# Stereoselective synthesis of (-)-lepadins A-C

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#### Experimental procedures and spectroscopic data

General Procedures: All air sensitive manipulations were carried out under a dry argon or nitrogen atmosphere. THF was carefully dried and distilled from sodium/benzophenone prior to use. CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was dried and distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub>. Other solvents and all standard reagents were purchased from Aldrich, Fluka or Alfa Aesar and were used without further purification. Drying of organic extracts during the work-up of reactions was performed over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. Evaporation of solvent was accomphished with a rotatory evaporator. Analytical thin-layer chromatography was performed on SiO<sub>2</sub> (Merck silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub>), and the spots were located with 1% aqueous KMnO<sub>4</sub>. Chromatography refers to flash chromatography and was carried out on SiO<sub>2</sub> (SDS silica gel 60 ACC, 35-75 mm, 230-240 mesh ASTM). NMR spectra were recorded at 400 MHz (<sup>1</sup>H) and 100.6 MHz (<sup>13</sup>C), and chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  values downfield from TMS or relative to residual chloroform (7.26 ppm, 77.0 ppm) as an internal standard. Data are reported in the following manner: chemical shift, integrated intensity, multiplicity, coupling constant (J) in hertz (Hz), and assignment (when possible). Assignments and stereochemical determinations are given only when they are derived from definitive twodimensional NMR experiments (HSOC-COSY). IR spectra were performed in a spectrophotometer Nicolet Avantar 320 FT-IR and only noteworthy IR absorptions (cm<sup>-1</sup>) are listed. Optical rotations were measured on Perkin-Elmer 241 polarimeter. [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub> values are given in 10<sup>-1</sup> deg cm<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>. High resolution mass spectra (HMRS) were performed by Centres Científics i Tecnològics de la Universitat de Barcelona.



6-oxo-2-[2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl]cyclohexene-OTMSE Methyl propionate (7): First step: EDIPA (0.22 mL, 1.25 mmol) and trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (0.21 mL, 1.25 mmol) were added to a solution of methyl 2,6dioxocyclohexanepropionate (250 mg, 1.25 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 45 min. Then CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added, and the resulting mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O. The organic layer were dried, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (4:1 hexane-EtOAc) afforded the triflate derivative (260 mg, 65%) as a yellow oil:  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 2.05-2.14 (2 H, m), 2.42-2.51 (4 H, m), 2.64-2.70 (2 H, m), 2.76-2.80 (2 H, m), 3.67 (3 H, s);  $\delta_{C}$  (75.4 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 19.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>O), 118.1 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 130.0 (C), 162.4 (C), 172.4 (COO), 197.0 (CO). Second step: Degassed toluene (2.7 mL) and degassed H<sub>2</sub>O (0.9 mL) were added via syringe to a sealed tube containing the above vinyl triflate (100 mg, 0.3 mmol), Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (296 mg, 0.9 mmol). Pd(dppf)Cl<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (24.6)mg, 0.03 mmol). and potassium trimethylsilylethoxymethyltrifluoroborate<sup>11b</sup> (108 mg, 0.45 mmol), and the vessel was purged with nitrogen. The reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, EtOAc was added, the resulting suspension was filtered over Celite<sup>®</sup>, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc) afforded compound 7 (80 mg, 94%) as a colourless oil: v = 1739, 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 0.01 (9 H, s, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si), 0.93-0.97 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>Si), 1.90-1.97 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.33-2.40 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.45 (2 H, t, J = 6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.59 (2 H, t, J = 7.6 Hz,), 3.49-3.54 (2 H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.64 (3 H, s, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 4.16 (2 H, s, OCH<sub>2</sub>); δ<sub>C</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>) –1.39 (3CH<sub>3</sub>Si), 18.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>Si), 20.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 51.5 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 68.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 69.9 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 134.3 (C=C), 156.0 (C=C), 173.5 (COO), 198.9 (CO); HRMS calcd for  $[C_{16}H_{29}O_4Si [M + H^+]]$ : 313.183, found 313.1824.

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5//</sub>OH

<sup>H</sup> **(**4aS,5R,8aR)-1-[(1*R*)-2-Hydroxy-1-phenylethyl]-5-methyldecahydroquinoline (2b): LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (1.10 g, 28.93 mmol) was slowly added to a suspension of AlCl<sub>3</sub> (1.19 g, 8.94 mmol) in THF (94 mL) at 0 °C. After the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 30 min and cooled to -78 °C, a solution of lactam 1 (1.27g, 4.45 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The stirring was continued at -78 °C for 90 min and at room temperature for 3 h. Water was slowly added, the resulting mixture was filtered over Celite<sup>®</sup>, and the filtrate was washed with EtOAc. The organic extracts were dried and concentrated. Flash chromatography (hexane to 8:2 hexane–EtOAc) afforded **2b** (960 mg, 79%) as a colourless oil:  $[\alpha]^{22}_{D}$  –41.4 (*c* 0.9 in MeOH); IR (film):  $v = 3429 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 0.85 (3 H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.01-1.17 (2 H, m, H-4, H-8), 1.25-1.30 (2 H, m, H-4a, H-6), 1.34-1.50 (2 H, m, H-3, H-7), 1.56-1.88 (6 H, m, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-6, H-7, H-8), 2.04-2.08 (1 H, m, H-5), 2.46-2.53 (1 H, m, H-8a), 2.96 (1 H, d, J = 10.4 Hz, H-2), 3.60 (1 H, dd, J = 10.4, 5.0 Hz, H-2'), 4.03 (1 H, t, J = 10.4 Hz, H-2'), 4.24-4.28 (1 H, m, H-1'), 7.20-7.35 (5 H, m, Ar-H);  $\delta_{C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 19.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.6 (C-7), 21.6 (C-3), 27.0 (C-4), 28.7 (C-5), 29.2 (C-6), 35.4 (C-8), 44.4 (C-4a), 46.1 (C-2), 57.6 (C-8a), 59.9 (C-1' and C-2'), 127.5 (C-*o*, *m*), 128.1 (C-*p*), 128.9 (C-*o*, *m*), 135.9 (C-*i*); HMRS calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO + H]<sup>+</sup>: 274.2165, found: 274.2168.



(4a*S*,5*R*,8a*R*)-1-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-5-methyldecahydroquinoline (3): A solution of **2b** (960 mg, 3.52 mmol) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (1.0 g, 4.58 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) containing 40% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub> (380 mg) was stirred under hydrogen at room temperature for 24 h. The catalyst was removed by filtration, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash chromatography (8:2 hexane–Et<sub>2</sub>O) afforded **3** (640 mg, 72%) as an oil:  $[\alpha]^{22}_{D}$  –37.3 (*c* 1.1 in MeOH); IR (film): *v* = 1693 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.76 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19-1.26 (1 H, m, H-6), 1.34-1.43 (3 H, m, H-3, H-4, H-8), 1.45 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.51-1.58 (4 H, m, H-4a, H-6, H-7), 1.60-1.77 (4 H, m, H-3, H-4, H-5, H-8), 2.76 (1 H, td, *J* = 13.0, 2.8 Hz, H-2), 3.90 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.0 Hz, H-2), 4.23-4.30 (1H, m, H-8a);  $\delta_{C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 19.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.1 (C-7), 24.0 (C-4), 25.7 (C-8), 25.9 (C-3), 26.3 (C-6), 28.5 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 34.2 (C-5), 39.5 (C-2), 41.0 (C-4a), 49.5 (C-8a), 79.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 155.0 (NCOO); HMRS calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 254.1958, found: 254.1970.



(4aS.5R.8aR)-1-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-5-methyl-2-oxodecahydroquinoline

(4): NaIO<sub>4</sub> (1.79 g, 8.37 mmol) and RuCl<sub>3</sub>·*n*H<sub>2</sub>O (17.4 mg, 0.08 mmol) were added to a heterogenous solution of **3** (212 mg, 0.84 mmol) in CCl<sub>4</sub>–MeCN–H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL, 3:3:4) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 5 min and at room temperature for 1 h. Then, EtOAc was added, the resulting mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>, and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc) afforded **4** (164 mg, 73%) as a white solid: mp 99–102 °C;  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = -23.92$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): v = 1765, 1712 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>;

Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.08 (3 H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.20-1.28 (1 H, m, H-7), 1.45-1.68 (5 H, m, H-4, H-6, H-7, H-8), 1.51 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.76-1.93 (3 H, m, H-4a, H-5, H-6), 2.05-2.17 (1 H, m, H-4), 2.39-2.59 (2 H, m, H-3), 4.13-4.21 (1H, m, H-8a); δ<sub>C</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 19.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (C-7), 23.0 (C-4), 27.2 (C-7), 27.9 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 28.7 (C-6), 32.6 (C-5), 33.4 (C-3), 39.3 (C-4a), 54.6 (C-8a), 82.7 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 153.3 (CO), 171.4 (C-2); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + Na]<sup>+</sup>: 290.1727, found 290.1723.



(4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(trifluoromethylsulfonyloxy)-5-

methyl- 1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydroquinoline: A solution of LiHMDS (1.7 mL of a 1 M solution in THF, 1.7 mmol) in THF (1.7 mL) was added to a solution of lactam 4 (300 mg, 1.12 mmol) in THF (3.8 mL) at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 2 h. Then, a solution of Comins' reagent (880 mg, 2.24 mmol) in THF (3.7 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature. After 1.5 h of stirring, the reaction was quenched by addition of 10% aqueous NaOH (6 mL), and the mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated. Flash chromatography with SiO<sub>2</sub> previously deactivated with Et<sub>3</sub>N (7:3 hexane–EtOAc) afforded the title vinyl triflate (425 mg, 95%) as a white solid: mp 52-55 °C;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = -62.13$  (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): v = 1675, 1168 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.12 (3 H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.22-1.29 (2 H, m, H-7), 1.49 [9 H, br s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.54-1.62 (4 H, m, H-6, H-8), 1.76-1.86 (2 H, m, H-4a, H-5), 2.21 (2 H, dt, J = 9.2, 3.6 Hz, H-4), 4.47 (1 H, dt, J = 12.4, 3.8 Hz, H-8a), 5.22 (1 H, t, J = 3.8 Hz, H-3); δ<sub>C</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 18.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.2 (C-6), 24.5 (C-8), 25.3, (C-4), 25.4 (C-7), 28.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 32.1 (C-5), 37.2 (C-4a), 52.3 (C-8a), 82.7 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 105.8 (C-3), 118.4 (CF<sub>3</sub>), 138.5 (C-2), 152.6 (CO); HRMS calcd for  $[C_{16}H_{24}F_3NO_5S + Na]^+$ : 422.1219, found 422.1222.



### (2S,3R,4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-2,5-

**dimethyldecahydroquinoline (6):** *First step*: MeLi (1.56 mL, of a 1.6 M solution in Et<sub>2</sub>O, 2.50 mmol) was added to a suspension of CuI (238 mg, 1.25 mmol) in THF (6.3 mL) at -20 °C, and the mixture was stirred at this temperature for 30 min. After cooling to -78 °C, the above vinyl triflate (100 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. Stirring was continued overnight, allowing the mixture to slowly reach room temperature. Hexane was added, and the

resulting suspension was filtered over Celite<sup>®</sup>, which was then washed with EtOAc. The filtrates were concentrated, and the resulting residue was dissolved in  $Et_2O$ . The solution was filtered through 0.45 µm HPLC filters and concentrated to afford enecarbamate **5**, which was used without further purification in the next step.

Second step: BH<sub>3</sub>·SMe<sub>2</sub> (1.25 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 2.50 mmol) was added to a solution of the above crude **5** in dry THF (23 mL) at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred overnight and allowed to slowly warm to room temperature. Then, Me<sub>3</sub>NO·2H<sub>2</sub>O (417 mg, 3.75 mmol) was added, and the mixture was heated at reflux for 45 min. After cooling to room temperature, the solution was concentrated, water was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated. Flash chromatography (hexane to 8:2 hexane–EtOAc) afforded alcohol **6** (55 mg, 78%) as a white solid: mp 133-36 °C [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>23</sup><sub>D</sub> = +7.96 (*c* 0.7 in MeOH); *v* = 3430, 1682 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.10 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.17 (3 H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24-1.32 (2 H, m, H-7), 1.40-1.81 (7 H, m, H-3', H-4, H-5, H-6, H-8), 1.46 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.96-2.12 (2 H, m, H-4a, H-4), 3.81 (1 H, br s, H-3), 4.13 (1 H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, H-2), 4.21 (1 H, br s, H-8a);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 19.4 (C-5), 20.1 (C-7), 20.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.7, 28.1, 28.5 [(*C*H<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 33.1, 33.7, 49.4 (C-8a), 53.5 (C-2), 69.5 (C-3), 79.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 155.8 (NCOO); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 284.2220, found 284.2214.



#### (3R,7aS,8R,11aS)-5-Oxo-3-phenyl-8-{[2-

(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}decahydrooxazolo[2,3-*j*]quinoline (8): *Fisrt step:* (*R*)-Phenylglycinol (878 mg, 6.4 mmol) was added to a solution of ketoester 7 (1.0 g, 3.2 mmol) and AcOH (370  $\mu$ L, 6.4 mmol) in benzene (40 mL). The mixture was heated at reflux with azeotropic elimination of water by a Dean-Stark system. Additional 1.0 equiv of (*R*)phenylglycinol and AcOH were added every 24 h to the reaction mixture, until all starting material was consumed. After 72 h, the mixture was cooled and concentrated, and the resulting oil was taken up in EtOAc. The organic solution was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and brine, dried and concentrated.

Second step: A solution of the above residue in methanol (20 mL) containing 20% Pt<sub>2</sub>O (288 mg) was stirred under hydrogen at room temperature for 5 h. The catalyst was removed by filtration, and the solvent was evaporated. Flash chromatography (hexane to 6:4 hexane–EtOAc) afforded compound **8** (860 mg, 67%) as a colourless oil:  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -65.1$  (*c* 1.0 in MeOH); IR

(film): v = 1244, 1659 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 0.01 [9 H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.94 (2 H, dd, J = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Si), 1.39-1.44 (1 H, m, H-9), 1.52-1.70 (4 H, m, H-9, H-10, H-11), 1.72-1.93 (3 H, m, H-7, H-7a, H-11), 1.97-2.04 (1 H, m, H-8), 2.10-2.23 (1 H, m, H-7), 2.48 (1 H, ddd, J = 18.4, 10.8, 8.0 Hz, H-6), 2.64 (1 H, dd, J = 18.4, 6.8 Hz, H-6), 3.48-3.54 (2 H m, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.56 (2 H d, J = 7.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 3.82 (1 H, t, J = 8.4 Hz, H-2), 4.49 (1 H, t, J = 8.4 Hz, H-2), 5.31 (1 H, t, J = 8.4 Hz, H-3), 7.13-7.34 (5 H, m, Ar-H);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) – 1.4, [Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 18.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>TMS), 18.2 (C-9), 21.8 (C-10), 24.2 (C-7), 30.3 (C-11), 31.0 (C-6), 40.0 (C-8), 40.8 (C-7a), 58.1 (C-3), 68.0 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 69.5 (C-2), 72.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 95.0 (C-11a), 125.3, 127.0 (C-*o*, *m*), 128.4 (C-*p*), 140.2 (C-*i*), 169.3 (C-5); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>35</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si + H]<sup>+</sup>: 402.2459, found 402.2455.



(4a*S*,5*R*,8a*R*)-1-[(1*R*)-2-Hydroxy-1-phenylethyl]-5-{[2-

(trimethylsilyl)ethoxy]methyl}decahydroquinoline: Operating as in the above preparation of **2**, from LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (844 mg, 22.23 mmol) and AlCl<sub>3</sub> (912 mg, 6.84 mmol) in THF (70 mL), and a solution of lactam **8** (1.37g, 3.42 mmol) in THF (5 mL), the title decahydroquinoline (1.01 g, 76%) was obtained as a colourless oil after flash chromatography (6:4 hexane–EtOAc):  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -10.08 (c 1.25 in MeOH)$ ; IR (film): v = 3438, 1248 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 0.01 [9 H, s, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.94 (2 H, dd, J = 7.2, 2.4 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>Si), 1.14-1.44 (8 H, m), 1.65-1.68 (3 H, m), 1.80-1.85 (2 H, m), 2.38 (1 H, br s), 2.40 (1 H, br s), 2.57 (1 H, br s), 2.93 (1 H, br s), 3.26 (1 H, dd, J = 8.8, 6.4 Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.32 (1 H, m, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.63 (1 H, br s, CH<sub>2</sub>O), 4.01 (1 H, br s), 4.21 (1 H, br s), 7.21-7.35 (5 H, m, Ar-H). Several of the signals in the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum at 25 °C were broad and ill-defined, even not observed, thus indicating the existence of a slow conformational equilibrium.  $\delta_C$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) –1.3 [Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 18.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 20.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 68.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>), 73.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>O), 127.6 (C-*p*), 128.1 (C-*o*, *m*), 128.9 (C-*o*, *m*); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>39</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Si + H]<sup>+</sup>: 390.2823, found 390.2817.



(4a*S*,5*R*,8a*R*)-1-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)decahydroquinoline (9): *Fisrt step:* BF<sub>3</sub>.Et<sub>2</sub>O (970  $\mu$ L, 7.85 mmol) was added to a solution of the above decahydroquinoline (610 mg, 1.57 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (11 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2 h. Then, saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added, the phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated to afford the desilylated product (445 mg, 99%) as a white foam.

Second step: A solution of the above crude alcohol (690 mg, 2.39 mmol) and di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (565 mg, 2.58 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was hydrogenated at room temperature for 20 h in the presence of 40% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub> (290 mg). The catalyst was removed by filtration, and the solvent was evaporated. Flash chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc) afforded compound **9** (510 mg, 79%) as a colourless oil:  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = -6.7$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): v = 3435, 1693 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.13-1.26 (1 H, m), 1.30-1.48 (6 H, m), 1.45 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.49-1.57 (1 H, m), 1.58-1.82 (5 H, m), 2.73 (1 H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, H-2), 3.58 (1 H, t, J = 9.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.68 (1 H, t, J = 9.2 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 3.84 (1 H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, H-2), 4.11 (1 H, br s, H-8a);  $\delta_{C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 20.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 35.4 (C-4a), 39.1 (C-2), 42.6 (C-5), 63.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 79.2 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 155.1 (NCOO); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 270.2064, found 270.2061.



### (4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-5-

(triisopropylsilyloxymethyl)decahydroquinoline: Imidazole (259 mg, 3.80 mmol) and TIPSCI (270 µL, 1.27 mmol) were added to a solution of alcohol **9** (170 mg, 0.63 mmol) in DMF (3.3 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. Saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (9:1 hexane-EtOAc) afforded the TIPS derivative (250 mg, 93%) as a colourless oil:  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{\rm D}$  = +3.24 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): *v* = 1695 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 0.99-1.11 [21 H, m, Si(*i*Pr)<sub>3</sub>)], 1.34-1.83 (9 H, m, H-3, H-4, H-6, H-7, H-8), 1.43 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.83-1.92 (3 H, m, H-4a, H-5, H-8), 2.75 (1 H, td, *J* = 12.4, 2.8 Hz, H-2), 3.67-3.78 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.90 (1 H, d, *J* = 12.4 Hz, H-2a);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 12.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 18.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 20.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 35.9 (C-4a), 39.0 (C-2), 43.0 (C-5), 49.8 (C-8a), 64.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 79.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 155.0 (NCOO); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>47</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>Si + H]<sup>+</sup>: 426.3398, found 426.3392.



### (4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-oxo-5-

(triisopropylsilyloxymethyl)decahydroquinoline (10): Operating as described for the preparation of **4**, from the above decahydroquinoline (200 mg, 0.47 mmol), NaIO<sub>4</sub> (1.81 g, 4.7 mmol), and RuCl<sub>3</sub>·*n*H<sub>2</sub>O (9.7 mg, 0.05 mmol) in CCl<sub>4</sub>–MeCN–H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL, 3:3:4), lactam **10** (200 mg, 97%) was obtained as a colourless oil after flash chromatography (9:1 hexane–EtOAc):  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = -3.95$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): *v* = 1773, 1724, 1246 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) – 0.99-1.15 [21 H, m, Si(*i*Pr)<sub>3</sub>)], 1.42-1.62 [6 H, m, H-4, H-6, H-7, H-8], 1.50 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.83-1.92 (2 H, m, H-5, H-8), 2.12-2.24 (2 H, m, H-4, H-6, H-7, H-8], 1.50 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.83-1.92 (2 H, m, H-5, H-8), 2.12-2.24 (2 H, m, H-4, H-4a), 2.44-2.61 (2 H, m, H-3), 3.73 (2 H, td, *J* = 10.6, 7.2, 2.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 4.13 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 10.0, 3.8 Hz, H-8a);  $\delta_{C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 11.9 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 18.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 20.7 (C-6), 22.4 (C-7), 22.9 (C-4), 27.9 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 28.4 (C-8), 33.8 (C-3), 33.9 (C-4a), 41.4 (C-5), 54.9 (C-8a), 64.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 82.7 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 153.1 (NCOO), 171.4 (C-2); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>45</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si – BOC + H]<sup>+</sup>: 340.2666, found 340.2661.



(4a*S*,5*R*,8a*R*)-*1*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-2-(trifluoromethylsulfonyloxy)-5-(triisopropylsilyloxymethyl)-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydroquinoline: Operating as described for the preparation of the vinyl triflate derived from 4, from lactam 10 (170 mg, 0.39 mmol), LiHMDS (580 µL of a 1 M solution in THF, 0.58 mmol), and Comins' reagent (304 mg, 0.774 mmol) in THF for 2.5 h at room temperature, the title vinyl triflate (198 mg, 90%) was obtained as a yellowish oil after flash chromatograpy (SiO<sub>2</sub> pre-treated with Et<sub>3</sub>N; 9:1 hexane–EtOAc):  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D} = -30.32$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): *v* = 1724, 1688, 1137 cm<sup>-1</sup>; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 1.01-1.14 [21 H, m, Si(*i*Pr)<sub>3</sub>)], 1.41-1.66 [6 H, m, H-6, H-7, H-8], 1.47 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.77-1.84 (1 H, m, H-5), 2.14-2.20 (1 H, m, H-4a), 2.27-2.21 (2 H, m, H-4), 3.74 (2 H, td, *J* = 10.6, 7.4, 3.6 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 4.39 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 11.6, 4.2 Hz, H-8a), 5.23 (1 H, t, *J* = 4.2 Hz, H-3); δ<sub>C</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 12.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 18.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 21.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.2 (C-4), 27.9 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 31.8 (C-4a), 41.1 (C-5), 52.8 (C-8a), 64.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 82.6 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 105.6 (C-3), 118.4 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>), 138.4 (C-2), 152.4 (NCOO); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>44</sub>F<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>6</sub>SSi + NH<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup>: 589.2943, found 589.2949.



## (2S,3R,4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methyl-5-

(triisopropylsilyloxymethyl)decahydroquinoline (12): *First step*: Operating as in the preparation of **5**, from a solution of the above triflate (770 mg, 1.35 mmol) in THF (6 mL), MeLi (8.44 mL, of a 1.6 M solution in  $Et_2O$ , 13.5 mmol), and CuI (1.29 g, 6.75 mmol) in THF (35 mL), enecarbamate **11** was obtained.

Second step: Operating as in the preparation of **6**, from a solution of the above crude **11** in THF (135 mL), BH<sub>3</sub>·SMe<sub>2</sub> (6.75 mL of a 2.0 M solution in THF, 13.5 mmol), and Me<sub>3</sub>NO·2H<sub>2</sub>O (2.25 g, 20.25 mmol), alcohol **12** (500 mg, 81%) was obtained as a yellowish oil after flash chromatography (9.5:0.5 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–MeOH):  $[\alpha]^{23}{}_{D}$  = +19.45 (*c* 0.6 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): *v* = 3432, 1687, 1662, 1245 cm<sup>-1</sup>;  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 0.99-1.14 [21 H, m, Si(*i*Pr)<sub>3</sub>)], 1.15 (3 H, d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.34-1.79 (8 H, m, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-8), 1.45 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.77-1.84 (1 H, m, H-5), 2.06-2.16 (1 H, m, H-4), 2.20-2.27 (1 H, m, H-4a), 3.65-3.79 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.82 (1 H, br s, H-3), 4.04-4.19 (2 H, m, H-2, H-8a);  $\delta_{C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 12.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 18.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 20.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.9 (2 carbons), 28.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C and CH<sub>2</sub>], 42.4 (C-5), 50.2 (C-2), 53.4 (C-8a), 64.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 69.4 (C-3), 79.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 155.7 (NCOO); HRMS calculated for[C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>49</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si + H]<sup>+</sup>: 456.3504, found 456.3497.



OTIPS (2S,3S,4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methyl-5-(triisopropylsilyloxymethyl)decahydroquinoline (13): *Fisrt step*: Dess-Martin periodinane (1.05 g, 2.48 mmol) was added to a solution of alcohol 12 (750 mg, 1.65 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (118 mL). The resulting white suspension was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h. Then, the

mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and the filtrate was concentrated.

Second step: NaBH<sub>4</sub> (250 mg, 6.6 mmol) was added to a solution of the above residue in MeOH (24 mL) at -55 °C, and the mixture was stirred overnight at -40 °C. Then, the mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. Flash chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc) afforded alcohol **13** (630 mg, 84%) as a colourless oil:  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = -30.32$  (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (NaCl): 3432, 1665 cm<sup>-1</sup>  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 1.04 [21 H, br s, Si(*i*Pr)<sub>3</sub>)], 1.15 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.33-2.06 (10 H, m, H-4, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-8), 1.44 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 3.59 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 3.80-3.88 (1 H, m, H-3), 3.96 and 4.02 (1 H, br, H-8a), 4.30 and 4.43 (1

H, br s, H-2);  $\delta_{C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 12.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 14.8 and 14.6 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 21.6 and 21.0 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.7 and 22.1 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 28.8 and 28.2 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.1 and 29.7 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, C-4), 35.3 and 34.5 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, C-4a), 43.1 and 42.6 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, C-5), 49.9 and 49.3 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, C-8a), 50.7 and 50.0 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio, C-2), 64.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 70.1 (C-3), 79.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 155.1 (NCOO); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>49</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>Si + H]<sup>+</sup>: 456.3504, found 456.3497.



(2*S*,3*S*,4a*S*,5*R*,8a*R*)-3-Acetoxy-1-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-methyl-5-

(triisopropylsilyloxymethyl)decahydroquinoline: Et<sub>3</sub>N (620 µL, 4.44 mmol) and DMAP (18 mg, 0.15 mmol) were added to a solution of 13 (675 mg, 1.48 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (36 mL). The resulting solution was cooled to 0 °C, Ac<sub>2</sub>O (210 µL, 2.22 mmol) was added dropwise, and stirring was continued at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc) afforded the acetyl derivative (670 mg, 91%) as a colourless oil:  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = +4.33$  (c 2.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (NaCl): 1740, 1687, 1238 cm<sup>-1</sup>; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 0.91-1.11 [21 H, br s, Si(*i*Pr)<sub>3</sub>)], 1.13 (3 H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30-1.94 (10 H, m, H-4, H-4a, H-5, H-6, H-7, H-8), 1.44 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 2.05 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>), 3.61-3.78 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 4.0 and 4.05 (1 H, br s, H-8a), 4.38 and 4.50 (1 H, br s, H-2), 4.88 (1 H, ddd, J = 11.2, 4.6 Hz, H-3);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 12.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 15.4 and 15.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.7 and 18.0 [(CH<sub>3</sub>-CH)<sub>3</sub>Si], 20.9 and 21.4, 21.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.2 (C-4), 26.5, 28.1 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 28.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.0 (C-4a), 43.0 (C-5), 48.0 (C-2), 49.4 (C-8a), 64.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>OTIPS), 71.9 (C-3), 79.7  $[(CH_3)_3C]$ , 154.8 (NCOO), 170.1 (COO); HRMS calcd for  $[C_{27}H_{51}NO_5Si + H]^+$ : 498.3609, found 498.3611.



# DH (2S,3S,4aS,5R,8aR)-3-Acetoxy-1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)

**-2-methyldecahydroquinoline:** TBAF (7.6 mL of a 1 M solution in THF, 7.6 mmol) and AcOH (440 μL, 7.6 mmol) were added to a solution of the above acetate (750 mg, 1.51 mmol) in THF (25 mL), and the mixture was stirred at 30-40 °C for 24 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried, and concentrated. Flash chromatography (7:3 to 1:1 hexane–EtOAc) afforded the title alcohol (430 mg, 83%) as a yellowish oil:  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D}$  = +7.17 (*c* 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>); IR (film): *v* = 3309, 1740, 1683 cm<sup>-1</sup>; δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 1.13 (3 H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.19-1.34 (4 H, m), 1.37-1.90 (6 H, m), 1.44 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 1.92-2.11 (5 H, m, CH<sub>3</sub>, H-4, H-4a), 3.60-3.79 (2 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 4.11 (1 H, ddd, *J* = 10.8, 7.4, 3.0Hz, H-8a), 4.37 and 4.47 (1 H, br s, 2:1 ratio, H-2) 4.84-4.95 (1 H, m, H-3); δ<sub>C</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 15.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 21.1 (2 carbons CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>COO), 22.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (C-4), 28.0 and 28.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 31.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 34.6 (C-4a), 42.6 (C-5), 48.0 (C-2), 49.0 (C-8a), 64.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>OH), 71.7 (C-3), 79.8 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 154.9 (NCOO), 170.1 (COO); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO<sub>5</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup>: 342.2275, found 342.227.



(2S,3S,4aS,5R,8aR)-3-Acetoxy-1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-5-formyl-2-methyl

**decahydroquinoline (14):** Dess-Martin periodinane (1.34 g, 3.15 mmol) was added to a solution of the above alcohol (430 mg, 1.26 mmol) in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (92 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Then, saturated aqueous  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (20 mL) and saturated aqueous  $NaHCO_3$  (20mL) were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred for 1 h. The phases were separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with  $Et_2O$ . The combined organic extracts were dried and concentrated to afford crude aldehyde **14**, which was used without further purification in the next step.

(2S,3S,4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methyl-5-[(1'E,3'E)-1,3-octadienyl]decahydroquinoline (16): KHMDS (570 µL of a 0.5 M solution in toluene, 0.28 mmol) was slowly added at -78 °C to a solution of phosphonate 15 (67 mg, 0.24 mmol) in THF (1 mL). After the addition was complete, the solution was stirred for 30 min. Then, a solution of the above crude aldehyde 14 (0.06 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was slowly added (10 min), and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C overnight. The mixture was slowly warmed to room temperature (5 h) and stirred at this temperature for an additional 30 min. Saturated aqueous  $NH_4Cl$  was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The organic extracts were dried and concentrated. Flash chromatography (9:1 to 7:3 hexane-EtOAc) afforded compound 16 (15 mg, 68%) as a yellowish oil:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = -1.29$  (c 1.0 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 0.89 (3 H, t, J = 6.4 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (3 H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.21-1.99 (13 H, m, H-4, H-4a, H-6, H-7, H-8, 2CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.45 [9 H, s, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 2.06 (2 H, br s), 2.35 (1 H, br s, H-5), 3.77-3.90 (1 H, m, H-3), 4.02 and 4.16 (1 H, br s, 2:1 ratio, H-8a), 4.31 and 4.43 (1 H, br s, 2:1 ratio, H-2), 5.47-5.65 (1 H, m), 5.67-5.85 (1 H, m), 5.90-6.11 (2 H, m); δ<sub>C</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.7 and 14.9 (1 carbon), 21.1, 22.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.1, 28.0, 28.4 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 29.7 and 29.9 (1 carbon), 31.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3, 39.4 and 39.8 (1 carbon), 42.5 and 42.8 (1 carbon), 49.0, 50.0 and 50.8, (1 carbon), 70.1 (C-3), 79.5 [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C], 130.2 (CH=), 130.3 (CH=), 133.4 (CH=), 134.7 (CH=), 155.1 (NCOO).



(-)-Lepadin B: TFA (280 µL) was slowly added to a solution of compound 16 (24 mg, 0.06 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.8 mL) at 0 °C, and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was concentrated, and the residue was taken up with CHCl<sub>3</sub> (11 mL). K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (224 mg) was added, and the resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was filtered and concentrated to afford (-)-lepadin B (17.6 mg, 99%) as a white solid:  $[\alpha]_{D}^{23} = -74.8$  (*c* 0.55 in MeOH);  $\delta_{\rm H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>;

Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 0.89 (3 H, t, J = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.13 (3 H, d, J = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24-1.78 (12 H, m, C-4, C-4a, C-6, C-7, C-8, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.05 (2 H, q, J = 6.8 Hz, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.12 (1 H, ddd, J = 14.4, 2.4 Hz, H-4) 2.61 (1 H, qd, J = 11.6, 3.8 Hz, H-5), 2.79 (1 H, qd, J = 5.1, 1.2 Hz, H-2), 2.96 (1 H, br s, H-8a), 3.54 (1 H, d, J = 1.6 Hz, H-3), 5.37 (1 H, dd, J = 8.8, 2.4 Hz), 5.59 (1 H, dt, J = 14.8, 6.8 Hz), 6.00 (1 H, dt, J = 14.8, 10.0 Hz), 6.08 (1 H, dd, J = 14.8, 10.0 Hz);  $\delta_{\rm C}$  (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si) 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 20.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 31.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.0 (C-8), 34.1 (C-4), 34.2 (C-6), 38.7 (C-4a), 41.1 (C-5), 56.2 (C-8a), 56.7 (C-2), 68.8 (C-3), 130.3 (CH=), 130.9 (CH=), 132.8 (CH=), 137.1 (CH=); HRMS calcd for [C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>NO + H]<sup>+</sup>: 278.2478, found 278.2473.



(2S,3S,4aS,5R,8aR)-1-(tert-Butoxycarbonyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methyl-5-[(1'E,3'E)-7,7-(ethylenedioxy)-1,3-octadienyl]decahydroquinoline (18): NaHMDS (210 μL of a 1.0 M solution in THF, 0.21 mmol) was slowly added at -78 °C to a solution of phosphonate 17 (62 mg, 0.21 mmol) in DME (1 mL). After the addition was complete, the solution was stirred for 1 h. Then, a solution of the crude aldehyde 14 (0.05 mmol) in DME (1 mL) was slowly added (10 min), and the resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C and slowly warmed to room temperature overnight. Saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was added, and the resulting mixture was extracted with EtOAc. The organic extracts were dried and concentrated. Flash chromatography (9:1 to 7:3 hexane-EtOAc) afforded compound 18 (13 mg, 57%) as a colorless oil:  $[\alpha]^{23}_{D} = -2.2$  (c 1.1 in CHCl<sub>3</sub>);  $\delta_{H}$  (400 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 1.15 (3 H, d, J = 7.2 Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.32 (3 H, s, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.40-1.97 (13 H, m), 1.45 (9 H, br s), 2.17 (2 H, br s), 2.35 (1 H, br s), 3.80-3.89 (1 H, m), 3.94 (4 H, dd like, J = 4.0 Hz), 4.03 and 4.15 (1 H, br s, 2:1 ratio), 4.31 and 4.43 (1 H, br s, 2:1 ratio), 5.50-5.65 (1 H, m), 5.70- 5.85 (1 H, m), 5.91-6.10 (2 H, m); δ<sub>C</sub> (100.6 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; Me<sub>4</sub>Si, amide rotamers) 21.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.4 (3CH<sub>3</sub>-tBu), 29.7 and 29.9 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio), 38.6 (CH, 2 carbons), 39.4 and 39.7 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio), 49.0 and 49.8 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio), 50.0 and 50.7 (1 carbon in 2:1 ratio), 64.7 (OCH<sub>2</sub>, 2 carbons), 70.1 (C-3), 79.5 (Cq-tBu), 109.8 (Cq), 130.0 (C=C), 130.4 (C=C), 132.5 (C=C), 135.0 (C=C), 155.1 (COO).



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