## Total Synthesis of (±)-Aspercyclide A and its C19 Methyl Ether

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## Supporting Information — X-Ray Crystallography

Crystal data for **7a**: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BrO<sub>3</sub>, M = 369.29, monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  (no. 14), a = 7.80269(5), b = 14.86805(8), c = 15.69840(8) Å,  $\beta = 92.5603(5)^\circ$ , V = 1819.37(2) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $D_c = 1.348$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$ (Cu-K $\alpha$ ) = 3.154 mm<sup>-1</sup>, T = 173 K, colourless plates, Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur PX Ultra diffractometer; 3516 independent measured reflections ( $R_{int} = 0.0294$ ),  $F^2$  refinement,  $R_1$ (obs) = 0.0255,  $wR_2$ (all) = 0.0761, 2910 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [ $|F_o| > 4\sigma$ ( $|F_o|$ ),  $2\theta_{max} = 143^\circ$ ], 201 parameters. CCDC 747554.

Crystal data for the benzoate ester of **8**: C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>BrO<sub>4</sub>, M = 363.20, monoclinic, Pn (no. 7), a = 8.02056(13), b = 6.60200(9), c = 14.6738(2) Å,  $\beta = 95.5928(15)^\circ$ , V = 773.31(2) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2,  $D_c = 1.560$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$ (Cu-K $\alpha$ ) = 3.764 mm<sup>-1</sup>, T = 173 K, colourless blocks, Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur PX Ultra diffractometer; 2700 independent measured reflections ( $R_{int} = 0.0173$ ),  $F^2$  refinement,  $R_1$ (obs) = 0.0254,  $wR_2$ (all) = 0.0724, 2634 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [ $|F_o| > 4\sigma(|F_o|)$ ,  $2\theta_{max} = 143^\circ$ ], 200 parameters. The absolute structure of the benzoate of **8** was determined by a combination of *R*-factor tests [ $R_1^+ = 0.0254$ ,  $R_1^- = 0.0352$ ] and by use of the Flack parameter [ $x^+ = +0.00(2)$ ,  $x^- = +1.01(2)$ ]. CCDC 747376.

*Crystal data for* **15a**: C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, M = 424.47, monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  (no. 14), a = 18.7407(3), b = 8.56319(13), c = 13.73354(18) Å,  $\beta = 93.1039(14)^\circ$ , V = 2200.73(6) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $D_c = 1.281$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu$ (Cu-K $\alpha$ ) = 0.743 mm<sup>-1</sup>, T = 173 K, colourless canoe-shaped plates, Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur PX Ultra diffractometer; 4188 independent measured reflections ( $R_{int} =$ 

0.0202),  $F^2$  refinement,  $R_1(\text{obs}) = 0.0429$ ,  $wR_2(\text{all}) = 0.1214$ , 3114 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections  $[|F_0| > 4\sigma(|F_0|), 2\theta_{\text{max}} = 143^\circ]$ , 285 parameters. CCDC 747377.

The O(21)-bound hydrogen atom in the structure of **15a** was located from a  $\Delta F$  map and refined freely subject to an O–H distance constraint of 0.90 Å. The O(21)–H···O(22) hydrogen bond has O···O and H···O separations of 2.613(2) and 1.80 Å respectively, with an O–H···O angle of 150°.

- Fig. S2 The molecular structure of 7a (50% probability ellipsoids).
- Fig. S3 The molecular structure of the benzoate ester of 8.
- Fig. S4 The molecular structure of the benzoate ester of 8 (50% probability ellipsoids).

**Fig. S5** The molecular structure of **15a** (50% probability ellipsoids).



Fig. S1



Fig. S2



Fig. S3





Fig. S5