81 – 7.78 (m, 4H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 6H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 1.11 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 135.7, 133.0, 129.9, 127.8, 82.1, 73.2, 52.6, 26.8, 19.3; MS (CI, NH₃) *m/z* 312 (M + NH₄)⁺, 295 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. C₁₉H₂₃OSi: (M + H)⁺, 295.1518; found: (M + H)⁺, 295.1528.

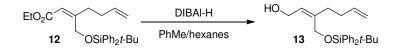
n-BuLi solution in hexanes (2.5 M; 41.2 mL, 103 mmol) was added dropwise to 3*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy-1-propyne (27.5 g, 93 mmol) in THF (412 mL) at –78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1 h after which EtOCOCl (9.9 mL, 103 mmol) was added. The solution was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. The mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (60 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 60 mL). The organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated. The crude mixture was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes 20:80 to 40:60) to give ethyl ester **10** (32.7 g, 96%) as a pale yellow oil: R_f 0.60 (CH₂Cl₂:pentane 80:20); IR (film) 2238, 1715, 1251, 1112, 1054, 997; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 – 7.71 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.25 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.34 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.08 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.3, 135.6, 132.3, 130.0, 127.8, 85.3, 76.6, 62.0, 52.2, 26.6, 19.1, 14.0; MS (CI, NH₃) *m*/z 384 (M + NH₄)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. C₂₂H₃₀O₃SiN: (M + NH₄)⁺, 384.1994; found: (M + NH₄)⁺, 384.1996. Anal. calcd for C₂₂H₂₆O₃Si: C, 72.09; H, 7.15. Found: C, 71.96; H, 7.15.

1.2. Ethyl 3-(tert-butyldiphenylsilyloxymethyl)-hepta-2,6-dienoate (12).



A small crystal of I_2 was added to a suspension of Mg turnings (17.3 g, 712 mmol) in THF (100 mL) under N₂. The reaction mixture was heated sporadically until the solution was clear, at which point, a small portion (10%) of 4-bromo-1-butene (13.5 mL, 133 mmol) in THF (100 ml) was added. The remainder of the bromide was added dropwise over a 1 h period. After stirring for 1 h, the Grignard solution was cooled to 0 °C and the supernatant layer was transferred via canula to a suspension of CuBr·Me₂S (27.3 g, 133 mmol) in THF (50 mL) under N₂ at –40 °C. The resulting suspension was stirred for 40 min. After this time, the mixture was cooled to –78 °C and a solution of alkyne **11** (31.2 g, 85 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred at –78 °C for 1 h and then quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (400 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 300 mL), the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated leaving the α , β -unsaturated ester **12** (35.0 g, 97%), which was used in the next step without further purification: R_f 0.60 (pentane:Et₂O 90:10); IR (film) 1712, 1641, 1471, 1427, 1222, 1147, 1110, 1041, 821; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.68 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 5.87 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 16.8, 10.2, 6.6 Hz), 5.63 (s, 1H), 5.13 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 4.03 (q, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 2.63 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.31 (m, 2H), 1.19 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.09 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.9, 162.1, 137.6, 135.5, 133.3, 129.7, 127.7, 115.1, 115.0, 62.7, 59.7, 33.9, 32.3, 26.9, 19.3, 14.2. HRMS (CI) calcd. C₂₆H₃₅O₃Si: (M + H)⁺, 423.2355; found: (M + H)⁺, 423.2344. Anal. calcd for C₂₆H₃₄O₃Si: C, 73.89; H, 8.11. Found: C, 73.91; H, 8.12.

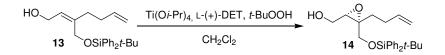
1.3. 3-(tert-Butyldiphenylsilyloxymethyl)-hepta-2,6-dien-1-ol (13).



DIBAI-H in hexane (1 M; 289 mL, 289 mmol) was added slowly to α , β -unsaturated ester **12** (34.9 g, 80.7 mmol) in PhMe (800 mL) at -78 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was carefully quenched with MeOH (10 mL) and left to warm up to room temperature. Saturated aqueous Rochelle's salt (350 mL) was added and the resulting suspension was stirred vigorously 14 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and the two layers separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with EtOAc (3 × 150 mL), the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated. The resulting dark orange oil was filtered through a short pad of SiO₂ using CH₂Cl₂ to yield allylic alcohol **13** (29.7 g, 96%) as a colorless oil: R_f 0.36 (hexane:EtOAc 80:20); IR (film) 3500–3100, 1640, 1428, 1112, 823; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 5.83 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 16.4, 10.2, 6.3 Hz), 5.47 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 5.07 – 4.95 (m, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.96 (bs, 2H), 2.33 – 2.16 (m, 4H), 1.04 (s, 9H);

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 141.4, 138.3, 135.6, 133.3, 129.8, 127.7, 125.9, 114.6, 61.5, 58.6, 34.1, 32.2, 26.8, 19.2; MS (CI, NH₃) *m/z* 363 (M + H – H₂O)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. for $C_{24}H_{31}OSii$: (M + H – H₂O)⁺, 398.2515; found: (M + H – H₂O)⁺, 398.2513. Anal. calcd. for $C_{24}H_{32}O_2Sii$: C, 75.74; H, 8.47. Found: C, 75.62; H, 8.32.

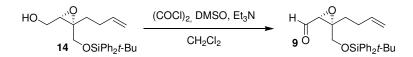
1.4. Sharpless epoxidation of allylic alcohol 13.



 $Ti(O^{i}Pr)_{4}$ (4.33 mL, 14.6 mmol) was added to a suspension of 4 Å molecular sieves (1.67 g, 30 % w/w based on substrate) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL). The mixture was cooled to -30° C and L-(+)-diethyl tartrate (3.61 g, 17.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added followed by alkene 13 (5.56 g, 14.6 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) and the resulting suspension was stirred for 40 min. After this time anhydrous *tert*-butyl hydroperoxide in decane (5.5 M; 8.00 mL, 43.8 mmol) was added dropwise and stirring was continued for two days at -30° C. After warming up to 0° C, H₂O (90 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred for 1 h. 30% aqueous NaOH saturated with NaCl (17 mL) was added and stirring continued for 1.5 h during which the slurry changed color from yellow to white. The white slurry was filtered through a plug of Celite[®] which was rinsed thoroughly with CH₂Cl₂. The filtrate was washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, dried (Na₂SO₄) and rotary evaporated. The resulting oil was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes 80:20 to EtOAc:hexanes 20:80) to give epoxyalcohol 14 (5.33 g, 92 %) as a slightly yellow oil: $R_f 0.15$ (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes 80:20); $[\alpha]_D$ – 9.6 (c 1.0, CHCl₃); Chiral HPLC (Chiralpak OJ-H; *i*-hexane:EtOH:TFA 95:5:0.1): 14 (Rt = 8.9 min) : ent-14 (Rt = 12.0 min) 98.5 : 1.5; IR (film) 3600–3250, 1472, 1428, 1112, 1029, 913; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 6H), 5.77 (ddt, 1H, J = 16.9, 10.2, 6.6 Hz), 5.01 – 4.95 (m, 2H), 3.83 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 3.65 (d, 2H, J =5.8 Hz), 3.63 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 3.08 (t, 1H, J = 5.8 Hz), 2.16 – 2.02 (m, 3H), 1.90 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.08 (s, 9H); 13 C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 137.9, 135.7, 135.6, 132.8, 132.6, 130.1, 127.9, 114.9, 64.0, 63.2, 62.2, 61.1, 32.8, 28.7, 26.9, 19.3; MS (CI, NH₃) m/z 414 (M + NH_4)⁺, 383 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. $C_{24}H_{35}O_3SiN$: (M + NH_4)⁺, 414.2464; found:

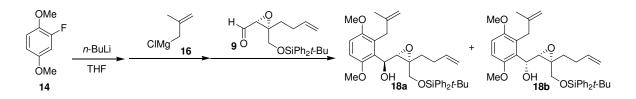
 $(M + NH_4)^+$, 414.2475. Anal. calcd. for $C_{24}H_{32}O_3Si$: C, 72.68; H, 8.13. Found: C, 72.64; H, 8.21.

1.5. Swern oxidation of epoxy-alcohol 14.



DMSO (1.96 mL, 27.5 mmol) was added to (COCl)₂ (1.75 mL, 13.8 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) at -78 °C. After stirring for 15 min, alcohol 14 (4.94 g, 12.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL + 5 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. Et₃N (8.73 mL, 63 mmol) was added slowly, the resulting solution was stirred for further 10 min and allowed to warm up to room temperature. The reaction was guenched by addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (30 mL). The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated to yield epoxy-aldehyde 9 (4.63 g, 94%) as a yellow oil, which was used in the next stage without further purification: Rf 0.50 (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes 80:20); IR (film) 1731, 1427, 1112; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.48 (d, 1H, J = 4.5 Hz), 7.72 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.48 - 7.39 (m, 6H), 5.75 (ddt, 1H, J = 16.9, 10.3, 6.6 Hz), 5.02–4.96 (m, 2H), 3.87 (d, 1H, J = 11.9 Hz), 3.81 (d, 1H, J = 11.9 Hz), 3.2 (d, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 2.13 – 1.70 (m, 4H), 1.05 (s, 9H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.3, 137.0, 135.6, 132.3, 130.0, 127.9, 115.5, 68.0, 63.1, 62.7, 32.4, 28.6, 26.7, 19.2; MS (CI, NH₃) m/z 412 (M + NH₄)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. $C_{24}H_{34}O_3SiN$: $(M + NH_4)^+$, 412.2307; found: $(M + NH_4)^+$, 412.2312. Anal. calcd. for C₂₄H₃₀O₂Si: C, 76.14; H, 7.99. Found: C, 76.17; H, 7.99.

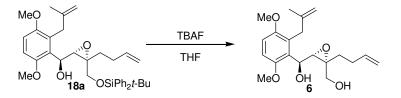
2. THREE-COMPONENT BENZYNE COUPLING.



n-BuLi in hexanes (1.54 M; 3.1 mL, 4.7 mmol) was added dropwise to fluoroarene 14 (0.65 mL, 4.7 mmol) in dry THF (45 mL), under N₂ at -78 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min at that temperature. After this time, 16 in THF (0.5 M; 9.0 mL, 4.5 mmol) was added dropwise and the resulting solution was stirred for 15 min at -78 °C, allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred for further 1.5 h. After this time, the pink colored solution of aryl Grignard 17 was cooled to -78 °C and epoxy-aldehyde 9 (1.50 g, 3.8 mmol) was added slowly. After 20 min, the mixture was allowed to warm up to -35°C and quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (20 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 × 40 mL), the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated. The resulting oil was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes 70:30 to hexanes:EtOAc 80:20) to give 18a (0.55 g, 25%) as a colorless oil and 18b (0.88 g, 40%) as a white solid: **18a**. $R_f 0.20$ (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes 70:30); $[\alpha]_D -23.3$ (*c* 1, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 3550–3300, 1642, 1590, 1480, 1428, 1231, 1112, 1085. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.78 -7.76 (m, 4H), 7.47 - 7.43 (m, 6H), 6.79 (s, 2H), 5.95 - 5.84 (m, 1H), 5.10 - 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.63 (s, 1H), 4.48 (t, 1H, J = 9.2 Hz), 4.23 (s, 1H), 4.17 (d, 1H, J = 11.7 Hz), 4.05 (d, 1H, J= 9.8 Hz), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.84 (d, 1H, J = 11.7), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.48 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 3.36 (d, 1H, J = 8.7 Hz), 3.03 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 2.22 – 2.17 (m, 3H), 1.70 – 1.60 (m, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 151.8, 144.0, 138.2, 135.7, 135.6, 133.1, 133.0, 129.7, 127.7, 114.6, 110.6, 110.5, 109.3, 69.0, 64.5, 64.3, 63.8, 56.4, 55.6, 33.2, 32.4, 29.2, 26.9, 22.9, 19.4, 14.2; MS (CI, NH₃) m/z 587 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. $C_{36}H_{47}O_5Si: (M + H)^+$, 587.3192; found: $(M + H)^+$, 587.3180. Anal. calcd. for C₃₆H₄₆O₅Si: C, 73.68; H, 7.90. Found: C, 73.69; H, 7.86.

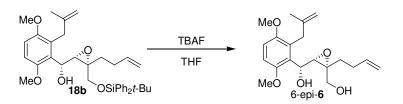
18b. m.p. 116–118 °C (CH₂Cl₂); R_f 0.25 (hexanes:AcOEt 80:20); [α]_D +8.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); IR(film) 3550–3300, 1641, 1590, 1478, 1428, 1237, 1111, 1082, 998, 911; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.72 – 7.62 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 6.76 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.73 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 5.75 – 5.64 (m, 1H), 4.87 (dd, 1H, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 1.4 Hz), 4.83 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.1 Hz), 4.70 (dd, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.20 (s, 1H), 3.80 (d, 1H, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.31 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.4 Hz), 3.30 (d, 1H, *J* =5.5 Hz), 3.17 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 3.10 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.4 Hz) 2.24 – 1.90 (m, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.50 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.2, 151.9, 145.1, 138.1, 135.8, 135.7, 133.5, 133.2, 129.7, 129.6, 129.5, 127.7, 114.5, 110.8, 110.5, 109.5, 67.4, 65.1, 63.8, 56.3, 55.6, 33.3, 32.2, 29.0, 26.9, 23.1, 19.4; MS (CI, NH₃) *m/z* 587 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. $C_{36}H_{46}O_5Si$: (M + H)⁺, 587.3192; found: (M + H)⁺, 587.3216. Anal. calcd. for $C_{36}H_{46}O_5Si$: C, 73.68; H, 7.90. Found: C, 73.67; H, 7.92.

3. DEPROTECTION OF SILVL ETHER 18A.



TBAF in THF (1 M; 0.83 mL, 0.83 mmol) was added to silvl ether 18a (323 mg, 0.55 mmol) in THF (10 mL). After stirring for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (5 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc (5×10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated. The resulting oil was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂:EtOAc 95:5 to 70:30) to yield 6 (167 mg. 87%) as a white solid: m.p. 89–91 °C (CH₂Cl₂:pentane); $R_f 0.25$ (CH₂Cl₂:EtOAc 90:10); $[\alpha]_D$ – 22.7 (c 1, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3500–3300, 1483, 1450, 1239, 1024; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.83 (s, 2H), 5.85 (ddt, 1H, J = 16.8, 10.2, 6.5 Hz), 5.08 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 5.00 (d, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 4.79 (s, 1H), 4.71 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.63 (bs, 1H), 4.41 (s, 1H),3.97 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.75 (d, 1H, J = 12.0 Hz), 3.60 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 3.31 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 3.24 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 2.30–2.12 (m, 2H), 2.00– 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.83–1.73 (m, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 151.5, 144.3, 138.0, 128.6, 127.9, 114.8, 110.8, 110.6, 109.7, 109.3, 70.7, 64.5, 63.8, 63.7, 56.4, 55.6, 33.3, 33.1, 28.6, 23.2; MS (CI, NH₃) m/z 366 (M + NH₄)⁺, 348 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. $C_{20}H_{32}O_5N$: (M + NH₄)⁺, 366.2280; found: (M + NH₄)⁺, 366.2268. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈O₅: C, 68.94; H, 8.10. Found: C, 68.81; H, 8.42.

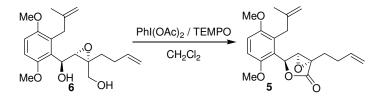
4. DEPROTECTION OF SILVL ETHER 18B.



TBAF in THF (1 M; 0.47 mL, 0.47 mmol) was added to silyl ether **18b** (182 mg, 0.31 mmol) in THF (6 mL). After stirring for 1 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (5 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc (5 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated. The resulting oil was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂:EtOAc 80:20 to 60:40) to yield the *syn* diol 6-epi-**6** (93 mg, 86%) as a colorless oil: R_f 0.20 (CH₂Cl₂:EtOAc 80:20); $[\alpha]_D$ –8.7 (*c* 0.83, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3550–3250, 1622, 1597, 1464, 1249, 1081, 1039, 910; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.82 (s, 2H), 5.71 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 16.8, 10.2, 6.6 Hz), 4.99 – 4.84 (m, 3H), 4.76 (s, 1H), 4.32 (s, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 – 3.71 (m, 2H), 3.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 3.48 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 3.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 2.16 – 2.04 (m, 2H), 1.96 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.49 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4, 151.7, 145.3, 137.7, 128.9, 128.0, 114.8, 110.9, 110.3, 109.7, 67.1, 65.6, 64.0, 62.2, 56.4, 55.9, 33.4, 33.0, 28.8, 23.3; MS (CI, NH₃) *m/z* 366 (M + NH₄)⁺, 348 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. C₂₀H₂₉O₅: (M + H)⁺, 349.2014; found: (M + H)⁺, 349.2026. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₈O₅: C, 68.94; H, 8.10. Found: C, 68.86; H, 8.06.

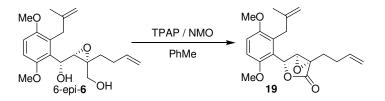
5. LACTONE 5.

5.1. Oxidation of diol 6.



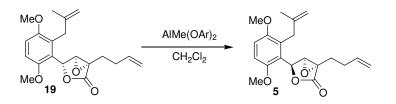
PhI(OAc)₂ (437 mg, 1.36 mmol) was added in portions to diol **6** (135 mg, 0.39 mmol) and TEMPO (12 mg, 0.08 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) with stirring. After 20 h, saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (10 mL) was added and the resulting suspension was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with 10% aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated. The resulting oil was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂) to yield **5** (107 mg, 80%) as a colorless oil: R_f 0.25 (CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D$ +14 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃); IR (film) 1780, 1711, 1483, 1266, 1113, 909; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.90 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 5.86 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 16.8, 10.1, 6.4 Hz), 5.53 (s, 1H), 5.14 – 4.99 (m, 2H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.36 (s, 1H), 3.91 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.62 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.9 Hz), 3.36 (d, 1H, *J* = 16.5 Hz), 2.42 – 2.32 (m, 2H), 2.20 – 1.96 (m, 2H), 1.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.0, 153.0, 152.0, 144.6, 137.2, 129.4, 122.2, 115.4, 112.8, 111.2, 110.2, 76.4, 62.9, 61.6, 56.5, 56.2, 33.3, 27.6, 24.1, 23.1; HRMS (CI) calcd. C₂₀H₂₈O₅N: (M + NH₄)⁺, 362.1967; found: (M + NH₄)⁺, 362.1958. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₄O₅: C, 69.75; H, 7.02. Found: C, 69.76; H, 6.97.

5.2. Oxidation of syn diol 6-epi-6.



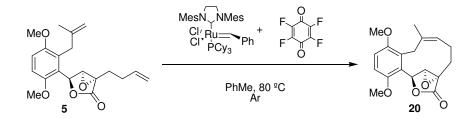
TPAP (10 mg, 0.026 mmol) was added in one portion to a suspension of *syn* diol 6epi-**6** (62 mg, 0.18 mmol), *N*-methylmorpholine-*N*-oxide (63 mg, 0.53 mmol) and 4 Å molecular sieves (80 mg) in dry MeCN (3 mL) and the resulting suspension was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. After this time, the mixture was rotary evaporated and the resulting slurry was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂) to yield **19** (47 mg, 74%) as a white solid: m.p. 85–86 (CH₂Cl₂); R_f 0.25 (CH₂Cl₂); $[\alpha]_D$ –74 (*c* 1.9, CHCl₃); IR (film) 1783, 1473, 1437, 1256, 1084, 1051; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.79 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 5.88 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 5.82 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 16.8, 10.2, 6.5 Hz), 5.11 – 5.00 (m, 2H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.23 (d, 1H, *J* = 1.3 Hz), 4.14 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.46 (d, 1H, J = 16.7 Hz), 3.29 (d, 1H, J = 16.7 Hz), 2.38 – 2.18 (m, 3H), 2.08 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.81 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.5, 152.8, 151.2, 145.7, 136.9, 129.7, 121.5, 115.8, 111.6, 109.3, 108.8, 75.5, 61.9, 60.0, 56.5, 56.2, 33.8, 28.4, 24.4, 23.6; MS (CI, NH₃) m/z 362 (M + NH₄)⁺, 345 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. C₂₀H₂₈O₅N: (M + NH₄)⁺, 362.1967, found: (M + NH₄)⁺, 362.1970. Anal. calcd. for C₂₀H₂₄O₅: C, 69.75; H, 7.02. Found: C, 69.76; H, 7.14.

5.3. Epimerization of lactone 19 to 5.



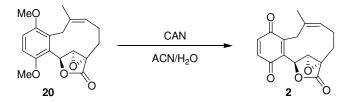
AlMe₃ in hexane (2.0 M; 113 μ L, 0.23 mmol) was added dropwise to 2,6-diphenyl-4-nitrophenol (100 mg, 0.34 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (2.2 mL). The resulting red Lewis acid solution (0.05 M; 2.4 mL, 0.12 mmol) was added dropwise to **19** (68 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) and stirred for 36 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (4 mL), saturated aqueous Rochelle's salt (10 mL) was added and the resulting suspension was stirred for 2 h. After this time, the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 × 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated. The oil was chromatographed (CH₂Cl₂) to yield **5** (56 mg, 83%) as a colorless oil.

6. RING CLOSING METATHESIS OF 5.²



Cl₂(Cy₃P)(sIMes)Ru=CHPh (47 mg, 56 μmol) in PhMe (58 mL) and tetrafluoro-pbenzoquinone (20 mg, 0.11 mmol) in PhMe (58 mL) were added simultaneously via syringe pump over 12 h to diene **5** (48 mg, 0.14 mmol) in PhMe (48 mL), at 80 °C, and stirred for further 6 h. Argon was bubbled through the reaction mixture during the course of the reaction. After this time, the resulting dark solution was rotary evaporated and the crude oil was cromatographed on 5% AgNO₃/SiO₂ (pentane:EtOAc 90:10) to yield **20** (29 mg, 65%) as a colorless oil: R_f 0.20 (CH₂Cl₂:hexanes 80:20); $[\alpha]_D$ –105 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); $[\alpha]_D$ – 102 (*c* 0.1, MeOH) (lit. +111 (*c* 0.1, MeOH)); IR (film) 1675, 1458, 1429, 1406, 1377, 1262, 1126, 1076, 1041; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.96 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.85 (d, 1H, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 6.40 (s, 1H), 5.27 (t, 1H, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 4.03 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.74 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 3.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 15.4 Hz), 2.79 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.25 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 1.51 (s, 3H), 1.31 – 1.26 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 172.4, 152.9, 152.5, 137.9, 130.3, 122.2, 121.9, 112.9, 110.2, 74.5, 63.7, 61.6, 56.6, 55.9, 27.4, 25.1, 22.5, 21.3. MS (CI, NH₃) *m*/*z* 334 (M + NH₄)⁺, 318 (M + H)⁺; HRMS (CI) calcd. C₁₈H₂₄O₅N: (M + NH₄)⁺, 334.1654; found: (M + NH₄)⁺, 334.1648.

7. OXIDATIVE DEPROTECTION OF 20.

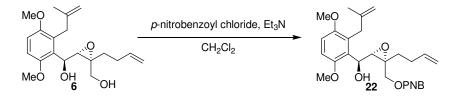


CAN (188 mg, 0.34 mmol) in H₂O (1.0 mL) was added dropwise to lactone **20** (43.6 mg, 0.138 mmol) in MeCN (2.0 mL). After 10 min, the reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl₃ (3 × 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO₄) and rotary evaporated. The resulting oil was chromatographed (pentane:EtOAc 85:15) to yield **2** (27.2 mg, 69%) as a yellow oil: R_f 0.10 (pentane:EtOAc 85:15); $[\alpha]_D$ +42 (*c* 0.77, CHCl₃), (lit.² –55 (*c* 0.15; CHCl₃)); IR (film) 1781, 1655, 1599, 1430, 1287, 1124, 1081, 1032; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.91 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 6.05 (s, 1H), 5.34 (m, 1H), 3.97 (s, 1H), 3.62 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 2.95 (d, 1H, *J* = 14.0 Hz), 2.78 – 2.69 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.20 (m, 2H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.31 – 1.26 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ

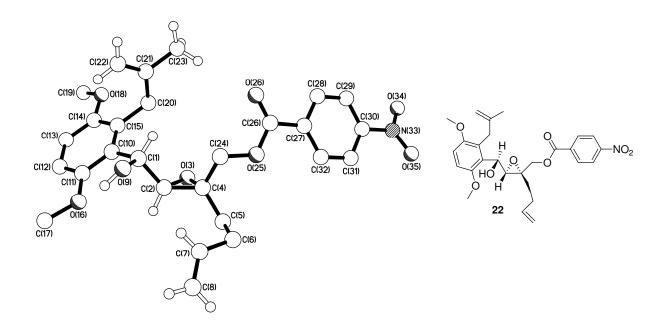
186.4, 184.7, 171.3, 149.2, 136.8, 136.7, 136.4, 134.7, 124.0, 71.7, 62.6, 60.6, 26.9, 24.6, 22.9, 22.7; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, (CD₃)₂CO) δ 7.06 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 7.02 (d, 1H, *J* = 10.0 Hz), 5.94 (s, 1H), 5.44 – 5.36 (m, 1H), 4.41 (s, 1H), 3.61 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 2.93 (d, 1H, *J* = 13.7 Hz), 2.64 – 2.56 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.18 (m, 2H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.38 – 1.26 (m, 1H); MS (EI) *m/z* 286 (M⁺); HRMS (EI) calcd. C₁₆H₁₄O₅: (M⁺), 286.0841, found: (M⁺), 286.0840.

8. DETERMINATION OF RELATIVE STEREOCHEMISTRY OF 18A AND 18B.

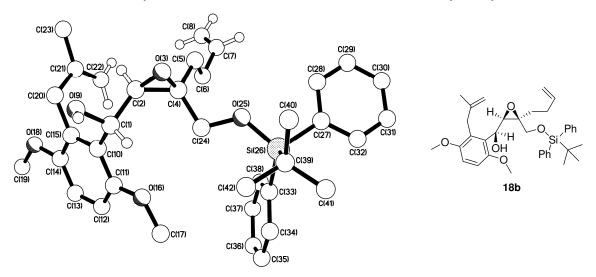
Silyl ether **18a** was deprotected to provide diol **6**, which was selectively esterified at the primary alcohol to form the *para*-nitrobenzoyl ester (**22**) as follows:



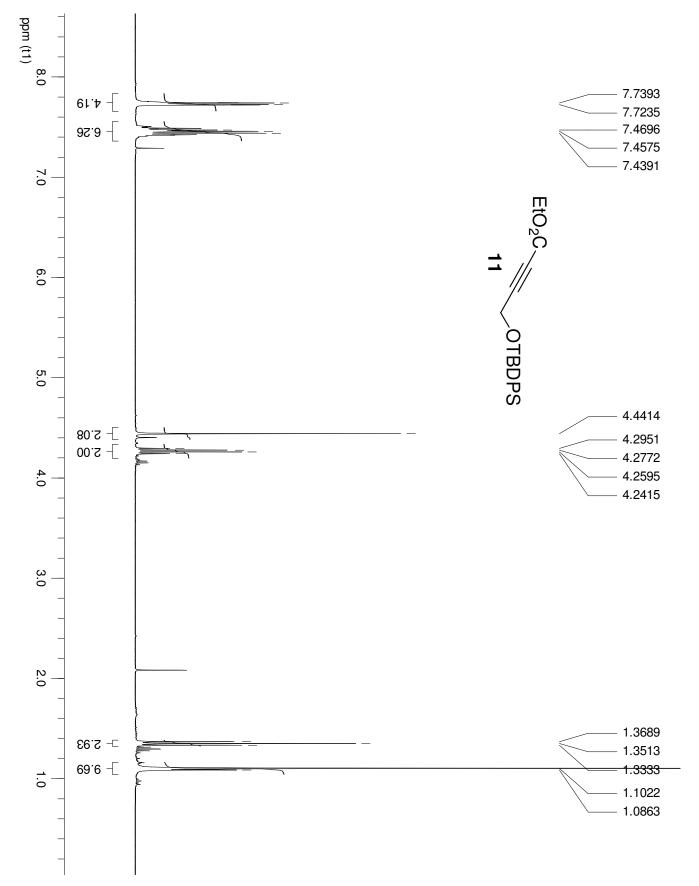
Diol **6a** (41 mg, 0.12 mmol), Et₃N (18 μL, 0.13 mmol) and 4-nitrobenzoyl chloride (24 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) were stirred for 30 min. After this time, saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 mL) was added. The organic layer was washed with H₂O (5 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried (MgSO₄), filtered and rotary evaporated. The resulting oil was chromatographed (hexane:EtOAc 80:20) to give **22** (78 mg, 75%) as pale yellow crystals: R_f 0.30 (8:2, hexanes: EtOAc); IR (KBr) 3531, 1727, 1529, 1269, 1101, 719; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.31 (d, 2H, J = 8.9 Hz), 8.28 (d, 2H, J = 8.5 Hz), 6.81 (s, 2H), 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.07 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5 Hz, J = 17.1 Hz), 5.01 (dd, 1H, J = 10.1 Hz, J = 1.1 Hz), 4.71 (m, 3H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 4.41 (s, 1H), 4.18 (d, 1H, J = 11.0 Hz), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.59 (d, 1H; J = 17.1 Hz), 3.42 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 3.23 (d, 1H, J = 16.8 Hz), 2.27 – 2.05 (m, 3H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.67 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.4, 152.4, 151.7, 150.6, 144.3, 137.4, 135.3, 130.9, 128.7, 128.0, 123.6, 115.4, 110.9, 110.7, 109.4, 69.4, 65.6, 64.6, 61.8, 56.4, 55.6, 33.3, 32.9, 28.9, 23.1; MS (CI, NH₃) m/z 515 (M + NH₄)⁺, 498 (M + H)⁺. The structure of **22** was determined by X-ray diffraction.

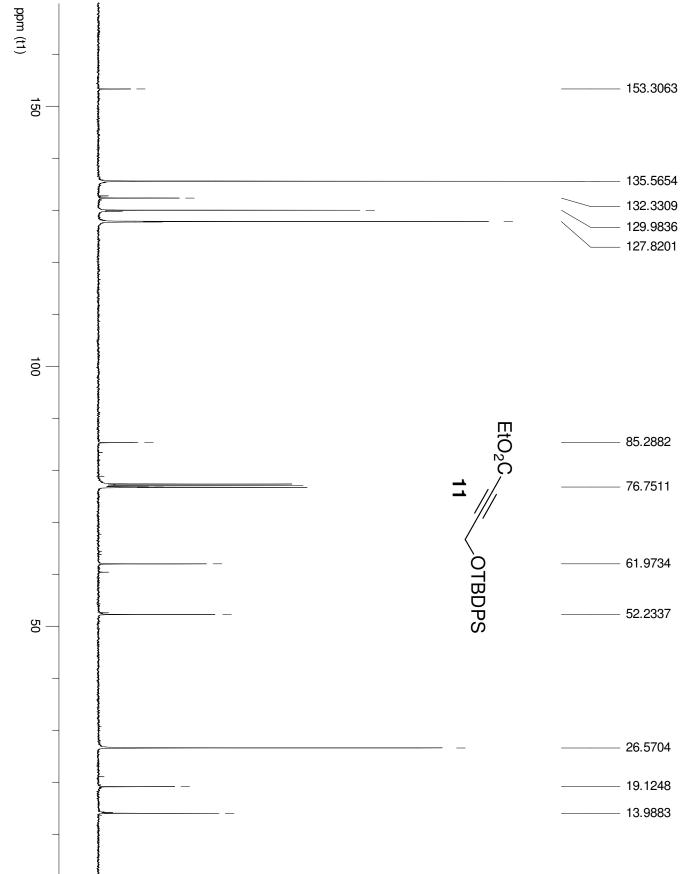


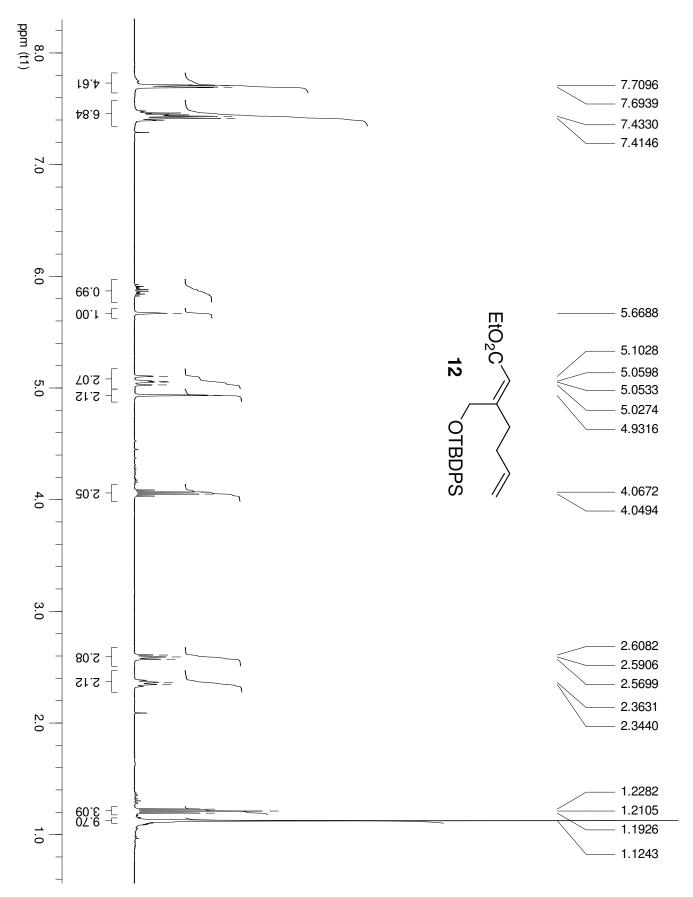
18b was a crystalline solid and its structure was confirmed by X-ray diffraction.

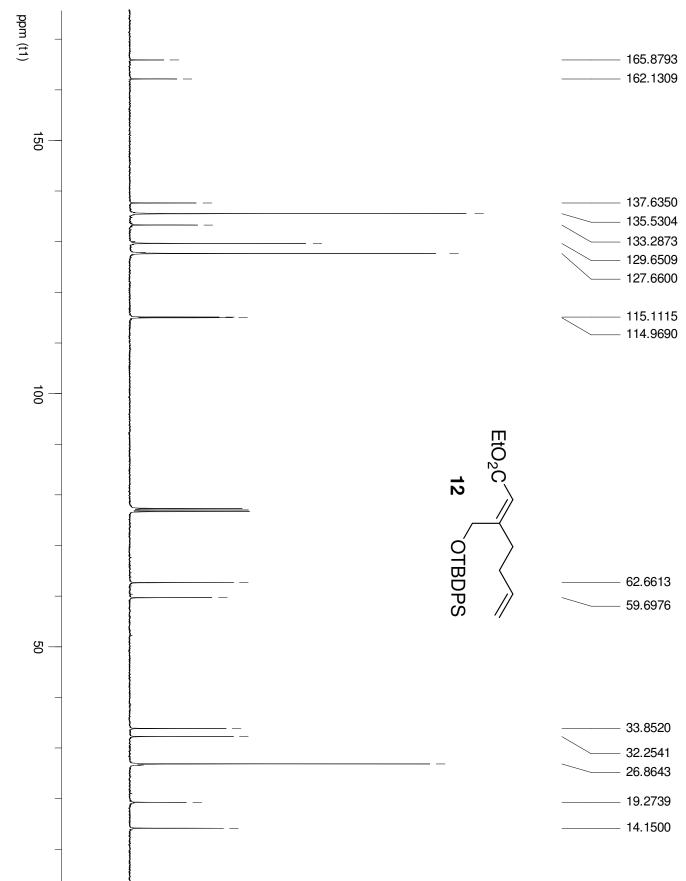


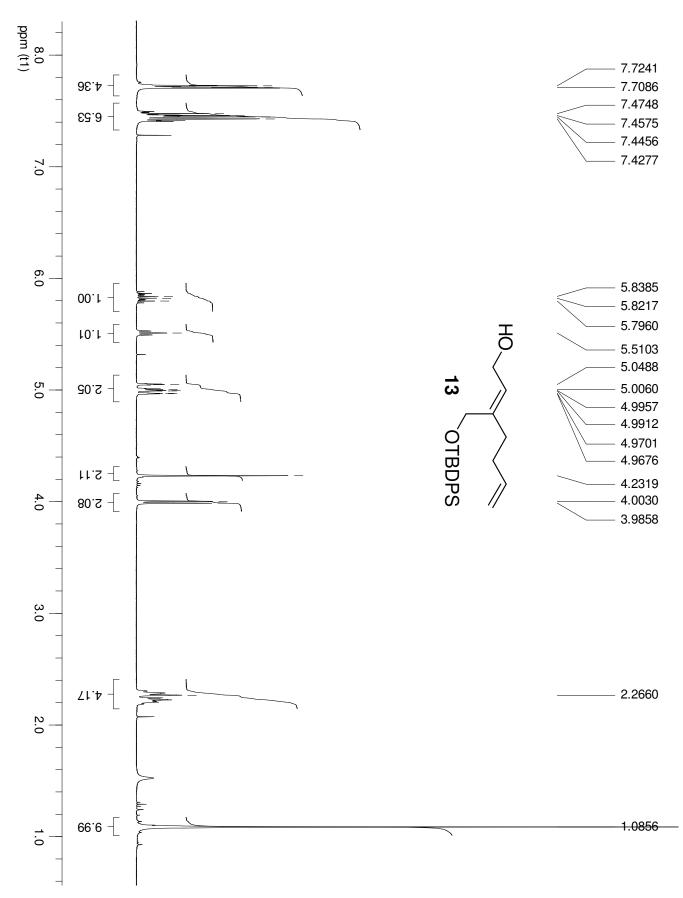
9. ¹H and ¹³C NMR SPECTRA OF ALL NEW COMPOUNDS.

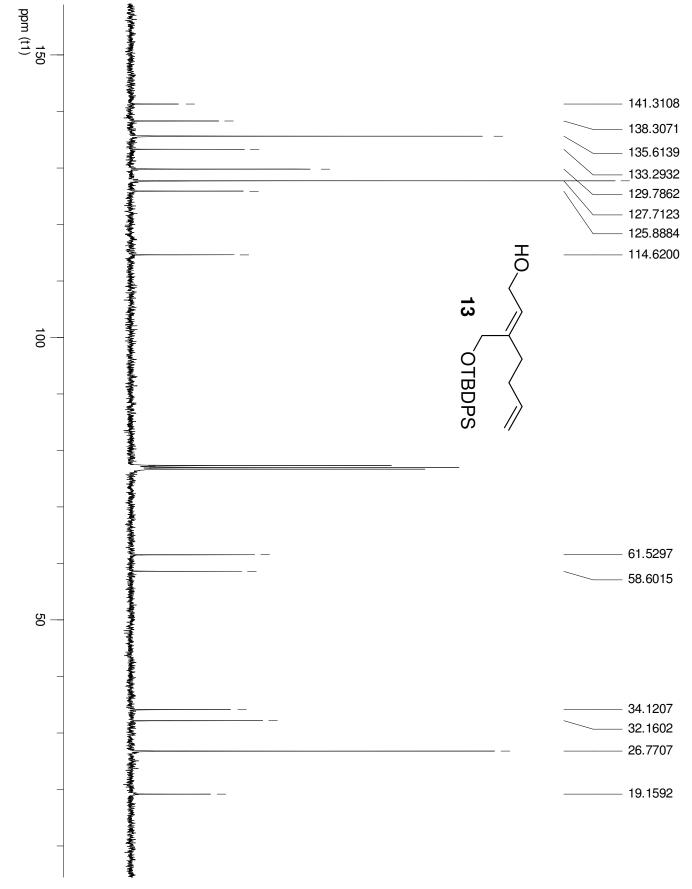


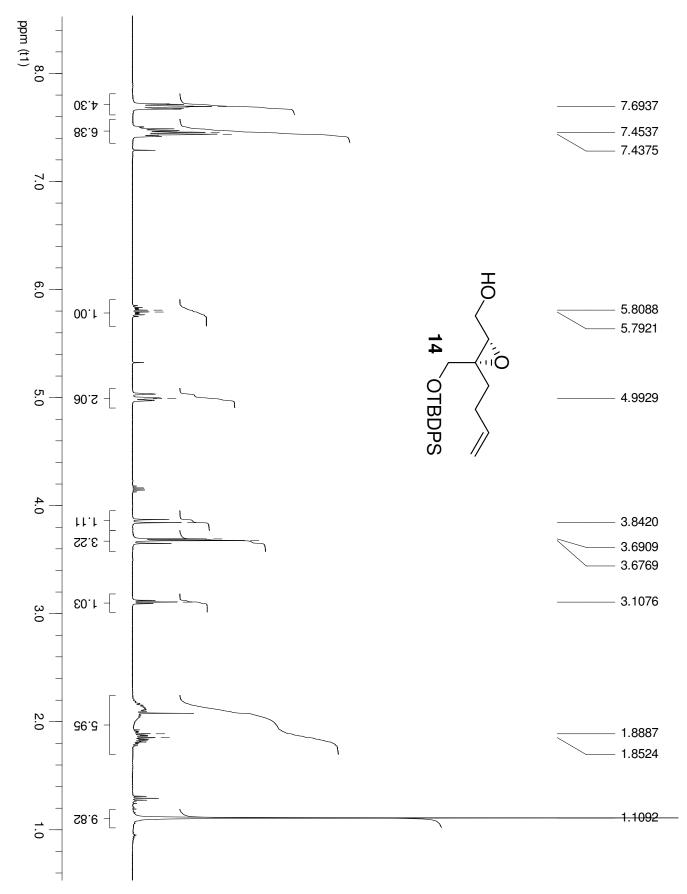


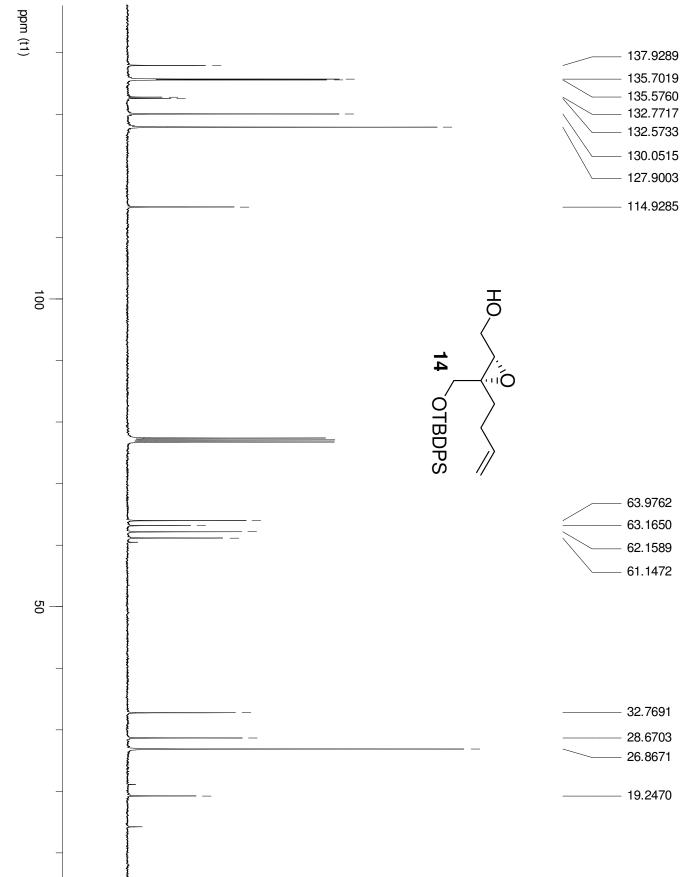


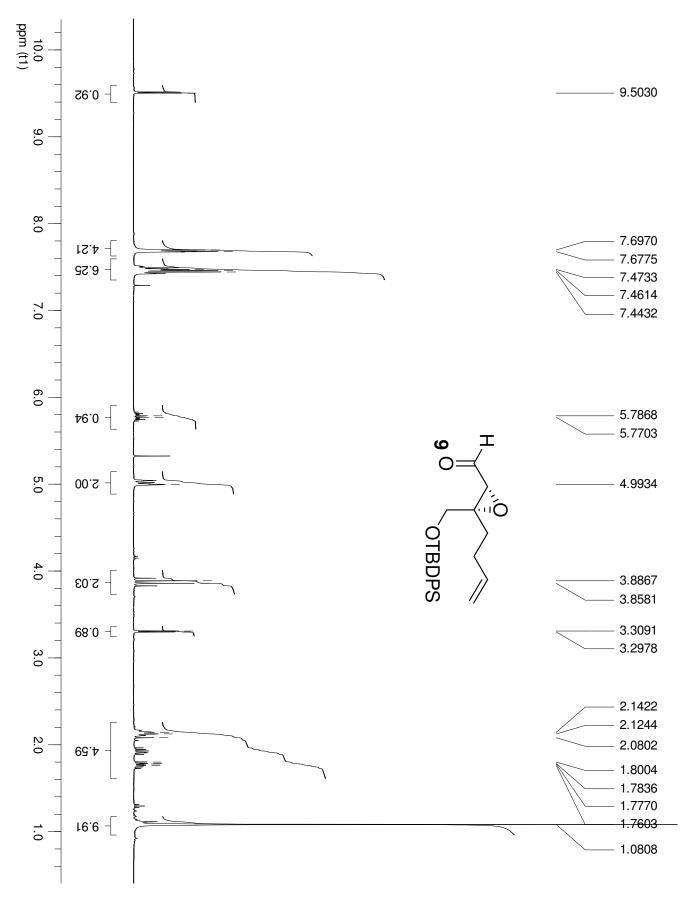


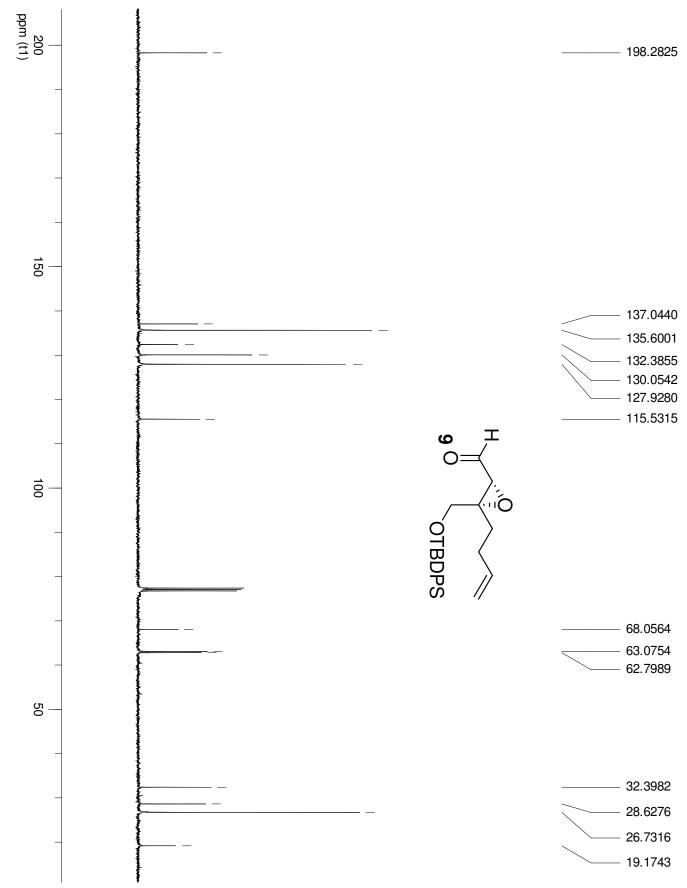


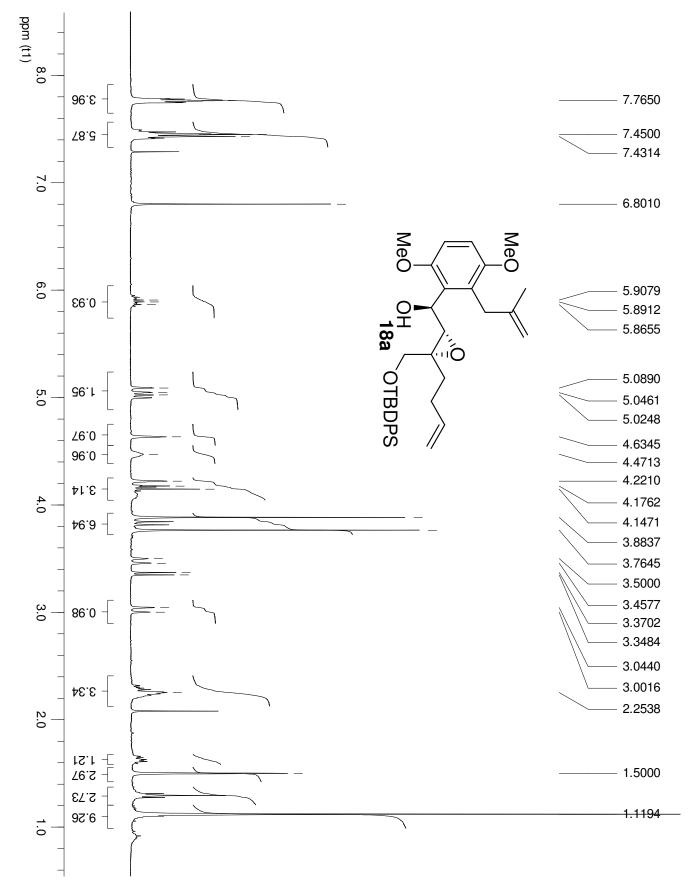


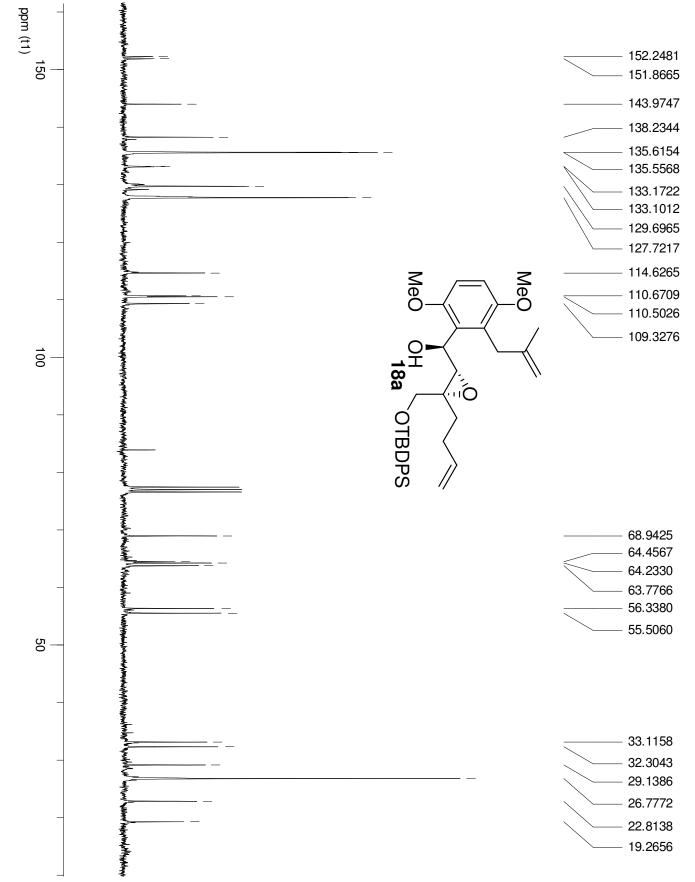


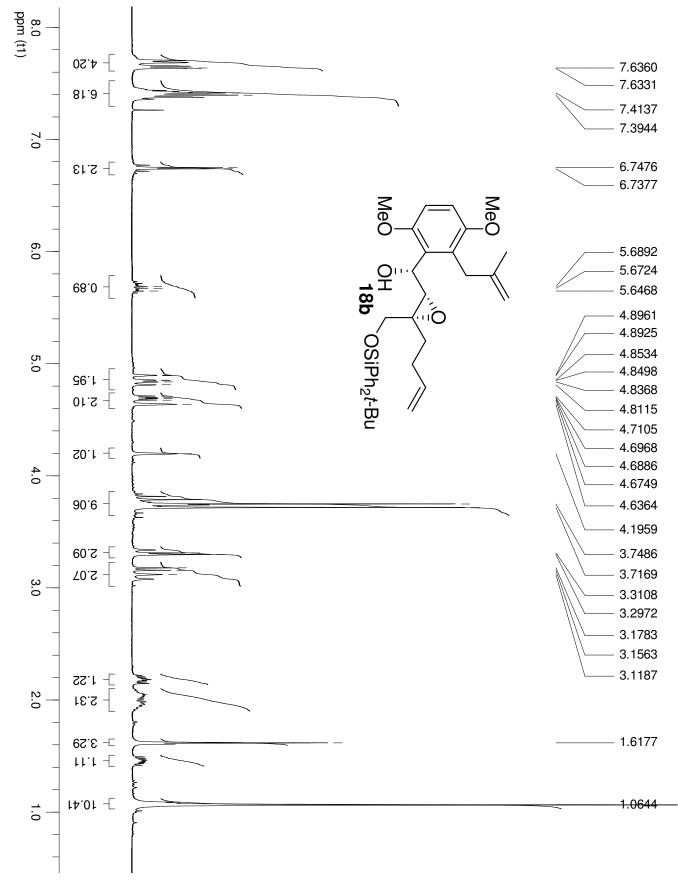


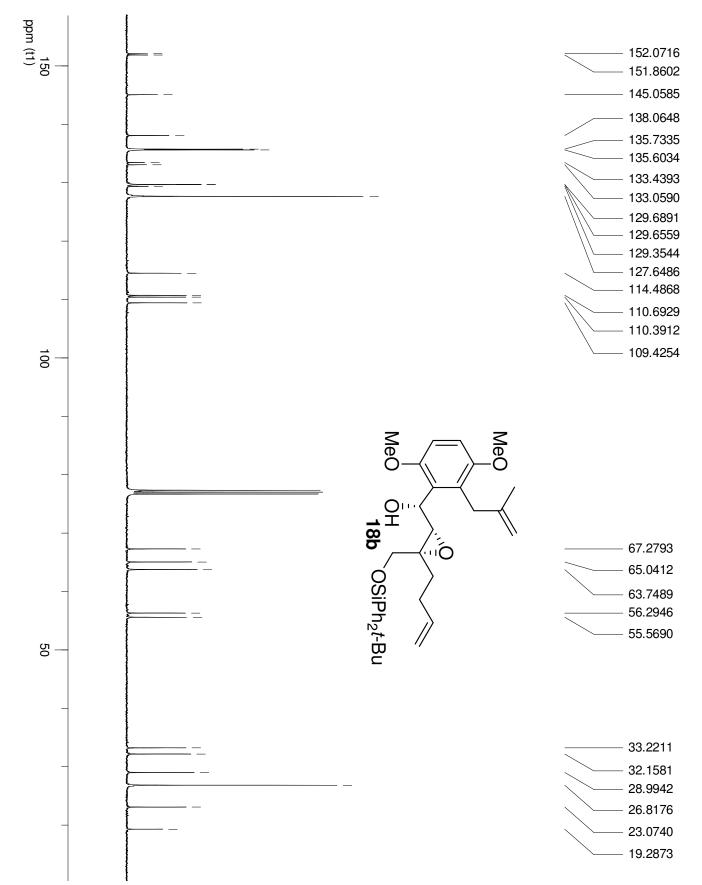


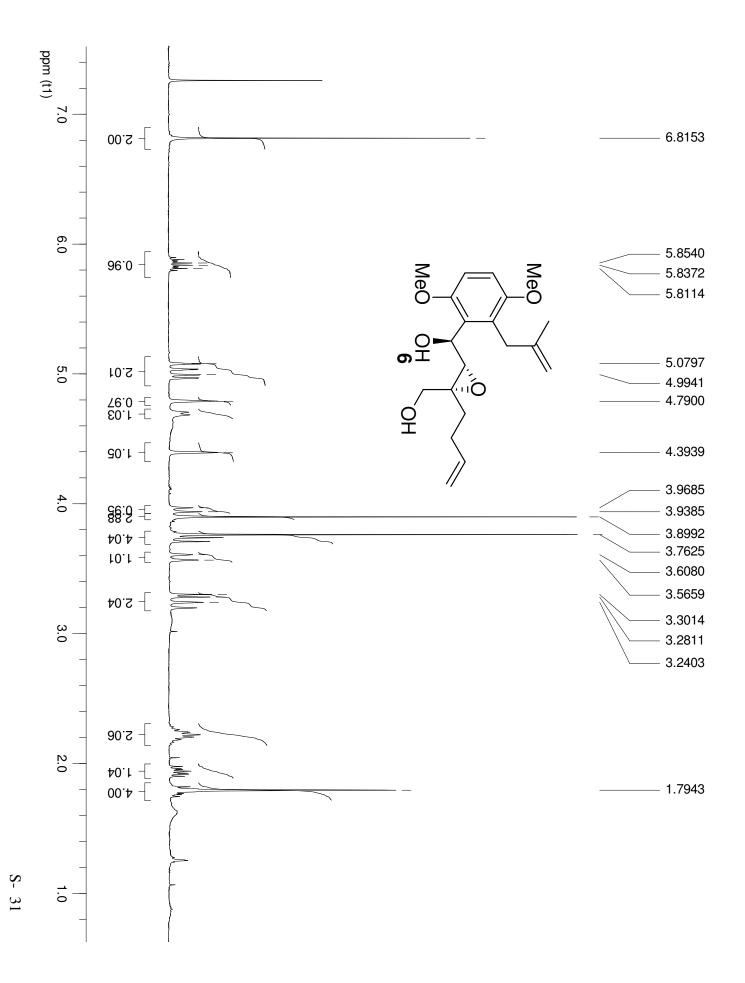


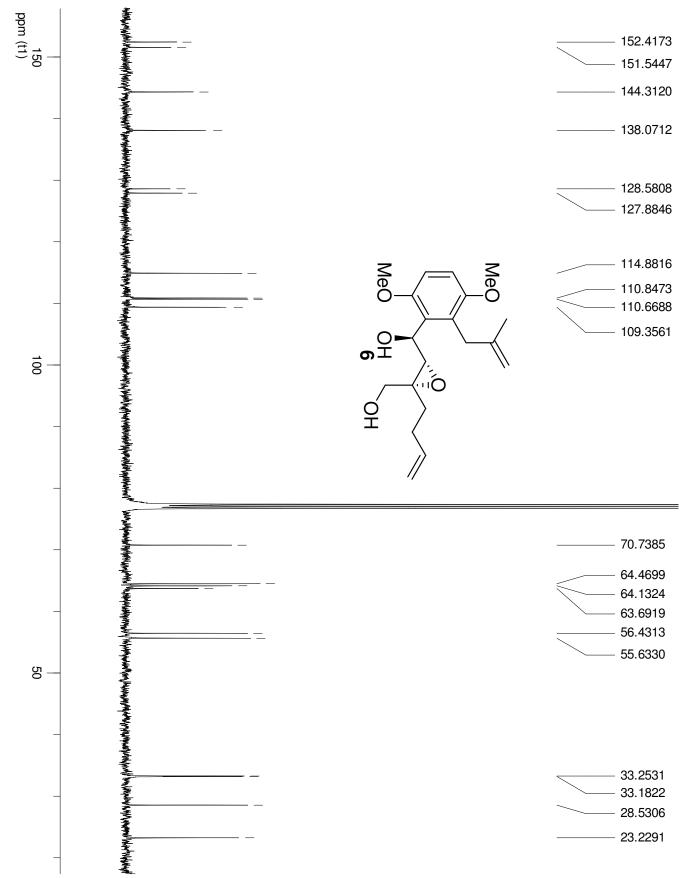


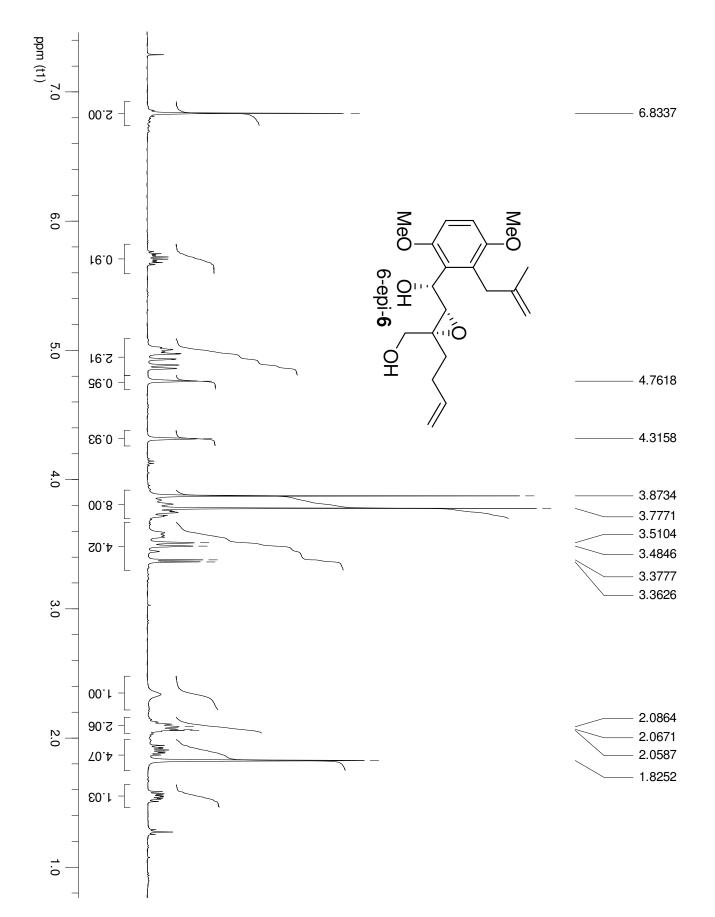


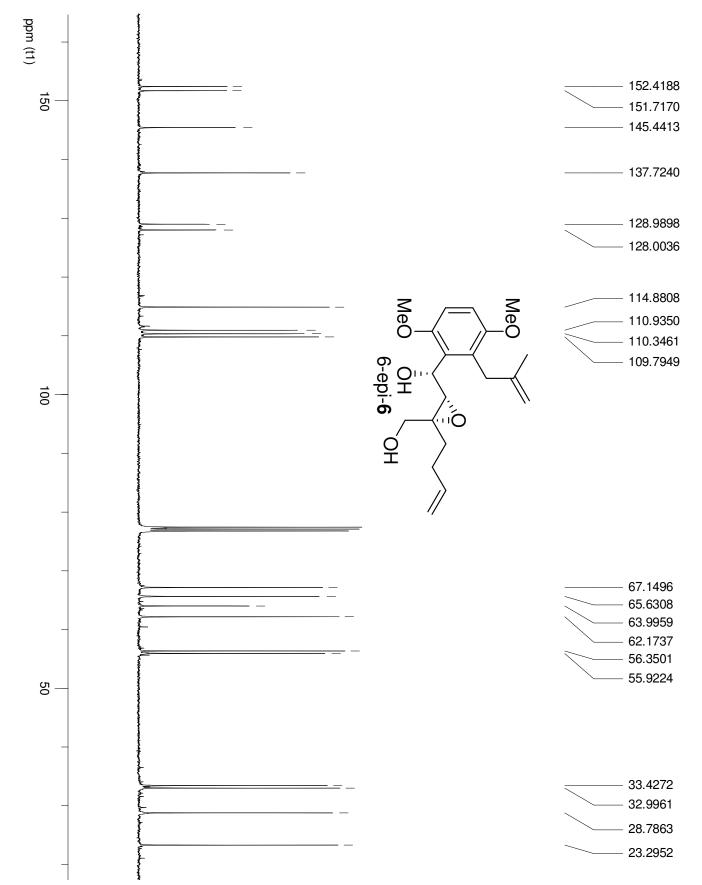


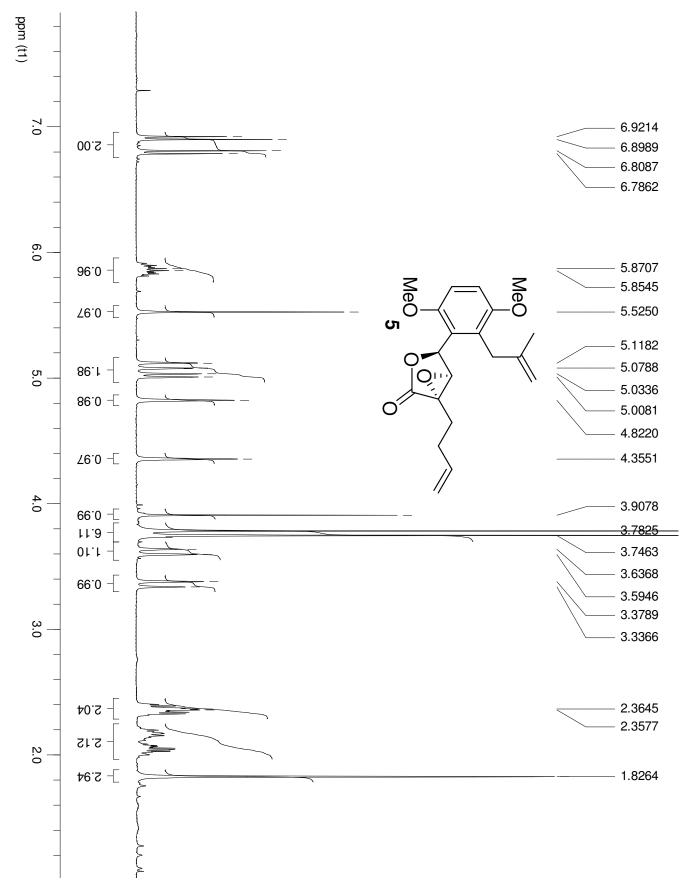


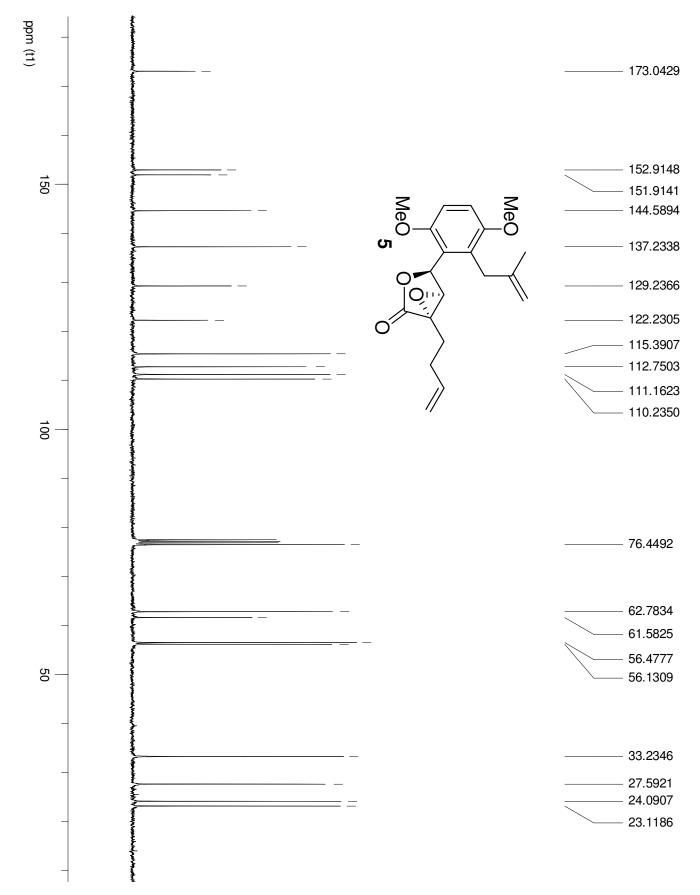


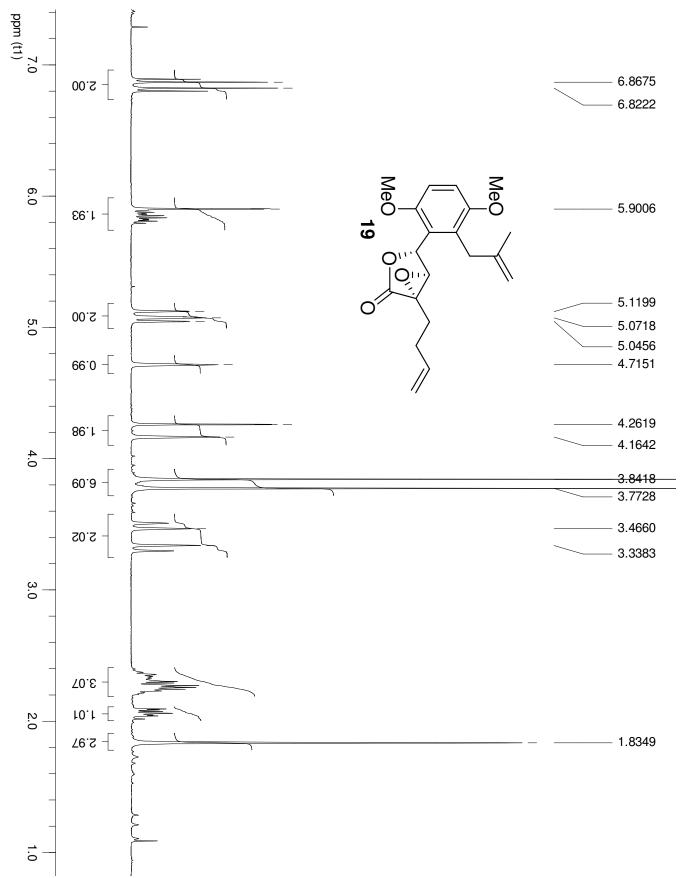


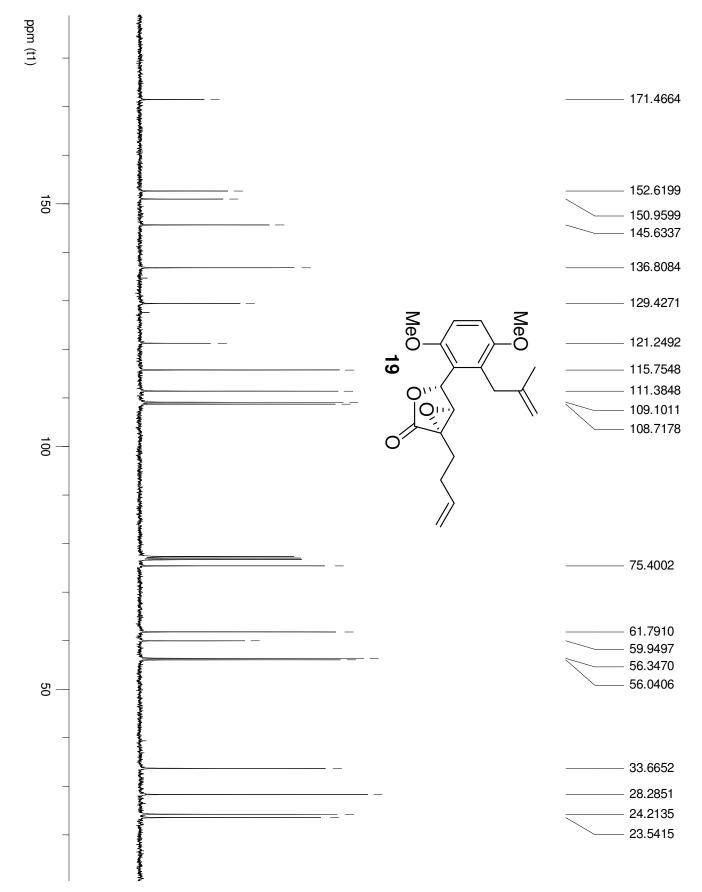


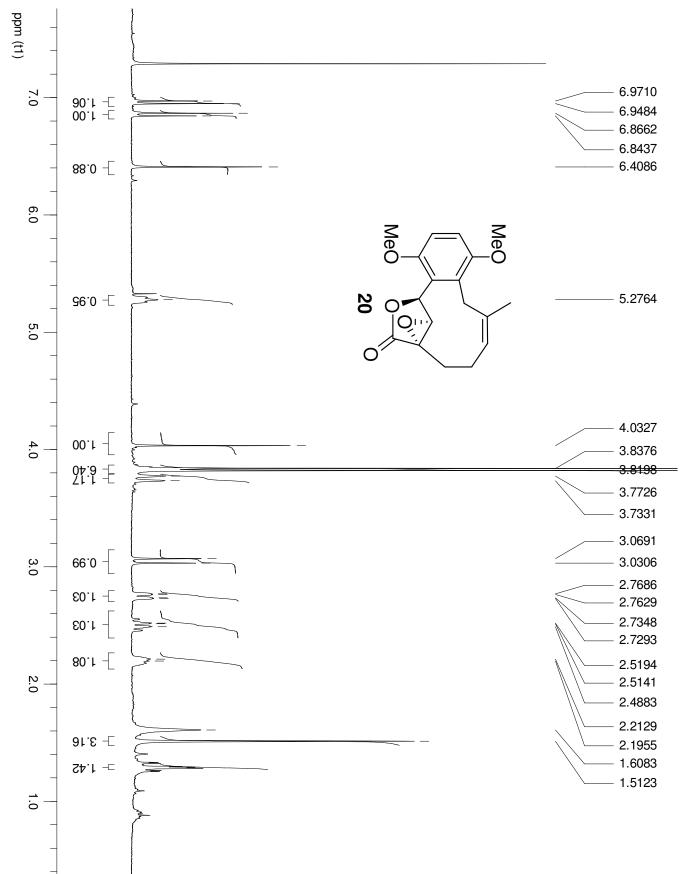


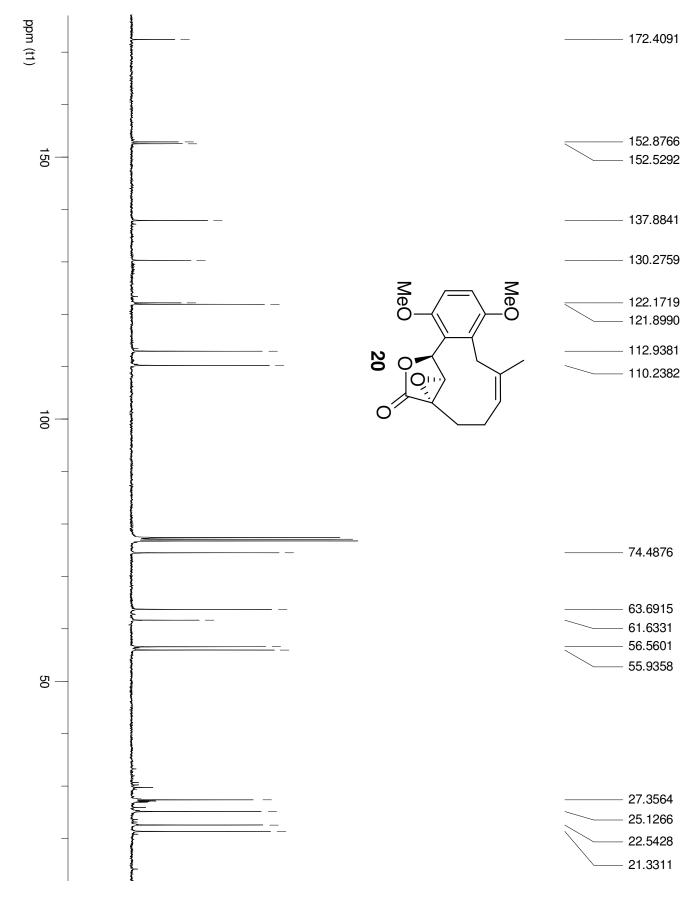


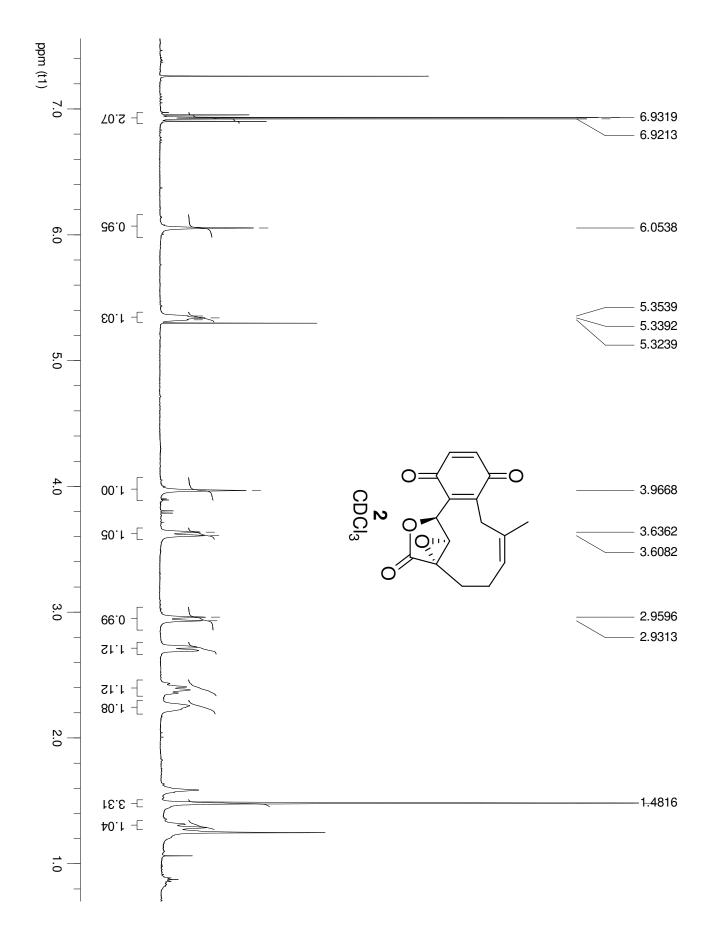


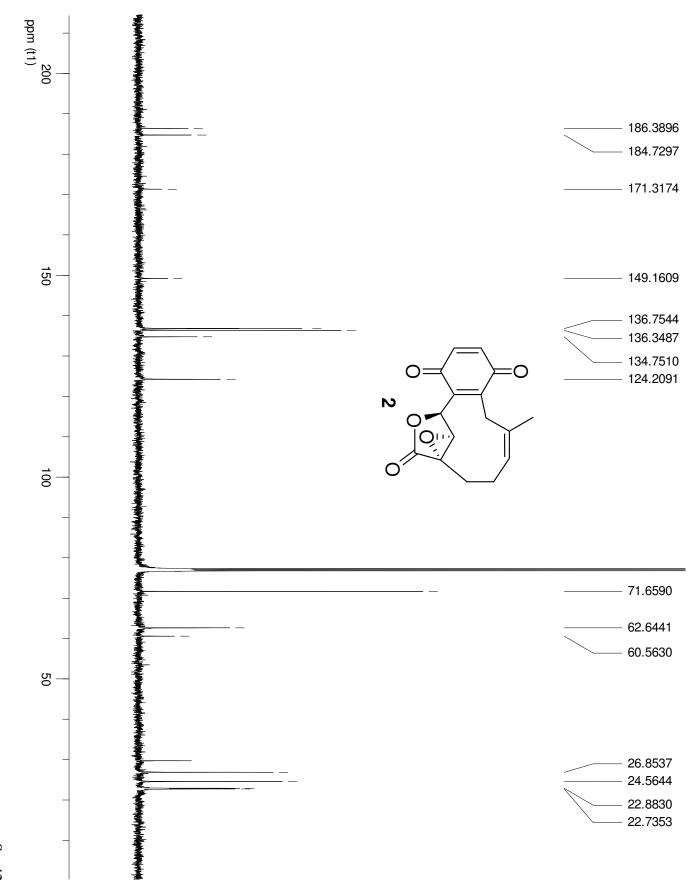


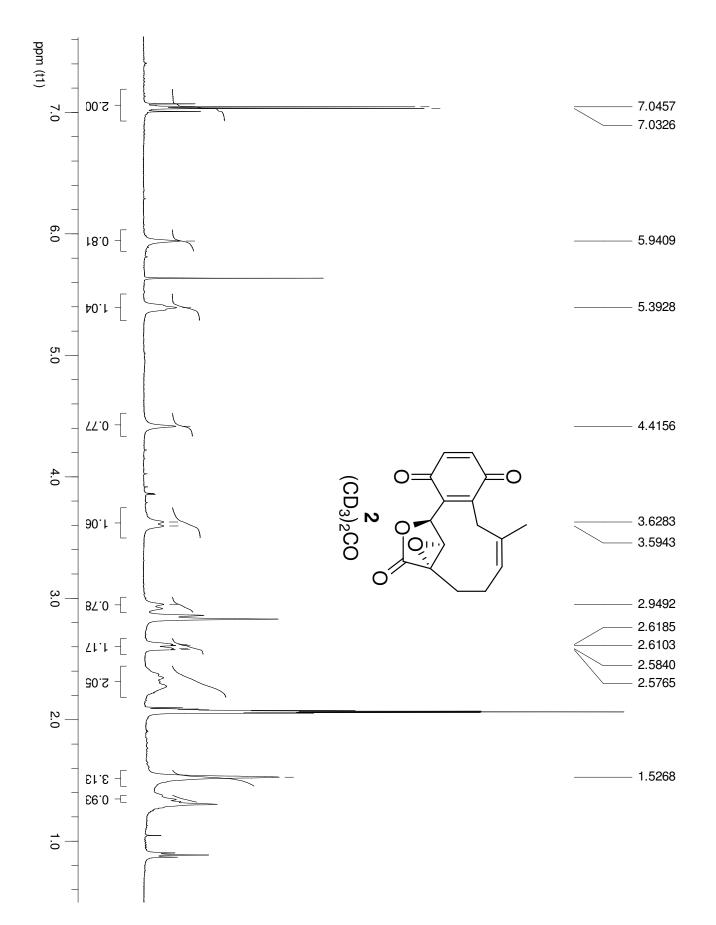












10. CRYSTAL AND DATA STRUCTURE.

Crystal data for **18b**: C₃₆H₄₆O₅Si, M = 586.82, triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ (no. 2), a = 9.5415(18), b = 13.767(2), c = 14.084(4) Å, $\alpha = 88.852(18)$, $\beta = 72.68(2)$, $\gamma = 72.912(15)^{\circ}$, V = 1683.6(6) Å³, Z = 2, $D_c = 1.158$ g cm⁻³, μ (Cu-K α) = 0.921 mm⁻¹, T = 173 K, colourless blocky needles, Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur PX Ultra diffractometer; 6442 independent measured reflections, F^2 refinement, $R_1 = 0.045$, $wR_2 = 0.113$, 6291 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [$|F_o| > 4\sigma(|F_o|)$, $2\theta_{max} = 142^{\circ}$], 386 parameters. CCDC 618906.

Crystal data for **22**: C₂₇H₃₁NO₈, M = 497.53, triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ (no. 2), a = 10.976(2), b = 11.368(2), c = 11.4464(18) Å, $\alpha = 90.079(14)$, $\beta = 116.397(17)$, $\gamma = 101.338(15)^{\circ}$, V = 1248.0(4) Å³, Z = 2, $D_c = 1.324$ g cm⁻³, μ (Mo-K α) = 0.098 mm⁻¹, T = 173 K, pale yellow shards, Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur 3 diffractometer; 7850 independent measured reflections, F^2 refinement, $R_1 = 0.042$, $wR_2 = 0.112$, 5981 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [$|F_0| > 4\sigma(|F_0|)$, $2\theta_{max} = 64^{\circ}$], 330 parameters. CCDC 618907.

Fig. S1 The molecular structure of 18b.

Fig. S2 The molecular structure of 18b (50% probability ellipsoids).

Fig. S3 The molecular structure of 22.

Fig. S4 The molecular structure of 22 (50% probability ellipsoids).

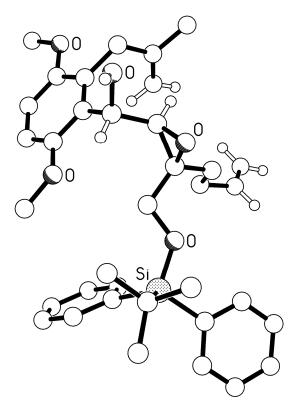


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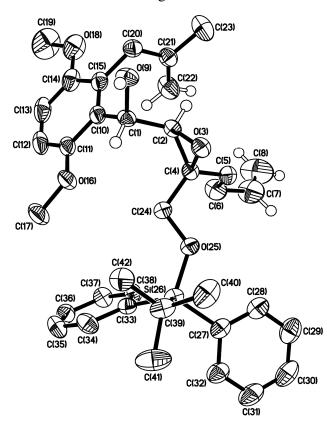
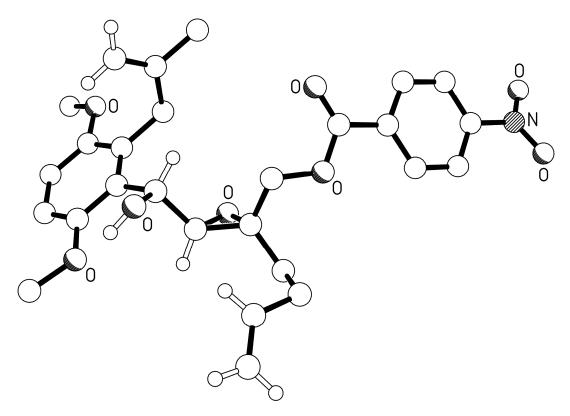


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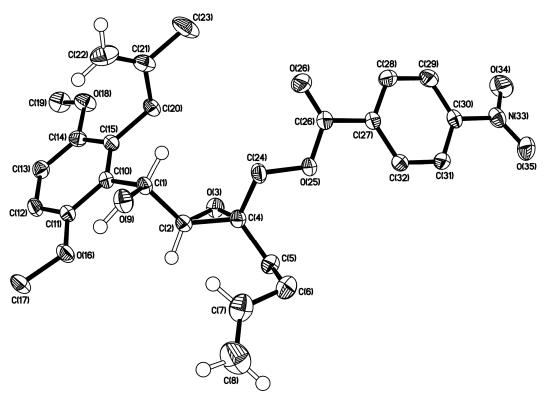


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