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## ABSTRACT

(–)-Talaumidin (1), a 2,5-biaryl-3,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran lignan isolated from *Aristolochia arcuata* Masters, shows significant neurite-outgrowth promotion and neuroprotection in primary cultured rat cortical neurons and in NGF-differentiated PC12 cells. The four stereogenic centers on the tetrahydrofuran moiety in 1 result in the presence of seven diastereomers except for their enantiomers. In order to investigate the stereochemistry–activity relationships of the stereoisomers, the systematic synthesis of all stereoisomers of 1 was accomplished by employing Evans aldol, diastereoselective hydroboration, reductive deoxygenation, and Mitsunobu reactions as key steps. The ability of all of synthesized stereoisomers to promote neurite-outgrowth in PC12 and neuronal cells was evaluated. All stereoisomers exhibited moderate to potent neurotrophic activities in

NGF-differentiated PC12 cells at 30  $\mu$ M and in primary cultured rat cortical neuronal cells at 0.01  $\mu$ M. In particular, **1e** bearing all *cis* substituents resulted in the most potent neurite-outgrowth promotion.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Neurotrophic factors have been recognized to play important roles in the life of neuron, namely in regard to differentiation of nerve stem cells, neurite-outgrowth, and survival of neurons.<sup>1-4</sup> Their activities are postulated to beneficial in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. However, their high molecular weight and peptidyl properties restrict their clinical applications owing to their decreased bioavailability and unfavorable pharmacokinetics.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, research on small neurotrophic molecules has garnered significant scientific attention. As part of our ongoing research in this area, we have continued to search for neurotrophic molecules from plants.<sup>6–10</sup> In the course of our studies on neurotrophic compounds, we isolated a tetrahydrofuran-type lignan, (-)-(2S,3S,4S,5S)-talaumidin (1) from Aristolochia arcuata Masters. (Figure 1) Remarkably, 1 exhibits not only significant neurite-outgrowth promotion in primary cultured rat cortical neurons and in NGF-differentiated PC12 cells, but also exhibits protective effects against cell death induced by several insults.<sup>11</sup> In addition to its neurotrophic activity, talaumidin possesses an interesting structure consisting of a 2,5-biaryl-3,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran skeleton with four continuous stereogenic centers. Thus, its intriguing structure and biological activity have stimulated considerable efforts in regard to its synthesis. In 2006, we accomplished the first synthesis of (-)-talaumidin  $(1)^{12,13}$  by employing Evans asymmetric *anti*-selective aldol reaction, diastereoselective hydroboration, and Friedel-Crafts arylation as key steps. Subsequently, several groups reported the synthesis of talaumidin and its analogues. Specifically, Hanessian et al. synthesized 1 together with four related compounds using stereoselective cyclizations.<sup>14</sup> Hong *et al.* reported a BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> promoted reductive deoxygenation reaction in the synthesis of talaumidin analogues.<sup>15</sup> Moreover, Ghosh and Matcha<sup>16</sup> used a diastereoselective aldol reaction, and Liang et al.<sup>17</sup> and Barker et al.<sup>18</sup> also achieved the synthesis of talaumidin. After our inaugural report on the synthesis of 1, we focused on the stereochemistryactivity relationships imparted by the four continuous stereogenic centers. From a synthetic point of view, it is attractive not only to synthesize all seven diastereomers, but also to prepare a library of stereoisomers, which would provide useful information on the structure–activity relationships of 1. Herein, we report the synthesis of all stereoisomers of talaumidin and their neurotropic activities.



Figure 1. The structures of talaumidin (1) and stereoisomers 1a–1g.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

We envisioned that the systematic synthesis of all stereoisomers could be accomplished using the same starting materials, 4-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (2) and (+)-4-benzyl-3-propionyloxazolidinone (3). (Scheme 1) The Evans aldol reaction between 2 and 3 would be a key step for the construction of the desired absolute configurations at C2 and C3 in all isomers. The anti-selective Evans aldol reaction could form (2R,3S)-4a, which would be converted to (2S,3S)-isomers **1a–1c**, whereas the syn-selective Evans aldol reaction would be employed for the synthesis of (2S,3S)-4b, which would generate the (2S,3R)-configuration of 1d-1g. The neighboring C4 stereochemistry could be controlled by the diastereoselective hydroboration/epimerization procedure, which was utilized for the previously reported synthesis of talaumidin.<sup>12,13</sup> The methylenedioxybenzene moiety would be introduced via nucleophilic addition of a Grignard reagent or aryl lithium reagent. In the final stage, the stereoselective cyclization of the core THF ring would be attained by an intramolecular cyclization under Mitsunobu conditions or an acetalization/reduction procedure.





Scheme 1. Systematic strategy used to synthesize all stereoisomers of 1

Our synthetic study commenced with the Evans aldol reaction between **2** and **3**. (Scheme 2) In accordance with Evans procedure, the *anti*-selective aldol reaction was carried out with MgCl<sub>2</sub>, TMSCl, and Et<sub>3</sub>N in EtOAc.<sup>19</sup> The obtained TMS ether was treated with HF/pyridine to afford (2*R*,3*S*)-aldol **4a** in 68% yield with 98%de. On the other hand, the *syn*-selective aldol reaction was performed using Bu<sub>2</sub>BOTf and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>NEt in DCM, giving rise to (2*S*,3*S*)-aldol **4b** in 80% yield with >99%de.<sup>20,21</sup> The relative configurations of the compounds were confirmed by comparison of the coupling constants between H<sub>C2</sub> and H<sub>C3</sub>. Referring to Cha's report,<sup>22</sup> the *anti*- and *syn*-configurations were determined by the *J*<sub>2,3</sub> values of **4a** (7.4 Hz) and **4b** (4.7 Hz).

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Scheme 2. Evans syn- and anti-selective aldol reactions of 2 and 3

Next, key intermediates (2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-9a and (2*S*,3*R*,4*S*)-9b were prepared from 4a and 4b by the same procedures.<sup>23</sup> (Scheme 3) Protection of the secondary alcohols in 4a and 4b as TBS ethers, followed by reductive removal of the oxazolidinone auxiliaries with a metal hydride afforded 5a and 5b. Alcohols 5a and 5b were oxidized to aldehydes 6a and 6b, respectively. The Grignard reaction of 6a and 6b with methyl magnesium bromide, followed by subsequent oxidation of the generated secondary alcohols, gave ketones 7a and 7b in 98% and 83% yields. Treatment of the ketones with Tebbe reagent afforded 8a and 8b. The absolute configurations of C1 in 8a and 8b were confirmed by Kusumi's method<sup>24</sup> after removal of the TBS group and esterification with MTPA.<sup>13,25</sup> Diastereoselective hydroboration of 8a and 8b proceeded smoothly, giving 9a and 9b with >99% de.<sup>26,27</sup>



Scheme 3. Preparation of 9a and 9b

With (2R,3S,4S)-9a in hand, the synthesis of (2S,3S)-isomers 1a–1c was investigated.<sup>13,28</sup> (Scheme 4) A series of oxidation/Grignard reaction/re-oxidation reactions of 9a gave a ketone 10 in 71%

yield over 3 steps. Compound **10** was treated with TBAF, and then a diluted HCl solution, giving rise to a dihydrofuran **11a** in 70% yield. The reduction of dihydrofuran **11a** and removal of the benzyl group was carried out with Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C in EtOH under a hydrogen atmosphere, giving (2S,3S,4S,5R)-**1a** in 53% yield. Notably, NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN reduction of cyclic hemi-acetal **12a**, which was derived from **10** via treatment with TBAF followed by removal of the benzyl group, produced a 1:2 diastereomeric mixture of (2S,3S,4R,5S)-**1b** and talaumidin (**1**). Furthermore, the synthesis of **1c** was achieved by the intramolecular cyclization under Mitsunobu conditions. Hydride reduction of the TBS group yielded diol **13a**. Intramolecular cyclization under Mitsunobu conditions<sup>28</sup> of **13a** surprisingly gave rise to **14** as a single product, and then hydrogenolysis of the benzyl group furnished (2S,3S,4R,5R)-**1c** in 87% yield. It should be noted that the intramolecular addition of hydroxy anion to the quinone methide species can account for the formation of **14**.



Scheme 4. Synthesis of 1a, 1b, and 1c

After the completion of synthesis of (2S,3S)-isomers, we focused on the synthesis of (2S,3R)-isomers **1d–1g**. First, the synthesis of **1e** was examined. (Scheme 5) The primary alcohol moiety in (2S,3R,4S)-**9b** was oxidized by Dess–Martin periodinane to give aldehyde **15** in 87% yield. After the Pinnick oxidation of **15**, removal of the TBS group by HF/pyridine brought about concomitant cyclization, which afforded lactone **16** in a good yield. Nucleophilic addition of **16** with methylenedioxyphenyl lithium and subsequent dehydration of the generated alcohol under

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acidic conditions produced dihydrofuran **11b**. The hydrogenation of the dihydrofuran under Pd-catalytic conditions gave rise to *cis*-substituted (2S,3R,4S,5R)-**1e**, following the removal of the benzyl group.



Scheme 5. Synthesis of 1e

Subsequently, we prepared acetal **19** and sulfone **20**, which are intermediates in the synthesis of **1f**. (Scheme 6) The 3*R*-configuration of **1f** was formed by the epimerization of **16** under basic conditions. After Dibal reduction of **17**, **18** was converted to acetal **19** and sulfone **20** by Hong's procedure.<sup>32</sup>



Scheme 6. Preparation of acetal 19 and sulfone 20

With **19** and **20** in hand, we investigated the stereoselective introduction of methylenedioxybenzene. (Table 1) At first, Friedel–Crafts reaction was attempted under SnCl<sub>4</sub>-catalyzed conditions, which were used previously.<sup>12,13</sup> (Table 1, entry 1) Disappointingly, undesired epimerization occurred to

give (2R,3R,4R,5R)-isomer 22 in 49% yield, which was converted to (+)-talaumidin (*ent-1*) by removal of the benzyl group.<sup>14,15</sup> This epimerization would be attributed to the low reactivity of the methylenedioxybenzene. In order to improve the nucleophilicity and prevent the epimerization, we applied Ley's procedure<sup>33</sup> by treating the sulfone acetal with a Grignard reagent in the presence of ZnBr<sub>2</sub>. (Table 1, entries 2–4) Although the Grignard reaction of methyl acetal **19** did not give the desired product, the reaction of sulfone **20** at room temperature afforded **21** in 37% yield, in addition to small amounts of stereoisomers **22** and **23**. Finally, removal of the benzyl group afforded (2*S*,3*R*,4*R*,5*S*)-**1f** in 64% yield. In order to understand the outcome of the Grignard reaction, **20a** and **20b**, which were easily separated by silica gel column chromatography, were subjected to the same reaction conditions. The Grignard reaction of **20a** smoothly proceeded to give **21** in 50% yield, whereas the reaction of **20b** yielded only 16% of **21** along with unreacted starting material. (Table 1, entries 5 and 6)

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entry	substrate	М	additive	solvent	temp (°C)	21 (%)	22 (%)	23 (%)
1	19	Н	SnCl <sub>4</sub>	DCM	-78	-	49	-
2	19	MgBr	ZnBr <sub>2</sub>	THF	rt	-	-	-
3	20	MgBr	ZnBr <sub>2</sub>	THF	-78	-	-	-
4	20	MgBr	ZnBr <sub>2</sub>	THF	rt	37	6	15
5	20a	MgBr	ZnBr <sub>2</sub>	THF	rt	50	3	21
6	20b	MgBr	ZnBr <sub>2</sub>	THF	rt	16	0	trace

The difference in the reactivity between **20a** and **20b** is caused by the rate of sulfone elimination, which is the rate-determining step in this reaction. (Figure 2) In each isomer, the phenyl sulfone is oriented in two kinds of conformations: pseudo-axial or pseudo-equatorial. Considering the anomeric effect,<sup>34</sup> the elimination of pseudo-axial oriented sulfones **B** and **C** is faster than that of pseudo-equatorial **A** and **D**. In the case of **20a**, the less hindered conformer **B** is favored over **A**,

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whereas conformer **D** is superior to **C** due to steric repulsion between the aryl and sulfone groups. It should be noted that less reactive **20b** can be readily converted to **20a** in  $CHCl_3$  in 1 day.



Figure 2. Difference in reactivity between 20a and 20b.

Next, the synthesis of (2S,3R,4R,5R)-1g was carried out. (Scheme 7) Aldehyde 15 was reacted with methylenedioxyphenyl magnesium bromide, and afforded 24 stereoselectively, in accordance with the Felkin–Anh model (1*R*-24:1*S*-isomer = 5:1). The obtained alcohol 24 was oxidized by Dess–Martin periodinane to give ketone 25 in 98% yield. After removal of the TBS group, treatment of cyclic hemi-acetal 12b with BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> led to the oxonium ion, which induced epimerization at C4; subsequent reduction with NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN gave rise to 23.<sup>15</sup> Epimerization is caused by the steric repulsion between the adjacent methyl and aryl groups. The synthesis of (2*S*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*)-1g was attained by the hydrogenolysis of the benzyl ether moiety in 23.



Scheme 7. Synthesis of 1g

Finally, (2S,3R,4S,5S)-1d was synthesized by the intramolecular cyclization under Mitsunobu conditions of diol 13b.<sup>25</sup> (Scheme 8) In order to facilitate the selective elimination of the C4-hydroxy group, the benzyl group in 24 was converted to a tosyl group in 2 steps. After removal of the TBS group, diol 13b was subjected to the intramolecular cyclization under Mitsunobu conditions using Tsunoda reagent, CMMP,<sup>35</sup> which resulted in the formation of 26 with high stereoselectivity. The synthesis of 1d was completed by the hydrolysis of the tosyl group under basic conditions.



Scheme 8. Synthesis of 1d

The systematic synthesis of talaumidin isomers 1a-1g was successfully accomplished and facilitated the evaluation of the neurotrophic activities of the synthesized stereoisomers. According to a previously reported experimental procedure,<sup>36</sup> compounds 1 and 1a-1g were evaluated for their ability to induce neurite-outgrowth in NGF-differentiated PC12 cells at 10 µM and 30 µM, together with *ent*-talaumidin (*ent*-1). (Figure 3) *Ent*-talaumidin showed similar neurotrophic activity as (-)-1, and all stereoisomers resulted in moderate to potent neurite-outgrowth promotion. In particular, 1e, bearing all *cis* substituents, was found to exhibit higher activity than natural product (-)-1. In addition, we also evaluated the ability of the compounds to promote neurite-outgrowth in primary cultured rat cortical neurons at 0.01 µM.<sup>37</sup> (Figure 4) Notably, all of the compounds exhibited potent neurite-outgrowth activity. Further, 1e also resulted in significant promotion of neurite-outgrowth.



**Figure 3.** Comparison of neurite length of NGF-differentiated PC12 cells promoted by **1** and **1a–1g** at 10 and 30  $\mu$ M. PC12 cells were cultured in a 24-well plate in DMEM/10% HS + 5%FBS for 1day at a cell density of 2000 cells cm<sup>-2</sup>; the medium was changed to DMEM/2% HS + 1% FBS with control (0.5% EtOH), NGF 2 ng mL<sup>-1</sup>, NGF 2 ng mL<sup>-1</sup> + samples (10  $\mu$ M and 30  $\mu$ M). After 96 h, PC12 cells were fixed and stained with methylene blue, and the neurite length was quantified. At least 100 cells were used to calculate the neurite length. Data were expressed as mean as ± SE. \*, *P*<0.05; \*\*, *P*<0.01 compared with NGF by Dunnett's t-test.



**Figure 4.** Comparison of neurite length of neuronal cells promoted by **1** and **1a–1g** at 0.01  $\mu$ M. The neuronal cells (5000 cell cm<sup>-2</sup>) were cultured for 7 days in the presence of 0.5% EtOH, bFGF, **1a**, **1b**, **1c**, **1d**, **1e**, **1f**, **1g**, talaumidin, and *ent*-talaumidin and were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde. Morphometric analysis was carried out on these neurons according to the described criteria. The data are expressed ± S.E. (n = 60); Dunnett's *t*-test vs. control, \*, *P*<0.05, \*\*, *P*<0.01.

#### CONCLUSION

We accomplished the systematic synthesis of all stereoisomers of (-)-talaumidin. The (2S,3S)- and (2S,3R)-configurations were constructed by Evans *syn*- and *anti*-selective aldol reactions with **2** and **3**, and the configuration at C4 was controlled by diastereoselective hydroboration and epimerization. (2S,3S,4S,5R)-1a was synthesized from dehydrofuran 11 by stereoselective hydrogenation. Reduction of hemi-acetal 12 with NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN in the presence of BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> gave rise to (2S,3S,4R,5S)-1b. Furthermore, diol 13 was subjected to the intramolecular cyclization under

Mitsunobu conditions, resulting in the formation of (2S,3S,4R,5R)-1c. (2S,3R,4S,5S)-1d was synthesized by the intramolecular cyclization of tosylate 25 using Tsunoda reagent, CMMP; (2S,3R,4S,5R)-1e was prepared by the catalytic reduction of dihydrofuran 21. The synthesis of (2S,3R,4R,5S)-1f was achieved according to Ley's and Hong's procedures, which is the Grignard reaction of sulfone 22 in the presence of ZnBr<sub>2</sub>. In addition, treatment of 26 with BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> and NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN furnished (2S,3R,4R,5R)-1g via the epimerization at C4. The ability of all synthesized stereoisomers to promote neurite-outgrowth promotion was evaluated. Among the talaumidin isomers, *cis*-substituted 1e exhibited the most significant neurotrophic activity in PC12 cells as well as in neuronal cells.

# **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

#### **General Method.**

The melting points were measured with a melting point apparatus and were uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on an infrared. High-resolution mass spectra were obtained using a magnetic sector analyzer with electron ionization (EI), chemical ionization (CI), and fast atom bombardment (FAB) mass spectrometry. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were referenced relative to peaks of TMS (0 ppm for <sup>1</sup>H NMR) and CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.03 ppm for <sup>13</sup>C NMR). Column chromatography was carried out with silica gel (70–230 and 230–400 mesh). Specific rotations were measured with 3.5×10 mm, 3.5×100 mm, and 10×100 mm cells.

(2*S*,3*S*,4*S*,5*R*)-1a: To a solution of 11a (4.0 mg, 9.30 μmol) in benzene (1.00 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (1.5 mg). This mixture was stirred vigorously under hydrogen atmosphere at rt for 16 h. After being filtered, removal of solvent afforded the residue, which was purified by prep. TLC (hexane:EtOAc = 2:1) to yield 1a (1.7 mg, 53%) as a colorless oil; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.67 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.04 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.75 (1H, ddq, *J* = 9.6, 9.3, 6.6 Hz), 2.23 (1H, ddq, *J* = 9.6, 8.8, 7.0 Hz), 3.93 (3H, s), 4.36 (1H, d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 5.09 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 5.59 (1H, s), 5.96 (2H, s), 6.78 (2H, br-s), 6.88 (1H, br-s), 6.92 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.97 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.9, 15.1, 46.0, 48.1, 55.9, 83.0, 87.5, 100.9, 107.6, 107.8, 109.2, 114.2, 119.5, 120.3, 132.6, 135.2, 145.2, 146.5, 147.4; IR (ATR) 3463 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 342.1467; Found 342.1465; [α]<sup>26</sup><sub>D</sub> +29.0 (*c* 0.43, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*,5*S*)-1b: To a solution of 10 (9.30 mg, 16.6  $\mu$ mol) in THF (500  $\mu$ L) was added TBAF (20.0  $\mu$ L, 1.0 M solution in THF). This mixture was stirred for 11 h, and quenched with H<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in DCM (1.00 mL) and the resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C. To this solution was added NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.8 mg,

28.6 µmol) and BF3 OEt2 (2.0 µL, 34.4 µmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at the same

temperature for 20 min. After saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by prep. TLC (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to yield a diastereomeric mixture (6.2 mg, 63% in two steps). To a solution of this mixture (6.20 mg, 14.4 µmol) in benzene (1.0 mL) was added 20% Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (3.10 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred vigorously under hydrogen atmosphere at rt for 10 h. After being filtered, removal of solvent afforded the residue, which was purified by prep. TLC (benzene:ether = 5:1) to yield **1b** (1.5 mg, 30%) and **1** (2.9 mg, 59%). **1b** as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.62 (3H, d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 0.99 (3H, d, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 2.37–2.48 (2H, m), 3.91 (3H, s), 4.63 (1H, d, *J* = 9.5 Hz), 5.43 (1H, d, *J* = 4.0 Hz), 5.56 (1H, s), 5.95 (2H, s), 6.78 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.1 Hz), 6.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, *J* = 1.1 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.93 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.6, 11.9, 43.5, 47.5, 56.0, 84.8, 85.8, 100.9, 106.9, 108.0, 108.5, 114.1, 119.1, 119.3, 134.7, 134.9, 145.1, 146.3, 146.7, 147.5; IR (ATR) 3493, 1513 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 342.1467; Found 342.1476; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>22</sup><sub>D</sub> -46.5 (*c* 0.32, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-1c: To a solution of 14 (12.8 mg, 29.6 μmol) in benzene (1.50 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (2.90 mg). The mixture was stirred vigorously under hydrogen atmosphere at rt for 75 h. After being filtrated, the solution was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to yield 1c (8.8 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ□1.02 (6H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.22–2.34 (2H, m), 3.91 (3H, s), 4.45 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 4.46 (1H, d, *J* = 6.7 Hz), 5.57 (1H, s), 5.96 (2H, s), 6.79 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.6 Hz), 6.90 (1H, s), 6.94 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.97 (1H, s), 6.97 (1H, s); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.9, 44.5, 44.5, 55.9, 77.3, 87.4, 87.5, 101.0, 106.8, 108.0, 109.0, 114.1, 119.4, 119.9, 134.0, 136.2, 145.0, 146.5, 147.0, 147.8; IR (ATR) 3482 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 342.1467, Found 342.1470; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +8.4 (*c* 0.65, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*)-1d: To a solution of 27 (6.30 mg, 12.7 μmol) in ethanol (100 μL) was added aq NaOH (0.5 g/mL, 200 μL). After being stirred rt for 15 h, the reaction mixture was added brine (1.00 mL) and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by prep. TLC (benzene:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford 1d (3.31 mg, 77%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.61 (3H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.00 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.37–2.46 (2H, m), 3.89 (3H, s), 4.62 (1H, d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 5.43 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 5.52 (1H, s), 5.94 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 5.95 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 6.77 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz), 6.78 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 6.83 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 100.9, 106.5, 108.0, 108.7, 113.9, 118.8, 119.6, 132.5, 137.2, 144.3, 146.2, 146.9, 147.8; IR (ATR) 3464 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 343.1546, Found 343.1540; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> -134.3 (*c* 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2S,3R,4S,5R)-1e: To a solution of 16 (58.9 mg, 181 µmol) in THF was added a solution of 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl lithium (in THF, 1.80 mL, 397 µmol). After being stirred for 23 h, the reaction was worked up with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $MgSO_4$  and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford a dihydrofuran (56.4 mg) as colorless oil. The solution of the dihydrofuran (12.6 mg, 30.3 µmol) in benzene (1.00 mL) was added  $Pd(OH)_2/C$  (1.30 mg). The mixture was stirred vigorously under hydrogen atmosphere at rt for 17 h. After being filtrated, the solution was concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:CHCl<sub>3</sub> = 1:5) to yield **1e** (7.70 mg, 56%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.59 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz), 0.61 (3H, d, J = 6.1 Hz), 2.61–2.68 (2H, m), 3.91 (3H, s), 5.09 (2H, d, J = 6.4 Hz), 5.97 (2H, s), 6.81 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.86 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, s)1.5 Hz), 6.88 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.4 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 6.96 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.8, 11.8, 41.5, 41.5, 56.0, 82.7, 82.8, 100.9, 107.1, 107.9, 109.0, 114.0, 118.0, 119.3, 119.5, 132.4, 134.5, 144.3, 146.2, 147.4; IR (ATR) 3472, 2969, 1516, 1236, 1038, 455 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 342.1467, Found 342.1476;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  -121.2 (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2S,3R,4R,5S)-1f: To a solution of 21 (35.5 mg, 82.0 µmol) in benzene (3.00 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (6.00 mg). The mixture was stirred vigorously under hydrogen atmosphere at rt for 75 h. After being filtrated, the solution was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column

chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 6:1) to yield **1f** (17.9 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.68 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 0.69 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 2.20–2.29 (2H, m), 3.91 (3H, s), 5.40 (2H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 5.53 (1H, s), 5.96 (2H, s), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.86 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.5 Hz), 6.88 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.5 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 6.96 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.6, 14.7, 43.8, 43.9, 56.0, 83.7, 100.9, 107.0, 107.8, 108.9, 113.9, 119.2, 119.4, 133.4, 135.5, 144.5, 146.2, 146.4, 147.5; IR (ATR) 3490 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 343.1546, Found 343.1540; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –13.3 (*c* 1.04, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*)-1g: To a solution of 23 (2.0 mg, 4.63 µmol) in benzene (1.00 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (0.5 mg). The mixture was stirred vigorously under hydrogen atmosphere at rt for 75 h. After being filtrated, the solution was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 6:1) to yield 1g (1.3 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.65 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.04 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.71–1.77 (1H, m), 2.18–2.24 (1H, m), 3.89 (3H, s), 4.36 (1H, d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 5.10 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 5.54 (1H, s), 5.98 (2H, s), 6.82 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.9 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1, 1.7 Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  15.0, 15.1, 45.9, 48.3, 55.9, 83.1, 87.4, 101.0, 106.9, 108.1, 109.5, 113.9, 119.9, 120.1, 133.1, 134.8, 144.6, 146.2, 147.1, 147.8; IR (ATR) 3470 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m*/*z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 342.1467, Found 342.1476; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> = 8.65 (*c* 0.17, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*R*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*)-talaumidin (*ent*-1): To a solution of 22 (6.55 mg, 14.7 μmol) in benzene (2.00 mL) was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (5.60 mg). The mixture was stirred vigorously under hydrogen atmosphere at rt for 75 h. After being filtrated, the solution was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 6:1) to yield *ent*-1 (4.21 mg, 84%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.02 (3H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 1.04 (3H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz), 1.73–1.78 (2H, m), 3.92 (3H, s), 4.61 (2H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 5.57 (1H, s), 5.95 (2H, s), 6.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.84 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.6 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.93 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.94 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.8 ,50.9, 51.2, 56.0, 88.2, 88.4, 101.0, 106.6, 107.9, 108.5, 114.0, 119.4, 119.7, 134.1, 136.6, 147.0, 147.8; IR (ATR) 3459 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 342.1467, Found 342.1471; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub>+88.3 (*c* 2.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(S)-4-benzyl-3-((2R,3S)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanoyl)ox azolidin-2-one (4a): To a solution of (S)-(+)-4-benzyl-3-propionyl-2-oxazolidinone (1.01 g, 4.33

mmol) in EtOAc (8.60 mL) was successively added 4-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (1.23 g, 5.45 mmol), magnesium chloride (84.2 mg, 866 µmol), triethylamine (800 µL, 8.66 mmol), and trimethylsilyl chloride (830 µL, 6.50 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. The mixture was stirred for 10 min. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. To the residue was added HF/pyridine/MeCN (1:3:5; 70.0 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred overnight. To a saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added the reaction mixture. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:ether = 3:2 to 2:1) to afford **4a** (1.39 g. 68%) as colorless solids: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.10 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 2.68 (1H, dd, J = 13.7, 9.3 Hz), 3.00 (1H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.21 (1H, dd, J = 13.7, 3.3 Hz), 3.93 (3H, s), 4.14 (1H, dd, J= 9.1, 3.2 Hz, 4.21 (1H, d, J = 9.1 Hz), 4.34 (1H, dq, J = 6.9, 7.4 Hz), 4.71 (1H, ddd, J = 9.3, 3.3, 3.3) 3.2 Hz, 4.76 (1 H, dd, J = 7.4, 7.1 Hz), 5.14 (2 H, s), 6.87 (1 H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz), 7.02 (1 H, d, J = 7.4, 7.1 Hz), 5.14 (2 H, s), 6.87 (1 H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz), 7.02 (1 H, d, J = 7.4, 7.1 Hz), 5.14 (2 H, s), 6.87 (1 H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz), 7.02 (1 H, d, J = 7.4, 7.1 Hz), 5.14 (2 H, s), 6.87 (1 H, d, J = 8.1, 1.6 Hz), 7.02 (1 H, d, J = 7.4, 7.1 Hz), 1.6 Hz), 7.16 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 7.28–7.43 (10H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.9, 37.6, 44.2, 55.5, 56.0, 66.0, 71.1, 76.6, 110.0, 113.7, 118.9, 127.3, 127.4, 127.8, 128.6, 129.0, 129.5, 135.2, 135.3, 137.1, 147.9, 149.9, 153.6, 176.7; IR (ATR) 3482, 1771, 1695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*:  $[M]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N 475.1994; Found 475.2000;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  -118.9 (c 1.09, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); m.p. 91-92 °C.

(*S*)-4-benzyl-3-((*2S*,*SS*)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-hydroxy-2-methylpropanoyl)oxa zolidin-2-one (4b): To a solution of (+)-(*S*)-4-benzyl-3-propyl-2-oxazolidinone (3.00 g, 12.9 mmol) in DCM (70.0 mL) was added 1.0 M dibutylboron triflate in DCM (14.2 mL, 14.2 mmol) and Et<sub>3</sub>N (2.69 mL, 19.3 mmol) at -78 °C, and then stirring was continued for 30 min at -40 °C. To the reaction mixture cooled to -78 °C was added a solution of 4-benzyloxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde (3.40 g, 14.2 mmol) in DCM (60.0 mL). After being stirred for 11 h, the reaction was quenched by addition of phosphoric buffer (15.4 mL), methanol (51.5 mL), and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (15.4 mL) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h. The aqueous layer was extracted with DCM and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 2:1) to afford **4b** (4.88 g, 80%, 99%de) as colorless solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.25 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.3, 9.6 Hz), 3.22 (1H, dd, *J* = 13.3, 3.4 Hz), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.0, 8.4 Hz), 4.08 (1H, dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.4 Hz), 4.11 (1H, qd, *J* = 6.8, 4.7 Hz), 4.49 (1H, dddd, *J* = 9.6, 8.4, 3.4, 2.4 Hz), 4.97 (1H, d

J = 4.7 Hz), 5.14 (2H, s), 6.80 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.7 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J = 1.7 Hz), 7.17–7.19 (2H, m), 7.24–7.35 (6H, m), 7.40–7.43 (2H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.4, 37.8, 44.6, 55.3, 56.0, 66.1, 70.9, 74.0, 109.7, 113.5, 118.3, 127.3, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 129.0, 129.4, 134.5, 135.0, 137.1, 147.4, 149.5, 152.9, 176.5; IR (ATR) 3509, 1775, 1695 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>6</sub>N 475.1995, Found 475.1979; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +58.9 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); m.p. 116–117 °C.

#### (2S,3S)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropan-1

-ol (5a): To a solution of 4 (1.13 g, 2.39 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine (560 µL, 4.78 mmol) in DCM (2.40 mL) was added *t*-butyldimethylsilyl trifluorometanesulfonate (830  $\mu$ L, 3.59 mmol). After being stirred for 5 min, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C followed by quenched with water. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane: EtOAc = 5:1 to 3:1) to yield TBS-protected compound (1.40 g, 99%) as a vellow oil. To a solution of this compound (101 mg, 4.64 mmol) in MeOH (7.60  $\mu$ L, 188 μmol) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (3.20 mL) was added lithium borohydride (4.31 mg, 188 μmol) and THF (86.0 μL) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to rt and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was added to 3 mol/L aqueous NaOH (150  $\mu$ L) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 8:1 to 4:1) to yield **5a** (65.4 mg, 92%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.24 (3H, s), 0.04 (3H, s), 0.81 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.91 (1H, dddg, J = 6.9, 6.0, 3.6, 6.9 Hz), 3.59 (1H, dd, J = 11.0, 6.0 Hz), 3.61 (J = 11.0, 3.6 Hz), 3.88 (3H, s), 4.48 (1H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 5.13 (2H, s), 6.70 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, J = 1.6 Hz), 7.28–7.45 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ -5.2, -4.5, 14.3, 18.0, 25.8, 43.1, 55.9, 66.5, 71.1, 80.9, 110.1, 113.4, 119.0, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 136.9, 137.2, 147.4, 149.5; IR (neat) 3437 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 416.2383 for; found 416.2393; Anal. Cacld for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si: C, 68.19; H, 8.71. Found: C, 68.74; H, 8.58;  $[\alpha]^{26}_{D}$  -83.8 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*R*,3*S*)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropan-1 -ol (5b): To a solution of 4b (7.80 g, 16.3 mmol) in DMF (163 mL) was added imidazole (3.30 g, 49.0 mmol) and TBSCl (4.90 g, 32.6 mmol). After being stirred for 13 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (163 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a TBS ether (9.60 g, 99%) as colorless oil: To a solution of the TBS ether (7.60 g, 12.8 mmol) in THF:methanol = 30:1 (205 mL) was added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (4.60 g, 123 mmol) and water (66.0 mL). After the reaction mixture was stirred for 3 h, the solution was extracted with EtOAc and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 4:1) to afford **5b** (5.27 g, 99%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.17 (3H, s), 0.05 (3H, s), 0.78 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 0.90 (9H, s), 1.99–2.00 (1H, qddd, *J* = 6.6, 8.1, 4.7, 4.4 Hz), 3.44 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.5, 4.7 Hz), 3.57 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.5, 8.1 Hz), 3.88 (3H, s), 4.74 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 5.13 (2H, s), 6.72 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.2 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 7.31 (1H, br-t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 7.37 (2H, br-dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.1 Hz), 7.45 (2H, br-d, *J* = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.3, -4.6, 12.1, 18.1, 25.8, 43.0, 55.9, 65.6, 71.1, 110.3, 113.2, 118.8, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 135.7, 137.2, 147.2, 149.2; IR (ATR) 3437 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 416.2382, Found 416.2387; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –47.7 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*R*,3*S*)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropanal (6a): To a solution of 5a (347 mg, 834 μmol) in DCM (8.34 mL) was added PDC (471 mg, 1.25 mmol) and 4Å MS (471 mg) at rt. After being stirred for 12 h, the mixture was added to excess ether, filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 10:1) to afford 6a (345 mg, quant.) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –0.23 (3H, s), 0.01 (3H, s), 0.85 (9H, s), 0.85 (3H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 2.66 (1H, ddq, *J* = 7.7, 2.7, 7.4 Hz), 3.88 (3H, s), 4.69 (1H, d, *J* = 7.7 Hz), 5.13 (2H, s), 6.72 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.27–7.45 (5H, m), 9.78 (1H, d, *J* = 2.7 Hz): <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –5.2, -4.5, 11.2, 18.1, 25.7, 54.7, 55.9, 71.1, 76.6, 109.9, 113.3, 119.0, 127.4, 127.9, 128.5, 135.5, 137.1, 147.7, 149.7, 204.7; IR (ATR) 1729 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 414.2226, Found 414.2241; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> +83.9 (*c* 0.26, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,3*S*)-3-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methylpropanal (6b): To a solution of 5b (6.20 g, 15.0 mmol) in DCM (100 mL) was added Dess–Martin periodinane (9.50 g, 22.4 mmol). After being stirred at rt for 26 h. the mixture was added to excess diethyl ether (40.0 mL), filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford 6b (5.40 g, 88%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.16 (3H, s), 0.03 (3H, s), 0.88 (9H, s), 1.04 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.57 (1H, qdd, J = 6.6, 4.2, 1.5 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 5.06 (1H, d, J = 4.2 Hz), 5.13 (2H, s), 6.73 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 1.8 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 7.30 (1H, br-t, J = 6.5 Hz), 7.35 (2H, br-dd, J = 6.5, 7.4 Hz), 7.44 (2H, br-d, J = 7.4 Hz), 9.73 (1H, d, J = 1.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.2, –4.5, 8.3, 18.1, 25.7, 54.9, 55.9, 71.1, 74.0, 109.9, 113.5, 118.3, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 135.6, 137.1, 147.4, 149.4, 204.5; IR (ATR) 1724 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 414.2226, Found 414.2240; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –15.2 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### (3R,4S)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-methylbutan-2-

one (7a): To a solution of 6a (83.2 mg, 201 µmol) in THF (1.00 mL) at rt was added 3.0 M MeMgBr in THF solution (80.3 µL, 241 µmol). After being stirred 30 min, the reaction was quenched with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (5.00 mL) and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford an alcohol (86.0 mg, 100%) as colorless oil. To a solution of the alcohol (86.0 mg, 200 µmol) in DCM (2.00 mL) was added PDC (376 mg, 1.00 mmol) and powdered 4Å MS (376 mg). After being stirred at rt for 1.5 h. the mixture was added to excess ether (10.0 mL), filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane: EtOAc = 4:1) to afford 7a (83.6 mg, 98%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.30 (3H, s), -0.05 (3H, s), 0.73 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 0.80 (9H, s), 2.25 (3H, s), 2.86 (1H, dq, J = 9.3, 7.1 Hz), 3.88 (3H, s), 4.59 (1H, d, J = 9.3) Hz), 5.13 (2H, s), 6.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.28–7.46 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –5.4, –4.6, 13.7, 18.0, 25.7, 31.3, 55.0, 55.9, 71.1, 78.2, 110.0, 113.2, 119.5, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 135.9, 137.1, 147.6, 149.6, 212.6; IR (ATR) 836, 1258, 1513, 1715 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) m/z; [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 428.2383, Found 428.2387;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  +84.2 (*c* 1.47, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

#### (3S,4S)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-3-methylbutan-2-o

**ne (7b)**: To a solution of **6b** (5.44 g, 13.1 mmol) in THF (66.0 mL) at 0 °C was added 3.0 M MeMgBr in THF solution (6.60 mL, 19.7 mmol). After being stirred 3 h, the reaction was quenched with sat.  $NH_4Cl$  (66.0 mL) and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1) to afford an alcohol (4.28 g, 76%) as colorless oil. To a solution of the alcohol (5.28 g, 12.3 mmol) in DCM (80.0 mL) was added Dess–Martin periodinane

(DMP, 7.80 g, 18.4 mmol). After being stirred at rt for 15 h. the mixture was added to excess ether (40.0 mL), filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 6:1) to afford **7b** (4.40 g, 83%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.22 (3H, s), 0.01 (3H, s), 0.87 (9H, s), 1.14 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 1.87 (3H, s), 2.78 (1H, qd, *J* = 6.8, 6.8 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 4.72 (1H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 5.11 (2H, s), 6.69 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.0, 1.8 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, *J* = 1.8 Hz), 7.30 (1H, br-t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 7.36 (2H, br-dd, *J* = 7.3, 7.1 Hz), 7.43 (2H, br-d, *J* = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.1, -4.6, 12.9, 18.2, 25.8, 56.0, 56.1, 71.1, 76.1, 110.0, 113.5, 118.7, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 136.7, 137.1, 147.3, 149.4, 211.9; IR (ATR) 1714 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 428.2383, Found 428.2391; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup> -22.8 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(((1*S*,2*S*)-1-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethylbut-3-en-1-yl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimeth ylsilane (8a): To a solution of 7a (249 mg) in THF (3.70 mL) was added 0.5 M Tebbe reagent (1.28 mL, 640 µmol) at -40 °C. The mixture was stirred at -40 °C for 30 min and then at rt for 15 min. Saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> was added dropwise, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 60:1) to yield 8a (208 mg, 72% in four steps) as a pale green solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.28 (3H, s), -0.01 (3H, s), 0.78 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 0.84 (9H, s), 1.72 (3H, br-s), 2.39 (1H, dq, *J* = 7.4, 6.9 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 4.41 (1H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 4.68 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 4.76 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 5.12 (2H, s), 6.68 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.30-7.46 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.3, -4.6, 16.1, 18.2, 20.7, 25.7, 49.7, 55.9, 71.2, 78.1, 110.5, 111.6, 113.2, 119.3, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 137.4, 137.5, 147.2, 147.6, 149.3; IR (ATR) 1515 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si 426.2590; Found 426.2545; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>22</sup><sub>D</sub> -46.5 (*c* 0.54, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); m.p. 135-136 °C.

(((1*S*,2*R*)-1-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethylbut-3-en-1-yl)oxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimet

**hylsilane (8b)**: To a solution of **7b** (1.50 g, 3.50 mmol) in THF (30.0 mL) was added a Tebbe reagent solution (14.4 mL in toluene, 7.0 mmol) dropwise at -40 °C. After being stirred for 5 h, the reaction mixture was poured into aq NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and exracted with ether. The organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 9:1) to afford **8b** (1.30 g, 87%) as yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.24 (3H, s), 0.00 (3H, s), 0.87 (9H, s), 1.07 (3H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.58 (3H, s), 2.31 (1H, qd, *J* = 7.1, 6.3 Hz), 3.86 (3H, s), 4.46 (1H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 4.59 (1H, s), 4.67 (1H, s), 5.11

(2H, s), 6.67 (1H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.7 Hz), 6.77 (1H, d, J = 8.1 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J = 1.7 Hz), 7.30 (1H, br-t, J = 7.3 Hz), 7.36 (2H, br-dd, J = 7.3, 7.3 Hz), 7.44 (2H, br-d, J = 7.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.1, –4.6, 15.1, 18.3, 21.7, 25.9, 49.8, 55.9, 71.1, 77.8, 110.4, 111.6, 113.1, 118.9, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 137.3, 138.1, 146.9, 147.5, 149.1; IR (ATR) 2954, 1512, 1255 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>39</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Si 427.2668, Found 427.2662; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –24.9 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*R*,3*S*,4*S*)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-dimethylbu tan-1-ol (9a): To a solution of 8a (456 mg, 1.07 mmol) in THF (7.1 mL) was added 0.5 mol/L 9-BBN (8.60 mL, 4.28 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h, and then at rt for 20 h. The reaction mixture was treated with 3 mol/L aqueous NaOH (1.95 mL) and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (1.95 mL, 4.28 mmol) for 1 h. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 20:1 to 6:1) to yield 9a (356 mg, 74%, >99% de) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –0.17 (3H, s), 0.07 (3H, s), 0.78 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 0.91 (9H, s), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.77–1.84 (1H, m), 1.91–1.99 (1H, m), 3.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 4.8 Hz), 3.52 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.0, 8.9 Hz), 3.88 (3H, s), 4.65 (1H, d, *J* = 4.8 Hz), 5.13 (2H, s), 6.72 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.9 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 7.29–7.46 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –5.1, -4.6, 12.2, 17.2, 18.2, 25.8, 33.9, 45.7, 55.9, 63.9, 71.1, 78.8, 110.5, 113.5, 118.8, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 136.7, 137.2, 147.0, 149.2; IR (neat) 3416 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 444.2696; Found 444.2698; [α]<sup>19</sup> – -39.4 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,3*R*,4*S*)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-dimethylbu tan-1-ol (9b): To a solution of **8b** (1.30 g, 3.05 mmol) in THF (30.0 mL) was added 0.5 M 9-BBN in THF solution (24.4 mL, 12.2 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred at rt for 5 h, a mixture of 3.0 M aq NaOH (5.10 mL, 15.3 mmol) and 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (5.10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. After further 2 h, the reaction mixture was exracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 4:1) to afford **9b** (1.26 g, 93%, >99%de) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -0.25 (3H, s), 0.02 (3H, s), 0.89 (12H, m), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* = 6.3 Hz), 1.56–1.66 (2H, m), 3.41 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 6.3 Hz), 3.61 (1H, dd, *J* = 10.4, 4.5 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 4.66 (1H, d, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 5.12 (2H, s), 6.70 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.1, 1.8 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.89 (1H, s), 7.30 (1H, br-t, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 7.36 (2H, br-dd, *J* = 7.5, 6.6 Hz), 7.44 (2H, br-d, *J* = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  -5.0, -4.3, 10.5, 16.4, 18.2, 25.9, 36.9, 45.4, 56.0, 65.6, 71.2, 76.8,

110.4, 113.3, 118.9, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 137.3, 138.2, 147.0, 149.2; IR (ATR) 3402 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 444.2696, Found 444.2690; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> -35.0 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2R,3S,4S)-1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((tert-butyldimet hylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (10): To a solution of 9a (209 mg, 471 µmol) in DMF (4.70 mL) was added pyridinium dichromate (509 mg, 1.54 mmol). The mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. The reaction was taken up with water and 2 mol/L HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with water, and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo* to give an aldehyde. To a solution of this aldehyde (198 mg, 448 umol) in THF (4.50 mL) was added anhydrous CeCl<sub>3</sub> (276 mg, 1.12 mmol) at 0 °C. After the mixture was cooled to -78 °C, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenylmagnesium bromide (1.12 mL, 1.0 mol/L solution in THF) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was further stirred at rt for 2 h and the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous  $NH_4Cl$ . The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue (340 mg) was dissolved in DCM and to the resulting solution was added pyridine (57.2 µL, 672 µmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (228 mg, 538 µmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. After being taken up with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EOAc = 6:1) to yield **10** (188 mg, 71% in three steps) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.29 (3H, s), –0.10 (3H, s), 0.82 (9H, s), 0.83 (3H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 1.23 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.09 (1H, ddq, J = 6.6, 6.0, 7.2 Hz), 3.52 (1H, dq, J = 6.6, 7.2 Hz), 3.52 (1H, dq, J = 6.6, 7.2 7.0 Hz), 3.86 (3H, s), 4.69 (1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz), 5.15 (2H, s), 6.02 (2H, s), 6.73 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 2.0Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 6.90 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.28–7.47 (7H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ -5.1, -4.6, 13.0, 17.2, 18.1, 25.8, 40.1, 45.8, 55.9, 71.1, 76.2, 101.7, 107.7, 108.2, 110.7, 113.2, 119.1, 124.4, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 132.4, 136.8, 137.2, 147.1, 148.1, 149.2, 151.4, 202.3; IR (ATR) 1673 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z:  $[M]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si 562.2751; Found 562.2746;  $[\alpha]^{21}_{D}$  –100.0 (*c* 3.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

5-((4*S*,5*S*)-5-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrofuran-2-yl)benzo[*d*][1, 3]dioxole (11a): To a solution of 10 (50.2 mg, 893  $\mu$ mol) in THF (2.00 mL) was added 1.0 mol/L TBAF solution (1.34 mL, 1.34 mmol) at rt. After being stirred for 1 h, water was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in THF (2.00 mL). 2.0 mol/L HCl (0.5 mL) was added to the solution. After being stirred for 3 h, water was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EOAc = 10:1) to yield **11a** (26.9 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  1.22 (3H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 1.85 (3H, d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 2.93 (1H, dqq, *J* = 8.5, 6.0, 1.4 Hz), 3.90 (3H, s), 4.85 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 5.16 (2H, s), 5.97 (2H, s), 6.82 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.6, 1.7 Hz), 6.86 (2H, brs), 6.98 (1H, brs), 7.08 (1H, d, *J* = 1.7 Hz), 7.09 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 7.28–7.46 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  11.0, 18.0, 51.7, 56.1, 71.1, 88.0, 101.1, 107.6, 108.1, 108.7, 109.5, 113.8, 118.2, 121.1, 126.2, 127.2, 127.8, 128.5, 135.7, 137.2, 147.0, 147.4, 147.7, 149.7; IR (ATR) 1505 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 430.1780; Found 430.1788.

# (1R,2R,3S,4S)-1-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-2,3-dimethylbu tane-1,4-diol (13a): To a solution of 10a (45.0 mg, 80.0 µmol) in methanol (800 µL) was added

NaBH<sub>4</sub> (6.00 mg, 160 µmol) and CeCl<sub>3</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O (28.8 mg, 80.0 µmol) at rt. After being stirred for 1 h,

H<sub>2</sub>O (2.00 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:ether = 3:1) to afford a mono-alcohol (23.8 mg, 53%). The mono-alcohol (35.5 mg, 62.9 µmol) was dissolved in THF (600 µL). TBAF (THF solution, 75.5 µL, 75.5 µmol) was added to the mixture at 0 °C. After being stirred for 1 h, H<sub>2</sub>O was added to the reaction flask and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were washed with brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 1:1) to afford **13a** (24.2 mg, 85%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta \square 0.78$  (3H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 0.80 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.04–2.11 (2H, m), 3.90 (3H, s), 4.51 (2H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 5.14 (2H, s), 5.94 (2H, s), 6.76 (2H, s), 6.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.1, 1.6 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 6.85 (1H, s), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.29–7.44 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta \square 14.9$ , 15.1, 41.9, 42.2, 56.0, 71.1, 100.9, 102.1, 107.0, 107.9, 110.1, 113.7, 118.9, 120.0, 127.3, 127.8, 128.5, 137.7, 138.0, 138.7, 146.7, 147.7, 149.6; IR (ATR) 3221 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>6</sub> 450.2043, Found 450.2068; [α]<sup>22</sup><sub>D</sub>+14.6 (*c* 1.80, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

4-((1S,2R,3S,4R)-4-(benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-1,4-dihydroxy-2,3-dimethylbutyl)-2-methoxyphe nyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (13b): To a solution of 24 (16.2 mg, 30.0 µmol) in benzene:methanol = 4:1 (500  $\mu$ L) was Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>/C (1.60 mg). The reaction mixture was stirred under H<sub>2</sub> for 8 h, and the mixture was filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a phenol (7.40) mg, 54%) as colorless oil. To a solution of the phenol (15.3 mg, 320 µmol) in DCM (500 µL) was added Et<sub>3</sub>N (12.0 µL, 840 µmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride (14.8 mg, 780 µmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 2 d, and quenched with sat.  $NH_4Cl$ , and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 15:1 then 3:1) to afford a tosylate (16.4 mg, 82%) as colorless oil. To a solution of the tosylate (83.9 mg, 133 µmol) in THF (1.50 mL) was added 1.0 M TBAF in THF (200 µL, 200 µmol). After being stirred for 10 h, the reaction mixture was added water (2.00 mL), and extracted ether. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 2:1 then 1:1) to afford **13b** (67.5 mg, 99%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.88 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 0.99 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.82–1.89 (4H, m), 2.44 (3H, br-s), 3.55 (3H, s), 4.89 (1H, br-s), 4.97 (1H, br-s), 5.95 (1H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 5.96 (1H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 6.77–6.83 (5H, m), 7.09 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.28 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.74 (2H, br-d, J = 8.0 Hz; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.7, 10.7, 21.7, 42.5, 43.0, 55.6, 73.7, 74.6, 101.0, 106.5, 108.0, 110.3, 117.6, 119.0, 123.5, 128.6, 129.3, 133.2, 137.0, 138.3, 144.8, 144.9, 146.5, 147.7, 151.5; IR (ATR) 3545, 3422 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (FAB) m/z:  $[M + Na]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SNa 537.1559, Found 537.1578;  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$  –3.6 (*c* 1.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

**5-((2***R***,3***R***,4***S***,5***S***)-<b>5-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)benzo** [*d*][**1,3**]dioxole (**14**): To a solution of **13a** (16.3 mg, 36.2 μmol) in DCM (1.00 mL) was added PPh<sub>3</sub> (49.4 mg, 188 μmol) and DIAD (30.8 μL, 159 μmol). After being stirred for 12 h, the solution was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:ether = 1:1) to afford **14** (8.80 mg, 56%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.01 (3H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 1.01 (3H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 2.22–2.35 (2H, m), 3.90 (3H, s), 4.45 (1H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.46 (1H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 5.13 (2H, s), 5.94 (2H, s), 6.79–6.98 (5H, m), 7.27–7.58 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.9, 15.1, 41.9, 42.2, 56.0, 71.1, 76.7, 77.3, 101.0, 107.0, 107.9, 110.1, 113.8, 119.0, 120.1, 127.3, 127.8, 128.5, 137.2, 137.7, 138.7, 146.7, 147.4, 147.7, 149.7; IR (ATR) 2961, 1506 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 432.1936, Found 432.1929.

(2S,3R,4S)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-dimethylbu

tanal (15): To a solution of **9b** (5.28 g, 12.3 mmol) in DCM (80.0 mL) was added Dess–Martin periodinane (7.80 g, 18.4 mmol). After being stirred at rt for 15 h. the mixture was added to excess ether (40.0 mL), filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 6:1) to afford **15** (4.40 g, 83%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.24 (3H, s), 0.03 (3H, s), 0.89 (9H, s), 1.00 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.11 (3H, d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.91 (1H, qdd, *J* = 7.0, 5.9, 5.9 Hz), 2.32 (1H, qdd, *J* = 7.0, 5.9, 2.4 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 4.66 (1H, d, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 5.12 (2H, s), 6.72 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 7.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.2, 1.3 Hz), 7.34–7.45 (4H, m), 9.54 (1H, d, *J* = 2.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.1, –4.4, 12.0, 12.5, 18.2, 25.9, 44.8, 48.2, 55.9, 71.1, 76.2, 110.3, 113.3, 119.0, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 136.8, 137.2, 147.4, 149.4, 205.1; IR (ATR) 1722 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si 442.2539, Found 442.2545; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub>–25.9 (c 1.22, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(3S,4R,5S)-5-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (16): To a solution of **9b** (3.00 g, 6.75 mmol) in DCM (60.0 mL) was added Dess-Martin periodinane (5.70 g, 13.5 mmol). After being stirred at rt for 1 h. the mixture was added to excess ether (120 mL), filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated in *vacuo*. To a solution of the residue (3.04 g) in t-BuOH (14.0 mL) was added a solution of 2-methyl-2-butene (3.20 mL, 30.4 mmol), anhydrous NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (891 mg, 7.43 mmol), and NaClO<sub>2</sub> (2.44 g, 27.0 mmol) in *t*-BuOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (3.6:1, 86.0 mL) at rt. After being stirred for 40 min, 5% HCl was added to the reaction mixture, then extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo. The residue (2.90 g) was added to a solution of HF/pyridine/MeCN (1:3:5, 92.0 mL) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 23 h, saturated NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (100 mL) was added to the reaction mixture, and then extracted with EtOAc. The organic layers were dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford 16 (1.20 g, 55%, over 3 steps) as vellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.56 (3H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 1.22 (3H, d, J = 7.4Hz), 2.73 (1H, qdd, J = 7.4, 7.1, 4.9 Hz), 2.98 (1H, qd, J = 7.4, 7.1 Hz), 3.88 (3H, s), 5.15 (2H, s), 5.46 (1H, d, J = 4.9 Hz), 6.72 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 2.1 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz), 6.88 (1H, d, J = 1.48.2 Hz), 7.25–7.45 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.4, 10.1, 40.1, 41.0, 56.1, 71.0, 82.2, 109.1, 114.0, 117.5, 127.8, 128.5, 129.3, 130.2, 137.0, 147.7, 149.7, 180.0; IR (ATR) 1771 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) m/z:  $[M]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 326.1518, Found 326.1506;  $[\alpha]^{20}_D$  – 53.7 (c 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(3R,4R,5S)-5-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyldihydrofuran-2(3H)-one (17): To a

solution of **16** (15.9 mg, 48.7 μmol) in MeOH (200 μL) was added 1.0 mol/L NaOMe solution (in MeOH, 122 μL, 122 μmol) at rt. After being stirred for 16 h, saturated NaCl solution (2.00 mL) was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with ether. The organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 2:1) to afford **17** (11.0 mg, 69%) as yellow oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.76 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 1.29 (3H, d, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.31–2.39 (1H, m), 2.42–2.51 (1H, m), 3.88 (3H, s), 5.15 (2H, s), 5.49 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz), 6.66 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 2.0 Hz), 6.67 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.28–7.44 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.7, 14.6, 40.0, 42.4, 56.1, 71.1, 82.4, 109.5, 113.8, 118.1, 127.3, 127.9, 128.6, 129.2, 136.9, 148.0, 149.6, 179.8; IR (ATR) 1771 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>23</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 327.1597, Found 327.1601; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub>+27.1 (*c* 1.00, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

# (2*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-2-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-5-methoxy-3,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran (19):

To a solution of **17** (330 mg, 1.01 mmol) in DCM (10.0 mL) was added 1 mol/L Dibal solution (in toluene, 1.20 mL, 1.20 mmol) at -78 °C. After being stirred for 30 min, the reaction was worked up with methanol (600 µL), H<sub>2</sub>O (2.20 mL), and 2 mol/L aqueous NaOH (2.20 mL) and extracted with DCM. The organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue (345 mg)

was dissolved in methanol (10.0 mL). HC(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (409 µL, 3.74 mmol) and p-TsOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (652 mg,

3.43 mmol) was added to the solution. After being stirred for 7 h, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and worked up with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10.0 mL), then extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 8:1) to afford acetal **19** (328 mg, 95% yield over 2 steps) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.00 (3H, d, J = 7.4 Hz), 2.24–2.46 (2H, m), 3.48 (3H, s), 3.90 (3H, s), 4.51 (1H, d, *J* = 9.6 Hz), 4.70 (1H, s), 5.15 (2H, s), 6.76 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.0 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.99 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 7.27–7.45 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.9, 11.4, 42.9, 44.1, 54.9, 55.8, 71.1, 87.7, 110.4, 110.9, 113.4, 119.4, 127.2, 127.8, 128.5, 135.4, 137.3, 147.7, 149.8; IR (ATR) 2960, 1511, 1261 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 342.1831, Found 342.1840.

(2*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-2-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyl-5-(phenylsulfonyl)tetrahydrofur an (20): To a solution of hemi-acetal 18 (15.7 mg, 0.05 mmol) in DCM (500  $\mu$ L) was added PhSO<sub>2</sub>H (13.6 mg, 0.10 mmol), CSA (1.20 mg, 0.01 mmol), and CaCl<sub>2</sub> (15.4 mg, 0.14 mmol). After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction was worked up with saturated aquepus NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2.00 mL) and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane: EtOAc = 3:1) to afford **20a** (10.9 mg, 51%) and **20b** (5.5 mg, 25%) as colorless oils: **20a** (major isomer): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.60 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.56 (3H, d, J = 7.1 Hz), 2.38–2.48 (1H, m), 2.84–2.95 (1H, m), 3.83 (3H, s), 5.05 (1H, d, J = 7.2 Hz), 5.10 (2H, s), 5.50 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz), 6.56 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 6.60 (1H, s), 6.79 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.15–7.60 (8H, m), 7.92 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.2, 14.4, 42.4, 43.7, 56.1, 71.0, 86.2, 96.3, 110.4, 113.7, 118.8, 127.3, 127.8, 128.5, 128.9, 129.2, 132.7, 133.6, 137.1, 138.5, 147.6, 149.4; IR (ATR) 2965, 1514, 1146 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) m/z;  $[M]^+$  Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S 452.1657, Found 452.1658;  $[\alpha]^{20}$ <sub>D</sub> +71.6 (c 0.99, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). **20b** (minor isomer): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.65 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.36 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz), 2.19–2.27 (1H, m), 2.61–2.69 (1H, m), 4.00 (3H, s), 4.53 (1H, d, J = 8.8Hz), 5.10 (1H, d, J = 8.6 Hz), 5.17 (2H, s), 6.71 (1H, dd, J = 8.3, 1.9 Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.27–7.67 (9H, m), 7.98 (2H, dd, J = 8.1, 1.4 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  13.8, 16.1, 39.7, 45.7, 56.3, 71.0, 86.4, 98.1, 110.6, 113.2, 119.0, 127.3, 127.8, 128.6, 129.0, 129.2, 132.5, 133.9, 137.2, 137.8, 147.5, 149.7; IR (ATR) 2865, 1591, 1512, 1149 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{26}H_{28}O_5S$  452.1657, Found 452.1659;  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$  -187.3 (*c* 1.07, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

## 5-((2S,3R,4R,5S)-5-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)benzo

[*d*][1,3]dioxole (21): To a mixture of ZnBr<sub>2</sub> (14.6 mg, 64.9 μmol) in THF (250 μL) was added 1.0 mol/L 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl magnesium bromide (in toluene/THF, 124 μL, 124 μmol). After being stirred for 30 min, a solution of **20a** (8.00 mg, 17.7 μmol) in THF (180 μL) was added to the reaction mixture. After being stirred for 1 h at rt, the reaction was cooled to 0 °C and worked up with saturated aqueous NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (toluene:EtOAc = 20:1) to afford **21** (3.80 mg, 50%), **22** (0.20 mg, 3%), and **23** (1.60 mg, 21%) as colorless oils: Data of **21** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 0.67 (3H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.69 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz) 2.23–2.26 (2H, m), 3.91 (3H, s), 5.15 (2H, s), 5.40 (2H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 5.95 (2H, s), 6.74 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.2 Hz), 6.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.5 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, *J* = 1.2 Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 7.31–7.46 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 14.6, 14.7, 43.8, 43.8, 56.1, 71.2, 83.6, 83.7, 100.9, 107.0, 107.8, 110.2, 113.8, 118.4, 119.4, 127.3, 127.8, 128.5, 134.6, 135.5, 137.3, 146.4, 147.1, 147.5, 149.4; IR (ATR) 2950, 1500, 1037 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 432.1937, Found 432.1942; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –

58.4 (*c* 0.14, CHCl<sub>3</sub>). Data of **22** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 1.02 (3H, d, J = 5.8 Hz), 1.03 (3H, d, J = 5.8 Hz), 1.71–1.83 (2H, m), 3.92 (3H, s), 4.61 (2H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 5.15 (2H, s), 5.94 (2H, s), 6.77 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz), 6.83 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 1.1 Hz), 6.84 (2H, br-s), 6.92 (1H, d, J = 1.1 Hz), 6.97 (1H, br-s), 7.28–7.45 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 13.8, 13.8, 50.8, 51.2, 56.0, 71.0, 88.3, 88.3, 100.9, 106.5, 107.9, 113.7, 118.6, 119.6, 127.2, 127.7, 128.5, 135.3, 136.5, 137.2, 146.9, 147.6, 147.7, 149.7; IR (ATR) 2961, 1506 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 432.1937; Found 432.1942; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub>+57.1 (*c* 3.30, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

# 5-((2R,3R,4R,5S)-5-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-3,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)benzo

[*d*][1,3]dioxole (23): To a solution of 25 (85.0 mg, 151  $\mu$ mol) in THF (2.00 mL) was added 1.0 mol/L TBAF solution (300  $\mu$ L, 300  $\mu$ mol). After being stirred overnight, H<sub>2</sub>O was added to the reaction mixture and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1) to afford a diastereomeric mixture of hemi-acetal (10.9 mg, 51%). To a solution of the hemi-acetal (185 mg, 413  $\mu$ mol) in DCM (4.00 mL) was added NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (51.9 mg,

826 µmol) and BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (109 µL, 413 µmol) at -78 °C. After being stirred for 1.5 h, the reaction

was worked up with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (4.00 mL) and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (benzene:ehter = 20:1) to afford **23** (134 mg, 75%) as a colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.65 (3H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.05 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 1.71–1.76 (1H, m), 2.20–2.25 (1H, m), 3.90 (3H, s), 4.37 (1H, d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 5.11 (1H, d, *J* = 8.8 Hz), 5.16 (2H, s), 5.98 (2H, s), 6.81 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.87 (1H, d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.8 Hz), 7.04 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.29–7.46 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  14.9, 15.1, 45.9, 48.3, 56.0, 71.1, 83.0, 87.4, 101.0, 106.9, 108.1, 110.8, 113.6, 119.2, 120.1, 127.3, 127.8, 128.5, 134.3, 134.8, 137.3, 147.1, 147.2, 147.8, 149.3; IR (ATR) 2925, 1507, 1037 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>5</sub> 432.1937; Found 432.1920 for; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –92.5 (*c* 0.19, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*)-1-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((*tert*-butyldi methylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-dimethylbutan-1-ol (24): To a solution of 15 (366 mg, 826 μmol) in THF (8.30 mL) was added 1.0 mol/L 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl magnesium bromide in ether (1.00 mL, 1.00 mmol) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with sat. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, and

extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 4:1) to afford 1*R*-isomer **24** (237 mg, 51%) as a colorless oil and 1*S*-isomer (50.0 mg, 11%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –0.23 (3H, s), –0.01 (3H, s), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 0.92 (9H, s), 0.99 (3H, d, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 1.62–1.68 (1H, m), 1.69–1.82 (1H, m), 3.87 (3H, s), 4.77 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 4.82 (1H, br-s), 5.13 (2H, s), 5.95 (2H, s), 6.69–6.71 (2H, m), 6.76 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 6.77 (1H, d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 7.26–7.29 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  –5.0, –4.2, 11.1, 11.4, 18.3, 25.9, 41.7, 45.1, 55.9, 71.2, 74.0, 75.0, 100.9, 106.4, 107.9, 110.3, 113.3, 118.5, 118.8, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 137.3, 138.2, 138.8, 146.3, 146.8, 147.6, 149.1; IR (ATR) 3525 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si 564.2907, Found 564.2907; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –23.1 (*c* 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

(2*S*,3*R*,4*S*)-1-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-4-(4-(benzyloxy)-3-methoxyphenyl)-4-((*tert*-butyldimet hylsilyl)oxy)-2,3-dimethylbutan-1-one (25): To a solution of 24 (100 mg, 179 μmol) in DCM (2.00 mL) was added Dess–Martin periodinane (153 mg, 361 μmol). After being stirred for 10 min, the reaction mixture was filtrated through celite and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue (111 mg) was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 12:1) to afford 25 (85.0 mg, 85%) as colorless oil: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –0.17 (3H, s), 0.11 (3H, s), 0.77 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 0.99 (9H, s), 1.27 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 1.80 (1H, ddq, 3.0, 3.3, 6.6 Hz), 3.46 (1H, dq, *J* = 3.0, 6.9 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 4.87 (1H, d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 5.11 (2H, s), 6.02 (2H, s), 6.67 (2H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.6 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 6.82 (1H, d, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.25–7.47 (5H, m); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (50 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ –4.9, –4.1, 11.6, 16.6, 18.3, 26.0, 41.8, 45.5, 55.8, 71.2, 74.2, 76.4, 101.8, 107.8, 108.1, 110.4, 113.5, 118.6, 124.3, 127.4, 127.8, 128.5, 132.5, 137.3, 146.9, 148.2, 149.1, 151.6, 203.2; IR (ATR) 2931, 1506, 1440, 1254, 1038, 580 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (EI) *m/z*: [M]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>42</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Si 562.2751, Found 562.2730; [α]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> –57.5 (*c* 0.39, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

4-((2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*S*)-5-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)-3,4-dimethyltetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2-methoxyph enyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate (26): To a solution of 13b (8.10 mg, 15.7 µmol) in DCM (1.60 mL) was added CMMP (14.5 mg, 126 µmol). After being stirred at 40 °C for 24 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1 then 1:1) to afford 26 (5.20 mg, 67%, b.o.r.s.m. = 99%) as colorless oil and recover the starting material 13b (2.43 mg): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  0.56 (3H, d, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.00 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 2.41–2.51 (2H, m), 2.43 (3H, s), 3.52 (3H, s), 4.61 (1H, d, *J* = 9.8 Hz), 5.44 (1H, d, J = 4.7 Hz), 5.95 (1H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 5.96 (1H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 6.78–6.81 (3H, m), 6.86 (1H, d, J = 1.8 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 1.4 Hz), 7.16 (1H. d, J = 8.2 Hz), 7.26 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz), 7.72 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  9.3, 11.7, 21.7, 43.2, 47.6, 55.5, 84.4, 85.9, 101.0, 106.4, 108.0, 110.2, 117.9, 119.6, 123.6, 128.8, 129.2, 133.0, 136.7, 136.9, 140.9, 144.9, 147.1, 147.9, 151.5; IR (ATR) 2964, 1598 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (CI) *m/z*: [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S 497.1634, Found 497.1631; [ $\alpha$ ]<sup>20</sup><sub>D</sub> -2.3 (*c* 1.03, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

## ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

The copies of <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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