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# 5'-Methylene-triazole-substituted-aminoribosyl uridines as MraY inhibitors: synthesis, biological evaluation and molecular modeling†

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The straightforward synthesis of 5'-methylene-[1,4]-triazole-substituted aminoribosyl uridines is described. Two families of compounds were synthesized from a unique epoxide which was regioselectively opened by acetylide ions (for compounds III) or azide ions (for compounds IIII). Sequential diastereoselective glycosylation with a ribosyl fluoride derivative, Cu(i)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition (CuAAC) with various complementary azide and alkyne partners afforded the targeted compounds after final deprotection. The biological activity of the 16 resulting compounds together with that of 14 previously reported compounds I, lacking the 5' methylene group, was evaluated on the MraY transferase activity. Out of the 30 tested compounds, 18 compounds revealed MraY inhibition with  $IC_{50}$  ranging from 15 to 150  $\mu$ M. A molecular modeling study was performed to rationalize the observed structure-activity relationships (SAR), which allowed us to correlate the activity of the most potent compounds with an interaction involving Leu191 of MraY<sub>AA</sub>. The antibacterial activity was also evaluated and seven compounds exhibited a good activity against Gram-positive bacterial pathogens with MIC ranging from 8 to 32  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>, including the methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).

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#### Introduction

In view of the increasing resistance<sup>1</sup> of bacteria to commonly used antibiotics and the emergence of multidrug resistant bacterial strains, it is of prime importance to develop antibiotics with new mechanisms of action. Several strategies have been developed for discovering new antibiotics; they notably include the identification of new antibacterial targets by genomics approaches and the screening of synthetic libraries on these targets.<sup>2</sup> However, a main drawback of the latter strategy lies in the limited chemical diversity of the available libraries and in

the use of non-validated and isolated bacterial targets.3 A complementary approach deals with the manipulation of genes encoding enzymes involved in polyketides and nonribosomal peptides, in order to generate new derivatives.4 Indeed, many useful antibiotics belong to the latter two biosynthetic classes. New targets are also looked for in already known biological processes such as, for example, folate biosynthesis,5 fatty acid biosynthesis,6 peptide deformylase7 and transfer ribonucleic acid synthetases.8 The bacterial cell wall is also particularly interesting in this respect. Indeed, the multiple enzymes involved in peptidoglycan biosynthesis,9 which are essential and specific to the bacterial world, constitute ideal targets in the search for new antibiotics, the inhibition of any step in this pathway provoking an arrest of growth and cell lysis. Thus, β-lactams and lipoglycopeptides are well-known antibiotics which interfere with the late polymerization steps of peptidoglycan biosynthesis. However, the ever increasing number of resistance mechanisms developed or acquired by pathogens towards these antibacterial agents10 forces us to focus on upstream biosynthetic steps as potential alternative drug targets. For several years, our group focused on the MraY transferase, an integral membrane protein that is not targeted by any drug in clinical use so far, a major advantage expected to delay the emergence of resistance. The 3D structure of MraY

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was unknown until recently, due principally to its transmembrane nature. Nevertheless, the challenge has recently been addressed and the 3D crystal structure of MraY from Aquifex aeolicus (MraYAA) has been determined, 11 confirming key structural features that had been previously identified. 12,13 This enzyme, which catalyzes the first membrane-associated step of peptidoglycan biosynthesis, has been demonstrated to be essential<sup>14</sup> and is ubiquitous in the bacterial kingdom. It transfers the phospho-N-acetylmuramoyl-pentapeptide (P-MurNAc-pentapeptide) moiety from the cytoplasmic precursor UDP-MurNAc-pentapeptide to the membrane lipid acceptor undecaprenyl-phosphate (C<sub>55</sub>-P), generating C<sub>55</sub>-pyrophosphoryl-MurNAc-pentapeptide (lipid I) and uridine monophosphate (UMP) (Fig. 1).12

In addition to a few non-nucleosidic compounds recently described, 15 several families of natural nucleoside antibiotics such as FR-900493, 16 liposidomycins, 17 caprazamycins 18 and muraymycins<sup>19</sup> (Fig. 2) have been identified as MraY inhibitors and display interesting antibacterial activities. 20 Elegant synthetic approaches toward these compounds have been reported. 21,22 The common aminoribosyl-O-uridine scaffold shared by the natural nucleoside inhibitors has been proven to be essential for biological activity.<sup>23</sup>

Based on this aminoribosyl-O-uridine frame, our goal was to develop powerful MraY inhibitors, displaying simplified structure as compared to that of natural inhibitors and endowed with antibacterial activity.

We report here the diversity-oriented synthesis of new MraY inhibitors (Fig. 3), containing either a C-triazole (compounds II) or an N-triazole (compounds III). Both families exhibit a supplementary methylene group between the aminoribosyl uridine scaffold and the triazole linker as compared to the 5'-triazole-substituted aminoribosyl uridines (compounds I) we previously described.<sup>24</sup> The enhanced flexibility of compounds II and III was expected to improve the positioning of the resulting inhibitors within the active site of MraY and to result in a better inhibitory activity.<sup>25</sup> Identical R groups were used in

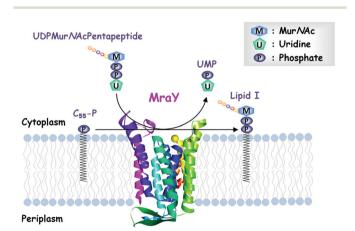


Fig. 1 Reaction catalyzed by the bacterial transferase MraY. The protein is represented according to PDB code 4J72 of MraYAA, including the catalytic magnesium (yellow ball).

Fig. 2 MraY natural inhibitors

both series allowing a comparison of the respective impacts of C- and N-triazole linkers. The in vitro and in cellulo biological activity of compounds I, II and III was evaluated and a molecular modeling study was performed to rationalize the obtained in vitro activities.

 $A_3$  (R=COC<sub>11</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NHC(NH<sub>2</sub>)=NH)

#### Results and discussion

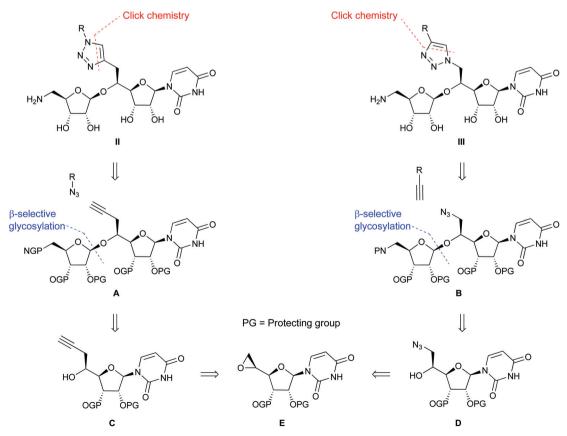
#### Chemical synthesis

The retrosynthesis we designed (Fig. 4) towards the targeted inhibitors II and III relies on the Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition<sup>26</sup> (CuAAC) involving individual azides or alkynes and complementary 5'-alkynylmethylenyl-aminoribosyl uridine

Fig. 3 Overall structure of targeted inhibitors

A or 5'-azidomethylenyl-aminoribosyl uridine B, respectively. These building blocks A and B could result from O-glycosylation of the corresponding homopropargylic alcohol C or azidomethyl alcohol D by a known anomerically activated and amine protected 5-amino-5-deoxy-D-ribofuranoside. Both alcohols C and D could come from a unique epoxide E.

We recently described the multi-gram scale synthesis of epoxide 1 and its regioselective opening by various carbo- and hetero-nucleophiles.<sup>27</sup> In particular, nucleophilic opening of the epoxide 1 by lithium trimethylsilylacetylide in the presence of BF3·Et2O furnished the corresponding trimethylsilyl homopropargylic alcohol<sup>27</sup> that was deprotected in the presence of potassium carbonate in methanol to give 2 in 71% overall yield (Scheme 1). In a complementary manner, opening of the epoxide 1 by sodium azide in the presence of ammonium chloride afforded the azido alcohol 3<sup>27</sup> in 85% yield. Both alcohols 2 and 3 were next subjected to glycosylation with the known amino ribose derivative 4,24 activated as a fluoride in anomeric position and protected at C<sub>5'</sub> as a phthalimido group to prevent any side reaction during further CuAAC reaction. This reaction was carried out in the presence of boron trifluoride etherate<sup>28</sup> at -78 °C in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> to provide the phthalimidoribosyl uridine derivatives 5 and 6 in 61% and 41% isolated yields, with a good  $\beta/\alpha$  diastereoselectivity (80/20 and 85/15, respectively) thanks to the isopentylidene protective group of the diol, hindering the  $\alpha$  face of the ribosyl donor. Assignment



Retrosynthetic analysis.

Scheme 1 Synthesis of alkyne 5 and azide 6. Reagents and conditions: (a) trimethylsilylacetylene, n-BuLi, BF<sub>3</sub>·OEt<sub>2</sub>, THF, -78 °C to -10 °C, 16 h, 77%; (b)  $K_2CO_3$ , MeOH, 92%; (c) 4, BF<sub>3</sub>·EtO<sub>2</sub>, M.S. 4 Å, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 81% as a 80/20  $\beta/\alpha$  mixture, 61% isolated for 5, 55% as a 85/15  $\beta/\alpha$  mixture, 41% isolated for 6; (d) NaN<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub>Cl, DMF, 70 °C, 16 h, 85%.

of anomers for compounds 5 and 6 was made according to distinguishing characteristic <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals for H<sub>1"</sub> (a singlet at 5.24 ppm for the major  $\beta$  anomers 5 and 6 and a doublet at 5.29 and 5.33 ppm ( ${}^{3}J_{\text{H1''-H2''}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$ ) for their corresponding minor  $\alpha$  anomers, respectively).

With these key intermediates in hand, we next turned to the preparation of the complementary fragments for CuAAC, azido and alkynes building blocks with various structures and polarity (Fig. 4). Thus, apolar aliphatic or aromatic azides and alkynes 7a-b and 8a-b and polar hydroxylalkyl azides and alkynes with various chain lengths 7c-d and 8c-d were selected. Highly hydrophilic PEG-containing azide and alkyne 7e and 8e, prone to enhance water solubility, and phthalimidoalkyl azide and alkyne 7f and 8f, as masked primary amines, were also chosen. In addition, a few benzophenone containing azides and alkynes 7g-h24 and 8g-h were included in the series. Indeed, the related compounds I (Fig. 3) bearing such a photoactivable group revealed promising inhibition of MraY activity24 and the benzophenone moiety could further be exploited to promote, upon irradiation, the formation of a covalent linkage with the enzyme. Such an irreversible MraYinhibitor complex should enhance the stability of the protein and promote its crystallization that would be a major leap for rational drug design of new antibiotics. All these complementary fragments (Fig. 5) were either purchased from commercial sources or synthesized in a few steps from alcohols or bromide derivatives.

The synthesis of azides 7b,d,f and alkynes 8b-d,f-h is depicted in Scheme 2. From the mesylate 9, readily obtained from phenyl decanol in 91% yield, the azide 7b was prepared by direct nucleophilic substitution by sodium azide, while the nucleophilic substitution of the mesylate by lithium trimethylsilyl acetylide was revealed to be unsuccessful. Alkyne introduction required the intermediate formation of the corresponding bromide 10 followed by its substitution by

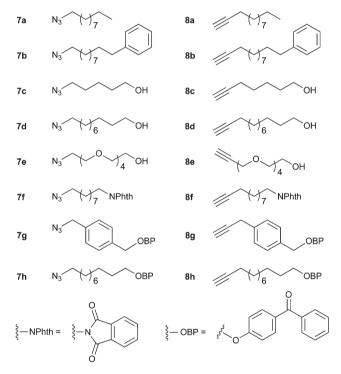


Fig. 5 Structure of complementary azides 7a-h and alkynes 8a-h fragments.

lithium acetylide leading to 11 and subsequent TMS deprotection to provide the alkyne 8b in 62% overall yield from 9. The azide 7d resulted from bromodecanol by sodium azide substitution. The phthalimidoalkyl azide 7f resulted from dimesylate 1229 followed by nucleophilic substitution with sodium azide to give 13 and subsequent phthalimide introduction. The alkynes 8c,d,f,h were obtained from the corresponding dibromoalkane through substitution with lithium

Scheme 2 Synthesis of azides 7b, 7d, 7f and alkynes 8b-d, 8f-h. Reagents and conditions: (a) MsCl, TEA, DCM; (b) LiBr, acetone, reflux, 1.5 h; (c) TMS-acetylene, Bulli, HMPA, THF, -78 °C, r.t., 16 h; (d) TBAF, THF, r.t., 1 h; (e) NaN<sub>3</sub>, Nal, DMF, 75 °C, 18 h; (f) NaN<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, reflux, 18 h; (g) PhthNK, DMF, 80 °C, 18 h; (h) AcOK, DMF, 80 °C, 16 h; (i) K2CO3, MeOH, H2O, r.t., 6 h; (j) PhthNK, DMF, r.t., 16 h; (k) 4-HO-BP, K2CO3, DMF, r.t., 16 h; (l) Cul, TBAI, K2CO3, TMS-acetylene, CH3CN.

trimethylsilyl acetylide which intermediately gave 14 and 15. The bromo derivative 14 was substituted by potassium acetate to afford 16 that was deprotected by potassium carbonate in methanol to furnish the alcohol 8c. In the same manner, the bromo derivative 15 led to the alcohol 8d through the acetate 17. The phthalimido alkyne 8f and the benzophenone 8h were respectively prepared by nucleophilic substitution of the bromo derivative 15 with phthalimide potassium salt giving 18 and by 4-hydroxy-benzophenone in the presence of potassium carbonate leading to 19, followed by TBAF deprotection. Attempts to prepare the alkyne 21 from the bromo derivative 20<sup>24</sup> by nucleophilic substitution with sodium acetylide or lithium trimethylsilylacetylide resulted either in recovery of unchanged starting material or complete degradation. Finally, the alkyne 8g was synthesized from bromide 20, by copperpromoted coupling30 with trimethylsilyl acetylene leading to alkyne 21, followed by TMS deprotection in the presence of potassium carbonate in methanol. It is noteworthy that TBAF deprotection exclusively led to the formation of allene 22.

We next turned to the synthesis of the triazole-containing targeted compounds 25a-h and 26a-h (Scheme 3).

Thus, azido and alkyne building blocks 5 and 6 were subjected to CuAAC conditions with their complementary partner 7a-h and 8a-h, respectively. The reaction was carried out in the presence of catalytic copper(1) in situ generated from copper sulphate and sodium ascorbate<sup>26</sup> in a 3/1 tert-BuOH/ H<sub>2</sub>O mixture with diisopropylethylamine as a base and afforded the expected C- and N-triazoles 23a-h and 24a-h in yields ranging from 43 to 68% (Table 1). Amine and alcohols deprotection were successively performed by methylamine in

Scheme 3 Synthesis of targeted compounds 25a-h and 26a-h. Reagents and conditions: (a) 7a-h (R-N<sub>3</sub>) or 8a-h (R-\bigoding), DIPEA, CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 equiv.), sodium ascorbate (0.3 equiv.), tert-BuOH/H<sub>2</sub>O 3:1, r.t., 16 h; (b) CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, r.t., 5 h and then TFA/H<sub>2</sub>O 3:1, 0 °C, 10 min, and r.t.,

Table 1 Isolated yield of CuAAC and deprotection reactions for compounds 23-26

Azide	Yield (%)			Yield (%)	
	23	25	Alkyne	24	26
7a	<b>a</b> : 58	<b>a</b> : 62	8a	<b>a:</b> 55	<b>a</b> : 56
7 <b>b</b>	<b>b</b> : 57	<b>b</b> : 53	8b	<b>b</b> : 60	<b>b</b> : 52
7c	<b>c</b> : 56	<b>c</b> : 38	8c	<b>c</b> : 53	c: 34
7d	<b>d</b> : 59	<b>d</b> : 65	8d	<b>d</b> : 66	<b>d</b> : 42
7e	e: 43	e: 52	8e	e: 44	<b>e</b> : 69
7 <b>f</b>	<b>f</b> : 61	<b>f</b> : 41	8f	<b>f</b> : 68	<b>f</b> : 45
7g	<b>g</b> : 67	g: 64	8g	<b>g</b> : 67	g: 72
7 <b>h</b>	<b>h</b> : 57	<b>h</b> : 69	8h	<b>h</b> : 58	<b>h</b> : 64

methanol and acidic hydrolysis to give the targeted inhibitors 25a-h and 26a-h that were purified by preparative C-18 HPLC and isolated as their TFA salts in 34-72% yield over two steps. No trace of degradation product resulting from acidic cleavage of the glycosidic bond was detected.

To perform a SAR study of these triazole-containing compounds as inhibitors of the MraY activity, biological activity of the C- and N-triazoles 25a-h and 26a-h (compounds II and III) was evaluated (Table 2) and compared to that of the previously described compounds I<sup>24</sup> (Table 3) displaying a triazole linker directly connected on the aminoribosyl uridine scaffold. The structures of the related compounds 27a-n are depicted in Fig. 6.

Furthermore, to assess the impact of the polarity and the structure of the triazole substituent on the inhibitory activity, the unprotected alkynes 28 and 34 and azide 29 were synthesized as reference compounds (Scheme 4). On the one hand, alkyne 28 and azide 29 were readily prepared by amine and alcohols deprotection of alkyne 5 and azide 6 according to the same conditions as those described above for compounds 25 and 26. On the other hand, the alkyne 34 was obtained in three steps involving glycosylation of the propargylic alcohol 31<sup>31</sup> with 5-azidoribosyl fluoride 30<sup>28</sup> as a ribosyl donor to give 32, azide reduction under Staudinger conditions leading to 33 and acidic hydrolysis of ketal protective groups.

#### **Biological evaluation**

The inhibitory activity of compounds I (27a-n), II (25a-h), III (26a-h) and their unprotected precursors (34, 28, 29) was evaluated on purified MraY transferase. Concerning compounds I (Table 2), the introduction on the triazole of a short alkyl chain bearing a polar group such as a hydroxyl (27e,f), an amino group (27g), an imidazolyl (27i), a hindered cycloheptyl moiety (27b) or a more complex piperazinopyridine chain (27j) was revealed to be detrimental to the inhibitory activity (IC<sub>50</sub> > 1000 µM), as compared to that of the parent compound 34  $(IC_{50} = 100 \mu M)$ . Indeed, in this series the best inhibitors were those containing either a benzophenone moiety (27k-n) or an alkyl chain (27a,h) with IC<sub>50</sub> ranging from 50 to 150 μM, showing that a hydrophobic chain of sufficient length permitted us to maintain the enzyme inhibition in the 100 µM range. As exemplified for compounds 27c and 27d, a shorter or a more rigid hydrophobic R group led to weaker activities (IC<sub>50</sub> of 250 and 400 μM, respectively).

Interestingly, the mode of inhibition was investigated and demonstrated to be competitive towards the nucleotide sub-

Scheme 4 Synthesis of reference compounds 28, 29 and 34. Reagents and conditions: (a) CH<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, 5 h, r.t. and then TFA/H<sub>2</sub>O: 3/1, 0 °C, 10 min, and r.t., 18 h, 31% for 28, 52% for 29; (b) BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O, M.S., CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -78 °C, 75% as a 13/1  $\beta$ / $\alpha$  mixture, 45% isolated for 32; (c) PPh<sub>3</sub>, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O: 6/1, 86%; (d) TFA/H<sub>2</sub>O: 3/1, 0 °C, 10 min and then r.t., 1.5 h, 99%.

**34**:  $R_2 = {}^{+}NH_3$ ,  $CF_3COO^{-}$ ,  $P_1 = P_2 = H$ 

strate as exemplified for compound 27k (Fig. 7) with a  $K_i$  value of 80  $\mu$ M.

The *in vitro* activity of compounds **II** and **III** is depicted in Table 3. Commercially available tunicamycin from *Streptomyces* sp. was used as a positive control in the test and resulted in an  $IC_{50}$  value equal to 0.012  $\mu$ M. From a general point of view, the inhibitory activity of compounds **II** and **III** on the MraY transferase was better than that of compounds **I.** Furthermore, the general tendency showed that the *C*-triazole-containing compounds **II** were more potent than the corresponding *N*-triazole-containing compounds **III**. The inhibitors

Table 2 Inhibitory activity of compounds I (27a-n) and 34 against MraY

	==	30 ( )
34	-=	100
Compounds I	R	
27a	<i>£</i> ~~~~~~	140
27 <b>b</b>	<b>}</b>	>1000
27 <b>c</b>	p <sup>e</sup>	250
27 <b>d</b>		400
27e	rs OH	>1000
27f	<sub>z</sub> £ OH	>1000
27g	$^{5}$ NH $_{2}$	>1000
27h	, per N	150
27i	ret NNN	>1000
27j	$\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\$	>1000
27k	₹ O Bp	$100, 125^b$
27 <b>l</b>	<sup>2</sup> ξ O Bp	100
27m	,£ O Bp	125
27n	o Bp	50, 75 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The activities of the compounds were tested against purified MraY from *Bacillus subtilis*. The assay was performed in a reaction mixture of 10 μL containing, in final concentrations, 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 40 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1.1 mM C<sub>55</sub>-P, 250 mM NaCl, 0.25 mM UDP-MurNAc-[<sup>14</sup>C]pentapeptide (337 Bq), and 8.4 mM *N*-lauroyl sarcosine. The reaction was initiated by the addition of MraY enzyme (50 ng), and the mixture was incubated for 30 min at 37 °C under shaking. The reaction was stopped by heating at 100 °C for 1 min and the radiolabeled substrate (UDP-MurNAc-pentapeptide) and reaction product (lipid I) were separated by TLC on silica gel plates. The radioactive spots were located and quantified with a radioactivity scanner. Data represent the mean of independent triplicate determinations. <sup>b</sup> The activities were tested against purified MraY from *Aquifex aeolicus*. Bp = benzophenone.

bearing the longest alkyl chains (25d, 26d) were more potent than their shorter homologs (25c, 26c). For a same length, the compounds containing a hydroxyl group (25d, 26d) were more active than those containing an amino group (25f, 26f). In spite of their enhanced hydrosolubility, PEG-containing inhibitors (25e, 26e) appeared to be poorly active. However, the introduction of a long hydrophobic chain on the triazole drastically

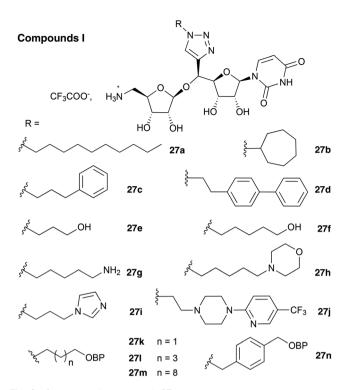


Fig. 6 Structure of compounds 27a-n.

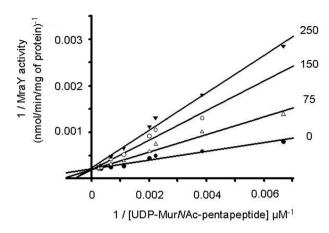


Fig. 7 Analysis of MraY inhibition by compound 27k. Double reciprocal plot of initial velocity versus UDP-MurNAc-pentapeptide. Compound 27k concentration was varied in the range 0-250  $\mu M$  as indicated on the right (µM).

improved the inhibitory activity, yielding IC<sub>50</sub> ranging from 15 to 25 μM for compounds II (25a,b,g,h) and from 25 to 100 μM for compounds III (26a,b,g,h). For these compounds, in both series, the introduction of a substituted C or N-triazole improved by up

Table 3 Inhibitory activity of compounds II (25a-h), III (26a-h), 28 and 29 against MraY

H <sub>3</sub> N HO OH 28-29	O N NH	H <sub>3</sub> N O O H O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O		H <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O	NH NH OH	
R <sup>1</sup>	Compound	IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>a</sup> (μΜ	f)	Compound	$IC_{50}^{a}(\mu M)$	
· <b>=</b>	28	150		_	_	
$-N_3$	_	_		29	>1000	
R	Compounds II			Compounds III		
£		25a	15	26	ia 35	
r.f. Ph		25 <b>b</b>	20	26	<b>b</b> 30	
رچ OH		25c	400	26	ic 400	
r.f. OH		25d	40	26	i <b>d</b> 75	
×~0~0~0~0	OH	25e	750	_	_	
,£_0	ЭН	_	_	26	ie 450	
جِحْ NH <sub>2</sub>		25f	200	26	<b>if</b> 250	
o, Bp		25g	20	26	ig 100	
F. Bp		25h	25	26	<b>h</b> 25	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The activities of the compounds were tested against purified MraY from Aquifex aeolicus. The assay was performed as described in Table 2. Data represent the mean of independent triplicate determinations. Bp = benzophenone.

to 10–40 fold the inhibitory potency as compared to that of the parent compounds (28, 29). The promising results obtained for the inhibitors 25g,h and 26g,h demonstrated a tolerance for rather bulky groups such as benzophenone moieties.

The antibacterial activity of compounds I, II, and III was evaluated and the data are shown in Table 4. Several Gramnegative (E. coli ATCC 8730, C. freundii ATCC8090 and P. aeruginosa ATCC 27853) and Gram-positive pathogenic bacterial strains (S. aureus ATCC 25923, E. faecium ATCC 19434) were selected, including a methicillin resistant strain (S. aureus MRSA ATCC 43300). Piperacillin and vancomycin were used as the positive control in the tests. Interestingly, 9 out of the 33 tested compounds revealed antibacterial activity with minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values of 8-64 µg mL<sup>-1</sup> on the three Gram-positive pathogens and on the Gramnegative P. aeruginosa. The best antibacterial activities were observed for compounds 26h and 27m bearing a hydrophobic decyloxybenzophenone R group with IC50 values of 25 and 100 μM, respectively (Tables 2 and 3). These promising antibacterial activities were obtained against S. aureus MRSA and the MIC values were 8 μg mL<sup>-1</sup>. Despite the simplicity of the 5' substituent borne by the aminoribosyl uridine scaffold, it is noteworthy that these antibacterial activities are comparable with that reported for muraymycins, natural MraY inhibitors with a much more complex structure.

#### Molecular modeling

Our SAR study revealed that a hydrophobic moiety was crucial for the inhibitory activity. To better understand how the synthesized compounds interact with the MraY protein and to evaluate the role of this hydrophobic counterpart, we took advantage that the X-ray crystal structure of MraY from *Aquifex aeolicus* (MraY<sub>AA</sub>, PDB code: 4J72) had been recently solved, <sup>11</sup> paving the way for molecular docking studies. This structure revealed an active site opened towards the cytoplasm. It comprises a magnesium cation, 10 trans-membrane helices (TM1–10) and a deep hydrophobic pocket localized in the trans-membrane domain and surrounded by TM5 and TM9 (Fig. 8). We thus anticipated that this hydrophobic groove could play a major role in the interaction of our compounds, through their hydrophobic tail, within the enzyme active site.

After the preparation of both protein and ligands (compounds 25-27), we performed a blind docking study of all compounds in the putative ligand binding site centered on the magnesium ion (i.e. Mg2+, and key residues characterized by Bouhss et al. 13 such as Asp117 and Asp118). In parallel, all compounds were divided into three batches according to their in vitro potency: active compounds with an IC<sub>50</sub> below or equal to 25 µM (compounds 25a,b,g,h and 26h), weakly active compounds which have no activity at 250 µM (compounds 25c,e, 26c,e and 27b,d-g,i,j) and an intermediate set (compounds 25d,f, 26a,b,d,f,g and 27a,c,h,k-n) with IC<sub>50</sub> values ranging from 25 to 250 µM. 200 conformers of compounds were generated using the Caesar protocol of Discovery Studio 4.1 software<sup>32</sup> and have been docked using the cDOCKER protocol.<sup>33</sup> Finally, 5840 poses were generated after conformers docking and were analysed based on their interactions with hydrophobic groove residues. In particular, we monitored poses in which compounds bind with the key leucine residue (Leu191)

Table 4 Antibacterial activity of compounds I, II and III

	R	$\mathrm{MIC}^a\left(\mathrm{\mu g\ mL}^{-1}\right)$					
		Gram –			Gram +		
Compound		Escherichia coli ATCC 8730	Citrobacter freundii ATCC 8090	Pseudomonas aeruginosa ATCC 27853	Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 25923	Staphylococcus aureus MRSA ATCC 43300	Enterococcus faecium ATCC 19434
Piperacillin		4	4	8	4	>128	4
Vancomycin		_	_	_	1	1	0.5
27l	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>5</sub> OBP	>128	>128	>128	>128	64	>128
27m	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>10</sub> OBP	>128	>128	>128	8	8	>128
27n	-	>128	>128	>128	>128	32	>128
	CH <sub>2</sub> PhCH <sub>2</sub> OBP						
25a	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>9</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	>128	>128	>128	128	64	>128
25b	$-(CH_2)_{10}Ph$	>128	>128	>128	32	16	64
25g	-	>128	>128	>128	64	32	>128
-	CH <sub>2</sub> PhCH <sub>2</sub> OBP						
26a	-(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>9</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	>128	>128	128	16	64	>128
26b	$-(CH_2)_{10}Ph$	>128	>128	64	64	16	32
26h	$-(CH_2)_{10}OBP$	>128	>128	>128	16	8	128

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Determination of the antibacterial activity was performed on microtitric plates, in 200 μL (final volume) of Müeller–Hinton broth (MHB), following the EUCAST (European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility testing)/CLSI (Clinical and Laboratory Standard Institute) recommended procedure. Compounds were solubilized in DMSO and then diluted in MHB just before utilization. Inocula were prepared for each strain, resuspending isolated colonies from 18 h cultured plates. Equivalents of 0.5 McFarland turbidity standard (approximately  $1 \times 10^8$  CFU mL<sup>-1</sup>) were prepared in saline solution (NaCl 0.085%) and then diluted 200 fold in MHB. MIC values were determined as the lowest dilution of product showing no visual turbidity.

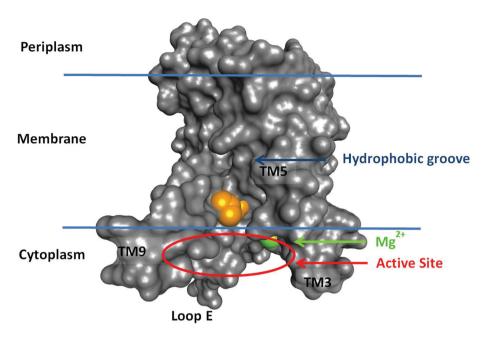


Fig. 8 The active site of MraY<sub>AA</sub>. Molecular surface of MraY was obtained by the superimposition of atom-centered spheres, where the spheres' radii are given by the atomic van der Waals radii. The putative active site (red circle) described by Chung et al. is located predominantly in the cytosolic extra-membrane portion and partially into the trans-membrane domain of the protein. The catalytic Mg<sup>2+</sup> is represented by a green sphere and the hydrophobic groove is shown by a blue arrow. The access of this cleft is monitored by the Leu191 (in yellow).

localized at the entrance of the groove (Fig. 8). Comparison using the scoring function appeared to be inappropriate in our case because of the micromolar activities of our compounds (IC<sub>50</sub> > 10  $\mu$ M), so we selected the best interaction energy poses (based on cDOCKER Interaction Energy33) for our binding studies. Interestingly, our study revealed that an interaction with Leu191, and consequently with the hydrophobic groove, was sufficient to discriminate between active compounds and others, either intermediate or weakly active, as illustrated by compounds 25a and 25f (Fig. 9).

Furthermore, the results of docking experiments showed that active compounds bound according to two modes. These two binding modes are illustrated with compound 25a (Fig. 10). Both of them revealed a good interaction between the amino-ribosyl part of inhibitor 25a and the Mg<sup>2+</sup> cation (green ball, Fig. 10) as well as a varied and complex network of low electrostatic interactions with residues located in the active site and known to be important for substrate recognition, 13 such as Asp265 or Lys121. A major difference between both modes of interaction is the positioning of

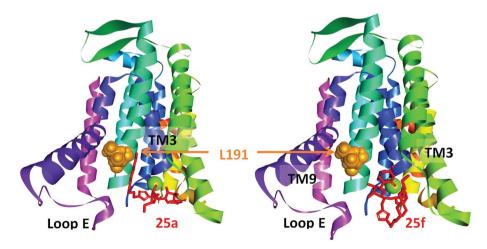


Fig. 9 Interaction of active compound 25a (IC<sub>50</sub> = 15 μM) and analog 25f from the intermediate set (IC<sub>50</sub> = 200 μM) with the hydrophobic groove. Both docked compounds 25a and 25f (red stick) bind to MraY and chelate the magnesium (green ball) via a hydroxyl group of the ribose. However, 25a only interacts with Leu191 (yellow).

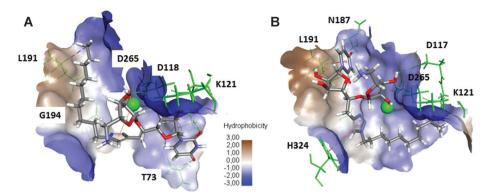


Fig. 10 Docking modes of compound 25a: mode A (with the hydrophobic tail into the hydrophobic groove, in contact with Leu191) and mode B (with the uracil moiety into the hydrophobic groove, in contact with Leu191).

active compounds within the active site. Indeed, the interaction with the hydrophobic groove can involve the hydrophobic tail of the active inhibitors (Mode A, Fig. 10A), as one can expect, or, more surprisingly, their uracil moiety (Mode B, Fig. 10B).

The effect of introducing a hydrophobic moiety on an aminoribosyl scaffold has already been reported.34,35 On the one hand, Dini et al.34 reported an interesting SAR study of aminoribosyl uridine derivatives lacking the hydroxyl group at C-3' and bearing various substituents at C-5'. Their study showed that the introduction of a hydrophobic chain at C-5' led to a five- to ten-fold increase of in vitro potency compared to that of the parent compound. These results are in good agreement with a positioning of the inhibitors according to the mode A suggested by our docking experiments. On the other hand, Matsuda et al. 35 reported the synthesis of muraymycins analogues with an elaborate urea-dipeptide motif introduced on an amino acid at the C-5' position of an aminoribosyl uridine scaffold. Biological evaluation of several analogs differing in the hydrophobic chain introduced on this urea-dipeptide was also reported and showed that the presence of a long hydrophobic chain decreased the inhibitory activity by a factor 30, while the antibacterial activity was improved due to a better membrane penetration. According to the authors, this urea-dipeptide moiety could interact with the carbohydrate recognition domain in the cytoplasmic loop 5, while the aminoribosyl moiety could interact with the vicinal Asp located on the cytoplasmic loop 2, close to the magnesium cation. The resulting positioning, locating the uracil moiety next to the hydrophobic groove, would be in good agreement with our binding mode B. Thus, the two modes of binding revealed by our docking study could explain the contrasting conclusions of the SAR reported by Dini<sup>34</sup> and Matsuda.35

#### Conclusion

We report the synthesis of 16 inhibitors of the bacterial transferase MraY displaying a 5'-methylene-[1,4]-triazole-substituted

aminoribosyl uridine structure from a conveniently protected epoxyuridine derivative. Key steps of the synthesis involved the regioselective opening of this epoxide by acetylide or azide ions followed by a sequential β-selective glycosylation with a ribosyl donor, Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition with various complementary azide and alkyne partners, to introduce chemical and structural diversity, and deprotection to afford C-triazole (compounds II) or a N-triazole (compounds III). The biological activity of the 16 resulting compounds was evaluated in vitro on purified MraY and in cellulo on different Gram (+) and Gram (-) bacterial strains and was compared to that of 14 previously synthesized compounds lacking the 5' methylene group (compounds I). The latter was revealed to be weakly active on MraY, except those bearing either a benzophenone moiety, for which the IC<sub>50</sub> ranged from 50 to 125 μM, or a hydrophobic chain with an IC<sub>50</sub> of about 150 μM. In contrast, all compounds II and III proved to be inhibitors of the enzymatic activity of MraY, with IC<sub>50</sub> ranging from 15 to 25 μM for the most potent, showing a meaningful improvement of the inhibitory activity related to the enhanced flexibility of compounds II and III as compared to that of compounds I. A slight superiority of compounds II as compared to compounds III was observed, revealing the influence of the positioning of the triazole ring within the active site, the mode of inhibition of these inhibitors having been demonstrated to be competitive towards the nucleotide substrate. The introduction of a long hydrophobic chain on the triazole drastically improved the inhibitory activity. A molecular modeling study was performed to rationalize the observed structure-activity relationships (SAR), which allowed us to correlate the activity of the most potent compounds with an interaction involving Leu191 of MraY<sub>AA</sub> and which was consistent with two possible modes of positioning for the most active inhibitors within the enzymatic active site, with either the hydrophobic chain in the hydrophobic groove or the uracil moiety. The antibacterial activity was also evaluated, and out of the 30 tested compounds, seven of them exhibited a good activity against Grampositive bacterial pathogens with MIC ranging from 8 to 32 μg mL<sup>-1</sup>, including methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

#### **Experimental**

#### General experimental methods

When needed, reactions were carried out under an argon atmosphere. They were monitored by thin-layer chromatography with precoated silica on aluminium foil. Flash chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 (40-63 µm); the solvent systems are given in v/v. Spectroscopic <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR, MS and/or analytical data were obtained using chromatographically homogeneous samples. <sup>1</sup>H (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) spectra were recorded in  $CDCl_3$  unless otherwise indicated. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm and coupling constants are given in Hz. For each compound, detailed peak assignments have been made according to COSY, HSQC and HMBC experiments. The numbering of molecules is indicated in the ESI.† Optical rotations were measured with a sodium (589 nm) lamp at 20 °C. Melting points were measured on a hot bench. IR spectra were recorded on an FT-IR spectrophotometer and the wavelengths are reported in cm<sup>-1</sup>. Purification of tested compounds was achieved by either recrystallization or semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (column: Cluzeau, C<sub>18</sub>-stability, 10 μm, 250 mm × 20 mm). Unless otherwise indicated, methods used for purification were: method A: flow rate: 15 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH (60/40 to 10/90 v/v in 12 min); method B: flow rate: 15 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH (60/40 for 5 min to 10/90 v/v in 10 min). Purity of tested compounds (>95%) was controlled by analytical reverse phase HPLC (column: Cluzeau, C18-stability, 5 µm, 250 mm × 4.6 mm). Unless otherwise indicated, methods used were: method C: flow rate: 1 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH (60/40 to 10/90 v/v in 12 min) or method D: flow rate: 1 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH (60/40 for 5 min to 10/90 v/v in 10 minutes). Products were detected at 254 nm; low resolution mass spectra (LRMS) were recorded with an ion trap mass analyzer under electrospray ionization (ESI) in positive ionization mode detection or atmospheric pressure chemical ionization (APCI). High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded with a TOF mass analyzer under electrospray ionization (ESI) in positive ionization mode detection, atmospheric pressure chemical ionization or atmospheric pressure photoionization (APPI). For MraY activity, the radioactive spots were located and quantified with a radioactivity scanner (model Multi-Tracemaster LB285).

#### Chemical synthesis

5'(S)-C-(Acetylenylmethyl)-2',3'-di-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl) uridine 2. At −78 °C, to a solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (2.29 g, 23.35 mmol, 4 equiv.) in dry THF (35 mL) was dropwise added n-BuLi (1.9 M in hexane, 12.3 mL, 23.35 mmol, 4 equiv.). The resulting solution was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h. At -78 °C, to this resulting solution were successively added dropwise a solution of epoxide 1 (2.83 g, 5.84 mmol, 1 equiv.) in freshly distilled THF (35 mL) and BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O (2.9 mL, 23.35 mmol, 4 equiv.). The resulting solution was allowed to

warm from -78 °C to -10 °C and the mixture was diluted in DCM. Saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was then added (20 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3  $\times$ 40 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc = 8/2 to 7/3) afforded the desired homopropargylic alcohol as a white powder (2.63 g, 77% yield). This compound (2.6 g, 4.46 mmol, 1 equiv.) was then dissolved in methanol (52 mL) and potassium carbonate (3.1 g, 22.3 mmol, 5 equiv.) was added. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2.5 h and quenched by addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (30 mL). After removal of volatiles in vacuo, the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (5 × 50 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4) of the residue afforded alcohol 2 as a white solid (2.1 g, 92% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.30 (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 1/1); mp 198-204 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  -11 (c 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 3474br, 2857m, 1693s, 1158w;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.54–8.38 (m, 1H, NH), 7.58 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.73 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H}5-\text{NH}}$  = 2.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.46 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}1'-\text{H}2'}$  = 6.0 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 4.59 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2'-H1'}}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H2'-H3'}}$  = 4.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{2'}}$ ), 4.18-4.16 (m, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>', H<sub>4</sub>'), 3.88-3.85 (m, 1H, H<sub>5</sub>'), 3.58-3.47 (br s, 1H, OH), 2.58 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 16.5 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H8'}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{6'a}}, 2.44 \text{ (ddd, 1H, } J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 16.5 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'b-H8'}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'\text{b}}, 2.08 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H8'-H6'a}} =$  $J_{\text{H8'-H6'b}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{8'}}, 0.92 \text{ (s, 9H, -C(C}H_3)_3), 0.87 \text{ (s, 9H,}$  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.16 (s, 9H,  $-Si-(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.09, 0.06, 0.01 (3s, 12H, -Sit-Bu-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  162.8 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 143.4 (C<sub>6</sub>), 102.4  $(C_5)$ , 94.1  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.6  $(C_{4'})$ , 80.6  $(C_{7'})$ , 73.1, 73.1  $(C_{2'}, C_{3'})$ , 71.0  $(C_{8'})$ , 69.7  $(C_{5'})$ , 26.0, 25.9  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 24.5  $(C_{6'})$ , 18.2, 18.1  $(-C_{10})$  $C(CH_3)_3$ , -4.3, -4.4, -4.5, -4.8 (-Si-t-Bu-( $CH_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{24}H_{43}N_2O_6Si_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 511.2654, found 511.2650.

1",5"-Dideoxy-2",3"-O-isopentylidene-5"-phthalimido-1"-[2',3'-O-isopropylidene-5'(S)-acetylenylmethyl-uridinyl]β-D-ribofuranose 5. Fluoride 4 (684 mg, 1.96 mmol, 2 equiv.) and alkyne 2 (500 mg, 0.98 mmol, 1 equiv.) were dried together by coevaporation with toluene (3 × 10 mL) and dissolved in DCM (26 mL). The flask was flushed with argon and molecular sieves 4 Å was added (5 g) in one portion. The suspension was stirred at r.t. for 1 h and then cooled to -78 °C. Boron trifluoride diethyletherate (248 µL, 1.96 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added at -78 °C and the reaction medium was stirred at this temperature for 10 min and was then allowed to warm to r.t. for 16 h. The reaction mixture was filtered on a celite pad and the cake was washed with DCM (50 mL). The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution (50 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (5 × 60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na2SO4), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting white foam was purified by flash chromatography (toluene/acetone 95/5) to give the phthalimido-ribosyl-uridine 5 as a  $\beta/\alpha$  mixture ( $\beta/\alpha = 85/15$ ) as a white foam (668 mg, 81% combined yield). After crystallization in a minimum amount of cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1, the β-anomer was isolated with 61% yield: R<sub>f</sub> 0.26 (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 6/4); m.p. 122–125 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –34 (c 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film)

3268br, 2857w, 1774w, 1718s, 1696m, 1394m;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.47 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.90–7.87 (m, 2H,  $H_{11''}$ ), 7.84 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.78–7.74 (m, 2H, H<sub>12"</sub>), 6.17 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H5-NH}}$  = 2.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.92 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 4.5 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.24 (s, 1H,  $H_{1"}$ ), 4.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2"-H3"}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2"}$ ), 4.64 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{3"}}$ ), 4.53 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H4''-H5''a}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{4''}, 4.47 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H4'-H5'}} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4'-H3'}} =$ 4.5 Hz,  $H_{4'}$ ), 4.18 (t, 1H,  $J_{H2'-H3'} = J_{H2'-H1'} = 4.5$  Hz,  $H_{2'}$ ), 4.02 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}$ , H<sub>3'</sub>), 3.87 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 1.0$ Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'a} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b} = 11.0$  Hz,  $H_{5'}$ ), 3.81 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"a-H5"b}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"a-H4"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5\text{"a}}, 3.77 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 2.98 \text{ (ddd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} = 16.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'a-H8'}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{6'a}},$ 2.66 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}}$  = 16.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}}$  = 11.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H8'}}$  = 2.5 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 2.06 (t, 1H,  $J_{H8'-H6'a} = J_{H8'-H6'b} = 2.5$  Hz,  $H_{8'}$ ), 1.72-1.60 (m, 2H, H<sub>7"</sub>), 1.56-1.48 (m, 2H, H<sub>7"</sub>), 0.94 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.91 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.88 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{8"}$ ), 0.82 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8"-H7"}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{8"}$ ), 0.13, 0.10 (2s, 12H, -Sit-Bu-(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.2 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.3 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 139.8  $(C_6)$ , 134.5  $(C_{12"})$ , 131.9  $(C_{10"})$ , 123.9  $(C_{11"})$ , 117.7  $(C_{6"})$ , 112.5  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.8  $(C_5)$ , 88.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.3  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 83.8  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.1  $(C_{2''})$ , 79.6  $(C_{5'})$ , 79.4  $(C_{7'})$ , 75.6  $(C_{2'})$ , 72.2  $(C_{3'})$ , 71.4  $(C_{8'})$ , 40.4  $(C_{5"})$ , 29.4, 28.9  $(C_{7"})$ , 25.9, 25.9  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 22.8  $(C_{6'})$ , 18.2  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.5, 7.4  $(C_{8''})$ , -3.9, -4.3, -4.6, -4.6 (-Si-t-Bu-t-Bu-t) $(CH_3)_2$ ; HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{42}H_{62}N_3O_{11}Si_2^+$   $(M + H)^+$ 840.3917, found 840.3915.

1",5"-Dideoxy-2",3"-O-isopentylidene-5"-phthalimido-1"-[2',3'-O-isopropylidene-5'(S)-azidomethyl-uridinyl]-β-D-ribofuranose 6. Fluoride 4 (1.19 g, 3.39 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) and azide 3 (852 mg, 1.61 mmol, 1 equiv.) were dried together by co-evaporation with toluene (3 × 10 mL) and dissolved in DCM (26 mL). The flask was flushed with argon and molecular sieves 4 Å was added (8 g) in one portion. The suspension was stirred at r.t. for 1 h and then cooled to -78 °C. Boron trifluoride diethyletherate (426 µL, 3.39 mmol, 2.1 equiv.) was added at -78 °C and the reaction medium was stirred at this temperature for 10 min and was then allowed to warm to r.t. for 16 h. The reaction mixture was filtered on a celite pad and the cake was washed with DCM (50 mL). The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous NaHCO3 solution (50 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (5  $\times$  60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na2SO4), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting white foam was purified by flash chromatography (toluene/acetone 95/5) to give the phthalimido-ribosyl-uridine 6 as a  $\beta/\alpha$  mixture ( $\beta/\alpha = 85/15$ ) as a white foam (761 mg, 55% combined yield). The β-anomer was isolated with 41% yield:  $R_f$  0.52 (toluene/acetone 8/2); m.p. 102–106 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –9 (*c* 0.6, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2928br, 2856br, 1715s, 1698m, 1394m;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.45 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.91–7.89 (m, 2H,  $H_{11"}$ ), 7.85 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79–7.76 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 6.14 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 1.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.85 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 4.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.24 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}}$  = 5.5 Hz, H<sub>2"</sub>), 4.65 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}}$  = 5.5 Hz, H<sub>3"</sub>), 4.55 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"b} = 10.5$  Hz,  $J_{H4"-H5"a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.25 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4'-H5'}$  = 1.5 Hz,  $J_{H4'-H3'}$  = 4.0 Hz,  $H_{4'}$ ), 4.19  $(t, 1H, J_{H2'-H3'} = J_{H2'-H1'} = 4.0 Hz, H_{2'}), 4.04 (t, 1H, J_{H3'-H2'} = J_{H3'-1})$ 

 $_{\rm H4'}$  = 4.0 Hz,  $_{\rm H3'}$ ), 3.88–3.70 (m, 4H,  $_{\rm H5'}$ ,  $_{\rm H6'a}$ ,  $_{\rm H5''a}$ ,  $_{\rm H5''b}$ ), 3.60 (dd, 1H,  $_{\rm JH6'b-H6'a}$  = 12.5 Hz,  $_{\rm JH6'b-H5'}$  = 9.0 Hz,  $_{\rm H6'b}$ ), 1.73–1.64 (m, 2H,  $_{\rm H7''}$ ), 1.55–1.49 (m, 2H,  $_{\rm H7''}$ ), 0.94 (s, 9H,  $_{\rm -C}$ ( $_{\rm CH_3}$ )<sub>3</sub>), 0.98 (t, 3H,  $_{\rm JH8''-H7''}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $_{\rm H8''}$ ), 0.16, 0.13, 0.13 (3s, 12H,  $_{\rm -Si-t-Bu-(CH_3)_2}$ );  $_{\rm H5''}$ 13°C NMR δ 168.2 ( $_{\rm C9''}$ ), 163.2 ( $_{\rm C4}$ ), 150.2 ( $_{\rm C2}$ ), 139.8 ( $_{\rm C6}$ ), 134.6 ( $_{\rm C12''}$ ), 131.9 ( $_{\rm C10''}$ ), 123.9 ( $_{\rm C11''}$ ), 117.8 ( $_{\rm C6''}$ ), 112.5 ( $_{\rm C1''}$ ), 78.6 ( $_{\rm C5'}$ ), 75.6 ( $_{\rm C2'}$ ), 71.6 ( $_{\rm C3''}$ ), 84.6 ( $_{\rm C4''}$ ), 82.9 ( $_{\rm C4''}$ ), 82.1 ( $_{\rm C2''}$ ), 78.6 ( $_{\rm C5'}$ ), 75.6 ( $_{\rm C2'}$ ), 71.6 ( $_{\rm C3''}$ ), 51.5 ( $_{\rm C6'}$ ), 40.4 ( $_{\rm C5''}$ ), 29.4, 28.9 ( $_{\rm C7''}$ ), 25.9 ( $_{\rm -C}$ (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 18.2, 18.2 ( $_{\rm -C}$ (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 8.5, 7.5 ( $_{\rm C8''}$ ), -3.9, -4.2, -4.7, -4.7 ( $_{\rm -Si-t-Bu-(CH_3)_2}$ ); HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>61</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>Si<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 857.3931, found 857.3945.

10-Phenyldecyl methanesulfonate 9. To a solution of 10-phenyldecanol (625 mg, 2.67 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added triethylamine (593 µL, 4.26 mmol, 1.6 equiv.). At 0 °C, to this resulting solution was then added dropwise methanesulfonyl chloride (310 µL, 4.0 mol, 1.5 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min and then at r.t. for 2 h. The precipitate was filtered out and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 8/2 to 6/4) afforded the mesylate 9 as a colorless oil (760 mg, 91% yield): Rf 0.52 (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 6/4); IR (film) 2854m 1354s, 1110s, 972m, 952m, 831w; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.34–7.31 (m, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.24–7.24 (m, 3H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 4.28 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 6.5 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 3.05 (s, 3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.66 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Hi-Hi}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{i}}, 1.82-1.77 \text{ (m, 2H, H_{\text{i}})}, 1.69-1.64 \text{ (m, 2H, }$ H<sub>b</sub>), 1.47–1.42 (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 1.39–1.30 (m, 10H, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>,  $H_h$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  143.0 (C<sub>1</sub>), 128.5 (C<sub>3</sub>), 128.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 125.7 (C<sub>4</sub>), 51.7 (C<sub>a</sub>), 37.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 36.1 (C<sub>i</sub>), 31.6 (C<sub>i</sub>), 26.6, 29.4, 29.3, 28.9, 26.9 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>); HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{17}H_{28}O_3SNa^+$  (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 335.1651, found 335.1652.

1-Bromo-10-phenyl-decane 10. To a solution of mesylate 9 (150 mg, 0.48 mmol, 1 equiv.) in acetone (3.0 mL) was added lithium bromide (84 mg, 0.96 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). The mixture was refluxed for 2 h, cooled to r.t., and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was filtered through a silica gel pad and washed with DCM (50 mL) to furnish 10 as a colorless oil (137 mg, 96% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.62 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1); IR (film) 3026w, 2925s, 2853m, 1603w, 1453m, 699s;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  7.30–7.27 (m, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.19–7.17 (m, 3H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 3.42 (t, 2H,  $J_{Ha-Hb}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 2.62 (t, 2H,  $J_{H_i-H_i}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_i$ ), 1.86 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hb-Ha}$  =  $J_{Hb-Hc}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_b$ ), 1.66–1.58 (m, 2H,  $H_i$ ), 1.46–1.40 (m, 2H,  $H_c$ ), 1.36-1.28 (m, 10H,  $H_d$ ,  $H_e$ ,  $H_f$ ,  $H_g$ ,  $H_h$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  143.0 (C<sub>1</sub>), 128.5 (C<sub>3</sub>), 128.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 125.7 (C<sub>4</sub>), 36.1 (C<sub>j</sub>), 34.2 (C<sub>a</sub>), 32.8 (C<sub>b</sub>), 31.6 (C<sub>i</sub>), 29.6, 29.6, 29.4, 28.9, 28.3 (C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>); HRMS APPI calcd for  $C_{16}H_25Br^+$  (M) $^+$  296.1140, found 296.1130. Spectral data were in agreement with the literature.<sup>36</sup>

12-Phenyl-1-trimethylsilyl-dodec-1-yne 11. A flame dried flask flushed with argon was cooled to -78 °C and charged with a solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (413 mg, 4.21 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) in dry THF (10 mL). The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min and n-BuLi was then added dropwise (2.5 M in hexane, 1.69 mL, 4.21 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The medium was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and HMPA (731  $\mu$ L, 4.21 mmol, 1 equiv.) was then added. Finally, at -78 °C, to this resulting solution was added dropwise a solution of freshly purified

1-bromo-10-phenyl-decane 10 (500 mg, 1.68 mmol, 1 equiv.) in THF (5 mL). The resulting orange solution was stirred at -78 °C and then at r.t. for 16 h, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and volatiles were removed in vacuo. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3  $\times$ 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane) afforded alkyne 11 as a colorless oil (387 mg, 73% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.24 (cyclohexane); IR (film) 2928m, 2848m, 2167w, 1448w, 843m, 744s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.28–7.24 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.16–7.14 (m, 3H, H<sub>2ar</sub>, H<sub>4ar</sub>), 2.58 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 2.19 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Hj-Hi}}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_j$ ), 1.62–1.56 (m, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.49 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hj} = J_{Hi-Hh} = 7.5$  Hz, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.38-1.23 (m, 12H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  143.1  $(C_{1ar})$ , 128.5  $(C_{3ar})$ , 128.4  $(C_{2ar})$ , 125.7  $(C_{4ar})$ , 107.9  $(C_{2})$ , 84.4 (C<sub>1</sub>), 36.1 (C<sub>a</sub>), 31.7 (C<sub>b</sub>), 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.2, 28.9, 28.8, 25.5 (C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 20.0 (C<sub>j</sub>); HRMS APPI calcd for  $C_{18}H_{26}^{+}$  (M – TMS + H)<sup>+</sup> 242.2035, found 242.2028.

10-Azido-decyl methanesulfonate 13. To a suspension of dimesylate 1229 (1 g, 3.03 mmol, 1 equiv.) in acetonitrile (16 mL) was added sodium azide (197 mg, 3.03 mmol, 2.5 equiv.). The mixture was refluxed for 18 h and cooled to r.t. The precipitate was then filtered out and the filtrate was concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 8/2) afforded the starting material 12 as a white solid (254 mg, 25%) and azido mesylate 13 as a colorless oil (354 mg, 42%, 56% yield based on the recovered starting material): R<sub>f</sub> 0.35 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 8/2); IR (film) 2096s, 1350s, 1169m, 955m;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  4.22 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 3.26 (t, 2H,  $J_{H_i-H_i}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_i$ ), 2.99 (s, 3H,  $CH_3$ ), 1.77-1.72 (m, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.62-1.56 (m, 2H, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.42-1.27 (m, 12H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR  $\delta,$  70.3 (Ca), 51.6 (Cj), 37.5 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 29.4, 29.4, 29.2, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 26.8, 25.5 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>c</sub>,  $C_d$ ,  $C_e$ ,  $C_f$ ,  $C_g$ ,  $C_h$ ,  $C_i$ ); HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{11}H_{24}NO_3S^+$  (M –  $N_2 + H)^+ 250.1471$ , found 250.1469.

7-Bromo-1-trimethylsilyl-hept-1-yne 14. A flame dried flask flushed with argon was cooled to -78 °C and charged with a solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (178 mg, 1.81 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at −78 °C for 5 min and n-BuLi was then added dropwise (2.5 M in hexane, 724 µL, 1.81 mmol, 1 equiv.). The medium was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and HMPA (315 µL, 1.81 mmol, 1 equiv.) was then added. Finally, at -78 °C, to this resulting solution was added dropwise a solution of 1,5-dibromopentane (500 mg, 2.17 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in THF (5 mL). The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min and then at r.t. for 16 h, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and volatiles were removed in vacuo. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3 × 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane) afforded 14 as a white fine powder (270 mg, 60% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (cyclohexane); m.p. 72 °C; IR (film) 1556m, 1274w, 1262w, 829m, 749s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.42 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_{\text{a}}$ ), 2.27–2.23 (m, 2H,  $H_{\text{e}}$ ), 1.93-1.86 (m, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.57-1.54 (m, 4H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>), 0.16 (s, 9H,  $(-Si-(CH_3)_3)$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  107.2 (C<sub>2</sub>), 84.9 (C<sub>1</sub>), 33.7 (C<sub>a</sub>), 32.4

(C<sub>b</sub>), 27.8 (C<sub>d</sub>), 27.5 (C<sub>c</sub>), 19.9 (C<sub>e</sub>), 0.3 (-Si-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); HRMS APPI calcd for  $C_7H_{11}Br^+$  (M – TMS + H) $^+$  174.0044, found 174.0042.

12-Bromo-1-trimethylsilyl-dodec-1-yne 15. A flame dried flask flushed with argon was cooled to -78 °C and charged with a solution of ethynyltrimethylsilane (208 mg, 2.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (3 mL). The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 5 min and n-BuLi was then added dropwise (2.5 M in hexane, 847 µL, 2.12 mmol, 1 equiv.). The medium was stirred at -78 °C for 1 h and HMPA (368 µL, 2.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) was then added. Finally, at -78 °C, to this resulting pale yellow solution was added dropwise a solution of 1,10-dibromodecane (953 mg, 3.18 mmol, 1.5 equiv.) in THF (3 mL). The mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 16 h, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and volatiles were removed in vacuo. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (3 × 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane) afforded 15 as a colorless oil (413 mg, 41% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.19 (cyclohexane); IR (film) 2174w, 1248m, 702s, 840s, 759w;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  3.42 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 2.21 (t, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hi}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_i$ ), 1.87 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hb-Ha}$  =  $J_{\text{Hb-Hc}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{b}}, 1.52 \text{ (qt, 2H, } J_{\text{Hi-Hj}} = J_{\text{Hi-Hh}} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{i}},$ 1.46-1.40 (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 1.40-1.38 (m, 2H, H<sub>h</sub>), 1.34-1.28 (m, 8H,  $H_d$ ,  $H_e$ ,  $H_f$ ,  $H_g$ ), 0.16 (s, 9H, (-Si-(C $H_3$ )<sub>3</sub>)); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  107.9 (C<sub>2</sub>), 84.5 (C<sub>1</sub>), 34.2 (C<sub>a</sub>), 32.9 (C<sub>b</sub>), 29.5, 29.2, 28.9, 28.8, 28.3 (C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 20.0 (C<sub>j</sub>), 0.4 (-Si-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); HRMS APPI calcd for  $C_{12}H_{21}Br^{+}$  (M - TMS + H)<sup>+</sup> 244.0827, found 244.0822. Spectral data were in agreement with the literature.37

7-O-Acetyl-1-trimethylsilyl-hept-1-yne 16. Potassium acetate (595 mg, 6.07 mmol, 15 equiv.) was added to a solution of alkyne 14 (100 mg, 0.40 mmol, 1 equiv.) in DMF (6 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, cooled to r.t. and quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (4 × 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1) afforded 16 as a colorless oil (65 mg, 71% yield): Rf 0.10 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1); IR (film) 2956w, 2174w, 1742s, 1365w, 1248s, 1049w, 838s, 759m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  4.05 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 6.5 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 2.22 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{He-Hd}}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>e</sub>), 2.03 (s, 3H, -OCOC $H_3$ ), 1.64 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\text{Hb-Ha}} = J_{\text{Hb-Hc}} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{b}}, 1.57-1.49 \text{ (m, 2H, H}_{\text{d}}), 1.48-1.42$ (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 0.13 (s, 9H, (-Si-(C $H_3$ )<sub>3</sub>)); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  171.2 (-OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 107.2 (C<sub>2</sub>), 84.8 (C<sub>1</sub>), 64.5 (C<sub>a</sub>), 28.3 (C<sub>b</sub>), 28.2 (C<sub>d</sub>), 25.2 (C<sub>c</sub>), 21.1 (-OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 19.8 (C<sub>e</sub>), 0.3 (-Si-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>; HRMS  $APCI^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{12}H_{22}NaO_{2}Si^{+}$  (M + Na)<sup>+</sup> 249.1281, found 249.1283. Spectral data were in agreement with the literature.<sup>38</sup>

12-O-Acetyl-1-trimethylsilyl-dodec-1-yne 17. Potassium acetate (360 mg, 3.64 mmol, 15 equiv.) was added to a solution of alkyne 15 (77 mg, 0.24 mmol, 1 equiv.) in DMF (1 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 12 h, cooled to r.t. and quenched by addition of saturated aqueous solution of  $NaHCO_3$  (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with ether (4 × 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 98/2) afforded 17 as a colorless oil (45 mg, 63% yield):  $R_{\rm f}$  0.37 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 98/2); IR (film) 2929w, 1742m, 1247m, 1236m, 838s;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  4.06 (t, 2H,  $J_{\rm Ha-Hb}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 2.21 (t, 2H,  $J_{\rm Hj-Hi}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>j</sub>), 2.04 (s, 3H, -OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.62 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\rm Hb-Ha}$  =  $J_{\rm Hb-Hc}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.52 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\rm Hi-Hj}$  =  $J_{\rm Hi-Hh}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.39–1.26 (m, 12H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>), 0.15 (s, 9H, (-Si-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>));  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  171.4 (-OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 107.9 (C<sub>2</sub>), 84.4 (C<sub>1</sub>), 64.8 (C<sub>a</sub>), 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.2, 28.9, 28.8, 26.1 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 21.2 (-OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 19.9 (C<sub>j</sub>), 0.3 (-Si-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>33</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Si<sup>+</sup> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 297.2244, found 297.2248.

12-N-Phthalimido-1-trimethylsilyl-dodec-1-yne 18. To a solution of bromo alkyne 15 (111 mg, 0.35 mmol, 1 equiv.) in DMF (3.5 mL) was added phthalimide potassium salt (194 mg, 1.05 mmol, 3 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at 80 °C for 16 h, cooled to r.t., quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of  $NH_4Cl$  (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 95/5) afforded 18 as a colorless oil (115 mg, 86% yield). Additionally, partial deprotection of the TMS group was observed, and thus terminal alkyne 8f was also isolated in 3% yield. Data for 18: Rf 0.36 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 95/5); IR (film) 1713s, 1395m, 1247w, 842s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.85–7.84 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.72–7.70 (m, 2H, H<sub>4ar</sub>), 3.69 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{a}}, 2.21 \text{ (t, 2H, } J_{\text{Hj-Hi}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{j}}, 1.70-1.65$ (m, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.52 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hj} = J_{Hi-Hh} = 7.0$  Hz, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.39–1.25 (m, 12H,  $H_c$ ,  $H_d$ ,  $H_e$ ,  $H_f$ ,  $H_g$ ,  $H_h$ ), 0.15 (s, 9H, (-Si-( $CH_3$ )<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.6 (C<sub>1ar</sub>), 133.9 (C<sub>4ar</sub>), 132.4 (C<sub>2ar</sub>), 123.3 (C<sub>3ar</sub>), 107.9  $(C_2)$ , 84.4  $(C_1)$ , 38.2  $(C_a)$ , 29.6, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 28.8, 28.8, 27.0 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 20.0 (C<sub>i</sub>), 0.3 (-Si-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>); HRMS,  $APCI^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{20}H_{26}NO_{2}^{+}$  (M – TMS + 2H)<sup>+</sup> 312.1958, found 312.1963.

12-O-p-Benzophenonyl-1-trimethylsilyl-dodec-1-yne 19. To a solution of bromo alkyne 15 (96 mg, 0.30 mmol, 2.4 equiv.) in DMF (1 mL) was added 4-hydroxy-benzophenone (25 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) and potassium carbonate (87 mg, 0.63 mmol, 5 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 16 h, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and extracted with DCM (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/ DCM 6/4) afforded 19 as a colorless oil (49 mg, 90% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.22 (cyclohexane/DCM 6/4); IR (film) 2174w, 1654w, 1600w, 1250s, 852s;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  7.83–7.81 (m, 2H, H<sub>7ar</sub>), 7.77–7.75 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H, H<sub>9ar</sub>), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H, H<sub>8ar</sub>), 6.96-6.94 (m, 2H,  $H_{2ar}$ ), 4.04 (t, 2H,  $J_{Ha-Hb}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 2.21 (t, 2H,  $J_{\rm Hj-Hi}$  = 7.5 Hz, H<sub>j</sub>), 1.82 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\rm Hb-Ha}$  =  $J_{\rm Hb-Hc}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.52 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hj} = J_{Hi-Hh} = 7.0$  Hz, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.49–1.45 (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 1.35-1.26 (m, 10H, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>), 0.16 (s, 9H,  $(-Si-(CH_3)_3)$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  195.6 (C<sub>5ar</sub>), 163.0 (C<sub>1ar</sub>), 138.5 (C<sub>6ar</sub>), 132.7 ( $C_{3ar}$ ), 131.9 ( $C_{9ar}$ ), 130.0 ( $C_{4ar}$ ), 129.8 ( $C_{7ar}$ ), 128.3 ( $C_{8ar}$ ), 114.1 (C<sub>2ar</sub>), 107.8 (C<sub>2</sub>), 84.4 (C<sub>1</sub>), 68.4 (C<sub>a</sub>), 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 28.9, 28.7 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 26.1 (C<sub>c</sub>), 19.9  $(C_i)$ , 0.3 (-Si- $(CH_3)_3$ ); HRMS ESI calcd for  $C_{28}H_{39}O_2S_i^+$  (M + H) 435.2714, found 435.2727.

1-Trimethylsilyl-3-[4-O-(benzophenonyl)-benzyl]-prop-1-yne 21. To a suspension of bromide derivative 20<sup>24</sup> (100 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv.), copper iodide (50 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv.), TBAI (96 mg, 0.26 mmol, 1 equiv.), and potassium carbonate (72 mg, 0.52 mmol, 2 equiv.) in dry acetonitrile (1.5 mL) was added trimethylsilylacetylene (45 µL, 0.31 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at 40 °C for 24 h, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL) and extracted with DCM ( $4 \times 20$  mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/DCM 7/3 to 4/6) afforded 21 as a colorless film (60 mg, 57% yield):  $R_f$  0.39 (cyclohexane/DCM 1/1); IR (film) 2130m, 1632s, 1600w, 1250s, 855s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.85–7.83 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.77–7.75 (m, 2H,  $H_{7ar}$ ), 7.59–7.55 (m, 1H,  $H_{9ar}$ ), 7.49–7.46 (m, 2H,  $H_{8ar}$ ), 7.42-7.38 (m, 4H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>), 7.06-7.03 (m, 2H, H<sub>2ar</sub>), 5.14 (s, 2H,  $H_a$ ), 3.68 (s, 2H,  $H_f$ ), 0.21 (s, 9H,  $(-Si-(CH_3)_3)$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  195.6 (C<sub>5ar</sub>), 162.5 (C<sub>1ar</sub>), 138.4 (C<sub>e</sub>), 136.7 (C<sub>6ar</sub>), 134.7 (C<sub>b</sub>), 132.7 ( $C_{3ar}$ ), 132.0 ( $C_{9ar}$ ), 130.5 ( $C_{4ar}$ ), 129.9 ( $C_{7ar}$ ), 128.4 ( $C_{8ar}$ ), 128.3, 127.9 (C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>), 114.5 (C<sub>2ar</sub>), 104.1 (C<sub>2</sub>), 87.3 (C<sub>1</sub>), 70.1  $(C_a)$ , 26.1  $(C_f)$ , 0.2  $(-Si-(CH_3)_3)$ ; HRMS  $ESI^+$  calcd for  $C_{26}H_{27}O_2S_i^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 399.1775, found 399.1768.

3-[4-O-(Benzophenonyl)-benzyl]-propadiene 22. To a solution of alkyne 21 (49 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) in dry THF (1.5 mL) was added, at 0 °C, tetrabutyl ammonium fluoride trihydrate. The flashing dark purple solution was stirred for 10 min at 0 °C and then at r.t. for 1 h. After removal of volatiles in vacuo, the crude residue was purified by flash chromatography (cyclohexane/DCM = 9/1 to 7/3). Under these conditions, allene 22 was obtained as a white powder (37 mg, 91% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.32 (cyclohexane/DCM 7/3); IR (film) 2859br, 1938w, 1728br, 1650s, 1597s, 1257s;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  7.84–7.82 (m, 2H,  $H_{3ar}$ ), 7.77–7.74 (m, 2H,  $H_{7ar}$ ), 7.59–7.55 (m, 1H,  $H_{9ar}$ ), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H, H<sub>8ar</sub>), 7.39-7.37 (m, 2H, H<sub>d</sub>), 7.34-7.31 (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 7.05-7.02 (m, 2H, H<sub>2ar</sub>), 6.18 (t, 1H,  $J_{Hf-H2}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_f$ ), 5.17 (d, 2H,  $J_{H2-Hf}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_2$ ), 5.14 (s, 1H,  $H_a$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  210.1 (C<sub>1</sub>), 195.7 (C<sub>5ar</sub>), 162.5 (C<sub>1ar</sub>), 138.4 (C<sub>e</sub>), 134.9 (C<sub>6ar</sub>), 134.2 ( $C_b$ ), 132.7 ( $C_{3ar}$ ), 132.0 ( $C_{9ar}$ ), 130.5 ( $C_{4ar}$ ), 129.9 ( $C_{7ar}$ ), 128.3 ( $C_{8ar}$ ), 128.0 ( $C_{c}$ ), 127.1 ( $C_{d}$ ), 114.6 ( $C_{2ar}$ ), 93.7 ( $C_{f}$ ), 79.1  $(C_2)$ , 70.1  $(C_a)$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{23}H_{19}O_2^+$   $(M + H)^+$ 327.1380, found 327.1372.

**1-Azido-10-phenyl-decane 7b.** To a solution of mesylate **9** (220 mg, 0.70 mmol, 1 equiv.) in DMF (1.5 mL) were successively added sodium azide (114 mg, 13.2 mmol, 2.5 equiv.) and sodium iodide (53 mg, 0.35 mmol, 0.5 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at 75 °C for 18 h, cooled to r.t., and diluted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and water (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. Flash chromatography of the resulting pale yellow oil (cyclohexane/EtOAc 95/5 to 9/1) afforded azide 7**b** as a colorless oil (168 mg, 92% yield):  $R_{\rm f}$  0.72 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1); IR (film) 3026w, 2099s, 1603w, 746m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 7.28–7.25 (m, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.18–7.15 (m, 3H, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>), 3.25 (t, 2H,  $J_{\rm Ha-Hb}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 2.59 (t, 2H,  $J_{\rm Hj-Hi}$  = 7.5 Hz, H<sub>j</sub>), 1.63–1.56 (m, 4H, H<sub>b</sub>, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.37–1.26 (m, 12H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR δ 143.0 (C<sub>1</sub>), 128.5

 $(C_3)$ , 128.4  $(C_2)$ , 125.7  $(C_4)$ , 70.3  $(C_3)$ , 37.5  $(C_i)$ , 36.1  $(C_i)$ , 31.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 29.1, 25.5 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>); HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{16}H_{26}N^{+}$  (M -  $N_2$  + H)<sup>+</sup> 232.2060 found 232.2056. Spectral data were in agreement with the literature.<sup>39</sup>

10-Azido-decan-1-ol 7d. To a solution of 10-bromo-decan-1-ol (633 mg, 2.40 mmol, 1 equiv.) in DMF (7.6 mL) was added sodium azide (312 mg, 4.80 mmol, 2 equiv.) and sodium iodide (180 mg, 1.20 mmol, 0.5 equiv.). The suspension was stirred at 80 °C for 18 h, cooled to r.t. and diluted with ether (20 mL) and water (20 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 20 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 20 mL) and water (20 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4) afforded azide 7d as a colorless oil (469 mg, 98%): R<sub>f</sub> 0.37 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4); IR (film) 3056br, 2092m, 1276m, 1251m, 741s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.66–3.62 (m, 2H, H<sub>i</sub>), 3.28–3.24 (m, 2H, H<sub>a</sub>), 1.63–1.54 (m, 4H, H<sub>b</sub>, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.37-1.29 (m, 12H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  63.2 (C<sub>i</sub>), 51.6 (C<sub>a</sub>), 32.9 (C<sub>i</sub>), 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 28.9, 26.8, 25.8 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>); HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{10}H_{22}NO^{+}(M - N_2 + H)^{+}$  172.1696, found 172.1694.

1-Azido-10-phthalimido-decane 7f. To a solution of azido mesylate 13 (200 mg, 0.72 mmol, 1 equiv.) in DMF (2 mL) was added potassium phthalimide (400 mg, 2.16 mmol, 3 equiv.). The suspension was stirred at 80 °C for 18 h, cooled to r.t. and diluted with ether (15 mL) and water (15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O (3 × 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with brine (2 × 20 mL) and water (20 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 8/2) afforded azide 7f as a colorless oil (233 mg, 98%): Rf 0.49 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 7/3); IR (film) 2094w, 1708s, 1345m, 719m;  $^{1}$ H NMR δ 7.86–7.82 (m, 2H, H<sub>3</sub>), 7.72–7.69 (m, 2H, H<sub>4</sub>), 3.68 (t, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hi}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_i$ ), 3.25 (t, 2H,  $J_{Ha-Hb}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 1.70-1.64 (m, 2H, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.61-1.55 (m, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.39-1.22 (m, 12H,  $H_c$ ,  $H_d$ ,  $H_e$ ,  $H_f$ ,  $H_g$ ,  $H_h$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.6 (C<sub>1</sub>), 133.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 132.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 123.3 (C<sub>3</sub>), 51.6 (C<sub>a</sub>), 38.2 (C<sub>i</sub>), 29.5, 29.5, 29.2, 29.2, 28.9, 28.7, 26.9, 26.8 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>); HRMS APCI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{18}H_{25}N_2O_2^+(M-N_2+H)^+$  301.1911, found 301.1911.

#### General procedure for TMS deprotection and preparation of compounds 8b, 8f, 8h

To a solution of the silylated alkyne (1 equiv.) in THF (0.1 M) was added in one portion tetrabutyl ammonium fluoride trihydrate (1.1 to 1.6 equiv.). The solution was stirred at r.t. for 1 h and volatiles were removed in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue afforded the corresponding terminal alkyne.

12-Phenyl-dodec-1-yne 8b. Alkyne 8b was obtained from protected alkyne 11 (327 mg, 1.04 mmol, 1 equiv.) according to the general procedure for terminal alkyne synthesis. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane) afforded 8b as a colorless oil (223 mg, 89% yield): Rf 0.22 (cyclohexane); IR (film) 3075m, 2140m, 1602m, 1452m, 1290m, 1253s, 1175w;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  7.30–7.26 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.20–7.17 (m, 3H, H<sub>2ar</sub>,  $H_{4ar}$ ), 2.62 (t, 2H,  $J_{Ha-Hb}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 2.19 (dt, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hi}$  = 7.5

Hz,  $J_{Hj-H2}$  = 3.0 Hz, H<sub>j</sub>), 1.95 (t, 1H,  $J_{H2-Hj}$  = 3.0 Hz, H<sub>2</sub>), 1.66–1.60 (m, 2H,  $H_b$ ), 1.55 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hj} = J_{Hi-Hh} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_i$ ), 1.43-1.38 (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 1.38-1.26 (m, 10H, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  143.1 (C<sub>1ar</sub>), 128.5 (C<sub>3ar</sub>), 128.4 (C<sub>2ar</sub>), 125.7 (C<sub>4ar</sub>), 84.9 (C<sub>1</sub>), 68.2 (C<sub>2</sub>), 36.1 (C<sub>a</sub>), 31.6 (C<sub>b</sub>), 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.5, 29.2, 28.9, 28.7 (C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 18.6 (C<sub>j</sub>); HRMS APPI calcd for  $C_{18}H_{26}^{+}(M)^{+}$  242.2035, found 242.2030.

Heptyn-1-ol 8c. To a suspension of ester 16 (71 mg, 0.31 mmol, 1 equiv.) in MeOH (2 mL) and water (0.2 mL) was added potassium carbonate (216 mg, 1.57 mmol, 5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 5 h and then guenched by addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (4  $\times$ 15 mL) and the combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 8/2) afforded 8c as a white solid (29 mg, 82% yield): Rf 0.21 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 8/2); IR (film) 3061br, 2919w, 1278m, 1252m, 743s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.66 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 6.5 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 2.21 (dt, 2H,  $J_{\text{He-Hd}}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{He-H2}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, H_e$ , 1.94 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2-He}} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}, H_2$ ), 1.62–1.54 (m, 4H, H<sub>b</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>), 1.52–1.47 (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  84.6 (C<sub>2</sub>), 68.5 (C<sub>1</sub>), 62.9 (C<sub>a</sub>), 32.4 (C<sub>b</sub>), 28.4 (C<sub>d</sub>), 25.1 (C<sub>c</sub>), 18.5 (C<sub>e</sub>); HRMS,  $APCI^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{7}H_{13}O^{+}$   $(M + H)^{+}$  113.0966, found 113.0961. Spectral data were in agreement with the literature. 40

Dodec-11-yn-1-ol 8d. To a suspension of ester 17 (36 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) in MeOH (1 mL) and water (0.1 mL) was added potassium carbonate (84 mg, 0.61 mmol, 5 equiv.). The reaction mixture was stirred at r.t. for 5 h and then quenched by addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc  $(4 \times 15 \text{ mL})$  and the combined organic layers were dried over Na2SO4, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1) afforded 8d as a white solid (20 mg, 90% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.12 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1); m.p 26–28 °C; IR (film) 3065br, 2923w, 1275m, 1256m, 744s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  3.49 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}}$  = 7.0 Hz, H<sub>a</sub>), 2.03 (dt, 2H,  $J_{\text{Hj-Hi}}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $J_{Hj-H2}$  = 2.5 Hz,  $H_j$ ), 1.79 (t, 1H,  $J_{H2-Hj}$  = 2.5 Hz,  $H_2$ ), 1.45-1.35 (m, 4H, H<sub>b</sub>, H<sub>i</sub>), 1.28-1.11 (m, 12H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>,  $H_g$ ,  $H_h$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  84.9 (C<sub>2</sub>), 68.2 (C<sub>1</sub>), 63.2 (C<sub>a</sub>), 32.9 (C<sub>b</sub>), 29.7, 29.6, 29.2, 28.9, 28.6, 25.8 (C<sub>c</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 18.5  $(C_i)$ ; HRMS, APCI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{12}H_{23}O^+$   $(M + H)^+$  183.1743, found 183.1746. Spectral data were in agreement with the literature.41

12-N-Phthalimido-dodec-1-yne 8f. Alkyne 8f was obtained from protected alkyne 18 (114 mg, 0.29 mmol, 1 equiv.) according to the general procedure for terminal alkyne synthesis. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 95/5) afforded 8f as a white film (51 mg, 55% yield): Rf 0.28 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 95/5); IR (film) 2937s, 2100m, 1767w, 1710s, 1394m;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  7.85–7.82 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.72–7.68 (m, 2H,  $H_{4ar}$ ), 3.67 (t, 2H,  $J_{Ha-Hb}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_a$ ), 2.17 (dt, 2H,  $J_{Hj-Hi}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $J_{Hj-H2} = 2.5$  Hz,  $H_j$ ), 1.93 (t, 2H,  $J_{H2-Hj} = 2.5$  Hz,  $H_2$ ), 1.69–1.64 (m, 2H,  $H_b$ ), 1.51 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hi-Hj} = J_{Hi-Hh} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_i$ ), 1.40–1.26 (m, 12H,  $H_c$ ,  $H_d$ ,  $H_e$ ,  $H_f$ ,  $H_g$ ,  $H_h$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.6  $(C_{1ar})$ , 133.9  $(C_{4ar})$ , 132.3  $(C_{2ar})$ , 123.3  $(C_{3ar})$ , 107.9  $(C_{2})$ , 84.4  $(C_1)$ , 68.2  $(C_2)$ , 38.2  $(C_a)$ , 29.6, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 28.8, 28.7, 28.6,

26.9 ( $C_b$ ,  $C_c$ ,  $C_d$ ,  $C_e$ ,  $C_f$ ,  $C_g$ ,  $C_h$ ,  $C_i$ ), 18.5 ( $C_j$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{20}H_{26}NO_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 312.1958, found 312.1961.

3-[4-O-(Benzophenonyl)-benzyl]-prop-1-yne 8g. To a suspension of protected alkyne 21 (100 mg, 0.25 mmol, 1 equiv.) in methanol (3 mL) was added potassium carbonate in one portion (173 mg, 1.25 mmol, 5 equiv.). The suspension was stirred at r.t. for 5 h and the suspension was then diluted with EtOAc (15 mL). After addition of saturated aqueous solution of NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL), the aqueous phase was extracted with EtOAc (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane to cyclohexane/EtOAc 95/5) afforded 8g as a white film (66 mg, 81% yield): Rf 0.42 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1); IR (film) 2325w, 1645s, 1602s, 1281s, 1173m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  7.77–7.74 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.70–7.66 (m, 2H,  $H_{7ar}$ ), 7.49 (t, 1H,  $J_{H9ar-H8ar} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{9ar}$ ), 7.39 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H8ar-H9ar}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{8ar}}$ , 7.34–7.31 (m, 4H, H<sub>c</sub>, H<sub>d</sub>), 6.97–6.94 (m, 2H,  $H_{2ar}$ ), 5.06 (s, 1H,  $H_a$ ), 3.55 (d, 2H,  $J_{Hf-H2}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $H_f$ ), 2.13 (t, 2H,  $J_{\rm H2-Hf}$  = 3.0 Hz, H<sub>f</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  195.7 (C<sub>5ar</sub>), 162.5  $(C_{1ar})$ , 138.4  $(C_e)$ , 136.4  $(C_{6ar})$ , 134.9  $(C_b)$ , 132.7  $(C_{3ar})$ , 132.0  $(C_{9ar})$ , 130.5  $(C_{4ar})$ , 129.9  $(C_{7ar})$ , 128.4  $(C_{8ar})$ , 128.3, 127.9  $(C_c, C_d)$ , 114.6 ( $C_{2ar}$ ), 81.8 ( $C_{2}$ ), 70.7 ( $C_{a}$ ), 70.1 ( $C_{1}$ ), 24.7 ( $C_{f}$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{23}H_{19}O_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 327.1380, found 327.1374.

12-O-p-Benzophenonyl-dodec-1-yne 8h. Alkyne 8h was obtained from protected alkyne 19 (54 mg, 0.12 mmol, 1 equiv.) according to the general procedure for terminal alkyne synthesis. Flash chromatography of the residue (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1) afforded 8h as a white film (44 mg, 97% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.51 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 9/1); IR (film) 2919w, 1639s, 1602m, 1307s, 1290m, 1253s, 1175w;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  7.84–7.81 (m, 2H, H<sub>3ar</sub>), 7.77-7.75 (m, 2H, H<sub>7ar</sub>), 7.59-7.55 (m, 1H, H<sub>9ar</sub>), 7.49-7.46 (m, 2H, H<sub>8ar</sub>), 6.96-6.94 (m, 2H, H<sub>2ar</sub>), 4.04 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{Ha-Hb}} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{a}}, 2.19 \text{ (dt, 2H, } J_{\text{Hj-Hi}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{Hj-H2}} = 2.5$ Hz, H<sub>j</sub>), 1.82 (qt, 2H,  $J_{Hb-Ha} = J_{Hb-Hc} = 6.5$  Hz, H<sub>b</sub>), 1.54 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\text{Hi-Hj}} = J_{\text{Hi-Hh}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_i$ , 1.49–1.45 (m, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 1.42–1.30 (m, 10H, H<sub>d</sub>, H<sub>e</sub>, H<sub>f</sub>, H<sub>g</sub>, H<sub>h</sub>);  $^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  195.7 (C<sub>5ar</sub>), 163.0  $(C_{1ar})$ , 138.5  $(C_{6ar})$ , 132.7  $(C_{3ar})$ , 131.9  $(C_{9ar})$ , 130.1  $(C_{4ar})$ , 129.8  $(C_{7ar})$ , 128.3  $(C_{8ar})$ , 114.2  $(C_{2ar})$ , 84.9  $(C_1)$ , 68.4  $(C_a)$ , 68.2  $(C_2)$ , 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 28.8, 28.6 (C<sub>b</sub>, C<sub>d</sub>, C<sub>e</sub>, C<sub>f</sub>, C<sub>g</sub>, C<sub>h</sub>, C<sub>i</sub>), 26.1 (C<sub>c</sub>), 18.5 (C<sub>i</sub>); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{25}H_{31}O_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 363.2319, found 363.2313.

### General procedure for Cu(i)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition: preparation of compounds 23a-h

To a solution of alkyne 5 (1 equiv.) and azide partner 7a-h (1–2 equiv.) in tert-BuOH/H $_2$ O (1.5 mL/500  $\mu$ L) were successively added CuSO $_4$  (0.1 equiv.), sodium ascorbate (0.3 equiv.) and N-diisopropylethylamine (2.2 equiv.). The suspension was sonicated for 5 min to solubilise all reagents. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 18 h and diluted with DCM (30 mL) and NH $_4$ Cl (15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (6  $\times$  30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with  $10^{-3}$  M solution of tetra-sodium EDTA, dried (Na $_2$ SO $_4$ ), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography to give the corresponding C-triazole 23a-h.

Compound 23a. Triazole 23a was synthesized according to the general procedure for Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition from alkyne 5 (114 mg, 0.14 mmol) and azide 7a (50 mg, 0.27 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4) afforded 23a as a white foam (81 mg, 58% vield):  $R_f$  0.28 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4); m.p. 102–106 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$ -30 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 3060m, 2928m, 2856m, 1714s, 1386m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.76 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{NH-H5}}$  = 2.0 Hz, NH), 7.90–7.84 (m, 3H,  $H_{11''}$ ,  $H_6$ ), 7.77–7.74 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.37 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 6.18 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 2.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.95 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{1'}}, 5.34 \text{ (s, 1H, H}_{\text{1"}}), 4.77 \text{ (d, 1H, } J_{\text{H2"-H3"}} =$ 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 4.67 (d, 1H,  $J_{H3''-H2''}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{3''}$ ), 4.52 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"a}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{4"}, 4.35-4.25 \text{ (m, 2H, }$  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.19-4.16 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.00 (t, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'} = J_{H3'-H4'} =$ 3.5 Hz,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.88-3.82 (m, 3H,  $H_{5''a}$ ,  $H_{5''b}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.49 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{6'a}}, 3.07 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 1.91-1.81 \text{ (m, 2H, }$  $H_{10'}$ ), 1.72–1.60 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.55–1.47 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.33–1.20 (m, 14H, H<sub>11</sub>', H<sub>12</sub>', H<sub>13</sub>', H<sub>14</sub>', H<sub>15</sub>', H<sub>16</sub>', H<sub>17</sub>'), 0.88 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H8''-H7''}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{8''}$ , 0.86 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H18'-H17'}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{18'}$ ), 0.85 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.83 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.81 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.07, 0.07, 0.05, -0.02 (4s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.2 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.3 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.6 (C<sub>2</sub>), 142.9 (C<sub>7'</sub>), 139.9  $(C_6)$ , 134.5  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.9  $(C_{10''})$ , 123.8  $(C_{11''})$ , 122.2  $(C_{8'})$ , 117.7  $(C_{6''})$ , 112.4  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.2  $(C_5)$ , 87.7  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.3  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.6  $(C_{2''})$ , 80.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 72.6  $(C_{3'})$ , 50.5  $(C_{9'})$ ,  $40.5 \ (C_{5"}), \ 31.9 \ (C_{10'}), \ 30.5 \ (C_{7"}), \ 29.6, \ 29.5, \ 29.5, \ 29.4, \ 29.1,$ 28.9, 28.9  $(C_{7''}, C_{6'}, C_{11'}, C_{12'}, C_{13'}, C_{14'}, C_{15'}, C_{16'})$ , 25.9, 25.8  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 22.8  $(C_{17'})$ , 18.1, 18.0  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 14.2  $(C_{18'})$ , 8.4, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.2, -4.5, -4.5, -4.6  $(-Si-t-Bu-(CH_3)_2)$ ; HRMS,  $ESI^+$ calcd for  $C_{52}H_{83}N_6O_{11}Si_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 1023.5653, found 1023.5652.

Compound 23b. Triazole 23b was synthesized according to the general procedure for Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition from alkyne 5 (60 mg, 0.07 mmol) and azide 7b (37.5 mg, 0.14 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1) afforded 23b as a white foam (45 mg, 57% yield):  $R_f$  0.25 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1); m.p. 100–102 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$ -27 (c 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2929m, 1717s, 1696s, 1394w, 1088w, 838w; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.30 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.90–7.88 (m, 3H,  $H_{11''}$ ,  $H_6$ ), 7.77–7.75 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.36 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 7.28–7.25  $(m, 2H, H_{20'}), 7.18-7.15 (m, 3H, H_{21'}, H_{22'}), 6.20 (dd, 1H, J_{H5-H6} =$ 8.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H5-NH}}$  = 2.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.97 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 6.0 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.36 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 4.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $H_{3"}$ ), 4.55–4.52 (m, 1H,  $H_{4"}$ ), 4.35–4.26  $(m, 2H, H_{9'}), 4.19-4.17 (m, 2H, H_{2'}, H_{5'}), 4.00 (t, 1H, J_{H3'-H2'}) =$  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{3'}, 3.89-3.84 \text{ (m, 3H, H}_{5''}, H_{4'}), 3.50 \text{ (dd, 1H, }$  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{6'a}}$ ), 3.07 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'b}}$  $_{\text{H6'a}}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}}$  = 11.0 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 2.59 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H18'-H17'}}$  = 7.5 Hz, H<sub>18'</sub>), 1.89-1.84 (m, 2H, H<sub>10'</sub>), 1.61-1.59 (m, 2H, H<sub>17'</sub>), 1.55-1.52 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.32-1.25 (m, 12H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H, -C  $(CH_3)_3$ , 0.84 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.83 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 8.0$  Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.08, 0.08, 0.07, -0.02 (4s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.3 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 143.0 (C<sub>19'</sub>), 142.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 139.9  $(C_6)$ , 134.5  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.9  $(C_{10''})$ , 128.5  $(C_{21'})$ , 128.3

 $(C_{20'})$ , 125.7  $(C_{22'})$ , 123.8  $(C_{11''})$ , 122.1  $(C_{8'})$ , 117.7  $(C_{6''})$ , 112.4  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.2  $(C_5)$ , 87.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.6  $(C_{2''})$ , 80.9  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 72.7  $(C_{3'})$ , 50.4  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 36.1  $(C_{18'})$ , 31.6  $(C_{10'})$ , 30.6  $(C_{7''})$ , 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.1, 28.9, 26.6 (C<sub>7"</sub>, C<sub>6'</sub>, C<sub>11'</sub>, C<sub>12'</sub>, C<sub>13'</sub>, C<sub>14'</sub>, C<sub>15'</sub>, C<sub>16'</sub>, C<sub>17'</sub>), 25.9, 25.9 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 18.1, 18.1 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 8.5, 7.5 ( $C_{8''}$ ), -4.2, -4.5,  $-4.5 \text{ (-Si-}t\text{-Bu-}(CH_3)_2); HRMS, ESI^+ \text{ calcd for } C_{58}H_{87}N_6O_{11}Si_2^{-1}$  $(M + H)^{+}$  1099.5966, found 1099.5969.

Compound 23c. Triazole 23c was synthesized according to the general procedure for Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition from alkyne 5 (72 mg, 0.086 mmol) and azidopentanol 7c (22 mg, 0.17 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 3/7 to EtOAc) afforded 23c as a white foam (47 mg, 56% yield):  $R_f$  0.40 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/9); m.p. 104–108 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –27 (c 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 3046br, 2307w, 1715s, 1464m, 1169w;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.77–8.37 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.91-7.80 (m, 2H,  $H_{11''}$ ), 7.86 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79-7.74 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.39 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 6.19 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.96 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 6.0 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.35 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 4.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{2"}}$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}}$  = 6.0 Hz, H<sub>3"</sub>), 4.53 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"a} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{H4"-H5"b} = 10.0$  Hz,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.39-4.29 (m, 2H,  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.20-4.17 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.00 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'}$  = 4.0 Hz,  $J_{H3'-H4'}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.90-3.81 (m, 3H,  $H_{5''}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.65 (t, 2H,  $J_{H13'-H12'}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{13'}$ ), 3.48 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 4.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'a}, 3.06 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 1.92 \text{ (qt, 2H,}$  $J_{\text{H}10'-\text{H}9'} = J_{\text{H}10'-\text{H}11'} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{10'}, 1.73-1.64 \text{ (m, 2H, H}_{7''}),$ 1.64-1.58 (m, 2H,  $H_{12'}$ ), 1.56-1.50 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.44-1.38 (m, 2H,  $H_{11}$ ), 0.88 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.84 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.83 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.08, 0.07, -0.01 (3s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.3 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.6 (C<sub>2</sub>), 143.1 (C<sub>7'</sub>), 140.0 (C<sub>6</sub>), 134.5 ( $C_{12''}$ ), 131.9 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 123.8 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 122.3 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 117.7 ( $C_{6''}$ ), 112.3  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.3  $(C_5)$ , 87.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.3  $(C_{2''})$ , 80.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.3  $(C_{5'})$ , 72.7  $(C_{3'})$ , 62.5  $(C_{13'})$ , 50.2  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 31.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 30.2  $(C_{10'})$ , 29.5  $(C_{11'})$ , 28.9  $(C_{6'})$ , 28.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 25.8, 25.8  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 22.9  $(C_{12'})$ , 18.1, 18.1  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.4, 7.5 ( $C_{8''}$ ), -4.2, -4.8, -4.5 (-Si-t-Bu-( $CH_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{47}H_{73}N_6O_{12}Si_2^+(M+H)^+$  969.4820, found 969.4812.

Compound 23d. Triazole 23d was synthesized according to the general procedure for Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition from alkyne 5 (62 mg, 0.074 mmol) and azidodecanol 7d (29 mg, 0.15 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 2/8) afforded 23d as a white foam (45 mg, 59% yield):  $R_f$  0.40 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 2/8); m.p. 112–114 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$ -28 (c 0.7, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2931br, 2301m, 1711s, 1457w, 1262w;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.17–8.80 (br d, 1H, NH), 7.90–7.80 (m, 2H,  $H_{11"}$ ), 7.81 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79–7.74 (m, 2H,  $H_{12"}$ ), 7.48-7.38 (br s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 6.18 (br d, 1H,  $J_{H_5-H_6} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.96 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 3.5 Hz,  $H_{\text{1'}}$ ), 5.35 (s, 1H,  $H_{\text{1"}}$ ), 4.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{2"}, 4.68 (d, 1H, J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{3"}), 4.53$ (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"a}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 9.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{4"}}$ ), 4.37–4.29  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.89–3.81 (m, 3H,  $H_{5''}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.64 (t, 2H,  $J_{H18'-H17'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 3.51-3.45 (m, 1H,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.14-3.06 (m, 1H,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 1.93–1.58 (m, 2H,  $H_{17'}$ ), 1.73–1.63 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.55–1.49 (m,

4H, H<sub>10</sub>, H<sub>7</sub>, 1.35-1.24 (m, 12H, H<sub>11</sub>, H<sub>12</sub>, H<sub>13</sub>, H<sub>14</sub>, H<sub>15</sub>,  $H_{16'}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H, -C(C $H_3$ )<sub>3</sub>), 0.85 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.83 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.08, 0.00 (2s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.3 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 162.9  $(C_4)$ , 150.4  $(C_2)$ , 142.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 140.1  $(C_6)$ , 134.5  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.9  $(C_{10''})$ , 123.8  $(C_{11''})$ , 122.3  $(C_{8'})$ , 117.7  $(C_{6''})$ , 112.4  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.3  $(C_5)$ , 87.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4'})$ , 84.5  $(C_{2''})$ , 82.3  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 72.3  $(C_{3'})$ , 63.2  $(C_{18'})$ , 50.5  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 32.9  $(C_{10'})$ , 32.5  $(C_{7''})$ , 30.5  $(C_{17'})$ , 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.1, 29.0, 29.0, 26.6  $(C_{7''}, C_{6'})$  $C_{11'}$ ,  $C_{12'}$ ,  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ , 25.9, 25.8 (-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 18.1, 18.1  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.5, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.2, -4.4, -4.5  $(-Si-t-Bu-(CH_3)_2)$ ; HRMS,  $ESI^+$  calcd for  $C_{52}H_{83}N_6O_{12}Si_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 1039.5602, found 1039.5606.

Compound 23e. To a suspension of azide 7e (11.5 mg, 0.043 mmol, 1 equiv.), alkyne 5 (55 mg, 0.065 mmol, 1.5 equiv.), CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (1.1 mg, 0.004 mmol, 0.1 equiv.) in tertbutanol/H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL/500 μL) were successively added sodium ascorbate (2.6 mg, 0.013 mmol, 0.3 equiv.) and diisopropylethylamine (16 μL, 0.09 mmol, 2.2 equiv.). The resulting brown mixture was sonicated for 5 min, stirred at r.t. for 18 h and diluted with DCM (30 mL) and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (6 × 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with 10<sup>-3</sup> M solution of tetrasodium EDTA, dried (Na2SO4), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH 100/0 to 90/10) to afford 23e as a pale red film (20.5 mg, 43% vield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.10 (EtOAc/MeOH 90/10);  $[\alpha]_D$  -23 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2930br, 2853w, 1713s, 1394w, 1100m;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.55–8.45 (br m, 1H, NH), 7.92–7.89 (m, 2H,  $H_{11''}$ ), 7.86 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79–7.75 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.64-7.54 (br s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 6.19 (br d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 6.06–5.95 (br s, 1H,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.38 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{2"}, 4.70 \text{ (d, 1H, } J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{3"},$ 4.60-4.48 (m, 3H,  $H_{9'}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.28-4.17 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.06-3.98 (m, 1H,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.90-3.77 (m, 5H,  $H_{5''}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{10'}$ ), 3.77-3.48 (m, 18H,  $H_{6'a}$ ,  $H_{6'b}$ ,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ,  $H_{17'}$ ,  $H_{18'}$ ), 3.11-3.03 (br s, 1H, OH), 1.72-1.63 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.59–1.43 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.84 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.83 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.08, 0.07, -0.01 (3s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.3 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.5 (C<sub>2</sub>), 140.1 (C<sub>7'</sub>), 140.0 (C<sub>6</sub>), 134.5 ( $C_{12''}$ ), 131.9 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 123.8 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 123.8 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 117.7 ( $C_{6''}$ ), 112.3  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.4  $(C_5)$ , 87.3  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.4  $(C_{2''})$ , 80.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.3  $(C_{5'})$ , 73.0  $(C_{3'})$ , 72.8, 70.7, 70.6, 70.4, 69.6, 61.7 ( $C_{PEG}$ ), 50.5 ( $C_{9'}$ ), 40.5 ( $C_{5''}$ ), 29.5 ( $C_{7''}$ ), 28.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 25.9, 25.9  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 18.1, 18.1  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.5, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.2, -4.4, -4.5, -4.5 ( $-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(C\text{H}_3)_2$ ); HRMS,  $\text{ESI}^+$  calcd for  $C_{52}H_{83}N_6O_{16}Si_2^+(M+H)^+$  1103.5399, found 1103.5425.

Compound 23f. Triazole 23f was synthesized according to the general procedure for Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition from alkyne 5 (67 mg, 0.08 mmol) and azide 7f (52.3 mg, 0.14 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1) afforded 23f as a white foam (57 mg, 61% yield):  $R_{\rm f}$  0.20 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1); m.p. 114–118 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ -29 (c 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2930m, 1773w, 1701s, 1395m, 1086m, 837m, 721m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.56 (d, 1H,  $J_{NH-H5}$  = 2.0 Hz,

NH), 7.89–7.87 (m, 3H,  $H_{11}$ ",  $H_6$ ), 7.84–7.81 (m, 2H,  $H_{21}$ ), 7.78–7.74 (m, 2H,  $H_{22'}$ ), 7.72–7.69 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.36 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 6.20 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 2.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.96 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'} = 5.5$  Hz,  $H_{1'}$ , 5.35 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''} =$ 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2"}$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{H3"-H2"}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{3"}$ ), 4.54-4.51 (m, 1H,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.34-4.25 (m, 2H,  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.19-4.16 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ), 3.99 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{3'}}$ ), 3.88–3.82 (m, 3H,  $H_{5''}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.68 (t, 2H,  $J_{H18'-H17'} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 3.50 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{6'a}}, 3.07 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 11.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 1.89-1.84 \text{ (m, 2H, }$  $H_{10'}$ ), 1.69–1.62 (m, 4H,  $H_{17'}$ ,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.55–1.57–1.42 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.24–1.19 (m, 12H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ), 0.82 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H8"-H7"}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{8"}, 0.79 \text{ (s, 9H, -C(C}H_3)_3), 0.76 \text{ (s, 9H, }$  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.75 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.01, 0.00, -0.01, -0.1 (4s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.6, 168.2 (C<sub>19</sub>,  $C_{9''}$ ), 163.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.5 (C<sub>2</sub>), 142.9 (C<sub>7</sub>), 139.9 (C<sub>6</sub>), 134.5 (C<sub>12''</sub>), 133.9 ( $C_{22'}$ ), 132.3 ( $C_{20'}$ ), 131.9 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 123.8 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 123.3 ( $C_{21'}$ ), 122.0 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 117.7 ( $C_{6''}$ ), 112.3 ( $C_{1''}$ ), 103.2 ( $C_{5}$ ), 87.6 ( $C_{1'}$ ), 86.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.3  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.2  $(C_{2''})$ , 80.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 72.7  $(C_{3'})$ , 50.4  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 38.2  $(C_{18'})$ , 30.5  $(C_{7''})$ , 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 29.2, 29.1, 28.9, 28.7, 26.9, 26.6 ( $C_{7''}$ ,  $C_{6'}$ ,  $C_{10'}$ ,  $C_{11'}$ ,  $C_{12'}$ ,  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ), 25.9, 25.8 (-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 18.1, 18.1 (- $C(CH_3)_3$ , 8.4, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.2, -4.5, -4.5, -4.6 (-Si-t-Bu- $(CH_3)_2$ ; HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{60}H_{86}N_7O_{13}Si_2^+$   $(M + H)^+$ 1168.5817, found 1168.5839.

Compound 23g. Triazole 23g was synthesized according to the general procedure for Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition from alkyne 5 (140 mg, 0.17 mmol) and azide 7g (110 mg, 0.33 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4) afforded 23g as a white foam (133 mg, 67% yield):  $R_{\rm f}$  0.26 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4); m.p. 122–128 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$ -26 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2930m, 2351w, 1710s, 1693s, 1393m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.22 (br d, 1H,  $J_{NH-H5}$  = 2.0 Hz, NH), 7.89-7.86 (m, 2H, H<sub>11"</sub>), 7.85-7.82 (m, 3H, H<sub>6</sub>, H<sub>17'</sub>), 7.77-7.74  $(m, 4H, H_{12''}, H_{22'}), 7.58-7.55 (m, 1H, H_{23'}), 7.48 (d, 2H, H_{23'})$  $J_{\text{H21'-H22'}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{21'}, 7.45 \text{ (d, 2H, } J_{\text{H11'-H12'}} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{11'},$ 7.36 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 7.28 (d, 2H,  $J_{H12'-H11'}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_{12'}$ ), 7.03–6.99 (m, 2H,  $H_{16'}$ ), 6.17 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 2.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.95 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.56 (d, 1H,  $J_{H9'a-H9'b}$  = 15.0 Hz,  $H_{9'a}$ ), 5.47 (d, 1H,  $J_{H9'b-H9'a}$  = 15.0 Hz,  $H_{9'b}$ ), 5.34 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 5.14 (s, 2H,  $H_{14'}$ ), 4.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 4.67 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{3"}}$ ), 4.52 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"a}}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_{H4''-H5''b} = 9.5$  Hz,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.20–4.17 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.00 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}}$  = 4.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'}}$ , 3.86 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4'-H3'}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4'-H5'}} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{4'}}, 3.84-3.78 (m, 2H,$  $H_{5''a}$ ,  $H_{5''b}$ ), 3.47 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b} = 14.0$  Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.07 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'b-H6'a} = 14.0$  Hz,  $J_{H6'b-H5'} = 10.5$  Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 1.71-1.62 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.55-1.50 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 0.88 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.84 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.81 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.07, 0.07, 0.06, -0.03 (4s, 12H,  $-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(\text{C}H_3)_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  195.6 (C<sub>19'</sub>), 168.2  $(C_{9''})$ , 162.9  $(C_4)$ , 162.3  $(C_{15'})$ , 150.4  $(C_2)$ , 143.6  $(C_{7'})$ , 139.9  $(C_6)$ , 138.3 ( $C_{20'}$ ), 137.1 ( $C_{13'}$ ), 134.8 ( $C_{10'}$ ), 134.4 ( $C_{12''}$ ), 132.7 ( $C_{17'}$ ), 132.1 ( $C_{23'}$ ), 131.9 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 130.7 ( $C_{18'}$ ), 129.9 ( $C_{21'}$ ), 128.4 ( $C_{22'}$ ), 128.3 ( $C_{11'}$ ), 128.3 ( $C_{12'}$ ), 123.9 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 122.3 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 117.7 ( $C_{6''}$ ), 114.9  $(C_{16'})$ , 112.5  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.2  $(C_5)$ , 87.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.2  $(C_{2''})$ , 80.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 72.8  $(C_{3'})$ , 69.7  $(C_{14'})$ , 53.9  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.4  $(C_{5''})$ , 29.5  $(C_{7''})$ , 28.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 28.9  $(C_{6'})$ , 25.9, 25.8  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 18.1, 18.1  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.5, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.2, -4.5, -4.5, -4.5  $(-Si-t-Bu-(CH_3)_2)$ ; HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{63}H_{79}N_6O_{13}Si_2^+$   $(M+H)^+$  1183.5238, found 1183.5230.

Compound 23h. Triazole 23h was synthesized according to the general procedure for Cu(1)-catalyzed azide-alkyne cycloaddition from alkyne 5 (108 mg, 0.13 mmol) and azide 7h (98 mg, 0.26 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1) afforded 23h as a white foam (90 mg, 57% yield):  $R_f$  0.27 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1); m.p. 96–102 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$ -25 (c 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2930m, 1710s, 1696s, 1256s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.63–8.60 (m, 1H, NH), 7.89–7.87 (m, 3H, H<sub>11"</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.83–7.80 (m, 2H,  $H_{21'}$ ), 7.77–7.74 (m, 4H,  $H_{12''}$ ,  $H_{25'}$ ), 7.57–7.54 (m, 1H,  $H_{27'}$ ), 7.47 (t, 2H,  $J_{H26'-H27'} = J_{H26'-H25'} = 8.0$  Hz,  $H_{26'}$ ), 7.38 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 6.96–6.93 (m, 2H,  $H_{20'}$ ), 6.20 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H5-NH}}$  = 2.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.97 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 5.5 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.33 (s, 1H,  $H_{1"}$ ), 4.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2"-H3"}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2"}$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3''-H2''}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $H_{3''}$ ), 4.53 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4''-H5''a}} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 9.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{4"}, 4.36-4.26 \text{ (m, 2H, H<sub>9'</sub>)}, 4.20-4.18 \text{ (m,}$ 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.03 (t, 1H,  $J_{H18'-H19'} = 6.5$  Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 4.00 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{3'}, 3.92-3.83 (m, 3H, H_{5"a}, H_{5"b})$  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.52 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.08 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}}$  = 11.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{6'b}}$ ), 1.92-1.85 (m, 2H, H<sub>10'</sub>), 1.84-1.78 (m, 2H, H<sub>17'</sub>), 1.73-1.61 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.57-1.50 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.48-1.44 (m, 2H,  $H_{16'}$ ), 1.38–1.26 (m, 10H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ), 0.88 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H8"-H7"}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{8"}, 0.86 \text{ (s, 9H, -C(C}H_3)_3), 0.84 \text{ (s, 9H, }$  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.82 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.08, 0.08, 0.07, -0.01 (4s, 12H,  $-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(\text{C}H_3)_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  195.6 (C<sub>23'</sub>), 168.2  $(C_{9''})$ , 163.2  $(C_4)$ , 162.9  $(C_{19'})$ , 150.5  $(C_2)$ , 142.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 139.9  $(C_6)$ , 138.5 ( $C_{24'}$ ), 134.5 ( $C_{12''}$ ), 132.7 ( $C_{21'}$ ), 131.9 ( $C_{27'}$ ), 132.2 ( $C_{21'}$ ), 130.1 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 129.8 ( $C_{25'}$ ), 128.3 ( $C_{26'}$ ), 123.8 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 122.2 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 117.7  $(C_{6''})$ , 114.9  $(C_{20'})$ , 112.4  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.2  $(C_5)$ , 87.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 84.5  $(C_{2''})$ , 84.4  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.2  $(C_{2'})$ , 80.8  $(C_{3''})$ , 75.4  $(C_{3'})$ , 72.7  $(C_{5'})$ , 68.4  $(C_{18'})$ , 50.4  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 30.5  $(C_{17'})$ , 29.6, 29.5,  $29.4,\ 29.2,\ 29.1,\ 28.9,\ 26.6,\ 26.1\ \left(C_{6'},\ C_{10'},\ C_{11'},\ C_{12'},\ C_{13'},\ C_{14'},\right.$  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{7''}$ ), 25.9, 25.8 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 18.1, 18.1 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 8.4, 7.4  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.2, -4.5, -4.5, -4.6  $(-\text{Si-}t\text{-Bu-}(CH_3)_2)$ ; HRMS  $\text{ESI}^+$ calcd for  $C_{65}H_{91}N_6O_{13}Si_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 1219.6177, found 1219.6187.

#### General procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles 24a-h

To a solution of azide 6 (1 equiv.) and alkyne partner 8a-h (1 to 2 equiv.) in tert-BuOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1.5 mL/500  $\mu$ L) were successively added CuSO<sub>4</sub> (0.1 equiv.), sodium ascorbate (0.3 equiv.) and N-diisopropylethylamine (2.2 equiv.). The suspension was sonicated for 5 min to solubilise all reagents. The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 18 h and diluted with DCM (30 mL) and NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (15 mL). The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (6 × 30 mL) and the combined organic layers were washed with  $10^{-3}$  M solution of tetra-sodium EDTA, dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was then purified by flash chromatography to give the corresponding N-triazole 24a-h.

**Compound 24a.** Triazole **24a** was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of *N*-triazoles from

azide 6 (52 mg, 0.06 mmol) and 1-dodecyne 8a (25 mg, 0.12 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 7/3) afforded 24a as a white foam (35 mg, 55% yield):  $R_f$ 0.61 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1); m.p. 102–106 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –30 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 3060m, 2928m, 2856m, 1714s, 1386m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.63 (br d, 1H,  $J_{NH-H5}$  = 1.0 Hz, NH), 7.91–7.88 (m, 2H,  $H_{11''}$ ), 7.85 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79–7.76 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.33 (s, 1H,  $H_{7}$ ), 6.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 1.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.92 (d, 1H,  $J_{H_{1'}-H_{2'}}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.34 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 5.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 4.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{2"}}$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{3"}}$ ), 4.58 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4''-H5''a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H4''-H5''b} = 10.0$  Hz,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.44 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'b-H6'a}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'b-H5'}$  = 10.5 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 4.26 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H5'-H6'a}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b}$  = 10.5 Hz,  $J_{H5'-H4'}$  = 1.0 Hz,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.17 (t, 1H,  $J_{H2'-H1'} = J_{H2'-H3'} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{2'}$ ), 4.02 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{3'}, 3.84 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H5"a-H5"b}} = 14.0$ Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"} = 5.5$  Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a} = 14.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}$ , 3.60 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4'-H5'}} =$ 1.0 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>), 2.74-2.64 (m, 2H, H<sub>9</sub>), 1.74-1.61 (m, 4H, H<sub>10</sub>),  $H_{7"}$ ), 1.58-1.50 (m, 2H,  $H_{7"}$ ), 1.38-1.25 (m, 14H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ,  $H_{17'}$ ), 0.91-0.86 (m, 6H,  $H_{8''}$ ,  $H_{18'}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.84 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.83-0.82 (m, 3H,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.11, 0.08, 0.06, -0.01 (4s, 12H,  $-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(\text{C}H_3)_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.2 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 142.9 (C<sub>8'</sub>), 139.6 (C<sub>6</sub>), 134.6  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.9  $(C_{10''})$ , 123.9  $(C_{11''})$ , 122.1  $(C_{7'})$ , 118.1  $(C_{6''})$ , 112.7  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.1  $(C_5)$ , 88.3  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.3  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.1  $(C_{2''})$ , 79.0  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{2'})$ , 71.7  $(C_{3'})$ , 50.5  $(C_{6'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5"})$ , 32.9  $(C_{7"})$ , 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.5, 29.5, 28.9  $(C_{7"}, C_{9'}, C_{9'})$  $C_{10'}$ ,  $C_{11'}$ ,  $C_{12'}$ ,  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ), 25.8, 25.7 (-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 22.8  $(C_{17'})$ , 18.1, 18.0  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 14.2  $(C_{18'})$ , 8.5, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.1, -4.4, -4.6, -4.7 ( $-Si-t-Bu-(CH_3)_2$ ); HRMS,  $ESI^+$  calcd for  $C_{52}H_{83}N_6O_{11}Si_2^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 1023.5653, found 1023.5671.

Compound 24b. Triazole 24b was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles from azide 6 (40 mg, 0.47 mmol) and 12-phenyl-dodec-1-yne 8b (17 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 7/3) afforded 24b as a white foam (31 mg, 60% yield):  $R_f$  0.11 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 7/3); m.p. 106–110 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$ -34 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2928m, 2848w, 2163m, 1693s, 1394m, 1090w, 837m;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.61 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.92–7.88 (m, 2H,  $H_{11}$ "), 7.85 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79–7.76 (m, 2H, H<sub>12"</sub>), 7.32 (s, 1H, H<sub>7'</sub>), 7.28-7.25 (m, 2H, H<sub>20'</sub>), 7.18-7.15 (m, 3H,  $H_{21'}$ ,  $H_{22'}$ ), 6.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{H5-NH} = 2.5$ Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.92 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 5.0$  Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.35 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 5.03 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{6'a}}$ ), 4.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{2"}$ ), 4.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{3"}$ ), 4.58 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"a}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_{H4"-H5"b}$  = 10.0 Hz,  $H_{4"}$ ), 4.45-4.41 (m, 1H,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 4.28-4.25 (m, 1H,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.17 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} = J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{2'}, 4.02 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} =$ 5.0 Hz, H<sub>3'</sub>), 3.84 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b} = 13.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"} = 5.5$ Hz, H<sub>5"a</sub>), 3.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a} = 13.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"} = 10.0$ Hz,  $H_{5''b}$ ), 3.60–3.59 (m, 1H,  $H_{4'}$ ), 2.73–2.68 (m, 2H,  $H_{9'}$ ), 2.59 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H}18'-\text{H}17'}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 1.73–1.58 (m, 6H,  $H_{10'}$ ,  $H_{17'}$ ,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.57–1.52 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.38–1.24 (m, 12H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ), 0.90 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.85-0.82 (m, 12H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.83-0.82  $(m, 3H, H_{8''}), 0.11, 0.08, 0.06, -0.01 (4s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(CH_3)_2);$ <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.2 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 143.1 (C<sub>19'</sub>), 139.5  $(C_{8'})$ , 134.6  $(C_{6})$ , 134.6  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.9  $(C_{10''})$ , 128.5  $(C_{21'})$ , 128.3  $(C_{20'})$ , 125.7  $(C_{22'})$ , 123.9  $(C_{11''})$ , 121.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 118.1  $(C_{6''})$ , 112.7  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.1  $(C_5)$ , 88.3  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.3  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.1  $(C_{2''})$ , 79.0  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 71.7  $(C_{3'})$ , 49.9  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.4  $(C_{5''})$ , 36.1  $(C_{18'})$ , 31.6  $(C_{10'})$ , 29.8, 29.8, 29.7, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5  $(C_{7''}, C_{6'})$  $C_{11'}$ ,  $C_{12'}$ ,  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ), 25.9, 25.9 (-C( $CH_3$ )<sub>3</sub>), 18.1, 18.0  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.5, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.1, -4.4, -4.6, -4.7 (-Si-t-Bu- $(CH_3)_2$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{58}H_{87}N_6O_{11}Si_2^{+}$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 1099.5966, found 1099.5994.

Compound 24c. Triazole 24c was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles from azide 6 (40 mg, 0.047 mmol) and 5-heptyne-1-ol 8c (8 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 3/7) afforded **24c** as a white foam (24 mg, 53% yield):  $R_f$ 0.12 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 3/7); m.p. 110–112 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –22 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2931w, 2857w, 1715s, 1523w, 1256m, 1159m, 838w;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.76–8.66 (br m, 1H, NH), 7.94–7.89 (m, 2H,  $H_{11''}$ ), 7.83 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79–7.76 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.34 (s, 1H,  $H_{7'}$ ), 6.15 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6} = 8.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5-NH}} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, H_5$ , 5.92 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{1'}$ ), 5.34 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 5.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 4.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 4.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{H3''-H2''}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{3"}$ ), 4.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"a} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{H4"-H5"b} = 10.0$ Hz, H<sub>4"</sub>), 4.43 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'b-H6'a}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H6'b-H5'}$  = 10.0 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 4.27 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H5'-H6'a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5'}, 4.17 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} = J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz},$  $H_{2'}$ ), 4.02 (t, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'} = J_{H3'-H4'} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.83 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"a-H5"b}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"a-H4"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"a}, 3.80 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 3.65 \text{ (t, 2H,}$  $J_{\text{H}13'-\text{H}12'}$  = 6.5 Hz, H<sub>13'</sub>), 3.59 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}4'-\text{H}3'}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H}4'-\text{H}5'}$  = 1.0 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>'), 2.76-2.66 (m, 2H, H<sub>9</sub>'), 1.73-1.66 (m, 4H, H<sub>10</sub>',  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.61 (qt, 2H,  $J_{H12'-H13'} = J_{H12'-H11'} = 6.5$  Hz,  $H_{12'}$ ), 1.56–1.54 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.44 (qt, 2H,  $J_{H11'-H12'} = J_{H11'-H10'} = 6.5$ Hz,  $H_{11'}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.86 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ , 0.85-0.82 (m, 12H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.10, 0.08, 0.07, -0.01 (4s, 12H,  $-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(\text{C}H_3)_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.2 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.1  $(C_4)$ , 150.4  $(C_2)$ , 148.3  $(C_{8'})$ , 139.6  $(C_6)$ , 134.6  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.9  $(C_{10''})$ , 123.9  $(C_{11''})$ , 122.2  $(C_{7'})$ , 118.1  $(C_{6''})$ , 112.6  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.2  $(C_{5})$ , 88.2  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.3  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.6  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.1  $(C_{2''})$ , 79.0  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.3  $(C_{2'})$ , 71.2  $(C_{3'})$ , 62.8  $(C_{13'})$ , 49.9  $(C_{6'})$ , 40.4  $(C_{5''})$ , 32.5  $(C_{12'})$ , 29.5  $(C_{7''})$ , 29.3  $(C_{10'})$ , 28.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 25.8, 25.8  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 25.6  $(C_{9'})$ , 25.5  $(C_{11'})$ , 18.1, 18.1  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.5, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.1, -4.4, -4.6, -4.7 (-Si-t-Bu- $(C\text{H}_3)_2$ ); HRMS,  $\text{ESI}^+$  calcd for  $C_{47}H_{73}N_6O_{12}Si_2^+(M+H)^+$  969.4820, found 969.4824.

Compound 24d. Triazole 24d was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles from azide 6 (50 mg, 0.06 mmol) and 12-dodecyne-1-ol 8d (20 mg, 0.12 mmol, 2 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 1/1) afforded 24d as a white foam (43 mg, 66% yield):  $R_f$ 0.21 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 1/1); m.p. 110–112 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –23 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2929br, 2853w, 1712s, 1459w, 1396m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.70 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.91–7.89 (m, 2H, H<sub>11"</sub>), 7.84 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.79-7.76 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.32 (s, 1H,  $H_{7'}$ ), 6.15 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.92 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 5.0

Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.35 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 5.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{6'a}}, 4.77 \text{ (d, 1H, } J_{\text{H2''-H3''}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{2''}}, 4.68$ (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3''-H2''}}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{3''}}$ ), 4.58 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4''-H5''a}}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H4''-H5''b}} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{4''}}, 4.43 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 13.0 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 4.27 \text{ (ddd, 1H, } J_{\text{H5'-H6'a}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{\text{H5'-H6'b}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5'}, 4.17 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} =$  $J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, \text{ H}_{2'}, 4.02 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz},$  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.85 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5''a-H5''b}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H5''a-H4''}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a} = 13.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"} = 10.0$  Hz,  $H_{5"b}$ ), 3.64 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H}18'-\text{H}17'}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 3.59 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}4'-\text{H}3'}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H4'-H5'}} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{4'}}$ ), 2.73-2.64 (m, 2H,  $H_{\text{9'}}$ ), 1.74-1.63 (m, 4H, H<sub>10</sub>′, H<sub>7</sub>″), 1.58–1.52 (m, 4H, H<sub>17</sub>′, H<sub>7</sub>″), 1.38–1.25 (m, 13H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ , OH), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.0$ Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.86 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.85-0.82 (m, 12H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ),  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.11, 0.08, 0.06, -0.02 (4s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu-(C $H_3$ )<sub>2</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.2 (C<sub>9''</sub>), 163.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 148.6 (C<sub>8'</sub>), 139.5 (C<sub>6</sub>), 134.6  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.8  $(C_{10''})$ , 123.9  $(C_{11''})$ , 121.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 118.1  $(C_{6''})$ , 112.7  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.1  $(C_5)$ , 88.2  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.3  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.1  $(C_{2''})$ , 79.1  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{2'})$ , 71.8  $(C_{3'})$ , 63.0  $(C_{18'})$ , 49.5  $(C_{6'})$ , 40.4  $(C_{5''})$ , 32.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 29.5, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 28.9  $(C_{7''}, C_{9'}, C_{10'}, C_{11'}, C_{12'}, C_{13'}, C_{14'}, C_{15'}, C_{16'})$ , 25.8, 25.8 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 25.7 ( $C_{17'}$ ), 18.1, 18.0 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 8.5, 7.5 ( $C_{8''}$ ), -4.1, -4.4, -4.6, -4.7 (-Si--t-Bu- $(CH_3)_2$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{52}H_{83}N_6O_{12}Si_2^+(M+H)^+$  1039.5602, found 1039.5624.

Compound 24e. Triazole 24e was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles from azide 6 (40 mg, 0.047 mmol) and alkyne 8e (7.2 mg, 0.031 mmol, 1 equiv.). Flash chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH 100/0 to 90/10) afforded 24e as a pale red film (22 mg, 44% yield):  $R_f$  0.10 (EtOAc/MeOH 90/10);  $[\alpha]_D$  -22 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 3744br, 2677m, 2160s, 1712s, 1096m, 830m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.31 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.91–7.88 (m, 2H, H<sub>11"</sub>), 7.82 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6-H5}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_6$ , 7.79–7.77 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.69 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 6.13 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 1.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.91 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{1'}}, 5.35 \text{ (s, 1H, H}_{\text{1''}}, 5.00 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} =$ 13.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 5.5$  Hz,  $H_{\text{6'a}}$ , 4.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2''-H3''}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $H_{2"}$ ), 4.69–4.66 (m, 3H,  $H_{9'}$ ,  $H_{3"}$ ), 4.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"a} = 6.5$ Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{4"}}$ ), 4.51 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}}$  = 9.5 Hz, H<sub>6'b</sub>), 4.33 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5'-H6'a}}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H5'-H6'b}}$  = 9.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 1.0$  Hz,  $H_{\text{5'}}$ ), 4.18 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} = J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 5.0$ Hz, H<sub>2'</sub>), 4.03 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}$ , H<sub>3'</sub>), 3.85 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.79 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 3.72-3.59 \text{ (m,}$ 17H, H<sub>4</sub>', H<sub>10</sub>', H<sub>11</sub>', H<sub>12</sub>', H<sub>13</sub>', H<sub>14</sub>', H<sub>15</sub>', H<sub>16</sub>', H<sub>17</sub>'), 1.73-1.63 (m, 3H,  $H_{7''}$ , OH), 1.56–1.51 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.85-0.82 (m, 12H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.10, 0.08, 0.07, -0.01 (4s, 12H, -Si-t-Bu- $(CH_3)_2$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.2  $(C_{9''})$ , 162.9  $(C_4)$ , 150.3  $(C_2)$ , 145.3  $(C_{8'})$ , 139.6  $(C_{6})$ , 134.6  $(C_{12''})$ , 131.8  $(C_{10''})$ , 124.2  $(C_{7'})$ , 123.9  $(C_{11"})$ , 118.1  $(C_{6"})$ , 112.6  $(C_{1"})$ , 103.1  $(C_5)$ , 88.2  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.3  $(C_{3"})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.7  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.1  $(C_{2''})$ , 78.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.3  $(C_{2'})$ , 72.6  $(CH_{2PEG})$ , 71.9  $(C_{3'})$ , 70.6, 70.3, 69.8  $(CH_{2PEG})$ , 64.7  $(C_{9'})$ , 61.8  $(CH_{2PEG})$ , 50.5  $(C_{6'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 29.5, 28.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 25.9, 25.8 (- $C(CH_3)_3$ , 18.1, 18.1 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 8.5, 7.5 ( $C_{8''}$ ), -4.1, -4.4, -4.5,  $-4.6 \text{ (-Si-}t\text{-Bu-}(CH_3)_2); HRMS, ESI^+ calcd for C_{51}H_{81}N_6O_{16}Si_2^+$  $(M + H)^{+}$  1089.5242, found 1089.5260.

Compound 24f. Triazole 24f was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles from azide 6 (40 mg, 0.047 mmol) and alkyne 8f (22 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4) afforded 24f as a white foam (37.5 mg, 68% yield): R<sub>f</sub> 0.11 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4); m.p. 120–124 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –21 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2923m, 1713s, 1273m, 1253w, 1075w, 746m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.57 (brs, 1H, NH), 7.90–7.88 (m, 2H, H<sub>11"</sub>), 7.88–7.81 (m, 3H,  $H_{21'}$ ,  $H_6$ ), 7.79–7.75 (m, 2H,  $H_{22'}$ ), 7.72–7.69 (m, 2H,  $H_{12''}$ ), 7.32 (s, 1H,  $H_{7'}$ ), 6.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6} = 8.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5-NH}} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, H_5$ , 5.92 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{1'}$ ), 5.34 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 5.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 4.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{H3''-H2''}$  = 6.5 Hz, H<sub>3"</sub>), 4.58 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H4"-H5"b} = 10.5$ Hz, H<sub>4"</sub>), 4.43 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'b-H6'a}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'b-H5'}$  = 10.5 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 4.26 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H5'-H6'a} = 5.0$  Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b} = 10.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5'}, 4.16 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} = J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz},$  $H_{2'}$ ), 4.01 (t, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'} = J_{H3'-H4'} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.84 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"a-H5"b}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"a-H4"}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5\text{"a}}, 3.80 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 3.67 \text{ (t, 2H,}$  $J_{\text{H}18'-\text{H}17'} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{18'}, 3.59 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H}4'-\text{H}3'} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H}4'-\text{H}5'} =$ 1.0 Hz, H<sub>4</sub>'), 2.72-2.63 (m, 2H, H<sub>9</sub>'), 1.69-1.60 (m, 6H, H<sub>10</sub>',  $H_{17}$ ,  $H_{7}$ , 1.57–1.51 (m, 2H,  $H_{7}$ ), 1.37–1.23 (m, 12H,  $H_{11}$ ),  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.87 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.85-0.82 (m, 12H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.10, 0.07, 0.05, -0.02 (4s, 12H,  $-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(\text{C}H_3)_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  168.6, 168.2  $(C_{19'}, C_{9''})$ , 163.1  $(C_4)$ , 150.3  $(C_2)$ , 148.7  $(C_{8'})$ , 139.5  $(C_6)$ , 134.6 ( $C_{12''}$ ), 133.9 ( $C_{22'}$ ), 132.4 ( $C_{20'}$ ), 131.2 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 123.8 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 123.3  $(C_{21'})$ , 121.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 118.1  $(C_{6"})$ , 112.7  $(C_{1"})$ , 103.1  $(C_5)$ , 88.2  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.3  $(C_{3''})$ , 84.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 82.1  $(C_{2''})$ , 79.1  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 71.8  $(C_{3'})$ , 49.9  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 38.2  $(C_{18'})$ , 29.8, 29.6, 29.6, 29.5, 29.4, 29.4, 29.3, 28.9, 28.7, 27.1, 26.9 (C<sub>7"</sub>, C<sub>6'</sub>, C<sub>10'</sub>, C<sub>11'</sub>,  $C_{12'}$ ,  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ), 25.8, 25.7 (-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 18.1, 18.0  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.4, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.1, -4.1, -4.6, -4.7 (-Si-t-Bu-t) $(CH_3)_2$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{60}H_{86}N_7O_{13}Si_2^+$   $(M + H)^+$ 1168.5817, found 1168.5838.

Compound 24g. Triazole 24g was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles from azide 6 (21 mg, 0.024 mmol) and alkyne 8g (16.0 mg, 0.049 mmol, 2.0 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 6/4 to 3/7) afforded 24g as a white foam (19 mg, 64%) yield):  $R_f$  0.30 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 3/7); m.p. 112–116 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$ -34 (c 1.0, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 2928br, 2550w, 1718s, 1696s, 1655m, 1463w, 1253m, 839m;  $^{1}$ H NMR  $\delta$  8.56 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.92-7.88 (m, 2H, H<sub>11"</sub>), 7.84-7.80 (m, 3H, H<sub>17</sub>', H<sub>6</sub>), 7.78-7.43 (m, 4H,  $H_{12''}$ ,  $H_{21'}$ ), 7.57 (t, 1H,  $J_{H23'-H22'} = 8.0$  Hz,  $H_{23'}$ ), 7.48–7.45 (m, 2H,  $H_{22'}$ ), 7.41–7.39 (br s, 1H,  $H_{7'}$ ), 7.36 (d, 2H,  $J_{\text{H}11'-\text{H}12'} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{11'}, 7.27 \text{ (d, 2H, } J_{\text{H}12'-\text{H}11'} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{12'},$ 7.03-7.01 (m, 2H,  $H_{16'}$ ), 6.11 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 1.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.88 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 5.0 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.32 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 5.14 (m, 2H,  $H_{14'}$ ), 4.96 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 4.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{3"}, 4.56 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H4"-H5"a}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} =$ 9.5 Hz,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.45 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'b-H6'a} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{H6'b-H5'} = 10.0$ Hz, H<sub>6'b</sub>), 4.27 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H5'-H6'a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 1.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5'}, 4.17 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} = J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz},$ 

 $H_{2'}$ ), 4.13 (d, 1H,  $J_{H9'a-H9'b}$  = 16.0 Hz,  $H_{9'a}$ ), 4.06 (d, 1H,  $J_{H9'b-H9'a}$  = 16.0 Hz,  $H_{9'b}$ ), 4.02 (t, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'} = J_{H3'-H4'} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"}$  = 9.5 Hz,  $H_{5"b}$ ), 3.61 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4'-H5'}} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{4'}}, 1.71-1.62 (m, 2H, H_{7''}),$ 1.57-1.49 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 0.94-0.80 (m, 24H,  $H_{8''}$ , -C(C $H_3$ )<sub>3</sub>), 0.10, 0.08, 0.08, -0.02 (4s, 12H,  $-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(\text{C}H_3)_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta^{13}$ C NMR  $\delta$  195.6 (C<sub>19′</sub>), 168.2 (C<sub>9″</sub>), 163.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 162.5 (C<sub>15′</sub>), 150.3 ( $C_2$ ), 147.4 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 139.5 ( $C_6$ ), 139.1 ( $C_{20'}$ ), 138.4 ( $C_{13'}$ ), 135.8 ( $C_{10'}$ ), 134.6 ( $C_{12''}$ ), 132.7 ( $C_{17'}$ ), 132.0 ( $C_{23'}$ ), 131.8 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 130.5 ( $C_{18'}$ ), 129.8 ( $C_{21'}$ ), 129.1 ( $C_{22'}$ ), 128.5 ( $C_{11'}$ ), 128.3 ( $C_{12'}$ ),  $128.0(C_{11''})$ ,  $123.8(C_{7'})$ ,  $118.1(C_{6''})$ ,  $114.5(C_{16'})$ ,  $112.7(C_{1''})$ , 103.0 ( $C_5$ ), 88.3 ( $C_{1'}$ ), 86.2 ( $C_{3''}$ ), 84.6 ( $C_{4''}$ ), 82.6 ( $C_{4'}$ ), 82.0 ( $C_{2''}$ ), 78.9  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.3  $(C_{5'})$ , 71.8  $(C_{3'})$ , 70.1  $(C_{14'})$ , 50.2  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.4  $(C_{5''})$ , 29.5  $(C_{7''})$ , 29.5  $(C_{7''})$ , 28.9  $(C_{6'})$ , 25.9, 25.8  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 18.1, 18.0  $(-C(CH_3)_3)$ , 8.5, 7.5  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.1, -4.4, -4.6, -4.7 (-Si-t-Bu-t) $(CH_3)_2$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{63}H_{79}N_6O_{13}Si_2^+$   $(M + H)^+$ 1183.5238, found 1183.5222.

Compound 24h. Triazole 24h was synthesized according to the general procedure for the preparation of N-triazoles from azide 6 (40 mg, 0.047 mmol) and alkyne 8h (25.4 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1.5 equiv.). Flash chromatography (cyclohexane/ EtOAc 6/4) afforded 24h as a white foam (33 mg, 58% yield):  $R_f$ 0.20 (cyclohexane/EtOAc 6/4); m.p. 102–106 °C;  $[\alpha]_{\rm D}$  –24 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 1710s, 1643m, 1602w, 1256m, 835w; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $\delta$  8.68 (br d, 1H,  $J_{NH-H5}$  = 1.5 Hz, NH), 7.92–7.88 (m, 2H,  $H_{11''}$ ), 7.85 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 7.83–7.80 (m, 2H,  $H_{21'}$ ), 7.79-7.74 (m, 4H,  $H_{12''}$ ,  $H_{25'}$ ), 7.57-7.54 (m, 1H,  $H_{27'}$ ), 7.48-7.45 $(m, 2H, H_{26'}), 7.32 (s, 1H, H_{7'}), 6.96-6.93 (m, 2H, H_{20'}), 6.16$ (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{H5-NH}$  = 1.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.92 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{1'}}, 5.35 \text{ (s, 1H, H}_{\text{1''}}, 5.02 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} =$ 13.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ , 4.77 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2''-H3''}} = 6.0$  Hz,  $H_{2"}$ ), 4.68 (d, 1H,  $J_{H3"-H2"}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_{3"}$ ), 4.57 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"a}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 10.0$  Hz,  $H_{\text{4"}}$ ), 4.43 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 13.0$ Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}}$  = 10.5 Hz, H<sub>6'b</sub>), 4.27 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5'-H6'a}}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H5'-H6'b}} = 10.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{5'}}, 4.16 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} =$  $J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{2'}, 4.04 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H18'-H17'}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz, } H_{18'}, 4.02$ (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{3'}}$ ), 3.84 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5''a-H5''b}} =$ 13.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H}5"a-\text{H}4"}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}5"b-\text{H}5"a}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{5"b}$ ), 3.59 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H4'-H5'}} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{4'}, 2.74-2.64 (m, 2H, H_{9'}), 1.81 (qt, 2H, H_{9'})$  $J_{\text{H}17'-\text{H}18'} = J_{\text{H}17'-\text{H}16'} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{17'}, 1.71-1.62 \text{ (m, 4H, H}_{10'},$  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.56–1.52 (m, 2H,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.50–1.44 (m, 2H,  $H_{16'}$ ), 1.38–1.26 (m, 10H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H8''-H7''}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.86 (s, 9H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 0.85-0.82 (m, 12H,  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $H_{8''}$ ), 0.11, 0.08, 0.06, -0.02 (4s, 12H,  $-\text{Si-}t\text{-Bu-}(\text{C}H_3)_2$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $\delta$  195.8 (C<sub>23'</sub>), 168.3 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 163.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 163.1 (C<sub>19'</sub>), 150.5 (C<sub>2</sub>), 148.8  $(C_{8'})$ , 139.6  $(C_{6})$ , 138.6  $(C_{24'})$ , 134.7  $(C_{12''})$ , 132.8  $(C_{21'})$ , 132.0  $(C_{27'})$ , 131.9 ( $C_{21'}$ ), 130.1 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 129.9 ( $C_{25'}$ ), 128.4 ( $C_{26'}$ ), 123.9 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 122.1  $(C_{7'})$ , 118.2  $(C_{6''})$ , 114.3  $(C_{20'})$ , 112.8  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.2  $(C_{5})$ , 88.3  $(C_{1'})$ , 86.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 84.7  $(C_{2''})$ , 82.5  $(C_{4''})$ , 82.2  $(C_{2'})$ , 79.2  $(C_{3''})$ , 75.5  $(C_{3'})$ , 71.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 68.5  $(C_{18'})$ , 50.0  $(C_{9'})$ , 40.5  $(C_{5''})$ , 29.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.6, 29.4, 29.1, 27.2, 26.2 (C<sub>6</sub>′, C<sub>10</sub>′, C<sub>11</sub>′, C<sub>12</sub>′, C<sub>13</sub>′, C<sub>14</sub>′, C<sub>15</sub>′, C<sub>16</sub>′,  $C_{17'}$ ,  $C_{7''}$ ), 25.9, 25.8 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 18.2, 18.2 ( $-C(CH_3)_3$ ), 8.6, 7.6  $(C_{8''})$ , -4.0, -4.3, -4.5, -4.6  $(-\text{Si}-t\text{-Bu}-(CH_3)_2)$ ; HRMS,  $\text{ESI}^+$ calcd for  $C_{65}H_{91}N_6O_{13}Si_2^+(M+H)^+$  1219.6177, found 1219.6198.

#### General procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage

To a solution of triazole 23a-h or 24a-h (1 equiv.), in MeOH (700 µL) was added dropwise an ethanolic solution of methylamine (8.03 M, 400 equiv.). The solution was stirred at r.t. for 5 h and volatiles were removed in vacuo. To the crude residue was added pure H<sub>2</sub>O (700 µL) and the resulting suspension was cooled to 0 °C. At 0 °C, TFA (2 mL) was added dropwise. The pale yellow resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min and then at r.t. for 18 h and then concentrated to dryness. The residue was then purified by semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC to give the corresponding fully deprotected tetrols 25a-h or 26a-h. Yields were given after 2 steps and purification by semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC.

Compound 25a. Compound 25a was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23a (60 mg, 0.059 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 25a was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white powder, 25.8 mg, 62% yield): m.p. 138-140 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +17 (c 0.2, MeOH); IR (film) 2383m, 1715s, 1698s, 1226m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta$  7.83 (s, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 7.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}1'-\text{H}2'}$  = 3.5 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.71 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}5-\text{H}6}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.16 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 4.37 (t, 2H,  $J_{H9'-H10'} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.16-4.08 (m, 4H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3''-H2''}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H3''}-\text{H4''}} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H3''}}$ , 3.98 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2''}-\text{H3''}} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 3.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'} = 6.0$  Hz,  $J_{H3'-H4'} = 3.5$  Hz,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.29-3.27 (m, 1H,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{6'a}}, 3.17 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.5 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 2.98 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H5''b-H5''a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}$ , 1.88 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\text{H10'-H9'}} = J_{\text{H10'-H11'}} = 7.0$ Hz, H<sub>10</sub>'), 1.34-1.26 (m, 14H, H<sub>11</sub>', H<sub>12</sub>', H<sub>13</sub>', H<sub>14</sub>', H<sub>15</sub>', H<sub>16</sub>',  $H_{17}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{H18'-H17'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 144.8 (C<sub>7</sub>), 142.3 (C<sub>6</sub>), 125.1 (C<sub>8</sub>), 110.9  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.6  $(C_5)$ , 91.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 85.5  $(C_{3''})$ , 80.1  $(C_{4''})$ , 79.7  $(C_{4'})$ , 76.5  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 71.5  $(C_{3'})$ , 51.5  $(C_{9'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5''})$ , 33.2, 31.5, 30.8, 30.7, 30.5, 30.2, 29.8, 27.6, 23.9 (C<sub>6</sub>', C<sub>10</sub>', C<sub>11</sub>', C<sub>12</sub>',  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ), 14.6 ( $C_{18'}$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{27}H_{45}N_6O_9^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 597.3243, found 597.3248; HPLC, method D,  $t_R$  = 12.19 min, 98%.

Compound 25b. Compound 25b was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23b (25.6 mg, 0.023 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 25b was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 9.7 mg, 53% yield): m.p. 129–132 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +14 (*c* 0.1, MeOH); IR (film) 2923br, 2852br, 2301w, 1699s, 1592m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta$  7.83 (s, 1H, H<sub>8′</sub>), 7.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>),7.24–7.22  $(m, 2H, H_{20'}), 7.16-7.11 (m, 3H, H_{21'}, H_{22'}), 5.78 (d, 1H, J_{H1'-H2'})$ = 3.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.70 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.16 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.37 (t, 2H,  $J_{H9'-H10'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.15-4.08 (m, 4H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.01 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3''-H2''} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{H3''-H4''} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.97 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''}$  = 4.5 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 3.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.0$  Hz,  $H_{3'}$ , 3.30–3.25 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.25 (dd,

1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} = 14.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 8.0$  Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 5.5$  Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 2.98 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5''b-H5''a}} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5''b-H4''}} = 9.5$  Hz,  $H_{5''b}$ ), 2.59 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H18'-H17'}} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 1.87 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\text{H10'-H9'}} = J_{\text{H10'-H11'}} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{10'}$ ), 1.63–1.57 (m, 2H,  $H_{17'}$ ), 1.35–1.25 (m, 12H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 144.8 (C<sub>7'</sub>), 144.1 (C<sub>19'</sub>), 142.3 (C<sub>6</sub>), 129.5 (C<sub>21'</sub>), 129.4 (C<sub>20'</sub>), 126.8 (C<sub>22'</sub>), 125.1 (C<sub>8'</sub>), 111.0 (C<sub>1''</sub>), 102.6 (C<sub>5</sub>), 91.7 (C<sub>1'</sub>), 85.5 (C<sub>3''</sub>), 80.2 (C<sub>4''</sub>), 79.7 (C<sub>4'</sub>), 76.5 (C<sub>2''</sub>), 75.8 (C<sub>2'</sub>), 73.9 (C<sub>5'</sub>), 71.5 (C<sub>3'</sub>), 51.5 (C<sub>9'</sub>), 44.3 (C<sub>5''</sub>), 37.1 (C<sub>18'</sub>), 32.9 (C<sub>17'</sub>), 31.4 (C<sub>10'</sub>), 30.7, 30.6, 30.6, 30.6, 30.4, 30.2, 29.8, 27.6 (C<sub>6'</sub>, C<sub>10'</sub>, C<sub>11'</sub>, C<sub>12'</sub>, C<sub>13'</sub>, C<sub>14'</sub>, C<sub>15'</sub>, C<sub>16'</sub>); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>49</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>9</sub> (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 673.3556, found 673.3544; HPLC, method D,  $t_R = 13.80$  min, 98%.

Compound 25c. Compound 25c was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23c (35.4 mg, 0.036 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (flow rate: 15 mL  $min^{-1}$ , H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH (100/0 to 40/60% v/v in 25 min)) and lyophilisation, 25c was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 9.2 mg, 38% yield): m.p. 121–125 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +16 (c 0.2, MeOH); IR (film) 2911br, 2842br, 2319w, 1699s, 1552w;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 7.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 5.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 3.5 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.71 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6} = 8.0$  Hz,  $H_{5}$ ), 5.15 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.41-4.36 (m, 2H, H<sub>9</sub>), 4.16-4.07 (m, 4H, H<sub>2</sub>', H<sub>4</sub>', H<sub>5</sub>', H<sub>4</sub>"), 4.02-3.99 (m, 1H, H<sub>3"</sub>), 3.98-3.97 (m, 1H, H<sub>2"</sub>), 3.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{3'}}, 3.54 \text{ (t, 2H, } J_{\text{H13'-H12'}} =$ 6.5 Hz,  $H_{13'}$ ), 3.29–3.27 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{6'b}$ ),  $3.02-2.94 \text{ (m, 1H, H}_{5''b}$ ), 1.96-1.88 $(m, 2H, H_{10'}), 1.82-1.76 (m, 1H, H_{11'a}), 1.58-1.52 (m, 1H, H_{11'b}),$ 1.42–1.33 (m, 2H,  $H_{12'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.3 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.3  $(C_2)$ , 144.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 142.3  $(C_6)$ , 125.2  $(C_{8'})$ , 110.9  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.6  $(C_5)$ , 91.7  $(C_{1'})$ , 85.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 80.1  $(C_{4''})$ , 79.7  $(C_{4'})$ , 76.5  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 71.5  $(C_{3'})$ , 62.7  $(C_{13'})$ , 51.5  $(C_{9'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5''})$ , 33.0  $(C_{12'})$ , 31.2  $(C_{11'})$ , 29.8  $(C_{6'})$ , 24.0  $(C_{10'})$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{22}H_{35}N_6O_{10}^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 543.2409, found 543.2396; HPLC, method D,  $t_R$  = 13.80 min, 98%.

Compound 25d. Compound 25d was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23d (40.3 mg, 0.039 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method B) and lyophilisation, 25d was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 18.3 mg, 65% yield): m.p. 127–132 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +14 (c 0.1, MeOH); IR (film) 2919br, 2301br, 1699s, 1697s, 1540m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD), δ 7.83 (s, 1H,  $H_{8}$ ), 7.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_{6}$ ), 5.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{1'}}$ , 5.70 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5-H6}} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{5}}$ ), 5.16 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.37 (t, 2H,  $J_{H9'-H10'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.16-4.08 (m, 4H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3''-H2''} = 4.5$  Hz,  $J_{H3''-H4''} = 7.0$ Hz, H<sub>3"</sub>), 3.97 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}} = 4.5$  Hz, H<sub>2"</sub>), 3.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{3'}}, 3.54 \text{ (t, 2H, } J_{\text{H18'-H17'}} =$ 7.0 Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 3.29–3.27 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 2.98 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5''b-H5''a}} = 13.0 \text{ Hz}$ , Compound 25e. Compound 25e was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23e (21.2 mg, 0.019 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (flow rate: 15 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH 100/0 to 40/60 in 60 min) and lyophilisation, 25e was obtained as an ammonium ditrifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 7.9 mg, 52% yield):  $[\alpha]_D$  +19 (c 0.1, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (film) 3384br, 2951br, 1685s, 1258m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O + 50 μL CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500 MHz),  $\delta$  7.96 (s, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 7.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.88 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 3.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{1'}}, 5.21 \text{ (s, 1H, H_{1''}), 4.61 (t, 2H, <math>J_{\text{H9'-H10'}} =$ 5.0 Hz, H<sub>9</sub>), 4.31 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2'-H1'}} = J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} = 3.5$  Hz, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.25 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.5 \text{ Hz}$ , H<sub>3'</sub>), 4.21 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 5.5$ Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'a}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.14-4.72 (m, 3H,  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 3.98 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4'-H5'} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H4'-H3'} = 3.5$  Hz,  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.95 (t, 2H,  $J_{H10'-H9'}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{10'}$ ), 3.72–3.61 (m, 16H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ,  $H_{17'}$ ,  $H_{18'}$ ), 3.36-3.34 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.22 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.21 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{6'b}}$ ), 2.93 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_{5"b}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(D_2O + 50 \mu L CD_3OD) \delta 167.2 (C_4), 164.0 (CO-TFA), 152.5 (C_2),$ 140.1 ( $C_{7'}$ ), 142.9 ( $C_6$ ), 126.4 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 109.8 ( $C_{1''}$ ), 102.9 ( $C_5$ ), 91.1  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.9  $(C_{4'})$ , 79.3  $(C_{2''})$ , 78.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.6  $(C_{3''})$ , 74.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.2  $(C_{4''})$ , 72.8, 70.8, 70.8, 70.7, 70.7, 70.7, 70.6, 70.6  $(C_{PEG}, C_{3'})$ , 69.9  $(C_{10'})$ , 61.5  $(C_{9'})$ , 43.9  $(C_{5''})$ , 29.1  $(C_{6'})$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{27}H_{45}N_6O_{14}^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 677.2988, found 677.2999; HPLC, method D,  $t_R = 3.15 \text{ min}, 96\%$ .

Compound 25f. Compound 25f was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23f (37.5 mg, 0.032 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method: 15 mL  $min^{-1}$ , H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH 90/10 to 40/60 in 60 min) and lyophilisation, 25f was obtained as an ammonium ditrifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 11.1 mg, 41% yield):  $[\alpha]_D$  +8 (c 0.1, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (film) 3265br, 2942br, 1683s, 1487m, 1273m, 1138s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $D_2O/CD_3OD = 1/1$ ),  $\delta$  7.84 (s, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ), 7.76 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6-H5}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_6$ , 5.82 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5-H6}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_5$ ), 5.76 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 2.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{1'}}$ ), 5.20 (s, 1H,  $H_{\text{1''}}$ ), 4.37 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H9'-H10'}}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.21–4.13 (m, 4H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.09–4.02 (m, 2H,  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.97-3.93 (m, 1H,  $H_{3'}$ ), 3.37-3.34 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.25-3.17 (m, 2H,  $H_{6'a}$ ,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 3.02-2.98 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''b}$ ), 2.95 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H}18'-\text{H}17'} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{18'}, 1.87-1.80 \text{ (m, 2H, H}_{10'}, 1.65-1.62 \text{ (m, })$ 2H,  $H_{17}$ ), 1.39–1.12 (m, 12H,  $H_{11}$ ,  $H_{12}$ ,  $H_{13}$ ,  $H_{14}$ ,  $H_{15}$ ,  $H_{16}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR ( $D_2O/CD_3OD = 1/1$ )  $\delta$  166.7 ( $C_4$ ), 163.5 (CO-TFA), 152.3 ( $C_2$ ), 144.5 ( $C_{7'}$ ), 142.5 ( $C_{6}$ ), 125.5 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 111.4 ( $C_{1''}$ ), 102.9 ( $C_{5}$ ), 91.1  $(C_{1'})$ , 85.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 79.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 79.2  $(C_{4'})$ , 76.0  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.2  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.5

 $(C_{5'})$ , 71.1  $(C_{3'})$ , 51.4  $(C_{9'})$ , 43.9  $(C_{5''})$ , 40.8  $(C_{17'})$ , 30.8, 30.0, 29.9, 29.7, 29.6, 29.5, 28.2, 27.1, 27.0 (C<sub>6</sub>', C<sub>10</sub>', C<sub>11</sub>', C<sub>12</sub>', C<sub>13</sub>', C<sub>14</sub>', C<sub>15</sub>',  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{27}H_{46}N_7O_9^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 612.3352, found 612.3357; HPLC, method D,  $t_R$  = 4.56 min, 98%.

Compound 25g. Compound 25g was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23g (56 mg, 0.047 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 25g was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white powder, 26 mg, 64% yield): m.p. 137-140 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +21 (c 0.2, MeOH); IR (film) 2922br, 1714s, 1276m, 1260m, 830w; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD), 7.88 (s, 1H, H<sub>8'</sub>), 7.79–7.77  $(m, 2H, H_{17}), 7.71-7.62 (m, 3H, H_6, H_{21}), 7.64 (t, 1H, <math>J_{H23'-H22'} =$ 7.5 Hz,  $H_{23'}$ ), 7.53 (t, 2H,  $J_{H22'-H23'} = J_{H22'-H21'} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{22'}$ ), 7.46 (d, 2H,  $J_{\text{H}11'-\text{H}12'}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{11'}$ ), 7.34 (d, 2H,  $J_{\text{H}12'-\text{H}11'}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{12}$ ), 7.13-7.10 (m, 2H,  $H_{16}$ ), 5.71-5.69 (m, 2H,  $H_5$ ,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.60 (d, 1H,  $J_{H9'a-H9'b}$  = 15.0 Hz,  $H_{9'a}$ ), 5.57 (d, 1H,  $J_{H9'b-H9'a}$  = 15.0 Hz, H<sub>9'b</sub>), 5.20 (s, 2H, H<sub>14'</sub>), 5.16 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 4.15-4.09  $(m, 4H, H_{2'}, H_{3'}, H_{5'}, H_{4''}), 4.00-3.93 (m, 3H, H_{2''}, H_{3''}, H_{4'}),$ 3.27-3.23 (m, 2H,  $H_{5"a}$ ,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a} = 14.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5\text{"b}}, 2.92 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b};$  <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  198.4 (C<sub>19'</sub>), 166.4  $(C_4)$ , 164.2  $(C_{15'})$ , 152.3  $(C_2)$ , 145.3  $(C_{7'})$ , 142.3  $(C_6)$ , 139.3  $(C_{20'})$ , 138.6 ( $C_{13'}$ ), 136.7 ( $C_{10'}$ ), 133.9 ( $C_{17'}$ ), 133.7 ( $C_{23'}$ ), 131.4 ( $C_{18'}$ ), 130.8  $(C_{21'})$ , 129.7  $(C_{22'})$ , 129.5  $(C_{11'})$ , 129.4  $(C_{12'})$ , 125.6  $(C_{8'})$ , 115.6 ( $C_{16'}$ ), 110.8 ( $C_{1''}$ ), 102.6 ( $C_5$ ), 91.6 ( $C_{1'}$ ), 85.7 ( $C_{3''}$ ), 80.0  $(C_{4''})$ , 79.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 79.4  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.6  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.7  $(C_{5'})$ , 71.4  $(C_{3'})$ , 70.9  $(C_{14'})$ , 54.8  $(C_{9'})$ , 44.1  $(C_{5''})$ , 29.9  $(C_{6'})$ ; HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{38}H_{41}N_6O_{11}^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 757.2828, found 758.2808; HPLC, method C,  $t_R = 12.09$  min, 99%.

Compound 25h. Compound 25h was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from C-triazole 23h (47 mg, 0.039 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 25h was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white powder, 24 mg, 69% yield): m.p. 132-136 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +8 (c 0.2, MeOH); IR (film) 2741w, 2383m, 1698s, 1598m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD), 7.83 (s, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 7.79–7.76 (m, 3H, H<sub>21</sub>),  $H_6$ ), 7.72–7.69 (m, 2H,  $H_{25'}$ ), 7.63–7.59 (m, 1H,  $H_{27'}$ ), 7.53–7.49  $(m, 2H, H_{20'}), 7.04-7.01 (m, 2H, H_{20'}), 5.79 (d, 1H, J_{H1'-H2'} = 3.0)$ Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.70 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{5}$ ), 5.16 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.36 (t, 2H,  $J_{H9'-H10'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 4.15-4.06 (m, 6H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ,  $H_{18'}$ ,  $H_{4"}$ ), 4.02 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3''-H2''} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H3''-H4''} = 7.0$  Hz,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.97 (d, 1H,  $J_{H2''-H3''}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{2''}$ ), 3.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H3'-H2'}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.5$  Hz,  $H_{\text{3'}}$ ), 3.29–3.27 (m, 1H,  $H_{\text{5"a}}$ ), 3.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 3.16 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 2.99 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 1.87 \text{ (qt, 2H,}$  $J_{\text{H}10'-\text{H}9'} = J_{\text{H}10'-\text{H}11'} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{10'}, 1.80 \text{ (qt, 2H, } J_{\text{H}17'-\text{H}18'} =$  $J_{\text{H}17'-\text{H}16'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_{17'}$ ), 1.52–1.46 (m, 2H,  $H_{16'}$ ), 1.40–1.25 (m, 10H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  197.8  $(C_{23'})$ , 166.2  $(C_4)$ , 164.8  $(C_{19'})$ , 152.3  $(C_2)$ , 144.8  $(C_{7'})$ , 142.3  $(C_6)$ , 139.7 ( $C_{24'}$ ), 133.8 ( $C_{21'}$ ), 133.4 ( $C_{27'}$ ), 131.0 ( $C_{22'}$ ), 130.8 ( $C_{25'}$ ), 129.6 ( $C_{26'}$ ), 125.2 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 115.4 ( $C_{20'}$ ), 111.0 ( $C_{1''}$ ), 102.6 ( $C_{5}$ ), 91.6  $(C_{1'})$ , 85.5  $(C_{4'})$ , 80.5  $(C_{2''})$ , 79.7  $(C_{4''})$ , 76.5  $(C_{2'})$ , 75.8  $(C_{3''})$ , 73.9  $(C_{3'})$ , 71.5  $(C_{5'})$ , 69.6  $(C_{18'})$ , 50.4  $(C_{9'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5''})$ , 31.4, 30.6, 30.6,

30.5, 30.3, 30.2, 29.9, 27.6, 27.2 (C<sub>6</sub>', C<sub>10</sub>', C<sub>11</sub>', C<sub>12</sub>', C<sub>13</sub>', C<sub>14</sub>',  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ); HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{40}H_{53}N_6O_{11}^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 793.3767, found 793.3768; HPLC, method C,  $t_R = 15.19$  min, 98%.

Compound 26a. Compound 26a was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from N-triazole 24a (35.2 mg, 0.034 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 26a was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white powder, 13.3 mg, 56% yield): m.p. 142-146 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +21 (c 0.4, MeOH); IR (film) 2926m, 1677s, 1465w, 1202m, 1134m, 801w; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.65 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.74 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 2.5 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.14 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 4.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} = 14.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'a}, 4.70 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 4.32 \text{ (dt, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H5'-H6'a}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5'-H6'b}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 3.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5'},$ 4.18-4.15 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{3'}$ ), 4.06 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H4''-H5''a} = 2.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4"-H3"}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{4"}, 3.96-3.91 \text{ (m, 3H, H}_{4'}, 3.96-3.91 \text{ (m, 3H, H}_{4'$  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.23 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5''a-H5''b} = 13.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{H5''a-H4''} = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 2.98 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"} = 9.5$  Hz,  $H_{5''b}$ ), 2.69 (t, 2H,  $J_{H9'-H10'} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 1.68–1.62 (m, 2H,  $H_{10'}$ ), 1.37–1.26 (m, 14H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ,  $H_{17'}$ ), 0.89 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H}18'-\text{H}7'}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.2  $(C_4)$ , 162.5 (CO-TFA), 152.2  $(C_2)$ , 149.5  $(C_{8'})$ , 142.4  $(C_6)$ , 125.1  $(C_{7'})$ , 110.9  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.7  $(C_5)$ , 92.5  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.7  $(C_{4'})$ , 80.2  $(C_{4''})$ , 78.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 76.4  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.4  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.9  $(C_{3''})$ , 71.4  $(C_{3'})$ , 52.6  $(C_{6'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5''})$ , 33.2, 30.9, 30.8, 30.8, 30.6, 30.4, 26.4, 23.9  $(C_{9'}, C_{10'}, C_{10'})$  $C_{11'}$ ,  $C_{12'}$ ,  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ), 14.6  $(C_{18'})$ ; HRMS,  $ESI^+$ calcd for  $C_{27}H_{45}N_6O_9^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 597.3243, found 597.3254; HPLC, method C,  $t_R = 12.09 \text{ min}$ , 99%.

Compound 26b. Compound 26b was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from N-triazole 24b (30.0 mg, 0.027 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 26b was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 11.2 mg, 52% yield): m.p. 132–135 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +14 (c 0.1, MeOH); IR (film) 2926br, 2855br, 2303w, 1697s, 1594m;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.79  $(s, 1H, H_{7}), 7.65 (d, 1H, J_{H6-H5} = 8.0 Hz, H_6), 7.24-7.22 (m, 2H, H_6)$  $H_{20'}$ ), 7.16–7.11 (m, 3H,  $H_{21'}$ ,  $H_{22'}$ ), 5.74 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'} = 2.0$ Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{5}$ ), 5.14 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.80 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{\text{6'a}}$ ), 4.70 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'b-H6'a}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'b-H5'}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 4.32 (dt, 1H,  $J_{H5'-H6'a} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5'-H4'} = 3.5$  Hz,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.18-4.15 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{3'}$ ), 4.06 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H4''-H5''a} = 3.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4"-H3"}} = 7.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{4"}, 3.96-3.92 \text{ (m, 3H, H}_{4'}, 1.96-3.92 \text{ (m, 3H, H}_{4'$  $H_{2"}$ ,  $H_{3"}$ ), 3.23 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"} = 3.0$  Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 2.99 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"} = 9.5$  Hz,  $H_{5"b}$ ), 2.69 (t, 2H,  $J_{H9'-H10'}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 2.59 (t, 2H,  $J_{H18'-H17'}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 1.67–1.57 (m, 4H,  $H_{10'}$ ,  $H_{17'}$ ), 1.37–1.23 (m, 12H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.2 ( $C_2$ ), 149.5 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 144.1 ( $C_{19'}$ ), 142.4 ( $C_6$ ), 129.5 ( $C_{21'}$ ),  $129.4 (C_{20'}), 126.8 (C_{22'}), 125.1 (C_{7'}), 110.9 (C_{1''}), 102.7 (C_5), 92.4$  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.8  $(C_{4'})$ , 80.2  $(C_{4''})$ , 78.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 76.4  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.4  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.9  $(C_{3''})$ , 71.4  $(C_{3'})$ , 52.6  $(C_{6'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5''})$ , 37.1  $(C_{18'})$ , 32.9  $(C_{17'})$ ,

30.8, 30.8, 30.7, 30.7, 30.6, 30.5, 30.3, 26.4 ( $C_{9'}$ ,  $C_{10'}$ ,  $C_{11'}$ ,  $C_{12'}$ ,  $C_{13'}$ ,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{33}H_{49}N_6O_9^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 673.3556, found 673.3552; HPLC, method D,  $t_R$  = 13.29 min, 99%.

Compound 26c. Compound 26c was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from N-triazole 24c (35.1 mg, 0.036 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method B) and lyophilisation, 26c was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 8.0 mg, 34% yield): m.p. 130–134 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$ +13 (c 0.2, MeOH); IR (film) 2914br, 2843br, 2317w, 1692s, 1552w; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta$  7.81 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.66 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6-H5}} = 8.0 \text{ Hz}, H_6$ , 5.76 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{1'}$ ), 5.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.14 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.78 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H6'b}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'a}, 4.70 \text{ (dd, 1H,}$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 14.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}, 4.34-4.31 \text{ (m, 1H, }$  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.18-4.16 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{3'}$ ), 4.05 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H4''-H5''a} = 3.0$ Hz,  $J_{H4''-H5''b} = 9.5 Hz$ ,  $J_{H4''-H3''} = 7.0 Hz$ ,  $H_{4''}$ , 3.96-3.91 (m, 3H,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.55 (t, 2H,  $J_{H13'-H12'} = 6.5$  Hz,  $H_{13'}$ ), 3.23 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 2.97 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 9.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 2.71 \text{ (t, 2H,}$  $J_{\text{H9'-H10'}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{9'}, 1.68 (qt, 2H, J_{\text{H10'-H9'}} = J_{\text{H10'-H11'}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz},$  $H_{10'}$ ), 1.56 (qt, 2H,  $J_{H12'-H13'} = J_{H12'-H11'} = 6.5$  Hz,  $H_{12'}$ ), 1.45–1.39 (m, 2H,  $H_{11}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.2 (C<sub>2</sub>), 149.4  $(C_{8'})$ , 142.4  $(C_{6})$ , 125.2  $(C_{7'})$ , 110.8  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.8  $(C_{5})$ , 92.4  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.7  $(C_{4'})$ , 80.2  $(C_{4''})$ , 78.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 76.4  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.4  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.9  $(C_{3''})$ , 71.4  $(C_{3'})$ , 63.2  $(C_{13'})$ , 52.6  $(C_{6'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5''})$ , 33.4  $(C_{12'})$ , 30.5  $(C_{10'})$ , 26.6  $(C_{11'})$ , 26.4  $(C_{9'})$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{22}H_{35}N_6O_{10}^{+}$   $(M + H)^{+}$ 543.2409, found 543.2399; HPLC, method D,  $t_R$  = 2.66 min, 98%.

Compound 26d. Compound 26d was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from N-triazole 24d (34.1 mg, 0.033 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 26d was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 10.0 mg, 42% yield): m.p. 126–129 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +15 (c 0.1, MeOH); IR (film) 2914br, 2851br, 2300m, 1731s, 1259m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.65 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}}$  = 2.0 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5-H6}}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.14 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.79 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 4.70 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'b-H6'a}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{H6'b-H5'}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 4.32 (dt, 1H,  $J_{H5'-H6'a}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_{H5'-H6'b}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $J_{H5'-H4'}$  = 3.5 Hz,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.18–4.15 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{3'}$ ), 4.06 (ddd, 1H,  $J_{H4''-H5''a}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H3"}} = 6.5$  Hz,  $H_{\text{4"}}$ ), 3.96-3.92 (m, 3H,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.53 (t, 2H,  $J_{H18'b-H17'} = 6.5$  Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 3.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.00 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 2.69 (t, 2H,$  $J_{\text{H9'-H10'}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{9'}, 1.68-1.62 (m, 2H, H_{10'}), 1.52 (qt, 2H, H_{10'})$  $J_{\text{H17'-H18'}} = J_{\text{H17'-H16'}} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{17'}, 1.38-1.26 \text{ (m, 12H, H}_{11'}, H_{12'},$  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16''}$ );  $^{13}$ C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.2 (C<sub>2</sub>),  $149.5 (C_{8'}), 142.4 (C_{6}), 125.1 (C_{7'}), 110.9 (C_{1''}), 102.7 (C_{5}), 92.4 (C_{1'}),$ 84.7  $(C_{4'})$ , 80.2  $(C_{4''})$ , 78.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 76.4  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.4  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.9  $(C_{3''})$ , 71.4  $(C_{3'})$ , 63.2  $(C_{18'})$ , 52.6  $(C_{6'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5''})$ , 33.8  $(C_{17'})$ , 30.9, 30.7, 30.7, 30.6, 30.3, 27.1, 26.4 ( $C_{9'}, C_{10'}, C_{11'}, C_{12'}, C_{13'}, C_{14'}, C_{15'}, C_{16'}$ ); HRMS,  $ESI^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{27}H_{45}N_{6}O_{10}^{+}$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 613.3192, found 613.3181; HPLC, method D,  $t_R$  = 11.10 min, 97%.

Compound 26e. Compound 26e was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from N-triazole 24e (19.7 mg, 0.018 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method: 15 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH 100/0 to 60/40 in 50 min) and lyophilisation, 26e was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 9.7 mg, 69% yield):  $[\alpha]_D$  +12 (c 0.1, MeOH); IR (film) 3058br, 2931br, 1687s, 1462m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(D_2O + 50 \mu L CD_3OD)$ ,  $\delta$  8.12 (s, 1H, H<sub>8</sub>), 7.66 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.85 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.16 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.84 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 15.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'a}, 4.70-4.69-4.64 (m, 3H, H_{6'b}, H_{9'}),$ 4.45-4.42 (m, 1H,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.30 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H2'-H1'}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $J_{H2'-H3'}$  = 5.5 Hz), 4.27 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = 5.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 4.5$  Hz), 4.11-4.02 (m, 4H, H<sub>4</sub>', H<sub>2"</sub>, H<sub>3"</sub>, H<sub>4"</sub>), 3.72-3.61 (m, 14H, H<sub>10'</sub>,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ,  $H_{16'}$ ), 3.30-3.29 (m, 3H,  $H_{5''a}$ ,  $H_{17'}$ ), 2.91 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5''b-H5''a}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H5''b-H4''}$  = 9.0 Hz,  $H_{5''b}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  167.2 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 145.0 (C<sub>8'</sub>), 142.7 (C<sub>6</sub>), 127.5  $(C_{7'})$ , 110.1  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.9  $(C_5)$ , 91.5  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 79.4  $(C_{4''})$ , 77.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.7  $(C_{2''})$ , 74.6  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.0  $(C_{3''})$ , 72.9  $(CH_{2PEG})$ , 70.9  $(C_{3'})$ , 70.8, 70.7, 70.7, 70.6, 70.6, 70.2  $(CH_{2PEG})$ , 64.2  $(C_{9'})$ , 61.5 (CH<sub>2PEG</sub>), 52.7 (C<sub>6'</sub>), 43.8 (C<sub>5"</sub>); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{26}H_{43}N_6O_{14}^{+}$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 663.2832, found 663.2842; HPLC, method D,  $t_R = 3.21 \text{ min}, 96\%$ .

Compound 26f. Compound 26f was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from N-triazole 24f (37.5 mg, 0.032 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method: 15 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH 100/0 to 60/40 in 50 min) and lyophilisation, 26f was obtained as an ammonium ditrifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 12.2 mg, 45% yield):  $[\alpha]_D$  +9 (c 0.1, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (film) 3384br, 2951br, 1685s, 1258m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR  $(D_2O:CD_3OD = 1:1)$ ,  $\delta$  7.79 (s, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 7.55 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5} =$ 7.5 Hz,  $H_6$ ), 5.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.72 (sl, 1H,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.19 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 4.87-4.83 (m, 2H, H<sub>6'a</sub>, H<sub>6'b</sub>), 4.37-4.32 (m, 1H,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.24-4.11 (m, 3H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{3'}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 4.08-3.98 (m, 3H,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.37–3.34 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.14–3.11 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''b}$ ), 2.95 (t, 2H,  $J_{H9'-H10'} = 6.5$  Hz,  $H_{9'}$ ), 2.66 (t, 2H,  $J_{H18'-H17'} = 6.5$ Hz,  $H_{18'}$ ), 1.68-1.62 (m, 2H,  $H_{10'}$ ), 1.59-1.54 (m, 2H,  $H_{17'}$ ), 1.41-1.24 (m, 12H, H<sub>11</sub>', H<sub>12</sub>', H<sub>13</sub>', H<sub>14</sub>', H<sub>15</sub>', H<sub>16</sub>"); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(D_2O:CD_3OD = 1:1) \delta 166.7 (C_4), 163.5 (CO-TFA), 152.2 (C_2),$ 149.2 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 142.3 ( $C_{6}$ ), 125.7 ( $C_{7'}$ ), 110.6 ( $C_{1''}$ ), 102.8 ( $C_{5}$ ), 91.4  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.9  $(C_{4'})$ , 79.8  $(C_{4''})$ , 77.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 76.0  $(C_{2''})$ , 74.9  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.3  $(C_{3"})$ , 71.3  $(C_{3'})$ , 52.9  $(C_{6'})$ , 43.7  $(C_{5"})$ , 40.7  $(C_{18'})$ , 30.1, 30.1, 30.0, 29.9, 29.7, 29.5, 28.2, 27.1, 25.7 (C<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>11</sub>, C<sub>12</sub>, C<sub>13</sub>,  $C_{14'}$ ,  $C_{15'}$ ,  $C_{16'}$ ,  $C_{17'}$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{27}H_{45}N_7O_9^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 612.3352, found 612.3361; HPLC, method D,  $t_R$  = 4.47 min,

Compound 26g. Compound 26g was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from *N*-triazole 24g (21.0 mg, 0.018 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 26g was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 11.3 mg, 72% yield): m.p. 156–158 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +13 (c 0.1, MeOH); IR (film) 2925br, 2301br, 1731s, 1691s, 1542m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.67

 $(s, 1H, H_{7}), 7.54-7.46 (m, 4H, H_{17}, H_{21}), 7.39-7.33 (m, 2H, H_{6})$  $H_{23'}$ ), 7.20-7.06 (m, 6H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{22'}$ ), 6.87-6.80 (m, 2H,  $H_{16'}$ ), 5.57 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.50 (br s, 1H,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.18  $(s, 1H, H_{1''}), 4.99-4.92 (m, 2H, H_{9'}), 4.89-4.85 (m, 1H, H_{6'a}),$ 4.69-4.62 (m, 3H, H<sub>6'b</sub>, H<sub>14'</sub>), 4.33-4.30 (m, 1H, H<sub>5'</sub>), 4.16-4.11 1H,  $H_{2''}$ ), 3.91-3.87 (m, 1H,  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.35-3.32 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''}$ ), 3.12 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"} = 10.0$  Hz,  $H_{5"b}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  190.9 (C<sub>19'</sub>), 166.7 (C<sub>4</sub>), 164.0 (C<sub>15'</sub>), 163.5 (CO-TFA), 151.9 ( $C_2$ ), 147.6 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 141.6 ( $C_6$ ), 140.1 ( $C_{20'}$ ), 138.3  $(C_{13'})$ , 135.6  $(C_{10'})$ , 135.2  $(C_{17'})$ , 133.6  $(C_{23'})$ , 130.5  $(C_{18'})$ , 130.4  $(C_{21'})$ , 129.7  $(C_{22'})$ , 129.3  $(C_{11'})$ , 128.8  $(C_{12'})$ , 120.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 116.3  $(C_{16'})$ , 110.3  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.5  $(C_5)$ , 90.9  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.9  $(C_{3''})$ , 79.6  $(C_{4''})$ , 77.2  $(C_{4'})$ , 75.7  $(C_{2''})$ , 74.9  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.0  $(C_{5'})$ , 71.0  $(C_{3'})$ , 70.6  $(C_{14'})$ , 52.3 ( $C_{6'}$ ), 43.6 ( $C_{5''}$ ), 31.3 ( $C_{9'}$ ); HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{38}H_{41}N_6O_{11}^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 757.2828, found 757.2839; HPLC, method C,  $t_R = 11.99 \text{ min}, 99\%$ .

Compound 26h. Compound 26h was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from N-triazole 24h (30.0 mg, 0.025 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method A) and lyophilisation, 26h was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 14.3 mg, 64% yield): m.p. 135–138 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +10 (c 0.2, MeOH); IR (film) 2921br, 2304br, 1731s, 1699s, 1540m; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.79–7.77 (m, 3H, H<sub>7</sub>, H<sub>21</sub>), 7.73–7.70 (m, 2H, H<sub>25</sub>), 7.65 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 7.63-7.60 (m, 1H, H<sub>27</sub>), 7.53-7.50 (m, 2H,  $H_{26'}$ ), 7.05–7.02 (m, 2H,  $H_{20'}$ ), 5.75 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 2.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.68 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.15 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.79 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{H6'a-H5'}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{6'a}$ ), 4.70 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}}$  = 14.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}}$  = 5.5 Hz,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 4.32 (dt, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5'-H6'a}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5'-H6'b}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 3.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5'},$ 4.18-4.15 (m, 2H,  $H_{2'}$ ,  $H_{3'}$ ), 4.98-4.05 (m, 3H,  $H_{18'}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 3.96–3.90 (m, 3H,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ), 3.24 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5''a-H5''b} = 13.0$ Hz,  $J_{\text{H5"a-H4"}} = 2.5$  Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.01 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 10.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}$ , 2.69 (t, 2H,  $J_{\text{H9'-H10'}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{9'}$ ), 1.81 (qt, 2H,  $J_{\text{H17'-H18'}} = J_{\text{H17'-H16'}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H17'}}$ , 1.68–1.62 (m, 2H,  $H_{10'}$ ), 1.49 (qt, 2H,  $J_{H16'-H17'} = J_{H16'-H15'} = 7.5$  Hz,  $H_{16'}$ ), 1.37–1.23 (m, 10H,  $H_{11'}$ ,  $H_{12'}$ ,  $H_{13'}$ ,  $H_{14'}$ ,  $H_{15'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR  $(CD_3OD) \delta 197.9 (C_{23'}), 166.2 (C_4), 164.8 (C_{19'}), 152.2 (C_2), 149.4$  $(C_{8'})$ , 142.4  $(C_{6})$ , 139.7  $(C_{24'})$ , 133.8  $(C_{21'})$ , 133.4  $(C_{27'})$ , 131.1  $(C_{21'})$ , 130.8  $(C_{25'})$ , 129.6  $(C_{26'})$ , 125.1  $(C_{7'})$ , 115.4  $(C_{20'})$ , 110.9  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.7  $(C_5)$ , 92.4  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.8  $(C_{4'})$ , 80.2  $(C_{4''})$ , 78.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 76.4  $(C_{2''})$ , 75.4  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.9  $(C_{3''})$ , 71.4  $(C_{3'})$ , 69.6  $(C_{18'})$ , 52.6  $(C_{6'})$ , 44.3  $(C_{5"})$ , 30.8, 30.8, 30.7, 30.7, 30.7, 30.5, 30.4, 30.3, 27.2, 26.4  $(C_{9'}, C_{10'}, C_{11'}, C_{12'}, C_{13'}, C_{14'}, C_{15'}, C_{16'}, C_{17'}); HRMS, ESI^{+} calcd$ for  $C_{40}H_{53}N_6O_{11}^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 793.3767, found 793.3750; HPLC, method D,  $t_R = 13.25 \text{ min}, 99\%$ .

Compounds 27a-n. Compounds 27a-n have been synthesised and fully characterized.<sup>24</sup> The corresponding purity has been determined by analytical HPLC and data have been included in the ESI.†

Trifluoroacetate salt of 1",5"-dideoxy-5"-amino-1"-[5'(S)acetylenylmethyl-uridinyl]-β-D-ribofuranose 28. Compound 28 was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from alkyne 5

(50.0 mg, 0.06 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method: 15 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH 100/0 to 60/40 in 50 min) and lyophilisation, 28 was obtained as an ammonium ditrifluoroacetate salt (white foam, 16.3 mg, 52% yield): m.p. 147–154 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +19 (c 0.2, H<sub>2</sub>O); IR (film) 2925br, 2300w, 1643s, 1436m, 1270s;  $^{1}$ H NMR ( $D_{2}O + 50 \mu L CD_{3}OD$ ),  $\delta$ 7.82 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.86 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.81 (d, 1H,  $J_{H_{1'}-H_{2'}}$  = 4.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.20 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.28 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2'-H1'}}$  = 4.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H2'-H3'}}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{2'}}$ ), 4.26 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4'-H3'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H4'-H5'}} = 3.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{4'}}, 4.20 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} =$  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{3'}, 4.17-4.11 (m, 2H, H_{2''}, H_{4''}), 4.08-4.03$ (m, 2H,  $H_{3''}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ), 3.39 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5''a-H5''b} = 13.5$  Hz,  $J_{H5''a-H4''} =$ 2.0 Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.20 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a}$  = 13.5 Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_{5''b}$ ), 2.81–2.70 (m, 2H,  $H_{6'a}$ ,  $H_{6'b}$ ), 2.48–2.47 (m, 1H,  $H_{8'}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  167.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 142.8 (C<sub>6</sub>), 125.2  $(C_{7'})$ , 110.8  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.8  $(C_5)$ , 91.2  $(C_{1'})$ , 85.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 81.7  $(C_{7'})$ , 79.4  $(C_{4''})$ , 77.9  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.7  $(C_{2''})$ , 74.8  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.6  $(C_{3''})$ , 72.9  $(C_{8'})$ , 70.9  $(C_{3'})$ , 44.4  $(C_{5''})$ , 23.2  $(C_{6'})$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{17}H_{24}N_3O_9^+$  $(M + H)^{+}$  414.1507, found 414.1513; HPLC, method D,  $t_{R}$  = 3.32 min, 95%.

Trifluoroacetate salt of 1",5"-dideoxy-5"-amino-1"-[5'(S)azidomethyl-uridinyl]-β-D-ribofuranose 29. Compound 29 was synthesized according to the general procedure for phthalimide, isopentylidene and TBS group cleavage from azide 6 (10.0 mg, 0.012 mmol). After semi-preparative reverse phase HPLC (method: 15 mL min<sup>-1</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O-TFA 0.1%/MeOH 95/5 to 60/40 in 40 min) and lyophilisation, 29 was obtained as an ammonium trifluoroacetate salt (white powder, 2.0 mg, 31% yield): m.p. 142-146 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +14 (c 0.1, MeOH); IR (film) 2926m, 2100m, 1610s, 1462w, 1202m, 1133m,; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O + 50 μL CD<sub>3</sub>OD),  $\delta$  7.79 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.87 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}5-\text{H}6}$  = 8.0 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.78 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}1'-\text{H}2'}$  = 3.0 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.19 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.30 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H2'-H3'}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $J_{H2'-H1'}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $H_{2'}$ ), 4.208 (t, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 5.0 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{\text{3'}}$ ), 4.17-4.07 (m, 4H,  $H_{4'}$ ,  $H_{5'}$ ,  $H_{2''}$ ,  $H_{3''}$ ,  $H_{4''}$ ), 3.76 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H6'a-H6'b} = 13.5$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H6'a-H5'}} = 4.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{\text{6'a}}, 3.61 \text{ (dd, 1H, } J_{\text{H6'b-H6'a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz},$  $J_{\text{H6'b-H5'}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{6'b}$ , 3.40 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"a-H5"b}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H5"a-H4"}} = 1.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"a}$ , 3.18 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}$ ; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O + 50 µL CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  167.0 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.3 (C<sub>2</sub>), 142.8 (C<sub>6</sub>), 110.1 (C<sub>1"</sub>), 102.9 (C<sub>5</sub>), 91.8  $(C_{1'})$ , 84.5  $(C_{4'})$ , 79.5  $(C_{4''})$ , 78.4  $(C_{5'})$ , 75.8  $(C_{2''})$ , 74.7  $(C_{2'})$ , 73.4  $(C_{3''})$ , 70.7  $(C_{3'})$ , 53.0  $(C_{6'})$ , 44.1  $(C_{5''})$ ; HRMS, ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{15}H_{23}N_6O_9^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 431.1521, found 431.1515; HPLC, method D,  $t_R = 4.07 \text{ min}$ , 99%.

1",5"-Dideoxy-2",3"-O-isopentylidene-5"-azido-1"-[2',3'-O-iso**propylidene**-5′(*S*)-ethynyl-uridinyl]-β-D-ribofuranose 32. The fluororibosyl derivative 30 (1.51 g, 6.17 mmol, 2 equiv.) and propargyl alcohol 31 (951 mg, 3.09 mmol, 1 equiv.) were dried together by co-evaporation with toluene (3 × 10 mL) and dissolved in DCM (80 mL). The flask was flushed with argon and molecular sieves 4 Å was added (7 g) in one portion. The suspension was stirred at r.t. for 1 h and then cooled to -78 °C. Boron trifluoride diethyletherate (775 µL, 6.17 mmol, 2 equiv.) was added at -78 °C and the reaction medium was stirred at this temperature for 10 min and was then allowed to warm to r.t. for 16 h. The reaction mixture was filtered on a celite pad

and the cake was washed with DCM (50 mL). The reaction was quenched by addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO<sub>3</sub> (50 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (5 × 60 mL). The combined organic layers were dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The resulting white foam was purified by flash chromatography (toluene/ acetone 85/15) to give azido alkyne 32 as a  $\beta/\alpha$  mixture ( $\beta/\alpha$  = 13/1) and as a white foam (1.23 g, 75% combined yield). The major diastereoisomer was isolated with 45% yield: Rf 0.30 (toluene/acetone 7/3); m.p. 136–140 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –32 (c 0.5, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); IR (film) 3246br, 3070w, 2105s, 1693s, 1458m, 1090s; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ 9.86 (br s, 1H, NH), 7.32 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 7.5 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.71 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.64 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 2.0 Hz,  $H_{1'}$ ), 5.26 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 4.96 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H2'-H3'}$  = 7.0 Hz,  $J_{H2'-H1'}$  = 2.0 Hz, H<sub>2</sub>), 4.93 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}} = 7.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 4.0$  Hz,  $H_{3'}$ ), 4.64 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5'-H4'}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $J_{H5'-H7'}$  = 2.5 Hz,  $H_{5'}$ ), 4.60 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{2"}$ ), 4.59 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}} = 6.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $H_{3"}$ ), 4.47 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4"-H5"a} = 10.0$  Hz,  $J_{H4"-H5"b} = 4.5$  Hz,  $H_{4"}$ ), 4.34 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4'-H5'}}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H4'-H3'}}$  = 2.5 Hz,  $H_{\text{4'}}$ ), 3.96 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"}$  = 10.0 Hz,  $H_{5"a}$ ), 3.90 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a}$  = 14.0 Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"}$  = 4.5 Hz,  $H_{5"b}$ ), 2.60 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H7'-H5'}} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{7'}, 1.65-1.61 \text{ (m, 2H, H}_{7''}, 1.59 \text{ (s, 3H, H}_{9'}),$ 1.52 (q, 2H,  $J_{H7''-H8''}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.39 (s, 3H,  $H_{9'}$ ), 0.85 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H8"-H7"}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{8"}, 0.82 \text{ (t, 3H, } J_{\text{H8"-H7"}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz, } H_{8"}\text{);}^{13}\text{C}$ NMR  $\delta$  168.3 (C<sub>9"</sub>), 162.9 (C<sub>4</sub>), 150.1 (C<sub>2</sub>), 142.1 (C<sub>6</sub>), 134.3 ( $C_{12''}$ ), 132.1 ( $C_{10''}$ ), 123.6 ( $C_{11''}$ ), 117.2 ( $C_{6''}$ ), 114.7 ( $C_{8'}$ ), 109.4  $(C_{1''})$ , 102.9  $(C_5)$ , 94.8  $(C_{1'})$ , 88.6  $(C_{4'})$ , 85.9  $(C_{2''})$ , 84.9  $(C_{4''})$ , 84.2  $(C_{2'})$ , 82.6  $(C_{3''})$ , 81.5  $(C_{3'})$ , 79.7  $(C_{6'})$ , 76.5  $(C_{7'})$ , 68.6  $(C_{5'})$ , 40.7  $(C_{5''})$ , 29.6, 28.9  $(C_{7''})$ , 27.2, 25.4  $(C_{9'})$ , 8.4, 7.4  $(C_{8''})$ ; HRMS  $ESI^{+}$  calcd for  $C_{24}H_{32}N_{5}O_{9}^{+}$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 534.2195, found 534.2195.

1",5"-Dideoxy-2",3"-O-isopentylidene-5"-amino-1"-[2',3'-O-iso**propylidene-5**′(S)-ethynyl-uridinyl]-β-D-ribofuranose 33. To a solution of azide 32 (609 mg, 1.14 mmol, 1 equiv.) in THF (12 mL) and water (2 mL) was added triphenylphosphine (598 mg, 2.28 mmol, 2 equiv.). The mixture was stirred at r.t. for 16 h and volatiles were removed in vacuo. Flash chromatography of the residue afforded 33 as a white foam (498 mg, 86% yield); m.p. 116–120 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  –15 (c 0.5, MeOH); IR (film) 2976w, 2938w, 1694s, 1455m, 1272s;  ${}^{1}$ H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.64 (d, 1H,  $J_{H6-H5}$  = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>6</sub>), 5.72 (d, 1H,  $J_{H1'-H2'}$  = 2.0 Hz, H<sub>1'</sub>), 5.65 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz,  $H_5$ ), 5.17 (s, 1H,  $H_{1''}$ ), 5.08 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2'-H3'}}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H2'-H1'}}$  = 2.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{2'}}$ ), 4.89 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3'-H2'}}$  = 6.5 Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}}$  = 3.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{3'}}$ ), 4.69 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $H_{\text{5'}}$ ), 4.59 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H2"-H3"}}$  = 6.0 Hz, H<sub>2"</sub>), 4.57 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H3"-H2"}}$  = 6.0 Hz, H<sub>3"</sub>), 4.19 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H4'-H5'}$  = 8.0 Hz,  $J_{H4'-H3'}$  = 3.0 Hz, H<sub>4'</sub>), 4.15 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"a}} = 9.0$  Hz,  $J_{\text{H4"-H5"b}} = 5.0$  Hz,  $H_{\text{4"}}$ ), 3.27 (sl, 1H, H<sub>7</sub>), 2.77 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"a-H5"b} = 13.0$  Hz,  $J_{H5"a-H4"} = 9.0$ Hz, H<sub>5"a</sub>), 2.69 (dd, 1H,  $J_{H5"b-H5"a}$  = 13.0 Hz,  $J_{H5"b-H4"}$  = 5.0 Hz,  $H_{5"b}$ ), 1.60 (q, 2H,  $J_{H7"-H8"'}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{7"}$ ), 1.52 (q, 2H,  $J_{H7"-H8"'}$  = 7.5 Hz,  $H_{7''}$ ), 1.50 (s, 3H,  $H_{9'}$ ), 1.31 (s, 3H,  $H_{9'}$ ), 0.82 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H8''-H7''}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{8''}$ ), 0.81 (t, 3H,  $J_{\text{H8''-H7''}} = 7.5 \text{ Hz}, H_{8''}$ ); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.4 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.4 (C<sub>2</sub>), 142.1 (C<sub>6</sub>), 117.9 (C<sub>6"</sub>), 115.3  $(C_{8'})$ , 111.4  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.1  $(C_5)$ , 97.8  $(C_{1'})$ , 91.4  $(C_{4'})$ , 90.5  $(C_{2''})$ , 87.3  $(C_{4''})$ , 85.6  $(C_{2'})$ , 83.8  $(C_{3''})$ , 83.5  $(C_{3'})$ , 80.2  $(C_{7'}, C_{6'})$ , 70.1  $(C_{5'})$ , 45.8  $(C_{5''})$ , 30.5, 30.0  $(C_{7''})$ , 27.5, 25.5  $(C_{9'})$ , 8.8, 7.9

 $(C_{8''})$ ; HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{24}H_{34}N_3O_9^+$   $(M + H)^+$  508.2290, found 508.2301.

Trifluoroacetate salt of 1",5"-dideoxy-5"-amino-1"-[5'(S)ethynyl-uridinyl]-β-D-ribofuranose 34. At 0 °C, to a suspension of amine 33 (40 mg, 0.078 mmol, 1 equiv.), in pure water (600 μL), was dropwise added trifluoroacetic acid (2.4 mL). The mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 min then at r.t. for 90 min. Trifluoroacetic acid was then removed in vacuo without heating. The residue was dissolved in water and lyophilised. The crude foam was recrystallized in dry Et<sub>2</sub>O to furnish the corresponding deprotected compound 34 as a trifluoroacetate salt (white powder, 39.6 mg, 99% yield); m.p. 180-186 °C;  $[\alpha]_D$  +15 (c 0.5, MeOH); IR (film) 3250br, 2925w, 2320w, 1678s, 1519w, 1467w, 1275m;  $^{1}$ H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  7.73 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H6-H5}} = 8.5 \text{ Hz}, H_6$ , 5.88 (d, 1H,  $J_{\text{H1'-H2'}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{1'}$ ), 5.74 (d, 1H,  $J_{H5-H6}$  = 8.5 Hz, H<sub>5</sub>), 5.21 (s, 1H, H<sub>1"</sub>), 4.65 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5'-H4'}} = 5.5 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5'-H7'}} = 2.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5'}, 4.28 \text{ (t, 1H, } J_{\text{H2'-H3'}} =$ 6.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H}2'-\text{H}1'}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $H_{2'}$ ), 4.20 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H}3'-\text{H}2'}$  = 6.0 Hz,  $J_{\text{H3'-H4'}} = 3.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{3'}, 4.14-4.09 \text{ (m, 3H, } H_{2''}, H_{3''}, H_{4''}),$ 3.99-3.96 (m, 1H,  $H_{4'}$ ), 3.31-3.28 (m, 1H,  $H_{5''a}$ ), 3.17 (dd, 1H,  $J_{\text{H5"b-H5"a}} = 13.0 \text{ Hz}, J_{\text{H5"b-H4"}} = 4.0 \text{ Hz}, H_{5"b}, 3.14 \text{ (d, 1H,}$  $J_{\rm H7'-H5'}$  = 2.0 Hz, H<sub>7'</sub>).; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  166.1 (C<sub>4</sub>), 152.5  $(C_2)$ , 142.5  $(C_6)$ , 109.0  $(C_{1''})$ , 103.2  $(C_5)$ , 90.8  $(C_{1'})$ , 87.1  $(C_{4''})$ , 81.3  $(C_{6'})$ , 80.5  $(C_{3''})$ , 77.9  $(C_{7'})$ , 76.0  $(C_{4'})$ , 74.6  $(C_{2'})$ , 74.3  $(C_{2''})$ , 71.7  $(C_{3'})$ , 69.2  $(C_{5'})$ , 44.5  $(C_{5''})$ ; HRMS ESI<sup>+</sup> calcd for  $C_{16}H_{22}N_3O_9^+$  (M + H)<sup>+</sup> 400.1351, found 400.1351; HPLC, method C,  $t_R = 2.31 \text{ min}$ , 98%.

#### Enzymatic assays

The activities of the compounds against MraY from Bacillus subtilis were tested as previously described. 14b The assay was performed in a reaction mixture of 10 µL containing, in final concentrations, 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 40 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1.1 mM  $C_{55}$ -P, 250 mM NaCl, 0.25 mM UDP-MurNAc-[ $^{14}$ C]pentapeptide (337 Bq), and 8.4 mM N-lauroyl sarcosine. The reaction was initiated by the addition of MraY enzyme (50 ng) and the mixture was incubated for 30 min at 37 °C under shaking with a thermomixer (Eppendorf). The reaction was stopped by heating at 100 °C for 1 min and the radiolabeled substrate (UDP-MurNAc-pentapeptide) and reaction product (lipid I) were separated by TLC on silica gel plates using 2-propanol/ammonium hydroxide/water (6:3:1; v/v/v) as the mobile phase. The radioactive spots were located and quantified with a radioactivity scanner.

#### Antibacterial activity

Determination of antibacterial activity was done on microtitric plates, in 200 µL (final volume) of Müeller-Hinton broth (MHB), following the EUCAST (European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility testing)/CLSI (Clinical and Laboratory Standard Institute) recommended procedure. 42

Compounds were solubilized in DMSO and then diluted in MHB just before utilization. Inocula were prepared for each strain, resuspending isolated colonies from 18 h cultured plates. Equivalents of 0.5 Mac Farland turbidity standard (approximately  $1 \times 10^8$  CFU ml<sup>-1</sup>) were prepared in saline solution (NaCl 0.085%) and then diluted 200 fold in MHB. MIC values were determined as the lowest dilution of product showing no visual turbidity.

#### Molecular docking

All calculations were performed in Discovery Studio 4.0. MraY structure (PDB code: 4J72) was prepared by the use of the Prepare Protein protocol of DS 4.0 including the cleaning of the protein, the optimization of side-chain conformation for residues with inserted atoms, the removal of water molecules present in the PDB structure, the modeling of missing loop regions based on SEQRES information, and the prediction of titration site pKs and protonation state of the structure at the specified pH. Flexible ligand/rigid protein docking was performed using CDOCKER.33 Ligands were prepared using the Prepared Ligand protocol of DS 4.0 including the generation of canonical tautomers, keeping only largest fragments, the set of standard formal charges of common functional groups, the generation of kekule structures, enumeration of ionization states at a given pH range, enumeration of tautomers and the generation of a reasonable 3D conformation using Catalyst. Random ligand conformations were generated from the initial ligand structure through high-temperature dynamics. Due to the high flexibility of the MraY ligand, we docked for each ligand several conformations previously generated with the BEST algorithm<sup>43</sup> to cover the full range of conformers. The poses showing the lowest energy were retained and clustered according to their binding mode. Three-dimensional snapshots of the docked ligands were generated using Accelrys DS Visualizer.

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