# A Concise Route to the Macrocyclic Core of the Rakicidins 

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General Procedures and Materials. All reactions were carried out under anhydrous conditions under an atmosphere of argon, unless specifically stated. Dry dichloromethane $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right)$, dry tetrahydrofuran (THF), dry acetonitrile $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)$ were obtained by passing pre-dried solvents through activated alumina. Dry 1,2-dichloroethane (DCE) and dry chloroform $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)$ were obtained by drying of HPLC-grade formulations over activated 4A molecular sieves. Yields refer to compounds that homogenous by TLC and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR. If not specifically stated reagents were used as received from commercial suppliers. For flash chromatography (FC), silica gel was purchased from Iatron Laboratories Inc. (Iatrobeads 6RS-8060) or from Sigma (Silica gel 60, 230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed using pre-coated aluminium-backed plates (Merck Kieselgel 60 F254) and visualized by ultraviolet irradiation, $\mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$ or CAM dip. Melting points were recorded on a Büchi B-540 apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared (IR) spectra were acquired on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ UATR spectrometer. UV-vis spectra were acquired on a Varian Cary ${ }^{\circledR} 100$ Bio spectrometer. Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were acquired on a Varian AS 400 spectrometer, running at 400 and 100 MHz for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$, respectively. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to residual solvent signals $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}: 7.26 \mathrm{ppm}\right.$ for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, 77.16 ppm for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR; DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}$ : 2.50 ppm for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, 39.52 ppm for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR; $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}: 1.94 \mathrm{ppm}$ for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR, 1.32 ppm for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR). Multiplicities are indicated using the following abbreviations: $\mathrm{s}=$ singlet, $\mathrm{d}=$ dublet, $\mathrm{t}=$ triplet, $\mathrm{q}=$ quartet, $\mathrm{m}=$ multiplet, $\mathrm{br}=$ broad, $\mathrm{a}=$ apparent. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were acquired on a broad band decoupled mode. Mass spectra were recorded on a micromass LCT spectrometer using electrospray ( $\mathrm{ES}^{\dagger}$ ) ionization techniques. Monte Carlo conformational searches were carried out using the Maestro/Macromodel (vers. 9.1.107) software package. The force field employed was MMFF94S, the number of iterations in each conformational search was 10000, and the solvent employed in the calculation was water.

## Synthetic Protocols and Characterization Data

Methyl 2-(2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)(methyl)amino)acetamido)acetate (8):


A dried round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was charged with $N$-Boc sarcosine $(1.89 \mathrm{~g}, 10$ mmol, 1.0 equiv) and glycine methyl ester hydrochloride $(1.26 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv). The flask was evacuated and backfilled with argon. Dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(50 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added and the mixture was cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then HOBt-hydrate ( $1.84 \mathrm{~g}, 12 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv) was added followed by EDCI ( $2.30 \mathrm{~g}, 12 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv). Finally $N$-ethyldiisopropylamine ( $4.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 25 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.5$ equiv) was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and the stirring was continued under argon for 14 h . The reaction was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organics were washed with 1 N aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(75 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the organic phase was separated. To the heavy precipitate remaining was added $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(60 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(60 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the mixture was shaken vigorously. The organic phase was combined with the first organic extract. The combined organics were washed sequentially with 1 N aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(40 \mathrm{~mL})$, sat. aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(40 \mathrm{~mL})$, and brine $(40 \mathrm{~mL})$. Following drying over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The product was obtained after $\mathrm{FC}\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 9 \times 4 \mathrm{~cm}\right)$ eluting with $\mathrm{EtOAc} /$ pentane $3: 1$ to $100: 0$ as a viscous colourless oil $(2.49 \mathrm{~g}, 8.31 \mathrm{mmol}, 83 \%) . \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.26$, EtOAc/pentane 3:1, $\mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$ dip.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 6.57(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.73(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 2.93(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.45(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 170.0,169.6,80.8,52.8,52.2$, 40.9, 35.7, 28.2. HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{5}$ 283.1270; found: 283.1271.

## Methyl 2-(2-(2-bromo-N-methylacetamido)acetamido)acetate (9):



Boc-Sar-Gly-OMe (8) ( $0.599 \mathrm{~g}, 2.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) was placed in a round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The material was azeotroped with dry benzene and placed under high vacuum for ca. 30 min . The flask was backfilled with argon and then a solution of $4 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{HCl}(\mathrm{g})$ in 1,4-dioxane $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added by syringe. The mixture was stirred at room temperature under argon for 3 h at which time TLC (EtOAc) indicated full consumption of the starting material. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and co-evaporated with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ two times and placed under high vacuum. The hydrochloride salt was then re-dissolved in dry $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(12 \mathrm{~mL})$ under argon, triethylamine $\left(836 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 6.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 3.0\right.$ equiv) was added, and the mixture was cooled to $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. A solution of bromo acetylbromide ( $270 \mu \mathrm{~L} .3 .00 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.5 equiv.) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(4 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added dropwise over ca. 5 min . The reaction was maintained at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 0.5 h and was then allowed to warm to
$0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ over a period of 3 h . The reaction was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(100 \mathrm{~mL})$, and washed with 1 N aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous phase was back-extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organics were washed with brine ( 40 mL ), and the aqueous phase was back-extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organics were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. The bromoacetamide derivative 9 was obtained after $\mathrm{FC}\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 8 \times 3 \mathrm{~cm}\right)$ eluting with EtOAc as a viscous yellow oil ( $455 \mathrm{mg}, 1.62 \mathrm{mmol}, 81 \%$ ( 2 steps) ). $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.42, \mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{EtOAc} 1: 9, \mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$ dip.
The compound was found to exist as a $2 / 1$ mixture of rotamers in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ at room temperature. Data below is for the major rotamer.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 6.80(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.04(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.99(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.90(\mathrm{~d}, J=6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.67(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 171.2,169.5,168.2,52.7,52.0,41.5$, 37.7, 28.4. HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{BrN}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{4} 302.9956$; found: 302.9947.

## Methyl 2-(2-(2-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-N-methylacetamido)acetamido)acetate (10):



Bromoacetamide 9 ( $107 \mathrm{mg}, 0.38 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) was added to a roundbottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The material was azeotroped with dry benzene, placed under high vacuum, and backfilled with argon. Dry dichloroethane ( 0.45 mL ) was added, followed by $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{OEt})_{3}(130 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.76 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv). A reflux condenser was fitted and the reaction was heated to reflux (bath temperature $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) under argon for 13 h at which time TLC ( $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{EtOAC} 1 / 9$ ) showed full conversion of the starting material. The mixture was concentrated in vacuo and placed under high vacuum. The residue was purified by $\mathrm{FC}\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}\right.$, 11 x 1 cm ) eluting with $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{EtOAc} 0 / 100$ to $10 / 90$ to afford the phosphonate ester $\mathbf{1 0}$ as a viscous colourless oil ( $127 \mathrm{mg}, 0.38 \mathrm{mmol}, 100 \%$ ). $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.18$, $\mathrm{MeOH} / E t O A c 1: 9, \mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$ dip. The compound was found to exist as a $6 / 1$ mixture of rotamers in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at room temperature. Data below is for the major rotamer.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.73(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.23-4.13(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 4.16(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.05(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.71(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.23(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=22 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(\mathrm{t}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 170.0,168.9,166.0\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{C P}=6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right), 63.2(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7 \mathrm{~Hz}), 52.1,51.7,40.9$, 37.9, $33.6(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=128 \mathrm{~Hz}), 16.3\left(\mathrm{~d}, J_{C P}=6 \mathrm{~Hz}\right)$. HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{NaO}_{7} \mathrm{P} 361.1141$; found: 361.1145 .

## Methyl 3-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropanoate (12):



Methyl 3-hydroxy-2-methyl propionate $(0.773 \mathrm{~g}, 6.54 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) was added to a dry roundbottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(26 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added followed by imidazole ( $1.367 \mathrm{~g}, 13.1 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv) and $\operatorname{TBDPSCl}(1.888 \mathrm{~g}$, $6.87 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.79 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) in that order. The reaction was stirred at room temperature under argon for 12 h at which time TLC (EtOAc/pentane 15/85) shows full conversion of the starting material. Sat. aq. $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}(25 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to the reaction and the organic phase was separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(3 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$, and the combined organics were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$ and concentrated in vacuo. The silyl ether product 12 was obtained after $\mathrm{FC}\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}\right.$, $15 \times 4 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) eluting with an EtOAc/pentane gradient (0/100 to 10/90) as a colourless oil ( 2.30 g , $6.45 \mathrm{mmol}, 99 \%) . \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.72, \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ pentane $15 / 85, \mathrm{KMnO}_{4} \mathrm{dip}$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.65(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.82(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,10 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $3.72(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=6.0,10 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.68(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.72(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.03(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHZ}\right) \delta 175.4,135.6,133.5,129.6,127.6,65.9,51.5,42.4,26.7,19.2$, 13.5. HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{NaO}_{3} \mathrm{Si} 379.1705$; found: 379.1703 .

## 3-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-N-(1,3-dihydroxypropan-2-yl)-2-methylpropanamide (13):



The TBDPS-ether (12) ( $2.30 \mathrm{~g}, 6.45 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) was added to a roundbottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. The material was dissolved in EtOH ( 11 mL ) and then 1 N aq. $\mathrm{NaOH}(7.0 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.0 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.08$ equiv) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously at room temperature for 14 h at which time TLC (EtOAc/pentane 15/85) shows full conversion of the starting material. The reaction was concentrated in vacuo and re-dissolved in $10 \%$ aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$. The aqueous solution was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(3 \times 30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the combined organics were dried over $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$. Following concentration the crude carboxylic acid product was obtained. This material was then azeotroped with dry benzene and placed under high vacuum. The dry acid was re-dissolved in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ( 30 $\mathrm{mL})$ under argon and serinol ( $0.626 \mathrm{~g}, 6.87 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.05$ equiv) was added. The suspension was cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then HOBt-hydrate ( $1.20 \mathrm{~g}, 7.85 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv) was added followed by EDCI ( $1.50 \mathrm{~g}, 7.85 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2$ equiv). Finally, $N$-ethyldiisopropylamine ( $1.35 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.85 \mathrm{mmol}$, 1.2 equiv) was added, and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and the stirring was continued under argon for 14 h . The reaction was diluted with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(50 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organics were washed with 1 N aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(35 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the organic phase was separated. To the heavy precipitate remaining was added $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(30 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the mixture
was shaken vigorously. The organic phase was combined with the first organic extract. The combined organics were washed sequentially with 1 N aq. $\mathrm{HCl}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, sat. aq. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(20$ $\mathrm{mL})$, and brine ( 20 mL ). Following drying over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ the mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The amido diol product 13 was obtained after $\mathrm{FC}\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 11 \mathrm{x} 4 \mathrm{~cm}\right)$ eluting with $\mathrm{EtOAc} /$ pentane $3 / 1$ to $100 / 0$ and then with $\mathrm{MeOH} / E t O A c 2 / 98$ as a white solid ( $1.74 \mathrm{~g}, 4.19 \mathrm{mmol}, 64 \%$ (2 steps)). $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.23, \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ pentane $3: 1, \mathrm{KMnO} 4$ dip. m.p. $103^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 7.65(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.45-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.87(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.97$ $(\mathrm{m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.84-3.68(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.02(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.49(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.07(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.06(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H})$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 176.0,135.5$ (2 signals), 133.1, 133.0, 129.9, 127.8, 66.2, 63.1, 52.7, 43.4, 26.8, 19.2, 13.7. HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{NNaO}_{4} \mathrm{Si} 438.2077$; found: 438.2070 .

## 3-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)-2-methyl-N-(3-oxoprop-1-en-2-yl)propanamide (14):

TBDPSO O A dry round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar under argon was charged with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2.0 \mathrm{~mL})$. Oxalyl chloride ( $170 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv) was added and the solution was cooled to $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .1400 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of a $1 / 1$ solution of dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and dry DMSO was added dropwise. Following the addition, the mixture was stirred 10 min at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Then amido diol $13(415 \mathrm{mg}, 1.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) dissolved in $1800 \mu \mathrm{~L}$ of $2 / 1 \mathrm{DMSO} / \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 20 min and then $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}(700 \mu \mathrm{~L})$ was added. Reaction was maintained at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for another 5 min and then allowed to gradually (ca. 60 min ) warm to $-15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and then quenched by addition of water $(3.0 \mathrm{~mL})$. The reaction was diluted with water $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ and the organic phase separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}(2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organics were washed with $10 \%$ aq. citric acid $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, water $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$, and brine $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. Following drying over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, the mixture was concentrated in vacuo to afford a viscous yellow oil. The enal product 14 was obtained after $\mathrm{FC}\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 8 \times 3 \mathrm{~cm}\right)$ eluting with $\mathrm{EtOAc} /$ pentane $1 / 1$ as a viscous slightly yellow oil ( $340 \mathrm{mg}, 0.86 \mathrm{mmol}, 86 \%) . \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.75, \mathrm{EtOAc} /$ pentane $3 / 1$, UV and KMnO 4 dip . The material remained stable when stored under argon at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for at least 4 weeks.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 9.17(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.29(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.46-7.36(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H})$, $7.22(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.58(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.73(\mathrm{dd}, J=10.4,8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.58(\mathrm{~m} 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H})$, $1.04(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}){ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 100 \mathrm{MHZ}\right) \delta 188.9,174.0,139.9,135.6,135.5,133.0,132.8$, 129.8 (2 signals), $127.8,127.7,118.2,66.1,44.4,26.7,19.1,13.2$ HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{23} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{NNaO}_{3} \mathrm{Si}$ 418.1814; found: 418.1815 .
(E)-methyl 2,2,6,13-tetramethyl-9-methylene-7,12,15-trioxo-3,3-diphenyl-4-oxa-8,13,16-triaza-3-silaoctadec-10-en-18-oate (15):


In a round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stirring bar was added $\mathrm{LiCl}(8.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv). The salt was heated under vacuum at $140{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight. After cooling, the flask was backfilled with argon. A solution ( $0.30 \mathrm{M}, 0.50 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5$ equiv) of phosphonate ester $\mathbf{1 0}$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ was added to the flask by syringe and the resulting mixture was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. Then DBU ( $30 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.0$ equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred for an additional 10 minutes. Finally a solution ( $0.20 \mathrm{M}, 0.50 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.10 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ equiv) of aldehyde $\mathbf{1 4}$ in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ was added dropwise by syringe and the stirring continued for 4 hours at room temperature. At this time TLC ( $\mathrm{MeOH} / E t O A c 10 / 90$ ) indicated full conversion of the aldehyde with concomitant formation of an intense UV spot. The mixture was co-evaporated with 10 mL of THF to remove most of the $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and concentrated to a volume of ca. 1.0 mL . This solution was loaded directly on a column packed with iatrobeads ( $1 \times 8 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) equilibrated with EtOAc. The column was eluted with EtOAc to afford diene 15 as a viscous colourless oil along with traces of solvent ( $34.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.060 \mathrm{mmol}, 60 \%$ ). $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.50$, MeOH/EtOAc $10 / 90$, UV and $\mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$ dip. The compound was immediately advanced to the next step.

The compound was found to exist as a $2 / 1$ mixture of rotamers in DMSO- $_{6}$ at room temperature. Data below is for the major rotamer.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{DMSO}_{\mathrm{d}}^{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}$ ) $\delta 9.13(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.36(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{t}, J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.63-7.58(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H})$, 7.48-7.38 (m, 6H), $6.95(\mathrm{~d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.85(\mathrm{~d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.99(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.25(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $4.09(\mathrm{~d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.03(\mathrm{~d}, J=16 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.86(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{~s}$, $3 \mathrm{H}), 3.08(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.96(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}) 1.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.96(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (DMSO- $\mathrm{d}_{6}, 100$ MHz) $\delta 173.7,170.2,168.7,165.5,139.5,139.0,138.0,135.0,132.9,129.8,127.8,117.6,66.2$, 51.7, 50.1, 42.8, 40.4, 36.1, 26.5, 18.8, 13.8 HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{31} \mathrm{H}_{41} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{NaO}_{6}$ 602.2662; found: 602.2664 .
( $E$ )-methyl
2-(2-(4-(3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanamido)-N-methylpenta-2,4dienamido)acetamido)acetate (16):


Silyl ether 15 ( $32 \mathrm{mg}, 0.055 \mathrm{mmol}, 1,0$ equiv) was coevaporated with dry THF ( 2 x 3 mL ). The mixture was concentrated to a volume of ca. 1.0 mL and then placed under argon. A dry magnet was added. Then $\mathrm{NEt}_{3}(153 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 1.10$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 20$ equiv) was added followed by $3 \mathrm{HFNEt}_{3}(126 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, $0.77 \mathrm{mmol}, 14$ equiv). The mixture was stirred under argon at room temperature for 90 minutes at which time TLC ( $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{EtOAc} 10 / 90$ ) indicated complete conversion of the starting material. The mixture was loaded directly on a column packed with iatrobeads ( $1 \times 6 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) equilibrated with $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{EtOAc}$ (5/95). The column was eluted with $\mathrm{MeOH} / E t O A c 5 / 95$ to $10 / 90$, which afforded alcohol 16 as a white powder ( $13 \mathrm{mg}, 0.038 \mathrm{mmol}, 69 \%$ ). $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.35$, $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{EtOAc} 15: 85$, UV and $\mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$ dip.
The compound was found to exist as a $2 / 1$ mixture of rotamers in DMSO- $_{6}$ at room temperature. Data below is for the major rotamer.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d $\left.{ }_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 9.03(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.35$ (br t, $\left.J=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 6.93$ (d, $J=15 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 6.81(\mathrm{~d}, J=15 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.22(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.88(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{t}, J=4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.06(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $3.85(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.63(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.37(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.67(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.10(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.00(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.0$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\mathrm{DMSO}_{6}$, 100 MHz ) $\delta 174.1,170.2,168.7,165.5,139.5,139.0,138.2$, 117.7, 63.7, 51.7, 50.2, 42.9, 40.4, 36.2, 14.1. HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{NaO}_{6} 364.1485$; found: 364.1484 .

## ( $\boldsymbol{E}$ )-7,14-dimethyl-11-methylene-1-oxa-4,7,12-triazacyclopentadec-9-ene-2,5,8,13-tetraone

 (5):

Alcohol 16 ( $13.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.038 \mathrm{mmol}, 1,0$ equiv) was placed briefly on the high vacuum line and then dissolved in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ under argon. A dry magnet was added. Then DBU (15 $\mu \mathrm{L} .0 .10 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.6$ equiv) was added and the mixture stirred at room temperature. After ca. 20 minutes a heavy precipitate develops. The mixture was stirred for additional of 70 minutes at which time TLC ( $\mathrm{MeOH} / E t O A c$ 15/85) indicates full conversion of the alcohol spot into a slightly more polar spot. 10 mL of $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was added and the mixture filtered. The resulting white powder was washed with $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and pentane $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$. After drying under high vacuum, macrocycle $\mathbf{5}$ was obtained as a white powder ( $9.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.032$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 84 \%) . \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}=0.27, \mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{EtOAc} 15: 85$, UV and $\mathrm{KMnO}_{4}$ dip. m.p. $240{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (decomp).

IR (neat) $v_{\max } / \mathrm{cm}^{-1} 3361,3278,1720,1669,1646,1609,1591,1553,1508,1400,1308,1256$, 1008, 973, 862. UV $\lambda_{\max }(\mathrm{EtOH}) / \mathrm{nm} 255\left(\varepsilon / \mathrm{dm}^{3} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} 7600\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d ${ }_{6}, 400$ $\mathrm{MHz}) \delta 9.27(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.62(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{t}, J=6.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.98(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.08(\mathrm{~d}, J=15.2$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.50(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.28(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=18.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.07-3.96(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.89(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 3.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=18.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.91(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.76(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (DMSO-d $\left.{ }_{6}, 100 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 172.2,169.3,168.4,166.2,139.2,138.1,120.5,117.9,66.9,52.3$, 41.1, 38.6, 35.6, 14.0. HRMS calc.: $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{NaO}_{5} 332.1222$; found: 332.1235 .

For NOE experiments, see spectra attached below.

## Spectra


















## NOE-experiments with rakicidin macrocycle (5)






