

# Supporting Information

# **The Role of Cytochrome P450 AbyV in the Final Stages of Abyssomicin C Biosynthesis**

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#### <span id="page-3-1"></span>**1.1 Gene Cloning**

The gene encoding AbyV was amplified from *Micromonospora maris* AB-18-032 genomic DNA by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using the primers 5'- AAGTTCTGTTTCAGGGCCCGATGATCCCGTCTGCGGCG-3' (forward) and 5'-ATGGTCTAGAAAGCTTTATCACCAGGTGACCGGAAGGCTTGGAC-3' (reverse), introducing appropriate overlap sequences (underlined) for insertion into the plasmid pOPINF, pre-cut with *Kpn*I and *Hind*III. Ligations used the In-Fusion cloning kit (Clonetech) following the manufacturers protocol. The resulting construct, pOPINF::*abyV*, encodes an N-terminally hexahisitidne tagged variant of AbyV. The sequence of this plasmid was verified by DNA sequencing and transformed into *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) cells for protein expression.

#### <span id="page-3-2"></span>**1.2 Protein Expression and Purification**

LB medium (100 mL) supplemented with carbenicillin (100 µg/mL) was inoculated with a single colony of *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) pre-transformed with *abyV*::pOPINF and incubated overnight with shaking (37 °C, 180 rpm). This pre-culture was used as a 1% inoculum for 1 L of TB autoinduction medium supplemented with carbenicillin (100 µg/mL). The cell culture was incubated (37 °C, 220 rpm) until an  $OD_{600nm}$  of 1.8 was reached and the culture was then supplemented with 5-aminolevulinic acid (final concentration 0.5 mM) and incubated overnight with shaking (28 °C, 180 rpm). Cells were then pelleted by centrifugation (4000 rpm, 30 mins) and stored at -80 °C.

Frozen cell pellets were thawed on ice and resuspended in His-Load buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 500 mM NaCl, 20 mM imidazole, pH 7.5). The cell suspension was lysed using a Cell Disrupter (Constant Systems Ltd, 40 Kpsi head) at 25 Kpsi. Following lysis PMSF protease inhibitor was added (final concentration 1 mM). The resulting cell lysate was clarified by centrifugation, and the supernatants containing protein were applied to a 5 mL HP HisTrap column (GE Healthcare) pre-equilibrated with His-load buffer. The column was washed with 10 column volumes of His-Load buffer and bound protein was then eluted using an imidazole gradient of

20 to 500 mM over 60 mL with fractionation (1 mL) throughout. Fractions containing the target protein, as determined by monitoring the absorbance of the column eluent at 280 nm followed by SDS-PAGE analysis, were pooled and concentrated to 5 mL. Concentrated protein samples were centrifuged to remove aggregates, prior to application to a 16/60 Superdex 200 column (GE life sciences), pre-equilibrated with 300 mL of buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 500 mM NaCl, pH 7.5). Fractions containing the target protein, as determined by monitoring the absorbance of the column eluent at 280 nm followed by SDS-PAGE analysis, were pooled, concentrated to 10 mg mL $^{-1}$ , and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen for storage at -80  $^{\circ}$ C before use.

#### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**1.3 Protein Crystallization and Diffraction Data Collection**

Conditions supporting the growth of crystals of AbyV were initially identified using the sitting drop vapor diffusion method at 18 °C, employing commercially available crystallization screens (Molecular Dimensions Limited), mixing 0.5 µL of protein solution with 0.5 µL of reservoir solution. Diffraction quality crystals were grown using the hanging drop vapor diffusion method, employing reservoir solutions containing 0.1 M Bis-Tris pH 7.0, 25% PEG 3350, 0.2 M MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Crystals took 14 days to grow to optimum size. Crystals selected for data collection were mounted in appropriately sized litholoops (Hampton Research), submerged in reservoir solution supplemented with 20% glycerol, and flash-cooled in liquid nitrogen prior to analysis. Diffraction data were collected at Diamond Light Source, UK on beamline I04-1 using a Dectris Pilatus 6 M pixel array detector. Collected data was integrated using the xia2 3dii pipeline.<sup>[1]</sup> 5% of the data were set aside for the calculation of Rfree.

#### <span id="page-4-1"></span>**1.4 Structure Solution and Refinement**

The structure of AbyV was determined by molecular replacement in MOLREP.<sup>[2]</sup>using chain A from CYP105D6 as a search model (PDB ID 3ABB).<sup>[3]</sup> This initial AbyV model was rebuilt and refined using a combination of COOT<sup>[4]</sup> and REFMAC<sup>[5]</sup>. The final model comprises 11-395 of the native sequence in Chain A, and 27-395 of the native sequence in Chain B, 2 heme prosthetic groups (1 per chain), 4 molecules of glycerol, 9 of polyethylene glycol (PEG), 1

chloride ion, 5 magnesium ions and 145 molecules of water. Electron density was not observed in the regions of both Chain A and Chain B corresponding to the AbyV BC loop (81- 87 in chain A, 73-94 in chain B). Similarly, density was not observed for residues 372-384 of chain B, indicative of structural disorder. Data collection, phasing and refinement statistics for AbyV are provided in table S1. The structure of AbyV has been deposited in the PDB with code 7QAN. Protein structure figures have been prepared using PYMOL.<sup>[6]</sup>

#### <span id="page-5-0"></span>**1.5 Spectrophotometric Analysis of Compound 3 Binding to AbyV**

The substrate dissociation constant  $(K_d)$  of **3** for AbyV was determined using absorbance spectroscopy by monitoring the displacement of water as the sixth ligand to the heme iron at 390 nm. All experiments were performed using a Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer, by titrating aliquots of compound  $3$  (0-160  $\mu$ M final concentration) into a 1 mL buffered solution of 10  $\mu$ M AbyV. All spectra were recorded using a 1 cm path length quartz cuvette in buffer comprising 20 mM Tris-HCl, 150 nM NaCl, pH 7.5, at a temperature of 25°C. Absorbance values at 390 nm were plotted against substrate concentration and fitted to a rectangular hyperbolic function by non-linear regression analysis using GraphPad Prism 8.

#### <span id="page-5-1"></span>**1.6 AbyV Epoxidation Activity Assays**

In a total reaction volume of 200 μL (in potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM), at pH 7.5, with 1% acetonitrile), **3** or (12- <sup>13</sup>C)-**3** (1 mM) was incubated with AbyV (10 μM), spinach ferredoxin-NADP<sup>+</sup> reductase (0.05 units, Sigma Aldrich), spinach ferredoxin (0.015 mg, Sigma Aldrich) and NADPH (1 mM, Sigma Aldrich) at 25 °C. At the appropriate time point the reaction was terminated by the addition of ice-cold acetonitrile (200 μL) and the reaction mixture clarified by centrifugation (14000 rpm, 4 min). The reaction mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (2 x 400 μL), and the organic extract dried under a stream of nitrogen. Control reactions were performed according to the same conditions but either without AbyV or with only **3** in buffer. Reactions for *in situ* NMR monitoring were performed according to the same conditions with 10% D2O added to the mixture prior to transfer to an NMR tube.

No evidence of peroxide damage to AbyV was observed over the timeframe of the assays, as would be indicated by sample aggregation.

#### <span id="page-6-0"></span>**1.7 Analysis of AbyV Epoxidation Activity Assays**

#### <span id="page-6-1"></span>**1.7.1 LC-MS**

The dried assay extract was dissolved in acetonitrile (80 μL) and this solution was subjected to LC-MS analysis using a Waters 2445SFO HPLC system with a Waters 2298 diode array detector for UV between 200 and 400 nm. The system was equipped with a Phenomenex LUNA column (5 µm, C18, 100 Å, 4.6  $\times$  250 mm) eluting with a linear gradient of 5-95% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.05 % formic acid; flow rate: 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>; detection: 254 nm; Mass spectrometry was performed using a Waters QM ESI spectrometer in positive and negative modes, with detection between 150 and 1200 m/z units.

#### <span id="page-6-2"></span>**1.7.2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR**

The dried assay extract was dissolved in acetonitrile and purified by semi-preparative HPLC using a Waters 2445SFO HPLC system with a Waters 2298 diode array detector for UV between 200 and 400 nm. The system was equipped with a Phenomenex LUNA column (5  $\mu$ m, C18, 100 Å, 4.6  $\times$  250 mm) eluting with a linear gradient of 5-95% MeCN in H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.05 % formic acid; flow rate: 1 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>; detection: 254 nm; Collection of the product at  $t_R = 9.0$ allowed an analytical sample of the proposed epoxide product to be isolated. The sample was dried under a stream of nitrogen and dissolved in methanol- $d_4$  and subjected to <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis on a Bruker Avance III HD 700 spectrometer.

#### <span id="page-6-3"></span>**1.7.3 <sup>13</sup>C NMR**

The dried assay extract (from assays conducted with (12- <sup>13</sup>C)**3**) was dissolved in methanol-d<sup>4</sup> (500  $\mu$ L) and subjected to <sup>13</sup>C NMR analysis on a Bruker Avance II HD 500 Cryo spectrometer.

#### <span id="page-6-4"></span>**1.7.4** *In situ* **Monitoring**

Reactions for *in situ* NMR monitoring were performed according to the conditions outlined in **1.6** with 10% D<sub>2</sub>O added to the mixture prior to transfer to an NMR tube. <sup>13</sup>C (DEPT) analyses were carried out on a Bruker Avance III HD 700 spectrometer.

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**1.8 Docking**

Molecular docking was performed to obtain initial poses of the two atropisomer substrates within the AbyV active site that can result in epoxidation of **3** at C-11/C-12. Conformations of the two atropisomers of **3** were those previously optimized with DFT at the B97D/6-31+G(d,p) level.[7] Docking into chain A of the AbyV structure was then performed using AutoDock Vina.[8] AutoDockTools 1.5.6 was first used to assign AutoDock atom types, remove non-polar hydrogens from the ligand and add polar hydrogens to the protein (with all residues in their standard protonation states). Both protein and ligand were treated as rigid during docking (and no oxygen was attached to the heme iron). Docking was then performed using a search grid of size 21.4 x 16.5 x 17.6 Å centered on the active site, and an exhaustiveness of 16, obtaining 20 poses for each substrate. For each atropisomer, a single pose was selected based on the best scoring pose with a distance between the compound I oxygen and the epoxidation site carbons <4 Å.

#### <span id="page-7-1"></span>**1.9 AbyV Chain A Loop Modelling**

The flexible BC loop, largely not observed in the crystal structure, was modelled into chain A of the AbyV crystal structure to generate a complete structure for MD simulation. Loop modelling (and optimisation) for residues 80-88 was performed using MODELLER 9.20.<sup>[9,10]</sup> 200 loop models were generated and refined using the second highest MD refinement level. To obtain a loop conformation consistent with the loop being highly flexible, we considered the top 20 conformations based on the molpdf score and selected the loop model with the best DOPE score that did not feature the loop making close interactions with the interior of the protein. (Considering DOPE score alone results in loop models that are buried and in contact the with the F,G and I helices, which is inconsistent with expected flexible loop indicated by the X-ray data).

#### <span id="page-8-0"></span>**1.10 Molecular Dynamics Setup, Simulations and Analysis**

The selected docked poses for each atropisomer of **3** were combined with chain A of the AbyV structure (including crystallographic water molecules) and the coordinates for residues 80-88 obtained from MODELLER. Water molecules within 2 Å of the substrate or the remodelled loop were deleted. The Enlighten PREP protocol (see: www.github.com/marcvanderkamp/enlighten)<sup>[11]</sup> was used to prepare the structures for simulation. This includes addition of hydrogens to the protein (incl. Asn/Gln/His flips were appropriate) using the AmberTools<sup>[12]</sup> programme reduce and based on  $pK_a$  prediction from PropKa 3.1.<sup>[13,14]</sup> His339 and His342 were singly protonated at Ne2 and all other histidines singly protonated at Nd1. All other titratable residues were modelled in their standard states, apart from Glu353, which was protonated (based on a predicted pK<sub>a</sub> of 9.54). A 30 Å solvent sphere was then added around the active site (with the AmberTools program tleap), centred on carbon atom of the tetronate ring to which the hydroxy group is attached. In subsequent simulations, the protein was treated by the ff14SB force field<sup>[15]</sup> and water using the TIP3P model. AM1-BCC partial charges and Generalised Amber Force Field<sup>[16]</sup> parameters were generated for each atropisomer substrate using Antechamber. For the heme and Cys344 to which it is bound, Amber compatible parameters<sup>[17]</sup> consistent with compound I were used.

The Enlighten protocols STRUCT and DYNAM were then applied (using sander from AmberTools16, with the entire structure treated with MM). The STRUCT protocol performs brief simulated annealing and minimisation to optimise the structure, with atoms within 25 Å of the solvent sphere centre allowed to move. DYNAM then continues and performs brief heating to 300K, followed by molecular dynamics (MD) simulation, with all atoms within the 30 Å solvent sphere allowed to move. DYNAM was repeated 10 times to obtain 10 independent 200ps MD trajectories (2 fs timestep) for each atropisomer. The percentage of reactive conformations was calculated from structures at every 1 ps in the last 100 ps of the 10 MD trajectories (1000 snapshots per atropisomer). A snapshot was deemed reactive if the two geometric reactivity criteria established in a previous study<sup>[18]</sup> (to identify structures from which

epoxidation may readily occur) were satisfied for either carbon of the double bond of the substituted cyclohexene. These two conditions are that the distance between the epoxidation site carbon and the oxygen of compound I be less than  $4 \text{ Å}$ , and that the angle between the compound I iron, oxygen and the epoxidation site carbon atom be between 110 and 140°.

#### <span id="page-9-0"></span>**1.11 Compound Synthesis**

#### <span id="page-9-1"></span>**1.11.1 General Considerations**

All reagents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. All air and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out using standard Schlenk syringe-septa techniques, using flame dried glassware under a positive pressure of nitrogen. Anhydrous THF, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O and toluene were dried by passing through a modified Grubbs system of alumina columns, manufactured by Anhydrous Engineering, and stored over 3 Å molecular sieves. Anhydrous DMSO, DMF, acetone, MeOH and pyridine were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further drying. DIPA and NEt<sub>3</sub> were distilled over CaH<sub>2</sub> prior to use. All stated temperatures below ambient are the temperatures of the cooling baths. TLC analysis was performed with aluminium backed silica TLC plates (Merck-Kieselgel 60  $F_{254}$ ) using the stated solvent system and the plates were visualised using UV fluorescence (254 nm) and/or developed with potassium permanganate solution. Flash column chromatography was performed according to the procedures described by Still,<sup>[19]</sup> using silica gel 60 (Fisher Scientific or Aldrich) and the stated solvent system.

#### <span id="page-9-2"></span>**1.11.2 Compound Characterisation**

<sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded using Jeol ECZ 400, Jeol ECS 400, Bruker Nano 400 and Bruker Avance III HD 500 Cryo spectrometers at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts (δ) are quoted in parts per million (ppm) and coupling constants (*J*) are in Hertz (Hz) rounded to 0.5 Hz intervals. Residual solvent peaks were used as the internal reference for proton and carbon chemical shifts. Two-dimensional NMR techniques (HSQC, COSY, HMBC) were used

routinely for structural assignment. HRMS ESI were performed on either a Bruker Daltonics Apex 4, 7 Tesla FTICR or microTOF II. Samples were submitted in MeOH or  $CH_2Cl_2$ . Specific rotations ( $\left[\alpha\right]_{\text{D}}^{\text{T}}$  )were measured on a Bellingham and Stanley Ltd. ADP220 polarimeter and are quoted in  $(° \text{ ml})(g \text{ dm})^{-1}$ . Infra-red spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum 100 FTIR with an ATR accessory and frequencies are reported in wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

#### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**1.11.3 Synthesis of AbyV Substrate 3 and Epoxide 4**





Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, *(S)-*3-bromo-2-methyl-1-propanol **23** (1 g, 6.58 mmol) was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (20 mL). TBSCI (1.10 g, 7.24 mmol) and imidazole (0.67 g, 9.87 mmol) were added, and the reaction was stirred for 4 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (20 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$ 20 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was dissolved in toluene (20 mL) and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give bromide 73 as a colourless oil (1.65 g, 93%).  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = + 7.8 (c 0.9, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit.  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ = + 11.1 (c 1.42, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)).<sup>[20]</sup> **δ<sup>H</sup> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 3.57 (1H, dd, *J* 10.0, 5.0, 1-*H*H), 3.51 – 3.42 (3H, overlapping m, 1-H*H* & 3-H2), 1.99 – 1.95 (1H, m, 2-H), 0.99 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 2-CH3), 0.89 (9H, s, SiC(CH3)3), 0.06 (6H, s, Si(CH3)2); **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 65.5 (C-2), 38.2 (C-3), 37.9 (C-1), 26.0 (Si(C(*C*H3)3), 18.4 (Si(*C*(CH3)3), 15.6 (2-CH3), -5.3 (Si(*C*H3)2).

All data are in accordance with the literature.<sup>[20]</sup>



#### **(***S***)-3-Iodo-1-(***tert***-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-2-methylpropane 25**

**24** (1.74 g, 6.51 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (18 mL), and sodium iodide (3.88 g, 26.0 mmol) was added. The reaction was heated at reflux for 16 h and then cooled to room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL).  $H_2O$  (20 mL) was added, the layers separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc  $(3 \times 30 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give silyl ether 25 as a yellow oil (2.05 g, quant.).  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$ = + 7.5 (*c* 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit. [α] $^{23}_{D}$ = + 12.2 (*c* 1.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).<sup>[21]</sup> **δ<sup>H</sup> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 3.53 (1H, dd, *J* 10.0, 5.0, 1-*H*H), 3.40 (1H, dd, *J* 10.0, 7.0, 1-H*H*), 3.30 (1H, dd, *J* 9.5, 5.5, 3-*H*H), 3.25 (1H, dd, *J* 9.5, 5.5, 3-H*H*), 1.66 – 1.61 (1H, m, 2-H), 0.95 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, CH3), 0.90 (9H, s, SiC(CH3)3), 0.06 (6H, s, Si(CH3)2). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 66.8 (C-1), 37.5 (C-2), 26.0 (SiC(*C*H3)3), 18.4 (Si*C*(CH3)3), 17.4 (2-CH3), 14.0 (C-3), -5.2 (Si(*C*H3)2). **HRMS (APCI+)** calc. for [C10H22OISi+H]<sup>+</sup> 315.0636, found 315.0629.

All data are in accordance with the literature.<sup>[21]</sup>





A RBF containing lithium chloride (3.04 g, 71.64 mmol) was flame dried under vacuum for 5 minutes and the flask was then allowed to cool to room temperature under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Anhydrous THF (17 mL) was added followed by diisopropylamine (2.77 mL, 19.70

mmol) and the solution cooled to −78 °C. *n*-BuLi (1.39 M, 13.3 mL, 18.51 mmol) was added dropwise, the mixture was raised to 0 °C and held for 5 minutes before cooling back to −78 °C. Pseudoephedrine propionamide<sup>[22]</sup> (2.37 g, 10.74 mmol) in anhydrous THF (17 mL) was then added to the LDA solution and the resulting mixture was stirred at −78 °C for 1 h, 30 minutes at 0 °C, 5 minutes at room temperature before being cooled back to 0 °C. At 0 °C, iodide **25** (1.90 g, 5.97 mmol) in anhydrous THF (11 mL) was added slowly to the stirred solution which was then allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with sat. aq. NH4Cl (40 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (4  $\times$  50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 30-50% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give the auxiliary adduct **26** as a pale-yellow oil (2.43 g, 94%).  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  = -36.0 (*c* 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit.  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  = -58.1 (*c* 1.2, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)).<sup>[23]</sup> The auxiliary adduct (2.23 g, 5.47 mmol) was dissolved in 1,4-dioxane (55 mL) and the solution cooled to 0 °C. 6 M H2SO4 (55 mL) was added slowly and the flask was warmed to 30 °C and stirred overnight. EtOAc (50 mL) was added, the layers separated, and the aqueous layer extracted with EtOAc  $(4 \times 30 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were washed sequentially with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (30 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 20% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give lactone **16** as a colourless solid (530 mg, 76%).  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +$ 33.8 (*c* 0.8, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit.  $[\alpha]_D^{27}$  = + 41.6 (*c* 0.1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).<sup>[24]</sup> δ<sup>H</sup> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 4.31 (1H, ddd, *J* 11.0, 5.0, 2.0, 6-*H*H), 3.88 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 9.5, 6-H*H*), 2.52 (1H, dqd, *J* 12.5, 7.0, 6.0, 3-H), 2.20 – 2.04 (2H, m, 4-H2), 1.25 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 3-CH3), 1.23 (1H, m, 5-H) 0.98 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, 5- CH3)). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 174.7 (C-2), 75.1 (C-6), 37.0 (C-4), 35.5 (C-3), 28.8 (C-5), 17.5 (CH3), 17.1 (CH3). **HRMS (APCI+)** calc. for [C7H11O2+H]<sup>+</sup> 129.0910, found 129.0905. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )** (neat) 2962, 1731, 1460.

All data are in accordance with the literature.<sup>[24]</sup>

#### **(***E***)-(2- <sup>13</sup>C)Crotonic acid 27**



(2- <sup>13</sup>C)Malonic acid (3 g, 28.56 mmol) was dissolved in pyridine (30 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. Acetaldehyde (19.25 mL, 342.72 mmol) was added and the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and then stirred for 16 h. The solution was then heated to 50 °C for 4 h before cooling to room temperature. Water (20 mL) was added, and the solution acidified to pH 1.5 with conc. HCl. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (4  $\times$ 100 mL), the combined organic layers dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give (2- <sup>13</sup>C)**27** as a white solid (2.39 g, 96%). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 7.10 (1H, dqd, *J* 15.5, 7.0, 2.0, 3-H), 5.86 (1H, ddq, *J* 163.0, 15.5, 1.5, 2-H), 1.92 (3H, ddd, *J* 7.0, 7.0, 1.5, 4- H3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 171.6 (d, *J* 72.5, C-1), 147.6 (d, *J* 70.0, C-3), 122.2 (C-2 (enhanced)), 18.3 (d, J 1.5, C-4). HRMS (+APCI) calc. for  $[C_3$ <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 88.0474, found 88.0472.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[25]</sup>

#### **Ethyl (***E***)***-***(2- <sup>13</sup>C)crotonate 11**



(2- <sup>13</sup>C)Crotonic acid (2.39 g, 27.44 mmol) was dissolved in ethanol (50 mL) and the solution cooled to 0 °C. Conc.  $H_2SO_4$  (4 drops) was added, and the solution heated at reflux for 16 h. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (20 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2(3 \times 60 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were washed with water (3 × 30 mL) and brine (1 × 30 mL), dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give (2- <sup>13</sup>C)**11** as a colourless oil (2.63 g, 83%). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 6.97 (1H, dqd, *J* 15.5,

7.0, 2.0, 3-H), 5.84 (1H, ddq, *J* 162.0, 15.5, 1.5, 2-H), 4.18 (2H, q, *J* 7.0, OC*H*2CH3), 1.87 (3H, td, *J* 7.0, 1.5, 4-H3), 1.28 (3H, t, *J* 7.0, OCH2C*H*3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 166.7 (d, *J* 75.0, C-1), 144.6 (d, *J* 70.5, C-3), 123.0 (C-2 (enhanced)), 60.2 (O*C*H2CH3), 18.1 (d, *J* 1.5, C-4), 14.4 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). **HRMS (+APCI)** calc. for  $[C_5$ <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 116.0787, found 116.0784.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[26]</sup>

#### **Ethyl (2***E***, 4***E***)-(4- <sup>13</sup>C)hexadienoate 14**



Under an atmosphere of nitrogen,  $(2^{-13}C)$ **11** (2.60 g, 22.58 mmol) was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$ (120 mL) and cooled to − 40 °C. DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexanes, 50 mL, 50 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and sat. aq. potassium sodium tartrate (80 mL) was added. The resulting cloudy suspension was stirred vigorously until biphasic, and the aqueous layer extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 100 mL), the organic layers combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo* to a volume of 75 mL, MnO<sub>2</sub> (49.0 g, 564.5) mmol) was added to the solution of crotyl alcohol, and the suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The suspension was filtered through a pad of celite and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give crotonaldehyde (2-<sup>13</sup>C)13 as a colourless liquid (δ<sup>H</sup> (400 MHz, **CDCl3)** 9.50 (1H, dd, *J* 25.5, 8.0, 1-H), 6.86 (1H, dqd, *J* 15.5, 7.0, 0.5, 3-H), 6.15 (1H, ddq, *J* 160.5, 15.5, 1.5, 2-H), 2.03 (3H, dd, *J* 7.0, 1.5, 4-H3), which was used immediately in the following step.

Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, NaH (60% suspension in mineral oil, 758 mg, 31.61 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (150 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and triethyl phosphonoacetate (10.75 mL, 54.19 mmol) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at the same temperature for 0.5 h and then previously prepared crotonaldehyde (2- <sup>13</sup>C)**13** was

added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 16 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of sat. aq.  $NH_4Cl$  (70 mL) and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc  $(3 \times 100 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 5% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give (4- <sup>13</sup>C)**14** as a colourless oil (0.78 g, 24% over 3 steps). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 7.25 (1H, ddd, *J* 15.0, 11.0, 2.5, 3-H), 6.19 (1H, ddd, *J* 154.5, 15.0, 11.0, 4-H), 6.13 (1H, dq, *J* 15.0, 7.0, 5-H), 5.77 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5, 7.0, 2-H), 4.19 (2H, q, *J* 7.0, OC*H*2CH3), 1.85 (3H, td, *J* 7.0, 1.5, 6-H3), 1.29 (3H, t, *J* 7.0, OCH2C*H*3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 167.5 (d, *J* 8.0, C-1), 145.0 (d, *J* 55.5, C-3), 139.3 (d, *J* 70.0, C-5), 129.9 (C-4 (enhanced)), 119.2 (d, *J* 1.0, C-2), 60.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 18.8 (d, *J* 1.0, C-6), 14.5 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). **HRMS (+APCI)** calc. for  $[C_7$ <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>12</sub>O<sub>2</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 142.0941, found 142.0941.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[27]</sup>

#### **(2***E***, 4***E***)-(4- <sup>13</sup>C)Hexadienal 15**



Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, (4-<sup>13</sup>C)14 (745 mg, 5.28 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (28 mL) and the solution cooled to − 40 °C. DIBAL-H (1.0 M in hexanes, 12.7 mL, 12.7 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 h in the absence of light. The reaction was cooled to 0 °C and sat. ag. potassium sodium tartrate (20 mL) was added. The resulting cloudy suspension was stirred vigorously until biphasic and the aqueous layer extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 30 mL), the organic layers were combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give (2*E*, 4*E*)-(4- <sup>13</sup>C)hexadienol as a colourless oil (**δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 6.20 (1H, m, 3-H), 6.06 (1H, ddd, *J* 151.5, 15.5, 10.5, 4-H), 5.72 (2H, overlapping m, 2-H and 5-H), 4.15 (2H, d, *J* 5.5, 1-H2), 1.76 (3H, dd, *J* 7.5, 6.5, 6-H3)) which was used immediately in the next

step. (2E, 4E)-(4-<sup>13</sup>C)hexadienol (480 mg, 4.84 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (16 mL) and  $MnO<sub>2</sub>$  (10.50 g, 120.7 mmol) was added. The resulting suspension was stirred at room temperature for 1 h in the absence of light. The suspension was filtered through a pad of celite, and the solvent was removed *in vacuo* to give (4- <sup>13</sup>C)**15** as a yellow oil (359 mg, 72% over 2 steps). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 9.53 (1H, d, *J* 8.0, 1-H), 7.08 (1H, ddd, *J* 15.5, 11.0, 2.1, 3-H), 6.34 (1H, ddd, *J* 153.5, 15.5, 11.0, 4-H), 6.29 (1H, dqd, *J* 15.5, 7.0, 2.0, 5-H), 6.06 (1H, m, 2- H), 1.91 (3H, dd, *J* 8.0, 7.0, 6-H3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 194.1 (C-1), 152.7 (d, *J* 55.5, C-3), 142.0 (d, *J* 69.5, C-5), 130.3 (C-4 (enhanced)), 130.1 (C-2), 19.1 (C-6). **HRMS (+APCI)** calc. for  $[C_5$ <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>8</sub>O+H]<sup>+</sup> 98.0681, found 96.0680.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[28]</sup>

#### **(2***R***,4***S***,6***E***,8***E***,10***E***)***-***2,4-Dimethyl-1-hydroxy-dodeca-6,8,10-trien-5-one 18**



Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, dimethyl methylphosphonate (2.14 mL, 19.83 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (32 mL) and the solution cooled to -78 °C. *n*-BuLi (1.5 M, 13.2 mL, 19.80 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 0.5 h. Lactone **16** (1.21 g, 9.44 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction was stirred at - 78 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of sat. ag. NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (60 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (5  $\times$  30 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na2SO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was dissolved in THF (150 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Barium hydroxide (2.43 g, 14.16 mmol) and (2E, 4E)-hexa-2,4-dienal (1.86 mL, 14.16 mmol) were added. H<sub>2</sub>O (30 mL) was added dropwise, and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of sat. aq. NH4Cl (20 mL), and the aqueous layer was extracted

with EtOAc (3  $\times$  20 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 15-30% EtOAc and 0.05% Et3N in petroleum ether (40-60 °C), giving alcohol **18** as a yellow oil (1.47 mg, 70%). [α] $^{24}_{\rm D}$ = + 17.5 (*c* 0.4, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit. [α] $^{21}_{\rm D}$ = + 22.4 (*c* 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).<sup>[29]</sup> **δ H (400 MHz, CD3OD)** 7.32 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5, 11.0, 7-H), 6.70 (1H, dd, *J* 15.0, 11.0, 9-H), 6.37 – 6.20 (3H, m, 6-H, 8-H and 10-H), 6.03 (1H, m, 11-H), 3.40 (1H, dd, *J* 11.0, 5.0, 1-*H*H), 3.31 (1H, dd, *J*, 11.0, 5.0, 1-H*H*), 3.00 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.83 (3H, d, *J* 7.5, 12-H3), 1.81 (1H, m, 3-*H*H), 1.54 (1H, m, 2-H), 1.11 (1H, m, 3-H*H*), 1.09 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 4-CH3), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 2-CH3). **δ C (100 MHz, CD3OD)** 206.9 (C-5), 145.3 (C-7), 144.1 (C-9), 136.7 (C-11), 132.8 (C-10), 129.4 (C-8), 128.3 (C-6), 68.3 (C-1), 42.8 (C-4), 38.4 (C-3), 34.9 (C-2), 18.7 (C-12), 18.3 (4-CH3), 17.3 (2-CH3). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for [C14H22O2+H]<sup>+</sup> 223.1693, found 223.1688. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )**  (neat) 3428, 2962, 2878, 1674, 1596, 1574.

All data are in accordance with the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>

The above procedure was repeated with (4- <sup>13</sup>C)**15** (359 mg, 3.70 mmol, 0.7 eq), giving (10- <sup>13</sup>C)**18** (261 mg, 32% over 2 steps). **δ H (400 MHz, CD3OD)** 7.32 (1H, dd, *J* 15.0, 11.5, 7-H), 6.69 (1H, dd, *J* 15.0, 11.0, 9-H), 6.31 (2H, m, 6-H and 8-H), 6.23 (1H, dddd, 158.5, 15.0, 11.0, 1.5, 10-H), 6.03 (1H, m, 11-H), 3.39 (1H, dd, *J* 10.5, 5.5, 1-*H*H), 3.31 (1H, dd, *J* 10.5, 5.5, 1- H*H*), 3.00 (1H, m, 4-H), 1.83, (3H, dd, J 8.0, 6.0, 12-H3), 1.80 (1H, m, 3-*H*H), 1.53 (1H, m, 2- H), 1.12 (1H, m, 3-H*H*), 1.09 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 4-CH3), 0.91 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, 2-CH3). **δ C (100 MHz, CD3OD)** 206.9 (C-5), 145.3 (d, *J* 8.0, C-7), 144.1 (d, *J* 55.5, C-9), 136.7 (d, *J* 70.0, C-11), 132.8 (C-10 (enhanced)), 129.4 (C-8), 128.3 (C-6), 68.3 (C-1), 42.9 (C-4), 38.4 (C-3), 34.9 (C-2), 18.7 (C-2), 18.3 (4-CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.3 (2-CH<sub>3</sub>). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_{13}^{13}CH_{22}O_2+H]^+$  224.1726, found 224.1725.

#### **(2***R***,4***S***,6***E***,8***E***,10***E***)-2,4-Dimethyl-5-oxododeca-6,8,10-trienal 19**



Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, alcohol **18** (263 mg, 1.18 mmol) was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$ (6.5 mL) and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. (Diacetoxyiodo)benzene (911 mg, 2.83 mmol) and TEMPO (73 mg, 0.47 mmol) were added, and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of sat. aq.  $Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>$  (5 mL) and sat. aq. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (1 mL) and then stirred for a further 30 minutes. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 10-15% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give aldehyde **19** as a yellow oil (212 mg, 81%).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$ = + 4.0 (*c* 1, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit.  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = +5.7$  (c 0.25, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).<sup>[29]</sup> δ<sup>H</sup> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 9.59 (1H, d, *J* 1.5, 1-H), 7.26 (1H, m, 7-H), 6.60 (1H, ddd, *J* 14.5, 11.0, 4.0, 9-H), 6.26 – 6.12 (3H, m, 6-H, 8-H and 10- H), 5.97 (1H, dq *J* 14.5, 7.0, 11-H), 2.97 – 2.73 (1H, m, 4-H), 2.43 – 2.32 (1H, m, 2-H), 2.19 (1H, app. dt, *J* 14.0, 7.5, 3-*H*H), 1.84 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 12-H3), 1.35 – 1.24 (1H, m, 3-H*H*), 1.12 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 4-CH3), 1.09 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 2-CH3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 204.6 (C-1), 203.0 (C-5), 143.7 (C-7), 142.7 (C-9), 136.0 (C-11), 131.5 (C-10), 128.1 (C-8), 127.0 (C-6), 44.4 (C-2), 41.7 (C-4), 33.6 (C-3), 18.8 (C-12), 17.7 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_{14}H_{20}O_2+H]^+$ 221.1536, found 221.1533. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )** (neat) 2968, 2875, 2712, 1722, 1596, 1573.

All data are in accordance with the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>

The above procedure was repeated with (10- <sup>13</sup>C)**18** (222 mg, 0.99 mmol), giving (10- <sup>13</sup>C)**19** (136 mg, 62% yield). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 9.60 (1H, d, *J* 2.0, 1-H), 7.26 (1H, dd, *J* 16.0, 11.5 , 7-H), 6.60 (1H, dd, *J* 15.5, 10.0, 9-H), 6.17 (1H, dddd, *J* 153.0, 15.5, 11.0, 2.0, 10-H), 6.23 (2H, m, 6-H and 8-H), 5.99 (1H, m, 11-H), 2.86 (1H, m, 4-H), 2.38 (1H, m, 2-H), 2.20 (1H, ddd,

*J* 14.0, 7.0, 6.0, 3-*H*H), 1.84 (3H, dd, *J* 7.5, 6.0, 12-H3), 1.31 (1H, ddd, *J* 14.0, 7.0, 6.0, 3-H*H*), 1.14 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 4-CH3), 1.09 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 2-CH3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 204.6 (C-1), 203.0 (C-5), 143.7 (C-7), 142.7 (d, *J* 56.5, C-9), 135.9 (d, *J* 70.5, C-11), 131.4 (C-10 (enhanced)), 128.1 (C-8), 127.0 (C-6), 44.4 (C-2), 41.7 (C-4), 33.6 (C-3), 18.7 (C-12), 17.7 (CH3), 13.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>). HRMS (ESI) calc. for  $[C_{13}^{13}CH_{20}O_2+H]^2$  222.1569, found 222.1571.

**(2***R***,4***S***,6***E***,8***E***,10***E***)-1-(4**′**-Methoxy-5**′**-methylene-2**′**-oxo-2**′**,5**′**-dihydrofuran-3**′**-yl)-2,4-**

**dimethyldodeca-6,8,10-triene-1,5-dione 20**



Two identical reactions were carried out in parallel as follows: Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, **22** (287 mg, 1.66 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF (5 mL). The solution was cooled to -78 °C and NEt<sub>3</sub> (444  $\mu$ L, 3.2 mmol) and (+)-DIP-CI (0.78 M solution in hexane, 2.11 mL, 1.65 mmol) were added dropwise. The solution was stirred for 0.5 h at -78 °C and then aldehyde **19** (165 mg, 0.75 mmol) in anhydrous THF (3 mL) was added dropwise and the solution stirred for a further 1 h at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to 0 °C and MeOH (0.86 mL) and MeI (0.48 mL, 7.5 mmol) were added and stirring continued at 0 °C for a further 3 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of sat. aq.  $N = N_3 (5 \text{ mL})$  and then stirred at room temperature for a further 1 h. The two biphasic reaction mixtures were combined, the layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc  $(3 \times 20 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 10-20% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give a mixture of epimers which were used immediately in the next step. NB polymerisation of this species occurs rapidly when concentrated.

The mixture of epimeric alcohols was dissolved in  $CH_2Cl_2$  (40 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Dess-Martin periodinane (1.02 g, 2.40 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction quenched by the addition of sat. aq.  $Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>$  (20 mL) and sat. ag. NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (4 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3  $\times$  20), and the combined organic layers were dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 20% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give **20** as a yellow oil (290 mg, 56%).  $[\alpha]_D^{21} = -24.0$  (*c* 0.5, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit.  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  = -32.7 (*c* 0.7, CHCl<sub>3</sub>)).<sup>[29]</sup> **δ<sup>H</sup> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 7.25 (1H, dd, *J* 15.0, 11.0, 7-H), 6.58 (1H, dd, *J* 15.0, 11.0, 9-H), 6.26-6.14 (3H, m, 6-H, 8-H and 10-H), 5.96 (1H, m, 11-H), 5.26 (1H, d, *J* 3.0, 6′ -*H*H), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* 3.0, 6′-H*H*), 4.12 (3H, s, OCH3), 3.64 (1H, m, 2-H), 2.80 (1H, m, 4-H), 2.21 (1H, m, 3-*H*H), 1.83 (3H, d, *J* 7.5, 12-H3), 1.30 (1H, m, 3-H*H*), 1.15 (3H, d, *J* 6.0, 2- CH3),1.13 (3H, d, *J* 6.0, 4-CH3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 203.4 (C-5), 200.7 (C-1), 168.7 (C-5′), 166.4 (C-2′), 149.0 (C-4′), 143.4 (C-7), 142.3 (C-9), 135.5 (C-11), 131.5 (C-10), 128.3 (C-8), 127.4 (C-6), 104.8 (C-1′), 95.9 (C-6′), 62.8 (OCH3), 42.4 (C-2), 42.2 (C-4), 35.8 (C-3), 18.8 (C-12), 18.0 (2-CH<sub>3</sub>), 17.1 (4-CH<sub>3</sub>). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_{20}H_{24}O_5+H]^+$  345.1697, found 345.1690. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )** (neat) 2967, 1770, 1683, 1578.

All data are in accordance with the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>

The above procedure was repeated with (10- <sup>13</sup>C)**19** (136 mg, 0.61 mmol), giving (10- <sup>13</sup>C)**20** (56 mg, 27% over 2 steps). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 7.25 (1H, dd, *J* 16.0, 10.5, 7-H), 6.59 (1H, m, 9-H), 6.23 (2H, m, 6-H and 8-H), 6.13 (1H, m, 10-H), 5.97 (1H, m, 11-H), 5.27 (1H, d, *J* 3.0, 6′-*H*H), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* 3.0, 6′-H*H*), 4.12 (3H, s, OCH3), 3.64 (1H, m, 2-H), 2.81 (1H, m, 4-H), 2.21 (1H, app dt, *J* 14.0, 7.0, 3-*H*H), 1.83 (3H, dd, J 8.0, 6.5, 12-H3), 1.31 (1H, m, 3-H*H*), 1.15 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, 2-CH3), 1.13 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, 4-CH3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 203.3 (C-5), 200.7 (C-1), 168.7 (C-5′), 166.4 (C-2′), 149.0 (C-4′), 143.4 (d, *J* 8.0, C-7), 142.3 (d, *J* 56.5, C-9), 135.5 (d, *J* 70.5, C-11), 131.6 (C-10 (enhanced)), 128.4 (C-8), 127.3 (d, *J* 16.0, C-6), 104.8 (C-1′), 95.9 (C-6′), 62.8 (OCH3), 42.4 (C-2), 42.2 (C-4), 35.8 (C-3), 18.8 (C-12), 18.0 (2-CH3), 17.1 (4-CH<sub>3</sub>). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_{19}^{13}CH_{24}O_5+H]^+$  346.1730, found 346.1732.

#### **Diels-Alder Adduct 21**



Tetronate 20 (123 mg, 0.092 mmol) and hydroquinone (1 mg) were dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL), and the solution heated at 75 °C for 48 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 10-20% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give Diels-Alder adduct **21** as a colourless oil (88 mg, 72%). [α] $_{D}^{23}$ = - 206.7 (*c* 0.6, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) (Lit. [α] $_{D}^{21}$ = -202.4 (*c* 0.45, CHCl3)).[29] **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 6.47 (1H, dd, *J* 17.0, 7.0, 9-H), 6.24 (1H, d, *J* 17.0, 8- H), 5.85 (1H, app. dt, *J* 10.0, 3.0, 12-H), 5.67 (1H, app. dt, *J* 10.0, 3.0, 11-H), 3.90 (3H, s, OMe), 3.44 (1H, m, 10-H), 3.10 (1H, m, 4-H), 2.94 (1H, app. h, *J* 6.5, 6-H), 2.63 (1H, m, 13- H), 2.40 (1H, dd, *J* 14.5, 8.0, 14-*H*H), 1.85 (1H, overlapping m, 5-*H*H) 1.82 (1H, dd, *J* 14.5, 4.5, 14-H*H*), 1.20 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 19-H3), 1.19 (1H, overlapping m, 5-H*H*), 1.18 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 18- H3), 1.15 (3H, d, *J* 7.5, 17-H3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 204.3 (C-7), 200.6 (C-3), 178.2 (C-16), 169.9 (C-1), 141.5 (C-9), 136.7 (C-12), 131.6 (C-8), 121.7 (C-11), 106.9 (C-2), 86.0 (C-15), 61.7 (OCH3), 46.62 (C-6), 46.57 (C-4), 44.6 (C-10), 38.9 (C-5), 36.5 (C-14), 29.3 (C-13), 21.1 (C-17), 17.0 (C-19), 16.6 (C-18). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for [C20H24O5+Na]<sup>+</sup> 362.1938, found 362.1938. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )** (neat) 2974, 2880, 1751, 1690, 1630, 1454.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>

The above procedure was repeated with (10- <sup>13</sup>C)**20** (17 mg, 0.05 mmol), giving (12- <sup>13</sup>C)**21** (16 mg, 94%). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 6.47 (1H, dd, *J* 17.0, 7.0, 9-H), 6.24 (1H, dd, *J* 17.0, 1.5, 8-

H), 5.85 (1H, app. ddt, *J* 149.5, 10.0, 3.0, 12-H), 5.67 (1H, m, 11-H), 3.90 (3H, s, OMe), 3.44 (1H, m, 10-H), 3.11 (1H, m, 4-H), 2.93 (1H, app. h, *J* 6.5, 6-H), 2.63 (1H, m, 13-H), 2.40 (1H, ddd, *J* 14.5, 8.0, 3.0, 14-*H*H), 1.85 (2H, overlapping m, 5-*H*H and 14-H*H*), 1.20 (3H, d, *J* 6.5, 19-H3), 1.19 (1H, overlapping m, 5-H*H*), 1.18 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 18-H3), 1.15 (3H, dd, *J* 7.5, 17-H3). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 204.3 (C-7), 200.6 (C-3), 178.2 (C-16), 169.9 (C-1), 141.5 (d, *J* 3.5, C-9), 136.7 (C-12 (enhanced)), 131.6 (C-8), 121.7 (d, *J* 71.0, C-11), 107.0 (C-2), 86.1 (C-15), 61.7 (OCH3), 46.64 (C-6), 46.59 (C-4), 44.6 (C-10), 38.9 (C-5), 36.6 (d, *J* 2.0, C-14), 29.3 (d, *J* 39.0, C-13), 21.1 (d, *J* 1.5, C-17), 17.0 (C-19), 16.6 (C-18). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_{19}$ <sup>13</sup>CH<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5</sub>+H]<sup>+</sup> 346.1730, found 346.1724.

#### **Tetronic Acid 3**



Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, Diels-Alder adduct **21** (11 mg, 0.032 mmol), was dissolved in anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) and LiCl (14 mg, 0.320 mmol) was added. The resulting suspension was heated at 50 °C for 3 h. The reaction was then allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted with water (5 mL) and 1 M HCl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc  $(3 \times 20 \text{ mL})$ , the organic layers combined, washed with sat. aq. LiCl (20 mL), dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 70 % EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give **3** as a white solid (7.4 mg, 70%).  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -203.3$  (*c* 0.3, MeOH) (Lit.  $[\alpha]_D^{22} = -195.3$  (*c* 0.15, MeOH)).[29] **δ H (400 MHz, CD3OD)** 6.36 (2H, m, 9-H and 8-H), 5.82 (1H, br d, *J* 10.0, H-12), 5.56 (1H, br d, *J* 10.0, 11-H), 3.86 (1H, m, 4-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 10-H), 2.96 (1H, m, 6-H), 2.49 (1H, m, 13-H), 2.15 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 8.0, 14-*H*H), 1.92 (1H, app q, *J* 11.5, 5-*H*H), 1.74 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 5.5, 14-H*H*), 1.38 (1H, m, 5-H*H*), 1.18 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 17-H3), 1.01 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 19-H3)

0.98 (3H, d, *J* 7.5, 18-H3). **δ C (100 MHz, CD3OD)** 208.0 (C-7), 202.0 (C-3), 200.6 (C-16), 175.6 (C-1), 145.5 (C-9), 137.3 (C-12), 134.5 (C-8), 124.3 (C-11), 105.6 (C-15), 87.3 (C-2), 46.9 (C-10), 44.6 (C-6), 43.8 (C-5), 40.2 (C-4), 37.1 (C-14), 30.5 (C-13), 21.5 (C-17), 20.4 (C-19), 19.5 (C-18). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for [C19H22O5+H]<sup>+</sup> 331.1540, found 331.1526. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )** (CH-<sup>2</sup>Cl2) 3457, 2961, 2929, 1720, 1635, 1543, 1469.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[29]</sup>

The above procedure was repeated with (12- <sup>13</sup>C)**21** (16 mg, 0.046 mmol), giving (12- <sup>13</sup>C)**3** (11 mg, 72%, 3:1 mixture of atropisomers). **δ H (major) (500 MHz, CD3OD)** 6.36 (2H, m, 9-H and 8-H), 5.82 (1H, dd, *J* 157.0, 8.5, 12-H), 5.56 (1H, d, *J* 9.5, 11-H), 3.86 (1H, m, 4-H), 3.17 (1H, m, 10-H), 2.96 (1H, m, 6-H), 2.49 (1H, m, 13-H), 2.14 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 6.0, 14-*H*H), 1.92 (1H, app. q, *J* 11.0, 5-*H*H), 1.74 (1H, dd, J 12.0, 7.5, 14-H*H*), 1.39 (1H, app. d, *J* 14.0, 5-H*H*), 1.18 (3H, m, 17-H3), 1.01 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 19-H3), 0.98 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, 18-H3) **δ C (major)(125 MHz, CD3OD)** 207.9 (C-7), 202.0 (C-3), 200.6 (C-16), 175.6 (C-1), 145.5 (C-9), 137.3 (C-12 (enhanced)), 134.5 (C-8), 124.5 (d, *J* 67.5, C-11), 105.6 (C-15), 87.3 (C-2), 46.9 (C-10), 44.6 (C-6), 43.8 (C-5), 40.1 (C-4), 37.1 (C-14), 30.5 (d, *J* 57.0, C-13), 21.5 (C-17), 20.4 (C-19), 19.5 (C-18). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_{18}^{13}CH_{22}O_5 + Na]^+$  354.1393, found 354.1399.

#### **5-((***N,N***-dimethylamino)methylene)-4-methoxyfuran-2(5H)-one 29**



4-Methoxyfuran-2(5H)-one (3.67 g, 32.16 mmol) was dissolved in dimethylformamide dimethyl acetal (30 mL) and heated to 110 °C to allow for the slow and continuous distillation of MeOH. After 8 h the reaction was allowed to cool to room temperature. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 60% EtOAc in petroleum ether (40-60 °C) to give enamine **29** as an orange oil (4.95 g, 91%). **δ H (400 MHz,** 

**CDCl<sub>3</sub>**)</sub> 6.02 (1H, s, 6-H), 4.86 (1H, s, 3-H), 3.83 (3H, s, OMe), 3.08 (6H, s, N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). **δ<sup>C</sup> (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 171.5 (C-2), 170.1 (C-4), 122.9 (C-6), 120.3 (C-5), 80.7 (C-3), 58.5 (OCH3), 42.6 (N(CH3)2). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for [C8H11NO3+H]<sup>+</sup> 170.0812, found 170.0818. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )**  (neat) 3136, 2935, 1723, 1667, 1563.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[30]</sup>

**5-((***N,N***-dimethylamino)methyl)-4-methoxyfuran-2(5H)-one 22**



Under an atmosphere of nitrogen, enamine **29** (2.33 g, 13.78 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH and cooled to 0 °C. 2 M HCl in Et<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mL) was added followed by the portion-wise addition of NaBH3CN (875 mg, 13.92 mmol). The resulting solution was maintained acidic to pH paper ( $\nu$ pH 2) for 15 minutes by the addition of HCl in Et<sub>2</sub>O as required ( $\sim$  15 mL). The resulting white suspension was warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 1 h and then the solvent was removed *in vacuo*. The resulting white solid was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL) and basified to pH 12 with aq. NaOH (5 M). EtOAc (10 mL) was added and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc  $(4 \times 30 \text{ mL})$ , the organic layers combined, dried (MgSO4), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo* to give amine **22** as a yellow oil (2.18 g, 93%). **δ H (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 5.09 (1H, d, *J* 4.5, 3-H), 4.87 (1H, m, 5-H), 3.88 (3H, s, OCH3), 2.88 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 7.0, 6-*H*H), 2.48 (1H, dd *J* 14.0, 7.0, 6-H*H*), 2.33 (6H, d, *J* 7.0, (N(CH3)2)). **δ C (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 181.2 (C-2), 172.5 (C-4), 89.4 (C-3), 78.6 (C-5), 60.6 (C-6), 59.6 (OCH<sub>3</sub>), 46.2 (N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_8H_{13}NO_3+Na]^+$  194.0788, found 194.0781. **IR (νmax/cm-1 )** (neat) 3477, 2946, 2777, 1746, 1628, 1456.

All data in accordance with the literature.<sup>[31]</sup>

#### **Epoxide 30**



Diels-Alder adduct **21** (52 mg, 0.151 mmol) was cooled to 0 °C and a freshly prepared solution of DMDO in acetone (1.76 mL, 0.151 mmol, 0.086 M in acetone) was added. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over a 4-hour period. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the crude residue was purified by column chromatography eluting with 20-35% EtOAc in hexane which gave epoxide 30 as a white solid (33.9 mg, 62% yield).  $[\alpha]_D^{21}$  = -121.0 (*c* 1.15, CHCl<sub>3</sub>) Lit. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>21</sup> = -125.0 (*c* 1.10, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).<sup>[32]</sup> **δ<sub>H</sub> (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)** 6.43 (1H, dd, *J* 17.0, 7.0, 9-H), 6.31 (1H, dd, *J* 17.0, 1.0, 8-H), 3.98 (3H, s, OMe), 3.21 (1H, dd, *J* 4.0, 3.0, 11-H), 3.14 (1H, m, 4-H), 3.02 (1H, dd, 4.0, 2.5, 12-H), 2.83–2.94 (2H, m, 6-H and 10-H), 2.26 (1H, m, H-13), 2.20 (1H, dd, *J* 14.0, 6.5, 14-*H*H), 1.86 (1H, ddd, *J* 15.5, 6.5, 4.5, 5-*H*H), 1.80 (1H, dd, *J* 14.5, 6.5, 14-H*H*), 1.27-1.25 (1H, overlapping m, 5-H*H*), 1.24 (3H, d, *J* 7.5, CH3), 1.21 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, CH3), 1.17 (3H, d, *J* 7.0, CH3). **δ<sup>C</sup> (100 MHz, CDCl3)**: 203.8 (C-7), 200.2 (C-3), 177.3 (C-16), 169.3 (C-1), 138.6 (C-9), 132.5 (C-8), 107.8 (C-2), 85.3 (C-15), 62.1 (O*C*H3), 57.3 (C-12), 52.1 (C-11), 46.8 (C-6 or C-10), 46.6 (C-6 or C-10), 46.2 (C-4), 39.0 (C-5), 35.3 (C-14), 28.2 (C-13), 19.2 (C-17), 17.2 (C-19) and 16.6 (C-18). **HRMS (ESI)** calc. for  $[C_{20}H_{24}O_6+Na]$ 383.1465, found 383.1460.

#### **Epoxide 4**



Epoxide **30** (15 mg, 0.042 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DMSO (2 mL) and LiCl (18 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added. The resulting suspension was heated at 50  $\degree$ C for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and diluted withe with water (5 mL) and 1 M HCl (5 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3  $\times$  10 mL), the organic layers combined, washed with sat. aq. LiCl (10 mL), brine (10 mL), dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The crude residue was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mL) and AcOH (1-2 drops) and loaded directly to a pipette column, eluting with 80% EtOAc in hexane to give vinylogous epoxide **4** as a white solid (14 mg, 97% yield). **δ<sup>H</sup> (400 MHz, CDCl3)** 6.45 (1H, dd, *J* 16.5, 9-H), 6.38 (1H, d, *J* 16.5, 8-H), 3.84 (1H, m, 4-H or 6-H), 3.18 (1H, dd, *J* 4.0, 3.0, 11- H), 3.03 (1H, dd, *J* 4.0, 2.0, 12-H), 2.94 (1H, m, 4-H or 6-H), 2.57 (1H, dd, *J* 8.0, 3.0, 10-H), 2.09 (1H, m, 13-H), 1.96 (1H, m, 5-*H*H), 1.92 (1H, dd, *J* 14.5, 6.0, 14-*H*H), 1.78 (1H, dd, *J* 14.5, 7.0, 14-H*H*), 1.32 (3H, d, *J* 7.5, 17-H3), 1.30 (1H, overlapping m, 5-H*H*) and 1.01 (6H, d, *J* 6.5, 18-H<sup>3</sup> and 19-H3). **δ<sup>C</sup> (100 MHz, CDCl3)** 207.7 (C-7), 200.3 (C-3), 198.2 (C-16), 177.9 (C-1), 142.7 (C-9), 134.0 (C-8), 103.8 (C-2), 86.4 (C-15), 58.9 (C-12), 54.3 (C-11), 48.2 (C-10) 44.9 (C-4 or C-6), 43.6 (C-5), 40.8 (C-4 or C-6), 35.4 (C-14), 30.0 (C-13), 20.1 (CH3), 19.4  $(CH<sub>3</sub>)$  and 19.3  $(CH<sub>3</sub>)$ .

All data is in accordance with the literature.<sup>[32]</sup>

#### <span id="page-27-0"></span>**2. Supplementary Tables**

#### <span id="page-27-1"></span>**Table S1. Summary of X-ray data collection and refinement statistics**



Values in parentheses are for the highest-resolution shell.

#### <span id="page-28-0"></span>**3. Supplementary Figures**



<span id="page-28-1"></span>**Figure S1. Proposed Abyssomicin C Biosynthetic Pathway.** A Type 1 Modular PKS assembles the linear polyketide backbone which is cleaved from the PKS by reaction with an ACP-bound glyceryl unit to give the tetronic acid head group. The tetronic acid **31** then undergoes acetylation and acetate elimination catalysed by AbyA4 and AbyA5 respectively which installs the *exo*-methylene dienophile for the subsequent intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction, catalysed by AbyU. The biosynthesis is then completed via epoxidation of the Diels-Alder adduct by AbyV and subsequent ring opening of the epoxide by the tetronate enol gives abyssomicin C.



<span id="page-29-0"></span>**Figure S2. Size exclusion chromatography and SDS PAGE analysis of purified recombinant AbyV. A**) Chromatogram showing the elution profile of AbyV from a Superdex 75 10/300 column (GE Healthcare) pre-equilibrated in 50 mM TrisHCl, 500 mM NaCl, pH 7.5. **B**) SDS PAGE analysis of AbyV.



<span id="page-30-0"></span>**Figure S3. Spectroscopic characterisation of AbyV.** UV-visible spectra of oxidized AbyV (blue), sodium dithionite-reduced AbyV (black) and carbon monoxide purged reduced AbyV (red). All data were collected using a Varian Cary 50 spectrophotometer, using a 1 cm path length quartz cuvette in buffer comprising 20 mM Tris-HCl, 150 nM NaCl, pH 7.5, at a temperature of 25°C.



<span id="page-31-0"></span>**Figure S4. Synthesis of Proposed AbyV Substrate 3 and Epoxide 4.**



<span id="page-32-0"></span>**Figure S5. Spectrophotometric Analysis of Compound 3 Binding to AbyV.** (A) UV-Visible spectral titration of AbyV with compound  $3$ . Reported spectra were collected from 0  $\mu$ M  $3$  (blue line) to 160  $\mu$ M **3** (yellow line), in 10  $\mu$ M increments. (B) Plot of absorbance values at 390 nm vs compound **3** concentration for the data reported in (A). Data have been fitted to a rectangular hyperbolic fitting function to determine the dissociation constant.



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<span id="page-33-0"></span>**Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Analysis of Assay Products: A)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of synthetic epoxide **4**. **B)** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of HPLC purified AbyV assay product, with peaks corresponding to epoxide **4** highlighted in blue.



<span id="page-34-0"></span>**Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DEPT) spectrum of AbyV assay mix. A)** Signal corresponding to the <sup>13</sup>C enriched position of one atropisomer of (12-<sup>13</sup>C)3. **B)** Signal corresponding to the <sup>13</sup>C enriched position of epoxide (12-<sup>13</sup>C)4. C) Signal corresponding to Tris (-CH<sub>2</sub>OH).



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<span id="page-35-0"></span>**Figure S8. Sequence Alignment of AbyV with its Closest Structural Homologues.** The ten most structurally related unique AbyV homologues were identified using DALI<sup>[33]</sup> and are

listed by PDB code in order of z-score (highest to lowest). The sequence alignment was performed using Clustal Omega.<sup>[34]</sup> Residues conserved in all proteins are highlighted in yellow boxes.



<span id="page-36-0"></span>**Figure S9. Conserved amino acids identified in Figure S7 mapped onto the crystal structure of AbyV.** AbyV is shown in cartoon representation with conserved amino acids highlighted in magenta.

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#### <span id="page-40-0"></span>**6. 1H and 13C NMR Spectra**











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