## Supporting Information

# Effect of lipid length and branching of monoacylglycerides on Mincle agonist activity.

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## **Chemistry Experimental**

#### **General Chemicals:**

Prior to use, toluene (ROMIL) was dried and stored over Na wire, and the following solvents were distilled: acetone (Fisher Scientific), ethyl acetate (Fisher Scientific) and petroleum ether (Merck), DMSO (Merck). Behenic acid (BDH Biochem), MgSO<sub>4</sub> (Pure Science), NaCl (Chem Solute), Et<sub>2</sub>O (LabServ), DMAP (Lab Supply), EDCI (Chem Impex), TFA (Pancreac), THF (ROMIL), NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (Pure Science), HCl (Chem Solute), isopropanol (Fischer Scientific), KMnO<sub>4</sub> (AnalR), 11-methyldodecanoic acid (Larodan AB), 13-methyltetradecanoic acid (Larodan AB), 15methylhexadecanoic acid (Larodan AB), 17-methyloctadecanoic acid (Larodan AB), 18methylnonadecanoic acid (Larodan AB), 21-methyldocosanoic acid (Larodan AB), Palmitic Acid (Fulka), Oleic acid (Sigma Aldich), Stearic acid (Fisher Scientific), Hexacosanoic acid (Merck), CDCl<sub>3</sub> (Aldrich), Diisopropylamine (Sigma Aldich), Sodium Hydride (Sigma Aldrich), Triphenylphosphene (Acros Organics), Methyl iodide (Sigma Aldrich), Boron trifluoride diethyl etherate (Janssen Chimica), Triethylsilane (Sigma Aldrich), Pyridinium Chlorochromate (Sigma Aldirch), and 10-bromodecanoic acid (Sigma Aldrich) were used as received. Reactions were monitored by TLC analysis by dipping in 10% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in EtOH followed by charring or dipping in a solution of KMnO<sub>4</sub> (0.05 M), K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.4 M), and NaOH (0.06%) in water. Column chromatography was performed using Pure Science silica gel (40-63 µm). All solvents were removed by evaporation under reduced pressure. High resolution mass spectra were recorded on an Agilent 6530 Q-TOF mass spectrometer utilising a JetStream<sup>TM</sup> electro-spray ionisation (ESI) source in positive or negative mode. Optical rotations were recorded on a Autopol II (Rudolph Research Analytical) at 589 nm (sodium D-line). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded as thin films using either a Bruker Platinum-ATR spectrometer and are reported in wave numbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were obtained at 20 °C in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>5</sub>D<sub>5</sub>N using a Varian INOVA operating at 500 MHz. Chemical shifts are given in ppm ( $\delta$ ) relative to the solvent residual peak. NMR peak assignments were made using COSY, HSQC, and HMBC 2D experiments.

25-Methylhexacos-10-enoic acid (13). 10-bromodecanoic acid (225 mg, 1 mmol) and triphenyl phosphine (262 mg, 1 mmol) were combined and heated at 80 °C for 30 mins under Ar atmosphere. The resulting red oil was suspended in 8 mL of dry DMSO and subjected to further 13 heating for 20 mins. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C, and

butyl lithium (2.0 M in cyclohexane, 1.25 mL, 2.5 mmol) was added drop wise. The reaction was stirred for one hour before aldehyde 12 (500 mg, 2 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was warmed to r.t. and further stirred for 3 hr. The suspension was then diluted with EtOAc, washed with 1M HCl and brine, dried with anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give a red oil. The crude product was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (PE) to yield **13** as a white solid (172 mg, 0.84 mmol, 21%).  $R_f = 0.8$  (PE); IR (film) = 2998, 2923, 2853, 1708, 1462, 1411, 932, 739; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 5.47–5.41 (m, 2H, H-10, H-11), 2.37– 2.29 (m, 2H, H-2), 2.08–1.94 (m, 4H, H-9, H-1), 1.6–1.58 (m, 2H, H-3), 1.55–1.46 (m, 1H, H-25), 1.32–1.21 (m, 32H, H-4–8, H-13–23), 1.17–1.10 (m, 2H, H-24), 0.86 (d,  $J_{25,26a+b} = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, H-26); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 129.97 (C-10), 129.78 (C-11), 39.05 (C-24), 35.58 (C-2), 33.98 (C-12), 32.13 (C-10), 29.94, 29.76, 29.73, 29.69, 29.68, 29.66, 29.65, 29.63, 29.60, 29.58, 29.56, 29.42, 29.32, 29.28, 29.23, 29.22, 29.21, 29.17, 29.05, 29.04, 28.99 (C-4-8, C-13-22), 27.96 (C-25), 27.41 (C-23), 24.67 (C-3), 22.65 (C-26); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $[C_{27}H_{53}O_2]^+$ : 409.4040, found 409.4029.

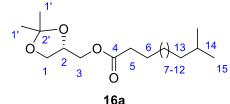
## General procedure for esterification:

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MAGs of different chain lengths were synthesised according to a procedure by Khan *et al.*<sup>1</sup> (S)-(*R*)-1,2-*O*-Isopropylideneglycerol (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) and the carboxylic acid (2 mmol, 2 equiv.) were co-evaporated together with dry toluene (5 mL), then suspended in dry toluene. To the reaction mixture, EDCI (3.3 mmol, 3.3 equiv.) and DMAP (1 mmol, 1 equiv.) were added and the resulting suspension was heated to 70 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to r.t. and diluted with of EtOAc (5 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (5 mL), sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>

(5 mL), and brine (5 mL). The combined aqueous phases were re-extracted with of EtOAc (5 mL) and the combined organic phases were dried with anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was purified using gradient silica-gel column chromatography (PE to PE/EtOAc, 4:1, v/v).

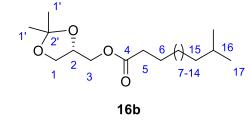
#### 1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(11-methyldodecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (16a). By subjecting diol 14 (30



mg, 0.22 mmol), 11-methyldodecanoic acid **15a** (97 mg, 0.45 mmol), EDCI (139 mg, 0.726 mmol) and DMAP (27 mg, 0.34 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **16a** was obtained as a colourless oil (46.2

mg, 0.140 mmol, 64%).  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{23.1} = +4.8$  (c = 1 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2924, 2854, 1740, 1459, 1380, 1251, 1212, 1157, 1083, 1056, 1042, 964, 861, 841, 737, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.31 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.11–4.09 (m, 2H, H-3b, H1a), 3.75–3.71 (m, 1H, H-1b), 2.34 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.62 (p,  $J_{6,5} = J_{6,7} = 7.3$  Hz, 2H, H-6), 1.53–1.48 (m, 1H, H-14), 1.44 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.37 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.31–1.23 (m, 12H, H-7–12), 1.18–1.11 (m, 2H, H-13), 0.85 (d,  $J_{14,15a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-15); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.55 (C-4), 109.70 (C-2'), 73.54 (C-2), 66.23 (C-1), 64.40 (C-3), 38.92 (C-13), 34.00 (C-5), 29.77, 29.58, 29.50, 29.34, 29.13, 29.00 (C-7–11), 27.84 (C-14), 27.27 (C-12), 26.56 (C-1'), 25.28 (C-1'), 24.78 (C-6), 22.54 (C-15); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 351.2506, found 351.2523.

#### 1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(13-methyltetradecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (16b). By subjecting diol 14

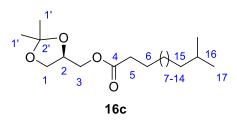


(22 mg, 0.16 mmol), 13-methyltetradecanoic acid **15b** (82 mg, 0.33 mmol), EDCI (105 mg, 0.549 mmol) and DMAP (20 mg, 0.1664 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **16b** was obtained as a colourless oil (45 mg, 0.125 mmol, 78%).  $R_f = 0.3$ 

(PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{18.1} = +7.6$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2923, 2851, 1741, 1465, 1370, 1250, 1159, 1056, 1009, 871, 841, 743, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.31 (p,  $J_{2,3} = 6.2$  Hz,  $J_{2,1} = 4.69$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.09 (t,  $J_{3b,2} = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 4.07–4.05 (m, 1H, H-1a), 3.74 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.34 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.66–1.58 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.54–1.46 (m, 1H, H-16), 1.43 (s, 3H, H-

1'), 1.37 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.32–1.21 (m, 16H, H-7–14), 1.18–1.11 (m, 2H, H-15), 0.86 (d,  $J_{16,17a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-17); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.64 (C-4), 109.79 (C-2'), 73.66 (C-2), 66.33 (C-1), 64.49 (C-3), 39.03 (C-15), 34.25 (C-5), 29.92, 29.68, 29.63, 29.58, 29.43, 29.23, 29.10 (C-7–13), 27.95 (C-16), 27.40 (C-14), 26.65 (C-1'), 25.35 (C-1'), 24.87 (C-6), 22.70 (C-17). HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>40</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 379.2819, found 379.2835.

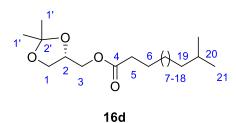
1,2-O-Isopropylidene-3-O-(13-methyltetradecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (16c). By subjecting diol 14



(25 mg, 0.18 mmol), 13-methyltetradecanoic acid **15b** (87 mg, 0.36 mmol), EDCI (113 mg, 0.594 mmol) and DMAP (22 mg, 0.18 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **16c** was obtained as a colourless oil (50 mg, 0.14 mmol, 77%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);

[*α*]<sup>21.1</sup><sub>*D*</sub> = -4.2 (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2921, 2851, 1743, 1464, 1370, 1250, 1173, 1056, 1089, 871, 841, 756, 653 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.31 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.09 (t,  $J_{3b,2} = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 4.07–4.05 (m, 1H, H-1a), 3.74 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.34 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.66–1.58 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.54–1.46 (m, 1H, H-16), 1.43 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.37 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.32–1.21 (m, 16H, H-7–14), 1.18–1.11 (m, 2H, H-15), 0.86 (d,  $J_{16,17a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-17); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.51 (C-4), 109.67 (C-2'), 73.52 (C-2), 66.18 (C-1), 64.37 (C-3), 38.92 (C-15), 33.98 (C-5), 29.80, 29.57, 29.51, 29.47, 29.32, 29.12, 29.99 (C-7–13), 27.84 (C-16), 27.29 (C-14), 26.54 (C-1'), 25.27 (C-1'), 24.76 (C-6), 22.48 (C-17); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>41</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 357.2999, found 357.2991.

1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(17-methyloctadecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (16d). By subjecting diol 14

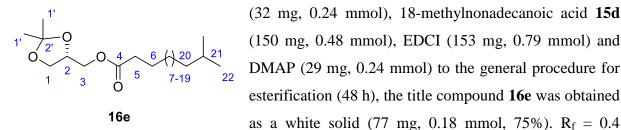


(33.5 mg, 0.25 mmol), 17-methyloctadecanoic acid **15c** (150 mg, 0.50 mmol), EDCI (160 mg, 0.83 mmol) and DMAP (31 mg, 0.25 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **16d** was obtained as a white solid (75 mg, 0.18 mmol, 73%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{22.1}$ 

= +5.1 (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2916, 2848, 1733, 1469, 1212, 1153, 1049, 1048, 871, 846, 747, 683 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.31 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.1$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.12–4.03 (m, H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.73 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.9$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.12–4.03 (m, H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.73 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.9$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.12–4.03 (m, H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.73 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.9$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.12–4.03 (m, H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.73 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.9$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 1.6$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 1.6$ 

5.8 Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.33 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.3$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.61 (p,  $J_{6,5} = J_{6,7} = 7.3$  Hz, 2H, H-6), 1.50 (m, 1H, H-20), 1.43 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.36 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.33–1.21 (m, 24H, H-7–18), 1.16–1.10 (m, 2H, H-19), 0.85 (d,  $J_{20,21a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-21); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.63 (C-4), 109.80 (C-2'), 73.65 (C-2), 66.33 (C-1), 64.49 (C-3), 39.05 (C-19), 34.10 (C-5), 29.94, 29.72, 29.68, 29.67, 29.66, 29.63, 29.58, 29.44, 29.24, 29.11 (C-7-17), 27.95 (C-20), 27.41 (C-18), 26.67 (C-1'), 25.38 (C-1 '), 24.88 (C-6), 22.65 (C-21); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>48</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 435.3445, found 435.3449.

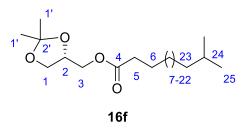
#### 1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(18-methylnonadecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (16e). By subjecting diol 14



(32 mg, 0.24 mmol), 18-methylnonadecanoic acid 15d (150 mg, 0.48 mmol), EDCI (153 mg, 0.79 mmol) and DMAP (29 mg, 0.24 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (48 h), the title compound 16e was obtained

 $(PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v); [\alpha]_D^{19.5} = +3.7 (c = 2, CHCl_3); IR (film) = 2916, 2849, 1731, 1453, 1253, 1253)$ 1158, 1110, 1055, 931, 874, 791, 582 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.30 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 6.2$ Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.15 (dd, *J*<sub>3a,3b</sub> = 11.6 Hz, *J*<sub>3a,2</sub> = 4.9 Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.11–4.02 (m, H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.72 (dd, *J*<sub>1b,1a</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *J*<sub>1b,2</sub> = 6.7 Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.33 (t, *J*<sub>5,6</sub> = 7.4 Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.64–1.57 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.53–1.46 (m, 1H, H-21), 1.42 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.35 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.32–1.19 (m, 26H, H-7–19), 1.17–1.10 (m, 2H, H-20), 0.85 (d,  $J_{21,22a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-22); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) § 173.64 (C-4), 109.81 (C-2'), 73.66 (C-2), 66.35 (C-1), 64.50 (C-3), 39.05 (C-20), 34.11 (C-5), 29.94, 29.71, 29.68, 29.67, 29.66, 29.63, 29.58, 29.44, 29.23, 29.11 (C-7-18), 27.95 (C-21), 27.41 (C-19), 26.67 (C-1'), 25.39 (C-1'), 24.88 (C-6), 22.65 (C-22); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>50</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 449.3601, found 449.3616.

1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(21-methyldoconoyl)-sn-glycerol (16f). By subjecting diol 14 (20

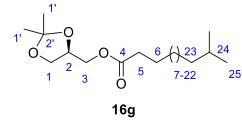


mg, 0.15 mmol), 21-methyldoconoic acid 15e (107 mg, 0.30 mmol), EDCI (88 mg, 0.46 mmol) and DMAP (18 mg, 0.15 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound 16f was obtained as a white solid (51.5 mg, 0.11 mmol, 73%).  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{19.0} =$ 

+4.9 (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2987, 2917, 2849, 1733, 1471, 1372, 1239, 1158, 1114, 1051,

996, 890, 771, 583, 463 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.33 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.9$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.18 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.14–4.05 (m, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.76 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.36 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.66–1.60 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.56–1.48 (s, 1H, H-24), 1.45 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.38 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.34–1.21 (m, 38H, H-7–22), 1.18–1.11 (m, 2H, H-23), 0.85 (d,  $J_{24,25a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-25); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.67 (C-4), 109.83 (C-2'), 73.67 (C-2), 66.36 (C-1), 64.53 (C-3), 39.07 (C-23), 34.13 (C-5), 29.97, 29.75, 29.72, 29.69, 29.67, 29.62, 29.47, 29.27, 29.14 (C-7–21), 27.98 (C-24), 27.44 (C-22), 26.70 (C-1'), 25.41 (C-1'), 24.91 (C-6), 22.68 (C-25); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>56</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 491.4071, found 491.4098.

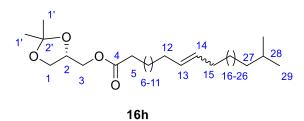
1,2-O-Isopropylidene-3-O-(21-methyldoconoyl)-sn-glycerol (16g). By subjecting diol 14 (20



mg, 0.15 mmol), 21-methyldoconoic acid **15e** (107 mg, 0.30 mmol), EDCI (88 mg, 0.46 mmol) and DMAP (18 mg, 0.15 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **16g** was obtained as a white solid (52 mg, 0.11 mmol, 74%).  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{17.5}$ 

= -1.6 (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2986, 2927, 2846, 1732, 1414, 1301, 1222, 1188, 1028, 983, 846, 718, 550, 449 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.30 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.18 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.14–4.06 (m, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.76 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.36 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.67–1.59 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.55–1.48 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.45 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.39 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.34–1.22 (m, 32H, H-7–22), 1.18–1.13 (m, 2H, H-23), 0.86 (d,  $J_{24,25a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-25); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.69 (C-4), 109.83 (C-2'), 73.66 (C-2), 66.35 (C-1), 64.52 (C-3), 39.07 (C-23), 34.16 (C-5), 234.13, 29.96, 29.75, 29.72, 29.69, 29.66, 29.61, 29.47, 29.14 (C-7–21), 27.98 (C-24), 27.44 (C-22), 26.69 (C-1'), 25.41 (C-1'), 24.90 (C-6), 22.68 (C-25); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>56</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 491.4071, found 491.4074.

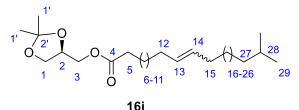
1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(25-methylhexacos-10-enoyl)-sn-glycerol (16h). By subjecting diol



14 (7.5 mg, 0.056 mmol), (E/Z)-25-methylhexacos-10-enoic acid 13 (45 mg, 0.112 mmol), EDCI (36 mg, 1.84 mmol) and DMAP (7 mg, 0.056 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound 16h was obtained as a white solid

(21 mg, 0.039 mmol, 71%).  $R_f = 0.5$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{17.1} = +8.6$  (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2922, 2852, 1741, 1644, 1465, 1380, 1251, 1158, 1085, 1056, 975, 841, 871, 720, 582, 489 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.37–5.30 (m, 2H, H-13, H-14), 4.29 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.10–4.15 (m, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.73 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.7$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.33 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.4$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 2.02–1.95 (m, 2H, H12), 1.64–1.60 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.54–1.47 (m, 1H, H-28), 1.42 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.36 (s, 3H-H-1'), 1.33–1.20 (m, 32H, H-7–11, H-15–25), 1.17–1.07 (m, 4H, H-26–27), 0.85 (d,  $J_{28,29a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.50 (C-4), 129.83 (C13), 129.65 (C-14), 109.68 (C-2'), 73.54 (C-2), 66.22 (C-1), 64.38 (C-3), 38.94 (C-27), 33.98 (C-5), 29.82, 29.65, 29.60, 29.58, 29.56, 29.55, 29.52, 29.47, 29.45, 29.33, 29.23, 29.12, 29.10, 28.99 (C-7–12, C15–25), 27.84 (C-28), 27.09 (C-26), 26.55 (C-1'), 25.27 (C-1'), 24.77 (C-6), 22.53 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $[C_{33}H_{62}NaO_4]^+$ : 545.4540, found 545.4541.

### 1,2-O-Isopropylidene-3-O-(25-methylhexacos-10-enoyl)-sn-glycerol (16i). By subjecting diol

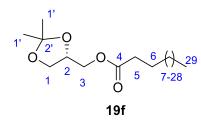


14 (12.5 mg, 0.095 mmol), (E/Z)-25methylhexacos-10-enoic acid 13 (78 mg, 0.191 mmol), EDCI (60 mg, 0.313 mmol) and DMAP (12 mg, 0.095 mmol) to the general procedure for

esterification (8 h), the title compound **16i** was obtained as a white solid (37 mg, 0.071 mmol, 75%). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.5 (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{22.1} = -7.4$  (c = 1 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2921, 2852, 1741, 1645, 1465, 1369, 1213, 1158, 1063, 1056, 917, 843, 720, 657, 515, 463 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.35–5.37 (m, 2H, H-13, H-14), 4.29 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.10–4.15 (m, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.73 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.7$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.32 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.4$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 2.02–1.95 (m, 2H, H12), 1.64–1.60 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.54–1.49 (m, 1H, H-28), 1.42 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.36 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.33–1.19 (m, 34H, H-7–11, H-15–26), 1.17–1.07 (m, 2H, H-27), 0.85 (d,  $J_{28,29a+b} = 6.6$  Hz, 6H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz,

CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.60 (C-4), 129.94 (C13), 129.76 (C-14), 109.79 (C-2'), 73.64 (C-2), 66.33 (C-1), 64.49 (C-3), 39.04 (C-27), 34.09 (C-5), 29.93, 29.72, 29.70, 29.68, 29.67, 29.65, 29.64, 29.62, 29.58, 29.55, 29.43, 29.31, 29.23, 29.21, 29.10 (C-7–12, C15–25), 27.95 (C-28), 27.41 (C-26), 26.66 (C-1'), 25.37 (C-1'), 24.87 (C-6), 22.64 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>63</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 523.4721, found 523.7442.

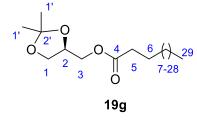
1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(hexacosanoyl)-sn-glycerol (19f). By subjecting diol 14 (30 mg, 0.23



mmol), hexacosanoic acid **17e** (182.5 mg, 0.46 mmol), EDCI (145.5 mg, 0.759 mmol) and DMAP (28 mg, 0.23 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **19f** was obtained as a white solid (86 mg, 0.17 mmol, 73%).  $R_f = 0.5$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{16.9} = +9.4$  (c = 4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) =

2945, 2914, 2837, 1731, 1463, 1267, 1192, 1054, 1041, 919, 896, 753, 681 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.33 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.4$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.11–4.03 (m, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.75 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.34 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.4$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.63 (p,  $J_{6,7} = J_{6,5} = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, H6), 1.43 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.36 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.33–1.20 (m, 44H, H-7–28), 0.87 (t,  $J_{29,28} = 6.9$ Hz, 3H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.67 (C-4), 109.83 (C-2'), 73.67 (C-2), 66.35 (C-1), 64.52 (C-3), 34.12 (C-5), 31.93, 29.72, 29.69, 29.67, 29.61, 29.47, 29.38, 29.27, 29.13 (C-7–27), 26.69 (C-1'), 25.41 (C-1'), 24.90 (C-6), 22.71 (C-28), 14.14 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for[C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>62</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 533.4540, found 533.4551.

1,2-O-Isopropylidene-3-O-(hexacosanoyl)-sn-glycerol (19g). By subjecting diol 14 (30 mg, 0.23

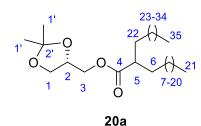


mmol), hexacosanoic acid **17e** (182.5 mg, 0.46 mmol), EDCI (145.5 mg, 0.759 mmol) and DMAP (28 mg, 0.23 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **19g** was obtained as a white solid (83.5 mg, 0.16 mmol, 71%).  $R_f = 0.5$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{22.3} = -8.9$  (c = 4 CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) =

2931, 2852, 1714, 1439, 1251, 1146, 1109, 1084, 1047, 951, 863, 843, 746, 681, 547 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.33 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.3$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.11–4.03 (m, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.73 (t,  $J_{1b,2} = 7.3$ , 1H, H-1b), 2.34 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.63 (p,  $J_{6,7} = J_{6,5} = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, H6), 1.43 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.36 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.33–

1.20 (m, 44H, H-7–28), 0.87 (t,  $J_{29,28} = 6.8$  Hz, 3H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.60 (C-4), 109.79 (C-2'), 73.66 (C-2), 66.34 (C-1), 64.50 (C-3), 34.10 (C-5), 31.94, 29.72, 29.67, 29.66, 29.61, 29.47, 29.38, 29.26, 29.13 (C-7–27), 26.67 (C-1'), 25.38 (C-1'), 24.89 (C-6), 22.69 (C-28), 14.12 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>62</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 533.4540, found 533.4553.

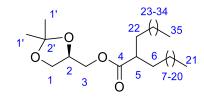
1,2-O-Isopropylidene-1-O-(2-tetradecyloctadecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (20a). By subjecting diol 14



(25 mg, 0.19 mmol), 2-tetradecyloctadecanoic acid **18** (183 mg, 0.38 mmol), EDCI (120 mg, 0.62 mmol) and DMAP (23 mg, 0.19 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **20a** was obtained as a white solid (89 mg, 0.15 mmol, 77%).  $R_f = 0.6$  (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{21.1} = +9.4$  (c = 4 CHCl<sub>3</sub>);

IR (film) = 2943, 2914, 2865, 1754, 1417, 1345, 1234, 1160, 1114, 1097, 1009, 952, 826, 715, 621, 519 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.30 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.8$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (d,  $J_{3a,2} = 5.4$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.07 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 6.4$  Hz, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.74 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.4$ ,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.1$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.39–2.33 (m, 1H, H-5), 1.61–1.55 (m, 4H, H-6, H-22), 1.43 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.36 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.31–1.16 (m, 52H, H-7–20, H-23–34), 0.87 (t,  $J_{21,20} = J_{35,34} = 6.9$ Hz, 6H, H-21, H-35); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.40 (C-4), 109.71 (C-2'), 73.62 (C-2), 66.46 (C-1), 64.17 (C-3), 46.66 (C-5), 32.44, 32.39, 31.92, 29.67, 29.36, 27.44, (C-6–19, C-22–33), 26.72 (C-1'), 25.42 (C-1'), 22.69 (C-20, C-34), 14.10 (C-21, C-35); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>74</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 617.5479, found 617.5483.

#### 1,2-O-Isopropylidene-3-O-(2-tetradecyloctadecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (20b). By subjecting diol 14



20b

(25 mg, 0.19 mmol), 2-tetradecyloctadecanoic acid **18** (183 mg, 0.38 mmol), EDCI (120 mg, 0.62 mmol) and DMAP (23 mg, 0.19 mmol) to the general procedure for esterification (8 h), the title compound **20b** was obtained as a white solid (80 mg, 0.13 mmol, 78%). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.6 (PE/EtOAc, 9:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{18.8} = -8.2$  (c =

3, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 2924, 2914, 2818, 1732, 1409, 1312, 1214, 1187, 1110, 1031, 953, 825, 742, 534 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.30 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.9$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 4.16 (d,  $J_{3a,2} = 5.4$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.07 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 8.4$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 6.4$  Hz, 2H, H-3b, H-1a), 3.74 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 8.4$ ,  $J_{1b,2} = 6.3$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.39–2.31 (m, 1H, H-5), 1.60–1.54 (m, 4H, H-6, H-22), 1.43 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.36 (s, 3H, H-1'), 1.31–1.16 (m, 52H, H-7–20, H-23–34), 0.88 (t,  $J_{21,20} = J_{35,34} = 6.9$ Hz,

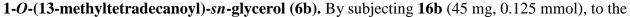
6H, H-21, H-35); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  176.48 (C-4), 109.80 (C-2'), 73.72 (C-2), 66.57 (C-1), 64.27 (C-3), 46.71 (C-5), 32.53, 32.48, 32.01, 29.78, 29.74, 29.69, 29.64, 29.58, 29.45, 27.53 (C-6–19, C-22–33), 26.81 (C-1'), 25.50 (C-1'), 22.78 (C-20, C-34), 14.21 (C-21, C-35); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>74</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 617.5479, found 617.5485.

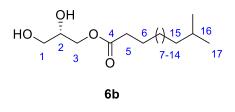
## General procedure for isopropylidene deprotection:

A solution of isopropylidene protected *iso*-branched, linear, or  $\alpha$ -branched MAGs in TFA:THF:H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (5 mL, 3:8:1, v/v/v) was added and the reaction was stirred at room temperature on rotary evaporator.<sup>2</sup> After 20-30 min, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and the resulting residue was purified using silica-gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 10:1-2:1, v/v).

**1-O-(11-methyldodecanoyl)**-sn-glycerol (6a). By subjecting 16a (46 mg, 0.140 mmol), to the general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (20 mins), the title compound 6a was obtained as a colourless oil (34 mg, 0.11 mmol, 85%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{21.3} = +5.4$  (c = 1,

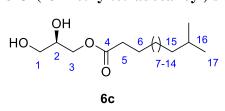
CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3435, 3004, 2923, 2851, 1711, 1424, 1372, 1221, 1091, 532 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.21 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b}$  = 11.7 Hz,  $J_{3a,2}$  = 4.6 Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd,  $J_{3b,3a}$  = 11.7 Hz,  $J_{3b,2}$  = 6.2 Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.93 (p,  $J_{2,3}$  =  $J_{2,1}$  = 5.5 Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.70 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b}$  = 11.4 Hz,  $J_{1a,2}$  = 3.8 Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.60 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a}$  = 11.4 Hz,  $J_{1b,2}$  = 5.8 Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.54 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.35 (t,  $J_{5,6}$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H-5), 2.11 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.66–1.59 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.54–1.46 (m, 1H, H-14), 1.33–1.23 (m, 12H, H-7–12), 1.18–1.11 (m, 2H, H-13), 0.86 (d,  $J_{14,15a+b}$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H, H-15); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.37 (C-4), 70.26 (C-2), 65.16 (C-3), 63.31 (C-1), 39.03 (13), 34.15 (C-5), 29.88, 29.61, 29.44, 29.24, 29.11 (C-7–11), 27.95 (C-14), 27.38 (C-12), 24.90 (C-6), 22.65 (C-15); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 311.2193, found 311.2191.





general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (25 mins), the title compound **6b** was obtained as a white solid (36 mg, 0.11 mmol, 91%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{22.3} =$ +6.5 (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3434, 3004, 2917, 2849, 1732, 1467, 1372, 1171, 1045, 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.21 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.14 (dd,  $J_{3b,3a} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 6.1$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.93 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.1$  1H, H-2), 3.71 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.3$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 4.1$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.60 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.3$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.6$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.36 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.67–1.59 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.55–1.48 (m, 1H, H-16), 1.35–1.22 (m, 16H, H-7–16), 1.18–1.12 (m, 2H, H-15), 0.86 (d,  $J_{16,17a+b} = 7.2$  Hz, 6H, H-17); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.40 (C-4), 70.27 (C-2), 65.16 (C-3), 63.33 (C-1), 39.05 (15), 34.16 (C-5), 29.94, 29.71, 29.65, 29.60, 29.45, 29.25, 29.13 (C-7–13), 27.42 (C-16), 27.42 (C-14), 24.92 (C-6), 22.67 (C-17); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 339.2506, found 339.2514.

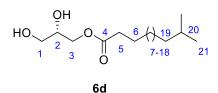
3-O-(13-methyltetradecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (6c). By subjecting 16c (50 mg, 0.14 mmol), to the



general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (30 mins), the title compound **6c** was obtained as a white solid (41 mg, 0.13 mmol, 92%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{17.1} = -5.3$ (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3435, 3014, 2927, 2843, 1722,

1462, 1376, 1156, 1045, 987, 856, 719 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.19 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.14 (dd,  $J_{3b,3a} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 6.1$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.96–3.92 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.68 (d,  $J_{1b,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.62–3.56 (m, 1H, H-1b), 2.77 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.34 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.62 (p,  $J_{6,7} = J_{6,5} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-6), 1.55–1.45 (m, 1H, H-16), 1.34–1.99 (m, 16H, H-7–14), 1.17–1.11 (m, 2H, H-15), 0.86 (d,  $J_{16,17a+b} = 7.2$  Hz, 6H, H-17); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.41 (C-4), 70.25 (C-2), 65.13 (C-3), 63.33 (C-1), 39.04 (15), 34.15 (C-5), 29.93, 29.70, 29.68, 29.67, 29.64, 29.60, 29.44, 29.24, 29.12 (C-7–13), 27.96 (C-16), 27.41 (C-14), 24.90 (C-6), 22.66 (C-17); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 339.2506, found 339.2511.

1-O-(17-methyloctadecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (6d). By subjecting 16d (75 mg, 0.18 mmol), to the

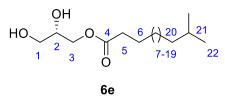


general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (20 mins), the title compound **6d** was obtained as a white solid (59.6 mg, 0.16 mmol, 89%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{17.0} = +2.8$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3425, 3114, 2926, 2849, 1734, 1467,

1363, 1171, 1152, 1008, 907, 887, 732 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.19 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.14 (dd,  $J_{3b,3a} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 6.1$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.95–3.90 (m, 1H, H-2), 3.68 (d,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.62–3.56 (m, 1H, H-1b), 2.61 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.34

(t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 2.17 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.62 (p,  $J_{6,5} = J_{6,7} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-6), 1.55–1.47 (m, 1H, H-20), 1.34–1.22 (m, 24H, H-7–18), 1.17–1.11 (m, 2H, H-19), 0.86 (d,  $J_{20,21a+b} = 7.2$  Hz, 6H, H-21); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.39 (C-4), 70.26 (C-2), 65.15 (C-3), 63.31 (C-1), 39.05 (19), 34.15 (C-5), 29.94, 29.72, 29.69, 29.68, 29.67, 29.64, 29.59, 29.45, 29.24, 29.12, 29.10 (C-7–17), 27.96 (C-20), 27.42 (C-18), 24.90 (C-6), 22.66 (C-21); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calculated for [C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>45</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 373.3312, found 373.3318.

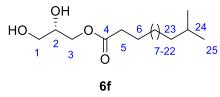
1-O-(18-methylnonadecanoyl)-sn-glycerol (6e). By subjecting 16e (77 mg, 0.18 mmol), to the



general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (30 mins), the title compound **6e** was obtained as a white solid (65 mg, 0.167 mmol, 93%).  $R_f = 0.2$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{21.4} =$ +2.2 (c = 1.2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3411, 3304, 2916, 2849,

1724, 1463, 1351, 1172, 1018, 906, 867, 729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.20 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b}$  = 11.7 Hz,  $J_{3a,2}$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd,  $J_{3b,2}$  = 11.7 Hz,  $J_{3b,2}$  = 4.7 Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.93 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.69 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.59 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a}$  = 11.5 Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.9$  Hz, H-1b), 2.35 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.5$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.62 (p,  $J_{6,7} = J_{6,5} = 7.4$  Hz, 2H, H-6), 1.55–1.48 (m, 1H, H-21), 1.34–1.19 (m, 26H, H-7–19), 1.18–1.12 (m, 2H, H-20), 0.86 (d,  $J_{21,22a+b} = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, H-22); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.38 (C-4), 70.26 (C-2), 65.14 (C-3), 63.32 (C-1), 39.05 (20), 34.15 (C-5), 29.94, 29.72, 29.69, 29.67, 29.64, 29.60, 29.45, 29.24, 29.12 (C-7–18), 27.96 (C-21), 27.42 (C-19), 24.90 (C-6), 22.66 (C-22); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>47</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 387.3469, found 387.3474.

1-O-(21-methyldoconoyl)-sn-glycerol (6f). By subjecting 16f (51.5 mg, 0.11 mmol), to the

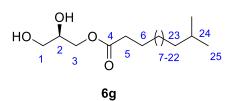


general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (30 mins), the title compound **6f** was obtained as a white solid (43 mg, 0.10 mmol, 91%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{18.8} =$ +2.4 (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3384, 2922, 2852, 1737,

1457, 1341, 1172, 1012, 916, 854, 769, 543 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  4.20 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} =$  11.7 Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.14 (dd,  $J_{3b,3a} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.94 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.3$  Hz, 1H, H-2, 3.68 (d,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.62–3.56 (d,  $J_{1b,2} = 3.8$  Hz, 1H, H-1b), 2.61 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.35 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 2.18 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.62 (p,  $J_{6,7} = J_{6,5} = 7.6$  Hz, 2H, H-6), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.31–1.25 (m, 30H, H-7–22), 1.17–1.14 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.45 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.54 (m, 2H, H-14), 1.54–1.54

23), 0.86 (d,  $J_{24,25a+b} = 7.2$  Hz, 6H, H-25); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.38 (C-4), 70.27 (C-2), 65.16 (C-3), 63.32 (C-1), 39.05 (23), 34.15 (C-5), 29.93, 29.70, 29.64, 29.59, 29.44, 29.24, 29.12, 29.10 (C-7–21), 27.96 (C-24), 27.41 (C-22), 24.91 (C-6), 22.66 (C-25); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>52</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 451.3758, found 451.3762.

3-O-(21-methyldoconoyl)-sn-glycerol (6g). By subjecting diol 16g (52 mg, 0.11 mmol), to the



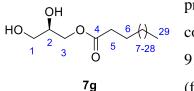
general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (30 mins), the title compound **6g** was obtained as a white solid (43.5 mg, 0.101 mmol, 92%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{21.8} = -$ 1.8 (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3384, 2922, 2852, 1737, 1457,

1341, 1172, 1012, 916, 854, 769, 543 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.21 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.16 (dd,  $J_{3b,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.96 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.1$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.70 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.64 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.9$  Hz, H-1b), 2.64 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.39 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 7.4$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.66–1.61 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.55–1.47 (m, 1H, H-24), 1.30–1.18 (m, 32H, H-7–22), 1.15–1.12 (m, 2H, H-23), 0.86 (d,  $J_{24,25a+b} = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, H-25);<sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.28 (C-4), 70.15 (C-2), 65.03 (C-3), 63.22 (C-1), 38.95 (23), 34.04 (C-5), 28.84, 29.62, 29.64, 29.59, 29.58, 29.56, 29.49, 29.34, 29.14, 29.12, 29.02, 29.00 (C-7–21), 27.85 (C-24), 27.31 (C-22), 24.80 (C-6), 22.55 (C-25); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>53</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 429.3938, found 429.3924.

1-*O*-(hexacosanoyl)-*sn*-glycerol (7f). By subjecting 19f (86 mg, 0.17 mmol), to the general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (30 mins), the title compound 7f was obtained as a white solid (63 mg, 0.16 mmol, 93%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{20.5} = +8.4$  (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3361, 2924, 2852, 1731, 1452, 1332, 1187, 1007, 957, 823, 791,

673 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.20 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.6$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd,  $J_{3b,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.93 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.69 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.4$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 4$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.59 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.4$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.8$  Hz, H-1b), 2.36 (t,  $J_{5,6} = 8.0$  Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.67–1.61 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.31–1.27 (m, 44H, H-7–28), 0.88 (t,  $J_{28,29} = 7.0$  Hz, 3H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  173.62 (C-4), 73.66 (C-2), 66.34 (C-3), 64.51 (C-1), 34.11 (C-5), 31.94, 29.71, 29.69, 29.67, 29.47, 29.38, 29.26, 29.13 (C-7–27), 24.90 (C-6), 22.71 (C-28), 14.13 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>59</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 471.4408, found 471.4422.

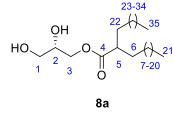
**3-O-(hexacosanoyl)**-sn-glycerol (7g). By subjecting 19g (83 mg, 0.16 mmol), to the general



procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (25 mins), the title 7 compound 7g was obtained as a white solid (58 mg, 0.145 mmol, 3 0 10()  $B_1 = 0.2$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, y/y):  $[a]^{19.6} = -8.8$  (a = 2 CHCla): IR 91%).  $R_f = 0.3$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{19.6} = -8.8$  (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3341, 2921, 2851, 1724, 1487, 1331, 1165, 1009, 967, 823,

761, 656 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.23 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.5$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd,  $J_{3b,3b} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 6.2$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.95 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.69  $(dd, J_{1a,1b} = 11.5 Hz, J_{1a,2} = 4.0 Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.59 (dd, J_{1b,1a} = 11.5 Hz, J_{1b,2} = 5.8 Hz, H-1b),$ 2.36 (t, J<sub>5,6</sub> = 7.4 Hz, 2H, H-5), 1.67–1.61 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.31–1.27 (m, 44H, H-7–28), 0.89 (t, J<sub>28,29</sub> = 7.0 Hz, 3H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 173.66 (C-4), 73.66 (C-2), 66.34 (C-3), 64.52 (C-1), 34.12 (C-5), 31.94, 29.71, 29.69, 29.67, 29.66, 29.61, 29.47, 29.38, 29.26, 29.13 (C-7-27), 24.90 (C-6), 22.70 (C-28), 14.14 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for [C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>59</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 471.4408, found 471.4413.

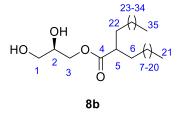
1-O-2-tetradecyloctadecanoyl-sn-glycerol (8a). By subjecting 20a (89 mg, 0.15 mmol), to the



general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (20 mins), the title compound 8a was obtained as a white solid (66 mg, 0.137 mmol, 91%).  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{18.6} = +7.6$  (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3381, 2924, 2862, 1727, 1476, 1345, 1174, 1008, 926, 853, 787, 5490 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.21

 $(dd, J_{3a,3b} = 11.7 Hz, J_{3a,2} = 4.7 Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd, J_{3b,3b} = 11.7 Hz, J_{3b,2} = 6.1 Hz, 1H, H-3a)$ 3b), 3.92 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.69 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.59 (dd, *J*<sub>1b,1a</sub> = 11.5 Hz, *J*<sub>1b,2</sub> = 5.7 Hz, H-1b), 2.39–2.34 (m, 1H, H-5), 2.28 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.62– 1.57 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.49–1.39 (m, 2H, H-22), 1.32–1.05 (m, 54H, H-7–20, H-23–35), 0.86 (t, J<sub>21.20</sub>  $= J_{35,34} = 7.0$  Hz, 6H, H-21, H-35); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.27 (C-4), 70.3 (C-2), 65.00 (C-3), 63.34 (C-1), 46.70 (C-5), 32.48, 32.40, 31.92, 29.69, 29.67, 29.60, 29.54, 29.47, 29.36, 27.46, 27.43, 22.69 (C-6-20, C22-33), 14.12 (C-21, C-35); HRMS (ESI) m/z calculated for  $[C_{35}H_{71}O_4]^+$ : 555.5347, found 555.5349.

3-O-2-tetradecyloctadecanoyl-sn-glycerol (8b). By subjecting diol 20b (80 mg, 0.13 mmol), to



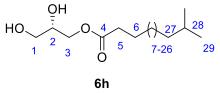
the general procedure for isopropylidene deprotection (30 mins), the title compound **8b** was obtained as a white solid (53 mg, 0.11 mmol, 89%). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{20.4} = -7.8$  (c = 2, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3381, 2924, 2835, 1714, 1443, 1328, 1179, 1013, 906, 854, 761, 541 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.21 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} =$ 

11.7 Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.8$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd,  $J_{3b,3b} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 6.0$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.92 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.69 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.59 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.5$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.8$  Hz, H-1b), 2.39–2.33 (m, 1H, H-5), 2.28 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.61–1.57 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.48–1.41 (m, 2H, H-22), 1.31–1.24 (m, 54H, H-7–20, H-23–35), 0.86 (t,  $J_{21,20} = J_{35,34} = 7.0$  Hz, 6H, H-21, H-35); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  177.26 (C-4), 70.36 (C-2), 64.99 (C-3), 63.35 (C-1), 46.70 (C-5), 32.40, 31.92, 29.70, 29.64, 29.60, 29.54, 29.47, 29.36, 27.45, 27.43, 22.69 (C-6–20, C22-34), 14.12 (C-21, C-34); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>70</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 577.5166, found 577.5172.

#### General procedure for hydrogenation:

A solution of isopropylidene protected MAGs dissolved in DCM (5 mL) was added  $Pd(OH)_2/C$ . H<sub>2</sub>-gas was allowed to bubble through the reaction mixture for 12 hours. The suspension was then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through celite and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was purified using silica-gel column chromatography (PE/EtOAc, 10:1-2:1, v/v).

1-O-(25-methylhexacosanoyl)-sn-glycerol (6h). By subjecting 16h (21 mg, 0.039 mmol) and



Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (40 mg) to the general procedure for hydrogenation, the title compound **6h** was obtained as a white solid (17 mg, 0.034 mmol, 89%).  $R_f = 0.4$  (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{21.5} = +6.4$  (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3374, 2932,

2851, 1734, 1453, 1346, 1189, 1012, 918, 857, 799, 673, 576 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.20 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd,  $J_{3b,3a} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.93 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.69 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.60 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.9$  Hz, H-1b), 2.39–2.33 (m, 2H, H-5), 1.65–1.61 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.55– 1.48 (m, 1H, H-28), 1.32–1.21 (m, 40H, H-7–26), 1.1–1.12 (m, 2H, H-27), 0.86 (d,  $J_{28,29a+b} = 7.1$ Hz, 6H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.28 (C-4), 70.16 (C-2), 65.06 (C-3), 63.21 (C- 1), 38.95 (27), 34.05 (C-5), 29.84, 29.62, 29.60, 29.58, 29.57, 29.54, 29.53, 29.49, 29.34, 29.14, 29.02 (C-7–25), 27.86 (C-28), 27.32 (C-26), 24.80 (C-6), 22.56 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>60</sub>NaO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 507.4401, found 507.4402

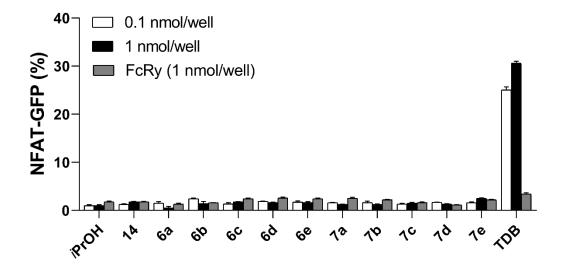
**3-O-(25-methylhexacosanoyl)**-*sn*-glycerol (6i). By subjecting 16i (37 mg, 0.071 mmol) and  $Pd(OH)_2/C$  (53 mg) to the general procedure for hydrogenation, the title compound 6i was obtained as a white solid (30 mg, 0.062 mmol, 87%). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.4 (PE/EtOAc, 2:1, v/v);  $[\alpha]_D^{21.6} = -4.8$ (c = 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) = 3314, 2912, 2841, 1715, 1452, 1347,

1189, 1009, 927, 853, 712, 576 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.20 (dd,  $J_{3a,3b} = 11.7$  Hz,  $J_{3a,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3a), 4.15 (dd,  $J_{3b,3b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{3b,2} = 4.7$  Hz, 1H, H-3b), 3.93 (p,  $J_{2,3} = J_{2,1} = 5.2$  Hz, 1H, H-2), 3.69 (dd,  $J_{1a,1b} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{1a,2} = 3.9$  Hz, 1H, H-1a), 3.59 (dd,  $J_{1b,1a} = 11.6$  Hz,  $J_{1b,2} = 5.9$  Hz, H-1b), 2.39–2.33 (m, 2H, H-5), 1.6–1.61 (m, 2H, H-6), 1.55–1.48 (m, 1H, H-28), 1.32–1.21 (m, 40H, H-7–26), 1.15–1.12 (m, 2H, H-27), 0.86 (d,  $J_{28,29a+b} = 7.1$  Hz, 6H, H-29); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.38 (C-4), 70.26 (C-2), 65.16 (C-3), 63.31 (C-1), 39.05 (27), 34.15 (C-5), 29.94, 29.72, 29.69, 29.68, 29.67, 29.64, 29.59, 29.44, 29.24, 29.12 (C-7–25), 27.96 (C-28), 27.41 (C-26), 24.90 (C-6), 22.66 (C-29); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calculated for [C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>61</sub>O<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 485.4564, found 485.4571.

## **Biological Methods:**

#### **2B4-NFAT-GFP reporter cells assay:**

Purified lipids (1 mg/mL) in chloroform/methanol (2:1, v/v) were serially diluted with isopropanol and added to the wells of 96-well plates, followed by evaporation of the solvent. The concentration of 2B4-NFAT-GFP reporter cells expressing hMincle + FcR $\gamma$ , mMincle + FcR $\gamma$ , or FcR $\gamma$  was adjusted to 4×10<sup>5</sup> cells/mL and 100 uL/well were added to MAG-coated plates (0.1, or 1 nmol/well) for 18 h.<sup>3</sup> The reporter cells were harvested, stained with DAPI, and analysed for NFAT-GFP expression using flow cytometry.



**Figure 1:** NFAT-GFP 2B4 reporter cells expressing mMincle + FcR $\gamma$ , or FcR $\gamma$ -only were stimulated using MAG-coated plates (0.1 or 1 nmol/well) for 18 h. The cells were then harvested and examined for NFAT-GFP expression. Data reported is a representative of two independent experiments performed in duplicate (mean ± SEM).

#### Human Monocyte Assay:

The use of human leukocyte from 20 healthy donors with written informed consent was approved by New Zealand Northern A Health and Disability Ethics Committee (approval number 15/NTA/178). Human monocytes were purified from whole blood by negative selection<sup>4</sup> using RosettaSep Human Monocyte Enrichment Cocktail (StemCell) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The density centrifugation was carried out using Ficoll-Paque (1.078 g/L, GE Healthcare Life Sciences) and stained with CellTrace<sup>TM</sup> CFSE Cell Proliferation Kit (Thermo Fisher). The cell concentration was adjusted to 1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cell/mL in complete RMPI (10% FCS, 1% PenStrep) and 100  $\mu$ L were added to individual well, with plate-coated MAGs or TDB (0.1, or 1 nmol/well). Supernatant was collected after 24 h incubation at 37 °C (5% CO<sub>2</sub>).

**Cytokine Analysis:** hIL-8 (BD Biosciences) levels were determined via sandwich ELISA according to the manufacturer's instructions.

#### **MMT Assay:**

A standard MTT assay was performed using HL-60 cell line.<sup>5</sup> Cells suspended in cRPMI media  $(1\times10^{6} \text{ cells/mL})$  were added to a 96 well plate (100 µL/well) coated with **6b**, **7d**, **7f**, **8a** or cyclohexamide (positive control) at concentrations of 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, or 100 nmol/well, and incubated at 37 °C (5% CO<sub>2</sub>) for 22 h. Untreated cells served as a negative control. The supernatant was then removed, and the cells were treated with 100 µL of 1mg/mL MTT [3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide] solution and incubated for a further 3 h. After this time, 150 µL of MTT solvent (4 mM HCl, 0.1% NP40 in isopropanol) was added into each well. The solution was pipetted to fully dissolve the MTT formazan and optical density was measured at 590 nm.

#### **Endotoxin Testing:**

All synthesised MAGs were confirmed to be endotoxin free at a sensitivity of  $\leq 0.1$  EU/mL by using the Pierce Limulus amebocyte lysate (LAL) chromogenic endotoxin quantitation kit (Thermo Scientific).

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