# Gemmacin B: Bringing Diversity back into Focus <br> Supporting Information 

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## General Experimental

${ }_{5}$ Except as otherwise indicated, reactions were carried out under argon with dry, freshly distilled solvents. Dichloromethane was distilled from calcium hydride. All other reagents were purified in accordance with the instructions in 'Purification of Laboratory Chemicals ${ }^{1}$ or used as obtained from commercial sources.

Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds. All reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography using glass plates precoated with Merck silica gel $60 \mathrm{~F}_{254}$ or aluminum oxide $60 \mathrm{~F}_{254}$. Visualization was by the
${ }_{15}$ quenching of UV fluorescence ( $\lambda_{\max }=254 \mathrm{~nm}$ ) or by staining with ceric ammonium molybdate or potassium permanganate or Dragendorff's reagent ( $0.08 \% \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{v}$ bismuth subnitrate and $2 \%$ $\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{v} \mathrm{KI}$ in 3 M aq. AcOH ). Retention factors $\left(R_{\mathrm{f}}\right)$ are quoted to 0.01. Melting points were obtained using a Mel-Temp II melting ${ }_{20}$ point apparatus and are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded neat on a diamond/ZeSe plate using a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum One FT-IR Universal ATR sampling accessory spectrometer with internal referencing. Absorption maxima ( $v_{\text {max }}$ ) are reported in wavenumbers $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ and the following ${ }_{25}$ abbreviations are used: w, weak; m, medium; s, strong; br, broad. Proton magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker Ultrashield 400 or 500 . Proton assignments are supported by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-$ ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ spectra where necessary. Chemical shifts $\left(\delta_{\mathrm{H}}\right)$ are quoted in ppm and are referenced to the residual non-deuterated solvent
${ }_{30}$ peak. Coupling constants $(J)$ are reported in Hertz to the nearest 0.5 Hz . Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, integration, multiplicity [br, broad; s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; qui, quintet; sept, septet; m, multiplet; or as a combination of these (e.g. dd, dt , etc.)], coupling constant(s) and assignment.
${ }_{35}$ Diastereotopic protons are assigned as X and $\mathrm{X}^{\prime}$, where the indicates the lower field proton. Carbon magnetic resonance spectra were recorded on Bruker Ultrashield 500 spectrometers. Carbon spectra assignments are supported by DEPT editing and where necessary ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ (HMQC) correlations. Chemical shifts
${ }_{40}\left(\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\right)$ are quoted in ppm to the nearest 0.01 ppm , and are referenced to the deuterated solvent. Fluorine magnetic resonance spectra $\left({ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\right)$ were recorded on a DPX 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta_{\mathrm{P}}$ ) are quoted in ppm to the nearest 0.01 ppm and are referenced to $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OH}$ (external).
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Compounds 14, 15, and 5a-5c are not shown in the article. They are included here for completeness. All compounds not included have been reported previously.

## Synthesis of the scaffold 4

${ }_{50}$ 3-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]acrylic acid ethyl ester (2)
${ }_{55}$ To a solution of triethylphosphonacetate $\mathbf{1}(4 \mathrm{ml}, 18.8 \mathrm{~mol})$, lithium bromide ( $1.6 \mathrm{~g}, 18.8 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) and DBU ( $3.7 \mathrm{ml}, 18.8 \mathrm{ml}$ ) in THF ( 40 ml ) under nitrogen was added N,N-2-(4chlorophenylthio) benzaldehyde ( $4.68 \mathrm{~g}, 18.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The solution was stirred for 3 hours until complete by LCMS, and
${ }_{60}$ then saturated ammonium chloride solution was added. The reaction was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic layer washed with brine, dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and solvent removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to give the title compound as a yellow solid 65 ( $4.68 \mathrm{~g}, 78 \%$ ).
$R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.41\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 3: 140: 60\right.$ petrol : ether); $v_{\text {max }}$ (nujol mull) 2923, 2854, 1712 (C=O), 1632, 1463, 1316, $1183 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 8.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 16.0, \mathrm{CHCHC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{OEt}), 7.62(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 8.0$, 2.5, ArH), 7.39-7.28 (3H, m, ArH), 7.23 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 7.15 $70(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.35(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 16.0, \mathrm{CHCHC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{OEt}), 4.24$ $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J 7.0, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.31\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.0, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(100$ $\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $166.54,141.70,136.40,135.44,134.49,133.80$, 132.97, 131.58, 130.57, 129.38, 128.45, 127.41, 120.70, 60.59, 14.29; HRMS $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$found $319.0573, \mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SCl}$ requires ${ }_{75} 319.0560, \Delta \mathrm{ppm}+4.1 ; \mathrm{mp} 79-82^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ( $3: 140: 60$ petrol : ether)
( $1 S^{*}, 2 R^{*}, 3 R^{*}, 4 R^{*}$ )-3-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-bi-cyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene-2-carboxlic acid ethyl ester (3)

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To a solution of $2(4.62 \mathrm{~g}, 14.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(100 \mathrm{ml})$ at $78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under nitrogen was added dimethylaluminium chloride ( 1 M solution, $14.5 \mathrm{ml}, 14.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and cyclopentadiene ( 11.9 ${ }_{85} \mathrm{ml}, 145 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The reaction was stirred for 1 hour then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 48 hours until complete by LCMS. The reaction was quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution ( 150 ml ), the organic layer removed and washed with brine. The organic layer was ${ }_{90}$ dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and the solvent removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to yield the title compound as a yellow oil ( $3.48 \mathrm{~g}, 62 \%$ ).
$R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.47\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 4: 1\right.$ 40:60 petrol: ether); $v_{\text {max }}$ (neat) 3057, 2977, 1730, 1474, 1174, $1091 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ ${ }_{95} 7.41$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.0, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 7.34-7.29 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 7.25-7.23 $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.19-7.15(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.38(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 5.5$, 3.0, ArCHCHCHCH), $6.11(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{dd}, \quad J \quad 5.4, \quad 3.0$, ArCHCHCHCH $)$, 4.15-3.98 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ), $3.54(1 \mathrm{H}$, dd, $J 5.0,1.5, \mathrm{ArCH}), 3.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCH}), 3.15(1 \mathrm{H}$,
$100 \mathrm{dd}, J 5.0,3.5, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CH}), 2.78(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 1.5, \operatorname{ArCHCH})$, $1.79(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.0$, CHCHHCH) $1.52(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddd}, J 9.0,3.5,1.5$, CHCHHCH), $1.20\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.0, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(120 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) 173.97, 145.00, 138.66, 135.19, 134.94, 134.29, 133.74, 132.54, 131.47, 129.19,128.09, 127.05, 126.61, 60.32, ${ }_{105} 50.13,49.94,46.55,46.48,45.73,14.23 ; \operatorname{HRMS}(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$
found 385.1041, $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SCl}$ requires $385.1029, \Delta \mathrm{ppm}+3.1$.
( $\left.1 S^{*}, 2 R^{*}, 3 R^{*}, 4 R^{*}, 5 S^{*}, 6 R^{*}\right)-3-[2-(4-C h l o r o-p h e n y l s u l f a n y l)-$ phenyl]-5,6-dihydroxy-bi-cyclo[2.2.1]heptene-2-carboxlic acid ethyl ester (4)


To a solution of $\mathbf{3}$ ( $3.2 \mathrm{~g}, 8.31 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in acetone:water (10:1) 10 was added NMO ( $1.95 \mathrm{~g}, 16.63 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and osmium tetroxide ( $2.5 \mathrm{~mol} \%$ in pentane). The reaction was stirred overnight until complete by TLC then quenched with saturated sodium sulfite solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate and the organic layer dried $\left(\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}\right)$ and solvent ${ }_{15}$ removed in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography to yield the title compound as a pale yellow foam ( $2.65 \mathrm{~g}, 76 \%$ ).
$R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.27\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 4: 1\right.$ ether: $40: 60$ petrol); $v_{\text {max }}$ (neat) $3359(\mathrm{OH})$, 2976, 1725 (C=O), 1474, 1176, 1091, $1031 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(400 \mathrm{Mhz}$; ${ }_{20} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) 7.29-7.22 ( $5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 7.18-7.12 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 4.07 $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{q}, \quad J \quad 7.0, \quad \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), \quad 4.03 \quad(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{d}, \quad J \quad 6.0$, EtOC(O)CHCHCHOH), 3.96 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.0$, ArCHCHCHOH), 3.54 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 5.5, \mathrm{ArCH}$ ), 2.97 ( 1 H , dd, $J 6.5,4.5$, EtOC(O)CH), $2.75(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{OH}) 2.59(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 2.5, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCH}) 2.13(1 \mathrm{H}$, ${ }_{25} \mathrm{~s}$, $\left.\operatorname{ArCHCH}\right), 1.93(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 11.0,2.5, \mathrm{CHCHHCH}), 1.63(1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{dt}, J 11.0,1.5, \mathrm{CHCH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right), 1.20\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.0, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) \delta_{\mathrm{C}}$ ( $100 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) 172.88, 144.73, 135.02, 134.42, 133.84, 132.67, 131.38, 129.28, 128.17, 127.31, 126.29, 73.82, 70.36, 60.81, 51.40, 49.90, 47.24, 42.67, 31.61, 14.16; HRMS (M+Na) ${ }^{+}$ ${ }_{30}$ found $441.0885, \mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{SClNa}$ requires $441.0903, \Delta \mathrm{ppm}-4.1$.

## General procedure for formation of amine:

The chloro derivative ( 1.0 equiv.) was added to ethylenediamine (21.0 equiv) and refluxed overnight. Excess ethylenediamine was ${ }_{35}$ removed under reduced pressure, the residue diluted with sodium hydroxide and extracted with chloroform. The solvent was removed in vacuo and the residue given charcoal treatment. If necessary the crude product was purified by flash column chromatography.
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2-(2-aminoethylamine)pyridine (14)

${ }_{45}$ Title compound isolated as a yellow oil ( $1.006 \mathrm{~g}, 83 \%$ ); $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.18$ ( $\left.\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 90: 8: 2 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: \mathrm{MeOH}: \mathrm{NH}_{3}(\mathrm{aq})\right) v_{\text {max }}$ (neat) 3266, 2933, $2860,1597,1508,1487,1442,1417,1327,1288,1149 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}$ $\left(400 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 8.07(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.0, \mathrm{ArH}) 7.39(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ddd}, J 8.0$, $6.0,2.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.54(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.0, \mathrm{ArH}) 6.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.0, \mathrm{ArH})$, ${ }_{50} 4.76(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NH}), 3.36\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, J 6.0, \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}\right), 2.93$ $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.0, \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.35\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NH}_{2}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}(100 \mathrm{MHz}$; $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ 158.90, 148.06, 137.29, 112.77, 107.10, 44.76, 41.40. Data agrees with literature values. ${ }^{2}$

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$N$-(4-nitrophenyl)ethane-1,2-diamine (15)


Title compound isolated as a yellow solid ( $308.4 \mathrm{mg}, 38 \%$ ); mp $127-130{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: \mathrm{MeOH}: \mathrm{NH}_{3}(\mathrm{aq})\right) ; R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.14\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 90: 8: 2\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: \mathrm{MeOH}: \mathrm{NH}_{3}(\mathrm{aq})\right) \nu_{\text {max }}$ (neat) 3298, 2954, 1597 (NO2), ${ }_{65} 1466,1284\left(\mathrm{NO}_{2}\right), 1110 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 8.05(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}$, $J 9.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.53(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 5.09(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NH}), 3.24$ $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{q}, \quad J \quad 5.5, \quad \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}\right), \quad 2.99(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, \quad J 6.0$, $\mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 153.50$, 137.92, 126.42 , 111.12, 45.27, 40.53.

## ${ }_{70}$ General procedure for oxidative cleavage and reductive amination:

To a solution of 4 (1.0 equiv) in THF:water (1:1) was added sodium periodate ( 1.8 equiv) at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction was stirred for 753 hours then extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was dried and solvent removed in vacuo. The crude product was dissolved in dry DCE and the amine (1.0 equiv) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour then sodium triacetoxyborohydride ( 2.0 equiv) was added and the reaction ${ }_{80}$ stirred overnight. The reaction was poured into water and extracted with chloroform.
( $\left.1 S^{*}, 5 R^{*}, 6 S^{*}, 7 R^{*}\right)$-7-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-3-[2-(5-nitropyridin-2-ylamino-ethyl]-3-aza-bi-
${ }_{85}$ cyclo[3.2.1]octane-6-carboxlic acid ethyl ester (5a)


Title compound isolated as a yellow solid ( $411 \mathrm{mg}, 61 \%$ ); mp ${ }_{90} 117-120^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (ether : $40: 60$ petrol); $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.43\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 4: 1\right.$ ether : 40:60 petrol); $v_{\text {max }}$ (neat) $3343,2939,1712$ (C=O), 1603, 1537, 1462, $1320,1290,1187 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 9.01(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 2.5$, $\mathrm{ArH}), 7.99(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 9.5,2.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.38(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.5, \mathrm{ArH})$, 7.33 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 4.0, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $7.19-7.15$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 7.10 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ $956.5 \mathrm{ArH}), 6.92(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NH}), 6.81(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.75$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.0, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 4.54 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.0, \mathrm{ArCH}), 4.16-4.05(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\left.\mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.49\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}\right), 3.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH} \mathrm{H}^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}$ ), $3.27(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.0, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CH}), 2.77-2.69(2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCH}, \quad$ ArCHCH $), \quad 2.57(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \quad J \quad 10.5$, ${ }_{100}$ EtOC(O)CHCHCHH'N), 2.55-2.45 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}$ ), 2.36 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ 10.5, EtOC(O)CHCHCHH'N), 2.11-2.06 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{ArCHCHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$ ), 1.92 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 10.5$, $\mathrm{ArCHCHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{N}$ ), 1.87 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}$ ), $1.50\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.5, \mathrm{CHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right), 1.21$ ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.0, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$ ) 174.39, 161.44, ${ }_{105} 148.70,146.96,136.21,135.24,135.03,132.88,131.79,131.47$, $129.45,129.18,129.12,128.90$, 127.11, 126.50, 60.75, 57.16, $56.69,54.45,54.03,45.34,44.01,40.46,37.73,37.21,14.35$; HRMS $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{H})^{+}$found 567.1829, $\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{SCl}$ requires 567.1833, $\Delta$ ppm -0.6.
( $1 S^{*}, 5 R^{*}, 6 S^{*}, 7 R^{*}$ )-7-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-3-[2-(pyridin- 2-ylamino-ethyl]-3-aza-bi-cyclo[3.2.1]octane-6carboxlic acid ethyl ester (5b)


Title compound isolated as a pale white oil ( $340 \mathrm{mg}, 55 \%$ ); $R_{\mathrm{f}}$ $0.21\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 2: 1\right.$ ether : pet ether 40-60); $v_{\text {max }}$ (neat) 3370,2942 , $1722(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1598,1474,1292 \mathrm{~cm}-1 ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 8.07$ $10(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 5.0,1.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.39(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.32-7.30(2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{H} 11, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.30-7.26(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.16-7.12(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH})$, 7.08 (2H, d, $J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 6.79 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 6.74 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J$ 8.5, 3.0, ArH), 6.46 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.0, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 5.65 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NH}$ ), 4.58 $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.0, \mathrm{ArCH}), 4.16-4.02\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.34-3.28$
${ }_{15}\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}\right), 3.23(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 3.0, \mathrm{OEtC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CH}), 3.24-$ $3.19\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{m}, \quad \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH} \boldsymbol{H}^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}\right), \quad 2.81(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{d}, \quad J \quad 10.0$, EtOC(O)CHCHCHH'N), $2.70\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{N}\right)$, 2.49-2.47 (2H, m, EtOC(O)CHCH, $\operatorname{ArCHCH}$ ), 2.22 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ 10.5, АІСНСНСНН'N), 2.07-2.03 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}$ ), 1.83 $20\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 10.0, \operatorname{ArCHCHCH}^{\prime} \mathrm{N}\right), 1.76\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right)$, $1.44\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.5, \mathrm{CHCHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right), 1.17\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.0, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(125 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 173.81,159.19,148.94,147.35,136.52$, $136.36,135.35,133.03,131.53,129.67,129.02,128.88,126.83$, $126.61,111.75,110.32,60.50,57.80,56.52,55.36,54.07,45.97$, ${ }_{25} 44.07,39.94,37.62,37.19,14.40$.
$\left(1 S^{*}, 5 R^{*}, 6 S^{*}, 7 R^{*}\right)-7-[2-(4-$ Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-3-
[2-(4-nitrophenylamino-ethyl]-3-aza-bi-cyclo[3.2.1]octane-6-
carboxlic acid ethyl ester (5c)

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$R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.38\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 2: 1\right.$ Ether : $40: 60$ petrol) $v_{\text {max }}$ (neat) 3334 , 2926, $1718(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}), 1600,1473,1302,1183,1108 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$; $\left.{ }_{35} \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) 8.05(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.38(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.33$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 4.0, \mathrm{H} 11, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $7.19-7.13$ (1H, m, ArH), 7.08 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ 8.5, ArH), 6.75-6.69 ( $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $6.22(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NH}), 4.55$ $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.0, \mathrm{ArCH}), ~ 4.18-4.05\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 3.25(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}$, $J 6.0, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CH}), 3.08-3.00\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}\right), 2.78-2.71$
${ }_{40}(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{EtOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCH}, \quad \mathrm{ArCHCH}), \quad 2.55(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\left.\mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}\right), 2.48(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.5$, EtOC(O)CHCHCHH'N), 2.34 $(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, \quad J, 9.5, \quad \operatorname{ArCHCHCHH}$ 'N $), ~ 2.14-2.08(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{m}$, EtOC(O)CHCHCHH'N), $1.88\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 10.5\right.$, ArCHCHCHH $\left.^{\prime} \mathrm{N}\right)$, $1.83\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right), 1.49\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.5, \mathrm{CHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right)$,
${ }_{45} 1.20\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.0, \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}\left(100 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ 173.89, $245.23,148.49,137.17,136.34,135.14,132.94,131.67,129.52$, 129.07, 128.87, 127.05, 126.53, 126.29, 112.10, 60.65, 57.11, $56.72,54.36,54.28,45.28,43.93,40.24,39.03,37.28,14.37$; m.p $50-52^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (ether : 40:60 petrol).

## ${ }_{\text {s0 }}$ General Procedure for cleavage of the ester group:

To a solution of the ethyl ester in THF was added 1M potassium hydroxide solution ( $6: 1$ methanol : water), in a ratio of $3: 1$ (THF : KOH solution). The reaction was heated at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight then ${ }_{55}$ acidified with HCl and extracted with chloroform. The organic layer was reduced in vacuo and the crude product purified by flash column chromatography.
( $1 S^{*}, 5 R^{*}, 6 S^{*}, 7 R^{*}$ )- 7-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-3${ }_{60}$ [2-(5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-ethyl]-2-aza-bi-cyclo[3.2.1]octane-6-carboxylic acid (gemmacin)

${ }_{65}$ Title compound isolated as a yellow solid ( $78.1 \mathrm{mg}, 42 \%$ ); mp $97-99{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (ethanol); $R_{\mathrm{f}} 0.14$ ( $\mathrm{SiO}_{2}$, ethanol); $v_{\max }$ (neat) 2931, 2800,1603 (C=O), 1474, 1328, 1295, $1092 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$; $\delta_{\mathrm{H}}(500 \mathrm{MHz}$; MeOD) 8.89 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 2.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 7.97 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, J 9.5,2.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $7.44(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.32(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{td}, J 7.5,1.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.23(1 \mathrm{H}$, $70 \mathrm{dd}, J 8.0,1.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.18-7.12(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{H} 14, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.91(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ $8.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.82(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 4.38(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 5.5, \mathrm{ArCH})$, $3.72\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \quad \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}\right)$, $3.46-3.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}$ ), $3.26(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.0, \mathrm{CHCOOH}), 3.13(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J$ 10.5, ArCHCHCHH'N), $3.00\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{NCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{CHCHCOOH}\right)$, ${ }_{75}$ 2.89-2.80 ( $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{m}, \quad \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}\right), \quad 2.74(1 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{br} \quad \mathrm{s}$, ArCHCHCHH'N), $2.69(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 10.5, \mathrm{ArCHCH}), 2.37(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}$, NCH ${ }^{\prime}$ СНСНСООН), 2.11-2.06 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, СНСНН' $^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}$ ), 1.94 ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{CHCHCOOH}$ ), $1.61\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.5, \mathrm{CHCHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right)$; $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}$ ( $125 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{MeOD}$ ) 181.24, 161.50, 149.00, 145.91, 135.93,
${ }_{80} 135.12,133.69,133.51,131.91,131.18,130.41,128.79,128.41$, 126.66, 126.21, 57.04), 56.88, 55.97, 54.35, 47.85, 43.80, 39.68, 36.80, 35.60; HRMS $(M+H)^{+}$found 539.1520, $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{SCl}$ requires 539.1516, $\Delta$ ppm -0.4.
${ }_{85}$ (1S*, 5R*, 6S*, 7R*)-7-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-3-[2-(pyridin-2-ylamino)-ethyl]-2-aza-bi-cyclo[3.2.1]octane-6carboxylic acid (6)


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Isolated as a white solid ( $51.8 \mathrm{mg}, 22 \%$ ) . $\mathrm{R}_{f} 0.10\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}\right.$, ethanol); $v_{\max }$ (neat) 3281, 2940, 1573 (C=O), 1515, 1418, 1331, 1292, $1091 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(400 \mathrm{MHz}$; MeOD) $8.02(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 5.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.48$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $7.37(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.33(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.5$, $\left.{ }_{95} \mathrm{ArH}\right), 7.20(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.17(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.83$ $(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.78(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 6.61(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.0$, ArH), $4.44(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 5.0, \mathrm{ArCH}), 3.49-3.40(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}$ ), 3.28 ( $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 6.0, \mathrm{HOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CH}\right), 3.28-3.20(1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH} \boldsymbol{H}^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}, \quad \operatorname{ArCHCHCHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}\right), \quad 2.97-2.80(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$,

ArCHCH, HOC(O)CHCHCHH'N, ArCHCHCHH'N), 2.79-2.70 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{NH}$ ), $2.38\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{HOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCHCH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}\right)$, $2.10\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{CHCHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right), 1.91(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br}$ s, $\mathrm{HOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCH}), 1.64$ ( $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.5, \mathrm{CHCHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}$ ); $\delta_{\mathrm{C}}(100 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{MeOD}) 183.55$, 160.11, 147.70, 139.13, 137.73, 135.71, 134.27, 133.00, 131.29, $131.09,130.24,129.87,128.14,127.86,113.81,110.56,58.65$, $58.34,57.62,56.42,49.29,45.12,40.82,38.63,36.96$; HRMS $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}$found $494.1660, \mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{29} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{SCl}$ requires 494.1669, $\Delta$ ppm -1.8; m.p 190-192 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
(1S*, 5R*, 6S*, 7R ${ }^{*}$ )-7-[2-(4-Chloro-phenylsulfanyl)-phenyl]-3-[2-(4-nitrophenylamino)-ethyl]-2-aza-bi-cyclo[3.2.1]octane-6-carboxylic acid (gemmacin B, (13))

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Isolated as a yellow solid ( $65.7 \mathrm{mg}, 58 \%$ ). $\mathrm{R}_{f} 0.14\left(\mathrm{SiO}_{2}, 10: 1\right.$ $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : methanol) $v_{\text {max }}$ (neat) $3311,2941,1706,1600(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, ${ }_{20} 1473,1303,1184,1109,1091 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} ; \delta_{\mathrm{H}}(500 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{MeOD}) 7.97$ ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.43(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 7.5, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.34(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 7.5$, $\mathrm{ArH}), 7.30(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{dd}, . J 7.5,1.0, \mathrm{ArH}), 7.16(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{td}, J 7.5,1.0$, ArH), 7.10 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 6.83 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 8.5, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), 6.73 ( $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 9.0, \mathrm{ArH}$ ), $4.36(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 6.0, \mathrm{ArCH}), 3.40-3.34(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, ${ }_{25} \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}$ ), $3.31(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{t}, J 5.0$, $\mathrm{HOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CH}), 3.26(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}$, $\left.\mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH} \boldsymbol{H}^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}\right), 3.18\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.0, \operatorname{ArCHCHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{N}\right), 2.96-$ $2.85\left(3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{HOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCHCHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{NCH}_{2} \mathrm{CHH}^{\prime} \mathrm{NH}\right.$ ), 2.79-2.73 $\left(2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}, \operatorname{ArCHCHCHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, \operatorname{ArCHCH}\right), 2.46(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 11.0$, НОС(O)СНСНСН $\left.{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{N}\right), 2.12-2.08\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{m}\right.$, CHCHH'CH $\left.^{\prime}\right), 1.97$ ${ }_{30}(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{br} \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{HOC}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CHCH}), 1.65\left(1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{d}, J 12.0, \mathrm{CHCHH}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{CH}\right) ; \delta_{\mathrm{C}}$ ( 125 MHz ; MeOD) 179.36, 155.41, 148.75, 138.67, 137.51, 135.88, 134.44, 133.19, 131.72, 130.35, 130.16, 128.46, 127.67, $127.19,112.64,58.84,58.36,56.84,55.85,48.53,44.86,40.62$, $39.35,36.83$; HRMS $(\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na})^{+}$found 538.1538, $\mathrm{C}_{28} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{SCl}$ ${ }_{35}$ requires $538.1567, \Delta$ ppm 3.2; m.p $90-92{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

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