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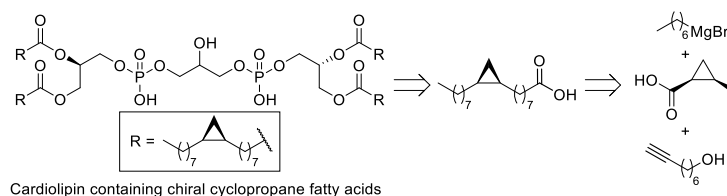
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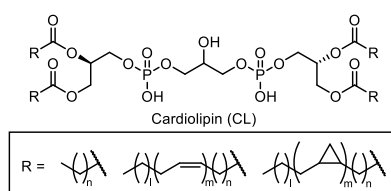
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**Abstract:** Cardiolipin (CL) is a phospholipid located in both the eukaryotic mitochondrial inner membrane and the bacterial cell membrane. Some bacterial CLs are known to contain cyclopropane moieties in their acyl chains. Although the CLs are thought to be involved in the innate immune response, there have been few attempts at chemical synthesis of the CLs, and detailed studies of their biological activities. Thus, we have developed a synthetic route to CLs containing chiral cyclopropane moieties.

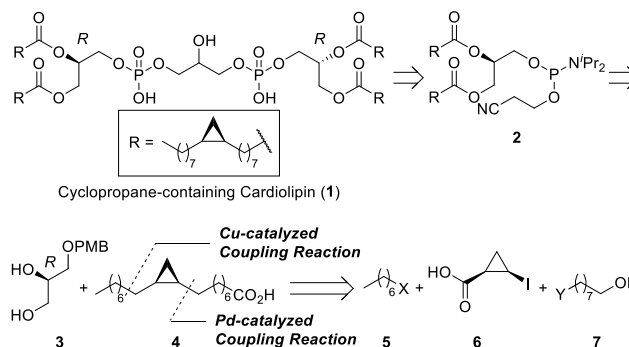
## Introduction

Cardiolipin (CL) is a phospholipid located in both the eukaryotic mitochondrial inner membrane and in the bacterial cell membrane.<sup>1</sup> The structure consists of two phosphatidyl moieties linked by a glycerol bridge, and characteristic four acyl groups (Figure 1). The fatty acid composition of CLs has been shown to be critical for their biological activities.<sup>2</sup> In animal tissues, the CLs, which contain some kinds of fatty acid variations such as length and saturation, are involved in either the regulation of ATP biosynthesis or the initiation of the apoptotic program.<sup>3</sup> Recently, Rauch et al. reported that CLs bind to CD1d, a non-polymorphic MHC class I-like molecule, and activate CD1d-restricted  $\gamma\delta$  T cells.<sup>4</sup> Bacterial CLs often contain various cyclopropane fatty acids as acyl groups.<sup>5</sup> Cyclopropane fatty acids were also commonly found in membrane components of bacteria and protozoa, including phospholipids or glycolipids. In the biosynthetic pathway, cyclopropane fatty acids are generally formed by the methylenation of *cis*-unsaturated fatty acids with *S*-adenosylmethionine.<sup>6</sup> Recently, Williams et al. reported that cyclopropane fatty acid-containing glycolipid, GL1 from *Lactobacillus plantarum*, could be recognized by the glycolipid pattern recognition receptor Mincle that plays important roles in the innate immune system.<sup>7</sup> We are interested in these kinds of bacterial CLs due to their potential as immunomodulators. However, their detailed structure–activity relationships have not been examined thus far. In addition, although several synthetic studies of CLs with saturated and unsaturated fatty acids have been reported,<sup>8</sup> few attempts have been made at synthesizing cyclopropane-containing CLs. Thus, we planned to synthesize these CLs containing chiral cyclopropane moieties in order to elucidate their biological functions and activities in detail.



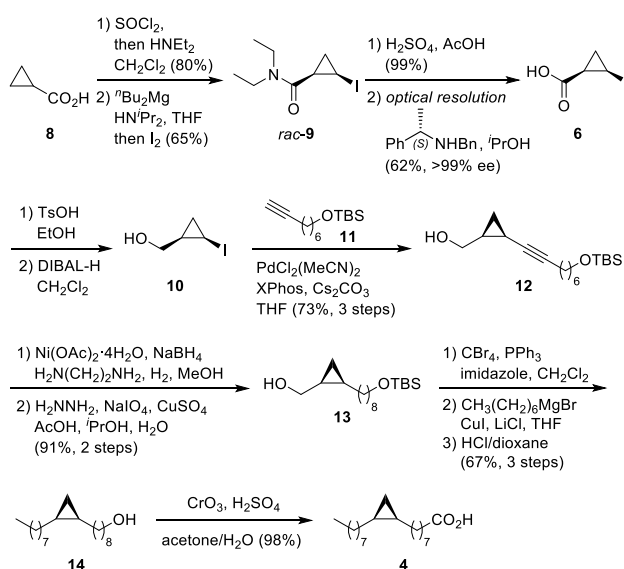
**Figure 1.** Structure of cardiolipins.

The key steps for the total synthesis of CLs are the construction of the phosphate linkage between phosphatidyl moieties and glycerol, and the synthesis of enantiomerically pure cyclopropane fatty acids. In terms of the construction of the phosphate linkage, Ahmad and colleagues reported a phosphoramidite approach enabling to obtain large quantities of CL analogues.<sup>8a,9</sup> Miyoshi and colleagues developed a concise procedure for the synthesis of CLs having different fatty acid combinations.<sup>8b,c</sup> On the other hands, some groups have reported synthetic methods for chiral cyclopropyl fatty acids. Kobayashi et al. synthesized chiral cyclopropyl fatty acids starting from a homochiral cyclopropa- $\gamma$ -lactone.<sup>10</sup> Minnikin et al. also reported a related synthetic route to chiral lactobacillic acid from a homochiral cyclopropane linchpin.<sup>11</sup> Nicolaou et al. reported the synthesis of a fatty acid containing a chiral cyclopropane using a chiral borate ester.<sup>12</sup> Corey et al. developed a synthetic route to 9*R*, 10*S*-dihydrosterculic acid through an Rh(II) catalyzed enantioselective cyclopropanation.<sup>13</sup> Katsuki et al. reported the enantioselective synthesis of the *cis*-9*R*, 10*S*-methylenehexadecanoic acid methyl ester in the use of a chiral Ir-salen catalyst.<sup>14</sup> Nishizaki et al. have accomplished the synthesis of a fatty acid with two sequential chiral cyclopropanes through enzymatic resolution.<sup>15</sup> Manthorpe et al. have reported the synthesis of 9*R*, 10*S*-dihydrosterculic acid using the Corey-Chaykovsky cyclopropanation of an alkylidene bis(sulfoxide).<sup>16</sup> More recently, Williams developed a synthetic route to the chiral cyclopropane fatty acid by using chiral auxiliaries.<sup>17</sup> In this study, optically pure chiral cyclopropyl fatty acid was required for biological investigation of the CLs. Thus, we planned to develop a synthetic route to the chiral cyclopropane fatty acid.



**Scheme 1.** Retrosynthetic analysis of cyclopropane-containing CL (1)

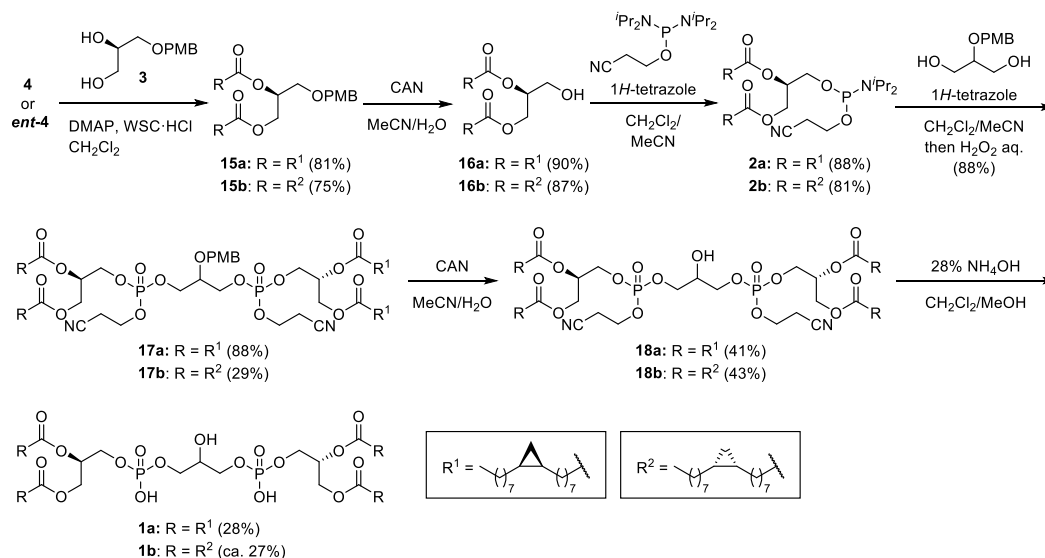
The retrosynthetic analysis of cyclopropane-containing CLs **1** is shown in Scheme 1. We postulated that the phosphate linkage can be constructed using phosphoramidite intermediates **2**, which can be derived from (*R*)-3-[(4-methoxybenzyl)oxy]-propane-1,2-diol **3** and cyclopropane-containing fatty acid **4**. The stepwise cross-coupling reactions of alkyl (**5**), chiral iodocyclopropane (**6**), and functionalized alkane moieties (**7**) could be feasible for synthesizing the fatty acid **4**. The chiral iodocyclopropane **6** could be accessed from cyclopropane carboxylic acid, following published procedures.<sup>18</sup> This synthetic route can be applied to the synthesis of fatty acids with plural cyclopropane rings, and enable the introduction of cyclopropane moieties at various positions in the fatty acid portion.



**Scheme 2.** Synthesis of the chiral fatty acid **4**

## Results and Discussion

The synthesis of the chiral cyclopropane fatty acid **4** is shown in Scheme 2. The chiral iodocyclopropane carboxylic acid **6** was prepared from cyclopropane carboxylic acid **8**, following a modified published procedure.<sup>18</sup> The cyclopropane carboxylic acid **8** was converted to the corresponding diisopropylamide, followed by *cis*-selective iodination at the  $\beta$ -position of the amide group using magnesium amide.<sup>19</sup> Hydrolysis of **9** with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and AcOH gave the racemic iodocyclopropane carboxylic acid *rac*-**6**. Optical resolution using the chiral amine provided the chiral iodocarboxylic acid **6** (>99% ee).<sup>18</sup> Esterification and reduction with DIBAL-H produced the known alcohol **10**.<sup>12a</sup> Next, we investigated the coupling reaction between **10** and the functionalized alkane moiety **7** (Scheme 1) using palladium catalysts. After investigating the palladium-catalyzed coupling reaction, we found that the copper-free Sonogashira reaction condition reported by Meyer and Cossy et al.<sup>20</sup> permitted successful generation of the desired product. The reaction of **10** with the functionalized alkyne **11**, PdCl<sub>2</sub>(MeCN)<sub>2</sub>, 2-Dicyclohexylphosphino-2',4',6'-triisopropylbiphenyl (XPhos), and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in THF gave the desired alkyne **12** with a high yield (73%, three steps from **6**). Next, we examined the reduction of alkyne **12** under several conditions using Pd/C, palladium-fibroin (Pd/Fib), Raney Ni, and Wilkinson's catalyst, but these conditions led to insufficient conversion. Moreover, ring-opening side reactions of cyclopropane occurred. We therefore performed a two-step reduction of the alkyne instead. Treating **12** with Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> under a H<sub>2</sub> atmosphere<sup>21</sup> followed by diimide reduction<sup>22</sup> provided the desired product **13** (91%, 2 steps). After elaborating **13** to form the bromide derivative, copper-mediated alkylation reaction with Grignard reagent, and removal of the TBS group gave the alcohol **14**, which was subsequently reacted with CrO<sub>3</sub> to give the corresponding carboxylic acid **4**.<sup>17</sup> Using our optimized route, we have synthesized over 1 g of the chiral cyclopropane fatty acid **4** for subsequent use.



**Scheme 3.** Total synthesis of CLs containing chiral cyclopropane fatty acid **1a** and **1b**

With the chiral cyclopropane fatty acid **4** in hand, we converted the fatty acid into CLs (Scheme 3). The esterification of (*R*)-3-[(4-methoxybenzyl)oxy]-propane-1,2-diol **3** with the fatty acid **4** and subsequent removal of the PMB group gave the diester **16a**. Next, treating **16a** with the phosphitylating reagent (2-cyanoethyl-*N,N,N',N'*-tetraisopropyl phosphorodiamidite)<sup>23</sup> in the presence of 1*H*-tetrazole generated the phosphoramidite intermediate **2a** with a 88% yield as a diastereomixture with a stereogenic phosphorus atom. Subsequently, the coupling reaction between intermediate **2a** and 2-[(4-methoxybenzyl)oxy]-propane-1,3-diol gave the phosphite trimer **17a**, which was subjected to oxidation with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to generate the protected CL **18a** as a diastereomixture with two stereogenic phosphorus atoms. Finally, total synthesis of CLs containing the chiral cyclopropane fatty acid **1a** was completed by removing the PMB and cyanoethyl groups.

To investigate the effect of cyclopropane chiralities on their biological activities, we went on to synthesize the diastereomeric CL (**1b**) containing the enantiomeric chiral cyclopropane fatty acid *ent*-**4** in the same manner, starting from the iodocyclopropane *ent*-**6** (Scheme 2). The *ent*-**4** was converted into the CL **1b** over six steps (Scheme 3). The final compounds **1a** and **1b** contained impurities, which were quite difficult to remove at the final stage of the purification.

In conclusion, we have successfully completed the total syntheses of CLs containing a chiral cyclopropane fatty acid. Our synthesis highlights a stepwise cross coupling reaction involving three building blocks, namely, alkyl Grignard reagents, chiral iodocyclopropanes, and functionalized alkyne moieties. Another key feature is a two-step reduction of the alkyne attached to the cyclopropane moiety to provide the desired cyclopropane derivative at high yield. The cyclopropane-containing CLs can be used as chemical tools to explore the mechanism of immune responses. The determination of their biological activities is now underway.

## Experimental Section

**General Methods.** All moisture-sensitive reactions were performed using syringe-septum cap techniques under an argon atmosphere and all glassware was dried in an oven at 80 °C for 2 h prior to use. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on Silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> Plates (0.25 mm thickness). For flash chromatography, Silica gel 60 N [spherical neutral (40-50 μm)] was employed. Optical rotations were measured with a polarimeter. All NMR spectral data were recorded on a NMR spectrometer for <sup>1</sup>H (400 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C (100 MHz). Chemical shifts are reported in δ (ppm) relative to TMS in CDCl<sub>3</sub> as internal standard (<sup>1</sup>H NMR) or the residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> signal (<sup>13</sup>C NMR). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are tabulated as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (b = broad, s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), number of protons, and coupling constant(s). Exact mass (HRMS) spectra were recorded on an electrospray ionization quadrupole time of flight (ESI-QTOF) mass spectrometer.

**Synthesis of *cis*-2-iodocyclopropyl-*N,N*-diethylcarboxamide (*rac*-9).** The title compound was prepared according to the procedure reported by Shang, X. et al.<sup>18</sup> To a flask charged with thionyl chloride (18.6 mL, 256 mmol) was added cyclopropanecarboxylic acid **8** (20.0 mL, 253 mmol) dropwise below 5 °C. After stirring for 1 h below 5 °C, the reaction mixture was warmed to room



temperature and stirred for 1 h. Another flask was charged with a solution of diethylamine (53.8 mL, 527 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (80 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. The acid chloride solution was added dropwise to the cooled diethylamine solution *via* a cannula. After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with water, and the extract was washed with 1 M HCl, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. and brine. The extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by vacuum distillation to give cyclopropyl-*N,N*-diethylcarboxamide (28.6 g, 80%) as a slight yellow oil: b.p. 113 °C (26 mmHg). All the spectral data were in agreement with those reported by Shang, X. et al.<sup>1</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 3.49 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.39 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.73-1.67 (m, 1H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.00-0.96 (m, 2H), 0.76-0.71 (m, 2H). To a flask charged with dibutylmagnesium (1.0 M solution in heptane, 74.4 mL, 74.4 mmol) was added diisopropylamine (10.5 mL, 74.4 mmol) dropwise, keeping the internal temperature below 40 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred without external heating for 1 h, then heated to reflux for 15 min and allowed to cool to room temperature. A solution of cyclopropyl-*N,N*-diethylcarboxamide (10.0 g, 70.8 mmol) in anhydrous THF (120 mL) was added to the above mixture *via* a cannula and the mixture was refluxed for 70 min. Another flask was charged with a solution of I<sub>2</sub> (53.9 g, 212 mmol) in anhydrous THF (180 mL) and the solution was cooled to -15 °C. The reaction mixture containing the cyclopropane derivative was cooled to 0 °C before being added dropwise to the I<sub>2</sub> solution *via* a cannula. After complete addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (12.0 mL), and the whole was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The combined extract was washed with saturated Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> aq. three times and brine once, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The extract was concentrated under reduced pressure and the crude oil was purified by silica gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) to give *cis*-2-iodocyclopropyl-*N,N*-diethylcarboxamide *rac*-**9** (12.2 g, 65%) as a brown oil. All the spectral data were in agreement with those reported by Shang, X. et al.<sup>18</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 3.70-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.37 (m, 1H), 3.23 (m, 1H), 2.82 (ddd, *J* = 8.2,

8.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 8.2, 6.4$  Hz, 1H), 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.41 (ddd,  $J = 8.2, 8.2, 6.4$  Hz, 1H),  
1.26 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H), 1.17 (t,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 3H).

**Synthesis of *cis*-2-iodocyclopropanecarboxylic acid (*rac*-6).** A mixture of *cis*-2-Iodocyclopropyl-*N,N*-diethylcarboxamide *rac*-9 (9.24 g, 34.6 mmol), acetic acid (60 mL) and 3 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (120 mL) was refluxed for 10 days. The whole was extracted with EtOAc five times and washed with brine. The extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give racemic *cis*-2-iodocyclopropanecarboxylic acid **6** (7.28 g, 99%) as a brown solid. All the spectral data were in agreement with those reported by Shang, X. et al.<sup>18</sup>: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  10.30 (br s, 1H), 2.91-2.87 (m, 1H), 1.92 (dd,  $J = 14.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.60 (dd,  $J = 14.6, 8.3$  Hz, 1H), 1.45-1.41 (m, 1H).

**Optical Resolution of *cis*-2-Iodocyclopropanecarboxylic Acid (6).** The process of optical resolution was carried out according to the procedure reported by Shang, X. et al.<sup>18</sup> To a solution of racemic acid **6** (4.60 g, 21.7 mmol) in 2-propanol (54 mL) was added (*S*)-(-)-*N*-benzyl-1-phenylethylamine (4.6 mL, 21 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 70 °C for 10 min and then cooled gradually to room temperature. The resulting mixture was left overnight and the crystalline solid was collected by vacuum filtration. The solid was washed with 2-propanol and dried under reduced pressure to give a crude crystalline solid (3.80 g, 9.00 mmol). A mixture of the crystalline solid (3.80 g) and 2-propanol (28 mL) was stirred at 70 °C for 10 min and then cooled gradually to room temperature. The precipitated crystal was collected by vacuum filtration, washed with 2-propanol and dried under reduced pressure to give a crystalline solid (3.01 g, 7.11 mmol). A solution of the crystalline solid (3.01 g) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (9 mL) and NaOH aq. (0.5 M, 18 mL) was stirred for 5 min. After separating the organic layer, the aqueous solution was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times and then acidified with 1 M HCl. The whole was extracted with *tert*-butylmethylether five times. The combined ether solutions were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give (1*R*,2*R*)-2-iodocyclopropanecarboxylic acid **6** (1.43 g, 62% yield for the (1*R*,2*R*)-isomer, >99% ee [determined by

chiral HPLC; Chiralpak-IA column, eluting with *n*-hexane/EtOH/TFA (97:3:0.1) at 0.5 mL/min,  $\lambda = 254$  nm,  $t_1 = 27.0$  min for (1*S*,2*S*)-isomer,  $t_2 = 28.5$  min for (1*R*,2*R*)-isomer]). By a procedure identical with that described above, the enantiomeric carboxylic acid *ent*-**6** was resolved using (*R*)-(+)-*N*-benzyl-1-phenylethylamine.

**Synthesis of alkynyl-substituted cyclopropylmethylalcohol (12).** A solution of (1*R*,2*R*)-2-iodocyclopropanecarboxylic acid **6** (2.99 g, 14.1 mmol) and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (134 mg, 0.705 mmol) in anhydrous EtOH (36 mL) was refluxed overnight. The reaction mixture was then concentrated to ca. 1/5 volume under reduced pressure and diluted with water. The whole was extracted with EtOAc three times, washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. and brine once, and then dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The extract was concentrated under reduced pressure to give ethyl (1*R*,2*R*)-2-iodocyclopropanecarboxylate (3.15 g) as a crude oil, which was used to the next reaction without further purification. To a solution of the ethyl ester (2.70 g) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added DIBAL-H (1.03 M in hexane, 27 mL) at  $-78$  °C. After stirring at this temperature for 15 h, the reaction was quenched with EtOAc and the resulting mixture was diluted with saturated aqueous solution of Rochelle salt. The mixture was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O five times, washed with brine once, and dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The extract was concentrated under reduced pressure to give (1*R*,2*R*)-2-iodocyclopropylmethylalcohol **10** (2.06 g) as a crude oil, which was used to the next reaction without further purification. To a flask charged with the crude alcohol **10** (1.95 g), PdCl<sub>2</sub>(MeCN)<sub>2</sub> (76.6 mg, 0.295 mmol), XPhos (423 mg, 0.886 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (8.02 g, 24.6 mmol) was added a solution of TBS-protected alkynol **11** (3.26 g, 13.6 mmol) in anhydrous THF (49 mL). After stirring at 60 °C overnight, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup> and concentrated under reduced pressure to obtain a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 8:1) to give alkynyl-substituted cyclopropylmethylalcohol **12** (2.58 g, 73% in 3 steps) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -57.1$  (*c* 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.93-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 2.14 (td, *J* = 7.0, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 1.91 (br s, 1H), 1.55-1.41 (m, 5H), 1.40-1.29 (m, 5H), 0.96-

0.92 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.57-0.52 (m, 1H), 0.05 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  79.4, 78.3, 64.1, 63.1, 32.7, 29.0, 28.6, 25.9 (3C), 25.3, 20.1, 18.7, 18.3, 12.6, 4.5, -5.3 (2C); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{34}\text{NaO}_2\text{Si}$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 333.2220; found:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 333.2226.

**Synthesis of alkynyl-substituted cyclopropylmethylalcohol (*ent*-12).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **6** from **12**, the carboxylic acid *ent*-**6** (1.15 g) was converted into *ent*-**12** (1.18 g, 70% in 3 steps) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +53.5$  ( $c$  0.61,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.93-3.88 (m, 1H), 3.60 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.59-3.53 (m, 1H), 2.14 (td,  $J = 7.0, 1.9$  Hz, 2H), 1.84-1.79 (m, 1H), 1.55-1.43 (m, 5H), 1.38-1.30 (m, 5H), 0.96-0.92 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.57-0.53 (m, 1H), 0.05 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  79.5, 78.4, 64.1, 63.2, 32.7, 29.0, 28.7, 26.0 (3C), 25.3, 20.2, 18.7, 18.4, 12.6, 4.5, -5.3 (2C); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{34}\text{NaO}_2\text{Si}$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 333.2220; found:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 333.2226.

**Synthesis of alkyl-substituted cyclopropylmethylalcohol (13).** To a solution of  $\text{Ni}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (516 mg, 2.08 mmol) in MeOH (13 mL) was added  $\text{NaBH}_4$  (78.8 mg, 2.08 mmol) at 0 °C and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 5 min. Anhydrous ethylenediamine (275  $\mu\text{L}$ , 4.15 mmol) was then added to the reaction mixture followed by stirring at room temperature for 5 min. After addition of a solution of **12** (2.58 g, 8.31 mmol) in MeOH (15 mL), argon gas was replaced to hydrogen gas and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The mixture was filtered through Celite® and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residual oil was diluted with water and the whole was extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  three times. The combined extract was dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the alkene intermediate (2.54 g) as a crude oil, which was used to the next reaction without further purification. A mixture of the crude product (2.52 g), 2-propanol (138 mL), acetic acid (1.1 mL), saturated  $\text{CuSO}_4$  aq. (1.1 mL) and hydrazine monohydrate (11 mL) was heated to 70 °C and a solution of  $\text{NaIO}_4$  (17.2 g, 80.6 mmol) in hot water (50 mL) was added

to the reaction mixture (dropwise, over 90 min). After additional stirring for 90 min, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was diluted with water and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times. The combined extract was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 8:1) to give alkyl-substituted cyclopropylmethylalcohol **13** (2.35 g, 91% in 2 steps) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -12.5$  (*c* 1.01, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.68-3.54 (m, 4H), 1.55-1.36 (m, 6H), 1.29 (br s, 8H), 1.24-1.18 (m, 1H), 1.15-1.04 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.87-0.82 (m, 1H), 0.70 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 8.3, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 0.05 (s, 6H), -0.01--0.06 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  63.30 (2C), 32.84, 30.12, 29.58, 29.47, 29.40, 28.52, 25.96 (3C), 25.76, 18.35, 18.11, 16.11, 9.45, -5.28 (2C); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 337.2533; found: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 337.2541.

**Synthesis of alkyl-substituted cyclopropylmethylalcohol (*ent*-**13**).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **13** from **12**, the alcohol *ent*-**12** (1.16 g, 3.74 mmol) was converted into *ent*-**13** (0.84 g, 71% in 2 steps) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +13.2$  (*c* 0.90, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.68-3.55 (m, 2H), 3.60 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.61-1.37 (m, 6H), 1.29 (br s, 8H), 1.25-1.19 (m, 1H), 1.15-1.05 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.87-0.83 (m, 1H), 0.70 (ddd, *J* = 8.4, 8.4, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 0.05 (s, 6H), -0.01--0.06 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  63.4, 63.3, 32.9, 30.1, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 28.5, 26.0 (3C), 25.8, 18.4, 18.1, 16.1, 9.5, -5.3 (2C); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO<sub>2</sub>Si: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 337.2533; found: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 337.2540.

**Synthesis of cyclopropane-containing alkanol (**14**).** To a solution of cyclopropylmethylalcohol derivative **13** (2.28 g, 7.25 mmol), imidazole (0.99 g, 14.5 mmol) and Ph<sub>3</sub>P (3.80 g, 14.5 mmol) in anhydrous CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (36 mL) was added CBr<sub>4</sub> (3.61 g, 10.9 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring at 0 °C for 3 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and reslurried with hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O = 3:1

solution. Sticky solid was removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the bromocyclopropylmethane derivative (3.33 g) as a crude oil, which was used to the next reaction without further purification. To a mixture of CuI (413 mg, 2.18 mmol) and LiCl (0.5 M solution in THF, 58 mL, 29 mmol) was added heptylmagnesium bromide (0.70 M solution in THF, 31.0 mL, 22 mmol) at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at this temperature for 10 min. A solution of the crude bromocyclopropylmethane derivative (3.31 g) in anhydrous THF (15 mL) was added to the reaction mixture dropwise. After stirring at 0 °C overnight, the reaction was quenched with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aq. and the mixture was diluted with 28% NH<sub>4</sub>OH. The whole was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times. The extract was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the TBS-protected alkanol (3.86 g) as a crude oil, which was used to the next reaction without further purification. A solution of the TBS-protected alkanol (3.77 g) in 4 M HCl in dioxane (6.8 mL, 27.2 mmol) and dioxane (48 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O three times. The extract was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 7:1) to give the title compound **14** (1.33 g, 67% in 3 steps) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +1.01$  (*c* 0.77, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.64 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.61-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.44 (s, 1H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 26H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 2H), 0.58-0.53 (m, 1H), -0.31-0.36 (m, 1H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz)  $\delta$  63.0, 32.8, 31.9, 30.20, 30.17, 29.7 (2C), 29.64, 29.58, 29.43, 29.35, 28.69, 28.67, 25.73, 22.67, 15.74, 15.71, 14.1, 10.9; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>38</sub>NaO: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 305.2815; found: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 305.2815.

**Synthesis of cyclopropane-containing alkanol (*ent*-**14**).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **14** from **13**, the alcohol *ent*-**13** (0.78 g, 2.67 mmol) was converted into *ent*-**14** (0.22 g, 31% in 3 steps) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -1.92$  (*c* 0.36, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  3.64 (t,

$J = 6.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.60-1.54 (m, 3H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 26H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 2H), 0.58-0.53 (m, 1H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  63.1, 32.8, 31.9, 30.21, 30.19, 29.68 (2C), 29.65, 29.59, 29.44, 29.36, 28.71, 28.69, 25.7, 22.7, 15.8, 15.7, 14.1, 10.9; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{38}\text{NaO}$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 305.2815; found:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 305.2809.

**Synthesis of chiral cyclopropane fatty acid (4).** A solution of cyclopropane-containing alkanol **14** (1.24 g, 4.39 mmol) in acetone (88 mL) was cooled to 0 °C. Another mixture of  $\text{CrO}_3$  (1.88 g, 18.8 mmol), sulfuric acid (1.6 mL) and water (7.2 mL) was added to the above solution dropwise. After stirring for 10 min, the reaction mixture was diluted with water and extracted with hexane three times. The extract was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $n$ -hexane/EtOAc = 4:1) to give the title compound **4** (1.07 g, 82%) as a white solid. All the spectral data were in agreement with those reported by Williams, S. J. et al.<sup>17</sup>:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}} = +0.97$  ( $c$  0.42,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) [lit.  $[\alpha]^{24}_{\text{D}} = +0.95$  ( $c$  0.55,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )];  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.09 (m, 24H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 2H), 0.58-0.53 (m, 1H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  179.5, 33.9, 31.9, 30.2, 30.1, 29.7, 29.4, 29.4 (2C), 29.3, 29.1, 28.7, 28.7, 24.7, 22.7, 15.8, 15.7, 14.1, 10.9.

**Synthesis of chiral cyclopropane fatty acid (*ent*-4).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **4** from **14**, the alkanol *ent*-**14** (216 mg, 0.765 mmol) was converted into *ent*-**4** (206 mg, 91%) as a white solid. All the spectral data were in agreement with those reported by Williams, S. J. et al.<sup>17</sup>:  $[\alpha]^{25}_{\text{D}} = -0.81$  ( $c$  0.78,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ) [lit.  $[\alpha]^{24}_{\text{D}} = -0.81$  ( $c$  0.295,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ )];  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  2.35 (t,  $J = 7.5$  Hz, 2H), 1.66-1.61 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 24H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 2H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 1H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  179.6, 33.9, 31.9, 30.2, 30.1, 29.7, 29.4, 29.4 (2C), 29.3, 29.1, 28.7, 28.7, 24.7, 22.7, 15.8, 15.7, 14.1, 10.9.

**Synthesis of PMB-protected diacylglycerol (15a).** To a mixture of chiral cyclopropane fatty acid **4** (150 mg, 507  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), PMB-protected glycerol **3** (46.8 mg, 220  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), DMAP (8.1 mg, 66  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.5 mL) was added a solution of WSC $\cdot\text{HCl}$  (114 mg, 595  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (0.7 mL) at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . After stirring at room temperature overnight, the reaction was quenched with 10% citric acid aq. and the mixture was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  three times. The extract was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 30:1) to give the title compound **15a** (137 mg, 81%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +2.59$  (*c* 1.27,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.23 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.25-5.20 (m, 1H), 4.51-4.42 (m, 2H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.8 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.35-2.25 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.57 (m, 4H), 1.41-1.07 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.67-0.61 (m, 4H), 0.58-0.53 (m, 2H), -0.31--0.36 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.4, 173.1, 159.3, 129.7, 129.3 (2C), 113.8 (2C), 72.9, 70.0, 67.9, 62.7, 55.2, 34.3, 34.1, 31.9 (2C), 30.20 (2C), 30.15 (2C), 29.7 (2C), 29.5 (2C), 29.4 (4C), 29.13 (2C), 29.10 (2C), 28.71 (2C), 28.66 (2C), 25.0, 24.9, 22.7 (2C), 15.8 (2C), 15.7 (2C), 14.1 (2C), 10.9 (2C); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{84}\text{NaO}_6$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 791.6160; found:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 791.6169.

**Synthesis of PMB-protected diacylglycerol (15b).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **15a** from **4**, the fatty acid *ent*-**4** (38.7 mg, 182  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) was converted into **15b** (105 mg, 75%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +2.94$  (*c* 1.23,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.23 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 5.24-5.20 (m, 1H), 4.51-4.42 (m, 2H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.55 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.34-2.25 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.39-1.09 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H), 0.66-0.62 (m, 4H), 0.58-0.53 (m, 2H), -0.32--0.36 (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.4, 173.1, 159.3, 129.7, 129.3 (2C), 113.8 (2C), 72.9, 70.0, 67.9, 62.7, 55.2, 34.3, 34.1, 31.9 (2C), 30.20 (2C), 30.15 (2C), 29.7 (2C), 29.5 (2C), 29.4 (2C), 29.3 (2C),



29.1 (4C), 28.71 (2C), 28.66 (2C), 25.0, 24.9, 22.7 (2C), 15.8 (2C), 15.7 (2C), 14.1 (2C), 10.9 (2C);  
HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>84</sub>NaO<sub>6</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 791.6160; found: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 791.6160.

**Synthesis of diacylglycerol (16a).** To a solution of PMB-protected diacylglycerol **15a** (132 mg, 172 μmol) in MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O (v/v = 10/1, 14 mL) was added Ce(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub> (941 mg, 1.72 mmol) at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with water and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> three times. The extract was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq. and saturated NaHSO<sub>3</sub> aq., dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (toluene/EtOAc = 10:1) to give the title compound **16a** (105 mg, 94%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -0.89$  (*c* 0.14, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 5.12-5.05 (m, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75-3.71 (br m, 2H), 2.38-2.30 (m, 4H), 2.08 (br s, 1H), 1.66-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.41-1.09 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 0.68-0.61 (m, 4H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 2H), -0.31--0.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 173.8, 173.4, 72.1, 62.0, 61.5, 34.3, 34.1, 31.9 (2C), 30.2 (2C), 30.1 (2C), 29.7 (2C), 29.5 (2C), 29.4 (2C), 29.3 (2C), 29.13 (2C), 29.10 (2C), 28.71 (2C), 28.66 (2C), 24.94, 24.89, 22.7 (2C), 15.8 (2C), 15.7 (2C), 14.1 (2C), 10.9 (2C); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd C<sub>41</sub>H<sub>76</sub>NaO<sub>5</sub>: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 671.5585; found: [M+Na]<sup>+</sup>, 671.5594.

**Synthesis of diacylglycerol (16b).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **16a** from **15a**, the PMB-protected diacylglycerol **15b** (77.5 mg, 101 μmol) was converted into **16b** (56.8 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +12.0$  (*c* 0.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz) δ 5.11-5.06 (m, 1H), 4.32 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 3.75-3.71 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.30 (m, 4H), 2.00 (br s, 1H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 6H), 0.67-0.61 (m, 4H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 2H), -0.32--0.36 (m, 2H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz) δ 173.8, 173.4, 72.1, 62.0, 61.5, 34.3, 34.1, 31.9 (2C), 30.2 (2C), 30.1 (2C), 29.7 (2C), 29.4 (2C), 29.34 (2C), 29.30 (2C), 29.12 (2C),

29.09 (2C), 28.70 (2C), 28.65 (2C), 24.93, 24.87, 22.7 (2C), 15.74 (2C), 15.69 (2C), 14.1 (2C), 10.9 (2C); HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $C_{41}H_{76}NaO_5$ :  $[M+Na]^+$ , 671.5585; found:  $[M+Na]^+$ , 671.5594.

**Synthesis of diacylglycerol-phosphoramidite (2a).** A mixture of diacylglycerol **16a** (28.6 mg, 44.1  $\mu$ mol), 1*H*-tetrazole (6.2 mg, 88.5  $\mu$ mol), 2-cyanoethyl-*N,N,N',N'*-tetraisopropylphosphordiamidite (28  $\mu$ L, 27 mg, 88  $\mu$ mol) and  $CH_2Cl_2$ /MeCN (v/v = 2:3, 0.55 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated  $NaHCO_3$  aq. and the whole was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  three times. The combined extract was washed with brine, dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane/EtOAc = 10:1, 3%  $Et_3N$ ) to give the title compound **2a** (36.3 mg, 88%, ~1:1 diastereomeric mixture) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]^{25}_D = +3.14$  (*c* 0.44,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.23-5.16 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.29 (m, 1H), 4.21-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.89-3.74 (m, 3H), 3.73-3.66 (m, 1H), 3.65-3.54 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35-2.28 (m, 4H), 1.65-1.58 (br m, 4H), 1.40-1.11 (m, 60H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.67-0.61 (m, 4H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 2H), -0.31--0.36 (m, 2H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.4, 173.0, 117.5, 70.6, 62.4, 61.6, 58.4, 43.2, 43.1, 34.3, 34.1, 31.9 (2C), 30.20 (2C), 30.15 (2C), 29.7 (2C), 29.5 (2C), 29.4 (4C), 29.14 (2C), 29.12 (2C), 28.70 (2C), 28.66 (2C), 24.92, 24.89, 24.6 (2C), 24.5 (2C), 22.7 (2C), 20.4, 15.74 (2C), 15.69 (2C), 14.1 (2C), 10.9 (2C);  $^{31}P$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$  150.2, 150.0; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $C_{50}H_{93}N_2NaO_6P$ :  $[M+Na]^+$ , 871.6663; found:  $[M+Na]^+$ , 871.6670.

**Synthesis of diacylglycerol-phosphoramidite (2b).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **2a** from **16a** the diacylglycerol **16b** (47.1 mg) was converted into **2b** (50.1 mg, 81%, ~1:1 diastereomeric mixture) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]^{25}_D = +3.70$  (*c* 1.12,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.22-5.17 (m, 1H), 4.38-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.22-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.75 (m, 3H), 3.72-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.63-3.54 (m, 2H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.33-2.29 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.40-1.14 (m, 60H), 0.88 (t,

$J = 6.4$  Hz, 6H), 0.66-0.62 (m, 4H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 2H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.4, 173.0, 117.5, 70.6, 62.3, 61.6, 58.4, 43.2, 43.1, 34.3, 34.1, 31.90, 31.88, 30.2 (2C), 30.1 (2C), 29.7 (2C), 29.5 (2C), 29.3 (4C), 29.13 (2C), 29.11 (2C), 28.69 (2C), 28.65 (2C), 24.90, 24.87, 24.6 (2C), 24.5 (2C), 22.7 (2C), 20.4, 20.3, 15.72 (2C), 15.67 (2C), 14.1 (2C), 10.9 (2C);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$  150.2, 150.0; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{93}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_6\text{P}$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 871.6663; found:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 871.6671.

**Synthesis of PMB/cyanoethyl-protected cardiolipin (17a).** A mixture of diacylglycerol-phosphoramidite **2a** (120 mg, 145  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), PMB-protected glycerol (14.0 mg, 66.1  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), 1*H*-tetrazole (13.9 mg, 198  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeCN}$  (v/v = 2:1, 0.72 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  aq. (30 wt%, 37  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was then added to the mixture and the reaction mixture was stirred for 15 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  aq., and the whole was extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  three times. The combined extract was washed with saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  aq., saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  aq. and brine, dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  = 50:1) to give the title compound **17a** (101 mg, 88% based on PMB-protected glycerol, ~1:1 diastereomeric mixture) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +2.25$  ( $c$  0.80,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.29 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 6.89 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 2H), 5.27-5.21 (m, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.35-4.07 (m, 16H), 3.87-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.81-2.66 (m, 4H), 2.36-2.28 (m, 8H), 1.64-1.57 (m, 8H), 1.40-1.09 (m, 96H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 12H), 0.67-0.61 (m, 8H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 4H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.2 (2C), 172.8 (2C), 159.5, 129.7, 129.7, 129.1, 116.4 (2C), 113.9 (2C), 75.7, 72.0, 69.23, 69.15, 65.92 (2C), 65.86 (2C), 62.2 (2C), 61.5 (2C), 55.2, 34.1 (2C), 34.0 (2C), 31.9 (4C), 30.2 (4C), 30.1 (4C), 29.67 (2C), 29.65 (2C), 29.5 (4C), 29.4 (4C), 29.3 (4C), 29.12 (4C), 29.09 (4C), 28.68 (4C), 28.65 (4C), 24.8 (4C), 22.7 (4C), 19.5 (2C), 15.72 (4C), 15.66 (4C), 14.1 (4C), 10.9 (4C);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$   $-0.83$ ,  $-0.88$ ,

1        -0.96, -1.04; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $C_{99}H_{172}N_2NaO_{18}P_2$ :  $[M+Na]^+$ , 1762.1973; found:  $[M+Na]^+$ ,  
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7        **Synthesis of PMB/cyanoethyl-protected cardiolipin (17b).** By a procedure identical with that  
8        described for synthesis of **17a** from **2a**, the diacylglycerol-phosphoramidite **2b** (12.7 mg) was converted  
9        into **17b** (3.6 mg, 29% based on PMB-protected glycerol (1.5 mg, 21  $\mu$ mol), ~1:1 diastereomeric  
10       mixture) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +4.15$  ( $c$  0.14,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.29 (d,  $J$  =  
11       8.6 Hz, 2H), 6.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 5.26-5.21 (m, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.33-4.10 (m, 16H), 3.86-3.81 (m,  
12       1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 2.74-2.66 (m, 4H), 2.35-2.29 (m, 8H), 1.62-1.57 (m, 8H), 1.39-1.10 (m, 96H), 0.88 (t,  
13        $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 12H), 0.66-0.61 (m, 8H), 0.58-0.53 (m, 4H), -0.32--0.36 (m, 4H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100  
14       MHz)  $\delta$  173.2 (2C), 172.8 (2C), 159.6, 129.7, 129.0, 128.2, 116.4 (2C), 113.9 (2C), 72.0, 69.3, 69.2,  
15       66.0 (2C), 65.9 (2C), 62.2 (2C), 61.6 (2C), 55.3, 53.4, 34.1 (2C), 34.0 (2C), 31.9 (4C), 30.21 (4C),  
16       30.16 (4C), 29.69 (2C), 29.68 (2C), 29.5 (4C), 29.38 (4C), 29.36 (4C), 29.2 (4C), 29.1 (4C), 28.71 (4C),  
17       28.67 (4C), 24.8 (4C), 22.7 (4C), 19.6, 19.5, 15.74 (4C), 15.69 (4C), 14.1 (4C), 10.9 (4C);  $^{31}P$  NMR  
18       ( $CDCl_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$  -0.80, -0.86, -0.96, -1.02; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $C_{99}H_{172}N_2NaO_{18}P_2$ :  
19        $[M+Na]^+$ , 1762.1973; found:  $[M+Na]^+$ , 1762.1977.  
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41        **Synthesis of cyanoethyl-protected cardiolipin (18a).** To a solution of PMB/cyanoethyl-protected  
42        cardiolipin **17a** (23.5 mg, 13.5  $\mu$ mol) in MeCN/ $H_2O$  (v/v = 10/1, 1.35 mL) was added  $Ce(NH_4)_2(NO_3)_6$   
43        (74.0 mg, 135  $\mu$ mol) at 0  $^{\circ}C$  and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The  
44        mixture was diluted with water and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  three times. The extract was washed with  
45        saturated  $NaHCO_3$  aq. and saturated  $NaHSO_3$  aq., dried over anhydrous  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under  
46        reduced pressure to give a crude oil, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography  
47        ( $CHCl_3/MeOH$  = 100:1) to give the title compound **18a** (9.0 mg, 41%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +1.50$   
48        ( $c$  0.51,  $CHCl_3$ );  $^1H$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.29-5.25 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.10 (m, 17H), 2.79 (t,  $J$  = 5.8  
49        Hz, 2H), 2.35-2.29 (m, 8H), 1.62-1.57 (m, 8H), 1.39-1.10 (m, 96H), 0.88 (t,  $J$  = 6.8 Hz, 12H),  
50        0.66-0.61 (m, 8H), 0.58-0.53 (m, 4H), -0.32--0.36 (m, 4H);  $^{13}C$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.2 (2C),  
51        172.8 (2C), 159.6, 129.7, 129.0, 128.2, 116.4 (2C), 113.9 (2C), 72.0, 69.3, 69.2, 66.0 (2C), 65.9 (2C),  
52        62.2 (2C), 61.6 (2C), 55.3, 53.4, 34.1 (2C), 34.0 (2C), 31.9 (4C), 30.21 (4C), 30.16 (4C), 29.69 (2C),  
53        29.68 (2C), 29.5 (4C), 29.38 (4C), 29.36 (4C), 29.2 (4C), 29.1 (4C), 28.71 (4C), 28.67 (4C), 24.8 (4C),  
54        22.7 (4C), 19.6, 19.5, 15.74 (4C), 15.69 (4C), 14.1 (4C), 10.9 (4C);  $^{31}P$  NMR ( $CDCl_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$  -0.80,  
55        -0.86, -0.96, -1.02; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $C_{99}H_{172}N_2NaO_{18}P_2$ :  $[M+Na]^+$ , 1762.1973; found:  
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Hz, 4H), 2.37-2.31 (m, 8H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 8H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 96H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 12H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 8H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 4H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.3 (2C), 173.0 (2C), 116.5 (2C), 69.2 (2C), 68.48 (2C), 68.45 (2C), 66.1 (2C), 62.4 (2C), 61.5, 34.1 (2C), 34.0 (2C), 31.9 (4C), 30.2 (4C), 30.1 (4C), 29.7 (4C), 29.5 (4C), 29.3 (8C), 29.12 (4C), 29.08 (4C), 28.68 (4C), 28.65 (4C), 24.8 (4C), 22.7 (4C), 19.7, 19.6, 15.72 (4C), 15.67 (4C), 14.1 (4C), 10.9 (4C);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$   $-0.26$ ,  $-0.51$ ; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{91}\text{H}_{164}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_{17}\text{P}_2$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 1642.1397; found:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 1642.1403.

**Synthesis of cyanoethyl-protected cardiolipin (18b).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **18a** from **17a**, the cardiolipin derivative **17b** (7.2 mg) was converted into **18b** (2.9 mg, 43%) as a colorless oil.  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +2.83$  ( $c$  0.15,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.29-5.25 (m, 2H), 4.36-4.10 (m, 17H), 2.79 (t,  $J = 5.8$  Hz, 4H), 2.37-2.31 (m, 8H), 2.01 (br s, 1H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 8H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 96H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.7$  Hz, 12H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 8H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 4H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.3 (2C), 172.9 (2C), 116.5 (2C), 69.2 (2C), 68.5 (2C), 68.1 (2C), 66.1 (2C), 62.5 (2C), 61.5, 34.1 (2C), 34.0 (2C), 31.9 (4C), 30.21 (4C), 30.16 (4C), 29.7 (4C), 29.5 (4C), 29.4 (8C), 29.14 (4C), 29.11 (4C), 28.71 (4C), 28.66 (4C), 24.8 (4C), 22.7 (4C), 19.7, 19.6, 15.74 (4C), 15.69 (4C), 14.1 (4C), 10.9 (4C);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$   $-0.27$ ,  $-0.51$ ; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{91}\text{H}_{164}\text{N}_2\text{NaO}_{17}\text{P}_2$ :  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 1642.1397; found:  $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$ , 1642.1395.

**Synthesis of cardiolipin containing chiral cyclopropane moiety (1a).** To a solution of cyanoethyl-protected cardiolipin **18a** (5.4 mg, 3.3  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{MeOH}$  ( $v/v = 1/1$ , 830  $\mu\text{L}$ ) was added 28%  $\text{NH}_3(\text{aq.})$  (830  $\mu\text{L}$ ). After stirring at room temperature for 1 h, the reaction mixture was lyophilized with dioxane to give the crude compound **1a** (5.6 mg) as a colorless oil, the part of which (0.8 mg) was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}/28\% \text{NH}_3(\text{aq.}) = 7:2:0.3$ ) to obtain the title compound **1a** (0.2 mg, 28%).  $[\alpha]_D^{25} = +2.72$  ( $c$  0.22,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ );  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.28-5.23

(m, 2H), 4.45-3.35 (m, 21H), 2.39-2.25 (m, 8H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 8H), 1.43-1.09 (m, 96H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 5.7$  Hz, 12H), 0.66-0.62 (m, 8H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 4H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  173.8 (2C), 173.4 (2C), 72.1 (2C), 68.4 (2C), 65.0 (2C), 62.0 (2C), 61.5, 34.3 (2C), 34.1 (2C), 31.9 (4C), 30.2 (4C), 30.1 (4C), 29.7 (4C), 29.5 (2C), 29.43 (2C), 29.36 (2C), 29.32 (4C), 29.29 (2C), 29.12 (4C), 29.09 (4C), 28.71 (4C), 28.65 (4C), 24.9 (4C), 22.7 (4C), 15.74 (4C), 15.69 (4C), 14.1 (4C), 10.9 (4C);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$  1.82; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{85}\text{H}_{156}\text{O}_{17}\text{P}_2$ :  $[\text{M}-2\text{NH}_4]^{2-}$ , 755.5414; found:  $[\text{M}-2\text{NH}_4]^{2-}$ , 755.5417.

**Synthesis of cardiolipin containing chiral cyclopropane moiety (1b).** By a procedure identical with that described for synthesis of **1a** from **18a**, the cardiolipin derivative **18b** (2.7 mg) was converted into **1b** (2.5 mg) as a colorless oil, the part of which (1.1 mg) was purified by silica gel column chromatography ( $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}/28\% \text{NH}_3(\text{aq.}) = 7:2:0.3$ ) to give the title compound **1b** (0.3 mg, ca. 27%).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$  5.28-5.17 (m, 2H), 4.40-3.59 (m, 21H), 2.35 (t,  $J = 7.6$  Hz, 8H), 2.01 (br s, 1H), 1.65-1.59 (m, 8H), 1.40-1.10 (m, 96H), 0.88 (t,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 12H), 0.67-0.62 (m, 8H), 0.59-0.53 (m, 4H),  $-0.31$ – $-0.36$  (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 100 MHz)  $\delta$  174.0 (2C), 173.9 (2C), 72.1 (2C), 68.4 (2C), 65.0 (2C), 62.0 (2C), 61.5, 34.3 (2C), 34.1 (2C), 31.9 (4C), 30.2 (4C), 30.1 (4C), 29.7 (4C), 29.5 (2C), 29.43 (2C), 29.35 (2C), 29.33 (4C), 29.29 (2C), 29.12 (4C), 29.09 (4C), 28.71 (4C), 28.65 (4C), 24.9 (4C), 22.7 (4C), 15.8 (4C), 15.7 (4C), 14.1 (4C), 10.9 (4C);  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 161 MHz)  $\delta$  2.75; HRMS (ESI-QTOF) calcd  $\text{C}_{85}\text{H}_{156}\text{O}_{17}\text{P}_2$ :  $[\text{M}-2\text{NH}_4]^{2-}$ , 755.5414; found:  $[\text{M}-2\text{NH}_4]^{2-}$ , 755.5419.

## Supporting Information

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$^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectral data

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