Supporting Information 1

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Total Syntheses of Naturally Occurring Antiviral Indolosesquiterpene Alkaloids, Xiamycins C-F via Csp³-H Functionalization

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Materials and Methods

Unless otherwise stated, reactions were carried out using oven dried glass ware with Teflon coated magnetic stirring bars were used to stir the reactions. The Syringe was used to transfer the solvents and liquid reagents. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) Diethyl ether (Et₂O) were distilled over sodium/benzophenone ketyl. Dichloromethane CH₂Cl₂) was distilled over calcium hydride. All other solvents like MeOH, EtOAc, DMF, Dichloroethane (DCE) and reagents were used as received. Reaction temperatures above 25 °C were maintained by using oil bath on a magnetic stirrer. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) analysis was performed by using silica gel precoated plates (0.25 mm) 60 (F-254), Visualized by UV irradiation, yellow dip stain and other stains. Silica gel of particle size 230-400 and 100-200 mesh were used to perform flash chromatography. Digital melting point apparatus is used to record the melting points. ¹H-NMR spectra was recorded by using 400, 500 MHz spectrometers, ¹³C-NMR operating frequencies are 100, 125 MHz respectively. Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm relative to the residual solvents CDCl₃ signal (δ = 7.28 for ¹H NMR and δ = 77.0 for ¹³C NMR) and CD₃OD signal (δ = 3.33 for ¹H NMR and δ = 49.0 for ¹³C NMR). Data for ¹H NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (multiplicity, coupling constants, and number of hydrogen). Abbreviations are as follows: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad). IR spectra were recorded on a FT-IR system (Spectrum BX) and are reported in frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Only selected IR absorbencies are reported. High Resolution Mass Spectrometry (HRMS) data was recorded on MicrOTOF-Q-II mass spectrometer using methanol as solvent. Optical rotations were measured on an automatic polarimeter.



Synthesis of Methyl dehydroabietate (+)-13 from Abietic acid:

Abietic acid (9.0 g, 29.7 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in an oven-dried 100 mL round-bottom (RB) flask and Pd/C (90 mg, 0.01 % w/w) was added at room temperature. The RB flask was equipped with a condenser and it was allowed to stir at 240 °C for 4 h on a pre-heated oil-bath. After complete conversion of the starting material (judged by running TLC), the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to 25 °C and the crude was charged for the next step without any purification.

To the above reaction mixture was taken in acetone (50 mL) and K_2CO_3 (4.5 g, 32.7 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added portion wise. To this solution was added Me₂SO₄ (3.1 mL, 32.7 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and it was allowed to reflux at 60 °C for 2 h. After complete consumption of the starting material (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered and the solid was washed with EtOAc (50 mL X 2). The combined organic layers were concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure and crude product was purified through column chromatography with 10% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford the methyl dehydroabietate (+)-**13** (8.8 g, 92% yield over 2 steps).



Methyl (1R,4aS,10aR)-7-isopropyl-1,4a-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10aoctahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylate [(+)-13]: (+)-13 was obtained as colorless oil (29.7 mmol scale of reaction; 8.8 g; 92% yield over 2 steps). $R_f = 0.3$ (10% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H** NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.95 - 2.89 (m, 2H), 2.88 - 2.83 (m, 1H), 2.36 - 2.31 (m, 1H),

2.28 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.90 – 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.82 (td, *J* = 5.0, 1.8 Hz, 2H), 1.78 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.55 (dd, J = 12.6, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.47 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 6H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.1, 146.9, 145.7, 134.7, 126.9, 124.1, 123.9, 51.9, 47.7, 44.9, 38.0, 37.0, 36.7, 33.5, 30.0, 25.1, 24.0, 21.7, 18.6, 16.5.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 2958, 2957, 2866, 2369, 1726, 1498, 1243, 1121, 915, 768 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₁H₃₀O₂ + H]⁺ 315.2319, found 315.2330.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +32.2 \ (c = 0.75, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Aromatic Electrophilic Bromination of (+)-13:



In an oven dried round-bottom flask (+)-13 (6.0 g, 19.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in 65 mL of CH₃CN. To the reaction mixture NBS (4.1 g, 22.9 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added at 25 °C and stirred at the same temperature for 5 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was then partitioned and extracted with EtOAc (50 mL X 2). The combined organic layers were concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure and crude product was purified through column chromatography with 10% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-12 as white solid (6.8 g, 90% yield).



(1R,4aS,10aR)-Methyl6-bromo-7-isopropyl-1,4a-dimethyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylate [(+)-12]: (+)-12 was obtained as white solid (19.1mmol scale of reaction; 6.8 g; 90%). $R_f = 0.6$ (5% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 (s, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 3.69 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 1H), 3.01 – 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.27 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 – 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.56 – 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 3H), 1.27 – 1.17 (m, 9H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.9, 148.9, 144.0, 134.5, 128.5, 127.1, 121.5, 51.9, 47.6, 44.6, 37.9, 37.0, 36.6, 32.3, 29.5, 25.0, 23.0, 22.8, 21.5, 18.5, 16.5.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3015, 1842, 1798, 1641, 1495, 1381, 1332, 1201, 1105, 978, 703 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₁H₂₉BrO₂ + H]⁺ 393.1398, found 393.1424.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +28.9 \ (c = 0.85, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Preparation of Fuming Nitric Acid:

In an oven-dried round-bottom flask 40 g of powder potassium nitrate was charged with 60 mL of conc. sulfuric acid. Then the solution was set with a distillation condenser and distillation was performed at 130 °C to collect around 30 mL of fuming nitric acid.

Ipso-nitration of (+)-12:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask 4 mL of fuming nitric acid was taken and set at -40 °C. Then solid compound (+)-**12** (800 mg, 2.03 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was directly charged into the previously cooled fuming nitric acid system and the whole solution was scratched well with a spatula maintaining the -40 °C temperature. After scratching the solution for 5 minutes, the reaction was quenched with excess of water. The reaction mixture was then partitioned between water and dichloromethane. The organic layer was then washed with saturated bicarbonate solution. The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was then purified by column chromatography with 5% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-**11** as yellow foam [635 mg, 79% yield (brsm)].

Sl. No	Condition	Solvent	Result
1	KNO ₃ /Conc. H ₂ SO ₄ , 0 °C - 25°C, 5 h	CH ₂ Cl ₂	30% (11) + 20% (23) + 20% SM
2	KNO ₃ /Conc. H ₂ SO ₄ , 0 °C - 25°C, 8 h	CH_2Cl_2	24% (11) + 30% (23)
3	KNO ₃ /Conc. H ₂ SO ₄ , -40°C, 10 min	-	46% (11) + 15% (23) + 39% SM
4	KNO ₃ /Conc. H ₂ SO ₄ , -40°C, 5 min	-	68% (11) + 18% SM



(1R,4aS,10aR)-Methyl6-bromo-1,4a-dimethyl-7-nitro-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10aoctahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylate [(+)-11]: (+)-11 was obtained as yellow foam [2.03mmol scale of reaction; 635 g; 79% (BRSM)]. $R_f = 0.35$ (10% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.94 – 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 13.5 Hz, 1H), 2.19 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (s, 1H), 1.79 (s, 2H), 1.72 (s, 2H), 1.52 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.5, 155.9, 136.3, 131.3, 126.4, 111.2, 52.2, 47.4, 44.0, 37.8, 37.6, 36.4, 29.2, 24.8, 21.0, 18.3, 16.5.

IR (film) υ_{max} 2932, 1721, 1527, 1450, 1365, 1248, 1112, 981, 883, 734 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₈H₂₂BrNO₄ + Na]⁺ 418.0624, found 418.0575. $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +89.75 \ (c = 0.62, \text{CHCl}_3).$



(1R,4aS,10aR)-Methyl6-bromo-1,4a-dimethyl-7,8-dinitro-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-octahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylate [(+)-23]: (+)-23 was obtained as yellow foam (2.03mmol scale of reaction; 161 mg; 18%). $R_f = 0.30$ (10% EtOAc in hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (s, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.95 – 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.34 – 2.29 (m, 1H), 2.21 (dd, *J* = 12.6, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.85 – 1.79 (m, 4H), 1.75 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 4.5 Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.27 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.0, 156.3, 133.0, 132.4, 129.2, 127.0, 112.0, 52.3, 47.2, 43.2, 38.4, 37.8, 36.2, 25.1, 24.9, 20.0, 18.2, 16.5.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 2945, 1720, 1536, 1485, 1320, 1265, 1156, 986, 912, 750 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₁₈H₂₁BrN₂O₆ + H]⁺ 441.0674; found 441.0656.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +78.35 \ (c = 0.72, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Suzuki-Miyaura Coupling of (+)-11 with Phenylboronic acid:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask, compound (+)-**11** (2.1 g, 5.3 mmol, 1 equiv.) was taken in 20 mL mixed solvent system of benzene: ethanol: water (2:1:1) equipped with a magnetic

stir-bar. Then benzene boronic acid (775 mg, 6.36 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) and potassium carbonate (1.5 g, 10.6 mmol, 2 equiv.) were directly added to the reaction mixture. After the complete dissolution of the solid materials the reaction mixture was degassed for 10 mins using N₂ gas balloon. Then tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0) (123 mg, 0.11 mmol, 0.02 equiv.) was rapidly added and the reaction mixture was allowed to reflux at 100 °C on a preheated oil-bath for 8 h maintaining N₂ inertness until the full consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC). The mixture was cooled and was poured into an aqueous ammonium chloride solution. The mixture was extracted with 20% EtOAc in *n*-hexane (25 mL X 2). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (20 mL X 1), dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. Now the crude product was purified by flash chromatography with 5% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-**10** as yellow foam (1.92 g, 92% yield).



(1R,4aS,10aR)-Methyl**1,4a-dimethyl-7-nitro-6-phenyl-1,2,3,4,4a,9,10,10a-**octahydrophenanthrene-1-carboxylate [(+)-10]: (+)-10 was obtained as yellow foam (5.3mmol scale of reaction; 1.9 g; 92%). $R_f = 0.35$ (10% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.37 (p, *J* = 7.7, 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.28 – 7.25 (m, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.98 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (d, *J* = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dd, *J* = 12.3, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (td, *J* = 8.8, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.77 – 1.73 (m, 3H), 1.69 – 1.67 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.28 (s, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.7, 154.4, 146.6, 138.2, 135.9, 133.9, 128.5, 128.2, 128.0, 127.8, 124.7, 52.1, 47.5, 44.3, 37.8, 36.5, 31.6, 29.4, 24.9, 21.2, 18.3, 16.6.

IR (film) υ_{max} 3015, 1842,1798, 1641, 1495, 1381, 1332, 1201, 1105, 978, 703 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M + H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₇NO₄ + H]⁺ 394.2013, found 394.2016.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +62.50 \ (c = 0.79, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Cadogan Reaction of (+)-10:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask compound (+)-**10** (1.72 g, 4.4 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in 10 mL of 1, 2-dichlorobenzene maintaining N₂ inertness. Then to the reaction mixture solid triphenyl phosphine (3.43 g, 13.1 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) was added and refluxed at 220 °C on a preheated oil-bath for 14 h until the full consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC). Now the crude product was purified by flash chromatography with 10% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-**14** as brown foam (1.2 g, 74% yield).



(4R,4aR,13bS)-Methyl**4,13b-dimethyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-b]carbazole-4-carboxylate** [(+)-14]: (+)-14 was obtained as brown foam (4.4 mmol scale of reaction; 1.2 g; 74%). $R_f = 0.35$ (20% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.22 (ddd, *J* = 7.7, 5.8, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 3.15 – 3.07 (m, 2H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.40 – 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.88 – 1.82 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.61 (m, 1H), 1.52 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 6.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.3, 141.9, 140.0, 138.1, 133.7, 125.3, 123.7, 121.9, 119.9, 119.1, 115.4, 110.4, 109.9, 52.0, 47.7, 45.2, 38.8, 37.5, 36.8, 30.7, 25.7, 21.9, 18.7, 16.6.

IR (neat) v_{max} 3402, 2926, 1720, 1465, 1243, 1023, 823, 750, 582 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+ H]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₇NO₂ + H]⁺ 362.2115, found 362.2113.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +122.0 \ (c = 0.93, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Tosylation of Carbazole derivative (+)-14:



Carbazole (+)-14 (1.1 g, 3.04 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in an oven dried round bottom flask dissolved in 12 mL of DMF maintaining N₂ inertness and set on an ice bath. Sodium hydride (182 mg, 4.56 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added in portion-wise manner to the reaction vessel and stirred for 15 min at 0 °C. Then solid *p*-toluene sulphonyl chloride (695 mg, 3.65 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was directly added to the solution and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir at 25 °C for 4 h until the full consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC). The reaction was quenched with excess of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution. Then the solution was extracted with EtOAc and water. The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL X 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography with 10% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-**9** as yellow foam (1.35 g, 86% yield).



(4R,4aR,13bS)-Methyl4,13b-dimethyl-8-tosyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-b]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-9]: (+)-9 was obtained as yellow foam (3.04mmol scale of reaction; 1.35 g; 86%). $R_f = 0.35$ (20% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (s, 1H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.34 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.16 (dd, *J* = 7.4, 3.0 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.98 – 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.85 – 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.71 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.56 – 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.1, 146.0, 144.7, 138.5, 136.6, 135.4, 135.2, 129.7, 129.6, 126.8, 126.7, 126.5, 126.5, 124.4, 123.7, 119.5, 115.2, 115.0, 114.7, 52.0, 47.6, 44.8, 38.4, 37.5, 36.7, 30.8, 25.5, 21.7, 21.5, 18.6, 16.6.

IR (neat) v_{max} 2921, 1721, 1598, 1368, 1171, 995, 810,747, 668, 581 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+ Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₃₁H₃₃NO₄S + Na]⁺ 538.2023, found 538.2041.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +139.23 \ (c = 0.82, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Benzylic Oxidation of Compound (+)-9:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask (+)-**9** (960 mg, 1.86 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was dissolved in 10 mL of acetic acid. To the reaction mixture solid CrO_3 (372 mg, 3.72 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added at 25 °C and stirred for 4 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC) the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate and quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (15 mL X 3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Then the crude product was purified by flash chromatography with 20% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-**7** as white foam (808 mg, 82% yield).



Methyl (4R,4aR,13bS)-4,13b-dimethyl-6-oxo-8-tosyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1Hnaphtho[2,1-b]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-7]: (+)-7 was obtained as white foam (1.86 mmol scale of reaction; 808 mg; 82%). $R_f = 0.4$ (30% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.93 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.78 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 – 7.56 (m, 1H), 7.41 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.88 – 2.76 (m, 2H), 2.53 (d, J = 12.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.90 – 1.82 (m, 3H), 1.81 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.5, 177.9, 151.1, 145.0, 140.0, 136.5, 135.0, 130.8, 130.3, 129.8, 128.9, 126.7, 125.4, 124.0, 120.8, 115.2, 114.6, 114.1, 52.3, 46.7, 43.7, 37.9, 37.7, 37.6, 36.6, 24.3, 21.5, 18.2, 16.5.

IR (film) υ_{max} 2942, 1746, 1705, 1576, 1428, 1374, 1157, 654, 573 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+ H]⁺ calcd. for [C₃₁H₃₁NO₅S + H]⁺ 530.1996, found 530.1999.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +64.0 \ (c = 0.92, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Stereoselective reduction of (+)-7:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask (+)-7 (100 mg, 0.189 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (4 mL) was taken at −10 °C, NaBH₄ (9 mg, 0.226 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added portion wise and the

reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 15 min. After complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC analysis), it was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (5 mL X 2). The organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated on a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography with 40% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-**15** as yellow foam (98 mg, 98% yield).



Methyl (4*R*,4a*R*,6*S*,13b*S*)-6-hydroxy-4,13b-dimethyl-8-tosyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-*b*]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-15]: (+)-15 was obtained as yellow foam (0.189 mmol scale of reaction; 98 mg; 98%). $R_f = 0.32$ (30% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H), 7.75 (s, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.48 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.08 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 2.48 – 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.96 – 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.89 – 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 3.2 Hz, 2H), 1.75 – 1.71 (m, 1H), 1.56 (td, *J* = 12.8, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.8, 145.7, 144.8, 138.9, 138.1, 136.9, 135.1, 129.7, 127.3, 126.59, 126.3, 125.8, 123.7, 119.8, 115.3, 115.1, 113.8, 70.9, 52.2, 47.3, 43.5, 38.4, 38.1, 36.5, 32.7, 26.0, 21.5, 18.5, 16.5.

IR (film) v_{max} 3645, 3100, 2885, 1740, 1695, 1535, 1430, 1365, 1169 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M + Na]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{31}H_{33}NO_5S + Na]^+$ 554.1972; found 554.1950.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +56.5 \ (c = 0.72, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Synthesis of Enone (+)-8 via Saegusa-Ito Oxidation:



To a stirred solution of **7** (770 mg, 1.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in THF (12 mL) at -78 °C, a freshly prepared LDA (2.175 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) was added. To this solution was added TMSCl (927 μ L, 7.25 mmol, 5 equiv.) dropwise over 5 min. After stirring at -78 °C for 30 mins, the reaction mixture was quenched with triethylamine (3 mL) at -78 °C followed by saturated aq. NaHCO₃ (10 mL). Then, it was allowed to warm to 25 °C, diluted with water (6 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (15 mL X 3). The combined organic extracts were dried over K₂CO₃ and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was used without further purification.

The crude silyl enol ether was dissolved in CH₃CN (12 mL), treated with 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4methylpyridine (447 mg, 2.175 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) and Pd(OAc)₂ (65.3 mg, 0.29 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and placed under an atmosphere of oxygen (1 atm. balloon). The dark suspension was stirred at 25 °C for 16 h (until TLC indicated complete consumption of starting material) and diluted with Et₂O (10 mL) and H₂O (10 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (15 mL X 2), and the combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaCl (5 mL), dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated under vacuum. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography to provide (+)-**8** in 627 mg (82% yield) as yellow semi-solid.

Synthesis of Enone (+)-8 by reaction with SeO₂ in AcOH and water:



A mixture of (+)-7 (770 mg, 1.45 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) and selenium dioxide (804 mg, 7.27 mmol, 5.0 equiv.) were dissolved in 12 mL solvent mixture of acetic acid and water (3:1). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 6 h on a preheated oil-bath at 100 °C. After complete consumption of starting material (monitored by TLC) the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate and quenched with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (10 mL X 3). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography with 20% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-**8** as yellow gel (643 mg, 84% yield).

Synthesis of Enone (+)-8 by reaction with PTAB followed by DBU:



To a solution of the ketone (–)-7 (636 mg, 1.2 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in 12 mL of THF was added trimethyl(phenyl)ammonium perbromide (PTAB, 542 mg, 1.44 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) at 0 °C. After stirred for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated Na₂S₂O₃ solution and extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, concentrated in vacuo. Then the residue was dissolved *o*-xylene (12 mL) was added DBU (366 μ L, 2.4 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) at room temperature. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 5 h, diluted with water (12 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (15 mL X 2). The combined organic extracts were washed with 4 (*N*) HC1 aqueous solution and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuum. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography to afford (+)-**8** as yellow gel (501 mg, 79% yield).



Methyl(4R,13bR)-4,13b-dimethyl-6-oxo-8-tosyl-2,3,4,6,8,13b-hexahydro-1H-
naphtho[2,1-b]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-8]: (+)-8 was obtained as yellow gel (1.45 mmol
scale of reaction; 643 mg; 84%). $R_f = 0.35$ (30% EtOAc in *n*-hexane);¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.99 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (s, 1H), 7.95 (d, J =
7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.53 (m, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.11 (d, J =
8.0 Hz, 2H), 6.23 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.64 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.21 (d, J =
5.2 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 2.01 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.90 (dd, J = 14.6, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (d,

J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.5, 176.2, 167.2, 148.5, 145.0, 140.0, 136.8, 135.0, 130.0, 129.8, 129.8, 128.9, 126.7, 125.3, 124.0, 120.7, 115.6, 115.2, 112.8, 52.6, 50.8, 41.1, 35.7, 35.0, 34.5, 25.3, 21.5, 17.7.

IR (neat) v_{max} 3050, 2958, 1763, 1656, 1554, 1162, 1395, 678 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{31}H_{29}NO_5S + H]^+$ 528.1839, found 528.1863. $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +60.48$ (c = 0.75, CHCl₃).

General procedure for δ -Csp³-H Activation: The substrate was taken in 2 mL solvent (cyclohexane or DCE) (1.0 equiv.) and to it PIDA was added, followed by addition of oxidant (I₂ or NBS) was done. The reaction was irradiated with a 200-W tungsten lamp for 30-50 min. at 40 °C. After completion of starting material (monitored by TLC) the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate and quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography with 20-40% EtOAc in *n*-Hexane to afford the products (see the optimization table).



Optimization of oxidation using hypervalent iodine reagent:

Entry	Conditions ^a	temp.	17 ^b	7 ^b	8 ^b	16 ^b
1	PIDA (1.1 equiv.) I ₂ (1.0 equiv.), cyclohexane, 40 min	25 °C	27%	58%	-	ND
2	PIDA (2.0 equiv.) I ₂ (2.0 equiv.) DCE, 40 min	25 °C	21%	45%	-	ND + 21% SM recovered
3	PIDA (4.0 equiv.) I ₂ (5.0 equiv.), DCE, 40 min	25 °C	19%	37%	3%	<i>ND</i> + multiple spots+ 15% SM recovered
4	PIDA (4.0 equiv.) I ₂ (5.0 equiv.), DCE, 40 min	40 °C	35%	52%	6%	ND
5	PIDA (1.1 equiv.) NBS (1.0 equiv.), cyclohexane, 40 min	25 °C	12%	23%	-	<i>ND</i> + 47% SM recovered
6	PIDA (2.0 equiv.) NBS (2.0 equiv.) DCE, 40 min	25 °C	18%	38%	-	<i>ND</i> + 31% SM recovered
7	PIDA (4.0 equiv.) NBS (5.0 equiv.) DCE, 40 min	40 °C	22%	43%	13%	<i>ND</i> + multiple spots +10% SM recovered
8	PIFA (2.0 equiv.) I ₂ (2.0 equiv.) DCE, 40 min	25 °C	11%	26%	-	<i>ND</i> + multiple spots+ 41% SM recovered

^aReactions were carried out on 0.037mmol of substrate. ^byields are isolated after column chromatography.





Methyl (4*R*,4a*R*,13b*S*)-4,13b-dimethyl-8-tosyl-2,3,4,4a,8,13b-hexahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1b]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-S1]: (+)-S1 was obtained as colorless oil (0.037 mmol scale of reaction; 5 mg; 27%). $R_f = 0.65$ (30% EtOAc in *n*-hexane);

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.30 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.74 (s, 1H), 7.72 (s, 1H), 7.69 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.44 (m, 1H), 7.35 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.76 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 2.99 (t, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.86 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.79 – 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.47 (s, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 178.5, 144.8, 144.3, 138.6, 136.8, 135.1, 132.8, 130.7, 129.7, 128.8, 126.9, 126.7, 126.5, 125.4, 123.8, 119.6, 115.0, 113.2, 113.0, 52.2, 46.6, 46.3, 37.8, 35.7, 35.6, 21.5, 21.3, 18.4, 18.0.

IR (neat) v_{max} 3070, 2900, 1725, 1680, 1510, 1475, 1120 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M + H]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{31}H_{31}NO_4S + H]^+$ 514.2047; found 514.2019.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +78.64 \ (c = 0.38, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Procedure for the Synthesis of Compound (–)-19:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask (+)-8 (610 mg, 1.16 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in 8 mL of Ac₂O and catalytic H₂SO₄ was added at 25 °C. After 5 minutes solid NBS (227 mg, 1.3 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to reaction mixture and stirred for 2 h at 25 °C. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution. The reaction mixture was then partitioned between water and EtOAc (10 mL X 2). The organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (10 mL X 1) and dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 16% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (–)-**19** as yellow gel (535 mg, 76% yield).



Methyl (1R,4R,13bR)-1-bromo-4,13b-dimethyl-6-oxo-8-tosyl-2,3,4,6,8,13b-hexahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-*b*]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(-)-19]: (-)-19 was obtained as yellow gel (1.16 mmol scale of reaction; 535 mg; 76%). $R_f = 0.37$ (30 % EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.01 (s, 1H), 8.82 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.64 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.44 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 4.98 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.82 – 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.45 (ddt, *J* = 15.7, 6.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.18 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 183.4, 175.5, 164.3, 147.5, 145.1, 140.0, 137.1, 134.9, 130.4, 129.8, 129.1, 129.1, 128.5, 126.7, 125.3, 124.1, 121.0, 117.2, 115.2, 112.5, 62.2, 52.8, 50.6, 44.9, 37.0, 34.6, 30.4, 27.2, 21.5.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3041, 2967, 1758, 1674, 1571, 1431, 1168, 629 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+ Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₃₁H₂₈NBrO₅S + Na]⁺: 628.0764, found: 628.0740.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = -6.19 \ (c = 0.73, \text{CHCl}_3).$



Energy minimization was done with DFT method using the B3LYP functional using LANL2DZ basis set.

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Synthesis of Enol-acetate (-)-8c:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask compound (+)-8 (100 mg, 0.19 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was

taken in 2 mL of Ac₂O and catalytic H₂SO₄ was added at 25 °C. After that reaction mixture was run for 1 h at 25 °C. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (5 mL). The organic layer was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (5 mL X 1). Then reaction mixture was partitioned between water and EtOAc (5 mL X 2) and organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 20% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (–)-**8c** as yellow foam (38 mg, 35% yield).



(4*R*,4a*S*)-Methyl 6-acetoxy-4,4a-dimethyl-8-tosyl-3,4,4a,8-tetrahydro-2H-naphtho[2,1*b*]carbazole-4-carboxylate (–)-8c: (–)-8c was obtained as yellow foam (0.19 mmol scale of reaction; 38 mg, 35%). $R_f = 0.35$ (20% EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.26 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.86 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.18 (t, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 5.94 (s, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.44 (s, 3H), 2.28 (d, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 1H), 2.05 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.2, 169.4, 144.9, 143.3, 142.1, 139.0, 138.0, 137.9, 134.7, 130.7, 129.7, 129.7, 127.7, 127.3, 126.5, 126.5, 126.2, 124.0, 123.8, 123.7, 119.8, 116.0, 115.2, 107.7, 51.8, 47.5, 41.6, 29.5, 24.2, 23.7, 21.5, 21.0, 20.8.

IR (film) υ_{max} 3020, 1850, 1735, 1670, 1500, 1165, 900, 680 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M + Na]⁺ Calcd for [C₃₃H₃₁NO₆S + Na]⁺ 592.1764; found 592.1764.

 $[\alpha]_{589}^{25.0} = -1.67 \ (c = 0.1, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Synthesis of compound (–)-19 from (–)-8c:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask compound (–)-8c (32 mg, 0.06 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in 1 mL of Ac₂O and catalytic H₂SO₄ was added at 25 °C. After 5 minutes solid NBS (11 mg, 0.061 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added to reaction mixture and run for 1 h at 25 °C. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ solution. The reaction mixture was then partitioned between water and EtOAc (3 mL X 2). The organic layer was washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (2 mL X 1) and dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with 16% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (–)-**19** as yellow gel (21 mg, 57% yield).

Synthesis of (+)-6:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask (–)-19 (520 mg, 0.86 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in 8 mL of *o*-xylene and DBU (154 μ L, 1.03 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added at 25 °C. The reaction mixture was refluxed at 140 °C for 2 h. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), water was added and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL X 3). The combined organic layer was washed with 4(*N*) HCl solution. Organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified on a silica gel column 16% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to get (+)-6 as yellow foam (389 mg, 86% yield).



Methyl (4R,13bR)-4,13b-dimethyl-6-oxo-8-tosyl-4,6,8,13b-tetrahydro-3H-naphtho[2,1b]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-6]: (+)-6 was obtained as yellow foam (0.86 mmol scale of reaction; 389 mg; 86%). $R_f = 0.35$ (30 % EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.05 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (ddd, *J* = 8.5, 7.2, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.54 – 6.50 (m, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 6.15 (dt, *J* = 9.5, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.84 (dd, *J* = 17.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, *J* = 17.1, 4.2, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.29 (s, 3H), 1.73 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 184.2, 175.1, 166.6, 146.1, 145.0, 140.0, 136.8, 134.8, 131.6, 130.1, 129.7, 129.6, 128.9, 127.2, 126.7, 125.2, 124.9, 124.0, 120.7, 116.5, 115.2, 113.1, 51.3, 49.6, 43.1, 34.7, 34.0, 26.5, 21.5.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3056, 2918, 2877, 1762, 1678, 1569, 1423, 1225, 1074, 656 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M+H]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{31}H_{27}NO_5S + H]^+$ 526.1683, found 526.1693.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +105.83 \ (c = 0.84, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Allylic Oxidation of Olefin (+)-6:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask (+)-6 (350 mg, 0.67 mmol; 1.0 equiv) was taken in 6 mL 1,4-dioxane. To this solution selenium dioxide (296 mg, 2.68 mmol; 4 equiv) was added at 25 °C. Then, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux at 100 °C and stirring was continued for 16 h until the full consumption of starting material (evaluated by TLC). The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate (10 mL X 3). The combined organic layer was washed with 4(N) HCl solution. Organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by column chromatography using 30% EtOAc in *n*-Hexane to get (+)-20 as colorless foam (296 mg, 82% yield).

	Optimisatio	n Table for A	Allylic Ox	idation	
Entry	Oxidant	Solvent	Temp.	Time	Yield
1. Cr(O ₃ (2.0 eq.)	AcOH	25 °C	6 h	NR
2. C Dime (5.0	CrO ₃ , 3,5- ethylpyrazole eq., 5.0 eq.)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	−15 °C	2 h	45%
3. Se aq. <i>t</i>	O ₂ (0.5 eq.)/ -BuOOH (3.0 eq.)	CH_2Cl_2	25 °C	12 h	32%
4. Sec	$D_2 (4.0 \text{ eq.})$	1,4-Dioxane	110 °C	16 h	82%
5. Pd(OI K ₂ CC	H) ₂ /C (5 mol %), D ₃ , <i>t</i> -BuOOH (in decane)	CH ₂ Cl ₂	25 °C	24 h	52%



Methyl (4S,13bR)-4,13b-dimethyl-3,6-dioxo-8-tosyl-4,6,8,13b-tetrahydro-3Hnaphtho[2,1-b]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-20]: (+)-20 was obtained as colourless foam (2.68 mmol scale of reaction; 296 mg; 82%). $R_f = 0.3$ (40 % EtOAc in *n*-hexane). ¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.12 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.23 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.76 (d, *J* = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 7.67 – 7.62 (m, 1H), 7.47 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 6.50 (s, 1H), 6.44 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.81 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 194.2, 183.1, 170.6, 162.0, 151.8, 145.3, 142.2, 140.2, 137.4, 134.9, 130.5, 129.9, 129.5, 129.5, 128.3, 126.7, 126.5, 124.7, 124.2, 120.8, 116.3, 115.3, 113.6, 60.2, 53.4, 42.2, 39.4, 24.6, 21.5.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3134, 2957, 2884, 1768, 1720, 1584, 1451, 1257, 1081, 663 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+ H]⁺ calcd. for [C₃₁H₂₅NO₆S + H]⁺ 540.1475, found 540.1492.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +103.57 \ (c = 0.87, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Partial Hydrogenation of (+)-20:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask compound (+)-**20** (50 mg, 0.092 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in 3 mL of methanol and degassed with N₂ balloon for 10 min and then 2.5 mg of Pd/C (5% w/w) was added to the reaction mixture. H₂ gas was purged constantly at 25 °C using a H₂ gas balloon for 2 h until the full consumption of starting material. Then the solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by column chromatography with 30% EtOAc in *n*-Hexane to afford compound (+)-**21** with partial hydrogenation as white foam (45.8 mg, 92% yield).



Methyl (4S,13bR)-4,13b-dimethyl-3,6-dioxo-8-tosyl-2,3,4,6,8,13b-hexahydro-1Hnaphtho[2,1-b]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-21]: (+)-21 was obtained as colourless foam (0.092 mmol scale of reaction; 45.8 mg; 92%). $R_f = 0.27$ (40 % EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.11 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.62 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.02 – 2.94 (m, 2H), 2.73 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (td, *J* = 8.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.50 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 206.6, 183.8, 169.9, 165.1, 145.2, 144.6, 140.1, 137.2, 135.0, 130.3, 129., 129.3, 126.8, 125.7, 124.9, 124.1, 120.8, 117.1, 115.2, 113.0, 60.2, 53.6, 40.3, 34.9, 32.0, 27.2, 24.2, 21.6, 14.1.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3147, 3042, 2981, 1752, 1704, 1582, 1482, 1223, 1068, 753 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+ H]⁺ calcd. for [C₃₁H₂₇NO₆S + H]⁺ 542.1632, found 542.1639.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +62.54 \ (c = 0.78, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Procedure for the Synthesis of Diketone (+)-5:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask (+)-20 (260 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in 5 mL of methanol and degassed with N₂ balloon for 10 min and then 13 mg of Pd/C (5% w/w) was added to the reaction mixture. H₂ gas was purged constantly at 25 °C using a H₂ gas balloon for 12 h until the full consumption of starting material. Then the solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by column chromatography with 30% EtOAc in *n*-Hexane to afford diketone (+)-5 as colorless foam (226 mg, 88% yield).



Methyl (4S,13bS)-4,13b-dimethyl-3,6-dioxo-8-tosyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1Hnaphtho[2,1-b]carbazole-4-carboxylate ([(+)-5]: (+)-5 was obtained as colourless foam (0.48 mmol scale of reaction; 226 mg; 95%). $R_f = 0.3$ (40 % EtOAc in *n*-hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.98 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.43 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.37 (dd, J = 14.3, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 2.98 – 2.91 (m, 2H), 2.84 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (dd, J = 15.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.4, 196.1, 172.4, 148.4, 145.2, 140.1, 136.9, 134.9, 131.1, 129.9, 129.8, 129.2, 126.7, 125.1, 124.1, 120.9, 115.3, 115.2, 114.4, 60.7, 53.0, 44.9, 37.2, 37.1, 36.5, 34.7, 23.2, 21.6, 16.8.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3163, 3064, 2972, 1761, 1727, 1519, 1432, 1261, 1063, 689 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m*/*z*: [M+ Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₃₁H₂₉NO₆S + Na]⁺ 566.1608, found 566.1605.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +84.00 \ (c = 0.84, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Procedure for the Synthesis of Diol (+)-22:



In an oven-dried round-bottom flask (+)-5 (190 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (4 mL) at -10 °C, NaBH₄ (16 mg, 0.42 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) was added portion wise and the reaction mixture was stirred at same temperature for 15 min. After complete consumption of starting material (judged by TLC analysis), it was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl (5 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (5 mL X 2). The organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated on a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The crude products were purified by flash chromatography with 50% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford (+)-22 as colourless oil (188 mg, 99% yield).



Methyl (3S,4S,6S,13bS)-**3,6-dihydroxy-4,13b-dimethyl-8-tosyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-***b***]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-22]: (+)-22 was obtained as colourless oil (0.35 mmol scale of reaction; 188 mg; 99%). R_f = 0.25 (50 % EtOAc in** *n***-hexane).**

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (s, 1H), 7.74 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 3H), 7.49 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 5.05 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (dd, J = 11.7, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.49 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.23 (dd, J = 12.1, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (s, 2H), 1.88 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.70 (dt, J = 13.7, 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.5, 144.8, 138.9, 137.8, 137.0, 135.1, 129.7, 127.4, 126.6, 126.1, 126.0, 123.8, 119.8, 115.6, 115.1, 113.8, 75.0, 71.0, 53.4, 52.5, 44.0, 37.8, 37.1, 32.2, 27.1, 26.1, 21.5, 10.8.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3668, 3543, 3192, 3072, 1773, 1752, 1541, 1162, 1021, 653 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+ Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₃₁H₃₃NO₆S + Na]⁺ 570.1921, found 570.1908.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +94.20 \ (c = 0.89, \text{CHCl}_3).$

Procedure for the preparation of (+)-Xiamycin D [(+)-2b]:



To a stirred solution of dihydroxy (+)-**22** (76 mg, 0.139 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in MeOH (3 mL) at 25 °C magnesium powder (6.7 mg, 0.278 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) was added and allowed to stir the resulting reaction mixture vigorously for 1 h at the same temperature. After the full consumption of the starting materials, it was quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution (2 mL), and the reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL X 3). All organic layers were separated, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography with 70% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford naturally occurring Xiamycin D (+)-**2b** as yellow oil (50.3 mg, 92% yield).



Methyl (3S,4S,4aR,6S,13bS)-3,6-dihydroxy-4,13b-dimethyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-*b*]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-2b]: Xiamycin D [(+)-2b] was obtained as yellow oil (0.139 mmol scale of reaction, 50.3 mg, 92% yield). R_f = 0.25 (50% EtOAc in hexane)

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.00 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.56 (s, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.10 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.85 – 4.83 (m, 1H), 4.08 – 4.03 (m, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.63 (dt, *J* = 12.3, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.92 – 1.85 (m, 2H), 1.69 (dq, *J* = 13.4, 6.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 179.4, 142.4, 141.3, 140.2, 137.3, 126.5, 124.4, 124.2, 120.9, 119.5, 116.4, 111.6, 110.1, 76.1, 71.9, 55.3, 52.7, 46.3, 39.1, 38.9, 33.2, 28.5, 26.8, 11.4.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3403, 2927, 2823, 1712, 1628, 1443, 1353, 1197, 1083, 903, 810 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) *m/z*: [M+ Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₇O₄N + Na]⁺ 416.1832, found 416.1806.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +121.0 \ (c = 0.25, CH_3OH); \ \text{lit.}^2 \ [\alpha]_D^{20} = +134 \ (c = 0.1, CH_3OH), \ \text{lit.}^1 \ [\alpha]_D^{20} = +133.9 \ (c = 0.1, CH_3OH).$

Comparison of ¹H-NMR Data of (+)-Xiamycin D [(+)-**2b**] of this report with natural (+)-**2b** by Oh¹ and literature of (+)-**2b** by Dethe²:

Oh's Isolation report (+)-Xiamycin D [(+)-2b]				
(¹ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD) ¹				
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)	
8.01	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz	
7.94	1H	S	-	
7.58	1H	S	-	
7.38	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz	
7.32	1H	dd	J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz	
7.11	1H	dd	J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz	
4.85	1H	m	-	
4.07	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 9.5, 6.5 Hz	
3.74	3Н	S	-	
2.64	1H	ddd	<i>J</i> = 13.0, 3.5, 3.5 Hz	
2.18	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 13.0, 1.5 Hz	
2.00	1H	m	-	
1.92	2H	m	-	
1.70	1H	m	-	
1.68	1H	m	-	
1.38	3Н	S	-	
1.28	3Н	S	-	

Dethe's report (+)-Xiamycin D [(+)-2b]					
$(^{1}$ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD $)^{2}$					
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)		
8.00	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz,		
7.94	1H	S	-		
7.57	1H	S	-		
7.38	1H	d	J = 7.9 Hz		

7.34-7.30	1H	m	-
7.12-7.09	1H	m	-
4.85-4.83	1H	m	-
4.10-4.05	1H	m	-
3.74	3Н	S	-
2.64	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 12.8 Hz
2.17	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 12.7 Hz
2.03-1.95	1H	m	-
1.89	2H	dd	<i>J</i> = 8.0, 2.6 Hz
1.70	2H	dd	<i>J</i> = 11.4, 6.8, Hz
1.38	3Н	S	-
1.28	3Н	S	-

Th	This report (+)-Xiamycin D [(+)-2b]				
(¹ H-NMR, 400 MHz, CD ₃ OD)					
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)		
8.00	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz		
7.93	1H	S	-		
7.56	1H	S	-		
7.37	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz		
7.31	1H	t	<i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz		
7.10	1H	t	<i>J</i> = 7.4 Hz		
4.85 - 4.83	1H	m	-		
4.08 - 4.03	1H	m	-		
3.73	3Н	S	-		
2.63	1H	dt	<i>J</i> = 12.3, 3.1 Hz		
2.16	1H	d	J = 12.8 Hz		
1.97	1H	d	J = 2.5 Hz		
1.92 - 1.85	2H	m	-		
1.69	2H	dq	<i>J</i> = 13.4, 6.6, 5.9 Hz		
1.37	3Н	S	-		
1.28	3Н	S	-		

Comparison of ¹³C-NMR Data:

Oh's report (+)-	Dethe's report (+)-	This report (+)-
Xiamycin D [(+)- 2b]	Xiamycin D [(+)- 2b]	Xiamycin D [(+)- 2b]
(¹³ C-NMR, 150 MHz,	(¹³ C-NMR, 126 MHz,	(¹³ C-NMR, 125
$CD_3OD)^1$	$CD_3OD)^2$	MHz, CD ₃ OD)
179.4	179.4	179.4
142.4	142.3	142.4
141.3	141.2	141.3
140.2	140.2	140.2
137.3	137.2	137.3
126.5	126.5	126.5
124.4	124.3	124.4
124.2	124.2	124.2
120.9	120.8	120.9
119.5	119.4	119.5
116.4	116.3	116.4
111.6	111.5	111.6
110.1	110.0	110.1
76.1	76.1	76.1
72.0	71.9	71.9
55.3	55.3	55.3
52.7	52.6	52.7
46.3	46.3	46.3
39.1	39.1	39.1
39.0	38.9	38.9
33.2	33.2	33.2
28.5	28.4	28.5
26.8	26.7	26.8
11.4	11.4	11.4

Procedure for the preparation of (+)-**Xiamycin E** [(+)-**2c**]:



(+)-**2b** (114 mg, 0.289 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in dry CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), to the solution MnO₂ (151 mg, 1.74 mmol, 6.0 equiv.) was added to it at 25 °C and stirred for 6 h at the same temperature. After completion of the reaction (monitored by TLC), the reaction mixture was filtered through celite pad. The organic layer was collected and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography 40% EtOAc in *n*-hexane to afford naturally occurring Xiamycin E (+)-**2c** as yellow oil (89.4 mg, 79% yield).



Methyl (3S,4S,4aR,13bS)-3-hydroxy-4,13b-dimethyl-6-oxo-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-*b*]carbazole-4-carboxylate [(+)-2c]: (+)-Xiamycin E [(+)-2c] was obtained as yellow oil (0.289 mmol scale of reaction; 280 mg; 79% yield). R_f = 0.2 (40% EtOAc in *n*hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.16 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.14 (s, 1H), 8.07 (s, 1H), 7.48 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.21 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 5.1, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 2.97 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.75 – 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.63 (dd, *J* = 14.2, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.94 (m, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 200.6, 178.5, 147.4, 143.8, 139.5, 129.9, 129.2, 128.6, 123.6, 122.2, 120.3, 115.9, 112.2, 110.6, 75.9, 54.7, 52.8, 46.8, 38.6, 38.5, 38.0, 28.1, 24.8, 10.9.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.41 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.27 (dd, *J* = 6.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 11.3, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 2.94 (dd, *J* = 18.0, 14.1 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.45 (dd, *J* = 18.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.08 – 2.04 (m, 1H), 2.02 – 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.4, 176.8, 146.1, 141.6, 137.7, 128.6, 128.4, 127.7, 122.5, 121.2, 119.9, 114.8, 111.1, 109.8, 74.8, 52.9, 52.5, 44.6, 37.6, 37.4, 36.5, 26.9, 24.6, 10.5.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3372, 2895, 2853, 1706, 1593, 1477, 1213, 969, 813, 717 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+ Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₄H₂₅O₄N + Na]⁺ 414.1676, found 414.1670.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +29.4 \ (c = 0.27, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}); \text{ lit.}^2 \ [\alpha]_D^{20} = +22 \ (c = 0.2, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}), \text{ lit.}^1 \ [\alpha]_D^{20} = +23.6 \ (c = 0.1, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}).$

Comparison of ¹H-NMR Data of (+)-Xiamycin E [(+)-2c] of this report with natural (+)-2c by Oh¹ and literature of (+)-2c by Dethe²:

Oh's Isolation report (+)-Xiamycin E [(+)-2c]					
	(¹ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD) ¹				
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)		
8.15	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz		
8.14	1H	S	-		
8.06	1H	S	-		
7.46	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz		
7.45	1H	dd	J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz		
7.20	1H	dd	J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz		
4.11	1H	m	-		
3.72	3Н	S	-		
2.97	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 18.0, 14.0, Hz		
2.74	1H	m	-		
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2.63	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 14.0, 3.5 Hz		
2.19	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 18.0, 3.5 Hz		
1.98	2H	m	-		
1.95	1H	m	-		
1.37	3Н	S	-		
1.35	3Н	S	-		

Dethe's report (+)-Xiamycin E [(+)-2c]			
(¹ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD) ²			
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)
8.15	1H	d	J = 7.0 Hz
8.14	1H	S	-
8.06	1H	S	-
7.48-7.44	2H	m	-
7.20	1H	ddd	J = 8.0, 5.2, 2.8 Hz
4.13-4.10	1H	m	-
3.72	3Н	S	-
3.0-2.94	1H	m	-
2.75-2.72	1H	m	-
2.65-2.61	1H	m	-
2.19	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 18.0, 3.5 Hz
1.99-1.94	3H	m	-
1.36	3Н	S	-
1.35	3Н	S	-

Th	This report (+)-Xiamycin E [(+)-2c]			
(¹ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)				
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)	
8.16	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz	
8.14	1H	S	-	
8.07	1H	S	-	
7.48 - 7.46	2Н	m	-	
7.21	1H	ddd	<i>J</i> = 8.1, 5.1, 2.9 Hz	
4.12	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 9.3, 6.0 Hz	
3.73	3Н	S	-	
2.97	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 18.0, 14.1 Hz	
2.75 - 2.70	1H	m	-	
2.63	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 14.2, 3.6 Hz	
2.20	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 18.0, 3.6 Hz	
1.99 – 1.94	3Н	m	-	
1.36	3Н	S	-	
1.35	3Н	S	-	

Comparison of ¹³C-NMR Data:

Oh's Isolation report (+)-	Dethe's report (+)-	This report (+)-
Xiamycin E [(+)-2c]	Xiamycin E [(+)- 2c]	Xiamycin E [(+)-2c]
(¹³ C-NMR, 150 MHz,	(¹³ C-NMR, 125 MHz,	(¹³ C-NMR, 125
$CD_3OD)^1$	$CD_3OD)^2$	MHz, CD ₃ OD)
200.7	200.7	200.6
178.5	178.5	178.5
147.4	147.4	147.4
143.9	143.9	143.8
139.5	139.5	139.5
129.9	126.9	129.9
129.2	129.2	129.2

128.6	128.6	128.6
123.6	123.6	123.6
122.2	122.2	122.2
120.3	120.3	120.3
116.0	116.0	115.9
112.7	112.2	112.2
110.6	110.6	110.6
75.9	75.9	75.9
54.7	54.7	54.7
52.8	52.8	52.8
46.8	46.8	46.8
38.7	38.7	38.6
38.6	38.6	38.5
38.1	38.0	38.0
28.1	28.1	28.1
24.8	24.8	24.8
10.9	11.0	10.9

Procedure for the preparation of Xiamycin F [(+)-2d]:



In an oven dried round-bottom flask (+)-Xiamycin E [(+)-2c] (65 mg, 0.166 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in a mixture of methanol and water [MeOH: H₂O (5:1)]. To the solution KOH (280 mg, 5.0 mmol, 30.0 equiv.) and LiOH (139 mg, 3.32 mmol, 20 equiv.) were added subsequently and reaction mixture was refluxed for 9 h at 80 °C. After completion of the reaction confirmed by TLC, reaction mixture was quenched with 4(*N*) HCl at 0 °C and the pH of the reaction mixture was adjusted to ~1-2. Then the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (8

mL X 2). The organic layer was collected, dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography with ~80-90% EtOAc in *n*-Hexane to afford Xiamycin F [(+)-**2d**] as yellow foam (45.7 mg, 73% yield).



(3S,4S,4aR,13bS)-**3-Hydroxy-4,13b-dimethyl-6-oxo-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-***b***]carbazole-4-carboxylic acid** [(+)-**2d**]: Xiamycin F [(+)-**2d**] was obtained as yellow foam (0.166 mmol scale of reaction, 45.7 mg of product, 73% yield). R_f = 0.18 (70% EtOAc in hexane).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.46 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 – 7.16 (m, 1H), 4.11 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (t, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 2.74 – 2.62 (m, 2H), 2.49 (d, *J* = 17.5 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (dt, *J* = 20.2, 9.8 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 201.2, 180.2, 147.4, 143.4, 139.0, 129.4, 128.9, 128.1, 123.2, 121.7, 119.8, 115.5, 111.7, 110.1, 75.8, 54.4, 46.2, 38.4, 38.2, 37.7, 27.7, 24.4, 11.2.

IR (neat) υ_{max} 3402, 2937, 2203, 1697, 1633, 1453, 1190, 1013 cm⁻¹. **HRMS** (ESI) m/z: [M+ Na]⁺ calcd. for [C₂₃H₂₃O₄N + Na]⁺ 400.1519, found 400.1506.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +110.0 \ (c = 0.45, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}); \text{ lit.}^4 \ [\alpha]_D^{22} = +130.1 \ (c = 0.4, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}).$

Comparison of ¹H-NMR Data of Xiamycin F [(+)-**2d**] of this report with isolation of (+)-**2d** by Zhang³ and literature of (+)-**2d** by Sarpong⁴:

Zhang's Isolation report (+)-Xiamycin F [(+)-2d]			
(¹ H-NMR, 600 MHz, CD ₃ OD) ³			
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)
8.16	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz
8.12	1H	S	-
8.06	1H	S	-
7.47	1H	m	-
7.47	1H	m	-
7.20	1H	m	-
4.13	1H	m	-
2.96	1H	m	-
2.73	2H	m	-
2.67	1H	m	-
2.43	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 17.5 Hz
1.96	2H	m	-
1.94	1H	m	-
1.39	3Н	S	-
1.33	3Н	S	-

Sarpong's report (+)-Xiamycin F [(+)-2d]				
	(¹ H-NMR, 700 MHz, CD ₃ OD) ⁴			
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)	
8.16-8.13	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 7.6 Hz	
8.12	1H	S	-	
8.05	1H	S	-	
7.47–7.42	2H	m	-	
7.19	1H	td	J = 6.8, 2.0 Hz	
4.13-4.06	1H	m	-	
2.91	1H	t	<i>J</i> = 15.9 Hz	
2.72–2.64	2H	m	-	
2.57	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 11.8 Hz	
1.98–1.90	3H	m	-	

1.35	3Н	S	-
1.30	3H	S	-

This report (+)-Xiamycin F [(+)-2d]			
(¹ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)			
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)
8.14	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 7.8 Hz
8.10	1H	S	-
8.05	1H	S	-
7.46	2Н	d	J = 5.3 Hz
7.24 - 7.16	1H	m	-
4.11	1H	d	J = 8.7 Hz
2.93	1H	t	<i>J</i> = 15.9 Hz
2.74 - 2.62	2Н	m	-
2.49	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 17.5 Hz
1.94	3Н	dt	J = 20.2, 9.8 Hz
1.34	3Н	S	-
1.32	3Н	S	-

Comparison of ¹³C-NMR Data:

Zhang's Isolation report	Sarpong's report (+)-	This report (+)-
(+)-Xiamycin F [(+)- 2d]	Xiamycin F [(+)-2d]	Xiamycin F [(+)-2d]
(¹³ C-NMR, 125.77	(¹³ C-NMR, 176 MHz,	(¹³ C-NMR, 125 MHz,
MHz, CD ₃ OD) ³	$CD_3OD)^4$	CD ₃ OD)
201.3	201.1	201.2
180.0	180.1	180.2
147.5	147.7	147.4
143.9	144.0	143.4
139.6	139.6	139.0
130.2	130.1	129.4

129.5	129.4	128.9
128.6	128.8	128.1
123.8	123.8	123.2
122.2	122.3	121.7
120.3	120.4	119.8
116.1	116.2	115.5
112.2	112.3	111.7
110.7	110.7	110.1
76.8	76.0	75.8
54.3	54.3	54.4
46.8	46.9	46.2
38.7	38.8	38.4
38.2	38.7	38.2
38.2	38.3	37.7
28.3	28.4	27.7
24.8	24.9	24.4
11.2	11.2	11.2

Procedure for the preparation of Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]:



(+)-2d (15 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) was taken in MeOH (2 mL) and cooled the reaction vessel at -10 °C. NaBH₄ was slowly added (1.5 mg, 0.040 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) portion wise and it was allowed to stir for an additional 4 h. Upon completion of the reaction (judged by running TLC), the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (2 mL), and the aqueous mixture was extracted with EtOAc (5 mL X 3). All organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated in a rotary evaporator under vacuum to give crude product, which

was purified by column chromatography with 15% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂ to furnish Xiamycin C (+)-**2a** as yellow foam (13 mg, 90% yield).



(3S,4S,4aR,6S,13bS)-**3,6-Dihydroxy-4,13b-dimethyl-2,3,4,4a,5,6,8,13b-octahydro-1H-naphtho[2,1-***b***]carbazole-4-carboxylic acid [(+)-2a]: Xiamycin C [(+)-2a] was obtained as yellow foam (0.040 mmol scale of reaction, 13 mg of product, 90% yield). R_f = 0.15 (10% MeOH in CH₂Cl₂).**

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.42 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.33 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 2.64 (d, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.01 (q, *J* = 11.9 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (d, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 3H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 3H), 1.28 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ 180.3, 142.4, 141.6, 140.2, 137.5, 126.4, 124.4, 124.2, 120.8, 119.4, 116.4, 111.6, 110.1, 76.3, 72.2, 54.9, 46.1, 39.2, 39.0, 33.2, 28.6, 26.8, 11.8.

IR (neat) v_{max} 3656, 3579, 2937, 2013, 1692, 1353, 1197, 997 cm⁻¹.

HRMS (ESI) m/z: $[M+Na]^+$ calcd. for $[C_{23}H_{25}O_4N + Na]^+$ 402.1676, found 402.1677.

 $[\alpha]^{25}_{589} = +117.2 \ (c = 0.15, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}); \text{ lit.}^4 \ [\alpha]_D^{22} = +120.6 \ (c = 0.1, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}), \text{ lit.}^1 \ [\alpha]_D^{20} = +123.6 \ (c = 0.1, \text{CH}_3\text{OH}).$

Comparison of ¹H-NMR Data of Xiamycin C [(+)-**2a**] of this report with isolation of (+)-**2a** by Oh¹ and literature of (+)-**2a** by Sarpong⁴:

Oh's Isolation report (+)-Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]			
(¹ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD) ¹			
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)
8.00	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz
7.94	1H	S	-
7.58	1H	S	-
7.38	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz
7.31	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 8.0, 8.0 Hz
7.10	1H	dd	J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz
4.91	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 10.0, 7.5 Hz
4.08	1H	dd	J = 8.0, 6.5 Hz
2.62	1H	ddd	<i>J</i> = 13.0, 3.5, 3.5 Hz
2.20	1H	dd	J = 12.0, 2.0 Hz
1.97	1H	m	-
1.93	1H	m	-
1.89	2H	m	-
1.70	1H	m	-
1.38	3H	S	-
1.26	3H	S	-

Sarpong's report (+)-Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]						
$(^{1}$ H-NMR, 600 MHz, CD ₃ OD) ⁴						
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	$J(\mathrm{Hz})$			
8.00	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 7.7 Hz			
7.94	1H	S	-			
7.58	1H	S	-			
7.37	1H	d	J = 8.0 Hz			
7.10	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 7.9, 8.0 Hz			
4.89	1H	m	-			
4.09	1H	dd	J = 8.0, 6.6 Hz			
2.63	1H	ddd	<i>J</i> = 13.2, 3.4, 3.2 Hz			

2.19	1H	d	<i>J</i> = 12.6 Hz
2.09 - 1.95	2H	m	-
1.93 – 1.82	3Н	m	-
1.75 – 1.65	1H	m	-
1.38	3Н	S	-
1.26	3Н	S	-

This report (+)-Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]						
(¹ H-NMR, 500 MHz, CD ₃ OD)						
δ (ppm)	Int.	mult.	J (Hz)			
8.02	1H	d	J = 7.6 Hz			
7.95	1H	S	-			
7.60	1H	S	-			
7.42 - 7.38	1H	m	-			
7.33	1H	t	<i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz			
7.12	1H	t	<i>J</i> = 7.5 Hz			
4.91	1H	d	J = 8.5 Hz			
4.10	1H	d	J = 8.2 Hz			
2.64	1H	d	J = 12.8 Hz			
2.22	1H	d	J = 12.3 Hz			
2.01	2Н	q	<i>J</i> = 11.9 Hz			
1.93	3Н	d	J = 12.1 Hz			
1.73	1H	dd	<i>J</i> = 13.0, 7.5 Hz			
1.40	3Н	S	-			
1.28	3Н	S	-			

Comparison of ¹³C-NMR Data:

Oh's Isolation report	Sarpong's report (+)-	This report (+)-
(+)-Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]	Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]	Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]
(¹³ C-NMR, 125 MHz,	(¹³ C-NMR, 176 MHz,	(¹³ C-NMR, 125 MHz,
$CD_3OD)^1$	$CD_3OD)^4$	CD ₃ OD)
182.0	180.4	180.3
142.4	142.3	142.4
141.7	142.1	141.6
140.2	140.1	140.2
137.6	137.9	137.5
126.4	126.3	126.4
124.4	124.5	124.4
124.1	124.0	124.2
120.8	120.8	120.8
119.4	119.3	119.4
116.3	116.3	116.4
111.6	111.5	111.6
110.1	110.1	110.1
76.3	76.8	76.3
72.2	72.3	72.2
54.8	55.1	54.9
46.1	46.0	46.1
39.2	39.2	39.2
39.0	39.0	39.0
33.2	33.3	33.2
28.5	28.4	28.6
26.8	26.9	26.8
11.9	12.7	11.8

Spectral Data





HRMS data of (+)-13





HRMS data of (+)-12





HRMS data of (+)-11



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of (+)-23



HRMS data of (+)-23





HRMS data of (+)-10





HRMS data of (+)-14





HRMS data of (+)-9











HRMS data of (+)-15



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Display Report



HRMS data of (+)-S1





HRMS data of (+)-8







HRMS data of (-)-8c






HRMS data of (-)-19





HRMS data of (+)-6





HRMS data of (+)-20















HRMS data of (+)-22







HRMS data of Xiamycin D [(+)-2b]







HRMS data of Xiamycin E [(+)-2c]





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HRMS data of Xiamycin F [(+)-2d]









HRMS data of Xiamycin C [(+)-2a]

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