#### **Supporting Information**

#### The Bulky Side Chain of Antillatoxin is Important for Potent Toxicity: Rational Design of Photoresponsive Cytotoxins Based on SAR Study

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S2-S17: Experimental S18-S67: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of newly synthesized compounds **General Methods.** <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian INOVA 500 (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectrometer, a JEOL ECX 500 (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectrometer or a JEOL ECA 500 (500 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, 125 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C NMR) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are denoted in  $\delta$  (ppm) relative to residual solvent peaks as internal standard (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  7.26, <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  77.0; CD<sub>3</sub>OD, <sup>1</sup>H  $\delta$  3.31, <sup>13</sup>C  $\delta$  49.0). IR spectra were recorded on a JASCO FT/IR-410 spectrometer or a JASCO FT/IR-4100 spectrometer. Mass spectra were recorded on a PerSeptive Biosystems Mariner Biospectrometry Workstation instrument or Bruker BioTOF-Q spectrometer. Optical rotations were recorded on a JASCO P-1010 polarimeter or a JASCO P-2100 polarimeter. All reactions were monitored by TLC on MERCK TLC plates silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> under UV light (254 nm), and/or developed by 10% ethanolic phosphomolybdic acid or 5% (v/v) *p*-anisaldehyde solution in ethanol with 5% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Flash column chromatography was performed using MERCK Silica gel 60 particle size 0.040-0.063 mm (230-400 mesh ASTM). Dry hexane and toluene were dried over MS4Å. Dry DMF, pyridine and DMSO were distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub>.

The atom numbering of compounds is shown below.



antillatoxin (1a)



(1a).<sup>S</sup> Antillatoxin То (48.6 a mixture of 3 mg, 91.1 µmol) and (Z)-2-(4,4-dimethylpent-2-en-2-yl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (81.7 mg, 364 µmol) were added dry THF (300 µL), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppf)·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (18.6 mg, 22.8 µmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (119 mg, 364 µmol) and Ph<sub>3</sub>As (14.0 mg, 45.6 µmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and filtrated through a pad of Celite with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography (hexane/AcOEt = 3/1 to 1.5/1) and HPLC (column: Inetrsil ODS-3  $\phi 10 \ge 250$  mm, flow rate: 2 mL/min, detection: UV 210 nm, eluent: MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O = 4/1,  $T_R$  = 25.2 min) to give 35.7 mg of 1 (78%): colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{26.7} = -163^{\circ}$  (c 0.55, MeOH); IR (film) v 3282, 2962, 1735, 1644, 1556, 1457, 1262, 1166, 960, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz)  $\delta$  0.86 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, H15'), 0.87 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, H13), 0.97 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H, H14'), 1.12 (s, 9H, H11, H16, H17), 1.42 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H, H11'), 1.55 (s, 3H, H14), 1.79 (s, 3H, H15), 2.17 (dq, J = 11.5, 6.9 Hz, 1H, H4), 2.43 (dqq, J = 10.9, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H, H13'), 2.81 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H, H2), 2.86 (s, 3H, H12'), 2.99 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H, H2), 3.48 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1H, H8'), 4.25 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H, H5'), 4.69 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 10.3 Hz, 1H, H8'), 5.01 (s, 1H, H12), 5.05 (s, 1H, H12), 5.17 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, 1H, H5), 5.29 (s, 1H, H9), 5.34 (dq, J = 9.2, 6.9 Hz, 1H, H2'), 5.93 (s, 1H, H7), 6.57 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H, H1'), 7.96 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.4, 17.8, 18.5, 18.6, 18.9, 19.3, 26.1, 28.8, 30.8, 32.6, 38.9, 41.1, 43.0, 46.6, 67.1, 83.4, 113.8, 129.1, 130.4, 137.3, 141.5, 144.7, 167.6, 167.8, 171.0, 173.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for  $C_{28}H_{45}N_3O_5Na$  526.3251 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 526.3249.



**9-Methyl-analogue 5a. 5a** was obtained in 75% yield by following the procedure of **1a**: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{25.2} = -201^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.52, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3281, 2968, 1737, 1641, 1550, 1444, 1267, 960, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H15'), 0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H13), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 1.41 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.58 (3H, s, H14), 1.65 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H10), 1.78 (3H, s, H15), 2.18 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 7.5 Hz, H4), 2.43 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 7.4, 6.9 Hz, H13'), 2.81 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 2.85 (3H, s, H12'), 2.98 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.01, (1H, s, H12'), 5.05 (1H, s, H12'), 5.18 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.34 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.2, 6.9 Hz, H12'), 5.42 (1H, q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H9), 5.97 (1H, s, H7), 6.62 (1H, d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, H1'), 7.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.6, 13.6, 16.3, 18.5, 18.6, 18.8, 19.3, 26.1, 28.7, 38.9, 41.1, 43.0, 46.6, 67.1, 83.6, 113.8, 126.1, 129.2, 132.6, 135.5, 144.7, 167.6, 167.8, 171.0, 173.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na 484.2782 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 484.2781.

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**9-Isopropyl-analogue 5b. 5b** was obtained in 86% yield by following the procedure of **1a**: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{25.3} = -178^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.73, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3282, 2963, 1736, 1641, 1552, 1459, 1268, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.88 (3H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H13), 0.94 (3H, d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, H16), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, H11), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H14'), 1.41 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.57 (3H, s, H14), 1.71 (3H, s, H15), 2.18 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.9, 7.4 Hz, H4), 2.43 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 6.3 Hz, H13'), 2.54 (1H, dqq, *J* = 9.7, 5.1, 5.1 Hz, H10), 2.82 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 2.85 (3H, s, H12'), 2.98 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.4 Hz, H8'), 5.00, (1H, s, H12'), 5.05 (1H, s, H12'), 5.14 (1H, d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, H9), 5.18 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5), 5.34 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.1, 6.9 Hz, H12'), 5.94 (1H, s, H7), 6.70 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, H1'), 7.96 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.5, 16.6, 18.5, 18.6, 18.8, 19.3, 22.80, 22.83, 26.1, 27.3, 28.8, 38.9, 41.1, 43.0, 46.5, 67.1, 83.6, 113.7, 129.2, 129.4, 135.6, 139.5, 144.8, 167.6, 167.8, 171.0, 173.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na 512.3095 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 512.3092.



**9-Cyclohexyl-analogue 5c. 5c** was obtained in 80% yield by following the procedure of **1a**: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{25.2} = -165^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.53, MeOH); IR (film)  $\nu$  3283, 2926, 1736, 1643, 1552, 1448, 1267, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H15'), 0.88 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H13), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 1.05 (2H, m, H11ax, H19ax), 1.18 (1H, tt, *J* = 12.6, 3.4 Hz, H17ax), 1.2.31 (2H, m, H16ax, H18ax), 1.41 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.57 (3H, s, H14), 1.60-1.63 (3H, m, H11eq, H17eq, H19eq), 1.69 (2H, m, H16eq, H18eq), 1.71 (3H, s, H15), 2.18 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 6.8 Hz, H4), 2.19 (1H, m, H10), 2.43 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 6.8 Hz, H13'), 2.82 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 2.85 (3H, s, H12'), 2.98 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.00 (1H, s, H12), 5.05 (1H, s, H12), 5.16 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, H9), 5.18 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.34 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.1, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 5.95 (1H, s, H7), 6.70 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, H1'), 7.95 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.6, 16.7, 18.5, 18.6, 18.9, 19.3, 25.93, 25.94, 26.05, 26.09, 28.8, 32.90, 32.96, 37.2, 38.9, 41.1, 43.0, 46.6, 67.1, 83.6, 113.7, 129.3, 129.6, 135.7, 138.1, 144.8, 167.6, 167.8, 171.0, 173.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na 552.3408 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 552.3400.



**9-(1-Adamantyl)-analogue 5d. 5d** was obtained in 80% yield by following the procedure of **1a**: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{24.7} = -147^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.55, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3282, 2904, 1736, 1643, 1552, 1450, 1269, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H15'), 0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H13), 0.97 (3H, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 1.42 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H11'), 1.55 (3H, s, H14), 1.68 (6H, m, H17, H22, H23), 1.77 (6H, d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, H11, H19, H20), 1.80 (3H, s, H15), 1.95 (3H, m, H16, H18, H21), 2.17 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 7.5 Hz, H4), 2.43 (1H, dqq, *J* = 11.5, 6.9, 6.3 Hz, H13'), 2.81 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 2.86 (3H, s, H12'), 2.98 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5'), 4.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.00 (1H, s, H12), 5.02 (1H, s, H9), 5.05 (1H, s, H12), 5.16 (1H, d, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.5, 18.2, 18.55, 18.63, 18.9, 19.3, 26.1, 28.8, 35.2, 36.9, 39.0, 41.1, 42.6, 43.0, 46.6, 67.1, 83.4, 113.7, 129.1, 130.1, 137.6, 141.5, 144.7, 167.6, 167.8, 171.0, 173.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>51</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na 604.3721 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 604.3721.



**9-Triisopropylsilyl-analogue 5e. 5e** was obtained in 78% yield by following the procedure of **1a**: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{25.2} = -140^\circ$  (*c* 0.59, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3282, 2963, 2865, 1738, 1645, 1552, 1461, 1264, 884 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H13), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H14'), 1.04 (18H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H16, H17, H19, H20, H22, H23), 1.13 (3H, qq, *J* = 7.4, 7.4 Hz, H11, H18, H21), 1.42 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.59 (3H, s, H14), 1.84 (3H, s, H15), 2.19 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 6.9 Hz, H4), 2.43 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 6.3 Hz, H13'), 2.81 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 2.85 (3H, s, H12'), 2.99 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.49 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.01, (1H, s, H12), 5.06 (1H, s, H12), 5.20 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.24 (1H, s, H9), 5.34 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.1, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 6.08 (1H, s, H7), 6.60 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, H1'), 7.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.2, 12.7, 18.5, 18.6, 18.9, 19.0, 19.3, 23.5, 26.1, 28.7, 39.1, 41.1, 43.1, 46.5, 67.1, 83.0, 113.8, 125.5, 130.6, 137.4, 144.6, 150.4, 167.6, 167.9, 171.0, 173.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>57</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na 626.3960 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 626.3961.



o-(o-Nitrobenzyloxy)phenylboronic То solution of ester 6a. a 2-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenol (110 mg, 500 µmol) in dry DMF (2.5 mL) were added o-nitrobenzylbromide 5-1 (97.2 mg, 450 µmol) and K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (76 mg, 550 µmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred in the dark at room temperature for 4 h and at 45 °C for another 3 h. The reaction was quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted six times with a mixture of hexane/ $Et_2O = 2/1$ . The combined organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 25) to give 64.0 mg of **6a** (34%): colorless solid; IR (film) v 2976, 1604, 1525, 1450, 1353, 1251, 1147, 1075, 860, 728 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR 500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.41 (12H, s, pinacol), 5.50 (2H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.02 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, H15), 7.05 (1H, dd, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, H10), 7.47 (1H, td, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, H11), 7.49 (1H, td, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.73 (1H, td, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.79 (1H, dd, J = 7.4, 1.7 Hz, H16), 8.20 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.71 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  25.0, 66.8, 83.4, 111.5, 120.9, 124.6, 127.8, 129.4, 133.0, 133.9, 134.7, 137.2, 146.2, 162.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BNO<sub>6</sub> 386.1780 (M+OCH<sub>3</sub>), found 386.1780.



*m*-(*o*-Nitrobenzyloxy)phenylboronic ester 6b. 6b was obtained in 82% yield by following the procedure of 6a. Colorless solid; IR (film)  $\nu$  2979, 1526, 1429, 1355, 1223, 1145, 855, 788 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.36 (12H, s, pinacol), 5.51 (2H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.09 (1H, ddd, J = 8.6, 2.9, 1.1 Hz, H11), 7.33 (1H, t, J = 8.6 Hz, H15), 7.46 (1H, m, H16), 7.47 (1H, m, H9), 7.48 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.68 (1H, td, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.94 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.16 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  24.8, 66.6, 83.9, 117.9, 120.5, 124.9, 127.9, 128.2, 128.6, 129.1, 133.9, 134.0, 146.9, 157.6; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BNO<sub>6</sub> 386.1780 (M+OCH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), found 386.1785.



*p*-(*o*-Nitrobenzyloxy)phenylboronic ester 6c. 6c was obtained in 77% yield by following the procedure of 6a. Colorless solid; IR (film) *v* 2978, 1605, 1528, 1361, 1242, 1144, 1093, 1033, 860, 729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.34 (12H, s, pinacol), 5.52 (2H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.99 (2H, dt, *J* = 9.1, 2.3 Hz, H9, H16), 7.49 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.67 (1H, td, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.78 (2H, dt, *J* = 9.1, 2.3 Hz, H10, H15), 7.88 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.17 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  24.8, 66.4, 83.6, 114.1, 125.0, 128.3, 128.4, 133.7, 134.0, 136.6, 146.8, 160.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>25</sub>BNO<sub>6</sub> 386.1780 (M+OCH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), found 386.1770.



*o*-Iodobenzaldehyde 9. To a solution of *o*-iodobenzylalcohol (1.0 g, 4.27 mmol) in dry MeCN (4.3 mL) were added MS4Å (500 mg), NMO (551 mg, 4.70 mmol) and TPAP (75 mg, 2.14 µmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h and filtrated through short flash column chromatography on silica gel with AcOEt. The filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 50/1) to give 804 mg of **9** (81%, a mixture of aldehyde and hydrate): colorless oil; IR (film) *v* 2853, 1696, 1580, 1438, 1262, 1200, 1015, 822, 754 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.26 (1H, td, *J* = 8.0, 2.3 Hz, H11), 7.44 (1H, td, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, H16), 7.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.3 Hz, H16), 7.93 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, H15), 10.0 (1H, s, H17); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  100.7, 128.6, 130.2, 135.0, 135.4, 140.5, 195.7; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>10</sub>I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na 486.8668 (2M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 486.8661.



*o*-[Bis(*o*-nitrobenzyloxy)methyl]iodobenzene 10. To a solution of 9 (154 mg, 665  $\mu$ mol) in dry benzene (6.7 mL) were added *o*-nitrobenzylalcohol (204 mg, 1.33 mmol) and TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (6.3 mg, 33.3  $\mu$ mol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 95 °C for 20 h using Dean-Stark trap in the dark. TsOH was removed from the mixture using a pad of Florisil with a mixture of hexane/AcOEt = 5/1. The filtrate was

concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography on Florisil (hexane/AcOEt = 40/1) to give 189 mg of **10** (55%): colorless solid; IR (film)  $\nu$  2921, 1613, 1519, 1337, 1202, 1051, 856, 790, 729, 682 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  4.90 (2H, d, J = 14.9 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 4.96 (2H, d, J = 14.9 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 5.92 (1H, s, H17), 6.55 (1H, td, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, H15), 6.66 (2H, t, J = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.96 (2H, t, J = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.01 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz, H11), 7.61-7.63 (5H, m, H16, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.73 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, H10); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  65.4, 98.0, 105.6, 124.6, 128.3, 128.6, 128.8, 130.9, 133.3, 134.4, 139.6, 140.1, 147.4; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 543.0024 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 543.0012.



*o*-[Bis(*o*-nitrobenzyloxy)methyl]phenylboronic ester 6d. To a solution of 10 (96.8 mg, 186 μmol) in dry DMF (930 μL) were added bispinacolato diboron (87 mg, 343 μmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (4.2 mg, 18.6 μmol) and KOAc (65 mg, 662 μmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 12 h in the dark. The reaction was quenched with 0.2 M aqueous phosphate buffer (pH 6.9) at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was extracted five times with a mixture of hexane/AcOEt = 4/1. The combined organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography on Florisil (hexane/toluene = 4/1 and hexane/*i*-PrOH = 100) to give 54.7 mg of 6d (42%, a mixture of 6d/10 = 3/1): colorless oil; IR (film) *v* 2979, 1695, 1525, 1346, 1145, 1036, 858, 729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 1.08 (12H, s, pinacol), 5.10 (2H, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 5.19 (2H, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.67 (2H, m, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.75 (1H, s, H17), 6.95 (2H, m, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.08-7.19 (2H, m, BC6H4CH), 7.64 (2H, m, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.69 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.95 (1H, m, BC6H4CH), 8.12 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, BC6H4CH); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) δ 24.7, 66.0, 83.9, 102.4, 124.5, 126.2, 127.6, 128.4, 128.5, 128.8, 129.0, 131.0, 131.3, 133.2, 133.29, 133.30, 135.2, 136.0, 147.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub> 551.2206 (M+OCH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), found 551.2197.



*m*-Formylphenylboronic ester 11e. To a solution of *m*-iodobenzaldehyde 11e (348 mg, 1.50 mmol) in dry DMF (5 mL) were added bispinacolato diboron (381 mg, 1.50 mmol),  $Pd(OAc)_2$  (33.7 mg, 150 µmol) and KOAc (294 mg, 3.00 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 5 h. The reaction was

quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was acidified with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted twice with a mixture of hexane/AcOEt = 4/1. The combined organic layer was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 50/1 to 20/1) to give 244 mg of **11e** (70%): colorless solid; IR (film)  $\nu$  2979, 1699, 1602, 1359, 1196, 1143, 851, 701 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.35 (12H, s, pinacol), 7.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 7.4 Hz, H15), 7.97 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H11), 8.05 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H16), 8.30 (1H, s, H9), 10.0 (1H, s, H17); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  24.8, 84.3, 128.4, 131.3, 135.6, 137.2, 140.7, 192.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>BO<sub>4</sub> 263.1460 (M+OCH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), found 263.1457.



*m*-[Bis(*o*-nitrobenzyloxy)methyl]phenylboronic ester 6e. A mixture of 6e/11e = 4/1 was obtained in 31% yield by following the procedure of 10. Colorless oil; IR (film) *v* 2979, 1704, 1609, 1530, 1361, 1202, 1144, 1041, 855, 790 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.12 (12H, s, pinacol), 4.84 (2H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 4.93 (2H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 5.59 (1H, s, H17), 6.70 (2H, td, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.95 (2H, td, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.27 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H15), 7.57 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.62 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.68 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H11), 8.10 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H16), 8.41 (1H, s, H9); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  24.9, 64.8, 83.9, 102.8, 124.5, 127.7, 128.8, 130.0, 133.3, 133.8, 134.8, 136.1, 137.5, 147.4, 191.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub> 551.2206 (M+OCH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), found 551.2214.



*p*-[Bis(*o*-nitrobenzyloxy)methyl]phenylboronic ester 6f. 6f was obtained in 32% yield by following the procedure of 10. Colorless solid; IR (film)  $\nu$  2979, 1614, 1525, 1361, 1209, 1144, 1090, 1042, 858, 729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  1.13 (12H, s, pinacol), 4.85 (2H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 4.93 (2H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 5.56 (1H, s, H17), 6.69 (2H, m, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.96 (2H, m, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.56 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, BC6H4CH), 7.62 (4H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, BC6H4CH, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.20 (2H, m, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  24.9, 64.7, 83.9, 102.4, 124.6, 126.5, 128.5, 128.7, 133.3, 134.7, 135.6, 141.0, 147.5; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>BN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub> 551.2206 (M+OCH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>), found 551.2217.



*o*-(*o*-Nitrobenzyloxy)-styrene-analogue 2a. 2a was obtained in 60% yield by following the procedure of 1a: Colorless solid;  $[α]_D^{26.8} = -152°$  (*c* 0.47, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3277, 2967, 1734, 1644, 1525, 1454, 1245, 753 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ*0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H13) 1.43 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.66 (3H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, H14), 2.30 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9 Hz, H4), 2.42 (1H, dqq, *J* = 11.5, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, H13'), 2.83 (3H, s, H12'), 2.86 (1H, d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, H2), 3.03 (1H, d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, H2), 3.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.25 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5'), 4.70 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.10 (1H, s, H12), 5.12 (1H, s, H12), 5.36 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.1, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 5.45 (1H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2Ar), 5.48 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5), 5.49 (1H, d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.62 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, H1'), 6.85 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, H7), 6.97 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H15), 6.98 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H10), 7.20 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H16), 7.25 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H11), 7.48 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.79 (1H, td, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.01 (1H, d, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'), 8.04 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) *δ* 12.7, 18.57, 18.62, 18.9, 19.3, 26.1, 28.7, 38.8, 41.1, 43.1, 46.6, 66.7, 67.1, 83.0, 111.9, 113.9, 120.7, 124.7, 126.0, 127.6, 128.0, 128.7, 128.8, 130.3, 133.3, 134.1, 134.6, 144.7, 146.4, 155.7, 167.6, 167.8, 171.0, 173.1; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na 657.2895 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 657.2898.



*m*-(*o*-Nitrobenzyloxy)-styrene-analogue 2b. 2b was obtained in 83% yield by following the procedure of 1a: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{26.1} = -125^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.66, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3280, 2967, 1734, 1644, 1526, 1341, 1262, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.94 (3H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H13), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H14'), 1.43 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.70 (3H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, H14), 2.26 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.4, 7.5 Hz, H4), 2.42 (1H, dqq, *J* = 11.5, 6.9, 6.3 Hz, H13'), 2.83 (3H, s, H12'), 2.85 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.01 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5'), 4.70 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.06 (1H, s, H12), 5.09 (1H, s, H12), 5.33 (1H, d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, H5), 5.36 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.7, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 5.49 (2H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.56 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, H7), 6.67 (1H, d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, H1'), 6.85 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, H11), 6.90 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, H9), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H16), 7.25 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H15), 7.48 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.68 (1H, td, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.88 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.99 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'), 8.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.0, 18.56, 18.63, 18.8, 19.3, 26.1, 28.7, 39.1, 41.1, 43.1, 46.6, 66.8, 67.1, 82.9, 113.3, 134.0, 115.9, 122.4, 125.0, 128.3, 128.6, 129.3, 131.0, 133.90, 133.94, 134.0, 138.2, 144.6, 147.0, 157.9, 167.6, 167.9, 171.0, 173.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na 657.2895 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 657.2888.



*p*-(*o*-Nitrobenzyloxy)-styrene-analogue 2c. 2c was obtained in 77% yield by following the procedure of 1a: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{25.6} = -141^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.59, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3279, 2967, 1735, 1638, 1526, 1509, 1341, 1244, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H15'), 0.93 (3H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H13), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H14'), 1.43 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.71 (3H, s, H14), 2.26 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.4, 7.5 Hz, H4), 2.42 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.3, 6.3 Hz, H13'), 2.84 (3H, s, H12'), 2.85 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.01 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.50 (1H, d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, H8'), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.06 (1H, s, H12), 5.09 (1H, s, H12), 5.33 (1H, d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, H5), 5.36 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.8, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 5.50 (2H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 6.53 (1H, s, H7), 6.65 (1H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, H1'), 6.94 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H10, H15), 7.23 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, H9, H16), 7.48 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.67 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.87 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.98 (1H, d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, H7'), 8.17 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.9, 18.57, 18.63, 18.9, 19.3, 26.1, 28.7, 39.1, 41.1, 43.1, 46.6, 66.8, 67.1, 83.2, 113.9, 114.6, 125.0, 128.3, 128.5, 130.1, 130.5, 130.7, 131.9, 133.9, 134.0, 144.6, 146.9, 157.0, 167.6, 167.9, 171.0, 173.2; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>42</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Na 657.2895 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 657.2899.



*o*-[Bis(*o*-nitrobenzyloxy)methyl]-styrene-analogue 2d. To a mixture of **3** (7.7 mg, 14.4 μmol) and boronic ester **6d** (20 mg, 38.5 μmol) were added dry THF (150 μL), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(dppf)·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3.0 mg, 3.6 μmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (9.4 mg, 28.9 μmol) and Ph<sub>3</sub>As (2.2 mg, 7.2 μmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h in the dark and filtrated through a pad of Celite with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography on Florisil (hexane/AcOEt = 5/1 to 1/2) and HPLC (column: Inetrsil ODS-3 φ10 x 250 mm, flow rate: 2 mL/min, detection: UV 210 nm, eluent: MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O = 4/1,  $T_{\rm R} = 21.8$  min) to give 5.5 mg of 2d (48%): colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{17.6} = -86^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.28, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3275, 2964, 1734, 1685, 1647, 1525, 1457, 1340, 1258 cm<sup>-1</sup>; 1H NMR (500 MHz, CD3OD) δ 0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz,

H15'), 0.95 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 0.97 (3H, d, J = 7.5 Hz, H13), 1.36 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.46 (3H, d, J = 1.1 Hz, H14), 2.29 (1H, dqq, J = 10.9, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, H13'), 2.36 (1H, dq, J = 11.4, 7.5 Hz, H4), 2.68 (3H, s, H12'), 2.90 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.15 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.51 (1H, d, J = 18.3 Hz, H8'), 4.449 (1H, d, J = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.453 (1H, d, J = 18.3 Hz, H8'), 4.91 (1H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 4.92 (1H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 4.946 (1H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 4.954 (1H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 5.02 (1H, s, H12), 5.05 (1H, s, H12), 5.30 (1H, d, J = 11.4 Hz, H5), 5.37 (1H, q, J = 6.9 Hz, H2'), 5.86 (1H, s, H17), 6.75 (1H, d, J = 1.1 Hz, H7), 7.11 (1H, dd, J = 5.7, 3.4 Hz, H16), 7.35 (2H, dd, J = 5.7, 3.4 Hz, H11, H15), 7.48 (2H, td, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.68 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.65 (1H, td, J = 5.7, 3.4 Hz, H10), 7.74 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.99 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.00 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.99 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 8.00 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 125.5, 125.6, 127.56, 127.62, 129.4, 129.5, 129.8, 130.4, 134.6, 135.3, 135.4, 136.6, 137.1, 147.6, 149.07, 149.09, 169.4, 169.7, 173.0, 175.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na 822.3321 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 822.3327.



*m*-[Bis-(*o*-nitrobenzyloxy)methyl]-styrene-analogue 2e. 2e was obtained in 36% yield by following the procedure of 2d. Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{26.8} = -142^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.065, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3285, 2962, 1729, 1641, 1527, 1342, 1261, 1032 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  0.90 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, H14'), 1.00 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H13), 1.39 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H11'), 1.70 (3H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H14), 2.35 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 6.3 Hz, H13'), 2.41 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 6.9 Hz, H4), 2.81 (3H, s, H12'), 2.91 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, H2), 3.17 (1H, d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, H2), 3.55 (1H, d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, H8'), 4.49 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.53 (1H, d, *J* = 18.3 Hz, H8'), 4.94 (4H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 5.04 (1H, s, H12), 5.07 (1H, s, H12), 5.35 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.43 (1H, q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H2'), 5.88 (1H, s, H17), 6.62 (1H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H7), 7.26 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H16), 7.37 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H15), 7.41 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H11), 7.45 (1H, s, H9), 7.49 (2H, td, 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.66 (2H, td, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.75 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.99 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  13.8, 18.6, 18.8, 19.1, 19.2, 27.5, 29.5, 39.9, 41.9, 44.4, 46.4, 65.65, 65.68, 67.9, 84.9, 103.5, 113.5, 114.4, 125.6, 126.5, 128.3, 129.4, 129.51, 129.55, 130.5, 130.7, 131.9, 134.6, 135.1, 135.2, 135.6, 138.3, 139.0, 147.6, 148.0, 149.21, 149.24, 169.4, 170.3, 173.1, 175.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na 822.3321 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 822.3327.



*p*-[Bis(*o*-nitrobenzyloxy)methyl]-styrene-analogue 2f. 2f was obtained in 73% yield by following the procedure of 2d. Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{15.2} = -87^\circ$  (*c* 0.42, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3276, 2964, 1735, 1644, 1526, 1341, 1268, 1034 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  0.89 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H14'), 0.99 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H13), 1.39 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H11'), 1.71 (3H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H14), 2.36 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 6.8 Hz, H13'), 2.40 (1H, dq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9 Hz, H4), 2.83 (3H, s, H12'), 2.91 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.16 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.54 (1H, d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, H8'), 4.49 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.52 (1H, d, *J* = 18.9 Hz, H8'), 4.92 (4H, s, OCH2C6H4NO2), 5.03 (1H, s, H12), 5.06 (1H, s, H12), 5.35 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5), 5.43 (1H, q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H2'), 5.85 (1H, s, H17), 6.61 (1H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H7), 7.30 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H9, H16), 7.46 (2H, td, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.75 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2), 7.97 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.1 Hz, OCH2C6H4NO2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  13.8, 18.6, 18.8, 19.1, 19.2, 27.5, 29.4, 39.9, 41.9, 44.4, 46.4, 65.6, 67.9, 84.9, 85.2, 103.4, 113.5, 125.5, 127.8, 129.5, 130.1, 130.5, 131.8, 134.6, 135.2, 135.7, 137.7, 138.8, 147.6, 149.2, 169.3, 170.2, 173.0, 175.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na 822.3321 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 822.3317.



*o*-Hydroxy-styrene-analogue 7a. A solution of 2a (1.56 mg, 2.46 μmol) in CD<sub>3</sub>OD (600 μL) in NMR tube was irradiated with UV light ( $\lambda$  = 365 nm) using handy UV lamp (AS ONE, SLUV-6, 6 W) at room temperature for 1.5 h. The mixture was concentrated. The residue was purified with flash column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/AcOEt = 1.5/1 to 1/1) and HPLC (column: Inetrsil ODS-3 φ10 x 250 mm, flow rate: 2 mL/min, detection: UV 254 nm, eluent: MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O = 2.5/1, *T*<sub>R</sub> = 19.9 min) to give 0.73 mg of 7a (60%): colorless solid; [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>23.7</sup> = -139° (*c* 0.063, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3280, 2966, 1734, 1625, 1558, 1454, 1261, 960, 756 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H15'), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H14'), 1.03 (3H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H13), 1.44 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.70 (3H, s, H14), 2.37 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 7.5 Hz, H4), 2.41 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.8, 6.8 Hz, H13'), 2.74 (3H, s, H12'), 2.88 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.03 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.21 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.67 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.04 (1H, s, H12), 5.11 (1H, s, H12), 5.33 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.35 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.8, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 6.55 (1H, s, H7), 6.58 (1H, br, OH), 6.62

(1H, d, J = 9.8 Hz, H1'), 6.87 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz, CHC6H4OH), 6.90 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, CHC6H4OH), 7.10 (1H, dd, J = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, CHC6H4OH), 7.16 (1H, ddd, J = 8.6, 7.4, 1.1 Hz, CHC6H4OH), 8.00 (1H, dd, J = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  15.2, 18.58, 18.64, 19.1, 19.3, 25.9, 29.0, 39.7, 41.2, 43.3, 46.6, 67.4, 81.1, 114.2, 116.3, 119.9, 123.0, 124.3, 128.9, 129.8, 136.8, 144.7, 153.9, 167.6, 168.3, 171.2, 173.8; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 522.2575 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 522.2578.



*m*-Hydroxy-styrene-analogue 7b. 7b was obtained in 59% yield by following the procedure of 7a. Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{17.5} = -285^{\circ}$  (*c* 0.016, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3283, 2967, 1734, 1623, 1456, 1269, 962, 909, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta 0.87$  (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.88 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H13), 0.98 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 1.44 (3H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, H11'), 1.70 (3H, d, J = 1.1 Hz, H14), 2.26 (1H, dq, J = 11.5, 6.9 Hz, H4), 2.44 (1H, dqq, J = 10.9, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, H13'), 2.86 (3H, s, H12'), 2.87 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.02 (1H, d, J = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.52 (1H, dd, J = 18.3, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.27 (1H, d, J = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.70 (1H, dd, J = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.05 (1H, s, H12), 5.09 (1H, s, H12), 5.32 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.37 (1H, dq, J = 9.1, 6.8 Hz, H2'), 6.18 (1H, br, OH), 6.51 (1H, d, J = 1.1 Hz, H7), 6.71 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz, H11), 6.75 (1H, d, J = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.1, 18.5, 18.6, 18.8, 19.3, 26.1, 28.8, 39.0, 41.1, 43.2, 50.9, 67.2, 83.0, 113.9, 114.0, 115.6, 121.7, 129.4, 130.8, 133.5, 138.1, 144.6, 155.5, 167.5, 167.8, 171.1, 179.0; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 522.2575 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 522.2570.



*p*-Hydroxy-styrene-analogue 7c. 7c was obtained in 62% yield by following the procedure of 7a. Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{17.2} = -177^\circ$  (*c* 0.020, MeOH); IR (film) *v* 3280, 2927, 1624, 1513, 1456, 1263, 960, 906, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.78 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H13), 0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H14'), 1.45 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.63 (3H, s, H14), 2.15 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 6.8 Hz, H4), 2.44 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 6.8 Hz, H13'), 2.84 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 2.89 (3H, s, H12'), 3.01 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.51 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.29 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.70 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.03 (1H, s, H12), 5.07 (1H, s, H12), 5.29 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.38 (1H, dq, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H2'), 6.46 (1H, s, H7), 6.81 (3H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, H1', CHC6*H*4OH), 7.13 (2H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, CHC6*H*4OH), 8.03 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 522.2575 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 522.2575.



*o*-Formyl-styrene-analogue 7d. 7d was obtained as a 3:2 mixture of *E*- and *Z*-isomers at C6-C7-olefin by following the procedure of 7a. *E*-isomer: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{18.7} = -144^\circ$  (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) *v* 3281, 2924, 1687, 1640, 1542, 1456, 1259, 755 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.86 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H15'), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 1.02 (3H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H13), 1.42 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, H11'), 1.52 (3H, s, H14), 2.28 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 7.4 Hz, H4), 2.42 (1H, dqq, *J* = 11.5, 6.9, 6.8 Hz, H13'), 2.80 (3H, s, H12'), 2.86 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.04 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5'), 4.73 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.3, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.09 (1H, s, H12), 5.12 (1H, s, H12), 5.35 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.7, 6.8 Hz, H2'), 5.41 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5'), 6.60 (1H, d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, H1'), 7.00 (1H, s, H7), 7.23 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H10), 7.40 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H15), 7.55 (1H, t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H11), 7.89 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, H16), 8.00 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  12.7, 18.58, 18.64, 18.8, 19.3, 26.1, 28.7, 39.0, 41.1, 43.1, 46.5, 67.1, 82.2, 114.1, 127.7, 128.1, 129.0, 130.5, 133.6, 133.7, 136.8, 139.6, 144.4, 167.7, 167.9, 170.9, 173.2, 191.9; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 534.2575 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 534.2571.



*m*-Formyl-styrene-analogue 7e was obtained as a 3:1 mixture of *E*- and *Z*-isomers at C6-C7-olefin by following the procedure of 7a. *E*-isomer: Colorless solid;  $[\alpha]_D^{19.4} = -172^\circ$  (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film) *v* 3277, 2967, 1685, 1637, 1541, 1457, 1259 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H15'), 0.97 (3H, d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, H13), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 1.44 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.74 (3H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H14), 2.28 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 5.7 Hz, H4), 2.43 (1H, dqq, *J* = 10.9, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, H13'), 2.84 (3H, s, H12'), 2.85 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.04 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.53 (1H, d, *J* = 18.9, 1.8 Hz, H8'), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 10.9 Hz, H5'), 4.71 (1H, d, *J* = 18.9, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.08 (1H, s, H12), 5.12 (1H, s, H12), 5.36 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.37 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.7, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 6.59, (1H, d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, H1'), 6.65 (1H, s, H7), 7.50 (1H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H15), 7.53 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H16), 7.75 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, H11), 7.77 (1H, s, H9), 8.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.9, 1.8 Hz, H7'), 10.02 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, H17); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.0, 18.61, 18.64, 18.9, 19.3, 26.1, 28.7, 39.1, 41.1, 43.1, 46.6, 67.1, 82.7, 114.1, 128.1, 128.9, 129.9, 130.2, 135.0, 135.3, 136.3, 137.6, 144.4, 167.7, 167.9, 170.9, 173.2, 192.3; HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 534.2575 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 534.2573.



*p*-Formyl-styrene-analogue 7f. 7f was obtained as a 2:1 mixture of *E*- and *Z*-isomers at C6-C7-olefin by following the procedure of 7a. *E*-isomer: colorless solid; IR (film) v 3280, 2927, 1688, 1640, 1552, 1457, 1259, 1169, 977, 757 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.87 (3H, d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, H15'), 0.96 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H13), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H14'), 1.44 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, H11'), 1.76 (3H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H14), 2.27 (1H, dq, *J* = 11.5, 6.9 Hz, H4), 2.43 (1H, dqq, *J* = 11.5, 7.5, 6.9 Hz, H13'), 2.84 (3H, s, H12'), 2.85 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.04 (1H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, H2), 3.53 (1H, dd, *J* = 18.9, 1.7 Hz, H8'), 4.24 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5'), 4.71 (1H, d, *J* = 18.9, 10.3 Hz, H8'), 5.07 (1H, s, H12), 5.12 (1H, s, H12), 5.35 (1H, d, *J* = 11.5 Hz, H5), 5.37 (1H, dq, *J* = 9.1, 6.9 Hz, H2'), 6.59 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, H1'), 6.64 (1H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz, H7), 7.43 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.84 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 8.01 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.3, 1.7 Hz, H7'), 9.99 (1H, s, H17); HRMS (ESI-TOF) calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Na 534.2575 (M+Na<sup>+</sup>), found 534.2578.

#### Neurotoxicity assay against Neuro 2a mouse neuroblastoma

Neuro 2a cells (ATCC, CCL131), obtained from Institute of Development Aging and Cancer (Tohoku university), were grown and maintained in 75 cm<sup>2</sup> tissue culture flasks (Falcon) at 37 °C in a humidified 5% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere using a growth medium, which was composed of RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% heat inactivated fetal bovine serum (Gibco), 2 mM L-glutamine, and 1% of antibiotic antifungal solution (10000 U/ml penicillin G, 10 mg/ml streptomycin).

Cells were harvested in trypsin-EDTA solution (0.5% - 0.2%, 5 min at room temperature), and diluted to a concentration of 4 x  $10^5$  cell/mL with the growth medium. 100 µL of the cell suspension was inoculated into each well of a 96-well microplate (Falcon) and mixed with 100 µL of a solution of antillatoxin analogue to give a range of final concentrations between  $10^{-4}$  and  $10^{-9}$  M. The solutions of antillatoxin analogue were prepared from 100 µM DMSO stock solutions by sequential dilution with the growth media containing veratridine ( $40 \mu$ M), a site 2-specific sodium channel activator, ouabain ( $88 \mu$ M), a blocker of the Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase, and DMSO ( $2 \nu/\nu\%$ ). Three replicate samples were prepared for each antillatoxin analogues. For the experiments of Figure 2, the 96-well microplate was irradiated with UV light ( $\lambda = 365$  nm) using handy UV lamp (AS ONE, SLUV-6, 6 W) at room temperature for 30 min (Figure S1). After incubation for 20 hours at 37 °C, cells were treated with 50 µL of 100 µM/3 mM PMS/XTT-containing growth medium, followed by further incubation for 4 hours. Absorbance at 490 nm was measured on the microplate reader Model 550 (Bio Rad). The EC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated using Prism v. 4.0 (GraphPad).



**Figure S1.** Experimental procedure for the cytotoxicity assay of UV-pre-irradiated **2e**. Magnitude of the  $EC_{50}$  values correlated to distance between the lines and the light source of 365 nm. The data of line A, which was kept in the dark, represented the control experiment, and the data of lines E and F, which were closest from the light source, represented the UV pre-irradiated experiment.



























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