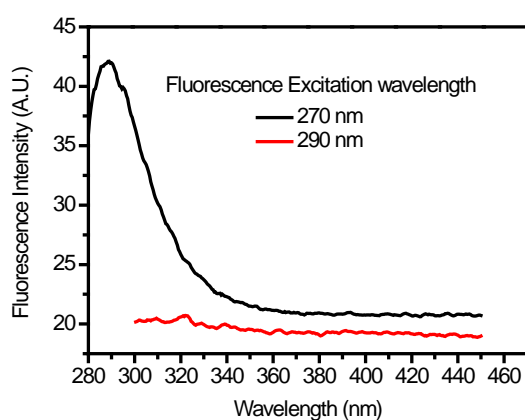


## Supporting Information

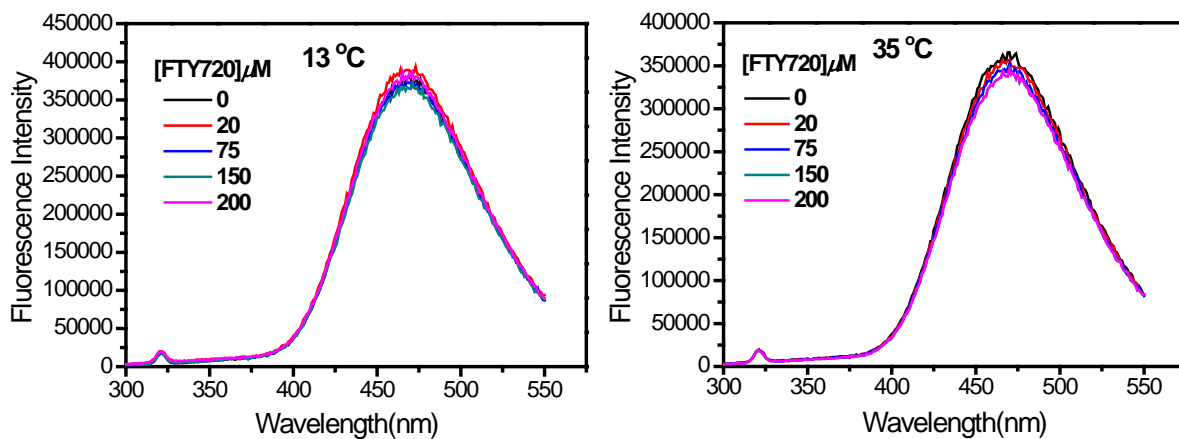
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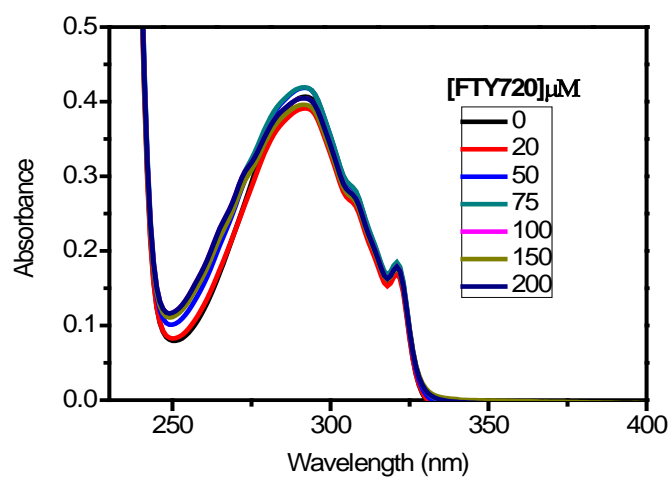
**Figure S1.** Response of the fluorescence intensity of FTY720 in water at different wavelength [FTY720] = 200  $\mu\text{M}$ .



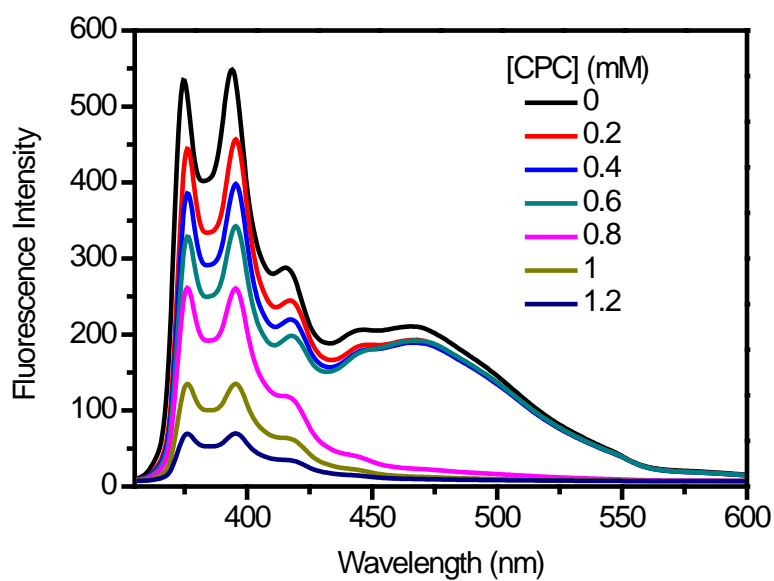
**Figure S2.** Response of the fluorescence intensity of 1-naphthol in water with increase in concentration of FTY720 at (A) 13 °C (B) 35 °C ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 290 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 470 \text{ nm}$ ). [1-Naphthol] = 4  $\mu\text{M}$ .



**Figure S3.** Response of the absorbance of 1-naphthol in water with increase in concentration of FTY720. [1-naphthol]=100 $\mu$ M



**Figure S4.** Response of fluorescence intensity of pyrene with increase in concentration of CPC quencher. [Pyrene]=4  $\mu$ M,  $\lambda_{ex}$ =335 nm.



**Table S1.** Temperature dependence fluorescence lifetime data of NpOH\* (A) absence of FTY720 and (B) presence of FTY720 ([FTY720] =150  $\mu$ M), ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ = 295 nm,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}$ = 370 nm) in DMPC liposome. [DMPC] =0.4 mM, [1-Naphthol] =4  $\mu$ M. (Error =  $\pm$  5 %)

| A)         |                              |                              |                          |          | B)         |                              |                              |                          |          |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Temp. (°C) | $\tau_s$ (ns) ( $\alpha_1$ ) | $\tau_l$ (ns) ( $\alpha_2$ ) | $\tau_{\text{avg}}$ (ns) | $\chi^2$ | Temp. (°C) | $\tau_s$ (ns) ( $\alpha_1$ ) | $\tau_l$ (ns) ( $\alpha_2$ ) | $\tau_{\text{avg}}$ (ns) | $\chi^2$ |
| 13         | 2.99 (0.27)                  | 6.99 (0.73)                  | 6.44                     | 1.13     | 13         | 2.69 (0.30)                  | 6.62 (0.70)                  | 6.03                     | 1.38     |
| 16         | 2.94 (0.28)                  | 6.91 (0.72)                  | 6.34                     | 1.43     | 16         | 2.73 (0.30)                  | 6.57 (0.70)                  | 5.98                     | 1.21     |
| 19         | 3.05 (0.30)                  | 6.84 (0.70)                  | 6.23                     | 1.22     | 19         | 2.88 (0.31)                  | 6.38 (0.69)                  | 5.78                     | 1.27     |
| 21         | 3.07 (0.31)                  | 6.73 (0.69)                  | 6.10                     | 1.14     | 21         | 3.02 (0.32)                  | 6.11 (0.68)                  | 5.52                     | 1.20     |
| 22         | 3.08 (0.32)                  | 6.63 (0.68)                  | 5.99                     | 1.22     | 22         | 3.06 (0.36)                  | 6.09 (0.64)                  | 5.42                     | 1.24     |
| 23         | 3.07 (0.33)                  | 6.45 (0.67)                  | 5.80                     | 1.28     | 23         | 3.03 (0.37)                  | 6.00 (0.63)                  | 5.31                     | 1.14     |
| 25         | 3.02 (0.35)                  | 6.25 (0.65)                  | 5.58                     | 1.07     | 25         | 3.03 (0.41)                  | 5.91 (0.59)                  | 5.15                     | 1.24     |
| 27         | 2.88 (0.36)                  | 6.14 (0.64)                  | 5.45                     | 1.24     | 27         | 2.93 (0.41)                  | 5.79 (0.59)                  | 5.04                     | 1.10     |
| 30         | 2.89 (0.40)                  | 6.07 (0.60)                  | 5.30                     | 1.21     | 30         | 2.52 (0.42)                  | 5.27 (0.58)                  | 4.56                     | 1.22     |
| 33         | 2.79 (0.41)                  | 5.90 (0.59)                  | 5.12                     | 1.22     | 33         | 2.57 (0.43)                  | 5.33 (0.57)                  | 4.59                     | 1.23     |

**Table S2.** Fluorescence lifetime data of NpO\* in water ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ =295 nm,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}$ =470 nm) with the increase in FTY720 at 13°C. [1-Naphthol]=4  $\mu$ M. (Error =  $\pm$  5 %)

| [FTY720] $\mu$ M | $\tau$ (ns) | $\chi^2$ |
|------------------|-------------|----------|
| 0                | 8.41        | 1.20     |
| 50               | 8.32        | 1.20     |
| 150              | 8.27        | 1.24     |

**Table S3.** Temperature dependence fluorescence lifetime data of  $\text{NpO}^{*}$  (A) absence of FTY720 and (B) presence of FTY720 ( $[\text{FTY720}] = 150 \mu\text{M}$ ), ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 295 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 460 \text{ nm}$ ) in DMPC liposome.  $[\text{DMPC}] = 0.4 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[1\text{-Naphthol}] = 4 \mu\text{M}$ . (Error =  $\pm 5 \%$ )

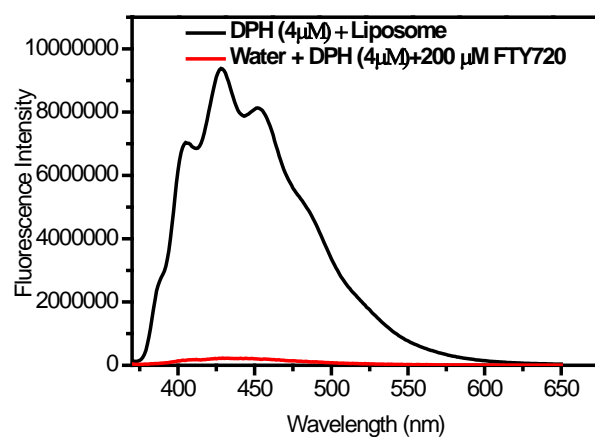
A)

| Temp. (°C) | $\tau_s$ (ns) ( $\alpha_1$ ) | $\tau_1$ (ns) ( $\alpha_2$ ) | $\tau_{\text{avg}}$ (ns) | $\chi^2$ |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 13         | 8.30<br>(0.61)               | 21.43<br>(0.31)              | 16.47                    | 1.21     |
| 16         | 8.26<br>(0.60)               | 21.16<br>(0.40)              | 16.39                    | 1.21     |
| 19         | 8.27<br>(0.58)               | 20.74<br>(0.42)              | 16.31                    | 1.21     |
| 21         | 8.37<br>(0.56)               | 20.66<br>(0.44)              | 16.47                    | 1.21     |
| 22         | 8.29<br>(0.53)               | 20.34<br>(0.47)              | 16.54                    | 1.21     |
| 23         | 8.59<br>(0.41)               | 19.22<br>(0.59)              | 16.70                    | 1.28     |
| 25         | 8.94<br>(0.41)               | 19.48<br>(0.59)              | 16.93                    | 1.13     |
| 27         | 9.00<br>(0.42)               | 19.16<br>(0.58)              | 16.66                    | 1.21     |
| 30         | 8.96<br>(0.44)               | 18.91<br>(0.56)              | 16.21                    | 1.08     |
| 33         | 8.79<br>(0.46)               | 18.67<br>(0.54)              | 15.81                    | 1.25     |

B)

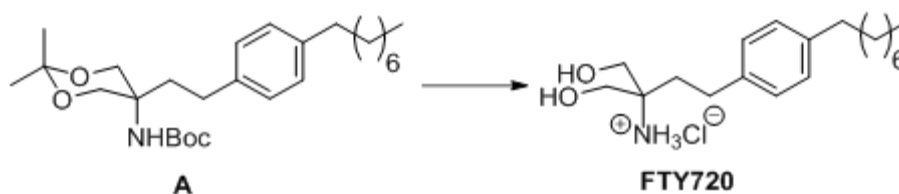
| Temp. (°C) | $\tau_s$ (ns) ( $\alpha_1$ ) | $\tau_1$ (ns) ( $\alpha_2$ ) | $\tau_{\text{avg}}$ (ns) | $\chi^2$ |
|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 13         | 7.90<br>(0.74)               | 19.06<br>(0.26)              | 13.01                    | 1.26     |
| 16         | 7.75<br>(0.70)               | 18.22<br>(0.30)              | 13.00                    | 1.35     |
| 19         | 7.68<br>(0.65)               | 17.68<br>(0.35)              | 13.21                    | 1.22     |
| 21         | 8.25<br>(0.52)               | 17.91<br>(0.48)              | 14.69                    | 1.11     |
| 22         | 8.65<br>(0.53)               | 17.98<br>(0.47)              | 14.69                    | 1.10     |
| 23         | 8.69<br>(0.53)               | 17.75<br>(0.47)              | 14.52                    | 1.19     |
| 25         | 9.03<br>(0.56)               | 17.86<br>(0.44)              | 14.56                    | 1.21     |
| 27         | 8.99<br>(0.56)               | 17.29<br>(0.44)              | 13.98                    | 1.22     |
| 30         | 8.55<br>(0.58)               | 16.70<br>(0.42)              | 12.90                    | 1.29     |
| 33         | 8.78<br>(0.63)               | 16.69<br>(0.36)              | 12.89                    | 1.21     |

**Figure S5:** Response of the fluorescence intensity of DPH in water with 200  $\mu\text{M}$  of FTY720 and in DMPC liposome media. ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 370 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 428 \text{ nm}$ ).  $[\text{DMPC}] = 0.4 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{DPH}] = 4 \mu\text{M}$ .



### Characterisation and purity of Fingolimod:

Analytically pure **A** (the ultimate precursor of FTY720) prepared according to our reported procedure<sup>1</sup> was used for the preparation of FTY720.



A solution of **A** (0.580 g, 1.42 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (6 mL) and TFA (1.1 mL), was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. aq  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  soln (5 mL) and then extracted with EtOAc (60 mL). The organic layer was washed with brine (40 mL), dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue obtained was then dissolved in dry THF (10 mL). To this solution ethereal HCl solution (2 mL) was added at 0 °C and the resulting mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 3 h. The solution was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the desired product as solid. This solid was thoroughly washed with dry ether (3 x 10 mL) and dried under high vacuum to afford **FTY720** (0.412 g, 90% over two steps). The material was directly used for the studies, after recording  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum.

***tert*-butyl 2,2-dimethyl-5-(4-octylphenethyl)-1,3-dioxan-5-ylcarbamate (A) :**

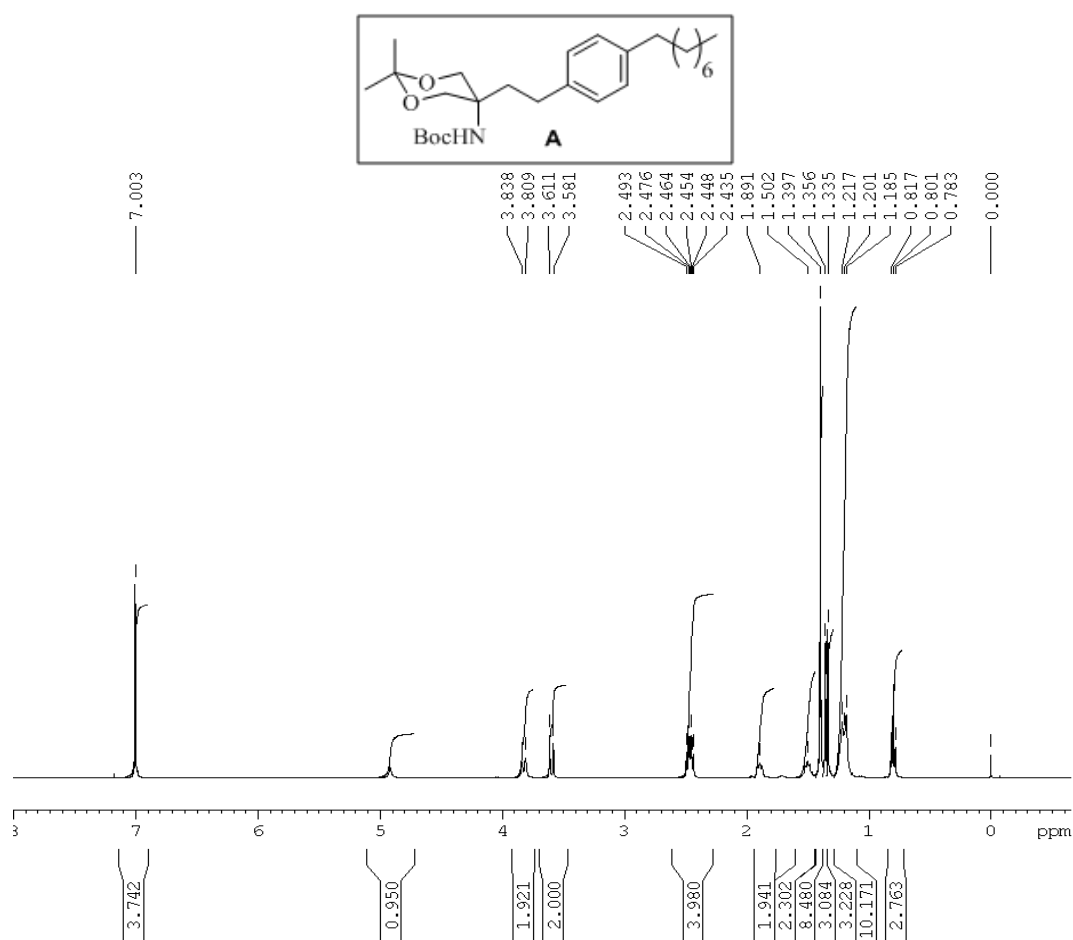
Colorless solid, m.p.: 62-64 °C.;  $R_f$  0.6 (hexanes: ethyl acetate, 7:3); IR ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ ): 2921, 2851, 1720, 1495, 1166  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR [ $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz]  $\delta$ : 0.80 (t, 3H,  $J = 6.8$  Hz,  $-\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.18-1.22 (m, 10H, 5 x  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.34 (s, 3H,  $-\text{CCH}_3$ ), 1.36 (s, 3H,  $-\text{CCH}_3$ ), 1.40 (s, 9H,  $-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 1.49-1.52 (m, 2H,  $-\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.88-1.92 (m, 2H,  $-\text{CCH}_2$ ), 2.43-2.49 (m, 4H, 2 x  $\text{ArCH}_2$ ), 3.60 (d, 2H,  $J = 11.6$  Hz,  $-\text{OCH}_2$ ), 3.82 (d, 2H,  $J = 11.6$  Hz,  $-\text{OCH}_2$ ), 4.91 (bs, 1H,  $-\text{NH}$ ), 7.00 (s, 4H,  $\text{ArH}$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR [ $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz]  $\delta$ : 13.1, 18.9, 21.6, 26.3, 27.4, 27.7, 28.3, 28.5, 30.5, 30.9, 32.8, 34.5, 50.8, 65.4, 78.3, 97.4, 127.0, 127.2, 137.8, 139.3, 153.7.; HRMS (ESI): Calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{46}\text{NO}_4\text{Na}$  ( $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ ): 470.3246. Found: 470.3248.

**2-amino-2-(4-octylphenethyl)propane-1,3-diol hydrochloride (FTY720)**

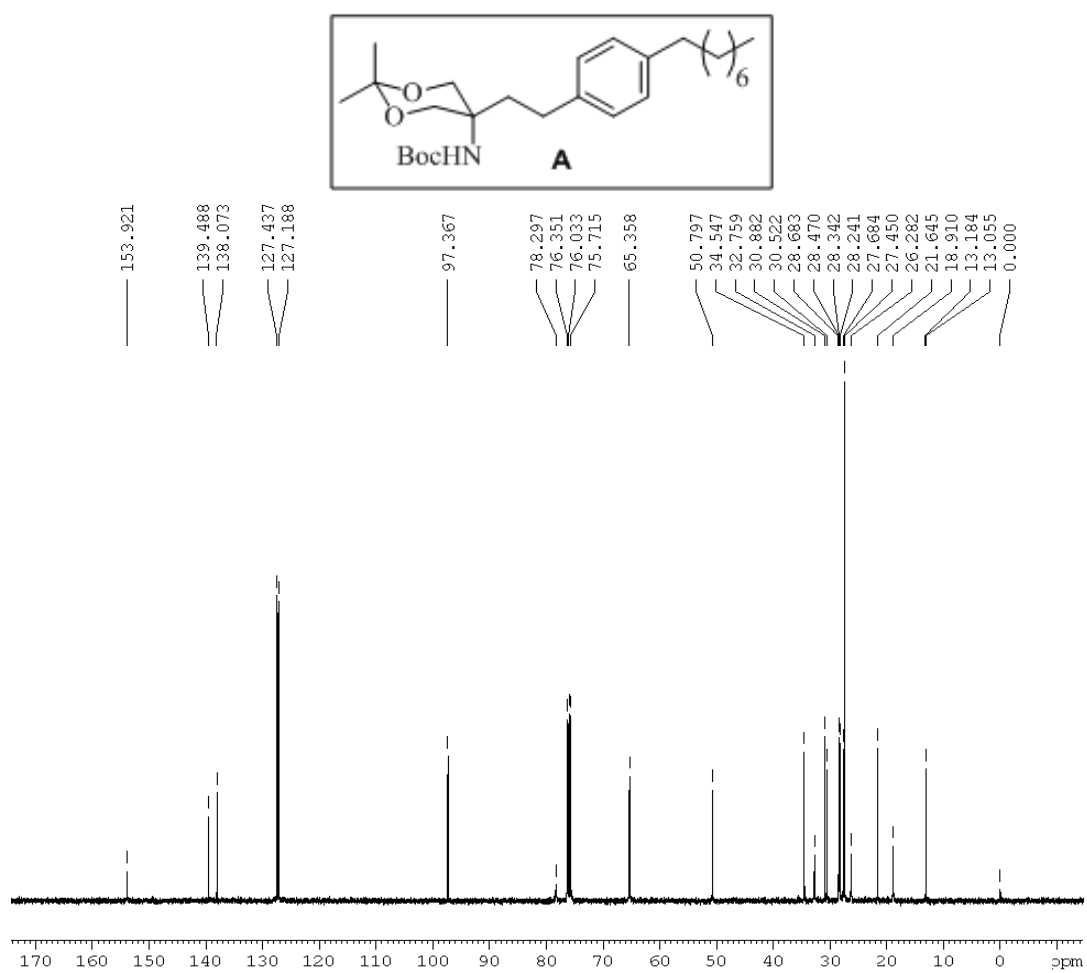
Colorless solid; 90% (over two steps); m.p.: 103-105 °C;  $R_f$  0.4 (methanol: chloroform, 1:9); IR (CHCl<sub>3</sub>): 2921, 2851, 1720, 1495, 1166 cm<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>1</sup>H NMR [DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz]  $\delta$ : 0.85 (t, 3H,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, -CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.23-1.26 (m, 10H, 5 x CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.53-1.54 (m, 2H, -CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.76-1.80 (m, 2H, -CCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.54-2.59 (m, 4H, 2 x ArCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.52 (d, 4H,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, -OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.39 (d, 2H,  $J$  = 4.8 Hz, 2 x -OH), 7.10 (s, 4H, ArH), 7.89 (bs, 3H, 3 x -NH). <sup>13</sup>C NMR [DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz]  $\delta$ : 13.9, 22.1, 27.9, 28.7, 28.8, 31.1, 31.3, 33.2, 34.7, 60.3, 61.0, 128.0, 128.2, 138.8, 139.8.; MS (ESI): 308 ([M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>).

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) of *tert*-butyl 2,2-dimethyl-5-(4-octylphenethyl)-1,3-dioxan-5-ylcarbamate (A)

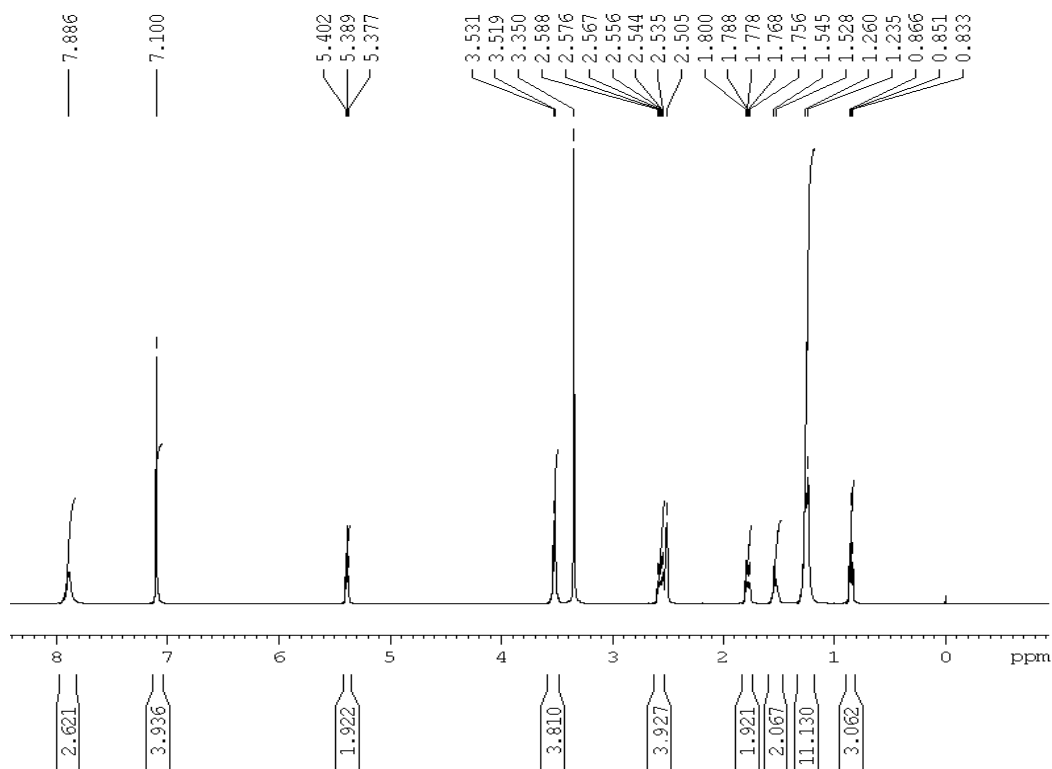
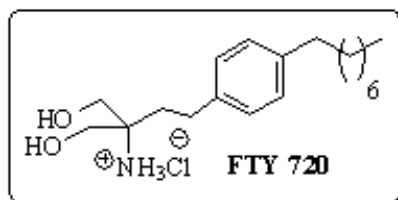


$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz) of *tert*-butyl 2,2-dimethyl-5-(4-octylphenethyl)-1,3-dioxan-5-ylcarbamate (A)

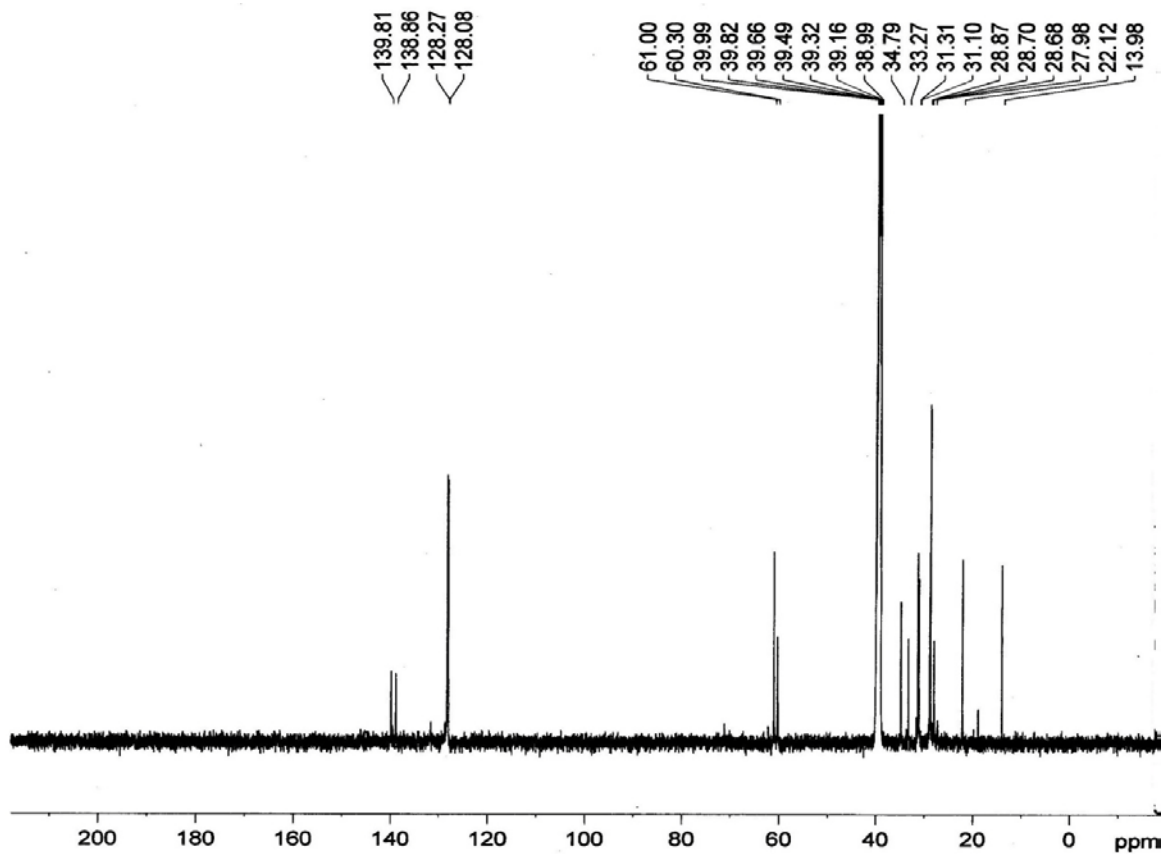
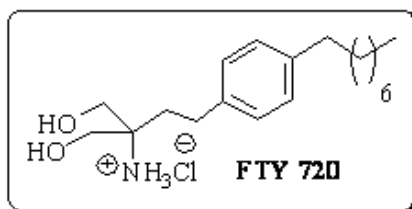




$^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz) of 2-amino-2-(4-octylphenethyl)propane-1,3-diol hydrochloride (FTY720)



$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (125 MHz) of 2-amino-2-(4-octylphenethyl)propane-1,3-diol hydrochloride (FTY720)



**Figure S6.** Schematic representation of interaction of FTY720 with DMPC lipid bilayer:

