Supporting Information

Toward the total synthesis of elisapterosin B: A Hg(OTf)₂-promoted diasteroselective intramolecular Friedel-Crafts alkylation reaction

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General information:

All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen in flame-dried glassware. THF was distilled over sodium-benzophenone before use. Acetonitrile and dichloromethane were distilled over calcium hydride. Chromatographic separations were carried out using Sorbent[®] standard silica gel (230-400 mesh). Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed on Sigma-Aldrich silica gel TLC plates with UV indicator.

Infrared spectra were recorded (film) on a Perkin Elmer 1600 series FT-IR spectrometer. Optical rotations were measured on a Jasco DIP-370 digital polarimeter. ¹H NMR were recorded on a Bruker ARX-250 (250 MHz), DRX-300 (300 MHz), DRX-500 (500 MHz) spectrometer and are reported in ppm (δ) from tetramethylsilane (TMS: δ 0.0 ppm). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, dd = doublet of doublet, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX-250 (62.5 MHz), DRX-300 (75 MHz), and DRX-500 (125 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with solvent resonance as the internal standard (CDCl3: δ 77.0 ppm).

Experimental Procedure and Analytical Data

(E)-ethyl 3-(2-bromo-3,5-dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)-acrylate (10):



To triethyl phosphonoacetate (23.06 mL, 25.90 g, 115.55 mmol) in 200 mL of THF at 0 °C, *n*-BuLi (2.3 M in Hexanes, 46.37 mL, 106.66 mmol) was added dropwise. Then a solution of starting material aldehyde 7 (22.93 g, 88.88 mmol) in 100 mL of THF was added dropwise. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for another 4 h before being quenched with 100 mL of water. The mixture was extracted with ethyl

acetate (3x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine and dried with Na₂SO₄. Filtration and concentration gave 31.6 g of crude product. The crude product was subjected to flash silica gel chromatography (20:80, EtOAc:hexanes) to obtain the pale yellow product in 100% yield. IR: 3089, 3072, 2995, 2974, 2946, 2901, 2844, 1712, 1626, 1581, 1552, 1471, 1438, 1385, 1328, 1270, 1246 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.08 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (s,1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 2.21 (s, 3H), 1.35 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.4, 157.7, 156.1, 143.4, 132.7, 124.1, 120.2, 112.3, 104.6, 60.6, 60.3, 55.7, 14.3, 9.9; HRMS: *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₁₇BrNO₄Na⁺ 351.0202; Found 351.0201.



ethyl [(4*S*)-6,8-dimethoxy-7-methyl-2-oxido-2-phenyl-3,4dihydro- $2\lambda^4$,1-benzo-thiazin-4-yl]acetate (6):

A 300 mL flame dried round-bottomed flask was charged with 10 (29.15 g, 88.87 mmol), sulfoximine (S)-11 (1.2 equiv, 16.55 g, 106.64 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (1.4 equiv, 40.54 g, 124.4 mmol),

BINAP (0.075 equiv, 4.150g, 6.66 mol) and Pd(OAc)₂ (0.05 equiv, 0.998 g, 4.44 mmol) and freshly distilled toluene (180 mL). After degassing with N₂ for 10 minutes, the reaction mixture was refluxed for 48 h. It was cooled, filtered through Celite and concentrated. The crude product was filtered through a short pad of silica gel with ethyl acetate. The eluent was dried with MgSO4, filtered through Celite, concentrated and transferred to a flame-dried round-bottomed flask. After removal of solvents from this crude product on a vacuum pump, 600 mL of freshly distilled THF was added. The solution was cooled down to -78 °C for 20 minutes. Then LiHMDS (2 equiv, 1.0 M in THF, 178 mL) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The reaction was stirred for another 1 h at -78 °C before quenched with 200 mL of water. The reaction was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 200 mL), and the organics washed with brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. Flash silica gel chromatography (50:50, EtOAc:hexanes) afforded 30.45 g of pale yellow semisolid 6 in 85% yield over two steps. IR: 3068, 2991, 2925, 2831, 1724, 1601, 1565, 1467, 1442, 1409, 1250, 1115 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.12 (td, J = 1.6, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (tt, J = 1.4, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.54 (tt, J = 1.6, 7.0 Hz, 2H), 6.47 (s, 1H), 4.05 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.70 (m, 4H), 3.60-3.35 (m, 2H), 2.90-2.65 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.16 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 171.1, 152.4, 152.1, 139.6, 133.5, 131.6, 129.3, 128.8, 123.1, 120.2, 103.9, 60.7, 60.4, 55.9, 53.2, 37.0, 32.8, 14.1, 9.0; HRMS: $m/z [M + Na]^+$ calcd for $C_{21}H_{25}NO_5SNa^+$ 426.1346; Found 426.1338.

2-[(4S)-6,8-dimethoxy-7-methyl-2-oxido-2-phenyl-3,4-dihydro- $2\lambda^4$,1-benzothiazin-4-yl]ethanol:



To a solution of **6** (11.58 g, 28.72 mmol) in THF at 0 $^{\circ}$ C in a flame dried flask under N₂, LiAH₄ (1.2 equiv, 1.309 g, 34.47 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred at this temperature for another 30 minutes before being quenched with ethyl acetate (20 mL) and water (80-100 mL). The stirred mixture was warmed to room temperature. The reaction was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 mL), washed with brine, dried with

Na₂SO₄, and concentrated, and the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (75:25, EtOAc:hexanes) to give a pale yellow semisolid (9.874 g, 95%). IR: 3444, 3064, 2991, 2938, 2831, 1605, 1569, 1442, 1405, 1254, 1111 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 8.05 (td, J = 1.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (tt, J = 1.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (tt, J = 1.2, 6.9 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (s, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.48 (m, 3H), 3.48-3.32 (m, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 8.7, 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (s, 1H), 2.30-2.10 (m, 4H), 1.80-1.60 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.2, 151.7, 139.5, 133.5, 131.3, 129.2, 128.6, 124.2, 119.6, 104.5, 60.3, 59.4, 55.9, 53.4, 34.4, 32.6, 8.9; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₃NO₄SNa⁺ 384.1240; Found 384.1230.

(S)-3-(2-amino-3,5-dimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)butan-1-ol (12):



A flame dried round-bottomed flask was charged with Na (10 equiv, 230 mg, 10 mmol) and a magnetic stir bar, and equipped with condenser and N_2 balloon. With vigorous stirring, the flask was heated until the Na was complete melted. While vigorously stirring, Hg (4.37 g) was added onto Na the sand bath was removed. With

vigorous stirring, the 5% Na/Hg amalgam (10 equiv) was broken into small pieces and cooled down to room temperature. To this same flask, MeOH (16 mL) and then Na₂HPO₄ (10 equiv, 1.42 g) were added. After 10 minutes, a solution of benzothiazine (1 mmol in 4 mL of THF) was added. The yellowish mixture was stirred for 5-8 h and turned to light grey. After filtration through Celite and removal of solvent, the crude product was diluted with water (3 mL) and saturated NH₄Cl (3 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x 10 mL), dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (80:20, EtOAc:hexanes) to give **12** (216 mg, 90%); pale yellow oil; IR: 3361, 2935, 2833, 1582, 1486, 1461, 1418, 1363, 1287, 1230, 1192, 1130 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.44 (s, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.44 (m, 4H), 3.35-3.23 (m, 1H), 3.22-3.04 (m, 1H), 2.14 (s, 3H), 2.00-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.2, 147.6, 130.8, 130.6, 117.7, 104.4, 60.7, 59.9, 56.3, 41.6, 29.0, 21.0, 9.2; HRMS: *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₃H₂₁O₃Na⁺ 262.1414, found 262.1411.

(S)-5-(4-hydroxybutan-2-yl)-3-methoxy-2-methylcyclohexa-2,5-diene-1,4-dione (13):



To a solution of ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN, 4 equiv, 2.193 g, 4 mmol) in water (33 mL) and MeCN (28 mL) at room temperature, a solution of aniline (1 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) was added dropwise over 0.5 h, then water (33 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with water (2x 35 mL) and brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (75:25,

EtOAc:hexanes) to give **13** as a pale yellow oil (170 mg, 76%); IR: 3407, 2942, 2876, 1667, 1646, 1605, 1446, 1373, 1340, 1315, 1270, 1201, 1136 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.42 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.65-3.45(m, 2H), 3.20-2.95 (m, 1H), 2.15 (s, 1H), 1.89 (s, 3H), 1.68 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 1.12 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 188.8, 183.5, 156.3, 152.1, 131.2, 128.7, 60.9, 60.6, 39.4, 28.4, 19.6, 8.6; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₂H₁₆O₄Na 247.0941, found 247.0940.

(S)-3-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)butan-1-ol (14):



To a solution of quinone **13** (166 mg, 0.74 mmol) and Bu₄NBr (0.5 equiv, 119 mg, 0.37 mol) in THF (10.9 mL) at room temperature under N₂, a solution of Na₂S₂O₄ (6 equiv, 85%, 909 mg, 4.44 mmol) in water (5.4 mL) was added. After stirring for 15 minutes, a solution of KOH (30 equiv, 1.245 g, 22.2 mmol) in water (3.5 mL) was added. After 15 minutes, Me₂SO₄ (10 equiv, 933 mg, 0.704 mL, 7.4 mmol) was added. The reaction was stirred for another 10 h. The

mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (40:60, EtOAc:hexanes) to give **14** as a pale yellow oil (151 mg, 83%). IR: 3416, 2954, 2929, 2864, 1605, 1581, 1479, 1462, 1397, 1336, 1230, 1189, 1123 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.43 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.60-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.45-3.25 (m, 2H), 2.45 (dd, J = 4.5, 7.3 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H),

2.00-1.80 (m, 1H), 1.63-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.29 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.7, 151.6, 144.6, 136.4, 118.5, 103.1, 61.2, 60.8, 60.3, 55.7, 41.33, 28.0, 21.6, 8.7; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₂O₄Na 277.1410, found 277.1411.

(S)-3-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)butanal:



To a solution of (ClCO)₂ (1.3 equiv, 350 mL, 0.518 mg, 4.078 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at -78 °C, DMSO (2.6 equiv, 0.579 mL, 8.156 mmol) was added dropwise. After stirring for 5 minutes, a solution of **14** (798 mg, 3.137 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred for another 15 minutes before Et₃N (5 equiv, 2.3 mL, 15.685 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and quenched with water

(30 mL).The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (20:80, EtOAc:hexanes) to give a pale yellow oil (752 mg, 95%). IR: 2966, 2933, 2827, 1728, 1605, 1581, 1487, 1458, 1401, 1344, 1225, 1123 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (250 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 6.41 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.55 (m, 2H), 2.10 (s, 3H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (62.5 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 201.9, 154.1, 151.9, 144.3, 135.5, 118.9, 103.4, 60.7, 59.9, 55.6, 51.1, 27.7, 21.4, 8.6; HRMS: *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₄H₂₀O₄Na 275.1254, found 275.1255.

(S)-4-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)pentanal (15):



To a solution of diisopropylamine (1.42 equiv, 1.219 mL, 8.7 mmol) in THF (20 mL) *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in Hexanes, 3.408 mL, 8.52 mmol) was added dropwise at -20 °C and the solution was stirred for 15 minutes. This colorless LDA solution was added into a solution of methoxymethyl triphenylphosphonium chloride (1.5 equiv, 3.085 g, 9.0 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at 0 °C. Upon addition of LDA, the reaction turned red and was stirred for another 10 minutes and

cooled down to -78 °C. To this solution, a solution of (*S*)-3-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4methylphenyl)butanal (1.505 g, 5.965 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for another 0.5 h and warmed to room temperature. The reaction was quenched by addition of water (20 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3x 25 mL) and concentrated. The crude intermediate was used in the next step. The crude intermediate ((*S*)-1,3,4-trimethoxy-5-(5-methoxypent-4-en-2-yl)-2-methylbenzene) was dissolved in acetone (60 mL) and water (2 mL). *p*-Toluenesulfonic acid (3.0 equiv, 17.895 mmol) was added. After 15 minutes, water was added and the reaction was warmed to room temperature and quenched with water (180 mL).The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x 100 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated NaHCO₃ and brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (10:90, EtOAc:hexanes) to give **15** as a pale yellow oil (1.375 g, 89% over two steps). IR: 2958, 2933. 2868, 2831, 2721, 1724, 1605, 1581, 1487, 1458, 1401, 1225, 1123 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 9.70 (s, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.30-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.352.26 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 1.99-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.89-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 202.4, 154.3, 151.8, 144.8, 136.4, 118.6, 103.1, 60.8, 60.1, 55.7, 42.2, 31.6, 29.8, 21.8, 8.7; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₄Na 289.1410, found 289.1408.

(S)-1,3,4-trimethoxy-5-(5-methoxypent-4-en-2-yl)-2-methylbenzene:



General Procedure Roush Modified Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons Reaction

calcd for C₁₆H₂₄O₄Na 303.1567, found 303.1564.

A flame-dried flask was charged with LiCl (1.2 equiv, 1.2 mmol) and MeCN (5 mL), followed by addition of triethyl 2-phosphonopropionate (1.2 equiv, 1.2 mmol) (or triethyl phosphonoacetate (1.2 equiv, 1.2 mmol)) and DBU (1.1 equiv, 1.1 mmol). Then a solution of **15** (1 equiv, 1 mmol) in MeCN (5 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 0.5 h before being diluted with Et₂O (30 mL), washed with H₂O (2x 20 mL) and dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (15:85, EtOAc:hexanes) to give pale yellow oil enoate.

(*S*,*E*)-ethyl 2-methyl-6-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)hept-2-enoate:



pale yellow oil, 93%; IR: 2958, 2933, 2868, 2831, 1708, 1650, 1605, 1585, 1487, 1458, 1405, 1266, 1225, 1131 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.76 (qt, J = 1.5, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (s, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.28-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.22-2.00 (m, 5H), 1.82-1.62 (m, 5H), 1.28 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 168.1, 154.2, 151.7, 144.7, 142.1, 137.2, 127.6, 118.2, 103.2, 60.8, 60.2, 60.0, 55.6, 36.3, 32.0, 27.0, 21.9, 14.2, 12.2, 8.6;

HRMS: $m/z [M + Na]^+$ calcd for C₂₀H₃₀O₅Na 373.1985, found 373.1975.



(*S*,*E*)-ethyl 6-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)hept-2-enoate:

pale yellow oil, 87%; IR: 2966, 2933, 2864, 2831, 1716, 1654, 1487, 1467, 1401, 1262, 1189, 1127 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.95 (td, J = 7.0. 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 5.79 (d, J

= 15.5Hz, 1H), 4.15 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.10 (m, 1H), 2.24-2.05 (m, 5H), 1.80-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 166.6, 154.2, 151.8, 149.0, 144.7, 136.9, 121.1, 118.3, 103.2, 60.8, 60.0, 59.9, 55.6, 35.9, 31.9, 30.4, 21.8, 14.2, 8.6; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₉H₂₈O₅Na 359.1829, found 359.1822.

General Procedure for DIBAL Reduction, Synthesis of 5a and 5b

To a solution of enoate (1 mmol) in toluene (7 mL) at -78 °C under N₂, DIBAL (3 equiv, 1.0 M in toluene, 3 mmol) was added dropwise. After stirring for 2 hours, the reaction was quenched with EtOAc (5 mL) and water (10 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x 10 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (20:80, EtOAc:hexanes) to give **5a** or **5b**.

(S,E)-2-methyl-6-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)hept-2-en-1-ol (5a):



97%, colorless oil; IR: 3420, 2954, 2929, 2852, 1605, 1581, 1487, 1458, 1405, 1230, 1131 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.39 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.22-3.13 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.07-1.88 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.22 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 151.7, 144.6, 137.7, 134.7, 126.3, 118.0, 103.3, 68.9, 60.9, 60.1, 55.7, 37.2, 31.6, 25.8, 22.2, 13.5, 8.6; HRMS: *m/z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₈O₄Na 331.1880,

found 331.1874.

(S,E)-6-(2,3,5-trimethoxy-4-methylphenyl)hept-2-en-1-ol (5b):



91%, colorless oil; IR: 3420, 2954, 2933, 2848, 1605, 1581, 1487, 1450, 1397, 1344, 1230, 1127, 1037 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.42 (s, 1H), 5.66 (td, J = 6.5, 15.0 Hz, 1H), 5.56 (td, J = 6.0, 15.5 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.81(s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.25-3.12 (m, 1H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 2.06-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.80 (s, 1H), 1.72-1.59 (m, 2H), 1.21 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 154.2, 151.7, 144.6, 137.6, 133.1,

129.0, 118.1, 103.3, 63.7, 61.0, 60.2, 55.7, 36.9, 31.5, 30.4, 22.2, 8.7; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₆O₄Na 317.1723, found 317.1720.

(1*R*,4*S*)-5,6,8-trimethoxy-4,7-dimethyl-1-(prop-1-en-2-yl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (4):



A flame-dried flask was charged with $Hg(OTf)_2$ (0.005 equiv, 0.1 M in MeCN, 0.0139 mL, 0.001394 mmol). After removal of MeCN on vacuum pump, the flask was vented twice with N₂ and charged with 4.6 mL of toluene and followed by addition of a solution of **5a** (86 mg, 0.279 mmol) in toluene (1 mL). The mixture was heated at 45 °C

for 4 h. The reaction was cooled down to room temperature and filtered through Celite and concentrated. The crude product (NMR shows dr = 9:1) was carefully purified by silica gel column (5:95, EtOAc:hexanes) to give 4 as a colorless oil (44 mg, 54%); two diastereomers, dr = 10:1; IR: 3068, 2933, 2860, 2823, 1646, 1589, 1454, 1405, 1332, 1279, 1246, 1103, 1066 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.81 (s, 1H, minor), 4.79 (S, 1H, major), 4.43 (s, 1H, minor), 3.94 (s, 1H, major), 3.85 (s, 3H, major), 3.84 (s, 3H, minor), 3.82 (s, 3H, minor), 3.81 (s, 3H, major), 3.67 (s, 3H, major), 3.63 (s, 3H, minor), 3.54-3.48 (m, 2H), 3.40-3.31 (m, 1H, minor), 3.17-3.00 (m, 1H, major), 2.18 (s, 3H, minor), 2.16 (s, 3H, major), 1.97-1.85 (m, 10H), 1.66-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.44-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.26 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, minor), 1.19 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, major); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 152.3, 150.2, 150.0, 150.0, 149.8, 147.4, 146.9, 134.6, 134.3, 128.0, 127.8, 122.2, 121.9, 111.6, 110.8, 60.4, 60.3, 60.1, 60.0, 59.8, 59.8, 41.7, 39.8, 28.1, 27.2, 25.2, 24.5, 23.3, 23.0, 22.3, 22.1, 20.5, 20.4, 9.6, 9.4; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₈H₂₆O₃Na⁺ 313.1774, found 313.1772.

(1*R*,4*S*)-5,6,8-trimethoxy-4,7-dimethyl-1-vinyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (16):



A flame-dried flask was charged with Hg(OTf)₂ (0.02 equiv, 0.1 M in MeCN, 0.0543 mL, 0.00543 mmol). After removal of MeCN on vacuum pump, the flask was vented twice with N₂ and charged with 4.5 mL of toluene and followed by addition of a solution of **5b** (79.6 mg, 0.270 mmol) in toluene (0.9 mL). The mixture was heated at 70 $^{\circ}$ C for 15 minutes. The reaction was cooled down to room

temperature and filtered through Celite and concentrated. The crude product (NMR shows dr = 6.3:1) was carefully purified by silica gel chromatography (5:95, EtOAc:hexanes) to give **16** (55 mg, 73%). Major isomer: IR: 3077, 2938, 2864, 2827, 1634, 1589, 1458, 1405, 1319, 1246, 1103, 1066 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 5. 97 (ddd, J = 6.0, 10.2, 16.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (td, J = 1.6, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.62 (td, J = 1.5, 17.1 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.80-3.74 (m, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.20-3.00 (m, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.10-1.80 (m, 2H), 1.70-1.60 (m, 1H), 1.50-1.40 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.7, 150.1, 147.3, 143.1, 134.2, 126.3, 122.4, 113.9, 60.6, 60.4, 59.8, 36.4, 27.3, 24.6, 22.4, 9.6; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₄O₃Na 299.1618, found 299.1623.

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-5,6,8-trimethoxy-4,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)ethanol (17):



To a solution of **16** (98 mg, 0.355 mmol, dr = 5:1) in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C, BH₃ THF (2 equiv, 1.0 M in THF, 0.709 mL, 0.709 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for another 1h and cooled down to 0 °C before an aqueous NaOH solution (5.2 equiv, 2M, 0.922 mL, 1.844 mmol) was

added carefully, followed by addition of H₂O₂ (5 equiv, 30% in water, 0.183 mL, 1.773

mmol). The reaction was stirred for another 2 h at room temperature and quenched with water (3 mL). The mixture was extracted with EtOAc (3x 6 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (30:70, EtOAc:hexanes) to give 17 as a colorless oil (74 mg, 71%, dr = 5:1). IR: 3314, 2929, 2864, 2819, 1589, 1454, 1405, 1303, 1254, 1119, 1099, 1066 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 3.85 (s, 3H, major), 3.82 (s, 3H, minor), 3.81 (s, 3H, minor). 3.79 (s, 3H, major), 3.70 (s, 3H, major), 3.69-3.53 (m, 7H), 3.20-3.07 (m, 2H), 3.07-2.97 (m, 2H), 2.39 (s, 2H, broad), 2.18 (s, 3H, minor), 2.17 (s, 3H, major), 2.00-1.86 (m, 4H), 1.85-1.55 (m, 6H), 1.55-1.47 (m, 2H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, minor), 1.18 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H, major); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.1, 151.9, 149.8, 149.6, 148.0, 147.4, 134.1, 133.7, 129.6, 129.3, 122.3, 121.8, 61.3, 61.0, 60.6, 60.5, 60.3, 59.9, 59.8, 39.6, 39.2, 28.8, 28.7, 27.6, 27.3, 27.2, 27.0, 24.7, 23.4, 22.6, 21.5, 9.5, 9.3; HRMS: *m*/*z* [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₁₇H₂₆O₄Na 317.1723, found 317.1723.

2-((1*R*,4*S*)-5,6,8-trimethoxy-4,7-dimethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)ethyl 4methylbenzenesulfonate (18):



To a solution of 17 (77 mg, 0.261 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.6 mL) at 0 °C, DMAP (0.1 equiv, 3.2 mg, 0.0262 mmol), Et_3N (5 equiv, 0.184 mL, 1.31 mmol) and TsCl (1.3 equiv, 65 mg, 0.341 mmol) were added. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2 h before being quenched with water (3 mL). The

mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 5 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (20:80, EtOAc:hexanes) to give **18** as a white semisolid (94 mg, 84%, two diastereomers mixture, dr = 6.6: 1). IR: 2933, 2868, 2827, 1597, 1462, 1401, 1356, 1299, 1254, 1193, 1176, 1099, 1070 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, major), 7.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H, minor), 7.35 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 4H), 4.22-4.10 (m, 4H), 3.83 (s, 3H, major), 3.81 (s, 3H, minor), 3.79 (s, 3H, minor), 3.78 (s, 3H, major), 3.64 (s, 3H, major), 3.61 (s, 3H, minor), 3.14-3.04 (m, 2H), 3.03-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.45 (s, 6H), 2.18 (s, 3H, minor), 2.15 (s, 3H, major), 2.00-1.90 (m, 2H), 1.88-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.62 (m, 2H), 1.62-1.52 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.20 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, minor), 1.17 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H, major); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 152.3, 149.9, 149.8, 147.4, 147.1, 144.5, 134.5, 133.6, 133.3, 129.7, 128.8, 128.7, 127.8, 122.7, 122.4, 70.0, 69.6, 60.3, 60.0, 60.0, 59.7, 35.3, 34.4, 29.4, 29.0, 27.7, 27.6, 27.1, 25.0, 24.5, 22.3, 22.1, 21.6, 20.3, 9.4, 9.3; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₄H₃₂O₆SNa 471.1812, found 471.1809.

(1*R*,4*S*)-5,6,8-trimethoxy-4,7-dimethyl-1-(2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (19):

A mixture of tosylate **18** (145 mg, 0.323 mmol), thiophenol (2 equiv, 0.066 mL, 0.646 mmol), and anhydrous K_2CO_3 (3 equiv, 134 mg, 0.97 mmol) in dry DMSO (3.2 mL)

under N₂ were stirred at 30 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (15



mL). The mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3x 15 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. To a solution of crude sulfide in dry CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) at 0 °C under N₂, was added *m*CPBA (3 equiv, 70-75%, 167 mg, 0.969 mmol). The reaction was stirred for another 17 h and quenched with water (4 mL). The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3x 5 mL). The combined organic

layers were washed with brine, dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (20:80, EtOAc:hexanes) to give **19** as a white solid (85 mg, 63%, two diastereomers mixture, dr = 6.6: 1). After recrystalization from CH₂Cl₂/MeOH, colorless needle crystals were obtained (the major isomer); m.p. 121-123 °C, IR: 2954, 2933, 2864, 2827, 1585, 1462, 1446, 1401, 1307, 1242, 1140, 1066 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.91 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.30-3.15 (m, 2H), 3.13-3.03 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.80 (m, 1H), 2.13 (s, 3H), 2.04-1.93 (m, 1H), 1.90-1.68 (m, 3H), 1.56-1.50 (m, 1H), 1.49-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.15 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 152.4, 150.1, 147.2, 139.3, 133.6, 133.5, 129.2, 128.1, 127.9, 122.7, 60.4, 60.4, 59.8, 55.4, 31.6, 28.2, 27.1, 24.4, 22.3, 20.7, 9.5; HRMS: m/z [M + Na]⁺ calcd for C₂₃H₃₀O₅SNa 441.1706, found 441.1703.



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