



Article Total Synthesis of 6-Deoxydihydrokalafungin, a Key Biosynthetic Precursor of Actinorhodin, and Its Epimer

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Abstract: In this article, we report the total synthesis of 6-deoxydihydrokalafungin (DDHK), a key biosynthetic intermediate of a dimeric benzoisochromanequinone antibiotic, actinorhodin (ACT), and its epimer, *epi*-DDHK. Tricyclic hemiacetal with 3-siloxyethyl group was subjected to Et₃SiH reduction to establish the 1,3-*cis* stereochemistry in the benzoisochromane, and a subsequent oxidation/deprotection sequence then afforded *epi*-DDHK. A bicyclic acetal was subjected to AlH₃ reduction to deliver the desired 1,3-*trans* isomer in an approximately 3:1 ratio, which was subjected to a similar sequence to that used for the 1,3-*cis* isomer that successfully afforded DDHK. A semisynthetic approach from (*S*)-DNPA, an isolable biosynthetic precursor of ACT, was also examined to afford DDHK and its epimer, which are identical to the synthetic products.

Keywords: benzoisochromane; diastereoselective reduction; annulation; deoxydihydrokalafungin; actinorhodin

1. Introduction

Actinorhodin (ACT, 1) is an aromatic polyketide belonging to the dimeric benzoisochromanequinone (BIQ) family [1] and is produced by Streptomyces coelicolor A3 (2), which is among the most genetically studied actinomycetes [2]. The biosynthesis of ACT (1) includes hydroxylation steps at the C-6 and C-8 positions of the benzoisochromane skeleton [3] mediated via the action of a two-component flavin-dependent monooxygenase (FMO), that is, the ActVA-ORF5/ActVB system comprising the oxygenase ActVA-5 and the flavin: NADH oxidoreductase ActVB. 6-Deoxydihydrokalafungin (DDHK, 3) was assumed to be the substrate of this FMO, undergoing sequential conversion to the trihydroxynaphthalene and tetrahydroxynaphthalene derivatives T3HN (4) and T4HN (5), respectively. DDHK (3) is presumed to be produced from (S)-DNPA (6) via reduction by ActVI-2, but has not yet been isolated from any biosynthetic strains of S. coelicolor or their mutants because of conversion to the shunt product actinoperylone [4]. To resolve the ambiguity regarding the intermediacy of DDHK (3) in ACT biosynthesis, we established a semisynthetic method for obtaining DDHK (3) and its epimer *epi*-DDHK (7) by the reduction of (S)-DNPA (6), an isolable biosynthetic precursor of ACT, and successfully clarified the function of the ActVA-ORF5/ActVB system in vitro using semisynthetic DDHK as the substrate [5].

We independently investigated the total synthesis of DDHK (3) and its epimer *epi*-DDHK (7) for the stereochemical correlation of the semisynthetic products. As shown in Scheme 1, DDHK (3) is composed of a benzoisochromane skeleton with two hydroxy groups on the C-9 and C-10 positions [6] and incorporates a disubstituted dihydropyran ring with 1,3-*trans* stereochemistry. In previous reports concerning the synthesis of the



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Copyright: © 2021 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). biosynthetically related compounds kalafungin (8) and nanaomycin A (9), which contains a 1,3-trans-disubstituted benzoisochromane skeleton as well as a central quinone moiety, epimerization of the 1,3-cis isomer to the corresponding trans isomer under acidic conditions via conjugation with the C-5 carbonyl group was frequently employed [7–25]. For example, Li and Ellison [8] reported the total synthesis of racemic kalafungin $[(\pm)-8]$ and nanaomycin A $[(\pm)-9]$, including acid-catalyzed epimerization of 1,3-cis 10 to the corresponding trans isomer 11 (Scheme 2a). However, this strategy is not suitable for the synthesis of DDHK (3) because of the lack of a carbonyl group or other oxygen functionality at the C-5 position. Therefore, a method for direct access to 1,3-trans-disubstituted benzoisochromanes is required. Zhang and O'Doherty reported a stereoselective oxa-Pictet-Spengler cyclization of quinol 13 and acetaldehyde for the formation of benzoisochromane 14 with 1,3-trans stereochemistry during their synthesis of nanaomycin A (9) [26] (Scheme 2b). Furthermore, the group of Suzuki and Ohmori successfully established the 1,3-trans stereochemistry in their total synthesis of ACT (1) by diastereoselective allylation at the C-3 position of hemiacetal 15 using allylsilane under acidic conditions, in which the stereochemistry was induced by the C-1 stereocenter [27,28] (Scheme 2c). In this article, we report the total synthesis of DDHK (3) and its epimer 7 using various reduction conditions for the stereoselective construction of the benzoisochromane moiety. First, we examined the total synthesis of epi-DDHK (7) with 1,3-cis stereochemistry via conventional reduction of cyclic hemiacetal 17, and we then explored reduction conditions for the construction of 1,3-transsubstituted benzoisochromane 18 to achieve the total synthesis of DDHK (3). Reduction of (S)-DNPA (6) to DDHK (3) and its epimer 7 was also examined to enable comparison of the spectral data of the synthetic and semisynthetic target compounds (Scheme 2d).



Scheme 1. Biosynthetic pathway of ACT (1) via (*S*)-DNPA (6) and DDHK (3). The atom numbering is based on that of the benzoisochromane skeleton. For the numbering in parentheses, see reference [3].

(a) Li and Ellison (1978)



nanaomcyin A (9)

(c) Suzuki and Ohmori (2019)

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Scheme 2. (a–c) Previous examples of constructing benzoisochromanes with 1,3-*trans* stereochemistry and (d) retrosynthesis in this study.

2. Results and Discussion

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2.1. Total Synthesis of epi-DDHK (7)

Construction of the key benzoisochromane skeleton of DDHK (3) and its epimer 7 was accomplished via Staunton-Weinreb annulation [29,30] using toluate 18 and α , β unsaturated lactone 19 derived from L-aspartic acid [31], as reported by Donner [22,24] (Scheme 3). The MOM group was selected as the protecting group for phenol 20 to allow for more facile final-stage deprotection under mild acidic conditions compared with methyl group protection. Methylation of lactone 21 with excess CH₃Li afforded cyclic hemiacetal 22 as a mixture of diastereomers. Treatment of 22 with Et_3SiH in the presence of TFA in CH₂Cl₂ [14,15] followed by deprotection of the TBS group with HCl delivered the corresponding 1,3-cis-substituted benzoisochromane 23 in 40% yield from lactone 21. The stereochemistry of 23 was confirmed by the similarity of its NMR data (see Supplementary Material) to the corresponding methoxy derivative 24 [24]. In this reaction, cyclic enone 25 bearing a hydroxyethyl side chain was obtained as a byproduct, the formation of which was ascribed to dehydration of unreacted hemiacetal 22. After MOM protection of the phenolic OH in 23, stepwise oxidation of alcohol 26 using TEMPO followed by Pinnick oxidation [24] afforded carboxylic acid 27. Finally, removal of the MOM groups under acidic conditions furnished the desired epi-DDHK (7, 14%) alongside mono-MOM-protected epi-DDHK (28, 37%).



Scheme 3. Construction of tricyclic lactone 21 and synthesis of epi-DDHK (7).

2.2. Stereoselective Reduction Trials Using Modified Silane Reduction Conditions

Next, the diastereoselective reduction of hemiacetal **22** was examined using several silane reagents for the formation of *trans*-substituted benzoisochromanes. The attempted utilization of Ph₃SiH instead of Et₃SiH for the reduction of **22** afforded no reduced products, which was presumably attributable to steric hindrance (data not shown). Similarly, efforts to introduce the silane group into the phenolic OH moiety of **21** using diphenylchlorosilane to prepare silane **29** in the presence of bases such as imidazole and Hünig's base resulted in no reaction (Scheme 4). When NaH was applied as the base, desilylated alcohol **30** and disilane **31** [32], the formation of which was ascribed to reaction between the TBS group of **21** and the diphenylchlorosilyl anion, were obtained. Desilylated alcohol **30** was further modified by the attachment of a diisopropylsilyl group, and the resulting lactone **32** was methylated and then treated with TFA in order to promote intramolecular delivery of hydride from the silane moiety to the α face of the presumed oxonium ion derived from lactol. However, only bicyclic acetal **33** was obtained, rather than the desired reduced product **34**.



Scheme 4. Trials for alternative silane reduction.

2.3. Stereoselective Reduction Trials with Bicyclic Acetal and Total Synthesis of DDHK (3)

For the construction of the benzoisochromane skeleton bearing 1,3-*trans* stereochemistry, we focused on the aforementioned bicyclic acetal **33** (Scheme 4). The similar bicyclic acetal **35** was reported by Donner as a byproduct of the Et₃SiH reduction of the hemiacetal derived from lactone **36** to 1,3-*cis* benzoisochromane **37** during the total synthesis of 5-*epi*-9-methoxykalafungin, where NaBH₄ reduction of **35** afforded **37** [24] (Scheme 5a). We examined an alternative method for the preparation of these bicyclic acetals. Methylation of lactone **21** followed by acid treatment delivered cyclic enone **25** in 77% yield over two steps (Scheme 5b). Subsequent treatment of **25** with excess NaH and MOMCl led to the formation of bicyclic acetal **33** (5%) and the corresponding *bis*-MOM ether **38** (47%). Therefore, reduction trials using major component **38** were performed to explore the construction of the desired 1,3-*trans* stereochemistry.



Scheme 5. (a) Reported generation of bicyclic acetal 35 and NaBH₄ reduction by Donner et al. [24] and (b) conversion of lactone 21 to bicyclic acetals 33 and 38.

The reduction of 38 under acidic conditions, which would affect the acetal group, was examined. Application of NaBH₃CN in the presence of aqueous HCl afforded a mixture of diastereomers (*cis:trans* = 81:19, as determined by 1 H-NMR for the crude product, see Supplementary Material), where the 1,3-cis isomer 26 and the desired trans isomer 39 were isolated in 69% and 13% yield, respectively (Table 1, run 1). The trans stereochemistry of 39 was confirmed by NOE experiments, where enhancement of the signals between the C-1 methyl group and C-3 H atom was observed. The trans selectivity was slightly improved (*cis:trans* = 74:26) when BH₃·THF was used (run 2). Inspired by the *trans* selectivity reported by Yamamoto and co-workers for the reduction of aliphatic bicyclic acetals using aluminum hydrides [33], we next examined the use of DIBAL-H. The reaction in CH_2Cl_2 at -78 °C afforded an approximately 1:1 mixture of diastereomers (run 3), whereas the undesired *cis* isomer was preferentially obtained when Et_2O was used as solvent (run 4). The reaction in THF exhibited improved selectivity with a *cis:trans* ratio of about 2:3 (run 5). As an alternative aluminum hydride reagent, AlH3 prepared from LiAlH4 and AlCl3 was next investigated. Reaction at -78 °C delivered the desired trans isomer in an improved cis:trans ratio of about 1:3, albeit with only low conversion (run 6). Increasing the temperature to -60 °C afforded a similar diastereoselectivity with improved chemical yield (run 7). Extending the reaction time did not further improve the yield (run 8).

The obtained *trans* isomer **39** was subjected to a similar oxidation sequence as *cis* isomer **26** to afford carboxylic acid **40**. Subsequent removal of the MOM groups using 10% HCl in THF for 3 h afforded only a trace amount of DDHK (**3**) alongside the monoprotected DDHK (**41**, 32%). However, adjustment of the acid concentration and reaction time improved the yield of DDHK (**3**) and **41** to 27% and 71%, respectively. Trial of deprotection of mono MOM ether **41** using aqueous HCl resulted in a formation of complex mixture. However, application of BCl₃ to **41** at -78 °C afforded DDHK (**3**) in 69% yield (Scheme 6).

MOM MOMO MOM MOM CH3 MOMO Ò H₃C MOMC ÇH₃ ì NOE Ó, reducing reagent ò μH additive, solvent ЮH `ОН conditions 39 26 38

Table 1. Diastereoselective reduction trials of bicyclic acetal 38 to trans (39) and cis (26) benzoisochromanes.

Run	[H ⁻] (eq)	Additive (eq)	Solvent	Conditions	39/26	Isolated Yield (%)	
						39	26
1	NaBH ₃ CN (4.4)	10% HCl (1.2)	CH ₃ OH	rt, 15 min	19:81	13	69
2	BH ₃ THF (4.0)	none	THF	-45 °C, 2 h; -20 °C, 1 h; rt, 41 h	26:74	-	-
3	DIBAL-H (5)	none	CH_2Cl_2	−78 °C, 3.5 h	53:47	-	-
4	DIBAL-H (5)	none	Et ₂ O	−78 °C, 30 h	8:92	-	-
5	DIBAL-H (10)	none	THF	−45 °C, 71 h; −20 °C, 20 h	61:39	55	26
6	$AlH_3(4)$	none	Et ₂ O	−78 °C, 28 h	76:24	10	3
7	$AlH_3(4)$	none	Et_2O	−60 °C, 21 h	75:25	50	11
8	$AlH_3(4)$	none	Et_2O	−60 °C, 68 h	71:29	50	9



Scheme 6. Transformation of alcohol 39 to DDHK (3).

2.4. Semisynthesis of DDHK (3) and Its Epimer 7 from (S)-DNPA (6)

To confirm the structures of the synthetic DDHK (3) and its epimer 7, (*S*)-DNPA (6) was isolated from a transformant of *S. coelicolor* [34] and then subjected to NaBH₄ reduction in methanol (Scheme 7). The crude product consisting of an approximately 1:1 mixture of diastereoisomers was purified by reverse-phase HPLC to afford DDHK (3) and its epimer 7. The semisynthetic products were identified by comparison of their spectral data with those of synthetic 3 and 7 (Figure 1). DDHK (3) was observed to be more polar than *epi*-DDHK (7).



Figure 1. ¹H-NMR spectra (CD₃OD, 400 MHz) of synthetic and semisynthetic (**a**) DDHK (**3**) and (**b**) *epi*-DDHK (**7**). Top: synthetic; bottom: semisynthetic.

3. Materials and Methods

3.1. General

Commercially available reagents and anhydrous solvents were used without further purification. Anhydrous solvents (CH₂Cl₂, DMF, and THF) were purchased from FUJIFILM Pure Wako Chemicals (Osaka, Japan) and Kanto Chemical (Tokyo, Japan) Analytical thinlayer chromatography was performed on silica gel 60 F254 plate from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany). Flash chromatography was carried out with Silica gel 60 (100–210 μ m) or 60N (neutral, 40–50 μ m) from Kanto Chemical (Tokyo, Japan) or Smart Flash AI-580S from Yamazen (Osaka, Japan).

IR spectra were recorded on JASCO FT/IR-4100 and FT/IR-4600 spectrophotometers (Tokyo, Japan) with NaCl plate or Attenuated Total Reflectance Unit ATR PRO450-S. EI-MS was recorded on a JEOL GC-Mate II (Tokyo, Japan). ESIMS was recorded on a JEOL JMS-T100LP in positive ion mode and Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL (Waltham, MA, USA) in positive mode. Optical rotation was measured by JASCO P-1020 and DIP-1000 polarimeters (Tokyo, Japan) ¹H and ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded

on JEOL ECX 400 (400 MHz for ¹H-NMR and 100 MHz for ¹³C-NMR) and a JEOL LA 500 spectrometers (125 MHz for ¹³C-NMR)). Chemical shifts were reported in ppm and *J* in Hz. Abbreviations were used for multipilicity: s = singlet, d = doublet, dd = doublets of doublet, ddd = doublets of doublet, ddd = doublets of doublet, t = triplet, quint = quintet, m = multiplet.

3.2. Experimental Procedures and Compound Data

Ethyl 2-(methoxymethoxy)-6-methylbenzoate (**1***8*). To a mixture of NaH (55%, 487 mg, 11.2 mmol) in THF (3.0 mL), a solution of **20** (1.00 g, 5.55 mmol) in THF (7.0 mL) was added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. MOMCl (0.55 mL, 7.24 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added, and the whole was partitioned with AcOEt (10 mL) and H₂O (3 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL × 10 mL). Combined organic phase was washed with brine (1 mL × 10 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo and the residue was purified by column chromatography (CC) (hexane–AcOEt = 95:5–82:18) to give **18** as a colorless oil (1.17 g, 94%). IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 1725 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.38 (3H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CO₂CH₂CH₃), 2.31 (3H, s, C6-CH₃), 3.45 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.40 (2H, q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, CO₂CH₂), 5.18 (2H, s, OCH₂O), 6.85 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, C3-H), 6.99 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, C5-H), 7.22 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C4-H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ :14.2, 19.1, 56.0, 61.0, 94.5, 112.1, 123.4, 125.0, 130.0, 136.2, 153.7, 168.1. HRESIMS *m*/2 247.0940 (calcd for C₁₂H₁₆NaO₄: 247.0946).

(S)-3-{2-[(tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy]ethyl}-10-hydroxy-9-(methoxymethoxy)-3,4-dihydro-1Hbenzo[g]isochromen-1-one (21). To a solution of diisopropylamine (0.74 mL, 5.28 mmol) in THF (12 mL), BuLi (1.63 M in hexane, 3.25 mL, 5.30 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 20 min. A solution of **18** (398 mg, 1.77 mmol) in THF (1.7 mL) was added at -78 °C, and the whole was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min. A solution of **19** (504 mg, 1.76 mmol) in THF (1.7 mL) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (15 mL) was added at 0 °C, and the whole was partitioned with AcOEt (15 mL) and H_2O (5 mL). Aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2 mL \times 15 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine $(1 \text{ mL} \times 15 \text{ mL})$ and was dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (hexane–AcOEt = 91:9) to give **21** as a yellow oil (360 mg, 47%). IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3200–2800 (OH), 1655 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 0.08 (6H, s, Si(CH₃)₂), 0.89 (9H, s, SiC(CH₃)₃), 1.95 (1H, dddd, J = 14.2, 8.2, 5.0, 5.0 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 2.10 (1H, dddd, J = 14.2, 8.2, 5.0, 5.0 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 3.01–3.12 (2H, m, C4-H₂), 3.61 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.82 (1H, ddd, J = 10.5, 10.5, 5.3 Hz, one of C2'-H₂), 3.90 (1H, ddd, 10.5, 8.2, 4.6 Hz, one of C2'-H2), 4.78 (1H, dddd, J = 9.2, 8.0, 4.6, 4.6 Hz, C3-H), 5.38 (2H, s, OCH2O), 7.01 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.10 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 7.33 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C6-H), 7.49 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, C7-H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -5.48, -5.47, 18.2, 25.8, 33.5, 37.7, 56.4, 58.4, 76.6, 95.8, 102.4, 111.7, 116.0, 116.1, 121.3, 130.5, 133.3, 139.8, 156.3, 163.8, 171.0. $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 12.7 (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃). HREIMS *m*/*z* 432.1973 (calcd for C₂₃H₃₂O₆Si: 432.1968).

(15,35)-2-(3,4-Dihydro-10-hydroxy-9-methoxymethoxy-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]pyran-3yl)ethanol (23) and (S)-3,4-Dihydro-9-hydroxy-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-methyl-10H-naphtho[2,3c]pyran-10-one (25). To a solution of 21 (102 mg, 0.24 mmol) in THF (1.6 mL), CH₃Li (1.10 M in Et₂O, 0.64 mL, 0.70 mmol) was added at 0 °C within 5 min. The whole was stirred at rt for 1 h. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 mL) was added at 0 °C, and the whole was partitioned with CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) and H₂O (2 mL). Aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL × 6 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with H₂O (1 mL × 6 mL) and brine (1 mL × 6 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give 22 as a yellow oil (110.2 mg, 105%), which was used to next step without further purification. To a solution of crude 22 in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), TFA (0.054 mL, 0.71 mmol) and Et₃SiH (0.11 mL, 0.69 mmol) were added successively at -78 °C. The mixture was warmed to -35 °C within 1 h and was stirred at rt for 1 h. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (5 mL) was added, and the whole was partitioned with CHCl₃ (10 mL) and H₂O (3 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted

with CHCl₃ (3 mL \times 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with H₂O (1 mL \times 5 mL) and brine $(1 \text{ mL} \times 5 \text{ mL})$ and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue (a brown oil, 136 mg) was dissolved in THF (2.5 mL) and 10% HCl (0.5 mL) was added at rt. The mixture was stirred at rt for 14 h. The whole was diluted with H_2O (3 mL) and was extracted with AcOEt $(3 \text{ mL} \times 6 \text{ mL})$. Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL \times 6 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (hexane-AcOEt = 55:45-34:66) to give 23 as a brown oil (30 mg, 40%) and **25** as dark green powder (8 mg, 12%). **23**: IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3383 (OH). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.65 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, C1-CH₃), 1.88–2.00 (2H, m, C1'-H₂), 2.73 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 1.8 Hz, one of C4- H_2), 2.96 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 11.0 Hz, one of C4- H_2), 3.15 (1H, s, C2'-OH), 3.59 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.83–3.91 (1H, m, C3-H), 3.90 (2H, t, J = 5.5 Hz, C2'-H), 5.26 (1H, q, J = 6.4 Hz, C1-H), 5.43 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz, one of OCH₂O), 5.44 (1H, d, J = 9.2 Hz, one of OCH₂O), 6.98 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 7.06 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.24 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C7-H), 7.36 (1H, d, J = 7.8 Hz, C6-H), 9.61 (1H, s, C10-OH). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.8, 36.0, 37.5, 56.9, 61.6, 71.3, 74.3, 95.8, 107.1, 113.9, 117.5, 121.1, 122.1, 125.5, 134.96, 135.02, 150.0, 153.6. HRESIMS *m*/*z* 341.1396 (calcd for C₁₈H₂₂NaO₅: 341.1365). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ –133.7 (c 0.5, CHCl₃). **25**: mp 114.0–116.3 °C. IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3290 (O-H), 1635 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.97 (1H, dddd, J = 14.6, 7.5, 5.7, 4.8 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 2.09 (1H, dddd, J = 14.6, 7.8, 5.0, 5.0 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 2.65 (3H, s, C1-CH₃), 2.74 (1H, ddd, J = 16.0, 10.8, 1.6 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 2.85 (1H, ddd, J = 16.0, 3.4, 0.9 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 3.86–3.95 (2H, m, C2'-H), 4.50–4.57 (1H, m, C3-H), 6.26 (1H, s, C5-H), 6.74 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 6.78 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 0.9 Hz, C6-H), 7.39 (1H, dd, J = 8.0, 8.0 Hz, C7-H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 23.4, 33.7, 36.7, 58.7, 111.3, 114.3, 115.7, 116.2, 116.9, 129.1, 135.1, 138.4, 163.5, 177.3, 188.8 (1C: missing, overlapped with a signal of CDCl₃). HRESIMS m/z 273.1140 (calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O₄: 273.1127). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 116.8 (c 0.3, CHCl₃).

(1S,3S)-2-{3,4-Dihydro-3-(2-hydroxyethyl)-9,10-bis(methoxymethoxy)-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3c]pyran-3-yl}ethanol (26). To a suspension of NaH (55%, 2.2 mg, 0.050 mmol) in THF (0.05 mL), a solution of 23 (14 mg, 0.042 mmol) in THF (0.2 mL) was added at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the whole was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. A solution of MOMCl (0.0038 mL, 0.050 mmol) in THF (0.2 mL) was added at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the whole was stirred at rt for 2 h. Ice-H₂O (1 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL \times 3 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL \times 1 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (hexane–AcOEt = 57:43) to give **26** as a colorless oil (9 mg, 62%). IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3419 (O-H). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.71 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz, C1-CH₃), 1.90–2.01 (2H, m, C1'-H₂), 2.77 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 2.1 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 2.96 (1H, dd, J = 15.6, 11.0 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 2.99 (1H, br, OH), 3.57 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.59 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.88–3.94 (3H, m, C3-H, C2'-H₂), 4.96 (1H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.19 (1H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.28 (1H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.29 (1H, d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.39 (1H, q, *J* = 6.2 Hz, C1-*H*), 7.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C8-*H*), 7.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C7-*H*), 7.33 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.41 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, C6-H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 22.8, 35.8, 37.5, 56.3, 57.7, 61.5, 72.0, 74.1, 96.1, 101.5, 111.8, 118.9, 122.1, 123.2, 125.9, 130.3, 133.7, 135.9, 149.9, 152.5. HRESIMS m/z 363.1817 (calcd for C₂₀H₂₇O₆: 363.1808). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ + 77.0 (c 0.5, CHCl₃).

(15,35)-{9,10-Bis(methoxymethoxy)-3,4-dihydro-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]pyran-3-yl}acetic acid (27). To a solution of 26 (26 mg, 0.073 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 mL), PIDA (35 mg, 0.109 mmol) and TEMPO (1.2 mg, 0.0077 mmol) were added and the whole was stirred at rt for 12 h. 5% Aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (2 mL) was added and the whole was extracted with CHCl₃ (4 mL × 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 5 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue (a yellow oil, 61 mg) was dissolved with acetone (0.43 mL), *t*-BuOH (0.86 mL), and H₂O (0.21 mL). 2-Methyl-2butene (0.21 mL, 1.98 mmol) and NaH₂PO₄·2H₂O (39 mg, 0.25 mmol) were added. NaClO₂ (16 mg, 0.18 mmol) was added at rt, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1 h; then, 5% HCl (0.5 mL) was added at rt and the whole was extracted with CHCl₃ (4 mL × 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 5 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (CHCl₃–MeOH = 99:1–91:9) to give **27** as a yellow oil (24 mg, 86%). IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3500–2900 (O-H), 1711 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.71 (3H, d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, C1-CH₃), 2.71 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.8, 5.5 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 2.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 15.8, 7.3 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 2.87–2.97 (2H, m, C1'-H₂), 3.57 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.59 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.08–4.14 (1H, m, C3-H), 4.96 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.20 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.28 (1H, d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.30 (1H, d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.42 (1H, q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, C1-H), 7.07 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 7.30 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, C7-H), 7.34 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.41 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, C6-H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 22.6, 35.3, 40.7, 56.5, 57.7, 69.8, 72.3, 96.1, 101.5, 111.1, 119.0, 122.1, 123.3, 125.9, 130.1, 133.0, 135.9, 149.9, 152.5, 175.3. HRESIMS *m*/z 377.1617 (calcd for C₂₀H₂₄O₇: 377.1600). [α]²⁵_D + 77.6 (*c* 1.2, CHCl₃).

(1S,3S)-(3,4-Dihydro-10-hydroxy-9-methoxymethoxy-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]pyran-3-yl)acetic acid (28) and (15,35)-(3,4-dihydro-9,10-dihydroxy-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]pyran-3-yl)acetic acid (7). To a solution of 27 (20 mg, 0.053 mmol) in THF (0.6 mL), 10% HCl (0.1 mL) was added at rt, and the whole was stirred at rt for 30 min and at 50 °C for 2 h. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was partitioned with AcOEt (8 mL) and H₂O (2 mL). The aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2 mL \times 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL \times 5 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by CC (CHCl₃–MeOH = 91:9-82:18) to give 28 as a yellow oil (6.5 mg, 37%) and 7 as a colorless oil (2.2 mg, 14%). **28**: IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3384 (O-H), 1711 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.66 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, C1-CH₃), 2.72 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 5.0 Hz, one of C4 or C1'-H₂), 2.78 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 7.3 Hz, one of C4 or C1'-H₂), 2.87 (1H, d, J = 15.1 Hz, one of C4 or C1'-H₂), 2.92 (1H, dd, J = 15.1, 11.0 Hz, one of C4 or C1'-H₂), 3.58 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.02–4.13 (1H, m, C3-H), 5.31 (1H, q, J = 6.4 Hz, C1-H), 5.42 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.44 (1H, d, J = 8.7 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 6.98 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, C8-H), 7.06 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.24 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C7-H), 7.35 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, C6-H), 9.63 (1H, s, OH). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 21.7, 35.4, 40.6, 56.9, 70.0, 71.8, 95.9, 107.3, 114.0, 117.6, 120.2, 122.1, 125.7, 133.8, 135.0, 150.0, 153.6, 172.6. HRESIMS m/z 333.1333 (calcd for C₁₈H₂₁O₆: 333.1338). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ -104.1 (c 0.2, CHCl₃). 7: IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3206 (O-H), 1704 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ: 1.59 (3H, d, J = 6.2 Hz, $C1-CH_3$, 2.61 (2H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, C4 or $C1'-H_2$), 2.79 (1H, dd, J = 15.3, 9.4 Hz, one of C4 or C1'-H₂), 2.83 (1H, d, J = 15.3 Hz, one of C4 or C1'-H₂), 3.98 (1H, dddd, J = 9.4, 6.4, 6.4, 4.1 Hz, C3-H), 5.16 (1H, q, J = 6.2 Hz, C1-H), 6.63 (1H, dd, J = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, C8-H), 7.00 (1H, s, C5-*H*), 7.13 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.3 Hz, C7-*H*), 7.18 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.4 Hz, C6-*H*). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CD₃OD) δ: 22.0, 36.7, 41.9, 71.8, 72.7, 108.2, 118.1, 120.5, 120.7, 126.9, 135.6, 136.8, 144.1, 152.0, 154.6, 175.1. HRESIMS m/z 289.1087 (calcd for $C_{16}H_{17}O_5$: 289.1076. $[\alpha]_{25}^{25}$ – 104.6 (c 0.1, CHCl₃).

(*S*)-3,4-*Dihydro*-3-(2-*hydroxyethyl*)-10-*hydroxy*-9-(*methoxymethoxy*)-1H-*naphtho*[2,3-c]pyran-1-one (**30**). To a solution of **21** (84 mg, 0.19 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL), NaH (55%, 11 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added at 0 °C. After 15 min, a solution of Ph₂HSiCl (0.041 mL, 0.21 mmol) in DMF (0.5 mL) was added, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1.5 h. Ice-H₂O (2 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL × 15 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 15 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (hexane–AcOEt = 36:64–15:85) to give **30** as colorless solids (50 mg, 82%) and **31** as a colorless oil (61 mg, quant). **30**: mp 100.3–102.4 °C. IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3519 (O-H), 1635 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.95 (1H, dddd, *J* = 14.7, 8.2, 5.5, 5.0 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 2.10 (1H, dddd, *J* = 14.7, 8.2, 5.0, 5.0 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 3.60 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.89 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 5.5, 5.0 Hz, one of C2'-H₂), 3.90 (1H, ddd, *J* = 11.0, 8.2, 5.0 Hz, one of C2'-H₂), 4.82 (1H, dtd, *J* = 8.2, 7.3, 4.6 Hz, C3-H), 5.37 (2H, s, OCH₂O), 6.99 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.09 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 7.32 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, C6-H), 7.48 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C7-H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 33.5, 37.3, 56.48, 56.51, 58.4, 95.8, 102.3, 111.7, 116.1, 116.2, 121.4, 130.7, 133.1, 139.8, 156.2, 163.9, 170.9. HRESIMS *m*/*z* 319.1182 (calcd for $C_{17}H_{19}O_6$: 319.1182). $[\alpha]_D^{25}$ +16.7 (*c* 1.0, CHCl₃). **31**: ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 0.06 (6H, s, Si(CH₃)₂), 0.88 (9H, s, SiC(CH₃)₃), 7.32–7.74 (6H, m, Ar-H), 7.59 (4H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 1.8 Hz, Ar-H).

(3S)-3-(2-{[Bis(2-propyl)silyl]oxy}ethyl)-3,4-dihydro-10-hydroxy-9-(methoxymethoxy)-1H-naphtho[2,3*c]pyran-1-one* (32). To a solution of **30** (40 mg, 0.13 mmol) and imidazole (17 mg, 0.25 mmol) in THF (1.6 mL), a solution of chlorodiisopropylsilane (0.027 mL, 0.16 mmol) in THF (0.1 mL) was added, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1 h. H_2O (2 mL) was added at 0 °C and the whole was extracted with Et₂O (3 mL \times 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with H₂O (1 mL \times 5 mL) and brine (1 mL \times 5 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (neutral SiO₂, hexane–AcOEt = 9:1) to give 32 as a colorless oil (36 mg, 65%). IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3400–2500 (O-H), 2089 (Si-H), 1655 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 0.08 (14H, m, Si(*i*-*Pr*)₂), 1.98 (1H, dddd, *J* = 13.3, 7.8, 5.5, 5.5 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 2.13 (1H, dddd, J = 13.3, 7.8, 5.0, 5.0 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 3.05 (1H, ddd, J = 16.0, 9.2, 0.9 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 3.09 (1H, dd, J = 16.0, 4.1 Hz, one of C4- H_2), 3.61 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.91 (1H, ddd, J = 10.1, 5.0, 5.0 Hz, one of $C2'-H_2$), 3.99 (1H, ddd, J = 10.1, 8.2, 5.0 Hz, one of $C2'-H_2$), 4.81 (1H, dddd, J = 9.6, 8.2, 4.6, 4.6 Hz, C3-H), 5.37 (2H, s, OCH₂O), 7.01 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.10 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 7.33 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, C6-H), 7.49 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C7-H), 13.07 (1H, s, OH). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 12.25, 12.29, 17.3, 17.4, 33.5, 37.7, 56.50, 56.54, 60.9, 95.8, 102.5, 111.7, 116.2 (overlapped), 121.4, 130.7, 133.3, 139.9, 156.3, 163.9, 171.0. HRESIMS m/z 433.2067 (calcd for C23H33O6Si: 433.2046). $[\alpha]_D^{25} + 14.9 (c \ 1.2, \text{CHCl}_3).$

(1R,5S)-11-Methoxymethoxy-1-methyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1,5-epoxy-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]oxocin-12-ol (33). To a solution of 32 (33 mg, 0.079 mmol) in THF (0.5 mL), CH₃Li (1.10 M in Et₂O, 0.28 mL, 0.31 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the whole was stirred at rt for 30 min. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (3 mL) was added at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL \times 6 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with H₂O (1 mL \times 6 mL) and brine (1 mL \times 6 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue (55 mg, 161%) was used for the next step without purification. To a solution of crude hemiacetal (55 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.4 mL), TFA (0.02 mL, 0.23 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.1 mL) was added at -78 °C, and the whole was stirred at -40 °C for 20 min and at -20 °C for 15 min. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ (3 mL) was added and the whole was partitioned with $CHCl_3$ (6 mL) and H_2O (1.5 mL). Aqueous layer was extracted with $CHCl_3$ (3 mL \times 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with $H_2O(1 \text{ mL} \times 5 \text{ mL})$ and brine $(1 \text{ mL} \times 5 \text{ mL})$ and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (hexane–AcOEt = 79:21–59:41) to give **33** as a colorless oil (9 mg, 34%). IR (neat) v_{max} cm⁻¹: 3385 (O-H). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.40 (1H, dif.dd, J = 13.6, 3.2 Hz, one of C6-H₂), 2.07 (3H, s, C1-CH₃), 2.51 (1H, m, one of C6-H₂), 2.79 (1H, d, J = 17.4 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 3.56–3.64 (2H, m, one of C4-H₂ and C7-H₂), 3.59 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.79 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.9 Hz, one of C7-*H*₂), 4.54 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.9, 6.9 Hz, C5-*H*), 5.42 (1H, d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, one of C11-OCH₂O), 5.44 (1H, d, *J* = 15.1 Hz, one of C11-OCH₂O), 7.02 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.9, 0.9 Hz, C10-H), 7.11 (1H, s, C7-H), 7.28 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz, C9-H), 7.36 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, C8-H), 10.00 (1H, s, OH). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 27.1, 29.3, 30.4, 57.1, 59.5, 66.2, 95.9, 96.1, 107.3, 114.4, 117.0, 117.9, 121.9, 126.5, 135.9, 136.1, 151.7, 154.4. HRESIMS m/z 317.1384 (calcd for $C_{18}H_{21}O_5$: 317.1389). $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 71.7$ (c 0.3, CHCl₃).

Synthesis of 25. To a solution of 21 (274 mg, 0.63 mmol) in THF (3.5 mL), CH₃Li (1.10 M in Et₂O, 1.7 mL, 1.87 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1 h. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (6 mL) was added at 0 °C, and the whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL × 10mL). Combined organic layer was washed with H₂O (1 mL × 5 mL) and brine (1 mL × 5 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo to give crude 22 as a yellow oil (285 mg), which was used to next reaction without purification. To a solution of crude 22 in THF (2.5 mL), 10% HCl (0.5 mL) was added at rt, and the whole was stirred at rt for 30 min. H₂O (9 mL) was added at rt and the whole was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL × 15mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 10 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was washed

with a mixed solvent of hexane and AcOEt (1:1) to give **25** as yellow powder (132 mg, 77%). The physical properties of **25** obtained here were identical with those prepared as described above.

(1R,5S)-11,12-Bis(methoxymethoxy)-1-methyl-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-1H-1,5-epoxynaphtho[2,3*c]oxocine* (38). To a suspension of NaH (60%, 75 mg, 1.87 mmol) in THF (1 mL), 25 (206 mg, 0.76 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added, and the whole was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 20 min. MOMCl (0.13 mL, 1.71 mmol) was added, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1 h. NaH (60%, 30 mg, 0.75 mmol) and MOMCl (0.06 mL, 0.79 mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the whole was stirred at rt for 30 min. Ice-H₂O (5 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with AcOEt (1 mL \times 15 mL, 2 mL \times 10 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL \times 10 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (hexane–AcOEt = 76:24-54:45) to give 38 as a yellow oil (128 mg, 47%) and 33 (a yellow oil, 13 mg, 5%). 38: IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: no characteristic absorption. ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.43 (1H, dd, J = 13.7, 3.2 Hz, one of C6-H₂), 2.11 (3H, s, C1-CH₃), 2.51 (1H, m, one of C6-H₂), 2.82 (1H, d, J = 16.9 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 3.56–3.67 (2H, m, one of C3- and C4-H₂), 3.58 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.67 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.75 (1H, dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.9 Hz, one of C3-*H*₂), 4.55 (1H, dd, *J* = 6.9, 6.9 Hz, C5-*H*), 4.87 (1H, d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, one of C11-OCH₂O), 5.10 (1H, d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, one of C11-OCH₂O), 5.30 (1H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, one of C12-OCH₂O), 5.33 (1H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, one of C12-OCH₂O), 7.10 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C10-*H*), 7.34 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C9-*H*), 7.37 (1H, s, C7-*H*), 7.40 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.2, 1.3 Hz, C8-H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 27.4, 29.3, 33.0, 53.4, 56.5, 58.9, 65.7, 95.9, 96.3, 100.7, 111.6, 120.0, 121.7, 122.5, 126.7, 127.5, 134.7, 136.5, 149.7, 153.4. HRESIMS m/z 361.1658 (calcd for C₂₀H₂₅O₆: 361.1651). $[\alpha]_D^{25} - 216.1$ (c 1.5, CHCl₃).

(1R,3S)-2-[3,4-Dihydro-9,10-bis(methoxymethoxy)-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]pyran-3-yl]ethanol (39). (Table 1 run 7). To a suspension of LiAlH₄ (17 mg, 0.43 mmol) in Et_2O (1.0 mL), a suspension of AlCl₃ (18 mg, 0.14 mmol) in Et₂O (1 mL) was added at 0 $^{\circ}$ C, and the whole was stirred at 0 $^{\circ}$ C for 30 min. A solution of **38** (49 mg, 0.14 mmol) in Et_2O (1 mL) was added at -60 °C, and the whole was stirred at -60 °C for 21 h. Saturated aqueous NH₄Cl (5 mL) was added. The whole was filtered through a pad of Celite, and the precipitate was washed with AcOEt (5 mL \times 1 mL). The filtrate was extracted with AcOEt (3 mL \times 10 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with H₂O $(1 \text{ mL} \times 10 \text{ mL})$ and brine $(1 \text{ mL} \times 10 \text{ mL})$ and was dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (hexane-AcOEt = 72:28-51:49) to give 39 as a yellow oil (25 mg, 50%) and **26** as a yellow oil (5 mg, 11%). **39**: IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3413 (O-H). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.69 (3H, d, J = 6.9 Hz, C1-CH₃), 1.92 (2H, dt, J = 6.4, 5.5 Hz, C1'-H₂), 2.86 (1H, ddd, J = 16.5, 4.1, 0.9 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 2.93 (1H, ddd, J = 16.5, 10.5, 1.4 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 3.57 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.60 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.90 (2H, t, J = 5.5 Hz, C2'-H), 4.27 (1H, dtd, J = 10.5, 6.4, 4.1 Hz, C3-H), 5.01 (1H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.23 (1H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.28 (1H, d, J = 12.4 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.30 (1H, d, J = 12.4 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.39 (1H, q, J = 6.9 Hz, C1-H), 7.06 (1H, dd, J = 7.8, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 7.30 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C7-H), 7.35 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.40 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 0.9 Hz, C6-H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 20.4, 34.4, 37.7, 56.5, 57.6, 61.4, 67.1, 69.4, 96.1, 101.7, 110.8, 118.8, 122.13, 123.7, 125.7, 130.3, 132.2, 136.0, 148.8, 152.5. HRESIMS m/z 363.1801 (calcd for C₂₀H₂₇O₆: 363.1808). [α]²⁵_D-196 (c 0.5, CHCl₃).

(1*R*,3*S*)-{9,10-*Bis(methoxymethoxy)*-3,4-*dihydro*-1-*methyl*-1*H*-*naphtho*[2,3-*c*]*pyran*-3-*y*]*acetic acid* (40). To a solution of **39** (16 mg, 0.043 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.2 mL), PIDA (21 mg, 0.064 mmol) was added at rt. After 5 min, TEMPO (1 mg, 0.0064 mmol) was added at rt, and the whole was stirred at rt for 14 h. Then, 5% aqueous Na₂S₂O₃ (1.5 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with CHCl₃ (4 mL × 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 5 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, to give a yellow oil (19 mg). The residue was dissolved in acetone (0.25 mL), *t*-BuOH (0.51 mL), and H₂O (0.12 mL). 2-Methyl-2-butene (0.13 mL, 1.23 mmol), NaH₂PO₄·2H₂O (29 mg, 0.19 mmol), and NaClO₂ (10 mg, 0.11 mmol) was successively added in each 10 min, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1 h. 5% HCl (0.3 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with CHCl₃ (4 mL × 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 5 mL) of the residue was discolved in each 10 min, and the whole was stirred at rt for 1 h. 5% HCl (0.3 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with CHCl₃ (4 mL × 5 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 5 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, the core stirred at rt for 1 h. 5% HCl (0.3 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with CHCl₃ (4 mL × 5 mL). **40** as a yellow oil (11 mg, 65%). IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3500–2800 (O-H), 1711 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 1.68 (3H, d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, C1-CH₃), 2.70 (2H, brs, C4-H₂), 2.85–2.98 (2H, m, C1'-H), 3.56 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.59 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.48 (1H, brs, C3-H), 4.99 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.21 (1H, d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, one of C10-OCH₂O), 5.27 (1H, d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.29 (1H, d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.29 (1H, d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, one of C9-OCH₂O), 5.59 (1H, q, *J* = 6.4 Hz, C1-H), 7.05 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, C8-H), 7.28 (1H, dd, *J* = 7.8, 7.8 Hz, C7-H), 7.33 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.37 (1H, d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, C6-H). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 20.1, 33.7, 41.0, 56.5, 57.5, 63.8, 69.8, 96.0, 101.7, 110.8, 118.9, 122.2, 123.8, 125.8, 130.0, 131.4, 136.0, 148.8, 152.5, 175.3. HRESIMS *m*/*z* 377.1616 (calcd for C₂₀H₂₅O₇: 377.1600). [α]_D²⁵ – 144.0 (*c* 1.1, CHCl₃).

(1R,3S)-(3,4-Dihydro-10-hydroxy-9-methoxymethoxy-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]pyran-3-yl)acetic acid (41) and (1R,3S)-(3,4-Dihydro-9,10-dihydroxy-1-methyl-1H-naphtho[2,3-c]pyran-3-yl)acetic acid (DDHK, 3). To a solution of 40 (23 mg, 0.061 mmol) in THF (1 mL), 6 M HCl (0.1 mL) was added, and the whole was stirred at 50 °C for 20 min. After cooling to rt, CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added, and the whole was washed with H_2O (1 mL \times 2 mL). Aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (1 mL \times 3 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL \times 2 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (CHCl₃–MeOH = 97:3–90:10) to give **41** as a brown oil (14 mg. 71%) and **3** as a brown oil (5 mg, 27%). 41: IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 3390 (O-H), 1709 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 1.65 (3H, d, J = 6.6 Hz, C1-CH₃), 2.73 (2H, d, J = 6.2 Hz, two of C4 or C1'-H₂), 2.87 (1H, dd, J = 15.8, 10.5 Hz, one of C4 or C1'- H_2), 2.96 (1H, dd, J = 16.4, 3.2 Hz, one of C4 or C1'- H_2), 3.59 (3H, s, OCH₃), 4.47–4.54 (1H, m, C3-H), 5.43 (1H, q, J = 6.4 Hz, C1-H), 5.44 (2H, s, C9-OCH₂O), 6.98 (1H, d, J = 7.3 Hz, C8-H), 7.09 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.24 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 7.8 Hz, C7-H), 7.36 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, C6-H), 9.56 (1H, s, OH). ¹³C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 18.9, 33.9, 40.5, 56.9, 63.9, 69.5, 95.8, 107.2, 113.7, 117.8, 120.6, 122.1, 125.6, 132.0, 135.1, 149.1, 153.6, 173.1. HRESIMS m/z 333.1335 (calcd. for $C_{18}H_{21}O_6$: 333.1338). [α]_D²⁵ + 10.6 (c 0.3, CHCl₃). **3**: IR (ATR) ν_{max} cm⁻¹: 2924 (O-H), 1712 (C=O). ¹H-NMR (400 MHz, CD₃OD) δ: 1.49 (3H, d, J = 6.4 Hz, C1-CH₃), 2.45 (1H, dd, J = 15.3, 8.2 Hz, one of C4-H₂), 2.52 (1H, dd, J = 15.3, 4.8 Hz, C4-H₂), 2.65 (1H, dd, J = 15.8, 4.8 Hz, 10.1 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 2.84 (1H, dd, J = 15.8, 3.2 Hz, one of C1'-H₂), 4.34–4.43 (1H, m, C3-H), 5.16 (1H, q, J = 6.6 Hz, C1-H), 6.53 (1H, dd, J = 7.6, 0.9 Hz, C8-H), 6.92 (1H, s, C5-H), 7.03 (1H, dd, J = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, C7-H), 7.09 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, C6-H). ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz, CD₃OD) δ: 19.4, 35.1, 42.0, 65.7, 70.2, 108.2, 114.6, 120.6, 120.8, 126.8, 133.7, 136.9, 151.0, 154.6, 174.9. HRESIMS m/z 289.1082 (calcd for C₁₆H₁₇O5: 289.1076). [α]_D²⁵ + 30.9 (c 0.2, MeOH).

Transformation of MOM ether **41** *to DDHK* (3). To a solution of **41** (5 mg, 0.016 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (0.4 mL), BCl₃ (1.0 M in CH₂Cl₂, 0.05 mL, 0.05 mmol) was added at -78 °C, and the mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 45 min. H₂O (1.3 mL) was added, and the whole was extracted with AcOEt (1 mL × 10 mL, 3 mL × 5 mL). The combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 5 mL) and was dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was purified by CC (CHCl₃–MeOH = 9:1) to give **3** as a yellow oil (3 mg, 69%). The physical properties of **3** obtained here were identical with those prepared as described above.

Semisynthesis of DDHK (3) and epi-DDHK (7) from (S)-DNPA (6). To a solution of (S)-DNPA (6) (2 mg, 6.3×10^{-3} mmol) in MeOH (0.2 mL), NaBH₄ (2.5 mg, 6.8×10^{-2} mmol) was added at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo, and the residue was partitioned with AcOEt (1 mL) and 10% HCl (0.5 mL). Aqueous layer was extracted with AcOEt (2 mL × 1 mL). Combined organic layer was washed with brine (1 mL × 1 mL) and dried over Na₂SO₄. The solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by RP HPLC (Cosmosil AR-II, 26 mm × 250 mm, CH₃OH-H₂O 2:1, 2 mL/min) to give DDHK (3) (0.5 mg, 28%) and *epi*-DDHK (7) (0.4 mg, 22%).

4. Conclusions

In conclusion, we have accomplished the first total synthesis of DDHK (3) and its epimer *epi*-DDHK (7). Et₃SiH reduction of tricyclic hemiacetal **22** afforded benzoisochromane **23** with 1,3-*cis* stereochemistry, which was converted to *epi*-DDHK (7) through an oxidation/deprotection sequence. Although several trials using silane reagents did not

deliver any reduction products, stereoselective reduction was further examined for bicyclic acetal **38**. AlH₃ reduction of the bis-MOM-protected bicyclic acetal **38** yielded the 1,3-*trans* isomer **39** as the major product, which was finally transformed to DDHK (**3**). In addition, DDHK (**3**) and *epi*-DDHK (**7**) were accessed by a semisynthetic approach based on the reduction of (*S*)-DNPA (**6**), and the obtained products were identified by comparison of their spectral data with those of the synthetic compounds. The semisynthetic DDHK (**3**) obtained by this method has been applied to study the biosynthesis of ACT (**1**) and clarify the long-standing ambiguity regarding the role of the converting enzyme system ActVA-ORF5/ActVB in the C-6 and C-8 hydroxylation [**3**] of DDHK (**3**) by in vitro enzymatic analysis [**5**]. These compounds are also anticipated to serve as useful reference samples for preparing stereoisomers of DDHK from (*R*)-DNPA, a biosynthetic precursor of nanaomycin A (**9**), and they are expected to enable further elucidation of the biosynthetic pathways of other BIQ antibiotics with different stereochemical configurations [**3**5,36].

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