Electronic Supplementary Material (ESI) for New Journal of Chemistry. This journal is © The Royal Society of Chemistry and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique 2019

Supporting Information

Chemoselective Reduction of Aldehyde via a Combination of NaBH4 and

Acetylacetone

Guoqing Sui, ^a Qingyun Lv, ^a Xiaoqing Song, ^a Huihui Guo, ^a Jiatong Dai, ^a Li Ren, ^a Chi-Sing Lee, ^d Wenming Zhou*^a and Hong-Dong Hao*^{abc}

^aShaanxi Key Laboratory of Natural Products & Chemical Biology, College of Chemistry & Pharmacy, Northwest A&F University, Yangling, Shaanxi 712100, China

^bState Key Laboratory of Bioorganic & Natural Products Chemistry, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shanghai 200032, China

^cKey Laboratory of Chemical Genomics, School of Chemical Biology and Biotechnology, Peking University, Shenzhen Graduate School, Shenzhen 518055, China

^dDepartment of Chemistry, Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong SAR, China

Table of Contents

1.	General Experimental Details	S2
	1.1.Materials	S2
	1.2. Instrumentation	.S2
2.	Experimental Procedures	.\$3
	2.1. Preparation of the combination	S3
	2.2. General procedure for selective reduction	.S4
	2.3. Experimental procedure for preparing substrates	.\$5
3.	Data for reduction product	.\$24
4.	References	.538
5.	¹ H and ¹³ C NMR Spectra	. S 39

1. General Experimental Details

Unless otherwise stated, all reactions were performed with magnetic stirring under a positive pressure of nitrogen or argon gas. Over-dried glassware (over temperature of 70 °C) was further dried with a heat-gun at 650 °C under vacuum, followed by back-filling with inert gas, three times and fitted with rubber septa prior to use. Solids were added under inert gas counter flow or were dissolved and transferred in the appropriate solvent. Solutions and liquids reagents were transferred to reaction vessels by oven-dried stainless-steel cannulas or nitrogen flushed syringes. Low temperature reactions were carried out in a Dewar vessel filled with acetone/dry ice (–78 °C) or distilled water/ice (0 °C). High temperature reactions were conducted using a heated silicon oil bath in reaction vessels equipped with a reflux condenser.

1.1 Materials

Dry Tetrahydrofuran (THF), diethyl ether (Et₂O) Dicholormethane (CH₂Cl₂), triethylamine (Et₃N) and N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF), toluene (PhMe), dioxane and methanol (MeOH) were purchased from Tansoole company as extra dry regents under inert gas atmosphere and stored over molecular sieves. Ethyl acetate (EtOAc), pentane, Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH used specifically for extraction and flash column chromatography were purchased at technical grade from commercial sources and distilled under reduced pressure. All other solvents and regents were used as received from commercial sources (Sigma Aldrich, Energy chemical, 3A, Innochem, and Adamas).

Reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel F254 pre-coated glass plates (*Merck*) and visualized by exposure to ultraviolet light ($\lambda = 254$ nm) or by staining with aqueous potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) solution (7.5 g KMnO₄, 50 g K₂CO₃, 6.25 mL aqueous 10% NaOH, 1000 mL distilled H₂O), aqueous acid ceric ammonium molybdate (IV) (CAM) solution (2.0 g Ce(NH₄)₄(SO₄)₄·2H₂O, 48 g (NH₄)₆Mo₇O₂₄·4H₂O, 60 mL concentrated sulfuric acid, 940 mL distilled H₂O) followed by heating with a heat gun (150-600 °C). Flash column chromatography was performed using silica gel (60 Å, 40-63 µm, *Merck*) and a forced flow of eluent.

1.2 Instrumentation

Proton (¹H) and carbon (¹³C) nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on a

Brucker Avance III HD 500 MHz spectrometer equipped with a CroProbeTM. Proton chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) and referenced to residual undeuterated solvent signals (CDCl₃: 7.26 ppm; C₆D₆: 7.16 ppm). Carbon chemical shifts are expressed in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) and referenced to the central carbon resonance of the solvent (CDCl₃: 77.16 ppm; C₆D₆: 128.06 ppm). The reported data is represented as follows: chemical shift in parts per million (ppm, δ scale) (multiplicity, coupling constants *J* in Hz, integration intensity, proton assignment). Abbreviations used for analysis of multiplets are as follows: s (singlet), br s (broad singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), quin (quintet), h (hextet), and m (multiplet). Variable temperature NMR spectroscopy was performed at the *Northwest A&F University* NMR facility.

Mass spectroscopy (MS) experiments were performed in high resolution with an AB SCIEX Triple TOF 5600⁺ spectrometer (AB SCIEX, Boston, MA, USA) at the *Northwest A&F University* mass spectrometry facility.

2. Experimental Procedures

2.1 Preparation of the combination:

To a stirred solution of NaBH₄ (1.89 g, 50.0 mmol) in dry THF (80 mL) at 0 °C was added acetylacetone (4.1 mL, 40.0 mmol) dropwise. After stirred at 0 °C for 10 min, the reaction mixture was warm to room temperature slowly and stirred for further 2 h. Then the solvent was concentration in vacuo to afford the combination (5.20 g, 88% yield) as a white power. FT-IR (KBr) 3403, 2968, 2928, 2661, 2368, 2289, 2225, 1625, 1510, 1456, 1412, 1378, 1234, 1156, 1126, 1055, 977, 915, 761, 657, 643 cm⁻¹. Anal. calcd for C₅H₁₃B_{1.25}Na_{1.25}O₃ (or alternatively written in a more informative manner, C₅H₇O₂•NaBH₃•H₂O•0.25NaBH₄): C 36.75, H 8.02, B 8.27, Na 17.59, O 29.37; found C 36.26, H 8.21, B 8.04, Na 16.03.



Figure S1. Prepared combination for reduction

<u>The combination of NaBH₄ (1.25 equiv) with acac (1 mmol) is important for the selective</u> reduction, when NaBH₄: acac = 1:1, a sticking solid was obtained, not easy to weigh, while when NaBH₄: acac = 1.5:1, a white power was obtained, but the combination is too reactive for the selective reduction.

Control experiment was also carried out use only NaBH₄ in THF without acac, which shows inferior yield.



2.2 General Procedure for selective reduction:

To a stirred solution of ketoaldehyde **1** (1.0 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added the NaBH₄-acac solid (138 mg, 1.0 mmol), After the reaction was completed according to the TLC, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of sat.aq.NH₄Cl (2 mL) and followed by extraction with EtOAc (2×10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica to afford the desired target compounds.

Representative procedure taking 1a as the example:

To a stirred solution of **1a** (148 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added the NaBH₄-acac solid (138 mg, 1.0 mmol), after stirred for 12 min, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of sat.aq.NH₄Cl (2 mL) followed by extraction with EtOAc (2×10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column

chromatography (Hexanes : EtOAc = 3 : 1) on silica to afforded the desired target compound **2a** (142 mg, 0.95 mmol, 95%) as yellow oil.

Small scale taking 1i as the example:

To a stirred solution of **1i** (130 mg, 0.70 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added the NaBH₄-acac solid (97 mg, 0.70 mmol). After the reaction was completed in 15 min according to the TLC detection, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of sat.aq.NH₄Cl (1 mL) and followed by extraction with EtOAc (2×7 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes : EtOAc = 4 : 1) on silica to afforded the desired target compound **2i** (113 mg, 0.61 mmol, 87%) as white soli

Gram Scale:

To a stirred solution of **1i** (1.10 g, 6.0 mmol) in dry THF (25 mL) at 0 °C was added the NaBH₄-acac solid (830 mg, 6.0 mmol), and. After the reaction was completed according to the TLC detection, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of sat.aq.NH₄Cl (3 mL) and followed by extraction with EtOAc (2×25 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (Hexanes : EtOAc = 4 : 1) on silica to afforded the desired target compound **2i** (0.92 g, 4.95 mmol, 83%) as white solid.

2.3 Experimental procedure for preparing substrates: Procedure 1 (1a to 1f):



Representative procedure for P1, taking 1a as the example

To a stirred solution of terephthalaldehyde (134 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) at 0 °C was added the NaBH₄ acac solid (138 mg, 1.0 mmol), after stirred for 5 min, the reaction mixture was quenched by addition of sat.aq.NH₄Cl (3 mL) and followed by extraction with EtOAc (2×10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 3:1) on silica to afforded **S2** (122 mg, 0.90 mmol, 90%) as a light yellow oil.

To a stirred solution of **S2** (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL) at – 5 °C (ice/acetone bath) was added MeMgBr (0.5 mL, 1.5 mmol, 3 mmol/mL solution in Et₂O), and stirred for 2 h. Then the reaction mixture was quench by addition of sat.aq.NH₄Cl (3 mL) and followed by extraction with EtOAc (2×10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 2:1) on silica to afforded **S3a** (53 mg, 0.35 mmol, 69%) as a colorless oil.

To a stirred solution of diol **S3a** (76 mg, 0.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 °C was added Dess-Martin periodinane (850 mg, 2 mmol) and stirred for 2 h, then the reaction mixture was quench by addition of sat.aq.NaCl (3 mL) and followed by extraction with EtOAc (2×10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with 1 N NaOH solution (10 mL) and brine (5 mL) dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 4:1) on silica to afforded **1a** (59 mg, 0.40 mmol, 80%) as a pale yellow oil.



Compound 1a. CAS No. 3457-45-2. Pale yellow oil.

The analytical data of **1a** was in accordance to the reported.^[1]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.10 (s, 1H), 8.09 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.65 (s, 3H) ppm

Compound 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f were synthesized according to the Procedure 1.



Compound 1b. CAS No. 208453-24-1. White needle crystal.

The analytical data of **1b** was in accordance to the reported.^[1]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.11 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound 1c. CAS No. 61363-43-7. White needle crystal.

The analytical data of **1c** was in accordance to the reported. ^[2]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.11 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 3.01 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.77 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.39 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound 1d. CAS No. 20912-50-9. White needle crystal.

The analytical data of 1d was in accordance to the reported one.^[1]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H) ppm



Compound 1e was synthesized as yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.01 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 5.84 - 5.76 (m, 1H), 5.00 (d, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 - 2.40 (m, 2H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 198.8, 191.6, 141.2, 139.0, 136.9, 129.9, 128.6, 115.7, 38.3,
27.9 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₁₂H₁₁O₂, [M-H]⁻: calcd.187.0764, found: 187.0760.



Compound 1f was synthesized as pale yellow flaky solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.12 (s, 1H), 8.07 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.17-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.47 (d, *J* = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H) ppm



To a stirred solution of terephthalaldehyde (268 mg, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL) was added (acetylmethylene)triphenylphosphorane (700 mg, 2.2 mmol), then the reaction mixture heated to 60 °C and stirred for 10 h. Directly concentrated and purified by preparative TLC plates (hexanes: EtOAc = 5:1) to afford **1g** (150 mg, 0.86 mmol, 43% yield) as a white crystal.

The product 1g is a mixture of the E/Z isomer, the ratio is E:Z = 6:1.

The analytical data of 1g was in accordance to the reported one. [3]



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 10.04 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.82(d, *J* = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 2.42 (s, 3H) ppm Procedure 2 (1i to 1I):



Representative procedure for P2, taking **1i** as the example.

To a stirred solution of 10-undecenoid acid (2.76 g, 15 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL) at 0 °C was added CDI (3.16 g, 19.5 mmol), after stirred for 30 min, HN(OMe)Me•HCl (3.66 g, 37.5 mmol) was added, stirred at r.t for 24 h. The reaction mixture was filtered and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3×20 mL), then the combined organic layers washed with 1N HCl (10 mL), brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes : EtOAc = 5 : 1) to afford product **S5** (2.90 g, 12.75 mmol, 85%) as a colorless oil.

To a stirred solution of above Weinreb amide **S5** (245 mg, 1.08 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL) at 0 °C was added MeMgBr (0.72 mL, 2.16 mmol, 3 mmol/mL solution in Et₂O), after stirred for 3 h, the reaction mixture quench with NH₄Cl (5 mL), extract with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 25: 1) to afford product **S6** (104 mg, 0.71 mmol, 66%) as a colorless oil.

 O_3 was bubbled through a stirred solution of the above product **S6** (182 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at – 78 °C until the reaction mixture color change into blue, an Ar balloon was bubbled to the solution followed by Me_2S (0.44 mL, 6.0 mmol) was added, then stirred at r.t for 12 h. The reaction mixture was directly concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 10: 1) to afford product **1i** (129 mg, 0.70 mmol, 70%) as a white powder.



The analytical data of **1i** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[4]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.76 (s, 1H), 2.43 – 2.39 (m, 4H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.66 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.34 – 1.23 (m, 8H) ppm

Compound 1j, 1k, 1l were synthesized according to the Procedure 2.



Compound 1j was synthesized as white flaky crystal.

The analytical data of 1j was in accordance to the reported one. [4]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.76 (s, 1H), 2.42 – 2.38 (m, 6H), 1.62 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.34 – 1.22 (m, 8H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound 1k was synthesized as white flaky crystal.

The analytical data of 1k was in accordance to the reported one. [4]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.76 (s, 1H), 2.43 – 2.37 (m, 6H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 1.24 (m, 10H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound 1I was synthesized as white flaky crystal.

The analytical data of **1I** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[4]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.76 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.57 – 7.54 (m, 1H), 7.46

(t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.59 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.29 (m, 8H) ppm

Procedure 3 (1m to 1p):



Representative procedure for P3, taking 1m as the example

To a stirred solution of NH(OMe)·HCl (1.46 g, 15 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0 °C was added Me₂AlCl (15 mL, 1.0 mmol/mL solution in heptane, 15 mmol), then the reaction mixture stirred at r.t for 1 h. A solution of ethyl chrysanthemumate (1.62 mL, 7.5 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added to the reaction mixture dropwise and stirred overnight (12 h). Quench the reaction with buffer (pH = 8, 5 mL) and then saturated Rochelle salt solution (50 mL) was added. Stirred for 1 h at r.t until the layers were clear and then extract with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 25:1) to afford product **S8** (970 mg, 4.58 mmol, 61%) as a colorless oil.

To a stirred solution of the above weinreb amide (200 mg, 0.95 mmol) in dry THF (8 mL) at 0 °C was added MeMgBr (0.63 mL, 3.0 mmol/mL solution in Et₂O, 1.90 mmol), the reaction mixture stirred at 0 °C for 3 h and then quench with aq NH₄Cl (5 mL), extract with EtOAc (3×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 100: 1) to afford product **S9** (104 mg, 0.63 mmol, 66%) as a colorless oil.

 O_3 was bubbled through a stirred solution of the above product (166 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at – 78 °C until the reaction mixture color change into blue, an Ar balloon was bubbled to the solution followed by Me_2S (0.44 mL, 6.0 mmol) was added, then stirred at r.t for 12 h. The reaction mixture was directly concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes:

EtOAc = 20: 1) to afford product 1m (82 mg, 0.58 mmol, 58%) as a pale yellow oil.

Due to the starting material ethyl chrysanthemumate is a 1:1 mixture of cis: trans, Compound **1m,1o,1p and 1q** were obtained as a 1:1 mixture of cis: trans.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.62 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (s, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H) ppm



Compound 1I was synthesized as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.63 (d, J = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.66 – 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.60–2.55 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.08 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 205.9, 198.8, 42.3, 41.4, 38.0, 35.4, 21.0, 20.0, 7.8 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₉H₁₅O₂, [M+H]⁺: calcd. 155.1067, found: 155.1064.



Compound 10 was synthesized as pale yellow oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.60 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.63 – 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.51 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.58 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.27 (m, 5H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ: 205.6, 198.8, 44.6, 42.3, 41.6, 35.6, 25.9, 22.3, 21.0, 20.0, 13.8 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₁₀H₁₇O, [M-CHO]⁻: calcd. 153.1285, found: 153.1287.



Compound 1p was synthesized as colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.76 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.59 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.91 – 2.89 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.22 (s, 3H) ppm



The procedure for prepare **1q** was take from the reported procedure.^[5]

To a stirred solution of methyl 3-mercaptopropionate (0.3 mL, 2.71 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 °C was added DEAD (0.86 mL, 5.42 mmol), after stirred for 1.5 h, 1-mercaptooctane (0.56 mL, 3.26 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 12 h at r.t. Quench the reaction with sat.aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL) and then extract with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (15 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 100: 1) to afford product (220 mg, 0.84 mmol, 31%) as a colorless oil.

To a solution of above **S11** (120 mg, 0.45 mmol) in dry *t*-BuOMe (8 mL) at -78 °C was added DIBAL-H (0.90 mL, 0.90 mmol, 1.0 mmol/mL solution in Hexane). After stirred at -78 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by MeOH (3 mL), then Et₂O (20 mL) and saturated solution of Rochelle salt (15 mL) was added, stirred until the two layers are clear (30 min). Then extract with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 60: 1)

to afford product **1q** (70 mg, 0.30 mmol, 66%) as a yellowish oil. Compound **1q** was used intermediately after characterized by proton NMR.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 2.95 – 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.91 – 2.88 (m, 2H), 2.69 – 2.65 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 8H), 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H) ppm



To a stirred solution of PPh₃ (660 mg, 2.5 mmol), DEAD (0.47 mL, 3.0 mmol) and **S12** (450 mg, 2.5 mmol) in dry THF (20 mL) at 0 °C was added a solution of **S13** (410 mg, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (5 mL), then the reaction mixture stirred at r.t for 8 h. Quench the reaction with sat.aq.NH₄Cl (5 mL) and H₂O (5 mL), then extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 30: 1) to afford product **S14** (450 mg, 1.24 mmol, 62%) as a yellow oil.

To a stirred solution of the above product **S14** (220 mg, 0.55 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL) at 0 $^{\circ}$ C was added Ammonium molybdate tetrahydrate (0.12 g, 0.10 mmol) and H₂O₂ (1.75 mL, 11.0 mmol, 20% W/W solution in H₂O), then after stirred for 10 min at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, the reaction mixture stirred at r.t for 24 h. Quench the reaction with aq. sat. NaHCO₃ (5 mL), then extracted with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 2:1) to afford product **S15** (70 mg, 0.25 mmol, 45%) as a collorless oil.

To a stirred solution of $(COCI)_2$ (0.53 mL, 1.06 mmol, 2.0 M solution in CH_2Cl_2) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) at – 78 °C was added DMSO (0.15 mL, 2.12 mmol). Then the resulting solution stirred at – 78 °C for 30 min. A solution of **S15** (150 mg, 0.53 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) was added to the reaction mixture at – 78 °C and stirred for 1 h. Then NEt₃ (0.59 mL, 4.24 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at r.t for 1 h. Then reaction was quenched by addition of H_2O (3 mL) and followed by extraction with Et_2O (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 3:1) on silica to afforded **1r** (60 mg, 0.21 mmol, 40%) as a colorless oil.



The analytical data of **1r** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[6] **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 9.79 (s, 1H), 7.70 – 7.68 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.59 (m, 3H), 3.83 – 3.80 (m, 2H), 2.78 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.32 – 2.26 (m, 2H) ppm



Compound 1s was prepared through the reported procedure.^[7]

To a stirred solution of terephthalaldehyde (295 mg, 2.2 mmol), R-(+)-*tert*-butylsulfinamide (242 mg, 2.0 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) at r.t was added Yb(OTf)₃ (186 mg, 0.3 mmol), then the reaction mixture stirred at r.t for 24 h. Quench the reaction with H₂O (3 mL) and with EtOAc (2 × 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 12 : 1) to afford product **1s** (270 mg, 1.14 mmol, 57%) as a yellow needle solid.



The analytical data of **1s** was in accordance to the reported one.^[7]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 10.07 (s, 1H), 8.64 (s, 1H), 8.01 − 7.96 (m, 4H), 1.27 (s, 9H) ppm



To a stirred solution of PPh₃ (2.1 g, 8.0 mmol), DEAD (1.57 mL, 10 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) at 0 °C was added Succinimide **S16** (0.87 g, 4.0 mmol), after stirred for 10 min, **S12**⁸ (0.79 g, 8.0 mmol) was added in one potion and stirred for 7 h. Quench the reaction with sat.aq. NH₄Cl (10 mL) and H₂O (20 mL) and then extract with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 8: 1) to afford product **S17** (0.85 g, 2.84 mmol, 71%) as a yellow oil.

A solution of the above product **S17** (400 mg, 1.34 mmol) in AcOH/THF/H₂O (6 mL: 2 mL:2 mL) was stirred at r.t for 8 h. Then the reaction mixture was concentrated and flash chromatography (CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 70: 1) to afford product **S18** (228 mg, 1.23 mmol, 92%) as a colorless oil.

To a stirred solution of $(COCI)_2$ (1.10 mL, 2.2 mmol, 2.0 M solution in CH_2CI_2) in dry CH_2CI_2 (10 mL) at – 78 °C was added DMSO (0.32 mL, 4.4 mmol). Then the resulting solution stirred at – 78 °C for 30 min. A solution of **S18** (200 mg, 1.1 mmol) in CH_2CI_2 (3 mL) was added to the reaction mixture at – 78 °C and stirred for 1 h. Then NEt₃ (1.23 mL, 8.8 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred for 30 min at r.t. The reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq. NH₄Cl (10 mL) and followed by extraction with Et₂O (2×10 mL). The combined organic

layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . After filtration and concentration in vacuo, the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 2: 1) on silica to afforded **1t** (157 mg, 0.86 mmol, 78%) as a yellow oil.



The analytical data of **1s** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[9] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 9.75 (s, 1H), 3.55 – 3.49 (m, 2H), 2.70 (s, 4H), 2.50 – 2.44 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 4H) ppm

Compound 1u was synthesized following in the procedure of **1t** and was obtained as a pale yellow oil.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.76 (t, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 4H), 2.52 (td, J = 7.4, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.85 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.77 – 1.72 (m, 2H) ppm ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 202.1, 171.3, 76.7, 43.2, 27.4, 25.5, 18.3 ppm

HRMS (ESI) for C₉H₁₄NO₄, [M+H]⁺: calcd. 200.0917, found: 200.0918.



To a stirred solution of oleanolic acid (457 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) at 0 °C was added LiAlH₄ (2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 mmol/mL solution in THF), then the reaction mixture heated to reflux and stirred for 12 h. Quench the reaction with MeOH (2 mL) and then Et_2O

(20 mL) and saturated solution of Rochelle salt (30 mL) was added, stirred until the two layers are clear (30 min). Then extract with EtOAc (2×30 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hextanes: EtOAc = 15: 1) to afford diol (210 mg, 0.47 mmol, 47%) as a white powder.

To a stirred solution of the above diol (150 mg, 0.34 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 °C was added Dess-Martin periodinane (433 mg, 1.02 mmol), after stirred for 2 h, the reaction was quench with brine (5 mL), then extracted with (2 × 10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with 1N NaOH solution (10 mL) and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 30: 1) to afford **1x** (65 mg, 0.15 mmol, 44%) as a white powder.



The analytical data of **1x** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[10]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.40 (s, 1H), 5.37 (t, *J* = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.39 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.92 – 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.69 (t, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 2H), 1.50 – 1.46 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.35 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.31 – 1.25 (m, 5H), 1.22 – 1.21 (m, 1H), 1.20 – 1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 6H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 6H), 0.79 (s, 3H) ppm



The procedure for prepare **1w** was take from the reported procedure.^[11]

To a stirred solution of deoxycholic acid (393 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry THF (15 mL) at 0 °C

was added LiAlH₄ (2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 mmol/mL solution in THF), then remove the ice bath and the reaction mixture heated to reflux and stirred for 12 h. Quench the reaction with MeOH (0.5 mL), saturated Rochell's salt solution (20 mL) and Et₂O (20 mL) were added and stirred until the two layers are clear. Then extract with EtOAc (2×20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and then dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford the triol (270 mg, 0.71 mmol, 71%) as a white power.

The above triol (200 mg, 0.53 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), then PCC (571 mg, 2.65 mmol) and NaOAc (217 mg, 2.65 mmol) was added to the solution and stirred for 1 h. Dilute the reaction mixture with Et_2O (10 mL) and filtered through a plug of silica gel. directly concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 40 : 1) to afford **1w** (300 mg, 0.46 mmol, 86%) as a white powder.



The analytical data of **1w** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[11] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.75 (s, 1H), 2.61 – 2.53 (m, 2H), 2.51 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.07 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.03 – 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.95 – 1.86 (m, 6H), 1.82 – 1.78 (m, 1H), 1.76 – 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.58 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 1.45 – 1.28 (m, 8H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.83 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H) ppm



To a stirred solution of ketopinic acid (182 mg, 1 mmol) in dry THF (10 mL) at 0 °C was added LiAlH₄ (2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol, 1.0 mmol/mL solution in THF), then the reaction mixture heated to reflux and stirred for 12 h. Quench the reaction with MeOH (2 mL) and then Et_2O

(20 mL) and saturated solution of Rochelle salt (30 mL) was added, stirred until the two layers are clear (30 min). Then extract with EtOAc (2 \times 30 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated to afford diol (160 mg, 0.94 mmol, 94%) as a white powder without further purification.

To a stirred solution of the above diol (160 mg, 0.94 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C was added Dess-Martin periodinane (1.20 g, 2.82 mmol), after stirred for 2 h, the reaction was quench with brine (5 mL), then extracted with (2 × 10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with 1N NaOH solution and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hextanes: EtOAc = 6:1) to afford **1v** (100 mg, 0.60 mmol, 64%) as a white powder.



The analytical data of **1v** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[12] **¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 9.94 (s, 1H), 2.59 (d, *J* = 18.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (s, 1H), 2.08 (t, *J* = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, 1H), 1.69 – 1.64 (m, 1H), 1.46 (t, *J* = 10.6 Hz, 1H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H) ppm



Compound **1y** was prepared through the reported procedure.^[13]

Dihydroartemisinic acid (473 mg, 2.0 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), then $CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ (426 mg, 2.5 mmol), $Pd(OAc)_2$ (112 mg, 0.5 mmol) and activated MnO_2 (261 mg, 3.0 mmol) were added to the solution and the reaction mixture heated to reflux and stirred for 30 h. Filtered through a plug of silica gel and washed the reaction residue with EtOAc (2×10 mL). Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 30: 1) to afford product **\$19** (290 mg, 1.24 mmol, 62%) as a white solid.

 O_3 was bubbled through a stirred solution of the above product **s19** (200 mg, 0.85 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at – 78 °C until the reaction mixture color change into blue, an Ar balloon was bubbled to the solution followed by Me₂S (0.31 mL, 4.25 mmol) was added, then stirred at r.t for 12 h. The reaction mixture was directly concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 4: 1) to afford product **1y** (120 mg, 0.45 mmol, 53%) as a colorless oil.



The analytical data of **1y** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[13] ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.74 (s, 1H), 2.64 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.37 (m, 2H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 1.89 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.73 – 1.69 (m, 3H), 1.45 (s, 1H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 5H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H) ppm



To a stirred solution of fenofibrate (360 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at – 20 °C was added DIBAL-H (4.0 mL, 4.0 mmol, 1.0 M solution in hextane). Then after stirred at – 20 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched by MeOH (3 mL), then Et_2O (30 mL) and saturated solution of Rochelle salt (20 mL) was added, stirred until the two layers are clear (30 min). Then extract with EtOAc (2 × 20 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over anhydrous Na_2SO_4 . Concentrated afford crude product **S20** which directly used for the next step.

To a stirred solution of the above crude diol S20 in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at 0 °C was added

Dess-Martin periodinane (0.99 g, 2.34 mmol), after stirred for 2 h, the reaction was quench with brine (5 mL), then extracted with (2 \times 10 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with 1N NaOH solution and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄. Concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 20: 1) to afford **1z** (190 mg, 0.63 mmol, 63% over two steps) as a white solid.



The analytical data of **1z** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[14]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.82 (s, 1H), 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 1.53 (s, 6H) ppm



 O_3 was bubbled through a stirred solution of pleuromutilin (378.4 mg, 1.0 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at – 78 °C until the reaction mixture color change into blue, an Ar balloon was bubbled to the solution followed by Me₂S (0.37 mL, 5.0 mmol) was added, then the reaction mixture stirred at r.t for 12 h. The reaction mixture was directly concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 1: 1) to afford product **1aa** (220 mg, 0.58 mmol, 58%) as a white powder.



The analytical data of **1aa** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[15]

¹**H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 9.54 (d, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.14 – 4.03 (m, 2H), 3.37 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (s, 2H), 2.37 – 2.31 (m, 1H), 2.26 – 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.09 –

2.03 (m, 1H), 1.95 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.80–1.72 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.51 – 1.46 (m, 1H), 1.44 (s, 3H), 1.39 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.16 – 1.11 (m, 1H), 1.09 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.68 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound **S21** was prepared through the reported procedure.^[16]

40% sodium hydroxide solution (0.5 mL, 5.0 mmol) was added dropwise to a mixture of pleuromutilin (757.0 mg, 2.0 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (*p*-TsCl) (457.6 mg, 2.4 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and water (3 mL). The mixture was stirred vigorously under reflux for 1 h, then diluted with water (20 mL) and stirred under an ice bath for 15 min, followed by washing with water (20 mL) and cold THF (20 mL). Filtration afforded **S21** as white solid (937.5 mg, 1.76 mmol, 88%). It was used in the next step without further purification.

The above product **S21** (350 mg, 0.66 mmol) was dissolved in dry CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), then PCC (356 mg, 1.65 mmol) and NaOAc (217 mg, 2.65 mmol) was added to the solution and stirred for 1 h. Dilute the reaction mixture with Et_2O (10 mL) and filtered through a plug of silica gel. Then concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes: EtOAc = 10:1) to afford product **s22** (300 mg, 0.57 mmol, 86%) as a white powder.

 O_3 was bubbled through a stirred solution of the above product **s22** (200 mg, 0.38 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) at – 78 °C until the reaction mixture color change into blue, an Ar balloon was bubbled to the solution followed by Me₂S (0.14 mL, 1.9 mmol) was added, then stirred at r.t for 12 h. The reaction mixture was directly concentrated and flash chromatography (hexanes : EtOAc = 5:1) to afford product **1ab** (145 mg, 0.27 mmol, 72%) as a white powder.



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 9.54 (s, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.35 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 5.64 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.53 (s, 2H), 3.10 (s, 1H), 2.43 (s, 3H), 2.19 – 2.10 (m, 3H), 2.05 – 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.86 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 1.63 – 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.47 – 1.40 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.30 (m, 2H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.11 – 1.04 (m, 4H), 0.65 (d, *J* = 4.2 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 215.8, 212.2, 202.6, 165.7, 145.6, 132.5, 130.0, 128.1, 71.8, 64.9, 63.3, 58.7, 47.8, 45.3, 41.9, 38.4, 36.9, 34.5, 29.7, 26.7, 24.6, 21.7, 18.8, 17.2, 14.8, 12.4 ppm

HRMS(ESI) for C₂₈H₃₆O₈SNa [M+Na]⁺: calcd. 555.2028, found: 555.2016.

3. Data for reduction product:



Compound 2a, pale yellow oil.

Yield: 95%. Reaction time: 5 min.

The analytical data of **2a** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[17]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) : δ = 7.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H), 2.61 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 1H) ppm



Compound 2b, white powder solid.

Yield: 76%. Reaction time: 12 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of **2b** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[18]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (s, 2H),
3.01 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (s, 1H), 1.23 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound 2c, white powder solid.

Yield: 92%. Reaction time: 15 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2c was in accordance to the reported one. ^[19]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.95 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 4.77 (s, 2H),
2.96 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.75–1.68 (m, 2H), 1.45–1.37 (m, 2H), 0.95 (t, J = 7.4 Hz,
3H) ppm



Compound 2d, white needle crystal.

Yield: 86%. Reaction time: 3 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2d was in accordance to the reported one. ^[20]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.83 − 7.77 (m, 4H), 7.62 − 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.51 − 7.45 (m, 4H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 1.82 (s, 1H) ppm



Compound 2e, yellow oil.

Yield: 94%. Reaction time: 25 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.93 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 5.93 – 5.85 (m, 1H), 5.07 (d, J = 17.1 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 3.05 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50–2.45 (m, 2H), 2.27 (s, 1H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 199.4, 146.3, 137.3, 136.1, 128.3, 126.7, 115.4, 64.6, 37.8, 28.2 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₁₂H₁₃O₂ [M-H]⁻ calcd. 189.0921, found: 189.0921.

When 1f was submit to the reaction condition, only 2b was obtained.



Compound 2g, white powder solid.

Yield: 85%. Reaction time: 20 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2g was in accordance to the reported one. [21]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.55 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.41(d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.71(d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 4.74 (s, 2H), 2.39 (s, 3H) ppm



Compound 2h, colorless oil.

Yield: 73%. Reaction time: 15 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of **2h** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[22]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.80 – 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.73 – 4.72 (m, 1H), 3.64 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.22 – 2.15 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.71 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.62 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.57 – 1.52 (m, 1H) ppm



Compound 2i, white flaky crystal.

Yield: 87%. Reaction time: 15 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of **2i** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[23]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.65 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 2.42 – 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.47 (s, 1H), 1.33 – 1.24 (m, 10H) ppm



Compound 2j, white flaky crystal.

Yield: 80%. Reaction time: 20 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2j was in accordance to the reported one. [24]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.64 – 3.62 (m, 2H), 2.44 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 1.59 – 1.51 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 1.22 (m, 10H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound 2k, white flaky crystal.

Yield: 81%. Reaction time: 30 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.65 – 3.63 (m, 2H), 2.40 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 6H),
1.33 – 1.24 (m, 12H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H) ppm



Compound 2I, white flaky crystal.

Yield: 83%. Reaction time: 20 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.96 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.76 - 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.59 - 1.54 (m, 2H), 1.40 - 1.28 (m, 10H) ppm



Compound 2m, colorless oil.

Yield: 67%. Reaction time: 20 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.73 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.64 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.86 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 205.7, 62.0, 40.2, 35.6, 3 2.2, 24.3, 21.4, 20.1 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₈H₁₃O₂ [M–H]⁻: calcd. 141.0921, found: 141.0923.



Compound 2n. colorless oil.

Yield: 75%. Reaction time: 15 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.72 – 3.68 (m, 1H), 3.64 – 3.60 (m, 1H), 2.57 – 2.45 (m, 2H),
1.86 (q, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.74 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.06 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H)
ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 208.5, 62.0, 39.3, 38.1, 35.1, 30.3, 21.4, 20.2, 8.0 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₉H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺: calcd. 157.1223, found: 157.1221.



Compound 20. colorless oil.

Yield: 74%. Reaction time: 70 min at r.t.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.70 – 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.62 – 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.86 – 1.82 (m, 1H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 2H), 1.60 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 208.4, 61.9, 44.8, 39.6, 35.2, 30.6, 26.2, 22.4, 21.4, 20.2, 13.9 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₁₁H₁₉O₂ [M–H]⁻: calcd. 183.1390, found: 183.1393.



Compound 2p. colorless oil.

Yield: 95%. Reaction time: 80 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.91 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 3.82 – 3.78 (m, 1H), 3.73 – 3.69 (m, 1H), 2.38 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 1H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 197.9, 138.7, 132.7, 128.5, 128.0, 62.0, 37.4, 34.3, 31.0, 21.2, 20.4 ppm

HRMS (APCI) for C₁₃H₁₅O₂ [M–H]⁻: calcd. 203.1078, found: 203.1074.



Compound 2q. Colorless oil.

Yield: 81%. Reaction time: 8 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.76 (td, J = 6.2, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.83 – 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.68 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.98 – 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.72 (s, 1H), 1.69 – 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.40 – 1.34 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.24 (m, 8H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H) ppm ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 61.1, 61.0, 39.2, 39.1, 35.2, 35.1, 31.8, 29.2, 28.6, 22.7, 14.1

ppm

HRMS (ESI) for C₁₁H₂₅OS₂ [M+H]⁺: calcd . 237.1341, found: 237.1346.



When compound 1q was submitted to the control condition (NaBH₄ (1 equiv) in MeOH at 0°C), the product 2q was obtained with 32% yield.



Compound 2r. Pale yellow oil.

Yield: 84%. Reaction time: 10 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2r was in accordance to the reported one. [25]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.69 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 3H), 3.81 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.11 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 1.82 (s, 1H), 1.78 – 1.73 (m, 2H) ppm



When compound **1r** was submitted to the control condition (NaBH₄ (1 equiv) in MeOH at 0°C), the product **2r** was obtained with 32% yield, compound **S23** was also obtained with 57% yield.



Compound S23. Colorless oil

The analytical data of **S23** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[26]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.99 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H) ppm



Compound 2s. White needle solid.

Yield: 97%. Reaction time: 25 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.43 (s, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H),

4.74 (s, 2H), 2.80 (s, 1H), 1.23 (s, 9H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.4, 146.0, 133.2, 129.6, 127.1, 64.6, 57.9, 22.6 ppm

HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₇NO₂SNa [M+Na]⁺: calcd. 262.0877, found: 262.0889.



When compound **1s** was submitted to the control condition (NaBH₄ (1 equiv) in MeOH at 0°C), the product **2s** was obtained with 19% yield, the fully reduced compound **S24** was obtained with 47% yield.



Compound S24. Colorless oil.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 4H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, J = 13.9, 4.1 Hz, 1H),
4.20 (dd, J = 13.8, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.50 – 3.47 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 1.22 (s, 9H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 140.7, 137.7, 128.3, 127.3, 64.8, 56.0, 49.2, 22.7 ppm

HRMS (ESI) for C₁₂H₁₉NO₂SNa [M+Na]⁺: calcd. 264.1034, found: 264.1031.



Compound 2t. Colorless oil.

Yield: 83%. Reaction time: 25 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2t was in accordance to the reported one. [27]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 3.61 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.50 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (s, 4H), 1.77

(s, 1H), 1.60 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.38 – 1.32 (m, 2H) ppm



When compound **1t** was submitted to the control condition (NaBH₄ (1 equiv) in MeOH at 0° C), the product **2t** was obtained only with 39% yield.



Compound 2u. Pale yellow oil.

Yield: 91%. Reaction time: 13 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 4.08 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.69 (s, 4H), 1.87 (s, 1H), 1.77 − 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.62−1.53 (m, 4H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 171.4, 77.3, 62.5, 32.2, 27.8, 25.5, 21.8 ppm

HRMS(ESI) for C₉H₁₅NO₄Na [M+Na]⁺: calcd 224.0899, found: 224.0894.



When compound 1u was submitted to the control condition (NaBH₄ (1 equiv) in MeOH at 0°C), the product 2u was not obtained.



Compound 2x. White flaky crystal.

Yield: 83%. Reaction time: 90 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2x was in accordance to the reported one. [28]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.22 (t, J = 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.56 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.58 – 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.40 – 2.34 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.97 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.90 – 1.85 (m, 3H), 1.76 – 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.63 (m, 1H), 1.57 – 1.49 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.36 (m, 3H), 1.34 – 1.30 (m, 3H), 1.28 – 1.20 (m, 3H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 6H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 217.8, 144.3, 122.2, 69.7, 55.3, 47.5, 46.8, 46.5, 42.4, 41.9, 39.8, 39.3, 37.0, 36.7, 34.2, 34.1, 33.2, 32.1, 31.0, 30.9, 26.5, 25.8, 25.5, 23.7, 23.6, 22.0, 21.5, 19.7, 16.7, 15.3 ppm



Compound 2w. Colorless oil.

Yield: 83%. Reaction time: 25 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of **2w** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[29]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 3.62 (s, 2H), 2.64 – 2.55 (m, 2H), 2.34 (t, *J* = 14.8 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 2.06 – 2.01 (m, 2H), 1.91 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz, 6H), 1.75 – 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.59 (m, 3H), 1.49 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 1.34 – 1.30 (m, 4H), 1.25 (s, 1H),

1.11 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 1H), 0.87(d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 214.3, 212.2, 63.5, 58.6, 57.6, 46.7, 44.3, 43.8, 42.2, 38.4, 37.0, 36.8, 36.0, 35.6, 35.5, 31.4, 29.9, 27.7, 26.6, 25.5, 24.4, 22.2, 19.0, 11.8 ppm



Compound 2v. white powder.

Yield: 89%. Reaction time: 5 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of 2v was in accordance to the reported one. [30]

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 3.89 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.67 – 3.63 (m, 1H), 2.50 (s, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 18.8 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 2.01 (t, *J* = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 1.89 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 1H), 1.40 (t, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 6H) ppm



Compound 2y. Colorless oil.

Yield: 76%. Reaction time: 10 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of **2y** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[13]

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 3.91 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.79 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.62 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.17 (s, 3H), 2.07 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 1.70 (s, 1H), 1.60 – 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 2H), 1.25 (s, 1H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 211.0, 179.6, 87.1, 61.8, 42.7, 42.4, 39.5, 38.8, 33.2, 32.2, 30.4, 24.3, 21.9, 21.1, 9.5 ppm



Compound 2z. white flaky crystal.

Yield: 77%. Reaction time: 20 min at 0 °C.

The analytical data of **2z** was in accordance to the reported one. ^[14]

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.75 – 7.71 (m, 4H), 7.45 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 2H), 2.31 (s, 1H), 1.37 (s, 6H) ppm



Compound 2aa. White powder solid.

Yield: 82%. Reaction time: 10 min at 0 °C.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 5.52 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (q, *J* = 17.2 Hz, 2H), 3.58 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 1H), 3.29 (s, 2H), 2.44 (s, 1H), 2.28 – 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.07(s, 1H), 1.91 – 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.77 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.47 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.39 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 1H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 2H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 3.8 Hz, 3H), 0.67 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 217.2, 173.1, 76.0, 70.6, 67.3, 61.3, 57.8, 45.5, 41.8, 41.7, 36.5, 35.3, 34.5, 30.3, 29.7, 27.1, 26.0, 24.7, 17.0, 14.6, 11.2 ppm

HRMS (ESI) for C₂₁H₃₄O₆Na [M+Na]⁺: calcd . 405.2253, found: 405.2250.


Compound 2ab. White powder solid.

Yield: 80%. Reaction time: 13 min at 0 °C.

¹**H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃):** δ = 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.03 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 (s, 3H), 2.30 – 2.21 (m, 1H), 2.18 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.88 (dd, *J* = 15.9, 9.3 Hz, 1H), 1.67 – 1.58 (m, 3H), 1.57 – 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.46 – 1.37 (m, 6H), 1.18 – 1.11 (m, 1H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 0.70 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H) ppm

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 216.3, 216.2, 166.7, 145.6, 132.5, 130.0, 128.1, 72.0, 67.9, 64.9, 58.6, 53.6, 45.2, 43.6, 41.9, 39.1, 37.0, 34.6, 29.9, 26.9, 24.2, 21.7, 21.3, 17.3, 14.7, 12.3 ppm

HRMS (ESI) for C₂₈H₃₈O₈SNa [M+Na]⁺: calcd. 557.2185, found: 557.2176.

4. References:

- 1. Y. Lin, L. Zhu, Y. Lan and Y. Rao, *Chem. Eur. J.*, 2015, **21**, 14937.
- 2. C. U. Pittman and R. M. Hanes, J. Org. Chem., 1977, 42, 1194.
- 3. M. Z. Zhu, E. Ruijter and L. A. Wessjohann, Org. Lett., 2004, 6, 3921.
- 4. M. M. Wang, X. S. Ning, J. P. Qu and Y. B. Kang, ACS catal., 2017, 7, 4000.
- 5. Y. Q. Mu, M. Nodwell, J. L. Pace, J. Shaw and J. K. Judice, Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett., 2004, 14, 735.
- 6. J. R. Vakiti and S. Ghosh, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 2014, **55**, 6438.
- 7. Z. Y. Jiang, W. H. Chan and A. W. M. Lee, J. Org. Chem., 2005, 70, 1081.
- 8. A. Throup, L. H. Patterson and H. M. Sheldrake, Org. Biomol. Chem., 2016, 14, 9554.
- 9. G. Ding, C. J. Li, Y. F. Shen, B. Lu, Z. G. Zhang and X. M. Xie, Adv. Synth, Catal., 2016, 358, 1241.
- 10. L. Chen, J. B. Wu, F. Lei, S. Qian and Y. Wu, J. Asian. Nat. Prod. Res., 2012, 14, 355.
- 11. V. C. Edelsztein, P. H. D. Chenna and G. Burton, *Tetrahedron*, 2009, **65**, 3615.
- 12. T. Polonski, J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans., 1983, 305.
- 13. H. J. Chen, H. D. Hao and Y. K. Wu, Eur. J. Org. Chem., 2015, 4423.
- 14. M. Craighead, R. Palin, N. Murray and D. Lindsay, WO 2012063085.
- 15. M. F. Richter, B. S. Drown, A. P. Riley, A. Garcia, T. Shirai, R. L. Svec and P. J. Hergenrother, Nature, 2017,

545, 299.

- 16. B. B. Liu, F. L. Jin, T. J. Wang, X. R. Yuan and W. Han, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2017, 56, 12712.
- 17. T. Osako, K. Torii, S. Hirata and Y. Uozumi, ACS Catal., 2017, 7, 7371.
- 18. J. Bálint, I. Markovits, G. Egri, Z. Tuza, L. Párkányi and E. Fogassy, Tetrahedron Asy., 2001, 12, 719.
- 19. (*a*) P. C. Meltzer, D. Butler, J. R. Deschamps and B. K. Madras, *J. Med. Chem.*, 2006, **49**, 1420. (*b*) W. Michaelis, J. H. Russel and O. Schindler, *J. Med. Chem.*, 1970, **13**, 497.
- 20. S. S. Husain, S. Nirthanan, D. Ruesch, K. Solt, Q. Cheng, G. D. Li, E. Arevalo, R. W. Olsen, D. E. Raines, S. A. Forman, J. B. Cohen and K. W. Miller, *J. Med. Chem.*, 2006, **49**, 4818.
- 21. K. Yahata, M. Minami, K. Watanabe and H. Fujioka, Org. Lett., 2014, 16, 3680.
- 22. C. F. Nutaitis and G. W. Gribble, Tetrahedron Lett., 1983, 24, 4287.
- 23. T. Kusakabe, Y. Ito, M. Kamimura, T. Shirai, K. Takahashi, T. Mochida and K. Kato, *Chem. Asian. J.*, 2017, **6**, 1086.
- 24. M. Linuma, K. Moriyama and H. Togo, Eur. J. Org. Chem., 2014, 772.
- 25. D. Crépin, J. Dawick and C. Aissa, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2010, 49, 620.
- 26. K. Vega-Hernández, R. Senatore, M. Miele, E. Urban, W. Holzer and V. Pace, *Org. Biomol. Chem.*, 2019, **17**, 1970.
- 27. I. M. Pinilla, M. B. Martínez and J. A. Galbis, Macromolecules, 2002, 35, 2985.
- 28. S. Qian, H. J. Li, Y. Chen, W. Y. Zhang, S. Y. Yang and Y. Wu, J. Nat. Prod., 2010, 73, 1743.
- 29. H. P. Hsieh, J. G. Muller and C. J. Burrows, *Bioorg. Med. Chem.*, 1995, **3**, 823.
- 30. B. Föhlisch, D. A. Bakr and P. Fischer, J. Org. Chem., 2002, 67, 3682.

5. ¹H and ¹³C NMR Spectra












































































