Supplementary Information

Enantioselective total synthesis of (+)-asteriscanolide via Rh(I)-catalyzed [(5+2)+1] reaction

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1. General methods

Air and moisture sensitive reactions were carried out in oven-dried glassware sealed with rubber septa under a positive pressure of dry argon. Similarly sensitive liquids and solutions were transferred via syringe. Reactions were stirred using Teflon-coated magnetic stir bars. Elevated temperatures were maintained using Thermostat-controlled silicone oil baths. Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure using a Büchi rotary evaporator with a desktop vacuum pump. Tetrahydrofuran, benzene, and toluene were distilled from sodium and benzophenone prior to use. Dichloromethane was distilled from CaH₂ prior to use. Synthetic reagents were purchased from Acros, Aldrich, and Alfa Aesar and used without further purification, unless otherwise indicated. Analytical TLC was performed with 0.25 mm silica gel G plates with a 254 nm fluorescent indicator. The TLC plates were visualized by ultraviolet light and treatment with phosphomolybdic acid stain followed by gentle heating. Purification of products was accomplished by flash chromatography on silica gel and the purified compounds showed a single spot by analytical TLC. The diastereomeric ratio and the regioisomeric ratio were determined by ¹H NMR of crude reaction mixtures.

NMR spectra were measured on Bruker ARX 400 (¹H at 400 MHz, ¹³C at 101 MHz) and Bruker AVANCE 600 (¹H at 600 MHz, ¹³C at 150 MHz) nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometers. Data for ¹H-NMR spectra are reported as follows: chemical shift (ppm, referenced to TMS; s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, ddd = doublet of doublet of doublets, m = multiplet), coupling constant (Hz), and integration. Data for ¹³C-NMR spectra are reported in terms of chemical shift (ppm) relative to residual solvent peak (CDCl₃: 77.0 ppm). Infrared spectra were recorded on Mettler-Toledo ReactIR iC10 system with an SiComp probe and are reported in wavenumbers (cm⁻¹). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on a Bruker Apex IV FTMS mass spectrometer (ESI).

Abbreviations: acac = acetylacetonylAIBN = 2,2'-azo *bis*isobutyronitrile brsm = based on recovered starting material DIBAI-H = diisobutylaluminum hydride $DMAP = N_N - 4$ -dimethylaminopyridine DMF = N, N-dimethylformamide DMP = Dess-Martin periodinane mCPBA = m-chloroperbenzoic acid PE = petroleum etherPMB = p-methoxybenzyl Py = pyridineRed-Al = sodium *bis*(2-methoxyethoxy) aluminum hydride TBAF = tetrabutylammonium fluoride TBS = *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl Tf = trifluoromethanesulfonvlTHF = tetrahydrofuran TMS = trimethylsilyl



2. Experimental procedures and characterization data

A mixture of Zn(OTf)₂ (326 mg, 0.90 mmol), triethylamine (331 mg, 3.28 mmol), and the chiral ligand $8^{[1]}$ (402 mg, 1.13 mmol) in 30 mL anhydrous toluene was stirred under argon at 55 °C until a clear solution was formed, and alkyne 5 (594 mg, 8.99 mmol) was added subsequently. After stirred for 30 min, aldehyde 6 (561 mg, 5.00 mmol) was added. The reaction was completed after stirred for 46 h at 55 °C. The reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether, and then the organic phase was washed with 1M HCl and sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford alcohol 7 (804 mg, 90%). 94% ee was determined by HPLC analysis of the 3,5-dinitrobenzoate ester 7'^[2] (Chiralcel OD-H, hexane:isopropanol = 90:10, 1.0 mL/min, 254 nm).

7: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.31$ (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.65–0.70 (m, 2H), 0.75–0.80 (m, 2H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H), 1.22–1.31 (m, 1H), 1.74–1.79 (m, 1H), 2.07 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (dd, J = 6.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (s, 1H), 5.08 (d, J = 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.78–5.90 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –0.6, 8.2, 22.5, 22.6, 38.7, 42.7, 70.4, 74.6, 89.8, 117.4, 135.1. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1371, 1386, 1475, 1643, 2242, 2972, 3389. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₁₈NaO: 201.1250; found: 201.1250. [α]²⁰_D: +15.7 (*c* 1.53, CHCl₃).

^[1] B. Jiang, Z. Chen and X. Tang, Org. Lett., 2002, 4, 3451.

^[2] Propargylic alcohol 7 was treated with 3,5-dinitrobenzoyl chloride and pyridine in CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature to give 3,5-dinitrobenzoate ester 7' quantitatively. 7': pale yellow oil; R_f = 0.44 (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.69–0.74 (m, 2H), 0.79–0.85 (m, 2H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.25–1.34 (m, 1H), 2.22 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 5.03–5.15 (m, 2H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.80–5.92 (m, 1H), 9.16 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 2H), 9.24 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -0.6, 8.3, 23.07, 23.14, 38.4, 43.1, 69.9, 74.1, 91.7, 118.2, 122.3, 129.4, 133.7, 133.9, 148.6, 161.5. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 1266, 1348, 1549, 1631, 1736, 2246, 2980. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₂₀N₂NaO₆: 395.1214; found: 395.1213.





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2	18.896	BB	0.8467	7583.31885	131.91266	50.0385





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1	14.334	BB	0.5521	5785.60596	162.22356	96.9810
2	20.248	BB	0.9326	180.10561	2.96553	3.0190



To a solution of propargylic alcohol 7 (930 mg, 5.22 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) at -78 °C was slowly added Red-Al (3.5 M in toluene, 3.6 mL, 12.6 mmol). Then the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature. After stirred at 40 °C for 20 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C and quenched by sat aq potassium sodium tartrate. After stirred overnight at room temperature, the reaction mixture was diluted with diethyl ether and separated. The aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic phase was washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford allylic alcohol **9** (860 mg, 92%).

9: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.33$ (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.35–0.39 (m, 2H), 0.69–0.74 (m, 2H), 0.85 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 3H), 1.35–1.45 (m, 1H), 1.49 (br, 1H), 1.98 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.10 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 3.74 (dd, J = 7.7, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 5.00–5.07 (m, 2H), 5.16 (dd, J = 15.5, 8.8 Hz, 1H), 5.60 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.79–5.91 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 6.69, 6.74, 13.5, 22.6, 22.9, 37.7, 43.4, 79.6, 117.1, 126.8, 135.5, 137.6. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1371, 1389, 1475, 1643, 1669, 2969, 3393. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₂H₂₀NaO: 203.1406; found: 203.1405. [α]²⁰_D: +30.1 (c 0.98, CHCl₃).



To a solution of allylic alcohol **9** (1.80 g, 10.0 mmol) in 40 mL anhydrous DMF was added imidazole (1.20 g, 17.6 mmol), DMAP (0.35 g, 2.9 mmol), and TBSCl (2.17 g, 14.4 mmol). After stirred at 40 °C for 48 h, the reaction mixture was poured into 150 mL water and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with sat aq NaCl and dried over MgSO₄. The filtrate was evaporated and purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford compound **10** (2.83 g, 96%).

10: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.61$ (PE). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -0.01 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H), 0.30-0.38 (m, 2H), 0.65-0.72 (m, 2H), 0.79 (s, 3H), 0.83 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 1.32-1.42 (m, 1H), 1.94 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.06 (dd, J = 13.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.96-5.09 (m, 3H), 5.46 (dd, J = 15.4, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 5.77-5.89 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -4.9, -3.5, 6.3, 6.4, 13.2, 18.2, 22.92, 22.94, 26.0, 38.5, 43.2, 80.8, 116.6, 127.9, 135.9, 136.2. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1255, 1367, 1389, 1475, 1643, 1669, 2961. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₈H₃₄NaOSi: 317.2271; found: 317.2278. [α]²⁰_D: +10.6 (*c* 1.78, CHCl₃).



A solution of substrate **10** (1.50 g, 5.1 mmol) and $[Rh(CO)_2Cl]_2$ (100 mg, 0.26 mmol) in 310 mL anhydrous toluene was degassed by bubbling CO/N₂ (balloon pressured mixed gas of CO and N₂, 1:4 V/V) for 5 min. Then the reaction mixture was immersed in a 90 °C oil bath and stirred under the above atmosphere for 50 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was submitted to flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the [(5+2)+1] cycloadduct **11** (1.15 g, 70%).

11: pale yellow oil; $R_f = 0.19$ (PE/AcOEt = 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -0.02 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.93 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H), 1.10 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.54–1.63 (m, 1H), 2.01–2.30 (m, 3H), 2.34–2.56 (m, 4H), 2.61–2.70 (m, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.44–5.51 (m, 1H), 5.87–5.96 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -4.9, -4.2, 18.0, 22.0, 23.8, 25.8, 28.4, 36.9, 41.7, 44.6, 44.7, 46.7, 47.8, 89.2, 130.0, 133.9, 213.9. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1255, 1367, 1464, 1706, 2957. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₉H₃₄NaO₂Si: 345.2220; found: 345.2221. $[\alpha]^{20}$ D: -45.3 (c 1.18, CHCl₃).



To a solution of 2,6-di-*tert*-butyl-4-methylpyridine (1.16 g, 5.67 mmol) in 30 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 was added sequentially trifluoromethanesulfonic anhydride (1.32 g, 4.68 mmol) and a solution of ketone **11** (890 mg, 2.76 mmol) in 30 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 . The reaction mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 12 h. After the solvent was removed by evaporation, the residue was dissolved in 150 mL diethyl ether, washed with 1M HCl solution and sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting brown oil was filtered through a pad of silica gel, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude enol triflate **12**, which was used in the next step without further purification.

A solution of the crude enol triflate **12** in 35 mL THF was added to a mixture of $Fe(acac)_3$ (199 mg, 0.56 mmol) and 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidinone (3 mL), and the resulting mixture was cooled to -10 °C. After MeMgBr (3.0 M in ether, 3.5 mL, 10.5 mmol) was added dropwise, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred overnight. Then, to the reaction mixture was added sat aq NH₄Cl and diethyl ether, and the aqueous layer was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic

phase was washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to give compound **13** (515 mg, 58% over two steps).

13: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.39$ (PE). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.04 (s, 3H), 0.05 (s, 3H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.92 (s, 3H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 1.24 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.73 (dd, J = 12.4, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (dt, J = 14.1, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.02–2.12 (m, 1H), 2.39–2.48 (m, 1H), 2.58–2.66 (m, 1H), 2.84–2.92 (m, 1H), 3.14–3.24 (m, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (ddd, J = 11.0, 5.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 5.50–5.57 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –4.5, –3.8, 18.2, 21.2, 23.8, 26.0, 26.6, 27.8, 32.0, 38.3, 40.7, 46.0, 50.5, 88.7, 128.6, 128.7, 133.7, 136.4. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1255, 1363, 1468, 2935. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₀H₃₆NaOSi: 343.2428; found: 343.2431. [α]²⁰_D: +13.8 (*c* 1.00, CHCl₃).



To a solution of compound **13** (200 mg, 0.63 mmol) in 6 mL ethyl acetate at 0 °C was added *m*CPBA (70 wt%, 195 mg, 0.79 mmol). After stirred at 0 °C for 2 h, sat aq NaHCO₃ was added, and the mixture was extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic phase was washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude epoxide **14**, which was used in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine (520 mg, 3.69 mmol) in 20 mL anhydrous benzene was added *n*-BuLi (1.6 M in hexane, 2.2 mL, 3.5 mmol). To the resulting mixture at 0 °C was added Me₂AlCl (0.9 M in heptane, 4.0 mL, 3.6 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 25 min before a solution of the crude epoxide 14 in 15 mL anhydrous benzene was added. After stirred at 0 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 1M HCl and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with water and sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give alcohol 15 (180 mg, 86% over two steps).

15: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.24$ (PE/AcOEt = 10:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -0.03 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.98 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.39 (d, J = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.76–1.80 (m, 1H), 2.00–2.07 (m, 2H), 2.16–2.29 (m, 2H), 2.40–2.46 (m, 1H), 2.60 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 3.84 (dd, J = 9.7, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (s, 1H), 5.24 (s, 1H), 5.42 (t, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 5.71–5.76 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –5.1, –4.6, 18.1, 24.3, 25.8, 28.3, 30.2, 37.0, 42.6, 44.7, 49.0, 50.7, 75.7, 88.1, 111.6, 130.1, 132.2, 157.2. IR ν (cm⁻¹): 1255, 1367, 1468, 1643, 2935, 3360.

HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₀H₃₆NaO₂Si: 359.2377; found: 359.2377. $[\alpha]^{20}_{D}$: -7.1 (*c* 1.07, CHCl₃).



To a solution of alcohol **15** (393 mg, 1.17 mmol) in 6 mL anhydrous DMF was added NaH (206 mg, 8.57 mmol). After stirred at 50 °C for 50 min, freshly distilled PMBCl (658 mg, 4.21 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 5 h before 30 mL water was added. The resulting mixture was extracted with diethyl ether and petroleum ether, and the combined organic extracts were washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was submitted to flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford compound **16** (440 mg, 82%).

16: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.31$ (PE/AcOEt = 20:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -0.04 (s, 3H), -0.02 (s, 3H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.95 (s, 3H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 1.23 (t, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 1.84-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.96-2.08 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.22 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.49 (ddd, J = 12.5, 5.6, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 2.58 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (d, J = 9.9 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.07 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 5.28 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.37-5.43 (m, 1H), 5.66-5.74 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -5.1, -4.7, 18.1, 24.7, 25.8, 28.4, 30.5, 37.8, 42.5, 45.0, 49.0, 50.0, 55.2, 69.5, 82.7, 87.7, 112.5, 113.6, 129.2, 129.8, 131.3, 132.3, 152.9, 158.9. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1255, 1468, 1520, 1620, 2935. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₈H₄₄NaO₃Si: 479.2952; found: 479.2954. [α]²⁰_D: +39.7 (*c* 2.20, CHCl₃).



To a solution of compound **16** (395 mg, 0.87 mmol) in 7 mL anhydrous THF was added TBAF (850 mg, 3.25 mmol). After stirred at 40 °C for 21 h, the reaction mixture was quenched with 50 mL sat aq NH₄Cl and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column

chromatography to give alcohol 17 (266 mg, 90%).

17: colorless oil; R_f = 0.22 (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.32 (t, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 1.87–1.95 (m, 2H), 2.06–2.13 (m, 1H), 2.15–2.21 (m, 1H), 2.32–2.39 (m, 1H), 2.50 (ddd, *J* = 12.8, 5.5, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (d, *J* = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.07 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 4.41 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 5.28 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41–5.46 (m, 1H), 5.69–5.75 (m, 1H), 6.86 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.7, 28.2, 30.5, 37.5, 41.7, 45.3, 48.6, 49.8, 55.2, 69.5, 82.6, 87.3, 112.9, 113.6, 129.2, 130.3, 131.1, 131.5, 152.4, 158.9. IR *v* (cm⁻¹): 1248, 1520, 1620, 2935, 3430. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₂H₃₀NaO₃: 365.2087; found: 365.2088. [α]²⁰_D: +91.8 (*c* 1.20, CHCl₃).



To a mixture of alcohol **17** (106 mg, 0.31 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (200 mg, 2.38 mmol) in 7 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 was added Dess-Martin periodinane (425 mg, 1.00 mmol). After stirred for 90 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with 20 mL sat aq NaHCO₃ and 20 mL sat aq Na₂S₂O₃ and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄ twice, filtered, and used directly in the next step.

To the solution of ketone **18** at -78 °C was added DIBAI-H (1.0 M in hexane, 8.0 mL, 8.0 mmol). After stirred at -78 °C for 2 h, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to 0 °C and quenched with sat aq potassium sodium tartrate. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The combined organic phase was washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford alcohol **19** (89 mg, 84% over two steps).

19: white solid, mp 113–114 °C; $R_f = 0.26$ (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.33–1.40 (m, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.87–1.97 (m, 3H), 2.08–2.16 (m, 1H), 2.18–2.40 (m, 1H), 2.52 (ddd, J = 12.8, 5.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 3.02–3.08 (m, 1H), 3.40–3.44 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.86 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.07 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.27 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.67–5.71 (m, 1H), 5.84–5.90 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 25.8, 28.2, 31.9, 38.1, 39.5, 44.7, 45.2, 46.8, 55.2, 69.6, 81.8, 83.5, 112.6, 113.7, 127.3, 129.3, 131.0, 132.3, 152.3, 159.0. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1251, 1520, 1616, 2928, 3423. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₂H₃₀NaO₃: 365.2087; found: 365.2092. [α]²⁰_D: +111.5 (c 0.96, CHCl₃).



To a mixture of alcohol **19** (101 mg, 0.29 mmol), DMAP (27 mg, 0.22 mmol), and pyridine (0.88 g, 11.1 mmol) in 8 mL anhydrous THF was added a solution of triphosgene (145 mg, 0.49 mmol) in 8 mL anhydrous benzene. After stirred at 30 °C for 3 h, freshly distilled PhSeH (387 mg, 2.46 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at 30 °C for 16 h before 100 mL water and 100 mL diethyl ether were added. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic phase was washed sequentially with 1M HCl, water, and sat aq NaHCO₃, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting yellow oil was filtered through a pad of silica gel, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude selenocarbonate **20**, which was used in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of the crude selenocarbonate **20** and AIBN (21 mg, 0.13 mmol) in 60 mL anhydrous benzene was added *n*-Bu₃SnH (360 mg, 1.20 mmol). The resulting mixture was heated in a 90 °C oil bath to reflux for 3.5 h. The solvent was removed by evaporation, and the residue was submitted to flash column chromatography on silica gel to afford the tricyclic compound **21** (104 mg, 95% over two steps).

21: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.35$ (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.01 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 1.34–1.45 (m, 2H), 1.69–1.82 (m, 2H), 1.89–2.02 (m, 1H), 2.08–2.25 (m, 2H), 2.39 (dq, J = 12.8, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.50–2.63 (m, 2H), 2.77 (dd, J = 15.4, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.20 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (d, J = 11.3 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (s, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 6.88 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.4, 25.2, 28.8, 29.9, 34.5, 38.1, 40.4, 43.1, 46.0, 46.3, 55.2, 70.4, 81.7, 89.8, 113.8, 113.9, 129.3, 130.3, 148.8, 159.2, 180.0. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1251, 1520, 1620, 1769, 2939. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₃₀NaO₄: 393.2036; found: 393.2035. [α]²⁰_D: +36.0 (c 0.87, CHCl₃).



To a solution of compound **21** (104 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 2.5 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 at -78 °C was added DIBAl-H (1.0 M in hexane, 0.9 mL, 0.9 mmol). After stirred at -78

^oC for 3 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with 30 mL diethyl ether and quenched with 30 mL sat aq potassium sodium tartrate. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with diethyl ether. The combined organic extracts were washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude hemiacetal **22**, which was used in the next step without further purification.

To a solution of the crude hemiacetal **22** and triethylamine (291 mg, 2.88 mmol) in 8 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 was added methanesulfonyl chloride (85 mg, 0.74 mmol). The resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h before it was diluted with diethyl ether and washed with sat aq NaHCO₃ and sat aq NaCl. The organic phase was dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a residue, which was purified by flash column chromatography to give enol ether **23** (85 mg, 85% over two steps).

23: colorless oil; $R_f = 0.10$ (PE/AcOEt = 50:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.96 (s, 3H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.40 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 1H), 1.57–1.74 (m, 2H), 1.85 (dd, J = 12.4, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 1.95–2.04 (m, 1H), 2.21–2.31 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.52 (m, 2H), 3.17 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 4.19 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (d, J = 11.2 Hz, 1H), 5.13 (s, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 6.06 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 23.8, 25.4, 26.8, 27.2, 38.9, 42.3, 42.6, 50.1, 50.3, 55.2, 69.8, 79.3, 96.0, 113.2, 113.7, 114.4, 129.2, 131.0, 142.9, 151.0, 159.0. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1251, 1516, 1616, 1654, 2928. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₂₃H₃₁O₃: 355.2268; found: 355.2264. [α]²⁰_D: +38.6 (c 0.76, CHCl₃).



To a solution of enol ether **23** (100 mg, 0.28 mmol) in 10 mL ethanol under argon was added Pd/C (10 wt%, 30 mg, 0.028 mmol). Then the argon atmosphere was replaced by hydrogen (1 atm) atmosphere. After stirred at 60 °C for 20 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of silica gel to remove Pd/C, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude alcohol **24**, which was used in the next step without further purification.

To a mixture of the crude alcohol **24** and NaHCO₃ (177 mg, 2.10 mmol) in 5 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 was added Dess-Martin periodinane (447 mg, 1.06 mmol). After stirred at 25 °C for 40 min, the reaction mixture was quenched with 25 mL sat aq NaHCO₃ and 25 mL sat aq Na₂S₂O₃ and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The combined organic extracts were washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by flash column

chromatography on silica gel to afford compounds 25 (31 mg, 46%) and 26 (16 mg, 24%).

To a solution of compound **25** (14.1 mg, 0.060 mmol) and 2,6-lutidine (57 mg, 0.53 mmol) in 1 mL anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C was added TMSOTf (96 mg, 0.43 mmol). After stirred at 0 °C for 2 h and at 25 °C for 20 h, 2 mL diethyl ether and 1 mL 1M HCl were added, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 2 h. Then it was diluted with diethyl ether, washed with sat aq NaCl, dried over MgSO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was submitted to flash column chromatography on silica gel to get the recovered compound **25** (6.4 mg, 45%) and the desired compound **26** (3.7 mg, 48% brsm).

25: white solid, mp 70–71 °C; $R_f = 0.22$ (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.91 (s, 3H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.24–1.34 (m, 2H), 1.55 (ddd, J = 15.4, 8.5, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.62–1.76 (m, 3H), 2.01 (t, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 2.12–2.25 (m, 1H), 2.26–2.38 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.56 (m, 1H), 3.15–3.24 (m, 2H), 3.35 (ddd, J = 11.1, 7.4, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.88 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (dd, J = 5.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.7, 22.8, 23.1, 25.9, 26.1, 30.5, 40.5, 41.5, 44.0, 46.3, 48.8, 49.2, 74.8, 94.5, 217.9. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1266, 1371, 1468, 1698, 2935. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₄NaO₂: 259.1668; found: 259.1667. [α]²⁰_D: +39.1 (c 1.14, CHCl₃).

26: white solid, mp 85–86 °C; $R_f = 0.26$ (PE/AcOEt = 5:1). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (s, 3H), 1.03–1.11 (m, 1H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (dd, J = 13.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 1.47–1.54 (m, 1H), 1.55–1.66 (m, 1H), 1.75–1.88 (m, 2H), 2.03 (t, J = 12.9 Hz, 1H), 2.28–2.36 (m, 1H), 2.48–2.56 (m, 2H), 3.15 (ddd, J = 12.3, 11.1, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 3.19 (dd, J = 11.5, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (ddd, J = 11.0, 7.5, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (t, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, J = 5.3 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.6, 22.3, 23.1, 23.2, 25.9, 28.6, 40.5, 41.8, 44.2, 45.8, 48.7, 50.7, 74.9, 94.4, 215.6. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1266, 1371, 1468, 1702, 2939. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₄NaO₂: 259.1668; found: 259.1665. [α]²⁰_D: +10.1 (c 0.55, CHCl₃).



To a mixture of compound **26** (10.5 mg, 0.044 mmol) and sodium periodate (47.0 mg, 0.22 mmol) in 3 mL CH₃CN/CCl₄/H₂O (1:1:1, V/V/V) was added ruthenium trichloride (4.7 mg, 0.023 mmol). After stirred at 25 °C for 9 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered. After solvent evaporation, the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel to give natural product **1** (6.6 mg, 59%).

1: white solid, mp 155–156 °C (lit mp 178 °C^[3], 156-158 °C^[4], 163-165 °C^[5], 142-143 °C^[6]); $R_f = 0.16$ (PE/AcOEt = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.00 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.31–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.76–1.85 (m, 1H), 1.88–2.01 (m, 2H), 2.19 (t, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36–2.57 (m, 2H), 2.72 (ddd, J = 12.3, 9.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 3.21 (dt, J = 11.9, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 3.73 (dt, J = 10.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 13.2, 22.4, 23.0 (2 C), 24.5, 28.0, 38.4, 40.7, 43.2, 45.66, 45.72, 50.2, 90.9, 177.8, 213.6. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1274, 1475, 1698, 1769, 2928. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₂NaO₃: 273.1461; found: 273.1463. [α]²⁰_D: +11.8 (c 0.28, CHCl₃; lit value +12.1^[3], +8.5^[4], +16.6^[5]).



To a mixture of compound **25** (11.4 mg, 0.048 mmol) and sodium periodate (50.4 mg, 0.24 mmol) in 3 mL CH₃CN/CCl₄/H₂O (1:1:1, V/V/V) was added ruthenium trichloride (5.4 mg, 0.026 mmol). After stirred at room temperature for 23 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂, washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, and filtered. After solvent evaporation, the residue was subjected to flash column chromatography on silica gel to give **1'** (6.0 mg, 50%).

1': white solid, mp 165–166 °C; $R_f = 0.14$ (PE/AcOEt = 3:1). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.01 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.20 (s, 3H), 1.38 (dd, J = 13.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.53–1.85 (m, 4H), 1.99–2.08 (m, 2H), 2.15 (t, J = 13.3 Hz, 1H), 2.48–2.57 (m, 1H), 2.71 (ddd, J = 12.5, 9.7, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.26 (dt, J = 12.1, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dt, J = 10.5, 5.3 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 20.6, 22.8, 23.0, 24.6, 26.1, 30.0, 38.4, 40.5, 43.0, 45.4, 45.9, 49.1, 91.0, 177.7, 215.9. IR v (cm⁻¹): 1274, 1359, 1468, 1698, 1765, 2935. HRMS (ESI): calcd for C₁₅H₂₂NaO₃: 273.1461; found: 273.1458. [α]²⁰_D: +41.8 (*c* 0.30, CHCl₃).

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3. ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra





































4. DFT-computed 3D picture of lactone 21

To better understand the inside-outside stereochemical feature of lactone **21**, the 3D structure of **21** was optimized by DFT calculations at the B3LYP/6-31G(d) level in Gaussian 03.^[7,8,9] It was found that, the "inside" hydrogen at C3 (shown in a blue circle, Figure S1) of the tricyclic compound **21** was on the concave face of the bowl like molecule. Therefore, the deprotonation of this "inside" hydrogen was very difficult to achieve due to the steric congestion in converting inside-outside stereochemistry to outside-outside.

Figure S1 DFT-computed structure of lactone 21 (carbon, gray; hydrogen, white; oxygen, red).

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10	6	0	5.174268	1.719917	0.469016
11	6	0	0.477475	0.040308	1.388657
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13	6	0	1.500771	-1.688291	2.840411
14	6	0	1.765433	-2.327950	-1.292245
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16	6	0	0.281140	-2.534684	0.841748
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19	1	0	2.583890	1.940444	2.070435
20	1	0	3.275696	0.365552	1.686206
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28	1	0	2.293171	-3.274842	-1.125283
29	1	0	2.915272	-1.430669	0.288408
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Standard orientation:

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38	1	0	1.676090	-2.217449	-2.381428
39	8	0	-0.795372	0.158047	0.747396
40	6	0	-1.907900	0.052076	1.636549
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