

First Total Synthesis of Antitumor Natural Product (+)- and (-)-Pericosine A: Determination of Absolute Stereo Structure[†]

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The first total synthesis of (+)- and (-)-pericosine A has been achieved, enabling the revision and determination of the absolute configuration of this antitumor natural product as methyl (3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-6-chloro-3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate. Every step of this total synthesis proceeded well with excellent stereoselectivity. Structures of the intermediates in crucial steps were confirmed by detailed 2D NMR analysis.

Introduction

The synthesis of carbasugars has been actively pursued worldwide because of their antiviral, antifungal, and antitumor activities.¹ One recent topic of interest was the total synthesis of the oral anti-influenza drug Tamiflu by two independent groups of Corey and Shibasaki.^{2,3} Both groups saw a need to develop a drug to counter the recent emergence of avian flu. Such studies are extremely important in current synthetic organic chemistry and natural product chemistry.^{4,5}

The isolation of antitumor natural products pericosines A and B as metabolites of *Periconia byssoides* OUPS-N133 originally

separated from the sea hare, *Aplysia kurodai*, was reported in 1997, and their structures (1 and 2) are shown in Figure 1.⁶ Aside from the significant in vitro cytotoxicity against P388 lymphocytic leukemia cells, pericosine A was reported to have significant in vivo antitumor activity against murine P388 cells. Because of the multifunctionalized cyclohexene structure, these compounds are expected to exhibit various biological activities in addition to antitumor activity. In the course of our synthetic studies of bioactive natural products and their analogues, focusing on small molecules, 7-10 we have been interested in pericosines because of their carbasugar structure. 9,10

In 1998, Donohoe and co-workers achieved the total synthesis of **2** to elucidate its absolute configuration.¹¹ However, the absolute configuration of pericosine A had not been elucidated

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FIGURE 1. Structures of pericosines and related compounds.

The coupling constants were represented in Hz.

FIGURE 2. Coupling constants in the epimer of perocosine B (5) and natural pericosine A.

despite its significant antitumor activity. Our successful asymmetric total synthesis of **1** led us to conclude that the structure of **1** was incorrect.¹² In that synthetic study, we prepared another diastereoisomer (**3**) that was different from pericosine A. Then, elucidation of the true structure of pericosine A became our next task. In a comprehensive review of data related to pericosines,^{6,9,10,12} we noted a close similarity between the ¹H NMR coupling constants of natural pericosine A⁶ and those of the epimer of pericosine B (**5**), which we had reported previously¹⁰ (Figure 2). This led us to deduce that diastereoisomer (**4**) should be natural pericosine A. Described herein is the first total synthesis of (+)- and (-)-pericosine A and the structure revision and determination of the absolute configuration of the antitumor natural product pericosine A in full detail. Part of this work had been reported in a preliminary form.¹³

Results and Discussion

The basic synthetic strategy was almost the same as our previous work on the synthesis of the epimer of pericosine B (5), as illustrated in Scheme 1, because our target molecule (4) has the same relative configuration. The key reaction attempted at an early stage was the S_Ni -type conversion of the hydroxyl group at C-6 in intermediate (6) into Cl atom with retention of configuration. Enol (6) could be synthesized from diol (7 or 8), which was derived from methyl shikimate derivatives (9 or 10), respectively. Both 9 and 10 could be prepared from commercially available (-)-shikimic acid¹⁴ or (-)-quinic acid.¹⁵ Synthetic route A was a path via 7 and 9, and route B was a path via 8 and 10 in Scheme 1.

As shown in Scheme 2, (—)-quinic acid was converted into diol (7) via 9, as in our previous report. When 7 was treated with excess acetic anhydride, bis-O-acetylated product (11) was produced in 51% yield together with desired mono-O-acetylated product (12) in 31% yield. The addition of 2.0 equiv of acetic anhydride to 7 afforded only 12 in 85% yield. Acetate 12 was

then treated with TBAF to remove the TBS group to give a mixture of undesired **13** in 29% yield and desired **14** in 28% yield with recovery of starting material **12** in 14% yield.

The formation of 13 may proceed via a six-membered boat intermediate, as illustrated in Scheme 3. Or it could be 1,2 then 1,3 migration, all from chair conformation, but 1-O-acetylated intermediate in the 1,2 migration process could not be detected. Diol 14 was oxidized with Dess—Martin periodinane to give β -hydroxyketone (15) in 64% yield.

Because the synthesis of **15** described above was not efficient from (-)-quinic acid, alternative route B via **8** and **10** in Scheme 1 was examined.

The synthesis is summarized in Scheme 4. Known methyl shikimate derivative (16) prepared from (-)-shikimic acid¹⁶ was oxidized with Dess-Martin periodinane followed by NaBH₄ reduction to afford known alcohol (17)¹⁷ in an 81% two-step yield. Alcohol 17 was then protected with TBSCl to give silyl ether (10) in 69% yield. Dihydroxylation of 10 was carried out with a catalytic amount of OsO₄ and 1.0 equiv of trimethylamine N-oxide to give diol (8) as a single product in almost quantitative yield. The stereochemistry that assumes a chair conformation was confirmed by analyzing the NOESY spectra of 8, in which cross-peaks H-2/H-6 β and H-3/H-5 were observed. This stereoselectivity was suggested on the basis of Kishi et al.'s rule.¹⁸ Adding 1.0 equiv of acetic anhydride with pyridine to 8 led to the formation of acetate (18) in 91% yield. Then, the product was treated with TBAF to give diol (19) in 77% yield. Subsequent Dess-Martin oxidation of 19 gave 15 quantitatively. β-Hydroxyketone 15 was dehydrated with TFAA and pyridine to give α,β -unsaturated ketone (20) in 76% yield.

Subsequent reduction of **20** with excess NaBH₄ in MeOH at -10 °C gave desired product (**21**) in 10% yield with recovery of **10** in 80% yield. The excess hydride species was thought to attack C-2 with leaving of the acetyl group at C-6 and migration of the double bond. When DIBAL was applied as a reducing agent, the desired reaction did not proceed. The best reducing condition was the addition of stoichiometric NaBH₄ at -78 °C in dry THF. This condition improved the chemical yield of **21** to 95%.

Then, the stereochemistry of the new stereogenic center at C-3 in 21 was determined as follows. Treatment of 21 with TFA in MeOH at room temperature gave triol (24), which was the same as the compound we had previously synthesized as a racemate. Similarly to our previous report, 24 was treated with dimethoxypropane and catalytic TsOH to afford a mixture of acetonides (25 as the major component and 26 as the minor one), as shown in Scheme 5, and its NOESY spectrum had the following cross-peaks: H-3/H-5, H-3, H-4/one of the acetonide

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SCHEME 1. Synthetic Strategy of 4

SCHEME 2. Synthetis of 15 from (-)-Quinic Acid via Route A

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{HO} \\ \text{COOH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH$$

SCHEME 3. Interconversion between 13 and 14 via Intermediates with Boat Conformation

methyl groups in 25, and H-4',H-5'/one of the acetonide methyl groups in 26.

Subsequent protection of **21** was carried out with careful addition of TBSCl and a stoichiometric amount of imidazole to give desired product **22** in 53% yield. The direct conversion of **18** into **22** was not successful with SOCl₂, SO₂Cl₂, POCl₃, Martin's sulfurane dehydrating agent, ¹⁹ or Burgess reagent. ²⁰ Then, the acetyl group of **22** was removed with K₂CO₃ to give enol (**6**) in 74% yield. At this point, the structure of **6** was confirmed again with detailed 2D NMR experiments. The NOESY cross-peak H-3/H-5 in **6** supported the configuration at C-3 generated by the NaBH₄ reduction of **20** to **21** as described above.

The key reaction in this total synthesis of Cl atom introduction was achieved by the addition of excess SOCl₂ to **6** in dry CH₂-Cl₂ to afford chlorinated product (**23**) in 42% yield. This yield is high compared with the previously reported yield of 10%

obtained by the stoichiomeric addition of SOCl₂.¹³ Other reagents such as AcCl, TsCl, MsCl, or POCl₃ did not give 23. The structure of key intermediate 23 was confirmed by detailed 1D and 2D NMR studies. The assignment of signals of all protons on the cyclohexene ring was based on the ¹H NMR, COSY, and NOESY spectra of 23. In the NOESY spectra, crosspeaks H-5/t-Bu, H-6/t-Bu, H-5/SiMe, H-6/SiMe, and H-3,H-4/ one of cyclohexyl methylenes were observed. The HMBC crosspeak H-3,H-4/singlet carbon observed at 110.8 ppm of 23 confirmed that the Cl atom was not introduced via an S_{Ni} mechanism as we had aimed early on, but via an S_N' mechanism with syn selectivity.^{21,22} Another plausible mechanism is the [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement of chlorosulfonate derived from **6**. However, the S_N' mechanism seemed most likely from the formation of 10 on reduction of 20 with excess NaBH4, as described above. Unfortunately, the stereochemistry at C-6 in 23 could not be determined by NMR analysis at this step but was elucidated later as β -configuration.

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SCHEME 4. Total Synthesis of (-)-4' from (-)-Shikimic Acid via Route B

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SCHEME 5. Confirmation of the Stereochemistry at C-3 in 21

SCHEME 6. Total Synthesis of (+)-4 from Quinic Acid

6': $R_1 = H$, $R_2 = TBS$

To complete the total synthesis, 23 was deprotected with TFA to give final product (4') in 66% yield, which was not the all-cis diastereoisomer (3) we synthesized previously 12 but pericosine A. This result proved the stereochemistry at C-6 in 23. Except for the sign of the specific rotation, all the spectral data and the HPLC retention time agreed with those of natural

pericosine A. Hence, the total synthesis of the antipode of natural pericosine A was completed, and the absolute configuration of natural pericosine A was assigned as methyl (3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-6-chloro-3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate.

Next, the total synthesis of natural pericosine A (4) was examined. Since antipode 17′ could be prepared from (-)-quinic

 $\operatorname{acid}_{1}^{17}$ **4** should be synthesized with a similar strategy, as illustrated in Scheme 1.

The synthesis of **4** is shown in Scheme 6. Commercially available (-)-quinic acid was converted into alcohol (**17**') according to the literature with some modifications. Lactone (**27**) derived from (-)-quinic acid was treated with NaOMe followed by neutralization with DOWEX 50W-X8 to give crude diol (**28**), which was oxidized to β -hydroxyketone (**29**), and **29** was dehydrated with TFAA to enone (**30**) without purification. Then **30** was reduced with NaBH₄ to afford enol (**31**) in 54% overall yield from **27**. Enol (**31**) was converted into **17**' as described in the literature. ¹⁷ Then, the following transformations of **17**' into **4** were accomplished as above. Since all the spectral data of synthesized (+)-**4** including the specific rotation and the HPLC retention time agreed with the data of natural pericosine A, the first synthesis of natural pericosine A was completed.

Conclusion

We have accomplished the first total synthesis of (+)- and (-)-pericosine A (4, 4'). Every important step in this synthesis proceeded with excellent stereoselectivity. From this total synthesis, the structure of antitumor natural product pericosine A was revised with elucidation of the absolute configuration as methyl (3S,4S,5S,6S)-6-chloro-3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate.

Experimental Section

Methyl (1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-1,2-Bis-*O*-acetyl-5-*O*-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 11. Methyl (1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-2-*O*-Acetyl-5-*O*-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 12. A. A mixture of 7 (214.6 mg), acetic anhydride (1 mL, excess), and pyridine (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 26 h. Then, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH–CH₂Cl₂) to afford 11 (85.4 mg, 51%) and 12 (121.2 mg, 33%).

B. A mixture of **7** (160.0 mg), acetic anhydride (72.7 μ L, 2 equiv), and pyridine (1 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. A treatment similar to that described above led to the isolation of **12** (149.8 mg, 85%).

11: Oil; $[\alpha]^{2\bar{2}_D} + 74.7$ (c 4.7, CH₃Cl); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 1753 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.09 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.10 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.89 (9H, s, tBu), 1.25–1.72 (10H, m), 2.07 (3H, s, CH₃-CO), 2.10 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.54 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 4.8 Hz, H-6_A), 2.62 (1H, ddd, J = 15.6, 4.6, 1.1 Hz, H-6_B), 3.67 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.16 (1H, ddd, J = 5.5, 3.0, 1.1 Hz, H-4), 4.30 (1H, ddd, J = 4.8, 4.6, 3.0 Hz, H-5), 4.46 (1H, dd, J = 8.7, 5.5 Hz, H-3), 5.06 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, H-2); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ –5.2 (q), -5.0 (q), 18.4 (s), 20.8 (q), 21.4 (q), 23.7 (t), 23.9 (t), 24.9 (t), 25.8 (q), 33.3 (t), 35.1 (t), 37.5 (t), 52.8 (q), 67.7 (d), 73.1 (d), 73.8 (t), 79.1 (d), 79.7 (s), 109.9 (s), 168.9 (s), 169.8 (s), 170.3 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{24}H_{40}O_9Si$ (M)⁺, 500.2439; found, 500.2429.

12: Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_{D} + 49.9$ (c 2.3, $CH_{3}Cl$); IR (liquid film) ν_{max} 3452 (OH), 1746 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.14 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.15 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.91 (9H, s, tBu), 1.20–1.80 (10H, m), 1.99 (1H, ddd, J = 14.8, 5.0, 1.1 Hz, H-6_A), 2.11 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.41 (1H, dd, J = 14.8, 3.9 Hz, H-6_B), 3.73 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.19 (1H, m), 4.39 (2H, m), 5.23 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, H-2); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ -5.0 (q), -4.9 (q), 18.0 (s), 21.0 (q), 23.8 (t), 24.0 (t), 25.0 (t), 25.7 (q), 35.4 (t), 36.0 (t), 37.6 (t), 52.9 (q), 68.8 (d), 74.6 (d),

75.0 (d), 76.4 (s), 78.3 (d), 110.6 (s), 169.9 (s), 172.3 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{38}O_8Si$ (M)⁺, 458.2334; found, 458.2336.

Methyl (1S,2R,3S,4R,5R)-5-O-Acetyl-3,4-O-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 13. Methyl (1S,-2R,3S,4R,5R)-2-O-Acetyl-3,4-O-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 14. To a THF solution (15 mL) of 12 (103.0 mg) was added 1.0 M TBAF in THF (0.2 mL, 1.0 equiv) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. Then, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 2% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 13 (22.1 mg, 29%) and 14 (21.5 mg, 28%) with recovery of starting material 12 (14.7 mg, 14%). 13: Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +8.6 (c 0.12, CH₃Cl); IR (liquid film) ν_{max} 3446 (OH), 1734 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.20–1.76 (10 H, m), 1.86 (1H, dd, J = 14.8, 7.0 Hz, H-6_A), 2.09 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.49 (1H, dd, J = 14.8, 6.0 Hz, H-6_B), 3.84 (3H, s, COOMe), 3.97 (1H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, H-2), 4.27 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 6.7 Hz, H-3), 4.34 (1H, t, J = 6.7 Hz, H-4), 5.18 (1H, ddd, J =7.0, 6.7, 6.0 Hz, H-5); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.2 (q), 23.6 (t), 24.0 (t), 25.0 (t), 34.8 (t), 35.3 (t), 37.6 (t), 53.4 (q), 69.4 (d), 73.7 (d), 76.0 (d), 76.2 (s), 77.2 (d), 110.5 (s), 170.2 (s), 174.5 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{24}O_8$ (M)⁺, 344.1470; found, 344.1473. **14:** Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_{D}$ +80.9 (c 3.8, CH₃Cl); IR (liquid film) ν_{max} 3480 (OH), 1747 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.20–1.80 (10H, m), 2.08 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.11 (1H, m, H- 6_A), 2.43 (1H, dd, J = 14.8, 4.3 Hz, H-6_B), 3.77 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.28 (1H, m, H-5), 4.36 (1H, dd J =7.8, 5.3 Hz, H-3), 4.38 (1H, m, H-4), 5.19 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, H-2); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.3 (q), 23.7 (t), 24.1 (t), 25.1 (t), 34.8 (t), 35.3 (t), 37.1 (t), 53.5 (q), 69.4 (d), 73.7 (d), 76.0 (d), 76.2 (s), 77.2 (d), 110.4 (s), 170.1 (s), 174.3 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{24}O_8$ (M)⁺, 344.1470; found, 344.1461.

Methyl (1S,2R,3S,4R)-2-O-Acetyl-3,4-O-cyclohexylidene-5oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroxylcyclohexanecarboxylate 15. To a suspension of Dess-Martin periodinane (93.3 mg, 2.0 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added 14 (38.3 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) at room temperature, and stirring was commenced for 1.5 h. After being diluted with MTBE, the reaction mixture was treated with aq Na₂S₂O₃ and aq NaHCO₃. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford **15** (24.4 mg, 64%). **15:** Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +38.8 (*c* 1.8, CH₃Cl); IR (liquid film) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3464 (OH), 1742 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.30-1.80 (10H, m), 2.12 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.66 (1H, dd, J = 16.9, 1.4 Hz, H-6_A), 3.16 (1H, d, J = 16.9 Hz, H-6_B), 3.79 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.56 (1H, dd, J = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, H-4), 4.58 (1H, dd, J =6.8, 6.2 Hz, H-3), 5.45 (1H, d, J = 6.2 Hz, H-2); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.7 (q), 23.6 (t), 23.8 (t), 24.8 (t), 35.2 (t), 37.0 (t), 45.1 (t), 53.7 (q), 74.9 (d), 76.1 (s), 77.4 (d), 77.4 (t), 112.5 (s), 169.4 (s), 171.8 (s), 201.7 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{22}O_8$ (M)⁺, 342.1313; found, 342.1314.

Methyl (3R,4R,5S)-3,4-O-Cyclohexylidene-3,4,5-trihydroxy-**1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 17.** To a suspension of Dess-Martin periodinane (7.34 g, 1.1 equiv) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) was added 16 (4.25 g, 15.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at room temperature, and stirring was commenced for 2 h. After being diluted with MTBE, the reaction mixture was treated with aq Na₂S₂O₃ and aq NaHCO₃. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude ketone (4.15 g). To a suspension of NaBH₄ (0.60 g, 4.0 equiv based on 16) in MeOH (10 mL) was added a solution of crude ketone in MeOH (10 mL) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 1.5 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with aq NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated to give crude residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 3% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to give pure 17 (3.40 g, 81% in two steps).

Methyl (3R,4R,5S)-5-O-tert-Butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-O-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 10. To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (5 mL) of 17 (775.5 mg) were added TBSCl (547.9 mg, 1.2 equiv), imidazole (393.5 mg, 2.0 equiv), and a catalytic amount of DMAP at room temperature. After being stirred overnight, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NaHCO3 and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 10 (802.7 mg, 69%). **10:** Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -11.5 (c 2.1, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 1723 (C=O), 1652, 1436 (C=C) cm⁻¹; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.115 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.118 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.87 (9H, s, tBu), 1.20-1.70 (10H, m), 2.50 (2H, m, H-6_A, 6_B), 3.77 (3H, s, COOMe), 3.92 (1H, ddd, J = 9.8, 5.8, 2.1 Hz, H-3), 4.31 (1H, br d, <math>J = 5.8 Hz, H-4),4.67 (1H, m, H-5), 6.66 (1H, m, H-2); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ -4.6 (q), -4.4 (q), 18.3 (s), 23.8 (t), 24.0 (t), 25.0 (t), 25.9 (q), 27.8 (t), 36.0 (t), 37.4 (t), 52.0 (q), 68.8 (d), 73.4 (d), 76.0 (d), 110.6 (s), 129.2 (s), 135.4 (d), 167.0 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{34}O_5Si$ (M)⁺, 382.2173; found, 382.2176.

Methyl (1S,2R,3S,4R,5S)-5-*O-tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-*O*cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 8. Olefin (10) (1.30 g, 3.4 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of solvent (t-BuOH/py/H₂O = 20:5:1). OsO₄ (100 mg, cat. amount) and trimethylamine oxide (380 mg, 1.0 equiv) were added to the solution at room temperature, and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 h. After cooling, EtOAc (50 mL) and a small amount of saturated aq Na₂S₂O₃ were added to the reaction mixture, and this was extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 2% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 8 (1.40 g, 98%). 8: Colorless crystals (CH₂Cl₂); mp 158–161 °C; $[\alpha]^{22}D$ -16.3 (c 3.0, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3474 (OH), 1729 (C=O) cm $^{-1}$; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.09 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.11 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.91 (9H, s, tBu), 1.36–1.81 (10H, m), 1.83 (1H, dd, J = 13.5, 4.6 Hz, $H-6_A$), $2.27 \text{ (1H, dd, } J = 13.5, 10.8 \text{ Hz, } H-6_B$), $3.82 \text{ (3H, } J=13.5, 10.8 \text{ Hz, } H-6_B$), $3.82 \text{ (3H, } J=13.5, 10.8 \text{ Hz, } H-6_B)$ s, COOMe), 3.98 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz, H-2), 4.01 (1H, dd, J = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, H-3), 4.26 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 4.3 Hz, H-4), 4.34 (1H, ddd, J = 4.8, 4.3 Hz $J = 10.5 \, 4.6, \, 4.3 \, \text{Hz}, \, \text{H-5}$; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) $\delta - 4.7 \, (\text{q}), \, -4.6$ (q), 18.2 (s), 23.6 (t), 24.0 (t), 25.7 (t), 25.8 (q), 35.2 (t), 37.0 (t), 38.0 (t), 53.3 (q), 65.9 (d), 74.3 (d), 76.3 (d), 76.9 (s), 79.1 (d), 110.4 (s), 174.6 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{36}O_7Si$ (M)⁺, 416.2228; found, 416.2227.

Methyl (1S,2R,3S,4R,5S)-2-O-Acetyl-5-O-tert-butyldimethyl silyl-3,4-O-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 18. To a solution of 8 (203.8 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) were added acetic anhydride (50 μ L, 1.1 equiv), pyridine (1.0 mL), and a catalytic amount of DMAP at room temperature. After being stirred overnight, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to give **18** (203.6 mg, 91%). **18:** Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -10.4 (*c* 0.76, MeOH); IR (liquid film) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3484 (OH), 1750 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.10 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.12 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.91 (9H, s, tBu), 1.30-1.80 (10H, m), 1.86 (1H, ddd, J = 13.3, 4.8, 1.0 Hz, H-6_A), 2.06 s, COOMe), 4.18 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, H-3), 4.30 (1H, ddd, J $= 4.8, 3.9, 1.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H-4}, 4.36 (1H, ddd, } J = 11.4 4.8, 3.9 \text{ Hz},$ H-5), 5.24 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, H-2); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ -4.7 (q), -4.6(q), 18.2(s), 20.8(q), 23.6(t), 23.9(t), 25.0(t), 25.8(q), 35.4 (t), 36.0 (t), 37.6 (t), 53.3 (q), 65.2 (d), 75.1 (d), 75.7 (s), 76.4 (d), 76.4 (d), 110.6 (s), 169.7 (s), 173.7 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{38}O_8Si~(M)^+$, 458.2333; found, 458.2339.

Methyl (1*S*,2*R*,3*S*,4*S*,5*S*)-2-*O*-Acetyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 19. To a THF solution (2 mL) of 18 (143.0 mg, 0.31 mmol) was added 1.0 M

TBAF in THF (0.31 mL, 1.0 equiv) at room temperature, and the mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was treated with aq NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 2% MeOH-CH2Cl2) to afford **19** (82.4 mg, 77%). **19:** Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ –12.3 (*c* 2.4, MeOH); IR (liquid film) v_{max} 3478 (OH), 1747 (C=O) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.30-1.85 (10H, m), 2.06 (1H, ddd, J = 13.5, 5.2, 0.9 Hz, H-6_A), 2.07 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 2.28 (1H, dd, J = 13.5, 11.2 Hz, H-6_B), 3.75 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.26 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, H-3), 4.30 (1H, br ddd, J = 11.2, 5.2, 4.1 Hz, H-5), 4.45 (1H, br dd, J = 4.8, 4.1 Hz, H-4), 5.24 (1H, d, J = 7.6 Hz, H-2); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.8 (q), 23.7 (t), 23.9 (t), 24.9 (t), 35.4 (q), 36.0 (t), 37.5 (t), 53.4 (q), 65.0 (d), 75.1 (d), 75.7 (d), 76.4 (d), 110.8 (s), 169.7 (s), 173.4 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{24}O_8$ (M)⁺, 344.1469; found, 344.1475.

Synthesis of Hydroxyketone 15 from Diol 19. To a suspension of Dess—Martin periodinane (262.2 mg, 2.0 equiv) in 5 mL of CH₂-Cl₂ was added 19 (105.4 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) at room temperature, and stirring was commenced for 1 h. After being diluted with MTBE, the reaction mixture was treated with aq Na₂S₂O₃ and aq NaHCO₃. The organic layer was washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH—CH₂Cl₂) to afford 15 (104.6 mg, 100%).

Methyl (4R,5R,6S)-6-O-Acetyl-4,5-O-cyclohexylidene-4,5,6trihydroxy-3-oxo-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 20. To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (10 mL) of 15 (3.06 g) were added TFAA (2.5 mL, 2.0 equiv) and pyridine (4 mL) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 1 h at room temperature, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 20 (2.21 g, 76%). **20:** Pale yellow oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +40.2 (c 0.99, CH₃Cl); IR (liquid film) ν_{max} 1750 (C=O), 1734 (C=O), 1698 (C=O), 1654 (C=C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.35–1.80 (10H, m), 2.09 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 3.88 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.43 (1H, d, J = 5.3 Hz, H-4), 4.55 (1H, dd, J = 5.3, 2.1 Hz, H-5), 6.15 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-6), 6.96 (1H, s, H-2); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 20.7 (q), 23.6 (t), 23.7 (t), 24. 8 (t), 35.0 (t), 37.0 (t), 53.1 (q), 64.1 (d), 73.5 (d), 75.0 (d), 111.5 (s), 134.4 (d), 141.0 (s), 164.9 (s), 169.3 (s), 196.0 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{20}O_7$ (M)⁺, 324.1207; found, 324.1206.

Methyl (3S,4S,5R,6S)-6-O-Acetyl-4,5-O-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5,6tetrahydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 21. To a suspension of NaBH₄ (15.1 mg, 1.05 equiv) in dry THF (10 mL) was added dropwise 20 (470.2 mg) in THF (3 mL) at -78 °C. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 21 (424.0 mg, 95%) together with **10** (12.6 mg, 3%). **21:** Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +53.4 (c 3.5, MeOH); IR (liquid film) ν_{max} 3477 (OH), 1739 (C=O), 1733 (C=O), 1653 (C=C) cm⁻¹; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.20–1.80 (10H, m), 2.01 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 3.03 (1H, d, J = 10.6 Hz, 3-OH), 3.80 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.48 (1H, ddd, J = 10.6, 4.8, 2.0 Hz, H-3), 4.56 (1H, dd, J = 7.0, 2.2 Hz, H-5), 4.67 (1H, ddd, J = 7.0, 4.8, 1.5)Hz, H-4), 5.84 (1H, ddd, J = 2.2, 1.5 1.1 Hz, H-6), 7.14 (1H, dd J = 2.0, 1.1 Hz, H-2; ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 21.1 (q), 23.8 (t), 24.1 (t), 25.3 (t), 34.1 (t), 35.8 (t), 52.3 (q), 65.4 (d), 66.8 (d), 74.2 (d), 74.8 (d), 109.9 (s), 127.8 (s), 148.2 (d), 164.2 (s), 168.8 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{16}H_{22}O_7$ (M)⁺, 326.1364; found, 326.1366.

Confirmation of the Stereochemistry at C-3 in 21. Enol 21 (6.0 mg) was dissolved in MeOH (1 mL) with TFA (0.1 mL, excess). After being stirred for 30 min at room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a residue that was purified by preparative TLC (eluent: 5% MeOH—CH₂Cl₂) to

afford 24 (4.0 mg, 89%). Obtained 24 was treated with 2,2-dimethoxypropane (0.1 mL, excess) and catalytic $TsOH \cdot H_2O$ in acetone (0.2 mL) at room temperature for 30 min. The volatile part was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was then purified by preparative TLC (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂-Cl₂) to afford a mixture of 25 and 26 in almost 2:1 ratio (overall 3.5 mg, 80%). Spectral data of 24, 25, and 26 were identical to those in ref 9.

24: $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +53.2 (*c* 0.37, MeOH).

Methyl (3S,4R,5R,6S)-6-O-Acetyl-3-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-4,5-O-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5,6-tetrahydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 22. To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (10 mL) of 21 (424.0 mg, 1.3 mmol) were added TBSCl (234.1 mg, 1.2 equiv) and imidazole (88.5 mg, 1.0 equiv) at room temperature. After being stirred overnight, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 0.5% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 22 (303.4 mg, 53%) with recovery of **21** (107.1 mg, 25%). **22:** Oil; $[\alpha]^{22}$ _D +47.5 (c 1.1, MeOH); IR (liquid film) ν_{max} 1747 (C=O), 1652 (C=C) cm $^{-1}$; 1 H NMR (CDCl $_{3}$) δ 0.16 (6H, s, SiMe), 0.95 (9H, s, tBu), 1.30-1.80 (10H, m), 2.00 (3H, s, CH₃CO), 3.78 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.45 (1H, dd, J = 6.8, 1.6 Hz, H-5), 4.57 (1H, ddd, J =6.8, 3.8, 1.6 Hz, H-4), 4.67 (1H, dd, J = 3.8, 2.0 Hz, H-3), 5.74 (1H, br t, J = 1.6 Hz, H-6), 7.12 (1H, dt, J = 2.0, 1.6 Hz, H-2);¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ -3.9 (q × 2), 18.8 (s), 21.4 (q), 24.0 (t), 24.2 (t), 25.6 (t), 26.2 (q), 34.1 (t), 36.0 (t), 52.3 (q), 66.5 (d), 68.4 (d), 75.6 (d), 76.7 (d), 109.9 (s), 127.4 (s), 149.6 (d), 164.4 (s), 168.9 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{22}H_{36}O_7Si$ (M)⁺, 440.2227; found, 440.2233.

Methyl (3S,4R,5R,6S)-3-O-tert-Butyldimethylsilyl-4,5-O-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5,6-tetrahydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 6. To a MeOH solution (5 mL) of 22 (120.0 mg) was added K₂CO₃ (37.7 mg, 1.0 equiv) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 30 min at room temperature, the reaction mixture was treated with aq NH₄-Cl and extracted with CH2Cl2. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 6 (80.0 mg, 74%). **6:** Colorless crystals (CH₂Cl₂); mp 84-86 °C; $[\alpha]^{22}_{D}$ +14.8 (c 1.5, MeOH); IR (KBr) ν_{max} 3436 (OH), 1739 (C= O), 1656 (C=C), 1538 (C=C) cm⁻¹; 1 H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.14 (6H, s, SiMe), 0.94 (9H, s, tBu), 1.30-1.80 (10H, m), 3.78 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.47 (1H, dd, J = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, H-5), 4.55 (1H, ddd, J =6.8, 3.8, 1.7 Hz, H-4), 4.71 (1H, m, H-6), 4.76 (1H, dd, J = 3.8, 2.2 Hz, H-3), 7.04 (1H, m, H-2); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ -4.0 (q), -3.9 (q), 18.7 (s), 24.0 (t), 24.3 (t), 25.4 (t), 26.2 (q), 34.1 (t), 36.1 (t), 52.2 (q), 65.3 (d), 68.1 (d), 76.9 (d), 77.4 (d), 109.4 (s), 130.3 (s), 147. 7 (d), 165.4 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{34}O_6Si$ (M)⁺, 398.2123; found, 398.2116.

Methyl (3R,4R,5R,6R)-6-Chloro-5-*O-tert*-butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-O-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 23. To a dry CH₂Cl₂ solution (2 mL) of 6 (35.0 mg) was added SOCl2 (5 mL, excess) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 3 h, the reaction mixture was poured slowly into ice-cooled aq Na₂-CO₃ and extracted three times with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to give a crude residue that was purified by preparative TLC (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to afford 23 (15.2) mg, 42%). **23:** Colorless oil; $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -68.5 (*c* 1.5, MeOH); IR (KBr) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 1726 (C=O), 1654 (C=C) cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.10 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.13 (3H, s, SiMe), 0.86 (9H, s, tBu), 1.20-1.80 (10H, m), 3.81 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.23 (1H, dd, J = 4.8, 3.4 Hz, H-5), 4.58 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 3.4 Hz, H-4), 4.72 (1H, dd, J = 7.1, 3.0 Hz, H-3), 4.83 (1H, d, J = 4.8 Hz, H-6), 7.04 (1H, d, J = 3.0Hz, H-2); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ -5.2 (q), -4.4 (q), 18.1 (s), 23.7 (t), 23.9 (t), 25.1 (t), 25.7 (q), 34.4 (t), 36.1 (t), 52.3 (q), 53.3 (d), 69.8 (d), 70.5 (d), 72.8 (d), 110.8 (s), 130.2 (s), 138.3 (d), 165.4 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_{20}H_{33}O_5ClSi$ (M) $^+$, 416.1775; found, 416.1774.

(-)-Pericosine A (4'): Methyl (3R,4R,5R,6R)-6-Chloro-3,4,5trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate. Chloride 23 (15.0 mg) was dissolved in MeOH (1.0 mL) and TFA (0.1 mL, excess). After being stirred overnight at 0 °C, the reaction mixture was allowed to return to room temperature and condensed under reduced pressure to afford a crude residue that was purified by RP-HPLC (eluent: 60% MeOH in H₂O, flow rate: 4 mL/min, retention time: 14′ 50″) to give 4' (5.3 mg, 66%). 4': $[\alpha]^{22}$ _D -98.0 (c 0.04, EtOH); Oil; IR (liquid film) $\nu_{\rm max}$ 3366 (OH), 1725 (C=O), 1653 (C=C) cm⁻¹; $^{1}{\rm H}$ NMR (acetone- d_3) δ 3.80 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.07 (1H, dd, J = 4.4, 1.9 Hz, H-4), 4.12 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 1.9 Hz, H-5), 4.38 (1H, br dd, J = 4.6, 1.9 HzJ = 4.4, 3.9 Hz, H-3, 4.90 (1H, dd, J = 4.6, 0.8 Hz, H-6), 6.91(1H, d, J = 3.9 Hz, H-2); ¹³C NMR (acetone- d_3) δ 52.4 (q), 57.8 (d), 67.1 (d), 68.6 (d), 75.7 (d), 130.5 (s), 141.9 (d), 166.2 (s); HRMS m/z calcd for $C_8H_{12}O_5^{35}Cl$ (M + H)⁺, 223.0372; found, 223.0370.

Natural Pericosine A: Specific rotation, $[\alpha]^{22}_D + 104$ (c 0.04, EtOH) (lit.* $[\alpha]_D + 57$ (c 3.16, EtOH)); the retention time in RP-HPLC: 32 min (eluent, 50% MeOH in H₂O; flow rate, 4 mL/min) or 14′ 50″ (eluent: 60% MeOH in H₂O, flow rate: 4 mL/min).

Preparation of 31 from 27. Lactone (27) (2.58 g) derived from (-)-quinic acid was treated with NaOMe (0.55 g, 1.0 equiv) in MeOH (30 mL) with stirring at room temperature for 3 h. DOWEX 50W-X8 was added carefully to the dark brown reaction mixture until the color changed to pale yellow, and pH was measured using universal pH test paper. When neutralization was completed, the reaction mixture was filtered into a flask, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford crude diol (28). To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (20 mL) of **28** was added Dess-Martin periodinane (4.96 g, 1.2 equiv), and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature. Usual treatment of the reaction mixture afforded a crude residue of 29. To a solution of crude 29 in CH2-Cl₂ (30 mL) was added TFAA (1.4 mL, 1.0 equiv) with pyridine (0.82 mL, 1.6 equiv) and catalytic DMAP (100 mg) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with aq NaHCO₃ then neutralized with aq NH₄Cl, then extracted with CH₂-Cl2. The organic layer was dried over MgSO4, filtered, and evaporated to give crude 30. To a suspension of NaBH₄ (189.1 mg, 2.0 equiv based on 27) in MeOH (30 mL) was added a solution of crude 30 in MeOH (10 mL) at 0 °C. After being stirred for 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with aq NH₄Cl and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and evaporated to give crude residue, which was purified by silica gel column chromatography (eluent: 1% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂) to give pure 31 (1.45 g, 54% in four steps). 31: Oil; ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.2-1.65 (10H, m), 1.95 (1H, br d, J = 16.4 Hz, H-6_A), 3.04 (1H, dd, J = 16.4, 2.0 Hz, H-6_B), 3.76 (3H, s, COOMe), 4.07 (1H, m), 4.56 (1H, ddd, J = 7.3, 4.8, 1.3 Hz), 4.64 (1H, ddd, J = 7.3, 3.8, 2.4 Hz), 6.93 (1H, m, H-2); 13 C NMR (CDCl₃) δ 23.9, 24.2, 25.5, 26.8, 34.2, 35.7, 52.0, 68.0, 71.9, 75.5, 109.3, 127.9, 142.0, 165.5.¹⁷

All ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR, IR, and HRMS data for the compounds described below were identical with the data of the antipodes above.

Methyl (3*S*,4*S*,5*R*)-5-*O-tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1-cyclohexane-1-carboxylate 10'. Desired product 10' (6.39 g) was obtained in 87% yield from 17' (5.14 g) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 10. 10': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +8.6 (*c* 2.0, MeOH).

Methyl (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*R*)-5-*O-tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 8′. Desired product 8′ (0.66 g) was obtained in 100% yield from 10′ (0.58 g) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 8. 8′: $[\alpha]^{22}_D + 14.5$ (*c* 2.0, MeOH).

Methyl (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,5*R*)-2-*O*-Acetyl-5-*O*-tert-butyldimethyl silyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexane-carboxylate 18'. Desired product 18' (5.77 g) was obtained in

96% yield from 8' (5.49 g) in the same manner as that for the preparation of **18**. **18'**: $[\alpha]^{22}_{D} + 13.0$ (*c* 0.75, MeOH).

Methyl (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*R*,5*R*)-2-*O*-Acetyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-1,2,3,4,5-pentahydroxycyclohexanecarboxylate 19'. Desired product 19' (2.03 g) was obtained in 47% yield from 18' (5.77 g) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 19. 19': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +15.7 (*c* 1.0, MeOH).

Methyl (1*R*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*)-2-*O*-Acetyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-5-oxo-1,2,4-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexenecarboxylate 15'. Desired product 15' (1.69 g) was obtained in 84% yield from 19' (2.03 g) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 15. 15': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -32.4 (*c* 1.8, MeOH).

Methyl (4*S*,5*S*,6*R*)-6-*O*-Acetyl-4,5-*O*-cyclohexylidene-4,5,6-trihydroxy-3-oxo-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 20'. Desired product 20' (38.5 mg) was obtained in 68% yield from 15' (59.9 mg) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 20. 20': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ –35.6 (*c* 0.99, MeOH).

Methyl (3*R*,4*R*,5*S*,6*R*)-6-*O*-Acetyl-4,5-*O*-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5,6-tetrahydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 21'. Desired product 21' (20.9 mg) was obtained in 68% yield from 20' (30.5 mg) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 21. 21': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -54.6 (*c* 2.1, MeOH).

Methyl (3R,4S,5S,6R)-6-O-Acetyl-3-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-4,5-O-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5,6-tetrahydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-car-boxylate 22'. Desired product 22' (292.7 mg) was obtained in 53% yield from 21' (410.0 mg) with recovery of 21' (100 mg, 34%) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 22. 22': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -49.0 (c 1.1, MeOH).

Methyl (3*R*,4*S*,5*S*,6*R*)-3-*O-tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl-4,5-*O*-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5,6-tetrahydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 6'. Desired product 6' (212.0 mg) was obtained in 80% yield from 22' (292.7 mg) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 6. 6': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ -16.8 (*c* 1.5, MeOH).

Methyl (3*S*,4*S*,5*S*,6*S*)-6-Chloro-5-*O-tert*-butyldimethylsilyl-3,4-*O*-cyclohexylidene-3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate 23'. Desired product 23' (25.7 mg, 28%) was obtained from 6' (87.4 mg) with recovery of 6' (20.0 mg, 23%) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 23. 23': $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +73.0 (*c* 2.1, MeOH).

(+)-Pericosine A (4): Methyl (3S,4S,5S,6S)-6-Chloro-3,4,5-trihydroxy-1-cyclohexene-1-carboxylate. Desired product 4 (15.0 mg) was obtained in 63% yield from 23′ (44.5 mg) in the same manner as that for the preparation of 4′ and separated by RP-HPLC (eluent: 60% MeOH in H₂O, flow rate: 4 mL/min, retention time: 14′ 50″). 4: $[\alpha]^{22}_D$ +102.0 (c 0.12, EtOH). Natural 4 was applied to the same RP-HPLC conditions (eluent: 60% MeOH in H₂O, flow rate: 4 mL/min) to show the same retention time of 14′ 50″.

Supporting Information Available: General experimental methods and copies of ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of all new compounds, **31**, (-)-**4**′ and (+)-**4**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pub.acs.org.

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