General Methodologies Toward *cis*-Fused Quinone Sesquiterpenoids. Enantiospecific Synthesis of the *epi*-Ilimaquinone Core Featuring Sc-Catalyzed Ring Expansion

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General Procedures

Unless stated otherwise, all reactions were carried out in flame-dried glassware under an atmosphere of argon passed through a tower of Drierite in dry and degassed solvents with standard Schlenk or vacuum-line techniques. Particularly air-sensitive manipulations were performed in an MBraun Unilab nitrogen atmosphere glovebox. Column chromatography was driven by compressed air and performed with ZEOPrep 60 Eco 40-63 µm silica gel. Analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with 0.25 mm silica gel 60 F254 plates from EMD Chemicals. TLC plates were visualized under UV light or by treatment with ceric ammonium molybdate, potassium permanganate, and *para*-anisaldehyde stains.

Materials

Tetrahydrofuran (THF), dichloromethane (CH_2Cl_2) , diethyl ether (Et_2O) , acetonitrile (CH₃CN), and N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) were dispensed under UHP argon from a Glass Contour solvent purification system manufactured by SG Waters, LLC (Nashua, NH). Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), methanol, tert-butyldimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (TBSOTf), tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl), triethylamine (Et₃N), imidazole, Dphenylalanine (D-Phe), pyridinium *p*-toluenesulfonate (PPTS), and chloroform (CHCl₃) were purified and dried in accordance with standard procedures.¹ Estrone 3-methylether, phosphorous pentoxide (P_2O_5), sodium borohydride (NaBH₄), sodium hydride (NaH), ethanol (EtOH), pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC), platinum(IV) oxide (PtO₂), tetra-*n*butylammonium fluoride hydrate (TBAF·xH₂O), Celite 545, as well as HPLC-grade pentane, hexanes, and ethyl acetate (EtOAc) used in column chromatography were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without purification. Sodium chloride (NaCl), ammonium chloride (NH_4Cl) , sodium bicarbonate $(NaHCO_3)$, potassium carbonate (K_2CO_3) , sodium hydroxide (NaOH), sodium sulfate (Na₂SO₄), sodium thiosulfate (Na₂S₂O₃), and magnesium sulfate (MgSO₄) were purchased from Fisher Scientific and used without further purification. Methyltriphenylphosphonium iodide was prepared from triphenylphosphine (Sigma-Aldrich), and methyl iodide (Sigma-Aldrich) by stirring in dry benzene for 2 hours, filtering, washing with hexanes, and drying over P_2O_5 before use. Molecular sieves (3Å 4-8 mesh) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and activated by drying under vacuum (approx. 30 mm Hg) at 250 °C for at least 6 hours prior to use. Rhodium chloride hydrate (RhCl₃·H₂O) was purchased from Pressure Chemical Company and used without further purification.

⁽¹⁾ Armarego, W. L. F.; Chai, C. L. *Purification of Laboratory Chemicals*, 5th ed.; Butterworth-Heinemann: Oxford, 2003.

Dess-Martin Periodinane (DMP) was synthesized in accordance with a reported literature procedure.² Scandium triflate (Sc(OTf)₃, 99%) was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, finely powdered, and then dried at 200 °C over P_2O_5 for 24 hours under high vacuum (0.1 mm Hg). The dry scandium triflate was then transported into a glovebox using rigorous Schlenk techniques. (Trimethylsilyl)diazomethane (TMSD) and (phenyldimethylsilyl)diazomethane (PDMSD) were obtained as discussed in the manuscript and stored over 3Å molecular sieves at -40 °C in a glovebox freezer. Note: TMSD is both non-explosive and non-mutagenic, but it is extremely toxic³ and must be handled with the appropriate precautions.

Instrumentation

Infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker Alpha-p spectrometer. Bands are reported as strong (s), medium (m), weak (w), broad strong (bs), broad medium (bm), and broad weak (bw). Optical rotation values were recorded on a Rudolph research Autopol IV automatic polarimeter and is reported as the average of five readings. Melting points were recorded on a Digimelt MPA160 SRS and are uncorrected. Sonication was performed with a Misonix Sonicator 3000 equipped with a Laude external circulator for temperature control. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VNMRS (500 MHz), INOVA (500 MHz), or VNMRS (400 MHz) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with the solvent resonance as the internal standard (CHCl₃: δ 7.26). Data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublet of doublets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, dddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, t =triplet, m = multiplet), coupling constants (Hz), and integration. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian VNMRS (125 MHz), INOVA (125 MHz), or VNMRS (100 MHz) spectrometer with complete proton decoupling. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane with solvent as the internal reference (CDCl₃: δ 77.16). High-resolution mass spectra were obtained at the Boston College Mass Spectrometry Facility. Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) data were obtained on a Berger Instruments system using a Daicel CHIRALPAK AS-H column (ϕ 4.6 mm, 25 cm length). Gas chromatography (GC) analysis was performed on an Agilent Technologies 7890A system equipped with a flame ionization detector and HP-5 column (30 m x 0.320 mm x 0.25μ m).

⁽²⁾ Meyer, S. D.; Schreiber, S. L. Acceleration of the Dess-Martin Oxidation by Water. J. Org. Chem. 1994, 59, 7549-7552.

⁽³⁾ Murphy, N. G.; Varney, S. M.; Tallon, J. M.; Thompson, J. R.; Blanc, P. D. Fatal Occupational Exposure to Trimethylsilyl-Diazomethane. *Clin. Toxicol.* **2009**, *47*, 712.



(*R*)-4,7a-Dimethyl-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-indene-1,5(6*H*)-dione (precursor to 8). A 40 mL vial (95 mm x 25 mm) equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a rubber septum was charged with 2-methyl-2-(3-oxopentyl)cyclopentane-1,3-

dione⁴ (2.00 g, 10.2 mmol, 1.00 equiv), D-Phe (505 mg, 3.06 mmol, 0.300 equiv), and PPTS (1.28 g, 5.09 mmol, 0.499 equiv). DMSO (0.73 mL) was added through a syringe, and the resulting suspension was stirred for 5 minutes at room temperature. The vial was then tightly sealed with a Teflon-lined screw cap and sonicated (60 W) continuously at 50 °C for 24 hours. After 20 minutes of sonication at 50 °C, the reaction mixture was observed to be dark yellow and homogeneous. The crude reaction mixture was directly loaded onto a flash column and eluted with 50% Et₂O in pentane (v/v) to furnish the desired product as a colorless oil (1.61 g, 88.6%) with 91% ee (AS-H, 50 °C, 150 psi, 1.0 mL/min, 3% MeOH, $\lambda = 220$ nm; t₈ = 10.06 min (minor), 10.80 min (major)).

 R_f = 0.50 (60% Et₂O in pentane v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 2.96-2.87 (m, 1H), 2.85-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.37 (m, 3H), 2.07 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 5.1, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 13.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 100 MHz) δ 217.74, 197.99, 162.55, 129.95, 48.99, 35.54, 32.92, 28.94, 24.60, 21.38, 10.89; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₅O₂ [M+H]⁺: 179.1072; Found 179.1076.



Figure S1. Supercritical fluid chromatography (SFC) trace for Hajos–Parrish ketone.

⁽⁴⁾ Hajos, Z. G.; Parrish, D. R. (+)-(7*aS*)-7a-Methyl-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1*H*-indene-1,5-(6*H*)-dione. *Org. Synth*. **1990**, *Coll. Vol.* 7, 363.



(1R,7aR)-1-Hydroxy-4,7a-dimethyl-2,3,7,7a-tetrahydro-1H-inden-5(6H)-one (8). The Hajos–Parrish ene-dione (3.49 g, 19.6 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was dissolved in 70 mL of EtOH, and the resulting homogeneous solution was cooled to -25°C. Sodium borohydride (0.233 g, 6.16 mmol, 0.314 equiv) was added directly as a solid and

the reaction was closely monitored by TLC. After 20 minutes, the reaction was judged to be complete and was quenched by the addition of saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL) and H₂O (20 mL). The mixture was transferred to a separatory funnel and the product was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by flash column chromatography (85% Et₂O in pentane v/v) afforded the desired product as a white solid (3.34 g, 94.5%). Enantioenrichment was achieved by a recrystallization from hot Et₂O and hexanes (approx. 3:1 v/v) to afford product 8 in optically pure form (2.14 g, 60.6%, 99% ee). (AS-H, 50 °C, 150 psi, 3.0 mL/min, 3% MeOH, $\lambda = 220$ nm; t_R = 16.27 min (major), 18.03 min (minor)).

 $R_f = 0.38$ (60% EtOAc in hexanes v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 3.83 (ddd, J = 13.2, 7.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.62-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.46-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.11 (m, 1H), 2.07 (ddd, J = 12.7, 5.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.88-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.66 (dd, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 198.96, 168.10, 129.09, 81.05, 45.15, 34.11, 33.41, 29.60, 25.76, 15.34, 10.80; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₇O₂ [M+H]⁺: 181.1229; Found 181.1220.







(1*R*,3*aS*,4*S*,7*aR*)-4-(2-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-4,5,7*a*-trimethyl-2,3,3*a*,4,7,7*a*-hexahydro-1*H*-inden-1-ol (intermediate precursor to 11). Exocyclic methylene 10^5 (1.00 g, 2.09 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and RhCl₃·H₂O (87.3 mg, 0.417 mmol, 0.200 equiv) were weighed into a 100 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and dissolved in 21 mL of

CHCl₃ and 21 mL of EtOH. The resulting deep red solution was refluxed for a period of 2.5 days, during which time the solution got darker in color and a metallic precipitate formed. The reaction mixture was concentrated, and the crude residue was purified by flash column chromatography (60% Et₂O in pentane v/v) to afford the desired desilylated product as a white solid (749 mg, 98.2%), mp 44–48 °C.

[α]²⁰_D = -130.65 (c 0.39, CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.36$ (50% Et₂O in pentane v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.45 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.58-5.62 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.56 (ddd, J = 8.8, 6.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.12-1.95 (m, 3H), 1.85 (dddd, J = 6.1, 6.1, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.42-1.32 (m, 2H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.09-0.99 (m, 1H), 0.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 158.02, 155.65, 141.40, 139.51, 122.22, 116.08, 108.25, 97.96, 82.56, 56.29, 55.95, 55.53, 43.45, 42.90, 39.97, 34.98, 31.60, 26.58, 25.23, 22.14, 21.50; IR (neat) 3407 (bm), 2956 (m), 2873 (m), 1590 (s), 1455 (s), 1329 (m), 1202 (m), 1162 (s), 1118 (m), 1036 (m), 811 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₁H₃₀ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 365.1884; Found 365.1879.



(3aS,4S,7aR)-4-(2-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-4,5,7a-trimethyl-2,3,3a,4,7,7a-hexahydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (11). The endocyclic ene-carbinol (610 mg, 1.67 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and Celite 545 (720 mg) were weighed into a 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and suspended in 8.4 mL of CH_2Cl_2 . PCC (721 mg, 3.34 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was

then added directly as a solid, causing a black discoloration, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was then diluted with 50 mL of Et_2O , filtered through Celite 545 on a sintered glass frit, and concentrated. The crude extract was purified by flash column chromatography (25% Et_2O in pentanes v/v) to furnish the desired cyclopentanone **11** as a white solid (561 mg, 92.6%), mp 130–135 °C.

⁽⁵⁾ Prepared as previously reported, see: Kaplan, H. Z.; Rendina, V. L.; Kingsbury, J. S. Diastereoselective synthesis of complex *cis*-hexahydroindanes by reductive alkylation. *J. Org. Chem.* **2013**, *78*, 4620-4626.

 $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} = -99.36$ (c 1.68, CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.29$ (20% Et₂O in pentane v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.41 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.51-5.47 (m, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.24 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.35-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.15 (m, 2H), 1.99-1.91 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.52 (m, 3H), 1.41-1.32 (m, 4H), 1.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 223.25, 158.10, 155.82, 139.81, 138.97, 120.87, 116.05, 108.61, 97.88, 56.30, 55.54, 53.45, 47.24, 42.34, 40.94, 36.15, 31.39, 26.91, 23.98, 21.51, 21.27; IR (neat) 2964 (m), 2937 (m), 2839 (w), 1737 (s), 1590 (s), 1455 (s), 1330 (m), 1205 (m), 1163 (s), 1086 (m), 1036 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₁H₂₈ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 363.1727; Found 363.1726.



(3aS,4R,5S,7aR)-4-(2-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-4,5,7a-trimethyloctahydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (12b). To a solution of racemic trisubstituted enone 11 (18.6 mg, 0.0513 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in 0.30 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature, PtO_2 (1.2 mg, 0.0051 mmol, 0.10 equiv) was added as a solid. With vigorous stirring, the suspension was purged for 1 minute with

hydrogen from a balloon, at which point the brown PtO₂ catalyst turned black, signifying reduction to active Pt(0). The reaction was stirred for 3.5 hours under a positive pressure of hydrogen and then filtered through Celite 545. Upon removal of solvent, ¹H NMR analysis of the crude mixture showed incomplete conversion, so the material was re-subjected to the reaction conditions. Following another 6 hours of stirring under hydrogen, the suspension was again filtered and concentrated. Purification by silica gel chromatography (15% Et₂O, 75% pentane, 10% CH₂Cl₂ v/v/v) gave the desired β-methyl product **12b** as a white solid (12.1 mg, 64.6%), mp 131–133 °C. Single crystals for X-ray diffraction were obtained upon recrystallization from hot Et₂O and hexanes (approx. 5:1 v/v).

 R_f = 0.43 (30% Et₂O in pentane v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.42 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.41 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.02 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.32-2.23 (m, 1H), 2.09-1.97 (m, 3H), 1.88 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H) 1.79-1.70 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.45 (m, 1H), 1.33-1.27 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.04 (m, 2H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.71 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 222.16, 158.01, 155.88, 138.93, 116.17, 108.63, 97.80, 56.33, 55.55, 49.60, 49.39, 42.14, 41.71, 37.07, 34.74, 30.23, 27.81, 27.41, 21.05, 17.37, 15.89; IR (neat) 2961 (m), 2926 (m), 1732 (s), 1589 (s), 1454 (s), 1329 (m), 1202 (s), 1164 (s), 1087 (m), 1038 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₁H₃₀ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 365.1884; Found 365.1895.



(3aS,4R,5R,7aR)-4-(2-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-4,5,7a-trimethyloctahydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (12a). Recovered from the hydrogenation reaction above, the α -methyl diastereomer 12a was isolated a white solid (6.3 mg, 33.7%), mp 147–149 °C. Single crystals for X-ray diffraction were obtained upon recrystallization from hot Et₂O and hexanes (approx. 5:1 v/v).

 R_f = 0.31 (15% Et₂O, 10% CH₂Cl₂ in pentane v/v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.46 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.07 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (ddd, *J* = 19.3, 8.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (ddd, *J* = 10.5, 7.0, 0 Hz, 1H), 2.19-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.87-1.74 (m, 2H), 1.74-1.65 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 3H), 1.38 (s, 3H), 1.27-1.21 (m, 1H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.76 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 222.87, 158.05, 156.01, 139.90, 116.15, 109.01, 97.26, 56.32, 55.58, 49.76, 48.71, 39.01, 37.49, 35.86, 35.01, 28.95, 26.32, 23.85, 22.18, 20.86, 16.19; IR (neat) 2963 (m), 2877 (m), 1732 (s), 1590 (s), 1455 (s), 1327 (m), 1201 (s), 1162 (s), 1092 (m), 1035 (m), 732 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₁H₃₀ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 365.1884; Found 365.1885.



(4a*S*,5*S*,8a*R*)-5-(2-Chloro-3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)-5,6,8a-trimethyl-3,4,4a,5,8,8a-hexahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (16). In a glovebox $Sc(OTf)_3$ (5.2 mg, 0.011 mmol, 0.052 equiv) was weighed directly into a 1.5 mL vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. A solution of cyclopentanone 11 (76.6 mg, 0.211 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CDCl₃ (0.8 mL) was transferred directly to

the solid Sc(OTf)₃. The cloudy gray suspension was stirred for 15 minutes, at which point TMSD (215 μ L of a 1.96 M solution in hexanes, 0.422 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added dropwise. The entire reaction mixture (including any residual solids) was transferred via glass pipette to a J. Young NMR tube, and the vial was rinsed with an additional 0.2 mL of CDCl₃. The vessel was removed from the glovebox, connected to a nitrogen manifold, and placed in an oil bath at 50 °C. After 16 hours of heating, the reaction was cooled to room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis indicated full conversion and an approximately 8.5:1 ratio of regioisomeric enoltrimethylsilane products. The mixture was rinsed from the NMR tube with Et₂O (5 mL) and concentrated to give a yellow oil. The residue was immediately dissolved in 4 mL of 1:1 (v/v) 1N HCl: THF and stirred for 2 hours. That solution was then poured into saturated NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL). The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by chromatography (18% EtOAc in hexanes v/v) gave homologous cyclohexanone **16** (71.1 mg, 88.9%) and a minor amount of the minor regioisomer (8.6 mg, 10.8%) as colorless oils.

 $[α]^{20}_{D}$ = +4.12 (c 1.33, CHCl₃); R_f = 0.35 (18% EtOAc in hexanes); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 6.46 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 5.54-5.51 (m, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.74 (m, 3H), 3.22 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 1H), 2.63-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.44 (m, 1H), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 8.1, 4.9, 0 Hz, 1H), 2.09-2.03 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.72 (m, 4H), 1.64-1.53 (m, 2H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 216.38, 158.10, 155.76, 139.31, 138.47, 121.64, 115.92, 107.47, 97.82, 56.29, 55.52, 49.03, 48.89, 42.66, 40.15, 36.66, 32.58, 26.44, 24.27, 24.05, 23.22, 20.19; IR (neat) 2963 (m), 2940 (m), 1701 (s), 1590 (s), 1454 (s), 1330 (m), 1203 (s), 1163 (s), 1087 (m), 1036 (w), 830 (w) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₂H₃₀ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 377.1884; Found 377.1891.



(1*R*,3*aR*,4*S*,7*aR*)-4-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-1-(*tert*butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4,7*a*-dimethylhexahydro-1*H*-inden-5(6*H*)-one (precursor to 17). To a solution of the corresponding keto carbinol⁵ (1.03 g, 2.32 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in 12 mL of DMF were added imidazole (474 mg, 6.97 mmol, 3.00 equiv) and TBSCl (1.05 g, 6.97 mmol, 3.00 equiv)

sequentially as solids. After 5 hours of stirring at room temperature, 5 mL of MeOH was added and the reaction was stirred for an additional 15 minutes. The reaction mixture was then poured into saturated NH₄Cl (20 mL) and the product was extracted with Et₂O (5 x 10 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1 N HCl (30 mL), H₂O (30 mL), and saturated aqueous NaCl (30 mL) before being dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated to give the target silyl ether as a thick oil that was used without further purification (1.14 g, 88.4%).

[α]²⁰_D = -31.95 (c 0.87, CHCl₃); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.02 (d, *J* =11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.66 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, *J* = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.61 (ddd, *J* = 17.4, 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.07-1.97 (m, 2H), 1.84-1.77 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.67 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.44 (m, 1H), 1.44-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.80 (s, 3H), 0.03-0.02 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 215.05, 151.19, 147.94, 137.56, 130.67, 128.79, 128.55, 128.32, 127.28, 124.39, 111.91, 80.62, 75.12, 56.89, 56.09, 52.03, 42.41, 37.09, 35.24, 32.13, 32.06, 27.20, 26.01, 25.26, 19.14, 18.24, -4.21, -4.77; IR (neat) 2956 (bs), 2876 (bm), 1705 (s), 1465 (bs), 1377 (bw), 1277 (s), 1214 (m), 1115 (bm), 1060 (s), 981 (bm), 836 (s), 775 (s), 698 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for $C_{32}H_{46}ClO_4Si [M+H]^+$: 557.2854; Found 557.2836.



((1*R*,3*aS*,4*S*,7*aR*)-4-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-4,7a-dimethyl-5-methyleneoctahydro-1*H*-inden-1-yloxy)(*tert*-butyl)dimethylsilane (17). In a glovebox, NaH (92.6 mg, 3.86 mmol, 7.00 equiv) was added to a 2-neck, 25 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar. Upon removing the flask from the glovebox, a reflux condenser

was installed. DMSO (4.2 mL) was added and the suspension was heated at 75 °C for 1 hour. During this time, the reaction became homogeneous, forming a teal-colored, clear solution. This solution was cooled to ambient temperature and a solution of Ph₃PCH₃I (2.01 g, 4.96 mmol, 9.00 equiv) in 6.8 mL of DMSO was added over 30 minutes via syringe pump. After addition of the salt solution, the reaction mixture turned bright yellow. Upon completion of the addition, the mixture was stirred for an additional 30 minutes at room temperature, at which point a solution of the cyclohexanone (307 mg, 0.551 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in 1.5 mL of DMSO and 1.5 mL of THF was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was then heated to 75 °C and stirred for 16 hours. The resulting amber solution was cooled to room temperature and acidified by the addition of 5 mL of saturated aqueous NH₄Cl. The reaction mixture was then diluted with H₂O (15 mL), transferred to a separatory funnel, and extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL). The organic layer was washed with H₂O (25 mL) and saturated aqueous NaCl (20 mL) before being dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% Et₂O in pentane v/v) afforded the desired compound **17** as a white solid (296 mg, 96.7%), mp 98–105 °C.

[α]²⁰_D = +15.37 (c 1.05, CHCl₃); R_f = 0.33 (3% Et₂O in pentane v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.43-7.29 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H) 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98-4.81 (m, 2H), 4.75-4.71 (m, 1H), 4.35-4.30 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.36 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.76-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.93 (m, 2H), 1.93-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.43-1.34 (m, 1H), 1.30-1.20 (m, 1H), 1.20-1.09 (m, 2H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 9H), 0.82 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 151.93, 151.25, 148.43, 137.74, 133.02, 128.62, 128.49, 128.10, 127.82, 124.31, 111.03, 110.56, 83.86, 75.02, 56.04, 55.78, 45.67, 43.81, 38.05, 33.26, 31.72, 30.03, 26.65, 26.12, 23.10, 22.71, 18.32, -4.26, -4.69; IR (neat) 2954 (bs), 2933 (bs), 2856 (bm), 1463 (s), 1438 (m), 1371 (bw), 1277 (bm), 1074 (bs), 1006 (m), 836 (s), 740 (m), 697 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for $C_{33}H_{48}ClO_3Si [M+H]^+$: 555.3061; Found 555.3084.



(1*R*,3*aS*,4*S*,7*aR*)-4-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-4,7*a*-dimethyl-5-methyleneoctahydro-1*H*-inden-1-ol (intermediate precursor to 18). To a solution of TBS ether 17 (1.27 g, 2.29 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in 5.7 mL of THF was added TBAF·xH₂O (10.5 g, 37.5 mmol, 16.4 equiv) as a solid. The resulting suspension was then sonicated (60 W) continuously at 50 °C

for 12 hours, a period shortly into which the reaction mixture became homogeneous. The residue was then directly loaded onto a pad of silica gel and eluted with EtOAc to afford the desired exocyclic ene carbinol as a solid that was used without further purification (1.01 g, quantitative), mp 122–125 °C.

[α]²⁰_D = +34.99 (c 0.96, CHCl₃); R_f = 0.48 (50% EtOAc in hexanes v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.42-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.97-4.85 (m, 2H), 4.77-4.74 (m, 1H), 4.37-4.33 (m, 1H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.56 (ddd, *J* = 5.6, 4.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.33 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75-2.63 (m, 1H), 2.73 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 1H), 2.04-1.92 (m, 3H), 1.81-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.46-1.38 (m, 1H), 1.37-1.27 (m, 2H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.19-1.12 (m, 1H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 151.56, 151.18, 148.45, 137.83, 132.73, 128.53, 128.47, 128.07, 127.77, 124.25, 111.06, 110.79, 83.99, 75.10, 56.02, 55.30, 45.32, 43.56, 37.89, 33.02, 30.71, 29.79, 26.45, 22.60, 21.87; IR (neat) 3377 (bw), 3058 (bw), 2917 (bw), 2848 (bw), 1647 (bw), 1479 (m), 1295 (bm), 1063 (bs), 925 (bm), 737 (s), 688 (bs) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₇H₃₄ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 441.2196; Found 441.2174.



(3a*S*,4*S*,7a*R*)-4-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-4,7a-dimethyl-5-methyleneoctahydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (18). The ene cyclopentanol (1.01 g, 2.29 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was weighed into a 50 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and dissolved in 23 mL of wet CH_2Cl_2 . The solution was cooled to 4 °C and DMP (2.91 g, 6.87 mmol, 3.00 equiv)

was added as a solid. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 hours at 4 °C, at which point additional DMP (2.02 g, 4.58 mmol, 2.00 equiv) and 50 μ L of H₂O were added. The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional hour. The mixture was then poured over 100 mL of 1 N NaOH and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (20% EtOAc in hexanes v/v) afforded cyclopentanone **18** as a white foam (1.00 g, quantitative), mp 95–98 °C. [α]²⁰_D = +11.12 (c 1.17, CHCl₃); $R_f = 0.27$ (20% EtOAc in hexanes v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.40-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.98-4.86 (m, 2H), 4.80-4.77 (m, 1H), 4.43-4.39 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.74 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.38 (dd, J = 19.3, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 2.11-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.92-1.81 (m, 2H), 1.52-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.35 (ddd, J = 13.4, 13.4, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.20-1.12 (m, 1H), 0.89 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 222.21, 151.19, 150.50, 148.50, 137.64, 132.08, 128.64, 128.54, 128.27, 127.63, 124.34, 111.32, 111.24, 75.30, 57.35, 56.03, 48.82, 43.20, 38.17, 35.51, 30.61, 29.22, 21.81, 21.58, 21.49; IR (neat) 2935 (bm), 2856 (bw), 1734 (s), 1575 (w), 1464 (bs), 1406 (m), 1277 (s), 1234 (bm), 1072 (m), 978 (bm), 896 (bm), 798 (m), 698 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₇H₃₂ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 439.2040; Found 439.2024.



(1*R*,3a*S*,4*S*,7a*R*)-4-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-4,5,7a-trimethyl-2,3,3a,4,7,7a-hexahydro-1*H*-inden-1-ol (intermediate precursor to 19). The TBS ether 17 (263 mg, 0.473 mmol, 1.00 equiv) and $RhCl_3 H_2O$ (14.7 mg, 0.0702 mmol, 0.148 equiv) were added to a 5 mL 2-neck round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and a reflux condenser.

The solids were dissolved in 1.2 mL of EtOH and 1.2 mL of CHCl₃, and the resulting deep red solution was heated at 55 °C for 15 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated. The crude residue was purified by column chromatography (25% EtOAc in hexanes) to give the desired alcohol as a colorless oil that was used directly in the next step (208 mg, quantitative).

[α]²⁰_D = -103.49 (c 0.85, CHCl₃); R_f = 0.38 (30% EtOAc in hexanes v / v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.45-7.41 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.35-5.32 (m, 1H), 4.94 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.52 (ddd, J = 6.1, 6.1, 0 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.07-2.01 (m, 1H), 1.92-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.76 (m, 2H), 1.67 (dddd, J = 15.3, 7.6, 7.6, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.47-1.43 (m, 3H), 1.39-1.30 (m, 2H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.11-1.02 (m, 1H), 0.87 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 151.49, 148.35, 140.37, 137.71, 133.32, 128.45, 128.40, 128.09, 127.78, 124.63, 121.62, 111.00, 82.91, 74.81, 56.01, 55.17, 42.96, 42.51, 36.88, 34.60, 31.52, 26.91, 24.69, 22.15, 21.29; IR (neat) 3389 (bw), 3064 (bw), 2955 (bm), 2873 (bm), 1574 (w), 1464 (bs), 1373 (m), 1276 (s), 1178 (m), 1074 (bm), 981 (bm), 797 (m), 697 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₇H₃₃ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 441.2196; Found 441.2182.



(3a*S*,4*S*,7a*R*)-4-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-4,5,7a-trimethyl-2,3,3a,4,7,7a-hexahydro-1*H*-inden-1-one (19). The cyclopentanol above (208 mg, 0.473 mmol, 1.00 equiv) was weighed into a 10 mL round bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar and dissolved in 4.7 mL of wet CH_2Cl_2 . DMP (602 mg, 1.42 mmol, 3.00 equiv) was then added directly as a

solid and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1.5 hours at room temperature. The mixture was then poured into 1 N NaOH (20 mL) and washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL). The pooled organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. Purification by column chromatography (12% EtOAc in hexanes v/v) afforded the desired bicyclopentanone **19** as a colorless oil (203 mg, 97.8%, 2 steps).

[α]²⁰_D = -84.42 (c 0.95, CHCl₃); R_f = 0.33 (15% EtOAc in hexanes v / v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.40-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.29-5.26 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.20 (d, *J* = 13.2, Hz, 1H), 2.77 (d, *J* = 13.0 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (dd, *J* = 18.6, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.18 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.13- 2.05 (m, 1H), 2.05-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.91-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.72 (dddd, *J* = 18.1, 2.0, 2.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.50-1.45 (m, 3H), 1.34 (dddd, *J* = 12.2, 12.2, 12.2, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 223.13, 151.52, 148.33, 139.33, 137.56, 132.77, 128.51, 128.40, 128.22, 127.75, 124.73, 119.92, 111.18, 74.92, 56.03, 54.11, 47.07, 41.61, 37.68, 36.04, 30.82, 25.03, 23.58, 21.89, 21.05; IR (neat) 2966 (bm), 2935 (bw), 1736 (s), 1464 (bs), 1372 (m), 1277 (s), 1242 (bm), 1076 (m), 984 (bm), 798 (m), 698 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₇H₃₄ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 439.2040; Found 439.2037.



(4a*S*,5*S*,8a*R*)-5-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-5,8a-dimethyl-6-methyleneoctahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (20). In a glovebox, $Sc(OTf)_3$ (4.2 mg, 0.0086 mmol, 0.050 equiv) was weighed directly into a J. Young NMR tube. A solution of cyclopentanone **18** (75.2 mg, 0.171 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in 0.48 mL of CDCl₃ was transferred directly to the solid Sc(OTf)₃.

The cloudy gray suspension was allowed to stand for 15 minutes, at which point TMSD (174 μ L of a 2.47 M solution in hexanes, 0.342 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was introduced dropwise. The NRM tube was removed from the glovebox, connected to a nitrogen manifold, and allowed to stand at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was then warmed to 50 °C for 48 hours. ¹H NMR analysis indicated 98% conversion and a 5:1 ratio of regioisomeric enoltrimethylsilane products. The mixture was poured into H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with

 Et_2O (20 mL). The organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The enol silane products were then purified away from trace amounts of starting material by column chromatography (7% EtOAc in hexanes v/v). The flashed product mixture was then dissolved in 2 mL of THF and TBAF·xH₂O (95.8 mg, 0.342 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added as a solid, at which point the reaction mixture was allowed to stand for 10 minutes at room temperature. The solution was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (15 to 25% EtOAc in hexanes v/v) to give the desired homologous exocyclic ene decalone **20** as a white solid (53.4 mg, 68.8%), mp 88–92 °C.

[α]²⁰_D = +8.23 (c 0.65, CHCl₃); R_f = 0.34 (15% EtOAc in hexanes v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.40-7.30 (m, 5H), 7.05 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.97 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 4.77-4.74 (m, 1H), 4.46-4.43 (m, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.37 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.63 (ddd, *J* = 13.9, 4.4, 4.4 Hz, 1H), 2.45-2.37 (m, 1H), 2.33-2.26 (m, 1H), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 14.6, 5.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 1.95-1.76 (m, 4H), 1.59-1.49 (m, 1H), 1.38-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 0.90 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 216.60, 151.80, 151.31, 148.28, 137.69, 132.98, 128.55, 128.25, 127.59, 124.43, 111.07, 110.30, 75.16, 56.00, 55.82, 50.90, 44.72, 39.92, 37.07, 32.57, 29.70, 24.24, 24.16, 22.82; IR (neat) 3087 (bw), 2938 (bm), 2861 (bm), 1698 (s), 1575 (w), 1462 (s), 1438 (m), 1372 (m), 1276 (s), 1214 (bm), 980 (bm), 798 (m), 698 (m) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₄ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 453.2196; Found 453.2209.



(4a*R*,5*S*,8a*S*)-5-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-5,8a-dimethyl-6-methyleneoctahydronaphthalen-2(1*H*)-one (minor regioisomer in reaction of 18). This material proved to be a colorless oil (6.5 mg, 8.4%).

 $\begin{bmatrix} \alpha \end{bmatrix}_{D}^{20} = +25.56 \text{ (c } 0.59, \text{ CHCl}_3\text{); } \text{R}_f = 0.25 \text{ (15\% EtOAc in hexanes v/v); }^{1}\text{H} \\ \text{NMR (CDCl}_3, 500 \text{ MHz}) & 7.42-7.32 \text{ (m, 5H)}, 7.6 \text{ (d, } J = 8.8 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, 6.76 \text{ (d, } J = 8.8 \text{ Hz, 1H)}, \\ 5.01 \text{ (d, } J = 10.2, 1\text{H}\text{)}, 5.01 \text{ (d, } J = 10.2 \text{ Hz, 1H}\text{)}, 4.89 \text{ (d, } J = 11.2 \text{ Hz, 1H}\text{)}, 4.76-4.72 \text{ (m, 1H)}, \\ 4.43-4.39 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 3.86 \text{ (s, 3H)}, 3.38 \text{ (d, } J = 12.9 \text{ Hz, 1H}\text{)}, 2.88 \text{ (d, } J = 13.2 \text{ Hz, 1H}\text{)}, 2.67-2.58 \text{ (m, 1H)}, \\ 2.24 \text{ (d, } J = 13.9, 1\text{H}\text{)}, 2.24-2.18 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 2.08 \text{ (ddd, } J = 14.6, 4.4, 4.4 \text{ Hz, 1H}\text{)}, 2.03-1.96 \text{ (m, 1H)}, \\ 1.97 \text{ (d, } J = 13.7, 1\text{H}\text{)}, 1.76-1.69 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 1.52-1.44 \text{ (m, 2H)}, 1.31-1.24 \text{ (m, 1H)}, 1.18 \text{ (s, 3H)}, \\ 0.90 \text{ (s, 3H)}; {}^{13}\text{C} \text{ NMR (CDCl}_3, 125 \text{ MHz}\text{)} & 212.83, 151.32, 151.06, 148.34, 137.92, 132.92, \\ 128.55, 128.48, 128.19, 127.63, 124.42, 111.14, 110.74, 75.12, 56.20, 56.05, 53.03, 44.95, 40.33, \\ 40.24, 39.50, 34.10, 31.46, 29.98, 26.03, 23.18; \text{ IR (neat) 3086 (bw)}, 2936 \text{ (bm)}, 2853 \text{ (bm)}, 1716 \\ \text{ (s)}, 1464 \text{ (s)}, 1438 \text{ (bm)}, 1373 \text{ (bw)}, 1275 \text{ (s)}, 1215 \text{ (bm)}, 1102 \text{ (bm)}, 985 \text{ (bm)}, 798 \text{ (m)}, 698 \text{ (m)} \\ \text{cm}^{-1}; \text{ HRMS (ESI+)} \text{ Calcd. for } C_{28}H_{34}\text{ClO}_3 \text{ [M+H]}^+: 453.2196; \text{ Found } 453.2218. \\ \end{array}$



(4a*S*,5*S*,8a*R*)-5-(2-(Benzyloxy)-6-chloro-3-methoxybenzyl)-5,6,8a-trimethyl-3,4,4a,5,8,8a-hexahydronaphthalen-1(2*H*)-one (21). In a glovebox, Sc(OTf)₃ (6.5 mg, 0.015 mmol, 0.045 equiv) was added directly to a 1.5 mL vial equipped with a magnetic stir bar. A solution of bicyclopentanone 19 (128 mg, 0.292 mmol, 1.00 equiv) in CDCl₃ (0.53 mL) was added directly to

the solid Sc(OTf)₃. The resulting cloudy gray suspension was stirred for 15 minutes, at which point TMSD (236 μ L of a 2.47 M solution in hexanes, 0.583 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added dropwise. The entire reaction mixture (including any residual solids) was then transferred via a glass pipette to a J. Young NMR tube, and the vial was rinsed with 0.2 mL of CDCl₃. The reaction tube was removed from the glovebox, connected to a nitrogen manifold, and submerged in an oil bath heated to 50 °C. After 16 hours of heating, the reaction was cooled to room temperature. ¹H NMR analysis indicated complete consumption of **19**. The reaction mixture was poured into H₂O (5 mL) and extracted with Et₂O (20 mL). The pooled organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous NaCl (10 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated. The residue was then dissolved in 2 mL of THF and after TBAF·xH₂O (164 mg, 0.584 mmol, 2.00 equiv) was added as a solid, the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 10 minutes at 23 °C. The solution was concentrated and purified by chromatography (15% EtOAc in hexanes v/v) to give the desired homologous trisubstituted ene-decalone **21** as a colorless oil (124 mg, 93.4%).

[α]²⁰_D = -32.35 (c 0.83, CHCl₃); R_f = 0.57 (30% EtOAc in hexanes v/v); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 7.42-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.36-5.32 (m, 1H), 4.96 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.88 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (s, 3H), 3.14 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99 (d, J = 13.9 Hz, 1H), 2.50 (ddd, J = 14.6, 12.6, 6.8, 1H), 2.46-2.40 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.35 (m, 1H), 2.27-2.21 (m, 1H), 1.93-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.72 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.66 (m, 3H), 1.64-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.34-1.18 (m, 2H), 0.82 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 216.42, 151.57, 148.21, 139.89, 137.28, 133.52, 128.72, 128.56, 128.29, 127.58, 124.82, 119.27, 111.02, 74.83, 55.97, 51.23, 49.70, 42.12, 37.94, 37.23, 32.88, 24.73, 24.47, 23.74, 20.49; IR (neat) 3030 (bw), 2955 (bm), 2861 (bm), 1698 (s), 1574 (m), 1462 (bs), 1371 (m), 1276 (s), 1214 (bm), 1080 (bs), 979 (bs), 924 (bm), 797 (s), 732 (s), 697 (s) cm⁻¹; HRMS (ESI+) Calcd. for C₂₈H₃₄ClO₃ [M+H]⁺: 453.2196; Found 453.2210.



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Sample directory:

Relaw. delay 10.000 sec

Operator: jak INOVA-500 "mmr16"

Acq. time 3.000 sec

Width 7996.0 Hz

Pulse 45.0 degrees





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Sample Name: HZK-II-253F Archive directory:

Sample directory:

Fidrile: Proton

Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul) Solvent: cdc13 Data collected on: Jul 18 2011

Operator: jsk INOVA-500 "mmr16" Relax, delay 5.000 sec Fulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 3.000 sec Width 7996.0 Hz 8 repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7720264 MHZ OATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz Fr size 65536 Total time 1 min 20 sec





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Archive directory:

HZK-III-118P

Sample Name:

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Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul) Solvent: cdc13 Data collected on: Jul 22 2011

Operator: jsk INOVA-500 "mmr16" Relax. delay 10.000 sec Pulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 2.049 sec Width 8012.8 Hz 8 repetitions CBSERVE H1, 499.8808016 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 2 min 0 sec









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Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul) Data collected on: Jun 22 2011

Solvent: cdc13

FidFile: VR-III-279f

Archive directory: Sample directory:

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Sample Name:

OBSERVE H1, 499.7720271 MHz Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz

FT Bize 65536

16 repetitions DATA PROCESSING

Relax. delay 10.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 3.000 sec Width 7996.0 Hz

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

INOVA-500 "IMIT16"

Operator: jsk

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Sample Name: HZK-III-253F Archive directory:

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Sample directory:

Fidrile: HZK-III-253F

Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul) Solvent: cdcl3 Data collected on: Jun 23 2011

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K Operator: jsk INOVA-500 "nmr16" Relax. delay 10.000 sec Fulse 45.0 degrees Acq. time 3.000 sec Width 7996.0 Hz B repetitions OBSERVE H1, 499.7720264 MHz OBSERVE H1, 499.7720264 MHz DATA PROCESSING Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536 Total time 7 min 22 sec







Data collected on: Jun 21 2011 Fulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

Fidrile: HZK-III-250F

Archive directory:

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Sample Name:

Sample directory:



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Data collected on: Jul 10 2011 Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul)

Solvent: cdcl3

FidFile: VR-III-283-2-fa

Archive directory: VR-III-283-2-fa

Sample Name:

Sample directory:

OBSERVE H1, 499.7720269 MHZ Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz

FT Bize 65536

13 repetitions DATA PROCESSING

Relax. delay 10.000 sec

Operator: jsk INOVA-500 "nmr16"

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 3.000 sec Width 7996.0 Hz





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Data collected on: Jul

Solvent: cdcl3

OBSERVE H1, 499.7720266 MHz

DATA PROCESSING 16 repetitions

Relax. delay 10.000 sec

TNOVA-500 "rmr16"

Operator: jsk

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 3.000 sec Width 7996.0 Hz

Resol. enhancement -0.0 Hz FT size 65536

Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul)

FidFile: VR-III-283fb

Archive directory: Sample directory:

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Sample Name:



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Data collected on: Jul

Solvent: cdcl3

Temp. 25.0 C / 298.1 K

INOVA-500 "nmr16"

Operator: jsk

Relax. delay 10.000 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 3.000 sec

Width 7996.0 Hz

Pulse Sequence: Proton (s2pul)

Fidrile: VR-III-282f

Archive directory: Sample directory:

VR-III-282£

Sample Name:

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