

Use of Heterocycles as Chiral Ligands and Auxiliaries in Asymmetric Syntheses of Sphingosine, Sphingofungins B and F

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Abstract: D-erythro-Sphingosine and its derivatives (dihydrosphingosine, cissphingosine, etc.), sphingofungins B and F have been synthesized from simple achiral compounds using heterocyclic compounds as key chiral ligands and auxiliaries. 5-Benzyloxy-4-ethynyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (5 or 5-ent), a key intermediate for the synthesis of sphingosine family, was prepared from 1-trimethylsilylpropinal and ketene silyl acetal 4 using a $Sn(OTf)_2$ -chiral ligand 1 or 1-ent-catalyzed asymmetric aldol reaction. Sphingosine and its derivatives were readily prepared from 5 according to standard transformation. The chiral hydrophobic side chain (6) of sphingofungin B was synthesized using a catalytic asymmetric aldol reaction using chiral ligand 1-ent. Another key step in the total synthesis of sphingofungin B was a condensation of chiral aldehyde 7 and chiral heterocycle 2. Similarly, the reaction of chiral aldehyde 8 with heterocycle 3 was a key step for the synthesis of sphingofungin F. Highly diastereoselective reactions proceeded smoothly in both cases to afford the corresponding adducts in high yields. © 1998 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

Introduction

Recently, much attention has been paid to the sphingomyelin cycle and the second messenger function of ceramide. After the discovery of protein kinase C inhibition by sphingosine, attention has been focused on the lipid components of sphingolipids and various lines of evidence led that sphingolipid-derived products may function as second messengers. Hefforts are now being made to define a novel ceramide-dependent pathway of signal transduction. On the other hand, the biosynthesis of sphingolipids starts from the condensation of palmitoyl-CoA with serine, which is catalyzed by serine palmitoyltransferase (SPT). The facts that cell mutants defective in SPT require exogenous sphingolipids for growth of the cells have revealed that sphingolipids are essential for growth of various types of cells. Agi, Significant roles of sphingolipids have been indicated in various cellular events including proliferation, differentiation, death, and inflammatory responses. Sphingofungin B was reported to inhibit SPT, and it has a striking resemblance to sphingosine and its biosynthetic intermediates. Because of their novel polyhydroxy-amino acid structures containing five asymmetric centers, and of recent interest in the chemistry and biochemistry of sphingolipids, there is a strong requirement for synthesis of these natural products as well as related compounds. In this paper, we report asymmetric syntheses of sphingosine and its derivatives (dihydrosphingosine, cis-sphingosine, etc.), sphingofunging B and F using heterocycles as chiral ligands and auxiliaries (Scheme 1).

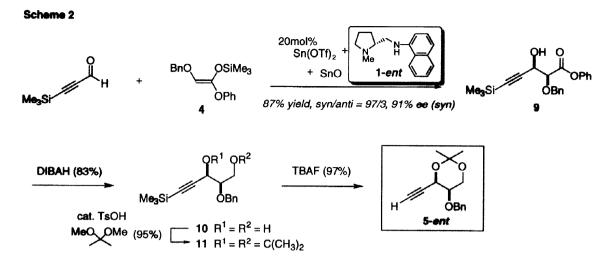
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Scheme 1. General Scheme of the Synthesis of Sphingosine Family

Synthesis of 5-benzyloxy-4-ethynyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (5 or 5-ent). A key intermediate for the synthesis of sphingosine family

We set 5-benzyloxy-4-ethynyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (5 or 5-ent) as a key intermediate for the synthesis of sphingosine family. The synthesis was performed according to Scheme 2. Phenyl ester 9 was prepared from trimethylsilylpropynal and (Z)-2-benzyloxy-1-phenoxy-1-trimethylsiloxyethene (4) via a tin(II)-catalyzed asymmetric aldol reaction using 20 mol% of tin(II) triflate, chiral diamine 1-ent, and tin(II) oxide as a key step.⁷ Slow addition of the substrates to the catalyst in propionitrile gave the best results, and the desired aldol adduct (9) was obtained in high diastereo- and enantioselectivities (syn/anti = 97/3, 91% ee for syn). Phenyl ester 9 was reduced using DIBAL to give diol 10, which was protected as its acctonide 11, after which desilylation with tetrabutylammonium fluoride gave the desired intermediate (5-ent). Intermediate 5-ent was isolated as white crystals and could be purified by recrystallization. Similarly, 5 was prepared using 1.



Asymmetric synthesis of sphingosine and its derivatives

After the trimethylsilyl group of 5-ent was deprotected and then alkylated, the benzyl group of 12 was removed under Birch conditions.⁸ An azide group was introduced via an SN₂ process by successive treatment of 13 with triflic anhydride/pyridine and sodium azide.⁹ At this stage, the basic skeleton of D-erythro-

Scheme 3

sphingosine was constructed. Deprotection of the acetonide group of 15,¹⁰ followed by reduction of the azide to an amino group,¹¹ gave another key intermediate (17) for the preparation of D-erythro-sphingosine and its derivatives. Trans reduction using Red-Al gave D-erythro-sphingosine, and the physical data including the optical rotation of the synthetic sample were completely consistent with those in the literature.¹² On the other hand, reduction using Lindler catalyst and Pd/C respectively gave cis-sphingosine (18) and dihydrosphingosine (19).¹³ Chemoselective acylation of 17 gave triple bond-seramide anologues (20, 21). These compounds were shown to have high apoptosis-inducing activity compared to the natural sphingosines.¹⁴

Asymmetric synthesis of sphingofungin B

We next undertook the synthesis of sphingofungin B (Schemes 4, 5).¹⁵ The chiral hydrophobic chain 6 was prepared according to Scheme 4. The tin(II)-catalyzed asymmetric aldol reaction using chiral diamine 1-ent was a powerful tool again,⁷ and thioester 22 was obtained in a 94% ee from the achiral compounds, heptanal and 1-S-ethyl-1-trimethylsiloxyethene. The hydroxyl group of 22 was protected as its MOM ether and the thioester group was reduced using LAH. Alcohol 24 was brominated to give alkyl bromide 25 and the coupling reaction of 25 with 4-benzyloxy-1-butyne proceeded smoothly in THF-HMPA to give alkyne moiety 26. Reduction of the alkyne of 26 and deprotection of the benzyl ether were carried out in one pot using Pd/C under H₂ atmosphere. The resulting alcohol (27) was brominated with carbon tetrabromide (CBr₄) and triphenylphosphine (Ph₃P) to give the desired chiral hydrophobic chain (6) in a high yield (Scheme 4). This chiral chain was then coupled with 5 to afford ether 28, which was treated with conc. HCl to produce 29 (Scheme 5). Triol 29 was converted to aldehyde 7 in 5 steps. The primary hydroxyl group of 29 was protected as its MMTr ether, the acetylene was reduced to the trans olefin with LAH, ¹⁶ and the free secondary hydroxyl groups were protected as their TBS ethers. The MMTr group was selectively deprotected under mild acidic conditions to give alcohol 32. Swern oxidation of 32 then gave the key aldehyde 7.

Another key step for the synthesis of sphingofungin B was successfully carried out using heterocycle 2-D as a chiral reagent. It was found that the zinc aza-enolate, which was prepared from the lithium enolate of the D-lactim ether (2-D)¹⁷ and zinc chloride, reacted with 7 to afford 33a in a 97% yield with 65% de. While, the tin(II) aza-enolate prepared from the lithium enolate of 2-D and tin(II) chloride, reacted with 7 to afford 33b quantitatively with perfect selectivity, L-valine was used to obtain 33c quantitatively (Scheme 6). In these reactions, the stereochemistry of the C-2 stereogenic centers of the products were derived from those of the bislactim ether and hence from the D- or L-valine used. While the adduct predicted by the Felkin-Anh model¹⁸ was obtained using the tin(II) azaenolate, the adduct predicted by the chelation model¹⁹ was predominantly obtained using the zinc azaenolate.²⁰ Adduct 33a was readily converted to carboxylic acid ester 34. Hydrolysis of the resulting ester 34 and deprotection of the TBS groups with tetrabutylammonium fluoride afforded carboxylic acid 35. After removal of the Boc group with TFA, the benzyl ether was finally cleaved under Birch conditions. Sphingofungin B was obtained after purification using reverse-phase column chromatography.²¹ Its spectral and chromatographic properties are identical to those of an authentic sample of the natural product.^{5,22}

Asymmetric synthesis of sphingofungin F

Our basic strategy for the synthesis of sphingofungin B would be useful for the synthesis of related compounds with minor modification. Simply changing the amino acid part and the hydrophobic side chain is required. To demonstrate the utility of this strategy, we undertook the total synthesis of sphingofungin F,²³ which was isolated from a fermentation of *Poecilomyces variotii*.

The Yb(OTf)₃-catalyzed aldol reaction²⁴ was very useful for the preparation of 22. The route from racemic 22 to alkyl bromide 6 was performed according to Scheme 4 (asymmetric synthesis). After deprotection of the MOM ether of 6, the resulting alcohol (37) was protected as its TMS ether giving 38. Bromide 38 was then coupled with 5 to afford 39. The trimethylsilyl group of 39 was deprotected, and the resulting alcohol (40) was oxidized (41), and this ketone was treated with HCl to give diol 42. After the ketone group of 42 had been protected (43), the primary hydroxyl group was protected with MMTrCl. Reduction of the alkyne to the trans olefin was carried out using LAH, ¹⁶ and the secondary alcohol was protected as its TBS ether (44). Deprotection of the MMTr ether followed by Swern oxidation gave key aldehyde 46.

The aldol-type reaction of 46 with the tin (II) azaenolate of chiral heterocyclic reagent 3¹⁷ proceeded smoothly to afford the desired adduct (47) in an 83% yield with good diastereoselectivity (70:25:5:0, Scheme 6). After deprotection of the TBS group, successive hydrolysis (2 steps) of the major diastereomer and finally deprotection of the benzyl ether using BCl₃ worked well to afford sphingofungin F. Its spectral properties are completely identical to those in the literature.²³

Conclusions

Utility of heterocycles as chiral ligands and auxiliaries in asymmetric synthesis has been demonstrated in unambiguous syntheses of D-erythro-sphingosine and its derivatives (dihydrosphingosine, cis-sphingosine, etc.), sphingofungins B and F. Our basic strategy for the synthesis of sphingosine family will be applied to many other related natural products as well as their synthetic derivatives.

Scheme 7

Experimental Section

General. Melting points are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on a Horiba FT-300. 1 H and 13 C NMR spectra were recorded on a JEOL JNR-EX270L, JNM-LA300 or a JNM-LA400 spectrometer in CDCl3 unless otherwise noted. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) served as internal standard ($\delta = 0$) for 1 H NMR, and CDCl3 was used as internal standard ($\delta = 77.0$) for 13 C NMR. When CD30D was used, CD30D served as internal standard ($\delta = 3.3$ for 1 H NMR (CH30H) and $\delta = 49.0$ for 13 C NMR). Mass spectra were measured on aJEOL DX-303HF spectrometer. HPLC was carried out using a Hitachi LC-Organizer, L-4000 UV Detector, L-6200 Intelligent Pump, and D-2500 Chromato-Integrator. Optical rotations were recorded on a Jasco DIP-360 digital polarimeter.

Column chromatography was performed on Silica gel 60 (Merck) or Wakogel B5F. All solvents were purified according to standard procedures.

Phenyl (2S,3R)-2-benzyloxy-3-hydroxy-5-trimethylsilylpent-4-ynoate (9): To a mixture of tin(II) trifluoromethansulfonate²⁵ (834 mg, 2.0 mmol), and tin(II) oxide (269 mg, 2.0 mmol) in propionitrile (20 ml) was added (R)-1-methyl-2-[(N-1-naphthylamino)methyl]pyrrolidine²⁶ (576 mg, 2.4 mmol) in propionitrile (20 ml) at room temperature. The solution was cooled to -78 °C, and trimethylsilylpropinal (1.26 g, 10 mmol) in propionitrile (15 ml), and 4 (3.77 g, 12 mmol) in propionitrile (15 ml) were slowly added over 4 h. After stirring for 1 h at -78 °C, saturated with aqueous NaHCO3 solution was added to quench the reaction. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with THF:1N HCl = 4:1 solution for 30 min. After neutralization using saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution, the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 9 (3.21 g, 87%, syn/anti = 97/3, 91% ee (syn)) as a white solid. $[\alpha]D^{27}$ +28.8 (c = 1.03, CHCl₃); IR (neat) 1643, 3379 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.02 (s, 9H), 2.91 (d, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.13 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 4.56 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 4.57 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 4.58 (d, 1H, J = 4.4 Hz), 4.78 (d, 1H 11.9 Hz), 4.69 (dd, 1H, J = 4.4, 8.1 Hz), 4.77 (d, 1H, J = 11.9 Hz), 6.93-7.29 (m, 10H); ¹³C NMR δ -0.4, 64.0, 73.4, 80.6, 91.7, 102.0, 121.2, 126.1, 128.19, 128.24, 128.4, 129.4, 136.5, 150.1, 168.0. Anal. Calcd for C₂₁H₂₄O₄Si: C, 68.45; H, 6.56. Found: C, 68.59; H, 6.51. The enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis. HPLC (Daicel Chiralcel AD, hexane/i-PrOH = 24/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min); t_R = 17.5 min (2S, 3R), t_R $= 21.2 \min (2R, 3S).$

(2R,3R)-2-Benzyloxy-5-trimethylsilylpent-4-yne-1,3-diol (10): To a solution of 9 (3.21 g, 8.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (80 ml) was added dissobutylalminum hydride (1.5 M solution in toluene, 17.4 ml) over 20 min at -78 °C. After stirring for 30 min at -78 °C, the mixture was diluted with 1N HCl. After the organic layer was separated, the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was washed with water and brine, and dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give 10 (2.01 g, 83%) as a white solid. $[\alpha]D^{27}+13.0$ (c = 1.02, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 2171, 3363 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.19 (s, 9H), 2.08 (brs, 1H), 2.69 (brs, 1H), 3.63 (ddd, 1H, J = 5.0, 5.0, 5.0 Hz), 3.56 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 11.6 Hz), 3.64 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 11.6 Hz), 4.30 (brs, 1H), 4.73 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 4.83 (d, 1H, J = 11.4 Hz), 7.33-7.38 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ -0.3, 61.7, 63.2, 73.6, 81.7, 91.5, 103.6, 128.0, 128.1, 128.6, 137.7. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₂₂O₃Si: C, 64.71; H, 7.96. Found: C, 64.84: H, 7.95.

(4S,5S)-5-Benzyloxy-4-(2-trimethylsilylethynyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (11): To a solution of 10 (2.01 g, 7.2 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (50 ml) was added a solution of 2,2-dimethoxypropane (2.2 g, 21.6 mmol) in N,N-dimethylformamide (10 ml) and cat p-TsOH at room temperature. After stirring for 10 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO3. The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 30/1) to give 11 (2.18 g, 95% (syn); 0.06 g, 3% (anti)) as a white solid. $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ +37.0 (c = 2.13, CHCl3); ¹H NMR δ 0.00 (s, 9H), 1.22 (s, 3H), 1.32 (s, 3H), 3.22 (dd, 1H, J = 3.0, 5.9 Hz), 3.64 (dd, 1H, J = 3.0, 12.5 Hz), 3.72 (dd, 1H, J = 3.3, 12.5Hz), 4.59-4.60 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.24 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ -0.3, 17.8, 20.3, 61.6, 64.1, 70.9, 71.7, 91.5, 99.6, 101.4, 127.7, 127.9, 128.3, 138.0. Anal. Calcd for C18H26O3Si: C, 67.88; H, 8.23. Found: C, 68.01; H, 8.16.

(4R,5R)-5-Benzyloxy-4-ethynyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (5-ent) (100% ee): To a solution of 11 (2.18 g, 6.8 mmol) in dichloromethane (50 ml) was added a solution of tetrabutylammoniumfluoride (1.96 g, 7.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) at room temperature. After stirring for 30 min, the reaction was quenched with phosphate buffer (pH = 7) and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give 5 (1.62 g, 97%) as white crystals. The crystals were recrystalized from hexane to give optically pure 5 (>99% ee, 1.49 g, 89%). Mp 96-98 °C; $[\alpha]D^{27}$ +34.3 (c = 1.21, CHCl3); IR (KBr) 2117, 3220 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 2.57 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz), 3.45 (dd, 1H, J = 3.1,

4.0 Hz), 3.86 (dd, 1H, J = 3.1, 12.5 Hz), 3.93 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 12.5 Hz), 4.78-4.80 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.44 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR & 21.0, 27.4, 61.5, 63.6, 70.7, 71.9, 75.0, 80.0, 99.6, 127.8, 128.0, 128.3, 137.9; HRMS calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃ (M+H) 247.1335, found 247.1338. Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₁₈O₃: C, 73.15; H, 7.37. Found: C, 72.85; H, 7.57. HPLC (Daicel Chiralcel AD, hexane/i-PrOH = 50/1, flow rate = 0.5 mL/min): $r_R = 22.5$ min (4S, 5S), $r_R = 26.3$ min (4R, 5R).

(4R,5R)-5-Benzyloxy-4-(pentadec-1-ynyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (12): To a solution of 5-ent (1.49 g, 6.1 mmol) in THF (40 ml) was added n-BuLi (1.6M solution in hexane, 6.1 mmol) dropwise over 5 min at -78 °C. The solution was stirred for 15 min, and the mixture of 1-bromotridecane (1.91 g, 7.3 mmol) in THF (15 ml) and HMPA (4.8 ml) was added dropwise. After stirring for 10 min at -78 °C, the solution was warmed to room temperature, and stirred for a further 10 h. The reaction was then quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1) to give 12 (2.26 g, 87%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ +25.0 (c = 1.31, CHCl3); IR (neat) 2250 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.25-1.40 (m, 22H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 2.27 (dt, 2H, J = 1.9, 7.1 Hz), 3.37 (ddd, 1H, J = 2.3, 3.1, 3.6 Hz), 3.85 (dd, 1H, J = 3.1, 12.5Hz), 3.91 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 12.5 Hz), 4.77 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz), 4.79 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.44 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 14.0, 18.9, 20.3, 22.6, 27.7, 28.3, 28.9, 29.0, 29.2, 29.4, 29.5, 31.8, 61.6, 63.8, 71.1, 71.7, 76.0, 87.4, 99.2, 127.5, 127.8, 128.1, 138.1. Anal. Calcd for C28H44O3: C, 78.46; H, 10.35. Found: C, 78.62; H, 10.27.

(4R,5R)-5-Hydroxy-4-(pentadec-1-ynyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (13): To a solution of liq. NH₃ (10 ml) were added a solution of 12 (243.0 mg, 0.57 mmol) in THF (0.5 ml) and a solution of ^tBuOH (84.5 mg, 1.14 mmol) in THF (0.5 ml) at -78 °C. After adding ammonium sulfate (753.2 mg, 5.7 mmol), lithium (25 mg) was added slowly. After stirred for 10 min, the reaction was quenched with ammonium chloride. The cooling bath was removed, and after all ammonia was evaporated, the mixture was diluted with water and the aqueous layer extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was washed with water, and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 13 (167.0 mg, 87%). $[\alpha]D^{25}$ -21.6 (c = 1.21, CHCl₃); IR (KBr) 2245, 3519 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.25-1.46 (m, 22H), 1.48 (s, 6H), 2.23 (dt, 2H, J = 2.0, 7.3 Hz), 2.72 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 3.51 (dddd, 1H, J = 1.7, 2.0, 2.3, 8.3 Hz), 3.87 (dd, 1H, J = 2.3, 12.5 Hz), 4.03 (dd, 1H, J = 1.7, 12.5 Hz), 4.78 (dd, 1H, J = 2.0, 3.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 14.1, 18.5, 18.8, 22.7, 28.4, 28.9, 29.1, 29.2, 29.3, 29.5, 29.6, 31.9, 64.6, 64.9, 65.5, 75.6, 87.9, 99.4.

(4R,5S)-5-Azido-2,2-dimethyl-4-(pentadec-1-ynyl)-1,3-dioxane (15): To a solution of 13 (167.0 mg, 0.49 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 ml) was added a solution of pyridine (58.5 mg, 0.74 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 ml). After cooling to -18 °C, a solution of trifluoromethanesulfonic acid anhydrate (172.6 mg, 0.61 mmol) in dichloromethane (0.5 ml) and sodium azide (128.3 mg, 1.97 mmol) in DMF (3 ml) were added. The mixture was warmed to room temperature, and was stirred for further 5 h. The reaction was then quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 15 (113.0 mg, 63%). H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.26 (s, 22H), 1.45 (s, 6H), 2.25 (dt, 1H, J = 21.8, 7.3 Hz), 3.49-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.88-3.98 (m, 1H), 4.43 (dd, 1H, J = 1.8, 7.3 Hz); 13 C NMR δ 14.1, 18.8, 19.2, 22.7, 28.2, 28.4, 28.9, 29.1, 29.3, 29.5, 29.6, 31.9, 58.8, 62.3, 64.7, 76.2, 76.8, 77.2, 88.3, 99.3.

(25,3R)-2-Azido-4-octadecyn-1,3-diol (16): The solution of 15 (113.0 mg, 0.31 mmol) in acetic acid:water = 7:3 (30 ml) was stirred for 30 min at 80 °C. The mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 16 (94.5 mg, 94%). $[\alpha]D^{25}$ -38.0 (c = 1.18, CHCl3); IR (KBr) 2110, 2146, 2239, 3194, 3307 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.26-1.57 (m, 22H), 2.23 (dt, 2H, J = 2.0, 7.3 Hz), 2.28 (brs, 1H), 2.66 (brs, 1H), 3.61 (dt, 1H, J = 5.3, 10.6 Hz), 3.87 (brs, 2H), 4.53 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 14.1, 18.7, 22.7, 28.4, 28.9, 29.1, 29.3, 29.5, 29.6, 31.9, 62.4, 63.5, 66.6, 77.2, 88.7. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₃₃N₃O₂ (M+) 323.2573, found 323.2582.

(25,3R)-2-Amino-4-octadecyn-1,3-diol (17): To a solution of 16 (284.3 mg, 0.88 mmol) in pyridine (8.7 ml) were added triphenylphosphine (461.1 mg, 1.75 mmol) and water (0.5 ml). The solution was stirred for 5 h at 60 °C. The mixture was diluted with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue

was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 17 (201.3 mg, 77%). Mp 55.5-55.8 °C; $[\alpha]D^{32}$ -3.0 (c = 1.25, EtOH); ¹H NMR (DMSO-d⁶) δ 0.85 (brs, 3H), 1.23-1.40 (m, 21H), 2.17 (brs, 2H), 2.50 (brs, 1H), 2.61 (br, 1H), 3.34 (brs, 4H), 4.14 (brs, 1H), 4.42 (brs, 1H), 5.18 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 14.1, 18.7, 22.7, 28.4, 28.7, 29.0, 29.2, 29.4, 29.7, 31.9, 56.9, 63.7, 64.7, 78.4, 87.5. HRMS calcd for C18H35NO2 (M+) 297.2668, found 297.2680. Anal. Calcd for C18H35NO2: C, 72.68; H, 11.86; N, 4.71. Found: C, 72.81; H, 11.95; N, 4.56.

(2S,3R,4Z)-2-Amino-4-octadecen-1,3-diol (18): To a solution of 17 (16.5 mg, 0.056 mmol) in ethyl acetate (1.0 ml) was added Lindlar catalyst (2.8 mg) under argon. The solution was stirred under H₂ (1 atm) for 4 h. Lindlar catalyst was then filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 18 (14.3 mg, 86%). [α]D²⁹ -21.5 (c = 1.10, EtOH); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.28-1.47 (m, 22H), 2.10 (brs, 2H), 2.77-2.81 (m, 1H), 3.55 (dd, 1H, J = 6.9, 10.9 Hz), 3.70 (dd, 1H, J = 4.1, 10.9 Hz), 4.41 (dd, 1H, J = 6.4, 8.7 Hz), 5.37-5.44 (m, 1H), 5.58-5.67 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 14.5, 23.7, 28.9, 30.5, 30.7, 30.8, 33.1, 58.3, 63.5, 69.1, 130.0, 135.2. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₃₇NO₂ (M+) 299.2824, found 299.2802.

(2S,3R)-2-Amino-octadecan-1,3-diol (19): To a solution of 17 (10.9 mg, 0.037 mmol) in ethanol (1.5 ml) was added a catalytic amount of 10% Pd/C under argon. The solution was stirred under H₂ (1 atm) for 3 h. Pd/C was then filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 19 (8.3 mg, 73%). $[\alpha]D^{32} + 0.62$ (c = 0.55, EtOH); ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.28-1.67 (m, 28H), 2.75-2.82 (m, 1H), 3.47-3.57 (m, 2H), 3.74 (dd, 1H, J = 4.1, 11.1 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CD₃OD) δ 14.5, 23.7, 27.0, 30.4, 30.7, 33.0, 34.3, 58.1, 63.4, 73.4. HRMS calcd for C₁₈H₃₉NO₂ (M+) 301.2981, found 301.2996.

(2S,3R)-2-Acetylamino-4-octadecyn-1,3-diol (20): To a solution of 17 (6.3 mg, 0.016 mmol) in THF (0.5 ml) was added a solution of N-succinimidyl acetate (3.4 mg, 0.020 mmol) in THF (0.5 ml). The mixture was stirred for 20 h, and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 20 (4.7 mg, 65%). ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz), 1.26-1.45 (m, 20H), 1.49 (dd, 2H, J = 7.3, 14.2 Hz), 2.06 (s, 3H), 2.20-2.24 (m, 2H), 3.76 (dd, 1H, J = 4.0, 11.3 Hz), 4.02-4.06 (m, 1H), 4.16 (dd, 1H, J = 3.6, 11.6 Hz), 4.61 (brs, 1H), 6.36 (brs, 1H). HRMS calcd for C₂₀H₃₇NO₃ (M+) 339.2773, found 339.2764. (2S,3R)-2-heptanoylamino-4-octadecyn-1,3-diol (21): To a solution of 17 (11.6 mg, 0.039 mmol) in THF (0.5 mg)

ml) was added a solution of N-succinimidyl hexanoate (8.4 mg, 0.040 mmol) in THF (0.5 ml). The mixture was stirred for 20 h, and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give 21 (12.8 mg, 83%). H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 1.26-1.35 (m, 25H), 1.46-1.51 (m, 2H), 1.54-1.68 (m, 2H), 2.19-2.28 (m, 4H), 2.91 (brs, 1H), 3.45 (brs, 1H), 3.78 (brs, 1H), 4.09 (brs, 1H), 4.61 (brs, 1H), 6.33 (brs, 1H). HRMS calcd for C₂₄H₄₅NO₃ (M+) 395.3399, found 395.3410.

(25,3R,4E)-2-Amino-4-octadecen-1,3-diol (D-erythro-sphingosine): To a solution of Red-Al (0.115 M solution in in ether, 2.0 ml) was added a solution of 17 (13.8 mg, 0.046 mmol) in ether (0.5 ml) at 0 °C, and the mixture was stirred for 24 h. The reaction was then quenched with saturated aqueous sodium-potassium tartarate, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give sphingosine (6.7 mg, 69%). Mp 73-74 °C. $[\alpha]D^{25}$ -2.4 (c = 0.81, CHCl3); ¹H NMR (CD3OD) δ 0.90 (brs, 3H), 1.28-1.47 (m, 22H), 2.07 (brs, 2H), 2.97 (brs, 1H), 3.57 (brs, 1H), 3.71 (brs, 1H), 4.12 (brs, 1H), 5.49 (brs, 1H), 5.80 (brs, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CD3OD) δ 14.4, 23.7, 30.2, 30.3, 30.4, 30.6, 30.7, 33.0, 33.4, 58.2, 61.8, 73.0, 129.5, 135.9.

Ethyl (3R)-3-hydroxynonanethioate (22): To a mixture of tin(II) trifluoromethansulfonate (417 mg, 1.0 mmol), tin(II) oxide (135 mg, 1.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) was added (S)-1-methyl-2-[(N-1-naphthylamino)methyl]pyrrolidine (288 mg, 1.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) at room temperature. The solution was cooled to -78 °C, and a solution of heptanal (570 mg, 5.0 mmol), and 1-trimethylsiloxy-1-ethylthioethene (1.06 mg, 6.0 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 ml) was slowly added over 4 h. After stirring for 1 h at -78 °C, the reaction was quenched with aqueous NaHCO₃ solution, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced

pressure. The residue was treated with THF:1N HCl = 4:1 solution for 30 min and the mixture was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated, and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 22 (950 mg, 87%, 94% ee) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]D^{25}$ -18.0 (c = 1.15, C6H6); IR (neat) 1683.6, 2927.4, 3378.7, 3475.1 cm⁻¹; H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.24-1.56 (m, 13H), 2.61-2.81 (m, 3H), 2.91 (q, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.01-4.08 (m, 1H); 13 C NMR δ 14.0, 14.6, 22.5, 23.3, 25.3, 29.1, 31.7, 36.5, 50.6, 68.6, 199.6. Anal. Calcd for C11H22O2S: C, 60.73; H, 10.09; S, 14.46. Found: C, 60.51; H, 10.16; S, 14.68. Enantiomeric excess was determined by HPLC analysis after acetylation of 22. HPLC (Daicel Chiralcel AS, hexane/i-PrOH = 100/1, flow rate = 1.0 mL/min): t_R = 3.6 min (3S), t_R = 7.2 min (3R).

Ethyl (3R)-3-(methoxymethoxy)nonanethioate (23): To a solution of 22 (94% ee, 950.0 mg, 4.35 mmol) in dichloromethane (18 ml) was added a solution of diisopropylethylamine (1.7 g, 13.1 mmol) in dichloromethane (11 ml) at 0 °C. The solution was warmed to room temperature, and was stirred for 10 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9/1) to give 23 (1.14 g, 100%) as a colorless oil. [α]D²⁸ -0.3 (c = 0.54, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 1689.3, 2927.4 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 5.8 Hz), 1.01-1.46 (m, 11H), 1.48-1.58 (m, 2H), 2.67 (dd, 1H, J = 5.6, 15.0 Hz), 2.83 (dd, 1H J = 7.3, 15.0 Hz), 2.89 (q, 2H, J = 7.4 Hz), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.99-4.08 (m, 1H), 4.63 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 4.66 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 14.0, 14.7, 22.5, 23.4, 25.0, 29.2, 31.7, 34.7, 49.3, 55.6, 74.6, 95.8, 197.4. Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₆O₃S: C, 59.50; H, 9.99; S, 12.22. Found: C, 59.61; H, 10.05; S, 12.09.

(3R)-3-(Methoxymethoxy)-1-nonanol (24): To a suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (496.5 mg, 13.1 mmol) in THF (9 ml) was slowly added a solution of 23 (1.14 g, 4.35 mmol) in THF (16 ml) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and was stirred for 1.5 h. The mixture was then cooled to 0 °C and was quenched with saturated aqueous sodium sulfate solution. After adding of 1 N HCl aq., the suspension was stirred vigorously, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give 24 (869.8 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]D^{25}$ -27.0 (c = 1.67, C6H6); IR (neat) 2929.3, 3392.2 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.87 (t, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.29 (s, 8H), 1.41-1.60 (m, 2H), 2.99 (brs, 1H), 3.40 (s, 3H), 3.66-3.82 (m, 3H), 4.65 (d, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 13.9, 22.4, 25.0, 29.3, 31.6, 34.5, 36.6, 55.5, 59.4, 76.0, 95.6. Anal. Calcd for C11H24O3: C, 64.67; H, 11.84. Found: C, 64.59; H, 11.82.

1-Bromo-(3R)-3-(methoxymethoxy)nonane (25): To a solution of 24 (869.8 mg, 4.26 mmol) in dichloromethane (5.0 ml) was quickly added a solution of carbon tetrabromide (2.8 g, 8.51 mmol) in dichloromethane (3.0 ml) and triphenylphosphine (2.2 g, 8.51 mmol) in dichloromethane (3.0 ml) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min, the solvent was removed. The residue was then diluted with ether, and the solids were filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 25 (1.05 g, 92%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]D^{22}$ -20.9 (c = 0.40, C6H6); IR (neat) 1039.4, 2929.3 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.29 (s, 8H), 1.42-1.61 (m, 2H), 2.00-2.08 (m,2H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.50 (t, 2H, J = 6.9 Hz), 3.67-3.76 (m, 2H), 4.65 (d, 1H J = 6.9 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, J = 6.9Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 14.1, 22.6, 25.0, 29.4, 30.1, 31.8, 34.2, 37.8, 55.7, 75.7, 95.7. Anal. Calcd for C11H23BrO2: C, 49.45; H, 8.68; Br, 29.90. Found: C, 49.62; H, 8.49; Br, 29.68.

1-Benzyloxy-(7R)-7-(methoxymethoxy)-3-tridecyne (26): To a solution of 4-benzyloxy-1-butyne (818.4 mg, 5.11 mmol) in THF (8.0 ml) was added n-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexane, 4.72 mmol) dropwise over 5 min. The solution was stirred for 15 min, and a mixture of 25 (1.05 g, 3.93 mmol) in THF (6.5 ml) and HMPA (3.2 ml) was added dropwise. After stirring for 10 min at -78 °C, the solution was warmed to 0 °C, and stirred for further 4 h. The reaction was quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 30/1) to give 26 (1.13 g, 83%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{24}$ -9.0 (c = 0.91, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 2927.4 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 5.9 Hz), 1.28 (s,

8H), 1.40-1.49 (m, 2H), 1.68 (dt, 2H, J = 6.9, 13.0 Hz), 2.20-2.27 (m, 2H), 3.37 (s, 3H), 3.55 (t, 2H, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.61-3.67 (m, 1H), 4.54 (s, 2H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 7.25-7.35 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 14.1, 14.9, 20.1, 22.6, 25.1, 29.4, 31.8, 33.6, 34.1, 55.5, 68.8, 72.8, 76.3, 76.8, 80.9, 95.5, 127.6, 128.3, 138.1. Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₄O₃: C, 76.26; H, 9.89. Found: C, 76.41; H, 9.95.

(7R)-7-(Methoxymethoxy)-1-tridecanol (27): To a solution of 26 (1.13 g, 3.26 mmol) in ethanol (16 ml) was added a catalytic amount of 10% palladium-carbon under argon. The solution was stirred under H₂ at 1 atm for 20 h. Palladium-carbon was then filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 6/1) to give 27 (815.3 mg, 96%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]D^{25}$ -0.1 (c = 1.31, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 2931.3, 3378.7 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.11-1.57 (m, 20H), 1.70 (brs, 1H), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.45-3.54 (m, 1H), 3.64 (t, 2H, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.65 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 14.1, 22.6, 25.2, 25.7, 29.5, 29.5, 31.8, 32.7, 34.2, 34.3, 55.4, 62.9, 77.4, 95.3. Anal. Calcd for C₁5H₃2O₃: C, 69.18; H, 12.39. Found: C, 68.85; H, 12.22.

1-Bromo-(7R)-7-methoxymethoxytridecane (6): To a solution of 27 (815.3 mg, 3.13 mmol) in dichloromethane (6.0 ml) was quickly added a solution of carbon tetrabromide (2.08 g, 6.26 mmol) in dichloromethane (4.5 ml) and triphenylphosphine (1.64 g, 6.26 mmol) in dichloromethane (4.5 ml) at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then diluted with ether, and the solids were filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 6 (890.7 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]D^{26}$ -0.06 (c = 0.97, C6H6); IR (neat) 2931.3 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.18-1.60 (m, 18H), 1.86 (dt, 2H, J = 6.6, 14.4 Hz), 3.38 (s, 3H), 3.41 (t, 2H, J = 5.6, 11.3 Hz), 4.65 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR δ 14.1, 22.6, 25.1, 25.2, 28.1, 28.9, 29.5, 31.8, 32.7, 33.9, 34.1, 34.3, 55.5, 77.5, 95.3. Anal. Calcd for C15H31BrO2: C, 55.72; H, 9.66; Br, 24.71. Found: C, 55.96; H, 9.51; Br, 23.47.

(2S,3S,9'R)-3-Benzyloxy-2-(9'-(methoxymethoxy)pentadec-1-ynyl)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane (28): To a solution of 5 (646.4 mg, 2.62 mmol) in THF (15.0 ml) at -78 °C was added n-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexane, 2.62 mmol) dropwise over 5 min. The mixture was stirred for 15 min, and a mixture of 6 (890.7 mg, 2.75 mmol) in THF (4.0 ml) and HMPA (1.9 ml) was added dropwise. After stirring for 10 min at -78 °C, the mixture was warmed to 0 °C, and was stirred for a further 10 h. The reaction was quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9/1) to give 28 (1.10 g, 86%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]D^{24}$ +4.4 (c = 1.06, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 1375.0, 1457.9, 2242.8, 2856.1 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.28-1.60 (m, 26H), 2.27 (dt, 2H, J = 6.4 Hz) 2.0, 7.1 Hz), 3.33-3.39 (m, 4H), 3.50 (t, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz), 3.82-3.94 (m, 2H), 4.64 (s, 2H), 4.77-4.78 (m, 3H), 7.24-7.44 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 14.0, 18.9, 20.3, 22.5, 25.05, 25.14, 27.8, 28.3, 28.9, 29.3, 29.4, 31.7, 34.2, 55.3, 61.7, 63.8, 71.1, 71.7, 76.1, 77.5, 87.3, 95.2, 99.3, 127.5, 127.8, 128.1, 138.1; FABHRMS calcd for C30H48O5 (M+Na) 511.3399, found 511.3396. Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₄₈O₅: C, 73.73; H, 9.90. Found: C, 73.67; H, 9.95. (2S,3S,12R)-2-Benzyloxyoctadec-4-yne-1,3,12-triol (29): To a solution of 28 (1.10 g, 2.26 mmol) in methanol (35 ml) was added conc. HCl (0.5 ml), and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 60 °C. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, then diluted with water (60 ml), and cooled to 0 °C. The mixture was neutralized with potassium carbonate and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution, water, and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetae = 2/1) to give 29 (876.4 mg, 96%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]$ $p^{24} + 0.6$ (c = 5.25, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 2337.3, 2927.4, 3371.0 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.80 (t, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.20-1.44 (m, 20H), 1.87 (brs, 1H), 2.14 (t, 2H, J = 5.9 Hz), 2.61 (brs, 1H), 3.08 (brs, 1H), 3.47-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.65 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 11.9 Hz), 3.76 (dd, 1H, J = 4.6, 11.5 Hz), 4.40 (m, 1H), 4.63(d. 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.71 (d. 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 7.20-7.29 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 14.0, 18.6, 22.5, 25.3, 25.5, 28.2, 28.6, 28.9, 29.3, 31.7, 37.1, 37.3, 61.6, 62.9, 71.8, 73.3, 78.2, 82.0, 87.0, 127.9, 128.4, 137.8; FABHRMS calcd for C25H40O4 (M+Na) 427.2824, found 427.2833. Anal. Calcd for C30H48O5: C, 74.22; H, 9.97. Found: C, 74.38; H, 9.88.

(2S,3S,12R)-2-Benzyloxy-1-(4-methoxyphenyldiphenylmethoxy)-octadec-4-yne-3,12-diol (30): To a solution of 29 (876.4 mg, 2.17 mmol) in dichloromethane (12 ml) was added a solution of triethylamine (438.3 mg, 4.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (6.0 ml), and a solution 4-methoxytrityl chloride (1.2 g, 4.3 mmol) in

dichloromethane (6.0 ml) at 0 °C. After a catalytic amount of N,N-dimethylaminopyridine was added, the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetae = 2/1) to give 30 (1.25 g, 85%) as a yellow oil. [α] D²⁵ +8.6 (c = 1.0, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 2233.2, 2923.6, 3423.0 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.28-1.40 (m, 20H), 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.87 (brs, 1H), 3.32 (dd, 1H, J = 5.0, 9.6 Hz), 3.45 (dd, 1H, J = 4.3, 10.2 Hz), 3.54 (brs, 1H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 4.55 (m, 1H), 4.61 (d, 1H, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.73 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 6.79-7.47 (m, 19H); ¹³C NMR δ 14.0, 18.6, 22.5, 25.4, 25.5, 28.3, 28.8, 29.0, 29.3, 31.8, 37.3, 37.4, 55.1, 62.8, 62.9, 71.8, 73.1, 78.2, 81.3, 86.4, 86.5, 113.0, 126.8, 127.7, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 130.3, 135.4, 137.9, 144.2, 158.4. Anal. Calcd for C45H56O5: C, 79.84; H, 8.34. Found: C, 79.98; H, 8.33.

(2S,3S,12R)-2-Benzyloxy-3,12-di(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-1-(4-methoxyphenyldiphenylmethoxy)-4-

octadecene (31): To a suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (244.6 mg, 6.44 mmol) in THF (40 ml) was added a solution of 30 (1.25 g, 1.84 mmol) in THF (40 ml) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature, and was stirred for 10 min. The mixture was refluxed for 1 h, and then cooled to 0 °C. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartarate solution. After the suspension was stirred vigorously, the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a yellow oil. To a solution of the yellow oil in DMF (12 ml) was added a solution of imidazole (501.4 mg, 7.36 mmol) in DMF (6.0 ml), and tertbutyldimethylsilylchloride (1.11 g, 7.36 mmol) in DMF (6.0 ml) at 0 °C. After the solution was stirred for 10 h at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 30/1) to give 31 (1.56 g, 93%, 2 steps) as a yellow oil. $[\alpha]_D^{26}$ -7.5 (c = 0.97, C₆H₆); IR (neat) 1251.6, 2919.7 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ -0.06 (s, 6H), 0.00 (s, 6H), 0.79-0.85 (m, 21H), 1.18-1.35 (m, 18H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 3.04 (dd, 1H, J = 6.3, 9.6 Hz), 3.25 (d, 1H, J = 9.6 Hz), 3.47 (m, 1H), 3.56-3.59 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 3H), 4.22 (t, 1H, J = 5.8 Hz), 4.68 (d, 1H, J = 11.9 Hz), 4.75 (d, 1H, J = 11.9 Hz), 5.28 (dd, 1H, J = 6.1, 15.3 Hz), 5.46 (m, 1H), 6.74 (d, 2H, J = 8.6 Hz), 7.11-7.44 (m, 19H); 13 C NMR δ -4.8, -4.4, -4.4, 14.1, 18.2, 22.6, 25.3, 25.9, 26.0, 29.1, 29.2, 29.6, 29.7, 31.9, 32.1, 37.2, 55.1, 63.9, 72.3, 73.1, 73.8, 82.7, 86.2, 112.9, 126.4, 127.3, 127.7, 127.7, 128.2, 128.3, 128.5, 129.3, 130.4, 132.0, 135.9, 139.2, 144.7, 158.3; FABHRMS calcd for C57H86O5Si2 (M+Na) 929.5911, found 929.5905. Anal. Calcd for C57H86O5Si2: C, 75.44; H, 9.55. Found: C, 75.58; H, 9.49.

(2R,3S,14R)-2-Benzyloxy-3,14-di(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-octadec-4-ene-1-ol (32): To a solution of 31 (1.56 g, 1.72 mmol) in ether (120 ml) was added 98% formic acid (60 ml). The mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, and then diluted with water (150 ml). The solution was neutralized with potassium carbonate and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetae = 20/1) to give 32 (927.1 mg, 85%) as a colorless oil. $[\alpha]_D^{27}$ +16.5 (c = 1.81, C6H6); IR (neat) 1253.5, 2856.1, 2931.3 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.03 (s, 6H), 0.04 (s, 6H), 0.86 (t, 3H, J = 6.8 Hz), 0.886 (s, 9H), 0.888 (s, 9H), 1.27-1.39 (m, 20H), 2.04 (dt, 2H, J = 6.8, 13.4 Hz), 2.18 (brs, 1H), 3.45-3.53 (m, 2H), 3.59 (dt, 1H, J = 5.6, 11.5 Hz), 3.75 (dd, 1H, J = 4.6, 11.2 Hz), 4.29 (d, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 4.62 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.75 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 5.49 (dd, 1H, J = 6.3, 15.5 Hz), 5.67 (dt, 1H, J = 6.6, 15.5 Hz), 7.16-7.40 (m, 5H); 13C NMR δ -4.9, -4.5, -4.4, 14.1, 18.1, 22.6, 25.3, 25.8, 25.9, 29.2, 29.2, 29.5, 29.7, 31.9, 32.3, 37.1, 61.9, 72.4, 73.0, 74.0, 81.9, 127.8, 127.8, 128.5, 133.1, 138.5; FABHRMS calcd for C37H70O4Si2 (M+Na) 657.4711, found 657.4714. Anal. Calcd for C37H70O4Si2: C, 69.97; H, 11.11. Found: C, 69.82; H, 10.97.

(2R,3S,12R)-2-Benzyloxy-3,12-di(tert-butyldimethyisiloxy)-octadec-4-enal (7): To a solution of oxalyl chloride (60.9 mg, 0.48 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 ml) was added a solution of dimethylsulfoxide (48.8 mg, 0.62 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.1 ml) dropwise over 15 min at -78 °C. A solution of 32 (151.9 mg, 0.24 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.7 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min at -78 °C, and for 1 h at -50 °C. Triethylamine (176.0 mg, 1.67 mmol) was added and the mixture warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 20 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH4Cl solution and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetae = 20/1)

to give 7 (151.4 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil. 1 H NMR δ 0.04 (s, 6H), 0.06 (s, 6H), 0.90-0.91 (m, 21H), 1.30-1.41 (m, 20H), 2.01- 2.06 (m, 2H), 3.64 (t, 1H, J = 5.3 Hz), 3.76 (dd, 1H, J = 1.5, 5.0 Hz), 4.43 (t, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz), 4.59 (d, 1H, J = 12.2 Hz), 4.71 (d, 1H, J = 12.2 Hz), 5.57 (dd, 1H, J = 6.6, 15.5 Hz), 5.70 (dt, J = 6.3, 15.5 Hz), 7.28-7.37 (m, 5H), 9.69 (d, 1H, J = 1.5 Hz); 13 C NMR δ -5.0, -4.4, 14.1, 18.1, 22.6, 25.3, 25.7, 25.9, 29.0, 29.1, 29.5, 29.7, 31.9, 32.1, 37.1, 72.3, 72.8, 73.8, 86.2, 127.9, 128.1, 128.4, 133.6, 137.4, 202.6; FABHRMS calcd for C37H68O4Si2 (M+Na) 655.4553, found 655.4559.

(1R,1S,2S,3S,4R,12R)-2-Benzyloxy-3,12-di(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-1-(3',6'-diethoxy-4'-(iso-propyl)-1'H,4'H-2',5'-diazyl)-octadec-4-ene-1-ol (33a): To a solution of 2-D (61.6 mg, 0.29 mmol) in THF (1.2 ml) was added n-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexane, 0.29 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. The solution was warmed to 0 °C, and was stirred for 15 min, and a solution of zinc chloride (39.3 mg, 0.29 mmol) in THF (1.2 ml) was added. The solution was stirred for further 15 min, and after the solution was cooled to -78 °C, a solution of 7 (91.3 mg, 0.14 mmol) in THF (1.2 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred for 1 h at -78 °C, and then was quenched with phosphate buffer solution (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane and the extract was dried over sodium sulfate. The organic layer was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give a mixture of 33a-c (117.4 mg, 97%) as a colorless oil. The diastereomer ratio of 33a-c was determined by ¹³C NMR analysis. 33a: ¹H NMR δ -0.06 (s, 3H), -0.07 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 6H), 0.66 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.73 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.83 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.00 (t, 3H, J = 3.1 Hz), 1.20-1.34 (m, 26H), 1.99-2.13 (brs, 1H), 2.14-2.26 (m, 2H), 3.44 (brs, 1H), 3.72-4.19 (m, 9H), 4.42 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 4.89 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 5.37-5.45 (m, 1H), 5.64-5.72 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.31 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ -4.6, -4.2, 14.1, 14.3, 14.4, 16.6, 17.0, 18.1, 19.0, 22.6, 25.3, 25.6, 25.9, 29.1, 29.3, 29.5, 29.7, 31.6, 31.9, 32.4, 32.5, 37.1, 46.7, 57.8, 60.8, 60.8, 71.5, 72.3, 74.3, 75.6, 81.9, 127.0, 127.1, 127.9, 130.3, 133.4, 139.2, 162.2, 163.2; FABHRMS calcd for C48H88N2O6Si2 (M+Na) 867.6078, found 867.6066. 33b: ¹H NMR δ -0.06 (s, 3H), -0.06 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 6H), 0.69 (d, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 0.73 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.81 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 1.00 (t, 3H, J = 3.3 Hz), 1.20-1.35 (m, 26H), 2.05 (brs, 1H), 2.17-2.27 (m, 2H), 3.36 (brs, 1H), 3.58-3.60 (m, 1H), 3.79 (dd, 1H, J = 3.8, 9.4 Hz), 3.86-4.31 (m, 8H), 4.64 (d, 1H, J = 11.5Hz), 4.71 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 5.65 (d, 2H, J = 2.0 Hz), 7.23-7.34 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ -4.7, -4.5, 14.1, 14.3, 14.4, 16.8, 17.0, 18.1, 19.1, 22.6, 25.3, 25.7, 25.9, 29.2, 29.3, 29.5, 29.7, 31.6, 31.9, 32.3, 32.5, 37.1, 46.7, 56.3, 60.3, 60.6, 60.7, 61.0, 72.4, 73.4, 74.1, 78.0, 127.7, 127.8, 128.2, 128.3, 133.2, 138.6, 161.9, 164.3; FABHRMS calcd for C48H88N2O6Si2 (M+Na) 867.6078, found 867.6084. 33c: ¹H NMR δ -0.02 (s, 3H), -0.01 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 6H), 0.67 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.74 (d, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 0.84 (s, 9H), 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.98 (t, 3H, J = 5.1Hz), 1.16-1.34 (m, 26H), 1.95-2.05 (brs, 1H), 2.17-2.22 (m, 2H), 2.79 (d, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 3.48-3.62 (m, 2H), 3.86-4.17 (m, 8H), 4.63 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 4.81 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 5.49-5.67 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ -4.8, -4.4, -4.2, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 16.9, 17.0, 18.1, 19.0, 22.6, 25.3, 25.9, 29.2, 29.3, 29.5, 29.8, 31.9, 32.3, 32.5, 37.1, 46.8, 57.6, 60.6, 60.7, 70.4, 72.3, 73.8, 74.3, 81.7, 127.4, 127.6, 128.2, 129.5, 133.0, 138.8, 161.7, 161.8, 164.3, 164.5; FABHRMS calcd for C48H88N2O6Si2 (M+Na) 867.6078, found 867.6094.

Ethyl (25,3R,45,55,14R)-4-benzyloxy-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-5,14-di(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-3-hydroxyeicos-6-enoate (34): To a solution of 33c (51.9 mg, 0.061 mmol) in THF (2.0 ml) and water (1.0 ml) was added p-toluensulfonic acid (58.4 mg, 0.31 mmol) at 0 °C. After stirring for 3 h, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (chloroform/methanol = 10/1) to give an ethyl ester. To a solution of the ethyl ester in dichloromethane (1.5 ml) was added a solution of di-t-butyldicarbonate (10.8 mg, 0.05 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 ml) at room temperature. After stirring for 6 h, the reaction was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 34c (27.6 mg, 54%) as a colorless oil.

(2S,3R,4R,5S,14R)-4-Benzyloxy-2-(tert-butoxycarbonylamino)-3,5,14-trihydroxyeicos-6-enoic acid (35): To a solution of 34c (60.9 mg, 0.073 mmol) in THF (3.0 ml) and water (1.0 ml) was added lithium hydroxide (12.2 mg, 0.29 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 10 h and was neutralized with a resin (IRC-76). The resin was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a colorless oil of a carboxylic acid. To a solution of the carboxylic acid in THF (1.2 ml) was added tetrabutylammoniumfluoride 1.0

N solution in THF (0.29 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 48 h at 50 °C, the reaction was quenched with phosphate buffer solution (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the ethereal extract was washed with 10% aqueous citric acid solution, saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution, and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to give 35c (40.4 mg, 96%, 2 steps) as a colorless oil. H NMR (CD3OD) δ 0.90 (t, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.30-1.42 (m, 29H), 2.01-2.04 (m, 2H), 3.48 (brs, 1H), 3.60 (brs, 1H), 3.95 (dd, 1H, J = 3.3, 7.3 Hz), 4.27 (d, 1H, J = 7.6 Hz), 4.37 (t, 1H, J = 5.3 Hz), 4.69 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz), 4.77 (d, 1H, J = 10.8 Hz). 5.58 (dd, 1H, J = 6.6, 15.2 Hz), 5.75 (dt, 1H, J = 6.3, 15.2 Hz), 7.22-7.46 (m, 5H); FABHRMS calcd for C32H53NO8 (M+Na) 602.3668, found 602.3663. (2S,3S,4R,5S,14R)-2-Amino-4-benzyloxy-3,5,14trihydroxyeicos-6-enoic acid (36): To a solution of 35c (23.0 mg, 0.040 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 ml) was added trifluoroacetic acid (1.5 ml) at 0 °C. After stirring for 45 min, the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was diluted with THF (2.0 ml) and water (1.0 ml). 1N NaOH aq (0.2 ml) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, and was neutralized with a resin (IRC-76). The resin was filtered off, and the filtrate was diluted with ether (5.0 ml), and washed with water and brine. The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (chloroform/methanol = 6/1) to give 36c (20.0 g, 100%) as a white solid. (2S,3R,4R,5S,14R)-2-Amino-3,4,5,14-tetrahydroxyeicos-6-enoic acid (sphingofungin B): To a dark blue solution of sodium-ammonia prepared from excess sodium and liquid ammonia (10 ml) was added a solution of 36c (20.0 mg, 0.040 mmol) in THF (1.5 ml) at -78 °C. The solution was warmed to -50 °C and was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with ammonium chloride (254.5 mg, 4.8 mmol). The cooling bath was removed, and after all ammonia was evaporated, the mixture was diluted with water and the aqueous layer extracted with nbutanol. The extract was washed with water, and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by Sephadex (LH-20, H₂O to H₂O/methanol = 1/2) and reverse phase column chromatography (Wakogel, LP-60-C18, H2O to H2O/methanol = 1/2) to give sphingofungin B (8.2 mg, 53%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD) δ 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.18-1.60 (m, 20H), 1.98-2.06 (m, 2H), 3.49 (brs, 1H), 3.60 (d, 1H, J =6.9 Hz), 3.77 (d, 1H, J = 3.6 Hz), 4.06-4.10 (m, 2H), 5.47 (dd, 1H, J = 7.3, 15.2 Hz), 5.77 (dt, 1H, J = 6.6, 15.2 Hz); ¹³C NMR δ 14.4, 23.7, 26.79, 26.82, 30.2, 30.4, 30.6, 30.7, 33.1, 33.5, 38.5, 60.8, 69.4, 72.5, 75.2, 76.0, 130.2, 135.5, 172.4; FABHRMS calcd for C₂₀H₃₉NO₆ (M+H) 390.2856, found 390.2859.

(3RS)-Ethyl-3-hydroxynonanethioate (22): To a solution of ytterbium(III) trifluoromethanesulfonate (129.9 mg, 0.21 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 ml) was added a solution of heptanal (2.33 g, 20.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 ml) and 1-trimethylsiloxy-1-ethylthio-ethene (4.85 g, 27.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 ml) at 0 °C. After stirring for 1h at 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution, and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was treated with THF: 1N HCl = 4:1 solution for 30 min. After hexane was added, the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 22 (4.05 g, 91%) as a colorless oil. 1 H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.24-1.56 (m, 13H), 2.61-2.81 (m, 3H), 2.91 (q, 2H, J = 7.5 Hz), 4.01-4.08 (m, 1H); $^{1.3}$ C NMR δ 14.0, 14.6, 22.5, 23.3, 25.3, 29.1, 31.7, 36.5, 50.6, 68.6, 199.6; IR (neat) 1683.6, 2927.4, 3378.7, 3475.1 cm $^{-1}$.

(7RS)-1-Bromo-7-tridecanol (37): To a solution of 6 (2.24 g, 6.94 mmol) in methanol (21 ml) was added conc. HCl (0.7 ml), and the solution was stirred for 3 h at 50 °C. The mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with water (60 ml), neutralized with potassium carbonate at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to give 37 (1.72 g, quant.) as a colorless oil. 1 H NMR δ 0.89 (t, 3H, J = 6.9 Hz), 1.29-1.60 (m, 21H), 1.68-2.00 (m, 2H), 3.41 (t, 2H, J = 6.9 Hz), 3.59 (br, 1H); 13 C NMR d 14.1, 22.6, 25.4, 25.6, 28.1, 28.8, 29.3, 31.8, 32.7, 34.0, 37.3, 37.5, 71.9; HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₂₇BrO (M⁺) 278.1245, found 278.1229.

(7RS)-1-Bromo-7-trimethylsiloxytridecane (38): To a solution of 37 (1.94 g, 6.16 mmol) in dichloromethane (21 ml) was added a solution of triethylamine (1.34 g, 12.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (7.0 ml) and trimethylsilyl chloride (1.25 g, 12.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (7.0 ml) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature

, and was stirred for 15 min. The reaction was then quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 50/1) to give 38 (2.08 g, 97%) as a colorless oil. IR (neat) 1252.0, 2859.0, 2932.0 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR δ 0.00 (s, 9H), 0.78 (t, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 1.17-1.51 (m, 18H), 1.70-1.80 (m, 2H), 3.30 (t, 2H, J = 6.8 Hz), 3.36-3.58 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR δ 0.8, 14.4, 22.9, 25.8, 26.0, 28.5, 29.2, 30.0, 32.2, 33.1, 34.3, 37.6, 37.8, 72.9; HRMS calcd for C16H35BrOSi (M⁺) 350.1641, found 350.1662.

(4R,5S,9'RS)-5-Benzyloxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-(9'-trimethylsiloxypentadec-1'-ynyl)-1,3-dioxane (39): To a solution of 5 (712.9 mg, 2.89 mmol) in THF (16 ml) was added n-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexane, 2.89 mmol) dropwise over 5 min at -78 °C. The mixture was stirred for 15 min, and a mixture of 38 (1.02 g, 2.89 mmol) in THF (6.5 ml) and HMPA (3.0 ml) was added dropwise. After stirring for 10 min at -78 °C, the mixture was warmed to 0 °C, and was stirred for further 10 h. The reaction was then quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 40/1) to give 39 (1.27 g, 89%) as a colorless oil. H NMR δ 0.00 (s, 9H), 0.78 (t, 3H, J = 6.1 Hz), 1.17-1.50 (m, 26H), 2.17 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz), 3.27 (d, 1H, J = 2.3 Hz), 3.48 (t, 1H, J = 5.0 Hz), 3.73-3.84 (m, 2H), 4.67-4.74 (m, 3H), 7.17-7.34 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 0.8, 14.5, 19.4, 20.8, 23.0, 25.9, 26.0, 28.3, 28.8, 29.4, 29.7, 29.8, 32.3, 37.7, 37.8, 62.2, 64.3, 71.6, 72.2, 73.0, 78.0, 87.8, 99.7, 128.0, 128.3, 128.6, 138.5; FABHRMS calcd for C31H52O4Si (M+Na) 539.3532, found 539.3527.

(45,55,9'RS)-5-Benzyloxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-(9'-hydroxylpentadec-1'-ynyl)-1,3-dioxane (40): To a solution of 39 (924.2 mg, 1.79 mmol) in THF (8.4 ml) was added a solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 N solution in THF, 3.6 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 1.5 h, the reaction was quenched with phosphate buffer solution (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the ethereal extract was washed with water and brine successively. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9/1) to give 40 (798.2 mg, 100%) as a colorless oil. H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.4 Hz), 0.99-1.57 (m, 26H), 2.25-2.30(m, 2H), 3.37 (d, 1H, J = 3.0 Hz), 3.56 (br, 1H), 3.82-3.94 (m, 2H), 4.74-4.84 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.44 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 14.1, 19.0, 20.4, 22.6, 25.5, 25.6, 27.9, 28.3, 29.0, 29.2, 29.4, 31.8, 37.4, 37.5, 61.8, 63.9, 71.2, 71.8, 71.9, 76.2, 87.5, 99.4, 127.7, 127.9, 128.3, 138.2; FABHRMS calcd for C₂₈H44O4 (M+Na) 467.3137, found 467.3140.

(45.58)-5-Benzyloxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-(9'-oxopentadec-1'-ynyl)-1,3-dioxane (41): To a solution of oxalyl chloride (455.7 mg, 3.60 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.2 ml) was added a solution of dimethylsulfoxide (364.7 mg, 4.67 mmol) in dichloromethane (8.4 ml) dropwise over 15 min at -78 °C. A solution of 40 (798.2 mg, 1.80 mmol) in dichloromethane (12.0 ml) was added and the mixture was stirred for 10 min at -78 °C and for 1 h at -50 °C. To the solution was added triethylamine (1.27 g, 12.53 mmol), and the mixture was warmed to 0 °C and was stirred for further 20 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NH4Cl solution and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 41 (690.3 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 5.6 Hz), 1.27-1.57 (m, 22H), 2.17-2.30(m, 2H), 2.37 (t, 4H, J = 7.4 Hz), 3.38 (d, 1H, J = 3.0 Hz), 3.83-3.95 (m, 2H), 4.74-4.79 (m, 3H), 7.23-7.44 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 13.9, 18.9, 20.3, 22.4, 23.6, 23.7, 27.9, 28.1, 28.7, 28.8, 31.5, 42.6, 42.7, 61.7, 63.8, 71.1, 71.7, 76.2, 87.2, 99.3, 127.6, 127.8, 128.2, 138.1, 211.4; FABHRMS calcd for C28H42O4 (M+Na) 465.2980, found 465.2967.

(16S,17S)-17-Benzyloxy-16,18-dihydroxyoctadec-14-yne-7-one (42): To a solution of 41 (690.3 mg, 1.56 mmol) in THF (14 ml) was added 3 N HCl (5 ml), the solution was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. The mixture was diluted with water (50 ml), and was neutralized with potassium carbonate at 0 °C. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the ethereal extract was washed with water and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 4/1) to give 42 (622.9 mg, 100%) as a colorless oil. 1 H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 1.23-1.61 (m, 16H), 2.22(dt, 2H, J = 1.3, 6.6 Hz), 2.38 (t, 4H, J = 7.3 Hz), 3.59 (dd, 1H, J = 4.9, 9.6 Hz), 3.79 (dd, 1H, J = 11.5, 29.3 Hz), 3.81 (dd, 1H, J = 11.5, 29.0 Hz), 4.49 (d, 1H, J = 5.9 Hz), 4.76 (dd, 2H, J = 11.6, 19.4 Hz), 7.27-7.37 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 14.0, 18.6, 22.4, 23.6, 23.7, 28.1, 28.5,

28.6, 28.8, 31.5, 42.6, 42.8, 61.7, 63.0, 73.3, 78.1, 82.0, 87.1, 127.9, 128.0, 128.5, 137.8, 211.8; FABHRMS calcd for C25H38O4 (M+Na) 425.2667, found 425.2683.

(16S,17S)-17-Benzyloxy-16,18-dihydroxyoctadec-14-yne-7-one ethylene acetal (43): To a solution of trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (17.2 mg, 0.08 mmol) in dichloromethane (3.0 ml) was added a solution of 1,2-bis(trimethylsilyloxy)ethane (479.1 mg, 2.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.3 ml) and 42 (622.9 mg, 1.55 mmol) in dichloromethane (5.0 ml) at 0 °C. After the mixture was stirred for 1 h, the reaction was quenched with pyridine (0.2 ml) and saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution. The aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 9/1) to give 43 (649.8 mg, 94%) as a colorless oil. H NMR δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 6.3 Hz), 1.28-1.59 (m, 20H), 2.04 (br, 1H), 2.22(dt, 2H, J = 1.7, 7.0 Hz), 2.69 (br, 1H), 3.58 (dd, 1H, J = 4.7, 10.3 Hz), 3.79 (ddd, 2H, J = 4.6, 11.6, 27.8 Hz), 3.91 (s, 4H), 4.49 (d, 1H, J = 5.6 Hz), 4.76 (dd, 2H, J = 11.5, 20.1 Hz), 7.26-7.37 (m, 5H); 13 C NMR δ 14.0, 18.7, 22.6, 23.6, 23.8, 28.3, 28.8, 29.3, 29.5, 31.8, 37.0, 37.1, 61.7, 63.1, 64.8, 73.4, 78.1, 82.1, 87.4, 111.8, 127.9, 128.0, 128.5, 137.8; FABHRMS calcd for C27H42O5 (M+Na) 469.2930, found 469.2933.

(16S,17S)-17-Benzyloxy-16-(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-18-(4-methoxyphenyldiphenylmethoxy)-octadec-14ene-7-one ethylene acetal (44): To a solution of 43 (1.62 g, 3.63 mmol) in dichloromethane (26 ml) was added a solution of triethylamine (733.8 mg, 7.5 mmol) in dichloromethane (9.0 ml) and 4-methoxytrityl chloride (2.02 g, 6.53 mmol) in dichloromethane (9.0 ml) at 0 °C. After a catalytic amount of N,N-dimethylaminopyridine was added, the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a yellow oil. The solution of the yellow oil in THF (26 ml) was added to a suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (412.9 mg, 10.88 mmol) in THF (32 ml) at 0 °C. The mixture was warmed to room temperature, and stirred for 10 min. The mixture was refluxed for 1 h, and after cooling to 0 °C, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous potassium sodium tartarate solution. After the suspension was stirred vigorously, the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give a yellow oil. To a solution of the yellow oil in DMF (16 ml) was added a solution of imidazole (493.8 mg, 7.25 mmol) in DMF (8.0 ml) and tert-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.09 g, 7.25 mmol) in DMF (8.0 ml) at 0 °C. After the mixture was stirred for 10 h at room temperature, the reaction was quenched with water, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to give 44 (2.75 g, 91%, 3 steps) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR δ 0.00 (s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H), 0.84-0.94 (m, 12H), 1.26-1.31 (m, 16H), 1.61 (br, 4H), 1.90 (br, 2H), 3.08 (br, 1H), 3.31 (br, 1H), 3.55 (br, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.94 (s, 4H), 4.28 (br, 1H), 4.79 (br, 2H), 5.39 (br, 1H), 5.50 (br, 1H), 6.79-7.50 (m, 19H); 13 C NMR δ -4.8, -4.5, 14.1, 18.2, 22.6, 23.8, 25.9, 29.1, 29.2, 29.6, 29.8, 31.8, 32.1, 37.1, 55.1, 63.9, 64.8, 73.0, 73.8, 82.6, 86.2, 111.8, 112.9, 126.6, 127.2, 127.6, 127.7, 128.1, 128.5, 129.3, 130.3, 131.9, 135.9, 139.2, 144.7, 158.3; FABHRMS calcd for C53H74O6Si (M+Na) 857.5152, found 857.5161. (16S,17S)-17-Benzyloxy-16-(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-18-hydroxyoctadec-14-ene-7-one (45): To a solution of 44 (980.6 mg, 1.17 mmol) in ether (70 ml) was added 98% formic acid (37 ml). The solution was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C, and was diluted with water (70 ml). The solution was neutralized with potassium carbonate and the aqueous layer extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 45 (555.6 g, 78%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR δ -0.03 (s, 3H), 0.00 (s, 3H), 0.85 (br. 12H), 1.20-1.59 (m, 15H), 1.96 (br. 2H), 2.21 (br. 1H), 2.29 (t, 4H, J = 7.6 Hz), 3.41-3.72 (m, 3H), 4.26 (t, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 4.66 (dd, 2H, J = 11.5, 18.1 Hz), 5.47 (dd, 1H, J = 6.6, 14.8 Hz), 5.62 (dt, 1H, J = 6.6, 15.6 Hz), 7.20-7.33 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ -4.8, -4.6, 13.9, 18.0, 22.4, 23.7, 23.8, 25.8, 28.8, 28.9, 29.0, 31.5, 31.7, 32.1, 42.6, 42.7, 61.8, 72.9, 73.8, 82.0, 127.6, 127.7, 128.3, 128.6, 132.7, 138.4, 211.4; FABHRMS calcd for C31H54O4Si (M+Na) 541.3689, found 541.3871.

(2R,3S)-2-Benzyloxy-3-(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-12-oxooctadec-4-enal (46): To a solution of oxalyl chloride (73.6 mg, 0.58 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.0 ml) was added a solution of dimethylsulfoxide (58.9 mg, 0.75 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 ml) dropwise over 15 min at -78 °C. A solution of 45 (150.4 mg, 0.29 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.0 ml) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 10 min at -78 °C, and for 1 h at

-50 °C. To the solution was added triethylamine (205.3 mg, 2.03 mmol), and the mixture was warmed to 0 °C, and was stirred for further 20 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane. The extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. Aldehyde 46 (149.8 mg, quant.) was used immediately without purification.

(1'S,4'S,16S,17S,18R)-17-Benzyloxy-16-(tert-butyldimethylsiloxy)-18-(3',6'-diethoxy-1',4'-dimethyl-4'H-2,5diazyl)-18-hydroxyoctadec-14-ene-7-one (47): To a solution of 3 (81.4 mg, 0.41 mmol) in THF (1.5 ml) was added n-BuLi (1.6 M solution in hexane, 0.41 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. The mixture was warmed to 0 °C, stirred for 15 min, and a solution of tin(II) chloride (77.9 mg, 0.41 mmol) in THF (1.5 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred for a further 15 min and after the solution was cooled to -78 °C, a solution of 46 (106.1 mg, 0.21 mmol) in THF (1.5 ml) was added. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at -78 °C, and was quenched with phosphate buffer solution (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1) to give 47 (98.4 mg, 83%). Diastereomers of 47 could be separated by the column chromatography (silica gel, hexane/ethyl acetate = 20/1). ¹H NMR δ 0.00 (s, 3H), 0.06 (s, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.91-0.98 (m, 7H), 1.33-1.38 (m, 28H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.59-1.64 (br, 3H), 2.07-2.38 (br, 2H), 2.44 (t, 4H, J = 7.5 Hz), 3.17 (d, 1H, J = 8.3 Hz), 3.44 (d, 1H, J = 11.5 Hz), 3.52 (dd, 1H, J = 6.9, 10.6 Hz), 3.87-4.34 (m, 5H), 3.93 (t, 1H, J = 8.1 Hz), 4.96 (d, 1H, J = 11.9 Hz), 5.45 (dd, 1H, J = 8.1, 15.4 Hz), 5.72 (dt, 1H, J = 6.8, 16.5 Hz), 7.24-7.31 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ -4.5, -4.2, 13.7, 14.0, 14.2, 18.1, 21.8, 22.4, 23.8, 25.9, 28.9, 29.0, 29.1, 31.6, 42.7, 52.2, 60.6, 60.8, 72.7, 73.7, 76.4, 77.1, 82.1, 126.1, 126.6, 127.8, 130.8, 133.7, 139.1, 162.3, 164.5, 211.5; IR (neat) 1687.0, 2856.0, 2929.0 cm⁻¹; FABHRMS calcd for C41H64N2O6Si (M+Na) 731.4431, found 731.4420.

(1'S,4'R,16S,17S,18R)-17-Benzyloxy-18-(3',6'-diethoxy-1',4'-dimethyl-4'H-2',5'-diazyl)-16,18-

dihydroxyoctadec-14-ene-7-one (48): To a solution of 47 (68.4 mg, 0.096 mmol) in THF (3.0 ml) was added a solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride (1 N solution in THF, 0.4 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 4 h, the reaction was quenched with phosphate buffer solution (pH = 7). The aqueous layer was extracted with ether and the ethereal extract was washed with 10% aqueous citric acid solution, saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution, and brine. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane/ethyl acetate = 10/1) to give 48 (54.0 mg, 94%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR δ 0.81 (t, 3H, J = 6.6 Hz), 0.99 (t, 3H, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.20-1.49 (m, 22H), 1.94-2.07 (br, 2H), 2.30 (t, 4H, J = 7.5 Hz), 2.72 (br, 1H), 3.13 (d, 1H, J = 6.6 Hz), 3.47 (d, 1H, J = 11.6 Hz), 3.63 (dd, 1H, J = 7.1, 10.7 Hz), 3.69-4.15 (m, 5H), 4.20 (t, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.48 (d, 1H, J = 11.2 Hz), 5.38 (dd, 1H, J = 7.4, 15.3 Hz), 5.74 (dt, 1H, J = 6.8, 15.2 Hz), 7.17-7.30 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR δ 13.9, 14.0, 14.2, 21.7, 22.4, 23.8, 27.2, 28.8, 28.9, 29.0, 29.1, 31.6, 32.4, 42.7, 42.8, 52.4, 60.4, 60.9, 61.0, 74.0, 74.6, 75.0, 82.0, 127.1, 127.5, 128.3, 129.0, 134.6, 138.1, 163.2, 164.5, 211.6; IR (neat) 1689.0, 2855.0, 2929.0, 3361.0 cm⁻¹; FABHRMS calcd for C35H56N2O6 (M+Na) 623.4036, found 623.4033.

(2S,3S,4R,5S)-2-Amino-4-benzyloxy-2-methyl-3,5-dihydroxy-14-oxoeicos-6-enoic acid (49): To a solution of 48 (54.0 mg, 0.09 mmol) in THF (4.0 ml) was added p-toluensulfonic acid (171.2 mg, 0.9 mmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 1 h, the mixture was neutralized with a resin (IRA-93ZU). The resin was filtered off, and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give a mixture of an ester and a lactone. To a solution ester and lactone in methanol (4.0 ml) was added 1N NaOH aq. (4.0 ml) at room temperature. After stirring for 30 min, the solution was neutralized with a resin (IRC-76). The resin was filtered off, and the filtrate was extracted with ether. The ethereal extract was washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (chloroform/methanol = 10/1) to give 49 (25.6 mg, 58%, 2 steps) as a white solid. $[\alpha]D^{26}$ +8.2 (c = 0.23, C6H6); H NMR (CD3OD) δ 0.88 (t, 3H, J = 3.5 Hz), 1.12-1.56 (m, 19H), 2.03-2.15 (br, 2H), 2.43 (t, 4H, J = 7.2 Hz), 3.77 (dd, 1H, J = 1.8, 7.1 Hz), 3.95 (d, 1H, J = 1.7 Hz), 4.43 (t, 1H, J = 6.9 Hz), 4.55 (d, 1H, J = 10.2 Hz), 5.08 (d, 1H, J = 9.9 Hz), 5.58 (dd, 1H, J = 7.3, 15.5 Hz), 5.76 (dt, 1H, J = 6.4, 14.1 Hz), 7.23-7.52(m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (CD3OD) δ 14.4, 22.0, 23.6, 24.9, 30.0, 30.2, 32.8, 33.4, 43.5, 66.2, 73.0, 76.0, 76.5, 85.5, 129.1, 129.6, 130.0, 130.8, 134.7, 139.5, 214.4; FABHRMS calcd for C28H45NO6 (M+Na) 514.3144, found 514.3159.

(2S,3R,4R,5S)-2-Amino-2-methyl-3,4,5-trihydroxy-14-oxoeicos-6-enoic acid (sphingofungin F): To a solution of 49 (7.3 mg, 0.015 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.0 ml) was added trichloroborane 1N solution in hexane (0.045 mmol) dropwise at -78 °C. After stirring for 10 min, the reaction was quenched with methanol (1.0 ml). The solution was warmed to room temperature, and diluted with water. The aqueous layer was extracted with tert-butanol. The extract was washed with water and was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (chloroform/methanol = 10/1) to give sphingofungin F (4.3 mg, 72%) as a white solid. $[\alpha]D^{26}$ +0.8 (c = 0.33, MeOH); ¹H NMR (CD3OD) δ 0.89 (t, 3H, J =6.6 Hz), 1.28-1.55 (m, 19H), 2.05 (br, 2H), 2.44 (t, 4H, J = 7.4 Hz), 3.69 (d, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 3.86 (br, 1H), 4.10 (t, 1H, J = 7.3 Hz), 5.47 (dd, 1H, J = 7.8, 15.6 Hz), 5.78 (dt, 1H, J = 6.7, 15.6 Hz); ¹³C NMR (CD3OD) δ 14.4, 21.8, 23.6, 24.9, 30.0, 30.2, 32.8, 33.5, 43.5, 67.7, 72.4, 75.7, 76.2, 130.2, 135.7, 214.4; FABHRMS calcd for C21H39NO6 (M+H) 402.2856, found 402.2861.

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