

Supporting information for
**Structure-inspired design of a sphingolipid mimic
sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor agonist from a naturally
occurring sphingomyelin synthase inhibitor**

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1. General experimental method

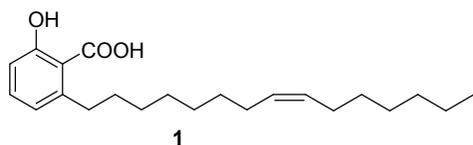
^1H NMR (500 MHz) and ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova instrument at 25 °C in CDCl_3 or CD_3OD purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. (Tewksbury, USA). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm and coupling constant values (J) are in Hertz (Hz) relative to CDCl_3 (^1H , δ 7.26; ^{13}C , δ 77.00) or CD_3OD (^1H , δ 3.4, 4.8; ^{13}C , δ 49.3) and tetramethylsilane. The following abbreviations were used for signal multiplicities: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quartet; m = multiplet. High Resolution Mass spectra (HRMS (ESI)) were obtained on a AB sciex Triple TOF[®] 5600+ at Platform for Research on Biofunctional Molecules, Hokkaido University. Low-resolution mass spectra (ESI-MS) were obtained by a JEOL JMS-T100LP spectrometer. Analytical TLC was performed on 0.2 mm silica gel plates (Merck 60 F-254). SiO_2 gel column chromatography was carried out using silica gel (Wakogel[®] N60, spherical, 38-100 μm) with air flashing.

2. Construction of plant extracts library

To construct plants extracts library, approximately 650 plants grown wildly or cultivated in Hokkaido area were collected. Each plant was dried by hot air at 50°C for 24 hours. Dried plants were cut into small pieces/powdered by grinder. Each dried plants (20 g) were extracted with 200 ml of MeOH at room temperature for 1 day. The MeOH solutions were filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. Each of residues and the solutions dissolved in DMSO at the concentrations of 100 mg/ml were stocked at -20°C respectively.

3. Isolation of ginkgolic acid (15:1) from *Ginkgo biloba*

Ginkgo biloba stem collected from campus of Hokkaido University, Sapporo on 16th October, 2014 dried for 6 months. Dried *G. biloba* was grinded/powdered well. Five hundred g of powder extracted with MeOH (2 L) at room temperature three times after 24 h each. The combined MeOH extract was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a dark brown residue (15.9 g), which was dissolved in 20% MeOH in water (500 mL) and partitioned with hexane (250 mL × 3), Et₂O (250 mL × 3) and EtOAc (250 mL × 3). After removal of solvent, each of residues was used for SMS assay. We found that hexane fraction was more activity than Et₂O fraction but, EtOAc and water fractions turned out to be inactive. The active hexane fraction (3.8 g) was further purified by silica gel column chromatography. The active component was identified as ginkgolic acid (15:1) confirmed by NMR spectroscopy and HRMS. Yield: 0.006% (27.5 mg). Ginkgolic acid (15:1) is one of the major components of *G. biloba* leaves.

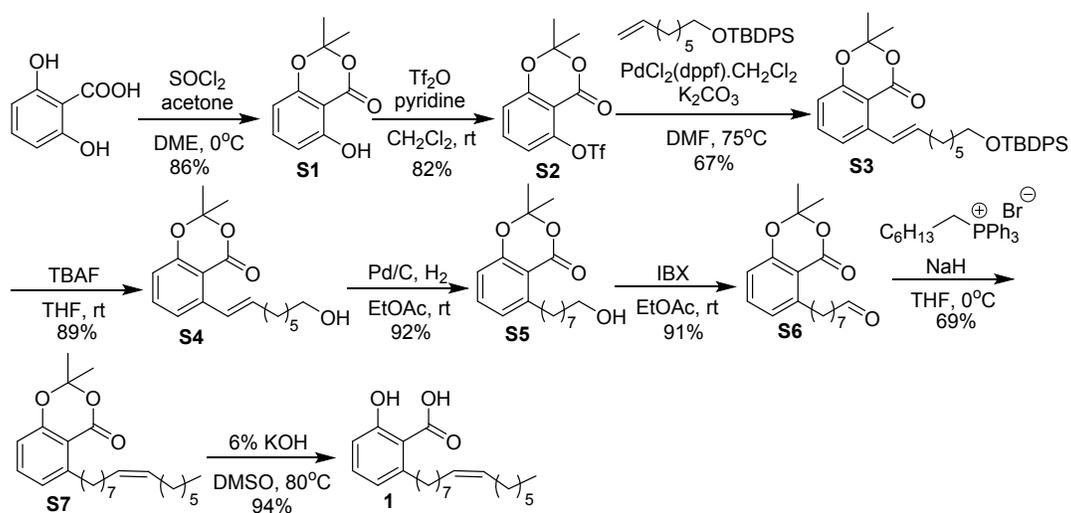


Ginkgolic acid (15:1); light yellow oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 10.99 (1H, s), 7.37 (1H, t, 7.9 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 6.78 (1H, d, J=7.5 Hz), 5.32-5.38 (2H, m), 2.97-3.00 (2H, t, J=7.5 Hz), 2.02-2.06 (4H, m), 1.60-1.62 (2H, m), 1.26-1.33 (18H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, J=6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.2, 163.6, 147.8, 135.4, 129.9, 129.8, 122.7, 115.8, 110.4, 36.4, 32.0, 31.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 27.2, 26.9, 22.3, 14.0. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₃₄O₃: 347.2580; found 347.2555.

4. Total Synthesis of ginkgolic acid (15:1) and derivatives

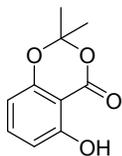
Ginkgolic acid (15:1) (1):

Compounds **S1** and **S2** were synthesized as reported method.¹ Compound **S3** was synthesized by palladium catalyzed reaction (heck reaction) of **S2** with hydroxyl group protected 7-octene-1-ol in the presence of K₂CO₃² followed by deprotection of hydroxyl group with TBAF (tetra-*N*-butyl ammonium fluoride) to get **S4**. The hydrogenation of double bond was carried out using Pd/C, H₂ to obtain **S5**. Compound **S6** which was synthesized by oxidation of **S5** using IBX (2-iodoxybenzoic acid) followed by Wittig reaction of **S6** and heptyltriphenylphosphonium ion in the presence of NaH to get **S7**.³ Finally, ginkgolic acid (15:1) was obtained by hydrolysis of **S7**. The natural and synthetic ginkgolic acid (15:1) is equally potent SMS inhibitor.



Scheme S1: Synthesis of ginkgolic acid (15:1)

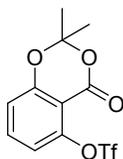
5-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (S1)



To the stirred solution of 2,6-dihydroxybenzoic acid (8 g, 51.9 mmol) in 1,2-dimethoxyethane (50 mL) at 0 °C was added acetone (4.9 mL, 67.5 mmol), SOCl₂ (4.8 mL, 67.5 mmol) and DMAP (316 mg, 2.6 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred under Ar atmosphere for 1 h at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature overnight. After completion of the reaction saturated NaHCO₃ solution was added and extracted with Et₂O (100 mL × 2). The combined organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaCl solution, dried over MgSO₄ and the solution was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (8:2) to give **S1** (9.3 g, Yield 93%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 10.31 (1H, s), 7.38 (1H, t, 8.3 Hz), 6.59 (1H, d, 8.35 Hz), 6.41 (1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 1.72 (6H, s). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.4, 161.3, 155.5, 137.9, 110.7, 107.2, 107.1, 99.3, 25.5. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₀H₁₀O₄: 195.0651; found 195.0648

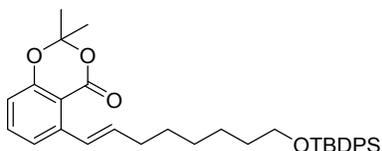
2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxin-5-yl trifluoromethanesulfonate (**S2**)



To a stirred solution of **S1** (5 g, 25.8 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) at 0 °C was added anhydrous pyridine (7.4 mL, 92.7 mmol) and trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (4.4 mL, 30.9 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for additional 1 h at same temperature. After completion of the reaction the reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (100 mL × 2) and the combined organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (7:3) to give **S2** (7.6 g, Yield 90%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.62 (1H, t, 8.3 Hz), 7.0 (1H, d, 8.5 Hz), 7.01 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 1.76 (6H, s). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.4, 157.0, 148.6, 136.2, 120.0, 117.9, 116.5, 108.2, 106.8, 25.4. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₁H₉O₆F₃S: 327.0144; found 327.0133.

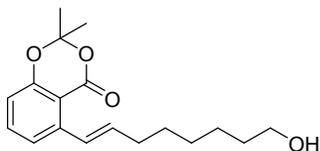
(*E*)-5-(8-((*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)oct-1-en-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxin-4-one (**S3**)



To a stirred solution of *tert*-butyl(oct-7-en-1-yloxy)diphenylsilane (240 mg, 0.68 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) at room temperature was added K₂CO₃ (94 mg, 0.68 mmol) and stirred for 0.5 h. Compound **S2** (202 mg, 0.62 mmol) and palladium catalyst PdCl₂(dppf) (15 mg, 0.02 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture. Then the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 75 °C. The reaction mixture was acidified with 2M HCl and extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9:1) to give **S3** (227 mg, Yield 67%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.76 (4H, d, 7.8 Hz), 7.55 (1H, d, J=9.7 Hz), 7.42-7.45 (7H, m), 7.28 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.87(1H, d, J=8.0 Hz), 6.27-6.33 (1H, m), 3.76 (2H, t, 6.4 Hz), 2.34 (2H, q, 13.9, 7.0, 6.8 Hz), 1.75 (7H, s), 1.69-1.66 (2H, m), 1.43-1.65 (6H, m), 1.14 (9H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.3, 158.8, 142.7, 136.6, 135.1, 134.2, 129.5, 128.2, 127.7, 121.3, 115.5, 110.6, 105.1, 64.0, 33.2, 32.6, 31.7, 31.6, 29.2, 29.1, 27.0, 25.7, 22.7, 19.3, 19.3, 14.2. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₄H₄₂O₄Si: 543.2925; found 543.2929.

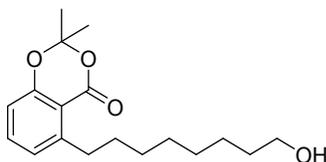
(E)-5-(8-hydroxyoct-1-en-1-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (S4)



To a stirred solution of **S3** (50 mg, 0.1 mmol) in THF (4 mL) at room temperature was added TBAF (36 mg, 0.14 mmol) and stirred for 2 h. After completion of the reaction the THF was evaporated and the residue was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced vacuum. The residue obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (6:4) to give **S4** (24 mg, Yield 86%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.36-7.41 (2H, m), 7.19 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz), 6.77 (1H, d, J=8.0 Hz), 6.15-6.21 (1H, m), 3.59 (2H, t, J=6.6 Hz), 2.24 (2H, q, 13.9, 7.1, 6.8 Hz), 1.66 (6H, s), 1.49-1.51 (4H, m), 1.34-1.37 (4H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.4, 156.7, 142.5, 135.4, 135.0, 128.0, 121.2, 115.2, 110.4, 105.0, 62.6, 32.9, 32.6, 28.9, 28.8, 25.5, 25.5. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₄: 305.1747; found 305.1772.

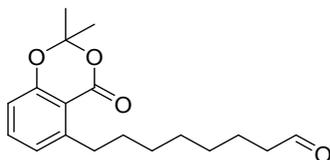
5-(8-hydroxyoctyl)-2,2-dimethyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (S5)



To a stirred solution of **S4** (94 mg, 0.31 mmol) in EtOAc (10 ml) was added 10% Pd/C (50 mg, 0.05 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under H₂ atmosphere. Pd/C was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (6:4) to give **S5** (89 mg, 95%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.74 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, J=7.5 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, 8.1 Hz), 3.64 (2H, t, 6.5 Hz), 3.09 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.71 (6H, s), 1.56-1.62 (4H, m), 1.32-1.41 (6H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.2, 157.0, 148.4, 135.0, 125.0, 115.0, 112.0, 104.9, 62.8, 34.3, 32.7, 31.1, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 25.6, 25.6. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₆O₄: 307.1903; found 307.1921.

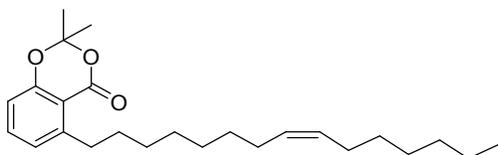
8-(2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-5-yl)octanal (S6)



To a stirred solution of **S5** (150 mg, 0.49 mmol) in EtOAc (10 ml) was added IBX (412 mg, 1.47 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 40 °C. The white solid was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9:1) to give **S6** (91 mg, 92%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 9.06(1H, s), 7.33 (1H, t, 8.1), 6.86 (1H, d, J=7.5 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 3.01 (2H, t, 7.5 Hz), 2.35 (2H, t, 6.1 Hz), 1.63 (6H, s), 1.49-1.56 (4H, m), 1.27-1.31 (6H, m). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.7, 160.1, 157.0, 148.2, 135.6, 125.0, 115.0, 111.9, 111.9, 104.8, 43.7, 34.2, 31.0, 28.9, 28.9, 25.5, 21.9. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₄: 305.1747; found 305.1776.

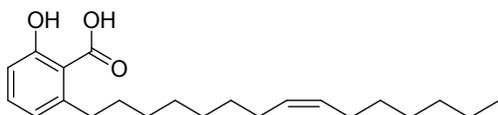
(*Z*)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(pentadec-8-en-1-yl)-4*H*-benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxin-4-one (**S7**)



To a stirred solution of bromo(heptyl)triphenylphosphonium ion (50 mg, 0.11 mmol) in THF (5 mL) and DMSO (1 mL) was added NaH (5 mg, 0.23 mmol) at 0 °C under Ar atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Compound **S6** (17 mg, 0.06 mmol) was added in THF (1 mL) at 0 °C and continued stirring for 1 h at the same temperature. After completion of the reaction, saturated NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with hexane. The organic layer was dried under MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9.75:0.25) to give **S7** (42 mg, 66%) as yellow oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.38 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J=7.8 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 5.31-5.35 (2H, m), 3.08 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.98-2.02 (4H, m), 1.69 (6H, s), 1.55-1.61 (2H, m), 1.27-1.38 (18H, m), 0.87 (3H, t, 6.3 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.2, 157.1, 148.5, 135.0, 129.8, 125.0, 115.0, 112.2, 104.9, 34.3, 31.9, 31.1, 27.2, 27.2, 27.3, 27.4, 27.6, 27.6 28.9, 28.9, 27.2, 25.6, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₅H₃₈O₃: 387.2893; found 387.2911.

Ginkgolic acid (15:1) (**1**)

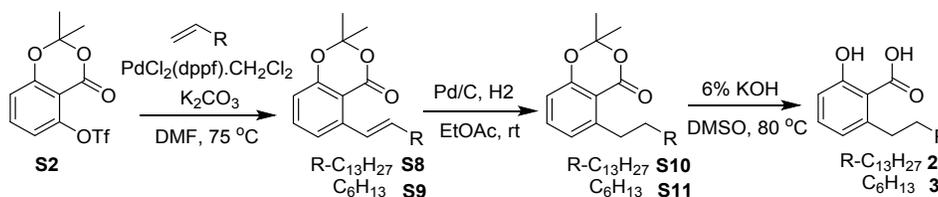


The solution of **S7** (37 mg, 0.1 mmol) in 50% KOH (0.5 mL) and DMSO (1.5 mL) stirred at 80°C for 1 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and acidified with 2M HCl, then extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried under MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9:1) as an eluent to give **1** (30 mg, 91%) as yellow oil.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500MHz): δ = 10.99 (1H, s), 7.37 (1H, t, 7.9 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, $J=8.3$ Hz), 6.78 (1H, d, $J=7.5$ Hz), 5.32-5.38 (2H, m), 2.97-3.00 (2H, t, $J=7.5$ Hz), 2.02-2.06 (4H, m), 1.60-1.62 (2H, m), 1.26-1.33 (18H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, $J=6.6$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 176.2, 163.6, 147.8, 135.42, 129.9, 129.9, 129.8, 122.8, 115.9, 110.5, 36.48, 32.1, 31.9, 31.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.3, 26.9, 26.9, 22.6, 22.3, 14.0. HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_3$: 347.2580; found 347.2555

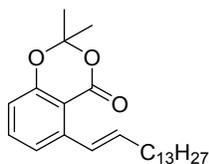
Synthesis of ginkgolic acid (15:0) (2) and its derivative (3)

Synthesis of ginkgolic acid (15:0) **2** and its derivative **3** were achieved in three steps starting from **S2**. It involves heck coupling of **S2** with 1-octene and 1-pentadecene using $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ to get compounds **S8** and **S9**, which were subjected to hydrogenation using Pd/C , H_2 to get compounds **S10** and **S11** followed by basic hydrolysis to obtain desired compounds ginkgolic acid (15:0) **2** and **3**.



Scheme S2: Synthesis of ginkgolic acid (15:0) **2** and compound **3**

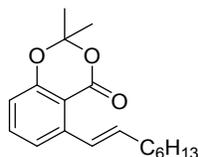
(E)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(pentadec-1-en-1-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (S8)



To a stirred solution of 1-pentadecene (354 mg, 1.68 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) at room temperature was added K_2CO_3 (231 mg, 1.68 mmol) and stirred for 0.5 h. Compound **S2** (500 mg, 1.53 mmol) and palladium catalyst $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (37 mg, 0.05 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. Then the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 75 °C. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was acidified with 2M HCl and extracted with Et_2O . The organic layer was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated under vacuum. The residue obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ EtOAc (9:1) to give **S8** (410 mg, Yield 69%) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 7.38-7.46 (2H, m), 7.22 (1H, d, $J=7.8$ Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, 7.0 Hz), 6.19-6.25 (1H, m), 2.24-2.29 (2H, m), 1.69 (6H, s), 1.46-1.52 (2H, m), 1.22-1.30 (20H, m), 0.87 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 160.2, 156.6, 142.6, 135.6, 134.8, 127.8, 121.1, 115.3, 110.4, 104.9, 33.1, 31.8, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 29.2, 29.1, 25.5, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_3$: 387.2893; found 387.2869.

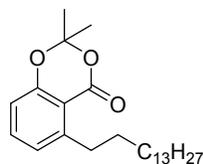
(E)-2,2-dimethyl-5-(oct-1-en-1-yl)-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (S9)



To a stirred solution of 1-octene (189 mg, 1.68 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) at room temperature was added K_2CO_3 (231 mg, 1.68 mmol) and stirred for 0.5 h. Compound **S2** (500 mg, 1.53 mmol) and palladium catalyst $PdCl_2(dppf).CH_2Cl_2$ (37 mg, 0.05 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. Then the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at 75 °C. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was acidified with 2M HCl and extracted with Et_2O . The organic layer was dried over $MgSO_4$ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue obtained was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ $EtOAc$ (9:1) to give **S9** (295 mg, Yield 67%) as colorless oil.

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ = 7.39-7.46 (2H, m), 7.23 (1H, d, $J=8.0$ Hz), 6.81(1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 6.20-6.26 (1H, m), 2.25-2.29 (2H, m), 1.69 (6H, s), 1.46-1.52 (2H, m), 1.28-1.39 (6H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 160.3, 156.6, 142.6, 135.6, 134.9, 127.8, 121.1, 115.3, 110.4, 104.9, 33.1, 31.6, 29.0, 28.8, 25.5, 22.5, 14.0. HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{18}H_{24}O_3$: 289.1752; found 289.1747.

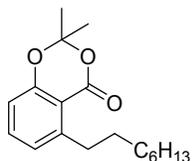
2,2-dimethyl-5-pentadecyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (S10)



To a stirred solution of **S8** (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) in $EtOAc$ (10 ml) was added 10% Pd/C (30 mg, 0.026 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under H_2 atmosphere. Pd/C was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ $EtOAc$ (9:1) as an eluent to give **S10** (92 mg, 91%) as colorless oil.

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ = 7.39 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.93 (1H, d, $J=7.5$ Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 3.09 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.70 (6H, s), 1.54-1.62 (2H, m), 1.19-1.31 (24H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, 6.6 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 159.8, 156.9, 148.2, 134.8, 124.8, 114.8, 111.8, 104.6, 34.2, 31.7, 31.0, 29.5, 29.5, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 22.5, 13.9. HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{25}H_{40}O_3$: 389.3050; found 387.3046.

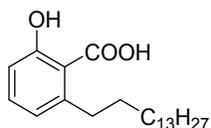
2,2-dimethyl-5-octyl-4H-benzo[d][1,3]dioxin-4-one (S11)



To a stirred solution of **S9** (100 mg, 0.35 mmol) in EtOAc (10 ml) was added 10% Pd/C (40 mg, 0.035 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under H₂ atmosphere. The solid was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9:1) to give **S11** (95 mg, 94%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.38 (1H, t, 8.3 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J=8.8 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 3.08 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.68 (6H, s), 1.55-1.61 (2H, m), 1.21-1.32 (10H, m), 0.86 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.1, 157.0, 148.4, 134.9, 125.0, 115.0, 112.0, 104.8, 34.3, 31.8, 31.1, 29.4, 29.2, 25.6, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₈H₂₄O₃: 291.1954; found 291.1949.

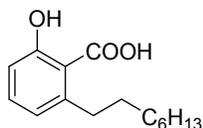
Ginkgolic acid (15:0) (2)



The solution of **S10** (50 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 50% KOH (0.75 mL) and DMSO (2 mL) stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and acidified with 2M HCl then extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried under MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (7:3) as an eluent to give **2** (41 mg, 91%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 11.13 (1H, s), 7.37 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, J=7.3 Hz), 3.00 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 1.59-1.65 (2H, m), 1.29-1.34 (24H, m), 0.89 (3H, t, J=6.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.3, 163.6, 147.8, 135.4, 122.7, 115.8, 110.4, 36.4, 32.0, 31.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₃₆O₃: 349.2737; found 349.2712.

2-hydroxy-6-octylbenzoic acid (3)

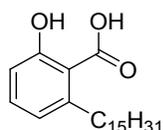


The solution of **S11** (30 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 50% KOH (0.5 mL) and DMSO (1.5 mL) stirred at 80 °C for 1 h. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and acidified with 2M HCl then extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried under MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The

residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (7:3) as an eluent to give **3** (25 mg, 96%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 10.99 (1H, s), 7.37 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, J=7.1 Hz), 2.98 (2H, t, J=8.0 Hz), 1.58-1.64 (2H, m), 1.28-1.38 (10H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, J=6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.3, 163.6, 147.8, 135.4, 122.8, 115.8, 110.3, 36.4, 31.9, 31.8, 29.7, 29.4, 29.2, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₂O₃: 251.1641; found 251.1636.

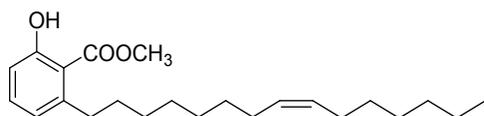
Ginkgolic acid (15:0) (**2**) from Ginkgolic acid (15:1) (**1**)



To a stirred solution of ginkgolic acid (15:1) **1** (50 mg, 0.14 mmol) in EtOAc (10 ml) was added 10% Pd/C (30 mg, 0.028 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under H₂ atmosphere. The solid was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9.0:1.0) to give **2** (48 mg, 96%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 11.13 (1H, s), 7.37 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, J=7.3 Hz), 3.00 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 1.59-1.65 (2H, m), 1.29-1.34 (24H, m), 0.89 (3H, t, J=6.8 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 176.3, 163.6, 147.8, 135.4, 122.7, 115.8, 110.4, 36.4, 32.0, 31.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₃₆O₃: 349.2737; found 349.2712

Methyl ester of Ginkgolic ester (**4**)

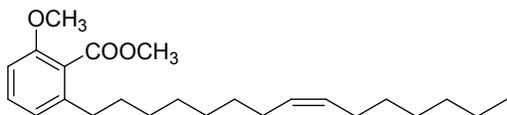


To a stirred solution of ginkgolic acid (15:1) **1** (25 mg, 0.1 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) and diethyl ether (2 mL) was added a solution of TMS-CH₂N₂ in hexane until the color of the solution became yellow at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 0.5 h. The reaction was quenched with acetic acid and extracted with EtOAc, dried over MgSO₄. The organic layer was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9.75:0.25) as an eluent to give the ester **4** (25 mg, 96%) as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 11.13 (1H, s), 7.29 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, J=8.3 Hz), 6.73 (1H, d, J=7.3 Hz), 5.39-5.33 (2H, m), 3.90 (3H s), 2.89 (2H, t, J=7.8 Hz), 2.03-2.08 (4H, m), 1.51-1.56 (2H, m), 1.29-1.34 (18H, m), 0.91 (3H, t, J=7.1 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 171.9, 162.5, 146.1, 134.1, 129.8, 129.8, 122.8, 122.4, 115.5, 111.8, 52.0, 36.6, 32.1, 31.9, 29.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5,

29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.3, 27.2, 26.9, 22.3, 14.0. HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{23}H_{36}O_3$: 361.2737; found 361.2717.

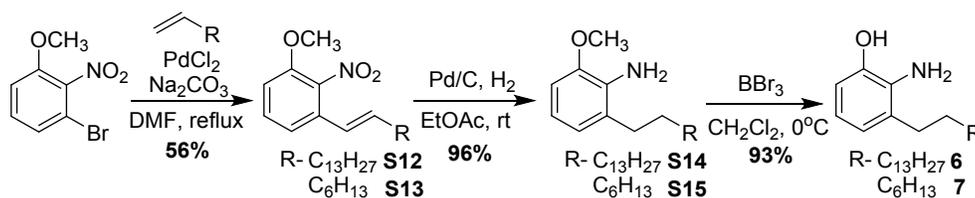
Methyl (*Z*)-2-methoxy-6-(pentadec-8-en-1-yl)benzoate (**5**)



To a stirred solution of Ginkgolic acid (15:1) **1** (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) in DMF (2mL) was added K_2CO_3 (0.73 mmol, 2.5 eq) and iodomethane (0.58 mmol, 2 eq) at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at 90 °C under Ar atmosphere overnight. After completion of the reaction the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and acidified with 2M HCl and extracted with EtOAc, and dried over $MgSO_4$. The organic layer was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) to give the ester **5** (103 mg, 95%) as colorless oil.

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ = 7.28 (1H, t, 8.3 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, $J=7.8$ Hz), 6.77 (1H, d, $J=8.3$ Hz), 5.33-5.37 (2H, m), 3.92 (3H, s), 3.83 (3H, s), 2.55 (2H, t, $J=8.0$ Hz), 2.01-2.04 (4H, m), 1.56-1.61 (2H, m), 1.29-1.34 (18H, m), 0.90 (3H, t, $J=7.0$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 168.9, 156.2, 141.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.8, 123.4, 121.4, 108.3, 33.4, 31.7, 31.1, 29.7, 29.7, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 28.9, 27.2, 27.1, 22.6, 14.0. HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{24}H_{38}O_3$: 375.2893; found 375.2867.

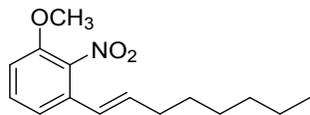
Synthesis of compound **6** and **7**



Scheme S3: synthesis of compound **6** and **7**

Compound **6** and **7** synthesis was achieved in three steps from the commercially available compound, 3-bromo-2-nitro-anisole. Compounds **S12** and **S13** were synthesized by coupling of 3-bromo-2-nitro-anisole with 1-pentadecene and 1-octene under palladium catalyst through heck reaction. Reduction of nitro group and an unsaturation in hydrocarbon chain of **S12** and **S13** were achieved in single step by using H_2 and Pd/C at ambient temperature to get **S14** and **S15**, followed by O-demethylation was done by Lewis acid BBr_3 at 0 °C to get desired compounds **6** and **7**.

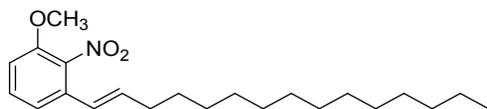
(*E*)-1-methoxy-2-nitro-3-(oct-1-en-1-yl)benzene (S13)



To a stirred solution of 3-bromo-2-nitro-anisole (750 mg, 3.23 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) was added 1-octene (725 mg, 6.46 mmol), Na₂CO₃ (536 mg, 3.87 mmol) and PdCl₂ (28 mg, 0.16 mmol). The reaction mixture was refluxed overnight. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, neutralized with 2M HCl and extracted with Et₂O. The organic layer was dried under MgSO₄ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9.5:0.5) to give **S13** (410 mg, 48%) as yellow oil.

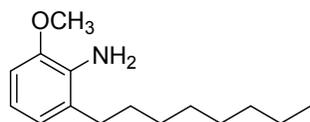
¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.23 (1H, t, 8.3 Hz), 6.04(1H, d, J=7.85 Hz), 6.78(1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 6.20-6.26 (1H, m), 5.28- 3.53 (1H, m), 3.78 (3H, s), 2.45 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 2.13 (1H, q, 14.4, 7.1, 7.3) 1.65-1.84 (1H, m), 1.37-1.57 (1H, m), 1.20-1.35 (6H, m), 0.80 (3H, t, 6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.6, 137.5, 131.1, 130.4, 121.8, 121.6, 117.8, 110.3, 56.3, 56.2, 33.1, 31.6, 29.1, 28.8, 22.5, 14.0. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₁₅H₂₁NO₃: 264.1594; found 264.1575.

(*E*)-1-methoxy-2-nitro-3-(pentadec-1-en-1-yl)benzene (S12)



¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.31 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.86 (2H, d, 8.2 Hz), 6.21-6.34 (1H, m), 5.34-5.42 (1H, m), 3.87 (3H, s), 2.53(2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 2.15-2.18 (1H, m), 1.96-1.99 (2H, m), 1.57-1.60 (4H, m), 1.25-1.32 (16H, m), 0.87 (3H, t, 6.6 Hz). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 150.6, 150.5, 137.5, 130.5, 130.4, 121.8, 121.6, 117.8, 110.3, 109.8, 56.3, 56.2, 43.8, 33.8, 33.2, 31.9, 30.8, 32.9, 30.5, 29.8, 28.7, 29.6, 29.3, 29.1, 28.2, 23.8, 22.6, 14.1. HRMS (*m/z*): [M+Na]⁺ calculated for C₂₂H₃₅NO₃Na: 384.2509; found 384.2518.

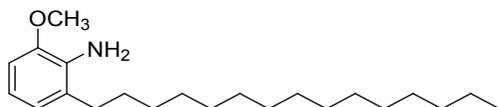
2-methoxy-6-octylaniline (S15)



To a stirred solution of **S13** (275 mg, 1.04 mmol) in EtOAc (10 ml) was added 10% Pd/C (220 mg, 0.21 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight under H₂ atmosphere at room temperature. Pd/C was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9:1) to give **S15** (235 mg, 96%) as yellow oil.

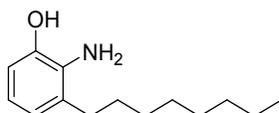
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 6.67-6.70 (3H, m), 3.84 (3H, s), 3.78(2H, s), 2.49 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.54-1.64 (2H, m), 1.21-1.37 (24H, m), 0.87 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 147.2, 133.5, 127.4, 121.6, 117.7, 108.1, 55.5, 55.5, 55.4, 31.9, 31.2, 29.7, 29.7, 29.9, 29.6, 29.4, 28.8, 27.8, 27.6, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{NO}$: 236.2008; found 236.1998,

2-methoxy-6-pentadecylaniline (S14)



^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 6.67-6.70 (3H, m), 3.84 (3H, s), 3.78(2H, s), 2.49 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.54-1.64 (2H, m), 1.21-1.37 (24H, m), 0.87 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 147.2, 133.5, 127.4, 121.6, 117.7, 108.1, 55.5, 55.5, 55.4, 31.9, 31.2, 29.7, 29.7, 29.9, 29.6, 29.4, 28.8, 27.8, 27.6, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{39}\text{NO}$: 334.3104; found 334.3122.

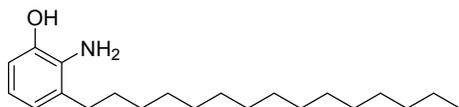
2-amino-3-octylphenol (7)



To a stirred solution of **s7b** (100 mg, 0.426 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) under Ar atmosphere was added BBr_3 (320 mg, 1.28 mmol) at 0°C . The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for additional 2h. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was quenched with $\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1) and extracted with EtOAc . The organic layer was dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ EtOAc (8:2) to give **7** (410 mg, 96%) as yellow oil.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 6.57-6.70 (3H, m), 4.61 (3H, s), 2.50-2.53 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.60-1.64 (2H, m), 1.22-1.40 (10H, m), 0.91 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 144.3, 131.7, 129.6, 121.5, 119.1, 112.9, 31.9, 31.6, 29.7, 29.7, 29.3, 29.0, 22.8, 14.1. HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{NO}$: 222.1852; found 222.1831.

2-amino-3-pentadecylphenol (6)



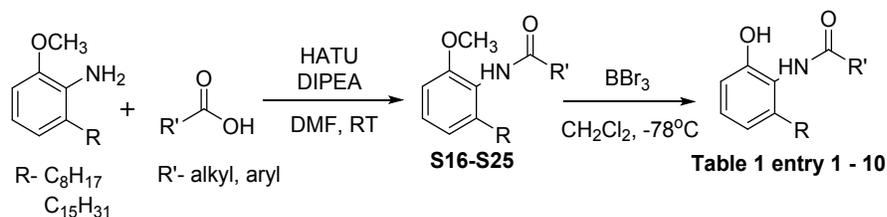
^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 6.59-6.70 (3H, m), 4.36 (2H, s), 2.55 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.56-1.64 (4H, m), 1.22-1.39 (25H, m), 0.90 (3H, t, 7.0 Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ = 144.2, 131.9, 129.6, 121.6,

118.9, 112.8, 31.9, 31.2, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.0, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{21}H_{37}NO$: 320.2947; found 320.2967.

7. Synthesis of ginkgolic acid ceramides

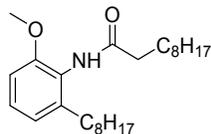
General procedure for amidation reaction:

To a stirred solution of acid (0.315 mmol) in DMF under Ar atmosphere was added *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (1.1 mmol) at room temperature. To the reaction mixture amine (0.21 mmol) and HATU (0.42 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred under Ar atmosphere at room temperature for additional 2h. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried with $MgSO_4$ and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc to give desired compound.



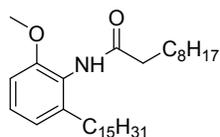
Scheme S4: Coupling reaction and *O*-demethylation reaction

N-(2-methoxy-6-octylphenyl)decanamide (S16)



(As a white solid, 92%) 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): $\delta = 7.17$ (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.76 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.68 (1H, s), 3.80 (3H, s), 2.56 (2H, t, 7.8), 2.41 (2H, t, 7.3 Hz), 1.73-1.78 (2H, m), 1.54-1.60 (2H, m), 1.41-1.43 (2H, m), 1.21-1.29 (20H, m), 0.84-0.89 (6H, m). HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{25}H_{43}NO_2$: 390.3366; found 390.3363.

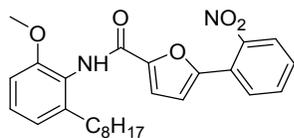
N-(2-methoxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)decanamide (S21)



(As white solid, 93%) 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): $\delta = 7.15$ (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.74 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.67 (1H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 2.55 (2H, t, 7.6), 2.40 (2H, t, 7.3 Hz), 1.73-1.77 (2H, m), 1.55-

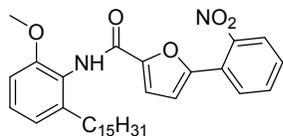
1.51 (2H, m), 1.42-1.44 (1H, m), 1.19-1.26 (36H, m), 0.87 (6H, t, 7.1 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{32}H_{57}NO_2$: 488.4462; found 488.4442.

***N*-(2-methoxy-6-octylphenyl)-5-(2-nitrophenyl)furan-2-carboxamide (S17)**



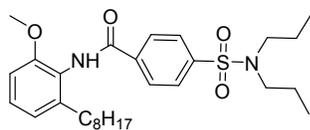
(As yellow oil, 87%) 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ = 8.01 (1H, s), 7.76 (2H, t, 8.1 Hz), 6.64 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 7.50-7.54 (2H, m), 7.28 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, 7.3), 6.78-6.82 (2H, m), 3.84 (3H, s), 2.64 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.20-1.33 (10H, m), 0.83 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{26}H_{30}N_2O_5$: 451.2267; found 451.2247.

***N*-(2-methoxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)-5-(2-nitrophenyl)furan-2-carboxamide (S22)**



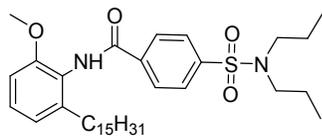
(As a yellow solid, 94%) 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ = 7.75-7.79 (2H, m), 7.65 (1H, t, 8.1 Hz), 7.58 (1H, s), 7.52 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 7.21-7.3 (2H, m), 6.91 (1H, d, 7.8), 6.79-6.84 (2H, m), 3.85 (3H, s), 2.66 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.60-1.64 (2H, m), 1.33-1.22 (24H, m), 0.89 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{33}H_{44}N_2O_5$: 549.3323; found 549.3316.

4-(*N,N*-dipropylsulfamoyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-6-octylphenyl)benzamide (S18)



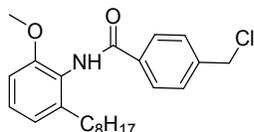
(As a white solid, 88%) 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ = 8.02 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 7.90 (2H, d, 7.3 Hz), 7.55 (1H, s), 7.23 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, 7.5 Hz), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.10 (4H, t, 7.8 Hz), 2.62 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.55-1.61 (6H, m), 1.55-1.61 (10H, m), 0.83-0.90 (9H, m). HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{28}H_{42}N_2O_4S$: 503.2938; found 503.2929.

4-(*N,N*-dipropylsulfamoyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)benzamide (S23)



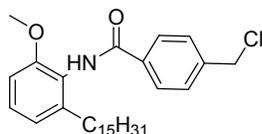
(As a yellow solid, 86%) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 8.01 (1H, d, 5.4 Hz), 7.89 (2H, d, 7.1 Hz), 7.53 (1H, s), 7.22 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, 7.5 Hz), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.10 (4H, t, 7.6 Hz), 2.62 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.53-1.62 (6H, m), 1.22-1.30 (25H, m), 0.86-0.90 (9H, m). HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₅H₅₆N₂O₄S: 601.4033; found 601.4031.

4-(chloromethyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-6-octylphenyl)benzamide (S19)



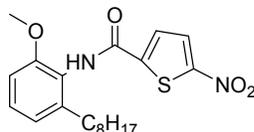
(As a yellow solid, 90%) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 8.69 (1H, d, 4.3 Hz), 8.33 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 7.9 (1H, s), 7.92 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 7.61 (2H, d, 7.1 Hz), 7.38 (1H, t, 4.0 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.76 (1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 5.69 (2H, s), 3.76 (3H, s), 2.60 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.56-1.60 (2H, m), 1.20-1.24 (10H, m), 0.83 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₂₃H₃₀ClNO₂: 388.2037; found 388.2033.

4-(chloromethyl)-*N*-(2-methoxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)benzamide (S24)



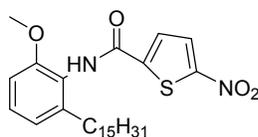
(As a yellow solid, 93%) ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ = 7.93 (2H, s), 7.48-7.53 (3H, m), 7.23 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.93 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 4.65 (2H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 2.65 (2H, t, 7.5 Hz), 1.59-1.65 (2H, m), 1.24-1.27 (24H, m), 0.90 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (*m/z*): [M+H]⁺ calculated for C₃₀H₄₄ClNO₂: 486.3133; found 486.3133.

N-(2-methoxy-6-octylphenyl)-5-nitrothiophene-2-carboxamide (S20)



(As a light yellow solid, 87%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 7.90$ (1H, s), 7.53 (1H, s), 7.25-7.37 (2H, m), 6.93 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 2.61 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.55-1.60 (2H, m), 1.23-1.28 (10H, m), 0.86 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 391.1686; found 391.1675.

***N*-(2-methoxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)-5-nitrothiophene-2-carboxamide (S25)**

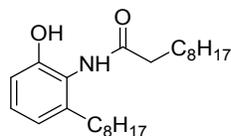


(As a yellow solid, 88%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 8.89$ (1H, s), 7.53 (1H, s), 7.26-7.39 (2H, m), 6.92 (1H, d, 7.5 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, 7.3 Hz), 3.81 (3H, s), 2.60 (2H, t, 8.1 Hz), 1.56-1.61 (2H, m), 1.23-1.31 (25H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 489.2781; found 489.2754.

General procedure for *O*-demethylation of compounds S16-S25:

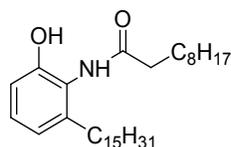
To a stirred solution of methyl phenyl ethers (0.06 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 under Ar atmosphere was added BBr_3 (320 mg, 1.28 mmol) at 78°C . The reaction mixture was stirred for 1h at 0°C . After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and quenched with $\text{EtOAc}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1:1) and extracted with EtOAc . The organic layer was dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/ EtOAc

***N*-(2-hydroxy-6-octylphenyl)decanamide (Table 1 entry 1)**



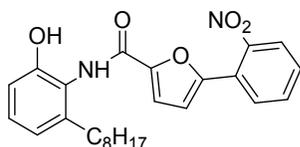
(As yellow oil, 90%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): $\delta = 7.31$ (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 7.20 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 7.11 (1H, d, 7.3 Hz), 2.91-2.98 (4H, m), 1.83-1.89 (2H, m), 1.71-1.77 (2H, m), 1.27-1.43 (22H, m), 0.87-0.89 (6H, m). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{41}\text{NO}_2$: 376.3210; found 376.3198.

***N*-(2-hydroxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)decanamide (Table 1 entry 6)**



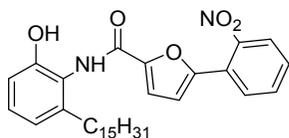
(As a white solid, 87%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 7.08 (1H, t, 7.7 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, 7.0 Hz), 6.75 (1H, d, 8.5 Hz), 2.54 (2H, t, 7.8), 2.47 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.74-1.78 (2H, m), 1.52-1.58 (2H, m), 1.23-1.41 (40H, m), 0.86-0.89 (6H, m). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{55}\text{NO}_2$: 474.4305; found 474.4286.

***N*-(2-hydroxy-6-octylphenyl)-5-(2-nitrophenyl)furan-2-carboxamide (Table 1 entry 2)**



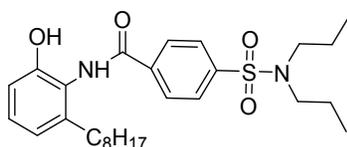
(As a red solid, 95%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 8.34 (1H, s), 8.10 (1H, d, 3.9 Hz), 7.79 (1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 7.72 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 7.67 (1H, t, 7.3 Hz), 7.57 (1H, t, 7.6 Hz), 7.14 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 6.88 (1H, d, 3.6 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, 7.6 Hz), 2.69 (2H, t, 7.5 Hz), 6.61-6.66 (2H, m), 1.04-1.40 (2H, m), 1.16-1.30 (10H, m), 0.83 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$: 437.2071; found 437.2056.

***N*-(2-hydroxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)-5-(2-nitrophenyl)furan-2-carboxamide (Table 1 entry 7)**



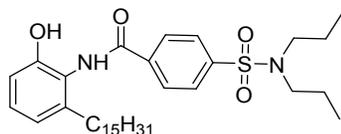
(As an orange solid, 97%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 8.35 (1H, s), 8.1 (1H, s), 7.81 (1H, d, 6.8 Hz), 7.73 (1H, d, 6.8 Hz), 7.68 (1H, t, 7.3), 7.57 (1H, t, 7.6 Hz), 7.40 (1H, d, 3.6), 7.15 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.98 (1H, t, 7.3) (2H, m), 6.90 (1H, d, 3.6 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 2.70 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.62-1.67 (2H, m), 1.38-1.41 (2H, s), 1.19-1.31 (24H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, 6.6 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$: 535.3166; found 535.3162.

4-(*N,N*-dipropylsulfamoyl)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-6-octylphenyl)benzamide (Table 1 entry 3)



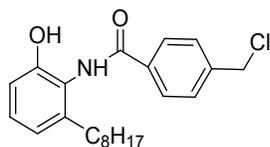
(As a yellow solid, 90%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 8.0 (2H, d, 8.5 Hz), 7.97 (3H, t, 8.3 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, 8.5 Hz), 3.13 (4H, t, 7.8 Hz), 2.67 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.55-1.61 (6H, m), 1.21-1.30 (10H, m), 0.85-0.90 (9H, m). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{40}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 489.2781; found 489.2785.

4-(*N,N*-dipropylsulfamoyl)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)benzamide (Table 1 entry 8)



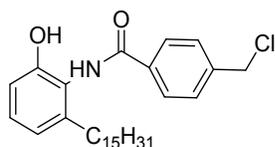
(As yellow oil, 92%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 7.96-8.03 (4H, m), 7.18 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 7.00 (1H, d, 5.6 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, 7.3 Hz), 3.14 (4H, t, 7.8 Hz), 2.68 (2H, t, 7.3 Hz), 1.55-1.65 (6H, m), 1.25-1.35 (24H, m), 0.89 (9H, t, 7.3 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 587.3877; found 587.3855.

4-(chloromethyl)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-6-octylphenyl)benzamide (Table 1 entry 4)



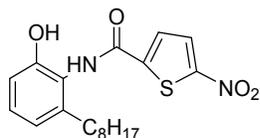
(As yellow oil, 90%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 8.30 (1H, s), 7.94 (1H, s), 7.88 (2H, d, 8.3 Hz), 7.56 (2H, d, 8.3 Hz), 7.14 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.8 (1H, d, 8.3 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, 8.5 Hz), 4.53 (2H, s), 2.66 (2H, t, 7.6 Hz), 1.59-1.65 (2H, m), 1.21-1.39 (12H, m), 0.86 (3H, t, 7.0 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClNO}_2$: 374.1881; found 374.1873.

4-(chloromethyl)-*N*-(2-hydroxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)benzamide (Table 1 entry 9)



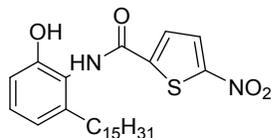
(As a white solid, 95%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 8.33 (1H, s), 7.91-8.00 (3H, m), 7.58 (2H, d, 7.5 Hz), 7.16 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, 7.5 Hz), 4.66 (2H, s), 2.67 (2H, t, 7.0 Hz), 1.56-1.68 (2H, m), 1.26-1.42 (25H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{42}\text{ClNO}_2$: 472.2976; found 472.2973.

***N*-(2-hydroxy-6-octylphenyl)-5-nitrothiophene-2-carboxamide (Table 1 entry 5)**



(As a yellow solid, 92%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 8.41 (1H, s), 7.4 (1H, s), 7.28 (1H, d, 7.3), 7.12 (1H, t, 7.8 Hz), 6.96 (1H, d, 8.0 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, 7.3 Hz), 4.55 (1H, s), 2.63 (2H, t, 7.5 Hz), 1.50-1.64 (2H, m), 1.26-1.41 (10H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, 6.5 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 377.1529; found 377.1528.

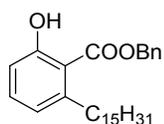
***N*-(2-hydroxy-6-pentadecylphenyl)-5-nitrothiophene-2-carboxamide (Table 1 entry 10)**



(As a yellow solid, 92%) ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) δ = 8.41 (1H, s), 7.45 (1H, s), 7.28 (1H, s), 7.11 (1H, d, 7.8 Hz), 6.96 (1H, d, 7.6 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, 7.5 Hz), 4.56 (1H, s), 2.63 (2H, t, 7.3 Hz), 1.58-1.63 (2H, m), 1.26-1.40 (24H, m), 0.88 (3H, t, 6.8 Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$: 475.0562; found 475.0548.

6. Synthesis of ginkgolic acid 2-phosphate

Benzyl 2-hydroxy-6-pentadecylbenzoate (S26)

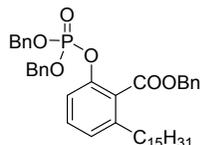


To a stirred solution of ginkgolic acid (15:0) **2** (100 mg, 0.29 mmol) in triethylamine (1:1 v/v) was stirred at 90 °C for few minutes. Then benzyl chloride (36 mg, 0.29 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture at 90 °C and stirred for additional 1.5 hours at 90 °C. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and acidified with 2M HCl, extracted with EtOAc and dried over MgSO_4 . The organic layer was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography using hexane/EtOAc (9.25:0.75) to give desired compound **S26** (118 mg, 94%) as colorless oil.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz): δ = 11.21 (1H, s), 7.47 (2H, d, 6.11 Hz), 7.40-7.44 (3H, m), 7.30 (1H, t, 8.0 Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, $J=8.3$ Hz), 6.72 (1H, d, $J=7.3$ Hz), 5.41 (2H, s), 2.83 (2H, t, 9.8 Hz), 1.40-1.47 (2H, m), 1.30-1.37 (18H, m), 1.09-1.20 (6H, m), 0.92 (3H, t, $J=6.8$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ = 171.3,

162.7, 146.3, 134.8, 134.2, 129.0, 128.7, 122.4, 115.5, 111.8, 67.7, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.6, 29.4, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{29}H_{42}O_3$: 439.3206; found 439.3215.

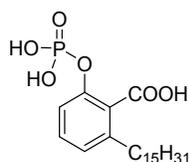
Benzyl 2-((bis(benzyloxy)phosphoryl)oxy)-6-pentadecylbenzoate (S27)



To a stirred solution of **S26** (60 mg, 0.18 mmol) in CH_3CN (5 mL) was stirred at 0 °C for few minutes under Ar atmosphere. DIPEA (57 mg, 0.44 mmol), DMAP (catalytic amount 0.05 eq), CCl_4 (270 mg, 1.75 mmol) and dibenzylphosphite (55 mg 0.21 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture at 0 °C and stirred at room temperature for 2 h.⁴ After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and acidified with 2M HCl, extracted with EtOAc and dried over $MgSO_4$. The organic layer was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography using chloroform (100%) as an eluent to get **S27** (86 mg, 91%) as colorless oil.

1H NMR ($CDCl_3$, 500 MHz): δ = 7.40 (2H, t, 6.8 Hz), 7.25-7.31 (15H, m), 7.03 (1H, d, 7.5 Hz), 5.29 (2H, s), 5.01-5.10 (4H, m), 2.57 (2H, t, 7.8 Hz), 1.51-1.56 (2H, m), 1.17-1.32 (24H, m), 0.90 (3H, t, $J=6.6$ Hz). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ = 166.6, 147.4, 142.5, 135.5, 135.4, 135.3, 130.5, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.5, 128.4, 127.9, 127.9, 125.9, 117.2, 70.0, 67.2, 33.6, 31.9, 31.3, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 22.7, 14.1. HRMS (m/z): $[M+H]^+$ calculated for $C_{43}H_{55}O_6P$: 699.3809; found 699.3816.

Ginkgolic acid 2-phosphate (GA2P)



To a stirred solution of **S27** (40 mg, 57 μ mol) in MeOH (5 ml) was added 10% Pd/C (45 mg, 52 μ mol). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight at rt under H_2 atmosphere. The solid was filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to afford a residue that was washed with non-polar solvents to get pure ginkgolic acid 2-phosphate (23 mg, 96%) as white solid.

1H NMR (CD_3OD , 500 MHz): δ = 7.26-7.32 (2H, t, m), 7.01 (1H, d, 7.0 Hz), 2.66 (2H, t, 8.0 Hz), 1.57-1.61 (2H, m), 1.28-1.32 (24H, m), 0.89 (3H, t, $J=7.1$ Hz). HRMS (m/z): $[M+Na]^+$ calculated for $C_{22}H_{37}O_6PNa$: 451.2220; found 451.2214.

7. SMS assay

Cell lysates were prepared as follows: ZS/SMS1 and ZS/SMS2 cells (protein concentration 0.1 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{L}$) were diluted by Tris-buffer (pH 7.5) 20 mM and sonicated. Aliquots of the cell lysates 100 μL were added 1 μL of inhibitor of desired concentration and incubated at 37°C. After 30 min, the solutions were added 1 μL of C6-NBD-ceramide and incubated for 3 h at 37°C. The reaction was stopped by addition of 400 μL of MeOH/CHCl₃ [1/2 (v/v)]; the mixture was shaken and centrifuged (1500 rpm x 5 min). The formation of C6-NBD-sphingomyelin was quantified by determination of the peak area of C6-NBD-sphingomyelin using HPLC. A reverse phase HPLC assay using a JACSO HPLC system was developed for the quantitative analysis of the inhibitory activity. The system was equipped with a PU-2089 Plus and FP-2020 Plus set at $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 470 \text{ nm}$ and $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 530 \text{ nm}$. A 50 x 4.6 YMC-Pack Diol-120-NP column (5- μm particle size) was used with mobile phase (IPA/hexane/water) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min

SMS inhibition assay of ginkgolic acid (15:1)

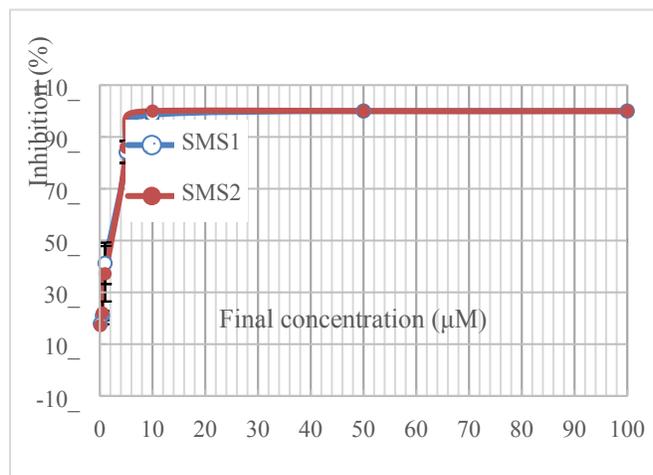


Figure S1: Inhibition activity of ginkgolic acid (15:1) with IC_{50} of 1.5 μM on both SMS1 and SMS2. IC_{50} values were measured by cell based assay system: SMS expressing cell lysates (20 mM tris-buffer, 100 mL) and compounds were incubated for 3 hours at 37°C, then fluorescent lipids were extracted from lysates by the Bligh-Dyer method, and directly applied to HPLC.

SMS2 inhibition activity of ginkgolic acid derivatives

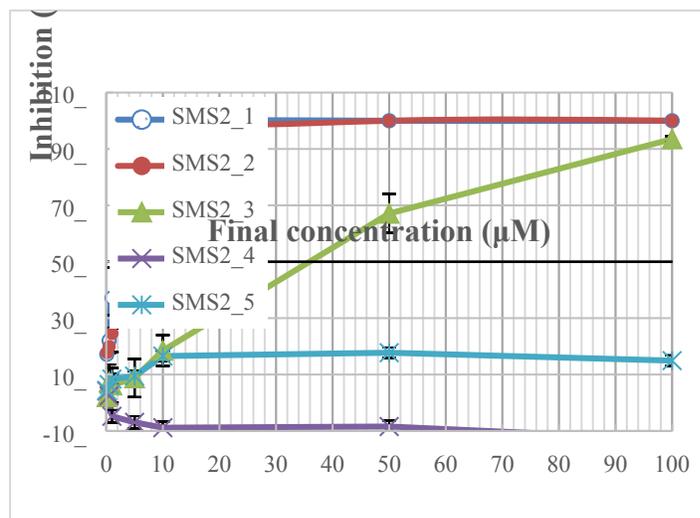
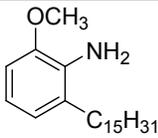
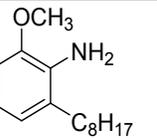
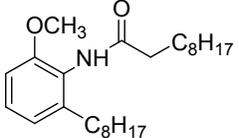
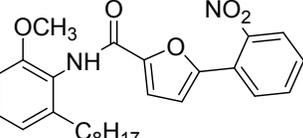
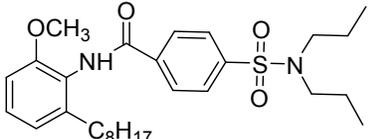
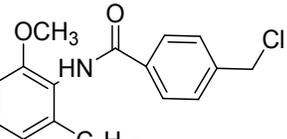
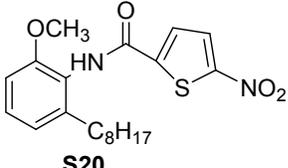
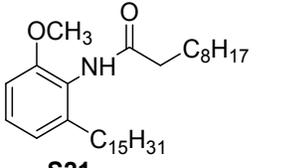
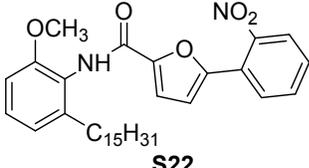
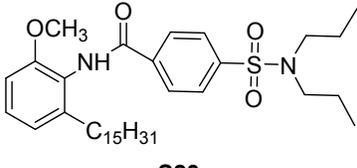
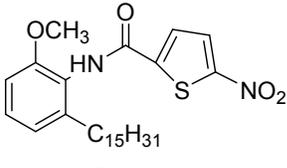


Figure S2: Inhibition activities of ginkgolic acid (15:1) and its derivatives **2-5** on SMS2. IC_{50} values were measured by cell based assay system: SMS expressing cell lysates (20 mM tris-buffer, 100 mL) and compounds were incubated for 3 hours at 37°C, then fluorescent lipids were extracted from lysates by the Bligh-Dyer method, and directly applied to HPLC.

Table S1: SMS1 and SMS2 Inhibition activities of intermediates with IC_{50} values. IC_{50} values were measured by cell based assay system: SMS expressing cell lysates (20 mM tris-buffer, 100 mL) and compounds were incubated for 3 hours at 37°C, then fluorescent lipids were extracted from lysates by the Bligh-Dyer method, and directly applied to HPLC.

Compounds	IC_{50} in μM	Compounds	IC_{50} in μM
 <p>S14</p>	SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- >100 μM	 <p>S15</p>	SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- >100 μM
 <p>S16</p>	SMS1- 15 μM SMS2- >100 μM	 <p>S17</p>	SMS1- 5 μM SMS2- 20 μM
 <p>S18</p>	SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- >100 μM	 <p>S19</p>	SMS1- 9 μM SMS2- 70 μM

 <p>S20</p>	<p>SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- >100 μM</p>	 <p>S21</p>	<p>SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- >100 μM</p>
 <p>S22</p>	<p>SMS1- 80 μM SMS2- >100 μM</p>	 <p>S23</p>	<p>SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- >100 μM</p>
 <p>S24</p>	<p>SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- >100 μM</p>	 <p>S25</p>	<p>SMS1- >100 μM SMS2- 20 μM</p>

8. [³²P] S1P binding assay

[³²P]S1P was synthesized enzymatically using [³²P]ATP, sphingosine and purified sphingosine kinase SPHK1 as described previously (reference 5). S1P₁-CHO cells (5.0 x 10⁴ cells) were seeded in 24-well plate and incubated for 24 h. The cells were incubated for 12 h with F-12 medium containing charcoal-treated FBS, and for another 12 h with F-12 medium. Cells were washed twice with ice cold PBS, and incubated for 30 min at 4 °C in 200 μ L of binding buffer [20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 100 mM NaCl, 15 mM NaF, 2 mM deoxyripyridoxine, 0.2 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, protease inhibitor cocktail (cOmplete™, EDTA-free, Sigma), fatty acid-free BSA (4 mg/ml), and 1 nM [³²P]S1P, in the absence or presence of the indicated concentration of S1P or GA2P. Cells were then washed twice with wash buffer [20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 100 mM NaCl, and fatty acid-free BSA (0.4 mg/ml)], and lysed with RIPA buffer [50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4), 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% SDS and 0.1% sodium deoxycholate]. Bound [³²P]S1P was quantitated by scintillation counter Microbeta (PerkinElmer).

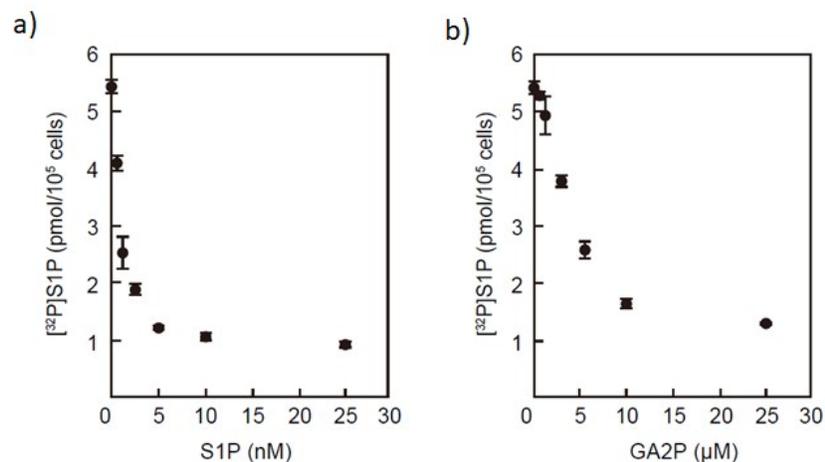


Figure S3: Competitive binding assay of GA2P with S1P₁. a) Competition of S1P and [³²P]S1P with S1P₁ is carried out by addition of S1P at different concentrations (0-25 nM) in the presence of 1 nM [³²P]S1P. b) Similarly, competitive assay of GA2P with S1P₁ has been carried out at different concentration of GA2P (0-25 μM) in the presence of 1 nM [³²P]S1P. Bound S1P was quantitated by scintillation counter Microbeta (PerkinElmer).

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9. NMR spectra of compounds 1-7 and S1-S27

