

## Supporting information

### Determination of the Global Material Economy (GME) of Synthesis Sequences – A Green Chemistry Metric to Evaluate the Greenness of Products

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#### Calculation of GME and GRME for the sequence of Figure S1

The mass of product  $\mathbf{P}_z$  for that sequence is

$$m = \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_p M_p \prod_{i=1}^z \varepsilon_{1,i} \quad (\text{S1})$$

$x_1$  is the scale of the synthesis (number of moles of  $\mathbf{A1}$ )

$v_{a1}$  and  $v_p$  are the stoichiometric coefficients of  $\mathbf{A1}$  and  $\mathbf{P}_z$  respectively

$M_p$  is the molecular weight of  $\mathbf{P}_z$ .

$\varepsilon_{1,i}$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  yield of the green sequence

If we divide Eq. 1 by  $\frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} \sum M$ , we obtain a dimensionless term:  $GAE \prod_{i=1}^z \varepsilon_{1,i}$  (S2)

$\sum M = v_{a1} M_{A1} + v_{a2} M_{A2} + \sum_{i=1}^z v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i} + \sum_{j=1}^m v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j}$  is the summation of the molecular weights of all the reactants with their stoichiometric coefficients.

GAE is the global atom economy.

The total mass used in this sequence is:

$$m_T = x_1 M_A + \sum_{i=1}^z \varphi_{1,i} (\varepsilon_{1,i} \varepsilon_{1,2} \dots \varepsilon_{1,i-1}) \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i} + x_2 M_{A2} + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_{2,j} (\varepsilon_{2,1} \varepsilon_{2,2} \dots \varepsilon_{2,j-1}) \frac{x_2}{v_{a2}} v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j} + S \quad (\text{S3})$$

where  $\varphi_{1,i} = \frac{\text{mol number of } B_{1,i} / v_{1,i}}{\text{mol number of } P_{1,i-1} / v_{P1,i-1}}$  (S4)

$$\varphi_{2,j} = \frac{\text{mol number of } B_{2,j} / v_{b2,j}}{\text{mol number of } P_{2,j-1} / v_{P2,j-1}} \quad (\text{S5})$$

$S$  is the total mass of auxiliaries when processing the total sequence at the scale  $x_1$ .

By introducing the ration  $\sigma_2$ , such as  $\sigma_2 = \frac{x_2 / v_{a2}}{x_1 / v_{a1}}$  (S6)

the Eq. S3 becomes

$$m_T = x_1 M_A + \sum_{i=1}^z \varphi_{1,i} (\varepsilon_{1,i} \varepsilon_{1,2} \dots \varepsilon_{1,i-1}) \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i} + \sigma_2 \left[ v_{a2} \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} M_{A2} + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_{2,j} (\varepsilon_{2,1} \varepsilon_{2,2} \dots \varepsilon_{2,j-1}) \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j} \right] + S \quad (S7)$$

As previously, we divide the Eq. S7 by  $\frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} \sum M$  to obtain a dimensionless term (S8):

$$1 + \sum_{i=1}^z \left[ \varphi_{1,i} (\varepsilon_{1,i} \varepsilon_{1,2} \dots \varepsilon_{1,i-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i}}{\sum M} + (\sigma_2 - 1) \frac{v_{a2} M_{A2}}{\sum M} + \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \sigma_2 \varphi_{2,j} (\varepsilon_{2,1} \varepsilon_{2,2} \dots \varepsilon_{2,j-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j}}{\sum M} + \frac{S}{\frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} \sum M} \quad (S8)$$

Therefore

$$GME = \frac{GAE \prod_{i=1}^z \varepsilon_{1,i}}{1 + a_2 + \sum_{i=1}^z b_{1,i} + \sum_{j=1}^m b_{2,j} + s} \quad (S9)$$

where

$$a_2 = (\sigma_2 - 1) \frac{v_{a2} M_{A2}}{\sum M} \quad (S10)$$

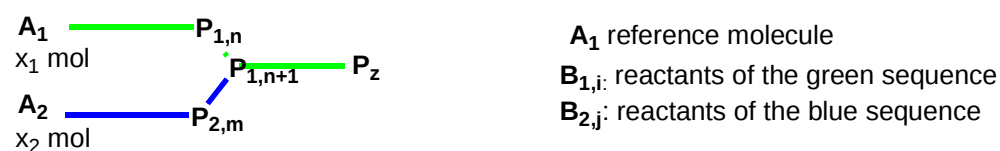
$$b_{1,i} = \left[ \varphi_{1,i} (\varepsilon_{1,i} \varepsilon_{1,2} \dots \varepsilon_{1,i-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i}}{\sum M} \quad (S11)$$

$$b_{2,j} = \left[ \sigma_2 \varphi_{2,j} (\varepsilon_{2,1} \dots \varepsilon_{2,j-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j}}{\sum M} \quad (S12)$$

$$s = \frac{S}{\frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} \sum M} \quad (S13)$$

GRME is obtained by omitting in Eq. S9 the term corresponding to the auxiliaries so that

$$GRME = \frac{GAE \prod_{i=1}^z \varepsilon_{1,i}}{1 + a_2 + \sum_{i=1}^z b_{1,i} + \sum_{j=1}^m b_{2,j}} \quad (S14)$$



**Figure S1** Convergent synthesis with one point of convergence. By convention **A1** is the reference molecule so that the main branch starting from **A1** is green. The other branch is blue.

#### Calculation of GME and GRME for the sequence of Figure S2

Using the same method, we can give the expressions of GME and GRME for the sequence of Figure 2

The mass of product  $\mathbf{P}_z$  for that sequence is given by Eq. S1. If we divide Eq. S1 by  $\frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} \sum M$  where

$$\sum M = v_{a1} M_{A1} + v_{a2} M_{A2} + v_{a3} M_{A3} + \sum_{i=1}^z v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i} + \sum_{j=1}^m v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j} + \sum_{k=1}^r v_{b3,k} M_{B3,k}$$

we obtain the dimensionless term of Eq. S2.

The total mass of reactants used in the sequence is:

$$m_T = x_1 M_A + \sum_{i=1}^z \varphi_{1,i} (\varepsilon_{1,i} \dots \varepsilon_{1,i-1}) \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i} + x_2 M_{A2} + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_{2,j} (\varepsilon_{2,1} \dots \varepsilon_{2,j-1}) \frac{x_2}{v_{a2}} v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j} + x_3 M_{A3} + \sum_{k=1}^r \varphi_{3,k} (\varepsilon_{3,1} \dots \varepsilon_{3,k-1}) \frac{x_3}{v_{a3}} v_{b3,k} M_{B3,k} + S$$

(S15)

where  $\varphi_{1,i}$  and  $\varphi_{2,j}$  are given by Eq. S4 and S5

$$\varphi_{3,k} = \frac{\text{mol number of } B_{3,k} / v_{b3,k}}{\text{mol number of } P_{3,k-1} / v_{P3,k-1}} \quad (\text{S16})$$

S is the total mass of auxiliaries when processing the total sequence at the scale  $x_1$ .

We introduce the ratio  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$ ; they are respectively defined by Eq. S6 and S17:

$$\sigma_3 = \frac{x_3 / v_{a3}}{x_1 / v_{a1}} \quad (\text{S17})$$

The Eq. S15 becomes

$$m_T = x_1 M_A + \sum_{i=1}^z \varphi_{1,i} (\varepsilon_{1,i} \dots \varepsilon_{1,i-1}) \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i} + \sigma_2 \left[ v_{a2} \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} M_{A2} + \sum_{j=1}^m \varphi_{2,j} (\varepsilon_{2,1} \dots \varepsilon_{2,j-1}) \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j} \right] + \sigma_3 \left[ v_{a3} \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} M_{A3} + \sum_{k=1}^r \varphi_{3,k} (\varepsilon_{3,1} \dots \varepsilon_{3,k-1}) \frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} v_{b3,k} M_{B3,k} \right] + S$$

(S18)

As previously, we divide the Eq. S18 by  $\frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} \sum M$  to obtain a dimensionless term (S19):

$$1 + \sum_{i=1}^z \left[ \varphi_{1,i} (\varepsilon_{1,i} \dots \varepsilon_{1,i-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b1,i} M_{B1,i}}{\sum M} + (\sigma_2 - 1) \frac{v_{a2} M_{A2}}{\sum M} + \sum_{j=1}^m \left[ \sigma_2 \varphi_{2,j} (\varepsilon_{2,1} \dots \varepsilon_{2,j-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b2,j} M_{B2,j}}{\sum M} + (\sigma_3 - 1) \frac{v_{a3} M_{A3}}{\sum M} + \sum_{k=1}^r \left[ \sigma_3 \varphi_{3,k} (\varepsilon_{3,1} \dots \varepsilon_{3,k-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b3,k} M_{B3,k}}{\sum M} + \frac{S}{\frac{x_1}{v_{a1}} \sum M} \quad (\text{S19})$$

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$$\text{Therefore} \quad GME = \frac{GAE \prod_{i=1}^z \varepsilon_{1,i}}{1 + a_2 + a_3 + \sum_{i=1}^z b_{1,i} + \sum_{j=1}^m b_{2,j} + \sum_{k=1}^r b_{3,k} + s} \quad (\text{S20})$$

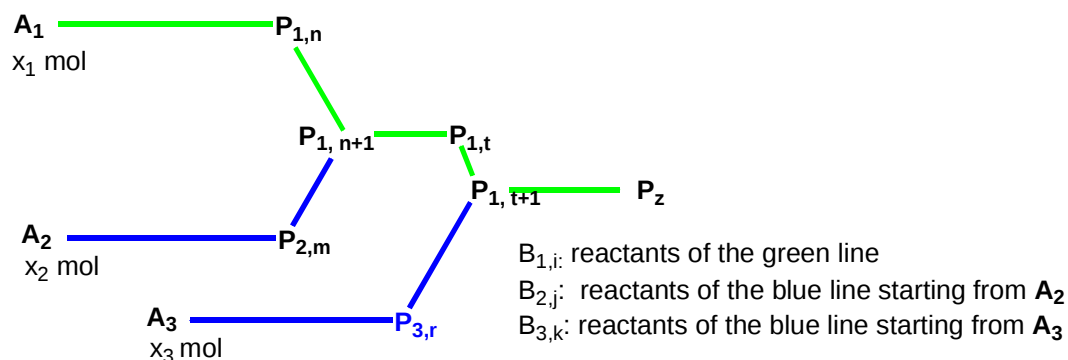
where  $a_2$ ,  $b_{1,i}$ ,  $b_{2,j}$ ,  $s$  are given by Eq. S10, S11, S12 and S13.

$$a_3 = (\sigma_3 - 1) \frac{v_{a3} M_{A3}}{\sum M} \quad (\text{S21})$$

$$b_{3,k} = \left[ \sigma_3 \varphi_{3,k} (\varepsilon_{3,1} \dots \varepsilon_{3,k-1}) - 1 \right] \frac{v_{b3,k} M_{B3,k}}{\sum M} \quad (\text{S22})$$

GRME is obtained by omitting in Eq.20 the term corresponding to the auxiliaries so that

$$GRME = \frac{GAE \prod_{i=1}^z \varepsilon_{1,i}}{1 + a_2 + a_3 + \sum_{i=1}^z b_{1,i} + \sum_{j=1}^m b_{2,j} + \sum_{k=1}^r b_{3,k}} \quad (S23)$$



**Figure S2** Convergent synthesis with two points of convergence. Two branches (in blue) converge to the main sequence (in green). **A<sub>1</sub>** is the reference molecule.

#### Calculation of GRME for the synthesis of discodermolide

To obtain 165 mg of discodermolide we need to start with  $x_1 = 6.96$  mmol of **A<sub>1</sub>**,  $x_2 = 6.654$  mmol of **A<sub>2</sub>** and  $x_3 = 8.435$  mmol of **A<sub>3</sub>**. The mass of reagents at this scale are displayed in Table S1

**Table S1.** Calculation of the mass of reagents at the appropriate scale

| Reagent                                                              | MW (g.mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\eta$ | yield | Mass (mg) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| <b>A<sub>1</sub></b>                                                 | 258.43                    |        |       | 1798.673  |
| B <sub>1,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)                                          | 158.95                    | 3.002  |       | 3322.055  |
| B <sub>1,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)                                          | 61.08                     | 1.55   |       | 659.053   |
| B <sub>1,1c</sub> (HCl)                                              | 36.46                     | 1.55   | 0.98  | 393.403   |
| B <sub>1,2a</sub> (TESCl)                                            | 150.72                    | 1.016  |       | 1044.479  |
| B <sub>1,2b</sub> (imidazole)                                        | 68.08                     | 1.128  | 0.92  | 523.798   |
| B <sub>1,3</sub> (Red-Al)                                            | 202.16                    | 2      | 0.97  | 2543.092  |
| B <sub>1,4a</sub> (EtP <sup>+</sup> Ph <sub>3</sub> I <sup>-</sup> ) | 418.25                    | 1.804  |       | 4622.612  |
| B <sub>1,4b</sub> (NaHMDS)                                           | 183.37                    | 1.88   |       | 2111.0988 |
| B <sub>1,4c</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )                                  | 253.81                    | 1.804  |       | 2805.177  |
| B <sub>1,4d</sub> (NaHMDS)                                           | 183.37                    | 1.804  | 0.3   | 2026.654  |
| <b>A<sub>2</sub></b>                                                 | 258.43                    |        |       | 1719.607  |
| B <sub>2,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)                                          | 158.95                    | 3.11   |       | 3289.212  |
| B <sub>2,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)                                          | 61.08                     | 1.71   |       | 694.804   |
| B <sub>2,1c</sub> (HCl)                                              | 36.46                     | 1.71   | 1     | 414.744   |
| B <sub>2,2a</sub> (DMSO)                                             | 78.13                     | 1      |       | 519.881   |
| B <sub>2,2b</sub> (Pyridine)                                         | 79.1                      | 3.037  |       | 1598.557  |
| B <sub>2,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )                                 | 80.06                     | 3.037  |       | 1617.958  |
| B <sub>2,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )                                | 101.19                    | 4.056  | 1     | 2730.723  |
| B <sub>2,3a</sub> (Br-allylsilane)                                   | 193.16                    | 4      |       | 5141.189  |
| B <sub>2,3b</sub> (2 CrCl <sub>2</sub> )                             | 245.8                     | 3      |       | 4906.70   |

|                                                     |        |        |       |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|----------|
| B <sub>2,3c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                | 18.02  | 1      |       | 119.906  |
| B <sub>2,3d</sub> (KH)                              | 40.11  | 1.097  | 0.77  | 292.800  |
| B <sub>2,4a</sub> (DIBAH)                           | 142.22 | 1.053  |       | 767.544  |
| B <sub>2,4b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                | 18.02  | 1      | 0.79  | 92.328   |
| B <sub>2,5a</sub> (oxazoline)                       | 233.26 | 1.425  |       | 1345.424 |
| B <sub>2,5b</sub> (Bu <sub>2</sub> OTf)             | 274.11 | 1.35   |       | 1497.831 |
| B <sub>2,5c</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )               | 101.19 | 1.792  |       | 734.177  |
| B <sub>2,5d</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                | 18.02  | 1      | 0.85  | 72.939   |
| B <sub>2,6a</sub> (lutidine)                        | 107.15 | 2.632  |       | 970.307  |
| B <sub>2,6b</sub> (TBSOTf)                          | 264.34 | 2.374  | 0.9   | 2158.967 |
| B <sub>2,7a</sub> (mercaptan)                       | 124.2  | 3.886  |       | 1494.37  |
| B <sub>2,7b</sub> (BuLi)                            | 64.06  | 2.857  |       | 566.741  |
| B <sub>2,7c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                | 18.02  | 1      | 1     | 55.798   |
| B <sub>2,8a</sub> (1/2 LiBH <sub>4</sub> )          | 10.89  | 16     |       | 539.527  |
| B <sub>2,8b</sub> (2 EtOH)                          | 92.14  | 1      | 0.84  | 285.308  |
| B <sub>2,9a</sub> (Ph <sub>3</sub> P)               | 262.29 | 1.711  |       | 1167.11  |
| B <sub>2,9b</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )                 | 253.81 | 1.496  |       | 987.522  |
| B <sub>2,9c</sub> (imidazole)                       | 68.08  | 1.504  | 0.86  | 266.349  |
| B <sub>1,5a</sub> (tBuLi)                           | 64.06  | 2.439  |       | 287.101  |
| B <sub>1,5b</sub> (borane-OMe)                      | 152.04 | 1.583  | 0.81  | 442.124  |
| B <sub>1,6</sub> (2 CF <sub>3</sub> COOH)           | 228.04 | 3.562  | 0.77  | 1209.105 |
| B <sub>1,7</sub> (PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub> )           | 322.1  | 3      | 1     | 1107.391 |
| B <sub>1,8a</sub> (K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> ) | 138.21 | 6      |       | 950.341  |
| B <sub>1,8b</sub> (phosphonate)                     | 318.11 | 3.99   | 0.87  | 1454.492 |
| B <sub>1,9a</sub> (isocyanate)                      | 188.4  | 4.55   |       | 854.619  |
| B <sub>1,9b</sub> (MeOH)                            | 32.04  | 1      | 0.98  | 31.945   |
| B <sub>1,10a</sub> (2 DIBAH)                        | 284.44 | 3.992  |       | 1109.62  |
| B <sub>1,10b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)               | 18.02  | 1      | 0.92  | 17.607   |
| B <sub>1,11</sub> (Dess-Martin)                     | 424.14 | 1.504  | 0.96  | 573.554  |
| A <sub>3</sub> (= A <sub>1</sub> )                  | 258.43 |        |       | 2179.91  |
| B <sub>3,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)                         | 158.95 | 3      |       | 4026.17  |
| B <sub>3,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)                         | 61.08  | 1.55   |       | 798.74   |
| B <sub>3,1c</sub> (HCl)                             | 36.46  | 1.55   | 0.98  | 476.79   |
| B <sub>3,2a</sub> (DMSO)                            | 78.13  | 1      |       | 645.861  |
| B <sub>3,2b</sub> (pyridine)                        | 79.1   | 3.0147 |       | 1971.254 |
| B <sub>3,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )                | 80.06  | 3.0147 |       | 1995.178 |
| B <sub>3,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )               | 101.19 | 4.0147 | 0.84  | 3358.245 |
| B <sub>3,3a</sub> (MeMgBr)                          | 119.24 | 1.762  |       | 1458.83  |
| B <sub>3,3b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                | 18.02  | 1      | 1     | 125.128  |
| B <sub>3,4a</sub> (DMSO)                            | 78.13  | 1      |       | 542.523  |
| B <sub>3,4b</sub> (pyridine)                        | 79.1   | 4.914  |       | 2699.214 |
| B <sub>3,4c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )                | 80.06  | 4.914  |       | 2731.973 |
| B <sub>3,4d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )               | 101.19 | 6.286  | 0.82  | 4416.646 |
| B <sub>1,12a</sub> (chloroborane)                   | 320.75 | 6.598  |       | 1484.869 |
| B <sub>1,12b</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )              | 101.19 | 5.364  |       | 579.436  |
| B <sub>1,12c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)               | 18.02  | 6.635  | 0.628 | 15.551   |
| B <sub>1,13a</sub> (borohydride)                    | 263.1  | 14.175 |       | 2021.107 |
| B <sub>1,13b</sub> (AcOH)                           | 60.05  | 1      | 0.733 | 32.544   |

|                          |        |         |     |            |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|-----|------------|
| B <sub>1,z</sub> (3 HCl) | 109.38 | 406.564 | 0.7 | 17665.399  |
| Total                    | 9748,2 |         |     | 115161.686 |

By applying Eq S23 to the synthesis of discodermolide (Figure 7), we obtain Eq 35. The coefficients of Eq. 35 are displayed in Table 1.

The coefficients of Eq. 36, 38 and 42 are displayed in Tables S2, S3 and S4 respectively

**Table S2.** Coefficients of Eq. 36

|                                                                      |             |                                         |              |                                       |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| a <sub>1</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )                                     | 0.00121892  |                                         |              | a <sub>3</sub> (A <sub>3</sub> )      | 0.007096262  |
| b <sub>1,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)                                          | 0.03490929  | b <sub>2,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)             | 0.03440296   | b <sub>3,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)           | 0.045764431  |
| b <sub>1,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)                                          | 0.0038946   | b <sub>2,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)             | 0.004445753  | b <sub>3,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)           | 0.006048123  |
| b <sub>1,1c</sub> (HCl)                                              | 0.00232477  | b <sub>2,1c</sub> (HCl)                 | 0.002653768  | b <sub>3,1c</sub> (HCl)               | 0.003610258  |
| b <sub>1,2a</sub> (TESCl)                                            | 0.00064103  | b <sub>2,2a</sub> (DMSO)                | 0            | b <sub>3,2a</sub> (DMSO)              | 0.001942178  |
| b <sub>1,2b</sub> (imidazole)                                        | 0.00109134  | b <sub>2,2b</sub> (pyridine)            | 0.016530032  | b <sub>3,2b</sub> (pyridine)          | 0.022275752  |
| b <sub>1,3</sub> (Red-Al)                                            | 0.0184677   | b <sub>2,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )    | 0.016730649  | b <sub>3,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )  | 0.022546103  |
| b <sub>1,4a</sub> (EtPh <sub>3</sub> P <sup>+</sup> I <sup>-</sup> ) | 0.0283597   | b <sub>2,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )   | 0.031718147  | b <sub>3,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> ) | 0.041392417  |
| b <sub>1,4b</sub> (NaHMDS)                                           | 0.01373536  | b <sub>2,3a</sub> (Br-allylsilane)      | 0.059444821  | b <sub>3,3a</sub> (MeMgBr)            | 0.010258232  |
| b <sub>1,4c</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )                                  | 0.01720975  | b <sub>2,3b</sub> (CrCl <sub>2</sub> )  | 0.050429823  | b <sub>3,3b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)  | 0.0000805075 |
| b <sub>1,4d</sub> (NaHMDS)                                           | 0.01243352  | b <sub>2,3c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | 0            | b <sub>3,4a</sub> (DMSO)              | 0.000349059  |
| b <sub>2,10a</sub> (tBuLi)                                           | -0.0021453  | b <sub>2,3d</sub> ( KH)                 | 0.000399386  | b <sub>3,4b</sub> (pyridine)          | 0.033498435  |
| b <sub>2,10b</sub> (borane-OMe)                                      | -0.0087807  | b <sub>2,4a</sub> (DIBAH)               | -0.002756416 | b <sub>3,4c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )  | 0.03390499   |
| b <sub>2,11</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H)                | -0.00475272 | b <sub>2,4b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.000425166 | b <sub>3,4d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> ) | 0.057709381  |
| b <sub>2,12</sub> (PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub> )                           | -0.01596977 | b <sub>2,5a</sub> (oxazoline)           | -0.003186621 |                                       |              |
| b <sub>2,13a</sub> (K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )                 | 0.00047305  | b <sub>2,5b</sub> (Bu <sub>2</sub> OTf) | -0.005027543 | 1+ Σ a, b                             | 1.775404066  |
| b <sub>2,13b</sub> (phosphonate)                                     | -0.01020935 | b <sub>2,5c</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )   | 0.000938155  | (Eq.36 denomin.)                      |              |
| b <sub>2,14a</sub> (isocyanate)                                      | -0.00615131 | b <sub>2,5d</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.000724076 | GAE Π ε                               | 0.00254552   |
| b <sub>2,14b</sub> (MeOH)                                            | -0.00279428 | b <sub>2,6a</sub> (lutidine)            | 0.003967077  | (Eq. 36 numerator)                    |              |
| b <sub>2,15a</sub> (DIBAH)                                           | -0.01207214 | b <sub>2,6b</sub> (TBSOTf)              | 0.006167181  | GRME                                  | 0.0014337711 |
| b <sub>2,15b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                                | -0.0015771  | b <sub>2,7a</sub> (mercaptan)           | 0.010297319  |                                       |              |
| b <sub>2,16</sub> (Dess-Martin)                                      | -0.03466731 | b <sub>2,7b</sub> (BuLi)                | 0.002165759  |                                       |              |
| b <sub>2,17a</sub> (chloroborane)                                    | -0.01001185 | b <sub>2,7c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.000988326 |                                       |              |
| b <sub>1,17b</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )                               | -0.00144743 | b <sub>2,8a</sub> (LiBH <sub>4</sub> )  | 0.00720056   |                                       |              |
| b <sub>1,17c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                                | -0.00160881 | b <sub>2,8b</sub> (EtOH)                | -0.005053517 |                                       |              |
| b <sub>2,18a</sub> (borohydride)                                     | 0.00416905  | b <sub>2,9a</sub> (Ph <sub>3</sub> P)   | -0.00891362  |                                       |              |
| b <sub>2,18b</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H)               | -0.0056584  | b <sub>2,9b</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )     | -0.010812347 |                                       |              |
| b <sub>2,,z</sub> (HCl)                                              | 0.26112022  | b <sub>2,9c</sub> (imidazole)           | -0.002877657 |                                       |              |

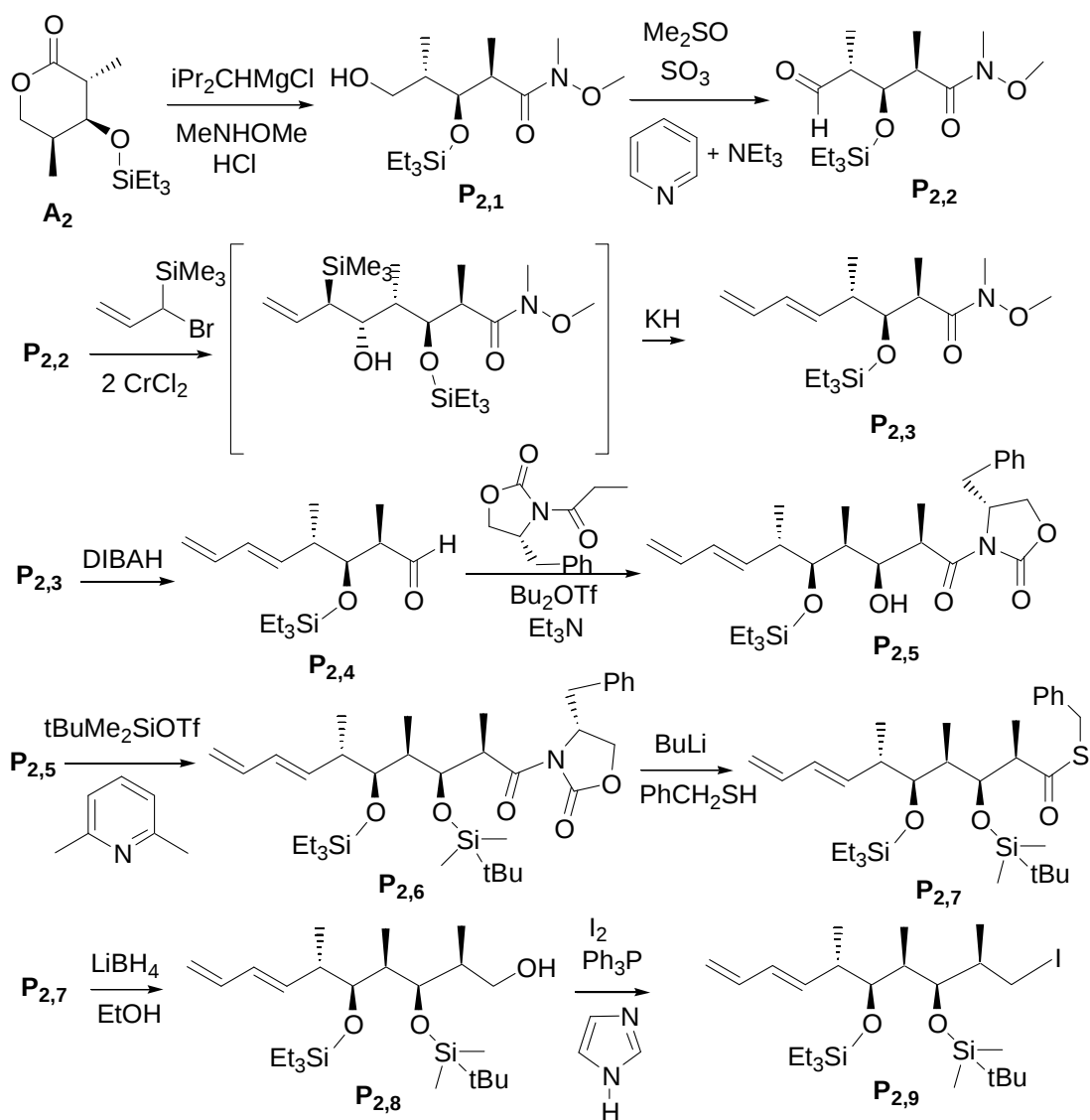
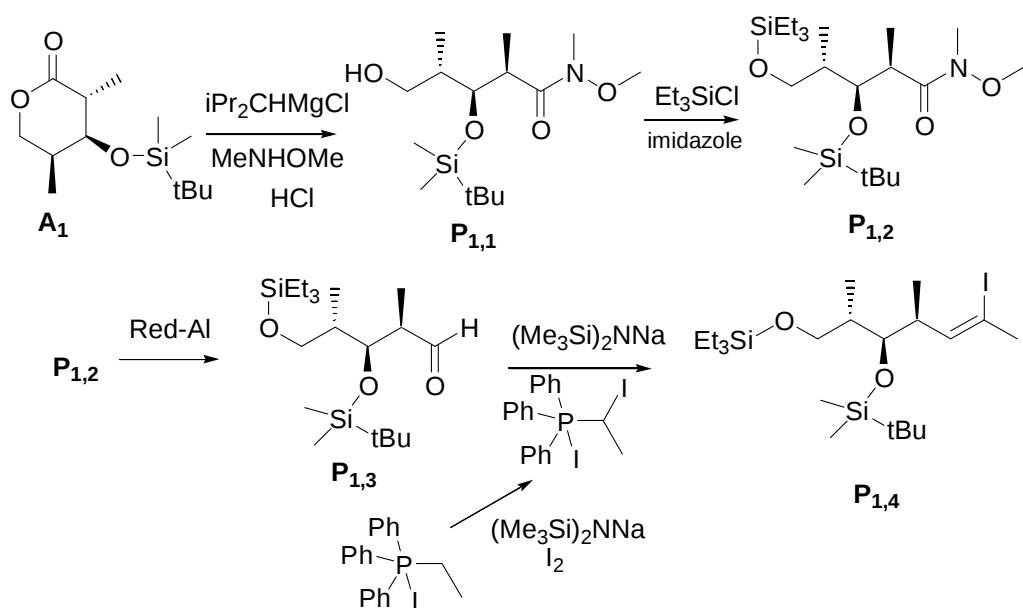
**Table S3.** Coefficients of Eq. 38

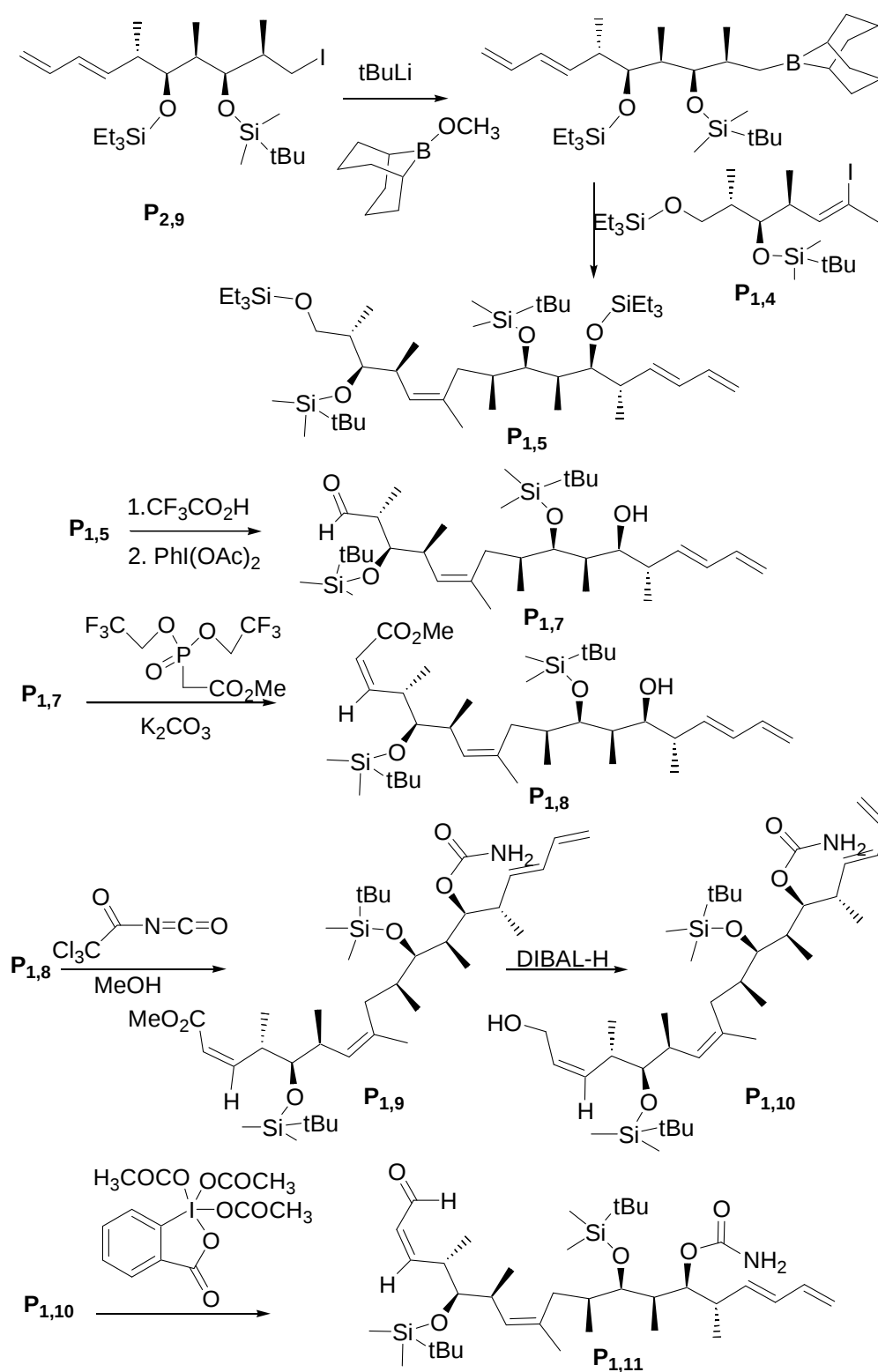
|                                                                      |             |                                        |              |                                       |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| a <sub>1</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )                                     | -0.00463631 | a <sub>2</sub> (A <sub>2</sub> )       | -0.005597847 |                                       |              |
| b <sub>1,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)                                          | 0.02409499  | b <sub>2,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)            | 0.023695571  | b <sub>3,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)           | 0.032658004  |
| b <sub>1,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)                                          | 0.00174918  | b <sub>2,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)            | 0.002183955  | b <sub>3,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)           | 0.003447975  |
| b <sub>1,1c</sub> (HCl)                                              | 0.00104413  | b <sub>2,1c</sub> (HCl)                | 0.001303651  | b <sub>3,1c</sub> (HCl)               | 0.002058172  |
| b <sub>1,2a</sub> (TESCl)                                            | -0.00275907 | b <sub>2,2a</sub> (DMSO)               | -0.001692372 | b <sub>3,2a</sub> (DMSO)              | -0.000160296 |
| b <sub>1,2b</sub> (imidazole)                                        | -0.00061378 | b <sub>2,2b</sub> (pyridine)           | 0.01132624   | b <sub>3,2b</sub> (pyridine)          | 0.01585872   |
| b <sub>1,3</sub> (Red-Al)                                            | 0.01018916  | b <sub>2,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )   | 0.011463701  | b <sub>3,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )  | 0.01605119   |
| b <sub>1,4a</sub> (EtPh <sub>3</sub> P <sup>+</sup> I <sup>-</sup> ) | 0.01331169  | b <sub>2,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )  | 0.022828809  | b <sub>3,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> ) | 0.030460303  |
| b <sub>1,4b</sub> (NaHMDS)                                           | 0.00686309  | b <sub>2,3a</sub> (Br-allylsilane)     | 0.042708681  | b <sub>3,3a</sub> (MeMgBr)            | 0.005509294  |
| b <sub>1,4c</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )                                  | 0.08807804  | b <sub>2,3b</sub> (CrCl <sub>2</sub> ) | 0.034457016  | b <sub>3,3b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)  | -0.000326823 |

|                                                       |              |                                         |              |                                                       |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| b <sub>1,4d</sub> (NaHMDS)                            | 0.00583614   | b <sub>2,3c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.000390331 | b <sub>3,4a</sub> (DMSO)                              | -0.001417019 |
| b <sub>2,10a</sub> ( <sup>t</sup> BuLi)               | -0.00307994  | b <sub>2,3d</sub> ( KH)                 | -0.000553768 | b <sub>3,4b</sub> (pyridine)                          | 0.02471167   |
| b <sub>2,10b</sub> (borane-OMe)                       | -0.01021991  | b <sub>2,4a</sub> (DIBAH)               | -0.005255008 | b <sub>3,4c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )                  | 0.025011584  |
| b <sub>2,11</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H) | -0.008668873 | b <sub>2,4b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.00072572  | b <sub>3,4d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )                 | 0.04333185   |
| b <sub>2,12</sub> (PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub> )            | -0.01957467  | b <sub>2,5a</sub> (oxazoline)           | -0.007566388 | b <sub>3,5a</sub> (chloroborane)                      | -0.01484555  |
| b <sub>2,13a</sub> (K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )  | -0.0026206   | b <sub>2,5b</sub> (Bu <sub>2</sub> OTf) | -0.009903441 | b <sub>3,5b</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )                 | -0.00333367  |
| b <sub>2,13b</sub> (phosphonate)                      | -0.0149442   | b <sub>2,5c</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )   | -0.001451816 | b <sub>3,5c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                  | -0.00165943  |
| b <sub>2,14a</sub> (isocyanate)                       | -0.00893335  | b <sub>2,5d</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.000961514 | b <sub>3,6a</sub> (borohydride)                       | -0.00241027  |
| b <sub>2,14b</sub> (MeOH)                             | -0.00289827  | b <sub>2,6a</sub> (lutidine)            | 0.000808433  | b <sub>3,6b</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H) | -0.00576434  |
| b <sub>2,15a</sub> (DIBAH)                            | -0.0156843   | b <sub>2,6b</sub> (TBSOTf)              | -0.000860917 | b <sub>3,,z</sub> (HCl)                               | 0.20361396   |
| b <sub>2,15b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                 | -0.00163442  | b <sub>2,7a</sub> (mercaptan)           | 0.005432689  |                                                       |              |
| b <sub>2,16</sub> (Dess-Martin)                       | -0.0365344   | b <sub>2,7b</sub> (BuLi)                | 0.000320845  | 1+ Σ a, b                                             | 1.40051761   |
|                                                       |              | b <sub>2,7c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.001169967 | (Eq.38 denomin.)                                      |              |
|                                                       |              | b <sub>2,8a</sub> (LiBH <sub>4</sub> )  | 0.005444233  | GAE Π ε                                               | 0.00200802   |
|                                                       |              | b <sub>2,8b</sub> (EtOH)                | -0.005982282 | (Eq. 38 numerator)                                    |              |
|                                                       |              | b <sub>2,9a</sub> (Ph <sub>3</sub> P)   | -0.012712918 | GRME                                                  | 0.0014337711 |
|                                                       |              | b <sub>2,9b</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )     | -0.014027033 |                                                       |              |
|                                                       |              | b <sub>2,9c</sub> (imidazole)           | -0.003744704 |                                                       |              |

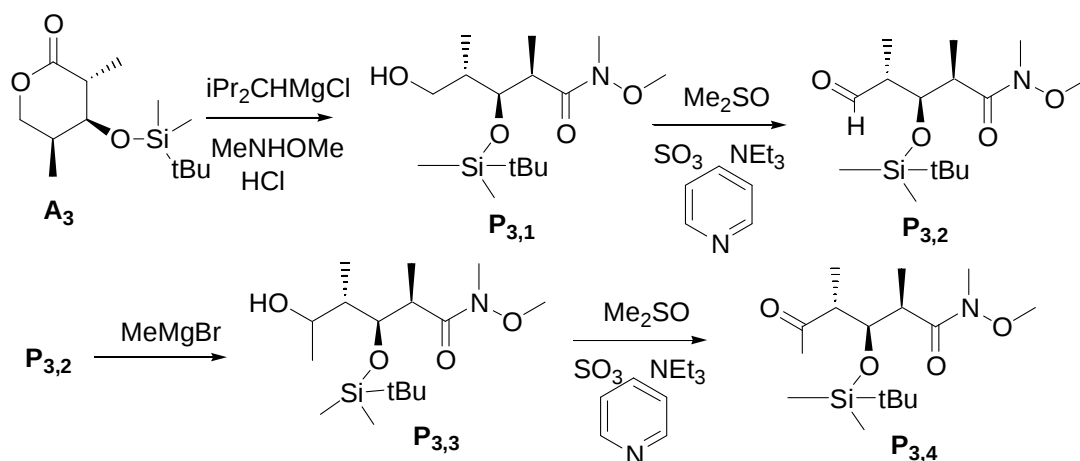
Table S4. Coefficients of Eq. 42

|                                                                      |              |                                         |              |                                                       |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| a <sub>1</sub> (A <sub>1</sub> )                                     | -0.00463631  | a <sub>2</sub> (A <sub>2</sub> )        | -0.005597847 |                                                       |                   |
| b <sub>1,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)                                          | 0.02409499   | b <sub>2,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)             | 0.023695571  | b <sub>3,1a</sub> (iPrMgCl)                           | 0.032658004       |
| b <sub>1,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)                                          | 0.00174918   | b <sub>2,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)             | 0.002183955  | b <sub>3,1b</sub> (MeNHOMe)                           | 0.003447975       |
| b <sub>1,1c</sub> (HCl)                                              | 0.00104413   | b <sub>2,1c</sub> (HCl)                 | 0.001303651  | b <sub>3,1c</sub> (HCl)                               | 0.002058172       |
| b <sub>1,2a</sub> (TESCl)                                            | -0.00275907  | b <sub>2,2a</sub> (DMSO)                | -0.001692372 | b <sub>3,2a</sub> (DMSO)                              | -0.000160296      |
| b <sub>1,2b</sub> (imidazole)                                        | -0.00061378  | b <sub>2,2b</sub> (pyridine)            | 0.01132624   | b <sub>3,2b</sub> (pyridine)                          | 0.01585872        |
| b <sub>1,3</sub> (Red-Al)                                            | 0.01018916   | b <sub>2,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )    | 0.011463701  | b <sub>3,2c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )                  | <b>0.01605119</b> |
| b <sub>1,4a</sub> (EtPh <sub>3</sub> P <sup>+</sup> I <sup>-</sup> ) | 0.01331169   | b <sub>2,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )   | 0.022828809  | b <sub>3,2d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )                 | 0.030460303       |
| b <sub>1,4b</sub> (NaHMDS)                                           | 0.00686309   | b <sub>2,3a</sub> (Br-allylsilane)      | 0.042708681  | b <sub>3,3a</sub> (MeMgBr)                            | 0.005509294       |
| b <sub>1,4c</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )                                  | 0.08807804   | b <sub>2,3b</sub> (CrCl <sub>2</sub> )  | 0.034457016  | b <sub>3,3b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                  | -0.000326823      |
| b <sub>1,4d</sub> (NaHMDS)                                           | 0.00583614   | b <sub>2,3c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.000390331 | b <sub>3,4a</sub> (DMSO)                              | -0.001417019      |
| b <sub>1,5a</sub> ( <sup>t</sup> BuLi)                               | -0.00307994  | b <sub>2,3d</sub> ( KH)                 | -0.000553768 | b <sub>3,4b</sub> (pyridine)                          | 0.02471167        |
| b <sub>1,5b</sub> (borane-OMe)                                       | -0.01021991  | b <sub>2,4a</sub> (DIBAH)               | -0.005255008 | b <sub>3,4c</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )                  | 0.025011584       |
| b <sub>1,6</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H)                 | -0.008668873 | b <sub>2,4b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.00072572  | b <sub>3,4d</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )                 | 0.04333185        |
| b <sub>1,7</sub> (PhI(OAc) <sub>2</sub> )                            | -0.01957467  | b <sub>2,5a</sub> (oxazoline)           | -0.007566388 | b <sub>3,5a</sub> (chloroborane)                      | -0.01484555       |
| b <sub>1,8a</sub> (K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> )                  | -0.0026206   | b <sub>2,5b</sub> (Bu <sub>2</sub> OTf) | -0.009903441 | b <sub>3,5b</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )                 | -0.00333367       |
| b <sub>1,8b</sub> (phosphonate)                                      | -0.01494416  | b <sub>2,5c</sub> (NEt <sub>3</sub> )   | -0.001451816 | b <sub>3,5c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                  | -0.00165943       |
| b <sub>1,9a</sub> (isocyanate)                                       | -0.00893335  | b <sub>2,5d</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.000961514 | b <sub>3,6a</sub> (borohydride)                       | -0.00241027       |
| b <sub>1,9b</sub> (MeOH)                                             | -0.00289827  | b <sub>2,6a</sub> (lutidine)            | 0.000808433  | b <sub>3,6b</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H) | -0.00576434       |
| b <sub>1,10a</sub> (DIBAH)                                           | -0.01568429  | b <sub>2,6b</sub> (TBSOTf)              | -0.000860917 | b <sub>3,,z</sub> (HCl)                               | 0.20361396        |
| b <sub>1,10b</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)                                | -0.00163442  | b <sub>2,7a</sub> (mercaptan)           | 0.005432689  |                                                       |                   |
| b <sub>1,11</sub> (Dess-Martin)                                      | -0.0365344   | b <sub>2,7b</sub> (BuLi)                | 0.000320845  | 1+ Σ a, b                                             | 1.40051761        |
|                                                                      |              | b <sub>2,7c</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)    | -0.001169967 | (Eq.38 denomin.)                                      |                   |
|                                                                      |              | b <sub>2,8a</sub> (LiBH <sub>4</sub> )  | 0.005444233  | GAE Π ε                                               | 0.00200802        |
|                                                                      |              | b <sub>2,8b</sub> (EtOH)                | -0.005982282 | (Eq. 38 numerator)                                    |                   |
|                                                                      |              | b <sub>2,9a</sub> (Ph <sub>3</sub> P)   | -0.012712918 | GRME                                                  | 0.0014337711      |
|                                                                      |              | b <sub>2,9b</sub> (I <sub>2</sub> )     | -0.014027033 |                                                       |                   |
|                                                                      |              | b <sub>2,9c</sub> (imidazole)           | -0.003744704 |                                                       |                   |

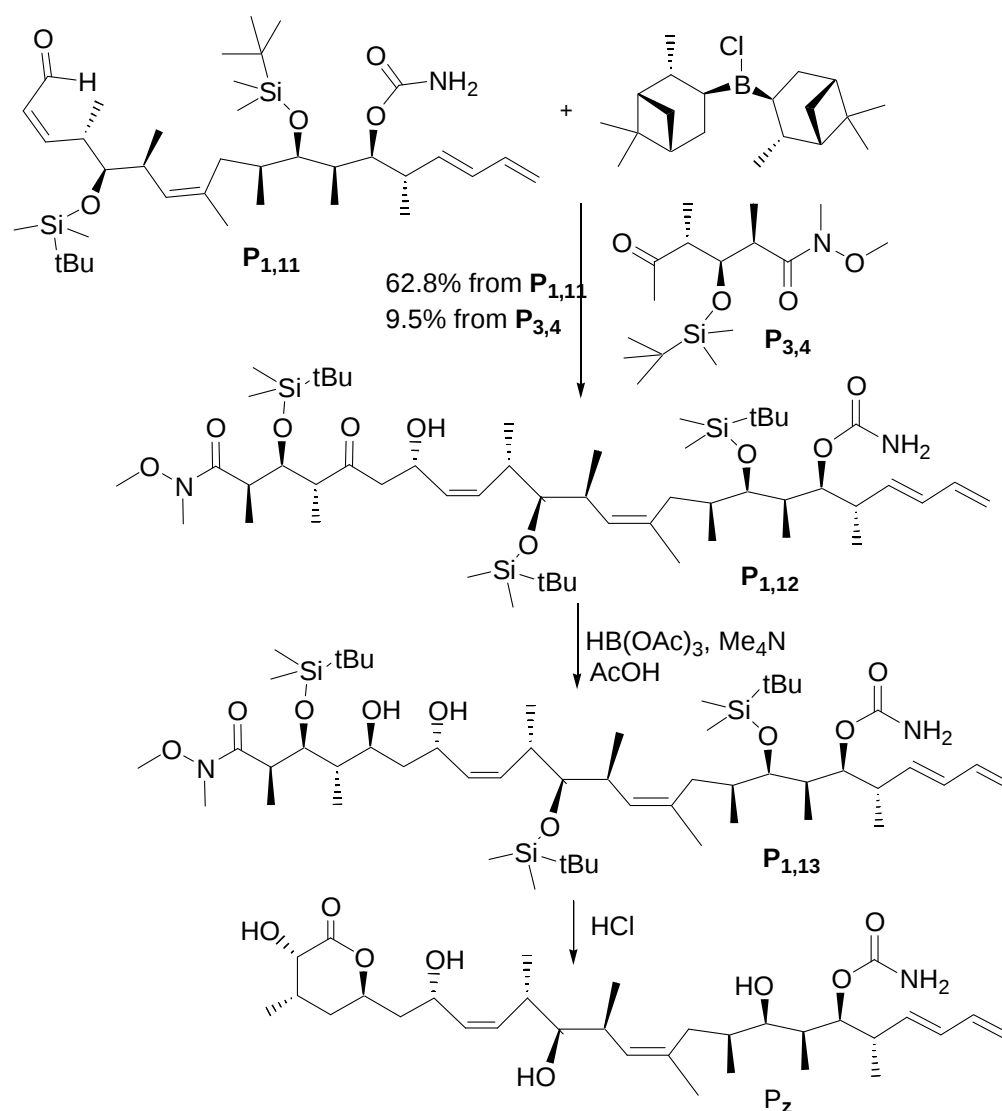




**Scheme S3.** Synthesis of C7-C24 fragment of discodermolide



**Scheme S4.** Synthesis of C1-C6 fragment of discodermolide



**Scheme S5.** Final steps of the synthesis of discodermolide