## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Synthesis of Biologically Active Natural Products, Aspergillides A and B, Entirely from Biomass-Derived Platform Chemicals

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#### **1. General Methods**

All reagents were commercially purchased and were used as received for the reactions. All reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware while THF was freshly distilled from Na/Benzophenone ketyl and DCM was freshly distilled from Calcium Hydride. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was conducted with Merck 60 F254 precoated silica gel plate (0.2 mm thickness) and visualized under UV, by potassium permanganate or ceric ammonium molybdate stain. Flash chromatography was performed using Merck silica gel 60 with distilled solvents. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were performed on a Bruker Avance 300, Bruker Avance 400 or Bruker Avance 500 NMR spectrometer and are reported in ppm downfield from SiMe<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$  0.0), relative to the signal of chloroform-d ( $\delta$  = 7.26, singlet) or methanol-d<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$  = 3.31, quintet). Data reported as: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, b = broad; coupling constant(s) in Hz; integration. Proton-decoupled <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker Avance 300 (75 MHz) or Bruker Avance 400 (100MHz) or Bruker Avance 500 (125 MHz) spectrometer and are reported in ppm using solvent as an internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 77.16 ppm or CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 53.84 ppm). IR spectra were recorded using nujol mull technique for solids and recorded neat (or a concentrated solution of CHCl<sub>3</sub>) for liquids on NaCl plates on a Shimadzu IRPrestige-21 FT-IR Spectrophotometer were reported in frequency of absorption (cm<sup>-1</sup>). High-resolution mass spectral analysis (HRMS) was performed on Q-Tof Premier mass spectrometer (Waters Corporation).

### 2. Synthesis and characterization of compounds



## Pentane-1,4-diol $(rac-6)^1$

To an oven-dried, vacuum cooled 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added levulinic acid 4 (2.0 mL, 2.29 g, 19.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and anhydrous THF (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The solution was cooled down to 0 °C before LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (39.5 mL, 2.0 M solution in THF, 79 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) was slowly added dropwise to give initial effervescence and then a white suspension. After addition, the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and allowed to stir at RT for an additional 1 h to give an almost clear solution. The mixture was cooled down to 0 °C and H<sub>2</sub>O (3.1 mL) was slowly added dropwise, followed by addition of aqueous NaOH (3.1 mL, 15 wt%, 3.75 M) and finally H<sub>2</sub>O (9.2 mL) to give a white suspension after stirring at room temperature for another 1 h. The suspension was filtered through a pad of celite, washed with ethyl acetate and dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: ethyl acetate) afforded rac-6 as a colourless oil (1.81 g, 17.4 mmol, 88%). TLC (ethyl acetate):  $R_f = 0.23$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 3.90-3.82 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.63 (m, 2H), 2.48 (bs, 1H), 2.36 (bs, 1H), 1.69-1.47 (m, 4H), 1.22 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 68.1, 63.1, 36.4, 29.3, 23.8; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3306, 2932, 1454, 1373, 1134; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>2</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 105.0916; found: 105.0921.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (*R*)-pentan-1,4-diol: J. C. Killen, L. C. Axford, S. E. Newberry, T. J. Simpson and C. L. Willis, *Org. Lett.*, 2012, **14**, 4194-4197.



## (S)-4-hydroxypentyl acetate (8)

To a 25 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added pentane-1,4-diol *rac-6* (1.80 g, 17.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and vinylacetate (5.3 mL, 4.91 g, 57.1 mmol, 3.3 equiv.) before Novozyme 435 (571 mg, 33 mg/mmol) was added. The suspension was allowed to stir at RT for 3.5 h before filtering through a pad of celite, washed with ethyl acetate and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude mixture which is immediately used in the subsequent step without further purification.

Alternatively the crude mixture can be purified using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1) to afford **8** as a colourless oil. TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.13$ ;  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +13.4$  (c = 1.49, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 4.09 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.84 (sextet, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.78-1.67 (m, 3H), 1.54-1.48 (m, 2H), 1.21 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.4, 67.5, 64.6, 35.4, 25.0, 23.6, 21.0; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3426, 2967, 1736, 1454, 1368, 1140; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>15</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 147.1021; found: 147.1017.

## (S)-4-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)pentyl acetate (9)

To the crude mixture obtained above in a 50 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (18 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Imidazole (882 mg, 13.0 mmol, 1.5 equiv. with respect to 50% conversion) was then added at RT and stirred to achieve complete dissolution before tert-butyl(chloro)diphenylsilane (2.7 mL, 2.85 g, 10.4 mmol, 1.2 equiv. with respect to 50% conversion) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 h before saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL x 3) and the combined organic phase washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford **9** as a colourless oil (2.66 g, 6.92 mmol, 40%) over 2 steps out the theoretical maximum of 50%), ee = >99%. The *ee* was determined on Chiralcel OJ column with hexane/2-propanol = 100:0, flow = 0.5 mL/min, wavelength = 220nm. Retention times: 10.1 min [(R)-enantiomer], 17.4 min [(S)-enantiomer]. TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.69$ ;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{21} = -12.9$  (c = 2.11, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.68-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.35 (m, 6H), 3.96 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.88 (sextet, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.65-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.46 (m, 2H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.2Hz, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H);  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.3, 136.0, 136.0, 134.9, 134.5, 129.7, 129.6, 127.7, 127.6, 69.2, 64.8, 35.7. 27.2, 24.4, 23.2, 21.1, 19.4; FTIR (neat,

NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3071, 2961, 1740, 1589, 1427, 1363, 1111;HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaO<sub>3</sub>Si [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>: 407.2018; found: 407.2023.



## (S)-4-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)pentan-1-ol (10)<sup>2</sup>

To (S)-4-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)pentyl acetate 9 (2.60 g, 6.77 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 25 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added MeOH (15 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (3 mL) before solid K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.12 g, 8.12 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added in one portion. The mixture was allowed to stir at RT for 6 h before saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) were added, extracted with ethyl acetate (25 mL x 4), the combined organic phase washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 2:1) to afford **10** as a colourless oil (2.22 g, 6.50 mmol, 96%). TLC (hexanes/ ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.59$ ;  $[\alpha]^{20}_D = -9.3$  (c = 0.45, MeOH), (Lit.<sup>2</sup>:  $[\alpha]_D = -50.1$  $(c = 0.0051, MeOH); [\alpha]_{D}^{21} = -6.5 (c = 1.00, CHCl_3), (Lit. (enantiomer)^{3}: [\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +5.4 (c = 1.00, CHCl_3))$ 2.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 7.68-7.67 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.35 (m, 4H), 3.91 (sextet, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.55-3.53 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.52-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 136.0, 136.0, 134.8, 134.5, 129.7, 129.7, 127.7, 127.6, 69.4, 63.2, 35.7, 28.4, 27.2, 23.0, 19.4; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3361, 3070, 2932, 1589, 1427, 1367, 1111; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 343.2093; found: 343.2104.



## (S)-tert-butyl((5-iodopentan-2-yl)oxy)diphenylsilane (11)<sup>3</sup>

To a 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added PPh<sub>3</sub> (3.13 g, 11.9 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) and imidazole (1.62 g, 23.8 mmol, 4.0 equiv.) before THF/MeCN (6:5) (15 mL) was added and cooled down to 0  $^{\circ}$ C to give a brown solution. I<sub>2</sub> (3.33 g, 13.1 mmol, 2.2

<sup>3</sup> (*R*)-*tert*-butyl((5-iodopentan-2-yl)oxy)diphenylsilane (enantiomer): T. Motozaki, K. Sawamura, A. Suzuki, K. Yoshida, T. Ueki, A. Ohara, R. Munakata, K.-i. Takao and K.-i.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> G. B. Jones, G. Hynd, J. M. Wright and A. Sharma, J. Org. Chem., 1999, 65, 263-265.

Tadano, Org. Lett., 2005, 7, 2265-2267.

equiv.) was then added in one portion to the stirring mixture at 0 °C and allowed to stirred at 0 °C for 1 h to give a brown suspension. (S)-4-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)pentan-1-ol 10 (2.04 g, 5.96 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in THF (15 mL) was then added to the suspension was allowed to stir at room temperature for 3 h before saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) was added and concentrated under reduced pressure. Ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added to dilute the mixture and the layers were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with EA (30 mL x 3), the combined organic phase washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 50:1) to afford **11** as a pale yellow oil (2.63 g, 5.82 mmol, 98%). TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 20:1):  $R_f = 0.76$ ;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -20.2$  (c = 2.17, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), (Lit.(enantiomer)<sup>3</sup>:  $[\alpha]^{22}_{D} = +20.5$  (c = 1.93, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.68-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.35 (m, 6H), 3.87 (sextet, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.11-3.04 (m, 2H), 1.87-1.82 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H);<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 136.0, 136.0, 134.8, 134.4, 129.7, 129.7, 127.7, 127.6, 68.7, 40.3, 29.5, 27.2, 23.4, 19.4, 7.4; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3071, 2961, 1589, 1427, 1377, 1111; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NaOSiI [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>: 475.0930; found: 475.0946.



## 5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde (12)<sup>4</sup>

To an oven-dried, vacuum cooled 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added 5-(hydroxymethyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde **5** (6.11 g, 48.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and anhydrous DMF (35 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere before benzyl bromide (8.6 mL, 12.4 g, 72.7 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and silver oxide (11.3 g, 48.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) were added. The round-bottom flask was covered with aluminium foil to exclude light and the suspension was allowed to stir at room temperature for 4 h. The suspension was diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL) and filtered through a pad of celite, washed with ethyl acetate and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford **12** as a yellow oil (9.53 g, 44.1 mmol, 91%). TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.50$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 9.63 (s, 1H), 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.61 (s, 2H), 4.58 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 177.9, 158.6, 152.8, 137.4, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 122.0, 111.4, 73.1, 64.3; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3062, 3032, 2859, 1678, 1524, 1454, 1192; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>13</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 217.0865; found: 217.0863.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> L. Cottier, G. Descotes, L. Eymard and K. Rapp, *Synthesis*, 1995, 303-306.



tert-butyl 3-(5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypropanoate (rac-13)

To an oven-dried, vacuum cooled 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added diisopropylamine (9.2 mL, 6.60 g, 65.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and anhydrous THF (15 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere before cooling down to 0 °C. n-Butyllithium (35.4 mL, 1.6 m in hexanes, 56.7 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) was slowly added dropwise at 0 °C and stirred for 30 min before cooling down to -78 °C. tert-Butyl acetate (8.8 mL, 7.6 g, 65.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was then slowly added dropwise to the mixture at -78 °C and stirred for 30 min. 5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-carbaldehyde 12 (9.41 g, 43.6 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in anhydrous THF (45 mL) was then slowly added dropwise to the mixture at -78 °C and allowed to stir at -78 °C for an additional 3 h. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) was slowly added to quench the reaction and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure before diluting with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL). The layers were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL x 4), the combined organic phase washed with brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 6:1 to 2:1) to afford *rac-13* as a pale yellow oil (14.0 g, 42.3 mmol, 97%). TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.45$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.35-7.30 (m, 5H), 6.27 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.10-5.04 (m, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.45 (s, 2H), 3.38 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (dd, J = 16.5 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 16.4 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ (ppm): 171.5, 155.4, 151.2, 138.0, 128.5, 128.0, 127.9, 110.3, 107.0, 81.8, 72.1, 64.6, 64.1, 40.9, 28.2; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3443, 3060, 2980, 2929.9, 1726, 1454, 1151; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 333.1702; found: 333.1691.



tert-butyl 3-(5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-yl)-3-oxopropanoate (14)

To *tert*-butyl 3-(5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypropanoate (*rac*-13) (6.66 g, 20.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 100 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added ethyl acetate (40 mL) and manganese dioxide (34.9 g, 401 mmol, 20 equiv.). The black

suspension was allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h before being filtered through a pad of celite, washed with ethyl acetate and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 2:1) to afford **14** (keto form : enol form = 93:7) as a pale yellow oil which solidified at -30 °C to give a pale yellow solid (5.69 g, 17.3 mmol, 86%). mp = 53-54 °C; TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.65$ ; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H, keto), 6.85 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H, enol), 6.49 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H, keto), 6.41 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H, enol), 5.56 (s, 1H, enol), 4.59 (s, 2H, keto), 4.56 (s, 2H, enol), 4.54 (s, 2H, keto), 4.49 (s, 2H, enol), 3.74 (s, 2H), 1.52 (s, 9H, enol), 1.44 (s, 9H, keto); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 181.6, 166.3, 157.1, 151.9, 137.4, 128.6, 128.1, 128.0, 119.0, 111.6, 82.2, 72.8, 64.2, 46.9, 28.0 (enol peaks not depicted); FTIR (Nujol, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3117, 2953, 2922, 2852, 1732, 1667, 1454, 1138; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 331.1545; found: 333.1547.



(R)-tert-butyl 3-(5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypropanoate (13)

To a 50 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added dichloro(p-cymene)ruthenium(II) dimer (263 mg, 0.43 mmol, 2.5 mol%), (1R,2R)-(+)-1,2-diphenylethylenediamine<sup>5</sup> (376 mg, 1.03 mmol, 6 mol%) and MeCN (34 mL) before triethylamine (356  $\mu$ L, 260 mg, 2.57 mmol, 15 mol%) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 1 h to give a dark orange solution before 5HCOOH 2NEt<sub>3</sub> azeotrope (8.6 mL) was added. The mixture was then transferred to another 50 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar containing *tert*-butyl 3-(5-((benzyloxy)methyl))furan-2-yl)-3-oxopropanoate **14** (5.66 g, 17.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and allowed to stir at room temperature for 12 h. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 4:1) to afford **13** as a pale yellow oil (5.66 g, 17.0 mmol, 99%, *ee* = 98%). The *ee* was determined on Chiralcel OB-H column with hexane/2-propanol = 90:10, flow = 1.0 mL/min, wavelength = 220 nm. Retention times: 10.8 min [(S)-enantiomer], 15.4 min [(R)-enantiomer]. [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>22</sup><sub>D</sub> = +21.9 (c = 2.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), see *rac*-**13** for the rest of the characterization data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Lutz F. Tietze, Y. Zhou and E. Töpken, Eur. J. Org. Chem., 2000, 2247-2252.



*tert*-butyl (*R*)-2-(6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl) acetate (15)

To (*R*)-*tert*-butyl 3-(5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypropanoate (**13**) (445 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 25 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added  $CH_2Cl_2$  (4.5 mL) and then *meta*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (329 mg, ~70 wt. %, 1.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in one portion. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 15 h to give a white suspension before saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) was added. The layers were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5 mL x 3), the combined organic phase washed with water (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude **15** as a mixture of isomers (major:minor = 91:9) which is immediately used in the subsequent step without further purification.

Alternatively, the crude mixture can be purified using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 1:1) to afford **15** as a mixture of isomers (major:minor = 91:9) as a pale yellow oil. TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.38$ ;  $[\alpha]^{22}_D = +41.0$  (c = 3.44, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.36-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.89 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H, minor), 6.81 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H, major), 6.19 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H, minor), 6.13 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H, major), 4.94 (dd, J = 6.9 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (d, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (bs, 1H, minor), 4.01 (bs, 1H, major), 3.62 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.57 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (dd, J = 16.5 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 16.5 Hz, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (s, 9H, minor), 1.42 (s, 9H, major); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 195.4, 194.9 (minor), 169.8, 147.5 (minor), 145.2, 137.4, 128.7, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.9 (minor), 127.9 (minor), 71.8, 39.3 (minor), 36.7, 28.2; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3401, 3067, 3030, 2978, 2932, 2868, 1730, 1694, 1632; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 349.1651; found: 349.1643.

# *tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,6*R*)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-oxo-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (16)

To the crude mixture of **15** obtained above in a 25 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (6.7 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Triethylsilane (195  $\mu$ L, 142 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was added and cooled down to -20 °C before boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (165  $\mu$ L, 190 mg, 1.34 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was slowly added dropwise and stirred at -20 °C for another 2 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) before warming to room temperature. The layers

were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL x 4), the combined organic phase washed with water (5 mL), brine (5 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 2:1) to afford **16** (271 mg, 0.82 mmol, 61% over 2 steps) as a yellow oil. TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.50$ ;  $[\alpha]^{22}_{D} = +70.4$  (c = 2.21, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.36-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.07 (dd, J = 10.4 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (dd, J = 10.4 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.64-4.56 (m, 3H), 4.45 (ddd, J = 7.1 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.58 (dd, J = 10.0 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (dd, J = 16.5 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 16.4 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 195.1, 170.0, 148.9, 137.8, 128.6, 128.0, 127.9, 127.4, 81.1, 77.7, 74.0, 73.8, 71.2, 36.8, 28.2; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3057, 3034, 2982, 2934, 2874, 1728, 1628; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 333.1702; found: 333.1705.



*tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-hydroxy-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl) acetate (17)

## *tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-hydroxytetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl) acetate (18)

To (*R*)-*tert*-butyl 3-(5-((benzyloxy)methyl)furan-2-yl)-3-hydroxypropanoate (**13**) (5.66 g, 17.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 100 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40 mL) and then *meta*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid (4.19 g, ~70 wt. %, 17.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in one portion. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 20 h to give a white suspension before saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (80 mL) was added. The layers were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (80 mL x 3), the combined organic phase washed with water (50 mL), brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude **15** as a mixture of isomers (major:minor = 91:9) which is immediately used in the subsequent step without further purification.

To the crude mixture of **15** obtained above in a 100 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added anhydrous  $CH_2Cl_2$  (85 mL) under  $N_2$  atmosphere. Triethylsilane (24.8 mL,

18.1 g, 170 mmol, 10 equiv.) was added and cooled down to -40 °C before boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (12.6 mL, 14.5 g, 102 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) was slowly added *via* a syringe pump over 30 min and stirred at -40 °C for another 15 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (50 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) before warming to room temperature. The layers were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL x 4), the combined organic phase washed with water (50 mL), brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1 to 2:1) to afford **17** (343 mg, 1.03 mmol, 6% over 2 steps) and **18** (3.96 g, 11.8 mmol, 69% over 2 steps) separately as pale yellow oils. Total yield: 75% over 2 steps.

**17**: TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.30$ ;  $[\alpha]^{22}{}_D = +70.1$  (c = 0.72, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.34-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 5.80 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 4.34 (m, 1H), 4.05 (m, 1H), 3.71-3.64 (m, 1H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (dd, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (bs, 1H), 1.46 (s, 9H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.6, 138.3, 130.3, 128.8, 128.5, 127.9, 127.8, 81.3, 76.1, 74.7, 73.5, 72.4, 68.2, 40.4, 28.2; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3424, 3060, 2978, 2930, 2868, 1732, 1620; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 335.1858; found: 335.1854.

**18**: TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.23$ ;  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_D = +24.1$  (c = 2.37, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.33-1.28 (m, 5H), 4.57 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.58-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.57 (m, 1H), 3.53-3.51 (m, 1H), 3.50-3.46 (m, 1H), 3.41 (dd, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (m, 1H), 2.72 (dd, *J* = 15.2 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (dd, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (bs, 1H), 2.14-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.47 (m, 11H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.8, 138.5, 128.5, 127.8, 127.7, 81.1, 78.9, 77.0, 73.5, 72.9, 71.0, 40.5, 32.8, 28.2, 28.0; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3443, 3060, 2978, 2934, 2868, 1732, 1603; HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 337.2015; found: 337.2011.



*tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3,6-dihydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (19)

## *tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy) tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (20)

To a mixture of *tert*-butyl 2-((2R,3S,6R)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-hydroxy-3,6-dihydro-2H-(343 mg, 1.03 mmol) and *tert*-butyl pyran-2-yl)acetate 17 2-((2R,3S,6R)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-hydroxytetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate 18 (3.96 g, 11.8 mmol) in a 50 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (26 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Imidazole (2.62 g, 38.5 mmol, 3.0 equiv. w.r.t combined amount of both reactants) was then added at RT and stirred to achieve complete dissolution before tertbutyl(chloro)dimethylsilane (2.90 g, 19.2 mmol, 1.5 equiv. w.r.t combined amount of both reactants) was added. The mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 15 h before saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL x 3) and the combined organic phase washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) and brine (5 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 40:1 to 20:1) to afford **19** and **20** as an inseparable mixture (colourless oil) (5.14 g, 11.4 mmol, 89%). TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1):  $R_f = 0.39$ ;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +48.5$  (c = 1.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.33-7.27 (m, 5H), 5.76 (m, 2H, 19), 4.58-4.52 (m, 2H), 4.35 (m, 1H, 19), 4.08-4.05 (m, 1H, 19), 3.75 (m, 1H, 19), 3.59-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.50-3.47 (m, 1H), 3.43-3.32 (m, 2H), 2.78-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.38-2.33 (m, 1H, **19**), 2.24 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.44 (m, 11H), 0.06 (s, 6H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.3, 138.6, 128.4, 127.8, 127.6, 80.4, 79.8, 76.8, 73.4, 72.9, 70.9, 39.5, 33.2, 28.3, 28.1, 25.9, 18.1, -3.9, -4.6; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3061, 3030, 2953, 2930, 2857, 1732; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>43</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 451.2880; found: 451.2887.



*tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (21)

To a mixture of *tert*-butyl 2-((2R,3S,6R)-6-((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethyl silyl)oxy)-3,6-dihydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate (19) and *tert*-butyl 2 - ((2R, 3S, 6R) - 6 -((benzyloxy)methyl)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate (20)(5.00 g, 11.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 100 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added MeOH (30 mL) and palladium on carbon (1.18 g, 10 wt. %, 1.11 mmol, 10 mol%). The round-bottom flask was evacuated and backfilled with H<sub>2</sub> (balloon) thrice and allowed to stir at RT for 21 h, filtered through a short plug of silica gel, washed with ethyl acetate and concentrated afford *tert*-butyl 2-((2R,3S,6R)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6to (hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate **21** as a colourless oil (3.84 g, 10.7 mmol, 96%). TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.43$ ;  $[\alpha]_D^{23} = +42.8$  (c = 1.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 3.58-3.54 (m, 2H), 3.48-3.43 (m, 2H), 3.32 (td, J = 9.6Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.77 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 2.02-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.70 (bs, 1H), 1.61-1.48 (m, 3H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.42-1.41 (m, 1H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H);  $^{13}$ C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.2, 80.6, 79.6, 77.8, 70.9, 65.7, 39.6, 32.9, 28.3, 26.8, 25.9, 18.0, -3.9, -4.6; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3466, 2953, 2930, 2857, 1728; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>37</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 361.2410; found: 361.2417.



## *tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-formyltetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (22)

To an oven-dried, vacuum cooled 250 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added anhydrous DMSO (2.2 mL, 2.40 g, 30.8 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) and anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere before cooling down to -78 °C. Oxalyl chloride (1.3 mL, 1.95 g, 15.4 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was slowly added dropwise at -78 °C and stirred for 15 min. tert-butyl 2-((2R,3S,6R)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl) acetate 21 (3.69 g, 10.3 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) dissolved in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (50 mL) was then slowly added dropwise to the mixture at -78 °C and stirred for 1 h. Triethylamine (8.5 mL, 6.21 g, 61.5 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) was then added in portion to the mixture at -78 °C and allowed to stir at -78 °C for an additional 15 min before warming to room temperature and stirred for another 30 min. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL) was added to the mixture and the layers were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (30 mL x 3), the combined organic phase washed with H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 30:1) to afford 22 as a pale yellow oil (3.12 g, 8.71 mmol, 85%). The aldehyde product is not very stable and should be stored a low temperature or used immediately in the subsequent step. TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.55$ ;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +84.4$  (c = 1.72, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 9.59 (s, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 11.5 Hz, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (td, J = 9.4 Hz, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (td, J = 9.6 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.79 (dd, J = 15.1 Hz, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (dd, J = 15.2 Hz, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 2.10-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.95-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.57-.50 (m, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 201.5, 171.0, 81.1, 80.8, 79.8, 70.2, 39.2, 32.7, 28.3, 26.0, 25.9, 18.0, -3.9, -4.6; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2955, 2930, 2859, 1738, 1732, 1368; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 359.2254; found: 359.2247.



*tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((*E*)-2-iodovinyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (23)

## *tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((*Z*)-2-iodovinyl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (23-*Z*)

To an oven-dried, vacuum-cooled 100 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stir bar was added anhydrous chromium(II) chloride (5.39 g, 43.8 mmol, 7.0 equiv.) under Ar atmosphere and cooled down to 0 °C before anhydrous THF (26 mL) was slowly added at 0 °C to give a grey suspension. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and a mixture containing tert-butyl 2-((2R,3S,6R)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-formyltetrahydro-2Hpyran-2-yl)acetate (22) (2.24 g, 6.26 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and iodoform (4.93 g, 12.5 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) dissolved in anhydrous THF (13 mL) was slowly added dropwise at room temperature to the stirring suspension and allowed to stir for another 1 h to give a brown solution. H<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) and ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with ethyl acetate (50 mL x 3) and the combined organic phase washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL), saturated aqueous Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and brine (30 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered through a pad of silica gel and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography in the dark (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 100:1) to afford 23 as the major product (colourless oil) (1.99 g, 4.13 mmol, 66%) and 23-Z as the minor product (colourless oil) (481 mg, 1.00 mmol, 16%). The products were stored under Ar, in the absence of light at -20 °C and 23 was used in the subsequent step within a few days.

**23**: TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1):  $R_f = 0.54$ ;  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +47.4$  (c = 1.13, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 6.50 (dd, J = 14.5 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (dd, J = 14.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.83-3.80 (m, 1H), 3.57 (td, J = 9.3 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (td, J = 9.5 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.02-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.78-.174 (m, 1H), 1.44 (m, 11H), 0.87 (s, 9H) 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.2, 145.6, 80.6, 79.8, 78.9, 77.3, 70.5, 39.5, 33.2, 30.8, 28.3, 25.9, 18.1, -3.9, -4.6; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3053, 2953, 2930, 2857, 1730, 1612; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>36</sub>IO<sub>4</sub>Si [M+H] <sup>+</sup>: 483.1428; found: 483.1425. *rac-23*: mp = 53-54 °C.

**23-Z**: mp = 71-72 °C; TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1):  $R_f = 0.46$ ;  $[\alpha]^{22}{}_D = +7.8$  (c = 1.32, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 6.27-6.19 (m, 2H), 4.08 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (td, J = 9.3 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (td, J = 9.7 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.71 (m, 1H), 2.19 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 9.5 Hz, 1H), 2.04-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.64-1.54

(m, 1H), 1.48-1.38 (m, 10H), 0.87 (s, 9H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s,3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.2, 142.0, 81.9, 80.7, 80.5, 80.0, 70.6, 39.8, 33.5, 29.9, 28.3, 26.0, 18.2, -3.9, -4.6; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3053, 2953, 2930, 2857, 1730, 1620; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>36</sub>IO<sub>4</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 483.1428; found: 483.1429. *rac*-23-Z: mp = 71-72 °C.



## *tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((*S*,*E*)-6-((tert-butyldiphenyl silyl)oxy)hept-1-en-1-yl)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (24)

To a 4 mL sample vial wrapped in aluminium foil containing tert-butyl 2-((2R,3S,6R)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((E)-2-iodovinyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate 23 (300)mg, 0.62 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and (S)-tert-butyl((5-iodopentan-2-yl)oxy)diphenylsilane 11 (844 mg, 1.87 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added 2% TPGS-750-M solution (1.2 mL) under Ar. Tetramethylethylenediamine (465  $\mu$ L, 361 mg, 3.11 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) was then added with stirring. PdCl<sub>2</sub>Amphos<sub>2</sub> (22 mg, 0.031 mmol, 5 mol%) and activated zinc dust<sup>6</sup> (244 mg, 3.73, 6.0 equiv.) were then added together, and the sample vial was sealed under Ar. The mixture was allowed to stir vigorously in the dark, in a pre-heated oil bath at 40 °C for 24 h and allowed to cool to room temperature. The mixture was filtered through a short pad of silica gel (washed with ethyl acetate) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes to hexanes/ethyl acetate = 100:1) followed by Preparative Thin Layer Chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 100:1) afforded 24 as a pale yellow oil (286 mg, 0.42 mmol, 68%) as a mixture of E/Z isomers in the ratio >95/5. TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 20:1):  $R_f = 0.53$ ;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +18.5$  (c = 1.19, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.67 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 4H), 7.43-7.34 (m, 6H), 5.57 (dt, J = 15.5 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.58 (td, J = 9.3 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (td, J = 9.6 Hz, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, J = 14.8 Hz, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.71-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.47-1.33 (m, 6H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (s, 9H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 171.5, 136.0, 136.0, 135.1, 134.7, 131.8, 130.3, 129.6, 129.5, 127.6, 127.5, 80.3, 79.8, 77.7, 70.9, 69.6, 39.6, 39.1, 33.6, 32.5, 31.5, 28.3, 27.2, 25.9, 24.8, 23.3, 19.4, 18.1, -3.9, -4.6; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3071,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Activated zinc dust was prepared using a modified procedure from: S. Yamamura, M. Toda and Y. Hirata, *Org. Synth.*, 1973, **53**, 86. Zinc dust was stirred in 1M HCl for 30 min, quickly washed with  $H_2O$ , filtered and washed with ethanol, acetone, diethyl ether sequentially, dried between filter paper and used immediately.

2930, 2867, 1960, 1890, 1825, 1730, 1589; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>64</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 703.4190; found: 703.4187.



## *tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-6-((*S*,*E*)-6-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)hept-1-en-1-yl)-3hydroxytetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (25)

To *tert*-butyl 2-((2R,3S,6R)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-((*S*,*E*)-6-((*tert*-butyldiphenyl silyl)oxy)hept-1-en-1-yl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate 24 (139 mg, 0.205 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 4 mL sample vial equipped with a stir bar, was added anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) before tetrabutylammonium fluoride (0.41 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 0.41 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added under N<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was allowed to stir at RT for 4 h before saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5 mL) was added to the mixture and the layers were separated, the aqueous phase extracted with EA (10 mL x 3), the combined organic phase washed with, brine (5 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 5:1) to afford 25 as a pale yellow oil (99.7 mg, 0.176 mmol, 86%). TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.48$ ;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{22} = +2.5$  (c = 0.85, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.68-7.66 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 6H), 5.59 (dt, J = 15.5 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.37 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85-3.75 (m, 2H), 3.53 (dt, J = 9.0 Hz, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39-3.33 (m, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 15.1 Hz, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49 (dd, J = 15.1 Hz, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (bs, 1H), 2.16-2.11 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.87 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.45-1.32 (m, 6H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 171.9, 136.0, 136.0, 135.1, 134.7, 132.3, 130.1, 129.6, 129.5, 127.6, 127.5, 81.1, 78.9, 78.0, 71.0, 69.6, 40.5, 39.1, 33.1, 32.4, 31.5, 28.2, 27.2, 24.8, 23.3, 19.4; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3418, 3071, 2932, 2857, 1960, 1892, 1823, 1730, 1589; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>50</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SiNa [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>: 589.3325; found: 589.3319.



*tert*-butyl 2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-6-((*S*,*E*)-6-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)hept-1-en-1-yl)-3-(methoxymethoxy)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetate (26)

2-((2R,3S,6R)-6-((S,E)-6-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)))))То *tert*-butyl hydroxytetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate 25 (96.1 mg, 0.17 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 4 mL sample vial equipped with a stir bar was added 1,2-dichloroethane (1.7 mL) before N,Ndiisopropylethylamine (296 µL, 219 mg, 1.7 mmol, 10 equiv.) was added followed by chloromethyl methyl ether (65  $\mu$ L, 68.3 mg, 0.85 mmol, 5.0 equiv.). The mixture was allowed to stir at 50 °C for 4 h before being concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: hexanes/ethyl acetate = 10:1) to afford **26** as a pale yellow oil (99.6 mg, 0.163 mmol, 96%). TLC (hexanes/ethyl acetate = 2:1):  $R_f = 0.68$ ;  $[\alpha]_D^{22}$ = +15.8 (c = 0.62, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.67 (dd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.4) Hz, 4H), 7.41-7.34 (m, 6H), 5.58 (dt, J = 15.5 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.84-3.77 (m, 2H), 3.68 (td, J = 8.8Hz, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (s, 3H), 3.29 (td, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 14.9 Hz, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dd, J = 14.9 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.24-2.20 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.32 (m, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.03 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 171.0, 136.0, 136.0, 135.1, 134.7, 132.2, 130.2, 129.6, 129.5, 127.6, 127.5, 95.3, 80.4, 77.9, 77.8, 75.6, 69.6, 55.7, 39.9, 39.1, 32.4, 31.2, 30.2, 28.3, 27.2, 24.8, 23.3, 19.4; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3049, 2932, 2857, 1960, 1900, 1827, 1726, 1589; HRMS (ESI) m/z Calcd for C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>55</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 611.3768; found: 611.3776.



2-((2*R*,3*S*,6*R*)-6-((*S*,*E*)-6-hydroxyhept-1-en-1-yl)-3-(methoxymethoxy)tetrahydro-2*H*-pyran-2-yl)acetic acid (27)<sup>7</sup>

2-((2R,3S,6R)-6-((S,E)-6-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)hept-1-en-1-yl)-3-То *tert*-butyl (methoxymethoxy)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-2-yl)acetate 26 (89.7 mg, 0.147 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a 4 mL vial equipped with a stir bar was added ethanol (1.5 mL) before aqueous NaOH (1.5 mL, 5.0 M, 7.5 mmol, 50 equiv.) was added and allowed to stir at 100 °C for 3 days. The mixture was acidified with 3 M HCl (4 mL), extracted with chloroform (12 mL x 4), washed with brine (5 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> before being filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification using silica gel chromatography (eluent: DCM/MeOH = 20:1 to 10:1) to afford 27 as a colourless oil (41.7 mg, 0.132 mmol, 90%). TLC (DCM/MeOH = 10:1):  $R_f = 0.27$ ;  $[\alpha]^{22}_D = +38.9$  (c = 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). (Lit<sup>7</sup>:  $[\alpha]^{28}_D = +59.8$  (c = 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 5.67 (dt, J = 15.5 Hz, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.89-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.82-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.70 (td, J = 8.6 Hz, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (s, 3H), 3.33-3.28 (m, 1H), 2.87 (dd, J = 15.5 Hz, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.53 (dd, J = 15.4 Hz, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.26-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.03 (m, 2H), 1.79-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.38 (m, 6H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ (ppm): 175.7, 132.6, 130.2, 95.3, 78.2, 77.4, 75.2, 68.2, 55.8, 38.7, 38.2, 32.3, 31.1, 29.9, 25.2, 23.5; FTIR (neat, NaCl, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3433, 2936, 1715, 1103, 1036; HRMS (ESI) *m/z* Calcd for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na [M+Na] <sup>+</sup>: 339.1784; found: 339.1770.

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## 3.1 Determination of enantiomeric excess by HPLC for 9:

HPLC trace of 9 (Chiralcel OJ, hexanes/2-propanol = 100:0, 0.5 mL/min, 220 nm)

1156483

100.000

265195211

Total

100.000



## 3.2 Determination of enantiomeric excess by HPLC for 13:

HPLC trace of 13 (Chiralcel OB-H, hexanes/2-propanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 220 nm)

## 4. Optimization Tables:

### 4.1 Enzymatic kinetic resolution optimization



<sup>1</sup> Determined using NMR based on ratio of products <sup>2</sup> Isolated yield over 2 steps <sup>3</sup> With isolation of **8** 

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Acyl donor $\mathbb{R}^{1} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{2}} \mathbb{R}^{2}(x \text{ eq.})$									
OBn	OH	Ö Ru-OBn Catalyst (y mol%) Lipase (z mg/mmol)			OBn	OAc	Ru-	Ru-OBn Catalyst OBn Ph	
	<u></u>	$\frac{K_3PO_4(1.0\text{ eq.})}{\text{Toluene Air Temp Duration}}$			· T>		Pł	Ru, Ph	
		Toluene, All, Temp, Duration			~		00		
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Entry	Acyl donor (x)	(y)	Lipase (z)	Temp	Duration	Pdt Yield <sup>1</sup>	Pdt %ee	SM Yield <sup>1</sup>	
1	IPA (1.5)	4	N435 (8)	RT	109 <b>h</b>	(2%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(95%)	
2	IPA (1.5)	4	CAL-B(8)	RT	109 <b>h</b>	(3%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(97%)	
3	IPA (1.5)	4	N435 (32)	RT	109 <b>h</b>	(6%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(94%)	
4	IPA (1.5)	4	CAL-B(32)	RT	109 <b>h</b>	(8%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(92%)	
5	IPA (1.5)	_2	N435(8)	RT	72 h	(1%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(99%)	
6	IPA (1.5)	_2	CAL-B(8)	RT	72 h	(1%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(99%)	
7	IPA (1.5)	4	N435 (200)	RT	69 h	7%	40%	86%	
8	IPA (1.5)	4	CAL-B(200)	RT	69 h	10%	40%	81%	
9	IPA (1.5)	4	N435 (200)	60 °C	69 h	30%	36%	59%	
10	IPA (1.5)	4	CAL-B(200)	60 °C	69 h	27%	36%	58%	
11	VB(1.5)	4	N435 (200)	RT	120 h	(1%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(97%)	
12	VA (1.5)	4	N435 (200)	RT	120 h	(1%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(97%)	
13	VB (5.0)	4	N435 (200)	RT	120 h	(1%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(98%)	
14	VB(1.5)	4 <sup>3</sup>	N435 (200)	RT	120 h	(1%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(97%)	
15	VB (1.5)	15	N435 (200)	RT	120 h	(1%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(96%)	
16	VA (1.5)	4	Lipase PS (200)	RT	70 h	(5%)	36%	(95%)	
17	IPA (1.5)	4	Lipase PS (200)	RT	70 <b>h</b>	(7%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(93%)	
18	VB (5.0)	4	Lipase PS (200)	RT	70 <b>h</b>	(3%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(97%)	
19	CPA (1.5)	4	Lipase PS (200)	RT	70 <b>h</b>	80%	3%	(1%)	
20	VB(1.5)	4	Lipase PS (200)	70 °C	70 <b>h</b>	(15%)	N.D. <sup>4</sup>	(79%)	
21	CPA (1.5)	4	Lipase PS (200)	70 °C	70 h	68%	0%	(14%)	

## 4.3 Dynamic enzymatic kinetic resolution optimization

<sup>1</sup> Isolated Yields, NMR Yields shown in parenthesis using NO<sub>2</sub>Ph as internal standard <sup>2</sup> No Ru catalyst and  $K_3PO_4$ , reaction in TBME <sup>3</sup> 2.0 eq. of  $K_3PO_4$  used

Vinyl Acetate (VA):	$R^1 = Vinyl, R^2 = Me$	N435:	Novozyme 435
Isopropenyl Acetate (IPA):	$R^1 = Isopropenyl, R^2 = Me$	CAL-B:	Lipase from Candida antarctica
Vinyl Butyrate (VB):	$R^1 = Vinyl, R^2 = {}^nPr$	Lipase PS	immobilised on acrylic resin
<i>p</i> -Chlorophenyl Acetate (CPA):	$R^1 = p$ -Cl-phenyl, $R^2 = Me$		: Lipase from Pseudomonas Cepacia

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### 4.4 Asymmetric transfer hydrogenation optimization

OBn	o I4 O'Bu	[Ru(p-cy (R,R) HCO Solver	remene)Cl <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> (2.5 n )-TsDPEN (6 mol% OOH/NEt <sub>3</sub> Azeotrop (0.5 mL/mmol) nt, Temperature, 12	OBn OBn I3	OH O O'Bu	
	Entry	Solvent	Temperature	Yield <sup>1</sup>	%ee	
	1	DCM	RT	<b>89%</b> <sup>2</sup>	97%	
	2	ACN	RT	99%	98%	
	3	DCM	40 °C	99%	94%	
	4	ACN	40 °C	98%	96%	
	5 <sup>3</sup>	ACN	RT	98%	98%	

<sup>1</sup> Isolated Yields <sup>2</sup> 10% SM remaining <sup>3</sup> Inert conditions

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## 4.5 Triple reduction optimization

OBn OH 13		O ∜ O <sup>t</sup> Bu	1) m DCM, I 2) Et <sub>3</sub> SiH BF <sub>3</sub> ∙OE anhyd. C Temp,	CPBA, RT, 20 h (y eq.) Et <sub>2</sub> (x eq.) CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> , Duration	O O'Bu HO''' 17	OBn +	O <sup>/Bu</sup> OBn 10 <sup>///</sup> 18	
	Entry	x	у	Conc.	Temp	Duration	Yield <sup>1</sup> of <b>17</b>	Yield <sup>1</sup> of <b>18</b>
	1	3.0	6.0	0.2 M	-20 °C	43 h	6%	41%
	2	4.0	6.0	1.0 M	-20 °C	20 h	5%	31%
	3	4.0	6.0	1.0 M	-78 -> -40 °C	> 70 h	5%	50%
	4	4.0	6.0	0.2 M	-40 °C	36 h	2%	62%
	5	6.0	10.0	0.2 M	-40 °C	15 h	8%	67%

<sup>1</sup> Isolated yield

## 4.6 Takai iodo-olefination optimization



 $^{\rm 1}$  Anhydrous solvents  $^{\rm 2}$  Combined Isolated yields  $^{\rm 3}$  Determined from crude NMR

## 4.7 Negishi coupling optimization

O TBSO Frage	Bu I O 23 ment B	+ F	OTBDF (3.0 eq 11 Fragme	PS	activat TI PdCl <sub>2</sub> 2% T A	ted Zn du MEDA (y (Amphos PGS-75 r, Temp.	ust (x eq. r eq.) s) <sub>2</sub> (z eq.) 0-M/H <sub>2</sub> O , 24 h		DPSO,,, O'Bu 0 0 24	O + TBS	O <sup>t</sup> Bu H 50 <sup></sup>
	Entry	x	У	z	Temp.	Conc.	Conv.	Yield <sup>1</sup> of <b>24</b>	<i>E/Z</i> of <b>24</b>	Yield <sup>2</sup> of <b>23-H</b>	
	1	6.0	4.0	0.10	RT	0.3 M	15%	0%	-	N.D <sup>4</sup>	
	2	3.0	5.0	0.15	40 °C	0.1 M	100%	74%	58:42	8%	
	3	3.0	5.0	0.15	40 °C	0.2 M	100%	76%	91:9	6%	
	4	6.0	5.0	0.15	40 °C	0.1 M	100%	79%	73:27	2%	
	5	6.0	5.0	0.15	RT	0.2 M	31%	9%	$N.D^4$	11%	
	6	6.0	5.0	0.15	40 °C	0.5 M	100%	74%	91:9	11%	
	7	6.0	5.0	0.05	40 °C	0.5 M	100%	68%	>95:5	14%	
	8	4.0	5.0	0.05	40 °C	0.5 M	88%	59%	>95:5	17%	
	9	3.0	2.0	0.01	40 °C	0.5 M	68%	45%	>95:5	11%	

<sup>1</sup>Isolated yields <sup>2</sup>Determined from crude NMR <sup>3</sup>Unactivated Zn dust <sup>4</sup>Not determined

5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR Spectra 400 MHz




























75 MHz

















100 MHz















100 MHz



S54



















100 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>













100 MHz





100 MHz



## 6. X-Ray Structure for *rac-23*

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