Supporting Information

Stereocontrolled Synthesis of Carbocycles via Four Successive Pericyclic Reactions

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General

All reactions were performed under nitrogen or argon atmosphere in flame-dried glassware equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a rubber septum, unless otherwise indicated. All solvents were freshly distilled prior to use; diethyl ether and THF over sodium and benzophenone; toluene, DMF, triethylamine, DMSO, DME, and DCM over calcium hydride. MgBr₂·OEt₂ was prepared in our laboratory and stored in the glove box. All other commercial reagents were used without purification, unless otherwise Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis of noted. aliquots using glass sheets pre-coated (0.2 mm layer thickness) with silica gel 60 F_{254} (E. Merck). Thin layer chromatography plates were viewed under UV light and stained with phosphomolybdic acid or *p*-anisaldehyde staining solution. Column chromatographies were carried out with silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh, Merck). ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded in deuterated solvents, on Bruker AMX 300 MHz and Bruker AMX 500 MHz spectrometers. IR spectra were recorded with a Bomem Michaelson 100 FTIR HRMS were obtained on a Kratos Analytical Concept instrument spectrometer. (University of Ottawa Mass Spectrum Centre). Microwave reactions were conducted in a CEM Model ESP-1500 Plus oven, equipped with a EST-300 Plus temperature probe. All experiments were effected in a quartz tube in the presence of two carboflons.TM

2-Isopropenyl-cyclohexanol and 2-Isopropenyl-cyclohexanone (A)

A dry round bottom flask was charged with CuBr·DMS (4.810 g, 23.4 mmol) and THF (300 mL). The solution was cooled to -30 °C, followed by the addition of isopropenylmagnesium bromide (608.0 mL, 0.304 mol). The mixture was stirred for 20 minutes, at which point cyclohexene oxide (22.96 g, 0.234 mol) was added and the solution was stirred to room temperature. The reaction was followed by TLC and quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.) upon completion.

The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. A dry round bottom flask was charged with oxalyl chloride (9.69 mL, 0.111 mol) and DCM (200 mL). The solution was cooled to -78 °C, and DMSO (15.8 mL, 0.222 mol) was slowly added. After 20 minutes of stirring, the crude alcohol in DCM (20 mL) was added to give an opaque white mixture. The latter was stirred at -78 °C for 1.5 hours, followed by the addition of triethylamine (64.4 mL, 0.463 mol). The solution was again stirred at 0 °C for an additional hour and quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.). The mixture was extracted with DCM (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (3-10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded A (9.690 g, 76% over two steps) as a yellow oil. Characterization data is available through the literature.¹

1-Ethynyl-2-isopropenyl-cyclohexanol (B)



To a solution of ketone A (1.055 g, 15.9 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise ethynylmagnesium bromide (94.8 mL, 47.4 mmol). The solution was warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir overnight. The reaction was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.) and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x). The combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded the major diastereoisomer (60:40) **B** as a yellow oil (2.421 g, 59%). IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3548 (m), 3468 (br), 3307 (s), 3079 (w), 2938 (s), 2856 (s), 1639 (m), 1447 (m), 1071 (m), 972 (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.79 (s, 1H), 2.37 (s, 1H), 2.23 (s, 1H), 2.18-2.08 (m, 2 H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.72-1.37 (m, 6H), 1.28-1.12 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) & 148.4 (C), 112.8 (CH₂), 89.0 (C), 71.7 (CH), 67.4 (C), 52.8 (CH), 40.1 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₃), 26.1 (CH₂), 20.8 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}$ [(M-H₂O)⁺] 146.1095, found 146.1095.

1-Ethynyl-2-isopropenyl-1-prop-2-ynyloxy-cyclohexane (7)

To a solution of **B** (2.545 g, 15.5 mmol) and propargyl bromide (5.16 mL, 46.0 mmol) in THF/DMF (9:3 mL) was added sodium hydride 60% in oil (1.860 g, 46.0 mmol) slowly at room temperature. The reaction was followed by TLC and quenched with NH_4Cl (sat. aq.) upon completion. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over $MgSO_4$, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5%) ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded 7 (2.568 g, 81%) as a yellow oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3303 (s), 3073 (m), 2934 (s), 2858 (s), 1641 (m), 1448 (m), 1376 (m), 1143 (m), 1094 (s), 1063 (s), 892 (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.81 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (dd, J_{AB} = 15.2 Hz, J_{AX} = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (dd, $J_{AB} = 15.2$ Hz, $J_{BX} = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.48 (s, 1H), 2.34 (t, J = 2.5) Hz, 1H), 2.25-2.12 (m, 2H), 1.86 (qd, J = 12.4, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (s, 3H), 1.75-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.38 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.16 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 146.6 (C), 113.5 (CH₂), 84.2 (C), 80.9 (C), 75.9 (C), 74.9 (CH), 73.1 (CH), 54.3 (CH), 51.9 (CH₂), 35.8 (CH₂),

¹ (a) Onishi, T.; Nishida, T. J. Chem. Soc. 1978, 651. (b) Fujita, Y.; Onishi, T.; Nishida, T. Synthesis 1978, 12, 934. (c) Utagawa, A.; Hirota, H.; Ohno, S.; Takahashi, T. Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1988, 61, 1207.

26.2 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 22.1 (CH₃), 20.6 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{18}O$ (M⁺) 202.1358, found 202.1348.

2-Isopropenyl-cyclopentanone (C)

A dry round bottom flask was charged with CuBr·DMS (0.733 g, 3.57 mmoles) and THF (100 mL). The solution was cooled to -30 °C, followed by the addition of isopropenylmagnesium bromide (92.7 mL, 46.4 mmoles). The mixture was stirred for 20 minutes, at which point cyclopentene oxide (3.11 mL, 36.0 mmoles) was added and the solution was stirred to room temperature. The reaction was followed by TLC and quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.) upon completion. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was re-dissolved in diethyl ether (50 mL) and Jones' reagent (20.6 mL, 53.5 mmoles) was slowly added at 0 °C. The reaction was allowed to reach room temperature. Upon completion, as observed by TLC analysis, the reaction was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Theresidue was re-dissolved in diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Upon completion, as observed by TLC analysis, the reaction was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (15% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded C (2.145 g, 48%) as a yellow oil. Characterization data is available through the literature.²

1-Ethynyl-2-isopropenyl-cyclopentanol (D)



To a solution of ketone C (2.145 g, 17.3 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise ethynylmagnesium bromide (69.1 mL, 34.6 mmol). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred until completion by TLC, at which point it was quenched with NH_4Cl (sat. aq.). The mixture was

extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded the major diastereoisomer (*66:34*) **D** as a yellow oil (0.989 g, 38%). IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3496 (br), 3305 (s), 3085 (w), 2969 (s), 2923 (m), 2875 (m), 1640 (m), 1450 (m), 1376 (m), 1019 (m), 896 (m), 649 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 5.03 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.41 (s, 1H), 2.19-1.97 (m, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 1.85-1.53 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 143.9 (C), 113.5 (CH), 87.9 (C), 73.2 (C), 71.8 (CH), 57.9 (CH), 42.2 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 25.2 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{10}H_{14}O$ (M⁺) 150.1045, found 150.1016.

1-Ethynyl-2-isopropenyl-1-prop-2-ynyloxy-cyclopentane (14)

To a solution of **D** (2.070 g, 13.8 mmol) and propargyl bromide (4.61 mL, 41.4 mmol) in THF/DMF (30:10 mL) was added sodium hydride 60% in oil (1.656 g, 41.4 mmol) slowly at room temperature. The reaction was followed by TLC and quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH₄Cl upon

² Sate, T.; Takezoe, K. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1991**, *32*, 4003.

completion. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded **14** (2.234 g, 86%) as a yellow oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3297 (s), 3076 (w), 2970 (s), 2875 (m), 1640 (m), 1451 (m), 1375 (m), 1185 (m), 1065 (s), 894 (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) 4.88-4.86 (m, 2H), 4.25 (dd, $J_{AB} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{AX} = 25$ Hz, 1H), 4.16 (dd, $J_{AB} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{BX} = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.62-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 2.33 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.24 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.86 (m, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.83-1.56 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 143.7 (C), 113.7 (CH₂), 84.2 (C), 82.6 (C), 81.4 (C), 75.2 (CH), 73.7 (CH), 58.3 (CH), 53.3 (CH₂), 38.9 (CH₂), 28.1 (CH₂), 23.0 (CH₃), 21.6 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₃H₁₆O (M⁺) 188.1201, found 188.1117.

2-Ethynyl-bicyclohexyl-1'-en-2-ol (E)



To a solution of 2-(1-cyclohexenyl)-cyclohexanone (3.99 g, 22.4 mmol) in THF (60 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise ethynylmagnesium bromide (67.2 mL, 33.6 mmol). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred until completion by TLC, at which point it was quenched with

NH₄Cl (sat. aq.). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded the major diastereoisomer (*60:40*) **E** as a white solid (2.454 g, 54%). IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3439 (br), 3253 (m), 2939 (w), 1642 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 5.53 (s, 1H), 2.51-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.34 (s, 1H), 2.25 (s, 1H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 1H), 2.04-1.89 (m, 4H), 1.71-1.32 (m, 10H), 1.26-1.11 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) 140.8 (C), 123.8 (CH), 89.4 (C), 71.4 (CH), 67.6 (C), 53.0 (CH), 39.9 (CH₂), 32.3 (CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 26.3 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂), 20.9 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O (M⁺) 204.1514, found 204.1498; m.p. 77.5-78.3 °C.

2'-Ethynyl-2'-prop-2-ynyloxy-bicyclohexyl-1-ene (20)

To a solution of **E** (0.800 g, 3.92 mmol) and propargyl bromide (1.53 mL, 13.7 mmol) in THF/DMF (9:3 mL) was added sodium hydride 60% in oil (0.548 g, 13.7 mmol) slowly at room temperature. The reaction was followed by TLC and quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.) upon completion. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash

chromatography (5% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded **20** (0.938 g, 99%) as a colourless oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3307 (s), 2930 (s), 2856 (s), 1447 (m), 1137 (m), 1091 (m), 1072 (m), 1056 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 5.54 (s, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J_{AB} = 15.2 Hz, J_{AX} = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (dd, J_{AB} = 15.2 Hz, J_{BX} = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (s, 1H), 2.34 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.17 (m, 2H), 1.98 (m, 4H), 1.85 (qd, J = 12.6, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.73-1.69 (m, 1H), 1.58-1.36 (m, 8H), 1.32-1.21 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 138.9 (C), 124.7 (CH), 84.8 (C), 81.5 (C), 76.7 (C), 75.1 (CH), 73.4 (CH), 55.3 (CH), 52.3 (CH₂), 36.5 (CH₂), 28.1 (CH₂), 26.5 (CH₂), 26.3 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 23.7 (CH₂), 23.0 (CH₂), 20.1 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₂O (M⁺) 242.1671, found 242.1625.

2-Isopropenyl-2-methyl-cyclohexanone (F)

To a solution of sodium methoxide (5.330 g, 38.6 mmoles) in THF (100 mL) at 0 °C was added ketone **A** (2.633 g, 46.3 mmol) in THF (20 mL) *via* canula. The solution was stirred for 20 minutes and freshly distilled methyl iodide (2.40 mL, 38.6 mmoles) was added. The reaction was followed by TLC and quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.) upon completion. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (3% hexanes in benzene) afforded **F** as a yellow oil. (3.73 g, 64%). IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2967 (m), 2937 (s), 2865 (m), 1710 (s), 1638 (m), 1449 (m), 898 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.69 (s, 1H), 2.52-2.42 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.17 (m, 2H), 1.97-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.53 (m, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.44-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.06 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 214.5 (C), 146.7 (C), 112.3 (CH₂), 55.2 (C), 39.8 (CH₂), 37.9 (CH₂), 27.9 (CH₂), 24.5 (CH₃), 21.8 (CH₂), 19.5 (CH₃); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₀H₁₆O (M⁺) 152.1201, found 152.1329

1-Ethynyl-2-isopropenyl-2-methyl-cyclohexanol (G)



To a solution of ketone **F** (3.736 g, 24.6 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at room temperature was added dropwise ethynylmagnesium bromide (73.7 mL, 36.9 mmol). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and allowed to stir until completion by TLC, at which point it was quenched with NH₄Cl (sat.

aq.). The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) afforded the major diastereoisomer (*63:37*) **G** as a yellow oil (1.712 g, 39%). IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2537 (br m), 2206 (m), 2933 (s), 2867 (m), 1625 (m), 1445 (m), 981 (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 5.08 (s, 1H), 5.03 (s, 1H), 2.47 (s, 1H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.99-1.78 (m, 3H), 1.63-1.38 (m, 4H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.28-1.17 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 150.6 (C), 114.5 (CH₂), 88.3 (C), 72.4 (CH), 70.1 (C), 45.5 (C), 35.3 (CH₂), 31.1 (CH₂), 23.0 (CH₃), 20.9 (CH₂), 20.1 (CH₂), 20.0 (CH₃); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₁H₁₅O [(M-CH₃)⁺] 163.1123, found 163.1130.

1-Ethynyl-2-isopropenyl-2-methyl-1-prop-2-ynyloxy-cyclohexane (17)



To a solution of **G** (1.712 g, 9.62 mmol) and propargyl bromide (5.36 mL, 48.1 mmol) in THF/DMF (18:6 mL) was added sodium hydride 60% in oil (1.924 g, 48.1 mmol) slowly at room temperature. The reaction was followed by TLC and quenched with NH₄Cl (sat. aq.) upon completion. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether (3x) and the combined organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (10%

hexanes in benzene) afforded **17** (1.89 g, 91%) as a yellow oil. IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3302 (s), 3095 (w), 2933 (s), 2886 (m), 1630 (m), 1445 (m), 1374 (m), 1087 (s), 1066 (s), 895 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃; 300 MHz) δ 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.94-4.93 (m, 1H), 4.26 (dd, $J_{AB} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{AX} = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, $J_{AB} = 15.5$ Hz, $J_{BX} = 2.5$ Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 1H), 2.33 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.12-1.98 (m, 2H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.81-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.61-1.32 (m, 5H), 1.24

(s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃; 75 MHz) δ 150.3 (C), 113.2 (CH₂), 83.7 (C), 81.1 (C), 80.5 (C), 76.5 (CH), 73.0 (CH), 52.0 (CH₂), 45.3 (C), 32.1 (CH₂), 31.4 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₃), 22.3 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₂), 20.8 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{14}H_{17}O$ [(M-CH₃)⁺] 201.1279, found 201.1272.

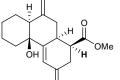
Typical procedure : 1-(4b-Hydroxy-3,9-dimethylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10a-dodecahydrophenanthren-1-yl)-ethanone (11)

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To a microwave quartz cell (100 mL) containing a glass-coated CARBOFLONTM (2 cm) was added a solution of **7** (47 mg, 0.23 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) and triethylamine (2.3 mmol). After bubbling argon for 20 minutes, the solution was heated at 207°C for 60 minutes using microwaves (600 W). The solution was cooled to room temperature and

concentrated. The residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (2 mL) and added to a solution of 2,6-lutidine (0.11 mL, 0.92 mmol) and MgBr₂-OEt₂ (118.8 mg, 0.46 mmol) in dichloromethane (4 mL) previously stirred for 30 minutes. After stirring for 2 hours at room temperature, methyl vinyl ketone (40.3 mg, 0.575 mmol) was added. The solution was stirred for overnight and guenched with a saturated solution of ammonium chloride. The mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3X) and the combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (10% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to afford 11 (31 mg, 49%) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.43 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.85-4.83 (m, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 2.99 (quint., J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (quint., J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H) 2.39-2.08 (m, 4H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.91-1.25 (m, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 209.4 (C), 149.7 (C), 145.7 (C), 141.3 (C), 125.2 (CH), 112.6 (CH₂), 109.9 (CH₂), 72.6 (C), 49.9 (CH), 46.6 (CH), 37.0 (CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 32.5 (CH), 28.8 (CH₃), 27.6 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂), 21.4 (CH₂); IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3498 (br), 3078 (w), 2931 (s), 2856 (m), 1709 (s), 1644 (m), 1608 (w), 1436 (m), 1355 (m), 971 (m), 888 (s); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₈H₂₄O₂ (M⁺) 272.1776, found 272.1813.

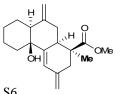
4b-Hydroxy-3,9-dimethylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10a-dodecahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester (9)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3517 (br), 3079 (w), 2931 (s), 2856 (m), 1737 (s), 1644 (m), 1608 (w), 1437 (m), 1276 (m), 1203 (m), 1165 (m), 891 COMe (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.42 (s, 1H), 4.89 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 2H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 2.96 (quint., J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (quint., J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.48-2.11 (m, 6H), 1.90-1.40 (m, 8H); ^{13}C

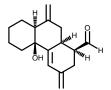
NMR (CDCl₃, 75 Hz) δ 174.4 (C), 150.2 (C), 146.4 (C), 141.5 (C), 125.3 (CH), 113.0 (CH₂), 110.1 (CH₂), 73.0 (C), 52.0 (CH₃), 46.9 (CH), 42.4 (CH), 37.3 (CH₂), 33.5 (CH₂), 33.0 (CH), 28.5 (CH₂), 26.1 (CH₂), 23.0 (CH₂), 21.8 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{22}O_2$ [(M-H₂O)⁺] 270.1620, found 270.1565.

4b-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3,9-dimethylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10a-dodecahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylic acid methyl ester (10)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3524 (br), 3078 (w), 2933 (s), 2857 (m), 1732 (s), 1644 (m), 1435 (m), 1255 (m), 1236 (m), 1109 (m), 891 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.38 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.88 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.67 (s, 3H), 2.58-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.19 (d, J = 14.9 Hz, 1H), 2.15-2.04 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.25 (m, 9H), 1.16 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 148.3 (C), 146.1 (C), 140.3 (C), 123.6 (CH), 113.5 (CH₂), 109.1 (CH₂), 76.4 (C), 72.4 (C), 51.5 (CH₃), 46.4 (CH), 43.7 (C), 39.7 (CH), 36.5 (CH₂), 34.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂), 23.1 (CH₃), 22.4 (CH₂), 21.2 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₉H₂₆O₃ (M⁺) 302.1882, found 302.1863.

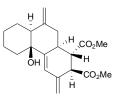
4b-Hydroxy-3,9-dimethylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10a-dodecahydrophenanthrene-1-carbaldehyde (12)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3476 (br), 2931 (s), 2854 (m), 2718 (w), 1721 (s), 1642 (m), 1445 (m), 1073 (m), 890 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 9.75 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.44 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.88-4.87 (m, 1H), 4.78-4.77 (m, 1H), 3.02 (quint., J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.69 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.29 (m, 4H), 1.99 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 1.84-

1.41 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 203.6 (CH), 148.1 (C), 145.8 (C), 139.9 (C), 125.1 (CH), 113.4 (CH₂), 109.7 (CH₂), 71.8 (C), 49.1 (CH), 45.4 (CH), 36.7 (CH₂), 33.1 (CH₂), 32.1 (CH), 27.8 (CH₂), 25.3 (CH₂), 23.2 (CH₂), 21.2 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₇H₂₂O₂ (M⁺) 258.1620, found 258.1634.

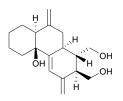
4b-Hydroxy-3,9-dimethylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10a-dodecahydrophenanthrene-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dimethyl ester (13)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3535 (br), 3084 (w), 2931 (m), 2855 (w), 1739 (s), 1643 (w), 1436 (m), 1280 (m), 1260 (m), 1225 (m), 1165 (m), 894 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.41 (s, 1H), 5.03 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.59-3.53 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.64 (m, 3H), 2.30-2.17 (m, 2H), 2.10-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.69 (m, 2H), 1.66-1.29 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ

174.8 (C), 173.1 (C), 147.4 (C), 145.8 (C), 139.6 (C), 125.3 (CH), 113.6 (CH₂), 110.3 (CH₂), 71.3 (C), 52.5 (CH₃), 52.4 (CH₃), 50.0 (CH), 48.5 (CH), 44.9 (CH), 38.6 (CH₂), 35.8 (CH₂), 35.5 (CH), 25.6 (CH₂), 24.1 (CH₂), 22.0 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{24}O_4$ [(M- H₂O)⁺] 328.1675, found 328.1668.

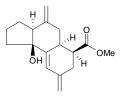
7,8-Bis-hydroxymethyl-6,10-dimethylene-1,3,4,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10a-decahydro-2H-phenanthren-4a-ol.



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3390 (br), 2929 (s), 2850 (m), 1707 (m), 1651 (m), 1447 (m), 1034 (m), 890 (w); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃; 300 MHz) δ 6.37 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.99 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.74 (s, 1H), 3.43-3.57 (m, 4H), 2.84-2.74 (m, 1H), 2.58 (quint., J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.44 (q, J = 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.15-1.22 (m, 13H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 149.0 (C), 146.5 (C), 142.6 (C), 124.6

(CH), 112.3 (CH₂), 109.2 (CH₂), 71.9 (C), 63.9 (CH₂), 63.1 (CH₂), 45.7 (CH), 43.3 (CH), 43.3 (CH), 38.0 (CH₂), 37.4 (CH₂), 32.3 (CH), 25.5 (CH₂), 22.8 (CH₂), 21.6 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{18}H_{24}O_2$ [(M-H₂O)⁺] 272.1776, found 272.1738.

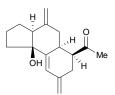
9b-Hydroxy-4,8-dimethylene-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,6,7,8,9b-decahydro-1Hcyclopenta[a]naphthalene-6-carboxylic acid methyl ester (15)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3490 (m, br), 3080 (w), 2952 (s), 2870 (m), 1729 (s), 1647 (m), 1429 (m), 1196 (s), 1172 (s), 882 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.21 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 4.85 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.93-2.89 (m, 1H), 2.78-2.60 (m, 4H), 2.46-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.18 (br. s, 1H), 2.10-1.71 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 173.6 (C), 146.7 (C), 143.3 (C), 140.0 (C), 124.3 (CH), 113.4

(CH₂), 109.5 (CH₂), 80.5 (C), 51.5 (CH₃), 49.4 (CH), 43.1 (CH), 36.0 (CH), 35.9 (CH₂), 34.4 (CH₂), 33.4 (CH₂), 25.6 (CH₂), 21.3 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{17}H_{22}O_3$ (M⁺) 274.1569, found 274.1583.

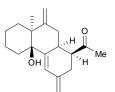
1-(9b-Hydroxy-4,8-dimethylene-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,6,7,8,9b-decahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]naphthalen-6-yl)-ethanone (16)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3486 (br, m), 2986 (w), 2945 (m), 2859 (m), 1700 (s), 1644 (m), 1361 (m), 1160 (m), 884 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.87 (s, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.77 (s, 1H), 2.98-2.94 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.74 (m, 4H), 2.58 (s, 1H), 2.45-2.36 (m, 1H), 2.31 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.06-1.91 (m, 3H), 1.84-1.69 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 209.6 (C), 146.8 (C), 144.3 (C),

139.7 (C), 123.7 (CH), 113.5 (CH₂), 109.5 (CH₂), 80.5 (C), 50.9 (CH), 49.4 (CH), 36.0 (CH), 35.8 (CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 25.6 (CH₃), 21.3 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z cald for $C_{17}H_{22}O_2$ (M⁺) 258.1620, found 258.1620.

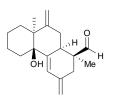
1-(4b-Hydroxy-8a-methyl-3,9-dimethylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10a-dodecahydro-phenanthren-1-yl)-ethanone (18)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3461 (br w), 2927 (s), 2859 (m), 1707 (m), 1445 (w) 1336 (w), 885 (m); ¹H NMR ((CD₃)₂CO, 500 MHz) δ 6.26 (s, 1H), 5.01 (s, 1H), 4.86 (s, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.68 (s, 1H), 3.38 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.55-2.48 (m, 1H), 2.41-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.23-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 3H) 1.98-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.78-1.46 (m, 8H), 1.02 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 210.2 (C), 154.9 (C), 147.7 (C),

140.7 (C), 123.6 (CH), 113.8 (CH₂), 108.5 (CH₂), 73.8 (C), 54.9 (CH), 41.6 (C), 36.2 (CH₂), 34.5 (CH₂), 33.6 (CH), 32.6 (CH₂), 30.4 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₃), 25.9 (CH₃), 20.8 (CH₂ x 2); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{26}O_2$ (M⁺) 286.1933, found 286.1919.

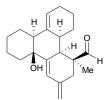
4b-Hydroxy-1,8a-dimethyl-3,9-dimethylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,9,10,10adodecahydro-phenanthrene-1-carbaldehyde (19)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3463 (br w), 2930 (s), 2861 (m), 1718 (s), 1634 (w), 1458 (w), 1444 (w), 1372 (w), 888 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 9.48 (s, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (s, 1H), 4.89-4.85 (m, 3H), 2.95 (dddd, J = 14.3, 14.3, 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.35 (m, 5H), 2.07 (br. s, 1H), 1.95-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.52 (m, 6H), 1.18 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 205.3 (CH), 155.3 (C), 143.9 (C), 139.7

(C), 124.7 (CH), 113.9 (CH₂), 108.8 (CH₂), 73.7 (C), 48.8 (C), 41.6 (C), 40.9 (CH, CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 30.8 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH₂), 26.2 (CH₃), 21.0 (CH₂), 20.9 (CH₂), 20.3 (CH₃); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{19}H_{26}O_2(M^+)$ 286.1933, found 286.1928.

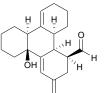
4b-Hydroxy-1-methyl-3-methylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,10,11,12,12a,12btetradecahydro-triphenylene-1-carbaldehyde (21)



IR (neat, cm^{-1}) 3454 (br w), 2929 (s), 2858 (m), 1720 (s), 1449 (w); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 9.74 (s, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 5.53 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (q, J = 14.7 Hz, 1H), 2.18-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.03-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.91 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 1.84-1.06 (m, 14H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 205.0 (CH), 146.9 (C), 140.2 (C), 139.2 (C), 123.2 (CH), 120.6 (CH),

114.2 (CH₂), 72.5 (C), 51.7 (CH), 48.9 (C), 47.1 (CH), 43.4 (CH), 34.0 (CH₂), 33.2 (CH. 2), 29.7 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 25.6 (CH₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 21.4 (CH₂), 21.3 (CH₃), 20.7 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{21}H_{28}O_2(M^+)$ 312.2089, found 312.2077. 4b-Hydroxy-1,8a-dimethyl-3-methylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,10,11,12,12a,12b-

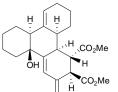
tetradecahydro-triphenylene-1-carbaldehyde (22)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3423 (br w), 2930 (s), 2856 (m), 1718 (m), 1447 (w), 896 (w); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃; 300 MHz) δ 9.69 (d, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (d, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.64-5.59 (m, 1H), 4.96 (s, 1H), 4.90 (s, 1H), 2.84 (quint., J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.69-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.54-2.50 (m, 2H), 2.12-1.17 (m, 17H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 205.5 (CH), 144.6 (C), 139.3 (C), 138.3 (C), 123.4 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 114.2 (CH₂), 72.0 (C), 48.9 (CH), 47.2 (CH), 42.3 (CH), 39.6 (CH), 34.2 (CH₂), 31.3 (CH₂), 27.8 (CH₂), 25.6 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₂), 24.1 (CH₂), 21.5 (CH₂), 20.7 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for

 $C_{20}H_{24}O[(M-H_2O)^+]$ 280.1827, found 280.1824. 4b-Hydroxy-3-methylene-1,2,3,4b,5,6,7,8,8a,10,11,12,12a,12b-tetradecahydro-

triphenylene-1,2-dicarboxylic acid dimethyl ester (23)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3533 (br w), 2931 (m), 2858 (m), 1739 (s), 1436 (m), 1265 (m), 1167 (m); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz) δ 6.47 (s, 1H), 5.36 (s, 1H), 4.97 (s, 1H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.47 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.18-3.04 (m, 2H), 2.61-2.50 (m, 1H), 2.32 (d, J = 11.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19-1.99 (m, 3H), 1.88-1.17 (m, 11H), 0.97-0.82 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz) δ 174.7 (C), 173.0 (C), 147.3 (C),

139.6 (C), 139.5 (C), 127.0 (CH), 121.3 (CH), 111.8 (CH₂), 71.3 (C), 52.1 (CH₃), 51.7 (CH₃), 48.2 (CH), 44.9 (CH), 43.5 (CH), 39.1 (CH₂), 38.5 (CH), 38.0 (CH), 25.4 (CH₂), 24.2 (CH₂), 24.1 (CH₂), 22.1 (CH₂ x 2), 21.5 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for $C_{23}H_{30}O_5$ (M⁺) 386.2093, found 386.2071.

7-Methyl-13-oxa-tricyclo[7.4.1.0^{11,14}]tetradeca-1(14),6,11-triene (24)

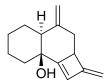


To a solution of **7** (51.5 mg, 0.255 mmol) in toluene (12 mL) in a microwave cell was added Et_3N (0.355 mL, 2.55 mmol). The solution was degassed with argon (30 minutes) and subsequently heated with microwaves at 200 °C for 35 minutes. The solution was concentrated and once it was cooled to room temperature, it was put under the pump (very important as

the compound is somewhat volatile). Purification by flash chromatography (5 % ethyl acetate/95 % hexanes) gave the tandem product **8** (yield not calculated since it is unstable on silica gel) along with the tricyclic compound **24** (13.9 mg, 27% yield) and tricyclic compound **25** (2.2 mg, 4 % yield).

24 : IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2928 (s), 2856 (m), 1570 (w), 1436 (m), 1222 (w), 976 (w), 727 (w); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 6.88 (s, 1H), 4.99 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.25 (ddd, J=13.7, 5.7, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (ddd, J=13.7, 3.1, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62-2.49 (m, 3H), 2.03-1.87 (m, 4H), 1.82-1.73 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.41-1.32 (m, 1H), 1.11-1.01 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 146.7 (C), 133.9 (C), 129. 6 (CH), 128.7 (CH), 124.8 (C), 124.5 (C), 45.0 (CH₂), 41.2 (CH), 32.1 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 28.5 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 22.6 (CH₂), 16.3 (CH₃); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₇O (M-H)⁺ 201.1274, found 201.1275.

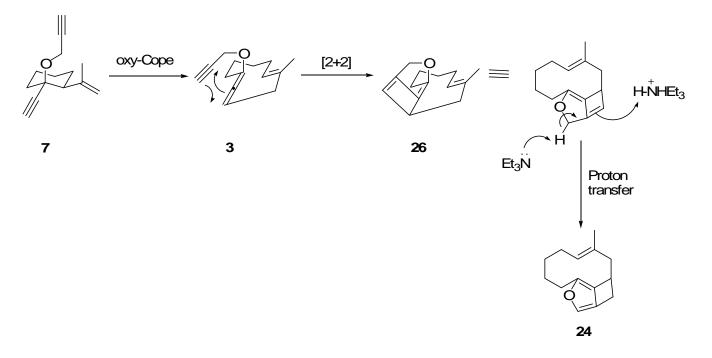
2,4-Dimethylene-2a,3,4,4a,5,6,7,8-octahydro-2H-cyclobuta[a]naphthalen-8a-ol (25)



IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3462 (br), 3079 (w), 2932 (s), 2854 (m), 1718 (w), 1667 (w), 1446 (w), 1276 (w), 890 (w); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 5.93 (s, 1H), 5.00 (d, J=1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (d, J=1.0Hz, 1H), 4.60 (d, J=1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, 1H), 3.12 (dd, J=10.4, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J=12.4, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.96 (m, 4H), 1.83-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.56 (m, 6H);

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 161.3 (C), 150.3 (C), 147.6 (C), 123.3 (CH), 110.9 (CH₂), 97.2 (CH₂), 70.1 (C), 51.3 (CH), 46.3 (CH), 41.3 (CH₂), 31.2 (CH₂), 25.7 (CH₂), 23.4 (CH₂), 20.6 (CH₂); HRMS (EI) m/z calcd for C₁₄H₁₈O (M)⁺ 202.1358, found 202.1358.

The proposed mechanism for 24:



The proposed mechanism for 25:

