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# A Diels-Alder Approach to (-)-Ovalicin

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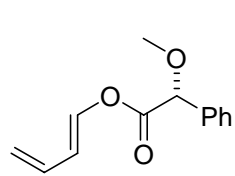
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### General:

All reactions were carried out in oven or flame-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere, unless otherwise stated. Anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF) and diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) were freshly distilled from sodium/benzophenone under argon; anhydrous dichloromethane (DCM) was freshly distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> under argon. All other solvents were HPLC grade. Reactions were magnetically stirred and monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) with E. Merck silica gel 60-F254 plates. Flash column chromatography was performed with Merck silica gel (0.04-0.063 mm, 240-400 mesh) under pressure. Yields refer to chromatographically and spectroscopically pure compounds, unless otherwise stated. NMR spectra were recorded on either Bruker Avance DRX 400 or DRX 600 MHz spectrometer. Unless otherwise stated, all NMR spectra were measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions and referenced to the residual CHCl<sub>3</sub> signal (<sup>1</sup>H, δ = 7.26; <sup>13</sup>C, δ = 77.16). All <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C shifts are given in ppm (s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; q = quadruplet; m = multiplet; b = broad signal). Coupling constants *J* are given in Hz. Assignments of proton resonances were confirmed, when possible, by correlated spectroscopy. Optical rotations were measured on a P 341 Perkin- Elmer polarimeter. Mass spectra were measured on a Micro mass, trio 200 Fisions Instruments. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were performed with a Finnigan MAT 8230 with a resolution of 10000.

### Experimental Procedures:

#### (S)-Methoxyphenylacetic acid (E)-buta-1,3-dienyl ester (**10**)



To a solution of (*R*)-methoxyphenylacetic acid<sup>1</sup> (2.15 g, 12.9 mmol) in DCM (67 mL) was added (diethylamino)sulphur trifluoride (2.92 g, 18.1 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 50 min. the solution was washed with cold water and brine. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent removed under reduced pressure (20 mbar, 45 °C) to yield a yellow oil (2.21 g), which was employed without further purification for the next step. The crude acid fluoride was dissolved in THF (17.5 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. After the addition of (Trimethylsiloxy)butadiene<sup>2</sup> (*E*:*Z* ≥ 10:1; 1.67 g, 11.7 mmol) and TBAF (1.0 M in THF; 0.59 mL) the resulting solution was stirred for 2 h at 0 °C. Silica gel (10 g) was added and the solvent was carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (100 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 20:1 to 10:1 as an eluent yielded diene **10** (*E*:*Z* ≥ 10:1; 2.38 g, 93 %).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.48-7.34 (m, 6H), 6.24 (dt, *J* = 16.9, 10.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (bd, *J* = 16.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (bd, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H)

<sup>1</sup> Bulman Page, P. C.; Chan, Y.; Heaney, H.; McGrath, M. J.; Moreno, E. *Synlett* **2004**, 2606; Jones, L. H.; Badger, R. M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, 73, 3126. (purification of the crude carboxylic acid by extraction with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution was sufficient)

<sup>2</sup> Commercially available. Preparation from crotonaldehyde: Gaonac'h, O.; Maddaluno, J.; Chauvin, J.; Duhamel, L. *J. Org. Chem.* **1991**, 56, 4045.

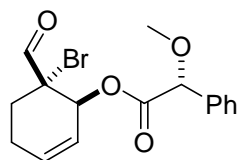
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 167.8 (C), 138.4 (CH), 135.6 (C), 131.4 (CH), 129.2 (CH), 128.9 (CH, 2C), 127.5 (CH, 2C), 118.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 117.3 (CH), 82.4 (CH), 57.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3089, 2931, 1765, 1657, 1455, 1235, 1149, 1113, 994, 924.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>14</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 218.0943, found: 218.0940.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = +5.9 (c = 1.20, DCM).

(1'*S*, 2*S*, 6'*S*)-Methoxyphenylacetic acid 6'-bromo-6'-formylcyclohex-2'-en-1'-yl ester (**11**)



To a solution of diene **10** (1.84 g, 8.43 mmol) in DCM (42 mL) was added 2-bromoacrolein<sup>3</sup> (2.28 g, 16.9 mmol) at -78°C. After stirring for 10 min at this temperature BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub> (350 μL, 2.77 mmol) was added. The reaction was quenched after 5 h by addition of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL). After the emulsion reached room temperature the organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with DCM. The combined organic phases were washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, silica gel (20 g) was added and the solvent was carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (240 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 10:1 to 5:1 as an eluent yielded aldehyde **11** (2.23 g, 75 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.36 (s, 1H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 5H), 5.98 (dt, J = 9.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 5.70-5.67 (m, 1H), 5.64-5.58 (m, 1H), 4.72 (s, 1H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 2.36-2.26 (m, 2H), 2.21-2.14 (m, 2H).

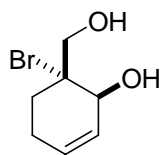
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 190.0 (CH), 169.9 (C), 135.7 (C), 133.9 (CH), 129.1 (CH), 128.8 (CH, 2C), 127.2 (CH, 2C), 120.6 (CH), 82.5 (CH), 70.6 (CH), 65.7 (C), 57.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3035, 2930, 1751, 1730, 1456, 1232, 1197, 1164, 1144, 1103, 1030, 997, 920.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br: 352.0310, found: 352.0301.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = +199 (c = 1.24, DCM).

(1*S*, 6*R*)-6-Bromo-6-hydroxymethyl-cyclohex-2-en-1-ol (**12**)



To a solution of aldehyde **11** (2.06 g, 5.83 mmol) in regular Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) was added BH<sub>3</sub>·NH<sub>3</sub> (198 mg, 6.41 mmol) at room temperature and stirred for 2.5 h. After quenching by addition of 1N HCl (20 mL) and stirring for additional 30 min the phases were separated. Sodium chloride was added to the aqueous layer which was subsequently extracted 5 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, silica gel (10 g) was added and the solvent was carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (120 g silica gel) using pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1 to 0:1 as an eluent yielded diol **12** (1.07 g, 89 %) and (*R*)-2-Methoxy-2-phenylethanol (801 mg, 90%).

<sup>3</sup> Corey, E.J.; Loh, T.-P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1991**, *113*, 8966.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.98-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.83-5.75 (m, 1H), 4.53-4.47 (m, 1H), 4.06-3.98 (m, 1H), 3.92-3.85 (m, 1H), 2.57 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.51 (dd, J = 9.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.39-2.27 (m, 1H), 2.26-2.15 (m, 1H), 2.10-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.91 (m, 1H).

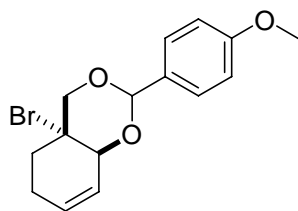
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 131.1 (CH), 125.9 (CH), 75.3 (C), 71.0 (CH), 69.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3383, 2922, 1426, 1401, 1068, 1053, 1035, 1010, 978.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OBr (M-H<sub>2</sub>O): 187.9837, found: 187.9832.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = +82.0 (c = 1.23, DCM)

(4a*R*, 8a*S*)- 4a-Bromo-2-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-4a,5,6,8a-tetrahydro-4*H*-benzo[1,3]dioxine



To a solution of diol **12** (1.03 g, 4.97 mmol) in DCM (56 mL) was added anisaldehyde dimethyl acetal (1.13g, 6.22 mmol) and (±)-campher-10-sulfonic acid (46mg, 0.20 mmol). After stirring for 3 h at room temperature additional anisaldehyde dimethyl acetal (180 mg, 0.99 mmol) was added. After 30 min. the reaction was quenched by addition of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (5 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with

DCM. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography (80 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 10:1 as an eluent yielded title acetal (1.44 g, 89 %) as a white solid.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.43-7.37 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.85 (m, 2H), 6.07-6.00 (m, 1H), 5.82-5.76 (m, 1H), 5.63 (s, 1H), 4.44 (bd, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 2.85-2.76 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.26 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.83 (m, 1H).

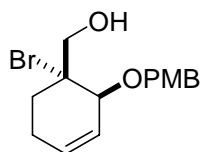
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 160.4 (C), 132.8 (CH), 130.1 (C), 127.7 (CH, 2C), 122.3 (CH), 113.9 (CH, 2C), 102.3 (CH), 77.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 76.5 (CH), 61.3 (C), 55.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 28.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 1615, 1520, 1256, 1171, 1084, 1021, 1001..

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br: 324.0361, found: 324.0366.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = +124 (c = 1.00, DCM)

(1*R*, 2*S*)- [1-Bromo-2-(4'-methoxybenzyloxy)-cyclohex-3-en-1-yl]-methanol (**13**)



A solution of (4a*R*, 8a*S*)- 4a-Bromo-2-(4'-methoxyphenyl)-4a,5,6,8a-tetrahydro-4*H*-benzo[1,3]dioxine (1.09 g, 3.35 mmol) in DCM (42 mL) was cooled to -10 °C using a sodium chloride/ice cooling bath. DIBAL-H in toluene (1.19 M; 8.45 mL, 10.1 mmol) was added slowly and the resulting solution allowed to reach 0°C within 2.5 h. After stirring was continued for 1h at 0°C, the reaction was

quenched by addition of saturated KNa-tartrate solution. Stirring was continued for 45 min. The organic phase was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography (90 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 5:1 as an eluent yielded alcohol **13** (1.04 g, 94 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.30-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.86 (m, 2H), 5.98-5.91 (m, 1H), 5.81-5.75 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 11.1 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (bd, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (dd, J = 12.3, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (dd, J = 12.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 2.51 (dd, J = 8.2, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.37-2.13 (m, 3H), 2.01-1.93 (m, 1H).

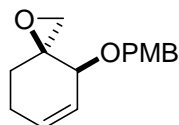
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.6 (C), 130.9 (CH), 130.2 (C), 129.8 (CH, 2C), 123.9 (CH), 114.1 (CH, 2C), 77.2 (CH), 73.9 (C), 71.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 24.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 2924, 2867, 1612, 1513, 1465, 1453, 1437, 1424, 1388, 1302, 1249, 1207, 1174, 1110, 1035.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Br: 326.0518, found: 326.0512.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = +145 (c = 1.07, DCM)

(3*S*, 4*S*)- 4-(4'-Methoxybenzyloxy)-1-oxaspiro[2.5]oct-5-ene



To a suspension of sodium hydride (washed with hexane, dried; 63mg, 2.63 mmol) in THF (25mL) was added alcohol **13** (660 mg, 2.02 mmol) in THF (9 mL) at 0°C. After addition of methanol (0.7 mL) the suspension was stirred for 10 min. at 0°C and 30 min. at room temperature. The reaction was quenched by addition of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (10 mL) and water (100mL). and extracted 4 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum yielding title compound as a slightly yellow oil (484 mg, 98%), which was employed without further purification for the next step.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.32-7.27 (m, 2H), 6.88-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.96-5.90 (m, 1H), 5.83-5.77 (m, 1H), 4.76 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.59 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.50 (bd, J = 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (dd, J = 4.9, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.42-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.29-2.16 (m, 1H), 1.36-1.30 (m, 1H).

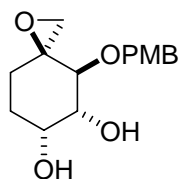
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.3 (C), 132.0 (CH), 131.1 (C), 129.6 (CH, 2C), 126.6 (CH), 113.9 (CH, 2C), 74.3 (CH), 71.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 60.2 (C), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 2930, 2836, 1612, 1513, 1465, 1453, 1302, 1248, 1173, 1062, 1052, 1035.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: 246.1256, found: 246.1250.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = +162 (c = 1.00, DCM)

(3*S*, 4*S*, 5*R*, 6*R*)- 4-(4'-Methoxybenzyloxy)-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octane-5,6-diol (**14**)



To a solution of (3*S*, 4*S*)- 4-(4'-Methoxybenzyloxy)-1-oxaspiro[2.5]oct-5-ene (505 mg, 2.05 mmol) in acetone/water (9:1, 12mL) was added 4-methylmorpholine-4-oxide monohydrate (346 mg, 2.56 mmol) and osmium tetroxide (2.5 % (w/w) solution in *t*-butanol; 260 μL, 0.02 mmol). After stirring for 20 h at room temperature 7.5 mL toluene were added and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in DCM, silica gel (5 g) was added and the solvent was carefully removed under reduced pressure. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (45 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 1:3 to 0:1 as an eluent yielded diol **14** (527 mg, 92 %) as a white solid.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.29-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.91-6.86 (m, 2H), 4.69 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 1H), 3.86-3.78 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.67 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.89 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (bs, 1H), 2.30 (bs, 1H), 1.95-1.75 (m, 3H), 1.60-1.52 (m, 1H).

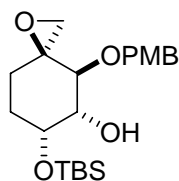
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.6 (C), 130.2 (C), 129.7 (CH, 2C), 114.2 (CH, 2C), 77.9 (CH), 73.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 73.7 (CH), 69.0 (CH), 59.0 (C), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3441, 2935, 1612, 1515, 1456, 1302, 1249, 1176, 1077, 1033, 1006.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 280.1311, found: 280.1308.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = -57.3 (c = 0.78, DCM)

(3*S*, 4*S*, 5*S*, 6*R*)-6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-(4'-methoxybenzyloxy)-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octan-5-ol



To a solution of diol **14** (520 mg, 1.86 mmol) in DCM (34 mL) was added imidazol (379 mg, 5.57 mmol) and *t*-butyl dimethylsilylchloride (559 mg, 3.71 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 20 h the reaction mixture was washed with saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution and brine. The organic phase was dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, silica gel (4 g) was added and the solvent was carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (35 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 5:1 as an eluent yielded title compound (651 mg, 89 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.20-7.14 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.75 (m, 2H), 4.62 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 4.05-3.99 (m, 1H), 3.74-3.68 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 3.35 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (dd, J = 4.8, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 2.52 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.16 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.41-1.31 (m, 1H), 0.79 (s, 9H), -0.02 (s, 6H).

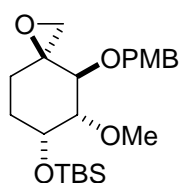
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.4 (C), 130.7 (C), 129.6 (CH, 2C), 114.0 (CH, 2C), 79.0 (CH), 74.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 72.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.9 (CH), 58.8 (C), 55.4 (CH), 51.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>, 3C), 18.2 (C), -4.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 2952, 2930, 1514, 1250, 1084, 1037, 1005.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si (M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>): 337.1471, found: 337.1476.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = -25.5 (c = 0.95, DCM)

(3*S*, 4*S*, 5*S*, 6*R*)-*tert*-Butyl-[5-methoxy-4-(4'-methoxybenzyloxy)-1-oxaspiro[2.5]oct-6-yloxy]-dimethylsilane



To a solution of (3*S*, 4*S*, 5*S*, 6*R*)-6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-(4'-methoxybenzyloxy)-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octan-5-ol (560 mg, 1.42 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was added sodium hydride (washed with hexane, dried; 102mg, 4.26 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 20 min at 0°C methyl iodide (1.01g, 7.10 mmol) was added and the cooling bath removed. The reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (15 mL) after 16 h. The organic layer was separated

and the aqueous phase extracted 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum yielding title compound as a slightly yellow oil (580 mg, 100%), which was employed without further purification for the next step.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.28-7.23 (m, 2H), 6.89-6.84 (m, 2H), 4.62 (bs, 2H), 4.24-4.19 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.55 (m, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 3.38-3.32 (m, 1H), 2.81 (d, J=4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 1.87-1.55 (m, 4H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.07 (s, 3H).

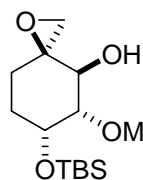
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 159.3 (C), 130.9 (C), 129.6 (CH, 2C), 113.8 (CH, 2C), 84.5 (CH), 76.9 (CH), 73.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 69.2 (CH), 59.4 (C), 59.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 55.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.0 (CH<sub>3</sub>, 3C), 18.3 (C), -4.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 2930, 2856, 1514, 1464, 1250, 1114, 1034.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Si (M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>): 351.1628, found: 351.1634.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = -13.5 (c = 1.09, DCM)

(3*S*, 4*S*, 5*S*, 6*R*)-6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-methoxy-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octan-4-ol (**15**)



DDQ (351 mg, 1.55 mmol) was added to a solution of (3*S*, 4*S*, 5*S*, 6*R*)-*tert*-Butyl-[5-methoxy-4-(4'-methoxybenzyloxy)-1-oxaspiro[2.5]oct-6-yloxy]-dimethylsilane (574 mg, 1.41 mmol) in DCM (21 mL) and water (1 mL). After stirring for 2 h saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (17 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (50 mL) were added and the layers separated. The aqueous phase was extracted 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, silica gel (4 g) was added and the solvent was carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (40 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 3:1 as an eluent yielded alcohol **15** (360 mg, 89 %) as a white solid.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.34-4.30 (m, 1H), 4.09 (dd, J = 9.5, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.12 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dd, J = 9.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.98 (d, J = 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.81-1.66 (m, 2H), 1.26-1.18 (m, 1H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.25 (s, 3H), 0.21 (s, 3H).

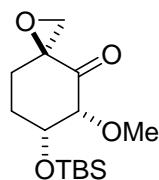
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 85.5 (CH), 67.5 (CH), 66.9 (CH), 60.1 (C), 57.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 26.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>, 3C), 18.3 (C), -4.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3677, 2952, 2929, 1120, 1094, 1025, 986.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si (M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>): 231.1053, found: 231.1057.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = -65.0 (c = 1.03, DCM)

(3*S*, 5*R*, 6*R*)-6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-methoxy-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octan-4-one (**16**)



Compound **15** (182 mg, 631 μmol) was dissolved in regular DCM (8.0 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. After the addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (530 mg, 6.31 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (348 mg, 820 μmol) the cooling bath was removed and stirred for 2 h. Saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (5 mL) and water (5 mL) were added, the layers separated and the aqueous phase extracted 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, silica gel (1 g) was added and the solvent was carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material



by column chromatography (15 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 10:1 as an eluent yielded ketone **16** (166 mg, 92 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 4.45-4.41 (m, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (s, 3H), 3.28 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 2.54-2.45 (m, 1H), 2.13-1.95 (m, 2H), 1.55 (dt, J = 14.5, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H).

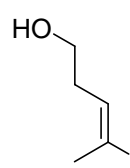
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 202.4 (C), 87.4 (CH), 72.3 (CH), 60.6 (C), 58.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>, 3C), 18.3 (C), -4.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -5.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 2953, 2929, 2856, 1745, 1253, 1097, 1066, 1021.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>17</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si (M-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>): 229.0896, found: 229.0902.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = -1.20 (c = 1.00, DCM)

#### (E)-4-Bromopent-3-en-1-ol



To a stirred solution of (*E*)-4-(tri-*n*-butylstannyl)pent-3-en-1-ol (**19**) (1.00g, 2.66 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) was added N-bromosuccinimide (474 mg, 2.66 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring the solution for 1 h at this temperature saturated Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> solution (20 mL) was added. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase extracted 2 times with DCM. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum (300 mbar, 45 °C) Purification by column chromatography (12 g silica gel) using pentane:Et<sub>2</sub>O = 1:1 as an eluent yielded, after removing solvent under vacuum (300 mbar, 45 °C) 578 mg of a clear liquid consisting of (*E*)-4-bromopent-3-en-1-ol (434 mg, 99 %) and Et<sub>2</sub>O.

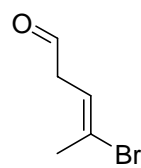
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.91-5.85 (m, 1H), 3.67 (q, J = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.33-2.27 (m, 2H), 2.27-2.24 (m, 3H), 1.43 (t, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 128.3 (CH), 122.0 (C), 61.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3351 (bs), 2953, 2923, 1429, 1380, 1051, 1012.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OBr: 163.9837, found: 163.9839.

#### (E)-4-Bromopent-3-enal (**20**)

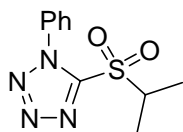


To a stirred solution of (*E*)-4-bromopent-3-en-1-ol (430 mg, 2.61 mmol) in regular DCM (24 mL) was added NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (2.19 g, 26.1 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (1.33 mg, 3.13 mmol) at 0 °C. The cooling bath was removed and after stirring for 2.5 h additional Dess-Martin periodinane (330 mg, 0.78 mmol) was added. The stirring was continued until TLC showed complete consumption of the starting material (ca. 1 h) when saturated solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), saturated solution of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (10 mL) and water (20 mL) were added. After stirring for 15 min the layers were separated and the aqueous phase extracted 2 times with DCM. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulphate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum (300 mbar, 45 °C) yielding 680 mg of a yellow liquid consisting of aldehyde **20** (400 mg, 94 %) and DCM. It was used without further purification.

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.65 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (qt, J = 7.4, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (bd, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  197.4 (CH), 124.0 (C), 121.3 (CH), 44.2 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 23.8 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ).  
**IR** [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]: 2922, 2854, 1725, 1380, 1108, 1065.

### 1-Phenyl-5-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-1*H*-tetrazole (**21**)



To a stirred solution of 2-propanol (5.00 g, 83.2 mmol), triphenyl phosphine (21.8 g, 83.2 mmol) and 1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole-5-thiol (14.8 g, 83.2 mmol) in anhydrous THF (300 mL) at 0°C was added DIAD (19.3 mL, 99.8 mmol) dropwise and stirred for 2 h. at 0°C. The mixture was diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (200 mL) and saturated aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (100 mL) and extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 x 100 mL), washed with brine (1 x 100 mL), dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum. The residue was then treated with 1:1 hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O (500 mL) and stored at -20°C for a 2 h. period. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with 1:1 hexanes:Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 x 50 mL), silica gel (30 g) was added and the solvent carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (350 g silica gel) using hexanes:ethylacetate (10:1 to 3:1) as the mobile phase afforded 5-Isopropylsulfonyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole as white solid (7.5 g, 41%).

To a suspension of 5-Isopropylsulfonyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-tetrazole (6.75 g, 30.6 mmol) and sodium hydrogen carbonate (25.7 g, 306 mmol) in DCM (550 mL), 77% mCPBA (34.3 g, 153 mmol) was added in portions and stirred for 16 h. Saturated aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (200 mL) and saturated aq.  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution (200 mL) was added and stirred for 10 min. After extraction with DCM (4 x 150 mL), the combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, silica gel (20 g) was added and the solvent carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (200 g silica gel) using hexanes:ethyl acetate (3:1) as the mobile phase afforded 1-Phenyl-5-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-1*H*-tetrazole (**21**) as a pale yellow solid (6.59 g, 85%).

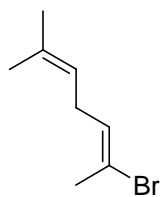
**$^1\text{H}$  NMR** (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.70-7.56 (m, 5H), 4.02 (hept.,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.52 (d,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

**$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR** (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  152.8 (C), 133.3 (C), 131.6 (CH), 129.7 (CH, 2C), 125.5 (CH, 2C), 57.0 (CH), 15.2 ( $\text{CH}_3$ , 2C).

**IR** [ $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ]: 2985, 2943, 1497, 1333, 1169, 1147, 1056.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2\text{N}_4\text{S}$ : 252.0681, found: 252.0676.

### (*E*)-2-Bromo-6-methylhepta-2,5-diene (**17**)



To a solution of **21** in THF (19 mL) was added a 1.0M solution of LHMDs in hexane (2.70 mL, 2.70 mmol) slowly at -78 °C and stirred for 35 min. at this temperature. In a separate flask aldehyde **20** (400 mg, 2.45 mmol) in THF (9 mL) was cooled to -78 °C and dropwise added via double-ended needle. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over night (16 h). After addition of Et<sub>2</sub>O (100 mL) and extraction with saturated aq.  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (20 mL), the organic phase was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered, silica gel (3 g) was added and the solvent carefully removed under vacuum. Purification of the adsorbed material by column chromatography (30 g silica gel) using pentane as the mobile phase and concentration under vacuum (300 mbar, 45 °C) yielded 430 mg of a colourless liquid consisting of **17** (325 mg, 70 %) and pentane.

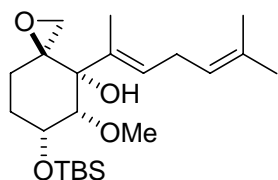
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.83-5.77 (m, 1H), 5.11-5.04 (m, 1H), 2.73-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.24-2.23 (m, 3H), 1.71-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.62 (bs, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.2 (C), 131.0 (CH), 121.0 (CH), 119.3 (C), 28.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 23.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 2970, 2924, 2854, 1448, 1430, 1378, 1106, 1083.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>13</sub>Br: 188.0201, found: 188.0194.

(3*S*, 4*R*, 5*R*, 6*R*)-6-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-((*E*)-1',5'-dimethylhexa-1',4'-dienyl)-5-methoxy-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octan-4-ol (**22**)



To a solution of **17** (110 mg, 582 μmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (2.4 mL) was added dropwise a 1.5M solution of *t*-Butyllithium in pentane (0.77 mL, 1.16 mmol) at -78 °C. After stirring for 40 min. at this temperature, the cooling bath was removed for 1 min. A solution of **16** (128 mg, 447 μmol) in toluene (total 2 mL) was added slowly to the slightly yellow solution at -78 °C. After stirring at this temperature for 1 h the reaction was quenched by the addition of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl solution (5 mL) and water (5 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase extracted 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under vacuum. Purification by column chromatography (18 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 10:1 as an eluent yielded alcohol **22** (135 mg, 76 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.70 (bt, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.15-5.08 (m, 1H), 4.81 (bs, 1H), 4.47-4.41 (m, 1H), 3.50 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.84-2.66 (m, 2H), 2.80 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.57-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.42 (d, *J* = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.95-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 6H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.22-1.11 (m, 1H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H).

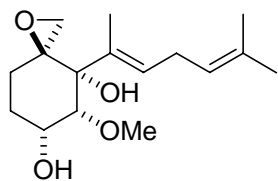
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 132.7 (C), 131.6 (C), 127.7 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 80.6 (CH), 79.2 (C), 68.6 (CH), 62.1 (C), 57.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 28.6 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>, 3C), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 18.0 (C), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.1 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), -4.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3467, 2955, 2929, 2857, 1472, 1464, 1444, 1376, 1254, 1132, 1102, 1068.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Si: 396.2696, found: 396.2704.

[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> = -74.0 (c = 1.04, DCM)

(3*S*, 4*R*, 5*R*, 6*R*)-4-((*E*)-1',5'-Dimethylhexa-1',4'-dienyl)-5-methoxy-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octane-4,6-diol (**23**)



To a stirred solution of **22** (96 mg, 242 μmol) in THF (5.5 mL) was added a 1.0M solution of *n*-tetrabutylammonium fluoride (310 μL, 310 μmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 25 min. at this temperature additional 1.0M solution of *n*-tetrabutylammonium fluoride (50 μL, 50 μmol) was added. After 5 min. the reaction was quenched by the addition of brine (18 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous phase extracted 3 times with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was removed under

vacuum Purification by column chromatography (6 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 1:1 as an eluent yielded alcohol **23** (65 mg, 94 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.65 (bt, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (tt, J = 7.0, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37-4.32 (m, 1H), 3.61 (d, J = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 3.49 (s, 3H), 3.17 (bs, 1H), 3.07 (bs, 1H), 2.79 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.69 (m, 2H), 2.45 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.04-2.00 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.68 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.24-1.18 (m, 1H).

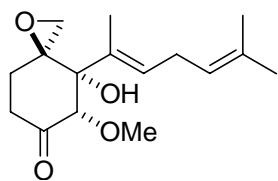
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 133.9 (C), 132.2 (C), 127.5 (CH), 122.5 (CH), 80.0 (CH), 79.8 (C), 67.0 (CH), 61.4 (C), 57.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 50.3 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.3 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3400 (bs), 2929, 1443, 1376, 1199, 1100, 1074, 1018..

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 282.1831, found: 282.1821.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = -53.2 (c = 0.70, DCM)

(3*S*, 4*R*, 5*S*)- 4-((*E*)-1',5'-Dimethylhexa-1',4'-dienyl)-4-hydroxy-5-methoxy-1-oxaspiro[2.5]octan-6-one (**24**)



Compound **23** (40 mg, 142 μmol) was dissolved in regular DCM (1.8 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. After the addition of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (119 mg, 1.42 mmol) and Dess-Martin periodinane (78 mg, 184 μmol) the cooling bath was removed. After stirring for 1.5 h. additional Dess-Martin periodinane (24 mg, 57 μmol) was added. The stirring was continued until TLC showed complete consumption of the starting material (ca. 30 min). The reaction

mixture was directly loaded onto a column and purified by column chromatography (6 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 5:1 as an eluent yielded ketone **24** (36 mg, 90 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.66-5.62 (m, 1H), 5.10-5.06 (m, 1H), 4.26 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 2.85 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.62 (m, 4H), 2.61 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 2.51-2.47 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.68 (m, 6H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.52-1.48 (m, 1H).

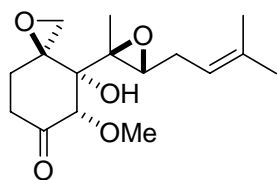
**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 207.6 (C), 133.8 (C), 132.5 (C), 127.8 (CH), 122.3 (CH), 85.8 (CH), 83.0 (C), 61.0 (C), 59.6 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 51.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 37.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3418, 2964, 2924, 1732, 1439, 1379, 1259, 1112.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: 280.1675, found: 280.1669.

**[α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup>** = -106 (c = 0.55, DCM)

(-)-Ovalicin (**1**)



Ketone **24** (33 mg, 118 μmol) was dissolved in benzene (0.5 mL) and the solvent removed under vacuum. After repeating this process once, the residue was dissolved in benzene (0.9 mL) and cooled in a water bath (5 °C). After the addition of vanadyl acetylacetonate ( 5.3 mg, 20 μmol) and a 5.5M solution of *t*-butyl hydroperoxide (36 mg, 236 μmol) the cooling bath was removed and the mixture stirred for 1.5 h. The reaction mixture was directly loaded

onto a column and purified by column chromatography (6 g silica gel) using hexane:ethylacetate = 6:1 as an eluent yielded (-)-ovalicin (**1**) (25 mg, 71 %).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.21-5.16 (m, 1H), 4.23 (s, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 1H), 3.10 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (dd, J = 7.0 Hz, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (d, J = 4.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.61 (m, 2H), 2.51-2.47 (m, 1H), 2.45-2.39 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.12 (m, 1H), 1.75 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 3 H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.45-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.37 (s, 3H).

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 206.8 (C), 135.6 (C), 118.1 (CH), 86.3 (CH), 78.7 (C), 60.7 (C), 60.5 (C), 59.4 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 56.9 (CH), 51.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 36.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 30.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.2 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 14.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>).

**IR** [cm<sup>-1</sup>]: 3501, 2926, 1733, 1441, 1382, 1247, 1205, 1169, 1108, 1032.

**HRMS**(EI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: 296.1624, found: 296.1628.

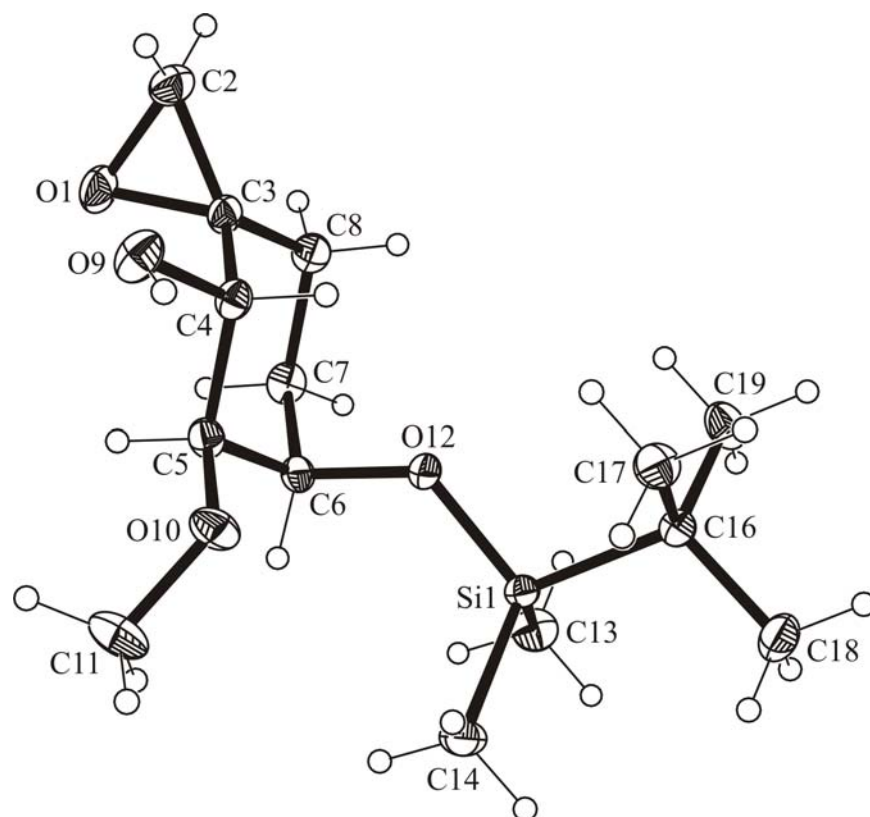
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<sup>4</sup> H. Sigg, H. Weber, *Helv. Chim. Acta* **1968**, *51*, 1395.

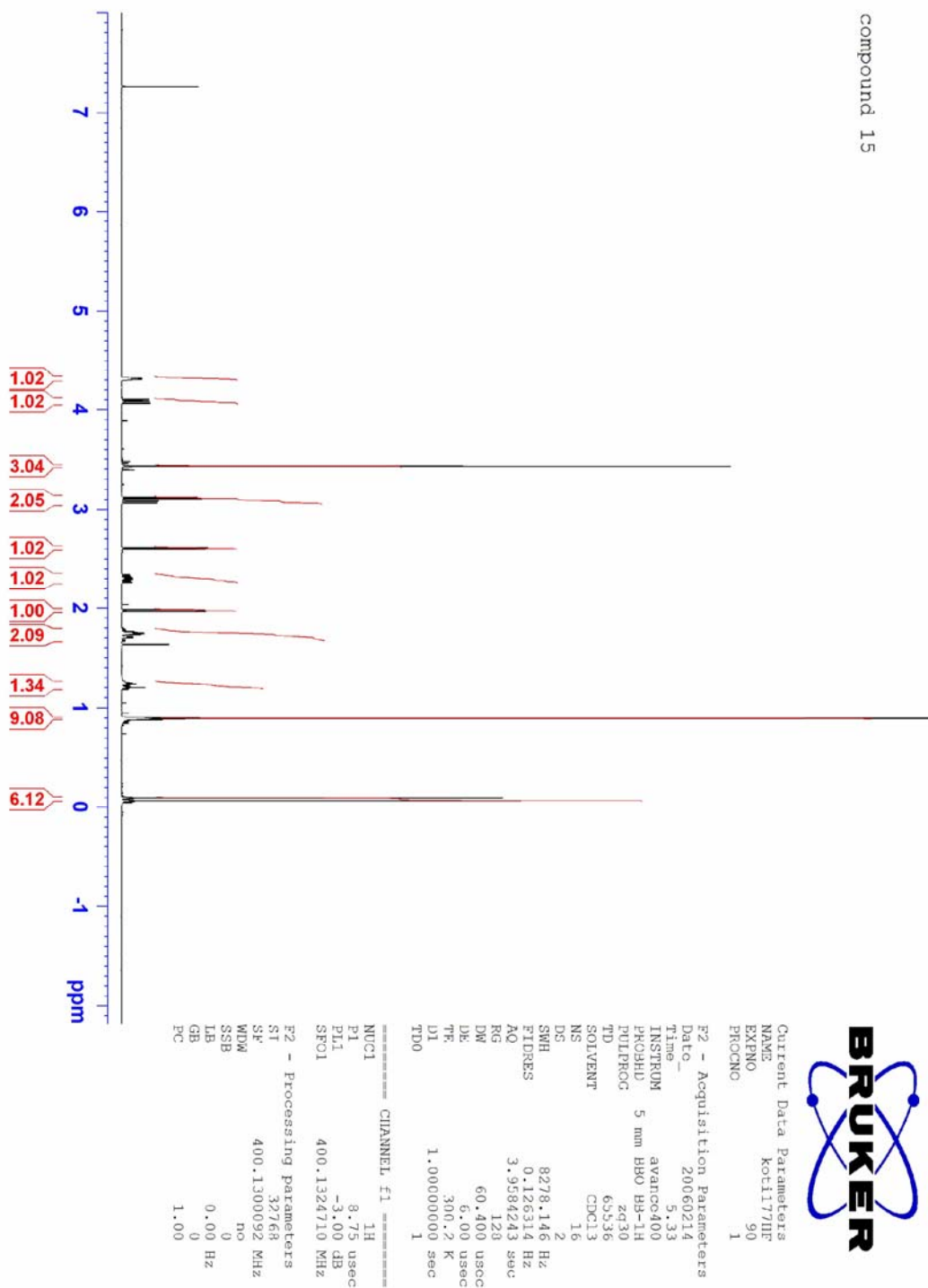
<sup>5</sup> S. Takahashi, N. Hishinuma, H. Koshino, T. Nakata, *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, *70*, 10162 (Supporting Information).

Crystal structure of ( $\pm$ )-15:



**Figure S1.** ORTEP view of one enantiomer in the crystal structure of ( $\pm$ )-**15** with labelling scheme. The thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability level.

NMR spectra of compounds 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 1:



compound 15



Current Data Parameters  
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EXPNO 91  
PROCNO 1

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NS 800  
DS 2

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P2 20.60 usec  
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SFO1 100.6233529 MHz

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NUC2 1H  
PCPD2 100.00 usec  
PL2 -3.00 dB  
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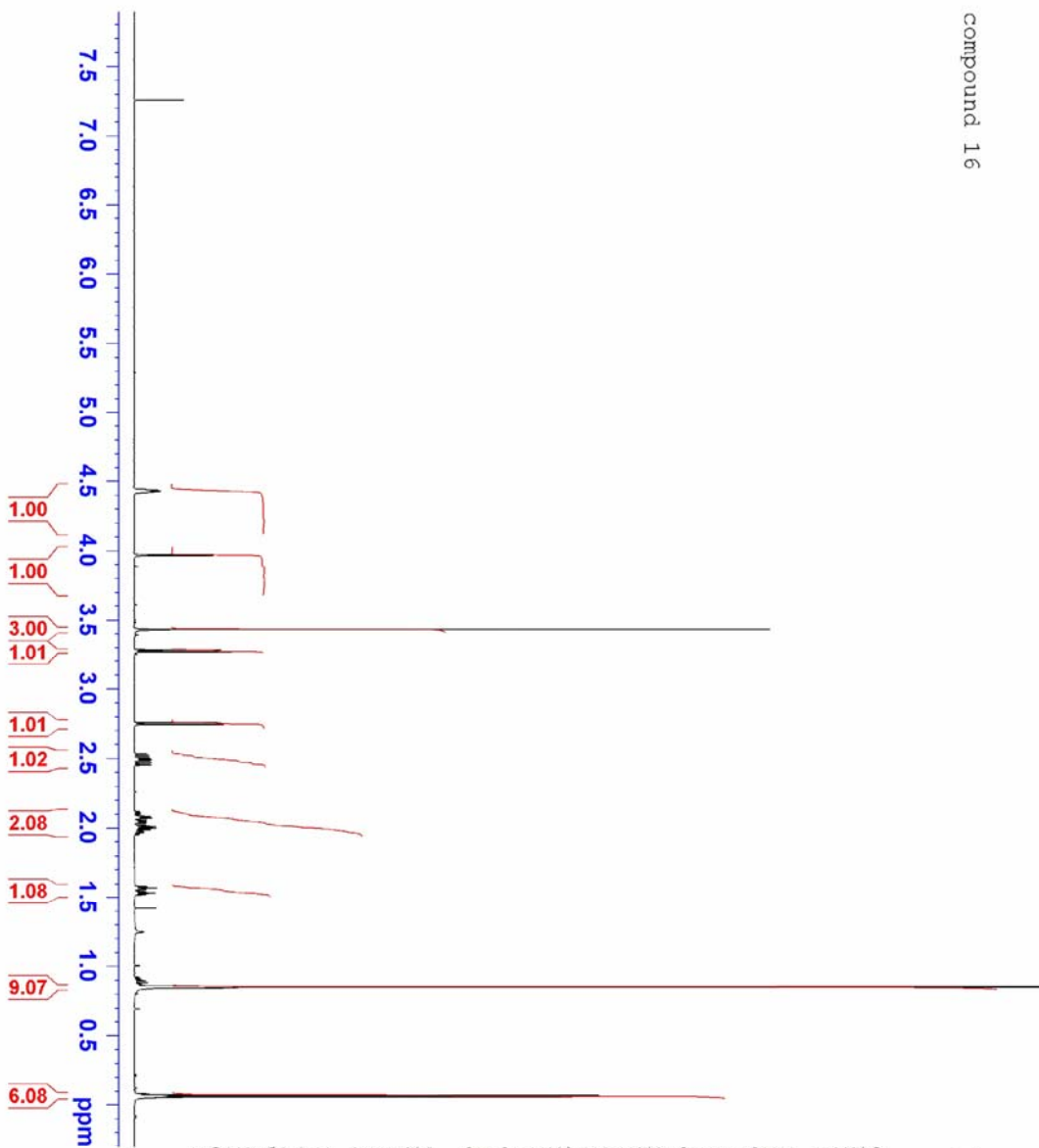
compound 16

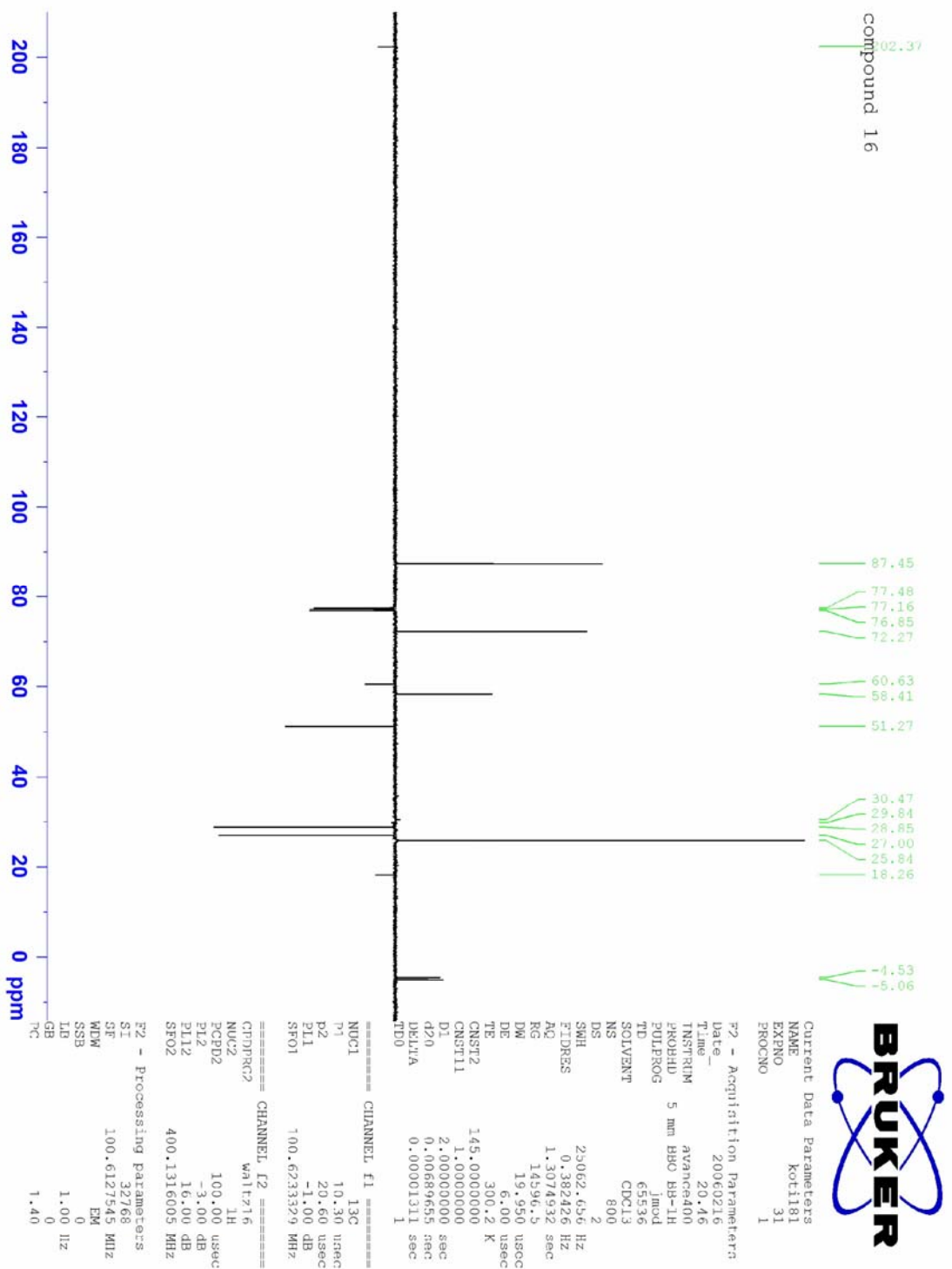


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NS 16  
DS 2  
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DM 60.400 usec  
DE 6.00 usec  
TE 300.2 K  
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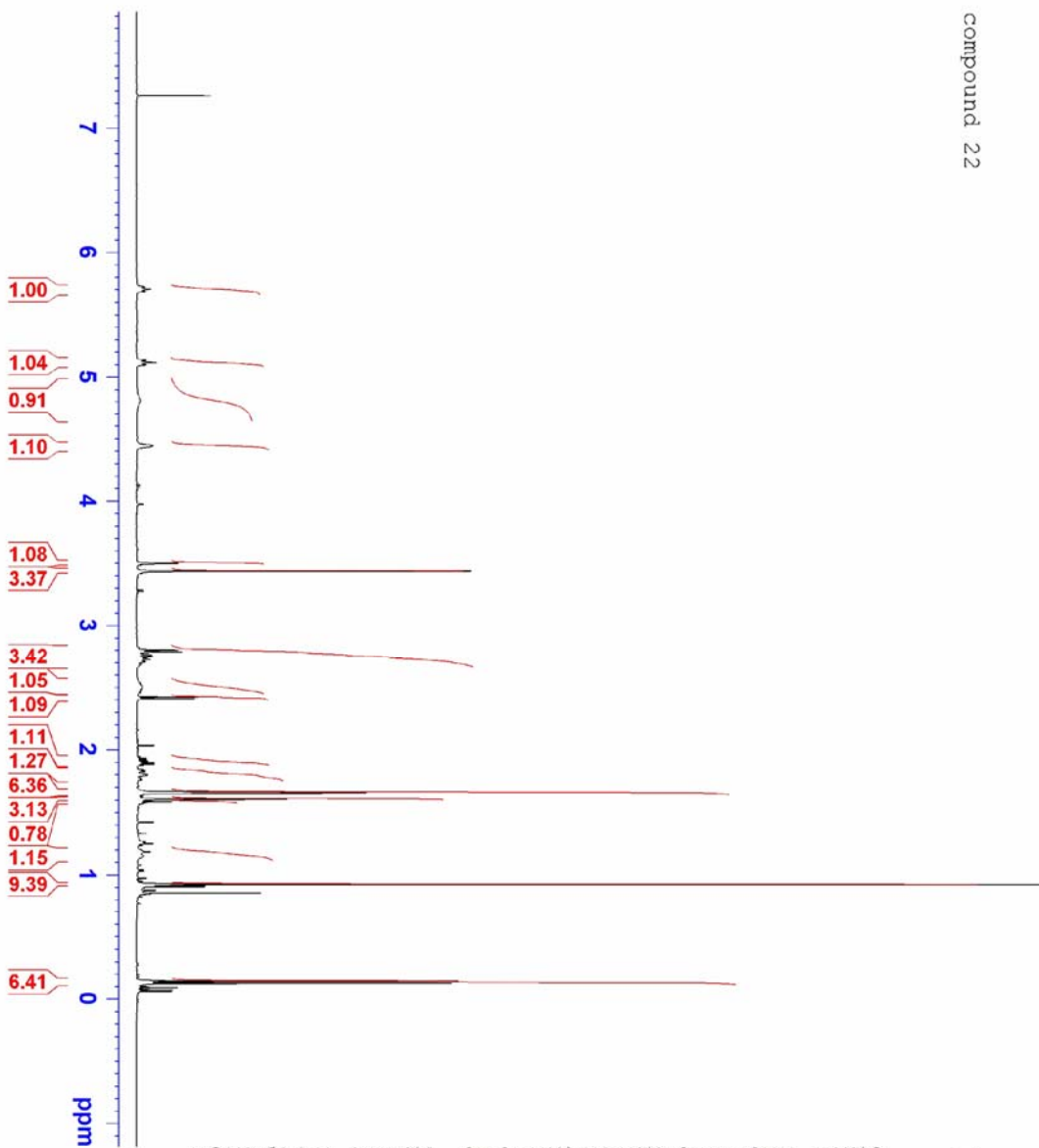
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compound 22



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 PL12 16.00 dB  
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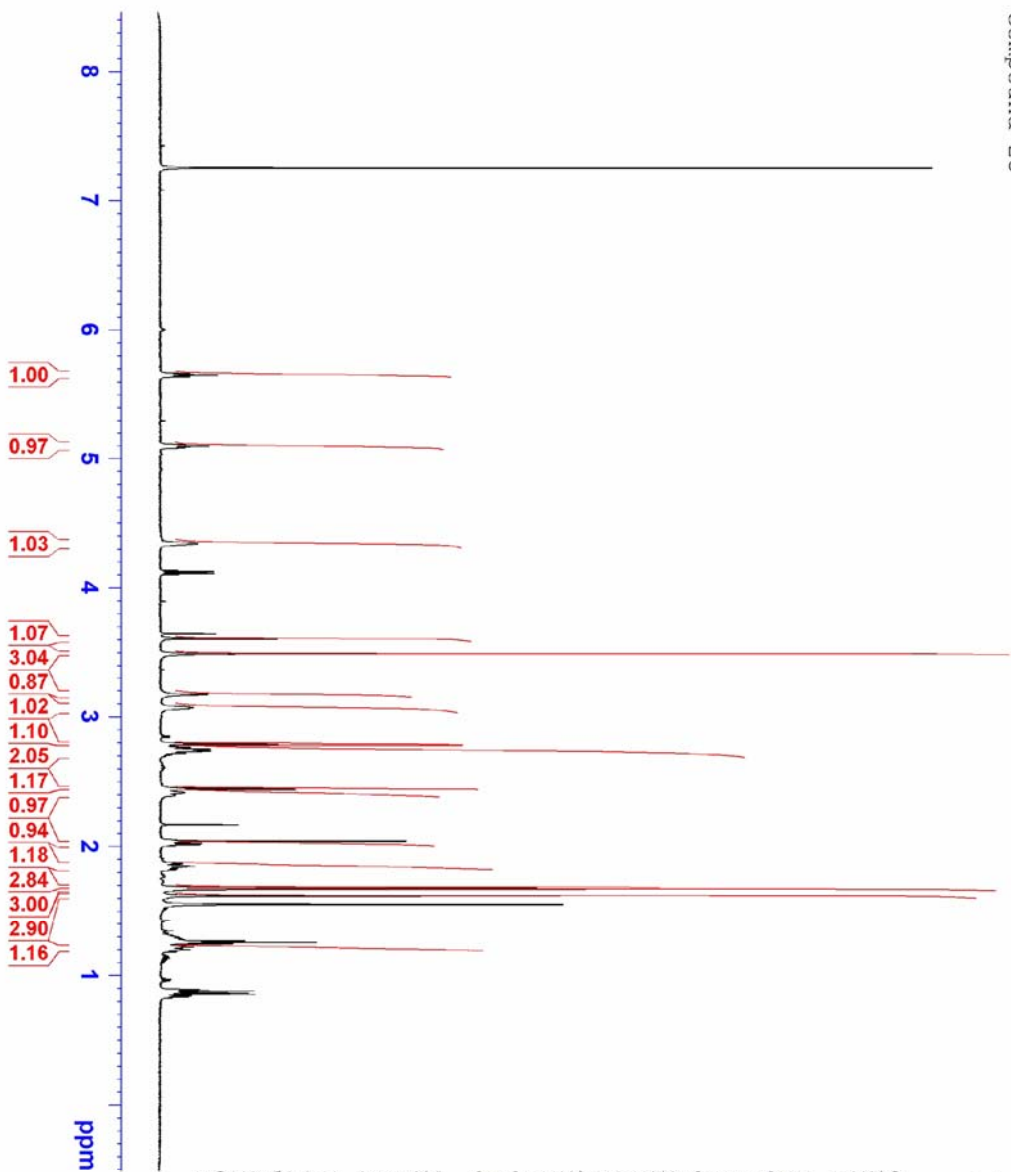
compound 23



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PULPROG zg30  
TD 32768  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 32  
DS 2  
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DE 6.00 usec  
TE 300.0 K  
D1 1.00000000 sec  
TD0 1

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SF 600.1300176 MHz  
WDW no  
SSB 0  
LB 0.00 Hz  
GB 0  
PC 1.00



compound 23

133.06  
132.21  
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122.51

79.99  
79.82

67.01  
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57.73  
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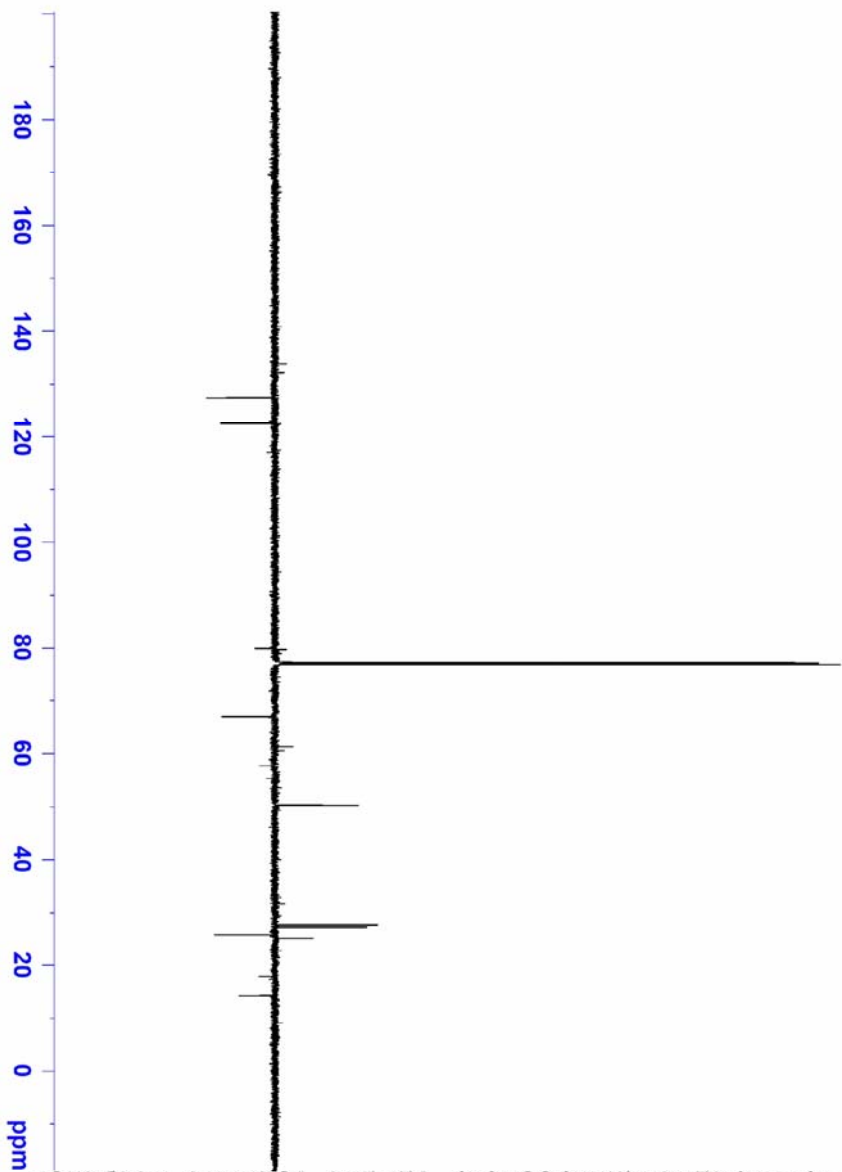
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PL1 0.00 dB  
SFO1 150.9178988 MHz

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NUC2 1H  
PCPD2 80.00 usec  
PL2 -6.00 dB  
PL12 12.20 dB  
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compound 24

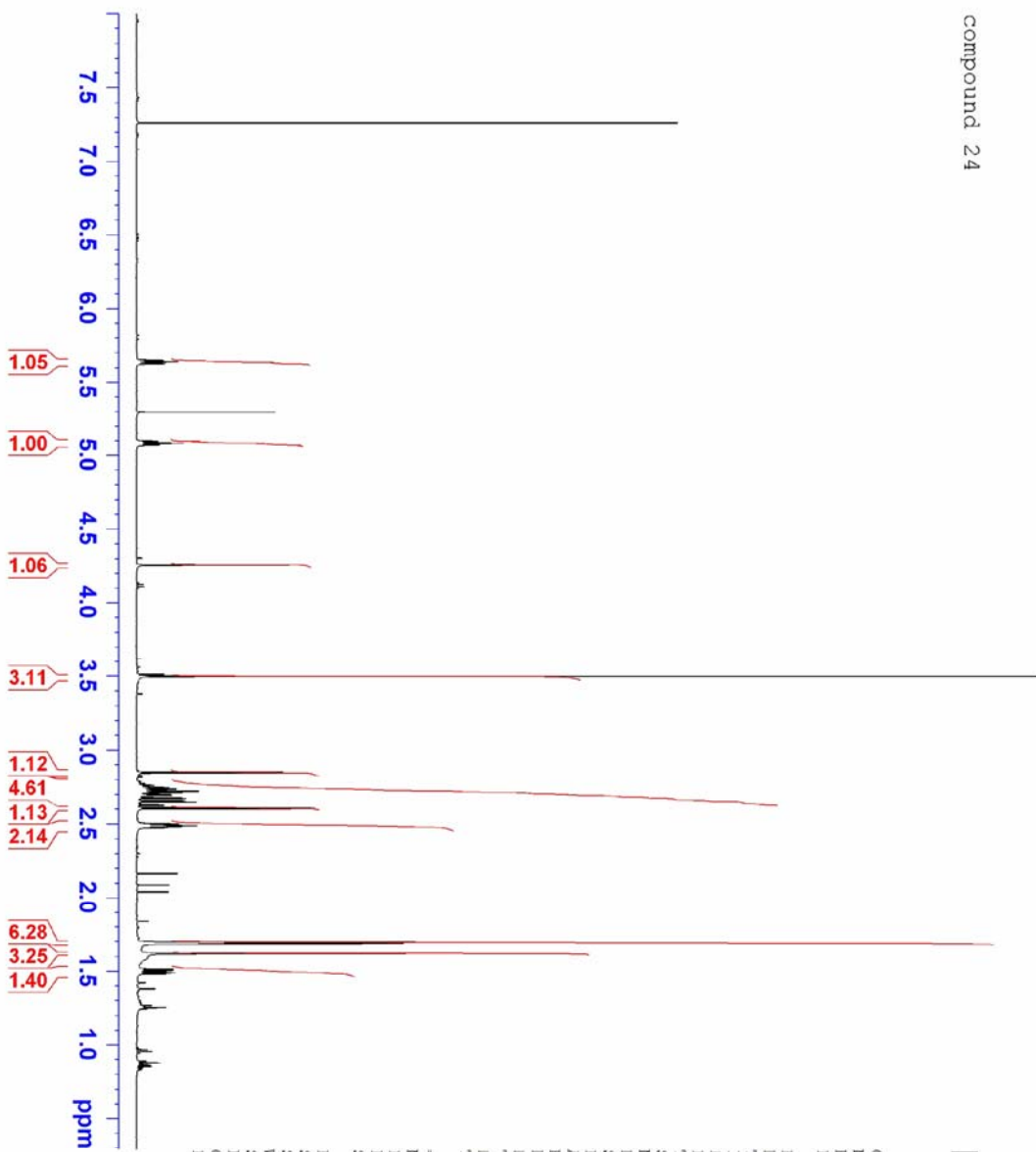


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TE 300.0 K  
D1 1.00000000 sec  
TDO 1

CHANNEL f1  
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P1 13.85 usec  
PL1 -6.00 dB  
SFO1 600.137060 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters  
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compound 24



Current Data Parameters  
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EXPNO 31  
PROCNO 1

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Time\_ 14.20  
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PULPROG jmod  
TD 65536  
SOLVENT CDCl3  
NS 1215  
DS 4  
SWH 30971.223 Hz  
FIDRES 0.548877 Hz  
AQ 0.9110143 sec  
RG 5160.6  
DM 13.900 usec  
DE 6.00 usec  
TE 300.0 K  
CNST2 145.0000000  
CNST11 1.0000000  
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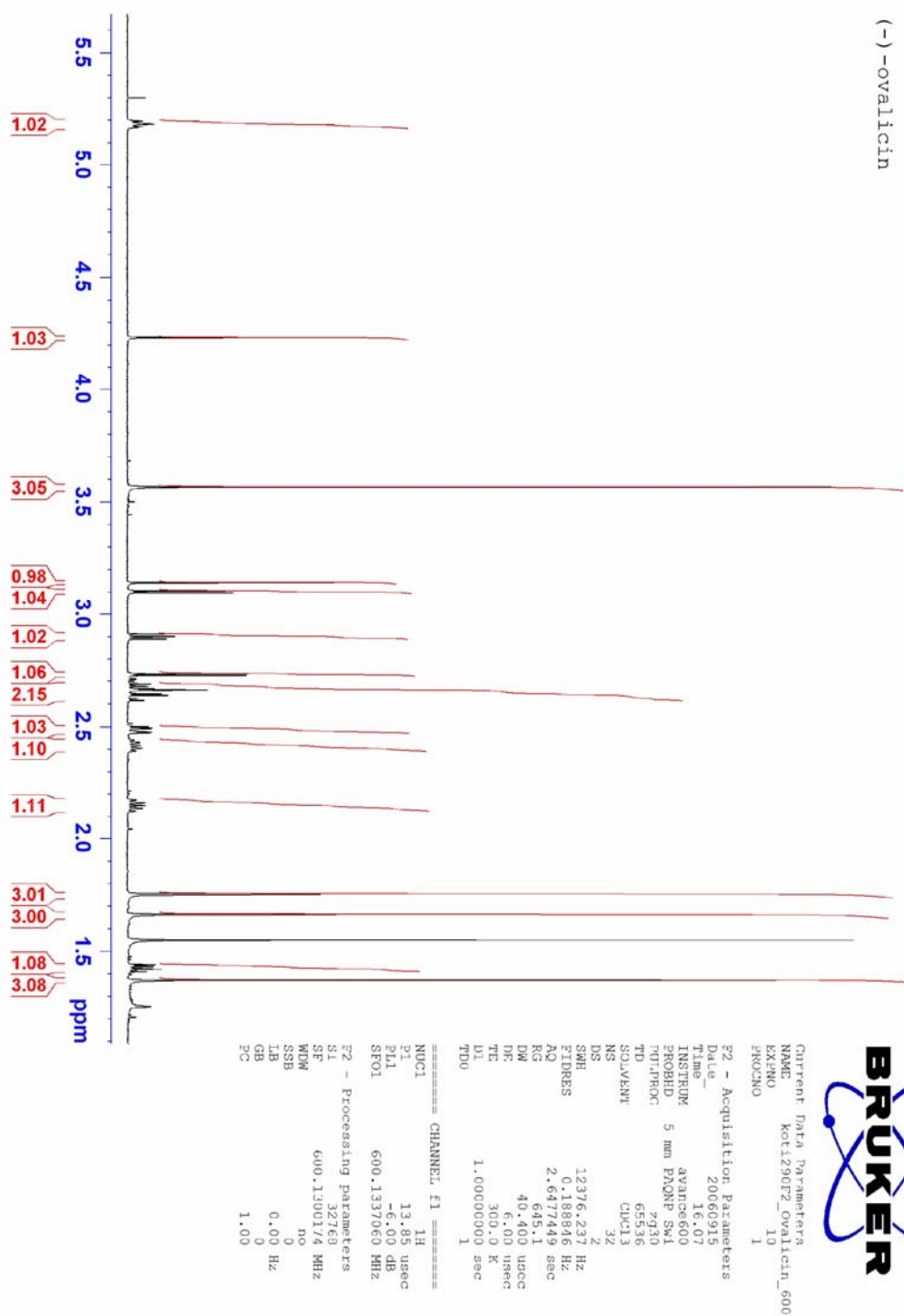
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(-)-ovalicin





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CHANNEL F1

NUC1 <sup>13</sup>C  
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P2 16.00 usec  
PL1 0.00 dB  
SFO1 150.9178988 MHz

CHANNEL F2

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NUC2 <sup>1</sup>H  
PCPD2 80.00 usec  
PL2 -6.00 dB  
PL12 12.20 dB  
SFO2 600.1324005 MHz

F2 - Processing parameters

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PC 1.40

