## **Supporting Information**

### A stereocontrolled synthesis of (+)-saxitoxin

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### 1. General Experimental Considerations:

All reactions requiring anhydrous conditions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under a positive pressure of either nitrogen or argon. Commercially available reagents were used as received; otherwise, materials were purified according to *Purification of Laboratory Chemicals*.<sup>1</sup> Dichloromethane (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), acetonitrile (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) tetrahydrofuran (THF) diethyl ether (Et<sub>2</sub>O) were degassed with nitrogen and passed through a solvent purification system (Innovative Technologies Pure Solv). Triethylamine (Et<sub>3</sub>N) was distilled from CaH<sub>2</sub> immediately prior to use. Reactions were monitored by TLC and visualized by a dual short wave/long wave UV lamp and stained with aqueous solution of ceric ammonium molybdate. Flash chromatography was performed on Merck silica gel Kieselgel 60 (230-400 mesh) from EM Science with the indicated HPLC grade solvent.

Infrared spectra were obtained using Nicolet 380-FT IR spectrometer fitted with a Smart Orbit sample system. Optical rotations were obtained at ambient temperature on a Perkin Elmer Model 343 polarimeter (Na D line) using a microcell with a 1 decimeter path length. Mass spectra were determined on a Micromass Quattro II (ESI/APCI-TOF) for HRMS at the University of Utah Mass Spectrometry Facility. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded at 500 MHz and 125 MHz, respectively. Proton resonances were reported relative to the deuterated solvent peak: 7.27 ppm for CDCl<sub>3</sub> 7.15 ppm for C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 3.31 ppm (center line signal) for CD<sub>3</sub>OD and 4.80 ppm for D<sub>2</sub>O using the following format: chemical shift ( $\delta$ ) (multiplicity (s= singlet, brs= broad singlet, d= doublet, dd= double of doublet, dd= double of doublet of doublet of doublet of doublet of doublet of doublet, t= triplet, dtt= doublet of triplet of triplet, q= quartet, m= multiplet), coupling constant(s) *J* in Hz, integration).<sup>2</sup> Carbon resonances were reported as chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) in parts per million, relative to the center line signal of the respective solvent peak: 77.23 ppm for CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 128.0 ppm for C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> and 49.15 ppm for CD<sub>3</sub>OD and 164.2 ppm for TFA.

<sup>1</sup> Purification of Laboratory Chemicals. 2003, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. Armarego, W. L. F.; Chai, C. L. L. <sup>2</sup> Hove, T.R.; Hansen, P.R.; Vyvyan, J.R. J. Org. Chem. **1994**; *59*(15); 4096-4103.

### 2. Experimental Procedures:

#### tert-butyl ((2R,3R)-3-(benzyl(hydroxy)amino)-7-(benzyloxy)-1-((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)hept-4-vn-2-

yl)carbamate (2). A solution of homopropargyl benzyl ether (9.62 g, 60.1 mmol) in THF (450 mL) was cooled to -15 °C (MeOH/ice). To this solution was then added a 2M solution of <sup>i</sup>PrMgCl (30.6 mL, 61.3 mmol) in THF drop wise for 15 min and the solution was stirred at the same temperature for an additional 15 minutes. The flask was then cooled to -78 °C. A precooled solution of nitrone 1 (8.01 g, 15.5 mmol) in



THF (30 mL) at -78 °C was added slowly to this solution via cannula. The addition was maintained so as the internal temperature did not exceed -78 °C. The contents of the flask were stirred at the same temperature for 4 h. The reaction mixture was then quenched with an ice-cold solution of aqueous saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (100 mL) and then warmed to rt. The contents of the flask were diluted with EtOAc (500 mL) and partitioned in a separatory funnel. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc ( $2 \times 200$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to yield a colorless oil (dr: 9:1, based on crude <sup>1</sup>H NMR). Purification by flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc in Hexanes) gave anti-hydroxylamine 2 (6.88 g, 86%, based on recovery of nitrone 1, 2.3 g) as a colorless oil.

TLC  $R_f = 0.47$  (8.5:1.5 Hexanes: EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -38.4^{\circ}$  (c = 2.50, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.75- 7.71 (m, 4H), 7.53 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.26- 7.19 (m, 9H), 7.15- 7.10 (m, 4H), 7.08- 7.05 (m, 1H), 6.79 (brs, 1H), 4.86 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75- 4.68 (m, 1H), 4.60 (d, J = 13.6 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (s, 2H), 3.95 (d, J = 13.6Hz, 1H), 3.92- 3.91 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 10.2, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.14 (ddd, J = 15.6, 15.6, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.37 (s, 9H), 1.10 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  157.3, 138.9, 138.6, 136.0, 136.0, 133.7, 133.6, 130.0, 129.5, 128.5, 128.2, 128.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.7, 127.0, 85.4, 79.5, 76.6, 72.8, 68.3, 64.0, 61.5, 61.4, 53.2, 28.3, 27.0, 20.2, 19.4 ppm; IR (neat) 3421, 2930, 2857, 2340, 2361, 2279, 1694, 1616, 1506, 1496, 1364, 1162, 1104, 812, 738, 698, 612 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>SiNa (M+Na): 715.3543, found: 715.3548.

#### (2R,3R)-2-amino-3-(benzylamino)-7-(benzyloxy)hept-4-yn-1-ol bis-hydrochloride salt (3).

tert-butyl ((2R,3R)-3-(benzylamino)-7-(benzyloxy)-1((tert-butyldiphenylsilyl)oxy)hept-4-yn-2-yl)carbamate To a slurry of zinc dust (2.43 g, 37.3 mmol) in AcOH (20 mL) was added Cu(OAc)<sub>2</sub> NHBoc TBDPSO (135 mg, 746 µmol). The vessel was sealed and contents were stirred for 15 minutes

at rt. A solution of hydroxylamine 2 (5.20 g, 7.50 mmol) in AcOH (20 mL) was then added to this slurry. After sealing the flask tightly, the flask were heated at 60 °C for



2 h. The flask was then cooled to rt and solid Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA (5.0 g) was added. This mixture was stirred vigorously for 5 minutes and the solution was basified (pH ≈10) carefully with 10% aqueous NaOH. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc (200 mL) and stirred for 10 minutes. This mixture was then filtered through a pad of celite. The celite bed was washed with an additional portion of EtOAc (200 mL). The combined filtrates were then partitioned in a separatory funnel and organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (2  $\times$  100 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a light yellow oil which was purified by flash column chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexanes) to afford the required diamine (4.69 g, 92%) as a colorless oil.

TLC  $R_f = 0.52$  (8:2 Hexanes: EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -17.2^{\circ}$  (c = 3.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz): δ 7.73- 7.69 (m, 4H), 7.30 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.18- 7.16 (m, 5H), 7.14- 7.10 (m, 5H), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H), 5.37 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30-4.24 (m, 1H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 4.03 (dd, J = 10.2, 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.92 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, J = 9.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.80-3.76 (m, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.26, 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.72 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.(ddd, J = 9.2, 6.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (dddd, J = 6.8, 6.8, 1.4, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 9H) ppm;<sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) δ 155.6, 140.3, 138.7, 136.0, 136.0, 135.9, 135.9, 133.6, 133.6, 129.9, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.0, 128.0, 127.7, 127.1, 82.9, 79.9, 78.8, 72.9, 68.7, 64.3, 54.9, 51.6, 51.2, 28.4, 26.9, 20.4, 19.3 ppm; IR (neat) 2929, 2857, 2279, 1713, 1494, 1472, 1427, 1390, 1364, 1329, 1247, 1165, 1104, 1027, 812, 737, 698, 613 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>42</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>SiNa (M+Na): 699.3594, found: 699.3594.

In a 50 mL sealed vessel, the diamine (0.74 g, 1.09 mmol) was dissolved in 4N HCl in MeOH (15 mL) and heated at 40 °C for 12 h. After cooling the flask to rt, decolorizing charcoal was added to NH<sub>2</sub> the flask and the contents were heated in a open flask at 40 °C for 15 min. The contents of но the flask were then filtered through a small pad of celite. The celite bed was washed with an additional 20 mL of MeOH. The combined filtrates were then evaporated under



reduced pressure to yield an off-white residue. This material was washed with ether  $(3 \times 15 \text{ mL})$  to afford the diamine bis-hydrochloride salt 3 (398 mg, 89%) as an amorphous off white solid.

TLC  $R_f = 0.32$  (9:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -29.1^{\circ}$  (c = 1.65, MeOH); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz): δ 7.54-7.52 (m, 2H), 7.46- 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.38- 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.33- 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.28- 7.25 (m, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.51-4.50 (bs, 1H), 4.49 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.37 Hz, 1H), 3.82 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.74 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dt, J = 6.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H)ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 125 MHz) δ 139.2, 131.6, 131.3, 130.8, 130.2, 129.5, 129.0, 128.9, 94.7, 74.1, 69.8, 68.7, 60.1, 54.2, 51.1, 50.8, 21.0 ppm; IR (neat) 3330, 2856, 2361, 2340, 1646, 1635, 1616, 1575, 1521, 1456, 1362, 1210, 1156, 1095, 1064, 1028, 746, 696, 607 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M+H): 339.2073, found: 339.2068.

(2R,3R)-2-amino-3-(benzylamino)-7-(benzyloxy)hept-4-yn-1-yl carbamate (4). To a solution of diamine *bis*-hydrochloride **3** (1.10 g, 2.68 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) was added KOCN (1.30 g, 16.0 mmol) at 0 °C. To this solution was then added Me<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H (10 mL) dropwise over a period of 10 min. The reaction mixture was



stirred at the same temperature for 2 h. The contents of the flask were added carefully to crushed ice (~50 g) and basified (pH  $\approx 10$ ) carefully with aqueous saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. This solution was then transferred to a separatory funnel and extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (5 × 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (4% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) afforded the diaminocarbamate 4 (794 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil.

TLC  $R_f = 0.48$  (8:1:1 EtOAc:MeOH:H<sub>2</sub>O);  $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +0.34^\circ$  (c = 0.74, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$  7.36 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.19- 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.11- 7.06 (m, 2H), 4.71- 4.57 (m, 2H), 4.29 (s, 2H), 4.15 (m, 2H), 3.98 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 3.33 (td, J = 6.8, 0.9 Hz, 2H), 3.05 (dtt, J = 8.7, 4.3, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (tt, J = 6.8, 1.9 Hz, 2H), 1.54 (brs, 3H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz) & 156.6, 140.7, 138.8, 128.7, 128.5, 128.5, 128.2, 127.7, 127.1, 83.2, 79.4, 72.9, 68.8, 67.6, 54.2, 52.5, 51.6, 20.4 ppm. IR (neat) 3353, 3061, 3028, 2860, 2360, 2340, 1716, 1635, 1616, 1454, 1403, 1332. 1205, 1066, 1028, 911, 847, 781, 736, 697 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (M+H): 382.2131, found: 382.2133.

Bis-propargyl guanidine (5). To a solution of diaminocarbamate 4 (315 mg, 0.82 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (16 mL) was added N.N'-Di-Boc-S-methylisothiourea (479 mg, 1.65 mmol), NEt<sub>3</sub> (241 uL, 1.72 NBoc mmol) and HgO (371 mg, 1.72 mmol) at rt. The reaction mixrure was stirred at rt for BocHN 'NH 8 h. Contents of the flask were diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) and filtered through a pad H<sub>2</sub>N of celite. The celite bed was washed with an additional 15 mL of (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>). The Br (5) combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash NBoo column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) gave the bis-guanidine 5 (586 mg, 83%) as a colorless foam.

OBn NHBoo

TLC  $R_f = 0.33$  (6:4 Hexanes:EtOAc);  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -7.8^{\circ}$  (c = 1.35, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz, 55 °C): 12.03 (s, 1H), 9.7 (s, 1H), 8.82 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.27- 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.19- 7.15 (m, 4H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 3H), 6.94-6.92 (m, 1H) 6.39 (brs, 1H), 5.03- 5.02 (m, 1H), 4.99 (d, J=15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, J=16.5 Hz, 1H), 4.47 (dd, J = 11.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (dd, J = 11.2, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (brs, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.20 (brs, 2H), 2.13 (brs, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.20 (brs, 2H), 2.13 (brs, 2H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 3.20 (brs, 2H), 3.20 (b 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H), 1.27 (s, 9H), 1.20 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz, mixture of rotamers) 164.5, 163.1, 157.9, 156.9, 155.5, 153.6, 151.2, 139.2, 139.0, 128.9, 128.4, 128.6, 128.0, 127.4, 127.3, 82.7, 81.9, 79.3, 79.0, 76.3, 73.1, 68.6, 63.9, 54.4, 52.0, 50.6, 31.7, 28.7, 28.7, 28.3, 28.1, 28.1, 27.7, 20.6 ppm; IR (neat) 3307, 2977, 1718, 1683, 1599, 1540, 1455, 1417, 1392, 1365, 1313, 1250, 1229, 1140, 1102, 1055, 1027, 987, 807, 776, 732, 696 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{44}H_{63}N_7O_{11}Na$  (M+Na): 888.4483, found: 888.4479.

### (S.5Z)-tert-butyl 4-((R)-1-amino-6-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino)-10,10-dimethyl-1,8-dioxo-2,9-dioxa-5,7diazaundec-6-en-4-yl)-3-benzyl-5-(3-(benzyloxy)propylidene)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)imidazolidine-

1-carboxylate (6). To a stirred solution of bis-guanidine 5 (1.82 g 2.10 mmol), in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25 mL) was added AgOAc (34 mg, 21 µmol) at rt and the reaction was stirred for 9 h. The contents of the flask were filtered through a pad of celite and the celite bed was washed with an additional 10 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined filtrates were concentrated to give the ene-guanidine 6 (1.79 g, 98%) as a colorless foam which was used in the next step without any further purification.



TLC  $R_f = 0.39$  (1:1 Hexanes:EtOAc);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +9.9^{\circ} (c = 1.40, CHCl_3);$ <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz, 35 °C):  $\delta$  12.09, (s, 1H), 8.82 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.31 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.21-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 1H), 7.05-7.01 (m, 2H), 6.98- 6.95 (m, 1H), 5.38 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.79- 4.50 (bs,

1H), 4.50 (ddd, J = 7.8, 7.8, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.35- 4.28 (m, 3H), 4.25 (d, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (dd, J = 3.9 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (bs, 1H), 3.94 (bs, 1H), 3.92 (bs, 1H), 3.94 (b J = 12.2, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 3.35 (s, 2H), 3.26 (t, J = 6.3Hz, 2H), 2.53 (dddd, J = 15.2, 15.2, 6.8, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dddd, J = 15.1, 11.7, 6.3, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 9H), 1.21 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 35 °C, 125 MHz,) δ 164.0, 159.1, 157.0, 156.1, 153.3, 153.2, 149.6, 139.3, 136.5, 131.9, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.8, 127.5, 116.7, 83.7, 83.0, 78.9, 78.3, 72.7, 69.0, 63.2, 59.1, 53.1, 51.6, 48.9, 29.7, 28.5, 28.3, 28.0, 27.7 ppm; IR (neat) 2978, 2361, 1339, 2279, 1748, 1733, 1684, 1615, 1558, 1540, 1521, 1496, 1366, 1250, 1147, 1116, 1054, 1028, 811, 699 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>63</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na (M+Na): 888.4483, found: 888.4480.

#### (4R,5S,6S)-di-tert-butyl 7-benzyl-4-((R)-3-(benzyloxy)-1-iodopropyl)-2,8-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)-6-((carbamoyloxy)methyl)tetrahydro-1*H*-purine-3,9(2*H*,4*H*)-dicarboxylate (8).

To a stirred solution of ene-guanidine 6 (0.93 g, 1.07 mmol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (15 mL) at 0 °C, was added silver acetate (214 mg, 1.28 mmol) and crushed iodine (327 mg, 1.28 mmol) and the reaction was warmed to rt and stirred for 18 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with EtOAc (100 mL) and filtered through a small pad of celite. The combined filtrates were transferred to a separatory funnel and washed with 2N Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (100 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with additional portions of EtOAc  $(3 \times 100 \text{ mL})$ . The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated



under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (30% EtOAc in hexanes) afforded the bicyclic guanidine 8 (0.87 g, 82%) as a colorless foam.

TLC  $R_{f} = 0.38$  (9.5:0.5 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH);  $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +88.7^{\circ}$  (c = 1.18, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  9.47 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H), 7.49 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.24 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.11 (m, 1H), 6.99 - 6.91 (m, 3H), 6.48 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.51 - 4.46 (m, 1H), 4.47 (d, J = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (t, J = 8.78 Hz, 1H), 4.2 (s, 1H), 3.92 (brs, 2H), 3.82 (d, J = 14.6 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (ddd, J = 9.7, 9.7, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (m, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 1.69 (s, 9H), 1.61 (s, 9H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz, 35 °C) δ 163.9, 159.8, 159.8, 155.6, 151.4, 150.7, 148.9, 139.2, 135.4, 129.6, 128.9, 128.5, 128.2, 127.9, 127.5, 85.2, 82.6, 82.3, 78.6, 78.3, 71.7, 67.6, 64.8, 62.4, 51.0, 46.5, 39.1, 32.5, 28.7, 28.2, 28.1, 27.6 ppm; IR (neat) 3305, 2976, 2931, 2360, 1751, 1653, 1616, 1453, 1393, 1367, 1322, 1276, 1254, 1157, 1139, 1101, 845, 736, 705 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>63</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>11</sub>I (M+H): 992.3630, found: 992.3631.

#### (3aR,4R,10S,10aS)-tert-butyl 1-benzyl-4-(2-(benzyloxy)ethyl)-2,8-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)-10-((carbamoyloxy)methyl)-6-oxohexahydro-1H-oxazolo[3,4-c]purine-3(2H)-carboxylate (9). To a solution of

iodide 8 (0.72 g, 0.72 mmol) in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (8.0 mL) was added AgOAc (0.36 g, 2.15 mmol) and AcOH (0.50 mL) at rt and the reaction mixture was heated at 60 °C for 8 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to rt and diluted with EtOAc (10 mL). The inorganic salts were filtered through a pad of celite and the celite bed was washed with an additional 10 mL of EtOAc. The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (50% EtOAc in hexanes) gave cyclic carbamate 9 (0.45 g, 77%) as a colorless oil.



TLC  $R_f = 0.49$  (3:7 hexanes: EtOAc);  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +60.8^{\circ}$  (c = 0.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz, 35 °C)  $\delta$  9.38 (brs, 1H), 7.20- 7.09 (m, 4H), 7.10 (m, 3H), 7.03- 6.95 (m, 3H), 4.68 (dd, J = 8.3, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.43(d, J = 8.3, 5.3 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.45- 4.39 (brs, 2H), 4.20 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (d, J = 11.7 Hz, 1H), 4.06 (12.2 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (s, 1H), 3.65 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.50 (brs, 1H), 3.44 (ddd, J = 9.2, 9.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 3.31 (ddd, J = 10.2, 5.3, J)5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.09 (bs, 1H), 2.42 (dddd, J = 14.1, 9.1, 4.8, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (dddd, J = 14.3, 8.7, 4.8, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 9H), 1.60 (s, 9H), 1.40 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz, 35 °C)  $\delta$  159.7, 155.5, 150.6, 148.5, 138.7, 135.9, 129.2, 128.7, 128.6, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 86.2, 82.1, 79.9, 79.1, 78.7, 72.9, 65.6, 65.4, 64.1, 47.1, 30.1, 28.6, 28.1, 27.9 ppm; IR (neat) 3365, 2977, 2931, 2360, 1798, 1724, 1616, 1454, 1390, 1366, 1318, 1246, 1131, 1103, 1028, 808, 751, 703, 667 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for  $C_{40}H_{53}N_7O_{11}Na$  (M+Na): 830.3701, found: 830.3700.

The sequential one pot procedure for the preparation of cyclic carbamate (9). To a solution of bis-guanidine 5 (50 mg, 57 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500 µL) was added AgOAc (10 mg, 59 µmol) at rt. The contents of the flask were stirred at rt for 1h. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness and the residue was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mL). To the reaction mixture was then added AgOAc (10 mg, 59 µmoL) and crushed iodine (15 mg, 59 µmol) and the contents were stirred at rt for 10 h. The Et<sub>2</sub>O was evaporated under reduced pressure and the contents were diluted with CH<sub>3</sub>CN (1.0 mL) and AcOH (16  $\mu$ L, 30



 $\mu$ moL). Additional AgOAc (19 mg, 113  $\mu$ mol) was added and the contents were heated at 60 °C for 8 h. The flask was cooled to rt and the contents were diluted with EtOAc (2 mL) and then filtered through a small pad of celite. The celite bed was washed with an additional portion of EtOAc (5 mL). The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (50% EtOAc in hexanes) gave the cyclic carbamate **9** (31 mg, 67%) as a colorless oil.

# (3a*R*,4*R*,10*S*,10a*S*)-*tert*-butyl 2,8-bis((*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)imino)-10-((carbamoyloxy)methyl)-4-(2-((methyl sulfonyl)oxy)ethyl)-6-oxohexahydro-1*H*-oxazolo[3,4-*c*]purine-3(2*H*)-carboxylate (10).

In a 100 mL pressure tube, cyclic carbamate 9 (0.80 g, 0.99 mmol) was dissolved in <sup>1</sup>PrOH (20 mL). To this solution was added Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub> (120 mg) and AcOH (200  $\mu$ L). The tube was evacuated and

solution was added  $Pd(OH)_2$  (120 mg) and ACOH (200 µL). The tube was evacuated and filled with hydrogen three times. Finally the hydrogen was filled to 80-psi pressure and the contents of the tube were stirred at rt behind a safety shield for 50 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and filtered through a small pad of celite. The celite bed was washed with an additional 20 mL of EtOAc. The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash column chromatography (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to yield the di-debenzylated carbamate (0.416 g, 67%) as colorless oil.



TLC  $R_f = 0.37$  (9:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH);  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +73.3^{\circ}$  (c = 3.52, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, 35 °C)  $\delta$  9.79 (brs, 1H), 5.37 (brs, 2H), 4.92 (dd, J = 7.8, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.51 (s, 1H), 4.27- 4.21 (m, 2H), 3.99 (brt, 1H), 3.83-3.75 (m, 3H), 2.01 (ddd, J = 19.0, 10.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddd, J = 20.0, 7.8, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 1.57 (s, 9H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.48 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, 35 °C)  $\delta$  156.3, 151.5, 151.2, 149.7, 147.2, 128.1, 127.9, 127.8, 88.4, 82.5, 81.4, 80.7, 80.5, 72.0, 66.0, 58.0, 55.2, 30.9, 28.3, 28.2, 28.0 ppm; IR (neat) 3290, 2979, 2360, 1791, 1761, 1713, 1653, 1608, 1525, 1473, 1455, 1367, 1326, 1244, 1146, 1108, 1078, 907, 855, 805, 769, 726, 645 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Na (M+Na): 650.2762, found: 650.2762.

In a 10 ml round bottom flask, the free alcohol prepared above (130 mg, 207 µmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

(4.0 mL) and the flask was cooled to -35 °C (CH<sub>3</sub>CN/dry ice). To this mixture was added NEt<sub>3</sub> (87  $\mu$ L, 621  $\mu$ mol) and DMAP (50 mg, 409  $\mu$ mol). A solution of methanesulfonyl chloride (16  $\mu$ L, 207  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (300  $\mu$ L) was added drop wise to this solution. The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 2 h and then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). The contents of the flask were partitioned in a separatory funnel and washed with 0.5% aq. HCl (5 mL). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried



over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (3% MeOH in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ) gave the sulfonate **10** (113 mg, 77%) as a colorless foam.

TLC  $R_f = 0.48$  (9:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH);  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +43.5^{\circ}$  (c = 2.05, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500MHz)  $\delta$  9.86– 9.41(brs, 2H), 4.97 (brs, 2H), 4.82 (dd, J = 8.3, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.46– 4.37 (m, 3H), 4.29 (dd, J = 11.7, 3.9Hz, 1H), 4.24 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (brs, 1H), 3.10 (s, 3H), 2.20 (ddd, J = 13.1, 9.7, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 1.59 (s, 9H), 1.51 (s, 9H), 1.49 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, 35 °C)  $\delta$  156.0, 151.1,150.4, 149.4, 146.9, 88.7, 82.6, 80.8, 80.2, 80.0, 71.9, 65.6, 65.1, 55.1, 37.6, 28.3, 28.2, 28.1, 27.9 ppm; IR (neat) 3294, 2979, 2360, 2338, 1791, 1733, 1604, 1473, 1456, 1394, 1368, 1330, 1248, 1146, 1042, 961, 915, 775, 730, 646 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>13</sub>SNa (M+Na): 728.2537, found: 728.2538.

## (3aS,4S,10S,10aR)-tert-butyl 2,6-bis((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)-4-((carbamoyloxy)methyl)-10-hydroxyoct

ahydropyrrolo[1,2-c]purine-1(8H)-carboxylate (11). To a solution of sulfonate 10 (30 mg, 42  $\mu$ mol) in EtOH (1.0 mL) was added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (15 mg, 46  $\mu$ mol) at 0 °C. Reaction mixture was slowly warmed to rt and stirred for 8 h. The contents of the flask were filtered through a small pad of celite and the celite bed was washed with 10 mL of EtOAc. The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography (5% MeOH in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) gave the alcohol 11 (15 mg, 61 %) as a colorless oil.



TLC  $R_f = 0.37$  (9:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:MeOH),  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +84.6^{\circ}$  (c = 2.80, CHCl<sub>3</sub>), <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 500 MHz, **complex mixture of rotamers**)  $\delta$  9.6–9.1 (brs, 1H), 5.7–5.3 (brs, 2H), 4.46 (t, J = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 4.30–4.05 (m, 3H), 3.85–3.73 (m, 2H), 3.41 (dd, J = 11.2, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.24 (ddd, J = 10.0, 10.0, 6.8, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 1.87 (dddd, J = 12.7, 8.3, 4.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 9H), 1.44 (s, 18H) ppm. <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 125 MHz, **complex mixture of rotamers**)  $\delta$  164.1, 163.7, 160.0, 159.4, 157.3, 157.0, 156.8, 156.6, 151.4, 149.6, 149.2, 88.4, 87.6, 85.7, 83.9, 83.1, 82.4, 81.7, 81.1, 80.8, 79.0, 78.9, 78.8, 78.7, 77.4, 76.7, 71.9, 68.2, 67.0, 64.4, 63.5, 59.6, 53.9, 53.1, 52.9, 48.8, 48.1, 43.9, 30.7, 28.6, 28.5, 28.4, 28.3, 28.2, 27.9 ppm; IR (neat) 3285, 2978, 2360, 2339, 1717, 1635, 1584, 1558, 1473, 1393, 1367, 1317, 1248, 1147, 1094 911, 806, 756, 731 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>41</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>9</sub>Na (M+Na): 606.2863, found: 606.2864.

β-saxitoxinol •2TFA. To the alcohol 11 (12 mg, 20 μmol) was added CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: TFA (1:1, 1mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. The contents of the flask were concentrated under reduced pressure. This residue was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> several times and concentrated again under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was dissolved in 1 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and filtered through a 25 micron PTFE Acrodisc® syringe filter. The filter



was washed with an additional 1 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and the filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to give the bis-TFA salt of  $\beta$ -saxitoxinol (9 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil.

 $\left[\alpha\right]_{D}^{20} = +63.0^{\circ} (c = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (dd, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (d, J = 0.13, MeOH); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.33 (s, 1H); {}^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.83 (s,$ J = 11.7, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (ddd, J = 9.2, 5.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (ddd, J = 10.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (ddd, J = 10.2, 1.7 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (dd, J = 9.0, 9.0, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (dddd, J = 14.1, 9.7, 9.7, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (ddd, J = 14.1, 7.3, 1.2 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz,) δ 159.6, 158.3, 156.4, 84.0, 75.1, 63.7, 58.3, 53.5, 44.3, 29.3 ppm; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calcd for  $C_{10}H_{18}N_7O_3$  (M+H): 284.1471, found: 284.1473.

(+)-saxitoxin •2TFA. The bis guanidine 11 (15 mg, 25  $\mu$ mol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mL) and Dess- Martin Periodinane (16 mg, 38 µmol) was added to this solution at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and filtered through a small pad of celite. The celite pad was washed with an additional  $CH_2Cl_2$  (3 mL) and the combined filtrates were transferred to a separatory funnel. The organic layer was washed with 10% aqueous solution of  $Na_2S_2O_3$  (5 mL). The organic layer was then separated, dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and concentrated under



reduced pressure to yield ketone (18 mg, crude weight) as a colorless foam. This compound is unstable and hence used as such in the next step without further purification.

HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calcd for  $C_{25}H_{39}N_7O_9Na$  (M+Na): 604.2692, found: 604.2707.

The crude ketone (18 mg, 30.96 umol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; TFA (1:1, 1 mL) and stirred at rt for 1 h. The contents of the flask were concentrated under reduced pressure. The resultant residue was washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> several times and concentrated again under reduced pressure. This semisolid was then dissolved in 1 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and filtered through a 25 micron PTFE Acrodisc® syringe filter. The syringe filter was washed with an additional 1 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford the bis-TFA salt of (+)-saxitoxin (11 mg, 81% over 2 steps) as a colorless oil.



 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = +78.1^{\circ} (c = 0.3, MeOH); ^{1}H NMR (D_{2}O, 500 MHz) \delta 4.72 (d, J = 0.9 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 11.2, 1H)$ 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (ddd, J = 9.2, 5.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (ddd, J = 10.2, 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (ddd, J = 10.2, 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1.9 1H), 3.60- 3.53 (m, 1H), 2.40 (ddd, J = 14.1, 8.3, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (ddd, J = 14.1, 9.7, 9.7 Hz, 1H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 125 MHz,) δ 159.6, 158.4, 156.6, 99.1, 83.0, 63.7, 57.6, 53.6, 43.4, 33.5 ppm; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>7</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (M+H): 300.1420, found: 300.1431.

**Propargyl guanidine (12).** To a solution of diamine (151 mg, 223 µmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mL), N,N'-Di-Boc-S-

methylisothiourea (68 mg, 234 µmol) was added followed by HgO (49 mg, 226 µmol) and NEt<sub>3</sub> (47 µL, 326 µmol). The contents of the flask were stirred at rt for 8 h. The reaction mixture was then diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) and filtered through a small pad of



celite. The celite bed was washed with an additional CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) and the combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to yield a colorless foam. Purification by flash silica gel column chromatography (10 % EtOAc in hexanes) gave the propargyl guanidine 12 (149 mg, 72%) as a colorless foam.

TLC  $R_f = 0.41$  (8:2 Hexanes: EtOAc);  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = -54.1^{\circ}$  (c = 0.51, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  10.74 (s, 1H), 7.83-7.80 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.17 (m, 10H), 7.16-6.97 (m, 6H), 6.29 (brs, 1H), 4.99 (d, J = 9.76 Hz, 1H), 4.80 (d, J = 16.1Hz, 1H), 4.72 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 4.44- 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.19 (s, 2H), 4.13 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (dd, J = 10.7, 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (dt, J = 7.3, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (dt, J = 6.8, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.21 (s, 9H), 1.20 (s, 9H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> 125 MHz)  $\delta$  163.5, 156.5, 155.2, 152.1, 150.1, 138.9, 138.1, 136. 2, 136.1, 133.8, 133.5, 129.9, 129.8, 128.8, 128.5, 128.1, 128.0, 127.8, 127.3, 127.3, 83.0, 81.2, 78.9, 78.7, 77.9, 72.7, 68.3, 54.6, 52.3, 50.3, 28.4, 28.2, 27.8, 27.2, 20.4, 19.5 ppm; IR (neat) 2976, 2931, 2857, 2360, 2339, 1771, 1700, 1616, 1558, 1569, 1496, 1436, 1393, 1290, 1232, 1140, 1113, 824, 739, 700 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ES<sup>+</sup>) calcd for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>70</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SiNa (M+Na): 941.4861, found: 941.4885.

(S,5Z)-tert-butyl 3-benzyl-5-(3-(benzyloxy)propylidene)-2-((tert-butoxycarbonyl)imino)-4-((R)-2,2,10,10-tetramethyl-8-oxo-3,3-diphenyl-4,9-dioxa-7-aza-3-silaundecan-6-yl)imidazolidine-1-carboxylate (13). To a

solution of the propargyl guanidine **12** (38 mg, 56  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (500  $\mu$ L) was added AgOAc (1 mg, 59  $\mu$ mol). The contents of the flask were stirred for 9 h and filtered through a syringe filter. The filter was washed with an additional portion of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1 mL) and the combined filtrates were concentrated under reduced pressure to yield ene-guanidine **13** (35 mg, 91%) as a colorless foam.



TLC  $R_f = 0.25$  (8:2 Hexanes:EtOAc);  $[\alpha]^{20}_{D} = +43.9^{\circ}$  (c = 1.83, CHCl<sub>3</sub>); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 500 MHz):  $\delta$  7.60– 7.5 (m, 4H), 7.26 ( $\delta$ , J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.20– 7.07 (m, 11H), 6.98– 6.93 (m, 3H), 5.36 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (dd, J = 8.7, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 4.42– 4.36 (m, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 15.1 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 4.24 (d, J = 12.2 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (s, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 10.2, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.43 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.26– 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.57– 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.43– 2.39 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 9H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 9H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 125 MHz)  $\delta$  159.2, 155.6, 152.0, 149.5, 139.1, 136.5, 135.9, 135.8, 133.3, 133.0, 131. 0, 130.2, 130.1, 128.9, 128.5, 128.4, 128.2, 128.1, 127.8, 127.6, 127.5, 118.1, 83.3, 80.1, 77.9, 72.8, 68.8, 62.6, 58.4, 51.4, 46.5, 29.6, 28.6, 28.4, 28.2, 26.9, 19.1 ppm; IR (neat) 2974, 2930, 2857, 2360, 2339, 1751, 1717, 1699, 1684, 1646, 1635, 1521, 1506, 1472, 1419, 1365, 1293, 1249, 1147, 1112, 1027, 850, 823, 742, 701, 667, 614 cm<sup>-1</sup>; HRMS (ESI) calcd for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>70</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>SiNa (M+Na): 941,4861, found: 941,4860.

## 3. Representative <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra





















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## 4. Aligned <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectrum of model ene-guanidine (17) with the ene-guanidine (7)





## Spectral comparison (<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data) of natural and synthetic β-saxitoxinol



1H	<sup>1</sup> H NMR and <sup>13</sup> C NMR data of natural $\beta$ -saxitoxinol <sup>1</sup>				<sup>1</sup> H N	<sup>1</sup> H NMR and <sup>13</sup> C NMR data of synthetic $\beta$ -saxitoxinol				
position	<sup>1</sup> HNMR δ (ppm)	multiplicity	coupling constant (Hz)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR δ (ppm)	position	<sup>1</sup> HNMR δ (ppm)	multiplicity	coupling constant (Hz)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR δ (ppm)	
2	-	-	-	156.4	2	-	-	-	156.4	
4	-	-	-	80.7	4	-	-	-	84.0	
5	4.33	S	-	58.4	5	4.53	brs	-	58.3	
6	3.57	m	-	53.6	6	3.53	ddd	9.2, 5.3, 1.7	53.5	
8	-	-	-	158.9	8	-	-	-	158.3	
10	3.35	m	-	28.2*	10	3.47 3.38	ddd ddd	10.2, 8.3, 1.9 9.0, 9.0, 8.7	44.3	
11	2.02 2.00	m m	-	27.7	11	2.10 1.93	ddd ddd	14.1, 9.7, 9.7, 3.9 14.1, 7.3, 1.2	29.3	
12	3.79	d	4.6	75.2	12	4.03	d	4.4	75.1	
13	3.86 3.68	dd dd	12.0, 9.6 12.0, 5.6	63.8	13	3.93 3.72	dd dd	11.7, 9.2 11.7, 5.3	63.7	
14	-	-	-	159.3	14	-	-	-	159.6	

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\* The <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shift value of C11 (28.2 ppm) in the natural sample appears to be incorrectly labelled. We observe this chemical shift at 44.3 ppm consistent with those reoprted by Du Bois and Nagasawa.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR of Natural β-saxitoxinol  $(D_2O \text{ referenced at } 4.50 \text{ ppm} @ 200 \text{ MHz})^1$ 

## Spectral comparison (<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR data) of natural and synthetic (+)-saxitoxin



	<sup>1</sup> H NMR and <sup>13</sup> C NMR data of natural (+)-saxitoxin <sup>1</sup>					<sup>1</sup> H NMR and <sup>13</sup> C NMR data of synthetic (+)-saxitoxin					
positic	on <sup>1</sup> HNMR δ (ppm)	multiplicity	coupling constant (Hz)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR δ (ppm)	pos	sition <sup>1</sup> HNMR ð (ppm)	multiplicity	coupling constant (Hz)	<sup>13</sup> C NMR δ (ppm)		
2	-	-	-	156.8	2	-	-	-	156.6		
4	-	-	-	83.2	4	-	-	-	83.0		
5	4.33	d	1.2	57.8	5	4.42	d	0.9	57.6		
6	3.47	ddd	9.0. 6.0. 1.2	53.8	6	3.50	ddd	9.2, 5.3, 0.9	53.6		
8	-	-	-	158.5	8	-	-	-	158.4		
10	3.40 3.18	dd ddd	10.0, 3.0 11.0, 10.0, 8.0	33.8	10	3.47 3.20- 3.23	ddd m	10.2, 8.3, 1.9 -	33.5		
11	2.00 1.99	m m	-	43.8	11	2.10 2.02	ddd ddd	14.1, 8.3, 1.9 14.1, 9.7, 9.7	43.4		
12	-	-	-	99.4	12	-	-	-	99.1		
13	3.88 3.65	dd dd	12.0, 9.0 12.0, 6.0	64.0	13	3.96 3.69	dd dd	11.2, 9.2 12.7, 5.3	63.7		
14	-	-	-	159.7	14	-	-	-	159.6		

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<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of synthetic (+)-saxitoxin (D<sub>2</sub>O referenced at 4.50ppm @ 500 MHz)

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of natural (+)-saxitoxin (D<sub>2</sub>O referenced at 4.50ppm @ 200 MHz)<sup>1</sup>