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Toward a synthesis of hirsutellone B by the concept of double cyclization

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Abstract

This account describes a strategy for directly forming three of the six rings found in the polyketide natural product hirsutellone B *via* a novel cyclization cascade. The key step in our approach comprises two transformations: a large-ring forming, nucleophilic capture of a transient acyl ketene and an intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction, both of which occur in tandem through thermolyses of appropriately functionalized, polyunsaturated dioxinones. These thermally induced “double cyclization” cascades generate three new bonds, four contiguous stereocenters, and a significant fraction of the polycyclic architecture of hirsutellone B. The advanced macrolactam and macrolactone intermediates that were synthesized by this process possess key features of the hirsutellone framework, including the stereochemically dense decahydrofluorene core and the strained *para*-cyclophane ring. However, attempts to complete the carbon skeleton of hirsutellone B *via* transannular carbon-carbon bond formation were undermined by competitive *O*-alkylation reactions. This account also documents how we adapted to this undesired outcome through an evaluation of several distinct strategies for synthesis, as well as our eventual achievement of a formal total synthesis of hirsutellone B.

Introduction

Hirsutellone B (**1**) is one of five structurally related natural products isolated from the insect pathogenic fungus *Hirsutella nivea* BCC 2594 in 2005 by Isaka and coworkers (Figure 1).¹ The stereochemically complex decahydrofluorene core (i.e. the fused 6-5-6 ring system) and 13-membered *para*-cyclophane ether that distinguish these natural products are also found in the related GKK1032s² (**2**), pyrrocidines³ (**3**) and pyrrospirones⁴ (**4**). This intriguing polycyclic architectural motif is thus the hallmark of an expansive group of biologically active polyketide natural products.

The isotope incorporation studies of Oikawa demonstrated that the impressive molecular structure of GKK1032A₂ (**2**) originates from one molecule of tyrosine, nine molecules of acetic acid, and five molecules of L-methionine.⁵ Based on these observations, they reasoned that four of its six rings arise by a remarkable tetracyclization of the polyunsaturated nonaketide **5** (Figure 1). In relation to GKK1032A₂ (**2**), the hirsutellones possess four fewer methyl groups as well as the opposite configuration at the C-13 stereocenter. Presumably, an analogous tetracyclization of the monomethylated, tyrosine nonaketide **6** affords the related structure of hirsutellone B (**1**), although this seemingly plausible biogenetic connection remains unproven.

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Supporting Information. ¹H-NMR and ¹³C-NMR spectra for all new compounds and full spectral assignments for cyclophanes **10**, **24**, **26**, **30**, **43**, **44**, **45**, **46**, **49**, **50**, and **67**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

Isaka and coworkers also reported that the hirsutellones inhibit *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* H₃₇Ra with minimum inhibitory concentration values in the range of 0.78–3.125 µg/mL.¹ The hirsutellones thus offer a new chemotype with promising antitubercular activity, and they have emerged as compelling targets for research efforts in organic synthesis.^{6–11} As of this writing, three total syntheses of hirsutellone B (**1**) have been described. The first synthesis of this natural product was reported by Nicolaou in 2009,¹² and their group later developed a second bio-inspired route to access hirsutellones A, B, and C.¹³ The Nicolaou approach offers an incisive, direct construction of the tricyclic decahydrofluorene framework of **1** from a polyunsaturated acyclic precursor and a late-stage Ramberg–Bäcklund ring contraction to form the strained *para*-cyclophane ether. The third total synthesis of hirsutellone B was achieved in 2011 by Uchiro¹⁴ and features an intramolecular Ullmann reaction to annulate the *para*-cyclophane onto a functionalized decahydrofluorene core.

Our laboratory was intrigued by the possibility of directly forming much of the structure of hirsutellone B from a trisubstituted cyclohexane by capitalizing on the intrinsic reactivity of acylketene **7** (Figure 1).¹⁵ In the course of this “double cyclization” event, three new rings would arise by an internal nucleophilic capture of a transient acylketene and a concomitant intramolecular Diels–Alder (IMDA) reaction. Herein, we provide the full account of our development of this concept for synthesis as well as our investigations of several distinct strategies for addressing the challenging *para*-cyclophane ether substructural element of hirsutellone B. We also describe the preparation of an advanced intermediate that intercepts Nicolaou’s pioneering route to hirsutellone B, constituting a formal total synthesis of this natural product.

Results and Discussion

We envisioned that much of the complexity of the hirsutellone framework could be generated in a single step through a tandem reaction sequence, as shown in Scheme 1. Inspired by Boeckman’s elegant tetronolide synthesis,¹⁶ we hoped to make use of an intramolecular acylketene capture/IMDA cascade, which, to the best of our knowledge, was unprecedented in the chemical literature. Thus, thermolysis of vinyl dioxinone **8** would induce a cycloreversion, expelling acetone to give transient acylketene **7**.¹⁵ This reactive intermediate could then be trapped intramolecularly by the pendent amine to form the macrocyclic β-keto amide **9**. However, the thermal fragmentation of the dioxinone heterocycle in **8** would also generate an α,β-unsaturated ketone, which, in the presence of the conjugated triene, could undergo an intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction to complete the decahydrofluorene framework (**9** → **10**). We were willing to accept the risk associated with this concept for synthesis because of its potential to deal directly with the complex cyclic connectivity of hirsutellone B. We also anticipated that the setup costs for synthesizing the required trisubstituted cyclohexane **8** would not be excessively high.

If we could generate compound **10** by a thermolysis of dioxinone **8**, we believed that the γ-lactam ring could be formed *via* a transannular alkylation (S_Ni) reaction to give **11**, completing the full carbon skeleton of the natural product. At this stage, a final C–H oxidation would install the hemiaminal functionality, and subsequent cleavage of the nitrogen protecting group would provide rapid access to hirsutellone B.

Having formulated an attractive strategy for contending with the polycyclic structure of hirsutellone B, we turned our attention to the synthesis of key intermediate **8** (Figure 2). Our approach focused on three strategic bond disconnections, ultimately leading to α-hydroxy aldehyde **16**.⁷ This trisubstituted cyclohexane intermediate would then serve as a central scaffold onto which the remaining three fragments could be appended. We proposed that the

desired aryl ether bond could be formed *via* a palladium-catalyzed Tsuji–Trost reaction with phenol **14**.¹⁷ Our design also makes use of the Wittig reaction to form two key carbon-carbon bonds, utilizing phosphonium salt **13**¹⁸ and the known phosphorane **15**.¹⁹ In both cases, the use of a stabilized or semi-stabilized phosphorus ylide would establish the desired *trans* olefin geometry.²⁰

We began our synthesis of phenol coupling partner **14** by protecting known tyrosinol derivative **17**²¹ as the corresponding bis-TBDPS (*t*-BuPh₂Si) ether, as shown in Scheme 2. When this compound was treated with one equivalent of tetrabutylammonium fluoride at 0 °C, selective deprotection of the phenolic silyl ether occurred to give free phenol **18** in 81% yield over the two steps. Subsequent removal of the Boc group proceeded cleanly with two equivalents of trifluoroacetic acid to form ammonium salt **19**. Based on precedent from Pfaltz and Suzuki's synthesis of macrocicin A,²² we anticipated that transannular alkylation to form the γ -lactam ring (i.e. **10** $\rightarrow$ **11**) would only be possible if the macrolactam were protected as a tertiary amide. Therefore, we decided to utilize the 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl (DMB) protecting group, which could be readily cleaved at a late stage in the synthesis under acidic conditions.²³ We found that this group was easily installed *via* reductive amination of **19** with 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde and sodium triacetoxyborohydride to give the desired DMB-protected coupling partner **14** in 77% yield over the two steps.

Having accessed phenol **14**, our next objective was to investigate formation of the key aryl ether linkage *via* a palladium-catalyzed Tsuji–Trost reaction. Our initial efforts towards the decahydrofluorene core of the hirsutellones led us to develop a synthesis of enantioenriched allylic alcohol **12**,⁷ which is the product of a Wittig reaction between α -hydroxy aldehyde **16** and phosphorane **15** (see Figure 2). Although we originally converted secondary alcohol **12** to the corresponding allylic carbonate, all attempts to engage this substrate in a Tsuji–Trost reaction with the sodium phenolate of **14** were unsuccessful. Similarly, no reaction was observed using the corresponding allylic acetate or trifluoroacetate esters, despite our efforts to screen many different palladium sources and ligands. In an attempt to enhance the reactivity of the substrate, we next explored preparation of the related allylic phosphate (Scheme 3).²⁴ Thus, deprotonation of alcohol **12** at low temperature with one equivalent of methyllithium followed by the dropwise addition of diethyl chlorophosphate cleanly gave allylic phosphate **20** in 82% yield. When this substrate was treated with the sodium phenolate of **14** in the presence of 10 mol% Pd(PPh₃)₄ as catalyst, we were pleased to observe the rapid formation of **21**, which contained the desired aryl ether linkage. Despite two potential sites of nucleophilic attack on the intermediate palladium π -allyl complex, only the regioisomer that maintains conjugation of the olefin with the dioxinone ring was observed. Furthermore, this reaction proceeds with overall retention of configuration, as is well documented for the Tsuji–Trost reaction.²⁵

With the key aryl ether in place, we turned our attention to the construction of the triene side chain. Acid-induced desilylation of **21** gave primary alcohol **22** in 82% yield. However, oxidation of this alcohol to the corresponding aldehyde in the presence of the secondary benzylic amine proved to be difficult. After screening several different oxidation methods (e.g. Dess–Martin periodinane²⁶, PCC, MnO₂, Swern²⁷), we found that the Ley oxidation²⁸ gave the best results, producing amino aldehyde **23** in 62% yield. Subsequent Wittig olefination with the phosphorus ylide derived from **13** proceeded smoothly to give triene **8** in 76% yield as a 7:1 mixture of inseparable *E/Z* isomers.

With key intermediate **8** in hand, we were in a position to test the feasibility of the tandem ketene trapping/IMDA sequence portrayed in Scheme 1. Our initial attempts to bring about this transformation in refluxing toluene or xylenes were unsuccessful. Despite our best efforts to run the reaction under scrupulously anhydrous conditions (azeotropic drying of the

starting material, flame-dried glassware, and freshly distilled solvent), we were only able to obtain products derived from trapping of the putative acylketene intermediate with adventitious water. However, when a 0.3 mM solution of **8** was heated in refluxing benzene under Dean–Stark conditions²⁹ for fourteen hours, we were pleased to observe formation of the desired macrocycle **10** as a single diastereomer in 39–50% yield (Scheme 3). We suggest that the reactive acylketene **7** may well be a fleeting intermediate on the path leading from compound **8** to polycycle **10**. Although the precise ordering of the new bond constructions is unclear, the production of compound **10** from unsaturated dioxinone **8** is consistent with an *endo*-selective IMDA reaction to form the decahydrofluorene core and an intramolecular trapping of the acylketene intermediate by the pendent secondary amine to form the macrolactam ring. Notably, this cascade process rapidly generates much of the complex topology of hirsutellone B: three new rings, including a strained cyclophane, three new bonds, and four contiguous stereocenters are formed in a single laboratory operation.

Having realized our key tandem reaction sequence, we eagerly turned our attention to the transannular carbon-carbon bond formation that would form the γ -lactam ring and complete the carbon framework of hirsutellone B. Desilylation of **10** proceeded smoothly with tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT), giving primary alcohol **24** in 98% yield (Scheme 4). At this point, all that remained was to activate the primary alcohol and induce the desired S_Ni reaction upon treatment with a suitable base. In the event, treatment of alcohol **24** with methanesulfonyl chloride in the presence of triethylamine gave the corresponding primary mesylate **25**, which proved to be somewhat unstable. To our surprise, when **25** was treated with the amidine base DBU, the desired product **11** was not formed; instead, we were only able to isolate the isomeric *O*-alkylated compound **26**, which features an unusual acylketene hemiaminal ether. Indeed, we were never able to isolate the desired *C*-alkylated product **11**, despite extensive experimentation with different leaving groups, bases, and Lewis acid additives.

Since our efforts to form the γ -lactam ring *via* an intramolecular nucleophilic displacement were unsuccessful, we decided to explore an intramolecular Knoevenagel condensation as an alternative way to make the carbon-carbon bond (Scheme 5). Importantly, we anticipated that conjugate reduction of the expected condensation product **28** would lead to the same γ -lactam **11** targeted in our previous alkylation strategy. To this end, alcohol **24** was oxidized to the corresponding aldehyde **27** in good yield using Dess–Martin periodinane (DMP).²⁶ However, the intramolecular condensation product **28** was not observed under basic or acidic cyclization conditions, and we were unable to obtain any evidence for carbon-carbon bond formation. In fact, the only reaction that occurred under basic conditions was slow epimerization at the α -position of aldehyde **27**. An attempted intramolecular Claisen condensation using the corresponding methyl ester was similarly unsuccessful, leading only to recovered starting material.

Based on these unsuccessful attempts at carbon-carbon bond formation, we believe that there are several factors that could make this type of transannular reaction quite challenging. First, the preferred conformations of macrocyclic rings are difficult to predict, and it is possible that the reactive centers are too far apart to enable facile ring closure.³⁰ In addition, restricted rotation about the amide C–N bond may further bias the conformation of the macrocycle, preventing correct alignment for nucleophilic attack of the enolate at carbon rather than at oxygen. Finally, and perhaps most significantly, there is a considerable difference in strain between the starting 14-membered cyclophane and the 13-membered cyclophane present in the natural product. Therefore, the desired transannular ring closure may be disfavored due to the buildup of strain in the transition state leading to carbon-carbon bond formation.

In light of the unexpected difficulty of transannular carbon-carbon bond formation, we chose to modify our strategy. More specifically, we reasoned that targeting a macrolactone instead of a macrolactam could impart more conformational flexibility for the desired alkylation reaction. Moreover, the carbonyl oxygen of the ester group should be less nucleophilic than that of an amide, disfavoring the undesired *O*-alkylation product. Finally, examination of handheld molecular models suggested that a more favorable trajectory for transannular C-alkylation might be achieved using a substrate with the alternative configuration at the carbon bearing the side chain with the leaving group.

With these points in mind, we devised a new approach to hirsutellone B, as shown in Scheme 6. Thus, thermolysis of dioxinone **29** would initiate a similar tandem acylketene capture/IMDA sequence to give macrolactone **30**. At this stage, it was our hope that transannular γ -lactone formation could be achieved through intramolecular nucleophilic displacement to form **31**, completing the carbon framework of hirsutellone B. Another attractive feature of this strategy is the straightforward endgame which would not require a late-stage C–H functionalization. Thus, nucleophilic opening of γ -lactone **31** with ammonia would form primary amide **32**. Finally, oxidation of the resulting secondary alcohol would give ketone **33**, which would yield hirsutellone B (**1**) directly *via* intramolecular hemiaminal formation. With our new strategy established, we turned our attention to the synthesis of the required triene substrate **29**.

Our first goal was preparing the new phenol coupling partner **37**, as shown in Scheme 7. For this route, we selected a primary tosylate ester as a protecting group that could also serve as a leaving group for γ -lactone formation after the macrolactonization step. Thus, the known enantioenriched diol **34**³¹ was monoprotected with *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride to give the desired primary tosylate **35** in 75% yield. Under the basic conditions of the Tsuji–Trost reaction, we found that intramolecular nucleophilic displacement of tosylate to give the corresponding epoxide was a significant side reaction. Therefore, the secondary alcohol of **35** was protected as the corresponding TBS ether to give **36** in 98% yield. Finally, hydrogenolysis of the benzyl ether proceeded smoothly to give the desired phenol **37** in high yield.

We were pleased to find that the Tsuji–Trost reaction of allylic phosphate **20** and the sodium phenolate derived from **37** proceeded under our standard coupling conditions to give **38** in 65% yield (Scheme 8). Notably, intermolecular phenolate displacement of tosylate was not observed, likely due to the steric bulk of the nearby TBS group and the rapid rate of aryl ether bond formation. Simultaneous deprotection of both TBS groups could be accomplished under mild conditions using excess triethylamine trihydrofluoride to give diol **39** in 88% yield. At this point, we hoped to achieve a chemoselective oxidation of the primary alcohol in the presence of the free secondary alcohol. We found that this could be achieved using 10 mol% TEMPO and stoichiometric iodobenzene diacetate³² to give aldehyde **40** in 95% yield without any detectable ketone byproduct or undesired epimerization at the α -position of the aldehyde.

Having obtained aldehyde **40**, we turned our attention to installation of the triene. In our previous routes, the triene had been introduced using a Wittig reaction with the ylide derived from phosphonium salt **13**. However, this reaction had several disadvantages. First, the triene product was typically formed as a 7:1 mixture of *E/Z* isomers that were inseparable by silica gel chromatography. In addition, some material was always lost due to competitive nucleophilic opening of the dioxinone ring by excess ylide. Moreover, α -hydroxy tosylate **40** was unstable under basic conditions, and the corresponding epoxide was formed as a significant byproduct. To overcome these difficulties, we decided to use an alternative two-step procedure to introduce the triene, as reported by Liu.⁸ Thus, Takai olefination³³ of

aldehyde **40** gave exclusively *E* vinyl iodide **41** in 74% yield, avoiding the mixture of olefin isomers obtained in the Wittig reaction. A subsequent Stille coupling³⁴ of **41** with known dienyl stannane **42**³⁵ proceeded under mild conditions at room temperature to give the desired triene **29** in 85% yield.

Having secured our key intermediate, the stage was set for the tandem intramolecular acylketene capture/IMDA reaction. Interestingly, we found that this macrolactonization was much more sensitive to concentration than our previous acylketene-trapping cascade. As with any macrocyclization, dilute conditions are necessary to disfavor competing intermolecular oligomerization reactions. Typically, we had been able to achieve good yields of our intramolecular acylketene-trapping products at a concentration of 0.3 mM. However, when the cyclization of compound **29** was attempted at this concentration, the desired macrolactone **30** was obtained only in low yield; to our surprise, the major product was the 28-membered dimer **43**. The formation of **43** suggests that the acylketene derived from **29** may be relatively long-lived; that is, trapping of this intermediate by the pendent secondary alcohol is slow. We attribute this phenomenon to the reduced nucleophilicity of the secondary alcohol due to the inductive effect of the nearby tosylate group. Indeed, it has been experimentally observed that the rate of alcohol addition to acylketenes correlates with the relative nucleophilicity of the attacking species.³⁶

Fortunately, we were able to minimize the formation of **43** by running the reaction at a lower concentration of 0.1 mM; this afforded a single diastereomer of the desired macrolactone **30** in 50% yield, as shown in Scheme 9. At this stage, we began screening conditions to induce γ -lactone formation *via* a transannular S_Ni reaction (see **30** $\rightarrow$ **31**, Scheme 6). Unfortunately, treatment of **30** with a wide variety of bases resulted either in no reaction or slow decomposition of the starting material. Closer examination of a handheld model suggested that a more favorable trajectory for alkylation might be achieved if the two carbonyl groups were held in a *syn* orientation. Thus, several chelating Lewis acids were also screened in combination with either triethylamine or DBU as a base. However, none of the desired γ -lactone product **31** was observed under any of these conditions.

In an effort to enhance the reactivity of the substrate, we decided to convert the primary tosylate into a different leaving group. We found that the Finkelstein reaction of **30** with sodium iodide in acetone was relatively slow and required heating to 45 °C to give primary iodide **44** in 54% yield. However, when this compound was treated with DBU at 45 °C in toluene, we were surprised to isolate the relatively unstable acylketene acetal **45**. As was observed in our previous macrolactam route, compound **45** is the product of undesired *O*-alkylation of the ester carbonyl group.

Similarly, when the alkylation reaction was run in the presence of chelating Lewis acids, acylketene acetal **45** was still the only isolable product. Indeed, controlling the selectivity of *C* vs. *O* alkylation is a general problem in the reaction of electrophiles with enolates derived from 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds.³⁷ For intermolecular alkylation reactions, *C*-alkylation can often be favored by choosing an appropriate solvent, counterion, or leaving group. However, the corresponding intramolecular alkylation reactions are often controlled by stereoelectronic effects and strongly favor *O*-alkylation regardless of the reaction conditions.³⁸

One of the few reliable methods to favor *C*-alkylation of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds involves the use of thallium enolates.³⁹ This methodology was pioneered by Taylor, who postulated that the general insolubility of thallium enolates accounted for the observed selectivity. Although thallium enolates of β -keto esters are typically generated using thallium (I) ethoxide, we found that tosylate **30** decomposed under these conditions. However, the

combination of thallium (I) carbonate and DBU cleanly converted **30** to a new compound, which was identified as **46** (Scheme 10). Notably, compound **46** is the geometrical isomer of acylketene acetal **45**, the product obtained upon exposure of **44** to DBU alone (see Scheme 9). The origin of this remarkable switch in stereoselectivity is unclear. One possibility is that the thallium salt forms a strong chelate with the 1,3-dicarbonyl that enforces a specific geometry for the alkylation step. Notably, the thallium (I) cation is a soft electrophile and known to be highly enophilic;³⁹ therefore, coordination with the nearby vinyl group could lead to the formation of a π -complex that influences the observed enolate geometry.

Interestingly, acylketene acetal **46** was unstable in solution and slowly isomerized to its geometrical isomer **45** at a rate of approximately 1% per hour, as determined by ¹H-NMR. As mentioned previously, **45** is a somewhat sensitive compound, complicating isolation and purification. We found that upon exposure to silica gel, acylketene acetals **45** and **46** were converted to macrolactone **49** in quantitative yield. We propose that **45** is protonated by the mildly acidic silica gel to give a resonance-stabilized oxonium ion **47** that could be trapped by adventitious water to give **48**. This intermediate could then open to give macrolactone **49**; presumably, this transformation is driven by release of strain upon ring-expansion to the larger 15-membered cyclophane.

Despite extensive experimentation, we were never able to observe formation of the desired γ -lactone **31**. Having obtained the same undesired *O*-alkylation product in both of our transannular S_Ni substrates, we decided to abandon this particular strategy towards hirsutellone B. It is likely that the conformation of the macrocycle does not allow the two reactive centers to come close enough for carbon-carbon bond formation to occur. Undoubtedly, this conformational restriction is due to the strained nature of the cyclophane ring, which remains the most challenging feature of this natural product.

In developing a new route towards hirsutellone B, we wished to retain the intramolecular acylketene trapping/IMDA cascade to simultaneously construct the tricyclic core and the cyclophane ring. However, instead of using a polar S_Ni mechanism to form the transannular carbon-carbon bond, we sought to explore pericyclic and radical reactivity. To this end, we targeted macrolactone **50** as a potentially attractive substrate, as shown in Scheme 11. One possibility for ring contraction of **50** is the Carroll rearrangement, which transforms allyl β -keto esters into γ,δ -unsaturated ketones.⁴⁰ This reaction would proceed through enol tautomer **51**, which undergoes a [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement to give β -keto acid **52**. Under the thermal reaction conditions, **52** would spontaneously decarboxylate to give ring-contracted ketone **53**. Alternatively, macrolactone **50** might be directly converted to **53** under more mild conditions using a metal-catalyzed decarboxylative allylation, constituting a formal Carroll rearrangement.^{41–42} Next, diastereoselective acylation of **53** could be achieved using LiHMDS and Mander's reagent⁴³ to give β -keto ester **54**. Finally, chemoselective oxidative cleavage of the exocyclic alkene would give ketone **55**, intercepting the penultimate intermediate in Nicolaou's total synthesis of hirsutellone B.¹²

The synthesis of the phenol coupling partner required for this route began with TBS-protected 4-bromophenol **56**⁴⁴, which was converted to the corresponding Grignard reagent **57** under standard conditions (Scheme 12). After titration, a solution of **57** was added to known allylic bromide **58**⁴⁵ to form the coupled product **59**. Upon workup, the crude product was treated with lithium hydroxide to chemoselectively cleave the phenolic TBS group, giving the desired phenol **60** in 77% yield over the three steps.

The Tsuji–Trost reaction of allylic phosphate **20** and the sodium phenolate derived from **60** proceeded under our standard coupling conditions to give aryl ether **61** (Scheme 13). After chemoselective desilylation of the primary TBS group, alcohol **62** was isolated in 60% yield

over the two steps. Oxidation of **62** with DMP cleanly gave aldehyde **63** in 90% yield, and subsequent Takai olefination proceeded in 86% yield to give exclusively *E* vinyl iodide **64**. At this stage, we found that the TBDPS protecting group could be conveniently removed using TBAT to give allylic alcohol **65** in good yield.

Next, vinyl iodide **65** was coupled with dienyl stannane **42** as before to give triene **66** as a single geometrical isomer in 87% yield. With cascade precursor **66** in hand, we were again in a position to test our tandem intramolecular acylketene trapping/IMDA cascade. Thus, we were pleased to observe that heating a dilute solution of **66** in refluxing benzene gave the desired macrolactone **50** in 46% yield as a single diastereomer. Unfortunately, all attempts to induce Carroll rearrangement of **50** under thermal conditions were unsuccessful. At the elevated temperatures required for rearrangement (175 °C in 1,2-dichlorobenzene or 200 °C in 1,2,4 trichlorobenzene), macrolactone **50** likely underwent the retro-acylketene trapping, leading to decomposition products.¹⁵ Efforts to induce a more mild transition metal-catalyzed decarboxylative allylation using a range of palladium⁴¹ and ruthenium⁴² catalysts were similarly unsuccessful.

Having investigated pericyclic and transition metal-catalyzed processes to achieve the ring contraction of macrolactone **50**, we next explored a radical reaction to form the key transannular carbon-carbon bond. For this strategy, we decided to use manganese (III) acetate which readily oxidizes enolizable β -ketoesters to give carbon-centered radicals.^{46–47} However, treatment of **50** with manganese (III) acetate and copper (II) acetate in acetic acid did not result in the desired transannular bond formation; instead, the only observable product was cyclized compound **67** (Scheme 14). We rationalize the formation of this byproduct in the following way. First, hydrogen atom abstraction from **50** by the action of Mn(OAc)₃ gives the stabilized radical **68**. However, instead of reacting with the exocyclic alkene, this radical engages the proximal vinyl group in an alternative 6-endo-trig cyclization to form secondary radical **69**. Reaction of this intermediate with Cu(OAc)₂ then generates an organocopper species which, in turn, undergoes β -hydride elimination to deliver **67**. Although the radical cyclization did not form the desired carbon-carbon bond, we note that this reactivity could prove useful for the synthesis of the tetracyclic framework of the related pyrrospirone (**4**) natural products.⁴

At this stage, we began to investigate an alternative strategy for the synthesis of hirsutellone B that would not require a late-stage ring contraction. In particular, we were attracted to the possibility of directly forming the 13-membered cyclophane using a palladium-catalyzed coupling reaction (Scheme 15). After examining handheld molecular models, it seemed critical that the synthesis of the decahydrofluorene core precede the macrocyclization step; otherwise, the presence of the *trans* alkene required for the Diels–Alder reaction would introduce even more strain into the 13-membered cyclophane. Therefore, our initial target was decahydrofluorene **70**, which features a functionalized dioxinone.

Strategically, we envisioned that **70** could be elaborated to a compound such as **71**, setting the stage for a pivotal palladium-catalyzed macrocyclization reaction to give the elusive cyclophane **72**. We found the intramolecular Stille coupling^{34,48} to be especially appealing since the reaction would proceed through a larger 14-membered palladacycle intermediate. In this way, ring contraction to the more highly strained 13-membered paracyclophane accompanies the irreversible reductive elimination step. Another attractive feature of this route is the straightforward endgame; thus, thermolysis of dioxinone **72** would again expel acetone in a retro-hetero-Diels–Alder reaction to give reactive acylketene **73**. If this reaction were conducted in the presence of ammonia, nucleophilic capture of the reactive acylketene would occur to form the same primary amide **33** that appears in Nicolaou's route.¹² Finally,

spontaneous hemiaminal formation would complete the total synthesis of hirsutellone B in a single cascade reaction sequence.

Our first goal in pursuing this new route was to gain access to the substituted dioxinone fragment, as shown in Scheme 16. Our synthesis began with *tert*-butyl acetoacetate **74**, which was alkylated with methyl bromoacetate to give diester **75**. This crude material was then cyclized under acidic conditions in a mixture of acetone and acetic anhydride to afford substituted dioxinone **76** in 63% yield over the two steps. When **76** was brominated under Wohl–Ziegler conditions,⁴⁹ primary bromide **77** was formed as the major product along with a small amount of the regioisomeric α -bromo ester. Next, treatment of this mixture with triphenylphosphine led to formation of phosphonium salt **78**, and subsequent deprotonation with aqueous sodium carbonate under biphasic conditions gave the desired ylide **79** in 24% yield over the three steps.

Having secured functionalized dioxinone ylide **79**, we returned to the tandem dihydroxylation/Wittig sequence from our original synthesis of the decahydrofluorene core of the hirsutellones.⁷ Thus, diastereoselective dihydroxylation of enol ether **80** (Scheme 17) under Upjohn conditions⁵⁰ gave α -hydroxyaldehyde **16**, which was subsequently treated with dioxinone ylide **79** following an aqueous workup. This sequence gave the expected Wittig product as a 3:1 mixture of separable alcohol epimers, favoring the desired allylic alcohol **81**. As before, deprotonation of **81** with methyllithium followed by the addition of diethyl chlorophosphate gave allylic phosphate **82** in 77% yield.

Next, treatment of **82** with the sodium phenolate of **83**⁵¹ under our standard Tsuji–Trost conditions produced aryl ether **84** (Scheme 18). Subsequent chemoselective cleavage of the TBS silyl ether of **84** using acetic acid gave primary alcohol **85** in 50% yield over the two steps. Next, oxidation of primary alcohol **85** with DMP afforded aldehyde **86** in 97% yield. Proceeding as in our previous route, Takai olefination of aldehyde **86** gave exclusively *E* vinyl iodide **87** in 94% yield. The Stille coupling of vinyl iodide **87** and dienyl stannane **42** occurred under our usual conditions to give the desired triene **88** in 88% yield.

At this stage, we were ready to test whether we could achieve the intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction while retaining the dioxinone group. In the event, we were pleased to observe that the IMDA reaction occurred, albeit slowly, when a solution of **88** was heated to 75 °C in benzene. It is interesting to note that **70** was obtained as an inseparable 3:1 mixture of *endo*/*exo* isomers, whereas all of our tandem acylketene trapping/IMDA reactions occurred with complete diastereoselectivity. This observation provides some evidence that acylketene formation precedes the Diels–Alder reaction in the tandem sequences. Continuing on toward the precursor for the Stille reaction, deprotection of the TBDPS silyl ether of **70** using TBAT proceeded smoothly to give the corresponding benzylic alcohol. Conveniently, the *endo*/*exo* diastereomers were separable by chromatography at this stage, and the major product **89** was isolated in 70% yield.

At this stage, we needed to activate the benzylic alcohol as the corresponding halide as a prelude to forming the required stannane (Scheme 19). Although we were able to transform **89** into the corresponding benzylic bromide using the Appel reaction,⁵² this intermediate was unstable to chromatography. Therefore, we decided to form the less reactive chloride by treating **89** with methanesulfonyl chloride, which gave the isolable compound **90** in 86% yield.

The conversion of benzylic chloride **90** to the corresponding stannane proved to be a challenging transformation. Ultimately, we were able to synthesize **91** *via* nucleophilic displacement of chloride with trimethylstannylithium. After screening several conditions,

this reagent was most conveniently prepared *in situ* from the reaction of hexamethylditin and methyllithium.⁵³ Nevertheless, the displacement reaction itself suffered from low yields and reproducibility issues. We found that conducting the reaction at $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ was critical; at higher temperatures, the strongly nucleophilic stannylolithium reacts with the methyl ester or opens the dioxinone. Using our optimized conditions, we could consistently achieve yields in the 50% range, although this required the addition of several aliquots of the stannylolithium reagent. Interestingly, the reaction of **90** with the less toxic reagent tributylstannylolithium led to complete decomposition of the starting material.

Having secured benzylic stannane **91**, we next focused on synthesizing the acid chloride in order to test the intramolecular Stille reaction. Hydrolysis of the methyl ester of **91** using lithium hydroxide in aqueous THF proceeded slowly at room temperature to give carboxylic acid **92** in 79% yield. Notably, the substituted dioxinone heterocycle survives the action of excess aqueous lithium hydroxide whereas the corresponding unsubstituted dioxinones are highly susceptible to ring openings under basic conditions. An exceptionally mild method for converting carboxylic acids to acid chlorides under neutral conditions utilizes chloroamine **93**, also known as the Ghosez reagent.⁵⁴ We were pleased to observe that the reaction of carboxylic acid **92** with **93** proceeded almost instantaneously at room temperature to give the desired acid chloride **71** in essentially quantitative yield. The identity of **71** was confirmed when an aliquot was quenched with methanol, producing methyl ester **91**; alternatively, the formation of **71** could be monitored by $^1\text{H-NMR}$. Since the only byproduct of this reaction is an innocuous amide, the crude solution of **71** in chloroform was used directly without purification. Conveniently, Stille's original coupling protocol also used chloroform as the reaction solvent along with **94** as the palladium pre-catalyst.⁴⁸ In order to minimize possible decarbonylation, we ran all reactions under an atmosphere of carbon monoxide. Unfortunately, we were unable to observe formation of the desired cyclophane **72** when acid chloride **71** was exposed to these reaction conditions. No reaction occurred at room temperature, and only decomposition of **71** was observed upon heating.

Notably, we found that acid chloride **71** was a competent substrate for an intermolecular Stille coupling with phenyltrimethylstannane under the conditions shown in Scheme 19. Unfortunately, we were never able to isolate the desired cyclophane **72** that would arise from an intramolecular Stille coupling, despite screening a wide variety of palladium catalysts, ligands, and solvents. One possible explanation is that the transfer of benzyl groups in the transmetalation step of the Stille reaction is often extremely slow. Indeed, benzyl groups are only slightly more reactive than alkyl groups, which are typically used as "inert" dummy ligands in the stannane component.³⁴

Having developed an efficient route to compounds featuring a substituted dioxinone, we decide to pursue a formal total synthesis of hirsutellone B. We returned to triene **88** and found that heating this compound to $160\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a biphasic mixture of *m*-xylene and water gave decahydrofluorene **96** in 72% yield as a single diastereomer (Scheme 20). Presumably, the acylketene is trapped by water to give an intermediate β -keto acid **95** that undergoes *in situ* decarboxylation to form **96**. Interestingly, thermolysis of substituted dioxinone **88** required a much higher temperature than was needed for any of the unsubstituted dioxinone substrates. For example, when **88** was heated to $120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ in a mixture of toluene/water for three hours, Diels–Alder adduct **70** was again isolated as an inseparable 3:1 mixture of *endo*/*exo* isomers. In contrast, **96** was formed as a single diastereomer under the conditions shown in Scheme 20. These observations suggest that proceeding through the acylketene intermediate is critical in order to achieve high levels of diastereoselectivity in the IMDA reaction.

At this stage, exhaustive reduction of **96** with diisobutylaluminum hydride gave diol **97**, which was formed as an inconsequential 1:1 mixture of diastereomers. The primary alcohol could then be selectively protected as the corresponding TBDPS ether in 72% yield to give secondary alcohol **98** (Scheme 21). Next, oxidation of **98** with DMP proceeded smoothly in 97% yield to provide ketone **99**. Finally, removal of both silyl ether protecting groups could be achieved with buffered TBAF to give diol **100** in 97% yield. This constitutes a formal total synthesis since Nicolaou has previously shown that **100** can be converted to hirsutellone B in a ten-step sequence.¹²

Conclusion

In summary, we have described the evolution of a strategy for a total synthesis of hirsutellone B featuring a novel “double cyclization” cascade. This key transformation takes advantage of the intrinsic reactivity of an acylketene to trigger macrocyclization and IMDA events that rapidly construct both the decahydrofluorene core and the strained *para*-cyclophane ring in a single step. We have demonstrated that the intramolecular acylketene trapping can be achieved using either amines or alcohols (both primary and secondary) as the nucleophile to form 14-membered macrolactams and macrolactones, respectively. Notably, the IMDA reaction is highly diastereoselective, establishing the correct configuration at four contiguous stereocenters along the decahydrofluorene core. Although we were unable to achieve the necessary ring-contraction to form the complete carbon framework of hirsutellone B, our attempts at transannular carbon-carbon bond formation did produce a series of unexpected cyclization products with interesting structures. This surprising reactivity demonstrates how the subtle interplay of stereoelectronic effects, conformation, and proximity can still be difficult to predict, especially in complex molecular settings.

Experimental Section

All reactions were carried out in oven or flame-dried glassware (unless water was present in the reaction mixture) with magnetic stirring under a positive pressure of argon unless otherwise indicated. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) carried out on 0.25 mm Merck silica gel plates (60 F254) containing a fluorescent indicator (254 nm). TLC plates were visualized under a UV lamp before treatment with the indicated stain and development with heat. Flash column chromatography was performed using Silicycle SiliaFlash P60 silica gel (60 Å pore size, 40–63 µm particle size, 230–400 mesh) and ACS reagent grade solvents. Preparative TLC was performed using Analtech silica gel GF glass-backed UNIPLATES (250 µm, 500 µm, 1000 µm, or 2000 µm thickness). All Grignard and alkylolithium reagents were titrated with salicylaldehyde phenylhydrazone before use.⁵⁵ Anhydrous methanol, 1,2-dichloroethane, and acetone were purchased and used without further purification. Tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂), toluene, diethyl ether, benzene, acetonitrile (CH₃CN), dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), triethylamine (NEt₃), and pyridine were dried by passing previously degassed solvents through activated alumina columns. High resolution mass spectral (HRMS) data was obtained on an electrospray ionization LC/MS equipped with a time-of-flight mass analyzer.

***tert*-butyl (S)-(1-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propan-2-yl)carbamate (18)**

To a solution of **17**²¹ (223 mg, 0.83 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 6 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added imidazole (382 mg, 5.62 mmol, 6.75 eq.) followed by the dropwise addition of neat *tert*-butyldiphenylchlorosilane (487 µL, 1.87 mmol, 2.25 eq.). After 30 minutes at room temperature, TLC (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/ninhydrin) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of R_f = 0.33. The reaction was quenched

with water, the layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give 598 mg of the crude bis-TBDPS protected tyrosinol as a colorless oil.

A solution of this crude product in 11 mL of THF was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath, and a 1.0 M solution of TBAF in THF (804 μL , 0.80 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting light yellow solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes, at which point TLC (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, ninhydrin) showed complete consumption of the starting material ($R_f = 0.70$) and formation of the product ($R_f = 0.37$). The reaction was quenched with saturated NH_4Cl and diluted with water and EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with brine before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residual oil was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford **18** as a colorless, viscous oil (340 mg, 81% over two steps).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +18.7$ (c 1.04, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3050, 2870, 2857, 1617, 1542, 1522, 1438, 1294, 1237, 1148, 1022, 847 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.10 (9H, s), 1.43 (9H, s), 2.81 (2H, m), 3.56 (1H, dd, $J = 3.08$ Hz, 10.16 Hz), 3.61 (1H, m), 3.84 (1H, m), 4.87 (1H, d, $J = 8.96$ Hz), 6.24 (1H, br s), 6.68 (2H, d, $J = 8.08$ Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, $J = 7.89$ Hz), 7.38-7.63 (10H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.4, 27.0, 28.5, 36.9, 53.5, 64.0, 79.6, 115.3, 127.8, 129.7, 129.8, 130.4, 133.2, 135.60, 135.63, 154.6, 155.7; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{40}\text{NO}_4\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 506.2727, found 506.2730.

(S)-4-(3-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-((3,4-dimethylbenzyl)amino)propyl)phenol (**14**)

A solution of **18** (1.35 g, 2.67 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 35 mL of dry CH_2Cl_2 was cooled to 0 °C in an ice bath, and neat trifluoroacetic acid (17.5 mL, 236 mmol, 89 eq.) was added dropwise. After 15 minutes, TLC (100% EtOAc, UV/ninhydrin) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.70$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dried under high vacuum to give crude TFA salt **19** as a white amorphous solid (1.20 g, 87%).

To a portion of this crude material (150 mg, 0.29 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and 2,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (46 mg, 0.27 mmol, 0.95 eq.) in 2.5 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was added triethylamine (80.4 μL , 0.58 mmol, 2.00 eq.) and solid sodium triacetoxyborohydride (128 mg, 0.61 mmol, 2.10 eq.). The resulting cloudy reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours at which point TLC (2:1 EtOAc/hexanes, UV/ KMnO_4) showed clean conversion to the product of $R_f = 0.31$. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a yellow oil. The crude product was then purified by column chromatography (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 100% EtOAc) to give phenol **14** as a white foam (142 mg, 77% over two steps).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -6.3$ (c 1.45, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3071, 2999, 2931, 2857, 1614, 1589, 1508, 1463, 1428, 1289, 1260, 1208, 1157, 1137, 1112, 1037, 823, 702 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.05 (9H, s), 2.66 (1H, dd, $J = 7.11$ Hz, 13.86 Hz), 2.76 (1H, dd, $J = 6.43$ Hz, 13.87 Hz), 2.88 (1H, q, $J = 6.29$ Hz), 3.57 (1H, m), 3.59 (3H, s), 3.67 (1H, d, $J = 13.46$ Hz), 3.68 (1H, m), 3.71 (1H, d, $J = 13.23$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 6.37-6.39 (2H, m), 6.65 (2H, d, $J = 8.28$ Hz), 6.90 (2H, d, $J = 8.29$ Hz), 6.98 (1H, d, $J = 7.77$ Hz), 7.33-7.38 (4H, m), 7.40-7.44 (2H, m), 7.61 (2H, d, $J = 7.53$ Hz), 7.64 (2H, d, $J = 7.53$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.3, 26.9, 36.6, 46.6, 55.1, 55.5, 59.4, 65.5, 98.5, 103.6, 115.3, 127.74, 127.77, 129.71, 129.74, 130.3, 130.7, 133.44, 133.49, 135.62, 135.65, 154.4, 158.6, 160.3 [Note: one fully

substituted carbon from the tyrosine ring was not observed]; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{34}H_{42}NO_4Si$ ($[M+H]^+$): 556.2883, found 556.2874.

Allylic phosphate 20

A solution of **12** (1.04 g, 2.46 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 25 mL of THF was cooled to -78°C , and a 1.6 M solution of methyllithium in ether (1.69 mL, 2.70 mmol, 1.10 eq.) was added dropwise to give a dark yellow solution. After five minutes, neat diethyl chlorophosphate (530 μL , 3.69 mmol, 1.50 eq.) was added, and the flask was transferred to an ice bath. After 10 minutes, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material ($R_f = 0.66$) and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.36$. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of EtOAc. The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give **20** as a colorless oil (1.13 g, 82%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -18.8$ (c 2.66, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2951, 2928, 2857, 1732, 1659, 1597, 1391, 1271, 1034, 986, 837 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.04 (3H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.83 (1H, m), 0.89 (9H, s), 1.01 (1H, q, $J = 12.09$ Hz), 1.23-1.37 (8H, m), 1.47-1.68 (4H, m), 1.72 (6H, s), 3.58 (1H, d, $J = 10.24$ Hz), 3.84 (1H, dd, $J = 4.73$ Hz, 10.23 Hz), 4.10 (4H, m), 5.18 (1H, m), 5.32 (1H, s), 6.12 (1H, d, $J = 15.58$ Hz), 6.48 (1H, dd, $J = 5.06$ Hz, 15.59 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -5.5, -5.4, 16.2 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 6.96$ Hz), 18.3, 22.6, 25.0, 25.06, 25.09, 25.9, 32.2, 34.5, 38.9, 39.8, 42.6 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 6.02$ Hz), 63.87 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 5.80$ Hz), 63.89 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 5.80$ Hz), 64.2, 77.7 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 6.24$ Hz), 95.2, 106.6, 123.0, 138.9 (d, $J_{\text{C-P}} = 1.95$ Hz), 161.8, 162.3; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{49}\text{NaO}_8\text{PSi}$ ($[M+\text{Na}]^+$): 583.2832, found 583.2807.

Aryl ether 21

A 0.015 M stock solution of tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) was prepared by dissolving 52.5 mg of the solid catalyst in 3.0 mL of THF. A 0.125 M solution of phenolate was prepared by adding a solution of phenol **14** (223 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1.05 eq.) in 3.21 mL of THF to 16 mg of 60% sodium hydride dispersion in mineral oil. Vigorous bubbling was observed, and a colorless phenolate solution was obtained after 10 minutes. To a flask containing neat allylic phosphate **20** (214 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added a portion of the bright yellow catalyst solution (2.54 mL, 38.2 μmol , 0.10 eq.) followed by dropwise addition of the phenolate solution. After each drop, the reaction mixture turned dark orange before returning to light yellow after several seconds. After five minutes, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the phosphate and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.54$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give aryl ether **21** as a colorless oil (236 mg, 64%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -9.6$ (c 1.11, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2928, 2856, 1730, 1655, 1612, 1590, 1508, 1463, 1390, 1375, 1258, 1235, 1208, 1113 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -0.06 (3H, s), -0.04 (3H, s), 0.86 (9H, s), 0.89 (1H, m), 0.91 (3H, d, $J = 6.31$ Hz), 0.97 (1H, m), 1.04 (9H, s), 1.43 (1H, m), 1.47 (1H, m), 1.59 (1H, m), 1.62 (1H, m), 1.64 (1H, m), 1.67 (1H, m), 1.71 (3H, s), 1.72 (3H, s), 1.74 (1H, m), 2.67 (1H, dd, $J = 6.57$ Hz, 1.83 Hz), 2.74 (1H, dd, $J = 6.18$ Hz, 13.85 Hz), 2.88 (1H, m), 3.48 (2H, m), 3.56 (1H, m), 3.62 (3H, s), 3.65 (3H, m), 3.81 (3H, s), 4.97 (1H, m), 5.24 (1H, s), 6.02 (1H, d, $J = 15.67$ Hz), 6.38 (2H, m), 6.56 (1H, dd, $J = 4.01$ Hz, 15.72 Hz), 6.68 (2H, d, $J = 8.50$ Hz), 6.97 (2H, d, $J = 8.45$ Hz), 7.00 (1H, m), 7.33 (4H, m), 7.36 (2H, m), 7.62 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -5.43, -5.41, 18.4, 19.3, 22.7, 25.1, 25.2, 25.8, 26.0, 26.9, 32.3, 34.9, 36.9, 39.1, 40.3, 43.1, 46.6, 55.1,

55.4, 59.6, 65.1, 65.6, 77.2, 94.7, 98.4, 103.5, 106.5, 115.0, 121.0, 122.8, 127.68, 127.71, 129.64, 129.67, 130.3, 131.8, 133.63, 133.68, 135.64, 135.65, 140.8, 156.7, 158.6, 160.0, 161.9, 162.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{57}H_{80}NO_8Si_2$ ($[M+H]^+$): 962.5422, found 962.5431.

Primary alcohol **22**

To a solution of aryl ether **21** (416 mg, 0.43 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 40 mL of 1:1 THF/water was added glacial acetic acid (17.32 mL, 303 mmol, 700 eq.), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 hours. After this time, TLC (100% EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion to the product of $R_f = 0.47$. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and EtOAc and quenched by the dropwise addition of saturated aqueous K_2CO_3 solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of EtOAc. The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 100% EtOAc) to give primary alcohol **22** as a colorless oil (302 mg, 82%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -12.6$ (c 1.64, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2928, 2858, 1724, 1654, 1612, 1590, 1508, 1463, 1390, 1375, 1289, 1236, 1208, 1112 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.91 (1H, m), 0.92 (3H, d, $J = 6.53$ Hz), 0.98 (1H, m), 1.03 (9H, s), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.47 (1H, m), 1.60 (1H, m), 1.68 (1H, m), 1.69 (1H, m), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.71 (3H, s), 1.72 (1H, m), 1.78 (1H, m), 2.66 (1H, dd, $J = 6.65$ Hz, 13.87 Hz), 2.74 (1H, dd, $J = 6.45$ Hz, 13.89 Hz), 2.85 (1H, m), 3.53 (2H, m), 3.62 (3H, s), 3.64 (4H, m), 3.81 (3H, s), 4.97 (1H, m), 5.26 (1H, s), 6.06 (1H, dd, $J = 1.41$ Hz, 15.68 Hz), 6.38 (2H, m), 6.60 (1H, dd, $J = 4.49$ Hz, 15.67 Hz), 6.70 (2H, d, $J = 8.57$ Hz), 6.96 (2H, d, $J = 8.64$ Hz), 6.98 (1H, m), 7.34 (4H, m), 7.40 (2H, m), 7.60 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 19.3, 22.6, 25.1, 25.2, 26.9, 27.1, 32.3, 34.8, 36.9, 38.9, 40.5, 43.5, 46.6, 55.1, 55.5, 59.5, 65.6, 65.9, 79.0, 95.0, 98.5, 103.5, 106.6, 115.1, 120.9, 123.4, 127.69, 127.72, 129.65, 129.68, 130.4, 132.3, 133.60, 133.66, 135.65, 135.66, 139.3, 156.3, 158.6, 160.0, 161.8, 162.3; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{51}H_{66}NO_8Si$ ($[M+H]^+$): 848.4558, found 848.4547.

Aldehyde **23**

To a solution of alcohol **22** (187 mg, 0.22 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and NMO (30.9 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.20 eq.) in 6.0 mL of anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 was added 500 mg of 4Å molecular sieves. A 0.05 M solution of TPAP was prepared by dissolving 17.6 mg of the solid catalyst in 1.0 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . A portion of the TPAP solution (352 μ L, 0.18 μ mol, 0.08 eq.) was added to the reaction mixture, and the dark black solution was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours. After this time, TLC (100% EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion of the starting material ($R_f = 0.55$) to the product of $R_f = 0.68$. The reaction was filtered through a plug of Celite/Florisil, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 1:1 $\rightarrow$ 100% EtOAc) to give aldehyde **23** as a white foam (116 mg, 62%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -12.0$ (c 1.40, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2928, 2856, 1724, 1656, 1611, 1590, 1508, 1462, 1391, 1375, 1273, 1233, 1208, 1112, 1038 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.89 (1H, m), 0.94 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, d, $J = 6.49$ Hz), 1.02 (9H, s), 1.39 (1H, m), 1.48 (1H, m), 1.75 (1H, m), 1.77 (1H, m), 1.84 (1H, m), 2.07 (1H, m), 2.47 (1H, m), 2.65 (1H, dd, $J = 6.77$ Hz, 13.96 Hz), 2.73 (1H, dd, $J = 6.48$ Hz, 13.93 Hz), 2.85 (1H, m), 3.54 (1H, dd, $J = 5.30$ Hz, 10.12 Hz), 3.59 (3H, s), 3.62 (2H, m), 3.69 (1H, d, $J = 13.19$ Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 4.91 (1H, m), 5.28 (1H, s), 6.07 (1H, dd, $J = 1.38$ Hz, 15.67 Hz), 6.38 (2H, m), 6.55 (1H, dd, $J = 4.79$ Hz, 15.67 Hz), 6.65 (2H, d, $J = 8.60$ Hz), 6.94 (2H, d, $J = 8.56$ Hz), 6.97 (1H, d, $J = 8.64$ Hz), 7.34 (4H, m), 7.41 (2H, m), 7.61 (4H, m), 9.52 (1H, d, $J = 3.00$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR

(125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.3, 22.4, 25.1, 25.2, 25.4, 26.9, 31.7, 34.0, 34.5, 36.9, 41.5, 46.6, 51.3, 55.1, 55.5, 59.4, 65.6, 78.2, 95.3, 98.4, 103.5, 106.6, 115.2, 120.9, 124.0, 127.69, 127.72, 129.65, 129.69, 130.4, 132.3, 133.59, 133.65, 135.65, 135.65, 138.3, 155.9, 158.6, 160.0, 161.7, 162.1, 203.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₅₁H₆₄NO₈Si ([M+H]⁺): 846.4401, found 846.4397.

Triene 8

A suspension of phosphonium salt **13** (449 mg, 1.10 mmol, 8.00 eq.) in 3.5 mL of dry THF was cooled to –78 °C, and a 0.5 M solution of KHMDS in toluene (1.92 mL, 9.60 mmol, 7.00 eq.) was added dropwise. The resulting dark red ylide solution was warmed to 0 °C for 30 minutes before the dropwise addition of a solution of aldehyde **23** (116 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 3.0 mL of dry THF. After 30 minutes at 0 °C, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the aldehyde and formation of the product of R_f = 0.49. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of EtOAc. The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ before removal of the solvent under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography to give triene **8** as a colorless oil (93.8 mg, 76%). ¹H-NMR showed that the triene was formed as an 7:1 mixture of *E/Z* isomers.

IR (neat) ν 2928, 2857, 1726, 1654, 1612, 1590, 1507, 1463, 1390, 1375, 1267, 1233, 1207, 1156, 1112, 1008 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.89 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, d, *J* = 6.46 Hz), 0.96 (1H, m), 1.03 (9H, s), 1.38 (1H, m), 1.48 (1H, m), 1.76 (1H, m), 1.78 (1H, m), 1.82 (1H, m), 2.08 (1H, m), 2.25 (1H, m), 2.72 (2H, m), 2.88 (1H, m), 3.56 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.25 Hz, 10.30 Hz), 3.61 (3H, s), 3.63–3.67 (2H, m), 3.70 (1H, d, *J* = 13.26 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 4.90 (1H, m), 4.99 (1H, d, *J* = 10.29 Hz), 5.05 (1H, d, *J* = 16.93 Hz), 5.22 (1H, s), 5.43 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.30 Hz, 15.17 Hz), 5.63 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.59 Hz, 15.19 Hz), 5.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.71 Hz, 14.80 Hz), 6.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.46 Hz, 15.64 Hz), 6.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.63 Hz, 15.05 Hz), 6.25 (1H, dt, *J* = 10.37 Hz, 16.92 Hz), 6.38 (2H, m), 6.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.05 Hz, 15.61 Hz), 6.66 (2H, d, *J* = 8.52 Hz), 6.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.45 Hz), 6.98 (1H, d, *J* = 8.73 Hz), 7.34 (4H, m), 7.40 (2H, m), 7.61 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.3, 22.5, 24.8, 25.1, 25.2, 26.9, 32.0, 34.6, 36.7, 42.0, 43.2, 46.5, 47.3, 55.1, 55.5, 59.5, 65.4, 77.6, 94.7, 98.4, 103.6, 106.5, 115.3, 117.0, 120.5, 122.7, 127.70, 127.74, 129.67, 129.69, 130.2, 130.5, 131.7, 132.0, 132.7, 132.9, 133.55, 133.59, 135.63, 135.65, 136.9, 138.3, 140.9, 156.7, 158.6, 160.1, 161.9, 162.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₅₆H₇₀NO₇Si ([M+H]⁺): 896.4922, found 896.4920.

Macrolactam 10

A 2-neck 500 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, Dean–Stark trap, and a reflux condenser was flame-dried under high vacuum and cooled to room temperature under argon. A solution of triene **8** (93.8 mg, 0.11 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 350 mL of freshly distilled benzene (sodium/benzophenone) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux in a 105 °C oil bath overnight. After cooling to room temperature, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of R_f = 0.63. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give macrolactam **10** (34.1 mg, 39%) as a colorless oil. NMR showed that this compound exists as a 3:1 mixture of enol/keto tautomers in CDCl₃ solution but almost exclusively as the enol tautomer in C₆D₆ solution.

[α]_D²⁰ = +17.7 (*c* 1.10, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2923, 2854, 1613, 1588, 1505, 1462, 1427, 1343, 1287, 1257, 1207, 1187, 1156, 1111, 1037, 1005, 963, 822, 738, 702, 504 cm⁻¹; ¹H

NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 0.86 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, d, $J = 7.03$ Hz), 0.96 (1H, m), 0.97 (1H, m), 1.17 (9H, s), 1.25 (1H, m), 1.29 (1H, m), 1.67 (1H, m), 1.74 (1H, m), 1.85 (1H, m), 2.06 (1H, m), 2.39 (1H, m), 2.52 (1H, m), 2.59 (1H, d, $J = 11.98$ Hz), 2.71 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 6.8 Hz), 2.81 (1H, d, $J = 12.69$ Hz), 2.93 (1H, m), 3.20 (3H, s), 3.34 (3H, s), 3.43 (1H, m), 3.59 (1H, m), 3.84 (1H, s), 3.86 (1H, m), 4.49 (1H, d, $J = 15.87$ Hz), 4.82 (1H, m), 5.05 (2H, m), 5.28 (1H, d, $J = 16.10$ Hz), 5.62 (1H, m), 6.03 (1H, d, $J = 9.96$ Hz), 6.10 (1H, m), 6.25 (1H, dd, $J = 8.48$ Hz, 2.30 Hz), 6.39 (1H, d, $J = 2.26$ Hz), 6.56 (1H, dd, $J = 8.34$ Hz, 1.92 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dd, $J = 8.34$ Hz, 1.92 Hz), 6.79 (1H, dd, $J = 8.29$ Hz, 2.34 Hz), 6.88 (1H, dd, $J = 8.22$ Hz, 2.41 Hz), 7.22 (6H, m), 7.51 (1H, d, $J = 8.40$ Hz), 7.59 (2H, m), 7.64 (2H, m), 15.18 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 19.4, 22.8, 27.1, 29.6, 33.4, 36.1, 37.0, 38.7, 39.1, 42.9, 44.8, 46.8, 47.4, 50.4, 54.6, 54.9, 56.4, 64.7, 65.1, 82.8, 87.6, 98.6, 104.2, 115.6, 118.8, 120.0, 120.7, 128.3, 128.4, 128.5, 129.3, 129.5, 130.0, 130.1, 130.7, 130.8, 132.9, 133.59, 133.63, 136.06, 136.08, 139.1, 157.4, 159.5, 160.2, 174.9, 175.1; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{53}H_{64}NO_6Si$ ($[M+H]^+$): 838.4503, found 838.4506.

Macrolactam alcohol 24

To a solution of macrolactam **10** (34.1 mg, 40.7 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 3 mL of THF was added solid tetrabutylammonium triphenyldifluorosilicate (TBAT, 132 mg, 0.24 mmol, 6.00 eq.), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. After six hours, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde), showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.45$. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give primary alcohol **24** as a colorless oil (24 mg, 98%). NMR showed that this compound exists as a 6:1 mixture of enol/keto tautomers in C_6D_6 solution.

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +24.7$ (c 0.97, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3496, 2922, 2853, 1616, 1589, 1506, 1463, 1291, 1258, 1237, 1208, 1182, 1157, 1121, 1038 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 0.88 (1H, m), 0.91 (3H, d, $J = 6.60$ Hz), 0.93 (1H, m), 1.01 (1H, td, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 3.9 Hz), 1.21 (1H, m), 1.27 (1H, m), 1.70 (1H, m), 1.85 (1H, ddd, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 8.0 Hz, 2.7 Hz), 1.92 (1H, m), 2.05 (1H, m), 2.06 (1H, ddd, $J = 11.7$ Hz, 9.1 Hz, 4.5 Hz), 2.28 (1H, m), 2.33 (1H, m), 2.38 (1H, m), 2.57 (1H, dd, $J = 12.0$ Hz, 6.7 Hz), 2.89 (1H, m), 3.28 (3H, s), 3.29 (3H, s), 3.37 (1H, m), 3.65 (1H, m), 3.45 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, s), 4.31 (1H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 4.83 (1H, t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 5.06 (2H, m), 5.30 (1H, d, $J = 15.8$ Hz), 5.58 (1H, m), 6.01 (1H, d, $J = 10.0$ Hz), 6.12 (1H, m), 6.15 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.41 (1H, d, $J = 2.4$ Hz), 6.53 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2.2 Hz), 6.63 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2.2 Hz), 6.80 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.87 (1H, dd, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2.6 Hz), 7.51 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 15.10 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, C_6D_6): δ 22.8, 29.6, 33.4, 35.4, 37.0, 37.7, 38.4, 42.9, 44.8, 46.7, 47.3, 50.5, 54.87, 54.89, 56.4, 63.6, 65.5, 82.9, 87.6, 99.2, 104.6, 115.7, 118.8, 119.7, 123.1, 128.1, 129.4, 129.9, 130.5, 130.7, 132.5, 139.1, 157.4, 159.5, 160.6, 175.3, 176.2; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{37}H_{46}NO_6$ ($[M+H]^+$): 600.3325, found 600.3314.

Acylketene hemiaminal ether 26

A solution of primary alcohol **24** (4.5 mg, 7.50 μ mol, 1.0 eq.) in 1 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was cooled to 0 $^{\circ}C$, and triethylamine (10 μ L, 71.7 μ mol, 9.6 eq.) was added followed by neat methanesulfonyl chloride (6.0 μ L, 77.5 μ mol, 10.3 eq.). The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}C$ for 30 minutes before the addition of neat DBU (10 μ L, 66.9 μ mol, 8.9 eq.). The cooling bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes before the addition of water and EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with water and brine before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent

was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (eluting with 100% EtOAc) to give **26** as a colorless oil (1.2 mg, 28%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -16.0$ (*c* 0.10, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2919, 2850, 1729, 1612, 1536, 1508, 1456, 1292, 1240, 1209, 1173, 1158, 1114, 1032 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (1H, m), 0.93 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.07 (1H, qd, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 4.1 Hz), 1.40 (1H, m), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.56 (1H, m), 1.80 (1H, m), 1.83 (1H, m), 1.99 (1H, m), 2.04 (1H, m), 2.06 (1H, m), 2.66 (1H, d, *J* = 14.1 Hz), 2.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 7.0 Hz), 2.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 4.7 Hz), 2.96 (1H, m), 3.76 (1H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 3.82 (1H, m), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.99 (1H, d, *J* = 14.8 Hz), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 14.9 Hz), 4.26 (1H, m), 4.38 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 4.78 (1H, d, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 4.86 (1H, m), 4.87 (1H, m), 5.41 (1H, dt, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 3.4 Hz), 5.66 (1H, ddd, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 9.8 Hz, 8.4 Hz), 5.90 (1H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 6.43 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2.3 Hz), 6.47 (1H, d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 6.80 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2.6 Hz), 6.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2.0 Hz), 7.06 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.0 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 22.7, 29.2, 33.1, 36.6, 37.6, 38.2, 42.0, 43.1, 43.3, 46.6, 49.2, 50.4, 55.52, 55.46, 56.2, 58.6, 71.3, 79.6, 81.6, 98.6, 104.1, 114.7, 116.0, 117.1, 119.0, 126.3, 127.8, 129.7, 130.0, 130.3, 131.1, 139.1, 158.3, 159.8, 160.8, 163.1, 192.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₃₇H₄₄NO₅ ([M+H]⁺): 582.3219, found 582.3215.

Aldehyde 27

To a solution of macrolactam alcohol **24** (3.0 mg, 5.0 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 500 μ L of CH₂Cl₂ was added solid Dess–Martin periodinane (2.75 mg, 6.50 μ mol, 1.30 eq.). After 15 minutes at room temperature, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion to the product of *R*_f = 0.62. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and quenched with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate solution and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ before removal of the solvent under reduced pressure to give essentially pure aldehyde **27** (2.5 mg, 84%) which was used without further purification.

(S)-4-(3-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-((3,4-dimethylbenzyl)amino)propyl)phenol (**35**)

To a solution of enantioenriched diol **34**³¹ (400 mg, 1.55 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 8 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added dibutyltin oxide (7.71 mg, 31 μ mol, 0.02 eq.), *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (295 mg, 1.55 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and neat triethylamine (216 μ L, 1.55 mmol, 1.00 eq.). Over the course of 30 minutes, the reaction mixture turned cloudy and the dibutyltin oxide dissolved. After four hours at room temperature, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed formation of the primary tosylate at *R*_f = 0.26 and the secondary tosylate byproduct of *R*_f = 0.19. The reaction mixture was quenched with water and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give primary tosylate **35** as a colorless oil (476 mg, 75%) along with the corresponding secondary tosylate byproduct (72.4 mg, 11%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -1.9$ (*c* 1.03, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 3523, 3034, 2922, 1611, 1511, 1454, 1358, 1241, 1189, 1175, 1096, 978 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.02 (1H, d, *J* = 4.66 Hz), 2.46 (3H, s), 2.72 (2H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.97 Hz, 9.06 Hz), 4.03 (2H, m), 5.04 (2H, s), 6.89 (2H, d, *J* = 8.05 Hz), 7.06 (2H, d, *J* = 8.02 Hz), 7.32–7.43 (7H, m), 7.79 (2H, d, *J* = 7.84 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 38.5, 70.1, 70.5, 72.7, 115.1, 127.5, 128.1,

128.7, 128.8, 130.0, 130.4, 132.6, 137.0, 145.2, 157.8; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{23}H_{25}O_5S$ ($[M+H]^+$): 413.1423, found 413.1430.

(R)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)phenyl)-2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)propyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (36)

A solution of **35** (238 mg, 0.58 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 4 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was cooled to $-78^\circ C$, and neat 2,6-lutidine (100 μL , 0.87 mol, 1.50 eq.) was added followed by the dropwise addition of neat TBSOTf (159 μL , 0.69 mmol, 1.20 eq.). After 1.5 hours at $-78^\circ C$, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.68$. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and quenched with water at $-78^\circ C$, at which point a bright yellow color appeared. After warming to room temperature, the organic layer was isolated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 before removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the residue by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give **36** as a colorless oil (298 mg, 98%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +4.3$ (c 2.05, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2952, 2928, 2856, 1612, 1511, 1471, 1454, 1362, 1244, 1190, 1176, 1118, 1097, 983, 834, 813, 777 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -0.26 (3H, s), -0.10 (3H, s), 0.78 (9H, s), 2.45 (3H, s), 2.58 (1H, dd, $J = 7.10$ Hz, 13.73 Hz), 2.73 (1H, dd, $J = 5.23$ Hz, 13.74 Hz), 3.85 (2H, d, $J = 5.25$ Hz), 3.95 (1H, quintet, $J = 5.59$ Hz), 5.04 (2H, s), 6.85 (2H, d, $J = 7.78$ Hz), 7.00 (2H, d, $J = 7.90$ Hz), 7.33 (3H, m), 7.38 (2H, t, $J = 7.31$ Hz), 7.43 (2H, d, $J = 7.57$ Hz), 7.77 (2H, d, $J = 7.68$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -5.2, -4.9, 18.0, 21.8, 25.8, 39.8, 70.0, 71.3, 72.5, 114.8, 127.5, 128.0, 128.1, 128.7, 129.6, 129.9, 130.8, 132.9, 137.1, 144.9, 157.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{29}H_{39}O_5SSi$ ($[M+H]^+$): 527.2287, found 527.2290.

(R)-2-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (37)

To a flask containing solid 10% palladium on carbon (150 mg, 0.14 mmol, 0.25 eq.) was added a solution of protected diol **36** (298 mg, 0.57 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 10 mL of anhydrous methanol and 5 mL of EtOAc. The flask was evacuated, put under an atmosphere of hydrogen gas (balloon), and allowed to stir at room temperature. After three hours, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.46$. The crude reaction mixture was filtered through Celite topped with a thin layer of silica gel to remove the solids, and the pad was washed with additional EtOAc. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford phenol **37** as a colorless oil (242 mg, 98%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +0.59$ (c 1.41, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3480, 2953, 2929, 2857, 1614, 1598, 1516, 1472, 1359, 1258, 1189, 1175, 1118, 983, 835, 778 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -0.25 (3H, s), -0.10 (3H, s), 0.78 (9H, s), 2.45 (3H, s), 2.57 (1H, dd, $J = 7.11$ Hz, 13.79 Hz), 2.72 (1H, dd, $J = 5.32$ Hz, 13.79 Hz), 3.84 (2H, d, $J = 5.35$ Hz), 3.94 (1H, td, $J = 5.39$ Hz, 10.80 Hz), 4.75 (2H, s), 6.71 (2H, d, $J = 8.48$ Hz), 6.96 (2H, d, $J = 8.45$ Hz), 7.34 (2H, d, $J = 8.03$ Hz), 7.77 (2H, d, $J = 8.28$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -5.2, -4.9, 18.0, 21.8, 25.8, 39.7, 71.3, 72.5, 115.2, 128.0, 129.4, 129.9, 130.9, 132.8, 145.0, 154.2; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{22}H_{33}O_5SSi$ ($[M+H]^+$): 437.1818, found 437.1813.

Aryl ether 38

To a solution of phenol **37** (345 mg, 0.46 mmol, 1.10 eq.) in 6 mL of THF was added solid 60% sodium hydride dispersion in mineral oil (18 mg, 0.046 mmol, 1.10 eq.). Vigorous

bubbling was observed, and the resulting colorless phenolate solution was used immediately. A 15 mM solution of Pd(PPh₃)₄ was also prepared by dissolving 47.8 mg of the solid catalyst in 2.75 mL of THF. The palladium catalyst solution was then added to a flask containing neat allylic phosphate **20** (232 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.00 eq.), and the phenolate solution was added dropwise. The reaction remained yellow throughout the addition and only turned light orange after the addition was complete. Over five minutes, the color gradually faded to yellow again. After this time, TLC (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting phosphate and formation of the product of R_f = 0.47. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 4:1) to give **38** as a pale yellow oil (227 mg, 65%).

[α]_D²⁰ = −13.3 (c 0.74, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2950, 2927, 2856, 1726, 1655, 1596, 1509, 1471, 1462, 1390, 1366, 1237, 1206, 1189, 1176, 1117, 1097, 972, 834, 812, 776 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ −0.35 (3H, s), −0.14 (3H, s), −0.04 (3H, s), −0.03 (3H, s), 0.76 (9H, s), 0.85 (9H, s), 0.86 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, d, *J* = 6.66 Hz), 0.97 (1H, m), 1.43 (1H, m), 1.46 (1H, m), 1.61 (1H, m), 1.64 (3H, m), 1.71 (3H, s), 1.72 (3H, s), 1.74 (1H, m), 2.45 (3H, s), 2.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.65 Hz, 13.73 Hz), 2.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.31 Hz, 13.61 Hz), 3.48 (2H, m), 3.86 (2H, m), 3.93 (1H, m), 5.00 (1H, m), 5.21 (1H, s), 5.97 (1H, d, *J* = 15.68 Hz), 6.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.50 Hz, 15.74 Hz), 6.72 (2H, d, *J* = 7.65 Hz), 6.99 (2H, d, *J* = 7.79 Hz), 7.34 (2H, d, *J* = 7.71 Hz), 7.78 (2H, d, *J* = 7.68 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ −5.4, −5.36, −5.3, −4.9, 18.0, 18.4, 21.8, 22.7, 25.1, 25.2, 25.72, 25.74, 26.0, 32.4, 35.0, 39.1, 39.8, 40.2, 42.9, 65.0, 71.4, 72.6, 76.9, 94.7, 106.5, 115.0, 122.9, 128.1, 129.93, 129.95, 130.9, 132.9, 140.4, 145.0, 157.1, 161.9, 162.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₄₅H₇₁O₉SSi₂ ([M+H]⁺): 843.4357, found 843.4365.

Diol **39**

To a solution of **38** (227 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 10 mL of dry THF was added neat triethylamine trihydrofluoride (951 μL, 0.27 mmol, 22 eq.), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 36 hours. After this time, TLC (100% EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of R_f = 0.57. The reaction was quenched with water and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with an additional portion of water before drying over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 100% EtOAc) to give diol **39** as a colorless oil (146 mg, 88%).

[α]_D²⁰ = −24.7 (c 0.55, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 3434, 2923, 1709, 1654, 1595, 1510, 1453, 1392, 1375, 1276, 1235, 1205, 1189, 1176, 1097, 1021, 976 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.89 (1H, m), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.37 Hz), 0.95 (1H, m), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.45 (1H, m), 1.60 (1H, m), 1.68 (1H, m), 1.69 (1H, m), 1.70 (1H, m), 1.71 (6H, s), 1.77 (1H, m), 2.07 (1H, d, *J* = 3.75 Hz), 2.46 (3H, s), 2.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.48 Hz, 13.86 Hz), 2.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.05 Hz, 13.90 Hz), 3.52 (1H, m), 3.64 (1H, m), 3.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.82 Hz, 9.43 Hz), 4.04 (2H, m), 5.02 (1H, m), 5.26 (1H, s), 6.05 (1H, d, *J* = 15.71 Hz), 6.59 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.06 Hz, 15.57 Hz), 6.78 (2H, d, *J* = 7.78 Hz), 7.06 (2H, d, *J* = 7.84 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d, *J* = 7.74 Hz), 7.79 (2H, d, *J* = 7.58 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 22.6, 25.13, 25.16, 26.9, 32.3, 34.7, 38.4, 38.8, 40.5, 43.5, 65.9, 70.5, 72.7, 78.8, 95.1, 106.6, 115.6, 123.4, 128.1, 129.4, 130.1, 130.6, 132.6, 139.1, 145.3, 157.0, 161.9, 162.2; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₃₃H₄₃O₉S ([M+H]⁺): 615.2628, found 615.2621.

Aldehyde 40

To a solution of diol **39** (509 mg, 0.83 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 20 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added iodobenzene diacetate (280 mg, 0.87 mmol, 1.05 eq.) and TEMPO (12.9 mg, 82.7 μmol, 0.10 eq.). After 12 hours at room temperature, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and clean formation of the product of R_f = 0.26. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 2:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to afford aldehyde **40** as a colorless oil (483 mg, 95%).

[α]_D²⁰ = −24.5 (c 0.57, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 3430, 2924, 1720, 1655, 1596, 1509, 1454, 1392, 1361, 1275, 1234, 1205, 1189, 1176, 1097, 1019, 976 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (1H, m), 0.92 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.46 Hz), 1.40 (1H, ddd, *J* = 3.07 Hz, 12.86 Hz, 16.44 Hz), 1.48 (1H, m), 1.71 (6H, s), 1.75 (1H, m), 1.79 (1H, m), 1.86 (1H, m), 2.07 (1H, m), 2.46 (3H, s), 2.49 (1H, m), 2.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.45 Hz, 13.95 Hz), 2.72 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.44 Hz, 13.95 Hz), 3.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.84 Hz, 9.51 Hz), 4.02 (2H, m), 4.94 (1H, m), 5.28 (1H, s), 6.05 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.27 Hz, 15.68 Hz), 6.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.70 Hz, 15.67 Hz), 6.73 (2H, d, *J* = 8.56 Hz), 7.04 (2H, d, *J* = 8.55 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d, *J* = 8.13 Hz), 7.79 (2H, d, *J* = 8.26 Hz), 9.53 (1H, d, *J* = 2.93 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 22.3, 25.13, 25.14, 25.4, 31.7, 34.0, 34.5, 38.4, 41.5, 51.2, 70.5, 72.7, 78.1, 95.4, 106.7, 115.6, 124.1, 128.1, 129.5, 130.1, 130.6, 132.6, 138.0, 145.3, 156.6, 161.8, 162.0, 203.6; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₃₃H₄₁O₉S ([M+H]⁺): 613.2471, found 613.2444.

Vinyl iodide 41

To a flame-dried 50 mL flask under argon equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added solid chromium (II) chloride (774 mg, 6.30 mmol, 8.00 eq.) in the glove box. The flask was sealed with a septum, removed from the glove box, and put under a balloon of argon. 15 mL of anhydrous THF was added, and the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C. A solution of aldehyde **40** (483 mg, 0.79 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and iodoform (620 mg, 1.57 mmol, 2.00 eq.) in 15 mL of THF was then added dropwise. After addition was complete, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. After 1.5 hours, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of R_f = 0.44. The reaction was quenched with water and diluted with ether. The organic phase was isolated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of ether. The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution and brine before drying over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 3:1 → 2:1 → 1:1) to give vinyl iodide **41** as a white foam (431 mg, 74%).

[α]_D²⁰ = −80.9 (c 0.75, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 3487, 2922, 1718, 1654, 1596, 1508, 1454, 1391, 1362, 1271, 1233, 1204, 1189, 1175, 1097, 1020, 971 cm^{−1}; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.86 (1H, m), 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.33 Hz), 0.91 (1H, m), 1.41 (1H, m), 1.44 (1H, m), 1.46 (1H, m), 1.63 (1H, m), 1.70 (1H, m), 1.71 (6H, s), 1.77 (1H, m), 2.25 (1H, m), 2.46 (3H, s), 2.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.37 Hz, 13.86 Hz), 2.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.23 Hz, 13.83 Hz), 3.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 5.54 Hz, 9.41 Hz), 4.05 (2H, m), 4.89 (1H, m), 5.25 (1H, s), 5.51 (1H, d, *J* = 14.34 Hz), 6.03 (1H, d, *J* = 15.62 Hz), 6.22 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.06 Hz, 14.29 Hz), 6.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.61 Hz, 15.62 Hz), 6.75 (2H, d, *J* = 8.00 Hz), 7.05 (2H, d, *J* = 7.94 Hz), 7.36 (2H, d, *J* = 7.86 Hz), 7.81 (2H, d, *J* = 7.80 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 22.4, 24.8, 25.1, 25.2, 31.8, 34.4, 38.5, 41.1, 46.5, 47.1, 70.5, 72.6, 76.5, 77.7, 95.0, 106.5, 115.5, 123.0, 128.1, 129.3, 130.0, 130.6, 132.6, 139.7, 145.2, 149.2, 157.4, 161.9, 162.3; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₃₄H₄₂IO₈S ([M+H]⁺): 737.1645, found 737.1628.

Triene 29

A 0.01 M solution of dichlorobis(acetonitrile)palladium(II) was prepared by dissolving 15.2 mg of the solid catalyst in 5 mL of DMF under argon. To a solution of vinyl iodide **41** (431 mg, 0.59 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 3 mL of DMF was added a 0.25 M solution of stannane **42** in DMF (4.68 mL, 1.17 mmol, 2.00 eq.). The palladium catalyst solution was then added dropwise, and the reaction mixture immediately turned dark brown/black. After stirring at room temperature for two hours, the reaction was diluted with water and ether. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with two additional portions of water before drying over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed the triene of R_f = 0.51, which was essentially copolar with the starting vinyl iodide. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 3:1 → 2:1 → 1:1) to afford triene **29** as a pale yellow oil (331 mg, 85%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -18.6$ (c 1.10, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 3449, 2924, 1719, 1654, 1596, 1509, 1455, 1391, 1374, 1273, 1234, 1205, 1189, 1176, 1097, 1020, 976, 904, 835 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, d, J = 6.40 Hz), 0.91 (1H, m), 1.37 (1H, m), 1.45 (1H, m), 1.51 (1H, m), 1.65 (1H, m), 1.69 (1H, m), 1.695 (3H, s), 1.701 (3H, s), 1.78 (1H, m), 2.23 (1H, m), 2.45 (3H, s), 2.68 (1H, dd, J = 7.47 Hz, 14.10 Hz), 2.74 (1H, dd, J = 5.40 Hz, 13.96 Hz), 3.94 (1H, dd, J = 5.98 Hz, 9.62 Hz), 4.02 (1H, br s), 4.05 (1H, dd, J = 3.48 Hz, 9.59 Hz), 4.91 (1H, m), 5.02 (1H, d, J = 10.03 Hz), 5.10 (1H, d, J = 16.88 Hz), 5.24 (1H, s), 5.42 (1H, dd, J = 9.39 Hz, 15.13 Hz), 5.62 (1H, dd, J = 10.62 Hz, 15.16 Hz), 5.75 (1H, dd, J = 10.71 Hz, 14.93 Hz), 6.00 (1H, d, J = 15.65 Hz), 6.06 (1H, m), 6.27 (1H, ddd, J = 10.41 Hz, 10.41 Hz, 16.98 Hz), 6.52 (1H, dd, J = 3.99 Hz, 15.63 Hz), 6.74 (2H, d, J = 8.53 Hz), 7.03 (2H, d, J = 8.52 Hz), 7.35 (2H, d, J = 8.14 Hz), 7.80 (2H, d, J = 8.23 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 21.8, 22.5, 24.8, 25.1, 25.2, 31.9, 34.6, 38.5, 42.0, 43.4, 47.2, 70.5, 72.7, 77.8, 94.8, 106.5, 115.7, 117.0, 122.8, 128.1, 129.0, 130.1, 130.4, 131.77, 131.82, 132.6, 133.0, 137.0, 138.2, 140.5, 145.2, 157.5, 161.9, 162.4; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₃₈H₄₇O₈S ([M+H]⁺): 663.2992, found 663.2980.

Macrolactone 30 and dimer 43

An oven-dried 2-neck 2 L flask was equipped with a glass stopper, a Dean–Stark trap with a reflux condenser, and a magnetic stirring bar. The apparatus was evacuated and put under an atmosphere of argon before the addition of 1.5 L of freshly distilled benzene (sodium/benzophenone). A solution of triene **29** (100 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 5 mL of benzene was added, and the reaction mixture was heated to reflux in a pre-heated 110 °C oil bath. Three 25 mL aliquots of benzene were drained through the side arm of the Dean–Stark trap, and the reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 12 hours. After cooling to room temperature, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of macrolactone **30** as a spot of R_f = 0.52 along with a small amount of dimer **43** of R_f = 0.54. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (1500 μ m plate, loaded in CH₂Cl₂, eluted in 9:1 toluene/EtOAc, silica washed with EtOAc) to give macrolactone **30** as a white foam (46 mg, 50%) along with dimer **43** (10 mg) as a colorless oil.

Macrolactone 30

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +83.5$ (c 0.70, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2916, 1759, 1714, 1610, 1508, 1454, 1365, 1237, 1190, 1177, 1148, 1097, 1067, 1035, 985, 928, 815 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.91 (1H, m), 0.92 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 1.09 (1H, qd, J = 12.7 Hz, 4.1 Hz), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.44 (1H, m), 1.61 (1H, m), 1.65 (1H, m), 1.84 (1H, m), 1.99 (1H, m), 2.10 (1H, m), 2.13 (1H, m), 2.46 (3H, s), 2.69 (1H, m), 2.74 (1H, d, J = 15.7 Hz), 2.88

(1H, d, $J = 15.7$ Hz), 2.94 (2H, m), 3.01 (1H, dd, $J = 11.4$ Hz, 6.5 Hz), 4.15 (2H, m), 4.86 (1H, m), 4.93 (1H, d, $J = 17.5$ Hz), 4.94 (1H, d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 5.14 (1H, m), 5.29 (1H, m), 5.34 (1H, m), 5.90 (1H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 6.81 (1H, m), 6.88 (1H, m), 6.89 (1H, m), 6.91 (1H, m), 7.36 (2H, d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.80 (2H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.8, 22.6, 29.2, 33.1, 35.9, 36.5, 38.0, 42.3, 42.7, 45.8, 46.6, 49.5, 52.1, 56.0, 70.0, 70.5, 81.9, 117.0, 119.5, 120.0, 128.0, 128.09, 128.10, 128.8, 129.0, 130.0, 132.5, 132.6, 136.4, 145.2, 157.3, 164.4, 198.6; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_7\text{S}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 605.2573, found 605.2571.

Dimer 43

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +67.2$ (c 1.19, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2920, 2867, 1749, 1714, 1610, 1510, 1454, 1367, 1296, 1242, 1190, 1177, 1149, 1097, 1044, 991, 955, 815 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.81 (2H, q, $J = 11.7$ Hz), 0.89 (6H, d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 0.90 (2H, m), 1.03 (2H, m), 1.29 (2H, m), 1.36 (2H, m), 1.38 (2H, m), 1.69 (2H, m), 1.93 (2H, m), 1.96 (2H, m), 1.97 (2H, m), 2.05 (2H, m), 2.35 (2H, dd, $J = 14.2$ Hz, 5.2 Hz), 2.47 (6H, s), 2.50 (2H, dd, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 7.6 Hz), 3.22 (2H, d, $J = 14.1$ Hz), 3.32 (2H, m), 3.41 (2H, m), 3.44 (2H, d, $J = 14.2$ Hz), 3.57 (2H, dd, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 4.4 Hz), 3.67 (2H, dd, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 3.2 Hz), 4.56 (2H, m), 5.07 (2H, d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 5.08 (2H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 4.65 (2H, dd, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 3.8 Hz), 5.47 (2H, dt, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 3.2 Hz), 5.60 (2H, dt, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 9.2 Hz), 5.98 (2H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 6.61 (4H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 6.77 (4H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.37 (4H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.78 (4H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 21.8, 22.5, 30.7, 32.8, 34.7, 36.1, 38.0, 43.0, 44.1, 45.3, 49.1, 49.8, 51.9, 56.5, 68.4, 72.9, 77.9, 116.0, 117.0, 127.6, 128.1, 128.8, 129.0, 130.0, 130.4, 132.8, 137.0, 145.0, 156.4, 165.7, 202.1; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{70}\text{H}_{81}\text{O}_{14}\text{S}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 1209.5068, found 1209.5092.

Primary iodide 44

To a solution of macrolactone tosylate **30** (11.1 mg, 18.4 μmol , 1.00 eq.) in 500 μL of anhydrous acetone was added sodium iodide (207 mg, 1.38 mmol, 75 eq.). The flask was tightly sealed with a yellow Teflon cap, and the reaction mixture was heated to 40 $^\circ\text{C}$ in an oil bath for 12 hours. After this time, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the iodide of $R_f = 0.65$. The reaction was diluted with water and EtOAc, the layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with one additional portion of water before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (500 μm plate, sample loaded in EtOAc, plate eluted in 3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, silica washed with EtOAc) to give primary iodide **44** as a colorless oil (5.6 mg, 54%) that was used immediately in the next step.

$[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{20} = +54.3$ (c 0.30, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2924, 1762, 1712, 1610, 1510, 1454, 1232, 1151, 1097, 1022, 954, 587, 562 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.91 (1H, m), 0.92 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 1.09 (1H, qd, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 4.3 Hz), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.44 (1H, m), 1.61 (1H, m), 1.66 (1H, td, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 4.7 Hz), 1.85 (1H, m), 1.99 (1H, m), 2.12 (1H, m), 2.14 (1H, m), 2.65 (1H, dd, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 10.9 Hz), 2.84 (1H, d, $J = 15.8$ Hz), 2.94 (1H, m), 2.96 (1H, d, $J = 15.7$ Hz), 3.05 (1H, dd, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 6.4 Hz), 3.22 (1H, dd, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 5.5 Hz), 3.35–3.36 (2H, m), 4.88 (1H, m), 4.93 (1H, d, $J = 10.4$ Hz), 4.94 (1H, m), 4.95 (1H, d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 5.31 (1H, m), 5.35 (1H, m), 5.90 (1H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 6.84 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.90 (1H, dd, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.95 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.3 Hz), 6.97 (1H, dd, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2.3 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.9, 22.6, 29.3, 33.1, 36.6, 38.1, 40.8, 42.4, 42.7, 46.0, 46.7, 49.5, 52.1, 56.1, 72.1, 82.0, 117.1, 119.5, 120.1, 128.11, 128.12, 128.8, 130.0, 132.5, 136.5, 157.4, 164.4, 198.7; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{34}\text{IO}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 561.1502, found 561.1489.

Acylketene acetal **45**

To a solution of primary iodide **44** (5.6 mg, 10 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 500 μ L of toluene was added neat DBU (25 μ L, 167 μ mol, 16.7 eq.), and the reaction mixture was heated to 45 °C for three hours. After this time, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of R_f = 0.07. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with EtOAc, and the organic phase was washed twice with water and once with brine before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (500 μ m plate, loaded in CH_2Cl_2 , eluted with 3:1 EtOAc/hexanes, silica washed with EtOAc) to give acylketene acetal **45**. Although sufficient material was obtained for characterization, the product is very susceptible to hydrolysis and decomposes over time in chloroform, upon storage, and during purification efforts.

$[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +110 (c 0.24, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2925, 1610, 1562, 1422, 1364, 1225, 1190, 1143, 1097, 1063, 1035, 928, 833 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.85 (1H, m), 0.91 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.07 (1H, qd, J = 12.6 Hz, 4.2 Hz), 1.39 (1H, m), 1.44 (1H, m), 1.58 (1H, m), 1.71 (1H, td, J = 11.5 Hz, 6.0 Hz), 1.83 (1H, m), 1.99 (1H, m), 2.01 (1H, m), 2.12 (1H, m), 2.87 (1H, d, J = 13.9 Hz), 2.91 (1H, dd, J = 11.6 Hz, 6.6 Hz), 3.01 (1H, m), 3.38 (1H, dd, J = 13.8 Hz, 9.0 Hz), 4.31–4.34 (2H, m), 4.36 (1H, s), 4.81 (1H, d, J = 17.0 Hz), 4.86 (1H, d, J = 10.1 Hz), 4.96 (1H, t, J = 5.3 Hz), 5.11 (1H, m), 5.41 (1H, dt, J = 9.8 Hz, 3.5 Hz), 5.48 (1H, ddd, J = 17.6 Hz, 9.8 Hz, 8.5 Hz), 5.89 (1H, d, J = 9.8 Hz), 6.71 (1H, dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.92 (1H, dd, J = 8.2 Hz, 1.8 Hz), 7.00 (1H, dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 2.4 Hz), 7.05 (1H, dd, J = 8.6 Hz, 1.8 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.7, 29.1, 32.9, 36.3, 38.2, 40.6, 43.3, 44.5, 45.7, 48.4, 51.7, 55.8, 72.5, 77.4, 79.3, 82.8, 115.6, 118.7, 119.8, 126.3, 128.0, 128.3, 129.1, 133.5, 138.0, 159.3, 166.4, 195.4; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 433.2379, found 433.2377.

Acylketene acetal **46** and ring-expanded macrolactone **49**

To a solution of macrolactone tosylate **30** (8.0 mg, 13.2 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 1 mL of THF was added thallium (I) carbonate (15 mg, 32 μ mol, 2.42 eq.). After stirring at room temperature for 20 minutes, neat DBU (25 μ L, 167 μ mol, 12.7 eq.) was added, and the reaction was stirred for an additional 10 minutes at room temperature. After this time, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion of the starting material to the product of R_f = 0.24. The reaction was diluted with ether, and water was added. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with pH 7 phosphate buffer before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was dried under high vacuum to give acylketene acetal **46**, which was immediately submitted for NMR analysis. In CDCl_3 solution, **46** slowly isomerized to **45** at the rate of 1% per hour; this isomerization was accelerated upon exposure to silica, eventually leading to the ring-expanded macrolactone **49**.

Acylketene acetal **46**

^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.94 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, J = 6.62 Hz), 1.00 (1H, m), 1.11 (1H, qd, J = 12.39 Hz, 4.21 Hz), 1.41 (1H, ddd, J = 16.08 Hz, 10.53 Hz, 3.81 Hz), 1.46 (1H, m), 1.68 (1H, ddd, J = 13.35 Hz, 5.98 Hz, 2.90 Hz), 1.81 (1H, m), 1.95 (1H, dt, J = 11.5 Hz, 4.5 Hz), 2.00 (1H, m), 2.05 (1H, m), 2.07 (1H, m), 2.69 (1H, dd, J = 14.32 Hz, 1.75 Hz), 2.84 (1H, m), 2.93 (1H, dd, J = 11.03 Hz, 7.76 Hz), 3.13 (1H, dd, J = 14.30 Hz, 3.31 Hz), 4.24 (1H, dd, J = 8.33 Hz, 6.70 Hz), 4.34 (1H, dd, J = 8.71 Hz, 1.03 Hz), 4.51 (1H, s), 4.71 (1H, m), 4.83 (1H, m), 4.85 (1H, m), 4.99 (1H, m), 5.46 (1H, dt, J = 10 Hz, 3 Hz), 5.53 (1H, ddd, J = 16.82 Hz, 10.10 Hz, 8.82 Hz), 5.93 (1H, d, J = 9.68 Hz), 6.82 (1H, dd, J = 8.25 Hz, 2.55 Hz), 6.85 (1H, dd, J = 8.29 Hz, 2.57 Hz), 7.03 (1H, dd, J = 8.23 Hz, 2.10 Hz), 7.08

(1H, dd, $J = 8.31$ Hz, 2.14 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.7, 29.5, 33.3, 36.6, 38.2, 39.0, 41.9, 42.5, 45.7, 48.2, 49.6, 56.2, 70.3, 78.0, 80.6, 84.6, 114.9, 115.6, 119.9, 123.7, 128.8, 129.6, 129.7, 134.3, 138.8, 159.6, 167.7, 198.7; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{33}\text{O}_4$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 433.2379, found 433.2375.

Ring-expanded macrolactone 49

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +19.5$ (c 0.70, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3456, 2916, 2849, 1749, 1711, 1612, 1583, 1508, 1456, 1406, 1377, 1335, 1296, 1237, 1176, 1158, 1114, 1063, 1037, 1014, 964, 927, 805 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.88 (1H, q, $J = 11.2$ Hz), 0.94 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 1.06 (1H, qd, $J = 12.7$ Hz, 4.2 Hz), 1.40 (1H, m), 1.43 (1H, m), 1.56 (1H, m), 1.75 (1H, m), 1.82 (1H, m), 2.00 (1H, m), 2.05 (1H, m), 2.08 (1H, m), 2.63 (1H, dd, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 9.3 Hz), 2.93 (1H, d, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 2.99 (1H, d, $J = 16.6$ Hz), 3.02 (1H, m), 3.04 (1H, m), 3.19 (1H, dd, $J = 13.1$ Hz, 4.1 Hz), 3.94 (1H, d, $J = 11.0$ Hz), 4.07 (1H, m), 4.21 (1H, dd, $J = 11.0$ Hz, 8.1 Hz), 4.91 (1H, t, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 4.97 (1H, d, $J = 17.0$ Hz), 4.99 (1H, d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 5.37 (1H, m), 5.41 (1H, m), 5.93 (1H, d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 6.73 (1H, dd, $J = 8.3$ Hz, 2.7 Hz), 6.80 (1H, dd, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2.5 Hz), 7.01 (1H, dd, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2.1 Hz), 7.04 (1H, dd, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2.1 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.6, 29.1, 32.9, 36.3, 38.0, 42.5, 43.3, 43.6, 45.2, 47.6, 48.6, 51.1, 56.1, 68.7, 69.7, 79.8, 115.5, 117.1, 117.7, 128.3, 128.38, 128.44, 130.3, 130.7, 136.3, 157.4, 165.2, 201.0; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{35}\text{O}_5$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 451.2484, found 451.2480.

4-(2-(((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)methyl)allyl)phenol (60)

To a 2-neck 250 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar, a rubber septum, and a reflux condenser were added magnesium turnings (2.37 g, 97.5 mmol, 7.00 eq.). The entire apparatus was flame-dried under high vacuum and cooled to room temperature under argon. Approximately 8 mL of THF was added to the magnesium turnings followed by 100 μL of 1,2-dibromoethane; bubbling was observed, and the solution turned grey. A solution of aryl bromide **56**⁴⁴ (4.00 g, 13.9 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 50 mL of THF was added slowly, and the reaction was initiated with a heat gun. The flask was then transferred to a preheated 100 $^\circ\text{C}$ oil bath, and the reaction was heated to reflux for two hours. After cooling to room temperature, the dark grey/black solution of Grignard reagent **57** was titrated with salicylaldehyde phenylhydrazone,⁵⁵ giving a final concentration of 0.14 M.

To an oven-dried flask under argon equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added a solution of allylic bromide **58**⁴⁵ (2.39 g, 6.13 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 50 mL of THF. The 0.14 M solution of Grignard reagent **57** (52 mL, 7.28 mmol, 1.19 eq.) was transferred to the flask via cannula, and the homogeneous grey/black reaction mixture was left to stir at room temperature overnight. After this time, TLC (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the allylic bromide ($R_f = 0.59$) and formation of the coupled product of $R_f = 0.73$. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl solution and diluted with ether. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the mixture containing crude **59** was used directly in the next step without further purification.

Solid lithium hydroxide monohydrate (692 mg, 16.5 mmol, 2.69 eq.) was added in a single portion to a solution of crude **59** (3.74 g) in 100 mL of THF and 50 mL of water; the reaction mixture immediately turned yellow and eventually became purple. After stirring at room temperature for 30 minutes, TLC (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion to the deprotected product of $R_f = 0.16$. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer (discharging the purple color to yellow) and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 before the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column

chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc, $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to afford phenol **60** as a colorless oil (1.90 g, 77% over three steps).

IR (neat) ν 3339, 3071, 2930, 2892, 2857, 1613, 1597, 1512, 1472, 1428, 1226, 1112, 824, 741, 702 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 1.05 (9H, s), 3.29 (2H, s), 4.07 (2H, s), 4.58 (1H, s), 4.85 (1H, s), 5.21 (1H, d, $J = 1.49$ Hz), 6.71 (2H, d, $J = 8.49$ Hz), 7.00 (2H, d, $J = 8.46$ Hz), 7.35 (4H, m), 7.41 (2H, m), 7.64 (4H, d, $J = 6.62$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.3, 26.8, 38.7, 65.9, 110.7, 115.1, 127.7, 129.6, 130.0, 131.4, 133.6, 135.5, 147.8, 153.8; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_2\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 403.2093, found 403.2080.

Primary alcohol **62**

A 15 mM solution of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ was prepared under argon by dissolving 43 mg of the solid catalyst in 2.50 mL of THF. To a 0.125 M solution of phenol **60** (3.30 mL, 0.41 mmol, 1.10 eq.) in dry THF was added solid 60% sodium hydride dispersion in mineral oil (16.5 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.10 eq.); vigorous bubbling was observed, and the resulting phenolate solution was used immediately. The bright yellow catalyst solution was added to a flask containing neat allylic phosphate **20** (210 mg, 0.38 mmol, 1.00 eq.) followed by the dropwise addition of the phenolate solution. After each drop, the solution would turn dark orange before fading to yellow again over the course of several seconds. After addition was complete, TLC (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting phosphate and formation of the desired product of $R_f = 0.60$ along with the elimination byproduct of $R_f = 0.54$ and unreacted phenol at $R_f = 0.46$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 4:1) to give a mixture of aryl ether **61** and the elimination byproduct that was used directly in the next step (248 mg total).

To a solution of mixed **61** (248 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 16 mL of 1:1 THF/ H_2O was added glacial acetic acid (15 mL, 262 mmol, 845 eq.). After 12 hours at room temperature, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion to the product of $R_f = 0.49$. The acid was neutralized with saturated aqueous K_2CO_3 solution and diluted with water and EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with three additional portions of EtOAc. The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 , the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 3:1 $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to give primary alcohol **62** as a white foam (157 mg, 60% over two steps).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -15.1$ (c 2.80, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3482, 2927, 2857, 1717, 1654, 1592, 1507, 1472, 1428, 1390, 1375, 1273, 1234, 1205, 1174, 1111, 1020, 971, 939, 903, 823, 742, 703 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.92 (1H, m), 0.93 (3H, d, $J = 6.51$ Hz), 0.97 (1H, m), 1.03 (9H, s), 1.43 (1H, m), 1.46 (1H, m), 1.59 (1H, m), 1.68 (1H, m), 1.69 (1H, m), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.71 (4H, m), 1.76 (1H, m), 3.29 (2H, s), 3.52 (1H, d, $J = 11.04$ Hz), 3.66 (1H, d, $J = 11.02$ Hz), 4.07 (2H, s), 4.84 (1H, s), 4.99 (1H, m), 5.22 (1H, s), 5.26 (1H, s), 6.07 (1H, d, $J = 15.69$ Hz), 6.61 (1H, dd, $J = 4.44$ Hz, 15.66 Hz), 6.74 (2H, d, $J = 8.54$ Hz), 7.03 (2H, d, $J = 8.46$ Hz), 7.35 (4H, m), 7.41 (2H, m), 7.63 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.3, 22.6, 25.1, 25.2, 26.9, 27.1, 32.3, 34.8, 38.7, 38.9, 40.5, 43.5, 65.9, 66.0, 79.1, 95.0, 106.6, 110.9, 115.3, 123.5, 127.7, 129.7, 130.1, 132.3, 133.6, 135.6, 139.2, 147.7, 156.4, 161.8, 162.3; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{54}\text{NaO}_6\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 717.3587, found 717.3591.

Aldehyde 63

To a solution of primary alcohol **62** (157 mg, 0.23 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added solid Dess–Martin periodinane (115 mg, 0.27 mmol, 1.20 eq.). The reaction mixture immediately turned slightly yellow and was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. After this time, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion to the product of $R_f = 0.67$. The reaction was diluted with water and CH₂Cl₂ and quenched with saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate solution and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH₂Cl₂. The combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ before removal of the solvent under reduced pressure and purification of the residue by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 1:1) to afford aldehyde **63** as a colorless oil (141 mg, 90%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -11.2$ (*c* 1.24, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2932, 1724, 1653, 1596, 1507, 1457, 1428, 1390, 1273, 1235, 1112, 1019 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (1H, m), 0.95 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.51 Hz), 1.03 (9H, s), 1.42 (1H, ddd, *J* = 3.89 Hz, 13.72 Hz, 16.53 Hz), 1.49 (1H, m), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.71 (3H, s), 1.76 (1H, m), 1.78 (1H, m), 1.85 (1H, m), 2.08 (1H, m), 2.49 (1H, m), 3.27 (2H, s), 4.06 (2H, s), 4.82 (1H, s), 4.92 (1H, m), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* = 1.38 Hz), 5.27 (1H, s), 6.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.45 Hz, 15.68 Hz), 6.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.77 Hz, 15.66 Hz), 6.69 (2H, d, *J* = 8.63 Hz), 7.01 (2H, d, *J* = 8.61 Hz), 7.35 (4H, m), 7.41 (2H, m), 7.63 (4H, m), 9.53 (1H, d, *J* = 3.00 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.3, 22.3, 25.1, 25.5, 26.9, 31.7, 34.0, 34.5, 38.7, 41.6, 51.3, 66.0, 78.3, 95.4, 106.6, 110.9, 115.3, 124.1, 127.7, 129.7, 130.1, 132.3, 133.6, 135.6, 138.2, 147.7, 161.1, 161.7, 162.1, 203.6; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₄₃H₅₃O₆Si ([M+H]⁺): 693.3611, found 693.3588.

Vinyl iodide 64

To a flame-dried 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added solid chromium (II) chloride (200 mg, 1.63 mmol, 8.00 eq.) in the glove box. The flask was tightly sealed with a septum, removed from the glove box, and put under a balloon of argon. 3.50 mL of freshly distilled THF (sodium/benzophenone) was added, and the resulting green slurry was cooled to 0 °C. To a separate flask containing neat aldehyde **63** (141 mg, 0.20 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added solid iodoform (160 mg, 0.41 mol, 2.00 eq.). This mixture was dissolved in 3 mL of THF and added slowly to the chromium suspension; the vial was rinsed with two additional 2.0 mL portions of THF, which were also added to the reaction mixture. The cooling bath was removed, and after 1.5 hours, TLC (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed clean formation of the product of $R_f = 0.51$. The reaction was quenched with water and diluted with ether. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of ether. The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous sodium Na₂S₂O₃ solution (yellow color discharged) and brine before drying over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc → 4:1 → 3:1) to afford vinyl iodide **64** as a white foam (144 mg, 86%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -29.5$ (*c* 1.04, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2928, 2856, 1728, 1655, 1596, 1507, 1428, 1390, 1375, 1269, 1233, 1204, 1174, 1111, 1020, 951, 902 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.88 (1H, m), 0.90 (1H, m), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.44 Hz), 1.05 (9H, s), 1.40 (1H, m), 1.45 (1H, m), 1.49 (1H, m), 1.64 (1H, m), 1.69 (1H, m), 1.70 (6H, s), 1.75 (1H, m), 2.25 (1H, ddd, *J* = 3.55 Hz, 10.54 Hz, 10.63 Hz), 3.29 (2H, s), 4.07 (1H, d, *J* = 14.06 Hz), 4.11 (1H, d, *J* = 14.11 Hz), 4.84 (1H, s), 4.89 (1H, m), 5.23 (2H, m), 5.52 (1H, d, *J* = 14.35 Hz), 6.04 (1H, dd, *J* = 1.59 Hz, 15.61 Hz), 6.23 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.96 Hz, 14.34 Hz), 6.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 3.88 Hz, 15.61 Hz), 6.71 (2H, d, *J* = 8.56 Hz), 7.02 (2H, d, *J* = 8.52 Hz), 7.36 (4H, m), 7.41 (2H, m), 7.65 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.4, 22.4, 24.7, 25.1, 25.2,

26.9, 31.8, 34.5, 38.7, 41.2, 46.5, 47.0, 66.1, 76.5, 77.5, 94.9, 106.5, 110.9, 115.1, 123.0, 127.7, 129.7, 130.1, 132.0, 133.6, 135.6, 140.1, 147.8, 149.3, 156.7, 161.9, 162.4; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{44}H_{53}INaO_5Si$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 839.2605, found 839.2594.

Primary alcohol **65**

To a solution of vinyl iodide **64** (129 mg, 0.16 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 5 mL of THF was added solid TBAT (340 mg, 0.63 mmol, 4.00 eq.). The flask was then wrapped in aluminum foil to protect the reaction mixture from light. After seven hours at room temperature, TLC (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion to the product of $R_f = 0.15$. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with water before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to give primary alcohol **65** as a colorless oil (79 mg, 86%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -42.3$ (c 0.77, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3520, 1720, 1654, 1594, 1507, 1391, 1375, 1275, 1233, 1204, 1174, 1021, 952, 905 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.87 (1H, m), 0.88 (1H, m), 0.89 (3H, d, $J = 6.53$ Hz), 1.40 (1H, m), 1.45 (1H, m), 1.49 (1H, m), 1.64 (1H, m), 1.705 (3H, s), 1.709 (3H, s), 1.71 (1H, m), 1.77 (1H, m), 2.27 (1H, ddd, $J = 3.58$ Hz, 10.36 Hz, 10.39 Hz), 3.35 (2H, s), 4.04 (2H, d, $J = 3.42$ Hz), 4.90 (2H, s), 5.11 (1H, s), 5.25 (1H, s), 5.54 (1H, d, $J = 14.35$ Hz), 6.05 (1H, dd, $J = 1.72$ Hz, 15.61 Hz), 6.24 (1H, dd, $J = 9.99$ Hz, 14.34 Hz), 6.54 (1H, dd, $J = 3.87$ Hz, 15.61 Hz), 6.76 (2H, d, $J = 8.60$ Hz), 7.09 (2H, d, $J = 8.56$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 22.4, 24.7, 25.1, 25.2, 31.8, 34.5, 39.1, 41.2, 46.5, 47.1, 65.4, 76.5, 77.7, 94.9, 106.5, 111.4, 115.3, 123.0, 130.1, 131.8, 140.0, 148.5, 149.3, 157.0, 161.9, 162.4; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{28}H_{36}IO_5$ ($[M+H]^+$): 579.1607, found 579.1596.

Triene **66**

A 0.01 M solution of dichlorobis(acetonitrile)palladium (II) was prepared by dissolving 13 mg of the solid catalyst in 5 mL of dry DMF. To a separate flask containing neat vinyl iodide **65** (78.5 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added a 0.25 M solution of stannane **42** in DMF (679 μ L, 0.17 mmol, 1.25 eq.) followed by a portion of the palladium catalyst solution (1.36 mL, 13.6 μ mol, 0.10 eq.). The reaction mixture immediately turned dark brown/black, and this was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours. After this time, the reaction was diluted with ether and water and poured into a separatory funnel. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with two additional portions of water before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed the product of $R_f = 0.28$, which was essentially copolar with the starting vinyl iodide. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 4:1 $\rightarrow$ 3:1 $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to afford triene **66** as a yellow oil (59.5 mg, 87%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -31.0$ (c 0.57, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3436, 2923, 2866, 1717, 1654, 1594, 1507, 1455, 1391, 1375, 1271, 1232, 1204, 1175, 1111, 1060, 1020, 1008, 974, 902 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.87 (1H, m), 0.89 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, d, $J = 6.49$ Hz), 1.36 (1H, m), 1.45 (1H, m), 1.50 (1H, m), 1.64 (1H, m), 1.67 (1H, m), 1.69 (3H, s), 1.70 (3H, s), 1.77 (1H, m), 2.24 (1H, ddd, $J = 3.52$ Hz, 12.41 Hz, 12.77 Hz), 3.34 (2H, s), 4.03 (2H, s), 4.87 (1H, s), 4.91 (1H, m), 5.03 (1H, d, $J = 10.27$ Hz), 5.10 (1H, s), 5.11 (1H, d, $J = 16.68$ Hz), 5.24 (1H, s), 5.41 (1H, dd, $J = 9.40$ Hz, 15.17 Hz), 5.62 (1H, dd, $J = 10.60$ Hz, 15.19 Hz), 5.78 (1H, dd, $J = 10.71$ Hz, 15.02 Hz), 6.02 (1H, dd, $J = 1.74$ Hz, 15.72 Hz), 6.07 (1H, dd, $J = 11.02$ Hz, 15.33 Hz), 6.27 (1H, dt, $J = 10.45$ Hz, 17.04 Hz), 6.54 (1H, dd, $J = 3.95$ Hz, 15.62 Hz), 6.75 (2H, d, $J = 8.57$ Hz), 7.06 (2H, d, $J = 8.54$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl₃): δ 22.5, 24.8, 25.1, 25.2, 31.9, 34.7, 39.1, 42.0, 43.4, 47.3, 65.4, 77.9, 94.7, 106.5, 111.2, 115.5, 116.8, 122.8, 129.9, 131.5, 131.81, 131.83, 133.0, 137.1, 138.3, 140.8, 148.6, 157.1, 161.9, 162.5; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₃₂H₄₁O₅ ([M+H]⁺): 505.2954, found 505.2931.

Macrolactone 50

Benzene (400 mL) was freshly distilled from sodium/benzophenone directly into a flame-dried 2-neck 500 flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar and a 24/40 glass stopper. A solution of triene **66** (46.2 mg, 91.5 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 5 mL of dry benzene was added, a flame-dried Dean–Stark trap/reflux condenser was attached, and the flask was heated to reflux in a pre-heated 110 °C oil bath. 3 $\times$ 10 mL of benzene was drained from the Dean–Stark side arm, and the reaction was heated at reflux for 22 hours. After this time, TLC (4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the triene and formation of the product of R_f = 0.53. After cooling to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 4:1) to give the macrolactone **50** as a white foam (18.8 mg, 46%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +125.0$ (c 0.77, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2947, 2915, 2851, 1748, 1715, 1647, 1610, 1507, 1456, 1402, 1326, 1238, 1173, 1153, 1000, 922 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.89 (1H, q, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 0.92 (1H, m), 0.95 (3H, d, *J* = 6.57 Hz), 1.01 (1H, qd, *J* = 12.44 Hz, 4.02 Hz), 1.39 (1H, m), 1.41 (1H, m), 1.54 (1H, m), 1.76 (1H, td, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 5.6 Hz), 1.79 (1H, m), 1.97 (1H, m), 2.03 (1H, m), 2.05 (1H, m), 2.89 (1H, d, *J* = 16.63 Hz), 2.94 (1H, d, *J* = 16.70 Hz), 3.01 (2H, m), 3.32 (1H, d, *J* = 14.24 Hz), 3.54 (1H, d, *J* = 14.23 Hz), 4.23 (1H, d, *J* = 11.34 Hz), 4.61 (1H, d, *J* = 11.27 Hz), 4.92 (1H, m), 4.97 (1H, d, *J* = 16.9 Hz), 4.98 (1H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 5.11 (1H, s), 5.24 (1H, s), 5.37 (1H, m), 5.42 (1H, m), 5.92 (1H, d, *J* = 9.77 Hz), 6.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.64 Hz, 2.60 Hz), 6.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.87 Hz, 2.54 Hz), 7.01 (1H, m), 7.03 (1H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 22.6, 29.1, 32.9, 36.3, 38.0, 42.6, 43.1, 43.4, 45.3, 47.4, 48.7, 51.0, 56.1, 68.5, 79.5, 115.6, 117.0, 117.9, 118.9, 128.3, 128.4, 129.4, 130.6, 131.3, 136.4, 143.0, 156.8, 165.1, 201.0; HRMS (ESI⁺) calculated for C₂₉H₃₄NaO₄ ([M+Na]⁺): 469.2355, found 469.2349.

Macrolactone 67

To a solution of macrolactone **50** (2.0 mg, 4.5 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 500 μ L of acetic acid was added solid manganese (III) acetate dihydrate (3.1 mg, 11.6 μ mol, 2.60 eq.) and copper (II) acetate (0.8 mg, 4.40 μ mol, 0.98 eq.). The vial was then purged with argon and heated to 45 °C in an oil bath for five hours. After cooling to room temperature, the mixture was diluted with ether and washed sequentially with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, water, and brine. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (eluted in 30% EtOAc in hexanes) to give a small amount (< 1 mg) of macrolactone **67**.

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -6.2$ (c 0.10, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 2917, 2849, 1746, 1723, 1644, 1507, 1456, 1378, 1352, 1313, 1235, 1175, 1107 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.87 (1H, m), 0.94 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.07 (1H, qd, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 4.1 Hz), 1.40 (1H, m), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.57 (1H, m), 1.67 (1H, td, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 6.0 Hz), 1.81 (1H, m), 2.00 (1H, m), 2.13 (1H, m), 2.20 (1H, t, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 2.68 (1H, m), 2.82 (1H, m), 3.34 (1H, d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 3.41 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 8.4 Hz), 3.59 (1H, d, *J* = 14.4 Hz), 3.74 (1H, d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 4.39 (1H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz), 4.53 (1H, d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 4.95 (1H, t, *J* = 5.3 Hz), 5.13 (1H, s), 5.25 (1H, s), 5.47 (1H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 5.87 (1H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 5.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 2.5 Hz), 6.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2.6 Hz), 6.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2.6 Hz), 7.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2.0 Hz), 7.06 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 22.6, 29.1, 32.4, 32.8, 36.2, 38.0, 42.7, 43.5, 47.5, 48.2, 49.0, 52.7, 55.7, 69.0, 81.2, 117.5, 118.6,

119.2, 122.7, 128.6, 129.6, 129.9, 130.6, 131.9, 136.7, 142.9, 157.4, 168.2, 203.7; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{29}H_{33}O_4$ ($[M+H]^+$): 445.2379, found 445.2381.

methyl 2-(2,2,6-trimethyl-4-oxo-4*H*-1,3-dioxin-5-yl)acetate (76)

A solution of *tert*-butyl acetoacetate **74** (20 mL, 121 mmol 1.00 eq.) in 900 mL of THF was cooled to 0 °C, and 60% NaH dispersion in mineral oil (4.82 g, 121 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added in five portions over the course of 40 minutes. After the last addition, the cooling bath was removed, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for one hour to give a pale yellow solution. The reaction mixture was again cooled to 0 °C, and neat methyl bromoacetate (11.42 mL, 121 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added. The cooling bath was removed, and the reaction was left to stir at room temperature for 14 hours. After this time, TLC (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed clean formation of the product of $R_f = 0.36$. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of EtOAc before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give crude diester **75** that was used directly in the next step without further purification.

A solution of crude diester **75** in 20 mL of acetone was cooled to 0 °C, and neat acetic anhydride (38.6 mL, 409 mmol, 3.00 eq.) was added followed by the dropwise addition of 18 M sulfuric acid (7.68 mL). After addition of the acid was complete, the cooling bath was removed, and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 10 hours, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.20$. The reaction mixture was cooled in an ice bath and quenched by the slow addition of cold water to decompose the excess acetic anhydride. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , the layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of CH_2Cl_2 before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give dioxinone ester **76** as a tan amorphous solid (16.3 g, 63% over two steps).

IR (neat) ν 2999, 2953, 1714, 1648, 1436, 1400, 1379, 1360, 1333, 1272, 1241, 1197, 1151, 1058, 1000, 973, 921, 832, 786, 758 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.71 (6H, s), 1.98 (3H, s), 3.33 (2H, s), 3.70 (3H, s); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 17.7, 25.0, 30.4, 52.2, 99.8, 105.6, 162.1, 165.7, 171.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{10}H_{15}O_5$ ($[M+H]^+$): 215.0919, found 215.0914.

methyl 2-(2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-6-((triphenyl- λ^5 -phosphanylidene)methyl)-4*H*-1,3-dioxin-5-yl)acetate (79)

A two-neck 2 L flask equipped with a reflux condenser and a magnetic stirring bar was flame-dried under high vacuum and cooled to room temperature under argon. A solution of dioxinone ester **76** (18.52 g, 86.5 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 1050 mL of CCl_4 was added followed by solid recrystallized NBS (16.17 g, 90.8 mmol, 1.05 eq.) and benzoyl peroxide (978 mg, 3.30 mmol, 0.035 eq.). The reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for five hours before cooling to room temperature. TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed almost complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the desired product of $R_f = 0.45$ and the regioisomeric α -bromoester byproduct at $R_f = 0.37$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was absorbed onto silica gel for purification by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to give slightly impure **77** as a colorless oil (8.48 g, 33%) that was used directly in the next step.

To a solution of **77** (8.48 g, 28.9 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 60 mL of toluene was added a solution of triphenylphosphine (8.35 g, 31.8 mmol, 1.10 eq.) in 20 mL of toluene. A white precipitate formed immediately, and the reaction was left to stir at room temperature for 12 hours. After this time, the solid was collected by vacuum filtration and washed with cold toluene to give crude phosphonium salt **78** that was used directly in the next step.

To a solution of phosphonium salt **78** in 60 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added a solution of sodium carbonate (6.00 g, 56.6 mmol, 1.96 eq.) in 150 mL of water. The resulting biphasic reaction mixture was then stirred vigorously at room temperature for one hour. After this time, the layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH₂Cl₂ before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on neutral alumina (100% EtOAc) to give ylide **79** as a yellow microcrystalline solid (9.84 g, 24% over three steps).

IR (neat) ν 3056, 2994, 2949, 1719, 1665, 1625, 1526, 1437, 1387, 1198, 1150, 1118, 752, 721, 694, 542, 521 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.09 (6H, s), 3.14 (1H, d, ²J_{H-P} = 17.1 Hz), 3.42 (2H, s), 3.66 (3H, s), 7.49-7.53 (6H, m), 7.59-7.63 (9H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.7, 31.2, 40.1 (d, ¹J_{C-P} = 122 Hz), 51.7, 102.7, 110.0, 127.1 (d, ¹J_{C-P} = 91.5 Hz), 129.0 (d, ³J_{C-P} = 12 Hz), 132.6 (d, ⁴J_{C-P} = 3 Hz), 133.1 (d, ²J_{C-P} = 10 Hz), 163 (d, ²J_{C-P} = 3 Hz), 169.4, 173.9; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₂₈H₂₈O₅P ([M+H]⁺): 475.1674, found 475.1666.

Allylic alcohol **81**

A solution of enol ether **80**⁷ (3.11 g, 10.4 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 60 mL of acetone and 6 mL of water was cooled to 0 °C, and solid NMO (1.28 g, 10.9 mmol, 1.05 eq.) was added followed by a 4% aqueous solution of OsO₄ (663 μ L, 0.10 mmol, 0.01 eq.). After stirring at 0 °C for five hours, TLC showed almost complete conversion of the starting material to α -hydroxyaldehyde **16**. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of EtOAc. The combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ and brine before drying over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give crude α -hydroxy aldehyde **16** that was used directly in the next step.

To a solution of the crude α -hydroxy aldehyde **16** in 60 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added solid dioxinone ylide **79** (4.94 g, 10.4 mmol, 1.00 eq.), and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. After this time, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed formation of the desired product of R_f = 0.33 along with the mixed α -hydroxy aldehyde, α -hydroxy ketone, and their dimers at R_f = 0.62. When the mobile phase was changed to 9:1 toluene/acetone, the major allylic alcohol diastereomer **81** appeared at R_f = 0.42 and the minor diastereomer appeared at R_f = 0.37. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (19:1 toluene/acetone) to give **81** as a colorless oil (2.73 g, 59%).

[α]_D²⁰ = +10.5 (c 0.74, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 3469, 2950, 2927, 2856, 1742, 1722, 1650, 1601, 1461, 1390, 1376, 1338, 1253, 1202, 1149, 1118, 1093, 1004, 836 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.086 (3H, s), 0.091 (3H, s), 0.75 (1H, q, *J* = 12.8 Hz), 0.87 (1H, m), 0.88 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.90 (9H, s), 1.16 (1H, qd, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 3.7 Hz), 1.37-1.43 (2H, m), 1.50-1.57 (3H, m), 1.73 (1H, m), 1.745 (3H, s), 1.748 (3H, s), 3.46 (2H, s), 3.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 7.2 Hz), 3.60 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 2.5 Hz), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.83 (1H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 4.51 (1H, m), 6.39 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1.9 Hz), 6.59 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 4.5 Hz); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.5, -5.4, 18.3, 22.6, 25.06, 25.13, 26.0, 27.4, 29.9, 32.5, 34.8,

39.1, 41.4, 48.1, 52.3, 68.7, 73.2, 100.1, 105.5, 118.5, 143.4, 159.4, 163.1, 171.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{26}H_{45}O_7Si$ ($[M+H]^+$): 497.2935, found 497.2930.

Allylic phosphate **82**

A solution of allylic alcohol **81** (1.55 g, 3.12 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 40 mL of THF was cooled to $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and a 1.6 M solution of methyllithium in ether (2.19 mL, 3.43 mmol, 1.10 eq.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture immediately turned dark red; after 10 minutes, neat diethyl chlorophosphate (905 μL , 3.65 mmol, 2.00 eq.) was added, and the flask was transferred to a $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ice bath. After 15 minutes, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.11$. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of EtOAc before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to afford allylic phosphate **82** as a yellow oil (1.497 g, 77%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -20.5$ (c 1.53, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2950, 2927, 2856, 1723, 1656, 1605, 1437, 1391, 1376, 1337, 1257, 1201, 1149, 1115, 1093, 1030, 984, 939, 837, 776 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.04 (3H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.84 (1H, m), 0.88 (3H, d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 0.89 (9H, s), 1.01 (1H, q, $J = 12.3$ Hz), 1.28 (1H, m), 1.29 (3H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 1.32 (3H, t, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 1.36 (1H, m), 1.53–1.58 (3H, m), 1.66–1.70 (2H, m), 1.75 (6H, s), 3.41 (2H, s), 3.57 (1H, dd, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 2.0 Hz), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.87 (1H, dd, $J = 10.3$ Hz, 4.7 Hz), 4.04–1.14 (4H, m), 5.20 (1H, m), 6.35 (1H, dd, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1.5 Hz), 6.50 (1H, dd, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 5.1 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –5.40, –5.37, 16.2 ($^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 5$ Hz), 16.3 ($^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 5$ Hz), 18.3, 22.7, 24.9, 25.0, 25.2, 26.0, 29.8, 32.3, 35.5, 39.0, 39.8, 42.7 (d, $^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 6$ Hz), 52.3, 63.9 ($^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 2.5$ Hz), 64.0 ($^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 2.5$ Hz), 64.2, 77.9 ($^2J_{\text{C-P}} = 6$ Hz), 101.1, 105.7, 119.8, 140.1 ($^3J_{\text{C-P}} = 2$ Hz), 158.5, 162.7, 171.1; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{53}\text{NaO}_{10}\text{PSi}$ ($[M+\text{Na}]^+$): 655.3043, found 655.3041.

Aryl ether **84**

To a solution of phenol **83**⁵¹ (943 mg, 2.60 mmol, 1.10 eq.) in 21 mL of THF was added solid 60% sodium hydride dispersion in mineral oil (104 mg, 2.60 mmol, 1.10 eq.); gas evolution was observed, and a colorless phenolate solution was obtained. To a separate flask containing neat allylic phosphate **82** (1.50 g, 2.36 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added a solution of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (273 mg, 0.24 mmol, 0.10 eq.) in 15 mL of THF. The phenolate solution was immediately added dropwise; after each drop, the reaction mixture would turn dark orange before returning to yellow over the course of several seconds. After addition was complete, TLC (4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the phosphate, formation of the product of $R_f = 0.51$, and formation of the elimination byproduct of $R_f = 0.40$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (10:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 4:1 $\rightarrow$ 2:1) to give a mixture of **84** and the elimination byproduct, which was used directly in the next step (1.80 g). An analytical sample of **84** was obtained by repeating the chromatographic separation on a smaller sample of the mixture.

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -12.0$ (c 0.45, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3071, 2951, 2928, 2856, 1742, 1724, 1653, 1604, 1509, 1472, 1462, 1428, 1391, 1377, 1336, 1234, 1204, 1171, 1150, 1113, 1086, 835, 741, 703 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ –0.05 (3H, s), –0.04 (3H, s), 0.86 (9H, s), 0.89 (1H, m), 0.91 (3H, d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 0.99 (1H, m), 1.07 (9H, s), 1.45 (1H, m), 1.49 (1H, m), 1.63–1.67 (4H, m), 1.73 (1H, m), 1.75 (3H, s), 1.76 (3H, s), 3.33 (2H, s), 3.45–3.52 (2H, m), 3.58 (3H, s), 4.68–4.70 (2H, m), 5.04 (1H, m), 6.23 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1.7 Hz), 6.58

(1H, dd, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 4.2 Hz), 6.79 (2H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.36-7.39 (4H, m), 7.41-7.44 (2H, m), 7.67-7.69 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -5.43, -5.42, 18.4, 19.4, 22.8, 25.0, 25.2, 25.6, 26.0, 26.9, 29.8, 32.4, 35.0, 39.1, 40.2, 43.4, 52.2, 65.17, 65.23, 77.5, 100.4, 105.7, 115.1, 119.7, 127.8, 129.8, 133.6, 133.7, 135.6, 141.9, 157.5, 158.9, 162.9, 171.2; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{68}\text{NaO}_8\text{Si}_2$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 863.4350, found 863.4343.

Primary alcohol **85**

To a solution of mixed **84** (1.80 g, 2.14 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 75 mL of THF and 75 mL of water was added glacial acetic acid (92 mL, 1.61 mol, 751 eq.). After 12 hours at room temperature, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed formation of the desired product of $R_f = 0.52$ and the deprotected byproduct of $R_f = 0.25$. The reaction was diluted with EtOAc, and the acid was quenched by the slow addition of saturated aqueous K_2CO_3 solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of EtOAc before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 4:1 $\rightarrow$ 3:1 $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to give primary alcohol **85** as a colorless oil (858 mg, 50% over two steps).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -22.7$ (c 0.76, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3487, 2998, 2928, 2857, 1746, 1720, 1652, 1603, 1509, 1472, 1428, 1391, 1376, 1337, 1233, 1203, 1171, 1150, 1111, 1090, 1008, 938, 824, 796, 741, 703 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.92 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.93 (1H, m), 0.97 (1H, m), 1.08 (9H, s), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.47 (1H, m), 1.62 (1H, m), 1.69-1.73 (3H, m), 1.745 (3H, s), 1.750 (3H, s), 1.78 (1H, m), 3.36 (2H, s), 3.54-3.58 (1H, m), 3.60 (3H, s), 3.62-3.67 (1H, m), 4.69 (2H, s), 5.04 (1H, m), 6.29 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 1.7 Hz), 6.63 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 4.4 Hz), 6.83 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.23 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.36-7.39 (4H, m), 7.41-7.44 (2H, m), 7.67-7.69 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.4, 22.6, 25.05, 25.13, 26.9, 27.1, 29.8, 32.3, 34.8, 38.9, 40.6, 43.4, 52.3, 65.1, 65.8, 79.4, 100.6, 105.7, 115.3, 120.4, 127.5, 127.8, 129.8, 133.5, 134.2, 135.6, 140.2, 157.0, 158.8, 162.8, 171.3; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{54}\text{NaO}_8\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 749.3486, found 749.3487.

Aldehyde **86**

To a solution of primary alcohol **85** (858 mg, 1.18 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 12 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added Dess–Martin periodinane (651 mg, 1.54 mmol, 1.30 eq.). After 20 minutes, TLC (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material ($R_f = 0.11$) and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.26$. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 and quenched with saturated aqueous $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ solution and saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH_2Cl_2 before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1) to afford aldehyde **86** as a yellow foam (832 mg, 97%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -19.1$ (c 2.08, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2929, 2857, 1742, 1720, 1654, 1605, 1509, 1428, 1391, 1377, 1337, 1230, 1203, 1150, 1111, 1090, 1008, 982, 938, 824, 703 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.91 (1H, m), 0.96 (3H, d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 0.97 (1H, m), 1.07 (9H, s), 1.42 (1H, m), 1.50 (1H, m), 1.75 (6H, s), 1.79-1.87 (3H, m), 2.10 (1H, m), 2.51 (1H, m), 3.37 (2H, s), 3.60 (3H, s), 4.67 (2H, s), 4.98 (1H, m), 6.29 (1H, dd, $J = 15.5$ Hz, 1.5 Hz), 6.58 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 4.6 Hz), 6.78 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.21 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.37 (4H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 7.41-7.44 (2H, m), 7.67 (4H, m), 9.54 (1H, d, $J = 3.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.4, 22.4, 25.1, 25.5, 26.9, 29.8, 31.7, 34.0, 34.5, 41.6, 51.3, 52.3, 65.1, 78.5, 101.0, 105.8, 115.4, 121.1, 127.5, 127.8, 129.8, 133.5, 134.2, 135.6, 139.1,

156.7, 158.6, 162.8, 171.2, 203.6; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{43}H_{52}NaO_8Si$ ($[M+Na]^+$): 747.3329, found 747.3320.

Vinyl iodide **87**

To a flame-dried 100 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added solid chromium (II) chloride (1.13 g, 9.18 mmol, 8.00 eq.) in the glove box. The flask was tightly sealed with a rubber septum, removed from the glove box, and put under an atmosphere of argon. 25 mL of THF was added to give a pale green slurry, which was cooled to 0 °C. A solution of aldehyde **86** (832 mg, 1.15 mmol, 1.00 eq.) and iodoform (903 mg, 2.29 mmol, 2.00 eq.) in 25 mL of THF was added dropwise, and the reaction immediately turned dark red. The flask was removed from the cooling bath and stirred at room temperature for one hour. After this time, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material ($R_f = 0.38$) and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.49$. The reaction was diluted with water and ether, and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of ether, and the combined organics were washed with saturated aqueous $Na_2S_2O_3$ solution and brine before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 3:1 $\rightarrow$ 2:1) to give vinyl iodide **87** as an off-white foam (911 mg, 94%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -75.8$ (c 4.88, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2927, 2856, 1742, 1720, 1653, 1604, 1509, 1460, 1428, 1391, 1376, 1336, 1232, 1203, 1173, 1149, 1111, 1090, 1008, 940, 824, 703 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.89 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 0.91 (1H, m), 1.08 (9H, s), 1.44–1.50 (3H, m), 1.66 (1H, m), 1.72 (1H, m), 1.74 (3H, s), 1.75 (3H, s), 1.78 (1H, m), 2.29 (1H, td, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 6.6 Hz), 3.34 (2H, s), 3.58 (3H, s), 4.69 (2H, s), 4.95 (1H, m), 5.61 (1H, d, $J = 14.3$ Hz), 6.24–6.30 (2H, m), 6.56 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 3.9 Hz), 6.79 (2H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.36–7.39 (4H, m), 7.41–7.44 (2H, m), 7.68–7.70 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 19.4, 22.4, 24.9, 25.0, 25.1, 26.9, 29.8, 31.8, 34.5, 41.2, 46.4, 47.0, 52.2, 65.2, 76.4, 77.8, 100.6, 105.7, 115.2, 120.0, 127.5, 127.8, 129.8, 133.6, 133.9, 135.6, 140.9, 149.4, 157.2, 158.7, 162.8, 171.2; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{44}H_{53}IKO_7Si$ ($[M+K]^+$): 887.2242, found 887.2241.

Triene **88**

To a solution of vinyl iodide **87** (911 mg, 1.07 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 5 mL of DMF was added a solution of dichlorobis(acetonitrile)palladium(II) (28 mg, 0.11 mmol, 0.10 eq.) in 5 mL of DMF. Next, a 0.25 M solution of stannane **42** (8.61 mL, 2.15 mmol, 2.00 eq.) in DMF was added dropwise; the reaction mixture immediately turned black, and stirring was continued at room temperature for two hours. After this time, the reaction was diluted with ether and water. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with two additional portions of water before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed the product of $R_f = 0.56$ which was essentially copolar with the vinyl iodide starting material. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (9:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 3:1) to give triene **88** as a yellow foam (735 mg, 88%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -26.3$ (c 0.38, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2999, 2928, 2857, 1741, 1721, 1653, 1605, 1509, 1428, 1391, 1376, 1336, 1232, 1203, 1172, 1149, 1112, 1089, 1007, 977, 824, 703 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.90 (3H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz), 0.91–0.92 (2H, m), 1.08 (9H, s), 1.38 (1H, m), 1.47 (1H, m), 1.52 (1H, m), 1.67 (1H, m), 1.71 (1H, m), 1.727 (3H, s), 1.734 (3H, s), 1.79 (1H, m), 2.27 (1H, m), 3.32 (2H, s), 3.57 (3H, s), 4.69 (2H, s), 4.96 (1H, m), 4.99 (1H, d, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 5.04 (1H, d, $J = 16.7$ Hz), 5.44 (1H, dd, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 9.3 Hz), 5.68 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 10.6 Hz), 5.80 (1H, dd, $J = 15.2$ Hz, 10.7 Hz), 6.09 (1H, dd, $J =$

15.1 Hz, 10.5 Hz), 6.23 (1H, dd, $J = 15.3$ Hz, 1.3 Hz), 6.26 (1H, m), 6.55 (1H, dd, $J = 15.4$ Hz, 4.0 Hz), 6.79 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.21 (2H, d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 7.36-7.39 (4H, m), 7.41-7.44 (2H, m), 7.68-7.69 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.4, 22.5, 24.7, 25.05, 25.11, 26.9, 29.8, 31.9, 34.7, 42.0, 43.3, 47.2, 52.2, 65.2, 78.0, 100.4, 105.6, 115.4, 116.9, 119.7, 127.3, 127.8, 129.8, 131.7, 131.9, 133.0, 133.6, 133.7, 135.6, 136.9, 138.4, 141.8, 157.5, 158.9, 162.9, 171.2; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{58}\text{NaO}_7\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 797.3850, found 797.3836.

Benzylic Alcohol 89

To a flame-dried 50 mL pressure flask was added a solution of triene **88** (735 mg, 0.95 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 35 mL of freshly distilled benzene (sodium/benzophenone). The flask was tightly sealed with its white Teflon screw cap, lowered into a pre-heated 75 °C oil bath, and heated at that temperature for 72 hours. After this time, TLC (plate eluted four times in 4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed essentially complete consumption of the starting triene ($R_f = 0.64$) and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.71$. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (eight 1500 μm plates, loaded in CH_2Cl_2 , eluted five times in 85:15 hexanes/EtOAc, silica washed with EtOAc) to give tricycle **70** as a white foam (407 mg, 55%). NMR showed that this was a 3:1 mixture of inseparable *endo/exo* isomers, which was used directly in the next step.

To a solution of **70** (204 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 8 mL of THF was added solid TBAT (500 mg, 0.93 mmol, 3.52 eq.). After 12 hours at room temperature, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of two products: the deprotected *endo* isomer **89** of $R_f = 0.24$ and the deprotected *exo* isomer of $R_f = 0.15$. The reaction was diluted with water and EtOAc, the layers were separated, and the organic phase was washed with water before drying over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1 $\rightarrow$ 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give the deprotected *endo* isomer **89** (98.8 mg, 70%) and the deprotected *exo* isomer (38.1 mg, 27%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = -75.8$ (c 1.76, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3407, 2947, 2915, 2865, 1720, 1638, 1611, 1509, 1374, 1337, 1271, 1237, 1202, 1173, 1149, 1006, 940 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.83 (1H, q, $J = 11.7$ Hz), 0.92 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.98 (1H, m), 1.06 (1H, qd, $J = 11.5$ Hz, 2.9 Hz), 1.30 (3H, s), 1.42-1.48 (3H, m), 1.60 (3H, s), 1.77 (1H, m), 1.93 (1H, td, $J = 11.3$ Hz, 6.9 Hz), 2.02 (1H, m), 2.13-2.15 (2H, m), 3.19 (1H, m), 3.27 (1H, d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 3.31 (1H, dd, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 6.5 Hz), 3.49 (1H, d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 3.69 (3H, s), 4.52 (1H, dd, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4.0 Hz), 4.56 (2H, d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 5.04 (1H, d, $J = 11.3$ Hz), 5.05 (1H, d, $J = 16.1$ Hz), 5.44 (1H, dt, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 3.5 Hz), 5.76 (1H, ddd, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 9.6 Hz, 8.2 Hz), 5.97 (1H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 6.74 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 7.20 (2H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.5, 25.2, 25.9, 30.4, 32.8, 36.1, 38.0, 41.0, 45.4, 45.6, 49.2, 52.2, 56.5, 65.2, 79.5, 99.1, 105.5, 115.1, 117.4, 128.4, 128.8, 129.3, 133.3, 137.3, 157.8, 162.2, 168.5, 171.7; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{41}\text{O}_7$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 537.2852, found 537.2852.

Benzylic chloride 90

A 0.8 M solution of methanesulfonyl chloride was prepared by dissolving 312 μL of the neat compound in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . Similarly, a 0.8 M solution of diisopropylethylamine was prepared by dissolving 696 μL of the neat amine in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . To a solution of benzylic alcohol **89** (33.9 mg, 63.2 μmol , 1.00 eq.) in 1.25 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added a portion of the amine solution (400 μL , 0.32 mmol, 5.00 eq.) followed by a portion of the methanesulfonyl chloride solution (400 μL , 0.32 mmol, 5.00 eq.), and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for ten hours. After this time, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material and formation of the

product of $R_f = 0.69$. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer and diluted with CH_2Cl_2 . The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH_2Cl_2 before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on neutral alumina (3:1 hexanes/EtOAc $\rightarrow$ 2:1) to afford benzylic chloride **90** as a white foam (30.1 mg, 86%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +124.5$ (c 0.49, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2919, 2868, 1721, 1634, 1610, 1585, 1511, 1436, 1388, 1375, 1339, 1245, 1202, 1174, 1144, 1005, 932 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.82 (1H, q, $J = 11.7$ Hz), 0.92 (3H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 0.97 (1H, m), 1.06 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.39–1.47 (3H, m), 1.60 (3H, s), 1.77 (1H, m), 1.95 (1H, m), 2.01 (1H, m), 2.12 (1H, m), 2.15 (1H, m), 3.2 (1H, m), 3.32 (1H, d, $J = 17.4$ Hz), 3.34 (1H, m), 3.52 (1H, d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 3.70 (3H, s), 4.50 (1H, m), 4.52 (2H, s), 5.05 (2H, m), 5.45 (1H, m), 5.77 (1H, m), 5.97 (1H, d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 6.73 (2H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 22.5, 25.3, 25.6, 30.4, 30.5, 32.7, 36.0, 38.0, 41.2, 45.4, 45.8, 46.4, 49.2, 52.2, 56.5, 79.6, 99.0, 105.5, 115.2, 117.4, 128.4, 129.3, 129.8, 130.1, 137.2, 158.2, 162.1, 168.5, 171.1; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{40}\text{ClO}_6$ ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$): 555.2513, found 555.2512.

Benzylic stannane **91**

A 0.25 M solution of trimethylstannylolithium was prepared as follows: A solution of hexamethylditin (354 mg, 1.08 mmol, 1.10 eq.) in 3.31 mL of THF was cooled to -78°C , and a 1.6 M solution of methylolithium in ether (613 μL , 0.98 mmol, 1.00 eq.) was added dropwise. After addition was complete, the flask was transferred to an ice bath and stirred at 0°C for 1.5 hours; the resulting colorless solution of trimethylstannylolithium was then used directly in the next step.

A solution of benzylic chloride **90** (38.1 mg, 68.6 μmol , 1.00 eq.) in 2.5 mL of anhydrous THF was cooled to -40°C , and an aliquot of the 0.25 M trimethylstannylolithium solution (300 μL , 75 μmol , 1.09 eq.) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture immediately turned bright yellow, and this color faded over the course of 5 minutes. After this time, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed approximately 50% conversion of the starting material ($R_f = 0.50$) to the desired stannane of $R_f = 0.63$. Therefore, an additional portion of the stannylolithium reagent was added (150 μL , 37.5 μmol , 0.55 eq.); the bright yellow color reappeared, and the reaction was stirred at -40°C for another 10 minutes. At this point, TLC showed almost complete conversion of the benzyl chloride to the stannane. The reaction was quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer and diluted with EtOAc. After warming to room temperature, the layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of EtOAc before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on neutral alumina (4:1 hexanes/EtOAc) to give stannane **91** as a white foam (27.6 mg, 59%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +115.3$ (c 0.98, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2947, 2914, 2868, 1724, 1635, 1504, 1435, 1387, 1375, 1338, 1268, 1240, 1205, 1152, 1007, 933, 765 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.00 (9H, t, $^2J_{\text{H-Sn}} = 52$ Hz), 0.81 (1H, q, $J = 11.6$ Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, $J = 6.5$ Hz), 0.94 (1H, m), 1.04 (1H, m), 1.23 (3H, s), 1.39–1.43 (3H, m), 1.60 (3H, s), 1.75 (1H, m), 1.91 (1H, m), 1.98 (1H, m), 2.11 (2H, m), 2.19 (2H, s), 3.19 (1H, m), 3.33 (1H, d, $J = 17.0$ Hz), 3.34 (1H, m), 3.52 (1H, d, $J = 17.1$ Hz), 3.68 (3H, s), 4.39 (1H, dd, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3.6 Hz), 5.03 (1H, d, $J = 14.6$ Hz), 5.04 (1H, d, $J = 11.9$ Hz), 5.45 (1H, dt, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 3.5 Hz), 5.78 (1H, m), 5.96 (1H, d, $J = 9.8$ Hz), 6.58 (2H, d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, $J = 8.5$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -10.1, 18.9, 22.5, 25.3, 25.7, 30.5, 30.6, 32.8, 36.1, 38.0, 41.2, 45.4, 45.5, 45.7, 49.3, 52.2, 56.6, 79.5, 98.7, 105.4, 115.3, 117.2, 127.6, 128.5, 129.3, 135.2,

137.4, 154.3, 162.3, 168.7, 171.7; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{35}H_{49}O_6Sn$ ($[M+H]^+$): 685.2551, found 685.2551.

Carboxylic acid **92**

To a solution of benzylic stannane **91** (27.6 mg, 40.4 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 3 mL of THF and 1.5 mL of water was added solid lithium hydroxide monohydrate (100 mg, 2.38 mmol, 59 eq.). After stirring at room temperature for 36 hours, TLC (100% EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion of the starting material (R_f = 0.90) to the product of R_f = 0.52. The reaction was quenched with 1 M aqueous HCl solution and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with two additional portions of EtOAc before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (1000 μ m plate, loaded in CH_2Cl_2 , eluted in 1:3 hexanes/EtOAc, silica washed with EtOAc) to give carboxylic acid **92** as a white foam (21.2 mg, 79%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +79.2 (c 2.50, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2918, 2852, 1724, 1633, 1504, 1456, 1388, 1375, 1269, 1239, 1206, 1155, 991, 935, 806, 765 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.00 (9H, t, $^2J_{H-Sn}$ = 52 Hz), 0.82 (1H, q, J = 11.8 Hz), 0.92 (3H, d, J = 6.5 Hz), 0.96 (1H, m), 1.05 (1H, m), 1.24 (3H, s), 1.40-1.42 (3H, m), 1.60 (3H, s), 1.75 (1H, m), 1.93 (1H, m), 2.00 (1H, m), 2.12-2.14 (2H, m), 2.20 (2H, s), 3.25 (1H, m), 3.37 (1H, d, J = 16.6 Hz), 3.41 (1H, m), 3.52 (1H, d, J = 16.5 Hz), 4.39 (1H, dd, J = 7.3 Hz, 3.6 Hz), 5.02 (1H, d, J = 8.8 Hz), 5.03 (1H, d, J = 18.3 Hz), 5.45 (1H, dt, J = 9.6 Hz, 3.3 Hz), 5.73 (1H, dt, J = 17.7 Hz, 9.2 Hz), 5.96 (1H, d, J = 9.9 Hz), 6.58 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.80 (2H, d, J = 7.9 Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ -10.0, 18.9, 22.5, 25.2, 25.8, 30.6, 31.1, 32.8, 36.0, 38.0, 41.3, 45.5, 45.6, 49.3, 56.5, 79.2, 97.8, 105.9, 115.2, 117.4, 127.6, 128.4, 129.3, 135.2, 137.1, 154.2, 161.9, 163.6, 170.1; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{34}H_{47}O_6Sn$ ($[M+H]^+$): 671.2395, found 671.2399.

Acid chloride **71**

A 0.1 M solution of chloroenamine reagent **93** was prepared by dissolving 53 μ L of the neat compound in 4.0 mL of anhydrous, degassed chloroform. To a solution of carboxylic acid **92** (4.0 mg, 5.98 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 500 μ L of chloroform was added a portion of the chloroenamine solution (120 μ L, 12 μ mol, 2.00 eq.), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 minutes. After this time, a small aliquot of the reaction mixture was quenched with methanol; TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion to the corresponding methyl ester **91** of R_f = 0.63, indicating quantitative formation of acid chloride **71**. Formation of acid chloride **71** could also be monitored by NMR. The protons of the methylene group at the alpha position of the acid chloride were deshielded by ~0.5 ppm in the 1H -NMR spectrum relative to those in carboxylic acid **92**; similarly, the corresponding methylene carbon was deshielded by 11 ppm in the ^{13}C -NMR spectrum. Furthermore, a strong HMBC signal was observed between the aforementioned methylene protons and a carbon signal at 172 ppm, corresponding to the acid chloride carbonyl group. The crude solution of acid chloride **71** in chloroform was used directly in the subsequent palladium-catalyzed coupling reactions.

Tricycle **96**

To a 20 mL pressure tube was added a solution of triene **88** (161 mg, 0.21 mmol, 1.00 eq.) in 5 mL of *m*-xylene and 1.00 mL of water. The tube was tightly sealed with its white Teflon screw cap and lowered into a pre-heated 160 $^{\circ}C$ oil bath. After three hours, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and TLC (4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material (R_f = 0.26) and formation of the

product of $R_f = 0.44$. The aqueous phase was removed with a pipette, and the organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (two 1500 μm plates, loaded in CH_2Cl_2 , eluted in 95:5 hexanes/EtOAc, silica washed with EtOAc) to give tricycle **96** as a colorless oil (92.5 mg, 72%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20} = +100.0$ (c 0.83, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 2949, 2927, 2856, 1740, 1714, 1610, 1587, 1509, 1428, 1371, 1241, 1169, 1112, 1085, 1007, 924, 824, 741, 703 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.82 (1H, q, $J = 11.7$ Hz), 0.90 (3H, d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 0.92 (1H, m), 1.04 (1H, m), 1.07 (9H, s), 1.37-1.39 (3H, m), 1.71 (1H, m), 1.96-2.06 (4H, m), 2.32 (1H, m), 2.40 (1H, dt, $J = 14.6$ Hz, 7.2 Hz), 2.62 (1H, dt, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 7.0 Hz), 2.80 (1H, dt, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 7.3 Hz), 3.35 (2H, m), 3.53 (3H, s), 4.62 (1H, dd, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2.9 Hz), 4.67 (2H, s), 5.01 (1H, d, $J = 10.9$ Hz), 5.02 (1H, d, $J = 15.9$ Hz), 5.47 (1H, d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 5.60 (1H, dt, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 8.4 Hz), 5.97 (1H, d, $J = 9.9$ Hz), 6.77 (2H, d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.16 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.37 (4H, t, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.42 (2H, t, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.68 (4H, d, $J = 7.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.4, 22.6, 26.9, 27.5, 30.5, 32.7, 36.1, 37.4, 38.1, 43.5, 44.6, 45.4, 49.6, 51.1, 51.7, 56.7, 65.3, 79.1, 115.8, 116.5, 127.3, 127.7, 128.8, 129.3, 129.7, 133.3, 133.6, 135.7, 137.5, 157.2, 173.4, 209.1; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{54}\text{NaO}_5\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 713.3638, found 713.3645.

Diol **97**

A solution of tricycle **96** (31.6 mg, 45.7 μmol , 1.00 eq.) in 2 mL of anhydrous toluene was cooled to -78°C , and a 1.5 M solution of diisobutylaluminum hydride in toluene (260 μL , 0.39 mmol, 8.53 eq.) was added dropwise. After 10 minutes at -78°C , the flask was transferred to an ice bath and stirred for an additional 30 minutes. After this time, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete consumption of the starting material ($R_f = 0.74$) and formation of the product of $R_f = 0.46$. The reaction was quenched at 0°C with saturated aqueous Rochelle's salt and diluted with EtOAc. The resulting gelatinous suspension was filtered through Celite, and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (500 μm plate, loaded in CH_2Cl_2 , eluted in 3:2 hexanes/EtOAc, silica washed with EtOAc) to give diol **97** as a colorless oil (25.2 mg, 83%). NMR showed that **97** was formed as a 1:1 mixture of diastereomers.

IR (neat) ν 3400, 3071, 3014, 2926, 2857, 1610, 1587, 1509, 1428, 1375, 1298, 1240, 1169, 1112, 1082, 1007, 923, 824, 739, 702 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.83 (1H, m), 0.91 (4H, m), 1.01 (1H, m), 1.08 (9H, s), 1.39-1.40 (3H, m), 1.59-1.97 (8H, m), 2.19 (1H, m), 2.32 (0.5H, m), 2.40 (0.5H, m), 3.07 (0.5H, m), 3.20 (0.5H, m), 3.54-3.64 (2H, m), 3.69 (0.5H, t, $J = 8.9$ Hz), 3.86 (0.5H, m), 4.70-4.71 (2.5H, m), 4.78 (0.5H, dd, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2.7 Hz), 5.07 (0.5H, d, $J = 16.9$ Hz), 5.11-5.14 (1.5H, m), 5.41 (0.5 H, dt, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 3.4 Hz), 5.47 (0.5H, m), 5.80 (0.5H, dt, $J = 17.8$ Hz, 9.4 Hz), 5.90 (1H, m), 5.97 (0.5H, dt, $J = 17.9$ Hz, 9.5 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.36-7.39 (4H, m), 7.41-7.44 (2H, m), 7.67-7.70 (4H, m); ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 19.4, 22.5, 26.9, 29.3, 30.3, 30.8, 31.0, 32.2, 32.4, 32.9, 33.0, 36.2, 37.9, 38.0, 43.5, 44.3, 44.6, 45.1, 45.9, 46.1, 48.1, 50.4, 50.7, 55.6, 56.8, 62.9, 63.1, 65.16, 65.21, 73.1, 73.2, 80.4, 81.4, 116.3, 116.6, 116.9, 117.4, 127.39, 127.44, 127.5, 127.8, 128.0, 129.73, 129.74, 130.1, 130.2, 133.56, 133.58, 133.59, 133.60, 133.9, 134.8, 135.6, 135.7, 138.2, 140.0, 154.6, 156.2; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{56}\text{NaO}_4\text{Si}$ ($[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$): 687.3846, found 687.3840.

Secondary alcohol **98**

A 0.1 M solution of TBDPSCl was prepared by dissolving 128 μL of the neat compound in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . Similarly, a 0.1 M solution of imidazole was prepared by dissolving 34 mg

of the solid compound in 5 mL of CH₂Cl₂. To a flask containing neat mixed diol **97** (25.2 mg, 37.9 μmol, 100 eq.) was added a portion of the imidazole solution (758 μL, 75.8 μmol, 2.00 eq.) followed by a portion of the TBDPSCl solution (758 μL, 75.8 μmol, 2.00 eq.). The reaction mixture immediately turned cloudy, and a precipitate formed. After 25 minutes at room temperature, TLC (2:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion of the starting material to the product of R_f = 0.70. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and quenched with pH 7 phosphate buffer. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of CH₂Cl₂ before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (1000 μm plate, loaded in CH₂Cl₂, eluted in 85:15 hexanes/EtOAc, silica washed with EtOAc) to give secondary alcohol **98** as a colorless oil (24.8 mg, 72%). NMR showed that **98** was still a 1:1 mixture of inseparable diastereomers.

IR (neat) ν 3464, 3070, 3014, 2929, 2857, 1611, 1588, 1509, 1472, 1428, 1240, 1111, 1088, 999, 823, 702 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.84 (1H, m), 0.90 (3H, m), 0.93 (1H, m), 0.99 (1H, m), 1.05 (9H, s), 1.09 (9H, s), 1.36-1.40 (3H, m), 1.53-2.02 (8H, m), 2.20 (1H, m), 2.32 (1H, m), 3.06 (0.5H, m), 3.18 (0.5H, m), 3.61-3.68 (2.5H, m), 3.85 (0.5H, m), 4.66-4.68 (2.5H, m), 4.77 (0.5H, m), 5.03 (0.5H, d, *J* = 17.0 Hz), 5.06-5.10 (1.5H, m), 5.40 (0.5H, ddd, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 2.8 Hz), 5.47 (0.5H, ddd, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 4.7 Hz, 2.7 Hz), 5.80 (0.5H, ddd, *J* = 17.0 Hz, 10.1 Hz, 8.5 Hz), 5.90 (1H, d, *J* = 9.4 Hz), 5.99 (0.5H, dt, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 9.6 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.21 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.34-7.43 (12H, m), 7.64-7.70 (8H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.3, 19.4, 22.5, 22.6, 26.91, 26.94, 28.7, 29.9, 30.8, 31.0, 31.7, 32.0, 33.0, 33.1, 36.2, 36.3, 37.9, 38.1, 43.4, 43.6, 44.0, 44.3, 45.1, 45.7, 46.1, 48.0, 50.6, 50.8, 55.8, 57.0, 64.1, 64.3, 65.19, 65.24, 72.8, 73.0, 80.0, 81.1, 116.0, 116.2, 116.8, 117.1, 127.35, 127.43, 127.6, 127.7, 127.8, 127.9, 129.5, 129.6, 129.71, 129.73, 130.3, 130.5, 133.4, 133.59, 133.60, 133.62, 133.63, 134.00, 134.01, 134.10, 134.11, 134.4, 135.6, 135.7, 138.3, 140.4, 154.9, 156.5; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for C₅₉H₇₅O₄Si₂ ([M+H]⁺): 903.5204, found 903.5208.

Ketone **99**

To a solution of mixed alcohol **98** (12.4 mg, 13.7 μmol, 1.00 eq.) in 1 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was added solid Dess–Martin periodinane (20 mg, 47.2 μmol, 3.44 eq.). After 30 minutes, TLC (4:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion of the starting material (R_f = 0.51) to the product of R_f = 0.56. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ and quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution. The layers were separated, and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (500 μm plate, loaded in CH₂Cl₂, eluted in 85:15 hexanes/EtOAc, silica washed with acetone) to give ketone **99** as a colorless oil (12 mg, 97%).

[α]_D²⁰ = +89.6 (*c* 1.20, CH₂Cl₂); IR (neat) ν 3070, 2928, 2856, 1712, 1611, 1588, 1509, 1472, 1375, 1240, 1111, 1089, 1007, 923, 823, 702, 614, 505 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.82 (1H, q, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 0.94 (1H, m), 1.02 (9H, s), 1.06 (9H, s), 1.07 (1H, m), 1.37-1.41 (3H, m), 1.63 (2H, m), 1.72 (1H, m), 2.00-2.05 (4H, m), 2.41 (1H, dt, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 7.4 Hz), 2.50 (1H, dt, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 7.7 Hz), 3.29 (1H, m), 3.35 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 6.7 Hz), 3.55 (2H, t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 4.64-4.67 (3H, m), 4.94-4.98 (2H, m), 5.46 (1H, dt, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 3.3 Hz), 5.57 (1H, ddd, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 10.0 Hz, 8.7 Hz), 5.97 (1H, d, *J* = 9.7 Hz), 6.75 (2H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 7.12 (2H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.33-7.42 (12H, m), 7.60-7.62 (4H, m), 7.67-7.68 (4H, m); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 19.3, 19.4, 22.6, 26.3, 26.9, 30.6, 32.8, 36.1, 38.1, 39.2, 43.9, 44.5, 45.4, 49.7, 51.1, 56.7, 63.2, 65.2, 79.1, 115.8, 116.2, 127.2, 127.67, 127.72, 128.8, 129.5, 129.6, 129.7, 133.1, 133.6, 133.90,

133.92, 135.6, 135.7, 137.6, 157.2, 211.1; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{59}H_{72}KO_4Si_2$ ($[M+K]^+$): 939.4604, found 939.4600.

Diol 100

A 1.0 M solution of buffered TBAF was prepared by adding 200 μ L of glacial acetic acid to 1.5 mL of a 1.0 M solution of TBAF in THF. To a solution of ketone **99** (12 mg, 13.3 μ mol, 1.00 eq.) in 1.5 mL of THF was added a portion of the buffered TBAF solution (600 μ L, 0.6 mmol, 45 eq.). After stirring at room temperature for ten hours, TLC (1:1 hexanes/EtOAc, UV/anisaldehyde) showed complete conversion of the starting material (R_f = 0.86) to the product of R_f = 0.10. The reaction was quenched with water and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with one additional portion of EtOAc before the combined organics were dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by preparative TLC (500 μ m plate, loaded in CH_2Cl_2 , eluted in 4:1 EtOAc/hexanes, silica washed with acetone) to give diol **100** as a white amorphous solid (5.5 mg, 97%).

$[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = +176.2 (c 0.55, CH_2Cl_2); IR (neat) ν 3349, 2946, 2902, 2866, 2843, 1703, 1612, 1513, 1402, 1249, 1174, 1032, 1006, 918, 814, 719 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (500 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 0.82 (1H, q, J = 11.6 Hz), 0.91 (3H, d, J = 6.7 Hz), 0.94 (1H, m), 1.05 (1H, m), 1.38-1.40 (3H, m), 1.56 (2H, m), 1.74 (1H, m), 1.96-2.05 (4H, m), 2.36 (1H, dt, J = 17.8 Hz, 6.7 Hz), 2.47 (1H, dt, J = 18.0 Hz, 6.8 Hz), 3.27-3.41 (4H, m), 4.57 (2H, s), 4.71 (1H, dd, J = 6.7 Hz, 3.5 Hz), 4.98 (1H, d, J = 9.9 Hz), 5.00 (1H, d, J = 17.1 Hz), 5.45 (1H, dt, J = 9.8 Hz, 3.2 Hz), 5.55 (1H, dt, J = 17.6 Hz, 9.1 Hz), 5.96 (1H, d, J = 9.9 Hz), 6.81 (2H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.22 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz); 22.5, 26.0, 30.3, 32.7, 36.1, 38.1, 39.4, 43.8, 44.5, 45.5, 49.5, 51.1, 56.6, 62.2, 65.2, 79.0, 115.9, 116.2, 128.7, 128.9, 129.4, 133.1, 137.5, 157.9, 211.8; HRMS (ESI+) calculated for $C_{27}H_{37}O_4$ ($[M+H]^+$): 425.2692, found 425.2690.

Supplementary Material

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Figure 1.

(i) Structures of hirsutellone B and related natural products and (ii) concepts for evolving these polycyclic architectures from polyunsaturated precursors.

Figure 2.
Strategic bond disconnections for the synthesis of key intermediate **8**.

Scheme 1.

An acylketene trapping/IMDA cascade to access the hirsutellone framework. DMB = 2,4-dimethoxybenzyl; P = TBDPS = *t*-BuPh₂Si.

Scheme 2.
Synthesis of phenol coupling partner **14**.

Scheme 3.

Synthesis of key triene intermediate **8** and execution of the cyclization cascade to form **10**.

TPAP = tetrapropylammonium perruthenate; KHMDS = potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide.

Scheme 4. Unexpected formation of acylketene hemiaminal ether **26**.

Scheme 5.

Attempted synthesis of **28** via an intramolecular Knoevenagel condensation.

Scheme 6.

Revised strategy to hirsutellone B featuring a macrolactone intermediate.

Scheme 7. Synthesis of enantioenriched phenol coupling partner **37**.

Scheme 8.

Synthesis of key triene intermediate **29** and its unexpected dimerization.

Scheme 9. Attempted γ -lactone synthesis and formation of acylketene acetal **45**.

Scheme 10. Formation of acylketene acetal **46** and its subsequent ring expansion to **49**.

Scheme 11.

Proposed Carroll rearrangement for the formal synthesis of hirsutellone B. LiHMDS = lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide.

Scheme 12.
Synthesis of phenol coupling partner **60**.

Scheme 13.
Synthesis of macrolactone **50**.

Scheme 14.

The construction of polycycle **67** via a radical cyclization reaction.

Scheme 15.

An approach to macrocyclic ketone **72** using a palladium-catalyzed coupling reaction.

Scheme 16.
Synthesis of dioxinone ylide **79**.

Scheme 17.
Synthesis of allylic phosphate **82**.

Scheme 18. Synthesis of decahydrofluorene **89** via an IMDA reaction.

Scheme 19. Synthesis of key intermediate **71** and attempted intramolecular Stille coupling.

Scheme 20.
Synthesis of diol **97**.

Scheme 21.
Formal synthesis of hirsutellone B.