Supporting Information

Nucleophilic Addition of Organozinc Reagents to 2-Sulfonyl Cyclic Ethers: Stereoselective Synthesis of Manassantins A and B

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Preparation of Sulfone 5



[DIBALH Reduction] To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of lactone 6 (298.7 mg, 0.915 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL, 0.183 M) was added dropwise DIBALH (1.10 mL, 1.0 M solution in toluene, 1.10 mmol). After being stirred at the same temperature for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with MeOH (0.5 mL). H₂O (2 mL) and 2 N NaOH (2 mL) were added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford lactol (287.1 mg, 96%) as a colorless oil. [Sulfonvlation] To a solution of stirred solution of the above lactol (142.3 mg, 0.433 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added PhSO₂H (123.1 mg, 0.866 mmol), camphorsulfonic acid (catalytic amount), and CaCl₂ (140.0 mg) at 25 °C. After being stirred at the same temperature for 4 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc $(2 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford a 3:1 diastereomeric mixture of sulfone 5 as a white foam (161.3 mg, 82%): [For Major Diastereomer] R_f 0.40 (hexanes/EtOAc, 4/1); ¹H NMR $(400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta 7.93 \text{ (dd}, J = 8.0, 1.2 \text{ Hz}, 2 \text{ H}), 7.61 \text{ (dd}, J = 7.2, 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 1 \text{ H}), 7.53 \text{ (dd}, J = 7.2, 7.2 \text{ Hz}, 1$ = 8.0, 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.26–7.41 (m, 5 H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.60 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.56 (d, J = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.50 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.11 (s, 4 H), 5.05 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 2.84–2.96 (m, 1 H), 2.38–2.50 (m, 1 H), 1.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.68 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.5, 138.4, 136.9, 133.5, 132.6, 129.0, 128.8, 128.4, 127.7, 127.1, 118.6, 113.6, 110.3, 96.1, 86.0, 70.9, 55.9, 43.5, 42.2, 14.3, 12.1; HRMS (FAB) found 452.1656 [calcd for C₂₆H₂₈O₅S (M)⁺ 452.1657]

Preparation of 2,3-Cis-3,4-Trans-4,5-Cis-Tetrahydrofuran 3a



To a solution of ZnBr₂ (1 mL, 0.26 M in THF) was added dropwise 4-benzyloxy-3methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (1.66 mL, 0.30 M in THF, 0.50 mmol) at 25 °C and the resulting mixture was stirred for 30 min before sulfone **5** (98.1 mg, 0.217 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 4/1) to afford a 2:1 mixture of 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*trans*-4,5-*cis*-tetrahydrofuran **3a** and 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*trans*-4,5-*trans*tetrahydrofuran **3b** as a colorless oil (102.1 mg, 88%), which was purified again by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 7/1) to afford 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*trans*-4,5-*cis*- tetrahydrofuran **3a** (59.2 mg, 52%) and 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*trans*-4,5-*trans*-tetrahydrofuran **3b** (28.3 mg, 25%) and a mixture of **3a** and **3b** (12.0 mg, 11%): [**For 3a**] R_f 0.43 (hexanes/EtOAc, 4/1); $[\alpha]^{24.7}{}_{\rm D} = -35.3$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24–7.45 (m, 10 H), 6.84–6.86 (m, 4 H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.14 (s, 4 H), 3.89 (s, 6 H), 2.19–2.29 (m, 2 H), 0.68 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.7, 147.3, 137.6, 135.0, 128.8, 128.1, 127.6, 118.7, 114.1, 110.5, 83.8, 71.5, 56.4, 44.3, 15.1; HRMS (FAB) found 524.2570 [calcd for C₃₄H₃₆O₅ (M)⁺ 524.2563]; [**For 3b**] R_f 0.40 (hexanes/EtOAc, 4/1); $[\alpha]^{30}{}_{\rm D} = -20.1$ (*c* 0.80, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.28–7.47 (m, 10 H), 7.10 (d, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.98 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.80–6.91 (m, 4 H), 5.18 (s, 2 H), 5.15 (s, 2 H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 1.74–1.82 (m, 1 H), 1.07 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.67 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.7, 147.1, 137.2, 134.4, 134.0, 128.44, 128.41, 127.7, 127.23, 127.18, 119.1, 118.5, 113.9, 113.6, 110.9, 110.5, 87.2, 83.0, 71.0, 55.94, 55.87, 47.7, 45.9, 14.97, 14.88; IR (neat) 2955, 2869, 1511 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 524.2571 [calcd for C₃₄H₃₆O₅ (M)⁺ 524.2563]

Preparation of 2,3-Cis-3,4-Trans-4,5-Cis-Tetrahydrofuran 10a



To a solution of ZnBr₂ (1 mL, 0.12 M in THF, 0.12 mmol) was added dropwise phenylmagnesium bromide (0.19 mL, 1.0 M in THF, 0.19 mmol) at 25 °C and the resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min before sulfone **5** (21.9 mg, 0.048 mmol)

in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in *vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 4/1) to afford a 3.5:1 mixture of 2,3-cis-3,4-trans-4,5-cis-tetrahydrofuran **10a** and 2,3-cis-3,4-trans-4,5-trans-tetrahydrofuran 10b as a colorless oil (12.7 mg, 68%): [10a] R_f 0.31 (hexanes/EtOAc, 9/1); $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{30} = -30.1$ (c 0.64, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24–7.46 (m, 10 H), 6.90 (s, 1 H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.79 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.50 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 5.46 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.16 (s, 2 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 2.22–2.36 (m, 2 H), 0.70 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.68 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.0, 141.4, 137.3, 134.7, 128.4, 127.86, 127.70, 127.3, 126.8, 126.2, 118.4, 113.8, 110.2, 83.69, 83.57, 71.1, 56.0, 43.83, 43.75, 14.69, 14.61; IR (neat) 2962, 2873, 1512 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 388.2040 [calcd for $C_{26}H_{28}O_3(M)^+$ 388.2038]; [10b] R_f 0.29 (hexanes/EtOAc, 9/1); $[\alpha]^{29}D = -73.7$ (c 0.89, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.53 (m, 10 H), 6.93 (d, J = 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.81–6.88 (m, 2 H), 5.15 (s, 2 H), 5.14 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1 H), 4.47 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 2.20–2.32 (m, 1 H), 1.74–1.84 (m, 1 H), 1.08 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.65 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.3, 147.2, 141.0, 137.3, 134.4, 128.47, 128.37, 127.74, 127.61, 127.3, 126.4, 119.2, 113.7, 110.9, 87.4, 83.1, 71.1, 55.9, 48.3, 46.1, 15.0; HRMS (FAB) found 388.2035 [calcd for C₂₆H₂₈O₃ (M)⁺ 388.2038];

Preparation of Sulfone 9



[DIBALH Reduction] To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of lactone 8¹ (272.5 mg, 0.872 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL, 0.087 M) was added dropwise DIBALH (1.02 mL, 1.0 M solution in toluene, 1.02 mmol). After being stirred at the same temperature for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with MeOH (0.5 mL). H₂O (2 mL) and 2 N NaOH (2 mL) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. This crude lactol was carried to the next step without further purification. HRMS (FAB) found 314.1517 [calcd for $C_{19}H_{22}O_4$ (M)⁺ 314.1518] [Sulfonvlation] To a solution of stirred solution of lactol in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added PhSO₂H (495.9 mg, 3.488 mmol) and CaCl₂ (193.5 mg, 1.74 mmol) at 25 °C. After 1 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) and diluted with Et₂O (10 mL). The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford a 1:1 diastereomeric mixture of sulfone 9 as a white foam (302.5 mg, 79%): Rf 0.50 (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1); IR (neat) 2928, 2869, 2870, 1513 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 438.1501 [calcd for $C_{26}H_{26}O_5S$ (M)⁺ 438.1501]

Preparation of 2,3-Cis-2,5-Trans-Tetrahydrofuran 11a



To a solution of ZnBr₂ (1 mL, 0.771 M in THF) was added dropwise 4-benzyloxy-3methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (4.28 mL, 0.3 M in THF, 1.28 mmol) at 25 °C and the resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min before sulfone 9 (112.9 mg, 0.257 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added dropwise. After being stirred for 1 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl , and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2×10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 7/1) to afford 2,3-cis-2,5-trans-tetrahydrofuran 11a as a colorless oil (102.1 mg, 75%): $R_f 0.68$ (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1 developed twice); $[\alpha]_{D}^{29} = -73.7$ (c 0.89, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27–7.45 (m, 10 H), 6.76–6.97 (m, 6 H), 5.31 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.30 (d, J = 6.4 Hz), 5.15 (s, 4 H), 3.90 (s, 6 H), 2.58 (ddddd, J = 6.4, 6.4, 6.4, 6.4, 6.4 Hz, 1 H), 2.16–2.19 (m, 2 H), 0.70 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 149.5, 149.2, 147.0, 146.8, 137.5, 137.1, 133.7, 128.2, 127.5, 127.1, 127.0, 118.0, 127.2, 113.8, 113.6, 109.9, 109.1, 83.9, 79.0, 70.9, 55.8, 42.7, 38.2, 14.8; IR (neat) 2932, 1510 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 510.2401 [calcd for $C_{33}H_{34}O_5(M)^+$ 510.2406]

Preparation of Lactone 12



[Mannich Reaction] To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of lactone 8 (83.7 mg, 0.268 mmol) in THF (2 mL, 0.134 M) was added LiHMDS (0.536 mL, 1.0 M solution in THF, 0.536 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min and Eschenmoser's salt (148.7 mg, 0.804 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added. After being stirred at the same temperature for another 15 min, the reaction mixture was guenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution, and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with $(2 \times 15 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo* to afford the crude amine. This amine was carried to the next step without further purification. [Elimination] To a solution of the above amine in THF (4 mL) and saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (2 mL) was added *m*-CPBA (231.2 mg, max. 78%, 1.05 mmol) at 0 °C. The resulting mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C for 30 min, and quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution and saturated aqueous Na₂SO₃ solution. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 \times 15 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with 2 N NaOH and brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford lactone **12** as a colorless oil (69.2 mg, 80% for two steps): R_f 0.48 (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1); $[\alpha]_{D}^{30} = +33.1$ (c 1.86, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.43 (m, 5 H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.62–6.67 (m, 2 H), 6.30 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H),

5.53–5.56 (m, 2 H), 5.12 (s, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 3.33–3.41 (m, 1 H), 0.80 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 170.4, 149.5, 148.1, 140.1, 136.8, 129.2, 128.4, 127.7, 127.2, 121.4, 118.4, 113.6, 109.5, 82.0, 70.9, 55.9, 38.9, 15.2; IR (neat) 1764, 1516 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 324.1360 [calcd for C₂₀H₂₀O₄ (M)⁺ 324.1362]

Preparation of Sulfone 13



[DIBALH Reduction] To a cooled (-78 °C) solution of lactone 12 (101.1 mg, 0.312 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL, 0.039 M) was added DIBALH (0.312 mL, 1.0 M solution in toluene, 0.312 mmol). After being stirred at the same temperature for 10 min, the reaction was quenched with MeOH. Then H₂O and 2 N NaOH was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 1 h. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford a mixture of lactol and aldehyde as a colorless oil (89.7 mg, 88%). [Sulfonylation] To a stirred solution of a mixture of lactol and aldehyde (28.5 mg, 0.0873 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL, 0.029 M) were added PhSO₂H (16.1 mg, 0.114 mmol) and CaCl₂ (29.1 mg, 0.262 mmol) at 25 °C. After being stirred at the same temperature for 10 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃, and diluted with Et₂O (15 mL). The layers were separated, and the total concentrate and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were

washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc/Et₃N, 3/1/0.01) to afford sulfone **13** as a white foam (24.0 mg, 64%): R_f 0.61 (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1); **[For Major Diastereomer]** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 7.54 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.25–7.45 (m, 5 H), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.63 (s, 1 H), 6.58 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.74 (s, 1 H), 5.52 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.47 (s, 1 H), 5.42 (s, 1 H), 5.11 (s, 2 H), 3.82 (s, 3 H), 3.21–3.26 (m, 1 H), 0.71 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3 H).

Preparation of 2,3-Cis-2,5-Trans-Tetrahydrofuran 14



To a solution of ZnBr₂ (1 mL, 0.22 M in THF) was added dropwise 4-benzyloxy-3methoxyphenylmagnesium bromide (2.78 mL, 0.16 M, 0.44 mmol) at 25 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 30 min before sulfone **13** (40.0 mg, 0.088 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise. After being stirred at 25 °C for 30 min, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, and diluted with EtOAc. The layers were separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, and dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 6/1) to afford 2,3-*cis*-2,5-*trans*-tetrahydrofuran **14** as a colorless oil (19.1 mg, 41%): R_f 0.57 (hexanes/EtOAc, 7/1 × 3); $[\alpha]^{30}_{D} = +39.2$ (*c* 0.32, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.44 (m, 10 H), 6.73–6.99 (m, 6 H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.76 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 5.66 (s, 1 H), 5.15 (s, 2 H), 5.14 (s, 2 H), 5.05 (s, 1 H), 4.99 (s, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 3.08–3.13 (m, 1 H), 0.81 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.7, 149.6, 149.4, 147.7, 147.4, 137.2, 135.5, 133.3, 128.5, 127.7, 127.26, 127.21, 119.0, 118.6, 113.8, 110.6, 110.3, 106.7, 83.6, 82.5, 71.0, 56.0, 42.2, 14.3; HRMS (FAB) found 522.2409 [calcd for C₂₆H₂₆O₅S (M)⁺ 522.2406].

Preparation of 2,3-*Cis*-3,4-*Trans*-4,5-*Cis*-Tetrahydrofuran 3a via Asymmetric Hydrogenation of 14 with Ir-(4*S*,5*S*)-ThrePHOX

To a solution of **14** (107.1 mg, 0.205 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) was added **Ir-(4***S***,5***S***)-ThrePHOX (3.5 mg, 0.002 mmol) at 25 °C under H₂ atmosphere, and the reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1 h. An addition of Ir-(4***S***,5***S***)-ThrePHOX** (3.5 mg, 0.002 mmol) was repeated two times every 1 h, and the reaction mixture was stirred further for 10 h before concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was filtrated through a pad of silica gel (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1) to afford a 4:1 mixture of 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*trans*-4,5-*cis*-tetrahydrofuran **3a** and 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*cis*-4,5-*trans*-tetrahydrofuran **15**, which was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 10/1) to afford 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*trans*-4,5-*cis*tetrahydrofuran **3a** (66.3 mg, 62%), 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*cis*-4,5-*trans*-tetrahydrofuran **15** (19.9 mg, 18%), and a mixture of **3a** and **15** (20.1 mg, 19%). [For 2,3-*cis*-3,4-*cis*-4,5-*trans*tetrahydrofuran **15**] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26–7.44 (m, 10 H), 6.97 (s, 1 H), 6.94 (s, 1 H), 6.81–6.85 (m, 3 H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.44 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1 H), 5.148 (s, 2 H), 5.142 (s, 2 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 6 H), 2.36–2.48 (m, 2 H), 0.99 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 3 H), 0.61 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H).

Preparation of Bis-Phenol 16

To a stirred solution of bis-benzyl ether **3a** (112 mg, 0.21 mmol) in EtOAc/EtOH (3:1, 4 mL) was added 10% palladium on activated carbon (22.4 mg, 20 wt %). The resulting mixture was stirred under H₂ atmosphere at 25 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then filtered through celite with EtOAc and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1) to afford bis-phenol **16** as a colorless oil (70 mg, 95%): R_f 0.33 (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1); $[\alpha]^{24.7}_{D} = -35.3$ (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.82 (s, 2 H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2 H), 5.63 (s, 2 H), 5.41 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.87 (s, 6 H), 2.18–2.28 (m, 2 H), 0.67 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 146.6, 144.7, 133.7, 119.4, 114.2, 109.2, 83.9, 56.3, 44.3, 15.0; IR (neat) 3420, 2964, 2932, 1515, 1269, 1035 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 344.1617 [calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₅ (M)⁺ 344.1624]

(S)-α-Tosyl Aryl Ketone 17²

 $[α]^{28.2}{}_{D}$ = +2.76 (*c* 0.54, CHCl₃); R_f 0.52 (hexanes/EtOAc, 3/1); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.56 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.42 (s, 1 H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.75 (ddd, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 6.8 Hz, 1 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 2.39 (s, 3 H), 1.55 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 193.4, 154.3, 149.6, 145.3, 133.9, 130.1, 128.2, 127.0, 123.9, 111.2, 110.4, 56.47, 56.34, 22.0, 19.2; IR (neat) 2961, 1684, 1514, 1263, 1173, 1017, 927 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 364.0981 [calcd for C₁₈H₂₀O₆S (M)⁺ 364.0981]

Preparation of Bis-Ketone 18

To a cooled (0 °C) solution of bis-phenol **16** (29.8 mg, 0.086 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL, 0.086 M) was added dropwise 2-*tert*-butylimino-2-diethylamino-1,3-dimethylpherhydro-1,3,2-diazaphosphorine (BEMP, 30 μ L, 0.10 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 10 min before **17** (126.0 mg, 0.346 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.0 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C for 30 min with stirring, quenched with

saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution, and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford **18** as a colorless oil (64.4 mg, 93%): R_f 0.26 (hexanes/EtOAc, 1/1); $[\alpha]^{24.7}_{D}$ = +13.9 (*c* 0.23, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.77–7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.64–7.66 (m, 2 H), 6.85 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 1.6 Hz, 1 H), 6.73–6.76 (m, 2 H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 5.38 (ddd, *J* = 6.8, 6.8, 6.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.32 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.91 (s, 6 H), 3.89 (s, 6 H), 3.81 (s, 6 H), 2.14–2.20 (m, 2 H), 1.68 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6 H), 0.59 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 153.9, 150.0, 149.3, 146.1, 135.9, 127.8, 124.1, 118.8, 116.1, 115.9, 111.6, 110.8, 110.4, 83.7, 78.7, 56.4, 56.3, 44.4, 19.6, 15.1; IR (neat) 2963, 1684, 1594, 1512, 1264, 1022 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 728.3193 [calcd for C₄₂H₄₈O₁₁ (M)⁺ 728.3197]

Preparation of Manassantin A (1)

To a solution of bis-ketone **18** (14.0 mg, 0.019 mmol) in MeOH (0.5 mL) was added polymersupported borohydride (2.5~5.0 mmol BH₄/g resin, 132 mg, 0.33~0.66 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred with gentle agitation at 25 °C for 48 h. The polymer beads were then removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a 6:1 diastereomeric mixture of manassantin A and (7*S*,7^{*'''S*)-epimer, which was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc/MeOH, 2/1/0.01) to afford **1** as a white solid (12.0} mg, 85%): R_f 0.18 (hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1); $[\alpha]^{32.2}{}_{D} = -107.9$ (*c* 0.18, CHCl₃) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.82–7.00 (m, 12 H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 4.64 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 4.08–4.16 (m, 2 H), 3.93 (s, 6 H), 3.89 (s, 6 H), 3.88 (s, 6 H), 2.25–2.33 (m, 2 H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6 H), 0.72 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 150.5, 149.00, 148.84, 146.5, 136.5, 132.5, 120.0, 118.7, 110.9, 110.0, 84.2, 83.4, 78.4, 55.9, 44.1, 17.1, 14.8; IR (neat) 3594, 2961, 1506, 1262, 1140, 1028 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 732.3506 [calcd for C₄₂H₅₂O₁₁ (M)⁺ 732.3510]

Preparation of Mono-Ketone 19

To a cooled (0 °C) solution of **16** (20 mg, 0.058 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added BEMP (16.8 μ L, 0.058 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 5 min before tosylate **17** (21 mg, 0.058 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 1.5 h, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution, and diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL). The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified via column chromatography, (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford **19** (9 mg, 29%) in addition to **16** (10 mg, 50%) and **18** (9 mg, 21%): $[\alpha]^{28.1}_{D} = -25.1$ (*c* 0.39, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.80–7.85 (m, 1 H), 7.67–7.65 (m, 1 H), 6.76–6.94 (m, 7 H), 5.55 (s, 1 H), 5.36–5.44

(m, 3 H), 3.94 (s. 3 H), 3.92 (s. 3 H), 3.88 (s. 3 H), 3.85 (s. 3 H), 2.19–2.26 (m, 2 H), 1.71 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.66 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.64 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 197.7, 153.5, 149.6, 148.9, 146.2, 145.7, 144.4, 135.6, 133.3, 127.4, 123.6, 119.0, 118.4, 115.8, 113.9, 111.2, 110.5, 110.0, 108.8, 83.5, 83.3, 78.3, 56.0, 55.9, 44.0, 19.2, 14.7; IR (neat) 3442, 1682 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 537.2469 [calcd for C₃₁H₃₇O₈ (M+1)⁺ 537.2488]. **(S)-\alpha-Tosyl Aryl Ketone 20²**

 $[\alpha]^{28.3}{}_{D} = -13.0 \ (c \ 0.40, \text{CHCl}_3); \text{R}_{f} \ 0.53 \ (\text{hexanes/EtOAc}, 3/1); ^{1}\text{H} \text{NMR} \ (400 \text{ MHz}, \text{CDCl}_3) \delta$ 7.72 \ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.48 \ (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 7.30 \ (s, 1 H), 7.24 \ (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.01 \ (s, 2 H), 5.66 \ (ddd, J = 7.2, 7.2, 7.2 Hz, 1 H), 2.38 \ (s, 3 H), 1.53 \ (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3 H); ^{13}C NMR \ (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 193.1, 152.8, 148.7, 145.3, 133.8, 130.1, 128.6, 128.3, 125.6, 108.8, 108.4, 102.4, 77.6, 22.0, 19.2; IR \ (neat) 2977,1712, 1376, 1121 \ cm^{-1}; HRMS \ (FAB) found 349.0749 \ [calcd for C₁₇H₁₇O₆S \ (M+1)⁺ 349.0746].

Preparation of Bis-Ketone 21

To a cooled (0 °C) solution of 19 (24.3 mg, 0.045 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL) was added

dropwise BEMP (0.027 mL, 0.094 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 10 min before tosylate 20 (15.7 mg, 0.045 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 25 °C for 1 h with stirring, quenched with saturated aqueous NH₄Cl, and diluted with CH₂Cl₂. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (2 × 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous Na₂SO₄, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by column chromatography, (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc, 2/1) to afford 21 as a colorless oil (24.8 mg, 77%): R_f 0.42 (hexanes/EtOAc, 1/1); $[\alpha]^{28.2}_{D} = -10.4$ (c 0.41, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74–7.82 (m, 2 H), 7.65 (dd, J = 3.6, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.58 (dd, J = 4.8, 2.0 Hz, 1 H), 6.72-6.88 (m, 6 H), 6.671 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1 H), 6.666 (d, J = 8 Hz, 1 H), 6.01 (s, 2 H), 5.32-5.41 (m, 4 H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.90 (s, 3 H), 3.82 (s, 6 H), 2.12–2.22 (m, 2 H), 1.69 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3 H), 1.65 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3 H), 0.60 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.1, 197.6, 153.9, 152.3, 150.1, 150.0, 149.3, 148.4, 146.1, 146.0, 136.1, 135.9, 129.4, 127.8, 125.7, 124.0, 118.8, 116.5, 116.1, 111.6, 110.8, 110.4, 109.2, 108.3, 102.2, 83.7, 78.77, 78.66, 56.40, 56.27, 44.4, 19.53, 19.36, 15.1; IR (neat) 2963, 1684, 1511, 1261, 1036 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 713.2957 [calcd for $C_{41}H_{45}O_{11}(M+1)^+$ 713.2962].

Preparation of Manassantin B (2)

To a stirred solution of **21** (24.8 mg, 0.035 mmol) in MeOH (1.5 mL) was added polymersupported borohydride ($2.5 \sim 5.0 \text{ mmol BH}_4/\text{g}$ resin, 400 mg, $1.0 \sim 2.0 \text{ mmol}$) and the reaction mixture was stirred with gentle agitation at 25 °C for 48 h. The polymer beads were then removed by filtration and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* to afford a 5.4:1 diastereomeric mixture (21.4 mg, 86%) of manassantin B (**2**) and (7*S*,7^{*'''S*)-epimer, which was then purified by column chromatography (silica gel, hexanes/EtOAc/MeOH, 2/1/0.01) to afford manassantin B (**2**) as a white solid (13.3 mg, 53%) and a mixture (8.1 mg, 33%) of **2** and (7*S*,7^{*'''S*)-epimer: R_f 0.32 (hexanes/EtOAc/MeOH, 2/1/0.01); $[\alpha]^{29.5}{}_{D}$ = -108.4 (*c* 0.22, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.74–7.01 (m, 12 H), 5.93 (s, 2 H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 6 Hz, 2 H), 4.65 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1 H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.04–4.16 (m, 4 H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3 H), 3.89 (s, 3 H), 3.88 (s, 3 H), 2.23–2.32 (m, 2 H), 1.12–1.18 (dd, *J* = 5.6, 5.6 Hz, 6 H), 0.72 (d, *J* = 5.2, 6 H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 151.0, 150.8, 149.4, 149.2, 148.1, 147.8, 146.8, 137.0, 136.90, 134.4, 132.9, 121.5, 120.4, 119.3, 119.1, 111.2, 110.5, 110.4, 108.5, 107.9, 101.4, 84.6, 84.5, 83.8, 78.8, 56.3, 44.6, 17.5, 17.3, 15.3; IR (neat) 3725, 2959, 1508, 1259, 1035 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) found 716.3196 [calcd for C₄₁H₄₈O₁₁ (M)⁺ 716.3197].}}

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Determination of HIF-1 Inhibition Using the Luciferase Imaging

4T1-ODD-Luc cells (a gift from Dr. Chuan-Yuan Li), stably transfected with the oxygendependent-degradation (ODD) domain of HIF-1 α and a firefly luciferase reporter, were seeded in the 24-well plate at a density of 10⁵ cells/well. After 16-hour incubation, cells were treated with 240 μ M of Cobalt (II) Chloride (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) and serially diluted compounds for 24 h. To measure the luciferase signals, luciferin (150 mg/mL) was added and the plates were imaged using the Xenogen IVIS imaging system and associated Living Image software (Xenogen, Alameda, CA). Luciferase expression/activity was detected and quantified as relative light units (RLUs). Results are means \pm SD, n = 3.

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