Supporting Information

Photochemistry of Mycolactone A/B, the Causative Toxin of Buruli Ulcer

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Supporting Information

1. General Procedures and Methods

NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova 500 MHz or 600 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in parts per million (ppm). For ¹H NMR spectra (CDCl₃, CD_3COCD_3 , or C_6D_6), the residual solvent peak was used as the internal reference (7.26) ppm in CDCl₃; 2.05 ppm in CD₃COCD₃; 7.16 ppm in C₆D₆), while the central solvent peak as the reference (77.0 ppm in CDCl₃; 29.8 ppm in CD₃COCD₃; 128.0 ppm in C₆D₆) for ¹³C NMR spectra. In reporting spectral data, the following abbreviations were used: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, td = triplet doublet, qd =quartet doublet. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on an Agilent 6210 Time-of-Flight LC/MC Machine and were reported in units of m/e. The Ms/Ms experiments were performed on AB Sciex QSTAR Elite Hybride Quadrupole- TOF mass spectrometer. Analytical thin layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with E. Merck pre-coated TLC plates, silica gel 60 F254, layer thickness 0.25 mm and Wako precoated NH2-TLC plates, silica gel 60 F254, layer thickness 0.25 mm. TLC plates were visualized by staining with potassium permanganate or *p*-anisaldehyde. Flash chromatography separations were performed on E. Merck Kieselgel 60 (230-400) mesh silica gel. All reactions were conducted under an inert atmosphere. Reaction vessels were either overnight oven-dried or flame-dried. Reagents and solvents were commercial grade and were used as supplied.

2. Photochemistry

2a. Photolysis through a 365 nm filter

Figure 1 illustrates the photo-reactor assembled from a carton box (45 cm x 32 cm x 30 cm), equipped with two UV lamps (UVP Inc., Model UVL-28, 8 W) with a 365 nm filter, a thermometer, and a temperature controlling system. Figure 2 shows the filter specification. A sample in a NMR tube or 20 ml test tube was placed at ca. 2 cm from the light source. The temperature of reactor was controlled by circulating chilled aq ethylene glycol provided from a Neslab chiller (Model RTE-110).



Figure 1. Photo-reactor

Figure 2. Specification of a 365 nm UV filter

2b. Photolysis with sunlight

An acetone solution of a substrate ($0.7 \sim 0.8 \text{ mmol}$) in a 500 mL round-bottle flask (Chemglass) was directly irradiated with sunlight at the roof of Naito Laboratories, without stirring. Photolysis was performed in the winter through spring of 2012, when the daytime out-door temperature varied from 0 °C to 25 °C.

3. Synthesis of substrates 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b



Substrates 2a were prepared according to the reported methods.¹ The TBS groups of 2a and 3a were deprotected to give 2b and 3b under the conditions reported for deprotection of the protected mycolactone A/B to mycolatone A/B.¹



Phosphonate ester **S1** (4.04 g, 13.27 mmol) and aldehyde **S2**¹ (3.52 g, 6.64 mmol) were dissolved in dry THF (66 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. The freshly prepared LDA (24.4 mL, 0.49 M) was added slowly. The reaction was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then stirred at rt for 5 min. The reaction was quenched with sat. NH₄Cl solution, extracted with EtOAc, washed with sat. NaCl solution and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*,

and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography to give tetraenoate 3a (4.09 g, 90%)

Tetraenoate **3a**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -20$ (*c* 1.0, CH₂Cl₂); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.66 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.0, Hz, 2H), 4.00 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 2.07 (s, 3H), 1.94 (s, 3H), 1.89 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 7.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 9H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 9H), 0.03 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 169.2, 143.2, 141.1, 137.3, 135.8, 135.4, 134.7, 126.9, 125.1, 74.5, 72.2, 66.9, 61.2, 41.1, 26.5(3C), 26.4 (6C), 24.4, 18.5, 18.7(2C), 17.0, 14.8, 14.7, 14.0, -3.7, -3.8, -3.9, -4.0, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 703.4606 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 703.4580 for C₃₇H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].



To a cooled solution of alcohol $S3^2$ (4.78 g, 25.93 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) was added PBr₃ (0.97 mL, 10.37 mmol) and stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq KBr solution and extracted (ether). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent gave crude allyl bromide which was subjected to the next step without purification.

The above crude allyl bromide was dissolved in triethyl phosphite (12 mL) and the resulting mixture was stirred at 90 °C overnight. The excess of triethyl phosphite was removed under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel eluted with 70% EtOAc in hexanes to give product **S1** as a colorless oil (7.81 g, 99% in two steps).

Dienoate **S1**: ¹H NMR (500MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (br s, 1H), 5.56 (dd, J = 8.0, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (m, 4 H), 2.71 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.66 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.84 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 3H), 1.29 (m, 9 H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 168.8, 141.6, 136.1, 126.9, 122.9, 61.9, 60.7, 27.5, 26.4, 16.4, 16.3, 14.2, 13.9. HRMS (ESI) m/z 327.1333 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 327.1332 for C₁₄H₂₅NaO₅P].

4. Photochemistry of ethyl tetraenoate 3a



4a. Photolysis in NMR tubes: With use of the photo-reactor shown in Figure 1, photolysis of **3a** (1.5 mg in 0.8 mL CD₃COCD₃) was done in a NMR tube at 30 °C. The progress of photolysis was monitored by ¹H NMR: at t = 2.5 h, a mixture of geometric isomers was detected; at t = 5 h, photo-cyclized products were observed (~5% completion); at t = 2 days, the photolysis completed.

4b. Temperature-dependency study: This study was performed at 10, 20, 30 and 40 $^{\circ}$ C under the condition given for photolysis in NMR tubes. The photolysis was monitored by ¹H NMR, showing that the cyclization completed for 105 h, 48 h, 33 h and 35 h for 10, 20, 30 and 40 $^{\circ}$ C, respectively.

4c. Photolysis in test tubes: With use of the photo-reactor shown in Figure 1, photolysis of **3a** was done in a 160 mg scale. Thus, an acetone solution of **3a** (160 mg, 0.23 mmol, 160 ml acetone) was divided into 8 test tubes, capped with serum caps, and photolyzed at 30 °C for 5 days. Solvent was then removed *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by passing through a short silica pad to afford the mixture of four photo-products **S4** (80 mg, 50%).

4d. Preparative photolysis with sunlight: To a 1 L round bottom flask (Chemglass), an acetone solution of **3a** (500 mg, 0.74 mmol, 500 mL acetone) was irradiated with sunlight at the roof of the Naito Laboratories (the daytime outdoor temperature was ~ 25 °C). An NMR analysis showed that photolysis was completed for 1 week. After the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was passed through a short silica pad, to give a mixture of four photo-products S4 (255 mg, 51%).

5d. Triplet quenching/sensitization experiments: With use of the photo-reactor shown in supporting information Figure 1, photolysis of **3a** was done in a 3 mg scale. Thus, a solution of 3a (3 mg, 2 mL solvent) and quencher/sensitizer in test tube was capped with serum caps, and photolyzed at 30 °C for about 35 hr. All the triplet quenchers did not affect the product formation, the triplet sensitizer benzophenone give no photoproducts. For all the quenching experiments, crude ¹H NMR spectra and ¹H NMR spectra obtained after prep-TLC (quenchers were removed) were attached.

	Solvent	sensitizer	quencher	equivalent
1	THF		Azulene	0.5
2	THF		Ferrocene	0.5
3	CH ₃ CN		Azulene	0.5
4	CH ₃ CN		Ferrocene	0.5
5	THF		Rubrene	0.5
6	CH ₃ CN		Rubrene	0.5
7	Acetone		Rubrene	0.5
8	CH ₃ CN	Benzophenone		0.5

Table 1. Triplet quenching/sensitization experiments















5. Separation, isolation, and characterization of four geometrical isomers of 3a.



5a. Ratio and separation of four geometrical isomers

With use of the photo-reactor shown in Figure 1, photolysis of **3a** (1.5 mg in 0.8 mL CD₃COCD₃) was done in a NMR tube for 2.5 h at 30 °C. A ¹H NMR analysis showed formation of the four geometrical isomers (*EEEE, ZEEE, EZEE, ZZEE*) but no photocyclization products detected. The ratio of four isomers was estimated from ¹H NMR and HPLC analysis (see below). Similarly, the ratio of the four geometrical isomers was estimated at ~40% (15 h at 30 °C) and ~70% (23 h at 30 °C) completion of the photocyclization (Table 2).

photo- cyclization	ratio estimated by	EEEE	ZEEE	EZEE	ZZEE
0%	¹ H NMR*	1.7	7.2	0.9	1.0
products	HPLC**	1.5	7.4	1.1	1.0
~40%	¹ H NMR*	1.6	7.1	1.0	1.5
products	HPLC**	1.3	6.2	1.0	1.1
~70%	¹ H NMR*	1.6	7.0	1.0	1.4
products	HPLC**	1.5	6.5	1.0	1.3

* ¹H NMR ratio was estimated from the peak intensity of 5'- and 11'-Hs resonances (see below). ** HPLC ratio was estimated from the corrected peak-intensity at 310 nm (see below).

Table 2. Estimated Ratios of Four Geometrical Isomers

NMR method: The 5'- and 11'-proton resonances were used to estimate the ratio of the four geometrical isomers (Figure 3). Indicate 5'- and 11'-Hs.





Figure 3. ¹H NMR of mixture of four geometrical isomers

HPLC method: The four geometrical isomers were separated/isolated by HPLC (ZORBA silica column, 25 cm \sim 21.2 mm, 6% ether/hexanes, 5 mL/min) and characterized, thereby making the peak assignment possible. A UV detector at 310 nm was used to trace the four peaks (Figure 4), and the observed peak intensity was corrected by dividing the molar absorption coefficient of four isomers, to give the HPLC ratio (Table 1).



5b. Characterization of EEEE, ZEEE, EZEE, and ZZEE geometrical isomers of 3a

For the characterization of *EEEE* isomer, see page S4.

EtO₂C Me Me OTBS Me Me ZEEE-3a OTBS OTBS

ZEEE-3a isomer:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 6.59 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 15.0, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.64 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.56 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (q, J = 7.2, Hz, 2H), 4.00 (qt, J = 6.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 3H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.26 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (s, 9H), 0.90 (s, 18H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 9H), 0.07(s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 719.4291 [(M+K)⁺, calcd 719.4319 for C₃₇H₇₂KO₅Si₃].



EZEE-3a isomer:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 7.28 (s, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 11.0 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, *J* = 7.2, Hz, 2H), 4.00 (qt, *J* = 6.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.84 (s, 6H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.29 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 18H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 9H), 0.07 (s, 3H), 0.02 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 719.4283 [(M+K)⁺, calcd 719.4319 for C₃₇H₇₂KO₅Si₃].



ZZEE-3a isomer:

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 6.52 (s, 1H), 6.49 (dd, J = 15.0, 11.0 Hz Hz, 1H), 6.26 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 5.58 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (q, J = 7.2, Hz, 2H), 4.00 (qt, J = 6.0, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 2.01 (s, 3H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.86 (m, 1H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (s, 9H), 0.89 (s, 18H), 0.09 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 9H), 0.07(s, 3H), 0.01 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 703.4550 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 703.4580 for C₃₇H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].

5c. Assignment of the stereochemistry of four geometrical isomers with NMR spectroscopy

The stereochemistry of the four geometrical isomers was assigned by NMR spectroscopy, including 2D NOESY and proton chemical shifts/vicinal proton spin-spin coupling constants data shown below. The UV spectra of four isomers were also attached in the following figures.



Figure 5. NMR spectroscopy of *EEEE*-3a isomer



Figure 6. NMR spectroscopy of EZEE-3a isomer



Figure 7. NMR spectroscopy of ZEEE-3a isomer



Figure 8. NMR spectroscopy of ZZEE-3a isomer

5d. UV spectra of four geometrical isomers



Figure 9. UV spectroscopy of *EEEE*-3a isomer



Figure 10. UV spectroscopy of EZEE-3a isomer



Figure 11. UV spectroscopy of ZEEE-3a isomer



Figure 12. UV spectroscopy of ZZEE-3a isomer

6. Photo-products in the tetraenoate series

6a. Separation and isolation of four photo-products



After photolysis completed, the mixture of four cyclized isomers S4 was first separated by Prep-TLC (5% ether/hexanes) or HPLC (ZORBA silica column, 25 cm ~ 21.2 mm, 5% ether/hexanes, 6 mL/min, UV detection at $\lambda = 250$ nm) to give the major isomer S4-A and minor isomer S4-B, in 3:1 ratio, respectively.

i. TBS-deprotection and HPLC separation of S4-A

To a 0.1 M THF solution of mixture of tri-TBS S4-A (1 eq), TBAF (1 M/THF, 6 eq) was added. The reaction was allowed to stir for 12 h, then washed with sat. NaCl, extracted with EtOAc and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography to give the mixture of triol 4-A1 and 4-A2 (90%). The mixture of triol 4-A1 and 4-A2 was separated by HPLC using a chiral column, to furnish optically pure major triol 4-A1 as the first elution and minor compound 4-A2 as second elution (A1 : A2 = 3 : 2). HPLC condition for separating 4-A1 and 4-A2: Regiscell, 25 cm ~ 21.1 mm, 10% i-PrOH/hexanes, 4 mL/min, detection at $\lambda = 250$ nm.

ii. TBS-deprotection and HPLC separation of S4-B

The mixture of tri-TBS **S4-B** was deprotected under the same condition, to give a mixture triol **4-B1** and **4-B2** (90%). The mixture triol **4-B1** and **4-B2** was separated by HPLC using chiral column, to furnish optically pure major triol as the second elution and minor isomer as first elution (major : minor = 3 : 2). HPLC condition for separating **4-B1** and **4-B2**: Chiralpak AD, ADOOCG-FE007, 12% i-PrOH/hexanes, 2 mL/min, detection at λ = 250 nm.

6b. Characterization of four photo-products



Triol 4-A1

[α]_D²⁰ = -144 (acetone, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 5.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.12-4.06 (m, 3H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.59 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 3.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 1.49 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.52-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 175.5, 143.9, 138.2, 127.7, 124.4, 75.6, 72.0, 67.4, 60.5, 57.5, 41.7, 37.6, 33.2, 33.1, 26.3, 23.9, 16.2, 15.8, 14.5; HRMS (ESI) m/z 361.1987 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 361.1985 for C₁₉H₃₀NaO₅].

Triol **4-A2**

 $[α]_D^{20}$ = + 90 (acetone, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 5.14 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.13-4.06 (m, 3H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.40 (m, 2H), 1.31 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 175.8, 144.3, 138.6, 128.1, 124.8, 76.1, 72.3, 67.8, 60.8, 57.8, 42.0, 38.0, 33.6, 33.3, 26.6, 24.3, 16.2, 16.1, 14.9; HRMS (ESI) m/z 361.1989 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 361.1985 for C₁₉H₃₀NaO₅].

Triol 4-B2 (Major)

[α]_D²⁰ = +148 (acetone, *c* 0.75); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 5.19 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (s, 1H), 4.14-4.07 (m, 3H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 3.5, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.51 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.54-1.43 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 176.5, 146.3, 138.7, 128.0, 124.8, 76.0, 72.4, 67.8, 61.1, 57.4, 42.1, 37.1, 34.7, 31.4, 24.3, 22.2, 16.6, 16.3, 14.7; HRMS (ESI) m/z 361.1980 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 361.1985 for C₁₉H₃₀NaO₅].

Triol 4-B1 (Minor)

[α]_D²⁰ = -213 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 5.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (s, 1H), 4.15-4.06 (m, 3H), 3.97 (m, 1H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.10 (m, 1H), 1.93 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.76 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.51 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.54-1.45 (m, 2H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 1.22 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 176.5, 146.2, 138.6, 127.9, 124.9, 76.0, 72.3, 67.8, 61.0, 57.4, 42.1, 37.2, 34.4, 31.4, 24.3, 22.1, 16.4, 16.3, 14.6; HRMS (ESI) m/z 361.1988 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 361.1985 for C₁₉H₃₀NaO₅].

6c. Periodate cleavage to form unsaturated aldehydes



To a MeOH (0.1 mL) solution of triol **4-A1** (4.0 mg, 0.01 mmol, after HPLC chiral column separation), NaIO₄ (12.6 mg, 5 equiv) was added at 0 °C The reaction solution was warmed up to rt and stirred for 5 h. EtOAc was added to dilute the solution, sat. NaCl was used to wash the organic layers 3 times, solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography to give aldehyde (-)-5 (2.5 mg, 85%). Optical pure aldehyde (+)-5, (-)-7 and (+)-7 were prepared by the same procedure from **4-A2**, **4-B1** and **4-B2**, respectively.

Aldehyde (-)-**5**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -115$ (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.24); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 9.85 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 3.94 (m, 1H), 1.66 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.49 (s, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.17 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 271.1313 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 271.1305 for C₁₅H₂₀NaO₃]. Aldehyde (+)-**5**: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +113$ (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.08).

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Aldehyde (-)-7: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -449$ (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.09); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 9.82 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (s, 1H), 3.97 (m, 1H), 2.43 (m, 1H), 1.73 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 0.96 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.86 (dd, *J* = 3.6, 3.0 Hz, 1H),; HRMS (ESI) m/z 271.1312 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 271.1305 for C₁₅H₂₀NaO₃]. Aldehyde (+)-7: $[\alpha]_D^{20} = +413$ (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.24).

6d. NOESY spectra of two unsaturated aldehydes

NOSEY experiments were performed on the two unsaturated aldehydes 5 and 7, to assign the relative stereochemistry.



Figure 13. NOESY spectra of Aldehydes 5 and 7

6e. X-Ray structure of triol 4-A1

Preparation of tri-*p*-bromobenzoate 6 in triol 4-A1:

$$\begin{array}{c} Me & H & Me & QR \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & H & R^{\circ} & OR \end{array}$$

$$R = -OCC_{6}H_{4}-Br(p)$$
EtO₂C Me 6

To a solution of triol **4-A1** (4.0 mg, 0.0012 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) were successively added DMAP (0.3 mg, 0.0002 mmol), EDCI (13.6 mg, 0.0071 mmol) and *p*-bromobenzoic acid (14.2 mg, 0.0071 mmol). The solution was stirred at rt for overnight. The reaction was quenched by addition of sat. aq NaHCO₃ solution and extracted (CH₂Cl₂). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄. Evaporation of the solvent and purification of the residue by preparative TLC with 20% EtOAc in hexanes gave **6** (9.8 mg, 91%). ¹H NMR (600MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.76 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.71 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.48 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 5.92 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.52 (m, 1H), 5.29 (sextate, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 1H), 4.11 (dq, *J* = 10.2, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (dq, *J* = 10.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.20 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 9.0, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (ddd, *J* = 15.0, 6.0, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (dd, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 1.16 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H). HRMS (ESI) m/z 902.0518 [(M+NH₄)⁺, calcd 902.0533 for C₄₀H₄₃Br₃NO₈].

Single crystal of the 4-A1 was prepared using vapor diffusion technique. A minimum amount of mixed solvent (EtOAc/hexanes; 1:9) was added to dissolve the above tribenzoate 6 (8 mg) at rt. This solution in a small vial was placed in closed hexanes chamber and kept at rt to effect crystallization. A single crystal thus obtained was subjected to the X-ray analysis.

X-ray analysis was done by Dr. Shao-Liang Zheng, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, Harvard University.



Figure 14. X-Ray structure of 4-A1

6f. []δ NMR profile of TBS-protected triols S6-A1, S6-A2, S6-B1, and S6-B2

As discussed in the text, we could conclude that the major remote diastereomer corresponds either to **B1** or **B2** and the minor remote diastereomer to the other. We have compared the $[]\delta$ ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR profiles, which might suggest that **A1** and **minor remote diastereomer in B series** share the same absolute stereochemistry (numbering of mycolactone A/B used).



Figure 15. □δ NMR profile of TBS-protected triols

6g. Photolysis of tetraenoate triol 3b



Photolysis of **3b** was done in test tubes at 30 °C, with use of the photo-reactor shown in Figure 1. In comparison with the authentic samples described in the preceding sections, the photo-product was shown to compose of the four photo-products, with the 3:1 and 3:2 mixture of the *anti/syn* and remote diastereomers, respectively, and with the major product in the tetraenoate triol A- and B-subgroups corresponding to those in the tetraenoate tri-TBS A- and B-subgroups.



Figure 16. Photolysis of tetraenoate triol

7. Transformation of the tetraenoate photo-products to the pentaenoate photoproducts

7a. Chemical transformation

i. TBS-protection of triols



To a DMF solution (0.5 mL) of triol **4-A1** (19 mg, 0.056 mmol) at 0 °C, Pyridine (45 μ L, 0.56 mmol), TBSCl (50.8 mg, 0.34 mmol) and AgNO₃ (76 mg, 0.45 mmol) were added. The reaction was warmed up to rt and stirred for 2 h. EtOAc was added to dilute the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was quenched with sat. NaHCO₃ followed by sat. NaCl, extracted with EtOAc and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography to give **S6-A1** (34 mg, 94%). Compound **S6-A2**, **S6-B1**, **S6-B2** were prepared by the same procedure.

Ester S6-A1:

[α]_D²⁰ = -66 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 1H), 4.53 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (qt, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.15 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 7.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.42 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 9H), 0.14 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 175.1, 143.6, 135.9, 128.5, 124.7, 74.0, 71.8, 66.5, 60.3, 57.5, 43.7, 37.7, 33.3, 32.8, 26.6, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.1, 18.5, 18.4, 18.3, 16.6, 16.0, 14.6, -3.6, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 703.4568 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 703.4580 for C₃₇H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].

Ester S6-A2:

[α]_D²⁰ = +35 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.15 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.76 (m, 1H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.46 (s, 3H), 1.38 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 6H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 175.2, 143.6, 135.6, 128.4, 125.0, 74.0, 71.7, 66.5, 60.3, 57.6, 43.8, 37.8, 33.2, 33.1, 26.6, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.2, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 17.2, 16.0, 14.6, -3.5, -3.9, -3.9, -4.1, -4.3 (2C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 703.4552 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 703.4580 for C₃₇H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].



S6-B2 (Major)

[α]_D²⁰ = +72 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.55 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, J = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, J = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 3.87 (m 1H), 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, J = 12.5, 6.0, 5.5 Hz), 2.01 (m, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, J = 12.5, 6.0, 5.5), 1.64 (s, 6H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (m, 1H), 0.98 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 6H), 0.14(s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 175.8, 145.6, 135.1, 127.6, 125.7, 74.0, 71.7, 66.5, 60.5, 57.0, 44.0, 37.1, 33.6, 30.9, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.3, 22.0, 18.5, 18.4, 18.3, 16.3, 16.1, 14.3, -2.7, -3.5, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 703.4604 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 703.4580 for C₃₇H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].

S6-B1 (Minor)

[α]_D²⁰ = -105 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.56 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (qt, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (m, 2H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.57 (m, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.43 (s, 3H), 1.27 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.98 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 175.8, 145.7, 135.4, 128.4, 125.6, 74.0, 71.8, 66.5, 60.5, 57.0, 43.9, 37.2, 34.0, 30.4, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.3, 22.0, 18.5, 18.4, 18.3, 16.1, 16.0, 14.3, -3.5, -3.9, -3.9, -4.1, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 703.4592 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 703.4580 for C₃₇H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].

ii. DIBAL-H reduction



To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (0.5 mL) of **S6-A1** (38 mg, 0.056 mmol) at -78 °C, DIBAL solution (1M in hexanes, 0.28 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h. Sat. sodium potassium tartrate solution was added to quench the reaction. The reaction mixture was warmed up to rt and stirred for 1 h. Then the reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by a flash column chromatography to give the alcohol **S7-A1** (32 mg, 90%). The alcohols **S7-A2**, **S7-B1**, **S7-B2** were prepared by the same procedure.



Alcohol S7-A1

[α]_D²⁰ = -65 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.48 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.84 (s, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (qt, J = 6.0, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, J = 7.5, 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.46 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (ddd, J = 13.0, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.51 (dd, J = 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.27 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (s, 3H), 1.19 (dd, J = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 143.1, 136.1, 129.4, 124.6, 74.0, 71.9, 69.0, 66.5, 52.4, 43.8, 36.0, 33.3, 32.2, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 25.4, 24.2, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 16.4, 16.2, -3.5, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 661.4460 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 661.4474 for C₃₅H₇₀NaO₄Si₃].

Alcohol S7-A2

[α]_D²⁰ = +58 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, *J* = 6.0, 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.44 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.28 (d, *J* = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.17 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 6H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 143.1, 135.7, 129.4, 125.0, 74.0, 71.7, 69.0, 66.5, 52.4, 43.9, 36.0, 33.0, 32.4, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 25.3, 24.3, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 16.7, 16.3, -3.5, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.3, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 661.4484 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 661.4474 for C₃₅H₇₀NaO₄Si₃].

Alcohol S7-B2 (major)

 $[α]_D^{20}$ = +70 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.51 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.55 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (qt, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, *J* = 5.5, 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.91 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.66 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (dd, *J* = 4.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 6H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 145.8, 135.7, 128.9, 125.2, 74.0,

71.8, 71.3, 66.5, 52.5, 44.0, 36.3, 33.6, 31.1, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.3, 19.7, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 16.3 (2C), -3.5, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 661.4493 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 661.4474 for $C_{35}H_{70}NaO_4Si_3$].

Alcohol S7-B1 (minor)

[α]_D²⁰ = -76 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 5.51 (d, J = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (s, 1H), 4.52 (dd, J = 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (qt, J = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, J = 6.0, 5.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 3.39 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 3.34 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, J = 12.0, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddd, J = 12.0, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.81 (dd, J = 6.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (dd, J = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 6H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 145.8, 135.9, 128.8, 125.02, 74.0, 72.0, 71.3, 66.5, 52.5, 43.9, 36.3, 34.0, 30.7, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.2, 19.7, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 16.2 (2C), -3.5, -3.9, -3.9, -4.1, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 661.4461 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 661.4474 for C₃₅H₇₀NaO₄Si₃].

iii. Oxidation of alcohol.



To a CH₂Cl₂ solution (0.5 mL) of alcohol **S7-A1** (32 mg, 0.05 mmol) at rt, Dess–Martin periodinane (32 mg, 0.075 mmol) and NaHCO₃ (8.4 mg, 0.1 mmol) were added. The reaction was stirred at rt for 2 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by sat. NaHCO₃ followed by sat. NaCl, extracted with EtOAc and dried over Na₂SO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by small silica pad to give the aldehyde **S8-A1** (26 mg, 84%). The aldehydes **S8-A2**, **S8-B1**, **S8-B2** were prepared by the same procedure.

Aldehyde S8-A1

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C_6D_6) δ 9.54 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.49 (dd, J = 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (qt, J = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, J = 13.0, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 6H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 659.4304

 $[(M+Na)^+, calcd 659.4318 \text{ for } C_{35}H_{68}NaO_4Si_3].$



Aldehyde **S8-A2**

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 9.53 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (s, 1H), 4.47 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.45 (m, 1H), 1.30 (dd, *J* = 2.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 3H), 1.16 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 6H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 659.4313 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 659.4318 for C₃₅H₆₈NaO₄Si₃].



Aldehyde **S8-B2** (major)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (ddd, *J* = 7.0, 7.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 5.5, Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.06 (m, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 659.4318 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 659.4318 for C₃₅H₆₈NaO₄Si₃].



Aldehyde **S8-B1** (minor)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 9.40 (s, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (s, 1H), 4.11 (qt, *J* = 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.07 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 6H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 659.4317 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 659.4318 for C₃₅H₆₈NaO₄Si₃].

iv. Wittig olefination



To a toluene solution (1.5 mL) of aldehyde **S8-A1** (26 mg, 0.04 mmol) at rt, $MeO_2CCH=PPh_3$ (86 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added. The reaction was heated up to 90 °C and stirred for 12 h. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the ester **8-A1** (26 mg, 87%). The esters **8-A2**, **8-B1**, **8-B2** were prepared by the same procedure.

Unsaturated ester 8-A1

[α]_D²⁰ = -36 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.92 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (ddd, *J* = 7.5, 5.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.0, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 1.10 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 18H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.14 (s, 6H), 0.13 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 166.9, 154.0, 144.0, 135.2, 129.0, 125.3, 118.9, 74.0, 71.8, 66.5, 52.7, 51.0, 43.9, 37.4, 34.0, 33.3, 27.8, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.2, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 16.3, 16.0, -3.5, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.2, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 715.4552 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 715.4580 for C₃₈H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].



Unsaturated ester 8-A2

[α]_D²⁰ = +25 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.64 (s, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.47 (s, 3H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.92 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.50 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 1.08 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz 1H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.18 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 166.9, 154.1, 143.9, 135.0, 128.9, 125.4, 118.9, 73.9, 71.6, 66.5, 52.6, 51.0, 44.0, 37.2, 33.7, 33.6, 27.7, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.3, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 16.5, 16.1, -3.5, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.3, -4.3; HRMS (ESI) m/z 715.4576 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 715.4580 for C₃₈H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].



Unsaturated ester 8-B2 (major)

[α]_D²⁰ = +118 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (ddd, *J* = 7.0, 6.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.88 (dd, *J* = 6.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz 1H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 0.17 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 167.1, 156.2, 145.0, 135.0, 128.8, 125.6, 118.1, 74.0, 71.7, 66.5, 51.9, 51.0, 43.9, 36.9, 33.5, 32.8, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.2, 21.7, 18.5, 18.4 (2C), 16.2, 16.1, -3.6, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.3 (2C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 715.4600 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 715.4580 for C₃₈H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].



Unsaturated ester 8-B1 (minor)

[α]_D²⁰ = -113 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.46 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.52 (s, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.45 (s, 3H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.80 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (m, 1H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 18H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 6H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 167.1, 156.2, 145.0, 135.4, 128.8, 125.2, 118.1, 74.0, 71.8, 66.5, 51.9, 51.0, 43.7, 36.9, 33.9, 32.6, 26.3 (3C), 26.2 (6C), 24.2, 21.7, 18.5, 18.4, 18.3, 16.1, 16.0, -3.6, -3.8, -3.9, -4.1, -4.3 (2C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 715.4576 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 715.4571 for C₃₈H₇₂NaO₅Si₃].





Photolysis of 2a was done in test tubes at 30 °C, with use of the photo-reactor shown in

Figure 1. In comparison with the authentic samples described in the preceding sections, the photo-product was shown to be composed of the four isomers, with the 3:1 and 3:2 mixture of the A/B-subgroups and remote diastereomers, respectively, and with the major product in the pentaenoate A- and B-subgroups corresponding to those in the tetraenoate A- and B-subgroups.



Figure 17. NMR correlation of pentaenoate product **8-A** and tetraenoate product **8-A1** and **8-A2**



Figure 18. NMR correlation of pentaenoate product **8-B** and tetraenoate product **8-B1** and **8-B2**
8. Transformation of the pentaenoate photo-products to the mycolactone photoproducts

8a. Chemical transformation

i. Hydrolysis of ester



To a THF/MeOH/H₂O solution (4:1:1, 0.36 mL) of ester **8-A1** (26 mg, 0.036 mmol) at rt, NaOH (2M/MeOH, 0.54 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 12 h. EtOAc was added to dilute the solution, 1M HCl was added to quench the excess NaOH until the pH of the solution became about 7. The organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, washed with sat. NaCl and dried over NaSO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the acid **S9-A1** (22 mg, 90%). The acids **S9-A2**, **S9-B1**, **S9-B2** were prepared by the same procedure.



Acid S9-A1

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 4.57 (s, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 7.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.54 (dd, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (m, 1H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 18H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 6H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 701.4390 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 701.4423 for C₃₇H₇₀NaO₅Si₃].



Acid S9-A2

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.27 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.87 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.48 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (s, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.47 (m, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 1.05 (m, 1H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 6H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 6H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 701.4400 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 701.4423 for C₃₇H₇₀NaO₅Si₃].



Acid S9-B2 (major)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.28 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.47 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 4.11 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (ddd, *J* = 7.0, 6.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (ddd, *J* = 13.0, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.86 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.53 (dd, *J* = 4.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 3.0 Hz 1H), 1.03 (s, 18H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 1.00 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 3H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.09 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 701.4457 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 701.4423 for C₃₇H₇₀NaO₅Si₃].



Acid S9-B1 (minor)

¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.29 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.96 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.46 (s, 1H), 4.11 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 2.13 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (ddd, *J* = 12.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd, *J* = 5.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.59 (m, 1H), 1.56 (s, 6H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 2.5 Hz 1H), 1.03 (s, 3H), 1.02 (s, 18H), 1.00 (s, 9H), 0.16 (s, 6H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H); HRMS (ESI) m/z 701.4403 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 701.4423 for C₃₇H₇₀NaO₅Si₃].

ii. Yamaguchi esterification



To a toluene solution (0.5 mL) of acid **S9-A1** (22 mg, 0.032 mmol) at rt, 2,4,6trichlorobenzyl chloride (19 μ L, 0.11 mmol), diisopropylethyl amine (41 μ L, 0.16 mmol) and DMAP (14 mg, 0.11 mmol) were added.³ The reaction was stirred for 1.5 h. Then core alcohol **9**¹ (22 mg, 0.034 mmol) solution in PhMe (0.9 mL) was added to the reaction. The reaction solution was stirred for 12 h. Sat. NaHCO₃ was added to quench the reaction. The organic layer was extracted with EtOAc, washed with sat. NaCl and dried over NaSO₄. Solvent was removed *in vacuo*, and the residue was purified by flash column chromatography to give the coupling product **S10-A1** (39 mg, 91%). The protected photo-mycolactones **S10-A2**, **S10-B1**, **S10-B2** were prepared by the same

procedure.



Protected photo-mycolactone S10-A1

[α]_D²⁰ = -19 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.80); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.34 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (m, 3H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.51 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.97 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.25 (m, 2H), 2.11 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.01-1.71 (m, 16 H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.59 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 18H), 1.04 (s, 18H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.17 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 15H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 173.4, 170.0, 166.0, 154.0, 143.9, 136.5, 135.5, 132.2, 131.0, 124.9, 123.4, 119.4, 78.9, 76.0, 74.0, 73.6, 71.8, 66.5, 66.3, 52.8, 46.0, 45.8, 43.8, 43.7, 37.8, 37.1, 35.6, 35.4, 34.0, 33.7, 32.4, 31.1, 30.2, 27.9, 26.3 (15C), 24.5, 24.2, 20.7, 20.6, 18.4 (5C), 16.5, 16.2, 16.0, 15.9, 15.8, 14.8, -3.4, -3.7, -3.8, -3.9 (2C), -4.1 (2C), -4.3 (3C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 1335.9189 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 1335.9236 for C₇₄H₁₄₀NaO₉Si₅].



Protected photo-mycolactone S10-A2

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -10$ (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 1.0); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.33 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (d, *J* = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 5.45 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 5.35 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (m, 3H), 4.71 (s, 1H), 4.49 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (qt, *J* = 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 1H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 2.12 (ddd, *J* = 13.5, 6.5, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.99-1.79 (m, 15 H), 1.69 (s, 3H), 1.63 (s, 6H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (s, 3H), 1.16 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (dd, *J* = 3.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 9H), 1.02 (s, 9H), 1.01 (s, 9H), 1.01 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.19 (s, 3H), 0.16 (s, 12H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.14 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 172.3, 166.0, 154.1, 144.0, 136.5, 135.2, 132.2, 131.0, 129.0, 125.1, 123.4, 119.4, 78.9, 76.0, 74.0, 73.6, 71.7, 66.5, 66.3, 52.6, 45.9, 45.8, 44.0, 43.7, 37.8,

37.0, 35.6, 35.4, 34.3, 33.8, 32.3, 31.0, 30.2, 27.6, 26.3 (5C), 26.2 (10C), 24.5, 24.3, 20.7, 20.6, 18.5 (2C), 18.4 (3C), 17.2, 16.3, 16.1, 15.8, 15.7, 14.8, -3.4, -3.7, -3.8, -3.9 (2C), -4.0, -4.1, -4.2, -4.3 (2C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 1335.9236 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 1335.9236 for $C_{74}H_{140}NaO_9Si_5$].



Protected photo-mycolactone S10-B2 (major)

[α]_D²⁰ = +52 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.42); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.49 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.36 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.10 (m, 3H), 4.60 (s, 1H), 4.48 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.10 (qt, *J* = 6.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.00 (qt, *J* = 6.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.24 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.84 (m, 14 H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.61 (s, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.26 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.17 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 1.03 (s, 18H), 0.99 (s, 9H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (m, 1H), 0.90 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.17 (s, 6H), 0.16 (s, 12H), 0.15 (s, 3H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H), 0.08 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 172.4, 166.2, 156.2, 145.1, 136.5, 135.0, 132.2, 131.0, 128.9, 125.7, 123.3 118.7, 79.0, 76.0, 74.0, 73.6, 71.7, 66.5, 66.3, 52.0, 45.9, 45.8, 43.9, 43.7, 37.8, 37.0, 35.5, 35.4, 33.6, 32.9, 32.3, 32.0, 31.1, 30.2, 26.3 (15C), 24.5, 24.3, 20.6, 20.5, 18.4 (5C), 16.3, 16.2, 16.1, 15.9, 15.7, 14.8, -3.6, -3.7, -3.8, -3.9, -4.0, -4.1 (2C), -4.3 (3C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 1335.9223 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 1335.9236 for C₇₄H₁₄₀NaO₉Si₅].



Protected photo-mycolactone S10-B1 (minor)

 $[\alpha]_D^{20} = -82 \text{ (CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, c \ 1.0);); ^1\text{H NMR} (500 \text{ MHz}, C_6\text{D}_6) \delta 7.39 \text{ (d, } J = 15.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 6.15 \text{ (d, } J = 15.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.46 \text{ (d, } J = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.35 \text{ (d, } J = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 5.10 \text{ (m, } 3\text{H}), 4.58 \text{ (s, } 1\text{H}), 4.49 \text{ (dd, } J = 9.0, 3.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 4.10 \text{ (qt, } J = 6.5, 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.96 \text{ (qt, } J = 6.5, 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 3.84 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H}), 3.77 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H}), 2.61 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H}), 2.39 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H}), 2.23 \text{ (dd, } J = 13.0, 4.5 \text{ Hz}, 1\text{H}), 2.13 \text{ (m, } 2\text{H}), 1.99-1.75 \text{ (m, } 16 \text{ H}), 1.74 \text{ (m, } 1\text{H}), 1.63 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H}), 1.58 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H}), 1.55 \text{ (s, } 6\text{H}), 1.25 \text{ (d, } J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}), 1.16 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H}), 1.13 \text{ (s, } 3\text{H}), 1.04 \text{ (s, } 18\text{H}), 1.02 \text{ (s, } 18\text{H}), 0.99 \text{ (s, } 9\text{H}), 0.96 \text{ (d, } J = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}), 0.94 \text{ (d, } J = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H}), 0.88 \text{ (d, } J = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, 3\text{H})$

Hz, 3H), 0.16 (s, 12H), 0.15 (s, 6H), 0.13 (s, 3H), 0.12 (s, 3H), 0.11 (s, 3H), 0.10 (s, 3H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 172.4, 166.2, 156.2, 145.0, 136.5, 135.5, 132.2, 131.0, 128.9, 125.1, 123.3, 118.5, 79.0, 76.0, 74.0, 73.5, 71.8, 66.5, 66.3, 52.0, 45.9, 45.8, 43.7, 37.8, 36.9, 35.5, 35.4, 34.0, 32.7, 32.3, 31.1, 30.2, 26.3 (15C), 26.1, 24.5, 24.2, 21.9, 20.7, 20.5, 18.4 (5C), 16.2, 16.1 (2C), 15.9, 15.7, 14.8, -3.6, -3.7, -3.9, -4.0, -4.1 (3C), -4.3 (3C); HRMS (ESI) m/z 1335.9301 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 1335.9236 for C₇₄H₁₄₀NaO₉Si₅].

iii. TBS-deprotection



To a THF solution (1.8 mL) of protected photo-mycolactone **S10-A1** (24 mg, 0.018 mmol) at rt, TBAF imidazole-HCl buffer solution (1M, 0.9 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred for 6 days. Then the solvent was removed *in vacuo*, the residue was purified by eluting with EtOAc from a silica pad to give the final product **10-A1** (13 mg, 96%). Photo-mycolactones **10-A2**, **10-B1**, **10-B2** were prepared by the same procedure.



Photo-mycolactone 10-A1

[α]_D²⁰ = -39 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.23); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 7.01 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.16 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.89 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 4.8, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 3.50 (m, 1H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.09 (m, 3H), 2.12-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.61-1.56 (m, 3H), 1.53-1.50 (m, 2H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.35 (m, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.01 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 173.4, 166.5, 154.7, 145.0, 138.6, 137.4, 133.6, 131.3, 129.5, 124.8, 124.0, 119.7, 79.5, 77.1, 76.5, 76.0, 72.3, 69.1, 67.8, 53.2, 46.5, 44.5, 44.0, 42.1, 40.6, 37.7, 36.1, 35.5, 34.5(2C), 33.0, 31.2, 30.4, 30.2, 27.9, 24.7, 24.3, 20.9, 20.6, 17.3, 16.3, 16.2, 16.0, 15.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z 765.4947 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 765.4912 for C₄₄H₇₀NaO₉].



Photo-mycolactone **10-A2**

[α]_D²⁰ = +3.7 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.75); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 6.99 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.15 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.93 (s, 1H), 4.89 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 4.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.67 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.15-2.09 (m, 2H), 2.02-1.94 (m, 5H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 13.0, 8.5 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.62 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.49 (m, 6H), 1.47-1.35 (m, 4H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.03 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 173.4, 166.6, 154.7, 145.0, 138.7, 137.4, 133.6, 131.4, 129.5, 124.8, 124.1, 119.6, 79.5, 77.1, 76.4, 76.1, 72.4, 69.1, 67.9, 53.4, 46.5, 44.5, 44.0, 42.1, 40.6, 37.8, 36.1, 35.5, 34.6, 34.1, 32.9, 31.4, 30.5, 30.2, 28.1, 24.8, 24.4, 20.9, 20.6, 17.3, 16.3, 16.2, 16.0, 15.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z 743.5060 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 765.4912 for C₄₄H₇₀NaO₉].



Photo-mycolactone **10-B2** (major)

[α]_D²⁰ = +83 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.50); ¹H NMR (600 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 7.01 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 16.2 Hz, 1H), 5.19 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.11 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (d, *J* = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 5.4, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.69 (dt, *J* = 8.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 4.09 (m, 1H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 3.50 (m, 1H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.08 (m, 2H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 1.99-1.94 (m, 4H), 1.82 (dd, *J* = 13.2, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.67 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.62-1.51 (m, 6H), 1.48-1.36 (m, 4H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.15 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 1.12 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 173.4, 166.8, 156.8, 145.8, 138.7, 137.4, 133.5, 131.3, 129.4, 124.7, 124.0, 118.7, 79.5, 77.1, 76.4, 76.0, 72.3, 69.1, 67.8, 52.5, 46.5, 44.5, 43.9, 42.1, 40.6, 37.1, 36.1, 35.5, 34.8, 33.6, 32.9, 31.5, 30.5, 30.2, 24.7, 24.3, 22.3, 20.8, 20.7, 17.3, 16.4, 16.3, 16.0, 15.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z 765.4947 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 765.4912 for C₄₄H₇₀NaO₉].



Photo-mycolactone 10-B1 (minor)

[α]_D²⁰ = -103 (CH₂Cl₂, *c* 0.50); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 7.00 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.79 (d, *J* = 15.5 Hz, 1H), 5.20 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 5.04 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (ddd, *J* = 12.0, 4.5, 3.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 1H), 4.69 (dt, *J* = 9.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (m, 1H), 4.01 (m, 1H), 3.96 (m, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 2.48 (m, 1H), 2.40 (m, 2H), 2.14-2.10 (m, 2H), 2.00-1.93 (m, 5H), 1.83 (dd, *J* = 12.5, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 1.79 (s, 3H), 1.71 (s, 3H), 1.66 (s, 3H), 1.64 (s, 3H), 1.58-1.49 (m, 6H), 1.47-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.23 (s, 3H), 1.16 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 1.13 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CD₃COCD₃) δ 173.4, 166.8, 156.8, 145.8, 138.7, 137.4, 133.6, 131.3, 129.5, 124.7, 124.0, 118.7, 79.5, 77.1, 76.4, 76.0, 72.3, 69.1, 67.8, 52.5, 46.5, 44.5, 43.9, 42.1, 40.6, 37.2, 36.1, 35.5, 34.6, 33.7, 32.9, 31.5, 30.5, 30.2, 24.7, 24.3, 22.3, 20.9, 20.7, 17.3, 16.4, 16.3, 16.0, 15.1; HRMS (ESI) m/z 765.4884 [(M+Na)⁺, calcd 765.4912 for C₄₄H₇₀NaO₉].

8b. Photolysis of synthetic mycolactone A/B



Photolysis of 1 was done in test tubes at 30 °C, with use of the photo-reactor shown in Figure 1. In comparison with the authentic samples described in the preceding sections, the photo-product was shown to be composed of the four photo-products, with the 3:1 and 3:2 mixture of the *anti/syn* and remote diastereomers, respectively, and with the major product in the mycolactone A- and B-subgroups corresponding to those in the tetraenoate and pentaenoate A- and B-subgroups.



Photo-MycoA/B-mix	ture 10	
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10-A1	U	U
10-A2	U	
10-B2 (Major)	U	U
10-B1 (Minor)	U	
7.4 7.3 7.2	7.1 7.0 6.9 6.8 6.7 6.6 6.5 6.4 6.3 Chemical Shift (ppm)	3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5

Figure 19. NMR correlation of photo-mycoA/B mixture 10 and photo product 10-A1, 10-A2, 10-B1 and 10-B2

9. Unique NMR Spectroscopic and HPLC characteristics to differentiate photomycolactones from each other and also from mycolactone A/B

9a. Unique signature in 1H NMR spectra

i. Differentiation of mycolactone A/B from photo-mycolactones

The H2' and H3' ¹H NMR signal could differentiate mycolactone A/B from photo-mycolactones; the broken red lines in figure 20 indicate the difference.

ii. Differentiation of photo-mycolactones from each other

The H2' ¹H NMR signal could differentiate photo-mycolactones from each other; the broken blue lines in figure 20 indicate the difference. The H2' ¹H NMR signals of A1 and A2 are more up-field than that of B1 and B2.



Figure 20. NMR correlation of Mycolactone A/B, photo-mycoA/B mixture 10 and photo product 10-A1, 10-A2, 10-B1 and 10-B2

9b. Difference in the retention time in HPLC

 Differentiation of mycolactone A/B from photo-mycolactone HPLC retention time of Mycolactone A/B and photo-mycolactones 10-A1, 10-A2, 10-B1 and 10-B2 are different (shown in Figure 21).

HPLC differentiation of mycolactone A/B and the photo-mycolactones



Figure 21. HPLC profile of Mycolactone A/B and photo-mycolactones

Detection: For mycolactone A/B - UV detection at 350 nm. For photo-mycolactones **10-A1**, **10-A2**, **10-B1** and **10-B2**: Waters 2424 ELS detector; Column: Regis Tech, (s,s)-whelk-01, 250mm x 4.6 mm; Solvent (isocratic): hexanes/CH₂Cl₂/EtOH/Et₃N = 65/27.5/7/0.5; flow rate: 0.6 mL/min.

Differentiation of photo-mycolactones from each other
Photo-mycolactones 10-A1, 10-A2, 10-B1 and 10-B2 can be differentiated
by HPLC retention time (Figure 22)

HPLC differentiation of the photo-mycolactones



Figure 22. HPLC profile of photo-mycolactones

Detection: Photo-mycolactones **10-A1**, **10-A2**, **10-B1** and **10-B2**: Waters 2424 ELS detector; Column: Regis Tech, (s,s)-whelk-01, 250mm x 4.6 mm; Solvent (isocratic): hexanes/CH₂Cl₂/EtOH/Et₃N = 69/27.5/3/0.5; flow rate: 0.8 mL/min.

9c. MS/MS spectra

Comparison of MS/MS for Mycolactone A/B and Photo A1 and B1



Figure 23. MS/MS spectra of mycolactone A/B, Photo A1 and Photo B1 at 70 eV



Comparison of MS/MS for Mycolactone A/B and Photo A1 and B1

Figure 24. MS/MS spectra of mycolactone A/B, Photo A1 and Photo B1 at 55 eV

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10. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra
































































