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# Expeditive Synthesis of Potent C20-epi-Amino Derivatives of Salinomycin against Cancer Stem-Like Cells

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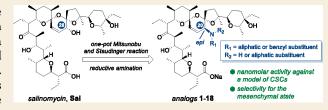
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**ABSTRACT:** As a continuation of our studies toward the development of small molecules to selectively target cancer stem cells (CSCs), a library of 18 novel derivatives of salinomycin (Sal), a naturally occurring polyether ionophore, was synthesized with a good overall yield using a one-pot Mitsunobu—Staudinger procedure. Compared to the parent structure, the newly synthesized products contained the mono- or disubstituted C20-epi-amine groups. The biological activity of these compounds was evaluated against human



mammary mesenchymal HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>high</sup> cells, a well-established model of breast CSCs, and its isogenic epithelial cell line (HMLER CD24<sup>high</sup>/CD44<sup>low</sup>) lacking CSC properties. Importantly, the vast majority of **Sal** derivatives were characterized by low nanomolar activities, comparing favorably with previous data in the literature. Furthermore, some of these derivatives exhibited a higher selectivity for the mesenchymal state compared to the reference **Sal** and ironomycin, representing a promising new series of compounds with anti-CSC activity.

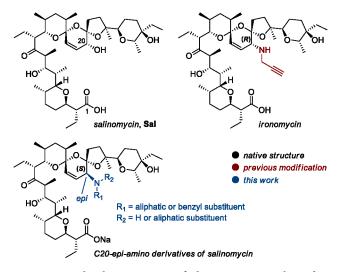
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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

There is an urgent need to develop new cancer therapeutics. Particularly interesting in this context are molecules that could preferentially target a fraction of cancer cells, known as cancer stem cells (CSCs). These cells can be refractory to conventional chemotherapy and radiation therapy, leading to disease recurrence and metastasis. 4,5

Using a high-throughput screening method, Gupta et al. identified the natural product salinomycin (Sal) as a selective inhibitor of breast CSCs among  $\sim 16\,000$  compounds tested. Since Sal was reported to be active against CSCs of various tissue types, 7,8 intensive studies have been performed to elucidate the mechanism of action (MoA) of Sal. In addition to other effects, Sal has been shown to alter mitochondrial functions, decrease ATP levels, and alter autophagy. Moreover, Sal has also been evidenced to induce stress in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) by altering Ca<sup>2+</sup> homeostasis. 12

Regarding its promising anticancer potential, many research groups have attempted to develop more effective chemical modifications of **Sal**, <sup>13</sup> particularly through the derivatization of the C1-carboxyl <sup>14–19</sup> or C20-hydroxyl. <sup>20–24</sup> Using a series of chemo- and stereocontrolled reactions, we successfully modified the C20-hydroxyl of **Sal** to obtain a series of potent C20-amino analogs. <sup>20,21</sup> The highly promising molecule in this group, ironomycin (Figure 1), had been found to be approximately 10-fold more active against breast CSCs than the unmodified **Sal** both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. <sup>21</sup>



**Figure 1.** Molecular structures of the parent natural product salinomycin, a potent C20-amino derivative previously reported by us, and a novel series with C20-epi-amino substituents.

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Scheme 1. Synthesis of C20-epi-Amino Derivatives of Salinomycin<sup>a</sup>

"Reagents and conditions are as follows: (a) DMAP, TMSEtOH, TCFH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 0 °C to RT; (b) TPP, DIAD, DPPA, THF, RT, then TPP, H<sub>2</sub>O, THF, RT; (c) TBAF, THF, RT, then aq. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>; (d) RCHO, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, RT, then NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, MeOH, RT.

Table 1. Antiproliferative Activity (IC<sub>50</sub>,  $\mu$ M) with Standard Deviation and Selectivity Index (SI) Values of the C20-epi-Amino Derivatives of Salinomycin Measured at 72 h in HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>high</sup>, HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>low</sup>, and MCF10A Cells<sup>a</sup>

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"The selectivity index (SI) was defined as  $IC_{50}$  (HMLER CD24<sup>high</sup>/CD44<sup>low</sup>)/ $IC_{50}$ (HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>high</sup>). Each  $IC_{50}$  value was determined in biological triplicate (three independent biological experiments), and each triplicate was determined in at least technical duplicate; n.d., not determined.

Mechanistically, we have provided robust evidence that Sal, ironomycin, and other analogs exert their activity by accumulating in lysosomes and sequestering iron in this organelle, which can lead to the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS), lipid peroxidation, and cell death reminiscent of ferroptosis.<sup>21</sup> As cells in the mesenchymal state and CSCs are

addicted to iron showing a higher load,<sup>25</sup> this cell state has a pronounced vulnerability to cell death induced by ironomycin and Sal.

Given that **Sal** and ironomycin have been found to target lysosomal iron, we hypothesized that a distinct orientation of the C20-amino substituents might affect its stability and target

engagement as well as efficacy and selectivity toward the CSC populations. In this context, the synthetic strategy for the diastereoselective inversion of the absolute configuration at the C20-position of Sal has been reported previously. <sup>26–29</sup> The esters of C20-epi-salinomycin showed a potent activity toward colorectal, gastric, and triple-negative breast cancer cells, <sup>28</sup> while the corresponding C20-epi-carbonates and carbamates were identified as inducers of late apoptosis in colon cancer and necrosis in prostate cancer cells. <sup>29</sup> Jiang and co-workers synthesized a series of C20-epi-N-acyl <sup>26</sup> and C20-epi-triazole <sup>27</sup> analogs of Sal, showing improved properties compared to Sal.

Thus, we were interested in evaluating the effect of combining the presence of an amine at C20 together with the opposite stereochemistry. Here, we describe rapid access to the C20-epi-amino derivatives of Sal (Figure 1 and Scheme 1). We evaluated a library of 18 novel Sal derivatives against a well-established model of breast CSCs together with the corresponding cells deprived of stem-like properties (Table 1). We identified three compounds that have the ability to preferentially kill the cancer stem-like cells with remarkably low IC<sub>50</sub> values that compete favorably with our reference compound ironomycin. All products were also less toxic against the normal breast cell line MCF10A compared to ironomycin, illustrating some degree of improvement (Table 1).

#### 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### 2.1. Synthesis

Although the synthetic access to our key precursor, C20-epi-aminosalinomycin Sal-epiNH<sub>2</sub>, has been previously reported, we were able to improve on this procedure. It was conveniently afforded using a one-pot Mitsunobu and Staudinger methodology (Scheme 1), which is important when it comes to scaling up biologically active compounds for therapeutic use. Briefly, in the first step we masked the C1-functionality of Sal by converting the C1-carboxyl to a TMS ethyl ester. Next, using a Mitsunobu—Staudinger reaction sequence, followed by quantitative deprotection of the C1-position with TBAF, we obtained Sal-epiNH<sub>2</sub> on a gram scale.

Having facile access to the starting material, a library of 18 C20-epi-amino derivatives of Sal was synthesized with a good overall yield by means of a chemoselective reductive amination, reacting Sal-epiNH2 with structurally diverse aldehydes (Scheme 1). Specifically, we used aldehydes that differed in polarity and flexibility, selecting both aliphatic and aromatic substrates. We selected aldehydes with shorter or longer aliphatic chains, from 2 to up to 12 carbon atoms, and various benzyl aldehydes substituted at the para-position with a methyl group, a hydroxyl group, or halogens. Importantly, we were able to obtain the corresponding secondary and tertiary amines at the C20-position by varying the amount of aldehyde employed in the reaction mixture. The NMR data of analogs 1-18 obtained as sodium salts are presented in the Supporting Information. The HRMS analysis (Supporting Information) also supported the formation of the products.

#### 2.2. Biological Evaluation

The activity of our benchmark compounds Sal and ironomycin, together with those of Sal-epiNH<sub>2</sub> and the new derivatives 1–18, was measured *in vitro* against transformed human mammary mesenchymal HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>high</sup> cells, an established model of human breast CSCs. <sup>30,31</sup> We also evaluated these products for their selectivity toward the corresponding epithelial

counterparts (HMLER CD24<sup>high</sup>/CD44<sup>low</sup>), which lacked features of CSCs (Table 1).

Notably, C20-epi-amino derivatives exhibited higher anti-CSC potentials compared to Sal. Of note, most of these products also showed an improved potency compared to that of the reference ironomycin, among which compounds 4, 6, 8, 9, and 16–18 were the most potent of this series. A deeper analysis of the results revealed that tertiary amine-containing Sal derivatives were essentially less potent than their corresponding secondary amine counterparts, with the exceptions of 8 and 9 bearing diethyl and dipropyl substituents, respectively. These derivatives were the most potent compounds, with remarkably low IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3 and 9 nM against mesenchymal HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>high</sup> cells, respectively. Remarkably, the antiproliferative activity of 8 and 9 was accompanied by their higher selectivity for the mesenchymal state, with SIs of 90.0 and 20.0, respectively. This is consistent with iron-targeting and the higher iron demand of that cell state. These data indicate the promising therapeutic potential for 8 and 9 in light of preclinical results already obtained for the less potent lead structure ironomycin. With respect to the other tertiary amines, further elongation of the aliphatic chains resulted in reduced antiproliferative activity, with the didodecyl derivative 13 identified as the least potent of the series. This argues in favor of a model whereby an optimal apolar alkane is required for this biological activity. Analogs with alkanes that are too long might be retained in lipid membranes, up to a point where their capacity to accumulate in the lumen of lysosomes and thus engage with iron is reduced. On the other hand, a critically short side chain may not allow the derivative to effectively cross lipid membranes.

Interestingly, this class of compounds showed generally lower toxicities against the normal breast cell line MCF10A (Table 1), highlighting the potential for the development of these compounds to target CSCs selectively. All analogs were less active against the MCF10A cell line than reference ironomycin, indicating that an inversion of the absolute configuration at the C20-position may improve not only the antiproliferative activity against cancer cells but also the selectivity.

Although monosubstituted C20-epi-amino analogs 1 and 2 were found to be less effective than their corresponding disubstituted counterparts 8 and 9, compound 6 bearing an nhexyl aliphatic chain showed potent antiproliferative activity and selectivity for the mesenchymal state of cells. With an  $IC_{50}$  value of 30 nM toward HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>high</sup> cells and a good selectivity (SI = 24.7), this compound was the most potent among all secondary amine products. It exhibited a potency comparable to those of 8 and 9, supporting the importance of an optimal overall lipophilicity, which remains comparable for these three derivatives. It is consistent with the capacity of these derivatives to effectively cross lipid membranes to reach their functional target. Finally, C20-epi-amino derivatives 14-18 with a benzyl moiety exhibited comparable activities against HMLER  $CD24^{low}/CD44^{high}$  cells, with  $IC_{50}$  values in the range of 60-120nM. Interestingly, in all cases the introduction of the substituents (methyl, hydroxyl, or halogen) at the para-position resulted in increased selectivity. Thus, the evaluation of the activity of other monosubstituted products (para-position versus ortho- and meta-positions) or multiple-substituted analogs might be worth considering in the future.

#### 3. CONCLUSIONS

In summary, prompted by the improved therapeutic potential of C20-amino analogs of Sal (e.g., ironomycin) and the fact that

C20-functionalized epimers retain their efficacy *in vitro*, we synthesized a series of 18 C20-*epi*-amino derivatives of **Sal** that combined both structural modifications using a straightforward and scalable protocol.

All derivatives were assessed for their antiproliferative activity and selectivity toward a well-established model of mesenchymal CSCs (HMLER CD24low/CD44high) together with their epithelial counterparts (HMLER CD24high/CD44low) lacking CSC properties. Most of these derivatives were found to be more potent and more selective against the mesenchymal state compared to the references Sal and ironomycin. Specifically, compounds 6, 8, and 9 were identified to be particularly interesting in this context, with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 30, 3, and 9 nM, respectively, together with their outstanding selectivities (SIs between 20.0 and 90.0). Concerning a structure-activity relationship (SAR), we found the following: (i) monosubstituted C20-epi-amino derivatives of Sal are essentially more active than their corresponding disubstituted counterparts; (ii) with respect to secondary amine products, *n*-pentyl and *n*-hexyl substituents are more potent against the mesenchymal state, (iii) regarding tertiary amine derivatives, elongation of the aliphatic chains results in a decrease of the antiproliferative activity; and (iv) the introduction of the nonpolar or polar substituent at the para-position of the benzyl motif increases the selectivity.

Here, we have reported a convenient synthetic scheme that can readily afford potent derivatives in a short number of steps. Importantly, we describe the most potent and selective derivatives of **Sal** reported so far. Future work will involve the preclinical evaluation of the most promising compounds in various cancer settings.

#### 4. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

#### 4.1. General Information

Detailed descriptions of the general procedures, equipment, and measurement parameters can be found in the Supporting Information. C20-epi-aminosalinomycin (Sal-epiNH<sub>2</sub>) was resynthesized following the previously reported procedure, <sup>26</sup> with slight modifications.

Briefly, in the first step, to a stirred solution of salinomycin (Sal) (3.00 g, 1.0 equiv) in 50 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$  in an ice bath were added DMAP (2.38 g, 5.0 equiv), TMSEtOH (2.77 g, 6.0 equiv), and TCFH (1.31 g, 1.2 equiv). The resulting mixture was stirred at RT overnight. The reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification on silica gel using the CombiFlash system (0  $\rightarrow$  40% EtOAc/n-hexane) gave the C1-EtTMS ester of Sal as a yellow oil (1.70 g, 50% yield).

Next, to a solution of the C1-EtTMS ester of Sal (1.70 g, 1.0 equiv) in 20 mL of anhydrous THF in an ice bath was added TPP (784 mg, 1.5 equiv). After 20 min, DIAD (481 mg, 1.2 equiv) was slowly added to the mixture, followed by DPPA (605 mg, 1.1 equiv). The solution was stirred at RT for 24 h. After this time, TPP (1.57 g, 3.0 equiv) was added to the mixture in one portion, followed by the addition of 0.5 mL of water. The mixture was stirred at RT for next 24 h, and the reaction progress was monitored by TLC. The reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification on silica gel using the CombiFlash system (0  $\rightarrow$  50% acetone/CHCl<sub>3</sub>) gave the C1-EtTMS ester of C20-epi-aminosalinomycin as a yellow oil (716 mg, 42% yield).

Finally, the C1-masked C20-epi-aminosalinomycin (716 mg, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in 15 mL of anhydrous THF at RT. A 1.0 M solution of TBAF in THF (2.53 mL, 3.0 equiv) was then added dropwise. The solution was left to be stirred at RT for next 24 h. The reaction mixture was then concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification on silica gel using the CombiFlash system (0  $\rightarrow$  50% acetone/CHCl<sub>3</sub>) gave the reaction product as a yellow oil. The product was then dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and washed with a 0.1 M solution of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The separated organic layers were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and

concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was then evaporated several times with n-pentane to quantitatively give the sodium salt of Sal-epiNH $_2$  as a white amorphous solid (648 mg). The data for the obtained material were in accordance with the literature.

#### 4.2. General Procedure for the Preparation of Analogs 1–18

To a stirred solution of Sal-epiNH<sub>2</sub> (50 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in 5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was added the corresponding aldehyde (1.0 equiv for singly substituted analogs 1–7 and 14–18 or 5.0 equiv for the doubly substituted counterparts 8–13). The solution was stirred at RT for 24 h. After that time, a solution of NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN (5 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1.2 equiv; in 2 mL of MeOH) was added to the mixture drop by drop. The reaction mixture was stirred further at RT for an additional 30 min. Next, the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude material on silica gel using the CombiFlash system gave the C20-epi-amino analogs 1–18 as white amorphous solids after evaporation with *n*-pentane. The NMR and HRMS spectra of compounds 1–18 are included in the Supporting Information (Figures S1–S54).

4.2.1. Compound 1. Yield: 35 mg, 70%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.57 in 60% acetone/CHCl<sub>3</sub>. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.31 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dt, J =13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.86 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.81-2.73(m, 2H), 2.72–2.68 (m, 1H), 2.67–2.57 (m, 2H), 2.00–0.50 (m, 60H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 218.4, 184.1, 129.9, 122.7, 110.1, 99.7, 89.2, 76.4, 76.3, 75.5, 75.1, 71.8, 70.2, 67.7, 56.1, 55.5, 51.6, 50.9, 42.8, 40.7, 39.5, 37.5, 36.5, 33.4, 33.1, 33.0, 29.8, 28.6, 28.3, 27.4, 24.2, 21.4, 20.6, 17.9, 17.3, 16.5, 16.4, 15.1, 13.5, 12.8, 12.4, 11.0, 7.0, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3319, 2963, 2935, 2875, 1714, 1568, 1460, 1407 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>75</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 800.5289, found 800.5283;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{44}H_{76}NO_{10}^+$ 778.5464, found 778.5460.

4.2.2. Compound 2. Yield: 35 mg, 66%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f =$ 0.23 in 66% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.27 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J =11.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 16.6, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 3.37 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.97-2.87 (m, 2H), 2.79-2.68 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.11-2.04 (m, 2H), 2.00-0.50 (m, 61H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  218.6, 184.1, 130.3, 122.0, 110.4, 99.6, 89.22, 76.5, 76.4, 75.4, 75.1, 71.8, 70.2, 67.8, 56.1, 53.3, 51.6, 50.9, 47.6, 40.7, 39.5, 37.7, 36.5, 33.3, 33.2, 33.0, 30.0, 28.6, 28.2, 27.5, 24.8, 24.1, 23.2, 21.3, 20.6, 17.9, 17.4, 16.6, 15.1, 13.5, 12.8, 12.4, 11.0, 7.1, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3289, 2962, 2933, 2874, 1713, 1660, 1568, 1459, 1407 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>45</sub>H<sub>77</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 814.5440, found 814.5426;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{45}H_{78}NO_{10}^+$  792.5620, found 792.5619.

**4.2.3. Compound 3.** Yield: 36 mg, 68%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.29 in 66% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.31 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 9.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80-2.69(m, 3H), 2.68–2.62 (m, 1H), 2.60–2.52 (m, 1H), 2.00–0.50 (m, 64H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 218.4, 184.1, 130.0, 122.6, 110.1, 99.7, 89.2, 76.4, 76.3, 75.5, 75.0, 71.8, 70.2, 67.7, 56.1, 55.8, 51.6, 50.9, 48.3, 40.7, 39.4, 37.5, 36.5, 33.5, 33.4, 33.1, 33.0, 29.8, 28.6, 28.3, 27.4, 24.2, 21.4, 20.8, 20.6, 17.8, 17.3, 16.5, 15.1, 14.3, 13.5, 12.8, 12.4, 11.0, 7.0, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3288, 2960, 2931, 2873, 1713, 1661, 1567, 1459, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{46}H_{79}NO_{10}Na^{+}$  828.5596, found 828.5577;  $[M-Na+2H]^{+}$  Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>80</sub>NO<sub>10</sub><sup>+</sup> 806.5777, found 806.5772.

**4.2.4. Compound 4.** Yield: 40 mg, 74%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f = 0.50$  in 66% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA;  $^1$ H NMR (400

MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  6.35 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.72–3.60 (m, 2H), 3.41 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.85 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.82–2.73 (m, 2H), 2.72–2.65 (m, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 11.3, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 2.41 (dd, J = 11.3, 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.15–2.09 (m, 2H), 2.05–0.50 (m, 62H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  218.3, 184.1, 130.0, 122.5, 110.2, 99.7, 89.2, 76.4, 76.3, 75.5, 75.0, 71.8, 70.2, 67.7, 56.7, 56.0 (2C), 51.6, 50.8, 40.7, 39.4, 37.6, 36.5, 33.4, 33.2, 33.0, 29.8, 29.7, 28.6, 28.3, 27.4, 24.2, 21.3, 20.8, 20.7, 20.5, 17.8, 17.4, 16.5, 15.1, 13.5, 12.8, 12.4, 11.0, 7.0, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3289, 2960, 2931, 2874, 1713, 1660, 1568, 1459, 1407 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>79</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 828.5596, found 828.5578; [M – Na + 2H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>79</sub>NO<sub>10</sub><sup>+</sup> 806.5777, found 806.5771.

4.2.5. Compound 5. Yield: 45 mg, 82%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.30 in 66% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.23 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.21 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.70 (dd, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.7011.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.62–3.49 (m, 2H), 3.29 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.76 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.60 (m, 3H), 2.60-2.53 (m, 1H), 2.48(ddd, J = 11.3, 7.5, 6.4 Hz, 1H), 2.02-1.96 (m, 2H), 1.90-0.50 (m, 2H)64H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  218.4, 184.1, 130.0, 122.6, 110.1, 99.7, 89.2, 76.5, 76.3, 75.5, 75.1, 71.8, 70.2, 67.7, 56.1, 55.8, 51.6, 50.9, 48.6, 40.7, 39.5, 37.5, 36.5, 33.4, 33.2, 33.0, 31.1, 29.9, 29.8, 28.6, 28.3, 27.5, 24.2, 23.1, 21.4, 20.6, 17.9, 17.4, 16.6, 15.1, 14.4, 13.5, 12.8, 12.4, 11.0, 7.0, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3292, 2961, 2932, 2873, 1713, 1660, 1567, 1459, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{47}H_{81}NO_{10}Na^{+}$  842.5753, found 842.5728;  $[M - Na + 2H]^{+}$  Calcd for C<sub>47</sub>H<sub>82</sub>NO<sub>10</sub><sup>+</sup> 820.5933, found 820.5926.

4.2.6. Compound 6. Yield: 37 mg, 70%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.31 in 66% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.31 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dd, J =11.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 10.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.84 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79-2.69(m, 3H), 2.68-2.62 (m, 1H), 2.56 (dt, J = 11.3, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.08-2.02(m, 2H), 2.00–0.50 (m, 66H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$ 217.8, 183.5, 129.4, 122.0, 109.5, 99.1, 88.6, 75.9, 75.7, 74.9, 74.5, 71.2, 69.6, 67.1, 55.5, 55.2, 51.0, 50.3, 48.0, 40.1, 38.9, 36.9, 35.9, 32.8, 32.6, 32.4, 31.7, 30.7, 29.2, 28.0, 27.7, 26.9, 26.8, 23.6, 22.6, 20.8, 20.0, 17.3, 16.8, 16.0, 14.5, 13.8, 12.9, 12.3, 11.8, 10.4, 6.5, 6.2 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3297, 2958, 2930, 2872, 2858, 1714, 1668, 1565, 1459, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup> HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>83</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 856.5909, found 856.5889;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{48}H_{84}NO_{10}^+$  834.6090, found 834.6084.

4.2.7. Compound 7. Yield: 60 mg, 85%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.40 in 66% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.31 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 13.5, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (dd, J = 10.1, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (d, J = 10.2)Hz, 1H), 3.37 (dd, J = 11.9, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.79 -2.73 (m, 1H), 2.74–2.68 (m, 2H), 2.68–2.61 (m, 1H), 2.55 (ddd, *J* = 11.3, 7.4, 6.3 Hz, 1H), 2.10–2.03 (m, 2H), 2.00–0.50 (m, 78H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  218.1, 183.9, 129.7, 122.4, 109.9, 99.5, 89.0, 76.2, 76.0, 75.3, 74.8, 71.6, 70.0, 67.4, 55.8, 55.5, 51.3, 50.6, 48.3, 40.5, 39.2, 37.3, 36.3, 33.2, 32.9, 32.8, 32.3, 31.2, 30.0 (3C), 29.9, 29.7, 29.6, 28.4, 28.1, 27.5, 27.2, 24.0, 23.1, 21.1, 20.3, 17.6, 17.2, 16.3, 14.9, 14.3, 13.3, 12.6, 12.2, 10.8, 6.8, 6.6 ppm, one signal overlapped; FT-IR (KBr) 3288, 2960, 2927, 2854, 1713, 1568, 1459, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS  $(ESI^{+}) m/z [M + H]^{+} Calcd for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>95</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 940.6848, found$ 940.6829;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{54}H_{96}NO_{10}^+$  918.7029, found 918.7024.

**4.2.8. Compound 8.** Yield: 41 mg, 76%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.42 in 33% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA;  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  6.28 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.1 Hz,

2H), 2.75 (td, J = 11.2, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.69–2.64 (m, 2H), 2.56–2.43 (m, 3H), 2.31 (dq, J = 13.4, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.20–0.50 (m, 61H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  218.4, 183.7, 125.6, 123.9, 110.9, 98.0, 87.3, 76.1, 75.8, 75.1, 74.9, 71.2, 69.5, 67.1, 56.4, 55.7, 51.0, 50.1, 44.4, 40.4, 38.6, 36.7, 35.9, 33.0, 32.6, 32.4, 29.8, 28.0, 27.6, 26.9 (2C), 23.6, 21.1, 19.9, 17.3, 16.8, 15.7, 14.6, 13.7 (2C), 12.8, 12.2, 12.0, 10.4, 6.5, 6.2 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3300, 2962, 2933, 2874, 1714, 1566, 1458, 1405 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>79</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 828.5596, found 828.5582; [M – Na + 2H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>80</sub>NO<sub>10</sub><sup>+</sup> 806.5777, found 806.5774.

4.2.9. Compound 9. Yield: 45 mg, 79%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f =$ 0.57 in 33% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.28 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.22 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J= 11.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.68-3.59 (m, 2H), 3.37 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.77 - 2.70 (m, 1H), 2.69 - 2.63 (m, 2H),2.52-2.41 (m, 1H), 2.40-2.25 (m, 4H), 2.00-0.50 (m, 65H) ppm;  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  )  $\delta$  219.0, 184.2, 126.3, 124.4, 111.6, 98.7, 87.9, 76.7, 76.4, 75.6, 75.4, 71.8, 70.0, 67.7, 57.9, 56.3, 53.7 (2C), 51.6, 50.8, 41.1, 39.2, 37.3, 36.5, 33.6, 33.3, 33.0, 30.4, 28.6, 28.2, 27.5, 24.1, 22.1 (2C), 21.7, 20.5, 17.9, 17.5, 16.3, 15.2, 13.4, 12.8, 12.6, 12.1 (2C), 11.0, 7.1, 6.7 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3297, 2960, 2933, 2873, 1714, 1566, 1459, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{48}H_{83}NO_{10}Na^{+}$  856.5909, found 856.5892;  $[M - Na + 2H]^{+}$  Calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>84</sub>NO<sub>10</sub><sup>+</sup> 834.6090, found 834.6089.

4.2.10. Compound 10. Yield: 30 mg, 55%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.59 in 33% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.29 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J= 11.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.66-3.60 (m, 2H), 3.37 (dd, J = 12.0, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 4.2, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.77 - 2.64 (m, 3H), 2.51 - 2.35 (m, 3H),2.34-2.25 (m, 2H),2.00-0.50 (m, 69H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  218.9, 184.2, 126.1, 124.4, 111.6, 98.7, 87.9, 76.9, 76.4, 75.6, 75.3, 71.8, 69.9, 67.6, 57.7, 56.2, 51.6, 51.4 (2C), 50.8, 41.1, 39.2, 37.4, 36.5, 33.6, 33.3, 32.9, 31.5 (2C), 30.2, 28.6, 28.2, 27.5, 24.2, 21.7, 21.2 (2C), 20.5, 17.9, 17.5, 16.3, 15.2, 14.5 (2C), 13.4, 12.9, 12.6, 11.0, 7.1, 6.7 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3300, 2960, 2933, 2873, 2860, 1712, 1566, 1457, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>50</sub>H<sub>87</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 884.6222, found 884.6212;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{50}H_{88}NO_{10}^+$ 862.6403, found 862.6410.

4.2.11. Compound 11. Yield: 35 mg, 60%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f =$ 0.62 in 33% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.29 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.2Hz, 1H), 4.19 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J= 11.0, 4.7 Hz, 1H), 3.69 - 3.60 (m, 2H), 3.37 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H),3.29 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.70 (tdd, J = 10.3, 9.3, 3.1 Hz, 3H), 2.45(ddd, J = 22.3, 13.0, 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.25 (m, 3H), 2.00-0.50 (m, 3H)73H) ppm;  ${}^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  218.9, 184.2, 126.1, 124.4, 111.6, 98.7, 87.9, 77.0, 76.4, 75.6, 75.3, 71.8, 69.9, 67.7, 57.8, 56.3, 51.7 (2C), 51.6, 50.8, 41.1, 39.2, 37.4, 36.5, 33.6, 33.3, 32.9, 30.3 (2C), 30.1, 29.0 (2C), 28.6, 28.2, 27.5, 24.2, 23.2 (2C), 21.7, 20.5, 17.9, 17.5, 16.3, 15.2, 14.5 (2C), 13.4, 12.9, 12.6, 11.0, 7.1, 6.7 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3297, 2959, 2931, 2872, 2860, 1714, 1567, 1459, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>52</sub>H<sub>91</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 912.6535, found 912.6524;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{52}H_{92}NO_{10}^+$  890.6716, found 890.6724.

**4.2.12. Compound 12.** Yield: 50 mg, 82%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.64 in 33% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA;  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  6.29 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.01 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.12 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (dt, J = 13.2, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 3.68–3.59 (m, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.29 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.72 (ddd, J = 11.4, 8.5, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 2.68–2.63 (m, 1H), 2.52–2.43 (m, 1H), 2.43–2.36 (m, 2H), 2.36–2.27 (m, 2H), 2.00–0.50 (m, 77H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\delta$  218.9, 184.2, 126.1, 124.4, 111.6, 98.7, 87.9, 77.0, 76.4, 75.6, 75.3, 71.8, 69.9, 67.7, 57.8, 56.3, 51.7 (2C), 51.6, 50.8, 41.1, 39.2, 37.4, 36.5, 33.6, 33.3, 33.0, 32.5 (2C), 30.0, 29.3 (2C), 28.6, 28.2, 27.8 (2C),

27.5, 24.2, 23.4 (2C), 21.7, 20.5, 17.9, 17.6, 16.3, 15.2, 14.5 (2C), 13.5, 12.9, 12.6, 11.0, 7.1, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3286, 2960, 2931, 2873, 2859, 1713, 1568, 1459, 1407 cm $^{-1}$ . HRMS (ESI $^+$ ) m/z [M + H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\rm C_{54}H_{95}NO_{10}Na^+$  940.6848, found 940.6839; [M – Na + 2H] $^+$  Calcd for  $\rm C_{54}H_{96}NO_{10}^+$  918.7029, found 918.7038.

4.2.13. Compound 13. Yield: 21 mg, 45%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.79 in 33% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  6.28 (dd, J = 11.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.00 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.2Hz, 1H), 4.20 (q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.11 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (dd, J= 11.0, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 3.71 - 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 12.0, 1.9 Hz, 1H),3.29 (dd, J = 4.1, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.75 (dd, J = 11.1, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 2.71-2.64(m, 2H), 2.47 (dd, J = 12.5, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.43-2.38 (m, 1H), 2.36 (d, J)= 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.34-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.00-0.50 (m, 101H) ppm; NMR (101 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  218.9, 184.2, 126.1, 124.4, 111.6, 98.7, 87.9, 76.9, 76.4, 75.6, 75.3, 71.7, 69.9, 67.6, 57.7, 56.3, 51.7 (2C), 51.6, 50.8, 41.1 (2C), 39.2, 37.4, 36.5, 33.6, 33.3, 32.9, 32.5 (2C), 30.6, 30.4 (3C), 30.3, 30.2 (4C), 30.0 (3C), 29.9, 29.3, 28.6, 28.2, 28.1 (2C), 27.5, 24.2, 23.3 (2C), 21.7, 20.5, 17.9, 17.6, 16.3, 15.2, 14.5 (2C), 13.4, 12.9, 12.6, 11.0, 7.1, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3295, 2958, 2926, 2872, 2854, 1714, 1566, 1459, 1405 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{66}H_{119}NO_{10}Na^{+}$  1108.8726, found 1108.8715;  $[M - Na + 2H]^{+}$ Calcd for C<sub>66</sub>H<sub>120</sub>NO<sub>10</sub><sup>+</sup> 1086.8907, found 1086.8920.

**4.2.14. Compound 14.** Yield: 48 mg, 75%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_{\ell}$  = 0.65 in 50% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  7.19 (d, J = 4.4 Hz, 4H), 7.12 (dt, J = 5.9, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (d, J = 10.7 Hz, 1H), 4.18 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H)Hz, 1H), 4.04 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (d, J = 12.7 Hz, 1H), 3.74-3.63(m, 2H), 3.61-3.50 (m, 2H), 3.26 (dd, J = 11.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 2.90 (d, J)= 5.5 Hz, 1H), 2.73-2.65 (m, 1H), 2.64-2.54 (m, 2H), 2.00-0.50 (m, 57H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 218.4, 184.1, 141.5, 129.3, 128.8 (4C), 127.3, 123.1, 110.0, 99.7, 89.3, 76.5, 76.3, 75.5, 75.0, 71.8, 70.2, 67.7, 56.1, 55.1, 52.5, 51.6, 50.9, 40.7, 39.4, 37.6, 36.5, 33.4, 33.1, 33.0, 29.7, 28.6, 28.2, 27.4, 24.2, 21.3, 20.5, 17.8, 17.4, 16.5, 15.1, 13.5, 12.9, 12.4, 11.0, 7.0, 6.8 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3317, 2961, 2933, 2874, 1713, 1567, 1495, 1458, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H] Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{77}NO_{10}Na^{+}$  862.5440, found 862.5432;  $[M-Na+2H]^{+}$ Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{78}NO_{10}^{+}$  840.5620, found 840.5628.

4.2.15. Compound 15. Yield: 43 mg, 76%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.60 in 50% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz,  $CD_2Cl_2$ )  $\delta$  7.12 (td, J = 7.9, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 1H), 6.77-6.72 (m, 2H), 6.43 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.5 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (q, J = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 4.13 (d, J = 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, J = 13.5Hz, 1H), 3.97 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 3.63(dd, J = 16.2, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.10 (d, J = 11.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H)5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.78 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 2.73 (dd, J = 10.8, 2.4 Hz 1H), 2.66 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.00–0.50 (m, 58H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 218.4, 184.3, 158.4, 129.4, 129.1, 127.7, 125.1, 123.5, 119.7, 116.7, 108.8, 99.9, 89.8, 76.5, 76.2, 75.8, 75.0, 71.8, 70.2, 67.8, 56.0, 55.1, 51.6, 51.2, 50.8, 40.5, 39.3, 37.8, 36.5, 33.4, 33.1, 32.9, 29.7, 28.6, 28.3, 27.4, 24.3, 21.4, 20.5, 17.8, 17.4, 16.5, 15.1, 13.5, 12.9, 12.4, 10.9, 7.0, 6.7 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3433, 3320, 2953, 2932, 2872, 1713, 1563, 1456, 1428, 1405 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{77}NO_{10}Na^{+}$  878.5389, found 878.5381; [M – Na + 2H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{79}NO_{10}$ <sup>+</sup> 856.5569, found 856.5575.

**4.2.16. Compound 16.** Yield: 51 mg, 89%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f = 0.63$  in 50% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA;  $^1$ H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.15 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 6.49 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (dd, J = 11.0, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 3.85 (d, J = 12.5 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (dd, J = 15.5, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.56 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 3.34–3.29 (m, 1H), 3.03 (d, J = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (td, J = 11.0, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 2.68 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 2.64–2.59 (m, 1H), 2.31 (s, 3H), 2.20–0.50 (m, 57H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  216.8, 184.1, 137.7, 136.3, 129.0 (2C), 128.2 (2C), 122.6, 109.3, 99.1, 88.7, 75.7, 75.6, 74.8, 74.5, 71.5, 69.8, 67.1, 55.2, 54.6, 51.6, 51.2, 50.4, 40.1, 38.9, 37.2, 36.0, 32.9, 32.5, 32.4, 29.7, 29.0, 27.9 (2C), 26.9, 23.9,

21.1, 20.8, 19.9, 17.5, 17.0, 16.0, 14.6, 13.2, 12.5, 11.8, 10.6, 6.7, 6.5 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3295, 2961, 2931, 2874, 1713, 1567, 1458, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{50}H_{79}NO_{11}Na^+$  876.5596, found 876.5593; [M – Na + 2H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for  $C_{50}H_{80}NO_{11}^+$  854.5777, found 854.5777.

4.2.17. Compound 17. Yield: 70 mg, 88%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_f$  = 0.67 in 50% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.22 (dd, J = 8.5, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 6.95 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 6.48 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.20 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.37(q, J = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (d, J = 10.3 Hz, 1H), 3.89 (dd, J = 11.1, 4.9 Hz,1H), 3.85 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 3.74 - 3.68 (m, 2H), 3.56 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 11.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.00 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.87 (td, J= 10.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 2.67 (dt, J = 7.1, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 2.62 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20–0.50 (m, 57H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 216.8, 184.1, 161.9 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 191.9 Hz, 1C), 136.4, 129.9 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 6.2 Hz, 1C), 128.8, 122.8, 115.1 (d,  $J_{C-F}$  = 20.2 Hz, 1C), 109.3, 99.1, 88.8, 75.7, 75.7, 74.9, 74.5, 71.6, 69.8, 67.2, 55.3, 54.3, 51.3, 51.0, 50.4, 40.1, 38.9, 37.3, 36.0, 34.1, 32.9, 32.5, 32.4, 29.0, 27.9, 26.9, 24.0, 22.3, 20.9, 20.0, 17.5, 17.0, 16.0, 14.6, 14.1, 13.2, 12.5, 11.8, 10.6, 6.7, 6.5 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3321, 2962, 2932, 2874, 1713, 1567, 1510, 1459, 1406 cm<sup>-1</sup>. HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>76</sub>FNO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 880.5345, found 880.5337;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{77}FNO_{10}^+$  858.5526, found 858.5532.

**4.2.18. Compound 18.** Yield: 34 mg, 58%. Isolated as a white amorphous solid, >95% pure by NMR and a single spot by TLC;  $R_{\ell}$  = 0.58 in 50% EtOAc/n-hexane. Strain green with PMA; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.18 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.42 (dd, J = 10.7, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (q, J = 6.7 Hz,1H), 4.17 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (dd, J = 10.6, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 3.78 (d, J= 12.9 Hz, 1H), 3.68-3.61 (m, 2H), 3.49 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (d, J = 10.1 Hz = 11.6 Hz, 1H), 2.93 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 2.80 (td, J = 10.9, 3.1 Hz, 1H),2.61 (dd, J = 11.0, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.55 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 2.20-0.50 (m, 57H) ppm;  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  216.7, 184.2, 139.1, 132.5, 129.7 (2C), 128.7, 128.4 (2C), 122.8, 109.2, 99.0, 88.7, 75.7, 75.6, 74.9, 74.5, 71.5, 69.8, 67.1, 55.2, 54.3, 51.2, 51.0, 50.4, 40.1, 38.8, 37.3, 35.9, 32.9, 32.5, 32.4, 29.7, 28.9, 27.9 (2C), 23.9, 20.8, 19.9, 17.4, 17.0, 16.0, 14.6, 13.2, 12.5, 11.8, 10.6, 6.7, 6.5 ppm; FT-IR (KBr) 3322, 2962, 2932, 2874, 1713, 1663, 1567, 1492, 1459, 1407 cm<sup>-1</sup> HRMS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) m/z [M + H]<sup>+</sup> Calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>76</sub>ClNO<sub>10</sub>Na<sup>+</sup> 896.5050, found 896.5043;  $[M - Na + 2H]^+$  Calcd for  $C_{49}H_{77}ClNO_{10}^+$  874.5231, found 874.5238.

#### 4.3. Cell Culture

HMLER cells naturally repressing E-cadherin, obtained from human mammary epithelial cells infected with a retrovirus carrying hTERT, SV40, and the oncogenic allele *H-rasV12*, were cultured in DMEM/F12 (Gibco, 31331–028) supplemented with 10% FBS, 10  $\mu$ g/mL insulin (Sigma-Aldrich, I0516), 0.5  $\mu$ g/mL hydrocortisone (Sigma-Aldrich, H0888), and 0.5  $\mu$ g/mL puromycin (Life Technologies, A11138-02); cells were a generous gift from Alain Puisieux (INSERM). All cells were incubated at 37 °C with 5%  $\rm CO_2$ . HMLER CD44  $\rm ^{low}/^{high}$  cells stained with CD24-APC and CD44-PE antibodies were sorted by FACS using an Aria IIu (BD Biosciences) to obtain isolated CD24low/CD44high and  $CD24^{high}/CD44^{low} \ cell \ populations. \ HMLER \ CD24^{low}/CD44^{high} \ cells$ were supplemented with 10 ng/mL human epidermal growth factor (EGF, Miltenyi Biotec, 130-093-750, 100 ng/mL), while HMLER CD24<sup>high</sup>/CD44<sup>low</sup> cells were grown without EGF. MCF10A cells (ATCC, CRL-10317) were cultured in DMEM/F12 supplemented with 10% horse serum (Invitrogen, 16050-122), 10  $\mu$ g/mL insulin, 10 ng/mL EGF, 0.5 μg/mL hydrocortisone, 100 ng/mL cholera toxin (Sigma-Aldrich, C8052), and 1 × PenStrep (Invitrogen, 15070-063).

#### 4.4. Cell Viability Assay (IC<sub>50</sub>)

The cell viability assay was carried out by plating 1000 cells per well in 96-well plates. The cells were treated for 72 h in a range between 12 nM and 50  $\mu$ M or 0.3 nM and 4  $\mu$ M using serial dilutions following the manufacturer's protocol. Very briefly, the CellTiter-Blue reagent (G8081, Promega) was added to the wells after 72 h of treatment, and cells were incubated for 3 h before fluorescence intensities ( $\lambda_{\rm ex}$  =

560/20 nm;  $\lambda_{\rm em}$  = 590/10 nm) were recorded using a PerkinElmer Wallac 1420 Victor2 microplate reader.

The IC<sub>50</sub> cell viability curves were plotted using the Prism 8 software for the synthesized compounds against HMLER CD24<sup>low</sup>/CD44<sup>high</sup> and the isogenic cell line HMLER CD24<sup>high</sup>/CD44<sup>low</sup>; MCF10A cells are included in the Supporting Information (Figures S55–S56).

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

aq., aqueous

ATP, adenosine triphosphate

CSCs, cancer stem cells

DIAD, diisopropyl azodicarboxylate

DMAP, 4-dimethylaminopyridine

DPPA, diphenylphosphoryl azide

equiv, equivalent(s)

ER, endoplasmic reticulum

ESI, electrospray ionization

EtOAc, ethyl acetate

FT-IR, Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy

HRMS, high-resolution mass spectroscopy

MeOH, methanol

MoA, mechanism of action

NMR, nuclear magnetic resonance

PMA, phosphomolybdic acid hydrate

ROS, reactive oxygen species

RT, room temperature

Sal, salinomycin

Sal-epiNH<sub>2</sub>, C20-epi-aminosalinomycin

SAR, structure-activity relationship

SI, selectivity index

TBAF, tetrabutylammonium fluoride

TCFH, chloro-N,N,N',N'-tetramethylformamidinium hexafluorophosphate

THF, tetrahydrofuran

TLC, thin-layer chromatography

TMSEtOH, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethanol

TPP, triphenylphosphine.

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