ABSTRACT

Small-molecule Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization as Vascular Disrupting Agents and Prodrugs Targeting Tumor-Associated Hypoxia

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The tumor microenvironment provides a number of promising targets for selective treatment with anticancer agents. Aberrant tumor-associated neovascularization offers one such targeting opportunity. Compounds referred to as vascular disrupting agents (VDAs) cause morphological changes in endothelial cells lining tumor-associated vasculature leading to selective and irreversible reduction in blood flow thus starving tumors of necessary oxygen and nutrients, ultimately culminating in necrosis. Combretastatin A-4 (CA4) and combretastatin A-1 (CA1) are natural products derived from the South African tree *Combretum caffrum* that inhibit tubulin polymerization and demonstrate dual mechanism of action functioning both as antiproliferative agents and separately as VDAs. Inspired by the molecular architecture of colchicine and the combretastatin family of natural products, several 2-aryl-3-aryol-indole analogues were designed and synthesized to further enhance structure activity relationship considerations around our previously discovered lead indole-based anticancer agent, OXi8006. These indole analogues were evaluated for their ability to inhibit tubulin assembly and for their

cytotoxicity against several human cancer cell lines. An amino analogue showed a comparable inhibition of tubulin assembly (IC₅₀ = 0.83μ M) to the reference compound OXi8006. In addition to the synthesis of new analogues and prodrugs, a mechanistic study related to the formation of a key intermediate (2-arylindole) was also carried out utilizing a ¹³C-labeled molecule.

A wide variety of solid tumor cancers are characterized by profound regions of hypoxia, which provides a unique opportunity for targeted cancer therapy. A promising strategy involves the hypoxia-selective release of potent anticancer agents facilitated through reductase-mediated cleavage of non-toxic bioreductively activatable prodrug conjugates (BAPCs). A series of BAPCs were synthesized that incorporate parent anticancer agents OXi8006 (indole), OXi6196 (dihydronaphthalene), and KGP18 (benzosuberene) that incorporate a variety of nitro-bearing heteroaromatic triggers. The cytotoxicity of these BAPCs was evaluated under both normoxic and hypoxic conditions to determine their hypoxia cytotoxicity ratio (HCR). Several of these BAPCs demonstrated promising HCR values (>7) in the A549 lung cancer cell line. The most promising BAPC (OXi6196-monomethylthiophene trigger) demonstrated anti-vascular activity in a preliminary *in vivo* study in an orthotopic syngeneic breast tumor mouse model (4T1/BALB/c), as evidenced through bioluminescence imaging (BLI) and histology. Small-molecule Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization as Vascular Disrupting Agents and Prodrugs Targeting Tumor-Associated Hypoxia

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CHAPTER ONE

Introduction

Cancer

Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells and potential spread to other organs of the body.¹ It continues to be a major public health problem worldwide and is the second leading cause of death in the United States after cardiovascular disease. In 2018, it is estimated that over 1.7 million new cancer cases will occur in the United States. Moreover, 600,000 cancer deaths are projected to happen.² The top three types of cancer that occur in men are prostate, lung and bronchus, and colon and rectum cancer. On the other side, the most common types of cancer among women are breast, lung and bronchus, and colon and rectum cancer (Figure 1.1).² Statistics have also shown that approximately 40 percent of men and 38 percent of women in the U.S. will get cancer at a certain stage during their lifetime.³

Surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy are the most common cancer therapy methods.⁴ The choice of therapy depends upon the location of the tumor and the stage of the disease, as well as the performance status of the patient. In most cases, patients receive a combination of treatments, such as surgery with chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy.⁵ Immunotherapy and targeted therapy have attracted growing interest from researchers, clinicians, and pharmaceutical companies, as these therapies are expected to be more effective and less harmful in comparison to radiotherapy and chemotherapy.⁶

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Estimated New Cases				
			Males	Females
Prostate	164,690	19%		Breast 266,120 30%
Lung & bronchus	121,680	14%		Lung & bronchus 112,350 13%
Colon & rectum	75,610	9%		Colon & rectum 64,640 7%
Urinary bladder	62,380	7%		Uterine corpus 63,230 7%
Melanoma of the skin	55,150	6%		Thyroid 40,900 5%
Kidney & renal pelvis	42,680	5%		Melanoma of the skin 36,120 4%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	41,730	5%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma 32,950 4%
Oral cavity & pharynx	37,160	4%		Pancreas 26,240 3%
Leukemia	35,030	4%		Leukemia 25,270 3%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	30,610	4%		Kidney & renal pelvis 22,660 3%
All Sites	856,370	100%	_	All Sites 878,980 100%
Estimated Deaths				
			Males	Females
Lung & bronchus	83,550	26%		Lung & bronchus 70,500 25%
Prostate	29,430	9%	57	Breast 40,920 14%
Colon & rectum	27,390	8%		Colon & rectum 23,240 8%
Pancreas	23,020	7%		Pancreas 21,310 7%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	20,540	6%		Ovary 14,070 5%
Leukemia	14,270	4%		Uterine corpus 11,350 4%
Esophagus	12,850	4%		Leukemia 10,100 4%
Urinary bladder	12,520	4%		Liver & intrahepatic bile duct 9,660 3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,510	4%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma 8,400 3%
Kidney & renal pelvis	10,010	3%		Brain & other nervous system 7,340 3%
All Sites	323,630	100%		All Sites 286,010 100%

Figure 1.1. Top Ten Types of Cancer in Estimated New Cases and Death by Sex, United States, 2018^2

Vascular Targeting Agents

The vascular network supporting normal tissue is hierarchically organized and evenly distributed to maintain the supply of oxygen and nutrients to all cells (Panel A in Figure 1.2).⁷ When a tumor reaches a few millimeters in size, it outgrows its blood supply,⁸ and in order to receive sufficient oxygen and nutrition, solid tumors become angiogenic and develop their own vasculature to meet the demand.^{9,10}

However, this newly-formed tumor vasculature (Panel B in Figure 1.2) is different from the vasculature in normal tissue, which might be its Achilles' heel. The vascular network associated with tumors is typically not systemic and is unevenly distributed.¹¹ Tumor blood vessels are often immature, leaky and highly-permeable.^{12,13} This chaotic vascular network and primitive blood vessels serve as promising targets for cancer therapeutics.



Figure 1.2. Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) Image of a Microvascular Cast from Normal Lung Tissue (A) and a Human Sigmoidal Adenocarcinoma (Colorectal Cancer) (B)⁷

In the early 1970s, Folkman and coworkers observed that tumors were limited in size to 1-2 mm³ if neovascularization of tumors was inhibited.^{14,15} From these observations, he proposed a well-known hypothesis that tumor growth depends on angiogenesis and suggested a potential therapeutic approach that would inhibit angiogenesis in solid tumors.⁹ He also brought up the idea of "anti-angiogenesis" and proposed that tumors would not grow beyond a few cubic millimeters in size without the development of new capillary blood vessels for the supply of oxygen and nutrients.⁹ Later in 1982, Dr. Denekamp observed that blockage of solid tumor blood vessels led to tumor necrosis.¹⁶ She then proposed that the fragile neovasculature in tumors could be a

target. This idea focused on damaging the existing new vessels, comparable to Folkman's suggestion to inhibit angiogenesis.

Vascular targeting agents generally consist of two distinct classes of compounds: angiogenesis-inhibiting agents (AIAs) and vascular disrupting agents (VDAs). AIAs are represented by a set of small-molecules that are inherently cytostatic and inhibit the development of new vasculature in the tumor region. On the other hand, VDAs cause irreversible damage to existing tumor vasculature and restrict the supply of oxygen and nutrients (Figure 1.3).



Figure 1.3. Angiogenesis-Inhibiting Agents (AIAs) and Vascular Disrupting Agents (VDAs)¹⁷

Angiogenesis is the physiological process of forming new blood vessels which involves migration, growth and differentiation of endothelial progenitor cells.¹⁸ This

process is normal and vital in growth and development, such as pregnancy, wound healing and the menstrual cycle.¹⁹ This process is regulated by several signal proteins, including vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) and fibroblast growth factor (FGF).^{20,21} When these endothelial growth factors bind to their receptors on the surface of endothelial cells, the development of new blood vessels are initiated.^{20–22} As the tumor grows, certain growth factors are upregulated to provide sufficient tumor-associated blood supply. AIAs are unique anti-cancer agents.²² They inhibit the growth of blood vessels through interaction with these growth factors, thus restricting the supply of oxygen and nutrients, rather than blocking the growth of tumor cells.^{17,22} For example, some monoclonal antibodies specifically recognize and bind to VEGF. Once VEGF is attached to these drugs, it is unable to activate the receptor on the surface of endothelial cells.^{22–24}

More than a dozen AIAs have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) since the approval of bevacizumab (Avastin®) in 2004. Bevacizumab is a recombinant humanized monoclonal antibody that inhibits angiogenesis. It interacts with vascular endothelial growth factor A (VEGF-A), which is a growth factor overexpressed in tumors.^{23,24} It has been used as single agent or in combination therapy for the treatment colon cancer, lung cancer, glioblastoma, and renalcell carcinoma.^{23,24}

Vascular Disrupting Agents

Distinct from AIAs, VDAs target endothelial cells and pericytes of established tumor-associated vasculature, and cause rapid occlusion of vessels, which leads to secondary tumor-cell death.²⁵ There are two types of VDAs, small-molecule VDAs and ligand-directed VDAs.²⁶

A subset of the small-molecule VDAs are tubulin binding agents, which bind to the tubulin β -subunit at the colchicine binding site.²⁷ This binding causes depolymerization of microtubules, rearrangement of the cytoskeleton, and disorganization of actin and tubulin, which leads to rapid morphology changes of these endothelial cells in the tumor-associated blood vessels.⁷ The rounding up and blebbing of these endothelial cells increases the vascular resistance, which contributes to vascular shutdown (Figure 1.4). In addition, shape changes and apoptosis of these cells activate vasoconstriction, which also decreases the blood flow.²⁸ Moreover, the slow-down of blood flow results in promotion of red blood cell aggregation. This effect further increases viscous resistance to blood flow.²⁹ All these effects result in the occlusion of tumor-associated blood vessels.



Figure 1.4. Mechanism of Tumor Vasculature Shutdown after Administration of a VDA³⁰

Colchicine, which was isolated from *Colchicum autumnale*, has been described for the treatment of gout since the first century AD (Figure 1.5).³¹ It belongs to this VDA family, which binds to the tubulin heterodimer, disrupts further polymerization to form microtubules, and inhibits mitosis.^{31–34} It has been demonstrated to cause tumor regression and necrosis through vascular shutdown. However, due to high toxicity, its use as an anticancer agent is limited.³⁵ Combretastatins are a class of potent natural products which were first isolated by Dr. Pettit and co-workers from the South African Combretum *caffrum* tree.^{36,37} These compounds are phenolic stilbenes that bear structural similarity to colchicine. They are potent antimitotic agents that bind to the colchicine binding site of tubulin and inhibit tubulin assembly. Combretastatin A-4 (CA4) along with Combretastatin A-1 (CA1) are the most potent members of this family.^{27,36,37} CA4, a *cis*stilbene, is highly active against a wide-variety of human cancer cell lines and was found to exhibit an antivascular effect at one tenth of its maximum tolerated dose.³⁸ The poor solubility of CA4 led to the development of its water-soluble disodium phosphate prodrug, CA4P.³⁹



Figure 1.5. Selected Natural Products that Function as VDAs

VDAs are known to cause tumor necrosis, but tend to spare some tumor cells on the rim, which receive their blood supply from normal blood vessels (Figure 1.3).^{17,30,40} To overcome this problem, VDAs like CA4P are usually administrated in combination with other chemotherapy drugs in clinical trial.⁴¹ Four phase I clinical trials of combination therapy involving CA4P were reported.^{42–45} All these studies showed that the combination therapy was generally well tolerated and displayed promising tumor responses. However, several phase II studies involving CA4P for the treatment of anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) have been completed with no significant tumor response observed, including a single agent and a combination therapy with doxorubicin, cisplatin and radiotherapy.^{46,47} Combination therapy of pazopanib with CA4P for ovarian cancer and the combination of everolimus with CA4P for neuroendocrine tumors are currently undergoing clinical trials. Recently, a preclinical study has shown that the combination therapy of CA4P and an anti-CTLA-4 antibody nearly doubles the amount of tumor necrosis. This new finding showed the potential of CA4P in enhancing the efficacy of checkpoint inhibitors.⁴⁸



Figure 1.6. Leading Small-Molecule Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization Developed in Pinney Research Group: OXi6196,^{49,50} OXi6197,⁴⁹ KGP18,^{50–52} KGP265,⁵² KGP433,⁵³ KGP481,⁵³ OXi8006,^{54,55} OXi8007,⁵⁴ and Benzo[*b*]thiophene analogues.^{56,57}

Numerous structure-activity relationship (SAR) studies of CA4 have shown that the trimethoxyphenyl moiety, the *p*-methoxyphenyl moiety and a distance of 4-5 Å between the two aryl rings are essential to maintain tubulin binding activity.⁵⁸ With structural inspiration provided by colchicine, CA4 and CA1, a series of potent tubulin binding agents functioning as VDAs have been discovered by the Pinney Research Group (Baylor University), including dihydronaphthalene,⁵⁰ benzosuberene,^{50–52} benzocyclooctene,⁵³ indole^{54,55}, and benzo[*b*]thiophene analogues⁵⁹ (Figure 1.6). A benzosuberene analogue KGP18 stands out among these VDAs since it combines potent inhibition of tubulin polymerization (IC₅₀= 1.1 μ M) with enhanced cytotoxicity against human cancer cell lines (see Table 1.1).^{50,51} Its water-soluble phosphate prodrug KGP265 was also prepared by the Pinney Research Group.⁵²

	Inhibition of Tubulin	GI_{50} (μ M) ± SD SRB assay			
Compounds	Assembly IC_{50} (μ M) ± SD	NCI-H460	DU-145	SK-OV-3	
CA4	1.0 ^a	0.0022ª	0.00054ª	0.00042 ^a	
CA1	1.9 ^b	0.046 ^b	0.013 ^b	n.d.	
OXi6196	$0.46\pm0.01^{\circ}$	0.0054°	0.0034 ^c	0.0022 ^c	
KGP18	1.4^{d}	0.000054^{d}	0.000042^{d}	0.000025^{d}	
KGP433	$1.2\pm0.1^{\text{e}}$	0.11 ^e	0.10 ^e	0.081 ^e	
OXi8006	$1.1\pm0.04^{\rm f}$	0.038 ^f	0.036 ^f	0.0034^{f}	

Table 1.1 Inhibition of Tubulin Assembly and Cytotoxicity of Selected VDAs^{52-54,60,61}

^a Data from ref 60.

^b Data from ref 61.

^c Unpublished data from Trawick Laboratory, Baylor University.

^d Data from ref 52.

^e Data from ref 53.

^f Data from ref 54.

n.d. = not available

OXi8006

OXi8006 (Figure 1.6) is a indole-based tubulin binding agent which was first reported by the Pinney Research Group.⁵⁴ Flynn and coworkers have subsequently obtained this compound through a separate synthetic route.⁶² OXi8006 is a potent inhibitor of tubulin assembly with an IC₅₀ value of 1.1 μ M that demonstrates strong cytotoxicity against human cancer cell lines (Table 1.1). Its corresponding water-soluble disodium phosphate prodrug salt, OXi8007, demonstrated its ability to selectively decrease and shut down tumor-associated blood flow in a SCID mouse model bearing an orthotopic PC-3 (prostate) tumor.⁵⁴ A previous SAR study from the Pinney Group has identified two other indole analogues with inhibition of tubulin assembly comparable to OXi8006.⁵⁵

The mechanism of action has also been proposed (Figure 1.7).⁶³ OXi8006, generated from dephosphorylation of the corresponding phosphate prodrug salt OXi8007, enters tumor-associated endothelial cells via passive diffusion. This free phenol binds to tubulin resulting in microtubule disassembly and RhoA activation. RhoA kinase (ROCK) is activated by RhoA and phosphorylates myosin light chain (MLC) and suppresses MLC phosphatase (MP). This leads to increased levels of phosphorylated MLC and activation of non-muscle myosin II, which contributes to actin bundling and stress fiber formation. ROCK also leads to focal adhesion kinase (FAK) phosphorylation and activation contributing to increased focal adhesions.

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Figure 1.7. Proposed VDA Mechanism of Action of OXi8007 in Activated Endothelial Cells⁶³

Bioreductively Activatable Prodrug Conjugates

One salient feature in the solid tumor microenvironment is hypoxia. Approximately 50–60% of solid tumors contain pronounced hypoxic regions, where the oxygen concentrations are below 1.5% - 2%.⁶⁴ Hypoxia can be divided into two major categories, perfusion-limited hypoxia and diffusion-limited hypoxia (Figure 1.8). Acute or perfusion-limited hypoxia occurs due to temporal blood vessel occlusion and unstable blood flow in tumor microvasculature.⁶⁵ The abnormal tumor vasculature structure and enlarged distance between tumor blood microvessels may result in chronic or diffusionlimited hypoxia.⁶⁶



Figure 1.8. Chronic (Diffusion-Limited) and Cycling (Perfusion-Limited) Hypoxia⁶⁷

Hypoxia plays a key role in both tumor biology and prognosis. Tumor hypoxia can promote resistance to cell apoptosis,⁶⁸ downregulate DNA damage repair pathways and increase genomic instability⁶⁹, induce angiogenesis,⁷⁰ change cell metabolism to promote cell growth,⁷¹ increase invasion and metastasis,⁷² promote autophagy,⁷³ as well as suppress immunoreactivity.⁷⁴ This plethora of tumor biological effects is orchestrated largely by hypoxia-inducible factor-1 (HIF-1),⁷¹ which has been observed in most solid tumors.⁷⁵



Figure 1.9. Structure of Selected Bioreductive Prodrugs: TH-302,⁷⁶ TH-4000,⁷⁷ Tirapazamine,⁷⁸ PR-104,⁷⁹ EO9,⁸⁰ and Combretastatin A-4 BAPCs.^{81,82}

Hypoxia promotes cellular resistance to many therapeutic methods including radiotherapy and chemotherapy.^{83–85} On the other hand, some cytotoxic drugs are found to be more effective in hypoxia.⁸³ Therefore, cancer hypoxia became an interesting target for new anticancer agents and treatments. Two main approaches are currently being applied: bioreductively activatable prodrug conjugates [BAPCs, also known as hypoxia-activated prodrugs (HAPs)] and small-molecule inhibitors that specifically target hypoxia, especially the HIF-pathway.⁸⁶ Herein, we are interested in developing BAPCs that incorporate small-molecule inhibitors of tubulin polymerization as the parent anticancer agents (effectors). These prodrugs undergo enzyme-mediated reduction in the hypoxic region through either a one- or two- electron reductase resulting in the selective release of cytotoxic agents.⁶⁶ Five different types of chemical entities have demonstrated the ability to selectively release the parent compound in hypoxia, including nitro(hetero)cyclic compounds, aromatic *N*-oxides, aliphatic *N*-oxides, quinones and

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metal complexes⁸⁷ A selection of these prodrugs are shown in Figure 1.9, including tirapazamine, evofosfamide, PR-104 and TH-4000.

Chemically, tirapazamine belongs to the aromatic *N*-oxide family. It was first prepared in a program screening for novel herbicides in 1972. Zemen and coworkers found it to be a leading compound in the development of bioreductive cytotoxic agents for cancer therapy in 1986.⁸⁸ Its triazine moiety reduces to a tirapazamine radical intermediate through a one-electron reduction. This unstable intermediate undergoes further reaction in hypoxia to produce either a benzotriazinyl radical or a hydroxyl radical, which leads to DNA damage and poisoning of topoisomerase II (Scheme 1.1).^{88–} ⁹⁰ While tirapazamine was extensively investigated in clinic trials, and phase I and II studies showed positive results, the phase III studies utilizing a combination of tirapazamine with the conventional anticancer agent cisplatin generated limited effectiveness.^{91–93}



Scheme 1.1. Mechanism of Reductive Activation of Tirapazamine⁹⁰

TH-302, also known as evofosfamide, is a 2-nitroimidazole BAPC based on a bromoisophosphoramide mustard (Figure 1.9), which releases its parent drug under hypoxic conditions.⁹⁴ This prodrug is reduced by one-electron oxidoreductases to

fragment and release the alkylating agent (bromoisophosphoramide mustard). It also presents a high hypoxic cytotoxicity ratio (HCR: GI₅₀ ratio normoxia/hypoxia), and good pharmacokinetics and safety profiles in model animals.⁷⁶ However, Phase III clinical trials against pancreatic adenocarcinoma and soft tissue sarcoma showed no statistical significance for TH-302.^{95,96} Recently, TH-302 in clinical trials has been shown to act as a sensitizer in combination therapy with certain immune checkpoint inhibitors for the treatment of patients with advanced prostate cancer, metastatic pancreatic cancer, melanoma and glioblastoma.^{97,98}

The potent VDA CA4 was used by Davis and co-workers to prepare a series of BAPCs (Figure 1.9).^{81,82} 5-Nitrothiophene triggers were utilized as bioreductive trigger moieties and were covalently attached to CA4 through an ether linkage. These compounds were designed to release CA4 selectively in the hypoxic tumor microenvironment upon enzymatic reduction.

The BAPCs developed within the Pinney Research Group (Baylor University) followed the same strategy as TH-302 and the CA4 BAPCs shown in Scheme 1.2A.⁹⁹ Aromatic *N*-oxide moieties, including nitrothiophene, nitrofuran, nitroimidazole and nitrobenzene,^{82,100–102} were covalently linked to the small-molecule tubulin binding agents developed in the Pinney Group to target human hypoxia. These conjugates undergo bioreductive cleavage to release the cytotoxic agents. The detailed mechanism of reduction and fragmentation is shown in Scheme 1.2B.

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Scheme 1.2. A: Proposed Strategy for Selective Release of Cytotoxic Agents from Prodrugs under Hypoxic Associated with Cancer Cells; B: Biological Reduction and Cleavage of BAPCs (CA4-*gem*-dimethyl Nitrothiophene as an Example)¹⁰³

Antibody-Drug Conjugates

In 1900, a German immunologist Paul Ehrlich proposed that if a compound can selectively target a disease-causing organism, then a toxin for that organism could be delivered without harming the body itself.^{104,105} This so-called "magic bullet" theory has to some extent been realized by the development of antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs). ADCs are composed of antibodies that are covalently bonded via either cleavable or non-

cleavable linkers to anticancer agents (known as payloads).^{106,107} The antibodies bind to specific antigens on the surface of tumor cells and thus deliver their payload selectively to the tumor. These ADCs are designed as targeted therapy for cancer treatment, thus killing specific tumor cells and sparing normal tissue from chemotherapeutic damage.



Figure 1.10. Structure of Brentuximab Vedotin¹⁰⁶ and Trastuzumab Emtansine^{108,109}

Since the discovery of monoclonal antibody (mAb) technology by Kohler and Milstein,¹¹⁰ this antibody is widely used in ADC development. The first FDA approved ADC in the oncology space was Gemtuzumab ozogamicin for the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia in 2001. After being withdrawn from the US market in 2010 due to its high fatal toxicity rate, Gemtuzumab ozogamicin was re-entered last year.¹¹¹ At the beginning of this decade, Brentuximab vedotin (Figure 1.10) for the treatment of Hodgkin Lymphoma (HL) and systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL),^{106,112,113} and Trastuzumab emtansine for the treatment of HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer^{108,109} gained FDA approval. This field has generated extensive pre-clinical experimentation, and more than 60 ADCs are currently in clinical trials.¹⁰⁷

Brentuximab vedotin incorporates a cathepsin B cleavable linker containing valine-citrulline (Val-Cit).¹⁰⁶ This dipeptide is stable in the plasma, but is quickly cleaved by lysosomal enzymes such as cathepsin B.¹¹⁴ A *para*-amino benzyl alcohol (PABOH) was also used as spacer in this ADC. Inspired by this study, a series of VDAs attached to this cathepsin B cleavable linker were prepared by the Pinney Research Group.¹¹⁵ Another spacer *N*,*N*'-dimethylethylenediamine was installed between PABOH and the payload to generate carbamate groups instead of a carbonate moiety, since it is reported that several carbonate conjugates are less stable when compared with their carbamate derivatives.¹¹⁶

Mechanism of Indole Ring Formation

Indole is an aromatic heterocyclic compound with a benzene ring fused to a fivemembered pyrrole ring. It widely exists in the natural environment. The amino acid tryptophan, neurotransmitter serotonin, and tryptamine all contain an indole core ring. Indoles are also important scaffolds in medicinal chemistry.¹¹⁷ The anticancer agents vinblastine, vincristine, and mitomycin C are well-known examples of biologically active natural products that contain an indole ring.

The preparation of indole rings has been studied for over 150 years.^{118–121} The synthetic routes available toward the indole ring are well established.^{118,120,121} Among these methods, the most versatile and well-studied approach is the Fischer indole synthesis, which involves a [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement followed by closure to the

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fused five-membered ring.¹²² Other methods include the Leimgruber–Batcho indole synthesis, the Bischler–Mohlau indole synthesis, and the Fukuyama indole synthesis.^{120,121}

OXi8006 and its phosphate prodrug salt OXi8007 (Figure 1.6) bear an indole structure.^{54,55} OXi8006 was synthesized following the Bischler-Molhau indole methodology.^{123,124} This synthesis involved a reaction between aniline and α-halogenated acetophenone. Two recognized mechanism pathways were postulated for the formation of the 2-aryl indole product.¹²⁵ In this work, a ¹³C isotope labeling experiment was carried out to find which pathway is favored.¹²⁶

Small-molecule Inhibitors of Cathepsin L

Metastasis occurs when cancer cells invade normal tissue by spreading from a primary site to a secondary site within the host body.^{14,127–129} It is the primary reason for approximately 90% of cancer deaths.¹²⁹

Cathepsins are a group of endopeptidases which are predominately found in the lysosome.^{130,131} Some cysteine cathepsins have extracellular functions. Many mechanisms have been found to upregulate cathepsin expression in various tumor cell lines, including amplification,¹³² transcript variants^{133,134} and transcriptional regulation.¹³⁵ After being secreted from tumor cells as the proenzyme form, these proteases increase degradation of the extracellular matrix and promote metastasis.^{136–138} Cathepsin L, a member of the cathepsin family, is a ubiquitous endopeptidase which is overexpressed in cancer cells and accumulates at elevated levels in tumors and the tumor microenvironment.¹³⁹ Cathepsin L inhibitors, such as E-64 and KGP94, have shown biological activity *in vivo* and are promising for therapeutic application.^{7,140–143}

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The thiosemicarbazone moiety has also been shown to exhibit anti-parasitic activity through inhibition of the cysteine proteases cruzain and falcipain.^{144–146} These discoveries inspired further investigation of the thiosemicarbazone moiety as the warhead incorporated within small-molecule inhibitors designed to target other cysteine proteases, such as cathepsin L.^{147,148}



Figure 1.11. Structure of Cathepsin L inhibitor KGP94^{149–151}

KGP94 is a functionalized benzophenone thiosemicarbazone derivative developed in the Pinney Research Group, which functions as a potent inhibitor of cathepsin L.^{149–151} It significantly limits the activity of cathepsin L toward human type I collagen. It also inhibits the invasion of breast cancer cells (MDA-MB-231) through MatrigelTM by 70% at 10 μ M.¹⁴⁹ A water-soluble phosphate prodrug of KGP94 was also prepared to overcome its limited aqueous solubility.¹⁵¹ Preliminary biological evaluation has shown that this phosphate prodrug is readily hydrolyzed to KGP94 by alkaline phosphatase.
CHAPTER TWO

Indole-based Vascular Disrupting Agents and Antibody-Drug Conjugates

Introduction

Our previous work lead to the potent compound 2-(3'-hydroxy-4'methoxyphenyl)-3-(3'', 4'', 5''-trimethoxybenzoyl)-6-methoxyindole (OXi8006)¹⁵² and its corresponding water-soluble disodium phosphate prodrug salt, OXi8007.⁵⁴ A previous structure activity relationship (SAR) study of OXi8006 from the Pinney Group identified indole analogues **3** and **4** (Figure 2.1) that demonstrate inhibition of tubulin assembly comparable to OXi8006 with IC₅₀ value of $1.1 \,\mu$ M and $1.0 \,\mu$ M.⁵⁵ Herein the synthesis and preliminary biological evaluation of the corresponding water-soluble disodium phosphate salts of indole analogues **3** and **4**, along with several other indole-based analogues is described. Synthesis of a bridge-modified combretastatin analogue is also included. In addition, a drug-linker construct of OXi8006 covalently bonded to a cathepsin L cleavable linker was synthesized. This drug-linker construct is suitable for attachment to a monoclonal antibody in future studies.



Figure 2.1 Selected Indole-based VDAs and Their Prodrugs^{153,154}



Scheme 2.1. Synthetic Route to OXi8006⁵⁴

The synthetic route towards OXi8006 (1) and OXi8007 (2) are shown in Scheme 2.1, which utilizes 2-arylindole 12 as a key intermediate. The synthesis started from the commercially available isovanillin 7. After protection of the phenol as its corresponding silyl ether 8, addition of methyllithium formed the secondary alcohol 9, which was subsequently oxidized by pyridinium chlorochromate to afford the expected acetophenone 10. The α -brominated acetophenone 11 was prepared by treatment of

compound **10** with LDA to form the corresponding silyl enol ether followed by bromination with bromine. The key step relied on a Bischler-Mohlau indole synthesis to obtain indole **12** followed by the reaction with 3, 4, 5-trimethoxylbenzoyl chloride. The resulting TBS-protected indole derivative **13** was desilylated by tetrabutylammonium fluoride to afford indole-based phenol **1** (OXi8006). Reaction of free phenol **1** (OXi8006) with in situ-generated dibenzyl chlorophosphite resulted in the indole-based dibenzyl phosphate ester **14**. Deprotection by hydrogen gas and palladium on activated carbon (10%), followed by an acid–base reaction between the resulting phosphoric acid and sodium carbonate, resulted in the desired disodium phosphate indole prodrug **2** (OXi8007).



Scheme 2.2. Synthetic Route towards Water-Soluble Disodium Phosphate Salt 5

The synthetic route towards indole-based disodium phosphate prodrug salt **5** (Scheme 2.2) started from the previously described bromoacetophenone **11**. Similar to the synthesis of **OXi8006**, 2-arylindole **16** was obtained through the Bischler-Mohlau indole synthesis and a subsequent acylation reaction with 3, 4, 5-trimethoxybenzoyl chloride resulted in the TBS-protected indole analogue **17**. After deprotection of the TBS protecting group, free phenol **3** was reacted with phosphoryl chloride to form the indole-based phosphoric acid. The corresponding phosphate salt **5** was afforded through neutralization by sodium carbonate.



Scheme 2.3. Synthetic Route towards Indole Analogue 22

The synthesis of phosphate prodrug salt **6** was attempted through a similar route as that described for phosphate prodrug salt OXi8007 (Scheme 2.3). After the Bischler-Mohlau indole synthesis, 2-arylindole **19** was selectively demethylated in the presence of the ionic liquid [TMAH] [Al₂Cl₇] under microwave irradiation to generate the phenolic 2arylindole **20**, which was subsequently protected as it corresponding TBS derivative **21**. In the Friedel Crafts acylation of TBS protect **21**, ester **22** was obtained instead of the expected product **23**. It is possible that due to the acidity of the reaction mixture, the TBS protecting group was cleaved and the free phenol **20** was formed, which subsequently reacted with 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl chloride to afford ester **22**. Interestingly, biological evaluation of compound **20** indicated that this compound has moderate cytotoxicity against selected human cancer cell lines (GI₅₀ = 0.248 μ M against DU-145 cells, for example).



Scheme 2.4. Synthetic Route towards Amino Indole Analogue 28

Another indole-based VDA target is the amino compound **28**. (Scheme 2.4) Bromoacetophenone **25** was obtained from the bromination of commercially available acetophenone **24**. 2-Arylindole **26** was synthesized utilizing a similar Bischler-Mohlau indole protocol, which was followed by acylation to afford nitro compound **27**. Reduction with hydrogen and palladium on carbon provided the final target amino compound **28**.

Synthesis of Bridge-Modified Combretastatin Analogue

The objective for this project was to synthesize bridge-extended combretastatin analogues, in which the bridge consisted of methylene groups. As the initiation of this project, the previously reported four-carbon bridge molecule¹⁵⁵ was synthesized to lay a foundation upon which further extensions of the bridge may be fabricated in the Pinney Group Laboratory.



Scheme 2.5. Synthetic Route Towards the Methylene Bridge-Modified CA4 Analogue **35** from Literature¹⁵⁵

The synthetic pathway delineated in Scheme 2.5 represents the reported route for the synthesis of the four-carbon bridge analogue **35**.¹⁵⁵ Phosphonium bromide salt **29** was treated with potassium *tert*-butoxide to generate the corresponding ylide, which was

subsequently reacted with acetaldehyde through a Wittig reaction to yield propylene analogue **30**. Without ready access to a 500-watt lamp utilized in the literature¹⁵⁵ for radical bromination, a modification which used *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS) as the brominating agent was pursued. Propylene analogue **30** was heated at reflux in CCl₄ with NBS and benzoyl peroxide. Unfortunately, the desired allylic bromide **31** was not obtained under these reaction conditions, and instead primarily starting material remained.



Scheme 2.6. Synthetic Route Towards the Methylene Bridge-Modified CA4 Analogue **35** Used in This Study

A new synthetic pathway, outlined in Scheme 2.6, was devised in order to avoid the fastidious radical bromination reaction. Propanoic acid derivative **38** was treated with lithium aluminum hydride to form propanol analogue **39**, which was reacted with PBr₃ to yield the propyl bromide derivative **40**. Bromide **40** was then heated at reflux in toluene with triphenylphosphine to generate phosphonium bromide salt **41**. This salt was reacted with *n*-butyllithium and successively combined with benzaldehyde **37** through a Wittig reaction, which was synthesized prior to this step though protection of isovanillin **36** by *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCI). Silyl ether **42** that resulted from the Wittig reaction was treated with tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) to yield compound **43**. Alkene **43** was then subjected to hydrogenation with palladium on carbon as the catalyst. This reaction pathway resulted in the successful synthesis of combretastatin analogue **35**.

Synthesis of OXi8006-based Antibody-Drug Conjugate

ADCs are an important class of biopharmaceutical drugs designed to selectively target identified tumor specific markers and thus function as targeted therapy. An improved methodology to synthesize a cathepsin B cleavable linker was developed in Pinney Research Group by Dr. Deboprosad Mondal and Jacob Ford (unpublished results). Following the same methodology, the leading indole-based VDA OXi8006 was covalently attached to the Val-Cit linker (Scheme 2.7).

The *para*-nitrophenyl carbonate activating group was installed onto indole-based VDA OXi8006 (1) through the reaction with *bis*-(4-nitrophenyl) carbonate (*bis*-PNP). The activated succinimide ester **47** was also synthesized by reacting 6-maleimidocaproic acid **45** with disuccinimide carbonate **46**.¹⁵⁶



Scheme 2.7. Preparation of OXi8006-based ADC 54

Citrulline **48** was protected by fluorenylmethyloxycarbonyl chloride (FmocCl) and then linked with 4-aminobenzyl alcohol through hexafluorophosphate azabenzotriazole tetramethyl uranium (HATU) coupling to form compound **50**. Fmoc-protected compound **50** was deprotected and coupled with Fmoc-Val-OSu to form the dipeptide **51**, which was then activated by *bis*-PNP. The carbonate **52** was treated with *N*,*N*'-dimethylethylenediamine (DMED) and coupled with the PNP-activated OXi8006 **44**. Finally, succinimide ester **47** was attached to the free amine **53** to provide the target conjugate **54**.





Figure 2.2. Synthesized Indole-Based VDAs and Prodrugs

All of the synthesized indole analogues were evaluated for their ability to inhibit tubulin assembly (in a cell-free, pure protein assay). The nitro indole **27** (IC₅₀ = 0.97 μ M) and amino indole **28** (IC₅₀ = 0.83 μ M) demonstrated impressive inhibition of tubulin

assembly, which is comparable to that of CA4 and OXi8006 (Table 2.1). Unlike CA4P $(IC_{50} > 40 \ \mu M)$,¹⁵⁷ indole-based phosphate salts **2** (OXi8007) and **5** were also found to be strongly inhibitory. The inhibition of tubulin assembly assays were carried out by Dr. Hamel at National Cancer Institute.

These analogues were also tested for their cytotoxicity against selected cancer cell lines (Table 2). Amino analogue **28** demonstrated strong cytotoxicity (GI₅₀ values ranging from 28 to 62 nM) against the NCI-H460 (lung), DU-145 (prostate), and SK-OV-3 (ovarian) human cancer cell lines. Comparing with compound **28**, nitro analogue **27** was somewhat less cytotoxic with GI₅₀ values ranging from 99 nM to 219 nM. The ester analogue **22** demonstrated moderate cytotoxicity against these three cancer cell lines. The Sulforhodamine B (SRB) assays were carried out in Dr. Trawick's laboratory (Dr. Tracy Strecker) at Baylor University.

Compounds	Inhibition of Tubulin Assembly IC ₅₀ (µM) ± SD	GI_{50} (μ M) ± SD SRB assay		
		NCI-H460	DU-145	SK-OV-3
CA4	1.0 ^b	0.00223 ^b	0.00054^{b}	0.00042 ^b
1 (OXi8006)	$1.1\pm0.04^{\circ}$	0.0379°	0.0356 ^c	0.00345°
2 (OXi8007)	$4.2\pm0.1^{\rm c}$	0.0311 ^c	0.0297 ^c	0.0223 ^c
5	8.1 ± 1	n. d.	n. d.	n. d.
22	n. d.	0.248 ± 0.0853	1.00 ± 0.158	0.429 ± 0.0276
27	0.97 ± 0.07	0.219 ± 0.0419	0.151 ± 0.00506	0.0991 ± 0.0139
28	0.83 ± 0.05	0.0435 ± 0.0011	0.0622 ± 0.0042	0.0282 ± 0.0015

Table 2.1 Inhibition of Tubulin Assembly and Cytotoxicity of Target Indole Analogs^{54,60}

^a Average of $n \ge 3$ independent determinations

^b Data from ref. 136

^c Data from ref. 53

n.d. = not determined

Materials and Methods

General Experimental Methods

Dichloromethane, acetonitrile, dimethylformamide (DMF), methanol, ethanol, and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were used in their anhydrous forms, as obtained from the chemical suppliers. Reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere using nitrogen gas, unless specified. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates (precoated glass plates with silica gel 60 F254, 0.25 mm thickness) were used to monitor reactions. Purification of intermediates and products was carried out with a Biotage isolera flash purification system using silica gel (200-400 mesh, 60 Å) or RP-18 prepacked columns or manually in glass columns. Intermediates and products synthesized were characterized on the basis of their ¹H NMR (500 or 300 MHz), ¹³C NMR (125 or 75 MHz), and ³¹P NMR (200 or 120 MHz) spectroscopic data using a Varian VNMRS 500 MHz or Bruker DPX 300 MHz instrument. Spectra were recorded in CDCl₃, D₂O, or CD₃OD. All chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ), coupling constants (*J*) are presented in Hz, and peak patterns are reported as broad (br), singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), septet (sept), double doublet, (dd), and multiplet (m).

Purity of the final compounds was further analyzed at 25 °C using an Agilent 1200 HPLC system with a diode-array detector ($\lambda = 190-400$ nm), a Zorbax XDB-C18 HPLC column (4.6 mm - 150 mm, 5 µm), and a Zorbax reliance cartridge guard-column; method A: solvent A, acetonitrile, solvent B, 0.1% TFA in H₂O, gradient, 10%A / 90%B to 90%A / 10%B over 0 to 30 min; or method B: solvent A, acetonitrile, solvent B, H₂O, gradient, 30%A / 70%B to 90%A / 10%B over 0 to 30 min; or method C: solvent A, acetonitrile, solvent B, H₂O, gradient, solvent B, H₂O, gradient, 50%A / 50%B to 90%A / 10%B over 0 to 30 min;

post-time 10 min; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; injection volume 20 μ L; monitored at wavelengths of 210, 254, 230, 280, and 360 nm. Mass spectrometry was carried out under positive ESI (electrospray ionization) using a Thermo scientific LTQ Orbitrap Discovery instrument.

3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde 8¹⁵⁸

To a solution of 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde **7** (10.0 g, 65.8 mmol) dissolved in dichloromethane (150 mL) at 0 °C was added triethylamine (Et₃N) (10.1 mL, 72.3 mmol) followed by *N*,*N*-dimethylaminopyridine(DMAP) (0.804 g, 6.58 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl) (10.9 g, 72.3 mmol) was then added gradually. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature over 12 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was quenched with water (100 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 X 50 mL). The extracted layers were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The TBS benzaldehyde product **8** [17.3 g, 64.9 mmol, 99%, Rf = 0.50 (70:30 hexanes: EtOAc)] was isolated as a yellow oil and was taken to the next step without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.80 (s, 1H, CHO), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 0.99 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.16 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 190.2, 156.2, 145.2, 130.0, 126.0, 119.4, 110.9, 55.1, 25.3, 18.0, -5.0.

3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-1-(1'-hydroxyethyl)-4-methoxybenzene 9¹⁵⁸

Crude TBS benzaldehyde **8** (4.00 g, 15.0 mmol) dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (THF, 40 mL) at 0 °C was treated with CH₃Li (12.2 mL, 1.6 M, 20 mmol) dropwise. The solution was then stirred at room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was slowly quenched with water (40 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (4 X 20 mL). The organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure, resulting in secondary alcohol **9** [3.84 g, 13.6 mmol, 90%, Rf = 0.40 (70:30 hexanes: EtOAc)] as a yellow oil, which was taken to the next step without further purification.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.88 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.83 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.81 (q, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 1H, CH), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.82 (s, 1H, OH), 1.45 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H, CH₃), 0.99 (s, 9H, (CH₃)₃), 0.15 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 149.7, 144.5, 138.9, 118.4, 118.0, 111.7, 69.1, 55.1, 25.5, 24.9, 18.2, -4.8.

3-tert-Butyldimethylsilylox)-4-methoxyacetophenone 10 54,158

To a solution of crude alcohol **9** (3.48 g, 12.3 mmol) and Celite® (3 g) in dichloromethane (40 mL) at 0 °C was added pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC, 2.92 g, 13.6 mmol) in small increments, allowing 10 min of stirring between each addition. The solution was then stirred at room temperature. After 12 h, the reaction mixture was filtered through a 50/50 plug of silica gel/Celite®, and the plug was rinsed well with dichloromethane. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure providing the desired acetophenone derivative **10** [2.58 g, 9.20 mmol, 75%, Rf = 0.50 (70:30 hexanes: EtOAc)] as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.57 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.46 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.52 (s, 3H, CH₃), 1.00 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.16 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 196.7, 155.3, 144.8, 130.5, 123.5, 120.4, 110.7, 55.4, 26.2, 25.6, 18.4, -4.7.

1-(3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-1-trimethylsilylethene⁵⁴

To a solution of diisopropylamine (7.9 mL, 56 mmol) in THF (150 mL) at 0 °C was added *n*-butyllithium (22.4 mL, 2.5 M, 56 mmol) dropwise. The LDA solution was allowed to stir for 15 min, and then a solution of TBS-acetophenone **10** (10.5 g, 37.1 mmol) in THF (50 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred for 10 min, and trimethylsilyl chloride (TMSCl) (7.2 mL, 56 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature overnight. After 12 h, the solution was diluted with NaHCO₃ (10%, 100 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with Hexane (4 X 30 mL). Next the extract was dried over Na₂SO₄, and the organic phase was concentrated under reduced pressure to provide crude TMS-enol ether (14.5 g, 41.1mmol) as a dark yellow oil, which was taken to the next step without purification.

¹**HNMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.18 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H ArH), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.78 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 4.34 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H, CH₂), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.03 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.27 (s, 9H, Si(CH₃)₃), 0.18 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 155.3, 151.1, 144.4, 130.6, 118.8, 118.1, 111.2, 89.5, 55.4, 25.7, 18.4, 0.03, -4.7.

3'-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4'-methoxy-2-bromoacetophenone 11 54

To a solution of crude TMS-enol ether (14.3 g, 40.6 mmol) and anhydrous K₂CO₃ (0.240 g, 1.74 mmol) in dichloromethane (120 mL) at 0 °C was added bromine (1.24 mL, 24 mmol) dropwise. The solution was allowed to stir for 30 min, diluted with sodium thiosulfate (10%) and extracted with dichloromethane (3 X 50 mL). The extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 2%A / 98%B (4 CV), 2%A / 98%B \rightarrow 20%A / 80%B (10 CV), 20%A / 80%B (1.2 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded bromoacetophenone analogue **11** [7.28 g, 20.2 mmol, 50%, R_f = 0.37 (90:10 hexanes: EtOAc)] as a tan red solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.61 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.48 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.88 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.37 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.00 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.17 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 189.8, 156.1, 145.1, 127.1, 124.2, 121.0, 111.0, 55.5, 30.7, 25.6, 18.4, -4.6.

2-(3'-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-6-methoxyindole 12¹⁵⁹

To a solution of *m*-anisidine (5.16 mL, 46,2 mmol) dissolved in *N*,*N*dimethylaniline (50 mL) at 170 °C was added dropwise bromoacetophenone **11** (5.03 g, 14.0 mmol) in EtOAc (10 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 170 °C for 12 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a

prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 12% A / 88%B (4 CV), 12%A / 88%B \rightarrow 100%A / 0%B (10 CV), 100%A / 0%B (2.6 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the desired 2-phenylindole derivative **12** [3.44 g, 8.97 mmol, 64%, Rf = 0.48 (50:50 hexanes: EtOAc)] as light tan crystals.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.11 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.47 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.16 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2.0 Hz 1H, ArH), 7.13 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.90 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.79 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.64 (dd, *J* = 2.0, 1.0 Hz 1H, ArH), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.04 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.21 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 156.3, 150.5, 145.4, 137.4, 136.9, 125.8, 123.7, 120.9, 118.2, 117.8, 112.4, 109.9, 98.6, 94.5, 55.6, 55.4, 25.7, 18.5, -4.6.

2-(3'-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3",4",5"- trimethoxybenzoyl)-6methoxyindole **13**¹⁵²

To a solution of compound **12** (3.12 g, 8.14 mmol) in *o*-dichlorobenzene (30 mL) was added 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoylchloride (2.82 g, 12.2 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux at 170 °C for 12 h. The *o*-dichlorobenzene was removed by simple distillation, and the resulting dark colored crude oil was subjected to flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 10%A / 90%B (4 CV), 10%A / 90%B \rightarrow 80%A / 20%B (10 CV), 80%A / 20%B (2.8 CV); flow rate: 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulting in TBS-indole analogue **13** [1.60 g, 2.77 mmol, 34%, Rf = 0.38 (60:40 hexanes:EtOAc)] as a yellow powder.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.42 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.99 (s, 2H, ArH) 6.94 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz 1H, ArH), 6.91 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.91 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.77 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.70 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.74 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.69 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 0.94 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.04 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 191.9, 157.4, 152.6, 151.6, 145.2, 142.1, 141.3, 136.5, 134.6, 125.2, 123.4, 122.6, 122.3, 121.9, 112.9, 111.8, 111.7, 107.4, 94.6, 60.9, 56.1, 55.9, 55.5, 25.8, 18.5, -4.7.

2-(3'-Hydroxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3",4",5"-trimethoxybenzoyl)-6-methoxyindole **1** (OXi8006)^{152,160}

To a well-stirred solution of compound **13** (0.796 g, 1.49 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at 0 °C was added tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF·3H₂O, 0.707 g, 2.24 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min while warming to room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (10mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 10 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 12%A / 88%B (1 CV), 12%A / 88%B \rightarrow 100%A / 0%B (10 CV), 100%A / 0%B (5 CV); flow rate: 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded the desired phenolic indole **1** (OXi8006) [0.661 g, 1.43 mmol, 95%, Rf = 0.28 (50:50 hexanes: EtOAc)] as a yellow powder.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.30 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.93 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.96 (s, 2H, ArH) 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.93 (dd, *J* = 9.5, 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.92 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.78 (dd, *J* = 8.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.65 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.55 (s, 1H, OH) 3.89 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.80 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.71 (s, 6H, OCH₃).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 192.7, 157.1, 152.5, 147.0, 145.3, 143.3, 141.0, 136.6, 135.0, 125.1, 123.0, 122.1, 121.5, 115.1, 112.6, 111.6, 110.3, 107.4, 94.8, 60.8, 56.0, 55.8, 55.6.

HPLC: Method B, 6.8 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₆NO₇ [M+H]⁺ 464.1704, found 464.1706.

2-(3'-Dibenzyl phosphate-4'-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3",4",5"-trimethoxybenzoyl)-6methoxyindole **14**⁵⁴

To a solution of compound **1** (1.90 g, 4.09 mmol) in acetonitrile (70 mL) at -25 °C was added CCl₄ (3.50 mL, 36.0 mmol). The solution was stirred for 10 min, and diisopropylethylamine (1.50 mL, 8.63 mmol) and DMAP (0.050 g, 0.41 mmol) were added. After 5 min of stirring, dibenzyl phosphite (1.36 mL, 6.17 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h while allowing the solution to reach room temperature. After 2 h, the reaction was terminated by adding a solution of KH₂PO₄ (15 mL, 0.5 M) and extracted with EtOAc (3 × 50 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography using a prepacked 25 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 12% A/88% B (4 CV), 12% A/88% B \rightarrow 100% A/0% B (10 CV), 100% A/0% B (5.2 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded the desired phosphate ester **14** [2.71 g 3.75 mmol, 91%, Rf = 0.57 (hexanes:EtOAc, 50:50)] as a yellow powder.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz) δ 9.20 (1H, br s, NH), 7.78 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 7.35 (1H, m, ArH), 7.25 (1H, m, ArH), 6.96 (1H, dd, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 6.93 (2H, s, ArH), 6.91 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH), 6.86 (1H, dd, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 6.51 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH) 5.17 (4H, d, J = 8.0 Hz, CH₂), 3.82 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.79 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.65 (6H, s, OCH₃), 3.54 (3H, s, OCH₃).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz) δ 192.1, 157.3, 152.7, 150.73, 150.69, 141.3, 141.2, 136.7, 135.6 (d, J = 7.3 Hz), 135.0, 128.84, 128.78, 128.1, 127.8, 124.6, 123.1, 122.3, 121.4, 112.8, 112.0, 111.7, 107.4, 94.9, 70.3 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 60.9, 56.2, 55.8, 55.7.

³¹**P NMR** (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ –6.1.

2-(3'-Disodium phosphate-4'-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3",4",5"-trimethoxybenzoyl)-6-methoxyindole 2 (OXi8007)^{152,160}

To a solution of dibenzyl ester (0.827 g, 1.14 mmol) in methanol (25 mL) was added 10% palladium–carbon (0.365 g). The flask was evacuated under vacuum, and H₂ gas was introduced via a balloon. The reaction proceeded for 30 min, and the solution was filtered using Celite with EtOAc. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude phosphoric acid derivative as a greenish-yellow oil. The oil was dissolved in a solution of sodium carbonate (5.0 mL, 0.50 M in H₂O) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h, and the methanol was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 25 g reversed-phase silica column [solvent A: water; solvent B: acetonitrile; gradient: 100% A/0% B (3 CV), 100% A/0% B \rightarrow 20% A/80% B (10 CV), 0% A/100% B (7.3 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the desired disodium phosphate salt **2** (OXi8007) [0.399 g, 0.682 mmol, 60%] as a yellow powder. ¹**H NMR** (D₂O, 500 MHz) δ 8.03 (1H, d, J = 9.0 Hz, ArH), 7.71 (1H, m, ArH), 7.21 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, ArH) 7.03 (1H, dd, J = 9.0, 2.5 Hz, ArH), 6.93 (2H, s, ArH), 6.67 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, ArH), 6.63 (1H, dd, J = 9.0, 2.0 Hz, ArH), 3.95 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.77 (3H, s, OCH₃), 3.75 (6H, s, OCH₃), 3.72 (3H, s, OCH₃).

¹³**C NMR** (D₂O, 125 MHz) δ 195.1, 156.3, 151.7, 150.5, 150.4, 147.7, 142.8 (d, J = 5.6 Hz), 139.7, 136.6, 135.4, 125.8, 123.8, 122.2, 121.5, 120.4, 111.7, 111.2, 107.8, 94.5, 60.8, 56.1, 55.8, 55.7.

³¹**P NMR** (D₂O, 200 MHz) δ 0.57.

HPLC: Method A, 13.3 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₅NNa₂O₁₀P [M+H]⁺ 588.1006, found 588.1008.

2-(3'-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-6,7-dimethoxyindole 16

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxyaniline **15** (2.19 mL, 16.3 mmol) dissolved in *N*,*N*-dimethylaniline (20 mL) was added bromoacetophenone **11** (2.93 g, 8.16 mmol). The solution was heated to reflux and stirred at 150 °C for 12 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (3 X 50 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent (A) EtOAc; solvent (B) hexanes; gradient: 5%A/95%B (4 CV), 5%A/95%B \rightarrow 40%A/60%B (10 CV), 40%A/60%B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the desired 6,7-dimethoxy-2-phenylindole **16** (1.41 g, 3.42 mmol, 42%, Rf = 0.40 (80:20 hexanes: EtOAc)) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): d 8.63 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.33 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.28 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.26 (dd, J = 8.5 Hz, 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.92 (dd, J = 8.4 Hz, 1.4 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.71 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.15 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 4.01 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 1.15 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.31 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): d 150.7, 147.1, 145.4, 137.9, 134.2, 131.2, 126.0, 125.7, 118.4, 118.1, 115.2, 112.3, 108.7, 99.0, 60.9, 57.3, 55.4, 25.8, 18.5, -4.5.

2-(3'-tert-Butyldimethylsiloxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3",4",5"-trimethoxybenzoyl)-6,7-dimethoxyindole **17**

To a solution of compound **16** (1.36 g, 3.28 mmol) in o-dichlorobenzene (20 mL) was added 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl chloride (1.14 g, 4.92 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux at 160 °C for 12 h. The o-dichlorobenzene was removed by simple distillation, and the resulting dark green colored solid was subjected to flash chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent (A) EtOAc; solvent (B) hexanes; gradient: 7%A/93%B (4 CV), 7%A/93%B \rightarrow 60%A/40%B (10 CV), 60%A/40%B (5.2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulting in a TBS protected indole analogue **17** as yellow powder (0.44 g, 0.72 mmol, 22%, Rf = 0.17(70:30 hexanes:EtOAc)).

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): d 8.53 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.71 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (m, 4H, ArH), 6.77 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.06 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.96 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.76 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.69 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 0.94 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.03 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): d 191.8, 152.6, 151.8, 148.0, 145.2, 142.8, 141.3, 134.6, 134.0, 130.2, 125.2, 125.1, 122.3, 122.2, 116.8, 113.1, 111.8, 110.4, 107.4, 61.3, 60.9, 57.3, 56.1, 55.5, 25.8, 18.5, -4.7.

2-(3'-Hydroxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-3-(3'', 4'', 5''-trimethoxybenzoyl)-6,7dimethoxyindole **3**

To a well-stirred solution of compound **17** (0.380 g, 0.625 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at 0 °C was added TBAF (0.296 g, 0.938 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min while warming to room temperature. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (10 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 X 10 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash column chromatography using a prepacked 25 g silica column [solvent (A) EtOAc; solvent (B) hexanes; gradient: 12%A/88%B (4 CV), 12%A/88%B?100%A/0%B (10 CV), 100%A/0%B (2 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulting in free phenol indole **3** as a dark brown powder (0.233 g, 0.472 mmol, 75%, Rf = 0.14 (50:50 hexanes: EtOAc)).

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): d 8.57 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.71 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.972 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.971 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.94 (s, 2H, ArH), 6.79 (dd, J = 8.3, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.64 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, ArH), 5.63 (br s, 1H, OH), 4.06 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.96 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.71 (s, 6H, OCH₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): d 192.0, 152.6, 148.1, 147.2, 145.7, 143.2, 141.1, 135.0, 134.0, 130.2, 125.4, 125.0, 122.0, 116.8, 114.8, 113.4, 110.52, 110.45, 107.3, 61.3, 60.9, 57.4, 56.17, 56.15.

Sodium 5-(6,7-dimethoxy-3-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)-1H-indol-2-yl)-2-methoxyphenyl phosphate **5**

To a well-stirred solution of phenol (100 mg, 0.202 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL), POCl₃ (0.076 mL, 0.81mmol) and pyridine (0.059 mL, 0.72 mmol) were added into the reaction flask. After the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 hours, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. 0.25 M Na₂CO₃ solution (9.5 mL) was added into the flask until the pH of the solution was neutral, and the reaction mixture was allowed to stir for another 2 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness with a stream of nitrogen gas and purified by flash chromatography using a prepacked C-18 12 g silica column affording phosphate salt as a yellow solid **5** (24.5 mg, 0.0397 mmol, 20%).

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, Deuterium Oxide) δ 7.58 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (s, 2H), 6.37 – 6.26 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 6H), 3.49 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (126 MHz, D₂O) δ 195.00, 151.58, 150.43 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 148.52, 147.66, 142.67 (d, J = 5.9 Hz), 139.52, 135.32, 133.57, 130.05, 125.95, 124.34, 123.44, 120.42, 116.52, 111.68, 111.52, 110.25, 107.66, 61.33, 60.71, 56.98, 55.94, 55.65.

HPLC: Method A, 13.2 min.

HRMS [M+H]⁺: 385.2031 (calcd for [C₂₁¹³CH₃₀NO₃Si]⁺, 385.2023).

2-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)-6, 7-dimethoxyindole 19

To a solution of 2,3-dimethoxyaniline **15** (2.19 mL, 16.3 mmol) dissolved in N,N-dimethylaniline (20 mL) was added 4-methoxybromoacetophenone **18** (1.87 g, 8.15 mmol). The solution was heated to reflux and stirred at 150 °C for 12 h. Upon completion

of the reaction, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and extracted with EtOAc (3 X 50 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent (A) EtOAc; solvent (B) hexanes; gradient: 5%A/95%B (4 CV), 5%A/95%B - 40%A/60%B (10 CV), 40%A/60%B (4 CV); flow rate: 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the desired 6,7-dimethoxy-2-phenylindole **19** (1.20 g, 4.24 mmol, 52%, Rf = 0.35 (80:20 hexanes: EtOAc)) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): d 8.61 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.61 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.28 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.97 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.87 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.66 (d, J = 2.1 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.09 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.97 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): d 159.2, 147.1, 138.0, 134.2, 131.3, 126.4, 126.0, 125.3, 115.3, 114.5, 108.5, 98.8, 61.1, 57.4, 55.4.

2-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-7-hydroxyindole 20

Trimethoxyindole **19** (0.613 g, 2.16 mmol) was dissolved in a solution of [Al₂Cl₇][TMAH] (6.3 mL, 3.1 mmol, 0.496 M in dichloromethane). The reaction mixture was sealed and subjected to microwave irradiation at 80 °C for 1 h. Upon completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with NaHCO₃ and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 X 20 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent (A) EtOAc; solvent (B) hexanes; gradient: 7%A/93%B (4 CV), 7%A/93%B - 60%A/40%B (10 CV), 60%A/ 40%B (2 CV); flow rate: 40 mL/min;

monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the desired 6-methoxy-7-hydroxy-2-phenylindole **20** (0.420 g, 1.55 mmol, 71%, Rf = 0.36 (70:30 hexanes: EtOAc)) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** ((CD₃)₂CO, 500 MHz): d 10.11 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.85 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.66 (s, 1H, OH), 6.98 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.81 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.66 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH3), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH3).

¹³C NMR ((CD₃)₂CO, 125 MHz): d 159.9, 142.5, 138.8, 133.1, 128.4, 127.2, 127.1, 126.5, 115.0, 111.3, 108.9, 99.0, 58.3, 55.7.

2-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-7-tertbutyldimethylsilyloxyindole 21

To a solution of free phenol indole **20** (0.328 g, 1.22 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) at 0 °C was added Et₃N (0.19 mL, 1.3 mmol) and DMAP (0.015 g, 0.12 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, and TBSCl (0.202 g, 1.30 mmol) was added gradually. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature over 12 h. Upon completion of the reaction, water (10 mL) was added, and the reaction mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 X 20 mL). The combined organic extract was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent (A) EtOAc; solvent (B) hexanes; gradient: 2%A/98%B (4 CV), 2%A/ 98%B to 20%A/80%B (10 CV), 20%A/80%B (5.2 CV); flow rate: 35 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the TBS indole product **21** (0.366 g, 0.90 mmol, 74%, Rf = 0.64 (70:30 hexanes: EtOAc)) as a light tan solid.

¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): d 8.03 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.53 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.80 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2H, ArH), 6.80 (d,

1H, ArH), 6.61 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.86 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 1.11 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.24 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): d 159.3, 145.2, 137.5, 131.2, 130.2, 126.2, 125.9, 125.6, 114.6, 112.9, 108.5, 99.0, 57.0, 55.5, 26.3, 18.8, 4.2.

2-(4'-Methoxyphenyl)-3-(3'',4'',5''-trimethoxybenzoyl)-6- methoxy-7-tertbutyldimethylsilyloxyindole **22**

To a solution of compound **21** (0.417 g, 1.09 mmol) in *o*-dichlorobenzene (30 mL) was added 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl chloride (0.376 g, 1.63 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to reflux at 160 °C for 12 h. The *o*-dichlorobenzene was removed by simple distillation, and the resulting dark green colored solid was subjected to flash chromatography using a prepacked 25 g silica column [solvent (A) EtOAc; solvent (B) hexanes; gradient: 10%A/ 90%B (4 CV), 10%A/90%B - 80%A/20%B (10 CV), 80%A/20%B (2 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulting in **22** as a tan solid (0.26 g, 0.56 mmol, 46%, Rf = 0.36 (60:40 hexanes:EtOAc)).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.70 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (s, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (s, 3H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.1, 159.2, 152.7, 146.5, 142.5, 138.4, 130.8,
126.4, 126.3, 125.1, 124.9, 123.9, 117.8, 114.3, 107.5, 107.4, 98.9, 61.0, 57.2, 56.1, 55.4.
HPLC: Method B, 10.9 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₅NO₇Na [M+Na]⁺ 486.1521, found 486.1523.

4'-Methoxy-3'-nitro-2-bromoacetophenone 25

To a well-stirred solution of 4-methoxy-3-nitroacetophenone **24** (2.00 g, 10.3 mmol) in chloroform (10 mL) at room temperature, was added dropwise a solution of bromine (0.53 mL, 10 mmol) in chloroform (2 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 mins. Water (10 mL) was added upon the completion of the reaction, the organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane (3 X 15 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was then recrystallized from hot ethanol to afford the desired bromoacetophenone derivative as yellow needle-shaped crystals **25** (1.38 g, 4.98 mmol, 50%), R_f = 0.40 (EtOAc/Hexanes: 40/60).

¹H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.49 (d, J = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 8.22 (dd, J = 8.9, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (s, 2H), 4.07 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 188.5, 156.8, 139.4, 134.9, 126.9, 126.2, 113.6,
57.1, 29.9.

6-methoxy-2-(4-methoxy-3-nitrophenyl)indole 26

To a solution of *m*-anisidine (4.7 mL, 42 mmol) in *N*,*N*-dimethylaniline at 150 °C, a warm solution (60 °C) of bromide **25** (3.50 g, 12.8 mmol) in ethanol (15 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 160 – 170 °C for 12 hours. Water (20 mL) was added into the solution and organic layer was separated in a separation funnel. Aqueous layer was then extracted with EtOAc (3 X 30 mL). The combined organic phase was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a dark colored solid. This crude product was further purified by recrystallization from EtOAc to form the desired product as dark red powder **26** (1.13 g, 3.80 mmol, 30%).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-d6) δ 10.65 (s, 1H), 8.23 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (t, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.73 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (s, 3H), 3.82 (s, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.8, 152.1, 141.4, 139.4, 135.3, 130.8, 126.8, 124.3, 121.8, 121.4, 115.6, 111.0, 100.5, 95.2, 57.2, 55.7.

(6-methoxy-2-(4-methoxy-3-nitrophenyl)indol-3-yl)(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)methanone 27

To a solution of 6-methoxy-2-(4-methoxy-3-nitrophenyl)indole **26** (1.59 g, 5.32 mmol) in *o*-dichlorobenzene (45 mL) at 150 °C, was added 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl chloride (2.1 g, 9.1 mmol) in portions. The reaction mixture was stirred at 160-170 °C for 12 hours. It was allowed to cool down to room temperature, filter and rinsed with a small amount of EtOAc. The residue was further purified by recrystallization from dichloromethane-hexanes to afford a greenish-yellow solid **27** (0.48 g, 0.97 mmol, 18%).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 11.08 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 4H), 3.95 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H), 3.67 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 190.9, 157.5, 152.9, 152.2, 141.1, 140.2, 139.2, 137.1, 136.9, 135.4, 134.7, 125.8, 125.0, 122.8, 122.2, 113.6, 111.7, 107.0, 94.4, 59.6, 56.4, 55.4, 54.9.

HPLC: Method C, 5.5 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₅N₂O₈ [M+H]⁺ 493.1605, found 493.1604.

(2-(3-amino-4-methoxyphenyl)-6-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)(3,4,5trimethoxyphenyl)methanone **28**

To a round-bottom flask containing nitro compound **27** (246 mg, 0.497 mmol), 10% palladium on carbon (52.9 mg, 0.050mmol) was added under nitrogen followed by MeOH (50 mL). Hydrogen was introduced through a balloon. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 2 h examining periodically by TLC. It was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to achieve a yellow solid. The crude product was subjected to flash column chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica gel column [solvent A, 50% EtOAc, 50% dichloromethane, solvent B, hexanes; gradient 20%A / 80%B (1CV), 20%A / 80%B \rightarrow 90%A / 10%B (15 CV), 90%A / 10%B (6 CV); flow rate, 36 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm]. The final product amine **28** (0.186 g, 0.402 mmol, 81%) was isolated as a yellow solid, R_f = 0.35,

(EtOAc/Dichloromethane/hexane: 40/40/20).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.46 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (s, 2H), 6.90 (dd, *J* = 4.7, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 3.87 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 192.0, 157.2, 152.4, 147.7, 143.1, 140.9, 136.2, 136.2, 134.9, 124.8, 123.1, 122.4, 119.2, 115.2, 112.6, 111.4, 109.9, 107.1, 94.5, 60.8, 56.0, 55.7, 55.5, 53.4.

HPLC: Method C, 3.8 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for C₂₆H₂₇N₂O₆ [M+H]⁺ 463.1864, found 463.1868.

3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde 37

3-Hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde **36** (2.00 g, 13.2 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (40 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. Triethylamine (Et₃N) (2.0 mL, 15 mmol) and *N*,*N*-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (0.161 g, 1.31 mmol) were added, and the solution was stirred for 10 minutes. *tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl) (2.18 g, 14.5 mmol) was added gradually. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature over 12 hours. It was then quenched with water, extracted with CH_2Cl_2 three times. The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford aldehyde **37** as a dark tan oil (3.42 g, 12.8 mmol, 97%).

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.80 (s, 1H, CHO), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 3.87 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 0.99 (s, 9H, C(CH₃)₃), 0.16 (s, 6H, Si(CH₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 190.2, 156.2, 145.2, 130.0, 126.0, 119.4, 110.9, 55.1, 25.3, 18.0, -5.0.

3-(3,4,5-Trimethoxyphenyl)propanol 39

To a stirred suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (16.7 mL, 33.4 mmol) in dry THF (25 mL) at 0 °C, compound **38** (5.02 g, 20.8 mmol) in THF (25 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred from 0 °C to room temperature overnight. It was then cooled to 0 °C, quenched by dropwise addition of 20% H₂O in THF (50 mL), filtered and washed with Et₂O. A yellow oil **39** (4.37 g, 19.3 mmol, 93%) was isolated under reduced pressure.

¹**H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.41 (s, 2H, ArH), 3.83 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.81 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.68 (t, 2H, CH₂), 2.64 (t, 2H, CH₂), 1.87 (pent, 2H, CH₂), 1.74 (s, 1H, OH).

¹³**C-NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 153.1, 137.6, 136.1, 105.3, 62.2, 60.8, 56.0, 34.3, 32.5.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_{18}O_4$ [M + Na]⁺ 249.1097, found 249.1094.

5-(3-Bromopropyl)-1,2,3-trimethoxybenzene 40

To a solution of compound **39** (4.05 g, 17.9 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL), PBr₃ (9.0 mL, 9.0 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. It was then washed several times with water until pH of the rinse was neutral. The organic phase was dried and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A: n-Hexane; solvent B: ethyl acetate (EtOAc); gradient: 7% A / 93% B (1.0 CV), 7% A / 93% B \rightarrow 60% A / 40% B (10.0 CV), 60% A / 40% B (2.0 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 nm and 280 nm] afforded bromide derivative **40** (1.52 g, 4.86 mmol, 28%) as a pale-yellow oil.

¹**H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.41 (s, 2H, ArH), 3.85 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.41 (t, 2H, CH₂), 2.72 (t, 2H, CH₂), 2.15 (pent, 2H, CH₂).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 153.2, 136.3, 136.2, 105.4, 60.8, 56.1, 34.3, 34.1,
33.1.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for $C_{12}H_{17}O_3Br [M + Na]^+ 311.0253$ and 313.0233, found 311.0258 and 313.0234.

Triphenyl(3-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)propyl)phosphate Bromide 41

To a round-bottom flask with a condenser, triphenylphosphine (1.27 g, 4.84 mmol), compound **40** (1.52 g, 4.84 mmol), and toluene (15 mL) were added. The reaction was refluxed for 5 hours. The solution was then poured out and the precipitate washed with diethyl ether. Bromide salt **41** (1.77 g, 5.57 mmol, 57%) was advanced to the next step without further purification.

tert-Butyl(2-methoxy-5-(4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenoxy)dimethylsilane **42**

Bromide salt **41** (2.67 g, 4.84 mmol) was suspended in THF (15 mL) and purged with N₂. While being stirred at room temperature, 2.5 M n-BuLi (2.0 mL, 4.84 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was stirred for 15 minutes and the solution changed color from orange to red. Aldehyde **37** (1.29 g, 4.84 mmol) in THF (15 mL) was then added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 hours. The color of the solution changed to light orange. The reaction was poured onto ice and diluted with ethyl acetate. It was extracted three times with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A: n-Hexane; solvent B: ethyl acetate (EtOAc); gradient: 2% A / 98% B (1.0 CV), 2% A / 98% B \rightarrow 20% A / 80% B (10.0 CV), 20% A / 80% B (2.0 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 nm and 280 nm] afforded alkene **42** (0.380 g, 0.832 mmol, 17%) as a white solid. Note that this is a mixture of *E* and *Z* isomers.

¹**H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.87 (m, 3H, ArH), 6.44 (s, 2H, ArH), 6.31 (d, 1H, CH), 6.08 (m, 1H, CH), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.79 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.68 (m, 4H, CH₂), 0.15 (m, 15H, CH₃).

¹³C-NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 153.0, 149.8, 144.5, 137.4, 130.6, 130.1, 129.0, 122.3, 121.5, 119.7, 118.2, 112.0, 111.7, 105.4, 60.8, 56.0, 55.5, 36.4, 34.9, 30.2, 25.7, 18.4, -4.6.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for $C_{26}H_{38}O_5Si [M + Na]^+ 481.2381$, found 481.2383.

2-Methoxy-5-(4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)but-1-en-1-yl)phenol 43

Compound **42** (0.38 g, 0.83 mmol) was dissolved in THF (10 mL). TBAF (1.3 mL, 1.0 M, 1.3 mmol) was added and the solution was stirred for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched with water, extracted with ethyl acetate three times, and dried over sodium sulfate. Compound **43** (0.12 g, 0.35 mmol, 42%) was advanced to the next step without further purification.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{24}O_5 [M + Na]^+$ 367.1516, found 367.1518.

2-methoxy-5-(4-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)butyl)phenol 35

10% Pd/C (0.090 g, 0.085 mmol) was added to compound **43** (0.120 g, 0.351 mmol) under N₂, and methanol (10 mL) was added. The reaction was stirred under H₂ (in balloons) for 12 hours. The product was filtered, washed with ethyl acetate, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 10 g silica column [solvent A: n-Hexane; solvent B: ethyl acetate (EtOAc); gradient: 8% A / 92% B (1.0 CV), 8% A / 92% B \rightarrow 60% A / 40% B (10.0 CV), 60% A / 40% B (2.0 CV); flow rate: 12 mL/min; monitored at 254 nm and 280 nm] afforded derivative **35** (11.4 mg, 0.033 mmol, 9.5%) as a white solid.

¹**H-NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.76 (d, 2H, ArH), 6.64 (dd, 1H, ArH), 6.38 (s, 2H, ArH), 5.56 (s, 1H, OH), 3.86 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.84 (s, 6H, OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.56 (dd, 4H, CH₂), 1.64 (m, 4H, CH₂).

¹³**C-NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 153.0, 145.4, 144.6, 138.4, 136.0, 135.9, 119.6, 114.6, 110.5, 105.2, 60.8, 56.0, 56.0, 36.2, 35.1, 31.1, 31.0.

HPLC: Method C, 7.4 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for $C_{20}H_{26}O_5 [M + Na]^+ 369.1672$, found 369.1674.

OXi8006-PNP 44

To a solution of OXi8006 (200 mg, 0.431 mmol) and *bis*-PNP (394 mg, 1.30 mmol), was added triethylamine (0.18 mL, 1.3 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography using 15-100% hexanes-EtOAc as solvent. Compound **44** (165 mg, 0.261 mmol, 61%) was obtained as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (600 MHz, Methanol-*d*₄) δ 8.37 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.89 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (s, 2H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.3 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (s, 6H), 3.88 (s, 6H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 6H).

2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl 6-(2,5-dioxo-2,5-dihydro-1H-pyrrol-1-yl)hexanoate 47

To a solution of 6-maleimidocaproic acid 45 (1.00 g, 4.70 mmol) and disuccinimide carbonate 46 (1.27 g, 5.02 mmol) in DMF (10 mL), was added

triethylamine (0.66 mL, 4.70 mmol) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2.5 h and concentrated to remove DMF. The residue was re-dissolved in EtOAc (20 mL) and washed with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (20 mL). The aqueous layer was separated and extracted with EtOAc (20 mL X 2). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to provide compound **47** (1.28 g, 4.20 mmol, 88%) as an oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 6.70 (s, 2H), 3.54 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.91 - 2.77 (m, 4H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.79 (p, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.65 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.43 (p, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H).

Fmoc-L-Citrulline 49

A solution of *l*-citrulline **48** (1.25 g, 7.11 mmol) in water (0.2 M) was treated with sodium bicarbonate (1.20 g, 14.2 mmol). After stirring for 1 h at room temperature, THF (0.2 M) was added followed by Fmoc-Cl (1.68 g, 6.52 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 24.0 h, at which point THF was removed under vacuum. The aqueous solution was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL X 3) and the organic layer was discarded. The aqueous layer was subsequently acidified with HCl (2 M) at which point a white precipitate was observed, which was partly soluble in water. iPrOH [10% by volume]-EtOAc was added followed by stirring to achieve a clear phase separation. The organic layer was collected, and the aqueous layer was dried over sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure to afford the product as a clear viscous liquid, which was subjected to sonication in diethyl ether. After trituration the diethyl ether was decanted off. This step was repeated twice to obtain a white solid, which was
dried under reduced pressure to obtain an analytically pure sample of compound **49** (2.55 g, 6.43 mmol, 94%).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 7.90-7.89 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.74-7.72 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 7.68-7.67 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.41 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.42-7.41 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.33 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.32 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (s, 1H), 5.44 (s, 3H), 4.28-4.21 (m, 3H), 3.95-3.91 (m, 1H), 2.97-2.95 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 1.74-1.68 (m, 1H), 1.60-1.52 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.37 (m, 2H);

HRMS (ESI⁺) calc. for C₂₁H₂₃N₃NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 420.1535. Found: 420.1529.

Fmoc-L-Citrulline-PABOH 50

A solution of compound **49** (2.55 g, 6.43 mmol) and 4-aminobenzyl alcohol (2.37 g, 19.0 mmol) in DMF (0.1 M) was treated with DIPEA (1.15 mL, 6.52 mmol) followed by stirring for 15 min at room temperature. HATU (2.68 g, 6.98 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and stirred at room temperature for 48 hours in the dark. DMF was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography using 2-10% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ as solvent. Compound **50** was isolated as a white solid (2.09 g, 4.20 mmol, 65%).

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 9.98 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.73 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 7.67-7.66 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57-7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.23 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H),6.01-5.99 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 5.43 (s, 2H), 5.10-5.09 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 4.44-4.43 (d, *J* = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.30-4.15 (m, 4H), 3.07-3.01 (m, 1H), 2.98-2.93 (m, 1H), 1.71-1.58 (m, 2H), 1.51-1.35 (m, 2H);

HRMS (ESI⁺) calc. for C₂₈H₃₀N₄NaO₅ [M+Na]⁺: 525.2114. Found: 525.2111.

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Fmoc-Val-Cit-PABOH 51

A solution of compound **50** (2.09 g, 4.22 mmol) in DMF (0.2 M) was treated with triethylamine (11.6 mL, 83.0 mmol) followed by stirring at room temperature for 24 h. DMF and excess triethylamine were removed under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was dissolved in DMF (0.1 M) and to the solution Fmoc-Val- OSu (1.99 g, 4.98 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 h. DMF was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was purified by flash column chromatography using 3-12% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ as solvent. Compound **51** (1.39 g, 2.31 mmol, 55%) was obtained as a white solid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.10-8.09 (d, *J* = 7.59 Hz, 1H), 7.90-7.88 (d, *J* = 7.54 Hz, 2H), 7.76-7.75 (d, *J* = 7.51 Hz, 1H), 7.74-7.72 (d, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.55-7.53 (d, *J* = 8.40 Hz, 2H), 7.44-7.40 (m 3H), 7.34-7.32 (d, *J* = 6.80 Hz, 1H), 7.32-7.31 (d, *J* = 7.40 Hz, 1H), 7.24-7.22 (d, *J* = 8.42 Hz, 2H), 5.97-5.95 (t, *J* = 5.49 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 5.10-5.08 (t, *J* = 5.75 Hz, 1H), 4.43-4.42 (d, *J* = 5.62 Hz, 2H), 4.42-4.40 (m, 1H), 4.33-4.29 (m, 1H), 4.25-4.21 (m, 2H), 3.94-3.92 (dd, *J* = 8.91, 7.05 Hz, 1H), 3.05-2.99 (m, 1H), 2.96-2.91 (m, 1H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.62-1.58 (m, 1H), 1.48-1.41 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.33 (m, 1H), 0.89-0.88 (d, *J* = 6.76 Hz, 3H), 0.86-0.85 (d, *J* = 6.76 Hz, 3H);

HRMS (ESI⁺) calc. for C₃₃H₃₉N₅NaO₆ [M+Na]⁺: 624.2798. Found: 624.2791.

Fmoc-Val-Cit-PABOH-PNP 52

To a solution of compound **51** (200 mg, 0.332 mmol) in DMF (6 mL), was added *bis*-PNP (303 mg, 1.00 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 h, followed by removal of DMF under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by

flash column chromatography using 2-15% MeOH-CH₂Cl₂ as solvent. Compound **52** (230 mg, 0.302 mmol, 90%) was obtained as a white solid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 10.14 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 8.14 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.75 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.65 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.56 (d, *J* = 9.1 Hz, 2H), 7.45 – 7.39 (m, 5H), 7.33 (td, *J* = 7.4, 1.1 Hz, 2H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.47 – 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.37 – 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.27 – 4.20 (m, 2H), 3.94 (dd, *J* = 9.0, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 3.09 – 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.99 – 3.92 (m, 1H), 2.04 – 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.75 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 1H), 1.50 – 1.43 (m, 1H), 1.41 – 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.32 – 1.21 (m, 1H), 0.88 (dd, *J* = 17.2, 6.8 Hz, 6H).

HRMS (ESI⁺) calc. for C₄₀H₄₂N₆NaO₁₀ [M+Na]⁺: 789.2855. Found: 789.2847.

Val-Cit-PABOH-DMED-OXi8006 53

To a solution of Fmoc-Val-Cit-PABOH-PNP **52** (152 mg, 0.200 mmol) in DMF (3 mL), DMED (0.11 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1h at which point analysis of the reaction progress (by mass spectrometry) indicated completion, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in DMF and concentrated under reduced pressure to remove DMED, followed by dissolution in DMF (5 mL). DIPEA (0.18 mL, 1.0 mmol) was added to the mixture, followed by the addition of OXi8006-PNP (190 mg, 0.304 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 2 h, checked by mass spec and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography using a prepacked 25 g silica column [solvent (A) MeOH; solvent (B) CH₂Cl₂; gradient: 2%A/98%B (1 CV), 2%A/ 98%B to 20%A/80%B (10 CV), 20%A/80%B (2 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm]. Fractions contained the target product

53 was combined and concentrated to afford a mixture (122 mg) which was advanced to the next step without further purification.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calc. for $C_{50}H_{63}N_8O_{13}$ [M+H]⁺: 983.4509. Found: 983.4506.

Maleimide-Val-Cit-PABOH-DMED-OXi8006 54

To the solution of the previous mixture containing drug-linker conjugate **53** and activated succinimide ester **47** (93.1 mg, 0.301 mmol) in DMF (5 mL), was added diisopropylethylamine (0.11 mL, 0.61 mmol). The reaction was stirred for 4 h, checked by mass spec and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography using a prepacked 25 g silica column [solvent (A) MeOH; solvent (B) CH₂Cl₂; gradient: 2%A/98%B (1 CV), 2%A/ 98%B to 15%A/85%B (10 CV), 15%A/85%B (2 CV); flow rate: 25 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm]. Pure fractions were combined and concentrated to afford compound **54** (104 mg, 0.0880 mmol, 30% over 2 steps) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆) δ 12.02 – 11.94 (m, 1H), 9.96 (s, 1H), 8.06 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.78 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.30 – 7.20 (m, 3H), 6.99 (s, 2H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (s, 1H), 6.82 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 5.96 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 1H), 5.40 (s, 2H), 5.00 – 4.92 (m, 2H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.75 – 3.65 (m, 3H), 3.60 (s, 9H), 3.54 – 3.45 (m, 2H), 4.43 – 3.33 (m, 4H), 3.05 – 2.97 (m, 2H), 2.97 – 2.83 (m, 5H), 2.82 – 2.76 (m, 1H), 2.21 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.14 – 2.07 (m, 1H), 2.00 – 1.91 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.65 (m, 1H), 1.63 – 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.54 – 1.39 (m, 5H), 1.39 – 1.22 (m, 3H), 1.22 – 1.14 (m, 3H), 1.21 – 1.14 (m, 2H), 0.89 – 0.77 (m, 7H).

HPLC: Method B, 10.1 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺) calc. for $C_{60}H_{73}N_9NaO_{16}$ [M+Na]⁺: 1198.5067. Found: 1198.6086.

CHAPTER THREE

Synthesis of Bioreductively Activatable Prodrug Conjugates based on OXi8006 and 3-Bromopyruvic Acid

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Introduction

In this chapter, synthetic efforts towards several nitro-aromatic triggers are discussed including nitrothiophene, nitroimidazole, nitrofuran and nitrobenzyl triggers. The synthesis of these triggers in the Pinney Research Group (Baylor University) supported the preparation towards bioreductively activatable product conjugates (BAPCs) of phenstatin, a potent small-molecule inhibitor of tubulin polymerization. In addition, the synthesis towards a *nor*-methylnitrothiophene-OXi8006 BAPC and a *gem*-dimethylnitrobenzyl 3-bromopyruvate BAPC are also described.

Synthesis of Bioreductive Triggers

The *nor*-methyl nitrothiophene trigger **2** was prepared in good yield through sodium borohydride reduction of aldehyde 1.⁸¹ However, synthetic routes towards the *gem*-dimethyl nitrothiophene trigger **5** by Davis and his coworkers generated the trigger in very low yield (< 8%).^{81,82} To overcome this problem, direct methylation of ketone **4** was investigated. Methylation conditions described by Reetz et al. and adopted by us in the synthesis of nitrobenzyl triggers (described later in this chapter) provided a new

synthetic route towards both *mono-* and *gem-*dimethyl nitrothiophene triggers in good yields.¹⁶¹ Aldehyde **1** was reacted with methyllithium and titanium tetrachloride to generate the secondary alcohol **3** in 90% yield, which was oxidized by Dess-Martin periodinane to provide ketone **4**. Further methylation of compound **4** afforded the targeted *gem-*dimethyl nitrothiophene trigger **5** in 45% yield (Scheme 3.1). Discussion with Dr. Peter Davis and further investigation led to the discovery that trimethylaluminium might be a more efficient methylating agent in this type of reaction, and indeed the use of trimethylaluminium improved the yields of aldehyde **1** and ketone **3** to 92% and 73%, respectively (Scheme 3.2).



Scheme 3.1. Synthesis of Nitrothiophene Triggers^{81,161}



Scheme 3.2. Alternative Route towards Nitrothiophene Triggers 3 and 5⁸²

The synthetic route towards the nitrofuran bioreductive triggers was based on the modified route to the nitrothiophene triggers (Scheme 3.3).^{99,161} The *nor*-methyl nitrofuran trigger **7** was prepared from the sodium borohydride reduction of aldehyde **6**.

The *mono*-methyl nitrofuran trigger **8** was prepared from methylation of **6** by titanium tetrachloride and methyllithium. Ketone **9** was synthesized from Dess-Martin oxidation of secondary alcohol **8** and followed by methylation to generate the dimethyl nitrofuran trigger **10**.



Scheme 3.3. Synthesis of the Nitrofuran Triggers^{82,99,102}



Scheme 3.4. Synthesis of the Nitroimidazole Triggers^{99,100,162}

To prepare the imidazole triggers, the first few attempts were carried out following a published route (patent) by Threshold Pharmaceuticals Inc.¹⁰⁰ However, these attempts resulted in poor yields. A similar route towards these imidazole triggers was published later by the Conway Group (Scheme 3.4)^{102,162} and was adopted in this study.

Sarcosine ethyl ester hydrochloride salt **11** was first formylated, then deformylated, and cyclized in order to generate ester **14** with a yield of 45% over the three steps.^{100,162} Amine **14** was treated with sodium nitrite to generate nitro ester **15** through a diazonium intermediate, which was hydrolyzed and then reacted with isobutylchloroformate to form a carbonate, which was subsequently reduced to the *nor*-methyl nitroimidazole trigger **16**.^{100,162} Alcohol **16** was subsequently oxidized by Dess-Martin periodinane to provide aldehyde **17**,^{100,162} was methylated by trimethylaluminum to yield the *mono*-methyl nitroimidazole trigger **18**.⁸²



Scheme 3.5. Attempted Methylation of Nitroimidazole Ketone⁸²

Mono-methyl trigger **18** was oxidized to yield the ketone **19**. Several methylation strategies were investigated to generate the *gem*-dimethyl nitroimidazole trigger **20**, shown in Scheme 3.5. However, none of the strategies were successful and only starting material was recovered. To be best of our knowledge, only one synthetic route towards trigger **20** has been reported.¹⁶³ However, this procedure was not attempted in our laboratory due to the extremely low overall yield (< 1%) reported in the literature and the required large scale use of potassium cyanide and picric acid.¹⁶³

Preparation of *mono*-methyl nitrobenzyl trigger **21** and *gem*-dimethyl trigger **23** is shown in Scheme 3.6. Methyllithium and titanium tetrachloride were utilized and gave good yields, while using methyllithium directly significantly lowered the yields.



Scheme 3.6. Synthesis of the Nitrobenzyl Triggers¹⁶¹

Preparation of Nor-methylnitrothiophene-OXi8006 Bioreductively Activatable Prodrug Conjugates

OXi8006 is a leading indole-based, small-molecule inhibitor of tubulin polymerization (IC₅₀ = 1.1 μ M) developed in the Pinney Research Laboratory (Baylor University) that demonstrates dual-mechanism of action functioning both as a cytotoxic agent and a VDA.^{55,160} A series of nitrothiophene-OXi8006 BAPCs were prepared by Dr. Matthew T. MacDonough a former graduate student in the Pinney Research Group. However, a compound in this series, *nor*-methylnitrothiophene-OXi8006 BAPC **26**, required re-synthesis to provide a sample of sufficient quantity and purity to support to biological evaluation.

The parent compound OXi8006 was prepared through the procedure described in Chapter 2. OXi8006 was then subjected to a Mitsunobu reaction facilitated by diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD) and triphenylphosphine at room temperature. The reaction gave the desired BAPC **26** in 22% yield (Scheme 3.7).



Scheme 3.7 Synthesis of BAPC 26

Preparation of Bromopyruvate BAPC

The Warburg effect, which is defined as enhanced metabolism of glucose to lactic acid even under anaerobic conditions, has been a common observation in tumor regions for over 80 years.¹⁶⁴ 3-Bromopyruvic acid was demonstrated to be a glycolytic inhibitor which targets glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase. Dr. Peter Davis proposed a series of BAPCs based on this antiglycolytic agent. Initial investigation regarding various synthetic approaches towards these bromopyruvate BAPCs was carried out by other members of the Pinney Research Group (Baylor University). Herein, attempts toward *gem*-dimethylnitrobenzyl-3-bromopyruvate **28** are described.

Retrosynthetic analysis of BAPC **28** revealed two distinct pathways to synthesize the target molecule. One pathway utilized an esterification reaction between 3-

bromopyruvic acid and *gem*-dimethylnitrobenzyl alcohol **24** as the last step. The other pathway concluded with bromination of the α -carbon of the carbonyl group to generate bromopyruvate **28**.



Scheme 3.8. Unsuccessful Attempts towards BAPC **28** Utilizing an Esterification Pathway

The first attempt of the coupling between tertiary alcohol **24** and bromopyruvic acid **27** utilized acid-catalyzed esterification with either *p*-toluenesulfonic acid (TsOH) or sulfuric acid. However, neither of these approaches generated the desired product. The coupling reaction was also carried out under Mitsunobu reaction conditions with 1,1'-

(azodicarbonyl)dipiperidine and diphenylphosphine as the catalyst. Unfortunately, this reaction was not successful and only the starting material alcohol was obtained. Another attempt involved the activation of tertiary alcohol **24** by trichloroacetonitrile, which did not generate the desired product.

Conversion of bromopyruvic acid **27** to bromopyruvic chloride **29** was also attempted (Scheme 3.8). Chlorination was achieved by phosphorus pentachloride, thionyl chloride or 1,1-dichlorodimethyl ether. However, the reaction between chloride **29** and tertiary alcohol **24** did not generate the targeted BAPC. Pyruvic chloride **31**, synthesized by the treatment of pyruvic acid **30** with 1,1-dichlorodimethyl ether, was reacted with tertiary alcohol **24** to afford ester **32** (Scheme 3.9). With compound **32** in hand, a simple bromination to form compound **28** was proposed.



Scheme 3.9. Synthesis of Compound 32

Pyruvate **32** was treated with bromine at room temperature, but unfortunately the desired product was not formed (Scheme 3.10). Inorganic bases, namely sodium carbonate or potassium carbonate, were employed as catalyst as well as sulfuric acid in separate attempts. However, none of these attempts were successful. *N*-Bromosuccinimide (NBS) and copper bromide were also evaluated as another bromination source with no success. Furthermore, lithium diisopropylamide (LDA) and

trimethylsilyl chloride (TMSCl) were applied to generate silyl enol ether **33**, followed by treatment with bromine. This route was also unsuccessful.



Scheme 3.10. Unsuccessful Attempts Towards BAPC **28** Utilizing a Bromination Pathway

Pyruvate **32** was also treated with *N*, *N*-diisopropylethylamine and trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate at 0 °C for 30 minutes to form silyl enol ether **33**.¹⁶⁵ Bromine was then added to the resulting intermediate **33** with potassium carbonate as the catalyst

at 0 °C. This route (Scheme 3.11) successfully produced bromopyruvate BAPC **28** with a yield of 52% in two steps. However, final compound **28** was not stable. It partially decomposed while carefully stored under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere at -20 °C overnight.



Scheme 3.11. Successful Synthetic Route to Bromopyruvate BAPC 28

Materials and Methods

General Experimental Methods

Dichloromethane, benzene, diethyl ether, methanol, ethyl acetate and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were used in their anhydrous forms, as obtained from the chemical suppliers. Reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere using nitrogen gas, unless specified. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates (precoated glass plates with silica gel 60 F254, 0.25 mm thickness) were used to monitor reactions. Purification of intermediates and products was carried out with a Biotage isolera flash purification system using silica gel (200-400 mesh, 60 Å). Intermediates and products synthesized were characterized on the basis of their ¹H NMR (500 or 300 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (125 or 75 MHz) spectroscopic data using a Bruker DPX 300 MHz instrument. Spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or CD₃CN. All chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ), coupling

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constants (*J*) are presented in Hz, and peak patterns are reported as broad (br), singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), septet (sept), double doublet, (dd), and multiplet (m).

Purity of the final compounds was further analyzed at 25 °C using an Agilent 1200 HPLC system with a diode-array detector ($\lambda = 190-400$ nm), a Zorbax XDB-C18 HPLC column (4.6 mm - 150 mm, 5 µm), and a Zorbax reliance cartridge guard-column; method A: solvent A, acetonitrile, solvent B, H₂O; gradient, 50%A / 50%B to 100%A / 0%B over 0 to 40 min; post-time 10 min; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; injection volume 20 µL; monitored at wavelengths of 210, 254, 230, 280, and 360 nm. Mass spectrometry was carried out under positive ESI (electrospray ionization) using a Thermo scientific LTQ Orbitrap Discovery instrument.

(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)methanol 2^{81}

5-Nitrothiophene-2-carboxaldehyde **1** (1.00 g, 6.38 mmol) was dissolved in dry methanol (20 mL) in an ice bath (0 °C). NaBH₄ (0.270 g, 7.14 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours. Ice was added and the solution was acidified to pH 7 with 3 M HCl. The reaction mixture was extracted with EtOAc, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography of the crude product using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [eluents: solvent A, EtOAc; solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 10% A/90% B (1 CV), 10% A/90% B \rightarrow 65% A/35% B (10 CV), 65% A/35% B (2 CV); flow rate 50.0 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded (5-Nitrothiophen-2yl)methanol **2** (0.914 g, 5.74 mmol, 90% yield) as a brown oil.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.84 (1H, d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 6.95 (1H, dt, *J* = 4.1, 1.0 Hz), 4.90 (2H, d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 2.15 (1H, t, *J* = 5.8 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 154.0, 150.6, 129.0, 123.5, 60.2.

1-(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-ol 399

5-Nitro-2-thiophenecarboxaldehyde **1** (1.00 g, 6.36 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (50 mL) at 0 °C. Trimethylaluminum (2 M, 5.30 mL, 10.6 mmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with HCl (1 M, 40 mL) and the layers were partitioned. The residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 30 mL), and the combined organic phase was washed with brine (40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 10%A / 90%B (1 CV), 10%A / 90%B \rightarrow 70%A / 30%B (13 CV), 70%A / 30%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 1-(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-ol **3** (1.01 g, 5.85 mmol, 92%) as yellow-orange crystals.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.82 (1H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 6.91 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.2, 1.0 Hz), 5.14 (1H, qd, *J* = 6.4, 1.0 Hz), 2.14 (1H, s), 1.64 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 160.0, 149.9, 129.1, 122.2, 66.3, 25.1.

1-(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-one 499

2-(1-Hydroxyethyl)-5-nitrothiophene **3** (1.04 g, 6.00 mmol) was dissolved in 70 mL CH₂Cl₂ at room temperature. Dess-Martin periodinane (3.82 g, 9.00mmol) was added in portions to the solution, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour. Saturated solutions of sodium thiosulfate (50 mL) and NaHCO₃ (50 mL) were used to quench the reaction mixture. The layers were partitioned, and the residue was extracted with EtOAc (4 x 30 mL). The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash

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chromatography using a pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 10% A / 90%B (1 CV), 10% A / 90%B $\rightarrow 80\%$ A / 20%B (13 CV), 80%A / 20%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 1-(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-one **4** (0.873 g, 5.10 mmol, 90% yield) as yellow-orange crystals.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.89 (1H, d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 7.58 (1H, d, *J* = 4.3 Hz), 2.60 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 190.4, 156.5, 148.7, 130.1, 128.3, 26.6.

2-(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)propan-2-ol 5 99

2-Acetyl-5-nitrothiophene **4** (0.500 g, 2.92 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) at 0 °C. Trimethylaluminum (2 M, 2.42 mL, 4.85 mmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with HCl (1 M, 30 mL), and the layers were partitioned. The residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 20 mL), and the combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 10% A / 90% B (1 CV), 10% A / 90% B \rightarrow 70% A / 30% B (13 CV), 70% A / 30% B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 2-(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)propan-2-ol 5 (0.365 g, 2.13 mmol, 73%) as bright orange crystals.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.80 (1H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 6.89 (1H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 1.69 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 163.5, 150.0, 128.8, 121.3, 71.9, 32.1.

(5-Nitrofuran-2-yl)methanol 7⁸¹

5-Nitrofuran-2-carbaldehyde **6** (4.00 g, 28.0 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous methanol (80 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. NaBH₄ (1.17 g, 31 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture, which was stirred for 2.5 h. The reaction was quenched with an HCl solution (1 M, 40 mL) and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford a crude yellow oil. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B \rightarrow 60%A / 40%B (10 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded (5-nitrofuran-2-yl)methanol **7** (3.23 g, 22.6 mmol, 80%) as a pale yellow oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.31 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 6.58 (1H, d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 4.74 (2H, s), 2.09 (1H, s).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 157.37, 151.92, 112.40, 110.61, 57.45.

1-(5-Nitrofuran-2-yl)ethan-1-ol 8¹⁶¹

TiCl₄ (0.78 mL, 7.1 mmol) in Et₂O (35 mL) was treated with methyllithium (4.4 mL, 1.6 M, 7.1 mmol) at -78 °C. The resulting solution was stirred for 1 h. A THF (10 mL) solution of 5-nitrofuran-2-carbaldehyde **6** (0.500 g, 3.5 mmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h. Water (30 mL) was added and the resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 30 mL), which was dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated to afford a crude brown oil. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 25 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 7% A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B \rightarrow 60%A / 40%B (10 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow

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rate: 75 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded 1-(5-nitrofuran-2-yl)ethan-1-ol **8** (449 mg, 2.86 mmol, 81%) as a brown oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.29 (1H, d, *J* = 4.1 Hz), 6.52 (1H, d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 4.96 (1H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 2.57 (1H, s), 1.61 (3H, d, *J* = 6.8 Hz).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.27, 151.59, 112.51, 108.57, 63.66, 21.38.

1-(5-Nitrofuran-2-yl)ethan-1-one 9

Dess-Martin periodinane (8.62 g, 20.4 mmol) was added to 1-(5-nitrofuran-2yl)ethan-1-ol **8** (3.20 g, 20.4 mmol) dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (250 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction was quenched with saturated solutions of sodium thiosulfate and NaHCO₃, then extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL), which was washed with water and brine, dried with Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography of the crude product using a prepacked 100 g silica column [eluents: solvent A, EtOAc; solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 7% A/93% B over 1.19 min (1 CV), 7% A/93% B \rightarrow 50% A/50% B over 13.12 min (10 CV), 50% A/50% B over 2.38 min (2 CV); flow rate 100.0 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] yielded 1-(5nitrofuran-2-yl)ethan-1-one **9** (2.98 g, 19.2 mmol, 94%) as yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 (1H, d, *J* = 3.8 Hz), 7.28 (1H, d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 2.61 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 186.73, 151.91, 151.48, 116.79, 111.94, 26.27.

2-(5-Nitrofuran-2-yl)propan-2-ol 10

1-(5-Nitrofuran-2-yl)ethan-1-one **9** (3.00 g, 19.3 mmol) in CH₂CI₂ (120 mL) was treated dropwise at 0 °C with trimethylaluminium (16.0 mL, 2.0 M, 32 mmol), and the

resulting yellow solution was stirred for 90 min at 0 °C. Sat. aq. NH₄Cl was added to the reaction mixture, which was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to provide a yellow oil. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B $\rightarrow 60\%$ A / 40%B (10 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow rate: 1000mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded 2-(5-nitrofuran-2-yl)propan-2-ol **10** (2.75 g, 16.1 mmol, 83%) as a yellow oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.27 (1H, d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 6.49 (1H, d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 2.36 (1H, s), 1.65 (7H, s).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 164.05, 151.36, 112.55, 107.37, 69.30, 28.67.

Ethyl 2-amino-1-methyl-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate 14¹⁰¹

To a suspension of sarcosine ethyl ester **11** (4.00 g, 0.026 mol) in THF (90 mL) and ethyl formate (90 mL) was added NaH (60 % dispersion in mineral oil, 10.0 g, 0.25 mol) in several portions at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 hours, during this time a yellow suspension formed. The reaction mixture was concentrated and triturated with hexane (2 x 150 mL). The hexane was decanted and the resulting light tan solid **12** was dried in vacuo. Ethanol (80 mL) and concentrated aqueous HCl (16 mL) were added to the solid, and the suspension was heated to reflux for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered while hot and the filter was rinsed with boiling ethanol (2 x 50 mL). The combined filtrate was concentrated to yield a brown oil **13**. The oil was diluted with ethanol (140 mL) and water (60 mL), and the pH of the solution was adjusted to 3 by using NaOH solution (2 M). Cyanamide (2.18 g, 0.052 mol)

was added, and the resulting solution was heated to reflux for 1.5 hours. After being cooled to room temperature, the reaction mixture was concentrated to approximately 1/8 of its original volume. Solid K₂CO₃ was added to adjust the pH of the concentrated reaction mixture to 8-9, resulting in the formation of a yellow precipitate. The solid was removed by filtration, washed with a K₂CO₃ solution (1 M, 1 x 20 mL) and water (2 x 20 mL) and dried to afford a pale yellow solid **14** (1.97 g, 12.0 mmol, 45% yield).

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.45 (1H, s), 4.27 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 4.25 (2H, s), 3.68 (3H, s), 1.34 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 160.7, 151.9, 135.5, 119.1, 59.8, 30.6, 14.4.

Ethyl 1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate 15^{100,101}

Aminoimidazole **14** (0.700 g, 4.14 mmol) in acetic acid (7.3 mL) was added dropwise to an aqueous solution of sodium nitrite (3.6 mL, 11 M). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 4 hours until no further N₂ was formed. The reaction mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (1 x 20 mL), washed with brine (1 x 20 mL) and a saturated aqueous solution of Na₂SO₃ (1 x 20 mL). The organic layer was then dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to afford a crude yellow solid. Purification by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 25 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 7%A / 93%B (4 CV), 7%A / 93%B \rightarrow 60%A / 40%B (10 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow rate: 70 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded Ethyl 1methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate **15** (0.510 g, 2.60 mmol, 63% yield) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.74 (1H, s), 4.40 (2H, q, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 4.35 (3H, s), 1.41 (3H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 159.1, 147.5, 134.7, 126.3, 61.8, 35.4, 14.2.

(1-Methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methanol 16¹⁰⁰

A suspension of the nitroimidazole ethyl ester 15 (0.796 g, 4.00 mmol) in 0.75 M NaOH solution (16 mL) was stirred at room temperature overnight to give a clear light yellow solution. The pH of the reaction mixture was adjusted to 1 by adding concentrated HCl. The resulting solution was extracted with EtOAc (5 x 20 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated to afford a light yellow solid. The solid was dissolved in THF (8 mL) with triethylamine (0.880 mL, 6.30 mmol). Isobutylchloroformate (0.820 mL, 6.30 mmol) was added dropwise at -40 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. NaBH₄ (0.794 g, 21.0 mmol) was added to the solution, followed by dropwise addition of water (7 mL) over 1 hour while maintaining the temperature around 0 °C. The reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O (3 x 20 mL), which was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 25 g silica column [solvent A: methanol; solvent B: CH₂Cl₂; gradient: 1%A / 99%B (4 CV), $1\%A / 99\%B \rightarrow 15\%A / 85\%B$ (10 CV), 15%A / 85%B (2 CV); flow rate: 75 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded (1-Methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methanol 16 (0.449 g, 2.86 mmol, 71% yield) as a pale yellow solid.

¹H NMR (Methanol-D₄, 600 MHz): δ 7.11 (1H, s), 4.68 (2H, s), 4.06 (3H, s).
¹³C NMR (Methanol-D₄, 151 MHz): δ 145.8, 137.9, 126.0, 53.2, 33.4.

1-Methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole-5-carbaldehyde 17 99

(1-Methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)methanol **16** (359 mg, 2.28 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). Dess–Martin periodinane (1.16 g, 2.74 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Saturated solutions of NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and sodium thiosulfate (20 mL) were added to the reaction mixture, which was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 25 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 12%A / 88%B (1 CV), 12%A / 88%B \rightarrow 100%A / 0%B (10 CV), 100%A / 0%B (2 CV); flow rate: 75 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] afforded 1-Methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole-5-carbaldehyde **17** (346 mg, 2.23 mmol, 98% yield) as a yellow solid.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 9.94 (1H, s), 7.82 (1H, s), 4.36 (3H, s).
¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz,): δ 180.4, 148.4, 139.4, 132.4, 35.6.

1-(1-Methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol 18 99

1-Methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole-5-carbaldehyde **17** (200 mg, 1.29 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) at 0 °C. Trimethylaluminum (2 M, 1.3 mL, 2.6 mmol) was added dropwise, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hours. The reaction was quenched with HCl (1 M, 10 mL) and the layers were partitioned. The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 10 mL), and the combined organic phase was washed with brine (20 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography using a pre-packed 25 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient: 10%A / 90%B (1 CV), 10%A / $90\%B \rightarrow 70\%A / 30\%B$ (13 CV), 70%A / 30%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 1-(5-Nitrothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-ol **18** (125 mg, 0.742 mmol, 57%) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (Acetone-D₆, 600 MHz): δ 7.07 (1H, s), 5.01 (1H, p, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 4.64 (1H, d, *J* = 6.0 Hz), 4.09 (3H, s), 1.63 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz).

¹³C NMR (Acetone-D₆, 151 MHz): δ 146.4, 141.6, 124.7, 60.4, 33.9, 21.1.

1-(4-Nitrophenyl)ethan-1-ol 20¹⁶¹

TiCl₄ (2.72 mL, 24.8 mmol) was slowly added (dropwise) to dry Et₂O (100 mL) in an acetone / dry ice bath (-78 °C). Methyllithium (15.5 mL, 25 mmol, 1.6 M) was then added dropwise slowly to the reaction mixture which was stirred for 1.5 h. 4-Nitrobenzaldehyde **19** (2.88g, 19.1 mmol) dissolved in Et₂O (140 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture, which was stirred for 18 h. The reaction was quenched with water and extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL), which was washed with water and brine and dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography of the crude product using a prepacked 100 g silica column [eluents: solvent A, EtOAc; solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 10% A/90% B (1 CV), 10% A/90% B \rightarrow 80% A/20% B over (10 CV), 80% A/20% B (2 CV); flow rate 100.0 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] yielded 1-(4-nitrophenyl)ethan-1-ol **20** (2.49 g, 14.9 mmol, 78%) as a yellow-orange oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.17 (2H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 7.53 (2H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 5.01 (1H, q, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 1.51 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.22, 147.09, 126.13, 123.71, 69.43, 25.44.

2-(4-Nitrophenyl)propan-2-ol 22¹⁶¹

TiCl₄ (3.02 mL, 27.6 mmol) was slowly added (dropwise) to dry Et₂O (100 mL) in an acetone / dry ice bath (-78 °C). Methyllithium (17.2 mL, 28 mmol, 1.6 M) was then added dropwise slowly to the reaction mixture, which was stirred for 1.5 h. 4-Nitroacetophenone **21** (3.50 g, 21.2 mmol) dissolved in Et₂O (150 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture, which was stirred for 18 h. The reaction was quenched with water, and the mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 50 mL), which was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography of the crude product using a prepacked 100 g silica column [eluents: solvent A, EtOAc; solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 10% A/90% B (1 CV), 10% A/90% B \rightarrow 60% A/40% B (10 CV), 60% A/40% B (2 CV); flow rate 100.0 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] yielded 2-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-ol **22** (1.42 g, 7.84 mmol, 37%) as an orange oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.16 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 7.65 (2H, d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 1.61 (7H, s).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 156.52, 146.64, 125.51, 123.45, 72.49, 31.69.

(6-methoxy-2-(4-methoxy-3-((5-nitrothiophen-2-yl)methoxy)phenyl)-1H-indol-3-yl)(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)methanone **26**

To a clean, dry round-bottom flask, nitrothiophenyl alcohol **2** (0.14 g, 0.90 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). Compound **25** (0.47 g, 1.0 mmol) and PPh₃ (0.46 g, 1.8 mmol) were added and the solution was stirred for 5 min.

Diisopropylazodicarboxylate (DIAD) (0.24 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h. The dichloromethane was removed under reduced

pressure and the crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica gel column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient 15%A / 85%B (4 CV), 15%A / 85%B \rightarrow 100%A / 0%B (8 CV), 100%A / 0%B (7.2 CV); flow rate, 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm]. BAPC **26** (0.080 g, 0.11 mmol, 13%) was isolated as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.62 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.81 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.78 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 7.10 (dd, *J* = 8.0 Hz, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.99 (s, 2H, ArH), 6.95 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.89 (m, 2H, ArH), 6.85 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 6.81 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, ArH), 4.91 (s, 2H, CH₂), 3.85 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.83 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.82 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 3.67 (s, 6H, OCH₃).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 192.0, 157.5, 152.8, 151.8, 150.6, 148.1, 147.0,
141.8, 141.6, 136.5, 134.9, 128.5, 125.1, 124.9, 123.1, 122.9, 122.5, 117.3, 113.0, 111.94,
111.87, 107.5, 94.7, 66.9, 61.1, 56.2, 56.1, 55.8.

HPLC: 15.21 min.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for C₃₁H₂₉N₂O₉S [M+H]⁺ 605.1588, found 605.1587.

2-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-yl 2-oxopropanoate 32

To a round bottom flask 50-mL) with pyruvic acid **30** (1.2 mL, 17 mmol) was added (dropwise) 1,1-dichloromethyl ether (1.5 mL, 17 mmol). The reaction mixture was warmed up to 50 °C for 1.5 h and then was added (dropwise) to a benzene solution (50 mL) of 2-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-ol **22** (1.24 g, 6.82 mmol) and pyridine (2.5 mL, 34 mmol) at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred from 0 °C to room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched with water, and the mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x

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50 mL), which was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography of the crude product using a prepacked 50 g silica column [eluents: solvent A, EtOAc; solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 5% A/95% B (1 CV), 5% A/95% B to 40% A/60% B (10 CV), 40% A/60% B (2 CV); flow rate 100.0 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] yielded 2-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-yl 2-oxopropanoate **32** (1.01 g, 4.01 mmol, 59%) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.24 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.58 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (s, 3H), 1.91 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 192.0, 159.7, 151.5, 147.2, 125.4, 123.9,
83.6, 28.0, 26.4.

2-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-yl 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoate 28¹⁶⁵

To a dry round bottom flask with 2-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-yl 2-oxopropanoate **32** (250 mg, 1.02 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 mL) at 0 °C under argon, diisopropylethylamine (0.21 mL, 1.2 mmol) and trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (0.22 mL, 1.2 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 minutes. Potassium carbonate (7.1 mg, 0.051 mmol) was added, followed by the addition of bromine (30 μ L, 0.6 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) solution. The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for an additional 30 min. The reaction was then quenched with saturated sodium thiosulfate solution, and the mixture was extracted with dichloromethane (3 x 50 mL), which was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. Flash chromatography of the crude product using a prepacked 50 g silica column [eluents: solvent A, EtOAc; solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 7% A/93% B (1 CV), 7% A/93% B to 60% A/40% B (10 CV), 60%

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A/40% B (2 CV); flow rate 100.0 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] yielded 2-(4-nitrophenyl)propan-2-yl 3-bromo-2-oxopropanoate **28** (170 mg, 0.520 mmol, 52%) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.60 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 4.26 (s, 2H), 1.94 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 184.6, 158.4, 150.9, 147.3, 125.5, 123.9,
84.8, 77.3, 77.0, 76.8, 30.2, 28.1.

HRMS (ESI⁺): m/z calculated for C₁₂H_{12Br}NNaO₅ [M+Na]⁺ 351.9791, found 351.9792.

CHAPTER FOUR

Targeting Tumor-Associated Hypoxia with Bioreductively Activatable Prodrug Conjugates Derived from Dihydronaphthalene and Benzosuberene-Based Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization

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Abstract

A significant percentage of solid tumors are characterized with profound regions of hypoxia, which is a hallmark of cancer. While tumor-associated hypoxia is associated with challenges in effective external beam radiation therapy, it provides a unique opportunity for targeted cancer therapy. A promising strategy involves the selective release of potent anticancer agents facilitated through reductase-mediated cleavage of non-toxic bioreductively activatable prodrug conjugates (BAPCs) in regions of pronounced tumor-associated hypoxia. Previous studies in our laboratories resulted in a series of highly potent, small-molecule anticancer agents, including dihydronaphthalene analogue **1** and benzosuberene analogue **2**, which were inspired by the molecular architecture of the natural products combretastatin A-4 (CA4), combretastatin A-1 (CA1), and colchicine that inhibit tubulin assembly into microtubules. Compounds **1** and **2** demonstrate dual-mechanism of action functioning as both potent anti-proliferative (cytotoxic) agents and promising vascular disrupting agents (VDAs) that selectively and irreversibly disrupt tumor-associated vasculature. A series of BAPCs was synthesized that incorporate anticancer agents **1** and **2** with nitro-bearing heteroaromatic triggers. In a preliminary evaluation of this series, several BAPCs produced positive hypoxia cytotoxicity ratios (GI₅₀ ratio normoxia/hypoxia) in the A549 human lung carcinoma cell line. One of these promising BAPCs, **13**, demonstrated vascular disrupting activity in a preliminary *in vivo* study in an orthotopic syngeneic breast tumor (4T1) mouse model as evidenced with bioluminescence imaging (BLI) and histology.

Introduction

Tumor-associated vasculature is aberrant in nature and is typically characterized by a chaotic vascular network and primitive blood vessel network,⁷ which fails to sufficiently rectify oxygen deficiency and results in regions of hypoxia. In addition, temporal opening and closing of blood vessel occlusion also leads to acute perfusionlimited hypoxia. ^{86,166} Tumor-associated hypoxia plays an important role in tumor progession,^{83,87} and promotes cellular resistance to many types of radiotherapy and chemotherapy.^{83–85} However, in certain cases cytotoxic drugs are more effective under hypoxic conditions.⁸³ Tumor-associated hypoxia represents a promising target for the selective delivery of potent anticancer agents though a variety of prodrug strategies.



Figure 4.1. Structure of Selected Bioreductive Prodrugs

Bioreductively activated prodrug conjugates (BAPCs) also referred to as hypoxiaactivated prodrugs (HAPs) facilitate the selective release of highly potent anticancer agents to tumors characterized with hypoxic fractions, and represent a promising investigative approach towards cancer therapy.^{66,83,89,167,168} The mechanism of these prodrugs involves enzymatic reduction through either one- or two- electron reductases resulting in selective release of cytotoxic anticancer agents.⁶⁶ A variety of chemical entities (triggers) are capable of undergoing enzymatic reduction to release their cytotoxic anticancer agents (effector molecules), including nitro(hetero)cyclic compounds, aromatic *N*-oxides, aliphatic *N*-oxides, quinones, and metal complexes.^{83,86,87} Clinically relevant prodrugs that undergo selective activation under hypoxia are shown in Figure 1. TH-302 is currently undergoing clinical trials in combination therapy with checkpoint inhibitor antibodies.¹⁶⁷ Despite significant progress and advances over the past 40+ years, prodrugs that target tumor-associated hypoxia have yet to reach FDA approval.



Figure 4.2. Representative Small-Molecule Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization.^{36,37,50–52}

In addition to hypoxia, the immature vasculature itself also represent a promising target for cancer therapy. The natural product combretastatin A-4 (CA4), originally isolated from African bush willow tree *Combretum caffrum*, is a potent inhibitor of tubulin assembly, which binds at the colchicine site.³⁷ CA4, along with another analogue in the combretastatin family combretastatin A-1 (CA1), demonstrates significant cytotoxicity (*in vitro*) against human cancer cell lines. ³⁶ The necessity and challenge of improving water-solubility led to the development of their corresponding phosphate prodrug salts [combretastatin A-4P (Zybrestat®) and combretastatin A-1P (OXi4503)], which have been evaluated in clinical trials as vascular disrupting agents (VDAs).^{44,169} These VDAs induce significant morphological changes to the endothelial cells lining tumor-associated vasculature leading to microvessel occlusion and shutdown of blood flow, which restricts the supply of oxygen and nutrients, and leads to necrosis.

The potent antimitotic capability of CA4 inspired Davis and co-workers to prepare a series of BAPCs (Fig. 3) that utilize CA4 as the parent (effector) anticancer agent.^{81,82} A 5-nitrothienyl bioreductive trigger was covalently bonded to CA4 through an ether linkage. These CA4-BAPCs were designed to release CA4 selectively in the hypoxic tumor microenvironment upon enzymatic reduction. We employed the same strategy to develop a series of BAPCs based on phenstatin,^{99,170} which is a functionalized benzophenone analogue prepared by Pettit and co-workers that mimics salient structural features of CA4. A subset of nitrothiophene, nitrobenzyl, nitrofuran, and nitroimidazole triggers was employed as the bioreductive triggers in this study.^{99,102}



Figure 4.3. Previously Reported BAPCs based on Tubulin Binding Agents

A long-standing program in the design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of small-molecule inhibitors of tubulin polymerization resulted in our discovery and development of a wide-variety of molecules including dihydronaphthalene, benzosuberene analogues inspired, in part, by colchicine and CA4.^{50–52} Utilizing a promising phenolic-based benzosuberene analogue (referred to as KGP18) and a corresponding dihydronaphthalene analogue (referred to as KGP03) as effector anticancer agents, we prepared a series of BAPCs bearing nitrothienyl and nitroimidazole

moieties as triggers, which are capable of undergoing reductase cleavage (Scheme 1) in hypoxic tumor fractions.



Scheme 4.1. Biological Reduction and Cleavage of BAPCs (Compound **13** as a Representative Example)

Chemistry

The synthetic strategy towards BAPCs **10** to **17** is shown in Scheme 2. Tubulin binding agents **1** (OXi6196) and **2** (KGP18) were prepared through newly developed methods published by our group.^{49–52} Bioreductive triggers **6-9** were synthesized following previously reported procedures.^{99,100,162} A Mitsunobu reaction was employed to facilitate incorporation of the bioreductive triggers with the parent agents to generate the requisite BAPCs in low to moderate yields (12% to 46%).^{81,171} Depending on the reactivity of the nitro triggers involved in each reaction, a combination of triphenylphosphine with either diethyl azodicarboxylate (DEAD) or diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (DIAD) were used to generate the ether linkage. The order of reagent addition and the amount of solvent utilized also played important roles in the successful synthesis of these compounds.



Scheme 4.2. Synthetic Routes toward BAPC 10-17.

Biological Evaluation

These BAPCs, as well as their parent anticancer agents, were evaluated for their ability to inhibit tubulin assembly and compete for the colchicine binding site (Table 1) through a collaboration with Dr. Ernest Hamel (National Cancer Institute). All the BAPCs were inactive ($IC_{50} > 20 \mu M$) as inhibitors of tubulin assembly. This is a desired attribute for these dihydronaphthalene and benzosuberene BAPCs. Ideally, these BAPCs will remain inactive until they undergo enzyme-mediated prodrug cleavage to generate their corresponding parent anticancer agents.
Compound	Inhibition of tubulin assembly	Inhibition of colchicine binding	
	$IC_{50} (\mu M) \pm SD$	% Inhibition ± SD	
		5 µM inhibitor	
1	0.5		
2	1.4		
10	>20	9.2 ± 5	
11	>20	9.4 ± 2	
12	>20	9.6 ± 1	
13	>20	4.8 ± 2	
14	n.d.	n.d.	
15	>20	4.7 ± 2	
16	>20	6.1 ± 3	
17	>20	25 ± 3	

Table 4.1. Inhibition of Tubulin Assembly and Colchicine Binding.

n.d. = not determined

The cytotoxicity (Table 4.2) of these BAPCs was also evaluated in A549 human lung carcinoma cell line through collaborative studies with the Trawick Group (Dr. Tracy Strecker) at Baylor University. These compounds were evaluated under both normoxic and hypoxic conditions utilizing the standard sulforhodamine B (SRB) assay to determine and quantify cell-based cytotoxicity. The ideal BAPC should demonstrate differential growth inhibition between normoxic and hypoxic conditions, showing enhanced cytotoxicity under hypoxic condition. Several BAPCs in this study demonstrated a positive hypoxic cytotoxicity ratio (HCR > 6), including compound **11**, **13** and **16**.

Compound	IC ₅₀ [oxic] (µM)±SD	IC ₅₀ [anoxic] (µM)±SD	HCR
TPZ	63.5	7.1	9.0
1	0.0066 ^b	n.d. ^c	n.d. ^c
2	0.000027 ^b	n.d. ^c	n.d. ^c
10	0.46	0.48	0.97
11	0.94	0.12	7.8
12	0.13	0.083	1.6
13	0.39	0.049	8.0
14	0.046	0.062	0.74
15	1.7	1.2	1.4
16	0.36	0.046	7.8
17	2.1	0.060	3.5

Table 4.2. *In Vitro* Potency and Hypoxia Cytotoxicity Ratio (HCR) of the BAPCs in the A549 Human Lung Carcinoma Cell Line

^a Average of $n \ge 3$ independent determinations

^b Values for standard SRB assay for cytotoxicity in A549 cells

 c n.d. = not determined

A preliminary *in vivo* study was carried out in collaboration with Dr. Ralph P. Mason (University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center) that utilized BALB/c mice bearing the syngeneic 4T1-luc breast cancer model with BAPC **13** to gauge initial tolerability and efficacy of this agent. 4T1 is a murine mammary tumor that arose spontaneously in an ageing BALB/C mouse and is considered to replicate many of the characteristics of human breast cancer.¹⁷² It is widely used in studies of chemotherapy, and several reports have used luciferase transfected clones to facilitate imaging of therapeutic response and metastasis.^{173–176}



Figure 4.4. Bioluminescence imaging (BLI) of 4T1-luc Tumor Bearing Nude Mice at Various Times Following VDA (OXi6197) and BAPC (KGP291, compound 13) Administration. Baseline shows mice at 20 min time point following administration of 120 mg/kg of luciferin subcutaneously to five athymic nude mice bearing orthotopic syngeneic 4T1-luc tumors growing in frontal mammary fat pad. Immediately following baseline BLI, mice were treated by IP injection as follows: (1 to r) KGP291 (13) @ 29 mg/kg; vehicle (10%DMSO/90% sesame oil); KGP291 (13) @ 61 mg/kg; Oxi6197 @ 30 mg/kg in saline vehicle; KGP291 (13) @ 53 mg/kg. BLI was repeated 4 hrs and 24 hrs after treatment.

BLI was performed on a group of five mice. Three mice were treated with BAPC

13 at different doses, 29 mg/kg, 53 mg/kg and 61 mg/kg. Two mice served as controls,

with one mouse treated with vehicle alone and another mouse treated with OXi6197 (30

mg/kg), the phosphate salt prodrug of compound 1. Bioluminescent images are shown for

the group of five mice at various time points (baseline to 24 hrs in Figure 5.4). Four hours

following administration of BAPC 13, one of three mice, which treated with the highest

dose showed a dramatic decrease in light emission following administration of fresh luciferin (Figures 5.4 and 5.5). At 24 h this tumor remained depressed. By comparison, CA4P caused a >99 % drop in signal within 4 h, which remained reduce up to 24 h. By contrast, the control mouse receiving vehicle alone showed relative stability up to 24 h.



Figure 4.5. Dynamic Light Emission Time Courses with Respect to Vascular Disruption. Variation of signal intensity is shown at baseline, 4 hrs. and 24 hrs. Lines with red squares received OXi6197; green circles received vehicle; solid blue triangles was treated with KGP291 (13) @ 29 mg/kg; solid blue squares received KGP291 (13) @ 53 mg/kg and open blue diamonds received KGP291 @ 61 mg/kg. At baseline all tumors showed similar light emission kinetics (upper left). Four hrs. and 24 hrs. later (upper right and lower left, respectively), the tumors receiving Oxi6197 and the highest dose of KGP291 (13) showed substantially reduced signal, while the tumors receiving vehicle alone and two lower doses of KGP291 (13) showed little change. The histogram (lower right) shows the point of maximum light emission along the dynamic curve for each individual tumor at baseline, 4 hrs. and 24 hrs.

Conclusion

In this study, eight BAPCs based on tubulin binding agents dihydronaphthalene analogue **1** and benzosuberene analogue **2** were prepared to target tumor-associated hypoxia for selective delivery of anticancer agents. Among them BAPCs **11**, **13** and **16** produced positive HCRs (~8) in the initial assays. In a preliminary *in vivo* study, the monomethyl-nitroimidazole BAPC **11** demonstrated antivascular activity in an orthotopic syngeneic breast tumor mouse model (4T1/BALB/c) as evidenced through BLI.

Materials and Methods

General Experimental Methods

Dichloromethane, acetonitrile, dimethylformamide (DMF), methanol, ethanol, and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were used in their anhydrous forms, as obtained from the chemical suppliers. Reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere using nitrogen gas, unless specified. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates (precoated glass plates with silica gel 60 F254, 0.25 mm thickness) were used to monitor reactions. Purification of intermediates and products was carried out with a Biotage isolera flash purification system using silica gel (200-400 mesh, 60 Å). Intermediates and products synthesized were characterized on the basis of their ¹H NMR (600 or 500 MHz) and ¹³C NMR (150 or 125 MHz) spectroscopic data using a Varian VNMRS 500 MHz or Bruker DPX 600 MHz instrument. Spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ or Aceton-d6. All chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ), coupling constants (*J*) are presented in Hz, and peak patterns are reported as broad (br), singlet (s), doublet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), septet (sept), double doublet, (dd), and multiplet (m).

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Purity of the final compounds was further analyzed at 25 °C using an Agilent 1200 HPLC system with a diode-array detector ($\lambda = 190-400$ nm), a Zorbax XDB-C18 HPLC column (4.6 mm - 150 mm, 5 µm), and a Zorbax reliance cartridge guard-column; solvent A, acetonitrile, solvent B, H₂O; gradient, 50%A / 50%B to 100%A / 0%B over 0 to 30 min; post-time 10 min; flow rate 1.0 mL/min; injection volume 20 µL; monitored at wavelengths of 210, 254, 230, 280, and 360 nm. Mass spectrometry was carried out under positive ESI (electrospray ionization) using a Thermo scientific LTQ Orbitrap Discovery instrument.

2-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-5nitrothiophene **10**^{81,171,177}

Dihydronaphthalene **1** (0.340 g, 1.00 mmol), (5-nitrothiophen-2-yl)methanol **6** (0.080 g, 0.500 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (0.267 g, 1.00 mmol) were dissolved in THF (2.0 mL) at room temperature. DEAD (0.158 mL, 1.00 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 3.5 hours. The reaction was then cooled and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 25 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 0%A / 100%B (1 CV), 0%A / 100%B \rightarrow 30%A / 70%B (13 CV), 30%A / 70%B (2 CV); flow rate: 75 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 2-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-5-nitrothiophene **10** (0.040 g, 0.083 mmol, 17% yield) as a yellow oil.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 7.98 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 4.1 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (s,

1H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 2.87 – 2.82 (m, 2H), 2.29 (td, *J* = 7.9, 4.7 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆) δ 153.3, 151.8, 151.4, 149.8, 143.6, 139.5, 137.7, 136.3, 130.5, 128.8, 128.6, 125.9, 124.9, 122.1, 109.3, 106.1, 68.6, 59.7, 55.5, 55.2, 22.6, 21.1.

HRMS, *m/z:* observed 506.1244 [M + Na]⁺,(calcd for C₂₅H₂₅NNaO₇S⁺, 506.1244).

HPLC: 16.4 min, 100% pure at 254 nm.

2-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-5nitrothiophene **11**^{81,171,177}

Dihydronaphthalene **1** (0.342 g, 1.00 mmol), 1-(5-nitrothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-ol **7** (0.087 g, 0.500 mmol), and triphenylphosphine (0.267 g, 1.00 mmol) were dissolved in THF (2.5 mL) at room temperature. DEAD (0.160 mL, 1.00 mmol) was added drop-wise and the reaction mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 3.5 hours. The reaction was then cooled and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 25 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 0%A / 100%B (1 CV), 0%A / 100%B \rightarrow 30%A / 70%B (13 CV), 30%A / 70%B (2 CV); flow rate: 75 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 2-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-5-nitrothiophene **11** (0.115 g, 0.231 mmol, 46% yield) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (Acetone-D₆, 500 MHz): δ 7.95 (1H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 7.16 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.2, 0.9 Hz), 6.85 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.81 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.58 (2H, s), 5.98 (1H, t, *J*

= 4.7 Hz), 5.68 (1H, qd, *J* = 6.4, 0.9 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.81 (6H, s), 3.75 (3H, s), 2.78 (2H, ddd, *J* = 10.8, 8.9, 6.7 Hz), 2.34 – 2.14 (2H, m), 1.71 (3H, d, *J* = 6.5 Hz).

¹³**C NMR** (Acetone-D₆, 126 MHz): δ 155.6, 153.3, 151.9, 150.7, 142.2, 139.6, 136.4, 130.9, 128.7, 128.6, 125.0, 124.2, 121.9, 109.3, 106.1, 106.1, 74.8, 59.7, 55.5, 55.1, 27.7, 21.7, 21.3.

HRMS, m/z: observed 520.1400 [M + Na]⁺, (calcd for C₂₉H₂₇NNaO₇S⁺, 520.1400).

HPLC: 18.7 min, 98.6% pure at 254 nm.

5-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-1methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole **12**^{81,171,177}

Dihydronaphthalene **1** (0.363 g, 1.06 mmol), (1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazol-5yl)methanol **8** (0.200 g, 1.27 mmol), and DIAD (0.280 mL, 1.43 mmol) were dissolved in THF (70 mL) at room temperature. Triphenylphosphine (0.557 g, 2.12 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 days. The reaction solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 10% A / 90%B (1 CV), 10%A / 90%B \rightarrow 80%A / 20%B (13 CV), 80%A / 20%B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 5-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1Himidazole **12** (0.179 g, 0.371 mmol, 35% yield) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.14 (1H, s), 6.85 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.69 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.54 (2H, s), 5.97 (1H, t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 5.01 (2H, s), 4.24 (3H, s), 3.89 (3H, s), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.85 (6H, s), 2.76 (2H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 2.31 (2H, td, *J* = 7.8, 4.6 Hz).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 153.0, 151.6, 143.0, 139.4, 137.2, 136.4, 133.9, 130.7, 129.1, 129.0, 125.4, 122.6, 109.0, 107.2, 105.8, 63.0, 61.0, 56.2, 55.6, 34.6, 22.8, 21.1.

HRMS, *m/z*: observed 504.1740 [M + H]⁺, (calcd for C₂₅H₂₇N₃NaO₇⁺, 504.1741).
HPLC: 7.3 min, 96.2% pure at 254 nm.

5-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-1methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole **13**^{81,171,177}

Dihydronaphthalene **1** (0.200 g, 0.585 mmol), 1-(1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol **9** (0.120 g, 0.702 mmol), and DIAD (0.150 mL, 0.761 mmol) were dissolved in THF (60 mL) at room temperature. Triphenylphosphine (0.307 g, 1.17 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and it was stirred for 2 days. The reaction solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 10%A / 90%B (1 CV), 10%A / 90%B \rightarrow 79%A / 21%B (13 CV), 79%A / 21%B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **13** (0.0694 g, 0.140 mmol, 24%) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.14 (1H, s), 6.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.62 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.47 (2H, s), 5.91 (1H, t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 5.53 (1H, q, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 4.11 (3H, s), 3.82 (3H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.78 (6H, s), 2.69 (2H, td, *J* = 9.3, 6.8 Hz), 2.27 – 2.14 (2H, m), 1.61 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz).

¹³C NMR (Acetone-D₆, 126 MHz): δ 153.3, 152.0, 141.6, 139.6, 138.8, 137.6, 136.3, 131.6, 128.7, 126.3, 125.0, 122.0, 109.2, 106.0, 68.9, 59.7, 55.5, 55.1, 34.1, 22.6, 21.7, 17.6.

HRMS, m/z: observed 496.2077 [M + H]⁺, (calcd for C₂₆H₂₉N₃NaO₇⁺, 496.2078). **HPLC**: 10.0 min, 95.0% pure at 254 nm.

2-(((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4yl)oxy)methyl)-5-nitrothiophene **14**

(5-nitrothiophen-2-yl)methanol (0.129 g, 0.810 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (7 mL). 3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-ol (0.301 g, 0.844 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (0.435 g, 1.66 mmol) were added to the solution and allowed to stir until all reagents had dissolved. Azodicarbonyldipiperidine (0.333 g, 1.32 mmol) was then added to the solution. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 hours at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product purified on silica gel using isocratic 7.5% EtOAc: 92.5% hexanes as eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resultant product was crystallized using Et₂O to afford 2-(((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)methyl)-5-nitrothiophene **14** (0.050 g, 0.010 mmol, 12% yield) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.85 (1H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 7.03 (1H, d, *J* = 4.2 Hz), 6.83 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.48 (2H, s), 6.34 (1H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 5.22 (2H, d, *J* = 0.5 Hz), 3.92 (3H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.81 (6H, s), 2.73 (2H, t, *J* = 6.8 Hz), 2.07 (2H, p, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.93 (2H, q, *J* = 7.0 Hz).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 152.9, 151.8, 151.1, 149.2, 143.8, 142.6, 138.2, 137.5, 135.9, 134.0, 128.2, 127.3, 126.1, 125.0, 109.4, 105.3, 69.4, 60.9, 56.2, 55.7, 34.4, 25.5, 24.4.

HPLC: Method C, 16.5 min

HRMS, *m/z*: observed 520.1394 [M + Na]⁺, (calcd for 520.1400).

2-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4yl)oxy)ethyl)-5-nitrothiophene **15** ^{81,171,177}

1-(5-nitrothiophen-2-yl)ethan-1-ol **7** (0.650 g, 3.75 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL). 3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5Hbenzo[7]annulen-4-ol **2** (1.50 g, 4.20 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.37 g, 7.29 mmol) were added to the solution and allowed to stir until all reagents had dissolved. Diisopropylazodicarboxylate (1.15 mL, 5.08 mmol) was then added to the solution. The solution was allowed to stir for 12 hours at room temperature. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified on silica gel using isocratic 5% EtOAc: 95% hexanes as eluent. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resultant product was crystallized using Et₂O to afford 2-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)ethyl)-5-nitrothiophene **15** (0.869 g, 1.70 mmol, 45% yield) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.81 (1H, d, *J* = 4.4 Hz), 6.94 (1H, dd, *J* = 4.2, 0.7 Hz), 6.80 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.77 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.45 (2H, s), 6.32 (1H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 5.62 (1H, qd, *J* = 6.4, 0.7 Hz), 3.87 (3H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.80 (6H, s), 2.74 (1H, m), 2.64 (1H, m), 2.06 (1H, m), 1.91 (3H, m), 1.73 (3H, d, *J* = 6.6 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 126 MHz): δ 155.3, 152.9, 151.1, 142.6, 142.4, 138.3, 137.4, 136.6, 134.0, 128.1, 127.3, 125.8, 123.3, 109.4, 105.2, 74.6, 60.9, 56.1, 55.6, 34.1, 25.6, 24.4, 21.8.

HRMS, m/z: observed 520.1394 [M + H]⁺, (calcd for 512.1737).

HPLC: 20.1 min, 99.0% pure at 254 nm.

5-(((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4yl)oxy)methyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole **16**^{81,171,177}

Benzosuberene analogue **2** (0.250 g, 0.702 mmol), (1-methyl-2-nitro-1Himidazol-5-yl)methanol **8** (0.123 g, 0.842 mmol), and DEAD (0.144 mL, 0.913 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) at room temperature. Triphenylphosphine (0.368 g, 1.40 mmol) was added to the mixture and the reaction was stirred for 2 days. The reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 10%A / 90%B (1 CV), 10%A / 90%B \rightarrow 80%A / 20%B (13 CV), 80%A / 20%B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 5-(((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4yl)oxy)methyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole **16** (0.143 g, 0.288 mmol, 41% yield) as an orange crystal.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.15 (s, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.46 (s, 2H), 6.34 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.25 (s, 3H), 3.89 (s, 3H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.80 (s, 6H), 2.68 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.07 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.93 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 151.1, 146.3, 142.5, 141.7, 138.6, 138.2, 137.5, 136.8, 134.3, 127.4, 126.7, 126.1, 109.2, 105.3, 68.7, 60.9, 56.2, 55.5, 34.7, 34.1, 25.6, 24.3, 18.4.

HRMS, m/z: observed 518.1898 [M + Na]⁺, (calcd for C₂₆H₂₉N₃NaO₇⁺, 518.1898).

HPLC: 10.7 min, 98.1% pure at 254 nm.

5-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4yl)oxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole **17**^{81,171,177}

Benzosuberene analogue **2** (0.250 g, 0.702 mmol), 1-(1-methyl-2-nitro-1Himidazol-5-yl)ethan-1-ol **9** (0.144 g, 0.842 mmol), and DIAD (0.179 g, 0.913 mmol) were dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (60 mL) at room temperature. Triphenylphosphine (0.368 g, 1.40 mmol) was added to the mixture and the reaction was stirred for 2 days. The reaction was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 10% A / 90% B (1 CV), 10% A / 90% B \rightarrow 80% A / 20% B (13 CV), 80% A / 20% B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford 5-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4yl)oxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole **17** (0.122 g, 0.239 mmol, 34% yield) as an orange solid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 6.26 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 5.57 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.09 (s, 3H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 2.63 (dt, *J* = 12.6, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (dt, *J* = 13.7, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.05 – 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 3H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

¹³**C NMR** (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.9, 151.1, 146.3, 142.5, 141.7, 138.6, 138.2, 137.5, 136.8, 134.3, 127.4, 126.7, 126.1, 109.2, 105.3, 68.7, 60.9, 56.2, 55.5, 34.7, 34.1, 25.6, 24.3, 18.4.

HRMS, m/z: observed 532.2054 [M + Na]⁺, (calcd for C₂₇H₃₁N₃NaO₇⁺, 532.2503).

HPLC: 11.5 min, 97.5% pure at 254 nm.

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CHAPTER FIVE

Mechanistic Considerations in the Synthesis of 2-Aryl-Indole Analogues under Bischler-Mohlau Conditions

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Abstract

Mechanistic insight into the pathway of the Bischler-Mohlau indole formation reaction is provided by isotopic labeling utilizing judicious incorporation of a ¹³C atom within the α -bromoacetophenone analogue reactant. The resulting rearranged 2-aryl indole, isolated as the major product, located the ¹³C isotope label at the methine carbon of the fused five-membered heterocyclic ring, which suggested that the mechanistic pathway of cyclization, in this specific example, required two equivalents of the aniline analogue reactant partner and proceeded through an imine intermediate rather than by direct formation of the corresponding 3-aryl indole accompanied by a concomitant 1,2-aryl shift rearrangement.

Introduction

In the context of a long-standing program focused on the design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of diversely functionalized small-molecule anticancer agents, a series of benzo[*b*]thiophene,^{56,57,178} benzo[*b*]furan, and indole-based^{153,154,179} analogues emerged as promising potential pre-clinical candidates (Fig. 5.1). These compounds were designed to function as inhibitors of tubulin polymerization (assembly) that bind to the colchicine site on the tubulin heterodimer and certain of these compounds demonstrated a dualistic mechanism of action functioning both as potent antiproliferative agents and as pronounced vascular disrupting agents (VDAs).¹⁸⁰ In each case, the heterocyclic fused ring was introduced synthetically through an efficient ring-closing step, and it proved intriguing to consider whether this reaction in the indole series of analogues mirrored that of the benzo[*b*]thiophene series or was mechanistically distinct.



Figure 5.1. Representative Examples of Inhibitors of Tubulin Polymerization Incorporating Fused Heterocyclic Ring Systems: Benzo[*b*]thiophene (A); Benzo[*b*]furan (B); and Indole (C)

The indole core ring system continues to be utilized as an abundant molecular scaffold in medical chemistry¹⁸¹ and represent an important class of heterocycles. The mechanistic pathways and synthetic routes available towards the indole platform are well established and vary greatly.¹²¹ One established approach, referred to as the Fischer

indole synthesis, involves a [3,3]-signatropic rearrangement followed by closure to the fused five-membered ring. This method was first pioneered by Fischer in 1883¹⁸² and continues to be explored today.¹¹⁸ Another frequently utilized approach is the Bischler-Mohlau indole synthesis^{119,183} that involves the reaction between aniline analogues and α halogenated ketone analogues and results in both 2-aryl and 3-aryl indole regioisomers. While the Bischler-Mohlau reaction^{120,184–188} accommodates a wide-range of functionalized α -bromoketones and aniline analogues as starting materials, low isolated yields and unpredictable regiochemistry¹⁸⁹ remain potentially problematic. The reaction is heavily substrate dependent (in terms of yield and regiochemical outcome) and modifications in reaction conditions, including microwave heating, can dramatically influence the overall process.¹⁸⁹ The perceived simplicity of the Bischler-Mohlau reaction somewhat disguises the complex mechanistic pathways which can lead to both 2-aryl and 3-aryl indole analogues. The indole product (2-aryl or 3-aryl) is dependent on one of several potential mechanistic pathways. These pathways were further investigated by Vara and co-workers by assessing the activation energies associated with intermediates and transition states.²⁶ Pathway A (Scheme 5.1) involves initial displacement of a bromine atom from 2-bromoacetophenone or an appropriately functionalized 2bromoacetophenone analogue by aniline or an analogous aniline analogue. The pathway proceeds through intramolecular cyclization and subsequent re-aromatization to afford non-rearranged 3-aryl indole 4.



Scheme 5.1. Mechanistic Pathway A Associated with the Bischler-Mohlau Reaction

A well-recognized competing Pathway B (Scheme 5.2), which most often is invoked as being predictive of the major product of the Bischler-Mohlau indole synthesis, initiates in a similar fashion with the aniline analogue (3-methoxyaniline in this example) displacing the bromine atom on the α-bromoacetophenone analogue (compound **1** in this example). Condensation with a second molecule of 3-methoxyaniline results in the formation of imine intermediate **5**, which upon intramolecular cyclization involving displacement of the initial aniline molecule and subsequent tautomerization of 2-aryl indole **7**, generates the stable 2-aryl indole tautomer **8**. Previous computational and experimental studies have suggested that pathway B is preferred when an excess of aniline is used.¹⁸⁹ It should be noted that Vara and co-workers have evaluated another mechanistic possibility leading to formation of rearranged indole products (such as **8**), through an interesting carbonyl-shift rearrangement of a ketone (such as **3**) to an aldehyde prior to cyclization.^{189,190}



Scheme 5.2. Mechanistic Pathway B Associated with the Bischler-Mohlau Reaction.

We were intrigued by the possibility that a 3-aryl-indole analogue formed through pathway A could perhaps undergo a subsequent 1,2 aryl shift (pH dependent) resulting in a rearranged 2-aryl-indole analogue as the thermodynamic sink under these reaction conditions (Scheme 5.3).¹⁹¹



Scheme 5.3. Postulated 1,2-Aryl Shift Resulting in Rearranged Indole Analogue.

This postulated methodology (1,2-aryl shift in the indole system under Bischler-Mohlau conditions) is somewhat reminiscent of previous studies with related benzo[b]thiophene ring systems in which alpha-thio-ketone III (Scheme 5.4), for example, was converted to benzo[b]thiophene regioisomers **IV** and **V** upon treatment with PPA.^{57,192} The mechanism is widely thought to involve concomitant cyclization and 1,2 aryl ring migration. The regioisomers in this example result from initial cyclization occurring either *ortho* or *para* to the methoxy group on the aryl ring of the sulfide.^{57,192}



Scheme 5.4. Formation of Benzo[*b*]thiophene Regioisomers via Cyclization and Concomitant 1,2-Aryl Ring Migration.

In an effort to further explore the Bischler-Mohlau reaction pathways a 13 C isotopic labelling strategy was developed in which the α -carbon (to the carbonyl) was selectively labeled with 13 C. This labeled carbon atom can be readily traced through the identification of key distinct 13 C NMR signatures, specifically 13 C DEPT NMR, thus providing evidence for which mechanistic pathway predominates in this specific indole-forming reaction sequence (Scheme 5.5).

Synthesis and Characterization

The synthetic route to ¹³C-labeled bromoacetophenone intermediate **16** followed a similar sequence as the non-labeled bromoacetophenone intermediate from our previous studies with the indole based vascular disrupting agent (VDA) OXi8006^{153,154} along with related work by von Angerer and co-workers,¹⁹³ and simply replaces the transitional methylation step reagents to install the ¹³C carbon atom at the alpha position (Scheme 5.6).



Scheme 5.5. Potential Mechanistic Pathways Leading to ¹³C Labeled Indole Analogues

Protection of 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzaldehyde (*iso*vanillin) with TBSCl in the presence of Et₃N and catalytic DMAP afforded TBS-aldehyde **11** which was subsequently treated with *in situ* generated ¹³CH₃MgI (from commercially available ¹³CH₃I) to yield ¹³C-labeled secondary alcohol **12**. PCC mediated oxidation generated ¹³C-labeled acetophenone **13**, which after enolization was trapped as its corresponding silyl enol ether **14** upon reaction with TMSCl. Bromination of ¹³C-labled enol ether **14** afforded requisite ¹³C-labeled bromoacetophenone intermediate **15**, which was treated with three molar equivalents of 3-methoxyaniline (*m*-anisidine) **2** in *N*,*N*-dimethylaniline

at 170 °C (Bischler-Mohlau conditions) for 12 h to afford rearranged ¹³C-labeled 2-aryl indole **16** (Scheme 5.6).



Scheme 5.6. Synthesis of ¹³C Labeled Bromoacetophenone 16

It is important to note that there are four possible indole regioisomers that can result from this transformation (Fig. 5.2) depending on whether the initial cyclization takes place *para* or *ortho* to the methoxy group, with or without rearrangement. In our hands, with this specific set of reactants and these reaction conditions, only one regioisomer was isolated and it was identified as the regioisomer in which the ¹³C atom label was located at the methine carbon (C-3 position of the indole core), suggesting that the system proceeded mechanistically through pathway B (imine intermediate formation) to generate the rearranged 2-aryl indole analogue **16**. The Bischler-Mohlau reaction to form indole analogue **16** was repeated twice for verification. In the first case, the

isolated/purified yield of indole **16** was somewhat low (23%), however in the repeated experiment this yield rose to 73% (91% pure by HPLC), and a subsequent recrystallization afforded a highly pure sample (see Supplementary data for pertinent spectra). Initial comparison of the ¹³C-NMR of indole regioisomer **16** (Fig. 5.3) with the predicted spectra (ChemBioDraw Ultra, Version 13.0.2.3020) for each of the four regioisomers, also taking into account the differences in the ¹H-NMR coupling patterns in the A-ring between the *para* and *ortho* ring closed possible products, strongly suggested regioisomer **16** as the major (and only identified and characterized) product of this reaction (both the intial reaction and the repeated reaction). DEPT ¹³C NMR analysis (Fig.5.3) confirmed that the ¹³C atom label was located on a methine carbon, thus providing further evidence in support of regioisomer **16**. X-ray crystallographic analysis of indole regioisomer **16** provided unequovical confirmation of its structural assignment (see Supplementary data).



Figure 5.2. Four Possible Indole Regioisomers from Representative Bischler-Mohlau Reaction



Figure 5.3. ¹³C-NMR of Unlabeled Indole Analogue **8**, ¹³C-NMR of ¹³C Labeled Indole Analogue **16** (same as indole **8** but incorporating ¹³C label), DEPT NMR of ¹³C Labeled Indole Analogue **16**.

Conclusion

Judicious incorporation of a ¹³C label provided compelling evidence that the indole ring closure occurred (at least in this example) through a Bischler-Mohlau pathway rather than a Friedel-Crafts type ring closure, re-aromatization, accompanied by a concomitant aryl ring migration sequence that was envisioned as a potential competing pathway based on early studies suggesting that certain benzo[*b*]thiophene systems undergo ring-closure through this pathway under polyphosphoric acid (PPA) conditions. These results suggest that further inquiry into these and related systems may prove fruitful in delineating and predicting mechanistic pathways based (perhaps) on functional group incorporation and choice of reaction conditions, thus expanding the canopy of indole, benzo[*b*]thiophene, benzo[*b*]furan, and related small-molecule anticancer agents accessible under these synthetic protocols.

Experimental Procedures

CH₂Cl₂, THF, EtOH, and Et₂O were used in their anhydrous forms as obtained from the chemical suppliers. Reactions were performed under an inert atmosphere using nitrogen gas, unless specified otherwise. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) plates (precoated glass plates with silica gel 60 F254, 0.25 mm thickness) were used to monitor reactions. Purification of intermediates and products was carried out with a flash purification system (Biotage Isolera 1 or 4) using silica gel (200-400 mesh, 60 Å) prepacked columns. Intermediates and products synthesized were characterized on the basis of their ¹H NMR (500 MHz), ¹³C NMR (125 MHz), and DEPT ¹³C NMR (125 MHz) spectroscopic data using a Varian VNMRS 500 MHz instrument. Spectra were recorded in CDCl₃. All of the chemical shifts are expressed in ppm (δ), coupling

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constants (*J*) are presented in Hz, and peak patterns are reported as broad (br), singlet (s), doublet (d), double doublet (dd), quartet of doublets (qd) quartet (q), and multiplet (m). ¹³C-labeled atoms have their ¹³C-NMR chemical shift values denoted with bold text in each appropriate experimental write-up.

3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4-methoxybenzaldehyde 11

To a clean dry round bottom flask 3-hydroxy-4-methoxybenaldehyde **10** (5.02 g, 32.9 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (100 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and Et₃N (5.04 mL, 36.2 mmol) was added followed by the addition of *N*,*N*-dimethylaminopyridine (DMAP) (0.402 g, 3.29 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min and *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (TBSCl) (5.29 g, 36.2 mmol) was added gradually. The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and was stirred for 12 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (50 mL), transferred to a separatory funnel, and was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extracts were combined, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The TBS benzaldehyde product **11** (9.24 g, 34.7 mmol) was isolated quantitatively as a yellow oil and was taken to the next step without further purification.

¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 9.80 (s, 1H, C<u>H</u>O), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 7.35 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.93 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 3.87 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 0.99 (s, 9H, C(C<u>H</u>₃)₃), 0.16 (s, 6H, Si(C<u>H</u>₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 190.2, 156.2, 145.2, 130.0, 126.0, 119.4, 110.9, 55.1, 25.3, 18.0, -5.0.

3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-1-(1'-hydroxyethyl)-4-methoxybenzene 12

To a solution of magnesium turnings (0.40 g, 17 mmol) in diethyl ether (Et₂O) was added ¹³C-labeled methyl iodide (1.00 mL, 16.0 mmol). The solution was refluxed for 30 minutes until the turnings were dissolved. The solution was cooled to room temperature and TBS benzaldehyde **11** (1.92 g, 7.20 mmol) in Et₂O was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 5 hours. Upon completion the reaction mixture was slowly quenched with 0.1 M HCl and extracted with Et₂O. The organic extracts were washed sequentially with saturated NaHCO₃ solution and water. The organic layer was further dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B \rightarrow 60%A / 40%B (10 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow rate, 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to yield ¹³C-labeled alcohol **12** (1.54 g, 5.45 mmol, 75%, R_f = 0.47 (70:30 hexanes: EtOAc)) as a yellow oil.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 6.90 (dd, J = 8.2, 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.88 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.81 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 4.79 (qd, J = 6.4, 2.0 Hz, 1H, C<u>H</u>), 3.79 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 1.79 (s, 1H, O<u>H</u>), 1.45 (dd, J = 6.4 Hz, $J_{C-H} = 126.6$ Hz, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 1.00 (s, 9H, C(C<u>H</u>₃)₃), 0.16 (s, 6H, Si(C<u>H</u>₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 150.30, 145.02, 138.64, 118.50 (d, J = 1.9 Hz),
118.27 (d, J = 1.6 Hz), 111.96, 69.96 (d, J = 38.6 Hz), 55.56, 25.73, 24.96, 18.45, -4.59 (d, J = 1.4 Hz).

HRMS [M+Na]⁺: 306.1578 (calcd for [C₁₄¹³CH₂₆NaO₃Si]⁺, 306.1577).

3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxyacetophenone 13

The crude alcohol **12** (1.76 g, 6.23 mmol) was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (50 mL). Celite (1.5 g) was added and the solution was cooled to 0 °C. Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) (1.48 g, 6.86 mmol) was added in small increments allowing 10 minutes of stirring between each addition. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through a 50/50 mixture of silica gel/celite rinsing well with CH_2Cl_2 . The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure providing the desired ¹³C-labeled acetophenone **13** (1.48 g, 5.28 mmol, 85%) as a pale yellow solid.

¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.58 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.1 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 7.47 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.87 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 3.87 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 2.53 (d, J = 127.3 Hz, 3H, C<u>H</u>₃), 1.01 (s, 9H, C(C<u>H</u>₃)₃), 0.17 (s, 6H, Si(C<u>H</u>₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 196.71 (d, J = 42.7 Hz), 155.31, 144.83, 130.59
(d, J = 13.9 Hz), 123.50, 120.47, 110.78, 55.48, 26.30, 25.68, 18.44, -4.63.

HRMS [M+H]⁺: 282.1603 (calcd for [C₁₄¹³CH₂₅O₃Si]⁺, 282.1601).

1-(3-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-1-trimethylsilylethene 14

To a solution of diisopropylamine (1.1 mL, 7.0 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at 0 °C was added *n*-butyllithium (3.2 mL, 7.9 mmol) dropwise. The LDA solution was allowed to stir for 15 minutes and a solution of TBS acetophenone **13** (1.48 g, 5.26 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added dropwise. The solution was stirred for 10 min and TMSCl (1.0 mL, 7.9 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature. The solution was stirred for 12 hours and was quenched using 10% NaHCO₃ (100 mL). The reaction mixture was extracted with Et₂O, dried over Na₂SO₄,

and concentrated under reduced pressure resulting in 13 C-labeled TMS enol ether **14** (1.95 g, 5.51 mmol) quantitatively as a dark yellow oil which was taken to the next step without purification.

¹**HNMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.23 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H Ar<u>H</u>), 7.18 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.82 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 4.83 (dd, J = 1.5 Hz, $J_{C-H} = 159.5$ Hz, 1H, C<u>H</u>₂), 4.38 (dd, J = 1.5 Hz, $J_{C-H} = 159.0$ Hz, 1H, C<u>H</u>₂), 3.83 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 1.08 (s, 9H, C(C<u>H</u>₃)₃), 0.32 (s, 9H, Si(C<u>H</u>₃)₃), 0.23 (s, 6H, Si(C<u>H</u>₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 155.4 (d, *J* = 82.0 Hz), 151.3, 144.6, 130.8 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 118.9 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 118.2 (d, *J* = 2.3 Hz), 111.3 (d, *J* = 42.6 Hz), **89.6**, 55.5, 25.9, 18.6, 0.2, -4.5.

3'-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-4'-methoxy-2-bromoacetophenone 15

A solution of crude **14** (1.95 g, 5.51 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and K₂CO₃ (0.033 g, 0.239 mmol) was cooled to 0 °C. Bromine (0.17 mL, 3.3 mmol) was added dropwise and the solution was allowed to stir for 30 minutes. The reaction was quenched with 10 % sodium thiosulfate solution, transferred to a separatory funnel, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 2%A / 98%B (4 CV), 2%A / 98%B \rightarrow 20%A / 80%B (10 CV), 20%A / 80%B (2 CV); flow rate, 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to yield ¹³C-labeled bromoacetophenone **15** as a tan solid (1.16 g, 3.22 mmol, 58%, R_f = 0.29 (80:20 hexanes: EtOAc)).

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¹**H** NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 7.62 (dd, J = 8.5, 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 7.49 (d, J = 2.2 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.89 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 4.38 (d, $J_{C-H} = 150.9$ Hz, 2H, C<u>H</u>₂), 3.89 (s, 3H, OC<u>H</u>₃), 1.01 (s, 9H, C(C<u>H</u>₃)₃), 0.18 (s, 6H, Si(C<u>H</u>₃)₂).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 189.89 (d, J = 43.8 Hz), 156.10, 145.13, 127.12
(d, J = 17.2 Hz), 124.21, 121.10, 111.00, 55.55, **30.69**, 25.65, 18.43, -4.61.

HRMS [M+Na]⁺: 382.0533 (calcd for [C₁₄¹³CH₂₃BrNaO₃Si]⁺, 382.0526).

2-(3'-tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy-4'-methoxyphenyl)-6-methoxyindole 16

A solution of *m*-anisidine (0.41 mL, 3.7 mmol) was dissolved in *N*,*N*dimethylaniline (10 mL) and was heated to reflux at 170 °C. A solution of **15** (0.40 g, 1.1 mmol) in EtOAc (1 mL) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred at 170° C for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by flash chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 2%A / 98%B (1 CV), $2\%A / 98\%B \rightarrow 25\%A / 75\%B$ (10 CV), 25%A / 75%B (2 CV); flow rate, 40 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] resulted in the desired ¹³C-labeled phenylindole **16** (0.312 g, 0.81 mmol, 73%, R_f = 0.48 (50:50 hexanes: EtOAc)) as a light tan solid. A portion of compound **16** was recrystallized from hexane and dichloromethane to obtain the analytical data.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 500 MHz): δ 8.14 (br s, 1H, N<u>H</u>), 7.48 (dd, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 2.9 Hz, 1H, Ar<u>H</u>), 7.16 (m, 2H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.90 (m, 2H, Ar<u>H</u>), 6.83 – 6.40 (m, 2H, Ar<u>H</u>), 3.87 (s, 3H, OC<u>H₃</u>), 3.85 (s, 3H, OC<u>H₃</u>), 1.06 (s, 9H, C(C<u>H₃</u>)₃), 0.22 (s, 6H, Si(C<u>H₃</u>)₂).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 125 MHz): δ 156.36, 150.57, 145.39, 137.37 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz), 136.85, 125.77 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 123.68 (d, *J* = 56.5 Hz), 120.89 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 118.18 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 117.81 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 112.36, 109.89 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz), **98.68**, 94.46 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz), 55.68, 55.53, 25.75, 18.49, -4.57.

HPLC: Method C, 23.8 min.

HRMS [M+H]⁺: 385.2031 (calcd for [C₂₁¹³CH₃₀NO₃Si]⁺, 385.2023).

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CHAPTER SIX

Scale-up Synthesis of Cathepsin L Inhibitor KGP94

Introduction

The thiosemicarbazone moiety has been recognized for its ability to interact with the cysteine-25 thiolate in the active site of the cysteine protease cruzain.^{194,195} Recent work by the Pinney and Trawick Research Groups has also demonstrated that this moiety is a good warhead for incorporation in small-molecule inhibitors of cathepsin L.^{196–200} Benzophenone thiosemicarbazone derivative KGP94 is a leading cathepsin L inhibitor from a privileged synthetic library, which consists of functionalize benzophenone, thiophene, pyridine, fluorene, thiochromanone, and benzoylbenzophenone thiosemicarbazones.^{140,141,149} KGP94 has been demonstrated to be a competitive inhibitor of Cathepsin L with strong inhibitory activity against cathepsin L (IC₅₀ = 189 nM).^{140,141,149} In this study, a scale-up synthesis of KGP94 was carried out to obtain 10 grams of **KGP94** to support continuing preclinical studies.

Synthesis

The synthetic route (Scheme 6.1) towards cathepsin L inhibitor KGP94 involved the condensation of the benzophenone intermediate and thiosemicarbazide. The synthesis began with the commercially available 3-bromophenol **1**, which was protected by the *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl group to afford silyl ether **2**. Acyl chloride **3** was treated with *N*,*O*-dimethylhydroxylamine to form the Weinreb amide **4**. The first two reactions were carried out in large scales of 100 grams to 200 grams. The benzophenone scaffold **5** was synthesized in 98% yield from reaction between the phenyllithium intermediate, which was obtained from compound **2** and Weinreb amide **4**. Condensation of the resulting *meta* substituted benzophenone analogue **5** with thiosemicarbazide and removal of the protecting group afforded thiosemicarbazone analogue **7** (KGP94).



Scheme 6.1. Synthesis of KGP94

A two-step alternative route towards benzophenone **5** the was also evaluated with an overall yield of 78%, where aldehyde **8** was treated with the phenyllithium intermediate, followed by a pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) oxidation.

Materials and Methods

(3-Bromophenoxy)(tert-butyl)dimethylsilane $2^{197,200}$

To a clean dry round bottom flask imidazole (36.8 g, 0.540 mol) was dissolved in *N*,*N*-dimethylformamide (DMF, 350 mL). The solution was cooled to 0 °C and 3bromophenol **1** (29.4 ml, 0.278 mol) was added dropwise followed by the addition of *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (60.5 g, 0.390 mol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 4 h. The reaction was diluted with a 5 % sodium bicarbonate solution (100 mL) and extracted with hexanes (100 ml x 3). The combined organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude mixture by column chromatography (silica gel, hexane) afforded the silyl ether **2** (79.6 g, 0.277 mmol, 100 % yield) as a colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.10-7.06 (2H, m), 7.01-7.00 (1H, m), 6.78-6.74 (1H, m), 0.98 (9H, s), 0.20 (6H, s).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ156.67, 130.55, 124.61, 123.66, 122.61, 118.96, 25.75, 18.33, -4.32.

3-bromo-N-methoxy-N-methylbenzamide 4^{197,200}

N, *O*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (45.0 g, 0.461 mol) was suspended in 450 mL dichloromethane. The solution was cooled to 0 °C and triethylamine (85.7 mL, 0.615 mol) was added dropwise. After the reaction mixture was stirred for 10 min, 3-

bromobenzoyl chloride **3** (67.5 g, 0.308 mol) in dichloromethane (125 mL) was added dropwise. The resulting reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 6 h. Upon completion the reaction was quenched with water (200 mL) and extracted with dichloromethane (100ml x 4). The combined organic extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude mixture by column chromatography (silica gel, 90:10 hexane: ethyl acetate then with 80:20 hexane: ethyl acetate followed by 70:30 hexane: ethyl acetate) afforded the Weinreb amide **4** (71.6 g, 0.293 mmol, 95 % yield) as a colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃): 7.83 (1H, t, J = 1.8 Hz), 7.61 (1H, dt, J = 7.7 Hz, 1.3 Hz), 7.59 (1H, ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1.1 Hz), 7.28 (1H, m), 3.35 (3H, s), 3.36 (3H, s).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃): 168.32, 136.06, 133.69, 131.36, 129.74, 126.93, 122.14, 61.33, 33.71.

(3-bromophenyl)(3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)methanone 5^{197,200}

Silyl ether **2** (10.5 g, 36.5 mmol) was dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (60 mL) at -78 °C followed by the dropwise addition of n-Butyllithium (10.3 mL, 1.6 M, 16.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h and added dropwise into weinreb amide **4** (4.67 g. 18.3 mmol) in 40 mL tetrahydrofuran. The reaction was continued to stir at -78 °C for 2 h. Upon completion the solution was quenched with 50 mL 1 M HCl. After stirred for 5 min, the solution was extracted by dichloromethane (50 mL X 4). The combined organic layer was washed by saturated sodium bicarbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography using a prepacked 350 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc,

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solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 0%A / 100%B (6 CV), 0%A / 100%B \rightarrow 15%A / 85%B (10 CV), 15%A / 85%B (2 CV); flow rate, 70 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford ketone **5** (6.07 g, 15.5 mmol, 94% yield) as a colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 7.89 (1H, ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.1 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.83 (1H, t, J = 1.8 Hz), 7.71 (1H, ddd, J = 7.7 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.53 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.47 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.34 (1H, ddd, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.20 (1H, ddd, J = 8.1 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.14 (1H, dd, J = 2.5 Hz, 1.6 Hz), 0.95 (s, 9H), 0.20 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d6) δ 193.90, 155.11, 139.16, 137.84, 135.32, 131.84, 130.82, 130.19, 128.56, 124.80, 123.09, 121.80, 120.57, 25.55, 18.01, -4.54.

3-(t-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxyphenyl]-(3-bromophenyl)-ketone] thiosemicarbazone $6^{197,200}$

Ketone **5** (7.26 g, 18.6 mmol) and thiosemicarbazide (3.38 g, 37.1 mmol) was added into anhydrous methanol (250 mL) followed by the addition of paratoluenesulfonic acid (0.006 g, 0.04 mmol). The reaction mixture was reflux for 24 h. thiosemicarbazide (1.69 g, 18.6 mmol) and para-toluenesulfonic acid (0.009 g, 0.05 mmol) was added into the solution. The reaction mixture was reflux for another 24 h. Upon completion the reaction was quenched with water (200 mL) followed by extraction with ethyl acetate (100 mL X 3). The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 6%A / 94%B (2 CV), 6%A / 94%B \rightarrow 40%A / 60%B (10 CV), 40%A / 60%B (2 CV); flow rate, 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford thiosemicarbazone derivative **6** (7.50 g, 16.1 mmol, 87% yield) as a white solid.

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¹**H-NMR** (DMSO-d6, 600 MHz) δ 8.70 (1H, s), 8.57 (1H, s), 8.45 (1H, s), 8.04 (1H, s), 7.59 (1H, ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.55 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.46 (1H, ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1.0 Hz) 7.31 (1H, t, J = 8.0 Hz), 7.10 (1H, ddd, J = 8.3 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 6.94 (1H, ddd, J = 7.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 6.81 (1H, dd, J = 2.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz), 0.945 (9H, s), 0.21 (6H, s).

¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d6, 150 MHz) δ 177.87, 156.21, 146.80, 138.57, 132.36,
132.03, 131.59, 130.43, 129.46, 126.81, 122.18, 121.87, 121.27, 119.73, 25.59, 18.05, 4.51.

[(3-Bromophenyl)-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-ketone] thiosemicarbazone 7^{197,200}

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride trihydrate (TBAF) (10.8 g, 7.77 mmol) was added to the solution of the silyl ether (7.82 g, 16.8 mmol) in dry THF (40 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 20 min. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and then brine (100 mL). The resulting solution was separated in a separation funnel. The organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography using a prepacked 100 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes, solvent C dichloromethane; gradient, 20% A / 60% B / 20% C(2 CV), 20 % A / 60%B / 20% C \rightarrow 50% A / 0% B / 50% C (12CV), 50% A / 0% B / 50% C (2 CV); flow rate, 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford the thiosemicarbazone derivative **7** (4.98 g, 14.2 mmol, 84 % yield) as a solid.

¹**H-NMR** (DMSO-d6, 600 MHz) δ 10.00 (1H, s), 8.70 (1H, s), 8.57 (1H, s), 8.40 (1H, s), 8.10 (1H, s), 7.59 (1H, ddd, J = 7.9 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.46 (1H, t, J = 7.8 Hz), 7.44 (1H, ddd, J = 7.9 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 7.31 (1H, t, J = 7.9 Hz), 7.00 (1H, ddd, J = 8.3

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Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 6.73 (1H, ddd, J = 7.4 Hz, 1.5 Hz, 1.0 Hz), 6.65 (1H, dd, J = 2.5 Hz, 1.5 Hz).

¹³**C-NMR** (DMSO-d6, 150 MHz) δ 177.76, 158.53, 147.38, 138.51, 132.38, 131.71, 131.42, 130.46, 129.33, 126.98, 122.21, 118.41, 117.24, 114.53.

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HRMS (**ESI**⁺): *m*/*z* calculated for C₁₁H₁₃BrN₃OS [M+H]⁺ 349.9957, found 349.9958.

(3-bromophenyl)(3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)methanol 9 (Alternative Route)

Silyl ether **2** (3.50 g, 12.2 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL tetrahydrofuran at -78 °C followed by the dropwise addition of n-Butyllithium (3.4 mL, 1.6 M, 5.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h and aldehyde **8** (1.13 g. 6.1 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (40 mL). The reaction was continued to stir at -78°C for 1.5 h. Upon completion the solution was quenched with HCl (1 M, 20 mL). After stirred for 5 min, the solution was extracted by dichloromethane (20 mL X 3). The combined organic layer was washed by saturated sodium bicarbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was subjected to flash column chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 0%A / 100%B (6 CV), $0\%A / 100\%B \rightarrow 20\%A / 80\%B (10 \text{ CV})$, 20%A / 80%B (2 CV); flow rate, 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford secondary alcohol **9** (2.18 g, 5.50 mmol, 90% yield) as a colorless liquid.

¹**H NMR** (600 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.38 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (dq, *J* = 7.6, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 6.92 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H),

6.76 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (d, *J* = 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 0.96 (s, 10H), 0.17 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (151 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 155.93, 145.89, 144.75, 130.58, 130.01, 129.69, 129.51, 125.10, 122.60, 119.57, 119.47, 118.30, 77.26, 77.05, 76.84, 75.40, 25.71, 18.25, -4.38.

(3-Bromophenyl)(3-((tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)phenyl)methanone 5 (Alternative Route)

To a solution of PCC (1.57 g, 7.3 mmol) and celite (1.5 g) in dichloromethane (30 mL), secondary alcohol **8** (1.90 g, 4.8 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h, followed by filtered through a bed of celite and then concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then subjected to flash column chromatography using a prepacked 50 g silica column [solvent A, EtOAc, solvent B, hexanes; gradient, 0%A / 100%B (1 CV), 0%A / 100%B \rightarrow 15%A / 85%B (10 CV), 15%A / 85%B (2 CV); flow rate, 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford benzylphenone **5** (1.64 g, 4.20 mmol, 87% yield) as a colorless liquid.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Conclusion

In summary, a series of small-molecule tubulin binding agents, structurally motivated by 2-aryl-3-aroyl indole-based molecular templates, were synthesized and subjected to biochemical and biological evaluation. The most promising new analogue, amino compound **28**, demonstrated inhibition of tubulin assembly comparable to the reference compounds OXi8006 and CA4. The lead indole analogue OXi8006 was also tethered to a cathepsin B cleavable dipeptide linker, designed for selective drug delivery as a drug-linker construct suitable for future antibody incorporation and evaluation as corresponding antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs).

A small library of OXi8006, dihydronaphthalene, and benzosuberene BAPC analogues was prepared to target tumor-associated hypoxia for selective delivery of anticancer agents. Three BAPCs in this library demonstrated moderate hypoxia-selective activation (HCR > 7) in the A549 lung cancer cell line. One of them, the monomethylnitroimidazole OXi6196 BAPC, demonstrated anti-vascular activity in an orthotopic syngeneic breast tumor mouse model (4T1/BALB/c) as evidenced through BLI.

A carbon-13 isotope labeling strategy was used to explore the mechanistic pathway of the Bischler-Mohlau indole reaction. Analysis of ¹³C nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) of the reaction products demonstrated that the indole ring closure, at least in this specific example, required two equivalents of the aniline analogue reactant partner and proceeded through an imine intermediate rather than by direct formation of

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the corresponding 3-aryl indole accompanied by a concomitant 1,2-aryl shift rearrangement.

Collectively, these studies have advanced therapeutic approaches towards the targeting of tumor-associated vasculature and hypoxia through the discovery and development of prodrug strategies that enhance selectivity in terms of targeting and delivery of potent anticancer agents that function as small-molecule inhibitors of tubulin polymerization.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Indole-based Vascular Disrupting Agents and Antibody-Drug Conjugates

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¹³C NMR of Compound **2** (OXi8007)



³¹P NMR of Compound **2** (OXi8007)



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3	12.927	BV	0.1023	257.55658	37.42467	2.1909
4	13.153	vv	0.0727	59.24242	12.17958	0.5039
5	13.332	VB	0.0928	1.13536e4	1818.90979	96.5785
6	16.477	BB	0.0809	28.38755	5.43724	0.2415
Total	s:			1.17558e4	1884.21343	

Signal 3: DAD1 D, Sig=230,16 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	1.365	BV	0.0615	27.90047	6.85262	0.1424
2	1.508	VB	0.1424	28.85850	2.58198	0.1473
3	1.937	BB	0.0869	15.75779	2.45355	0.0804
4	10.663	BB	0.1200	12.61903	1.47196	0.0644
5	12.494	BV	0.0806	21.31951	4.10706	0.1088
6	12.626	VB	0.0854	79.53583	13.76388	0.4060
7	12.926	BV	0.1026	452.84766	65.55171	2.3114
8	13.153	w	0.0724	111.88876	23.15592	0.5711
9	13.332	VB	0.0962	1.86046e4	2846.63281	94.9588
10	16.481	BB	0.0891	65.05375	10.98259	0.3320
11	20.298	BB	0.1387	12.08401	1.25080	0.0617
12	21.114	BV	0.1148	12.97643	1.70496	0.0662
13	21.285	w	0.1093	13.60182	1.85930	0.0694
14	21.692	BV	0.0854	6.14173	1.16725	0.0313
15	22.174	w	0.1281	34.39015	3.93146	0.1755
16	22.642	VB	0.1263	15.98485	1.82229	0.0816
17	27.122	BB	0.2425	35.00286	2.01674	0.1787
18	29.989	BBA	0.0133	41.72459	52.17110	0.2130

Totals :

1.95923e4 3043.47796

Signal 4: DAD1 F, Sig=280,16 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.496	BV	0.0794	12.28356	2.41254	0.1002
2	12.625	VB	0.0859	44.51081	7.64511	0.3630
3	12.926	BV	0.1023	260.27914	37.79521	2.1228
4	13.152	vv	0.0730	52.68259	10.77849	0.4297
5	13.332	VB	0.0923	1.18634e4	1913.20129	96.7549
6	16.476	BB	0.0804	28.13110	5.43327	0.2294

Totals : 1.22613e4 1977.26591

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Signal 5: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.500	BV	0.0732	12.83738	2.71264	0.0795
2	12.625	VB	0.0822	95.28880	17.31257	0.5903
3	12.926	BV	0.1038	334.77448	47.77440	2.0737
4	13.151	vv	0.0740	59.07925	11.88176	0.3660
5	13.332	VB	0.0936	1.56014e4	2472.82813	96.6413
6	16.476	BB	0.0809	40.23180	7.70837	0.2492

Totals : 1.61436e4 2560.21786

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Signal 6: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off
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Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	12.503	BV	0.0718	7.56785	1.64118	0.0772
2	12.625	VB	0.0810	72.44402	13.42175	0.7392
3	12.926	BV	0.1041	196.32983	27.89448	2.0032
4	13.150	vv	0.0737	34.07512	6.88640	0.3477
5	13.332	VB	0.0930	9465.54297	1513.57849	96.5812
6	16.476	BB	0.0805	24.64466	4.74946	0.2515

Totals :

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¹³C NMR of Compound **5**





³¹P NMR of Compound **5**



HRMS of Compound 5



HPLC traces of Compound 5 Sample Name: KGP 415

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Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=off

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1	13,216	BB	0.0768	6531.24219	1295.65454	100.0000

Totals : 6531.24219 1295.65454

Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=254,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	÷
1	13.216	BB	0.0768	6692.73535	1327.55493	100.0000

Totals : 6692.73535 1327.55493

Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	0.189	BB	0.0800	75.13561	13.28350	0.1313
2	0.429	BB	0.2254	78.37328	5.59722	0.1369
3	1.365	BV	0.1256	886.32990	92.69025	1.5485
4	1.510	VB	0.2570	2187.33350	105.02055	3.8215
5	1.922	BV	0.1731	3338.16406	244.77377	5.8322
6	2.782	vv	0.7422	3092.31323	50.37460	5.4026
7	3.064	VB	0.2375	261.42422	15.28922	0.4567
8	3.487	BB	0.2369	41.13178	2.87491	0.0719
9	3.874	BB	0.1563	19.03923	2.05058	0.0333
10	4.141	BB	0.1400	16.36439	1.90884	0.0286
11	4.477	BB	0.1563	22.73960	2.36281	0.0397
12	4.839	BV	0.1829	28.16278	2.43588	0.0492
13	5.126	VB	0.1669	18.51681	1.62596	0.0324
14	5.592	BB	0.2041	29.88281	2.23344	0.0522
15	6.414	BB	0.1512	21.94595	2.38779	0.0383
16	6.736	BV	0.2253	80.49945	5.42000	0.1406

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Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
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17	7.048	w	0.3064	291.14645	14.13098	0.5087
18	8.070	w	2.6860	1.67952e4	75.59576	29.3433
19	12.448	w	0.4840	1795.15259	44.94108	3.1363
20	13.217	w	0.1153	2.22757e4	2785.77563	38.9184
21	16.496	w	0.5848	1476.85486	30.61629	2.5802
22	17.419	w	0.1413	275.22180	26.92437	0.4808
23	17.604	w	1.5956	3705.18506	27.43492	6.4734
24	21.652	w	0.1192	69.01969	8.11931	0.1206
25	21.796	VB	0.3683	215.26878	7.29487	0.3761
26	22.993	BB	0.0837	9.03658	1.65479	0.0158
27	23.290	BB	0.1958	32.70852	2.14647	0.0571
28	27.111	BB	0.2494	99.10936	6.10576	0.1732
Total				5.72370e4	3581.06954	

Signal 4: DAD1 D, Sig=230,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	0.190	BB	0.0876	11.12833	1.97924	0.0849
2	1.365	BV	0.1270	134.78336	13.91810	1.0284
3	1.510	VB	0.2556	320.13950	15.45831	2.4428
4	1.919	BB	0.1180	274.29324	30.78302	2.0929
5	8.063	BB	1.0837	522.85022	6.11413	3.9895
6	10.664	BB	0.0761	7.54185	1.56937	0.0575
7	12.457	BB	0.0704	16.28485	3.62380	0.1243
8	12.906	BB	0.0665	14.98156	3.46301	0.1143
9	13.216	BB	0.0768	1.09238e4	2167.06494	83.3518
10	16.511	BB	0.0942	10.95228	1.72193	0.0836
11	17.438	BV	0.1271	20.98060	2.32815	0.1601
12	17.611	VB	0.1319	23.48243	2.44920	0.1792
13	19.035	BB	0.1390	22.73197	2.30540	0.1735
14	20.054	BB	0.1026	9.84389	1.49945	0.0751
15	20.417	BB	0.0970	13.86986	2.15694	0.1058
16	21.405	VB	0.0975	12.98989	2.06073	0.0991
17	21.670	BV	0.0880	28.89659	4.95541	0.2205
18	21.816	VB	0.1021	36.52095	5.45298	0.2787
19	22.177	BB	0.1015	11.01291	1.65689	0.0840
20	22.641	BV	0.1294	49.07919	5.64419	0.3745
21	22.788	w	0.1253	42.77975	4.92654	0.3264
22	23.003	w	0.1756	33.17488	2.52005	0.2531
23	23.302	VB	2.2749	500.31625	2.58396	3.8176
24	27.113	BB	0.2603	63.21421	3.79658	0.4823
Total	ls:			1.31056e4	2290.03231	

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Signal 5: DAD1 E, Sig=240,4 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width Area [min] [mAU*s]		Height [mAU]	Area %
1	1.912	BB	0.0590	22.76381	5.90010	0.3041
3	12.457	BB	0.0761	9.71310	2.14752	99.4877
4	19.036	BB	0.0921	5.87427	1.00641	0.0785

Totals : 7485.76623 1503.86299

Signal 6: DAD1 F, Sig=280,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
‡	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	13.216	BB	0.0764	7692.22559	1536.24902	100.0000

Totals : 7692.22559 1536.24902

Signal 7: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	13.216	BB	0.0766	7717.59814	1537.77771	100.0000

Totals : 7717.59814 1537.77771

Signal 8: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
‡	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	10.667	BB	0.0774	5.14469	1.04512	0.1250
2	13.216	BB	0.0762	4100.64648	822.51593	99.6377
3	17.431	BV	0.1045	9.76680	1.45211	0.2373
Total	La :			4115.55797	825.01316	

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¹³C NMR of Compound **22**





HRMS of Compound 22

HPLC traces of Compound 22 Data File C:\CHEM32\1\DATA\ZHE\Z5_II_77000069.D Sample Name: ss_II_77

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Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.901	BB	0.1470	6239.14063	655.73224	95.2401
2	12.677	BB	0.1551	54.12579	5.30075	0.8262
3	14.456	BV	0.1527	125.43754	12.54448	1.9148
4	14.890	VB	0.1624	132.25436	12.20637	2.0189

Totals : 6550.95831 685.78383

Signal 2: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off

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Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	3.186	BB	0.0756	27.70014	5.61356	0.1916
2	3.963	BB	0.0899	6.58550	1.09917	0.0455
3	4.627	BB	0.1503	13.48362	1.28667	0.0933
4	10.901	BB	0.1481	1.41536e4	1472.83411	97.8943
5	12.677	BB	0.1566	114.37950	11.06427	0.7911
6	16.903	BB	0.2192	39.03370	2.62898	0.2700
7	19.587	BB	0.1736	90.62653	8.03609	0.6268
8	28.832	BB	0.1799	12.63027	1.10072	0.0874
Total				1.44580e4	1503.66357	

Signal 3: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	3.186	BB	0.0751	5.96704	1.21983	0.1166
2	10.901	BB	0.1470	4873.80322	512.45331	95.2626
3	12.678	BB	0.1575	40.68699	3.97113	0.7953
4	14.458	BV	0.1561	96.39175	9.52571	1.8841
5	14.890	VB	0.1630	99.33007	9.12780	1.9415
Total				5116.17907	536.29778	

Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.901	BB	0.1476	5754.02393	601.48285	95.8778
2	12.678	BB	0.1562	44.09370	4.28085	0.7347
3	14.458	BV	0.1558	105.51485	10.44625	1.7582
4	14.890	VB	0.1623	97.78028	8.89303	1.6293
Total				6001.41277	625.10298	

Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	10.901	вв	0.1477	6608.71289	690.19800	96.1304
2	12.677	BB	0.1587	41.99982	4.05920	0.6109
3	14.458	BV	0.1556	107.06859	10.61992	1.5574

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Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
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4	14.890	VВ	0.1612	116.95793	10.90296	1.7013
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Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
5	5.541	BB	0.1055	6955.45752	1020.71185	98.5669
6	9.688	BB	0.1417	17.72804	1.92016	0.2512
Total	ls :			7056.58407	1038.91165	

Signal 3: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	5.542	вв	0.1056	2816.50708	413.00449	100.0000
Total	Ls :			2816.50708	413.00449	

Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	5.542	BB	0.1056	3639.63867	533.39392	100.0000
Total	Ls :			3639.63867	533.39392	

Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Peak :	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	5.542	BB	0.1056	2303.17480	337.51797	100.0000
Total				2303.17480	337.51797	

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¹³C NMR of Compound **28**



HRMS of Compound 28



HPLC traces of Compound 28 Sample Name: ss_III_20

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Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]	_	[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	3.869	VB	0.0916	2789.46094	467.50934	96.7005
2	4.766	BB	0.1171	8.13293	1.06507	0.2819
3	5.369	BB	0.0997	10.08902	1.59808	0.3497
4	8.457	BV	0.1879	33.23231	2.51858	1.1520
5	8.715	VB	0.1742	15.83127	1.31772	0.5488
6	9.464	BB	0.1314	12.56040	1.50401	0.4354
7	11.793	BV	0.1583	15.33231	1.51223	0.5315
Total	Ls :			2884.63916	477.02503	

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Signal 2: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	1.161	BV	0.0698	37.37536	8.10029	0.5545
2	1.357	WV	0.0859	9.20983	1.49339	0.1366
3	1.571	VB	0.0921	16.50322	2.46679	0.2448
4	3.577	BV	0.0958	16.30973	2.57912	0.2420
5	3.868	vv	0.0922	6366.70215	1058.72461	94.4546
6	4.590	vv	0.1760	35.69058	2.66880	0.5295
7	4.767	VB	0.1682	35.20403	2.92969	0.5223
8	5.369	BB	0.0992	18.45627	2.94114	0.2738
9	7.130	BB	0.1149	10.54125	1.41467	0.1564
10	8.457	BV	0.1781	70.04753	5.66962	1.0392
11	8.716	VB	0.1316	21.09575	2.52120	0.3130
12	9.464	BB	0.1308	21.97367	2.64869	0.3260
13	11.793	BV	0.1599	43.52880	4.23486	0.6458
14	12.114	vv	0.1592	21.63781	2.08365	0.3210
15	12.384	VB	0.1521	16.21356	1.60223	0.2405

Totals : 6740.48954 1102.07877

Signal 3: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area	
ŧ	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	÷	
1	3.869	VB	0.0918	2353.67969	393.29330	96.1076	
2	4.763	BB	0.1200	9.89361	1.25441	0.4040	
3	5.369	BB	0.0988	7.14092	1.14457	0.2916	
4	8.458	BV	0.1727	32.78903	2.75740	1.3389	
5	8.715	VB	0.1674	16.66070	1.45664	0.6803	
6	9.464	BB	0.1299	11.63528	1.41604	0.4751	
7	11.793	BV	0.1556	17.20648	1.73628	0.7026	

Totals : 2449.00571 403.05865

Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

Peak #	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area 8
1	3.869	VB	0.0916	3370.28687	564.60181	96.3230
2	4.764	BB	0.1184	12.13207	1.56649	0.3467
3	5.369	BB	0.0989	9.79876	1.56792	0.2800
4	8.458	BV	0.1769	39.76372	3.24728	1.1364
5	8.715	VB	0.1706	20.17021	1.72250	0.5765

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Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
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6	9.464	BB	0.1294	13.48599	1.64899	0.3854
7	11.793	BV	0.1599	22.07425	2.14790	0.6309
8	12.113	vv	0.1637	11.22981	1.07620	0.3209
Total	ls :		;	3498.94167	577.57908	

Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area 8
1	3.869	вв	0.0917	2238.90576	374.76431	96.7496
2	4.763	BB	0.1198	10.62679	1.35125	0.4592
3	5.369	BB	0.0989	6.98290	1.11814	0.3018
4	8.458	BV	0.1718	26.70467	2.26045	1.1540
5	8.715	VB	0.1709	14.22055	1.21156	0.6145
6	11.793	BV	0.1591	16.68314	1.63365	0.7209
Total	Ls :			2314.12381	382.33936	

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HRMS of Compound 35



HPLC traces of Compound 35 Sample Name: CR_I_13

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Signal 2: DAD1 B, Sig=254,16 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
‡	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	1.937	BB	0.0625	10.81066	2.60300	1.2194
2	7.352	BB		875.72644	115.77881	98.7806
Total				886.53710	118.38181	

Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	0.829	BV	0.2319	171.76660	9.63934	0.6319
2	1.109	w	0.1329	159.76472	15.17181	0.5877
3	1.170	VB	0.0460	59.41847	19.25142	0.2186
4	1.358	BV	0.1355	141.23851	13.56640	0.5196
5	1.601	VB	0.2489	56.28260	2.94600	0.2070
6	1.937	BB	0.0666	38.77320	8.59495	0.1426
7	2.219	BV	0.0619	14.97322	3.64656	0.0551
8	2.341	w	0.0831	12.12294	2.17290	0.0446
9	4.739	BB	0.0928	152.07748	25.05950	0.5595
10	5.134	BV	0.0999	33.39083	5.12930	0.1228
11	5.313	VB	0.1062	11.27250	1.56129	0.0415
12	5.834	BB	0.1104	26.18926	3.53767	0.0963
13	7.352	BV	0.1659	2.59359e4	2523.12183	95.4118
14	8.631	VB	0.1229	28.05415	3.37864	0.1032
15	8.876	BV	0.1581	20.05052	1.88447	0.0738
16	9.204	VB	0.1349	25.44459	2.82866	0.0936
17	10.345	BV	0.1663	99.09899	9.01085	0.3646
18	10.603	VB	0.1614	24.59447	2.28897	0.0905
19	12.421	BB	0.1594	14.72597	1.41519	0.0542
20	15.265	BV	0.1594	157.99159	14.94018	0.5812

Totals :

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Signal 4: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

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Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
+	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	8
1	1.937	BV	0.0629	30.45411	7.26526	1.1941
2	4.740	BB	0.0933	9.09360	1.48819	0.3566
3	7.352	BB	0.1151	2510.87500	336.41006	98.4494
Total				2550.42271	345.16352	

Signal 5: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area 9
1	1.937	BB	0.0627	22.66812	5,43508	8.2045
2	7.353	BB	0.1168	253.61972	33.32097	91.7955
Total				276.28784	38.75605	

Signal 6: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area 8
1	0.337	BB	0.0710	43.32848	8.57289	66.6015
2	1.937	BB	0.0631	21.72785	5.16589	33.3985
Total				65.05632	13.73878	

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HRMS of ADC 54

HPLC of ADC 54

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Signal 1: DAD1 A, Sig=254,4 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	5.341	BB	0.1005	20.61787	3.06237	0.2514
2	8.001	BB	0.1076	78.85933	11.27772	0.9615
3	8.817	BV	0.1960	316.25577	21.96337	3.8558
4	9.025	VB	0.1045	37.20697	5.38908	0.4536
5	9.305	BV	0.1054	89.28493	13.11554	1.0886
6	9.569	VB	0.1366	97.38895	11.51781	1.1874
7	9.859	BV	0.0768	9.40652	1.93253	0.1147
8	10.066	w	0.1069	6945.38428	1001.18597	84.6790
9	10.518	VB	0.1159	31.42906	4.07833	0.3832
10	11.389	BB	0.1174	48.70319	6.50207	0.5938
11	11.736	BV	0.1094	43.85822	6.28944	0.5347
12	11.983	w	0.1554	99.43372	10.23036	1.2123
13	12.222	VB	0.1386	32.36553	3.35362	0.3946
14	12.921	BV	0.1231	29.21477	3.65984	0.3562
15	13.117	w	0.1424	49.45594	5.22518	0.6030
16	13.281	vv	0.1002	15.34558	2.23157	0.1871
17	13.465	VB	0.1235	24.71082	3.08321	0.3013
18	13.737	BB	0.1200	8.49728	1.10190	0.1036
19	14.842	BV	0.1265	162.29958	19.62482	1.9788
20	16.494	BB	0.1591	62.29515	5.99940	0.7595

Totals :

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Signal 2: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	*
1	1.313	BB	0.0536	189.25438	53.03495	1.0147
2	1.472	BB	0.0840	308.56772	51.39600	1.6543
3	4.354	BB	0.0910	10.46381	1.76847	0.0561
4	5.341	BB	0.0989	34.01527	5.15739	0.1824
5	8.001	BB	0.1079	133.08250	18.96366	0.7135
6	8.816	BV	0.1955	685.32043	47.74666	3.6742
7	9.025	VB	0.1041	77.69532	11.31646	0.4165
8	9.305	BV	0.1053	224.52692	33.02016	1.2038
9	9.570	VB	0.1367	223.89299	26.47769	1.2004
10	9.858	BV	0.0763	21.47610	4.44939	0.1151
11	10.066	w	0.1158	1.51013e4	2054.57568	80.9631
12	10.518	VB	0.1156	73.63119	9.58761	0.3948
13	10.806	BB	0.1033	12.31768	1.90832	0.0660
14	11.389	BB	0.1173	121.18683	16.18966	0.6497
15	11.736	BV	0.1090	91.12369	13.12916	0.4885
16	11.982	w	0.1540	224.60695	23.40005	1.2042
17	12.222	w	0.1157	57.98127	7.54260	0.3109
18	12.368	VB	0.0913	16.81611	2.83150	0.0902
19	12.924	BV	0.1196	57.42982	7.47491	0.3079
20	13.118	vv	0.1358	102.84863	11.55762	0.5514
21	13.278	VB	0.0812	15.14659	2.88787	0.0812
22	13.464	BB	0.1036	28.70004	4.42684	0.1539
23	13.736	BV	0.1285	26.07346	3.08737	0.1398
24	14.842	w	0.1245	341.28415	42.13326	1.8297
25	15.158	VB	0.1243	16.68338	2.02045	0.0894
26	15.862	BB	0.1216	12.76190	1.66183	0.0684
27	16.492	BB	0.1615	158.64658	14.98323	0.8506
28	18.555	BB	0.1504	17.39082	1.77327	0.0932
29	20.014	BB	0.3925	47.37663	1.82691	0.2540
30	24.358	BB	0.1754	72.02349	6.30080	0.3861
31	27.862	BB	0.1918	148.46678	11.88001	0.7960

Totals : 1.86521e4 2494.50977

Signal 3: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	8.001	BB	0.1078	39.17150	5.58345	0.8039
2	8.817	BV	0.1936	118.29580	8.23420	2.4278
3	9.026	VB	0.1046	22.40325	3.24134	0.4598
4	9.306	BV	0.1053	52.66414	7.74342	1.0808
5	9.569	VB	0.1367	58.68945	6.93916	1.2045
6	9.859	BV	0.0770	5.66839	1.16019	0.1163
7	10.066	w	0.1068	4197.80713	605.89099	86.1523
8	10.518	VB	0.1162	18.91942	2.44728	0.3883
9	11.392	BB	0.1159	39.57376	5.37462	0.8122
10	11.736	BV	0.1084	25.35138	3.67864	0.5203

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Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
11	11.981	vv	0.1458	57.16606	6.18751	1.1732
12	12.224	w	0.1118	10.57574	1.40450	0.2170
13	12.925	BV	0.1245	19.89448	2.45484	0.4083
14	13.127	vv	0.1695	51.00711	4.26530	1.0468
15	13.464	VB	0.1221	14.76531	1.83073	0.3030
16	14.842	BV	0.1228	89.43332	11.24829	1.8355
17	16.491	BB	0.1522	51.15547	5.13695	1.0499
Total	ls:			4872.54171	682.82142	

Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	8.001	BB	0.1091	25.90895	3.63885	0.4539
2	8.821	BV	0.1940	33.48712	2.29755	0.5866
3	9.027	VB	0.1045	25.30528	3.76261	0.4433
4	9.306	BV	0.1055	63.62440	9.34263	1.1145
5	9.570	VB	0.1370	71.02799	8.36698	1.2442
6	9.858	BV	0.0773	7.11675	1.44893	0.1247
7	10.066	vv	0.1070	5093.81348	734.12860	89.2310
8	10.518	w	0.1282	28.16729	3.21402	0.4934
9	11.393	BB	0.1175	52.96440	7.06109	0.9278
10	11.736	BV	0.1066	29.09484	4.31806	0.5097
11	11.979	vv	0.1438	58.20720	6.54246	1.0196
12	12.928	BV	0.1266	17.45311	2.10719	0.3057
13	13.134	vv	0.1636	48.76984	4.25783	0.8543
14	13.461	VB	0.1206	10.50892	1.32371	0.1841
15	14.842	BV	0.1249	87.04623	10.93710	1.5248
16	16.492	BB	0.1558	56.07471	5.55411	0.9823
Total	ls :			5708.57051	808.30170	

Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%
1	8.001	BB	0.1106	10.96641	1.51263	0.3070
2	9.027	BB	0.0993	13.64479	2.17262	0.3820
3	9.306	BV	0.1057	39.12141	5.72812	1.0951
4	9.570	VB	0.1371	43.19882	5.08494	1.2093
5	10.066	vv	0.1068	3141.87158	453.44620	87.9514
6	10.518	VB	0.1177	14.08270	1.79156	0.3942
7	11.395	BB	0.1118	45.72948	6.36763	1.2801
8	11.736	BV	0.1061	17.10805	2.55626	0.4789
9	11.985	w	0.1438	45.47075	5.01472	1.2729
10	12.223	VB	0.1344	15.25533	1.67224	0.4270
11	12.926	BV	0.1206	8.91657	1.14790	0.2496

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Peak I	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area	
#	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	%	
12	13.135	VB	0.1326	27.07506	3.07971	0.7579	
13	14.843	BB	0.1234	110.71606	14.13317	3.0993	
14	16.499	BB	0.1709	39.12258	3.59599	1.0952	
Total	s :			3572.27960	507.30368		

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APPENDIX B

Synthesis of Bioreductively Activatable Prodrug Conjugates based-on OXi8006 and 3-Bromopyruvic Acid

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HRMS of OXi8006-normethylthiophene BAPC 26



HPLC traces of OXi8006-normethylthiophene BAPC 26

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		25-30 min 100% ACN





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Peak 1	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1 2	7.743 8.327	BB BB	0.1160 0.1175	572.83990 32.01962	75.96780 4.17416	94.7063 5.2937
Total				604.85952	80.14196	

Signal 3: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off

Peak F	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
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1	1.042	BB	0.0745	15.65550	2.92207	0.9504
2	7.351	BB	0.1119	13.95538	1.89595	0.8472
3	7.743	BV	0.1160	1540.47729	204.17958	93.5228
4	8.327	VB	0.1181	77.07970	9.98401	4.6795
Totals				1647.16788	218.98161	

Signal 4: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=off

Peak ‡	RetTime [min]	Туре	Width [min]	Area [mAU*s]	Height [mAU]	Area %
1	7.743	BV	0.1161	670.97308	88.83448	94.5841
2	8.327	VВ	0.1195	38.41978	4.89697	5.4159
Total				709.39286	93.73145	

Signal 5: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

Peak 1	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
ŧ	[min]		[min]	[mAU*s]	[mAU]	÷
1	7.743	w	0.1162	931.85590	123.30495	94.4860
2	8.327	VB	0.1197	54.38060	6.92157	5.5140
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APPENDIX C

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Synthesis of OXi6196



Scheme C.1. Synthesis of OXi6196

The synthesis to OXi6196 was begin with 6-methoxy-1-tetralone which is commercially available. Regioselective bromination of the tetralone followed by lithium halogen exchange provided a means to direct the hydroxylation to the correct position with a 69% yield in 2 steps.^{49,187,188} The phenolic tetralone **S3** was subsequently converted to its corresponding silyl ether **S4** upon treatment with TBSC1. Installation of the trimethoxy aryl ring and elimination of the resulting tertiary alcohol to generate the OXi6196 core structure was accomplished in a one-pot reaction. The appropriate aryllithium intermediate (prepared *in situ* from the corresponding aryl bromide) was allowed to react with the tetralone, the resulting tertiary alcohol (*in situ*) was treated with triethyl amine and mesly chloride to furnish the OXi6196-silyl ether derivative **S5**.¹⁸⁹ Desilylation with TBAF **afforded OXi6196 in** a 5-step synthesis with a 36% yield overall.

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5-Bromo-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one S2

6-methoxy-1-tetralone **S1** (1.06 g, 6.02 mmol) was stirred in 60 mL of H₂O. *N*bromosuccinimide (1.07g, 6.01 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was heated to $60 \,^{\circ}$ C. H₂SO₄ (0.67 mL) was then added to the reaction mixture and the reaction was heated for 5 hours. The reaction was extracted with EtOAc and the organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and filtered. The solvent was then removed in vacuo and the resulting solid was dissolve in methanol and recrystallized. The crystals were filtered and washed with cold methanol affording 5-bromo-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one **S2** (1.22 g, 4.78 mmol, 81% yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 8.09 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 6.91 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 4.00 (3H, s), 3.06 (2H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 2.66 (2H, m), 2.15 (2H, p, *J* = 6.3 Hz).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 196.8, 159.8, 145.5, 128.4, 127.6, 113.0, 109.6, 56.5, 38.0, 30.5, 22.5.

HRMS, m/z: observed 255.0016 [M + H]⁺, (calcd for C₁₁H₁₂BrO₂⁺ 255.0015).

5-Hydroxy-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (S3)

To a well-stirred solution of 5-bromo-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)one **S2** (0.50 g, 1.96 mmol) in Et₂O at -78 °C, *n*-BuLi (4.90 mL, 7.84 mmol) was added dropwise. After the addition was complete, the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 1 hour then allowed to warm to room temperature. B(OMe)₃ (0.45 mL, 3.92 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 hour at room temperature. Glacial acetic acid (0.22 mL) was added dropwise, followed by the addition of 35 wt.% H_2O_2 (0.48 mL) added dropwise. The reaction mixture was then stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. Saturated NH₄Cl (20 mL) was added to the solution and the mixture was extracted with Et_2O (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. Purification by flash column chromatography afforded the phenol **S3** (0.32 g, 1.66 mmol, 85% yield) as a tan solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.70 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.86 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 5.76 (1H, s), 3.98 (3H, s), 2.95 (2H, t, *J* = 6.2 Hz), 2.65 (2H, m), 2.13 (2H, p, *J* = 6.4 Hz).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 197.9, 149.9, 141.9, 130.4, 126.8, 120.0, 108.3, 56.1, 38.8, 22.9, 22.7.

HRMS, m/z: observed 215.0679 [M + Na]⁺, (calcd for C₁₁H₁₂NaO₃⁺215.0679).

5-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one (S4)

5-hydroxy-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one **S3** (1.05 g, 5.46 mmol) was stirred in 10 mL of CH_2Cl_2 at 0 °C. Triethylamine (0.84 mL, 6.03 mmol) and DMAP (0.27 g, 2.18 mmol) were then added. The reaction was stirred for an additional 10 minutes before adding TBSC1 (0.90g, 5.97 mmol). The reaction was quenched with 100 mL of H₂O after 1 hour. The reaction was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3x 100 mL) and the organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. The organic layer was then filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography afforded the silyl ether **S4** (1.58 g, 5.16 mmol, 95% yield) as an orange oil.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 7.54 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.64 (1H, d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 3.67 (3H, s), 2.72 (2H, t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 2.42 (2H, m), 1.89 (2H, p, *J* = 6.4 Hz), 0.83 (9H, s), 0.00 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 198.0, 154.0, 141.3, 136.1, 126.8, 121.5, 109.2, 54.9, 38.7, 26.1, 24.4, 22.9, 18.9, -3.8.

HRMS, m/z: observed 307.1727 [M + H]⁺, (calcd for C₁₇H₂₇O₃Si⁺ 307.1724).

tert-Butyl((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane (S5)

To a solution of 3,4,5- trimethoxybromobenzene (1.62g, 6.55 mmol) in anhydrous THF (20 mL), *n*-BuLi (2.62 mL, 6.55 mmol) was added dropwise at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes at -78 °C. A solution of 5-((tertbutyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-6-methoxy-3,4-dihydronaphthalen-1(2H)-one **S4** (1.00g, 3.27 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added dropwise and the reaction mixture was then allowed warm to 0 °C over 3 hours. The reaction was then cooled to -78 °C and triethylamine (3.68 mL, 26.16 mmol) and MsCl (1.01 mL, 13.08 mmol) were added dropwise to the solution. The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature over a period of 8 hours. The reaction was quenched with H₂O (100 mL) and the reaction mixture was then extracted with EtOAc (2 x 100 mL). The combined organic phases were washed with brine and dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude product was then subjected to flash column chromatography to afford tert-butyl((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane **S5** (0.82g, 1.80 mmol, 55% yield).

¹**HNMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 6.44 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.40 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.37 (2H, s), 5.75 (1H, t, *J* = 4.6 Hz), 3.69 (3H, s), 3.65 (6H, s), 3.58 (3H, s), 2.69-2.64 (2H, m), 2.13 (2H, td, *J* = 7.9, 4.7 Hz), 0.83 (9H, s), 0.00 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 152.9, 149.7, 141.4, 139.8, 137.0, 137.0, 128.7, 128.1, 124.9, 118.9, 108.1, 106.0, 60.9, 56.1, 26.1, 23.1 21.7, 18.9, -3.9.

2-Methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-ol (OXi6196)

tert-Butyl((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1yl)oxy)dimethylsilane **S5** (0.82g, 1.80 mmol) was dissolved in THF and cooled to 0 °C. TBAF (0.71g, 2.70mmol) was added to the solution. The reaction was stirred 30 minutes and then quenched with 50 mL of H₂O. The aqueous layer was then extracted with EtOAc (3x 100 mL) and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄. The Organic layer was then filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuo. Purification by flash chromatography afforded 2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-ol **OXi6196** (0.62 g, 1.80 mmol, quantitative yield) as a white solid.

¹**H NMR** (CDCl₃, 600 MHz): δ 6.65 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.61 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.58 (2H, s), 5.99 (1H, t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 5.74 (1H, s), 3.86 (6H, s), 2.93 (2H, t, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.40 (2H, td, *J* = 8.0, 4.7 Hz).

¹³**C NMR** (CDCl₃, 151 MHz): δ 152.9, 145.8, 142.0, 139.5, 136.9, 129.0, 125.4, 122.3, 117.4, 107.2, 105.8, 61.0, 56.1, 56.0, 22.8, 20.2.

HRMS, m/z: observed 343.1541 [M + H]⁺, (calcd for C₂₀H₂₃O₅⁺ 343.1540).

Synthesis of KGP18



Scheme C.2. Synthesis of KGP18

The KGP18 synthesis developed by the Pinney Research Group utilizes two key reactions to generate the benzosuberene CA4 analogue- a cyclization employing Eaton's reagent to form the seven membered ring and a lithium-halogen exchange to install the trimethoxy aryl ring system.⁵¹ The Wittig olefination reaction was used to generate alkene **S7** from phosphonium salt **S6** and 2,3 dimethoxybenzaldehyde (Scheme C2). Reduction of alkene **S7** yielded carboxylic acid **S8**, which was then cyclized, upon treatment with Eaton's reagent, to produce benzosuberene **S9**. Benzosuberene **S9** was demethylated by ionic liquid to generate phenol **S10**, which was then silylated to form the protected benzosuberene **S11**. Installation of the trimethoxy aryl ring and elimination of the resulting tertiary alcohol to generate **S13**, which was then deprotected to yield **KGP18**.

5-(2,3-Dimethoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid S7

(2-Carboxyethyl)triphenylphosphonium bromide **S6** (16.7 g, 39.0 mmol) was dissolved in THF (400 mL). Potassium *tert*-butoxide (11.7 g, 104 mmol) was added to the reaction and it was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. 2,3-Dimethoxybenzaldehyde (5.39 g, 32.0 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and it was stirred for 8 h. The reaction was then quenched with HCl (2 M, 50 mL) and evaporated under reduced pressure. EtOAc (80 mL) was added to the residue and the layers were partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 10%A / 90%B (1 CV), 10%A / 90%B \rightarrow 50%A / 50%B (13 CV), 50%A / 50%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **S7** (6.00 g, 25.4 mmol, 65%) as a light yellow solid. NMR characterization was conducted after the next step.

5-(2,3-Dimethoxyphenyl)pentanoic acid S8

5-(2,3-Dimethoxyphenyl)pent-4-enoic acid **S7** (5.39 g, 21.5 mmol) was added to an empty flask flushed under N₂, followed by 10 % palladium on carbon (0.430 g, 0.404 mmol). Methanol (100 mL) was added slowly to the reagents, and then the flask was purged under N₂. The flask was placed under vacuum, and then H₂ was added and the reaction was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The reaction was then filtered through Celite in a frit funnel, rinsed with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL), and the combined organic phases were evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B:

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hexanes; gradient 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B \rightarrow 40%A / 60%B (13 CV), 40%A / 60%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **S8** (6.00 g, 25.4 mmol, 77%) as a clear oil.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.97 (1H, t, *J* = 7.9 Hz), 6.76 (2H, m), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.81 (3H, s), 2.64 (2H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 2.38 (2H, t, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.74 – 1.60 (4H, m).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.5, 152.7, 147.0, 135.9, 123.8, 121.8, 110.1, 60.6, 55.6, 33.8, 30.1, 29.4, 24.5.

1,2-Dimethoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-one S9

5-(2,3-Dimethoxyphenyl)pentanoic acid **S8** (3.55 g, 14.9 mmol) was dissolved in Eaton's reagent (29 mL, 7.7 wt.%) and stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The reaction was poured over ice and neutralized with saturated sodium bicarbonate. The layers were partitioned, then the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (40 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B \rightarrow 40%A / 60%B (13 CV), 40%A / 60%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **S9** (2.22 g, 10.1 mmol, 68%) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.53 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 6.84 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 3.90 (3H, s), 3.79 (3H, s), 3.00 (2H, t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 2.69 (2H, t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 1.89 – 1.81 (2H, m), 1.81 – 1.72 (2H, m).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 156.1, 145.9, 135.7, 132.8, 125.5, 109.7,
61.1, 55.8, 40.6, 24.9, 23.2, 20.9.

1-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-one S10

[TMAH][Al₂Cl₇] (18.3 mL, 9.08 mmol) was added to 1,2-dimethoxy-6,7,8,9tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-one **S9** (1.01 g, 4.54 mmol) in a 20 mL microwave vial. The reaction mixture was then exposed to microwave irradiation for 1 h on high absorbance at 80 °C. The reaction was then poured into water (50 mL) and EtOAc (40 mL) was added. The layers were partitioned and the aqueous layer was extracted (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B \rightarrow 60%A / 40%B (13 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **S10** (0.590 g, 2.86 mmol, 63%) as a yellow solid.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.34 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.79 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 5.77 (1H, s), 3.94 (3H, s), 3.01 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.2, 5.0 Hz), 2.76 – 2.66 (2H, m), 1.83 (4H, m).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.1, 149.2, 142.4, 133.3, 127.7, 120.8, 107.9, 56.1, 40.8, 24.5, 23.0, 21.3.

1-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-one S11

1-Hydroxy-2-methoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-one **S10** (2.00 g, 9.70 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (80 mL). Triethylamine (1.64 mL, 11.6 mmol), *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl chloride (1.61 g, 10.7 mmol) and DMAP (0.0650 g, 0.532 mmol) were added to the reaction mixture and it was stirred for 8 h. The reaction was quenched with

water (40 mL) and the layers were partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 50 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 2% A / 98%B (1 CV), 2% A / 98%B \rightarrow 20% A / 80%B (13 CV), 20% A / 80%B (2 CV); flow rate: 50 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **S11** (2.18 g, 6.79 mmol, 70%) as light tan crystals.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 (1H, d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.76 (1H, d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 3.82 (3H, s), 3.00 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.0, 5.1 Hz), 2.69 (2H, dd, *J* = 7.3, 4.4 Hz), 1.84 – 1.73 (4H, m), 1.01 (9H, s), 0.18 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 205.3, 153.2, 141.7, 133.1, 133.1, 122.3, 108.7, 54.8, 40.7, 26.1, 25.6, 24.7, 23.9, 21.2, -3.9.

1-((tert-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-ol **S12**

3,4,5-Trimethoxybromobenzene (4.13 g, 16.7 mmol) was dissolved in THF (80 mL) at -78 °C. n-Butyllithium (1.6M, 7.06 mL, 16.8 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and it was stirred for 1 h. 1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methoxy-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-one **S11** (3.99 g, 12.4 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture and it was stirred for 8 h while warming from -78 °C to room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL) and the layers were partitioned. The aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (60 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a

pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 7% A / 93% B (1 CV), 7% A / 93% B \rightarrow 60% A / 40% B (13 CV), 60% A / 40% B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **S12** (4.57 g, 9.35 mmol, 56%) as a clear oil. NMR characterization was performed after the next step.

tert-butyl((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane **S13**

1-((*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)-2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7,8,9tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-ol **S12** (4.57 g, 9.35 mmol) was dissolved in glacial acetic acid (50 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL), the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (60 mL) and water (40 mL). The layers were partitioned, and then the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 7%A / 93%B (1 CV), 7%A / 93%B → 60%A / 40%B (13 CV), 60%A / 40%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford compound **S13** (3.61 g, 7.67 mmol, 82%) as a clear oil.

¹**H NMR** (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.69 (1H d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 6.61 (1H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 6.48 (2H, s), 6.32 (1H, t, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 3.85 (3H, s), 3.80 (3H, s), 3.79 (6H, s), 2.76 (2H, t, *J* = 6.9 Hz), 2.10 (2H, p, *J* = 7.1 Hz), 1.95 (2H, q, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 1.04 (9H, s), 0.23 (6H, s).

¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 148.6, 143.0, 141.5, 138.6, 137.2, 133.8, 133.3, 126.9, 122.4, 108.3, 105.2, 60.9, 56.1, 54.6, 33.9, 26.2, 25.6, 24.2, 19.0, 3.8.

3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-ol **OXi6196**

tert-Butyl((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-

benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)dimethylsilane **S13** (3.61 g, 7.67 mmol) was dissolved in THF (80 mL). TBAF (1M, 9.00 mL, 9.00 mmol) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture and it was stirred for 12 h at room temperature. The reaction was quenched with water (50 mL), the mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in EtOAc (60 mL) and water (40 mL). The layers were partitioned, and then the aqueous layer was extracted with EtOAc (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (50 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using a pre-packed 100 g silica column [solvent A: EtOAc; solvent B: hexanes; gradient 10%A / 90%B (1 CV), 10%A / 90%B \rightarrow 80%A / 20%B (13 CV), 80%A / 20%B (2 CV); flow rate: 100 mL/min; monitored at 254 and 280 nm] to afford **OXi6196** (2.40 g, 6.73 mmol, 88%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.71 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz), 6.57 (1H, d, J = 8.4 Hz),
6.50 (2H, s), 6.33 (1H, t, J = 7.4 Hz), 3.91 (3H, s), 3.86 (3H, s), 3.80 (6H, s), 2.76 (2H, t, J = 7.0 Hz), 2.14 (2H, p, J = 7.1 Hz), 1.96 (2H, q, J = 7.2 Hz).

¹³**C NMR** (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.8, 145.0, 142.8, 142.3, 138.5, 137.2, 134.2, 127.7, 127.2, 120.8, 107.6, 105.2, 60.9, 56.1, 55.9, 33.6, 25.7, 23.5.



¹H NMR of 2-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-5-nitrothiophene



 $^{13}C\ NMR\ of\ 2-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy) methyl)-5-nitrothiophene\ 10$



HRMS of 2-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-5-nitrothiophene 10

HPLC traces of Compound 10

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Totals : 1294.19678 124.91805

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4	4.410	BB	0.1234	13.53947	1.58860	0.3537
5	5.287	BB	0.1190	22.72482	2.91246	0.5937
6	6.101	BB	0.1895	29.48074	2.10344	0.7702
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8	7.474	VB	0.1196	13.06872	1.66504	0.3414
9	9.715	BB	0.1323	23.90842	2.83733	0.6246
10	16.137	BV	0.1356	15.07104	1.69788	0.3938
11	16.447	VB	0.1614	3475.58081	334.06122	90.8051
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¹H NMR of 2-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-5-nitrothiophene **11**



 $^{13}C\ NMR\ of\ 2-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy) ethyl)-5-nitrothiophene\ 11$

HRMS of 2-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-5-nitrothiophene 11



HPLC traces of Compound 11

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3	18.697	VB	0.1658	4749.10059	447.63040	98.5934

Totals : 4816.85477 454.11932

Signal 2: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off

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1	1.221	BV	0.1078	102.97834	14.32981	0.7501
2	1.522	vv	0.1471	52.56194	5.06268	0.3829
3	1.654	vv	0.0692	17.88513	3.78305	0.1303
4	1.791	VB	0.0803	106.73665	20.66155	0.7775
5	1.995	BB	0.1042	13.83065	1.82896	0.1007
6	2.287	BB	0.0833	11.35046	2.02862	0.0827
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9	4.659	VB	0.1137	9.03924	1.20314	0.0658
10	6.390	BV	0.1179	22.63209	2.93812	0.1649
11	6.617	VB	0.1262	13.48842	1.63535	0.0983
12	6.980	BB	0.1062	6.93827	1.06240	0.0505
13	7.249	BV	0.0981	7.18235	1.13102	0.0523
14	7.443	VB	0.1638	117.73193	10.26825	0.8576
15	8.585	vv	0.1411	17.93737	1.91895	0.1307
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21	11.616	VB	0.1971	109.36239	8.67617	0.7966
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23	12.365	VB	0.1515	19.30640	1.98416	0.1406
24	13.076	BB	0.1633	23.35310	2.20997	0.1701
25	16.157	BB	0.1942	15.54489	1.24081	0.1132
26	18.164	BV	0.1657	134.63341	12.70155	0.9807
27	18.697	VB	0.1667	1.25503e4	1173.78503	91.4183
28	20.137	BB	0.1820	55.92270	4.79765	0.4073
29	24.999	BB	0.2034	99.51420	7.56836	0.7249

Totals : 1.37284e4 1304.52442

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3	18.697	VB	0.1657	4004.91895	377.58429	98.8044
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Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

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1	7.450	BB	0.1761	14.73961	1.14534	0.5258
2	18.166	BV	0.1619	34.88275	3.28485	1.2442
3	18.697	VB	0.1658	2753.91309	259.55505	98.2300

Totals : 2803.53544 263.98524

Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Peak	RetTime	Туре	Width	Area	Height	Area
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1	18.166	BV	0.1647	34.98343	3.27187	1.3653
2	18.697	VB	0.1658	2527.30688	238.23128	98.6347
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 $^{13}C\ NMR\ of\ 5-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy) methyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole\ 12-(1,2,2,2,2))$





HRMS of 5-(((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)methyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole 12

HPLC traces of compound 12

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	9	7.345	BB	0.1320	4174.38184	477.42743	90.6098
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3	8.607	BB	0.1309	13.15300	1.55119	1.0940
4	14.543	BB	0.1610	14.05339	1.33285	1.1689

Totals : 1202.30703 140.00700

Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

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Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

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1	7.345	BB	0.1334	852.90222	96.21187	100.0000
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¹H NMR of 5-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole 13



 $^{13}\text{C NMR of 5-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole~\textbf{13})}$

HRMS of 5-(1-((2-methoxy-5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-7,8-dihydronaphthalen-1-yl)oxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1H-imidazole 13



HPLC traces of Compound 13

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Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

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 $^{1}H NMR of 2-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7] annulen-4-yl) oxy) methyl)-5-nitrothiophene 14$





HRMS of 2-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)methyl)-5-nitrothiophene 14



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3	2.206	BB	0.1762	19.99943	1.71323	0.3682
4	2.470	BB	0.0824	15.19208	2.84144	0.2797
5	6.106	BB	0.1275	58.44517	6.99209	1.0761
6	7.882	BB	0.1486	26.80206	2.72940	0.4935
7	11.865	BB	0.1666	11.98730	1.08741	0.2207
8	16.514	BB	0.1890	4944.76465	403.40457	91.0472
9	23.176	BB	0.2176	17.78183	1.23800	0.3274

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2	16.514	BB	0.1887	1668.26929	136.43387	99.2244

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Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

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Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Totals :

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¹H NMR of 2-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)ethyl)-5-nitrothiophene 15



 $^{13}\text{C NMR of } 2-(1-((3-\text{methoxy-9-}(3,4,5-\text{trimethoxyphenyl})-6,7-\text{dihydro-5H-benzo}[7] annulen-4-yl) oxy) ethyl)-5-\text{nitrothiophene } \textbf{15}$





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4	6.742	BB	0.1317	14.17675	1.65870	0.0930
5	8.775	BB	0.1487	34.68475	3.59144	0.2275
6	11.625	BB	0.1868	24.73398	1.93875	0.1622
7	12.298	BB	0.1690	23.68892	2.17614	0.1554
8	15.116	BB	0.2334	168.22318	9.84212	1.1035
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2	20.129	BB	0.1620	4885.21436	467.15475	99.3365

Totals : 4917.84642 469.78087

Signal 4: DAD1 G, Sig=300,16 Ref=off

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¹H NMR of 5-(((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)methyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1Himidazole **16**



HRMS of 5-(((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)methyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1Himidazole **16**

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5	2.783	BB	0.0793	6.71858	1.32192	0.0653
6	3.747	BV	0.0903	14.63146	2.42814	0.1421
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8	5.515	vv	0.1137	16.63885	2.21422	0.1616
9	5.772	VB	0.1258	8.65554	1.03230	0.0841
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17	14.636	BB	0.1677	36.43460	3.38132	0.3539
18	20.031	BB	0.1938	20.10485	1.56616	0.1953
19	24.935	BB	0.2022	40.17056	3.03976	0.3901
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Signal 3: DAD1 E, Sig=280,16 Ref=off

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3	13.519	BB	0.1787	16.45601	1.38402	0.5549

Totals :	2965.80369	318.34377
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Totals	:	2133.37476	230.35779

Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

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¹³C NMR of 5-(1-((3-methoxy-9-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)-6,7-dihydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-4-yl)oxy)ethyl)-1-methyl-2-nitro-1Himidazole **17**





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Signal 2: DAD1 C, Sig=210,8 Ref=off

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5	2.700	BV	0.0696	17.16201	3.73572	0.1027
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17	8.731	BB	0.1415	95.28065	10.33580	0.5704
18	9.352	BV	0.1579	140.55745	13.67223	0.8414
19	9.992	VB	0.2555	27.73345	1.50149	0.1660
20	11.499	BV	0.1467	1.59298e4	1679.48901	95.3560
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4	2.699	BB	0.0667	5.14825	1.18580	0.1067
5	4.388	BB	0.0913	6.79379	1.17842	0.1409
6	5.135	BB	0.0890	6.98379	1.25374	0.1448
7	8.730	BB	0.1429	25.02022	2.68090	0.5187
8	9.353	BB	0.1535	30.43494	3.07317	0.6310
9	11.499	BV	0.1456	4667.32764	496.72919	96.7685
10	12.500	VB	0.1518	36.16943	3.64322	0.7499
11	20.952	BB	0.2675	17.14849	1.06702	0.3555
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4	2.699	BB	0.0678	12.69180	2.85899	0.3836
5	8.730	BB	0.1445	12.70976	1.31765	0.3841
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3	2.698	BB	0.0675	19.07925	4.31986	0.5959
4	3.585	BB	0.0842	7.96521	1.40347	0.2488
5	8.041	VB	0.1351	10.68806	1.20914	0.3338
6	9.369	BB	0.1388	13.32180	1.45494	0.4161
7	11.499	BB	0.1454	3099.98657	330.51221	96.8177
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APPENDIX D

Mechanistic Considerations in the Synthesis of 2-Aryl-Indole Analogues under Bischler-Mohlau Conditions

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Supplementary Data

Mechanistic Considerations in the Synthesis of 2-Aryl-Indole Analogues under Bischler-Mohlau Conditions

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¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound **11**



¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound **11**





 ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound 12









HRMS of Compound 12






HRMS of Compound 13



¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound 14



^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound 14



^{13}C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound 14















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3	11.323	BB	0.1362	12.08191	1.35247	0.2787
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14	28.774	BV	0.1639	143.44379	13.50203	1.4570
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Total				9845.15189	981.74698	

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4	26.528	BB	0.1712	19.06033	1.62073	0.7795
5	28.775	BB	0.1619	48.55169	4.64699	1.9855
6	29.238	BB	0.1939	67.21884	5.44941	2.7489

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3	23.824	BB	0.1539	3725.80444	375.04620	93.8063

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5	28.775	BB	0.1619	55.19741	5.28453	1.3897
6	29.239	BB	0.1927	78.75215	6.43651	1.9828
Total	ls :			3971.80744	397.57080	

Signal 5: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

Signal has been modified after loading from rawdata file!

Peak	RetTime	Type	Width	Area	Height	Area
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1	21.708	BB	0.1544	23.81687	2.34698	0.3156
2	23.308	BB	0.1461	19.31839	2.04754	0.2560
3	23.823	BB	0.1537	7247.35693	730.59741	96.0400
4	26.525	BB	0.1665	35.64434	3.13880	0.4723
5	27.914	BB	0.1906	13.79213	1.09783	0.1828
6	28.774	BB	0.1616	87.57129	8.40103	1.1605
7	29.238	BB	0.1930	118.68315	9.68232	1.5728
Total	Ls :			7546.18311	757.31191	

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¹³C-NMR Predicted (ChemBioDraw, Version 13.0.2.3020) Chemical Shifts for Possible Indole Regioisomers

X-ray Crystallographic Data for ¹³C Labeled Indole 16

X-ray crystallographic data were collected at 110 K on a Bruker X8 Apex using Mo KR radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The structure was solved by direct methods after correction of the data using SADABS. All data were processed using the Bruker AXS SHELXTL software, version 6.10.



Identification code	kp66		
Empirical formula	C22 H29 N O3 Si		
Formula weight	383.55		
Temperature	150(2) K		
Wavelength	0.71073 Å		
Crystal system	Monoclinic		
Space group	P2(1)/c		
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.5182(6) Å	<i>α</i> = 90°.	
	b = 23.1476(10) Å	$\beta = 100.7843(17)^{\circ}.$	
	c = 7.5208(3) Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$	
Volume	2140.79(16) Å ³		
Z	4		
Density (calculated)	1.190 Mg/m ³		
Absorption coefficient	0.130 mm ⁻¹		
F(000)	824		
Crystal size	0.38 x 0.16 x 0.12 mm ³		
Theta range for data collection	2.42 to 26.85°.		
Index ranges	-15<=h<=15, -29<=k<=25, -9<	<=l<=9	
Reflections collected	25973		
Independent reflections	4565 [R(int) = 0.0410]		
Completeness to theta = 26.85°	99.4 %		
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalen	its	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9843 and 0.9526		
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²		
Data / restraints / parameters	4565 / 0 / 251		
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.569		
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0419, $wR2 = 0.1071$		
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0590, wR2 = 0.1115		
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.307 and -0.225 e.Å ⁻³		

Table D.1. Crystal data and structure refinement for Indole 16.

	X	у	Z	U(eq)
Si(1)	-2359(1)	615(1)	10812(1)	28(1)
O(1)	-1718(1)	1161(1)	9999(1)	29(1)
O(2)	-1373(1)	1655(1)	13280(1)	33(1)
O(3)	5990(1)	2021(1)	6358(1)	33(1)
N(1)	2891(1)	1943(1)	9526(2)	25(1)
C(1)	-729(1)	1406(1)	10656(2)	25(1)
C(2)	-534(1)	1682(1)	12347(2)	25(1)
C(3)	451(1)	1958(1)	12936(2)	27(1)
C(4)	1238(1)	1962(1)	11862(2)	27(1)
C(5)	1069(1)	1687(1)	10190(2)	23(1)
C(6)	65(1)	1405(1)	9622(2)	25(1)
C(7)	1881(1)	1681(1)	9018(2)	24(1)
C(8)	1838(1)	1437(1)	7346(2)	26(1)
C(9)	2848(1)	1544(1)	6794(2)	25(1)
C(10)	3495(1)	1863(1)	8189(2)	24(1)
C(11)	4555(1)	2038(1)	8135(2)	25(1)
C(12)	4965(1)	1880(1)	6621(2)	26(1)
C(13)	4339(1)	1563(1)	5201(2)	29(1)
C(14)	3297(1)	1398(1)	5277(2)	29(1)
C(15)	-1193(1)	1901(1)	15046(2)	45(1)
C(16)	6666(1)	2332(1)	7773(2)	38(1)
C(17)	-3537(1)	901(1)	11724(2)	45(1)
C(18)	-1395(1)	230(1)	12588(2)	45(1)
C(19)	-2826(1)	149(1)	8766(2)	34(1)
C(20)	-3455(1)	-377(1)	9276(2)	43(1)
C(21)	-1833(2)	-63(1)	8029(3)	57(1)
	25 (0)(2)	10.111		

Table D.2. Atomic coordinates (x 10^4) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10^3) for indole **16**. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

Si(1)-O(1)	1.6721(10)
Si(1)-C(18)	1.8536(16)
Si(1)-C(17)	1.8602(16)
Si(1)-C(19)	1.8804(16)
O(1)-C(1)	1.3674(16)
O(2)-C(2)	1.3690(17)
O(2)-C(15)	1.4236(18)
O(3)-C(12)	1.3744(17)
O(3)-C(16)	1.4253(17)
N(1)-C(10)	1.3785(17)
N(1)-C(7)	1.3892(17)
C(1)-C(6)	1.3717(19)
C(1)-C(2)	1.403(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.386(2)
C(3)-C(4)	1.385(2)
C(4)-C(5)	1.3909(19)
C(5)-C(6)	1.4090(19)
C(5)-C(7)	1.4651(19)
C(7)-C(8)	1.3703(19)
C(8)-C(9)	1.4244(19)
C(9)-C(14)	1.404(2)
C(9)-C(10)	1.4078(19)
C(10)-C(11)	1.3953(19)
C(11)-C(12)	1.382(2)
C(12)-C(13)	1.4077(19)
C(13)-C(14)	1.371(2)
C(19)-C(22)	1.531(2)
C(19)-C(21)	1.533(2)
C(19)-C(20)	1.538(2)
O(1)-Si(1)-C(18)	109.52(6)
O(1)-Si(1)-C(17)	109.55(7)
C(18)-Si(1)-C(17)	111.09(8)

Table D.3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles $[\circ]$ for indole **16**.

O(1)-Si(1)-C(19)	103.37(6)
C(18)-Si(1)-C(19)	111.97(8)
C(17)-Si(1)-C(19)	111.05(7)
C(1)-O(1)-Si(1)	130.24(9)
C(2)-O(2)-C(15)	117.18(12)
C(12)-O(3)-C(16)	116.89(11)
C(10)-N(1)-C(7)	109.62(12)
O(1)-C(1)-C(6)	119.82(12)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	120.58(13)
C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	119.54(13)
O(2)-C(2)-C(3)	125.42(13)
O(2)-C(2)-C(1)	115.06(12)
C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	119.52(14)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	120.28(14)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	121.31(13)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	117.51(13)
C(4)-C(5)-C(7)	122.88(13)
C(6)-C(5)-C(7)	119.61(12)
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	121.83(13)
C(8)-C(7)-N(1)	108.04(12)
C(8)-C(7)-C(5)	130.01(13)
N(1)-C(7)-C(5)	121.95(12)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	108.10(12)
C(14)-C(9)-C(10)	118.06(13)
C(14)-C(9)-C(8)	134.94(13)
C(10)-C(9)-C(8)	106.99(12)
N(1)-C(10)-C(11)	129.53(13)
N(1)-C(10)-C(9)	107.25(12)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	123.21(13)
C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	116.66(13)
O(3)-C(12)-C(11)	123.82(13)
O(3)-C(12)-C(13)	114.63(12)
C(11)-C(12)-C(13)	121.54(13)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	120.84(13)
C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	119.67(13)

C(22)-C(19)-C(21)	109.39(15)
C(22)-C(19)-C(20)	108.96(13)
C(21)-C(19)-C(20)	108.91(13)
C(22)-C(19)-Si(1)	110.02(11)
C(21)-C(19)-Si(1)	109.30(11)
C(20)-C(19)-Si(1)	110.23(11)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

	U ¹¹	U ²²	U ³³	U ²³	U ¹³	U ¹²
Si(1)	24(1)	25(1)	35(1)	0(1)	7(1)	-4(1)
O(1)	25(1)	29(1)	32(1)	1(1)	2(1)	-7(1)
O(2)	31(1)	35(1)	35(1)	-7(1)	12(1)	-2(1)
O(3)	28(1)	38(1)	33(1)	-6(1)	10(1)	-6(1)
N(1)	26(1)	25(1)	24(1)	-2(1)	4(1)	-4(1)
C(1)	24(1)	18(1)	30(1)	3(1)	1(1)	-3(1)
C(2)	27(1)	22(1)	28(1)	2(1)	6(1)	1(1)
C(3)	30(1)	26(1)	25(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	0(1)
C(4)	24(1)	24(1)	30(1)	0(1)	-1(1)	-4(1)
C(5)	25(1)	19(1)	25(1)	4(1)	2(1)	-1(1)
C(6)	29(1)	20(1)	24(1)	1(1)	2(1)	-3(1)
C(7)	23(1)	19(1)	28(1)	3(1)	1(1)	-2(1)
C(8)	25(1)	21(1)	29(1)	-1(1)	-1(1)	-2(1)
C(9)	28(1)	19(1)	26(1)	1(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(10)	29(1)	18(1)	24(1)	2(1)	4(1)	0(1)
C(11)	26(1)	22(1)	27(1)	-2(1)	2(1)	-2(1)
C(12)	28(1)	23(1)	29(1)	3(1)	6(1)	0(1)
C(13)	34(1)	26(1)	28(1)	-3(1)	9(1)	2(1)
C(14)	32(1)	25(1)	28(1)	-5(1)	1(1)	0(1)
C(15)	38(1)	67(1)	32(1)	-5(1)	10(1)	9(1)
C(16)	30(1)	45(1)	42(1)	-10(1)	12(1)	-10(1)
C(17)	36(1)	46(1)	58(1)	-10(1)	19(1)	-9(1)
C(18)	47(1)	36(1)	48(1)	10(1)	0(1)	-4(1)
C(19)	32(1)	26(1)	42(1)	-3(1)	6(1)	-7(1)
C(20)	35(1)	32(1)	60(1)	-4(1)	6(1)	-8(1)
C(21)	54(1)	50(1)	75(1)	-29(1)	29(1)	-18(1)
C(22)	77(2)	43(1)	48(1)	0(1)	-14(1)	-12(1)

Table D.4. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å²x 10³) for indole **16**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2h k a^{*} b^{*} U^{12}]$

NOTE:

Crystallographic data for ¹³C labeled indole regioisomer **16** presented in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC deposition number 1041417). Copies of the data can be obtained, free of charge, on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK, (fax: +44-(0)1223-336033 or e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.Uk).

APPENDIX E

Scale-up Synthesis of Cathepsin L Inhibitor KGP94

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^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDC₁₃) of Compound $\boldsymbol{2}$





¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound 4





¹³C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃) of Compound **5**





¹H NMR (DMSO-d6, 600 MHz) of Compound **6**
¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 600 MHz) of Compound 6



¹H NMR (DMSO-d6, 600 MHz) of Compound **7**



¹³C-NMR (DMSO-d6, 150 MHz) of Compound 7



Mass Spec of Compound 7



$^1\mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO-d6, 600 MHz) of Compound $\mathbf{9}$



¹³C NMR (DMSO-d6, 150 MHz) of Compound **9**



HPLC of Compound 7 (KGP94)

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3	28.404	BB	0.1180	12.18920	1.48084	0.9479
Total				1285.94971	166.98797	

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1	10.624	вв	0.1278	452.82950	51.87541	14.4533
2	11.950	BB	0.1139	2680.21460	355.78809	85.5467
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Signal 4: DAD1 H, Sig=320,16 Ref=off

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1	10.624	BB	0.1280	552.90387	63.26136	14.4322	
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3	24.319	BB	0.1068	7.09734	1.05102	0.1853	
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