"Enantioselective Synthesis of α-Terpineol and Nephthenol by Intramolecular Acyl-oxazolidinone Enolate Alkylations."

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Materials and General Synthetic Methods

Materials were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification, unless otherwise indicated. Ether and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were distilled from sodium/benzophenone immediately prior to use. CH₃CN and DMF were distilled from P₂O₅ and stored over 3 Å molecular sieves. A commercial sample of methanesulfonyl chloride (Aldrich) was distilled from P₂O₅ before use.

All reactions, except those performed in aqueous solvent, were conducted under dry nitrogen in flame-dried glassware. Organic extracts from reaction workups were dried with anhydrous $MgSO_4$ or Na_2SO_4 and filtered before concentration. Unless otherwise specified, solvents were evaporated using a rotary evaporator after workup.

Flash column chromatography refers to the procedure of Still¹ and was performed by using a 100-150 times weight excess of silica gel 60 230-400 mesh ASTM from Merck. Fractions were analyzed by TLC using silica gel 60 F254 250 µm precoated-plates.

All GC analyses were performed on a Shimadzu GC-14A with 30-m Restek Rtx-5 column. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum BX spectrophotometer as neat liquids on NaCl plates. LR, HR ESI, EI and CI mass spectra were recorded on a Micromass ZAB-SE Spectrometer (Waters Corporation, Beverly, MA, USA) in the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory of the School of Chemical Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. NMR spectra were taken on Unity 400, or Unity 500 spectrometers. CHCl₃ (7.26 ppm), C_6H_6 (7.15 ppm), toluene (7.09 ppm) were used as internal references. ¹H NMR data are reported in the order: chemical shift, multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet), number of protons, coupling constants (*J*, Hz), assignments. Optical rotations were acquired on a JASCO DIP-370 Digital Polarimeter at 23 °C. Melting points were determined on a Thomas Hoover capillary melting point apparatus and are uncorrected.

¹ W. C. Still, M. Kahn, and A. Mitra., J. Org. Chem., 1978, 43, 2923.

Unless otherwise specified, the purity of the compounds was estimated to be \ge 95 % based on NMR spectral integration and/or GC analysis.



Synthesis of Benzyl Ether Acid 2 from Neryl Benzyl Ether

(Z)-7-Hydroxy-5-methylhept-5-enoic Acid (3). The procedure by Coates for a different compound was followed.² A solution of benzyloxy acid 2 (86 mg, 0.35 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was stirred and cooled at -78 °C, as ammonia gas was passed through the solution and liquid NH₃ (10 mL) was condensed. Lithium metal (block, 48 mg, 6.9 mmol) was cut into small slices (~0.5 mm thick) and added with stirring. The resulting dark blue mixture was stirred for 30 min at -78 °C. The reaction was quenched with MeOH (10 mL). The reaction mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature, as the liquid ammonia was blown off by a nitrogen stream. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo and water (20 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with hexane (20 mL). The aqueous phase was acidified with 1N HCl until pH ~3 and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL). The combined ethereal extracts were washed with satd. NaCl (2 x 20

² R. M. Coates, D. A. Ley, and P. L. Cavender, J. Org. Chem., 1978, 43, 4915.

mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated to give hydroxy acid **3** (46 mg, 84 %) as a yellow oil: TLC R_f 0.03 (10 % CH₃CN in EtOAc); IR (neat) v_{max} 3318, 2936, 1708, 1409, 1247, 1048, 988 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.74 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.76 (quintet, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂), 2.16 (br t, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CH₂), 2.34 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₂), 4.12 (d, 2H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₂OH), 5.48 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 22.9, 23.2, 30.9, 33.4, 58.9, 125.2, 139.2, 179.1. HR-MS (CI): Calcd for C₈H₁₃O₃, 157.0865. Found, 157.0855.



(45)-3-((Z)-7-Hydroxy-5-methylhept-5-enoyl)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinone (4a). The *N*-acylation procedure reported by Joullié for a different compound was followed.³ A solution of (*S*)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinone (351 mg, 2.72 mmol) in THF (12 mL) was stirred and cooled at -78 °C, as *n*BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 1.7 mL, 2.72 mmol) was added dropwise. The clear solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. In a separate flask, a solution of acid **3** (430 mg, 2.72 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was stirred and cooled at 0 °C, as pivaloyl chloride (345 mg, 2.86 mmol) was added followed by Et₃N (289 mg, 2.86 mmol). The milky suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min, and cooled to -78 °C. The solution of the lithio oxazolidinone was transferred by cannula into the above mixed anhydride at -78 °C. The resulting white suspension was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. The reaction was quenched by the addition of water (30 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (100 mL), satd. NH₄Cl (100 mL), and satd. NaCl (100 mL); dried over MgSO₄; and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (30 % EtOAc in hexane) to give imide **4a** (579 mg, 79 %) as a yellow oil: IR (neat) v_{max} 3406, 2964, 2976, 2855, 1780, 1702, 1387, 1207,

³ V. Guerlavais, P. J. Carroll, and M. M. Joullié, *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry*, 2002, 13, 675.

1018 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 0.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, C*H*₃), 0.92 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, C*H*₃), 1.65 (br s, 1H, -O*H*), 1.75 (q, 3H, *J* = 1.0 Hz, C*H*₃), 1.78 (quintet of d, 2H, *J* = 7.3, 2.0 Hz, C*H*₂), 2.16 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5, C*H*₂), 2.37 (septet of d, 1H, *J* = 7.1, 3.9 Hz, C*H*(CH₃)₂), 2.83-2.98 (m, 2H, C*H*₂CO), 4.11 (dq, 2H, *J* = 7.2, 0.7 Hz, C*H*₂OH), 4.21 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, *J*_{BX} = 2.6 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.0 Hz, C*H*₂O), 4.27 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, *J*_{AX} = 8.7 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.0 Hz, C*H*₂O), 4.43 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, C*H*N); 5.50 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 7.2, 0.7 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 127 MHz) 14.8, 18.2, 22.6, 23.5, 28.6, 31.0, 35.1, 58.6, 59.1, 63.6, 125.5, 139.2, 154.4, 173.3; HR-MS (CI): Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂NO₄, 268.1545. Found, 268.1549.



(4*S*)-3-((*Z*)-7-Hydroxy-5-methylhept-5-enoyl)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (4b). The *N*-acylation procedure described above was followed. Reaction of (4*S*)-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (448 mg, 2.53 mmol) with mixed anhydride formed *in situ* from acid **3** (400 mg, 2.53 mmol) yielded imide **4b** (562 mg, 70 %) as a light yellow oil: IR (neat) v_{max} 3406, 2932, 2360, 1780, 1699, 1454, 1388, 1352, 1212, 989, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.68 (br s, 1H, -O*H*), 1.77 (d, 3H, *J* = 1.3 Hz, C*H*₃), 1.82 (quintet of d, 2H, *J* = 7.6, 1.4 Hz, C*H*₂), 2.19 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.5, C*H*₂), 2.76 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.4, 9.7 Hz, C*H*₂Ph), 2.85-3.00 (m, 2H, C*H*₂CO), 3.31 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.4, 3.4 Hz, C*H*₂Ph), 4.13 (dd, 2H, *J* = 7.3, 0.7 Hz, C*H*₂OH), 4.17 (v_B of A<u>BX</u>, *J*_{BX} = 3.4 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, C*H*₂O), 4.21 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, *J*_{AX} = 6.8 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, C*H*₂O), 4.67 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, C*H*N); 5.51 (br t, 1H, *J* = 7.2, vinyl *H*), 7.20-7.37 (m, 5H, aromatic *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 173.3; HR-MS (CI): Calcd for C₁₈H₂₄NO₄, 318.1705. Found, 318.1703.



(45)-3-((*Z*)-7-Diethylphosphoryloxy-5-methylhept-5-enoyl)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinone. The procedure reported by Coates was followed.⁴ A solution of alcohol **4a** (50 mg, 0.19 mmol) and pyridine (18 mg, 0.22 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was stirred and cooled at 0 °C, as diethyl chlorophosphate (34 mg, 0.20 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, at which time TLC showed around 50 % conversion. Pyridine (18 mg, 0.22 mmol) was added followed by diethyl chlorophosphate (34 mg, 0.20 mmol). The solution was stirred for additional 10 min at 0 °C. TLC showed that all of the alcohol was consumed, and ether (10 mL) was added. The ethereal solution was washed with aq. HCl (1M, 3 x 10 mL), satd. NaHCO₃ (3 x 10 mL), and brine (10 mL); dried over anhydrous MgSO₄; and concentrated to give the phosphate (70 mg, ~93 %) as a colorless oil: TLC R_f 0.20 (50 % EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 0.82 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH₃), 0.86 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH₃), 1.28 (td, 6H, J = 7.0, 0.9 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 1.69-1.72 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.77-2.92 (m, 2H, CH₂CO), 4.04 (quintet, 4 H, J = 7.5 Hz, OCH₂CH₃), 4.14-4.26 (m, 2H, CH₂O), 4.38 (m, 1H, CHN); 4.48 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.8 Hz, CH₂OP), 5.39 (t, 1H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, vinyl *H*). This compound was used in the enolate cyclization reactions without further purification.

⁴ M. M. Ravn, Q. Jin, and R. M. Coates, Eur. J. Org. Chem., 2000, 1401.



(4S)-3-((Z)-7-Chloro-5-methylhept-5-enoyl)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone. The chloride displacement procedure reported by Meyers was followed.⁵ A suspension of LiCl (189 mg, 4.46 mmol), alcohol 4a (120 mg, 0.45 mmol), and s-collidine (541 mg, 4.46 mmol) in DMF (2.5 mL) was stirred and cooled at 0 °C, as MsCl (154 mg, 1.34 mmol) was added. The suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 1h. Ice water (10 mL) was added, and the product was extracted with cold ether (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with satd. Cu(NO₃)₂ (3 x 15 mL), satd. NaCl (20 mL), satd. NaHCO₃ (20 mL), and satd. NaCl (20 ml); dried over MgSO₄; concentrated to give the chloride (130 mg) containing Et₂O (15 % of weight) as a yellow oil: TLC R_f 0.43 (30 % EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 0.86 (d, $3H, J = 7.0 Hz, CH_3$, 0.90 (d, $3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH_3$), 1.76 (br s, $3H, CH_3$), 1.73-1.81 (m, $2H, CH_2$), 2.11-2.22 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.35 (septet of d, 1H, J = 7.1, 3.9 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.82-2.99 (m, 2H, CH₂CO), 4.07 (br d, 2H, J = 8.1 Hz, CH_2Cl), 4.19 (v_B of ABX, $J_{BX} = 2.6$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.0$ Hz, CH_2O), 4.25 (v_A of ABX, $J_{AX} =$ 8.2 Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.0$ Hz, CH_2O), 4.42 (v_x of ABX, m, CHN); 5.46 (br t, 1H, J = 7.9 Hz, vinyl H). This compound was used in the enolate cyclization reactions without further purification.



(4S)-3-((Z)-7-Bromo-5-methylhept-5-enoyl)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinone. The bromide displacement procedure reported by Corey was followed.⁶ A solution of alcohol **4a** (69 mg, 0.26 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was stirred and cooled at -45 °C, as MsCl (44 mg, 0.38 mmol) was added followed by Et₃N (56 mg, 0.59 mmol). A white precipitate was formed immediately during the addition, and the resulting suspension was

⁵ A. I. Meyers, and E. W. Collington, *J. Org. Chem.*, 1971, **36**, 3044. ⁶ E. J. Corey, G. Luo, and L. S. Lin, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1997, **119**, 9927.

stirred at -45° C for 45 min. A solution of LiBr (102 mg, 1.17 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added by cannula transfer. The suspension was allowed to warm to 0 °C and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice water (10 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with cold Et₂O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (2 x 30 mL), and brine (30 mL); dried over anhydrous MgSO₄; and concentrated to give the bromide (78 mg) as a light yellow oil: TLC R_f 0.40 (30 % EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 500 MHz) δ 0.44 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₃), 0.55 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₃), 1.49 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.66-1.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.92-2.02 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.15 (septet of d, 1H, *J* = 6.9, 3.9 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.75-2.96 (m, 2H, CH₂CO), 3.33-3.46 (m, 2H, CH₂O), 3.77-3.84 (m, 2H, CH₂Br), 3.95 (m, 1H, CHN), 5.35 (br t, 1H, *J* = 8.4 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 126 MHz) 14.5, 17.5, 22.6, 23.2, 28.5, 29.1, 30.8, 35.1, 58.2, 62.9, 122.6, 142.4, 154.0, 172.5. The bromide was used in the enolate cyclization reactions without purification.



(4*S*)-3-((*Z*)-7-Bromo-5-methylhept-5-enoyl)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone. The bromide displacement procedure reported by Corey was followed.⁶ A solution of alcohol 4b (150 mg) in THF (5 mL) was stirred and cooled at –45 °C, as MsCl (70 mg, 0.61 mmol) was added followed by Et_3N (90 mg, 0.95 mmol). A white precipitate was formed immediately during the addition (1-2 min), and the resulting suspension was stirred at –45°C for 45 min. A solution of LiBr (164 mg, 1.89 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added by cannula transfer. The suspension was allowed to warm to 0 °C and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction mixture was poured into ice water (5 mL). The organic layer was separated, and aqueous layer was extracted with cold Et_2O (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic solution was washed with satd. NaHCO₃ (2 x 30 mL), and brine (30 mL); dried over anhydrous MgSO₄; and concentrated to give the bromide (170

mg) as a light yellow oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.80 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.85 (quintet, 2H, J = 8.3 Hz, CH₂), 2.18-2.30 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.78 (dd, 1H, J = 13.3, 9.5 Hz, CH₂Ph), 2.87-3.03 (m, 2H, CH₂CO), 3.31 (dd, 1H, J = 13.3, 3.3 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.03 (dd, 2H, J = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, CH₂OH), 4.16 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, $J_{BX} = 3.6$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.1$ Hz, CH₂O), 4.20 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, $J_{AX} = 7.0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.1$ Hz, CH₂O), 4.68 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, CHN); 5.58 (br t, 1H, J = 8.5, vinyl H), 7.16-7.35 (m, 5H, aromatic H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 22.3, 23.6, 29.5, 30.9, 35.2, 38.1, 55.4, 66.5, 122.4, 127.6, 129.2, 129.7, 135.5, 142.8, 153.7, 173.1. The bromide was used in the enolate cyclization reactions without purification.



(4*S*)-3-((4'*R*)-1'-Methylcyclohexene-4'-carbonyl)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (6). A solution of the bromide (170 mg, 0.89 mmol) in THF (4.5 mL) was stirred and cooled at -78 °C, as NaHMDS (1M solution in THF, 447 µL, 0.45 mmol) was added slowly over 15 min. The resulting yellowish solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. Satd. NH₄Cl (5 mL) was added, and the mixture was warmed to room temperature. The product was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 5 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15 % EtOAc in hexane) to yield the imide **6** (R=Bn) as a white crystalline solid (89 mg, 67 %). Only one diastereomer was detected by GC analysis (R_1 15.38 min, Program: initial temperature 210 °C, hold for 5 min, 4 °C/min until 300 °C). Physical data for the imide **6**: TLC R_f 0.46 (30 % EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.67 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.73 (dtd, 1H, J = 12.6, 11.7, 5.6 Hz, CH₂), 1.91-1.97 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.08-2.14 (m, 1H, CH₂); 2.21-2.32 (m, 2H, CH₂); 2.77 (dd, 1H, J = 13.3, 9.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.26 (dd, 1H, J = 13.3, 3.3 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.67 (dddd, 1H, J = 12.5, 10.1, 5.6, 2.8 Hz, CHCO); 4.17 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, J_{BX} = 3.2 Hz, J_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.18 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, J_{AX} = 7.8 Hz, J_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.68 (v_X

of AB<u>X</u>, m, C*H*N); 5.42 (br s, 1H, vinyl *H*), 7.19-7.34 (m, 5H, aromatic *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 23.6, 25.9, 27.9, 29.6, 38.1, 38.6, 55.4, 66.2, 119.2, 127.5, 129.1, 129.6, 133.9, 135.5, 153.3, 176.7; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +106 ° (*c* 1.25, CHCl₃) (lit.⁷ $[\alpha]_{589}$ +113°, *c* 1.63, CH₂Cl₂); m.p. 83-84 °C (lit. 85.7-86.6 °C); The S, R enantiomer *ent*-6 (R=Bn) was also prepared from the enantiomeric oxazolidinone by the same procedure, yield 197 mg (74 %), $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -113 ° (*c* 1.6, CH₂Cl₂). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of the R, S enantiomer 6. The physical data are in good agreement with the literature reported by Evans.⁷



(4*S*)-3-((4'*R*)-1'-Methylcyclohexene-4'-carbonyl)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinone (6). The intramolecular alkylation procedure described above for compound **6** (R=Bn) was followed. Cyclization of the bromide (78 mg, 0.24 mmol) using NaHMDS (1M solution in THF, 258 μL, 0.26 mmol) at -78 °C for 1 h provided the cyclic product **6** (38 mg, 64 %) as a white crystalline solid: TLC R_f 0.41 (30 % EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 0.86 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *CH*₃), 0.91 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, *CH*₃), 1.65 (br s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.71 (dtd, 1H, *J* = 12.7, 11.6, 5.6 Hz, *CH*₂), 1.86-2.00 (m, 2H, *CH*₂), 2.04-2.19 (m, 2H, *CH*₂); 2.19-2.38 (m, 2H, *CH*₂); 3.68 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 11.5, 10.2, 5.2, 2.7 Hz, *CH*CO); 4.19 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, *J*_{BX} = 3.3 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.0 Hz, *CH*₂O), 4.27 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, *J*_{AX} = 8.2 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.0 Hz, *CH*₂O), 4.45 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, *CH*N); 5.38 (br s, 1H, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 14.8, 18.1, 23.6, 25.5, 28.4, 28.6, 29.6, 38.7, 58.6, 63.4, 119.2, 134.1, 153.9, 176.7; m.p. 71.5-73.5 °C (lit.⁷ 76.2-77.5 °C); [α]_D²³ +118.8 ° (*c* 6.2, CHCl₃); HR-MS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₄H₂₂NO₃, 252.1600. Found, 252.1600.

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⁸ D. A. Evans, T. C. Britton, and J. A. Ellman, *Tetrahedron Lett.*, 1987, 28, 6141.



(*R*)-4-Methylcyclohex-3-enecarboxylic Acid (8). The procedure reported by Evans was followed.⁸ A solution of imide 6 (62 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (3.75 mL) and H₂O (1.25 mL) was stirred and cooled at 0 °C, as hydrogen peroxide (30 % in H₂O, 168 µL, 1.48 mmol) was added, followed by LiOH (21 mg, 0.49 mmol). The mixture was allowed to warm to rt and stirred at rt for 18 h. An aqueous solution of Na₂SO₃ (10 %, 10 mL) was added. The solvent was evaporated, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 10 mL). The aqueous solution was acidified with 3M HCl to pH ~3 and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined CH₂Cl₂ extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to recover the oxazolidinone chiral auxiliary (64 mg, ~ 100 % recovery). The combined ethyl acetate extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to give acid 8 (31 mg, 90 %) as a white solid: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.66 (d, 3H, *J* = 1.0 Hz, CH₃), 1.68-1.77 (m, 1H, CH₂), 2.01-2.08 (m, 3H, CH₂), 2.23-2.28 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.54 (dddd, 1H, *J* = 11.2, 9.0, 6.4, 2.7 Hz, CHCO), 5.39 (m, 1H, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 23.7, 25.4, 27.6, 29.3, 39.2, 119.2, 134.1, 182.9; m.p. 92-94 °C (lit.⁹ 98-98.5 °C); [α]₀²³ +67.9° (*c* 1.4, CHCl₃) (lit.¹⁰ [α]_D-68.6°, *c* 0.5, CHCl₃). The data are in good agreement with the literature data reported by Oppolzer¹⁰ and Wipf.¹¹

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(4R)-3-((4'R)-1'-Methylcyclohexene-4'-carbonyl)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinone (ent-7). The Nacylation procedure described above for compound 3 was followed. N-Acylation of (4R)-4-isopropyl-2oxazolidinone (18 mg, 0.14 mmol) with the mixed anhydride derived from acid 8 (20 mg, 0.14 mmol) provided (R, R)-imide ent-7 (27 mg, 76 %) as a white solid: GC R_t 13.69 min for 6 (R=iPr), R_t 13.51 min for ent-7, Program: initial temperature 175 °C, hold for 5 min, 1 °C/min until 200 °C); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 0.88 (d, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz, CH₃), 0.91 (d, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 1.66 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.66 (dtd, 1H, J = 12.3, 11.0, 5.2 Hz, CH₂), 1.93-2.21 (m, 4H, CH₂), 2.26-2.39 (m, 2H, CH₂); 3.68 (dddd, 1H, J = 11.0, 10.3, 5.1, 2.7 Hz, CHCO); 4.21 (v_B of ABX, J_{BX} = 2.9 Hz, J_{AB} = 8.9 Hz, CH_2O), 4.27 (v_A of ABX, $J_{AX} = 8.3 \text{ Hz}, J_{AB} = 8.9 \text{ Hz}, CH_2O$, 4.46 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, CHN); 5.39 (br s, 1H, vinyl H); ¹H NMR (C₇D₇, 500 MHz) δ 0.43 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz, CH₃), 0.53 (d, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz, CH₃), 1.55 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.59-1.67 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.76-1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂), 2.03-2.16 (m, 2H, CH₂); 2.50-2.58 (m, 1H, CH₂), 3.25 (v_B of ABX, $J_{BX} = 3.0$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.0$ Hz, CH_2O), 3.38 (v_A of ABX, $J_{AX} = 8.7$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.0$ Hz, CH_2O), 3.83 (tdd, 1H, J = 10.6, 4.8, 2.6 Hz, CHCO), 3.88 (v_x of AB<u>X</u>, m, CHN); 5.36 (br s, 1H, vinyl H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 14.9, 18.1, 23.6, 26.9, 27.0, 28.6, 29.8, 38.6, 58.6, 63.4, 119.4, 133.8, 153.9, 176.6; ¹³C NMR (C₇D₇, 126 MHz) 15.6, 18.6, 24.6, 28.3, 28.5, 29.6, 31.1, 39.9, 59.2, 63.7, 121.1, 134.5, 154.5, 176.8; [α]_D²³ -68.4° (*c* 2.2, CHCl₃); HR-MS (EI): Calcd for C₁₄H₂₁NO₃, 251.1521. Found, 251.1522.



(R)-Benzyl 4-Methylcyclohex-3-enecarboxylate. The procedure reported by Evans was followed.⁷ A solution of benzyl alcohol (144 mg, 1.33 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was stirred and cooled at -78 °C, as "BuLi (623 µL, 1.00 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane) was added dropwise. The clear solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. A solution of imide 6 (R=iPr) (167 mg, 0.66 mmol) in THF (1 ml) was added slowly at -78 °C, and the clear solution was allowed to warm to 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 3 h, the reaction was quenched by the addition of satd. NH_4Cl (10 mL). The solvent was evaporated, and the aqueous solution was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated to give the crude product, which was purified by flash column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexane) to give the benzyl ester (147 mg, 96 %) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.66 (d, 3H, J = 1.3 Hz, CH₃), 1.71-1.79 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.97-2.08 (m, 3H, CH₂), 2.26-2.29 (m, 2H, CH₂); 2.53-2.60 (m, 1H, CHCO); 5.15 (s, 2H, CH₂Ph), 5.39 (br s, 1H, vinyl H), 7.31-7.41 (m, 5H, aromatic H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 23.7, 25.7, 27.8, 29.4, 39.4, 66.2, 119.4, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 133.9, 136.4, 176.0; $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{23}$ +60.7° (c 2.5, CH₂Cl₂) (lit.⁷ $\left[\alpha\right]_{589}$ +62.9°, c 2.1, CH₂Cl₂); The S enantiomer was also prepared from the enantiomeric oxazolidinone ent-6 (R=Bn) by the same procedure, yield 65 mg (94 %), $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{23}$ -59.7° (c 6.0, CH₂Cl₂). The ¹H, and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of the R enantiomer. The data are in good agreement with the reported data by Evans.⁷



(+)- α -Terpineol (9). The procedure reported by Crimmins for a different compound was followed.¹² A solution of MeMgBr (3.0 M in THF, 1.74 mL, 5.21 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was stirred and cooled at 0 °C, as a solution of the benzyl ester (80 mg, 0.35 mmol) in THF (3 mL) was added slowly. The white suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h and warmed to rt. The suspension turned to a colorless solution that was stirred at rt for 12 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, and satd. NH₄Cl (5mL) was added. The solvent was evaporated and the aqueous solution was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash column chromatography (30 % EtOAc in hexane, 1 % Et₃N) yielded (+)- α -terpineol 9 (48 mg, 90 %) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz) δ 1.01 (s, 3H, CH_3 , 1.02 (s, 3H, CH_3), 1.17 (qd, 1H, J = 12.0, 5.6 Hz, CH_2), 1.38 (dddd, 1H, J = 12.4, 11.2, 4.9, 2.4 Hz, *CH*), 1.64 (br s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.70-2.03 (m, 5H, *CH*₂), 5.41 (br s, 1H, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 100 MHz) 24.0, 24.6, 26.8, 27.6, 28.0, 31.7, 45.6, 72.2, 121.7, 133.9; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +93.3° (c 2.2, CHCl₃) (lit.⁷ $[\alpha]_{589}$ +94.1, neat; $lit^{13} [\alpha]_D^{22} + 101$, c 0.1 CHCl₃). (-)- α -Terpineol (ent-9) was also prepared from the enantiomeric benzyl ester by the same procedure, yield 31 mg (86 %), $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -96.4° (c 3.1, CHCl₃). The ¹H, and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of (+)- α -terpineol. The data showed good agreement with the literature reports by Evans⁷ and Piovetti.¹³

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Synthesis of Benzyl Ether Acid 12 from (E,E,E)-Geranylgeranyl Benzyl Ether

(5*E*,9*E*,13*E*)-15-Hydroxy-5,9,13-trimethylpentadeca-5,9,13-trienoic Acid (13). The procedure for the lithium-ammonia reduction described above for compound **2** was followed. A solution of benzyl ether **12** (2.82 g, 7.33 mmol) in THF (150 mL) was reduced with Li (509 mg, 73.3 mmol) in liquid NH₃ (150 mL) at -78 °C for 30 min to provide alcohol **13** (2.16 g, 100 %) as a light yellow oil: IR (neat) v_{max} 3346, 2919, 2652, 1709, 1442, 1384, 1239, 993, 841 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.59 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.68 (br s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.73 (quintet, 2H, *J* = 7.3 Hz, *CH*₂), 1.98-2.12 (m, 10H, *CH*₂), 2.30 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.6 Hz, *CH*₂COOH), 4.16 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, *CH*₂OH), 5.13 (br t, 2H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.41 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 1.0 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 15.9, 16.1, 16.4, 22.9, 26.4, 26.6, 33.5,

39.0, 39.7, 59.5, 123.3, 124.2, 125.5, 133.9, 135.3, 140.0, 179.6; HR-MS (CI): Calcd for C₁₈H₂₉O₃, 293.2111. Found, 293.2116.



(4R)-3-((5E,9E,13E)-15-Hydroxy-5,9,13-trimethylpentadeca-5,9,13-trienoyl)-4-isopropyl-2-

oxazolidinone (14a). The N-acylation procedure described above for compound 3 was followed. A solution of (R)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinone (132 mg, 1.02 mmol) in THF (4 mL) was stirred and cooled at -78 °C, as *n*BuLi (638 µL, 1.02 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane) was added dropwise. The clear solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. In a separate flask, a solution of acid 13 (300 mg, 1.02 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was stirred and cooled at 0 °C, as pivaloyl chloride (129 mg, 1.07 mmol) was added followed by Et₃N (108 mg, 1.07 mmol). The milky suspension was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min, and cooled to -78 °C. The solution of the lithio oxazolidinone was transferred by cannula into the above mixed anhydride at -78 °C. The resulting white suspension was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min. After workup and purification as described previously, (R)-carboximide 14a was obtained as a light yellow oil (316 mg, 77 %): IR (neat) v_{max} 3406, 2963, 2927, 1784, 1703, 1386, 1206, 1020 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 0.88 (d, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 0.92 (d, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 1.60 (br s, 6H, CH₃), 1.69 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.74-1.80 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.97-2.13 (m, 10H, CH₂), 2.38 (septet of d, 1H, J = 7.0, 3.9 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.89 (m, 2H, AB system, CH₂CO), 4.16 (d, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz, CH₂OH), 4.21 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, $J_{BX} = 3.2$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.1$ Hz, CH₂O), 4.27 (v_A of <u>ABX</u>, $J_{AX} = 8.2$ Hz, $J_{AB} = 9.1$ Hz, CH_2O), 4.43 (v_X of ABX, m, CHN); 5.11 (t of sextet, 1H, J = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, vinyl H), 5.13 (t of sextet, 1H, J = 6.9, 1.0 Hz, vinyl H), 5.42 (t of sextet, 1H, J = 6.8, 1.2Hz, vinyl H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 14.9, 16.0, 16.2, 16.5, 18.2, 22.9, 26.5, 26.8, 28.6, 35.2, 39.1, 39.7, 39.8, 58.6, 59.6, 63.5, 123.6, 124.0, 125.3, 134.3, 135.5, 140.0, 154.3, 173.6; HR-MS (ESI): [M+H] Calcd for C₂₄H₄₀NO₄, 406.2957. Found, 406.2959.



(4R)-3-((5E,9E,13E)-15-Hydroxy-5,9,13-trimethylpentadeca-5,9,13-trienoyl)-4-benzyl-2-

oxazolidinone (14b). The N-acylation procedure described above for compound **3** was followed. The amounts and volumes were as follows: hydroxy acid **13** (300 mg, 1.02 mmol), pivaloyl chloride (129 mg, 1.07 mmol), Et₃N (108 mg, 1.07 mmol), THF (15 mL); (*R*)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (181 mg, 1.02 mmol), *n*BuLi (638 μL, 1.02 mmol), THF (10 mL). The reaction afforded 369 mg (80 %) of carboximide **14b** as a light yellow oil: TLC R_f 0.57 (50 % EtOAc in hexane); IR (neat) v_{max} 3396, 2918, 2857, 1784, 1701, 1386, 1212, 999, 703 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 1.59 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.61 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.67 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.75-1.82 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.97-2.13 (m, 10H, CH₂), 2.75 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.1, 9.8 Hz, CH₂Ph), 2.89 (m, 2H, AB system, CH₂CO), 3.28 (dd, 1H, *J* = 13.1, 3.1 Hz, CH₂Ph), 4.13 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.7 Hz, CH₂OH), 4.14 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, J_{BX} = 3.2 Hz, J_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.66 (v_X of A<u>B</u>X, m, CHN); 5.11 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.14 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.14 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.40 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, vinyl *H*), 7.19-7.34 (m, 5H, aromatic *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 15.9, 16.1, 16.4, 22.6, 26.4, 26.7, 35.0, 38.0, 39.0, 39.6, 39.7, 55.2, 59.4, 66.3, 123.6, 124.0, 125.2, 127.5, 129.1, 129.6, 134.2, 135.36, 135.44, 139.6, 153.6, 173.6; HR-MS (EI): Calcd for C₂₈H₃₉NO₄, 453.2879. Found, 453.2880.



(4R)-3-((5E,9E,13E)-15-Bromo-5,9,13-trimethylpentadeca-5,9,13-trienoyl)-4-isopropyl-2-

oxazolidinone. The procedure for the preparation of the allylic bromides described above on pp. 7-8 was followed. Reaction of alcohol **14a** (40 mg, 0.10 mmol) with MsCl (15 mg, 0.13 mmol) and Et_3N (19 mg, 0.20 mmol) in THF (2 mL), followed by displacement with LiBr (34 mg, 0.39 mmol) in THF (2 mL) gave

the bromide (47 mg). The bromide product was used directly in the following step without further purification. NMR data for the bromide follow: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 0.85 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 0.89 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, CH₃), 1.57 (br s, 6H, CH₃), 1.70 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.66-1.76 (m, 2H, CH₂), 1.93-2.12 (m, 10H, CH₂), 2.35 (septet of d, 1H, *J* = 7.1, 3.9 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.85 (m, 2H, AB system, CH₂CO), 4.00 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.7 Hz, CH₂OH), 4.17 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, *J*_{BX} = 4.8 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.0 Hz, CH₂O), 4.24 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, *J*_{AX} = 9.9 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.41 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, CHN); 5.06 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.10 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 6.8, 1.2 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.50 (t of sextet, 1H, *J* = 8.4, 1.3 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 14.8, 15.9, 16.08, 16.16, 18.1, 22.8, 26.2, 26.7, 28.5, 29.9, 35.0, 39.0, 39.6, 39.7, 58.4, 63.4, 120.6, 123.5, 125.2, 134.2, 135.6, 143.7, 154.1, 173.4.



(4*R*)-3-((*S*,3*E*,7*E*,11*E*)- and (4*S*)-3-((*R*,3*E*,7*E*,11*E*)-4,8,12-Trimethylcyclotetradeca-3,7,11-trienecarbonyl)-4-isopropyl-2-oxazolidinones (16a and *ent*-16a). A solution of the preceding bromide (403 mg, 0.86 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was stirred and cooled at -78 °C as NaHMDS (1.0 M solution in THF, 559 µL) was added slowly over 10 min. The clear yellow solution was stirred at -78 °C for 30 min and was allowed to warm to rt. After stirring for 40 min at rt, the reaction was quenched by addition of satd. NH₄Cl (5 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated to give the crude product as a yellow oil (232 mg). The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15 % EtOAc in hexane) to yield the cyclic product **16a** (106 mg, 49 %) as a colorless oil: TLC R_f 0.48 (30 % EtOAc in hexane); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 0.88 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₃), 0.92 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.0 Hz, CH₃), 1.54 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.60 (br s, 6H, CH₃), 1.57-1.73 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.88-2.39 (m, 14H, CH₂, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.70 (tt, 1H, *J* = 9.4, 3.2 Hz, CHCO), 4.20 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, *J*_BX = 3.2 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.26 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, *J*_{AX} = 8.3 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.47 (v_X

of AB<u>X</u>, m, C*H*N); 4.99 (br t, 1H, J = 6.2 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.07 (br t, 1H, J = 5.7 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.19 (br t, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 14.9, 15.4, 16.1, 18.1, 18.2, 23.8, 24.9, 26.6, 28.7, 31.3, 34.9, 39.0, 39.6, 42.9, 58.6, 63.3, 121.9, 122.4, 126.2, 133.6, 133.9, 136.7, 153.7, 176.7; $[\alpha]_D^{23} - 57.8^\circ$ (*c* 2.6, CHCl₃); HR-MS (EI): Calcd for C₂₄H₃₇NO₃, 387.2773. Found, 387.2769; The R, S enantiomer *ent*-16a was also prepared from the enantiomeric oxazolidinone by the same procedure, yield 106 mg (49 %), $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +53.7° (*c* 4.0, CHCl₃). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of the S, R enantiomer.



(4R)-3-((5E,9E,13E)-15-Bromo-5,9,13-trimethylpentadeca-5,9,13-trienoyl)-4-benzyl-2-

oxazolidinone. The procedure for the preparation of allylic bromides described above on pp.7-8 was followed. Reaction of the alcohol (232 mg, 0.10 mmol) with MsCl (82 mg, 0.72 mmol) and Et₃N (105 mg, 1.10 mmol) in THF (10 mL), followed by displacement with LiBr (191 mg, 2.20 mmol) in THF (10 mL) gave the bromide (286 mg). The bromide product was used directly in the following step without purification.



(4R)-3-((S,3E,7E,11E)-4,8,12-Trimethylcyclotetradeca-3,7,11-trienecarbonyl)-4-benzyl-2-oxazol-

idinone. A solution of the preceding bromide (166 mg, 0.32 mmol) in THF (3.2 mL) was stirred and cooled at -78 °C, as LiHMDS (1.0 M solution in THF, 321 µL) was added slowly over 10 min. The yellow solution was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min and was allowed to warm to rt. After stirring for 10 min at rt, the reaction was quenched by addition of satd. NH₄Cl (5 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated to give the

crude product as a yellow oil (153 mg). The residue was purified by flash column chromatography (15 % EtOAc in hexane) to yield the cyclic product **16b** (64 mg, 46 %) as a colorless oil: TLC R_f 0.48 (30 % EtOAc in hexane); IR (neat) v_{max} 2924, 2855, 1784, 1699, 1385, 1210, 702 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 01.56 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.61 (br s, 3H, CH₃), 1.62 (br s, 6H, CH₃), 1.64-1.70 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.73-1.79 (m, 1H, CH₂), 1.91-2.39 (m, 12H, CH₂), 2.78 (dd, 1H, J = 13.4, 9.5 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.27 (dd, 1H, J = 13.4, 3.2 Hz, CH₂Ph), 3.68 (tt, 1H, J = 9.4, 3.4 Hz, CHCO), 4.18 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, J_{BX} = 2.8 Hz, J_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.21 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, J_{AX} = 7.3 Hz, J_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, CH₂O), 4.71 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, CHN); 5.00 (br t, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz, vinyl H), 5.08 (br t, 1H, J = 5.7 Hz, vinyl H), 5.21 (br t, 1H, J = 7.5 Hz, vinyl H), 7.22-7.36 (m, 5H, aromatic H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 15.4, 16.0, 18.2, 23.8, 25.0, 27.0, 30.7, 34.9, 38.2, 39.1, 39.6, 42.9, 55.6, 66.2, 121.9, 122.6, 126.2, 127.6, 129.2, 129.7, 133.6, 133.9, 135.6, 136.8, 153.1, 176.8; [α]_D²³ -48.6° (*c* 0.7, CHCl₃); HR-MS (EI): Calcd for C₂₈H₃₇NO₃, 435.2773. Found, 435.2771.



(*S*,3*E*,7*E*,11*E*)- and (*R*,3*E*,7*E*,11*E*)-4,8,12-Trimethylcyclotetradeca-3,7,11-trienecarboxylic Acids (Bisnor-cembrenoic Acids). The hydrolysis procedure described above for the preparation of compound 8 was followed. Hydrolysis of (*S*, *R*)-imide 16a (82 mg, 0.21 mmol) with LiOH (18 mg, 0.42 mmol), 50 % aq. H₂O₂ (87 mg, 1.27 mmol) in THF (3.1 mL), and H₂O (1.0 mL) provided the acid (38 mg, 65 %) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz); 1.60 (br s, 9H, 3CH₃), 1.68-2.42 (m, 15H), 4.96 (br t, 1H, J =6.0 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.03 (br t, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.15 (br t, 1H, J = 7.4 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) δ 15.5, 15.8, 18.0, 23.9, 24.9, 27.7, 30.0, 34.7, 39.0, 39.5, 44.2, 122.2, 122.6, 126.1, 133.4, 133.7, 136.8, 183.5; The R enantiomer was also prepared from the enantiomeric oxazolidinone by

the same procedure, yield 42 mg (37 %), $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +19.8° (*c* 4.2, CHCl₃); HR-MS (ESI): Calcd for C₁₈H₂₉O₂, 277.2168. Found, 277.2167. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of the S enantiomer.



(4R)-3-((R,3E,7E,11E)-4,8,12-trimethylcyclotetradeca-3,7,11-trienecarbonyl)-4-benzyl-2-

oxazolidinone (17). The N-acylation procedure described above for compound **3** was followed. The amounts and volumes of the reagents were as follows: the R acid (8 mg, 0.03 mmol), pivaloyl chloride (4 mg, 0.03 mmol), Et₃N (3 mg, 0.03 mmol), THF (1 mL); (*R*)-4-benzyl-2-oxazolidinone (4 mg, 0.03 mmol), *n*BuLi (18 μL, 0.03 mmol, 1.6 M solution in hexane), THF (1 mL). The reaction afforded 10 mg (90 %) of (*R*,*R*)-carboximide **17**: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 0.89 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, *CH*₃), 0.93 (d, 3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, *CH*₃), 1.56 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.59 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.60 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.59-1.72 (m, 1H, *CH*₂), 1.77-1.83 (m, 1H, *CH*₂), 1.83-1.92 (m, 1H, *CH*₂), 2.02-2.30 (m, 11H, *CH*₂), 2.38 (septet of d, 1H, *J* = 7.0, 3.9 Hz, CH(CH₃)₂), 3.80 (tt, 1H, *J* = 8.6, 4.3 Hz, *CH*CO), 4.19 (v_B of A<u>B</u>X, *J*_BX = 3.3 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, *CH*₂O), 4.27 (v_A of <u>A</u>BX, *J*_{AX} = 8.5 Hz, *J*_{AB} = 9.1 Hz, *CH*₂O), 4.49 (v_X of AB<u>X</u>, m, *CH*N); 4.97 (br t, 1H, *J* = 5.8 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.07 (br t, 1H, *J* = 6.1 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.15 (br t, 1H, *J* = 7.5 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 14.8, 15.4, 15.9, 17.9, 18.2, 23.9, 25.0, 28.2, 28.5, 29.8, 34.8, 39.0, 39.7, 42.5, 58.7, 63.1, 122.2, 123.1, 126.2, 133.6, 133.8, 136.6, 153.8, 176.9; [α]_D²³ -45.5° (*c* 0.8, CHCl₃).



(S,3E,7E,11E)- and (R,3E,7E,11E)-Benzyl 4,8,12-Trimethylcyclotetradeca-3,7,11-trienecarboxylates. The transesterification procedure described above on p. 12 was followed. The amounts and volumes of the reagents were as follows: (S, R)-oxazolidinone 16a (36 mg, 0.093 mmol), benzyl alcohol

(20 mg, 0.19 mmol), nBuLi (87 µL, 0.14 mmol, 1.6 M in hexane), and THF (1.5 mL). The yield was 30 mg (88 %) of the S benzyl ester: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) 1.56 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.59 (s, 6H, CH₃), 1.74-1.79 (m, 3H, CH₂), 1.99-2.36 (m, 11H, CH₂), 2.40-2.45 (m, 1H, CHCO), 4.95 (br t, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz, vinyl H), 5.03 (br t, 1H, J = 6.0 Hz, vinyl H), 5.13 (br t, 1H, J = 6.8 Hz, vinyl H); 5.15 (d, 2H, J = 2.4 Hz, CH₂Ph), 7.31-7.39 (m, 5H, aromatic H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz) 15.5, 15.9, 18.1, 23.9, 24.9, 27.9, 30.2, 34.7, 39.0, 39.5, 44.4, 66.2, 122.3, 122.4, 126.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.7, 133.5, 133.7, 136.5, 136.6, 176.6; LR-MS (EI): m/z 366.2; HR-MS (EI): Calcd for C₂₅H₃₄O₂, 366.2561. Found, 366.2559; $[\alpha]_D^{23} - 21.1^{\circ}$ (*c* 1.05, CHCl₃); The R enantiomer was also prepared from the enantiomeric oxazolidinone by the same procedure, yield 20 mg (71 %), $[\alpha]_D^{23} + 18.8^{\circ}$ (*c* 1.6, CHCl₃). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of the S enantiomer.



(+)- and (-)-Nephthenol (18 and *ent*-18). The procedure for addition of methylmagnesium bromide described above for the preparation of compound 9 was followed. Reaction of the S benzyl ester (18 mg, 0.049 mmol) with MeMgBr (3.0 M in THF, 245 μ L) in THF (1 mL) provided (+)-nephthenol (18) (13 mg, 93 %) as a colorless oil: ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) 1.21 (s, 6H, *CH*₃), 1.23-1.36 (m, 3H, *CH*₂), 1.57 (s, 3H, *CH*₃), 1.58 (br s, 6H, *CH*₃), 1.62-1.70 (m, 1H, *CH*₂), 1.90 (ddd, 1H, J = 15.2, 8.1, 7.1 Hz), 1.99-2.23 (m, 11H, *CH*₂), 4.95 (br t, 1H, *J* = 5.8 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.01 (br t, 1H, *J* = 6.8 Hz, vinyl *H*), 5.12 (br t, 1H, *J* = 7.1 Hz, vinyl *H*); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) 15.5, 15.8, 24.2, 24.9, 27.7, 27.9, 28.5, 28.6, 37.9, 39.0, 39.6, 48.6, 74.2, 125.2, 126.0, 126.2, 133.3, 133.6, 134.3; $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ +48° (*c* 1.24, CHCl₃); for *ent*-18, lit.¹⁴ $[\alpha]_{589}$ -43.0° (*c* 0.72, CHCl₃); for **18**, lit.¹⁵ $[\alpha]_{589}$ +25.3° (*c* 2.1, CHCl₃). The NMR data agree with the literature report by Pfander.¹⁴ The R enantiomer *ent*-18 was also prepared from the enantiomeric benzyl

¹⁴ I. Farkas, and H. Pfander, *Helv. Chem. Acta*, 1990, **73**, 1980.

¹⁵ Y.-P. Shi, A. D. Rodríguez, and O. L. Padilla, J. Nat. Prod., 2001, 64, 1439.

ester by the same procedure, yield 12 mg (92 %), $[\alpha]_D^{23}$ -46.3° (*c* 1.20, CHCl₃). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were identical to those of the S enantiomer.





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