One step construction of taxane-like skeleton by diendiyne metathesis cyclization reaction

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III. Tables

| $ \begin{array}{c c} & [Ru]^{\times} \\ & & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & $ | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--|
| Entry | mol%[Ru] ^x | Solvent ^{a]} | T(°C) | t (h) | 9a/15a ^[b] | Yield | |
| 1 | 10% G2 | CH_2Cl_2 | 40 | 1.5 | 5/1 | _[c] | |
| 2 | 20% G2 | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 40 | 1.5 | 1/1 | _[c] | |
| 3 | 30% G2 | CH_2Cl_2 | 40 | 1.5 | 0/1 | 20% | |
| 4 | 10% G2 | CH_2Cl_2 | 40 | 4 | 2/1 | _[c] | |
| 5 | 10% G2 | bencene | 80 | 1.5 | 1/1 | _[c] | |
| 6 | 10% G2 | toluene | 110 | 1.5 | 1/1 | _[c] | |
| 7 | 20% G2 | bencene | 80 | 1.5 | 0/1 | 20% | |
| 8 | 30% G1 | toluene | 110 | 1.5 | 0/1 | 37% | |

Table 1SI. Studies for the formation of the BC-ring system using endiyne 9a.

[a] 5 mM solution of endiyne 9a. [b] Ratio determined by 1H-NMR in crude mixtures. [c] not purified.

| | NTs 9b | mol % [Ru] ^{G2} | | NTS B C 15b | NTs C 16b |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Entry | Precursor | [Ru] ^{G2} | solvent ^[a] | 9b/15b ^[b] | Yield ^[c] |
| 1 | 9a | 10 % | CH ₂ Cl ₂ | 1/2 | _[d] |
| 2 | mixture 1 ^[e] | 10 % | bencene | 0/1 | 56% |
| 3 | 9a | 12 % | bencene | 0/1 | 63% |

Table 2SI. Studies for the formation of the BC-ring system using endiyne 9b.

[a] 5 mM solution. [b] Ratio determined by ¹H-NMR in crude mixtures. [c] Isolated yields. [d] Inseparable mixture. [e] Mixture of **15b** and **9b** obtained from entry 1.

| | -NTs 10 mol 9 solvent 0b | A B 20b | NTS B 21b | |
|-------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Entry | precursor | solvent ^[a] | 20b/21b ^[b] | Yield 20b (%) ^[c] |
| 1 | 10b | CH_2Cl_2 | 3.5/1 | _[d] |
| 2 | mixture 1 ^[e] | CH_2Cl_2 | 7/1 | _[d] |
| 3 | mixture 2 ^[f] | bencene | 1/0 | 72 |
| 4 | 10b | bencene | 1/0 | 75 |

Table 3SI. Studies for the formation of the AB-ring system using dienyne 10b.

[a] 5 mM solution of endiyne. [b] Ratio determined by ¹H-NMR in crude mixtures. [c] Isolated yields. [d] Inseparable mixture. [e] Mixture of **10b** and **21b** obtained from entry 1. [f] Mixture of **10b** and **21b** obtained from entry 2.

| | | mol % [Ru] ^G solvent, T 1.5h | | TS A B C 3a | + H 11 NTS B 8 C 25a |
|-------|---------------------------|---|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Entry | [Ru] ^{G1} | solvent ^[a] | T (°C) | 3a/25a ^[b] | 3aS/3aR/25aS/25aR ^{[b][c]} |
| 1 | 30 mol % | toluene | 110 | 0/1 | 0/0/1/1 |
| 2 | 30 mol % | bencene | 80 | 1/6 | 0/1/3/3 |
| 3 | 30 mol % | bencene | 100 | 4/13 | 1/3/8/5 |
| 4 | 30 mol % | bencene | 120 | 3/7 | 1/2/5/2 |
| 5 | 30 mol % | bencene | 140 | 3/7 | 1/2/5/2 |
| 6 | 40 mol % | bencene | 80 | 1/4 | 0/1/2/2 |
| 7 | 40 mol % | bencene | 120 | 6/10 | 1/5/10/0 |
| 8 | 50 mol % | bencene | 120 | _[d] | _[d] |
| 9 | 30 mol % | dichloroethane | 120 | 1/4 | 1/1/5/3 |

Table 4SI. Studies for cascade metathesis reaction of diendiyne 4a.

[a] 5 mM solution of diendiyne. [b] Ratio determined by 1 H-NMR in crude mixtures. [c] Mixtures in which *R* and *S* denoted the proposed configuration for C8. [d] Decomposition of the mixture.

| $ \begin{array}{c} & \underset{NTs}{\overset{NTs}{\underset{Ac}{\atopN}{\underset{Ac}{\atopN}{\atopN}}{\atopN}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}} } } } } } } } $ | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Entry | [Ru] ^{G2} | T (°C) | 3 c/25c ^[a] | 3cR/3cS/25cR/25cS ^[a] | Yield 3c/25c (%) | | |
| 1 | 10 mol % | 80 | 0/1 | 0/0/1/1 | 0/67 | | |
| 2 | 20 mol % | 80 | 1.2/1 | 1/3.8/3/1 | _[b] | | |
| 3 | 40 mol % | 80 | 5/2.2 | 1/4/2/0.2 | _[b] | | |
| 4 | 60 mol % | 80 | 4/1.5 | 1/3/1.5/0 | 21/19 | | |
| 5 | 80 mol % | 80 | _[c] | _[c] | _[c] | | |
| 6 | 20 mol % | 120 | $1.7 + x^{[d]}/3$ | x ^[d] /1.7/2/1 | _[b] | | |

Table 5SI. Studies for cascade metathesis reaction of diendiyne 4c.

[a] Ratio determined by ¹H-RMN in crude mixtures. [b] Not isoltaed [c] Descomposition of the mixture [d] Ratio could not be determined by ¹H-NMR due to overlapping between signals.

IV. General methods

Dry solvents were freshly distilled under argon from an appropriate drying agent before use. Dry THF was obtained using Solvent Purification System (SPS). Benzene, toluene, DMF, dichloroethane and CH₂Cl₂ were purchased from Aldrich. All chemicals were purchased from commercial suppliers and used as received. Reactions were conducted in dry solvents under argon atmosphere unless otherwise stated. Reactions at room temperature were carried out between 20-25 °C, reactions at different temperatures were maintained using Thermowatch-controlled silicone oil baths (high temperatures) and dry ice-acetone, water-ice or a Cryocool-Inmersion Cooler equipped with temperature controller (low temperatures). All indicated temperatures are referred to external bath temperature. Where possible, reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) performed on commercially prepared glass plates precoated with Merck silica gel 60 F254 or aluminium oxide 60 F254. Visualisation was by the quenching of UV fluorescence ($v_{max} = 254$ nm) or by staining with *p*-anisaldehyde or cerium nitrate solutions. Column chromatography was performed using slurry-packed silica gel (200-400 mesh) as the stationary phase unless otherwise stated. Dryings were performed with anhydrous Na₂SO₄ or MgSO₄. Concentration refers to the removal of volatile solvents via distillation using a Büchi rotary evaporator followed by residual solvent removal under high vacuum. NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, at 250 MHZ (Bruker), at 300 MHz (Varian), at 400MHz (Varian) or 500 MHz (Bruker). Carbon types and structure assignments were determined from DEPT-NMR and two-dimensional experiments (HMQC and HMBC, COSY and NOESY). NMR spectra were analyzed using MestreNova NMR data processing software (www.mestrelab.com). The following abbreviations are used to indicate signal multiplicity: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; p, pentet, dd, double doublet; td, triple doublet; m, multiplet; br, broad. Mass spectra were acquired using chemical ionization (CI) or electrospray ionization (ESI) and were recorded at the CACTUS facility of the University of Santiago de Compostela.

V. Experimental procedures

V.1. Synthesis of precursors with terminal alkynes

V.1.1 Enyne 8a



To a solution of the sulfonamide 7 (385 mg, 1.71 mmol)¹ in dimethylformamide (17 mL) was added Cs₂CO₃ (1.115 g, 3.42 mmol). After 30 min, 5-chloro-1-pentyne (0.3 mL, 2.56 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 19 h and then quenched by addition of water (50 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 70 mL), the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (15-20% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford benzenesulfonamide **8a** [476 mg, 95%, R_f = 0.7 (25% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.80-5.30 (m, 1H), 5.16-4.97 (m, 2H), 3.34-3.08 (m, 4H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.18 (m, 4H), 2.03-1.99 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.73 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.2 (C), 136.6 (C), 134.6 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 117.1 (CH₂), 83.1 (C), 69.1 (CH), 48.1 (CH₂), 47.4 (CH₂), 33.2 (CH₂), 27.6 (CH₂), 21.5 (CH₃), 15.8 (CH₂); MS (*m*/*z*, ESI): 292 (MH⁺), 155, 136; HRMS: calculated for C₁₆H₂₂NO₂S (MH⁺): 292.1366, found: 292.1369.

¹ Prepared according: D. Belmessieri, D. B. Cordes, A. M. Z. Slawin, A. Smith, Org. Lett. 2013, 15, 3472-3475.

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V.1.2.1 Preparation of tosylamide 5

Preparation of *tert*-butyl *N*-(*p*-toluenesulfonyl)-*N*-[1-(trimethylsilyl)oct-7-en-1-yn-3-yl]carbamate (41)²



To a solution of alcohol **40** (253 mg, 1.29 mmol)³ in THF (4.3 mL) were added successively *tert*-butyltosylcarbamate (420 mg, 1.55 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (880 mg, 3.35 mmol). The resulting solution was cooled at 0 °C and then ethyl azodicarboxylate (0.5 mL, 3.22 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 h and the solvent was removed. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatographic (5-6% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford **41** [535 mg, 92%, R_f = 0.5 (15% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.82-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.25 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.10-4.87 (m, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.21-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.63-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 150.2 (C), 144.0 (C), 138.2 (CH), 137.3 (C), 129.1 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 115.0 (CH₂), 103.5 (C), 88.3 (C), 84.5 (C), 50.6 (CH), 34.3 (CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₃), 25.7 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), -0.1 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, I): 472 (MNa⁺, 100), 394 (69), 372 (40); **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₃H₃₅NO₄SSiNa (MNa⁺): 472.1948, found: 472.1944.

Preparation of 4-methyl-*N*-(1-(trimethylsilyl)oct-7-en-1-yn-3-yl)benzenesulfonamide (5)⁴



A solution of carbamate **41** (190 mg, 0.42 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) cooled to 0 °C was treated with triflouroacetic acid (0.3 mL, 4.2 mmol). After 4 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (sat. sol., 20 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3x50 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by flash chormatography (10-15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford benzenesulfonamide **5** [139 mg, 95%, R_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes), white solid]. ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.81-5.17 (m, 1H), 5.13-4.74 (m, 3H), 4.17-3.94 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.18-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.43 (m, 2H), -0.04 (s, 9H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.4 (C), 138.1 (CH), 137.6

² B. M. Trost, M. R. Machacek, B. D. Faulk, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 6745-6754.

³ Prepared according: N. Ortega, V. S. Martín, T. Martín, J. Org. Chem. 2010, 75, 6660-6672.

⁴ T. Kitamura, Y. Sato, M. Mori, *Adv. Synth. Catal.* 2002, **344**, 678-693.

(C), 129.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 115.0 (CH₂), 103.4 (C), 89.0 (C), 46.2 (CH), 36.1 (CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 24.6 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), -0.3 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 350 (MH⁺), 244, 179; **HRMS**: calculated for C₁₈H₂₈NO₂SSi (MH⁺): 350.1605, found: 350.1615.

V.1.2.2 Preparation of endiyne 9a



General procedure for sulfonamide alkylation applied to sulfonamide 5: A solution of sulfonamide 5 (1.01 g, 2.90 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (29 mL) was treated with Cs₂CO₃ (2.84 g, 8.71 mmol) in several portions. The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and 5chloro-1-pentyne (0.6 mL, 5.80 mmol) was added dropwise. After 12 hours, the reaction was quenched by adition of water (30 mL). The mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 70 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting crude was dissolved in MeOH (29 mL), then treated with K_2CO_3 (615 mg, 5.80 mmol) and stirred vigorously. When complete disappearance of starting material was observed (TLC, 5 h), the reaction was quenched by addition of water (30 mL) and diluted with Et₂O (50 mL). The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3x50 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (10-15% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 4-methyl-N-(oct-7en-1-yn-3-yl)-N-(pent-4-yn-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide 9a [563 mg, 57%, Rf= 0.5 (25%) EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.75 (d, I = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.90-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.16-4.89 (m, 2H), 4.74-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.30-3.15 (m, 2H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.30-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.18-2.01 (m, 4H), 2.00 (t, J = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95-1.50 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.5 (C), 138.0 (CH), 135.9 (C), 129.5 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 115.2 (CH₂), 83.4 (C), 80.6 (C), 73.8 (CH), 69.1 (CH), 50.9 (CH), 44.5 (CH₂), 35.2 (CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 29.8 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 16.2 (CH₂); MS (m/z, ESI): 366 (MNa⁺), 238, 188; HRMS: calculated for C₂₀H₂₅NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 366.1498, found: 366.1507.

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Preparation of (E)-7-bromo-2-methylhept-3-ene



A solution of ethyl (*E*)-6-methylhept-4-enoate (2.00 g, 11.76 mmol)⁵ in CH₂Cl₂ (24 mL) cooled at -78 °C was dropwise treated with a commercial solution of diisobutylaluminum hydride (1M, 29.5 mL, 29.5 mmol). After 1 h, the reaction was quenched by adition of H₂O (20 mL) at low temperature, reaching rt with vigorous stirring for 10 hours. The phases were separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The obtained crude was purified by flash chromatography (25% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford (*E*)-6-methylhept-4-en-1-ol [1.5 g, 99%, R_f = 0.5 (25% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil], whose spectroscopic data consistent with those described in the literature.⁶

Then, a solution of (*E*)-6-methylhept-4-en-1-ol (585 mg, 4.57 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (26 mL) was treated with triphenylphosphine (1.23 g, 4.68 mmol). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C and carbon tetrabromide (1.42 g, 4.29 mmol) was added. After 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with Et₂O (25 mL) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% Et₂O/hexanes), to afford (*E*)-7-bromo-2-methylhept-3-ene [461 mg, 53%, R_f = 0.9 (25% EtOAc/hexanes), slightly yellow oil], whose spectroscopic data are consistent with those described in the literature.⁷

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⁶ S. E. Denmark, D. J. P. Kornfilt, T. Vogler, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2011, 133, 15308-15311.

⁷ D. Becker, M. Nagler, Y. Sahali, N. Haddad, J. Org. Chem. 1991, 56, 4537-4543.

Preparation of (*E*)-4-methyl-*N*-(6-methylhept-4-en-1-yl)-*N*-(oct-7-en-1-yn-3-yl)benzenesulfonamide (17)



Dienyninic tosylamide **17** was prepared following the *general procedure for sulfonamide alkylation* using enyne **5** and bromide **35**: [250 mg, 75%, R_f = 0.7 (15% EtOAC/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.82-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.22 (m, 2H), 5.11-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.72-4.58 (m, 1H), 3.19-2.90 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.15-1.47 (m, 11H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.3 (C), 138.7 (CH), 138.1 (CH), 136.3 (C), 129.5 (CH), 127.7 (CH), 125.8 (CH), 115.2 (CH₂), 80.8 (C), 73.6 (CH), 50.8 (CH), 45.0 (CH₂), 35.4(CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 31.1(CH), 31.0 (CH₂), 29.9 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂), 22.7(CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃); MS (*m*/*z*, ESI): 410, 388 (MH⁺), 282; HRMS: calculated for C₂₃H₃₄NO₂S (MH⁺): 388.2305, found: 388.2305.

V.1.3 Precursors of bicycle AB: dienyne 10a

Preparation of bromide 6



Bromide **6** was obtained using the same procedure as in preparation of bromide (*E*)-7bromo-2-methylhept-3-ene. [130 mg, 99%, *Rf*= 0.9 (20% Et₂O/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.97-5.87 (m, 1H), 5.74-5.68 (m, 1H), 4.04-3.79 (m, 2H), 2.80-2.79 (m, 2H), 2.77-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.59-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.38-2.24 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.58 (s, 9H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 141.3 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 104.4 (C), 86.7 (C), 39.8 (CH), 37.5 (CH₂), 35.2 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH), 23.2 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₃), 0.27 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, I): 301 (MH⁺, 1), 303 (MH⁺, 1), 149 (109). Preparation of (*S*,*E*)-*N*-(but-3-en-1-yl)-4-methyl-*N*-(6-methyl-2-(prop-2-yn-1-yl)hept-4-en-1-yl)benzenesulfonamide (10a)



Dienyne **10a** was prepared following the *general procedure for sulfonamide alkylation* using tosylamide **7** and bromide **6** [37%, R_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H **NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.68 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.74-5.60 (m, 1H), 5.45 (dd, J = 15.3 and 6.5 Hz, 1H), 5.34-5.21 (m, 1H), 5.09-4.95 (m, 2H), 3.26-3.07 (m, 2H), 3.04 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.34-1.85 (m, 9H), 0.95 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C **RMN** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.3 (C), 140.9 (CH), 136.4 (C), 134.7 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 123.5 (CH), 117.1 (CH₂), 82.1 (C), 70.2 (CH), 51.8 (CH₂), 49.0 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH), 34.1 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH), 22.7 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂); **MS** (m/z, ESI): 396 (MNa⁺), 374 (MH⁺), 218; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₂H₃₂NO₂S (MH⁺): 374.2148, found: 374.2140.

V.1.4 Precursor of taxanic tricycle ABC: diendiyne 4a



Diendiyne **4a** was prepared following the *general procedure for sulfonamide alkylation* using tosylamide **5** and bromide **6** [445 mg, 53%, *R_j*= 0.5 (15% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil, mixture of 2 isomers at C8]. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.86-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.54-5.38 (m, 1H), 5.38-5.23 (m, 1H), 5.08-4.90 (m, 2H), 4.68-4.58 (m, 1H), 3.24-2.96 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.39-2.02 (m, 9H), 1.99-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.00-0.92 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.6 (C), 143.6 (C), 140.8 (CH), 140.6 (CH), 138.2 (CH), 138.1 (CH), 135.7 (C), 135.3 (C), 129.5 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 124.0 (CH), 123.8 (CH), 115.3 (CH₂), 115.2 (CH₂), 82.7 (C), 82.0 (C), 80.2 (C), 74.3 (CH), 74.1 (CH), 70.5 (CH), 69.8 (CH), 51.5 (CH), 51.4 (CH₂), 43.1 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 37.9 (CH), 37.0 (CH), 35.4 (CH₂), 35.1 (CH₂), 34.3 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH), 25.6 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₃), 22.7 (CH₃), 21.7 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₂), 20.4 (CH₂); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 448, 426 (MH⁺), 320; **HRMS**: calculated for C₂₆H₃₆NO₂S (MH⁺): 426.2461, found: 426.2468.

V.2. Synthesis of precursors with methylated alkynes

V.2.1 Precursor of cycle B: enyne 8b



General procedure for alkyne methylation applied to envne 8a: A solution lithium bis(trimethylsilvl)amide (1 M in THF, 1.0 mL, 1.00 mmol) was added dropwise to a solution of tosylamide 8a (150 mg, 0.51 mmol) in THF (1.3 mL) at -78 °C. After 20 min, MeI (160 uL, 2.57 mmol) was added at -78 °C and after further 10 min of stirring, the temperature was increased to -40 °C and the mixture was stirred for 12 h. After this time, the solvent was removed and the resulting crude was purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford an inseparable mixture of N-(but-3-en-1-yl)-N-(hex-4yn-1-yl)-4-methylbenzenesulfonamide 8b, and starting material (8a). After repeating the procedure mixture N-(but-3-en-1-yl)-N-(hex-4-yn-1-yl)-4same with this methylbenzenesulfonamide **8b** was obtained exclusively [102.5 mg, 65%, R_f = 0.6 (10%) EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.62 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.74-5.53 (m, 1H), 5.07-4.88 (m, 2H), 3.23-3.00 (m, 4H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.31-2.16 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.67-1.58 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, \delta): 143.2 (C), 136.9 (C), 134.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 117.1 (CH₂), 77.9 (C), 76.4 (C), 48.1 (CH₂), 47.6 (CH₂), 33.3 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 16.2 (CH₂), 3.5 (CH₃); MS (m/z, ESI): 328, 306 (MH⁺); HRMS: calculated for C₁₇H₂₄NO₂S (MH⁺): 306.1522, found: 306.1524.

V.2.2 Precursor of bicycle BC: endiyne 9b



Endiyne **9b** was prepared following the *general procedure for alkyne methylation* using tosylamide **9a** [32 mg, 49%, R_f = 0.4, (15% Acetone/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.33 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.91-5.77 (m, 1H), 5.15-4.92 (m, 2H), 4.60-4.66 (m, 1H), 3.23-3.14 (m, 2H), 2.47 (s, 3H), 2.27-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.17-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.08-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.51 (m, 11H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.1 (C), 138.3 (CH), 136.2 (C), 129.3 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 115.0 (CH₂), 81.4 (C), 78.3(C), 76.2(C), 76.1 (C), 51.5 (CH), 44.6 (CH₂), 35.5 (CH₂), 33.2 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 16.6 (CH₂), 3.6 (CH₃), 3.4 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 394 (MNa⁺), 252, 217; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₂H₂₉NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 394.1811, found: 394.1809.

V.2.3 Precursor ocf bicycle AB: dienine 10b



Dienyne **10b** was prepared following the *general procedure for alkyne methylation* fusing tosylamide **10a**.⁸ [65 mg, 83%, *Rf*= 0.5 (15% Acetone/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.72-5.63 (m, 1H), 5.42 (dd, *J* = 15.3 and 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31-5.23 (m, 1H), 5.08-4.96 (m, 2H), 3.26-2.99 (m, 4H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.33-2.19 (m, 3H), 2.17-1.97 (m, 4H), 1.93-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.74 (m, 3H), 0.98-0.94 (m, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.2 (C), 140.6 (CH), 136.7 (C), 134.9 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 123.9 (CH), 117.1 (CH₂), 77.3 (C), 76.8 (C), 51.9 (CH₂), 48.8 (CH₂), 37.2 (CH), 34.3 (CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH), 22.7 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 20.9 (CH₂), 3.6 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 410, 388 (MH⁺), 192; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₃H₃₄NO₂S (MH⁺): 388.2305, found: 388.2311.

V.2.4 Precursor of taxanic tricycle ABC: diendiyne 4b



Diendiyne **4b** was prepared following the *general procedure for alkyne methylation* using tosylamide **4a**. [101.3 mg, 89%, R_f = 0.5 (15% Acetone/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H **NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.70 (2d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (2d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.83-5.70 (m, 1H), 5.49-5.36 (m, 1H), 5.35-5.23 (m, 1H), 5.07-4.86 (m, 2H), 4.57-4.49 (m, 1H), 3.12-2.92 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.33-1.94 (m, 8H), [1.79 (t, J = 2.5 Hz) + 1.76 (t, J = 2.5 Hz), 3H], 1.75-1.58 (m, 2H), [1.54 (d, J = 2.3 Hz) + 1.52 (d, J = 2.3 Hz), 3H], 1.51-1.43 (m, 2H), 0.98-0.94 (m, 6H); ¹³C **NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.2 (C), 143.1 (C), 140.5 (CH), 140.3 (CH), 140.1 (CH), 138.4 (CH), 138.3 (CH), 136.0 (C), 135.6 (C), 129.2 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 124.5 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 115.0 (CH₂), 114.9 (CH₂), 81.7 (C), 81.6 (C), 77.5 (C), 77.4 (C), 76.7 (C), 75.7 (C), 75.6 (C), 70.3 (C), 52.0 (CH), 51.8 (CH), 49.1 (CH₂), 49.0 (CH₂), 38.3 (CH), 37.7 (CH), 35.5 (CH₂), 35.4 (CH₂), 34.8 (CH₂), 34.5 (CH₂), 33.2 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH), 25.8 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 21.4 (CH₂), 20.8 (CH₂), 3.7 (CH₃), 3.6 (CH₃), 3.4 (CH₃), 3.3 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 454 (MH⁺), 642; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₈H₄₀NO₂S (MH⁺): 454.2774, found: 454.2772.

⁸ In this case only one reation was required for complete methylation of terminal alkyne.

V.2.5 Precursor of taxanic tricycle ABC: diendiyne 4c



Diendiyne **4c** was prepared following the *general procedure for sulfonamide alkylation* using sulfonamide **5** and iodide **39**. ⁹ [298 mg, 57% (2 steps), R_f = 0.5 (15% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.63 (2d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (2d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.80-5.63 (m, 1H), 5.44-5.31 (m, 1H), 5.29-5.17 (m, 1H), 4.99-4.85 (m, 2H), 4.60-4.52 (m, 1H), 3.16-2.88 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 2.27-1.89 (m, 9H), 1.75-1.36 (m, 7H), 0.93-0.84 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.5 (C), 143.4 (C), 140.3 (CH), 140.2 (CH), 138.1 (CH), 138.0 (CH), 135.8 (C), 135.4 (C), 129.4 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 124.3 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 115.2 (CH₂), 115.1 (CH₂), 80.3 (C), 80.2 (C), 77.3 (C), 76.8 (C), 76.6 (C), 74.1 (CH), 74.0 (CH), 51.5 (CH), 51.2 (CH), 49.3 (CH₂), 49.1 (CH₂), 38.2 (CH), 37.6 (CH), 35.2 (CH₂), 35.1 (CH₂), 34.6 (CH₂), 34.4 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₂), 20.7 (CH₂), 3.6 (CH₃), 3.5 (CH₃); **MS** (m/z, ESI): 462, 440 (MH⁺); **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₇H₃₈NO₂S (MH⁺): 440.2618, found: 440.2624.

⁹ Iodide **39** was prepared according: M. J. Aldegunde, R. García-Fandiño, L. Castedo, J. R. Granja, *Chem. Eur. J.* 2007, **13**, 5135-5150.

V.3.1 B ring formation

V.3.1.1 Metathesis reaction of enyne 8a



General metathesis procedure A, exemplified for preparation of diene **11a**: Second generation Grubbs catalyst **[Ru]**^{G2} (14.3 mg, 16.8 µmol, 10 mol%) was added to a solution of enyne **8a** (48.9 mg, 168 µmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (34 mL, 5mM). The resulting solution was sttirred at rt untyl became homogeneous and then was refluxed for 1.5 h. After this time the solvent was removed and the resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (7% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford diene **11a** [6.3 mg, 13%, R_f = 0.3 (15% acetone/hexanes), colorless oil]. **1H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.67 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.26 (dd, *J* = 17.6 and 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.77-5.71 (m, 1H), 5.18 (d, *J* = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.34-3.11 (m, 2H), 3.05 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.61-2.47 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.34 (m, 5H), 1.91-1.76 (m, 2H); ¹³C **NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.1 (C), 140.8 (C), 138.9 (CH), 137.0 (C), 129.9 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 112.1 (CH₂), 51.7 (CH₂), 48.5 (CH₂), 29.5(CH₂), 29.2 (CH₂), 22.2 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃); **HRMS:** calculated for C₁₆H₂₃₂NO₂S (MH⁺): 292.1366, found: 292.1367.

V.3.1.2 Metathesis reaction of enyne 8a in presence of styrene



Second generation Grubbs catalyst $[\mathbf{Ru}]^{G2}$ (3.5 mg, 4 µmol, 10 mol%) was added a solution of enyne **8a** (11.7 mg, 40 µmol) and styrene (9.1 µL, 80 µmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL, 5 mM). The resulting solution was sttirred at rt untyl became homogeneous and then was refluxed for 1.5 h. After this time the solvent was removed and the resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (7% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford diene **12a** [5.2 mg, 35%, R_f = 0.3 (15% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.68 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35-7.27 (m, 4H), 7.25-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.69 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.53 (d, J = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (t, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.31-3.17 (m, 2H), 3.08 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.70-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.41 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.83 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.1 (C), 140.6 (C), 137.6 (C), 137.0 (C), 131.2 (CH), 130.7 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.4 (CH), 51.8 (CH₂), 48.5 (CH₂), 29.8 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃); **MS** (m/z, ESI): 297, 155, 126.

V.3.1.3 Metathesis reaction of enyne 8a under ethene atmosphere (closed system)

In a sealed tube, a solution of enyne 8a (30.4 mg, 0.10 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL, 5 mM) was prepared and purged with ethylene for 10 minutes by bubbling the gas through the solution. On the other hand, a solution of **[Ru]**^{G2} catalyst (8.8 mg, 10.4 µmol, 10 mol%) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) was prepared and also purged with ethylene for 10 minutes. This solution was added *via syringe* to the one containing the substrate and the flask was washed with of CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The resulting mixture was purged with ethylene for another 10 min and heated at 40 °C for 1.5 h. After this time the solvent was removed and the resulting crude was purified by flash chromatography (10% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford diene 13a [17.9 mg, 60%, R_f = 0.3 (15% acetone/hexanes), slightly yellow oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.35 (dd, *J* = 17.7 and 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.76-5.65 (m, 1H), 5.20-4.95 (m, 5H), 3.27-3.07 (m, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.23 (m, 2H), 2.19 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 1.82-1.65 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 145.2 (C), 143.2 (C), 138.7 (CH), 137.1 (C), 134.8 (CH), 129.7 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 117.1 (CH₂), 116.2 (CH₂), 113.5 (CH₂), 48.3 (CH₂), 47.8 (CH₂), 33.4 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃); MS (*m*/*z*, ESI): 342 (MNa⁺), 238, 155; **HRMS:** calculated for C₁₈H₂₅NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 342.1498, found: 342.1497.

V.3.1.4 Metathesis reaction of enyne 8a under ethene atmosphere (open system)

In a round bottom flask a solution of enyne **8a** (36.1 mg, 0.12 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL, 5 mM) was prepared and purged with ethylene for 10 min by bubbling the gas through the solution and **[Ru]**^{G2} catalyst (10 mg, 11.7 µmol, 10 mol%) was added. The resulting mixture was purged with ethylene for 10 min and refluxed for 1.5 h. After this time the solvent was removed and the resulting crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography (20% acetone/hexanes) to afford diene **14a** [15.3 mg, 40%, R_f = 0.1 (15% acetone/hexanes), slightly yellow oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dt, *J* = 15.8 and 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 3.10 (dt, *J* = 16.8 and 7.2 Hz, 4H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.33 (dt, *J* = 10.4 and 4.9 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.72 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 144.9 (C), 143.3 (C), 136.5 (C), 133.4 (CH), 129.8 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 115.3 (CH₂), 49.0 (CH₂), 48.5 (CH₂), 32.4 (CH₂), 30.0 (CH₂), 27.3 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃).

V.3.1.5 Metathesis reaction of enyne 8b

Diene **11b** was prepared following the *general metathesis procedure* A: Solution of **8b** in CH₂Cl₂ (5mM), 10 mol% **[Ru]**^{G2} catalyst, 40 °C, 1.5 h to afford diene **11b** [24 mg, 80%, R_f = 0.4 (15% acetone/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.67 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.2a (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.85 (t, J = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 3.29-3.16 (m, 2H), 3.04 (t, J = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.62-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.47-2.35 (m, 5H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 1.87-1.74 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.01 (C), 142.3 (C), 141.6 (C), 137.1 (C), 129.7 (CH), 127.0 (CH), 125.3 (CH), 112.3 (CH₂), 51.7 (CH₂), 48.5 (CH₂), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH₂), 23.8 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₃; **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 328, 306 (MH⁺), 150; **HRMS:** calculated for C₁₇H₂₄NO₂S (MH⁺): 306.1522, found: 306.1523.

V.3.2 Bicycle [6.4.0] formation. BC rings

V.3.2.1 Metathesis reaction of dienyne 17

Diene **18** was prepared following the *general metathesis procedure A*: Solution of **17** (21.2 mg, 54.7 µmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (11 mL), 1 mol% of **[Ru]**^{G2} catalyst (0.5 mg, 5.0 µmol), 40 °C, 1.5 h to afford triene **19** [1.7 mg, 8%, R_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil] and bicycle **18** [13.5 mg, 78%, R_f = 0.4, (10% EtOAc/hexanes), white solid].

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.10-5.97 (m, 2H), 5.33 (dd, *J* = 15.3 and 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.27-5.18 (m, 2H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.69-4.62 (m, 1H), 3.08-2.86 (m, 2H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.05 (m, 2H), 1.91-1.83 (m, 2H), 1.76-1.60 (m, 5H), 1.56-1.46 (m, 1H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, 116) (m, 116) (m, 116) (m, 116) (m, 116) (m, 117) (m, 116) (m, 116) (m, 116) (m, 116) (m, 116) (m, 117) (m, 116) (m, 116)

CDCl₃, δ): 143.0 (C), 138.6 (C), 138.5 (CH), 137.2 (CH), 135.3 (C), 132.5 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 126.0 (CH), 113.2 (CH₂), 54.3 (CH), 45.0 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH), 30.4 (CH₂), 30.2 (CH₂), 29.0 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₃), 20.3(CH₂); **MS** (*m/z*, ESI): 410 (MNa⁺), 282, 256; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₃H₃₃NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 410.2124, found: 410.2125.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.84 (d, *J* = 11.3Hz, 1H), 5.68-5.63 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.53 (m, 1H), 4.56-4.45 (m, 1H), 3.66 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 8.2 and 3.8 Hz, 1H), 3.15 (ddd, *J* = 14.5, 7.0 and 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.28-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.14-1.96 (m, 3H), 1.94-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.48 (m, 5H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ):

142.7 (C), 139.0 (C), 136.8 (C), 132.3 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.2 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 56.7 (CH₂), 45.9 (CH), 27.9 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 26.3 (CH₂), 25.1 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 340 (MNa⁺), 318, 178; **HRMS:** calculated for C₁₈H₂₃NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 340.1342, found: 340.1352.

V.3.2.2 Metathesis reaction of endiyne 9a

Bicycle **15a** was prepared following the *general metathesis procedure A*: Solution of endiyne **9a** in toluene (5mM), 30 mol% of **[Ru]**^{G1} catalyst, 110 °C, 1.5 h to afford triene **15a** [6.2 mg, 37%, R_f = 0.3 (15% acetone/hexanes), white solid]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.64 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.15 (dd, J = 17.4 and 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.76-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.65-5.56 (m, 1H), 5.10 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46-4.37 (m, 1H), 3.72 (ddd, J = 15.0, 5.8 and 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (ddd, J = 15.0, 8.8 and 2.8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.37-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.13-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.90-1.51 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.7 (C), 141.0 (C), 140.1 (CH), 138.6 (C), 136.6 (C), 130.8 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.6 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 111.8 (CH₂), 57.2 (CH), 45.9 (CH₂), 27.2 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 25.1 (CH₂), 21.7 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 366 (MNa⁺), 188, 173, 155; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₀H₂₅NO₂SNa (MH⁺): 366.1498, found: 366.1510.

V.3.2.3 Metathesis reaction of endiyne 9b

Bicycle **15b** was prepared following the *general metathesis procedure A*: Solution of endiyne **9b** in bencene (5mM), 12 mol% of **[Ru]**^{G2} catalyst, 80 °C, 1.5 h to afford triene **15b** [8.3 mg, 63%, R_f = 0.4 (15% acetone/hexanes), white solid]. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.69 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.25 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.63-5.57 (m, 1H), 4.93-4.89 (m, 1H), 4.76-4.71 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.60 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.58 (m, 1H), 2.99-2.88 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.40-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.08-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.95-1.84 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.71-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.55 (m, 1H), 1.56-1.42 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 146.4 (C), 142.7 (C), 141.9 (C), 139.3 (C), 139.1 (C), 130.9 (C), 129.6 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 113.3 (CH₂), 55.9 (CH), 46.2 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 26.5 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₂), 22.4 (CH₃), 22.0 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 20.9 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 394, 372 (MH⁺), 155; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₂H₃₀NO₂S (MH⁺): 372.1992, found: 372.1988.

V.3.3 Bicycle [5.3.1] formation. AB rings. Metathesis reaction of dienyne 10b

Bicycle **20b** was prepared following the *general metathesis procedure A*: Solution of dienyne **10b** in bencene (5mM), 10 mol% of **[Ru]**^{G2} catalyst, 80 °C, 1.5 h to afford diene **20b** [10.5 mg, 75%, R_f = 0.4 (15% acetone/hexanes), white solid]. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.66 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.63 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 5.17-5.08 (m, 1H), 4.03-3.96 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.33 (m, 1H), 3.06 (dd, *J* = 11.8 and 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.74-2.66 (m, 1H), 2.67-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.56-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.36-2.28 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 19.1 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 143.0 (C), 142.0 (C), 137.3 (C), 136.0 (C), 129.7 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 121.5 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 55.3 (CH₂), 53.1 (CH₂), 36.1 (CH), 29.4 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 28.2 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 18.6 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 340 (MNa⁺), 184, 155; **HRMS:** calculated for C₁₈H₂₃NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 340.1342, found: 340.1336.

V.3.4 Taxane tricycle formation. ABC rings

V.3.4.1 Metathesis reaction of diendiyne 4a

General metathesis procedure B, exemplified for preparation of tricycles **3a**: Catalyst **[Ru]**^{G1} (38.7mg, 47 µmol, 40 mol%) was added to a solution of diendiyne **4a** (50 mg, 0.12 mmol) in benzene (24 mL, 5 mM). The resulting mixture was heated at 120 °C in a sealed tube for 1.5 hours. After this time the solvent was removed and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (5% acetone/hexanes) to afford impure fractions of tetraenes **25aS** [4.9 mg, R_f = 0.5 (15% acetone/hexanes)] and **25aR** [traces, R_f = 0.4 (15% acetone/hexanes)], ¹⁰ in addition to tricarbocycles **3aS** [2.4 mg, 5%, R_f = 0.4 (15% acetone/hexanes)] and **3aR** [7.2 mg, 17%, R_f = 0.3 (15% Acetone/hexanes)] in 22% overall yield.

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.63 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.13 (dd, *J* = 17.5 and 10.7 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 5.59 (s, 1H), 5.51-5.28 (m, 2H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (s, 1H), 3.60 (d, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.64 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.26 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 2H), 2.13-1.17 (m, 10H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.29 (dd, *J* = 17.5 and 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 5.60 (s, 1H), 5.40 (dd, *J* = 15.3 and 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (dt, *J* = 15.3 and 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (s, 1H), 3.47-3.26 (m, 1H), 3.09-2.84 (m, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.37-1.56 (m, 10H), 0.96

(d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.43 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.59-5.68 (m, 2H), 5.50-5.45 (m, 1H), 5.61 (s, 1H), 4.47-4.36 (m, 1H), 3.85-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.15 (dd, *J* = 15.6 and 4.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, *J* = 19.6 Hz, 1H), 2.49-2.38 (m, 5H), 2.23 (m, 1H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 12.4 and 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12-2.02 (m, 2H), 1.86-1.78 (m, 1H),

1.77-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.66-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.27-1.20 (m, 1H).

¹⁰ Tretraene **25a***R* could be isolated in higher quantities when **4a** was treated with 30 mol% of **[Ru]**^{G1} in bencene, heating at 100 °C using a similar procedure.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.65 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 5.97 (bs, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 5.59 (dt, J = 10.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.27-4.22 (m, 1H), 3.86 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.41-3.29 (m, 1H), 2.62-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.47-2.33 (m, 5H), 2.34-2.05 (m, 4H), 1.88-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.48 (m, 1H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.2 (C), 141.5 (C), 139.5 (C), 138.0 (C), 131.5 (CH), 129.5

(CH), 128.3 (CH), 126.6 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 67.5 (CH), 59.7 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH), 31.7 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 23.3 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃); **MS** (m/z, ESI): 378 (MNa⁺), 356 (MH⁺), 297, 155; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₁H₂₆NO₂S (MH⁺): 356.1679, found: 356.1688.

V.3.4.2 Metathesis reaction of diendiyne 4c

Tetraene **25c** was obteined using the *general metathesis procedure A*: Solution of diendiyne **4c** in bencene (5mM), 10 mol% of [**Ru**]⁶² catalyst, 80 °C, 1.5 h to afford biclycles **25c** [26 mg, 67%, 2 isomers, 1:2 ratio, *R_j*= 0.5 (15% acetone/hexanes), colorless oil]. **1H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, *δ*, *major isomer*): 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 5.60-5.54 (m, 1H), 5.48-5.20 (m, 2H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.35 (s, 1H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.69 (dd, *J* = 15.2 and 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.32-2.18 (m, 2H), 2.13-1.20 (m, 13H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃, *δ*): 142.9 (C), 142.7 (C), 142.5 (C), 140.5 (CH), 140.4 (CH), 138.4 (C), 137.1 (C), 129.5 (CH), 128.0 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 127.1 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 27.0 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₃), 22.1 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 462 (MNa⁺), 269, 155; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₇H₃₇NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 462.2437, found: 462.2428.

Taxane derivatives **3c** were prepared following the *general metathesis procedure B*: Solution of diendiyne **4c** in bencene (5mM), 60 mol% of $[\mathbf{Ru}]^{G2}$ catalyst, 80 °C, 1.5 h to afford azataxanes **3c**_R [9.5 mg, 7%, R_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes)] and **3c**_S [19 mg, 14%, R_f = 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes)] in addition to tetraenes **25c**_R [30 mg, 19%, R_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes)] and **45** [7.7 mg, 4%, R_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes)].

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.64 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.01 (bs, 1H), 5.77-5.74 (m, 1H), 5.31-5.25 (m, 1H), 4.30-4.23 (m, 1H), 3.83 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (dd, *J* = 15.1 and 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (dd, *J* = 13.1 and 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.54-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.38-2.05 (m, 6H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.90-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.48 (m, 1H); ¹³C **NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.2 (C), 141.4 (C), 139.9 (C), 139.4 (C), 137.7 (C),

129.4 (CH), 128.3 (CH), 126.5 (CH), 122.2 (CH), 120.9 (CH), 67.5 (CH), 59.5 (CH₂), 32.5 (CH₂), 32.3 (CH), 30.8 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 23.3 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 18.6 (CH₃).


¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.63 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.49 (bs, 2H), 5.35-5.27 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.26 (m, 1H), 3.91 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 15.6 and 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d, J = 19.2 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (dd, J = 12.3 and 1.3 Hz, 1H), 2.44-2.33 (m, 4H), 2.20-1.95 (m, 4H), 1.88-1.68 (m, 5H), 1.71-1.56 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 144.4 (C), 142.8 (C), 138.4 (C), 138.0 (C), 136.4 (C),

129.5 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 125.7 (CH), 122.8 (CH), 119.9 (CH), 61.3 (CH), 50.3 (CH₂), 33.6 (CH), 33.0 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 25.2 (CH₂), 25.0 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 18.6(CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, ESI): 392 (MNa⁺), 370 (MH⁺), 199, 155; **HRMS**: calculated for C₂₂H₂₇NO₂SNa (MNa⁺): 392.1655, found: 392.1658.



¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.80 (s, 1H), 5.58 (m, 1H), 5.41 (dd, *J* = 15.3 and 6.3 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (m, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.36 (m, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, *J* = 15.2 and 10.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (s, 3H), 2.35-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.15-1.69 (m, 9H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.9 (C), 142.7 (C),

142.5 (C), 140.5 (CH), 138.5 (C), 137.1 (C), 129.5 (CH), 127.9 (CH), 127.4 (CH), 126.8 (CH), 124.8 (CH), 112.4 (CH₂), 57.5 (CH), 51.1 (CH₂), 38.7 (CH), 38.1 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH), 27.0 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₃), 22.7 (CH₃), 21.9 (CH₂), 21.62 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₃).



¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.32 (m, 2H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.21 (dt, *J* = 15.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.83 (s, 1H), 5.60 (m, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.39 (s, 1H), 3.64 (d, *J* = 15.3 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (dd, *J* = 15.3 and 10.7 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.34 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (m, 1H),

2.12-1.90 (m, 3H), 1.86-1.70 (m, 5H), 1.60 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 142.9 (C), 142.7 (C), 142.3 (C), 138.3 (C), 137.6 (C), 137.0 (C), 132.3 (CH), 129.5 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 128.4 (CH), 128.1 (CH), 127.5 (CH), 127.2 (CH), 126.9 (CH), 126.2 (CH), 112.3 (CH₂), 57.5 (CH), 50.9 (CH₂), 38.9 (CH), 38.6 (CH₂), 33.5 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 24.9 (CH₂), 21.9 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₃).

V.4.1 Preparation of dithiane 27

Preparation of 2-[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]hept-6-en-1-ol (30)11



In a round bottom flask, flamed and purged with Ar, a solution of 4-(trimethylsilyl)-but-3-ynol (29, 2.9 mL, 17.57 mmol) and tetramethylethylenediamine (6.3 mL, 42.17 mmol) was prepared with freshly distilled THF (88 mL). The mixture was cooled to -30 ° C and a solution of tert-butyllithium (1.7 M, 22.7 mL, 38.65 mmol) was added dropwise. After 2.5h, this mixture was cooled to -78 °C and a previously prepared solution of 5bromopentene (2.1 mL, 18.45 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium iodide (1.29 g, 3.51 mmol) in THF (74 mL) was added via cannula. After 12 h stirring and gradual increase in temperature to -40C, the reaction was quenched by adition of aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (sat. Sol., 30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 80 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting yellow oil was purified by flash chromatography (5% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the homopropargylic alcohol **30** [2.19 g, 60%, R_f= 0.4 (15% EtOAc/hexanes), pale vellow oil]. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.85-5.72 (m, 1H), 5.84-5.08 (m, 2H), 3.65-3.48 (m, 2H), 2.66-2.51 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.90 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 1.52-1.38 (m, 4H), 1.52-1.38 (m,0.15 (s, 9H_i); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 138.7 (CH), 114.9 (CH₂), 107.4 (C), 87.9 (C), 65.4 (CH₂), 36.4 (CH), 33.6 (CH₂), 30.6 (CH₂), 26.6 (CH₂), 0.4 (CH₃); MS (*m*/*z*, CI): 137.

Prepation of 2-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)hept-6-en-1-ol (31)



Alcohol **31** was prepared using a procedure similar to the one described for alcohol **30**. Flash chromatographic purification (2% EtOAc/hexanes) of the crude mixture afforded the homopropargylic alcohol **31** [487 mg, 26%, R_f = 0.5 (10% EtOAc/hexanes), pale yellow oil]. **1H NMR** (250 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.91-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.20-4.74 (m, 2H), 3.46-3.30 (m, 2H), 2.35-1.71 (m, 3H), 1.67-1.40 (m, 3H), 1.41-1.19 (m, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 9H); **13C NMR** (63 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 138.5 (CH), 114.5 (CH₂), 110.4 (C), 87.0 (C), 70.2 (CH₂), 37.1 (CH₂), 33.9 (CH₂), 23.6 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₃), 0.1 (CH₃); **MS** (*m/z*, CI): 151.

¹¹ Prepared optimizing the reaction conditions described in: N. V. Van Bac, Y. Langlois, *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1988, **29**, 2819-2822.

Preparation of 2-methyl-2-((trimethylsilyl)ethynyl)hept-6-enal (32)12



In a round bottom flask, flamed and purged with Ar, oxalyl chloride (90 uL, 1.07 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1.3 mL) and cooled to -78 and DMSO (150 uL, 2.14 mmol) was added dropwise at this temperature with vigorous stirring. After 40 min at this temperature, a solution of alcohol **31** (120 mg, 0.53 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added. One hour later, triethylamine (0.37 mL, 2.68 mmol) was added and after stirring one additional hour, the reaction was quenched by the addition of water (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 25 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with aqueous solutions of NaHCO₃ (sat. sol., 15 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (2% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford aldehyde 32 [106 mg, 90%, Rf = 0.9 (15% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 9.45 (s, 1H), 5.88-5.69 (m, 1H), 5.07-4.89 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.01 (m, 2H), 1.73-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 198.8 (CO), 138.2 (CH), 115.1 (CH₂), 105.4 (C), 90.6 (C), 47.9 (C), 35.7 (CH₂), 33.8 (CH₂), 23.9 (CH₂), 21.1 (CH₃), 0.2 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, CI): 223 (MH⁺), 193, 149; **HRMS**: calculated for C₁₃H₂₂OSi (MH⁺): 223.1518, found: 223.1522.

Preparation of thioacetal 2713



In a round bottom flask, 1,3-propanedithiol (250 uL, 2.49 mmol) was added to a suspension of Br₂Mg.OEt₂ (672 mg, 2.60 mmol) in Et₂O (6 mL). After a few minutes, a solution of aldehyde **32** (482 mg, 2.16 mmol) in Et₂O (2.5 mL) was also added. After stirring at rt for 1.5 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of water (15 mL). The resulting mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 40 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (1% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the dithiane **27** [484 mg, 71%, R_{j} = 0.3 (5% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹**H NMR** (250 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.90-5.72 (m,

¹² Modification of the procedure described in: B. M. Trost, Y. Hu, D. B. Horne, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2007, **129**, 11781-11790.

¹³ V. A. Keller, J. R. Martinelli, E. R. Streiter, S. D. Burke, Org. Lett. 2002, 4, 467-470.

1H), 5.16-4.79 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.11-2.66 (m, 4H), 2.15-1.95 (m, 3H), 1.95-1.42 (m, 5H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (63 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 138.7 (CH), 114.6 (CH₂), 110.3 (C), 87.7 (C), 57.6 (CH), 41.1 (C), 38.9 (CH₂), 33.9 (CH₂), 31.0 (CH₂), 30.9 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₃), 24.1 (CH₂), 0.2 (CH₃); **MS** (*m*/*z*, CI): 335 (MNa⁺), 201, 143.

V.4.2 Preparation of aldehyde 2814



In a round bottom flask, a solution of the oxazolidinone **33** (48 mg, 0.11 mmol) in toluene (2.5 mL) was prepared and cooled to -78 °C and a solution of diisobutylaluminum hydride (1M, 220 uL, 22 umol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 hour at this temperatura and then was quenched by addition of a aqueous solution potassium tartrate (sat. sol., 10 mL) at low temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to reach rt with vigorous stirring and after 2 h was extracted with Et₂O (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (1% EtOAc/hexanes) to give aldehyde **28** [22.3 mg, 80%, R_f = 0.6 (10% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil], whose spectroscopic data are consistent with those previously described by our group.¹⁵

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V.4.3 Preparation of diendiyne 26¹⁶



In a flame-dried and purged under Ar round bottom flask, a solution of dithiane 27 (840 mg, 2.69 mmol) and tetramethylethylenediamine (0.4 mL, 2.69 mmol) in freshly dry THF (11 mL) was prepared. The mixture was cooled to -45 °C and a solution of tertbutyllithium (1.7 M, 1.50 mL, 2.55 mmol) was added dropwise. After 2 h of stirring at this temperatura, a solution of aldehyde 28 (250 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was added via cannula. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at this temperatura and then was quenched by the addition of aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (sat. sol., 25 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 70 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting crude was dissolved in a mixture MeCN/H2O (4: 1, 50 mL) and calcium carbonate (500 mg, 5.00 mmol) and methyl iodide (3.74 mL, 60 mmol) were successively added. After 24 hours of stirring, the mixture was washed with an aqueous solution of $NaHCO_3$ (sat. sol., 30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting crude was purified by flash chromatography (1% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford an enriched fraction in the desired α -hydroxydithiane.

The resulting compound was dissolved in a MeOH/H₂O mixture (9: 2, 100 mL) and cooled to 0 °C and then bis(trifluoroacetoxy)iodobenzene (BTI, 1.29 g, 3.00 mmol) was added. The reaction was quenched after stirring 1.5 hours at rt by addition of an aqueous solution of NaHCO₃ (sat. sol., 30 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with with Et₂O (3 x 100 mL) and the combined organic phases were washed with aqueous solution of NaCl (sat. sol., 30 mL), dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (1% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford the α -hydroxyketone **35** as an inseparable mixture of 4 isomers [185 mg, 40% (3 steps), R_f = 0.2 (5% AcOEt/hexanes), colorless oil]. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.92-5.64 (m, 1H), 5.59-5.19 (m, 2H), 5.09-4.92 (m, 2H), 5.09-4.66 (m, 3H), 3.21-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.61-1.14 (m, 15H), 1.01-0.92 (2d, *J*= 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.21-0.12 (m, 18H); MS (*m*/*z*, ESI): 481 (MNa)⁺, 459; HRMS: calculated for C₂₇H₄₆O₂Si₂Na (MNa⁺): 481.2929, found: 481.2929.

¹⁶ Modification of the conditions described in: L.-S. Deng, X.-P. Huang, G. Zhao, *J. Org. Chem.* 2006, **71**, 4625-4635. Conditions used for deprotection of thioacetals: T. E. La Cruz, S. D. Rychnovsky, *J. Org. Chem.* 2007, **72**, 2602-2611.



In a round bottom flask, a solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 M, 650 uL, 0.65 mmol) was added to a solution of **35** (100 mg, 0.21 mmol) in THF (4.5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour and then was quenched by the addition of aqueous solution of NH₄Cl (sat. sol., 15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic phases were dried, filtered and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by flash chromatography (1% acetone/hexane) to afford less polar fraction of diendiynes **261** [35 mg, R_f = 0.25 (5% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil, isomer ratio 1: 1.4] and most polar fraction of diendiynes **26m** [23 mg, R_f = 0.2 (5% EtOAc/hexanes), colorless oil, isomer ratio 1: 1.5] in 85% overall yield.

Mixture 261: ¹**H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.93-5.65 (m, 1H), 5.63-5.17 (m, 2H), 5.17-4.80 (m, 3H), 3.11 (s, 1H), 2.65-0.77 (m, 23H); ¹³**C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 213.4 (C), 213.0 (C), 141.1 (CH), 141.0 (CH), 138.1 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 115.2 (CH₂), 85.0 (C), 84.7 (C), 82.9 (C), 76.9 (CH), 76.1 (CH), 75.2 (C), 74.7 (C), 70.0 (C), 70.0 (C), 46.0 (C), 45.9 (C), 41.0 (CH₂), 40.9 (CH₂), 40.2 (CH), 39.8 (CH), 34.8 (CH₂), 33.7 (CH₂), 33.7 (CH), 31.2 (CH), 31.2 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH₂), 29.8 (CH₂), 26.2 (CH), 26.1 (CH), 24.5 (CH₂), 24.4 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂), 17.8 (CH₂).

Mixture 26m: ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 5.87-5.68 (m, 1H), [5.57 (dd, *J* = 15.4 and 6.4 Hz), 5.48-5.33 (m), 5.26-5.19 (m), 2H], [5.17 (dd, *J* = 7.1 and 1.8 Hz), 4.86 (dd, *J* = 6.9 and 1.9 Hz), 1H], 5.08-4.94 (m, 2H), [3.05 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 3.02 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1H], 2.57-1.21 (m, 17H), [0.99 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 6H]; ¹³**C NMR** (101 MHz, CDCl₃, δ): 212.6 (C), 212.3 (C), 141.1 (CH), 140.9 (CH), 138.1 (CH), 124.1 (CH), 123.6 (CH), 115.2 (CH₂), 115.1 (CH₂), 85.0 (C), 84.7 (C), 83.0 (C), 82.8 (C), 75.7 (CH), 75.2 (CH), 74.9 (CH), 74.8 (CH), 70.0 (CH), 69.9 (CH), 46.2 (CH), 46.1 (CH), 39.9 (CH), 39.7 (CH), 38.3 (CH₂), 34.6 (CH₂), 33.8 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH), 31.2 (CH), 31.1 (CH), 30.9 (CH₂), 26.5 (CH), 26.5 (CH), 24.3 (CH₂), 22.7 (CH₃), 22.6 (CH₃), 20.2 (CH₂), 17.8 (CH₂).

MS (*m*/*z*, ESI): 337 (MNa⁺), 312; **HRMS:** calculated for C₂₁H₃₀O₂Na (MNa⁺): 337.2138, found: 337.2131.

V.5. Cascade metathesis reaction for taxane 36



In a round bottom flask equipped with magnetic stirrer, catalyst [**Ru**]^{G2} (12 mg, 14.6 μ mol, 20 mol%) was added to a solution of **26m** (23 mg, 73 μ mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (15 mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt until became homogenous and then was refluxed for 3.5 hours. After this time the solvent was removed and the resulting residue was purified by flsh chromatography (3-15% Et₂O/hexanes) to afford bicycle **37** [5.6 mg, 24%, *R_f*= 0.4 (10% EtOAc/hexanes)] and expected tricycle **36** [4.7 mg, 26%, *R_f*= 0.3 (10% EtOAc/hexanes), white solid].



¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CD_2Cl_2 , δ): 6.32 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (bs, 1H), 5.66-5.59 (m, 1H), 5.60-5.54 (m, 1H), 4.36 (dd, *J* = 11.2 and 8.8 Hz, 1H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40-2.29 (m, 3H), 2.06-1.99 (m, 2H), 1.97 (dd, *J* = 12.6 and 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.33-1.20

36 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, δ): 220.3 (C), 139.5 (C), 135.5 (C), 129.7 (CH), 129.6 (CH), 127.8 (CH), 124.7 (CH), 74.1 (CH), 46.2 (C), 41.7 (CH), 34.1 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH₂), 29.7 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 25.1 (CH₃), 20.4 (CH₂); **HRMS:** calculated for C₁₆H₂₀O₂Na (MNa⁺): 267.1356, found: 267.135.



¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, δ): 6.35 (dd, *J* = 17.3 and 10.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (s, 1H), 5.68-5.60 (m, 1H), 5.47 (dd, *J* = 15.3 and 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41-5.30 (m, 1H), 5.24 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (d, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (dd, *J* = 10.2 and 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.60-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.02 (m, 8H), 1.96-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.58 (m, 4H),

1.33-1.24 (m, 4H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 0.97 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, δ): 140.8, 139.0, 133.4, 129.1, 125.6, 113.8, 77.1, 42.1, 34.7, 32.7, 31.7, 26.0, 24.6, 22.9, 19.9; EMBR (m/z, I): 337 (MNa⁺, 70), 297 (100); HRMS: calculated for C₂₁H₃₀O₂Na (MNa⁺): 337.2138, found: 337.2126.

VI. NMR spectra for cyclic compounds

























































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