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Synthesis and transformations of new annulated pyranosides using the Pauson–Khand reaction

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Abstract

The synthesis and transformations of new annulated pyranosides are described. These adducts were prepared by Pauson-Khand reaction on differently functionalized prop-2-ynyl-2,3-dideoxy- α -D-*erythro*-hex-2-enopyranosides (1-8). Compound 1 with a free hydroxyl group at C-4 afforded significant amounts of the hydrogenolysis product 12 in addition to the normal adduct 13. The C-4 *O*-protected similar precursors (2-8) gave PK products in yields ranging from 39 to 63%. Pauson-Khand adduct 19 provided intermediate 23 after selective manipulation. The oxidation plus decarbonylation synthetic sequence applied to intermediate 23 gave a poor yield of compound 24 using Wilkinson's catalyst. The *t*-butyl hydroperoxide promoted decarbonylation of product 23 afforded formate 25 in a typical Baeyer-Villiger rearrangement. The Ferrier-II reaction on intermediate 45, readily available from compound 9, afforded the hydrindane-type derivative 46 in 34% yield using a Ferrier-II type reaction. © 2001 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

Previous studies in our laboratory have been concerned with the development of new synthetic routes to polycyclic hydrocarbons from carbohydrates via free radical cyclization strategies.^{1,2} Simultaneously we have examined the preparation of annulated pyranosides via Pauson–Khand (PK) reaction^{3–5} on prop-2ynyl-2,3-dideoxy- α -D-*erythro*-hex-2-enopyranosides. This protocol has resulted in the synthesis of a series of molecules with the perhydro 1,7-dioxacyclopent[*cd*]indene skeleton (A) (Scheme 1), whose careful and controlled transformation has afforded adducts of type (B).^{6–9} These compounds are promising candidates for the synthesis of molecules with the cyclopenta[c]pyran skeleton (C) found in



Scheme 1. Possible synthetic strategies for the transformation of adducts of type \mathbf{B} .

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Scheme 2. Precursors for the Pauson-Khand reaction.



Scheme 3. Precursor for the Hanessian-Hullar reaction.

the natural products known as iridoids,¹⁰ and for the synthesis of the biologically interesting hydrindanes (\mathbf{E}) .¹¹

In this paper we describe our results on the oxidation and decarbonylation strategy for the synthesis of compounds of type **C** from conveniently functionalized intermediates (**B**), and the synthesis of compounds of type **E** from annulated pyranosides of type **D** via Ferrier-II reaction.¹²

Critical to this approach is the success of the cobalt-promoted cycloannulation of precursors 1-8 (Scheme 2) and the selective manipulation of PK adduct 9 (Scheme 3).⁹

2. Results and discussion

In order to implement the oxidation and decarbonylation strategy for the synthesis of compounds of type C from products with structure B (Scheme 1), we designed precursors (1-4) (Scheme 2) with protecting groups at the primary hydroxyl group after which the PK reaction could be easily removed in order to attack the oxidation and the decarbonylation protocol.

The synthesis of precursor 1^{13} was accomplished in high yield by using standard silylation conditions from known diol 11^8 (Scheme 4) prepared from 3,4,6-tri-*O*-acetyl-1,5-anhydro-2-deoxy-*arabino*-hex-1-enitol tri-*O*-acetyl-D-glucal (10).

All new compounds showed excellent analytical and spectroscopic values (see Tables 1 and 2 for the ¹H and ¹³C NMR data of compounds 2-8, 26, 27 and 29).

The PK reaction of substrate 1 afforded a mixture of compounds 12 and 13^{13} in low combined chemical yield (Scheme 4). Compound 12 was isolated as a diastereomerically pure α anomer and the absolute configuration at C-1 was established in its derivative 14 by analysis of the ¹H NMR spectrum which showed an nOe effect between proton H-1 (a broad singlet at 6.18 ppm) and H-7a (3.46 ppm, br d, $J_{7a,4a}$ 6.0 Hz). Consequently, product 12 is the product of the partial hydrogenolysis of the O-C(2) bond in product 13, with retention of the configuration at C-7a. This is a rather unusual reactivity on PK reactions, already reported by Russian researchers,¹⁴ that we have also occasionally observed in other prop-2-ynyl-2,3-dideoxy-a-D-erythro-hex-2-enopyranosides with a free hydroxyl group at C-4.⁸



Scheme 4. Synthesis and Pauson-Khand reaction of precursor 1. Reagents: (a) CITBDMS, imidazole, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2 ; (b) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O; (c) Ac₂O, py, rt.

H-4	H-5	H-6	H-6′	H-7	H-7′	H-9	OSiMe ₂ CMe ₃
5.29, dm, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5	3.93, ddd, $J_{5,6}$ 5.3, $J_{5,6}$ 2.7	3.77, dd, J _{6,6} 11.4	3.72, dd	4.32, d, <i>J</i> _{7,9} 2.3		2.44, t	0.07, 0.91
4.15, dd, J _{4,5} 9.5	3.88–3.73, m			4.30, d, <i>J</i> _{7,9} 2.3		2.42, t	0.08, 0.90
4.11, dd, J _{4,5} 8.6	3.97–3.72, m			4.34, d, <i>J</i> _{7,9} 2.4		2.46, t	0.14, 0.97
5.17, dm, $J_{4,5}$ 9.0	3.90, dt, $J_{5,6}$ 9.0, $J_{5,6'}$ 2.4	3.40, dd, J _{6,6'} 10.9	3.17, dd	4.50, dd, $J_{7,7'}$ 15.8, $J_{7,9}$ 2.4	4.41, dd, <i>J</i> _{7',9} 2.4	2.48, t	
5.44, dq, J _{4,5} 9.0, J 1.6	4.08, dt, $J_{5,6}$ 9.0, $J_{5,6}$ 2.5	3.45, dd, $J_{6,6'}$ 10.8	3.23, dd	4.52, dd, $J_{7,7'}$ 15.6, $J_{7,9}$ 2.4	4.45, dd, J _{7',9} 2.4	2.48, t	
4.12, dm, $J_{4,5}$ 8.9	3.87, ddd, $J_{5,6}$ 5.1. $J_{5,6}$ 2.6	3.88, dd, $J_{6,6'}$ 12.6	3.77, dd	4.30, d, $J_{7,9}$ 2.4		2.46, t	
3.90, dq, $J_{4,5}$ 9.0, J 2.0	3.70, ddd, $J_{5,6}$ 7.3, $J_{5,6}$ 2.4	3.55, dd, J _{6,6'} 10.6	3.27, dd	4.44, dd, $J_{7,7'}$ 15.7, $J_{7,9}$ 2.4	4.37, dd, J _{7',9} 2.4	2.44, t	
4.17–4.10, m	3.78, ddd, $J_{5,6}$ 4.7, $J_{5,6'}$ 2.4, $J_{4,5}$ 9.5	4.31, dd, J _{6,6'} 11.1	4.25, dd	4.18, d, <i>J</i> _{7,9} 2.4		2.41, t	
5.18, dq, J _{4,5} 9.4, J 1.5	4.18–4.02, m		4.20, d, J _{7,9} 2.4		2.43, t		
5.43, dq, $J_{4,5}$ 11.1, J 1.7	4.25–4.10, m		4.27, d, J _{7,9} 2.4		2.46, t		

Table 1 ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) data (δ) for 2,3-dideoxy- α

H-1

2 5.23, br s

3 5.17, br s

4 5.23, m

5 5.27, br s

6 5.32, s

7 5.20, m

8 5.22, br s

26 5.09, br s

27 5.14, m

29 5.21, m

H-2

5.92, br d,

6.06, br d,

6.13, br d,

J_{2,3} 10.3

J_{2.3} 10.2

 $J_{2.3}$ 10.3

5.90-5.79

5.97, dt, J_{2,3}

10.2, J 1.1

6.14, br d,

6.06, br d,

5.94, br d,

5.85, br d,

5.98, br d,

J_{2,3} 10.3

J_{2,3} 10.2

J_{2.3} 10.3

 $J_{2,3}$ 10.3

J_{2.3} 10.2

H-3

5.87, dt,

5.75, dt,

 $J_{1,3} = J_{3,4} 2.2$

 $J_{1,3} = J_{3,4} 2.2$

5.81, ddd, $J_{1,3}$

5.86, ddd, J_{1,3}

2.0, J_{3,4} 2.7

 $J_{1,3} = J_{3,4} 2.0$

 $J_{1,3} = J_{3,4} 2.0$

 $J_{1,3} = J_{3,4} 2.5$

5.77, dt, J_{1,3}

1.8, $J_{3,4}$ 2.6

 $J_{1,3} = J_{3,4} 2.1$

5.84, dt,

5.78, dt,

5.77, dt,

5.70, dt,

2.6, J_{3.4} 1.7

Table 2	
³ C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl ₃) data (δ) for 2,3-dideoxy- α -D- <i>erythro</i> -2-hex-2-enopyranosides (2–8, 26–29))

	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	C-6	C-7	C-8	C-9	OSi(Me) ₂ C(Me) ₂
2	92.3	129.9	127.3	65.5	69.8	62.6	54.7	79.2	74.1	25.9, 18.4, -5.4, -5.5
3	92.4	132.3	125.9	69.5	70.9	62.4	54.5	79.4	74.3	25.8, 18.3, -5.3, -5.4
4	92.4	131.2	126.1	70.2	70.8	62.6	54.4	79.4	74.3	25.9, 18.3, -5.4, -5.3
5	92.7	129.4	127.5	69.6	69.1	5.1	55.4	79.1	74.9	
6	92.6	129.4	127.5	69.7	69.1	5.3	55.3	79.0	75.0	
7	92.9	131.1	125.9	70.1	70.0	62.1	54.9	79.4	74.6	
8	92.8	130.2	126.3	74.5	69.4	7.3	55.1	79.3	74.7	
26	92.6	133.4	125.8	63.1	70.0	69.0	54.9	79.1	74.7	
27	92.4	129.3	127.2	64.9	66.9	68.2	55.0	68.2	74.8	
29	92.6	129.3	127.4	65.3	67.2	58.3	55.2	79.0	74.9	



Scheme 5. Synthesis and Pauson–Khand reaction of precursor 2. Reagents: (a) Ac_2O , py, rt; (b) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O; (c) DIBALH, -78 °C, toluene.



Scheme 6. Synthesis and Pauson–Khand reaction of precursor 3. Reagents: (a) MOMCl, NaH, DMF, rt; (b) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O; (c) DIBALH, -78 °C, toluene.

Prompted by this unsatisfactory result, we prepared a series of 4-*O*-protected enyne precursors. Acetylation of alcohol **1** gave **2** {¹H NMR: (δ) [(OCOCH₃ (2.07, s); ¹³C NMR: (δ) [OCO (170.3) CH₃ (21.0)]} (Scheme 5). The PK reaction on this molecule provided enone **15** in good yield. This product was identical to the compound previously isolated after acetylation of compound **13** (Scheme 4). The DIBALH-mediated reduction of ketone **15** gave diol **16** in moderate yield, but with high stereoselectivity, as only one isomer at C-4 was detected.⁸

The synthesis of compound **3** {¹H NMR: (δ) [CH₃ (3.39) OCH₂ (4.73/4.69, d, d, J 7.0 Hz]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [CH₃ (55.6) OCH₂ (96.3)O)]} from precursor **1**, and the subsequent PK reaction have been carried out as shown in Scheme 6. The DIBALH reduction of ketone **17** in toluene afforded alcohol **18** in moderate yield.⁸

Compound 1 was transformed into precursor 4 {¹H NMR: (δ) [OCH₂ (4.70/4.58, d, d, J 11.6 Hz) C₆H₅ (7.43–7.29, m)]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [OCH₂ (70.7) C₆H₅ (138.1–127.6)]} by standard O-benzylation conditions. Subsequent PK reaction to give ketone **19** followed by DIBALH reduction and benzoylation of alcohol **20** afforded benzoate **21**, whose final desilylation gave free primary alcohol **22** in satisfactory yield (Scheme 7).

The oxidation of alcohol **22** using the Dess–Martin method¹⁵ gave the aldehyde **23** in good yield (83%) (Scheme 8). This compound was isolated as a mixture of isomers in a 2:1 ratio which, without separation, were submitted to decarbonylation¹⁶ using the Wilkinson's catalyst,^{17–19} to give compound **24**



Scheme 7. Synthesis and Pauson–Khand reaction of precursor 4. Reagents: (a) NaH, BnBr, Bu_4NF , THF; (b) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O; (c) DIBALH, -78 °C, toluene; (d) ClBz, py, rt; (e) Bu_4NF , THF.



Scheme 8. Oxidation of compound **22** and decarbonylation of intermediate **23**. Reagents: (a) Dess-Martin; (b) RhCl(PPh₃)₃, toluene, rt; (c) *t*-Bu₂O₂, toluene, 110 °C.

in poor yield (6%). Reaction of **23** with *t*-butyl hydroperoxide²⁰ afforded the formate **25** in 17% yield. In the NMR spectra, we could detect a singlet at 8.05 ppm for HC(O)O and a signal at 160.1 ppm for HC(O)O. The absolute configuration at C-6 was tentatively assigned as *R* by inspection of the ¹H NMR spectrum which showed proton H-6 at 6.35 ppm as a doublet with a vicinal coupling constant (6.7 Hz) for an axial–equatorial arrangement of protons H-6 and H-5. A clear nOe effect between these protons confirmed this assignment. The formation of the diastereomerically pure formate **25** from the

mixture of epimeric aldehydes 23 is the result of a Baeyer–Villiger reaction mediated by tbutyl hydroperoxide with retention of the configuration at C-6.²¹

In order to implement the strategy for the synthesis of compounds **E** via intermediates **D** from compounds of type **B** (Scheme 1), three possibilities were faced for the synthesis of suitable iodide or bromide precursors: (i) Sodium iodide reaction with C-6–O-tosyl, prop-2-ynyl-2,3-dideoxy- α -D-*erythro*-hex-2-enopyranosides, followed by PK reaction; (ii) the direct iodination of free C-6 hydroxy, prop-2-ynyl-2,3-dideoxy- α -D-*erythro*-hex-2-enopyranosides, followed by PK reaction; and (iii) the Hanessian–Hullar (HH) transformation ²² on benzylidene derivatives.

In order to explore the first alternative, we prepared iodide **5** {¹H NMR: (δ) [OCOCH₃ (2.11, s)]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [OCO (170.2) CH₃ (21.0)]} from diol **11**⁸ via intermediates **26** {¹H NMR: (δ) [CH₃ (2.42, s) C₆H₄ (7.79/7.33, d, d, *J* 8.5 Hz) OSO₂]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [(CH₃ (21.6) C₆H₄ (145.0–127.9) OSO₂)]} and **27** {¹H NMR: (δ) [CH₃ (2.43, s) C₆H₄ (7.77/7.33, d, d, *J* 8.3 Hz) OSO₂; OCOCH₃ (1.99)]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [(CH₃ (21.6) C₆H₄ (144.9–128.0) OSO₂); OCO (170.0) CH₃ (20.8)]}, as shown in Scheme 9. The PK reaction of precursor **5** afforded compound **28** in 44% yield.

A similar protocol starting from tosylate **26** afforded intermediate **29** {¹H NMR: (δ) [CH₃ (2.31, s) C₆H₄ (7.73/7.20, d, d, J 8.3 Hz) OSO₂; OCOC₆H₅ (7.91–7.43)]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [(CH₃ (21.6) C₆H₄ (144.9–128.0) OSO₂; OCO (165.4) C₆H₅ (144.9–128.4)]}, which was transformed into precursor **6** {¹H NMR: (δ) [OCOC₆H₅ (8.02–7.45, m)]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [OCO (165.6) C₆H₅ (133.5–128.4)]}, whose PK reaction gave adduct **30** in 55% yield (Scheme 10).



Scheme 9. Synthesis and Pauson-Khand reaction of precursor 5. Reagents: (a) CITs, py; (b) Ac_2O , py, rt; (c) NaI, DMF; (d) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O.



Scheme 10. Synthesis and Pauson-Khand reaction of precursor 6. Reagents: (a) ClBz, py; (b) NaI, DMF; (c) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O.

We used this intermediate for the synthesis of a suitable Ferrier-II reaction precursor as follows. The reaction of compound **30** with DIBALH followed by benzoylation of alcohol **31** gave iodide **32**. The reaction of this compound with silver fluoride²³ in pyridine did not afford the desired enol-ether, but the unexpected perbenzoate **33** (Scheme 11).

In view of this result, we prepared the analogous intermediate **37** (Scheme 13) from precursor **8** (Scheme 1) as follows. Desilylation (90%) of compound **4** gave alcohol **7** {¹H NMR: (δ) [OCH₂ (4.69/4.56, d, d, J 11.6 Hz) C₆H₅ (7.48–7.27, m), OH (2.11, br s)]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [OCH₂ (71.0) C₆H₅ (137.8–127.8)]} (Scheme 12). The PK reaction of precursor **7** afforded adduct **34** in 47% yield.

Iodination of 7 under Garegg's conditions²⁴ provided compound 8 {¹H NMR: (δ) [OCH₂ (4.69/4.54, d, d, *J* 11.6 Hz) C₆H₅ (7.39–7.30, m)]; ¹³C NMR: (δ) [OCH₂ (70.9) C₆H₅ (137.5–127.9)]} (Scheme 12), whose PK reaction gave adduct **35** in 55% yield (Scheme 13). Unfortunately, the benzoylated derivative **37**, prepared from the alcohol **36**, afforded the useless derivative **38**, under silver fluoride reaction.²³

Finally, we tested the benzylidene approach. We started with precursor **9** (Scheme 3), a compound recently described by us.⁹ Hydrolysis with methanol in mild acid conditions gave the intermediate **39** (71% yield) and the fully deprotected tetrol **40** (11%). Diol **39** gave perbenzoate **41** in convenient chemical yield. All these compounds showed excellent analytical and spectroscopic data, in good agreement with these structures (Scheme 14).

The HH reaction of compound **41** gave the expected benzoate/bromide **42** in moderate yield (Scheme 15). We then submitted benzoate **42** to the elimination conditions de-

scribed by Chrétien (sodium hydride in DMF),²⁵ but a complex reaction resulted. The use of silver fluoride²³ for the same purpose gave a mixture of product 44 (18%) and the desired molecule 45 in very poor yield (3%). The use of iodide 43 in the same experimental conditions gave enol-ether 45 in 30% yield (Scheme 15). The reaction of this compound with mercuric chloride in acetone at reflux¹² gave compound 46 in 34% yield. In the ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 46, we could observe signals for a methylene group $[C(6)H_2]$ at 2.93 and 2.84 ppm, as doublets of doublets, a signal at 4.52-4.49 ppm for H-C(7)-OH (m) and H-7a, at 3.37 ppm showing a vicinal coupling constant with H-7 equal to 4.0 Hz, a typical value for an axial-equatorial orientation of protons, suggesting that the hydroxyl group at C-7 is α located. In the ¹³C



Scheme 11. Reduction of intermediate **30**. Reagents: (a) DIBALH, -78 °C, THF; (b) ClBz, py, rt; (c) AgF, py, 100 °C.



Scheme 12. Synthesis and PK reaction of precursor 7. Reagents: (a) Bu_4NF , THF; (b) I_2 , Ph_3P , imidazole, (c) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O.



Scheme 13. Pauson–Khand reaction of precursor 8. Reagents: (a) (i) $Co_2(CO)_8$; (ii) NMO·H₂O; (b) DIBALH, -78 °C, toluene; (c) ClBz, py; (d) AgF, py.



Scheme 14. Transformations of precursor 9. Reagents: (a) MeOH, p-TsOH; (b) (from 39) ClBz, py, rt.



Scheme 15. Synthesis and Ferrier-II reaction of intermediate **45**. Reagents: (a) NBS, $BaCO_3$, CCl_4 ; (b) NaI, ethylmethylketone; (c) AgF, py [from **42:44** (18%) and **45** (3%); from **43:44** (19%) and **45** (30%)]; (d) (from **45**) HgCl₂, acetone, reflux; (e) Ac₂O, py, rt.

NMR spectrum, we observed signals for CO (201.7 ppm), C-6 (42.6 ppm) and C-7 (68.4 ppm). The formation of product **46** is note-worthy because this is the first example of a Ferrier-II type reaction on a cyclopentanean-nulated methyl 5,6-enopyranoside.

In summary, we conclude that the synthesis of hydrindene derivatives from carbohydrates following the HH protocol plus Ferrier-II reaction is possible, but the yields were low. Work is now in progress in our laboratory in order to improve these results, and will be reported in due course.

3. Experimental

General methods.—Reactions were monitored by TLC using precoated silica gel aluminum plates containing a fluorescent indicator (E. Merck, 5539). Detection was done by UV (254 nm) followed by charring with H_2SO_4 -AcOH spray, 1% aq KMnO₄ solution or 0.5% phosphomolybdic acid in 95% EtOH. Anhydrous Na₂SO₄ was used to dry organic solutions during work-ups and the removal of solvents was carried out under vacuum with a rotary evaporator. Flashcolumn chromatography was performed using Silica Gel 60 (230–400 mesh, E. Merck) and hexane–EtOAc mixtures as eluent unless otherwise stated. ¹H spectra were recorded with a Varian VXR-300(400)S spectrometers, using tetramethylsilane as internal standard and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker WP-200-SY. Values with (*) can be interchanged.

General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction.—To a solution of the corresponding precursor in dry CH_2Cl_2 (0.025 M), under Ar and at rt, Co_2CO_8 (1.1 equiv) was added and the mixture was stirred until complete reaction (~30 min). Then the mixture was cooled at 0 °C and commercially available NMO·H₂O (6.3 equiv) was added in one pot. After 3 h at rt, the crude was filtered over Celite 545, washed with CH_2Cl_2 , and the solvent was evaporated under diminished pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography eluting with hexane–EtOAc mixtures.

General method for acetylation.—The compound was treated with a mixture of 1:1 Ac_2O -pyridine at rt overnight. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was submitted to chromatography.

General method for benzoylation.—The compound was dissolved in dry pyridine (0.1 M), cooled in an ice bath, under Ar and stirring. Recently distilled BzCl (1.1 equiv) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred at rt overnight. The solvent was evaporated and the residue was diluted with EtOAc, washed with diluted HCl, brine, dried, filtered, evaporated, and the residue was submitted to chromatography.

General method for oxidation (Dess-Martin).—To a solution of the alcohol, in dry CH_2Cl_2 (0.28 M), a commercially available solution of the Dess-Martin reagent (1.1 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.06 M) was added, and the mixture was stirred at rt for 6 h. Then the reaction was diluted with Et_2O and aq NaOH (1.3 M) was incorporated. The mixture was stirred for 10 min, and the organic phase was separated, washed with brine, dried, filtered, evaporated, and the residue was submitted to chromatography.

General method for desilylation reactions.— The compound was dissolved in dry THF (0.14 M) and treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (3 equiv) at rt for 24 h. The solvent was eliminated and the residue submitted to chromatography to give the product.

General method for the synthesis of iodides from tosylates/bromides.—The compound was dissolved in dry DMF, treated with NaI (12 equiv) and warmed at 80 °C for 6 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with a 10% aq sodium thiosulfate solution and brine. The organic layer was dried, filtered, evaporated and the residue was submitted to chromatography.

General method for the iodination of alcohols.—To a solution of the alcohol in dry toluene, triphenylphosphine (3 equiv), imidazole (3 equiv) and iodine (2 equiv) were added, and the mixture was heated at reflux for 10 min. Then, the mixture was diluted with an aq satd NaHCO₃ solution and a 5% aq Na₂S₂O₃ solution. The organic layer was dried, filtered and evaporated. The residue was submitted to chromatography.

General method for tosylation.—The compound, dissolved in dry pyridine, cooled in an ice bath, under Ar, was treated with *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (1.1 equiv) and a catalytic amount of DMAP. The mixture was stirred for 6 h until complete reaction. The solvent was removed and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc, washed with brine, dried, filtered, evaporated, and the residue was submitted to chromatography.

General method for acetal mediated acid hydrolysis.—The compound was dissolved in MeOH (0.093 M), cooled at -78 °C and treated with *p*-TsOH (cat.). The reaction was warmed at 0 °C, and after complete reaction, solid NaHCO₃ was added, the suspension was filtered, the solvent was eliminated and the residue was submitted to chromatography.

General method for O-benzylation.—The compound, dissolved in dry THF or DMF (0.2 M), under Ar and at 0 °C, was treated with sodium hydride (1.5 equiv, 60% dispersion in oil), a catalytic amount of tetrabutylammonium iodide and BnBr (1.1 equiv). After stirring at rt for 15 h, the reaction was complete and some drops of AcOH were added. Then the mass was filtered over Celite. The solvent was evaporated, diluted with water, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 several times, and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried, filtered, and evaporated. Flash chromatography gave the benzylated compound.

General method for the reduction with DIBALH.—The ketone was dissolved in dry THF or in toluene (0.092 M) and cooled at -78 °C under Ar. DIBALH (1.1 equiv, 1.0 M in toluene) was added and stirred at this temperature. After 3 h, more DIBALH (1.9 equiv) was added. When the reaction was complete (TLC), MeOH was added to destroy the excess of reagent and the mixture was warmed at rt. The suspension was filtered, washed with toluene and evaporated. The crude reaction mixture was submitted to chromatography.

General method for the elimination of halides (Br/I) with AgF.—To a solution of the compound in dry pyridine (0.15 M), AgF (1.5 equiv) was added and the mixture was heated at 100 °C. After complete reaction, the mixture was cooled, diluted with CH₂Cl₂, filtered, concentrated, and purified by chromatography.

General method for the Hanessian-Hullar reaction.—To a solution of compound in dry CCl_4 (0.055 M) at reflux, NBS (1.1 equiv) and $BaCO_3$ (0.42 equiv) were added. After 90 min, the mixture was cooled, filtered, diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , and extracted with brine. The organic phase was separated, dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, evaporated, and submitted to chromatography to give the product.

2,3-dideoxy-6-O-[(1,1-di-Prop-2-vnvl *methylethyl)dimethylsilyl]*- α -D-erythro-*hex*-2enopyranoside (1).—To a solution of diol 11^8 (2.03 g, 0.011 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.12 M), cooled at 0 °C, under Ar, t-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1 equiv), imidazole (1.1 equiv) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (cat.) were added. The mixture was warmed at rt and stirred for 8 h, diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with an aq satd solution of NaHCO₃ and brine. The organic phase was dried, filtered, and the solvent was removed. The crude product was submitted to chromatography (4:1 hexane-EtOAc) to give product 1 (3.08 g, 94%), which showed physical and spectroscopic data identical to those described for this compound in literature.13

Pauson-Khand reaction of precursor 1.— Following the 'General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction', enyne 1 (170 mg, 0.57 mmol) afforded products 12 (10 mg, 5%) and 13 (28 mg, 15%) after chromatography (from hexane to 3/2 hexane–EtOAc). Following the 'General method for acetylation', 12 (3 mg, mmol), gave product (1R, 3R, 4S,0.009 4aS,7aS) - 1,4 - bis - acetoxy - 3 - [((1,1 - dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy)methyl] - 7 - methyl - 3,4, 4a,7a - tetrahydro - cyclopenta[c]pyran - 5(1H)one (14, 3 mg, 90%) after chromatography (17:3 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 5^\circ$ (c 0.06, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 2930, 2857, 1747, 1700, 1625, 1372, 1234, 837 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 6.18 (s, 1 H, H-1), 5.95 (t, J 1.6 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 5.10 (ddd, J_{3,4} 7.9, J_{3,3a} 5.5, J_{3 3a'} 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 4.44 (dd, J_{4 3} 7.9, J_{4 4a} 2.1 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 3.83 (dd, J_{3a'.'3a} 11.2, J_{3a'.3} 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-3a'), 3.72 (dd, J_{3a,3a'} 11.2, J_{3a,3} 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 3.46 (br d, $J_{7a,4a}$ 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 3.06 (dd, $J_{4a,7a}$ 6.0, $J_{4a,4}$ 2.1 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 2.25 (s, 3 H, CH_3), 2.18, 2.15 (2 × OCOCH₃), 0.88 [s, 9 H, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃], 0.07 [s, 6 H, $(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3$]; MS (70 eV): m/z 355 (50), 295 (64), 253 (100), 235 (49), 161 (64), 117 (87), 75 (50). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₂O₇Si: C, 58.23; H, 7.82. Found: C, 58.35; H, 7.53. Following the 'General method for acetylation', 13^{13} (17.6 mg, 0.054 mmol) gave (4aS, 5S, 6R, 7aS, 7bS)-5-(acetoxy)-6 - [((1,1 - dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy)methyl] - 5,6,7a,7b - tetrahydro - 2H - 1,7 - dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4(4aH)-one (15, 13 mg, 63%) after chromatography (4:1 hexane-EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 67^{\circ}$ (c 0.75, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 2930, 2857, 1748, 1720, 1651, 1372, 1233, 1137, 1044, 1015 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.21 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.63 (d, J_{7a7b} 6.5 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.11 (dd, $J_{56} = J_{54a}$ 9.4 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 4.85 (dt, J_{2',2} 15.3, J 1.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.67 (dt, J_{2.2'} 15.3, J 2.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 3.76 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.4, $J_{6a',6}$ 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.70 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.4, $J_{6a,6}$ 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.64 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 9.4, $J_{6,6a} = J_{6,6a'}$ 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.52 (dd, 1 H, $J_{7b,4a}$ 8.9, $J_{7b,7a}$ 6.5 Hz, 1 H, H-7b), 3.45-3.40 (m, 1 H, H-4a), 2.07 (s, 3 H, OCOCH₃), 0.86 [s, 9 H, (CH₃)₂SiC- $(CH_3)_3$, 0.03 [s, 6 H, $(CH_3)_2$ SiC $(CH_3)_3$]; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.2 (C-4), 181.0 (C-2a), 169.9 (OCOCH₃), 126.1 (C-3), 96.5

(C-7a), 70.1 (C-6), 65.9 (C-2), 65.8 (C-5), 62.4 (C-6a), 47.9 (C-4a), 46.3 (C-7b), 25.8 $[(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3]$, 20.8 (OCOCH₃), 18.2 $[(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3]$, -5.5, -5.6 [2 C, $(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3]$; MS (70 eV): m/z 309 (45), 251 (87), 223 (50), 195 (44), 177 (46), 129 (46), 117 (100), 75 (97), 43(77). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₆Si: C, 58.67; H, 7.66. Found: C, 58.55; H, 7.43.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*acetyl-2,3-dideoxy-6*-O-*[(1,1-dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyl]*-α-D-erythro*hex-2-enopyranoside* (2).—Following the 'General method for acetylation', 1 (1.23 g, 4.12 mmol) afforded acetate 2 (1.40 g, 99%) after chromatography (9:1 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 158° (*c* 2.44, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 1742, 1372, 1235, 1127, 1094, 1038, 837, 778 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 223 (16), 117(100), 89 (16), 75 (25), 43(24). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₂₈O₅Si: C, 59.97; H, 8.29. Found: C, 59.73; H, 8.14.

Pauson-Khand reaction of precursor 2.— Following the 'General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction', enyne 2 (475 mg, 1.4 mmol) afforded product 15 (325 mg, 63%) after chromatography (4:1 hexane-EtOAc), a compound identical in all the physical and spectroscopic data to the compound obtained by acetylation of the PK reaction product 13.

(4S,4aR,5S,6R,7aS,7bS)-6-[((1,1-Dimethyethyl)dimethylsilyoxy)methy] - 4,4a,5,6,7a,7bhexahydro - 2H - 1,7 - dioxacyclopent[cd]indene -(16).—Following the 4.5-*diol* 'General method for the reduction with DIBALH in toluene', ketone 15 (127 mg, 0.34 mmol) gave diol 16 (50 mg, 45%) after flash chromatography (13:9 hexane–EtOAc): mp 69–72 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ -105° (c 0.48, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 3307, 1255, 1080, 1063, 1038, 838, 775 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.78 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.40 (d, J_{7a,7b} 4.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.30 (br s, 1 H, H-4), 4.31 (dm, $J_{2'2}$ 13.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.02–3.89 (m, 2 H, H-6, H-5), 3.84 (dd, J_{6a,6a} 10.7, J_{6a,6} 4.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.79 (dd, J_{6a',6a} 10.7, J_{6a',6} 6.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.08 (q, $J_{4a,4} = J_{4a,5} = J_{4a,7b}$ 6.2 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 0.89 [s, 9 H, $(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3$], 0.072 [s, 6 H, $(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3];$ ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.3 (C-2a), 127.8 (C-3), 95.4 (C-7a), 84.9 (C-4), 77.2 (C-6), 66.9 (C-5), 64.9 (C-2), 62.9 (C-6a), 49.6 (C-7b), 44.6 (C-4a),

25.7 [(CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃], 18.1 [(CH₃)₂SiC-(CH₃)₃], -5.6 [2 C, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃]; MS (70 eV): m/z 175 (39), 129 (24), 117 (38), 107 (92), 89 (19), 79 (100), 59 (17), 41(17). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₂₈O₅Si: C, 58.50; H, 8.59. Found: C, 58.65; H, 8.72.

2,3-dideoxy-4-O-(methoxy-Prop-2-vnvl methyl) - 6 - O - [(1,1 - dimethyllethyl)dimethylsilvl)]- α -D-erythro-hex-2-enopyranoside (3). To a solution of compound 1 (2.0 g, 6.7 mmol) in dry DMF (0.18 M) cooled at a 0 °C under Ar, sodium hydride (402 mg, 10.05 mmol, 1.5 equiv, 60% dispersion in oil) and MOMC1 (0.76 mL, 10.05 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added. The mixture was stirred at rt. After 90 min, some drops of AcOH were added, the solvent was removed, and the crude product was submitted to chromatography (9:1 hexane-EtOAc) to give 3 (1.69 g, 74%): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 107° (c 2.64, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 2150, 1255, 1097, 1036, 963, 837, 777 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): m/z 168 (24), 118 (24), 117 (100), 89 (36), 81 (23), 45 (70). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₃₀O₅Si: C, 59.62; H, 8.83. Found: C, 59.55; H, 8.92.

Pauson-Khand reaction of precursor (3).— Following the 'General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction', enyne 3 (235 mg, 0.69 mmol) gave enone (4aS,5S,6R,7aS,7bS) 5-(methoxymethyl) - 6 - [((1,1 - dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy)methyl] - 5,6,7a,7b - tetrahydro-2H - 1,7 - dioxacyclopent[cd]inden - 4(4aH) - one(17, 137 mg, 54%) after chromatography (from 4:1 to 3:2 hexane-EtOAc): oil; IR (film) v 2930, 2857, 1750, 1717, 1471, 1254, 1110, 1029, 836 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.21 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.56 (d, $J_{7a,7b}$ 4.9 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.83 (d, J 7.0 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂O), 4.82 (dm, $J_{2'2}$ 15.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.72 (d, J 7.0 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂O), 4.66 (dm, J_{2.2'} 15.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.17 (\tilde{t} , $J_{5,6} = J_{5,4a}$ 8.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.78 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.7, $J_{6a',6}$ 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.74 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.7, $J_{6a,6}$ 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.58 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 9.0, $J_{6,6a} = J_{6,6a'}$ 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.48 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.47–3.31 (m, 2 H, H-4a, H-7b), 0.88 [s, 9 H, (CH₃)₂SiC- $(CH_3)_3$, 0.06 [s, 6 H, $(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3$]; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 207.1 (C-4), 180.1 (C-2a), 126.4 (C-3), 96.3 (OCH₂O)*, 95.9 (C-7a)*, 72.2 (C-6), 68.6 (C-4), 65.5 (C-2), 62.6 (C-6a), 56.3 (OCH₃), 48.5 (C-4a)*, 48.1 (C-7b)*. 25.9 $[(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3],$ 18.3 [(CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃], -5.4, -5.2 [2 C, (CH₃)₂-SiC(CH₃)₃]; MS (70 eV): m/z 313 (29), 251 (47), 197 (90), 89 (42), 75 (38), 45 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₃₀O₆Si: C, 58.35; H, 8.16. Found: C, 58.44; H, 8.02.

(4S, 4aR, 5S, 6R, 7aS, 7bS) - 5 - (Methoxy methyl) - 6 - [((1,1 - dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy)methyl]-4,4a,5,6,7a,7b-hexahydro-2H-1,7dioxacyclopent[cd]indene (18).—Following the 'General method for reduction with DIBALH, 17 (343 mg, 0.9 mmol) afforded alcohol 18 (182 mg, 53%) after chromatography (from 4:1 to 7:3 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 93^{\circ}$ (c 1.23, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 3494, 2930, 2855, 1471, 1274, 1025, 948, 836, 777 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5.73 (s, 1 H, H-7), 5.40 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.37 (d, J_{7a.7b} 4.9 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.77 (d, J 6.4, Hz, 1 H, OCH₂O), 4.70 (d, J 6.4 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂O), 4.61 (d, J_{-OH.4} 7.1 Hz, 1 H, OH), 4.54 (dd, J_{2'.2} 12.8, J 1.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.24 (dm, J_{2.2'} 12.8 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.13 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 6.7, $J_{6,6a} = J_{6,6a'}$ 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 4.05 (t, $J_{5,6} = J_{5,4a}$ 6.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.78 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.2, $J_{6a,6}$ 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.73 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.2, $J_{6a,6}$ 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.45 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.23 (dt, $J_{4a,7b}$ 7.7, $J_{4a,5}$ = J_{4a,4} 6.6 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.12–3.07 (m, 1 H, H-7b), 0.88 [s, 9 H, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃], 0.06 [s, 6 H, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃]; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 143.9 (C-2a), 126.8 (C-3), 96.8 (OCH₂O), 95.3 (C-7a), 85.3 (C-4), 73.5 (C-6), 72.8 (C-5), 64.0 (C-2), 62.4 (C-6a), 56.1 (OCH₃), 51.6 (C-7b), 41.7 (C-4a), 25.7 $[(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3], 18.0 [(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3],$ -5.7, -5.4 [2 C, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃]; MS (70 eV): m/z 253 (16), 207 (64), 137 (26), 117 (57), 91 (38), 89 (32), 75 (46), 45 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₃₂O₆Si: C, 58.03; H, 8.66. Found: C, 58.23; H, 8.42.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*benzyl-2,3-dideoxy-6*-O-[(1,1-*dimethylethyl*)*dimethylsilyl*]-α-D-erythro*hex-2-enopyranoside* (4).—Following the 'General method for O-benzylation', 1 (285 mg, 0.96 mmol) gave 4 (364 mg, 98%) after chromatography (9:1 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 133° (*c* 1.8, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 2150, 1254, 1095, 1044, 837, 778, 698 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 214 (13), 185 (23), 117 (92), 91 (100), 89 (17), 79 (15), 39 (13). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₂O₄Si: C, 68.00; H, 8.30. Found: C, 67.85; H, 8.42.

(4aS, 5S, 6R, 7aS, 7bS) - 6 - [((1, 1 - Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy)methyl] - 5 - phenylmethoxy-5,6,7a,7b-tetrahydro-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4(4aH)-one (19).—Following the 'General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction', precursor 4 (474 mg, 1.22 mmol) gave 19 (208 mg, 39%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 20^{\circ}$ (c 4.14, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 2928, 2856, 1716, 1652, 1462, 1114, 1015, 836, 778 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.44–7.26 (m, 5 H, C_6H_5), 6.21 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.55 (d, $J_{7a 7b}$ 6.4 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.98 (d, J 10.6 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂Ph), 4.81 (d, J_{2' 2} 15 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.64 (dt, $J_{22'}$ 15.3, J 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.49 (d, J 10.6 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.00 (t, $J_{5.6} = J_{5.4a}$ 8.9 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.81 (dd, J_{6a,6a} 11.2, J_{6a',6} 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.74 (dd, J_{6a,6a'} 11.2, J_{6a,6} 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.56 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 8.9, $J_{6,6a}$ = $J_{6.6a'}$ 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.43 (dd, $J_{4a.5}$ 8.9, $J_{4a,7b}$ 6.6 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.40–3.35 (m, 1 H, H-7b), 0.90 [s, 9 H, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃], 0.06 [s, 6 H, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃]; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.6 (C-4), 179.7 (C-2a), 137.7-127.6 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 126.0 (C-3), 96.3 (C-7a), 72.4 $(OCH_2C_6H_5)$, 71.4 $(C-5)^*$, 71.2 $(C-6)^*$, 65.5 (C-2), 62.6 (C-6a), 8.1 (C-7b)*, 48.0 (C-4a)*, 25.8 [(CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃], 18.2 [(CH₃)₂SiC- $(CH_3)_3$], -5.5, -5.3 [2 C, $(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3$]; MS (70 eV): m/z 359 (25), 243 (40), 91 (100), 75 (31), 73 (31), 65 (22). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₂O₅Si: C, 66.31; H, 7.74. Found: C, 66.42; H, 7.53.

(4S,4aR,5S,6R,7aS,7bS)-6-[((1,1-Dimethylethyl)dimethylsilyloxy)methyl]-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4,4a,5,6,7a,7b-hexahydro-2H-1,7-dioxacvclopent[cd]indene-4-ol (20).—Following the 'General method for DIBALH reduction', ketone 19 (223 mg, 0.54 mmol) gave alcohol 20 (173 mg, 77%) after chromatography (4:1 hexane-EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 2^{\circ}$ (c 0.42, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 3467, 2929, 2856, 1462, 1254, 1070, 1015, 836, 778 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36–7.33 (m, 5 H, C₆H₅), 5.70 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.37 (d, J_{7a.7b} 5.0 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.36–5.32 (m, 1 H, H-4), 4.81 (d, J_{OH,4} 7.8 Hz, 1 H, OH), 4.72 (d, J 11.1 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.56 (d, J 10.6 Hz, 1 Η, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.56 (dm, J_{2',2} 13.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.25 (ddt, J_{2.2'} 13.0, J 3.7, J 2.1 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.18 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 6.8, $J_{6,6a} = J_{6,6a'}$ 3.7 Hz, 1

H, H-6), 3.96 (t, $J_{5.6} = J_{5.6'}$ 6.8 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.87 (dd, J_{6a,6a'} 11.0, J_{6a',6} 3.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.78 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.0, $J_{6a,6}$ 3.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.17 (q, $J_{4a,5} = J_{4a,7b} = J_{4a,4}$ 6.8 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.10–3.04 (m, 1 H, H-7b), 0.91 [s, 9 H, $(CH_3)_2SiC(CH_3)_3$, 0.08 [s, 6 H, $(CH_3)_2SiC$ - $(CH_3)_3$; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.1 (C-2a), 137.1–127.8 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 126.7 (C-3), 95.5 (C-7a), 85.6 (C-4), 74.2 (C-5), 72.6 (C-6), 72.3 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 64.2 (C-2), 62.5 (C-6a), 51.2 (C-7b), 41.0 (C-4a), 25.8 [(CH₃)₂SiC- $(CH_3)_3$], 18.2 [$(CH_3)_2$ SiC $(CH_3)_3$], -5.5, -5.3 $[2 \text{ C}, (\text{CH}_3)_2 \text{SiC}(\text{CH}_3)_3]; \text{ MS} (70 \text{ eV}): m/z 207$ (25), 137 (16), 117 (28), 92 (21), 91 (100), 79 (20), 75 (23), 73 (19). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₄O₅Si: C, 65.99; H, 8.19. Found: C, 65.73; H, 8.01.

(4S,4aR,5S,6R,7aS,7bS)-6-[((1,1-Dimethylethyl)silvloxy)methyl]-5-(phenylmethoxy)-4,4a, 5,6,7a,7b-hexahydro-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent-[cd]indene-4-ol benzoate (21).—Following the 'General method for benzoylation', 20 (102 mg, 0.24 mmol) afforded benzoate 21 (72 mg, 60%) after chromatography (9:1 hexane-EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 85^{\circ}$ (c 0.59, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 2929, 2856, 1719, 1272, 1114, 1026, 836, 711 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82-7.27 (m, 5 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.18-7.12 (m, 5 H, OCH₂C₆H₅); 6.69 (br d, $J_{4.4a}$ 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.79 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.47 (d, $J_{7a,7b}$ 4.0 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.62 (d, J 11.4 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.58 (d, J_{2',2} 13.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.37 (d, J 11.4 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.29 (dd, J_{2 2'} 13.6, J 1.2 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.20 (d, J₆₅ 9.4 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.96 (dd, J_{5,6} 9.4, J_{5,4a} 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.75 (s, 2 H, 2 H-6a), 3.51 (q, $J_{4a,5} = J_{4a,7b} = J_{4a,4}$ 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.29-3.27 (m, 1 H, H-7b), 0.89 [s, 9 H, (CH₃)₂SiC(CH₃)₃], 0.07 [s, 6 H, (CH₃)₂SiC- $(CH_3)_3$; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.0 $(OCOC_6H_5),$ 147.7 (C-2a), 138.0 - 127.1(OCH₂C₆H₅, OCOC₆H₅), 123.9 (C-3), 95.6 (C-7a), 84.6 (C-4), 74.9 (C-6), 72.1 (2 C, OCH₂C₆H₅, C-5), 63.8 (C-2)*, 63.5 (C-6a)*, 54.5 (C-7b), 37.8 (C-4a), 25.9 [(CH₃)₂SiC- $(CH_3)_3$], 18.2 [$(CH_3)_2$ SiC $(CH_3)_3$], -5.5, -5.3 $[2 \text{ C}, (\text{CH}_3)_2 \text{SiC}(\text{CH}_3)_3]; \text{ MS} (70 \text{ eV}): m/z 253$ (19), 227 (33), 207 (24), 137 (20), 117 (25), 105 (85), 91 (100), 77 (28). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₈O₆Si: C, 68.93; H, 7.33. Found: C, 68.75; H, 7.41.

(4S,4aR,5S,6R,7aS,7bS) - 4,4a,5,6,7a,7b-Hexahydro-5-phenylmethoxy-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]indene-4-ol benzoate (22).—Following the 'General method for desilvlation', 21 (626 mg, 1.27 mmol) afforded alcohol 22 (411 mg, 80%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc): mp 82–85 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 104° (c 0.31, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 2929, 2856, 1719, 1272, 1114, 1026, 836, 711 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.85 (dd, J 7.0, J 1.7 Hz, 2 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.46 (t, J 7.5, J 1.3 Hz, 1 H, $OCOC_6H_5$), 7.07–7.32 (m, 7 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$, OCOC₆H₅), 6.66 (dq, J_{4,4a} 7.5, J 1.7 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.82 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.41 (d, $J_{7a,7b}$ 4.6 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.59 (dd, J_{2',2} 12.6, J 1.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.64 (d, J 11.4 Hz, 1 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$, 4,39 (dt, $J_{6.5}$ 9.6, $J_{6.2H6a}$ 4.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 4.34 (d, J 11.4 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.30 (ddt, J_{2,2'} 12.6, J 3.4, J 2.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 3.70-3.64 (m, 3 H, H-5, 2 H6a), 3.56 (ddd, J_{4a,7b} 8.9, J_{4a,4} 7.5, J_{4a,5} 5.9 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.39 (dm, J_{7b,4a} 8.9 Hz, 1 H, H-7b), 2.17–2.04 (br s, 1 H, OH)]; ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2 (OCOC₆H₅), 147.9 (C-2a), 137.1–1276 $(OCH_2C_6H_5, OCH_2C_6H_5), 123.4 (C-3), 95.2$ (C-7a), 84.7 (C-4), 75.3 (C-5), 72.7 (C-6), 72.2 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 63.6 (C-2)*, 63.3 (C-6a)*, 54.2 (C-7b), 37.4 (C-4a); MS (70 eV): m/z 286 (9), 168 (45), 105 (100), 91 (98), 77 (55), 65 (14). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₂₄O₆: C, 70.58; H, 5.92. Found: C, 70.66; H, 6.23.

Oxidation of intermediate 22.—Compound 22 (132 mg, 0.32 mmol) was oxidized according to the Dess-Martin protocol to give (4S,4aR,5S,6RS,7aS,7bS) - 4 - (benzoyloxy) - 44a,5,6,7a,7b - hexahydro - 5 - (phenylmethoxy)-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-6-carbaldehyde (23, 109 mg, 83%) (as a mixture of epimers at C-6 in 2:1 ratio) after chromatography (1:1 hexane-EtOAc) [IR (KBr) v 3436, 2927, 1716, 1450, 1273, 1112 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.74 and 9.65 (s, 1 H, CHO), 8.00-7.20 (m, 10 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$, $OCOC_6H_5$, 6.60 and 6.20 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.90–5.80 (m, 2 H, H-3), 5.52 (d, J_{7a.7b} 4.6 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.51 (m, 1 H, H-7a), 4.80-4.20 (m, 5 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$, 2 H-2, H-5), 4.85 (dm, J_{2',2} 11.5 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.60 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.52 (dm, J_{2.2'} 11.7 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.42 (d, J 11.8 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4,28 (d, J 11.8 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.02 (d, $J_{6.5}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H,

H-6), 4.00–3.98 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.49 (q, J 5.9 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.60–3.40 (m, 1 H, H-4a), 3.40–3.00 (m, 2 H, H-7b); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.8, 199.0 (CHO), 166.1 $(2 \times OCOC_6H_5)$, 147.0–126.0 (10 C, $OCOC_6H_5$, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 124.0 and 122.1 (C-3), 98.1 and 95.2 (C-7a), 84.4 and 84.2 (C-6), 78.7 and 77.9 (C-4), 74.0 and 71.9 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 72.6 and 72.1 (C-5), 66.0 and 64.4 (C-2), 52.9 and 50.2 (C-7b), 48.6 and 39.0 (C-4a); MS (70 eV): m/z 377 (4), 257 (20), 165 (14), 105 (100), 91 (98), 79 (43), 77 (64)]. Compound 23 (58 mg, 0,14 mmol) was dissolved in dry toluene (4.8 mL, 0.03 M) and $RhCl(PPh_3)_3$ (132 mg, 0.14 mmol, 1 equiv) was added. The mixture was stirred at rt for 24 h, EtOH was added, the mixture was filtered, evaporated and the crude was submitted to chromatography (4:1 hexane-EtOAc) give (4aS,5S,7aS,7bS)-5,6,7a,7b-tetrato hydro-5-(phenylmethoxy)-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4-ol benzoate (24, 3.4 mg, 6%) [¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.92 (dd, J 7.9, J 1.5 Hz, 2 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.50 (tm, J 7.5 Hz, 1 H, $OCOC_6H_5$), 7.37–7.24 (m, 7 H, OCH₂C₆H₅, OCOC₆H₅), 6.33–6.31 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.85 (m, 1 H, H-3), 5,32 (d, J_{7a,7b} 5.1 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.71 (dq, J_{2'}, 13.4, J 2.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.55 (d, J 11.8 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.41 (ddt, J_{2.2'} 13.8, J 3.8, J 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.30 (d, J 11.8 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.03 (dd, $J_{6,6'}$ 12.2, $J_{6,5}$ 4.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.54 (ddd, J_{5,4a} 6.4, J_{5,6} 4.2, J_{5,6'} 1.2 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.43 $(q, J 6.4 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.36 (dd, <math>J_{6',6}$ 12.2, $J_{6'5}$ 1.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 3.13–3.11 (m, 1 H, H-7b)] whose decomposition prevented additional analysis.

Decarbonylation of intermediate 23.—Compound 23 (25 mg, 0,062 mmol) was dissolved in dry toluene (2 mL, 0.03 M), heated at reflux and *t*-Bu₂O₂ (2,3 µL, 0.012 mmol, 20% mol) was added. After 2 h, the solvent was removed and the crude was submitted to chromatography (1:1 hexane–EtOAc) giving (4*S*,4a*R*,5*S*, 6*RS*,7a*S*,7b*S*) - 4 - benzoyloxy - 4,4a,5,6,7a,7bhexahydro-5-phenylmethoxy-2*H*-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-6-formate (25, 4.5 mg, 17%): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 44° (*c* 0.17, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 3435, 2920, 1718, 1631, 1270, 1113 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (s, 1 H, HCOO), 8.00 (dm, *J* 7.5 Hz, 2 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.52 (tm, J 7.5 Hz, 1 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.37 (t, J 7.5 Hz, 2 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.28–7.27 (m, 5 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 6.51 (dq, J_{4,4a} 7.1, J 1.5 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 6.35 (d, $J_{6,5}$ 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 5.85 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.45 (d, J_{7a.7b} 4.0 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.63 (ddm, J_{2'.2} 12.0, J 1.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.56 (d, J 11.8 Hz, 1 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 4.49 (d, J 11.8 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.37 (ddt, J_{2.2'} 12.0, J 3.1, J 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 3.75 (t, $J_{5,4a} = J_{5,6}$ 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.49 (ddd, $J_{4a,7b}$ 8.3, $J_{4a,4}$ 7.1, J_{4a.5} 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.33–3.28 (m, 1 H, H-7b); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 160.1 (OCOC₆H₅), 145.8 (C-2a), 133.2–127.5 $(12 \text{ C}, \text{ OCO}C_6\text{H}_5, \text{ OCH}_2C_6\text{H}_5), 125.4 \text{ (C-3)},$ 97.7 (C-7a), 94.9 (C-6), 83.9 (C-4), 74.0 (C-5), 72.6 $(OCH_2C_6H_5)$, 65.3 (C-2), 53.2 (C-7b), 39.1 (C-4a); MS (70 eV): m/z 227 (19), 164 (29), 105 (100), 91 (98), 77 (60).

Prop-2-ynyl 2,3-*dideoxy*-6-O-p-*toluenesulfonyl-α*-D-erythro-*hex-2-enopyranoside* (**26**). — Following the 'General method for acetylaton', diol **11** (1.02 g, 5.55 mmol) gave product **26** (1.22 g, 65%) after chromatography (1:1 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 60^\circ$ (*c* 0.43, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 3450, 3230, 2060, 1570, 1325, 1160, 1145, 1010, 920 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 283 (14), 155 (25), 124 (100), 91 (74), 85 (96), 57 (41), 39 (38). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₈O₆S: C, 56.79; H, 5.36; S, 9.48. Found: C, 56.88; H, 5.39; S, 9.23.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*acetyl-2,3-dideoxy-6*-O-p*toluenesulfonyl-α*-D-erythro-*hex-enopyranoside* (27).—Following the 'General method for acetylation', **26** (986 mg, 2.9 mmol) gave acetate **27** (952 mg, 86%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc): mp 53–54 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 132° (*c* 0.45, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 3210, 2070, 1705, 1330, 1210, 1165, 1150, 1015, 920 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m*/*z* 166 (40), 155 (24), 124 (100), 91 (32), 85 (23), 43 (29). Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₇S: C, 56.83; H, 5.30, S, 8.43. Found: C, 57.14; H, 5.62; S, 8.21.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*acetyl-2,3,6-trideoxy-6-iodo-* α -D-erythro-*hex-2-enopyranoside* (5).— Following the 'General method for the synthesis of iodides from tosylates', **27** (517 mg, 1.36 mmol) gave iodide **5** (422 mg, 92%) after chromatography (9:1 hexane–EtOAc): mp 27–30 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 161° (*c* 1.66, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 3230, 2060, 1715, 1340, 1200, 1000 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 166 (35), 124 (100), 85 (33), 43 (54), 39 (20). Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{13}O_4I$: C, 39.30; H, 3.90. Found: C, 39.16; H, 4.12.

(4aS,5S,6R,7aS,7bS) - 5 - Acetyloxy - 5,6,7a, 7b-tetrahydro-6-iodomethyl-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4(4aH)-one (28).—Following the 'General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction', 5 (114 mg, 0.34 mmol) afforded 28 (54 mg, 44%) after chromatography (3:2 hexane-EtOAc): mp > 230 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ - 108° (c 0.20, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 1715, 1680, 1620, 1355, 1205, 1195, 955, 845 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.21 (s, 1 H, H-3), 5.62 (d, $J_{7a 7b}$ 5.9 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.85 (d, $J_{2'2}$ 15.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.82 (t, $J_{5.6} = J_{5.4a}$ 9.1 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 4.65 (d, J_{22'} 15.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 3.54-3.46 (m, 2 H, H-4a, H-7b), 3.32 (dd, $J_{6a.6a'}$ 11.1, J_{6a' 6} 2.6 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.37–3.29 (m, 1 H, H-6), 3.19 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.1, $J_{6a,6}$ 5.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 2.09 (s, 3 H, OCOCH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 205.1 (C-4), 180.6 (C-2a), 169.6 (OCOCH₃), 126.1 (C-3), 96.4 (C-7a), 70.4 (C-5), 66.8 (C-6), 65.9 (C-2), 48.0 (C-7b)*, 45.7 (C-4a)*, 20.6 (OCOCH₃), 6.7 (C-6a); MS (70 eV): m/z 237 (41), 177 (32), 152 (22), 95 (19), 43 (100), 39 (15). Anal.Calcd for C₁₂H₁₃O₅I: C, 39.58; H, 3.60. Found: C, 39.91; H. 3.90.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*benzoyl-2,3-dideoxy-6*-Op-*toluenesulfonyl-α*-D-erythro-*hex-2-enopyranoside* (29).—Following the 'General method for benzoylation', tosylate 26 (1 g, 2.96 mmol) gave 29 (1.23 g, 94%) after chromatography (9:1 hexane–EtOAc): mp 70–73 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 194° (*c* 1.12, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 1690, 1570, 1420, 1335, 1235, 1160, 1145, 1075, 1065, 1015, 995 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 228 (63), 105 (100), 91 (19), 77 (27). Anal. Calcd for C₂₃H₂₂O₇S: C, 62.43; H, 5.01; S, 7.25. Found: C, 62.50; H, 5.23; S, 7.40.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*benzoyl-2,3,6-trideoxy-6-iodo-α-*D-erythro-*hex-2-enopyranoside* (6).— Following the 'General method for the synthesis of iodides from tosylates', **29** (196 mg, 0.44 mmol) gave iodide **6** (145 mg, 82%) after chromatography (19:1 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 178° (*c* 1.52, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) *v* 3293, 2118, 1721, 1451, 1316, 1261, 1108, 1026, 958, 711 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 150 (51), 149 (81), 132 (52), 115 (48), 107 (45), 105 (100), 91 (61), 43 (73). Anal. Calcd for $C_{16}H_{15}O_4I$: C, 48.26; H, 3.80. Found: C, 48.34; H, 3.56.

(4aS,5S,6R,7aS,7bS)-5-Benzovloxy-5,6,7a, 7b-tetrahydro-6-iodomethyl-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4(4aH)-one (30).—Following the 'General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction', 6 (465 mg, 1.17 mmol) gave 30 (277 mg, 55%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc): oil; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.94 (d, J 7.3 Hz, 2 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.55 (t, J7.3 Hz, 1 H, OCOC₆H₅), 7.42 (t, J 7.7 Hz, 2 H, $OCOC_6H_5$), 6.23 (s, 1 H, H-3), 5.65 (d, $J_{7a.7b}$ 6.1 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.11 (t, $J_{5.6} = J_{5.4a}$ 9.2 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 4.86 (d, J_{2',2} 15.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.65 (d, J_{2 2'} 15.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 3.61-3.49 (m, 3 H, H-6, H-4a, H-7b), 3.26 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 10.9, $J_{6a',6}$ 2.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.23 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 10.9, $J_{6a,6}$ 5.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6a); ¹³C NMR $(75 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3)$: δ 204.9 (C-4), 180.6 (C-2a), 165.2 $(OCOC_6H_5)$, 133.3–128.4 $(OCOC_6H_5)$, 126.1 (C-3), 96.3 (C-7a), 70.6 (C-5), 67.1 (C-6), 65.9 (C-2), 48.0 (C-7b)*, 45.9 (C-4a)*, 6.8 (C-6a). Anal. Calcd for $C_{17}H_{15}O_5I$: C, 47.91; H, 3.55. Found: C, 47.83; H, 3.41.

(4S, 4aR, 5S, 6R, 7aS, 7bS) - 4, 4a, 5, 6, 7a, 7b-Hexahydro-6-iodomethyl-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4,5-diol dibenzoate (32).—Following the 'General method for the reduction with DIBALH', 30 (117 mg, 0.27 mmol) in THF gave alcohol 31 (32 mg, 27%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc). Compound 31 (26 mg, 0.061 mmol) gave dibenzoate 32 (11.5 mg, 35%) Following the 'General method for benzoylation', after chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc): oil; IR (KBr) v 2926, 1717, 1280, 1113, 1027 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.77–7.25 (m, 10 H, $2 \times OCOC_6H_5$), 6.46 (dm, $J_{4,4a}$ 6.4 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.88 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.58 (d, $J_{7a.7b}$ 4.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.35 (t, $J_{5,6} = J_{5,4a}$ 6.4 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 4.78 (dq, J_{2',2} 13.4, J 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.48 (ddt, J_{2.2'} 13.4, J 3.5, J 2.2 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.26 (dt, J_{6,5} 6.4, J_{6,6a} 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.73 (q, $J_{4a,4}$ $J_{4a,5}$ $J_{4a,7b}$ 6.4 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.39 (dd, J_{6a,6a'} 10.9, J_{6a',6} 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.34 (dd, J_{6a.6a'} 10.9, J_{6a.6} 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.38-3.31 (m, 1 H, H-7b); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 165.8, 165.78 $(2 \times$ $OCOC_6H_5$, 146.6 (C-2a), 133.1–128.16 (10 C, $2 \times OCOC_6H_5$, 122.3 (C-3), 94.2 (C-7a), 84.3 (C-4), 73.4 (C-6), 67.9 (C-5), 64.7 (C-2), 51.0 (C-7b), 40.7 (C-4a), 3.9 (C-6a); MS (70 eV): m/z 532 (5), 410 (12), 405 (9), 287 (47), 133 (28), 105 (100), 77 (71). Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{21}O_6I$: C, 54.15; H, 3.98. Found: C, 54.27; H, 3.77.

(4S,4aR,5S,6R,7aS,7bS) - 6 - [(Benzoyloxy)methyl]-4,4a,5,6,7a,7b-hexahvdro-2H-1,7-dioxa-cvclopent[cd]indene-4,5-diol dibenzoate (33).—Following the 'General method for the reaction of silver fluoride', 32 (5 mg, 0.009 mmol) in anhyd pyridine (0.5 mL, 0.01 M) with silver fluoride (2 mg, 0.014 mmol, 1.5 equiv) afforded **33** (2 mg, 36%): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} - 5^{\circ}$ (c 0.3, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 2927, 1719, 1271, 1113, 1026, 710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.99 (dm, J 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.75 (dm, J 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.55 (t, J 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.49 (t, J 7.3 Hz, 1 H), 7.45–7.21 (m, 10 H) $[3 \times$ C_6H_5], 6.47–6.45 (m, 1 H, H-4), 5.88 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.62 (d, J_{7a.7b} 4.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.45 (t, $J_{5.4a} = J_{5.6}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 4.78 (dd, $J_{22'}$ 13.2, J 1.5 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.61 (q, J_{65} = $J_{6,6a} = J_{6,6a'}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 4.54 (dd, $J_{6a',6a}$ 11.9, $J_{6a',6}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 4.49 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$) 11.9, $J_{6a,6}^{a,0}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 4.47 (m, 1 H, H-2), 3.73 (q, $J_{4a,7b} = J_{4a,5} = J_{4a,4}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.41–3.36 (m, 1 H, H-7b); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₂): δ 166.2, 165.7 (3 C, 3 × OCOC₆H₅), 146.6 (C-2a), 133.2–128.2 (15 C, $3 \times C_6 H_5$, 122.7 (C-3), 95.0 (C-7a), 84.4 (C-4), 72.6 (C-6), 66.3 (C-5), 64.8 (C-2), 63.2 (C-6a), 51.5 (C-7b), 41.6 (C-4a); MS (70 eV): m/z 526 (1), 282 (7), 254 (6), 160 (50), 132 17), 105 (100). Anal. Calcd for C₃₁H₂₆O₈: C, 70.71; H, 4.98. Found: C, 70.59; H, 4.73.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*benzyl-2,3-dideoxy-α*-Derythro-*hex-2-enopyranoside* (7).—Following the 'General method for desilylation', **4** (990 mg, 2.55 mmol) gave alcohol **7** (720 mg, 90%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 158° (*c* 0.69, CHCl₃); IR (film) *v* 3400, 3289, 2916, 2200, 1454, 1398, 1138, 1042, 957, 699 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 214 (91), 185 (65), 123 (66), 95 (57), 91(100), 67 (53), 39 (78). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₆O₄: C, 70.06; H, 5.88. Found: C, 69.94; H, 5.81.

(4aS,5S,6R,7aS,7bS)-5,6,7a,7b-Tetrahydro-6-hydroxymethyl-2H-1,7-5-phenylmethoxydioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4(4aH)-one (34).—Following the 'General method for the Pauson– Khand reaction', 7 (88 mg, 0.32 mmol) af-

forded ketone 34 (45 mg, 47%) after chromatography (1:4)hexane-EtOAc): mp 131-134 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 2^{\circ}$ (c 0.09, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 3452, 1712, 1656, 1123, 1019, 977, 746 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.41– 7.30 (m, 5 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 6.24 (s, 1 H, H-3), 5.53 (d, J_{7a 7b} 5.9 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.01 (d, J 10.9 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.84 (d, J_{2',2} 15.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.64 (d, $J_{22'}$ 15.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.51 (d, J 10.9 Hz, 1 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 3.83 (t, $J_{5,6} = J_{5,4a}$ 8.9 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.72 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 11.6, $J_{6a',6}$ 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.64–3.57 (m, 2 H, H-6, H-6a), 3.50–3.42 (m, 2 H, H-4a, H-7b), 2.09 (br s, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.0 (C-4), 179.8 (C-2a), 137.1-128.0 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 126.2 (C-3), 96.2 (C-7a), 72.5 (C-5), 72.0 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 69.7 (C-6), 65.7 (C-2), 62.6 (C-6a), 47.9 (C-7b)*, 4780 $(C-4a)^*$; MS (70 eV): m/z 196 (43), 132 (27), 108 (34), 91 (100), 65 (35). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₈O₅: C, 67.54; H, 6.00. Found: C, 67.25; H, 6.28.

Prop-2-ynyl 4-O-*benzyl-2,3,6-trideoxy-6-iodo-α-D*-erythro-*hex-2-enopyranoside* (8).— Following the 'General method for iodination of alcohols', 7 (1.28 g, 4.7 mmol) gave iodide 8 (1.51 g, 84%) after chromatography (19:1 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 162°° (*c* 5.39, CHCl₃); IR (film) *v* 3290, 2920, 2863, 2220, 1123, 1075, 1027, 956, 698 cm⁻¹; MS (70 eV): *m/z* 214 (76), 185 (29), 123 (31), 95 (29), 91 (100), 65 (29), 39 (34). Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₂I: C, 52.19; H, 4.65. Found: C, 52.36; H, 4.72.

(4aS,5S,6R,7aS,7bS)-5,6,7a,7b-Tetrahydro-6-iodomethyl-5-phenylmethoxy-2H-1,7-dioxacvclopent[cd]inden-4(4aH)-one (35).—Following the 'General method for the Pauson-Khand reaction', iodide 8 (1.44 g, 3.75 mmol) gave ketone 35 (847 mg, 55%) after chromatography (1:1 hexane-EtOAc): mp 113-116 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 17° (c 1.35, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 2965, 1708, 1650, 1221, 1125, 1107, 1012, 971, 874, 766, 701 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.45–7.26 (m, 5 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 6.23 (s, 1 H, H-3), 5.59 (d, J_{7a 7b} 5.6 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.07 (d, J 10.0 Hz, 1 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 4.83 (d, $J_{2'2}$ 15.4 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.65 (dt, $J_{22'}$ 15.4, J 1.6 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.50 (d, J 10.0 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 3.78 (t, $J_{5.6} = J_{5.4a}$ 8.5 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.53–3.45 (m, 2 H, H-4a, H-7b), 3.41

(dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 10.6, $J_{6a',6}$ 3.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.36 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 10.6, $J_{6a,6}$ 3.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.20 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 8.5, $J_{6,6a} = J_{6,6a'}$ 3.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 205.8 (C-4), 179.6 (C-2a), 137.0–128.1 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 126.1 (C-3), 96.4 (C-7a), 75.7 (C-5), 72.6 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 67.8 (C-6), 65.8 (C-2), 48.1 (C-7b)*, 47.5 (C-4a)*, 9.6 (C-6a); MS (70 eV): m/z 306 (61), 179 (21), 151 (17), 133 (31), 107 (32), 91 (100), 65 (29). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₄I: C, 49.53; H, 4.16. Found: C, 49.80; H, 4.45.

(4S,4aR,5S,6R,7aS,7bS) - 4,4a,5,6,7a,7b-Hexahydro - 6 - iodomethyl - 2H - 5 - phenylmethoxy-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4-ol (36).— Following the 'General method for with DIBALH reduction', 35 (770 mg, 1.87 mmol) afforded 36 (542 mg, 70%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 8^{\circ}$ (c 0.95, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 3447, 1010, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38– 7.29 (m, 5 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 5.72 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.39 (d, J_{7a.7b} 4.5 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 5.40-5.37 (m, 1 H, H-4), 4.75 (d, J_{OH,4} 6.7 Hz, 1 H, OH), 4.73 (d, J 10.7 Hz, 1 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 4.68 (d, J 10.7 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.52 (dd, $J_{2'2}$ 11.0, J 1.3 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.21 (dm, $J_{22'}$ 11.0 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 3.95 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 7.9, $J_{6,2H6a}$ 4.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.81 (t, $J_{5,4a} = J_{5,6}$ 7.9 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.47 (dd, J_{6a'.6a} 10.6, J_{6a'.6} 4.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.34 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 10.6, $J_{6a,6}$ 4.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.25–3.15 (m, 2 H, H-4a, H-7b); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 144.2 (C-2a), 136.2-128.2 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 126.7 (C-3), 95.1 (C-7a), 85.7 (C-4), 77.8 (C-5), 73.0 (OCH₂C₆H₅), 69.5 (C-6), 63.9 (C-2), 51.5 (C-7b), 38.7 (C-4a), 9.2 (C-6a); MS (70 eV): m/z 153 (14), 107 (17), 91 (100), 79 (26), 65 (16). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₁₉O₄I: C, 49.29; H, 4.62. Found: C, 49.34; H, 4.32.

(4S, 4aR, 5S, 6R, 7aS, 7bS) - 4, 4a, 5, 6, 7a, 7b-Hexahydro - 6 - iodomethyl - 5 - phenylmethoxy-2H-1, 7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4-ol benzoate (37).—Following the 'General method for benzoylation', alcohol 36 (61mg, 0.15 mmol) gave benzoate 37 (60 mg, 72%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane–EtOAc): mp 105– 108 °C; $[\alpha]_{25}^{25}$ + 125° (c 0.95, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 2921, 1712, 1265, 1116, 1014, 717 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.74 (dd, J 8.2, J 1.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.43 (tm, J 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.25 (d, J 7.7 Hz, 1 H) [OCOC₆H₅],

7.09-7.20 (m, 5 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 6.63 (ddt, $J_{4,4a}$ 5.7, $J_{4,2}$ 3.5, $J_{4,2'} = J_{4,3}$ 1.7 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.80 (br s, $\overline{1}$ H, H-3), 5.54 (d, $J_{7a,7b}$ 4.4 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.70 (d, J 10.5 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.60 (dd, J_{2'}, 12.5, J_{2'}, 1.5 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.40 (d, J 10.5 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.32 (ddt, J_{2.2}, 12.5, J_{2.4} 3.5, J 1.7 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 4.04 (dt, $J_{6,5}$ 9.0, $J_{6,6a}$ 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 3.68 (dd, $J_{5,6}$ 9.0, $J_{5,4a}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.59 (dt, $J_{4a,7b}$ 8.9, $J_{4a,4} = J_{4a,5}$ 5.7 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.48 (dd, J_{6a',6a} 10.5, J_{6a',6} 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6a'), 3.42-3.37 (m, 1 H, H-7b), 3.40 (dd, $J_{6a,6a'}$ 10.5, $J_{6a,6}$ 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6a); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.9 (OCOC₆H₅), 148.1 (C-2a), 137.2-127.4 ($OCOC_6H_5$, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 123.2 (C-3), 95.3 (C-7a), 84.7 (C-4), 77.0 (C-5), 72.6 ($OCH_2C_6H_5$), 71.0 (C-6), 63.6 (C-2), 54.6 (C-7b), 36.7 (C-4a), 12.2 (C-6a); MS (70 eV): m/z 269 (31), 227 (12), 197 (19), 168 (32), 105 (100), 91(100), 79 (45), 77 (62). Anal. Calcd for $C_{24}H_{23}O_5I$: C, 55.61; H, 4.47. Found: C, 55.81; H, 4.67.

Reaction of intermediate 37 with silver fluoride.—Following the 'General method for the elimination reaction with this reagent', 37 (35 mg, 0.068 mmol) gave (4S, 4aR, 5S, 6R, 7aS, 7aS)7bS) - 6 - (benzoyloxy)methyl - 4,4a,5,6,7a,7bhexahydro-5-phenylmethoxy-2H-1,7-dioxacyclopent[cd]inden-4-ol benzoate (38, 11.5 mg, 33%) after chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc): oil; IR (KBr) v 2920, 1717, 1274, 1113 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.90 (d, J 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.78 (d, J 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.47 (t, J 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.40 (t, J 7.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.33 (t, J 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (t, J 7.7 Hz, 2 H) $[2 \times OCOC_6H_5]$, 6,99 (s, 5 H, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 6.60 (dm, J_{4.4a} 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.77 (br s, 1 H, H-3), 5.41 (d, J_{7a.7b} 4.2 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 4.64–4.52 (m, 1 H, H-6), 4.53 (dm, $J_{2'2}$ 12.5 Hz, 1 H, H-2'), 4.49 (d, J 11.4 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.36 (d, $J_{2H6a,6}$ 2.9 Hz, 2 H, 2 H-6a), 4.27 (d, J 11.4 Hz, 1 H, OCH₂C₆H₅), 4.25 (dm, J_{2.2'} 12.5 Hz, 1 H, H-2), 3.80 (dd, $J_{5.6}$ 9.0, $J_{5.4a}$ 5.9 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 3.53 (dt, $J_{4a.7b}$ 8.9, $J_{4a,4} = J_{4a,5}$ 7.6 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.33–3.30 $(m, 1 H, H-7b); {}^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3):$ δ 166.2 (2 × OCOC₆H₅), 147.8 (C-2a), 132.9-127.5 (15 C, $2 \times OCOC_6H_5$, $OCH_2C_6H_5$), 123.9 (C-3), 95.2 (C-7a), 84.7 (C-4), 73.0 (C-5), 72.0 (2 C, OCH₂C₆H₅, C-6), 64.8 (C-6a), 63.8 (C-2), 54.4 (C-7b), 37.4 (C-4a); MS (70 eV): m/z 390 (7), 105 (100), 91 (91), 77 (44). Anal. Calcd for $C_{31}H_{28}O_7$: C, 72.64; H, 5.51. Found: C, 72.77; H, 5.34.

Reaction of intermediate 9 with MeOH.— Following the 'General method for the hydrolysis with MeOH in acidic conditions', 9 (70 mg, 0.23 mmol) gave (1R, 2aR, 6aS,6b*R*,7*S*,9a*S*) - 1,2a,3,5,6a,6b,9a - octahydro - 7hydroxy-1-methoxy-6-phenyl-4,6-dioxacyclohexa[e]cyclopenta[c]pyran-9-MeOH (**39**, 57.4 mg, 71%) and (1R,3R,4S,4aR,5S,7aS)-1,3,4, 4a,5,7a-hexahydro-4,5-dihydroxy-cyclopenta-[cd]pyran-3,7-dimethanol (40, 6 mg, 11%) after chromatography (from hexane to EtOAc). Compound **39**: oil; IR (KBr) v 3414, 1380, 1101, 1084, 1025, 761, 702 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.51–7.38 (m, 5 H, C_6H_5), 5.81 (d, J_{87} 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 5.61 (s, 1 H, H-5), 4.92 (br t, $J_{7,8} = J_{7,OH}$ 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 4.56 (d, J_{1.9a} 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.38 (dd, J_{3',3} 10.0, J_{3',2a} 4.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3'), 4.31 (br dd, $J_{9'',9'}$ 14.8, $J_{9'',OH}$ 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-9''), 4.25 (br dd, J_{9'.9"} 14.8, J_{9'.0H} 6.0 Hz, 1 H, H-9'), 4.15-4.04 (m, 2 H, H-2a, H-6a), 3.77 (t, $J_{3,3'} = J_{3,2a}$ 10.0 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.54 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.78–2.74 (m, 2 H, H-6b, H-9a), 2.45 (d, J_{OH 7} 2.3, Hz, 1 H, OH), 2.34 (t, J_{OH9} 6.0 Hz, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 151.0 (C-9), 137.5–126.3 (C₆H₅), 128.1 (C-8), 107.2 (C-1), 102.7 (C-5), 79.2 (C-6a), 75.7 (C-7), 70.3 (C-3), 67.8 (C-2a), 61.5 (C-9'), 57.0 (OCH₃), 50.2 (C-9a)*, 43.3 (C-6b)*; MS (70 eV): m/z 256 (75), 179 (31), 134 (25), 121 (36), 107 (95), 105 (100), 91 (63), 79 (78), 78 (86), 77 (52). Anal. Calcd for $C_{18}H_{22}O_6$: C, 64.66; H, 6.63. Found: C, 64.32; H, 6.56. Compound 40: oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 41^{\circ}$ (c 0.95, MeOH); IR (KBr) v 3429, 3250, 1375, 1097, 1056, 1031, 989, 890 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.08 (d, $J_{6,7'}$ 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 5.03–4.80 (m, 1 H, H-5), 4.67 (d, J_{1,7a} 8.4 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.44 (dd, $J_{7,7''}$ 15.8, $J_{7',6}$ 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7'), 4.29 (br d, $J_{7'',7'}$ 15.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7''), 4.10–3.99 (m, 3 H, H-3a, H-4, H-3), 3.81 (dd, J_{3a,3a'} 11.4, J_{3a',3} 5.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3a'), 3.67 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 2.79 (q, $J_{4a,7a} = J_{4a,4} = J_{4a,5}$ 7.0 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 2.67 (dd, $J_{7a,1}$ 8.4, $J_{7a,4a}$ 7.0 Hz, 1 H, H-7a); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.5 (C-7), 128.4 (C-6), 108.0 (C-1), 79.8 (C-3)*, 76.6 (C-5), 68.0 (C-4)*, 63.6 (C-3a), 61.6 (C-7'), 56.7 (OCH₃), 50.6 (C-7a), 46.9 (C-4a); MS (70 eV):

m/z 107 (21), 95 (37), 94 (22), 91 (21), 79 (50), 78 (100), 77 (24), 67 (28), 66 (20), 61 (20). Anal. Calcd for C₁₁H₁₈O₆: C, 53.65; H, 7.37. Found: C, 53.36; H, 7.39.

(1R,2aR,6aS,6bR,7S,9aS) - 7 - Benzovloxy-1,2a,3,5,6a,6b,7,9a - octahydro - 1 - methoxy - 5phenyl - 4,6 - dioxacvclohexa[e]cvclopenta[c]pyran-9-methanol benzoate (41).—Following the 'General method for the benzoylation reaction', 39 (185 mg, 0.55 mmol) afforded 41 (285 mg, 95%) after chromatography (9:1 hexane-EtOAc): mp 60-63 °C; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ + 107° (c 0.25, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 1719, 1269, 1103, 1026, 712 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10–7.20 (m, 15 H, 2 × OCOC₆H₅, C₆H₅), 6.23 (d, J_{8.7} 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-8), 6.09 (dd, J_{7.6b} 7.1, J_{7.8} 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7), 5.54 (s, 1 H, H-5), 5.08 (dd, $J_{9'9''}$ 16.0, $J_{9''8}$ 1.3 Hz, 1 H, H-9''), 4.97 (d, $J_{9',9''}$ 16.0 Hz, 1 H, H-9'), 4.62 (d, $J_{1,9a}$ 8.3 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.37 (dd, J_{3',3} 9.9, J_{3',2a} 4.9 Hz, 1 H, H-3'), 4.20 (td, $J_{2a,6a} = J_{2a,3}$ 9.9, $J_{2a,3'}$ 4.9 Hz, 1 H, H-2a), 4.05 (dd, $J_{6a,2a}$ 9.9, $J_{6a,6b}$ 7.1 Hz, 1 H, H-6a), 3.75 (t, J_{3,3'} = J_{3,2a} 9.9 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 3.59 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.10 (q, $J_{6b,9a} = J_{6b,7} = J_{6b,9a}$ 7.1 Hz, 1 H, H-6b), 2.90 (dd, $J_{9a,1}$ 8.3, $J_{9a,6b}$ 7.1 Hz, 1 H, H-9a); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.0, 165.9 (2 × $OCOC_6H_5$), 147.7 (C-9), 137.1–126.2 (2 × OCOC₆H₅, C₆H₅), 126.9 (C-8), 106.4 (C-1), 102.8 (C-5), 77.9 (C-6a), 77.0 (C-7), 69.8 (C-3), 67.0 (C-2a), 62.5 (C-9'), 56.9 (OCH₃), 50.5 (C-9a), 42.1 (C-6b); MS (70 eV): m/z 149 (16), 132 (15), 105 (100), 77 (24). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₃₀O₈: C, 70.84; H, 5.57. Found: C, 70.98; H, 5.80.

Hanessian-Hullar reaction of intermediate 41.—Following the 'General method for the Hanessian–Hullar reaction', 41 (285 mg, 0.53 mmol) gave (1R, 3R, 4S, 4aR, 5S, 7aS) - 4, 5 dibenzoyloxy - 3 - bromomethyl - 1,3,4,4a,5,7ahexahydro-1-methoxy-cyclopenta[c]pyran-7methanol benzoate (42, 208.6 mg, 64%) after chromatography (9:1 hexane-EtOAc): mp $41-44 \text{ °C}; [\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 72^{\circ} (c \ 0.8, \text{CHCl}_3); \text{ IR (film)}$ v 1721, 1451, 1270, 1095, 1069, 1026, 709 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07-7.28 (m, 15 H, $3 \times OCOC_6H_5$), 6.13 (d, $J_{6.5}$ 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 5.98 (dd, J_{5,4a} 7.7, J_{5,6} 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 5.28 (dd, J_{4,3} 10.0, J_{4,4a} 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.10 (dd, $J_{7',7''}$ 15.8, $J_{7'',6}$ 1.5 Hz, 1 H, H-7"), 4.94 (d, $J_{7',7"}$ 15.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7'), 4.71

(d, $J_{1,7a}$ 8.4 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.46 (ddd, $J_{3,4}$ 10.0, $J_{3,3a}$ 7.7, $J_{3,3a'}$ 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.64 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.56 (dd, $J_{3a',3a}$ 11.0, $J_{3a',3}$ 2.3 Hz, 1 H, H-3a'), 3.42 (dd, $J_{3a,3a'}$ 11.0, $J_{3a,3}$ 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 3.36 (q, $J_{4a,7a} = J_{4a,4} = J_{4a,5}$ 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 2.80 (dd, $J_{7a,1}$ 8.4, $J_{7a,4a}$ 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-7a); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 165.9, 165.6, 165.6 (3 × OCOC₆H₅), 147.9 (C-7); 133.5–128.4 (18 C, 3 × OCOC₆H₅), 126.1 (C-6), 106.2 (C-1), 77.3 (C-5), 75.3 (C-3), 70.4 (C-4), 62.4 (C-7'), 56.8 (OCH₃), 49.9 (C-7a), 42.0 (C-4a), 32.1 (C-3a); MS (70 eV): m/z 297 (11), 258 (10), 106 (10), 105 (100), 77 (21). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₂₉BrO₈: C, 61.85; H, 4.70. Found: C, 62.05; H, 4.63.

(1R,3R,4S,4aR,5S,7aS)-4,5-Dibenzoyloxy-1,3,4,4a,5,7a-hexahydro-3-iodomethyl-1-methoxy-cyclopenta[c]pyran-7-methanol benzoate (43).—Following the 'General method for the iodination', bromide 42 (345 mg, 0.56 mmol) gave 43 (272 mg, 73%) after chromatography (17: 3 hexane–EtOAc,): oil; IR (KBr) v 1720, 1631, 1270, 1093, 710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08–7.51 (m, 15 H, $3 \times$ $OCOC_6H_5$), 6.15 (d, $J_{6.5}$ 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 5.99 (dd, J_{5,4a} 7.5, J_{5,6} 1.8 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 5.21 (dd, J_{4,3} 9.4, J_{4,4a} 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.12 (dd, J_{7',7"} 15.9, J_{7",6} 1.6 Hz, 1 H, H-7"), 4.96 (br d, J_{7',7"} 15.9 Hz, 1 H, H-7'), 4.73 (d, J_{1.7a} 8.4 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.39 (td, $J_{3,4} = J_{3,3a}$ 9.4, $J_{3,3a'}$ 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 3.69 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.40 (dd, J_{3a',3a} 10.9, J_{3a',3} 2.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3a'), 3.37 (q, $J_{4a,7a} = J_{4a,4} = J_{4a,5}$ 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.20 (dd, $J_{3a,3a'}$ 10.9, $J_{3a,3}$ 9.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 2.98 (dd, $J_{7a,1}$ 8.4, $J_{7a,4a}$ 7.5 Hz, 1 H, H-7a); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 165.9, 165.9, 165.6 $(3 \times OCOC_6H_5)$, 147.9 (C-8), 133.5–128.4 (15) C, $3 \times OCOC_6H_5$), 126.0 (C-6), 106.3 (C-1), 77.3 (C-5), 75.7 (C-3), 71.8 (C-4), 62.5 (C-7'), 56.9 (OCH₃), 50.1 (C-7a), 42.3 (C-4a), 4.8 (C-3a); MS (70 eV): m/z 481 (24), 259 (12), 237 (24), 106 (28), 105 (100), 77 (62), 51 (14). Anal. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{29}IO_8$: C, 57.50; H, 4.37. Found: C, 57.62; H, 4.59.

Reaction of intermediate 43 with AgF.— Following the 'General method for the elimination with this reagent', 43 (403 mg, 0.6 mmol) afforded 44 (75 mg, 19%) and (1R,4S,4aR,5S,7aS)-4,5-dibenzoyloxy-1,4,4a, 5,7a-pentahydro-1-methoxy-3-methylene-cyclopenta[c]pyran-7-methanol benzoate (45, 99

mg, 30%) after chromatography (4:1 hexane-EtOAc). Compound 44: mp 37–40 °C; $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 89° (c 0.11, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) v 1721, 1272, 1097, 1069, 1026, 709 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.13–7.23 (m, 20 H, 4 × C₆H₅), 6.19 (br d, J_{6.5} 2.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 6.01 (dd, J_{5,4a} 7.8, J_{6,6} 2.0 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 5.52 (dd, $J_{4,3}$ 9.8, $J_{4,4a}$ 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.14 (dd, $J_{7',7''}$ 15.8, $J_{7'',6}$ 1.4 Hz, 1 H, H-7''), 4.98 (d, $J_{7',7''}$ 15.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7'), 4.74 (d, J_{1.7a} 8.4 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 4.68-4.59 (m, 2 H, H-3a', H-3), 4.45 (dd, J_{3a,3a'} 12.7, J_{3a,3} 6.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 3.61 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.43 (q, $J_{4a,7a} = J_{4a,4} = J_{4a,5}$ 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.01 (dd, J_{7a,1} 8.4, J_{7a,4a} 7.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7a); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.1–165.7 (4 × OCOC₆H₅), 147.8 (C-7), 133.3-128.3 (24 C, $4 \times OCOC_6H_5$), 126.3 (C-6), 106.2 (C-1), 77.6 (C-5), 73.5 (C-3), 68.8 (C-4), 64.4 (C-3a), 62.5 (C-7'), 56.8 (OCH₃), 49.8 (C-7a), 43.0 (C-4a); MS (70 eV): m/z 149 (16), 132 (15), 105 (100), 77 (24). Anal. Calcd for $C_{39}H_{34}O_{10}$: C, 70.69; H, 5.17. Found: C, 70.52; H, 5.13. Compound 45: oil; IR (KBr) v 2920, 1720, 1451, 1268, 1109, 1026, 709 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.10–7.29 (m, 15 H, $3 \times OCOC_6H_5$), 6.20 (dm, J_{54a} 8.0 Hz, 1 H, H-5), 6.06 (q, J 1.6 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 6.03 (d, $J_{\rm 4,5}$ 4.6 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.19 (d, $J_{\rm 1.7a}$ 5.6 Hz, 1 H, H-1), 5.13 (dq, $J_{7'',7'}$ 14.8, $J_{7'',6}$ 1.2 Hz, 1 H, H-7''), 4.99 (dm, $J_{7'7''}$ 14.8 Hz, 1 H, H-7'), 4.58 (d, $J_{3a',3a}$ 0.8 Hz, 1 H, H-3a'), 4.58 (d, $J_{3a,3a'}$ 0.8 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 3.54 (s, 3 H, OCH₃), 3.36 (ddd, J_{4a,7a} 9.2, J_{4a,5} 8.0, J_{4a,4} 4.6 Hz, 1 H, H-4a), 3.27–3.22 (m, 1 H, H-7a); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.2, 166.0, 165.1 (3 × $OCOC_6H_5$, 142.9 (C-7), 153.5 (C-3), 133.3-128.1 (18 C, OCOC₆H₅), 129.0 (C-6), 101.3 (C-1), 92.1 (C-3a), 77.6 (C-5), 67.4 (C-4), 61.8 (C-7'), 56.8 (OCH₃), 49.7 (C-7a), 40.7 (C-4a); MS (70 eV): m/z 192 (6), 105 (100), 77 (22). Anal. Calcd for $C_{32}H_{30}O_8$: C, 70.84; H, 5.57. Found: C, 70.72; H, 5.41.

Ferrier reaction of intermediate 45.—Compound 45 (43 mg, 0.08 mmol) was dissolved in dry acetone (2.6 mL, 0.03M), HgCl₂ (24 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1 equiv) was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 2 h 30 min; then, more HgCl₂ (24 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1 equiv) was added, and the reaction was warmed for 2 h. The mixture was cooled, water was added and the mass was extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with an aq NaHCO₃ solution, brine, dried with Na_2SO_4 , filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was submitted to chromatography (from 3:2 hexane to hexane-EtOAc) affording (3S,3aS,7aS)-1benzoyloxymethyl-3,4-bis-(benzoyloxy)-3,3a,4, 6,7,7a-hexahydro-7-hydroxy-5H-inden-5-one (46, 15.7 mg, 34%): oil; $[\alpha]_{D}^{25} + 161^{\circ}$ (c 0.29, CHCl₃); IR (film) v 3444, 2929, 2869, 1715, 1671, 1601, 1451, 1315, 1267, 1108, 1070, 1026, 711 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (dd, J 7.8, J 0.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.92 (dd, J 7.2, J 1.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.87 (dd, J 7.2, J 1.3 Hz, 2 H), 7,60 (tm, J 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.56–7.40 (m, 6 H), 7.32 (br t, J 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 6.21–6.19 (m, 2 H, H-4, H-2), 6.16 (d, *J*_{3,3a} 7.7, *J*_{3,2} 2.5 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 5.10 (br s, 2 H, 2 H-1a), 4.52-4.49 (m, 1 H, H-7), 3.32 (q, $J_{3a,3} = J_{3a,7a} = J_{3a,4}$ 7.7 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 3.37 (dd, $J_{7a,3a}$ 7.7, $J_{7a,7}$ 4.0 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 2.93 (dd, J_{6,6'} 16.2, J_{6.7} 3.3 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 2,84 (dd, *J*_{6',6} 16.2, *J*_{6',7} 6.1 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 2.71 (d, $J_{-OH.7}$ 3.2 Hz, 1 H, OH); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.7 (C-5), 166.3 $(3 \times OCO C_6 H_5)$, 147.4 (C-1), 133.5–128.3 (18) C, $3 \times OCOC_6H_5$), 127.9 (C-2), 77.2 (C-3), 72.6 (C-4), 68.4 (C-7), 61.9 (C-1a), 52.2 (C-7a), 43.2 (C-3a), 42.6 (C-6); MS (70 eV): m/z404 (3), 282 (15), 160 (57), 106 (309, 105 (100), 77 (62). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{26}O_8$: C, 70.03; H, 5.09. Found: C, 69.94; H, 4.92.

(3S, 3aS, 7aS)-7-Acetyloxy-3,4-bis(benzoyloxy)-1-benzoyloxymethyl-3,3a,4,6,7,7a-hexahydro-5H-inden-5-one (47).—Following the 'General method for acetylation', 46 (10 mg, 0,019 mmol) gave acetate 47 (6.6 mg, 63%) after purification by chromatography (7:3 hexane-EtOAc): oil; IR (KBr) v 3436, 1721, 1451, 1265, 1096, 1070, 710 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.07 (d, J 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.93 (d, J 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.87 (d, J 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.63–7.42 (m, 7 H), 7.34 (t, J 7.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.26 (dm, J_{3.3a} 7.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3), 6.19 (s, 1 H, H-2), 6.14 (d, J_{4.3a} 7.4 Hz, 1 H, H-4), 5.55 (m, 1 H, H-7), 5.14 (br d, J 16.2 Hz, 1 H, H-1a), 5.09 (br d, J 16.2 Hz, 1 H, H-1a'), 3.59 (q, $J_{3a,3} = J_{3a,7a} = J_{3a,4}$ 7.4 Hz, 1 H, H-3a), 3.49 (dd, J_{7a.3a} 8.5 Hz, 1 H, H-7a), 3.00 (dd, J_{6.6'} 17.8, J_{67} 3.2 Hz, 1 H, H-6), 2.87 (ddm, J_{66} 17.8, $J_{6',7}$ 3.0 Hz, 1 H, H-6'), 2.17 (s, 3 H,

OCOCH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 200.5 (C-5), 169.9 (2 C), 165.9, 165.6 (3 × OCOC₆H₅, OCOCH₃), 145.3 (C-1), 133.4–128,3 (18 C, 3 × OCOC₆H₅), 129.0 (C-2), 77.2 (C-3), 71.9 (C-4), 68.4 (C-7), 61.3 (C-1a), 49.7 (C-3a), 42.0 (C-7a), 40.3 (C-6), 21.3 (OCOCH₃); MS (70 eV): m/z 387 (7), 264 (42), 160 (23), 105 (100), 77 (53). Anal. Calcd for C₃₂H₂₈O₉: C, 69.06; H, 5.07. Found: C, 69.19; H, 5.31.

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