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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides lymphatic system-directing lipid prodrugs, pharmaceutical compositions thereof, methods of producing such prodrugs and compositions, and methods of improving the bioavailability or other properties of a therapeutic agent that comprises part of the lipid prodrug. The present invention also provides methods of treating a disease, disorder, or condition such as those disclosed herein, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug or a pharmaceutical composition thereof.



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LIPID PRODRUGS OF GLUCOCORTICOIDS AND USES THEREOF

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present invention relates to compounds in the form of prodrugs, in particular, compounds that promote transport of a pharmaceutical agent to the lymphatic system and subsequently enhance release of the parent drug. The present invention also relates to compositions and methods of using such prodrugs.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0002] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/811,931, filed on February 28, 2019; the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Glucocorticoids are a class of corticosteroids involved in a vast array of biological functions such as cardiovascular, metabolic, immunologic and homeostatic function. Naturally occurring glucocorticoids (e.g., cortisol) are produced by the adrenal glands and elicit their pleiotropic effects via binding the glucocorticoid receptor (GR or GCR). Glucocorticoids, natural and synthetic (e.g., dexamethasone) suppress the body's immune and inflammatory responses and are widely used in the treatment various diseases, disorder, and conditions, such as allergies (e.g., asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, hives, angioedema, anaphylaxis, food allergies, drug allergies, nasal polyps, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, sarcoidosis, eosinophilic pneumonia, interstitial lung disease), dermatological conditions (e.g., pemphigus vulgaris, contact dermatitis), endocrine disorders (e.g., Addison's disease, adrenal insufficiency, congenital adrenal hyperplasia), gastrointestinal disorders (e.g., ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, autoimmune hepatitis), hematological disorders (e.g., lymphoma, leukemia, hemolytic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purura, multiple myeloma), rheumatoid and immunological disorders (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis (RA), systemic lupus erythematosus, polymyalgia rheumatic, polymyositis, dermatomyositis, polyarteritis, vasculitis), ophthalmological disorders (e.g., uveitis, keratoconjunctivitis), as well as others (e.g., multiple sclerosis, organ transplantation, nephrotic syndrome, chronic hepatitis, cerebral edema,

tendionosis, Lichen planus, post-operative inflammation, inflammation associated with bacterial infection).

[0004] While some glucocorticoid members are broadly bioavailable through a variety of administration routes (e.g., dexamethasone; oral (PO), intravenous (IV), intramuscular (IM), intraosseous (IO), and subcutaneous (SC) injection/infusion), first pass metabolism by the liver may limit the utility of other members of the class. Further, even with oral bioavailability, local distribution of glucocorticoids within the body following oral administration may limit or reduce the effectiveness in treating certain diseases, disorders, or conditions. Accordingly, there is a need for forms of glucocorticoid receptor ligands, which maintain efficacy, while having improved oral bioavailability and/or improved tissue distribution characteristics.

[0005] The lymphatic system consists of a specialized network of vessels, nodes and lymphoid tissues that are distributed throughout the body in close proximity to the vascular system. The lymphatic system plays a number of key roles in immune response, fluid balance, nutrient absorption, lipid homeostasis, and tumor metastasis. Due to the unique anatomical and physiological characteristics of the lymphatic system, targeted drug delivery to and through the lymphatic system has been suggested as a means to improve both pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profiles.

[0006] Lymphatic drug transport has the potential to enhance oral bioavailability through avoidance of first pass metabolism, to alter systemic drug disposition, and to enhance efficacy against lymph or lymphocyte mediated pathologies such as lymphoma, leukemia, lymphatic tumor metastasis, autoimmune disease, lymph resident infections and transplant rejection. In order for drugs to access the intestinal lymph, they must first associate with intestinal lymph lipoproteins that are assembled in intestinal absorptive cells (enterocytes) in response to lipid absorption. Association with these lipoproteins subsequently promotes drug transport into the lymph since their size precludes ready diffusion across the vascular endothelium lining the blood capillaries that drain the small intestine. Instead, these large colloidal structures enter the lymphatic capillaries since the lymphatic endothelium is considerably more permeable than that of the vascular endothelium.

[0007] Historically, drugs with high lymphatic transport have been highly lipophilic in order to promote physical association with lipoproteins (usually, but not exclusively, $\log D > 5$ and solubility in long chain triglyceride of > 50 mg/g). Therefore, highly lipophilic analogues of drugs

have been envisaged as one way to promote lymphatic drug transport. However, chemical modification of a parent drug can result in a reduction in potency and, in many cases, significant increases in lipophilicity have been correlated with increases in toxicity.

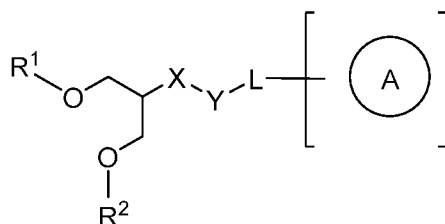
[0008] Compounds in the form of lipophilic prodrugs provide a means to temporarily increase lipophilicity and lipoprotein affinity of a pharmaceutical compound, thereby increasing lymphatic targeting. Having been transported via the lymphatic system, the prodrug is cleaved, thereby releasing the parent drug in order to be active at its target site.

[0009] Lipophilic esters of drugs have been explored as more bioavailable versions of existing drugs. For example, testosterone undecanoate is a marketed drug for hypogonadism and other conditions. Oral administration of testosterone itself is problematic because of its extensive first pass metabolism in the liver and resulting very low bioavailability. The undecanoate ester of testosterone redirects a small proportion of the absorbed dose into the lymphatic system, thereby avoiding hepatic first pass metabolism and increasing the oral bioavailability of testosterone. However, this process is still very inefficient, and the bioavailability of testosterone after oral administration of the undecanoate ester is thought to be < 5%.

[0010] Accordingly, there exists a need to develop novel lipid-pharmaceutical agent conjugates that facilitate stable transport of the pharmaceutical agent, such as dexamethasone, to the intestinal lymph and allow the agent, e.g., dexamethasone, to be released in its active form. The compounds, methods, and uses described herein address this need and provide other related advantages.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0011] In one aspect, the present invention provides a compound of Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each variable is as defined herein.

[0012] In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition such as one of those disclosed herein, comprising administering to a patient in need

thereof an effective amount of a disclosed compound, such as a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

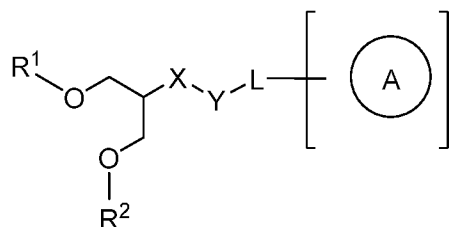
1. General Description of Certain Aspects of the Invention

Lymphatic System-Directing Prodrugs

[0013] One approach to ameliorating the problems with previously known glucocorticoids and their analogs, e.g., as described in the instant disclosure, is administration of a prodrug tailored to more specifically target glucocorticoids to their sites of action. Lymphatic vessels are critical to host immune function. Antigens (foreign or autoantigens), and dendritic cells presenting such antigens, migrate through afferent lymphatic vessels and reach the draining lymph nodes. Antigen presentation in the draining lymph nodes results in priming, activation, polarization, and expansion to activate T cells, initiating an inflammatory response, e.g., against the foreign or self antigen. B cells are also activated, leading to antibody production against the foreign or self-antigen. Accordingly, targeting glucocorticoids to the lymphatic system allows localized immune suppression at the initiation site of the immune response, consequently allowing improved delivery, greater efficacy, and/or administration of the drug effectively at lower doses. Targeting the lymphatics has the potential to decrease the levels of glucocorticoids in the blood stream, and as such, has the potential to reduce off-target side effects. Accordingly, targeting glucocorticoids directly to the lymph provides a strategy to allow new treatment options for diseases currently being treated with glucocorticoids and/or permits the application of glucocorticoids to additional diseases, for which limited treatment options currently exist.

[0014] Compounds of the present invention, and compositions thereof, are useful in promoting transport of a therapeutic agent to the lymphatic system and in subsequently enhancing release of the parent drug, i.e. the therapeutic agent. In some embodiments, the therapeutic agent is a glucocorticoid or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof.

[0015] In one aspect, the present invention provides a compound of Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are each independently hydrogen, an acid-labile group, a lipid, or $-C(O)R^3$;

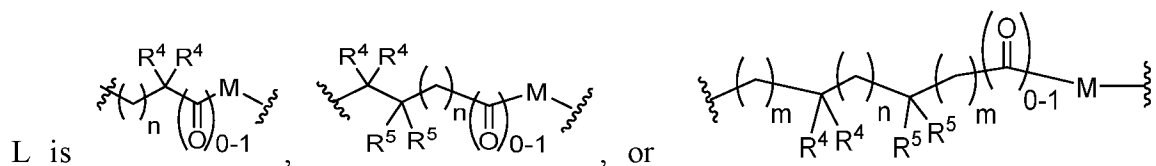
each R^3 is independently a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted C_{1-37} hydrocarbon chain;

X is $-O-$, $-NR-$, $-S-$, $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$, $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$, $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$, $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$, $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$, $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$, $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$, $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$, or $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$, wherein 0-2 methylene units of the C_{1-6} aliphatic group are independently and optionally replaced with $-O-$, $-NR-$, or $-S-$ and the C_{1-6} aliphatic group is independently and optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms;

each R is independently hydrogen or an optionally substituted group selected from C_{1-6} aliphatic, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

Y is absent or is $-C(O)-$, $-C(NR)-$, or $-C(S)-$;

L is a covalent bond or a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C_{1-30} hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 methylene units of L are independently replaced by $-Cy-$, $-O-$, $-NR-$, $-S-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-C(O)-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-C(S)-$, $-NRS(O)_2-$, $-S(O)_2NR-$, $-NRC(O)-$, $-C(O)NR-$, $-OC(O)NR-$, $-NRC(O)O-$, or an amino acid; and wherein 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with $-M-$; or



wherein either the right-hand side or left-hand side of L is attached to A;

each -Cy- is independently an optionally substituted 3-6 membered bivalent saturated, partially unsaturated, or aromatic ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

each R⁴ and R⁵ is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or

two instances of R⁴ or R⁵ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

-M- is a self-immolative group;

n is 0-18;

each m is independently 0-6; and

A is a therapeutic agent selected from a glucocorticoid or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof.

[0016] In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient a

disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[0017] It is understood that a disclosed lipid prodrug may exist in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt. Thus, a reference to a “lipid prodrug” is also a disclosure of “lipid prodrug or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.” It follows that such a lipid prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof may be used in a pharmaceutical composition and a method of use, such as those disclosed herein.

[0018] One approach to directing drugs into the lymphatic transport system is to employ prodrugs that participate in endogenous pathways that control the absorption, transport (including passive transport), and metabolism of dietary lipids. In one aspect, the present invention provides a lipid prodrug comprising a therapeutic agent conjugated to a glycerol-based moiety comprising two fatty acids or other lipids. Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that such a prodrug mimics a dietary triglyceride, such that it participates in triglyceride processing and metabolism in the GI tract. Where appropriate, certain lipid prodrug scaffolds may be modified from the literature for use in accordance with the present disclosure. For example, certain drug-lipid conjugates and lipid prodrug scaffolds are disclosed in WO 2017/041139 and WO 2016/023082, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Further examples of drug-lipid conjugates where the parent drug contains an available carboxylic acid group and has been directly conjugated to a glyceride backbone are described in Paris, G. Y. et al., J. Med. Chem. 1979, 22, (6), 683-687; Garzon Aburbeh, A. et al., J. Med. Chem. 1983, 26, (8), 1200-1203; Deverre, J. R.; et al., J. Pharm. Pharmacol. 1989, 41, (3), 191-193; Mergen, F. et al, J. Pharm. Pharmacol. 1991, 43, (11), 815-816; Garzon Aburbeh, A. et al, J. Med. Chem. 1986, 29, (5), 687-69; and Han, S. et al. J. Control. Release 2014, 177, 1-10.

[0019] Further examples have used a short linker where the drug does not contain an available carboxylic acid (Scriba, G. K. E., Arch. Pharm. (Weinheim) 1995, 328, (3), 271-276; and Scriba, G. K. E. et al, J. Pharm. Pharmacol. 1995, 47, (11), 945-948). Other examples have utilized an ester linkage to the drug and an ether linkage to the glyceride (Sugihara, J. et al., J. Pharmacobiodyn. 1988, 11, (5), 369-376; and Sugihara, J. et al., J. Pharmacobiodyn. 1988, 11, (8), 555-562).

[0020] Typical use of prodrug strategies to improve a therapeutic agent's (active pharmaceutical agent's) pharmacokinetic properties relies on cleavage *in vivo* of the parent agent

via non-specific degradation or enzymatic cleavage, thus allowing the agent to exert its biological activity. The present invention, in one aspect, provides modified glyceride-based compounds (lipid prodrugs) that direct lymphatic transport of a therapeutic agent and improve cleavage of the lipid prodrug to the therapeutic agent.

[0021] Dietary lipids, including triglycerides, follow a particular metabolic pathway to gain access to the lymph (and ultimately the systemic circulation) that is entirely distinct from that of other nutrients such as proteins and carbohydrates. After ingestion, dietary triglycerides are hydrolyzed by lipases in the lumen to release one monoglyceride and two fatty acids for each molecule of triglyceride. The monoglyceride and two fatty acids are subsequently absorbed into enterocytes and re-esterified to triglycerides.

[0022] Resynthesised triglycerides are assembled into intestinal lipoproteins, primarily chylomicrons. After formation, chylomicrons are exocytosed from enterocytes and subsequently gain preferential access to the intestinal lymphatics. Once within the lymphatic system, chylomicrons containing packaged triglycerides drain through a series of capillaries, nodes and ducts to join the systemic circulation at the junction of the left subclavian vein and internal jugular vein. Following entry into blood circulation, triglycerides in chylomicrons are preferentially and efficiently taken up by tissues with high expression levels of lipoprotein lipases, such as adipose tissue, the liver, and potentially certain types of tumor tissues.

[0023] Lipid prodrugs are expected to behave similarly to natural triglycerides and to be transported to and through the lymphatic system to reach the systemic circulation without interacting with the liver. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrugs are cleaved, releasing the therapeutic agent, after the prodrugs have reached the systemic circulation, or after reaching a target tissue. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrugs release the therapeutic agent by destruction of a self-immolative linker that attaches the therapeutic agent to the glycerol-derived group, or by enzymatic cleavage of a linker. In this way, the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profiles of the parent therapeutic agent may be manipulated to enhance access to the lymph and lymphoid tissues, thereby promoting oral bioavailability via avoidance of first-pass metabolism (and potentially intestinal efflux). Accordingly, in some embodiments, the disclosed lipid prodrug has improved oral bioavailability, reduced first-pass metabolism, reduced liver toxicity, or improved other pharmacokinetic properties as compared with the parent therapeutic agent. In some embodiments, the disclosed lipid prodrug has increased drug targeting (as compared with the

parent therapeutic agent) to sites within the lymph, lymph nodes and lymphoid tissues, and to sites of high lipid utilization and lipoprotein lipase expression such as adipose tissue, liver and some tumors. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug is delivered to the central nervous system (CNS) or crosses the blood-brain barrier (BBB) via the lymphatic system.

[0024] In certain aspects, the present invention provides methods of modulating the delivery, distribution, or other properties of a therapeutic agent. In one aspect, the present invention provides a method of delivering a therapeutic agent to the systemic circulation of a patient in need thereof, wherein the therapeutic agent partially, substantially, or completely bypasses first-pass liver metabolism in the patient, comprising the step of administering to the patient a disclosed lipid prodrug of the therapeutic agent. In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of modifying a therapeutic agent to partially, substantially, or completely bypass first-pass liver metabolism in a patient after administration of the therapeutic agent, comprising the step of preparing a disclosed lipid prodrug of the therapeutic agent. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug is administered orally. In some embodiments, preparing the lipid prodrug comprises the step of conjugating a therapeutic agent to a glycerol-based scaffold comprising two fatty acids or other lipids, thereby providing the lipid prodrug.

[0025] In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of improving oral bioavailability of a therapeutic agent, enhancing gut absorption of a therapeutic agent, or decreasing metabolism, decomposition, or efflux in the gut of a therapeutic agent, comprising the step of preparing a disclosed lipid prodrug of the therapeutic agent.

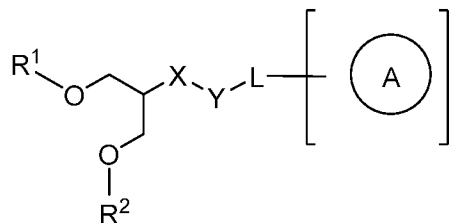
[0026] In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of modifying, e.g., improving, delivery of a therapeutic agent to a target tissue, comprising the step of preparing a disclosed lipid prodrug of the therapeutic agent. In some embodiments, the target tissue is the lymph, a lymph node (such as a mesenteric lymph node), adipose tissue, liver, or a tumor, such as a lymph node site of metastasis. In some embodiments, the target tissue is the brain or CNS.

[0027] Lipid prodrugs that readily convert to parent therapeutic agent after transport via the systemic circulation have reduced free drug concentrations in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract, which may provide benefits in reducing gastrointestinal irritation or toxicity, and/or in increased drug solubility in intestinal bile salt micelles (due to similarities to endogenous monoglycerides). In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug has increased passive membrane permeability (due to greater lipophilicity compared with the parent therapeutic agent). In some embodiments, the

lipid prodrug has greater solubility in lipid formulations or vehicles comprising either lipids alone or mixtures of lipids with surfactants and/or cosolvents, allowing for the use of lipophilic formulations for otherwise highly hydrophilic therapeutic agents.

Lipid Prodrugs of Glucocorticoids and Related Compounds

[0028] In one aspect, the present invention provides a compound of Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R¹ and R² are each independently hydrogen, an acid-labile group, a lipid, or -C(O)R³;

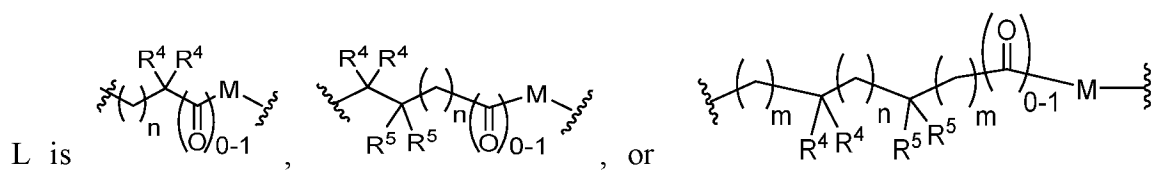
each R³ is independently a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted C₁₋₃₇ hydrocarbon chain;

X is -O-, -NR-, -S-, -O(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-O-, -O(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-S-, -O(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-NR-, -S(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-O-, -S(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-S-, -S(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-NR-, -NR(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-O-, -NR(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-S-, or -NR(C₁₋₆ aliphatic)-NR-, wherein 0-2 methylene units of the C₁₋₆ aliphatic group are independently and optionally replaced with -O-, -NR-, or -S- and the C₁₋₆ aliphatic group is independently and optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms;

each R is independently hydrogen or an optionally substituted group selected from C₁₋₆ aliphatic, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

Y is absent or is -C(O)-, -C(NR)-, or -C(S)-;

L is a covalent bond or a bivalent, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C₁₋₃₀ hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -Cy-, -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(S)-, -NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-, -NRC(O)-, -C(O)NR-, -OC(O)NR-, -NRC(O)O-, or an amino acid; and wherein 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-; or



wherein either the right-hand side or left-hand side of L is attached to A;

each -Cy- is independently an optionally substituted 3-6 membered bivalent saturated, partially unsaturated, or aromatic ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

each R⁴ and R⁵ is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or

two instances of R⁴ or R⁵ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring

having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

-M- is a self-immolative group;

n is 0-18;

each m is independently 0-6; and

A is a therapeutic agent selected from a glucocorticoid, analogue, derivative, or prodrug thereof.

[0029] As defined above and described herein, R^1 and R^2 are each independently hydrogen, an acid-labile group, a lipid such as a fatty acid, or $-C(O)R^3$.

[0030] In some embodiments, R^1 is hydrogen. In some embodiments, R^1 is an acid-labile group. In some embodiments, R^1 is a lipid. In some embodiments, R^1 is a fatty acid. In some embodiments, R^1 is $-C(O)R^3$. In some embodiments, R^1 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0031] In some embodiments, R^2 is hydrogen. In some embodiments, R^2 is an acid-labile group. In some embodiments, R^2 is a lipid. In some embodiments, R^2 is a fatty acid. In some embodiments, R^2 is $-C(O)R^3$. In some embodiments, R^2 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0032] In some embodiments, each of R^1 and R^2 is independently a fatty acid, phosphatide, phospholipid, or analogue thereof, such as those described in detail below. In some embodiments, each of R^1 and R^2 is independently a saturated or unsaturated medium-chain or long-chain fatty acid. In some embodiments, each of R^1 and R^2 is a fatty acid, each independently having a C_2 - C_{40} chain. In some embodiments, each of R^1 and R^2 is a fatty acid, each independently having a C_6 - C_{20} , C_8 - C_{20} , C_{10} - C_{20} , C_{10} - C_{18} , C_{12} - C_{18} , C_{14} - C_{18} , C_{16} - C_{18} , or C_{10} - C_{16} chain. In some embodiments, each of R^1 and R^2 is a fatty acid independently selected from oleic acid, palmitic acid, EPA, and DHA. In some embodiments, each of R^1 and R^2 is a fatty acid independently selected from butyric acid, oleic acid, palmitic acid, EPA, and DHA. In some embodiments, each of R^1 and R^2 is a fatty acid independently selected from butyric acid, oleic acid, and palmitic acid.

[0033] In some embodiments, R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from an acid labile group such as *tert*-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), an amino acid, PEG group, $-C(O)OR$, $-C(O)NR_2$, $-CH_2OR$, $-C(NR)R$, or $-P(O)_2OR$.

[0034] For clarity, it is understood that, when R^1 or R^2 is defined as a fatty acid, R^1 or R^2 is the acyl residue of the fatty acid. Thus, for example, when R^1 is defined as palmitic acid, R^1 is the acyl portion of palmitic acid, i.e. $-C(O)C_{15}H_{31}$.

[0035] As defined above and described herein, each R^3 is independently a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted C_{1-37} hydrocarbon chain.

[0036] In some embodiments, R^3 is a saturated, straight, optionally substituted C_{1-37} hydrocarbon chain. In some embodiments, R^3 is an unsaturated, straight, optionally substituted C_{1-37} hydrocarbon chain. In some embodiments, R^3 is a saturated, branched, optionally substituted C_{1-37} hydrocarbon chain. In some embodiments, R^3 is an unsaturated, branched, optionally substituted C_{1-37} hydrocarbon chain. In some embodiments, R^3 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

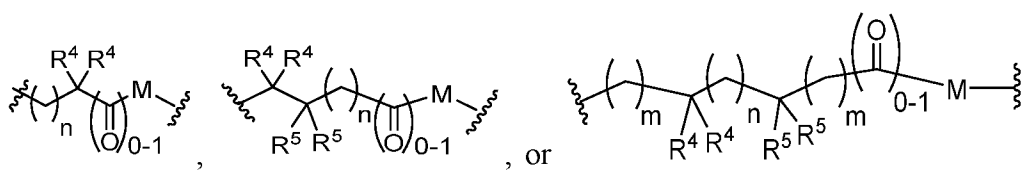
[0037] As defined above and described herein, X is $-O-$, $-NR-$, $-S-$, $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$, $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$, $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$, $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$, $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$, $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$, $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$, $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$, or $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$, wherein 0-2 methylene units of the C_{1-6} aliphatic group are independently and optionally replaced with $-O-$, $-NR-$, or $-S-$ and the C_{1-6} aliphatic group is independently and optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms.

[0038] In some embodiments, X is $-O-$. In some embodiments, X is $-NR-$. In some embodiments, X is $-S-$. In some embodiments, X is $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$. In some embodiments, X is $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$. In some embodiments, X is $-O(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$. In some embodiments, X is $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$. In some embodiments, X is $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$. In some embodiments, X is $-S(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$. In some embodiments, X is $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-O-$. In some embodiments, X is $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-S-$. In some embodiments, X is $-NR(C_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-NR-$. In any of the foregoing embodiments, 0-2 methylene units of the bivalent C_{1-6} aliphatic group are independently and optionally replaced with $-O-$, $-NR-$, or $-S-$ and the bivalent C_{1-6} aliphatic group is independently and optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, X is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

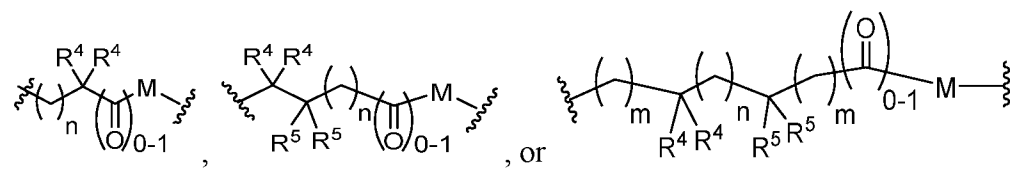
[0039] As defined above and described herein, Y is absent or is $-C(O)-$, $-C(NR)-$, or $-C(S)-$.

[0040] In some embodiments, Y is absent. In some embodiments, Y is $-C(O)-$. In some embodiments, Y is $-C(NR)-$. In some embodiments, Y is $-C(S)-$. In some embodiments, Y is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

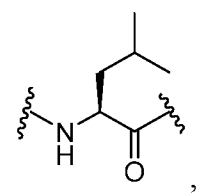
[0041] As defined above and described herein, L is a covalent bond or a bivalent, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C₁₋₃₀ hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -Cy-, -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(S)-, -NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-, -NRC(O)-, -C(O)NR-, -OC(O)NR-, -NRC(O)O-, or an amino acid; and wherein 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-;

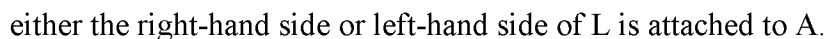
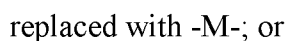
or L is , wherein either the right-hand side or left-hand side of L is attached to A.

[0042] In some embodiments, L is a covalent bond. In some embodiments, L is a bivalent, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C₁₋₃₀ (e.g., C₃₋₃₀, C₅₋₃₀, C₇₋₃₀, C₃₋₂₅, C₅₋₂₅, C₇₋₂₅, C₃₋₂₀, C₅₋₂₀, C₇₋₂₀, C₈₋₁₈, C₆₋₁₈, C₇₋₁₇, C₈₋₁₆, C₈₋₁₅, C₈₋₁₄, C₇₋₁₃, C₆₋₁₂, etc.) hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 (i.e., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8) methylene units of L are independently replaced by -Cy-, -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(S)-, -NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-, -NRC(O)-, -C(O)NR-, -OC(O)NR-, -NRC(O)O-, or an amino acid; and wherein 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-. In some embodiments, L is

, wherein either the right-hand side or left-hand side of L is attached to A.

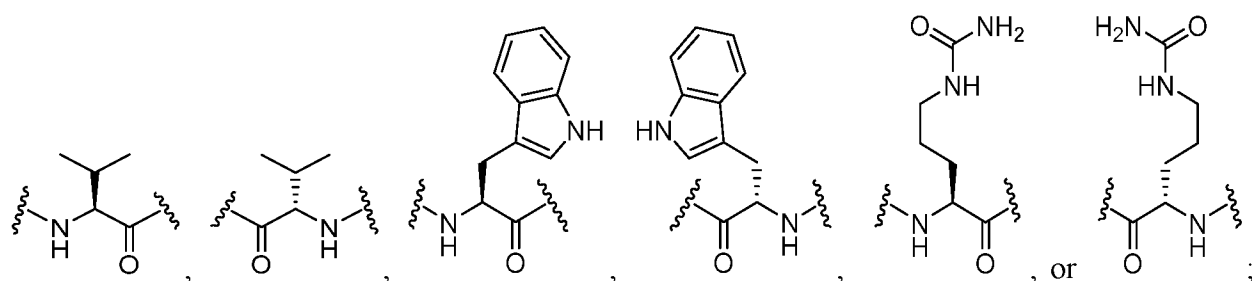
[0043] In some embodiments, L is a covalent bond or a bivalent, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C₁₋₃₀ (e.g., C₃₋₃₀, C₅₋₃₀, C₇₋₃₀, C₃₋₂₅, C₅₋₂₅, C₇₋₂₅, C₃₋₂₀, C₅₋₂₀, C₇₋₂₀, C₈₋₁₈, C₆₋₁₈, C₇₋₁₇, C₈₋₁₆, C₈₋₁₅, C₈₋₁₄, C₇₋₁₃, C₆₋₁₂, etc.) hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 (i.e., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8) methylene units of L are independently replaced by -Cy-, -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(S)-, -NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-, -

NRC(O)-, -C(O)NR-, -OC(O)NR-, -NRC(O)O-, or an amino acid selected from ,

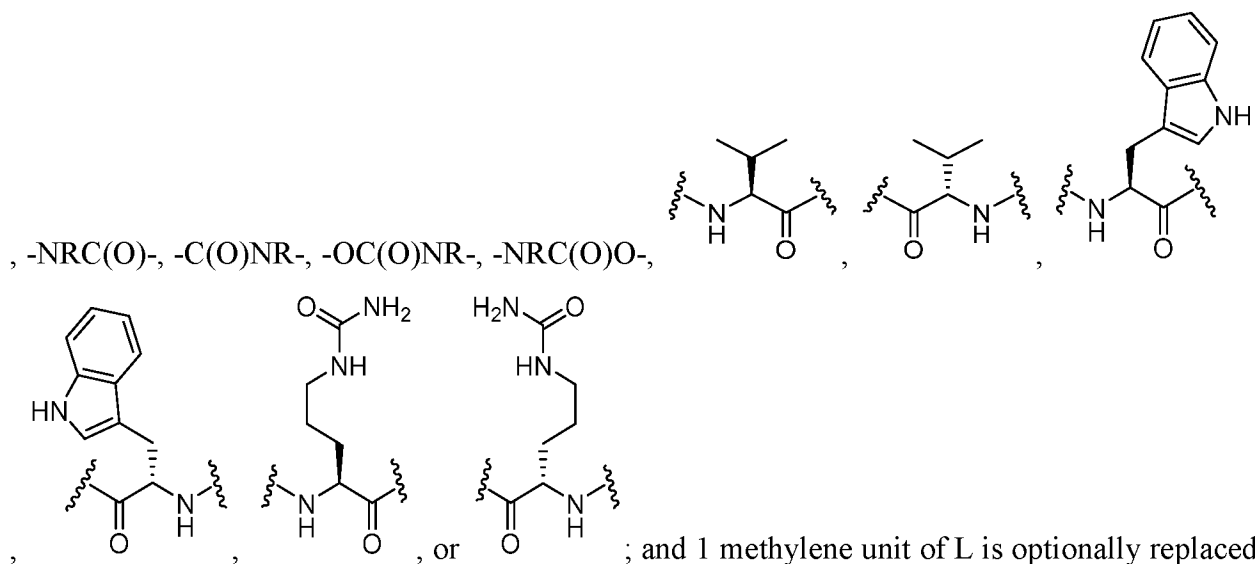


[0044] In some embodiments, L is a bivalent, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C₁₋₂₀ (e.g., C₃₋₂₀, C₅₋₂₀, C₇₋₂₀, C₈₋₁₈, C₆₋₁₈, C₇₋₁₇, C₈₋₁₆, C₈₋₁₅, C₈₋₁₄, C₇₋₁₃, C₆₋₁₂, etc.) hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 (i.e., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8) methylene units of L are independently replaced by -Cy-, -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(S)-, -NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-, -NRC(O)-, -C(O)NR-, -OC(O)NR-, -NRC(O)O-, or a naturally-





and wherein 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-. In some embodiments, L is a covalent bond or a bivalent, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched C₃₋₁₆, C₅₋₁₂, C₈₋₁₆ or C₆₋₁₆ hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-6, 0-4, 0-3, or 0-1 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -Cy-, -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -C(S)-, -NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-



with -M-. In some embodiments, L is a bivalent, saturated, straight C₃₋₂₀, C₅₋₁₆, C₆₋₁₂, C₇₋₂₀, C₅₋₂₀, C₈₋₁₈, C₆₋₁₈, C₇₋₁₇, C₈₋₁₆, C₈₋₁₅, C₈₋₁₄, C₇₋₁₃, or C₆₋₁₂ hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-6, 0-4, 0-3, or 0-1 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -Cy-, -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-, -NRC(O)-, -C(O)NR-, -OC(O)NR-, or -NRC(O)O-; and 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-. In some embodiments, L is a bivalent, saturated, straight C₃₋₂₀, C₅₋₁₆, C₆₋₁₂, C₅₋₂₀, C₇₋₂₀, C₈₋₁₈, C₆₋₁₈, C₇₋₁₇, C₈₋₁₆, C₈₋₁₅, C₈₋₁₄, C₇₋₁₃, or C₆₋₁₂ hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-6, 0-4, 0-3, or 0-1 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, or -C(S)-; and 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-.

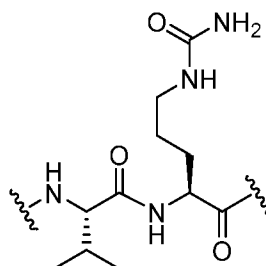
[0045] In some embodiments, L is a bivalent, saturated C₃₋₃₀, C₅₋₂₅, C₆₋₂₀, C₈₋₂₀, C₁₀₋₁₈, C₅₋₂₀, C₇₋₂₀, C₈₋₁₈, C₆₋₁₈, C₇₋₁₇, C₈₋₁₆, C₈₋₁₅, C₈₋₁₄, C₇₋₁₃, or C₆₋₁₂ hydrocarbon chain optionally substituted

with 1, 2, 3, or 4 R^4 groups, wherein 0-4 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -O-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, or -C(O)-; and 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-.

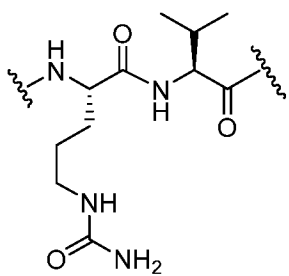
[0046] In some embodiments, L is a bivalent, saturated C_{1-25} , C_{5-25} , C_{5-20} , C_{7-20} , C_{8-18} , C_{6-18} , C_{7-17} , C_{8-16} , C_{8-15} , C_{8-14} , C_{7-13} , or C_{6-12} hydrocarbon chain optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups each independently selected from deuterium, halogen, -CN, a 3-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, a 4-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C_{1-6} aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; wherein 0-4 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -O-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, or -C(O)-; and 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-.

[0047] In some embodiments, L comprises $(-OCH_2CH_2-)_1-8$ (i.e., 1-8 polyethylene glycol (PEG) units). In some embodiments, L comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 PEG units.

[0048] In some embodiments, 0-6 units of L are independently replaced by -O-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, or -C(S)-; and 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-.

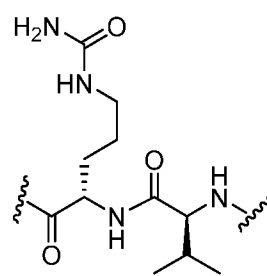


[0049] In some embodiments, L comprises . In some embodiments, L

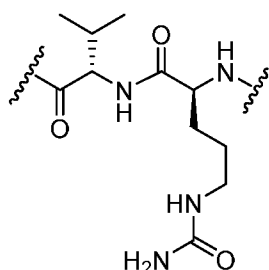


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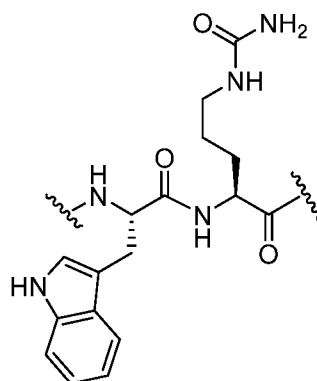
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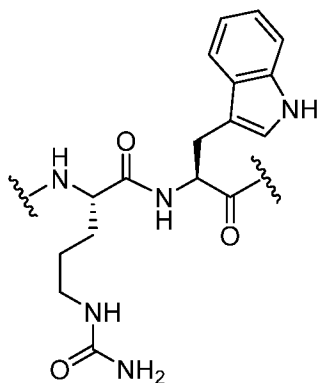


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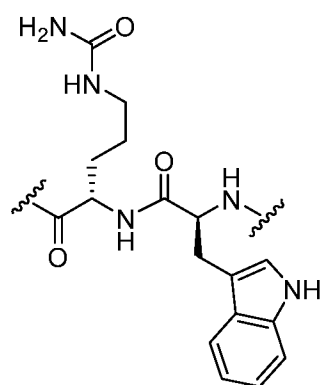
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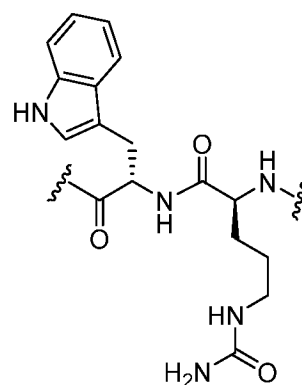


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embodiments, 1 methylene unit of L is replaced with -M-.

[0051] In some embodiments, 1, 2, 3, or 4 available hydrogen atoms of L are replaced with an R^4 group, i.e., L is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 R^4 groups.

[0052] In some embodiments, a methylene unit of L is replaced with an amino acid. The amino acid may be naturally-occurring or non-naturally occurring. In some embodiments, the amino acid is selected from a non-polar or branched chain amino acid (BCAA). In some embodiments, the amino acid is selected from valine, isoleucine, leucine, methionine, alanine, proline, glycine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, histidine, asparagine, glutamine, serine, threonine, lysine, arginine, histidine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, cysteine, selenocysteine, or tyrosine. In some embodiments, the amino acid is an L-amino acid. In some embodiments, the amino acid is a D-amino acid.

[0053] In some embodiments, L is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0054] As defined above and described herein, each -Cy- is independently an optionally substituted 3-6 membered bivalent saturated, partially unsaturated, or aromatic ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0055] In some embodiments, -Cy- is an optionally substituted 3-6 membered bivalent saturated ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, -Cy- is an optionally substituted 5-membered bivalent saturated, partially unsaturated, or aromatic ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, -Cy- is an optionally substituted 6-membered bivalent saturated, partially unsaturated, or aromatic ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, -Cy- is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0056] As defined above and described herein, each R^4 and R^5 is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or

partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or two instances of R⁴ or R⁵ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0057] In some embodiments, R⁴ is hydrogen. In some embodiments, R⁴ is deuterium. In some embodiments, R⁴ is halogen. In some embodiments, R⁴ is -CN. In some embodiments, R⁴ is -OR. In some embodiments, R⁴ is -NR₂. In some embodiments, R⁴ is -SR. In some embodiments, R⁴ is a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring. In some embodiments, R⁴ is phenyl. In some embodiments, R⁴ is an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring. In some embodiments, R⁴ is a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁴ is a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁴ is an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁴ is a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁴ is a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, two instances of R⁴ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic

carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0058] In some embodiments, each R^4 is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, or C_{1-4} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or two instances of R^4 attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0059] In some embodiments, at least one instance of R^4 is not hydrogen.

[0060] In some embodiments, R^4 is C_{1-4} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, R^4 is C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, R^4 is methyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, R^4 is ethyl. In some embodiments, R^4 is n-propyl. In some embodiments, R^4 is isopropyl. In some embodiments, R^4 is n-butyl. In some embodiments, R^4 is isobutyl. In some embodiments, R^4 is tert-butyl. In some embodiments, R^4 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0061] In some embodiments, R^5 is hydrogen. In some embodiments, R^5 is deuterium. In some embodiments, R^5 is halogen. In some embodiments, R^5 is -CN. In some embodiments, R^5 is -OR. In some embodiments, R^5 is -NR₂. In some embodiments, R^5 is -SR. In some embodiments, R^5 is a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring. In some embodiments, R^5 is phenyl. In some embodiments, R^5 is an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring. In some embodiments, R^5 is a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R^5 is a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R^5 is an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R^5 is a C_{1-6} aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur,

a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁵ is a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, two instances of R⁵ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[0062] In some embodiments, each R⁵ is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, or C₁₋₄ aliphatic optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or two instances of R⁵ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

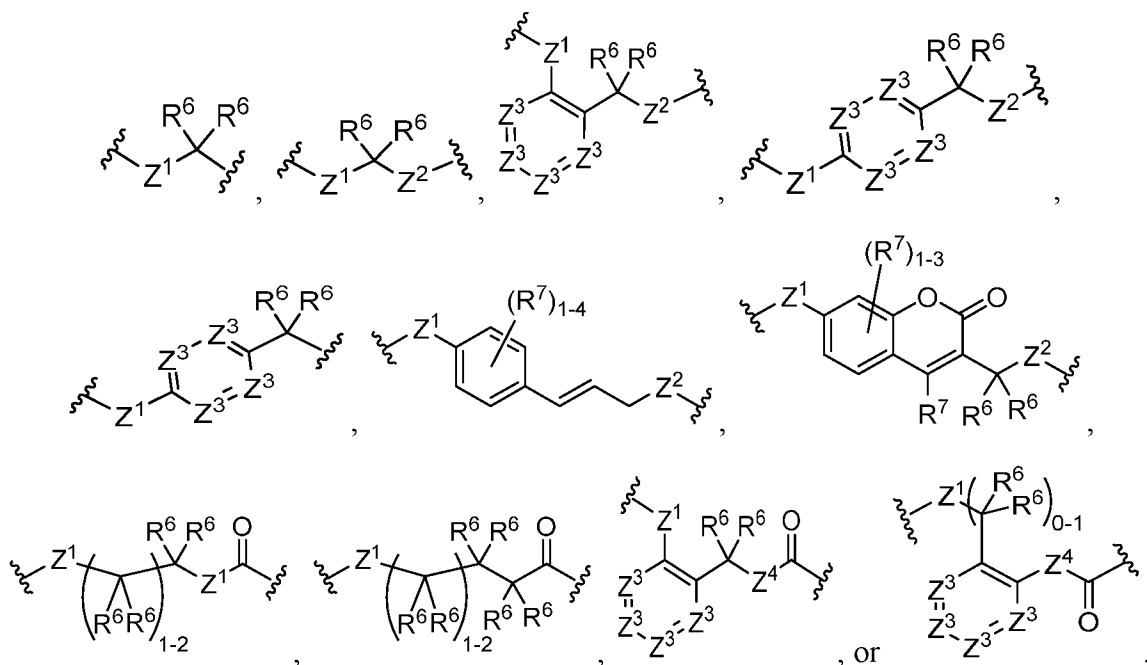
[0063] In some embodiments, at least one instance of R⁵ is not hydrogen.

[0064] In some embodiments, R⁵ is C₁₋₄ aliphatic optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, R⁵ is methyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, R⁵ is ethyl. In some embodiments, R⁵ is n-propyl. In some embodiments, R⁵ is isopropyl. In some embodiments, R⁵ is n-butyl. In some embodiments, R⁵ is isobutyl. In some embodiments, R⁵ is tert-butyl. In some embodiments, R⁵ is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0065] As defined above and described herein, -M- is a self-immolative group.

[0066] In some embodiments, -M- is an acetal, an *o*-benzylalcohol, a *p*-benzylalcohol, a styryl group, a coumarin, or a group that self-immolates via a cyclization reaction. In some embodiments, -M- is selected from a disulfide, hydrazone, acetal self-immolative group, carboxyacetal self-immolative group, carboxy(methylacetal) self-immolative group, *p*-hydroxybenzyl self-immolative group, para-hydroxybenzyl carbonyl self-immolative group, flipped ester self-immolative group, trimethyl lock, or 2-hydroxyphenyl carbamate (2-HPC) self-immolative group.

[0067] In some embodiments, -M- is:



wherein each R⁶ is independently selected from hydrogen, deuterium, C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic, halogen, or -CN;

each R⁷ is independently selected from hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -NO₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen,

oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms;

each Z¹ is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, or -S-;

each Z² is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -NRC(O)O-, or -OC(O)NR-;

each Z³ is independently selected from =N- or =C(R⁷)-; and

each Z⁴ is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, -S-, -C(R⁶)₂-, or a covalent bond.

[0068] As defined generally above and described herein, each R⁶ is independently selected from hydrogen, deuterium, C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic, halogen, or -CN. In some embodiments, R⁶ is hydrogen. In some embodiments, R⁶ is deuterium. In some embodiments, R⁶ is C₁₋₅ aliphatic. In some embodiments, R⁶ is halogen. In some embodiments, R⁶ is -CN.

[0069] In some embodiments, R⁶ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, halogen, or -CN. In some embodiments, R⁶ is hydrogen or C₁₋₃ alkyl. In some embodiments, R⁶ is hydrogen or methyl.

[0070] In some embodiments, each instance of R⁶ in the above formulae is the same. In some embodiments, each R⁶ is different. In some embodiments, one R⁶ is hydrogen. In some embodiments, one R⁶ is C₁₋₅ aliphatic. In some embodiments, each R⁶ is hydrogen. In some embodiments, each R⁶ is C₁₋₅ aliphatic. In some embodiments, R⁶ is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0071] As defined generally above and described herein, each R⁷ is independently selected from hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -NO₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently

selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms.

[0072] In some embodiments, R⁷ is hydrogen. In some embodiments, R⁷ is deuterium. In some embodiments, R⁷ is halogen. In some embodiments, R⁷ is -CN. In some embodiments, R⁷ is -OR. In some embodiments, R⁷ is -NR₂. In some embodiments, R⁷ is -NO₂. In some embodiments, R⁷ is -SR. In some embodiments, R⁷ is a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring. In some embodiments, R⁷ is phenyl. In some embodiments, R⁷ is an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring. In some embodiments, R⁷ is a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁷ is a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁷ is or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁷ is or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. In some embodiments, R⁷ is a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms.

[0073] In some embodiments, R⁷ is hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -NO₂, -SR, a 3-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, a 4-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, or a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6

deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, R^7 is hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, a 3-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C_{1-4} alkyl group optionally substituted with -CN, a 3-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, or a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C_{1-4} alkyl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms. In some embodiments, R^7 is hydrogen, halogen, -CN, -OR, or C_{1-4} alkyl.

[0074] In some embodiments, R is hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl.

[0075] In some embodiments, R^7 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0076] As defined generally above and described herein, each Z^1 is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, or -S-. In some embodiments, Z^1 is -O-. In some embodiments, Z^1 is -NR-. In some embodiments, Z^1 is -S-. In some embodiments, Z^1 is -NH- or -NMe-.

[0077] In some embodiments, Z^1 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0078] As defined generally above and described herein, each Z^2 is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -NRC(O)O-, or -OC(O)NR-.

[0079] In some embodiments, Z^2 is -O-. In some embodiments, Z^2 is -NR-. In some embodiments, Z^2 is -S-. In some embodiments, Z^2 is -OC(O)-. In some embodiments, Z^2 is -NRC(O)O-. In some embodiments, Z^2 is -OC(O)NR-.

[0080] In some embodiments, each Z^2 is independently selected from -O-, -NH-, -NMe-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -NHC(O)O-, -NMeC(O)O-, -OC(O)NH-, or -OC(O)NMe-.

[0081] In some embodiments, Z^2 is covalently bound to A. In some embodiments, Z^2 is -O- or -OC(O)O-.

[0082] In some embodiments, Z^2 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0083] In some embodiments, Z^1 is -O- and Z^2 is -O- or -OC(O)O-.

[0084] As defined generally above and described herein, each Z^3 is independently selected from =N- or =C(R^7)-. In some embodiments, Z^3 is =N-. In some embodiments, Z^3 is =C(R^7)-.

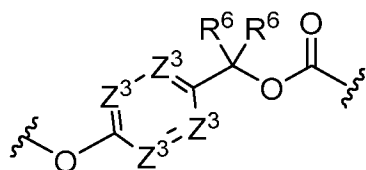
[0085] In some embodiments, Z^3 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0086] As defined generally above and described herein, each Z^4 is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, -S-, -C(R⁶)₂-, or a covalent bond. In some embodiments, Z^4 is -O-. In some embodiments, Z^4 is -NR-. In some embodiments, Z^4 is -S-. In some embodiments, Z^4 is -C(R⁶)₂-. In some embodiments, Z^4 is a covalent bond.

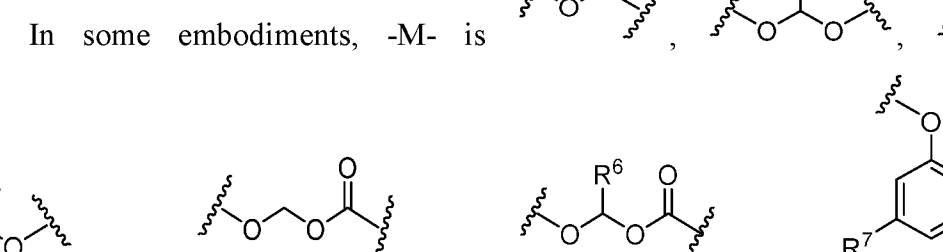
[0087] In some embodiments, Z^4 is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

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[0089] In some embodiments, -M- is . In some embodiments, -M- is



[0090] In some embodiments, -M- is

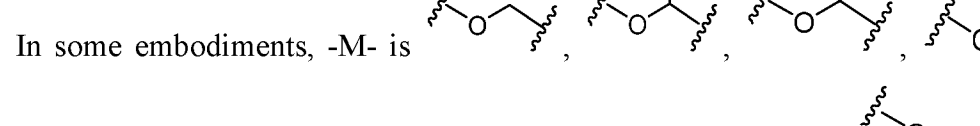


The image displays 12 chemical structures representing the -M- group, arranged in three rows. Each structure has wavy lines indicating points of attachment to other parts of the molecule. The structures include various combinations of oxygen atoms, carbonyl groups, and aromatic rings, with substituents labeled R⁶ and R⁷.

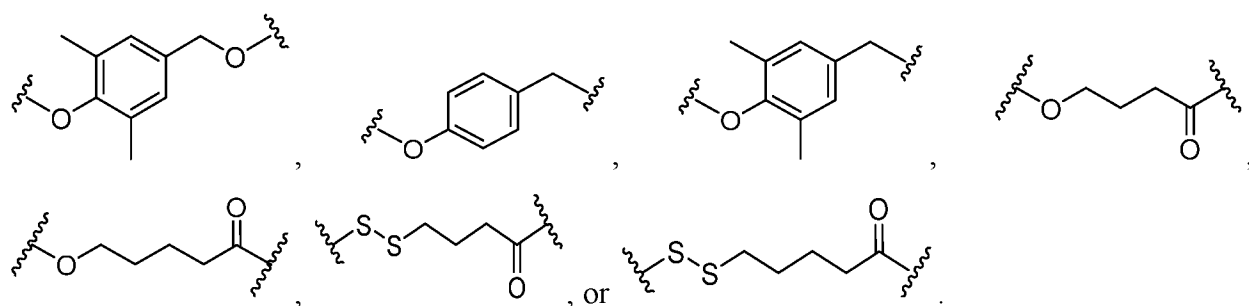
- Row 1:
 - Structure 1: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 2: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 3: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
- Row 2:
 - Structure 4: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 5: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 6: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 7: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
- Row 3:
 - Structure 8: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 9: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 10: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.
 - Structure 11: A central carbon atom bonded to two oxygen atoms, one of which is part of a carbonyl group, and two wavy lines.

[0091] In some embodiments, -M- is . In some embodiments, -M- is

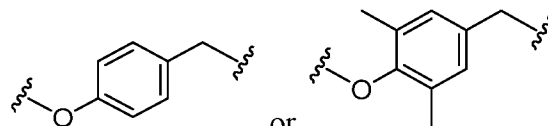
[0092] In some embodiments, -M- is



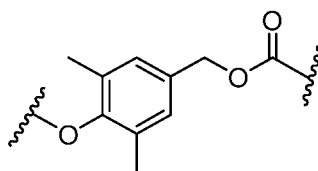
The image displays ten chemical structures representing the -M- group, arranged in two rows. Each structure is terminated with wavy lines indicating its connection points. The structures include: 1) 1,2-ethanediyl ether, 2) 1,3-propanediyl ether, 3) 2,2,3-trimethyl-1,3-propanediyl ether, 4) 1,4-bis(methyleneoxy)benzene, 5) 1,3-bis(methyleneoxy)propane, 6) 2,2-bis(methyleneoxy)propane, 7) 1,3-bis(methyleneoxy)butane, 8) 2,2-bis(methyleneoxy)butane, 9) 2,2-bis(methyleneoxy)-5-methyl-2,5-dimethylhexane, and 10) 1,4-bis(methyleneoxy)benzene with a 2,2,5-trimethyl-1,3-dioxane-5-carbonyl group.



[0093] In some embodiments, -M- is



[0094] In some embodiments, -M- is



[0095] In some embodiments, -M- is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, below.

[0096] As defined above and described herein, n is 0-18.

[0097] In some embodiments, n is 0. In some embodiments, n is 1. In some embodiments, n is 2. In some embodiments, n is 3. In some embodiments, n is 4. In some embodiments, n is 5. In some embodiments, n is 6. In some embodiments, n is 7. In some embodiments, n is 8. In some embodiments, n is 9. In some embodiments, n is 10. In some embodiments, n is 11. In some embodiments, n is 12. In some embodiments, n is 13. In some embodiments, n is 14. In some embodiments, n is 15. In some embodiments, n is 16. In some embodiments, n is 17. In some embodiments, n is 18. In some embodiments, n is 1-16, 1-14, 1-12, 1-10, 1-8, 1-6, 1-3, 2-16, 2-14, 2-12, 2-10, 2-8, 2-6, 3-12, 3-8, 3-6, 4-10, 4-8, 4-6, 5-10, 5-8, 5-6, 6-18, 6-10, 6-8, 8-12, 5-18, 5-13, 8-18, 8-17, 8-16, 8-15, 8-16, or 6-16.

[0098] As defined above and described herein, each m is independently 0-6. In some embodiments, m is 0. In some embodiments, m is 1. In some embodiments, m is 2. In some embodiments, m is 3. In some embodiments, m is 4. In some embodiments, m is 5. In some embodiments, m is 6. In some embodiments, each m is independently 0, 1, or 2. In some embodiments, each m is independently 1, 2, 3, or 4.

[0099] As defined above and described herein, A is a glucocorticoid receptor ligand or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof.

[00100] In some embodiments, A is a glucocorticoid. Exemplary glucocorticoids include, without limitation: alclometasone, alclometasone dipropionate, AZD-5423 (AstraZenica), beclomethasone, beclomethasone dipropionate, betamethasone, betamethasone butyrate propionate, betamethasone dipropionate, betamethasone 17-valerate, BI-653048 (Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH), BLHP-008 (BL&H Co Ltd), BMS-564929 (Bristol-Myers Squibb Co), budesonide, butixocort propionate, ciclesonide, clobetasol propionate, clocortolone pivalate, cortisol, CR-1447 (Curadis GmbH), deflazacort, deltacortisone, desonide, dexamethasone, dexamethasone acetate, dexamethasone cipeclate, dexamethasone palmitoate, dexamethasone sodium phosphate, desiximetasone, etiprednol dicloacetate, flurandrenolide, fluocinonide, fluocinolone acetonide, flunisolide, fosdagrocorat, halobetasol propionate, halometasone, halopredone acetate, hydrocortisone, hydrocortisone aceponate, itrocinonide, KSR-592 (Kissei Pharma. Co. Ltd.), mapracorat, methylprednisolone, methylprednisolone aceponate, methylprednisolone suleptanate, mometasone, mometasone furoate, naflocort, NCX-1010 (NicOx SA), NCX-1015 (NicOx SA), NM-135 (Nissin Foods Holding Co. Ltd.), NO-budesonide, NO-prednisolone, PF-4308515 (Pfizer Inc.), prednicarbate, prednisolone, prednisone, prednisolone farnesylate, prednisolone sodium phosphate, RU-24858 (Aventis Pharma AG), RU-26752 (Aventis Pharma AG), salmeterol, triamcinolone; triamcinolone acetonide, and vamorolone.

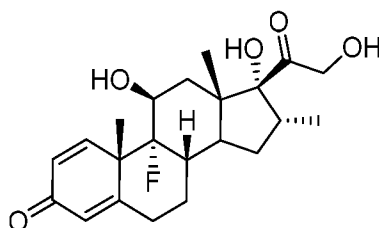
[00101] In some embodiments, A is a glucocorticoid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, A is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a glucocorticoid, such as the sodium salt.

[00102] In some embodiments, A is a derivative or analogue of a glucocorticoid. A glucocorticoid “derivative” as used herein generally refers to a glucocorticoid molecule that has been functionalized or chemically altered. Exemplary glucocorticoid derivatives include, without limitation, deuterated glucocorticoids, glucocorticoids with a modified side chain, glucocorticoids substituted at the amide NH group, glucocorticoids with one or more sulfur atom oxidized, and the like. In other embodiments, A is a prodrug of a glucocorticoid.

[00103] In some embodiments, A is alclometasone, alclometasone dipropionate, AZD-5423, beclomethasone, beclomethasone dipropionate, betamethasone, betamethasone butyrate propionate, betamethasone dipropionate, betamethasone 17-valerate, BI-653048, BLHP-008, BMS-564929, budesonide, butixocort propionate, ciclesonide, clobetasol propionate, clocortolone pivalate, cortisol, CR-1447, deflazacort, deltacortisone, desonide, dexamethasone, dexamethasone

acetate, dexamethasone cipeclate, dexamethasone palmitoate, dexamethasone sodium phosphate, desiximetasone, etiprednol dicloacetate, flurandrenolide, fluocinonide, fluocinolone acetonide, flunisolide, fosdagrocorat, halobetasol propionate, halometasone, halopredone acetate, hydrocortisone, hydrocortisone aceponate, itrocinonide, KSR-592, mapracorat, methylprednisolone, methylprednisolone aceponate, methylprednisolone suleptanate, mometasone, mometasone furoate, naflocort, NCX-1010, NCX-1015, NM-135, NO-budesonide, NO-prednisolone, PF-4308515, prednicarbate, prednisolone, prednisone, prednisolone farnesylate, prednisolone sodium phosphate, RU-24858, RU-26752, salmeterol, triamcinolone; triamcinolone acetonide, and vamorolone, or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug of any of the foregoing, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, A is dexamethasone; or a derivative, analogue, prodrug, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

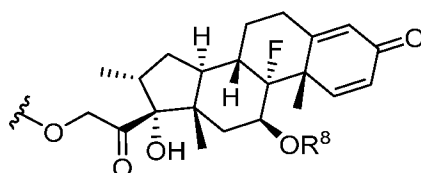
[00104] In some embodiments, A is dexamethasone, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, A is dexamethasone. Dexamethasone has the following structure:



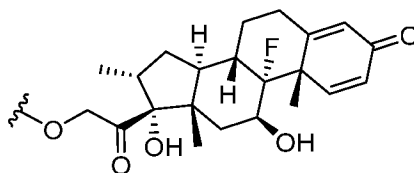
[00105] In some embodiments, A is a derivative or analogue of dexamethasone. A dexamethasone “derivative” as used herein generally refers to a dexamethasone molecule that has been functionalized or chemically altered. Exemplary dexamethasone derivatives include, without limitation, deuterated dexamethasone, a dexamethasone ester, a dexamethasone thio-analogue (=S replaces =O), and the like.

[00106] In some embodiments, A is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of dexamethasone, such as the sodium salt.

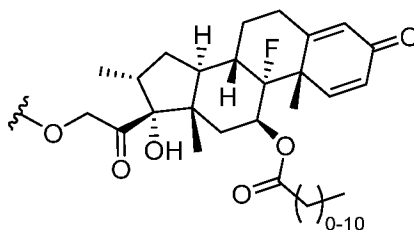
[00107] In some embodiments, A is:



wherein R⁸ is H, an optionally substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, or C₂-₁₂ aliphatic ester.

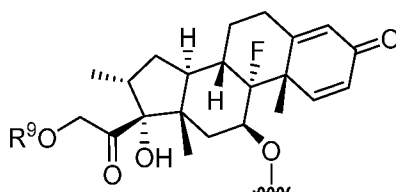


[00108] In some embodiments, A is:

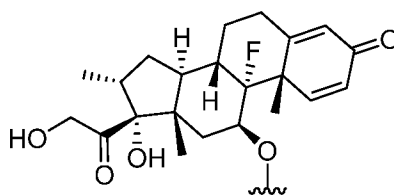


[00109] In some embodiments, A is:

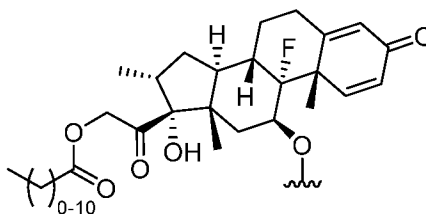
[00110] In some embodiments, A is:



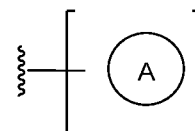
wherein R^9 is H, an optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted C_{2-12} aliphatic ester.



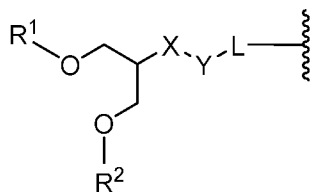
[00111] In some embodiments, A is:



[00112] In some embodiments, A is:

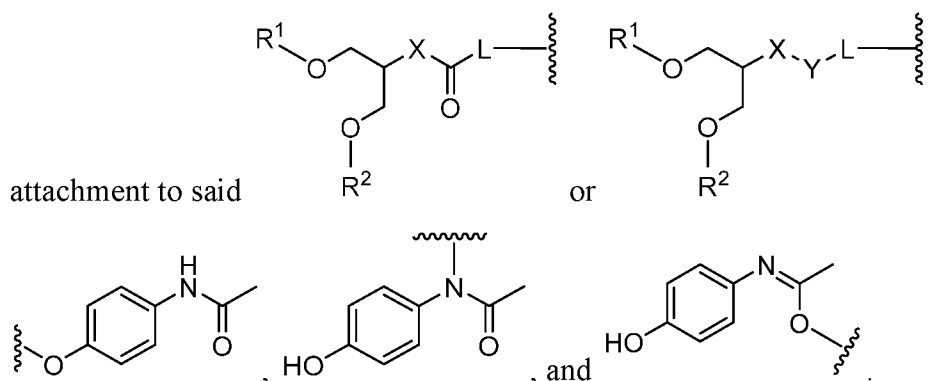


[00113] As used herein, depiction of brackets around a therapeutic agent, A,



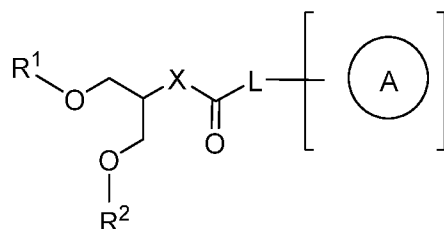
means that the moiety is covalently attached to A at any available modifiable nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur atom. For purposes of clarity, and by way of example,

possible monovalent radicals of A generated from such available modifiable nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur atoms in acetaminophen are depicted below, wherein each wavy bond defines the point of

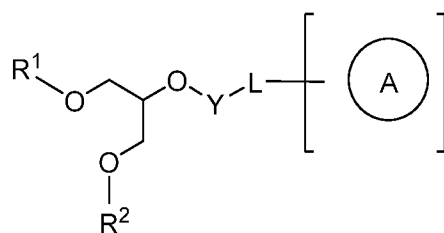


[00114] In some embodiments, A is selected from those in **Table 1**, **Table 2**, and **Table 3**, below; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, A is selected from those depicted in **Table 1**, below; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, A is selected from those depicted in **Table 2**, below; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, A is selected from those in **Table 3**, below; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, A is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** and **Table 2**, below; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

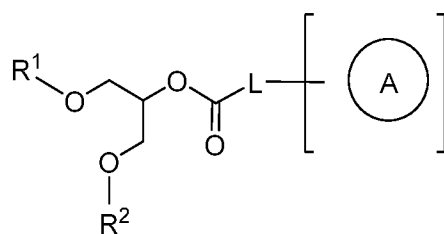
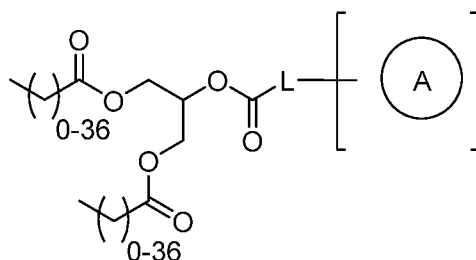
[00115] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **I-a**, **I-b**, **I-c**, or **I-d**:



I-a

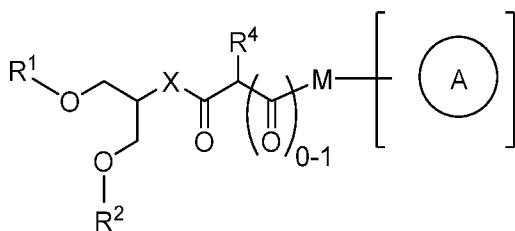
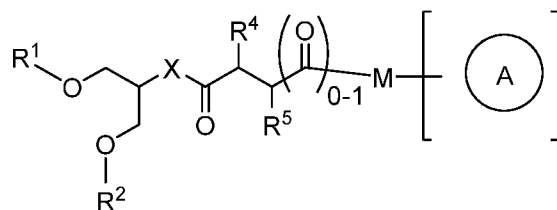


I-b

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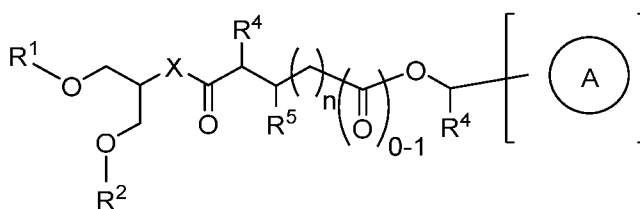
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of L, R¹, R², X, Y, and A is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

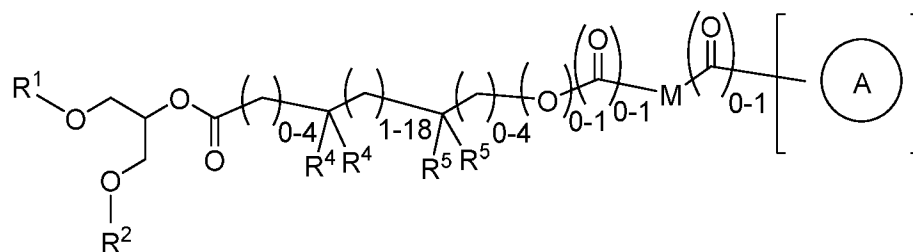
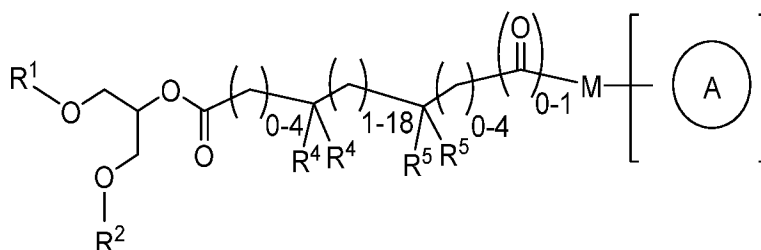
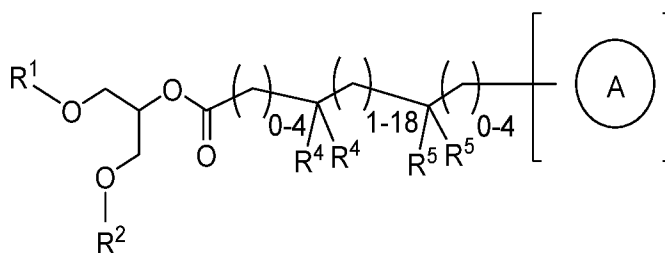
[00116] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **II-a** or **II-b**:

**II-a****II-b**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵, X, M, and A is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

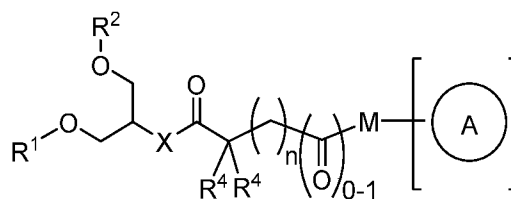
[00117] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **III-a**, **III-b**, **III-c**, or **III-d**:

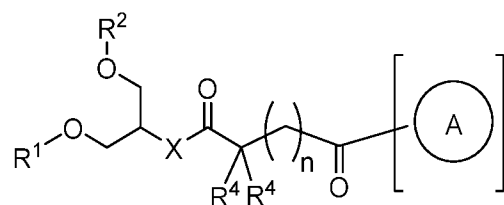
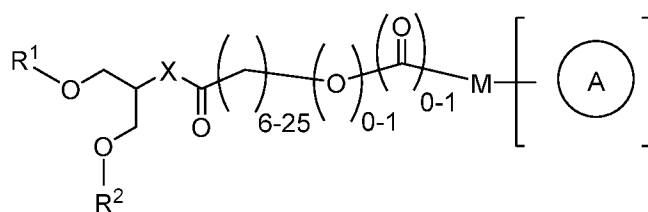
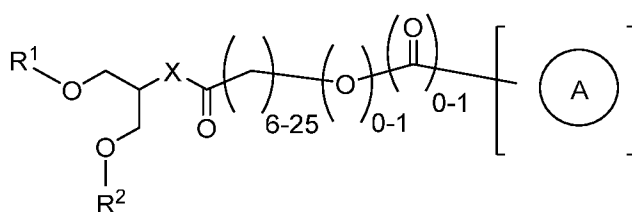
**III-a**

**III-b****III-c****III-d**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , X , n , $-M-$, and A is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula III-d, wherein at least one instance of R^4 or R^5 is other than hydrogen; a compound of Formula III-b; or a compound of Formula III-c; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the foregoing.

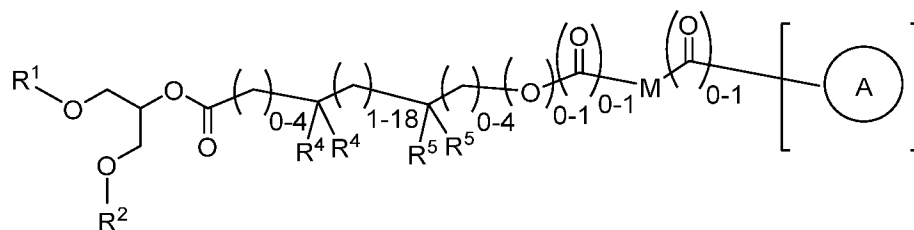
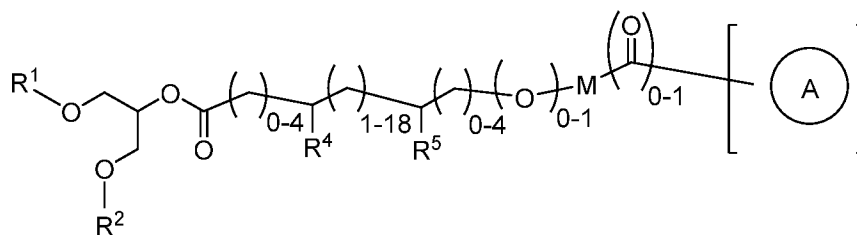
[00118] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **III-e**, **III-f**, **III-g**, or **III-h**:

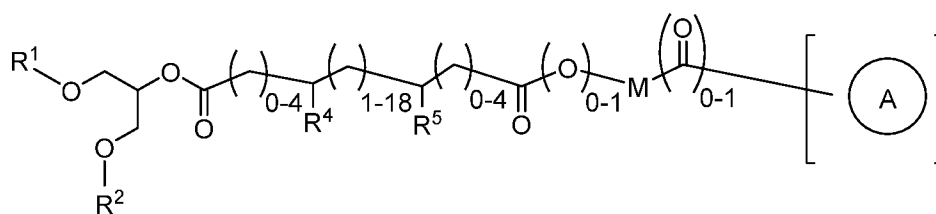
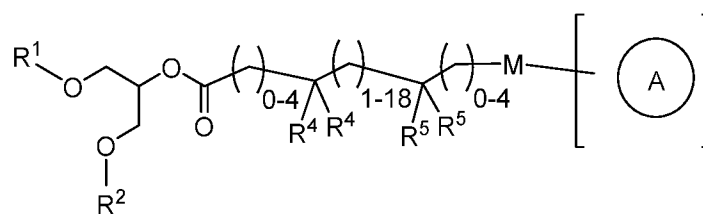
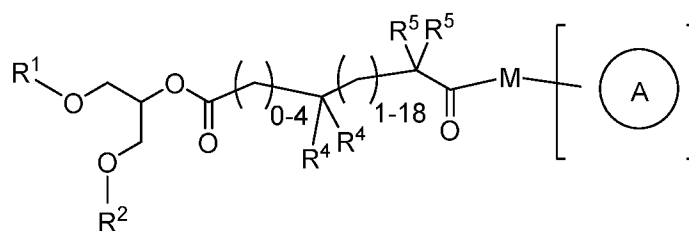
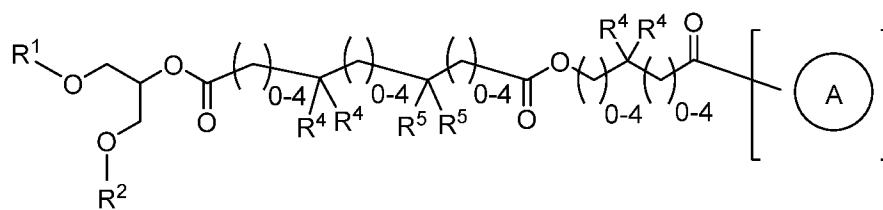
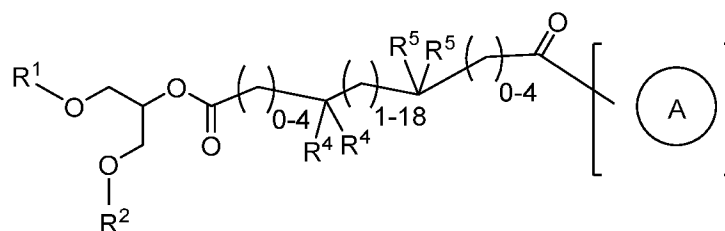
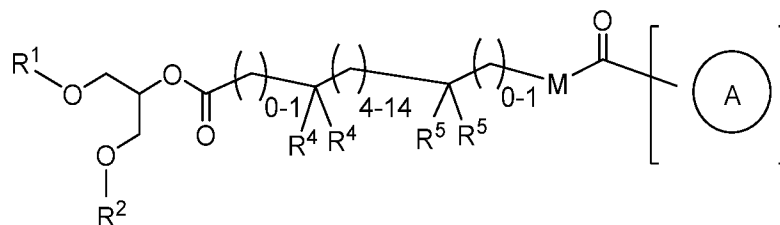
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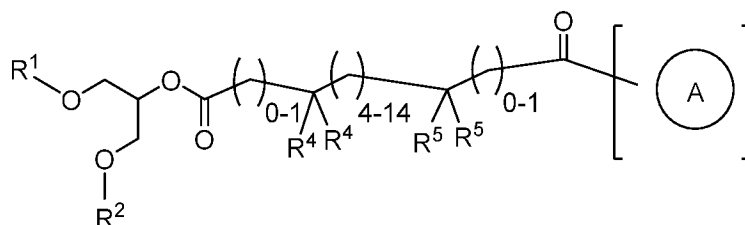
**III-f****III-g****III-h**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each variable is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

[00119] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **III-i**, **III-j**, **III-k**, **III-l**, **III-m**, **III-n**, **III-o**, **III-p**, or **III-q**:

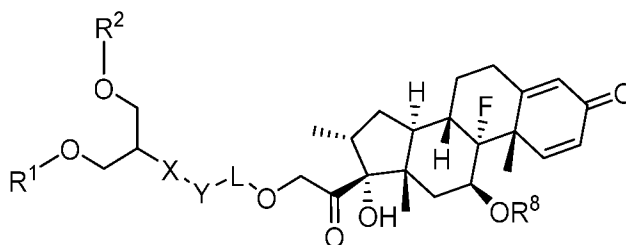
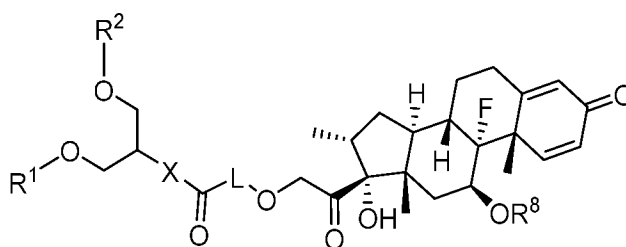
**III-i****III-j**

**III-k****III-l****III-m****III-n****III-o**

III-p**III-q**

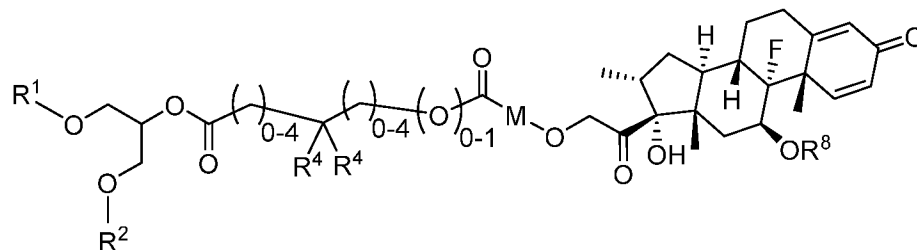
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each variable is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula III-b; a compound of Formula III-d, wherein at least one instance of R^4 or R^5 is other than hydrogen; or a compound of Formula III-q, wherein at least one instance of R^4 or R^5 is other than hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the foregoing. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula III-b; or a compound of Formula III-q, wherein at least one instance of R^4 or R^5 is other than hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of either of the foregoing.

[00120] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **IV-a** or **IV-b**:

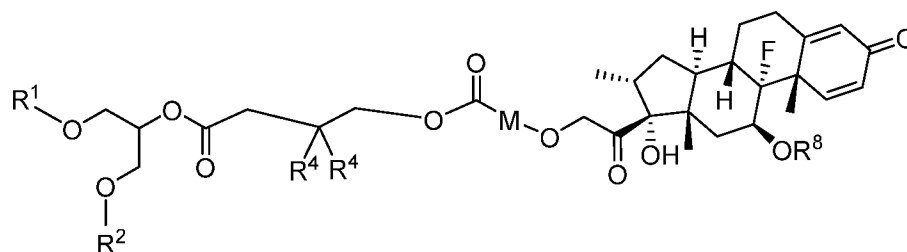
**IV-a****IV-b**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of L, R^1 , R^2 , R^8 , X, and Y is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

[00121] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **V-a** or **V-b**:



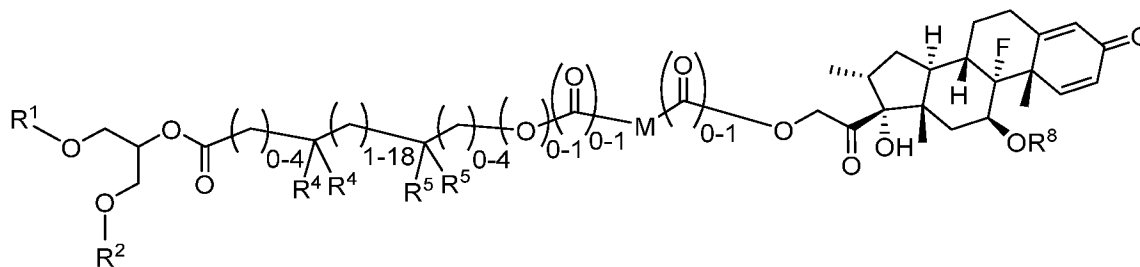
V-a



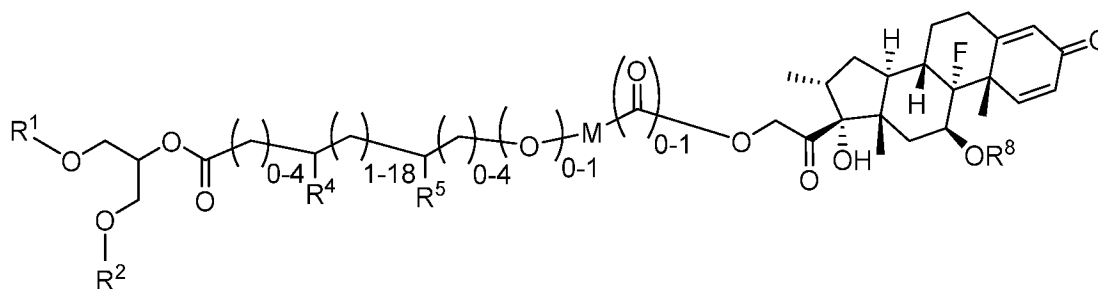
V-b

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^8 , and $-M-$ is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

[00122] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **VI-a**, **VI-b**, **VI-c**, **VI-d**, **VI-e**, **VI-f**, or **VI-g**:



VI-a

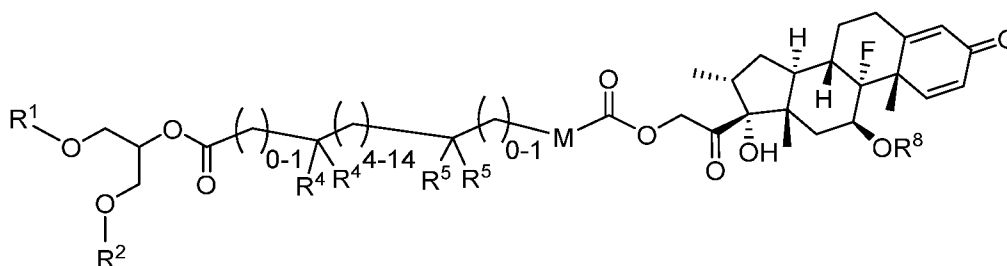


VI-b

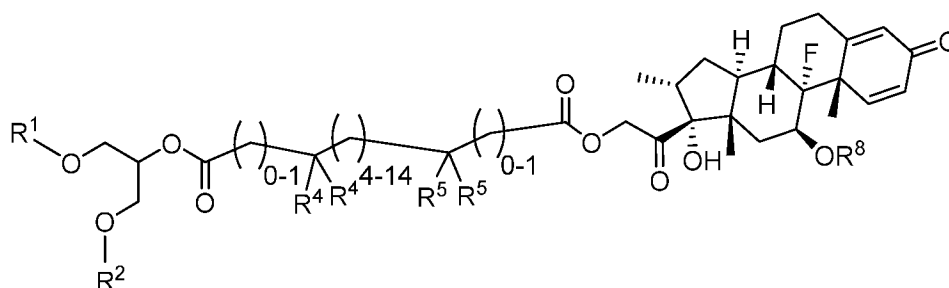


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , R^8 , and -M- is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

[00123] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **VII-a** or **VII-b**:



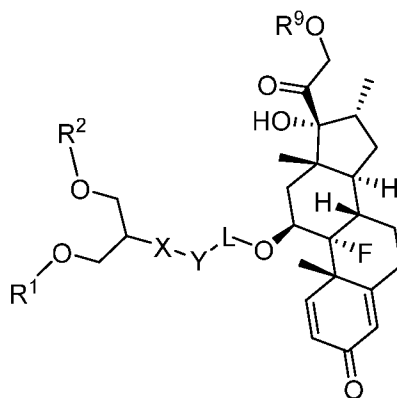
VII-a



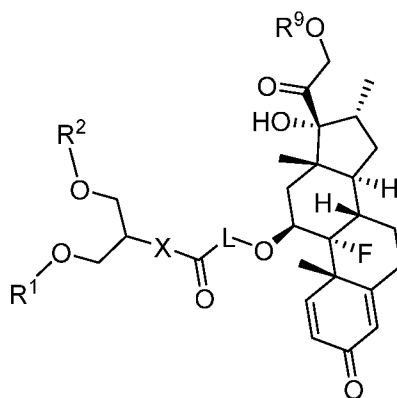
VII-b

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , R^8 , and -M- is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **VII-b**, wherein at least one instance of R^4 or R^5 is other than hydrogen, or a compound of Formula **VII-a**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of either of the foregoing.

[00124] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **VIII-a** or **VIII-b**:



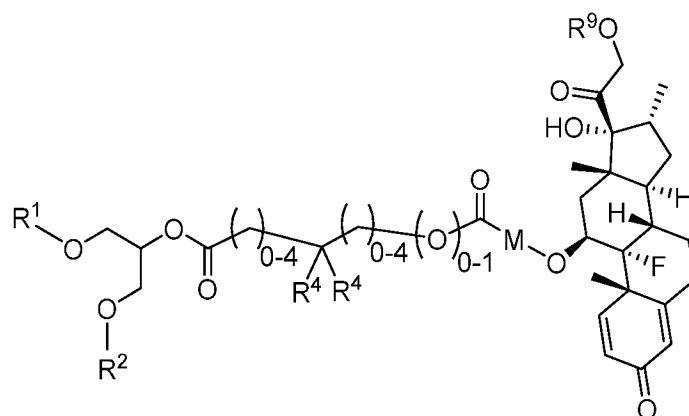
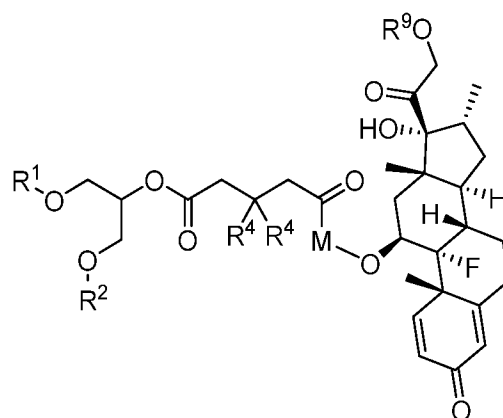
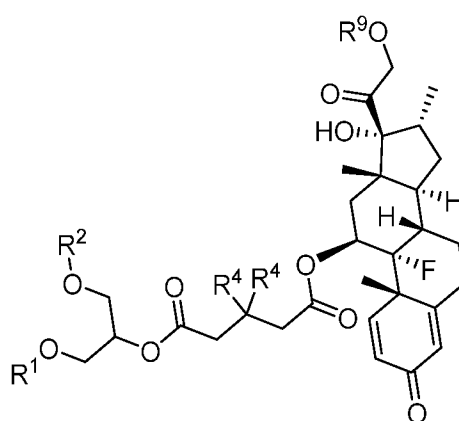
VIII-a

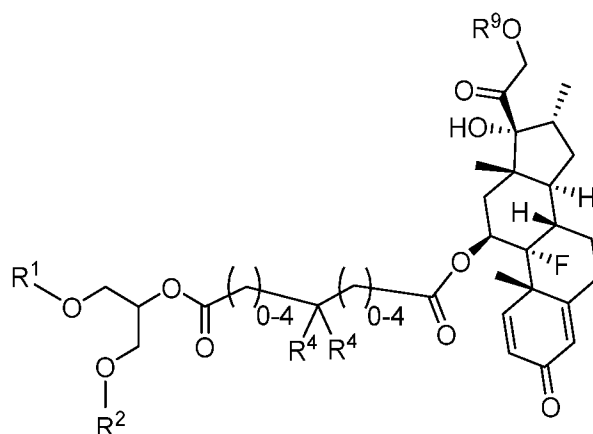


VIII-b

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of L, R¹, R², R⁹, X, and Y is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

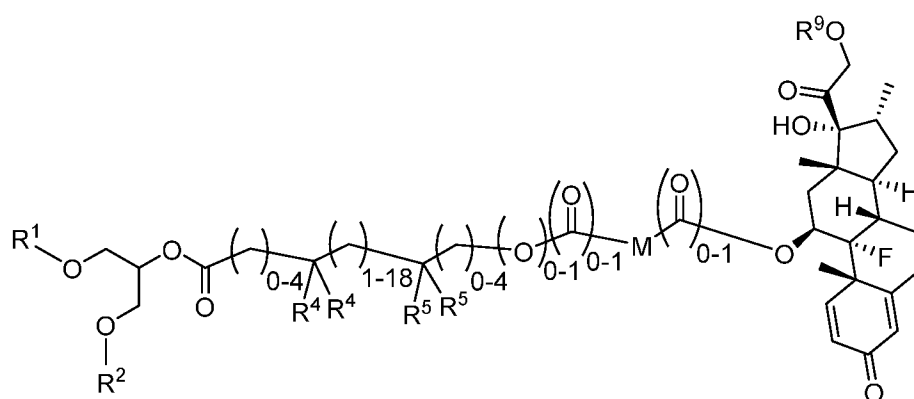
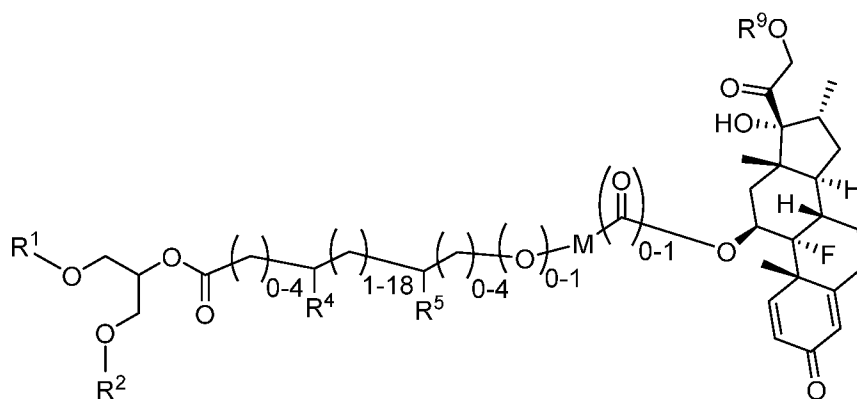
[00125] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **IX-a**, **IX-b**, **IX-c**, or **IX-d**:

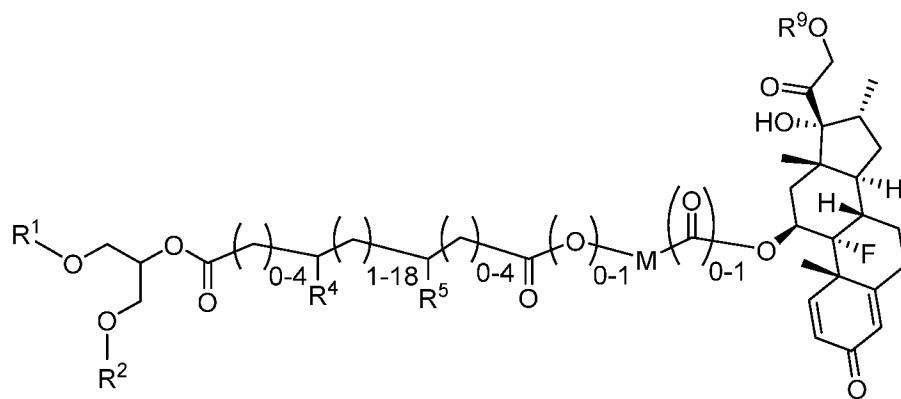
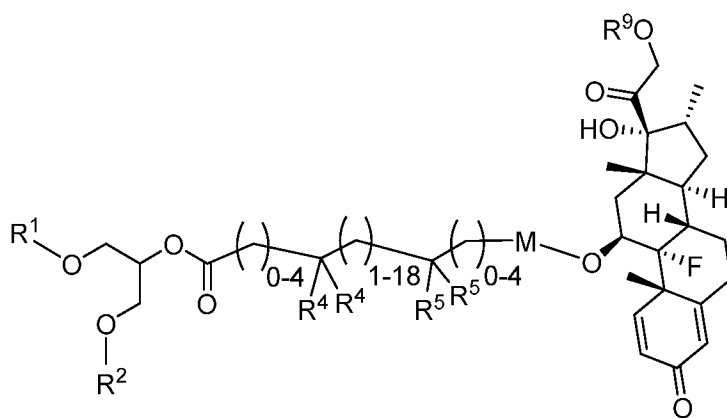
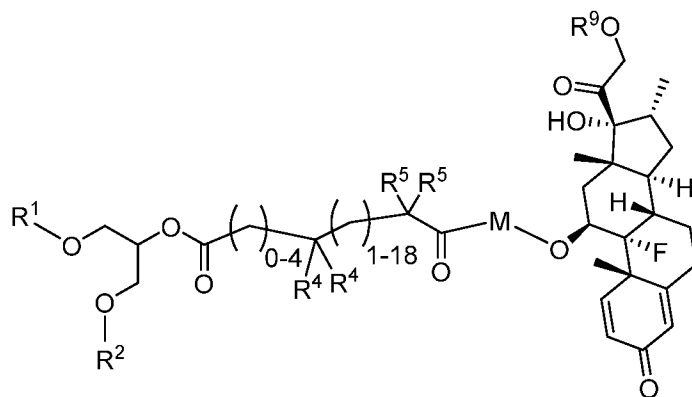
**IX-a****IX-b****IX-c**

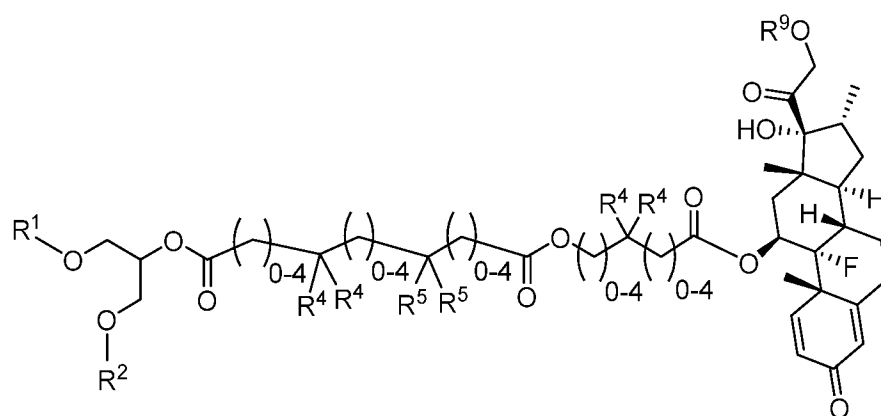
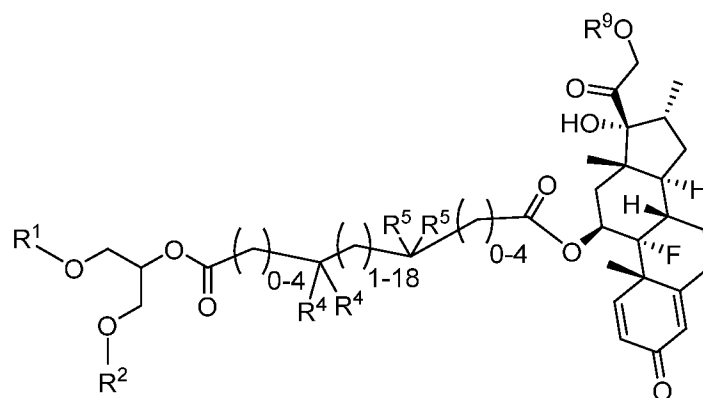
**IX-d**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^9 , and $-M-$ is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

[00126] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **X-a**, **X-b**, **X-c**, **X-d**, **X-e**, **X-f**, or **X-g**:

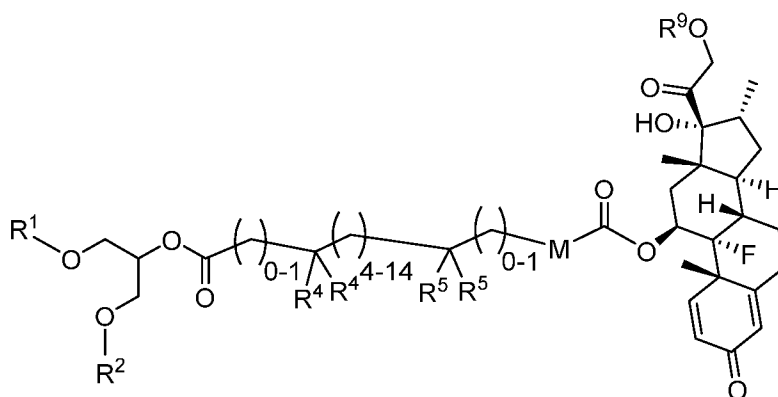
**X-a****X-b**

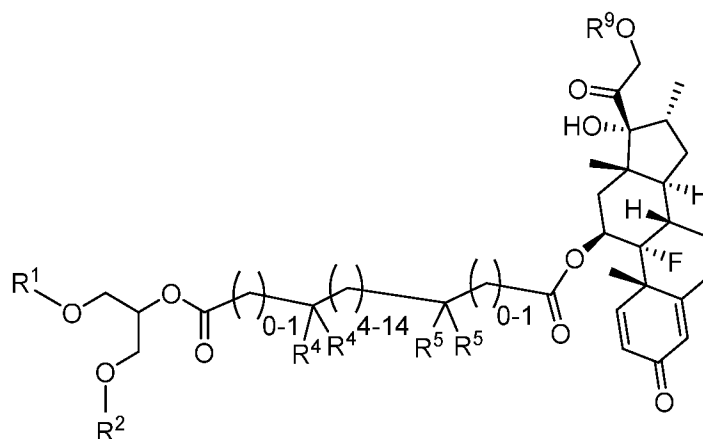
**X-c****X-d****X-e**

**X-f****X-g**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , R^9 , and $-M-$ is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination.

[00127] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **XI-a** or **XI-b**:

**XI-a**

**XI-b**

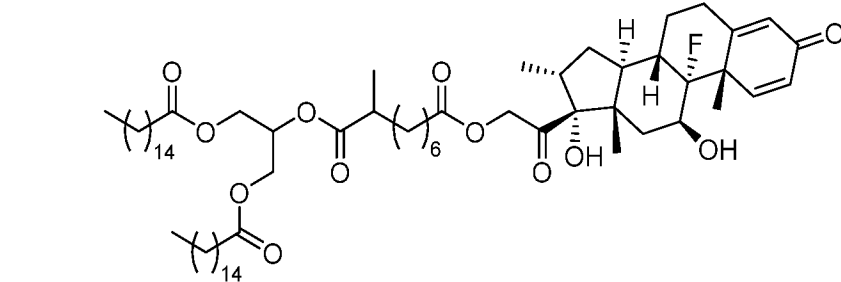
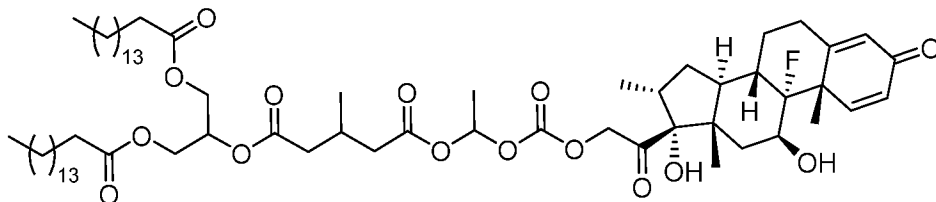
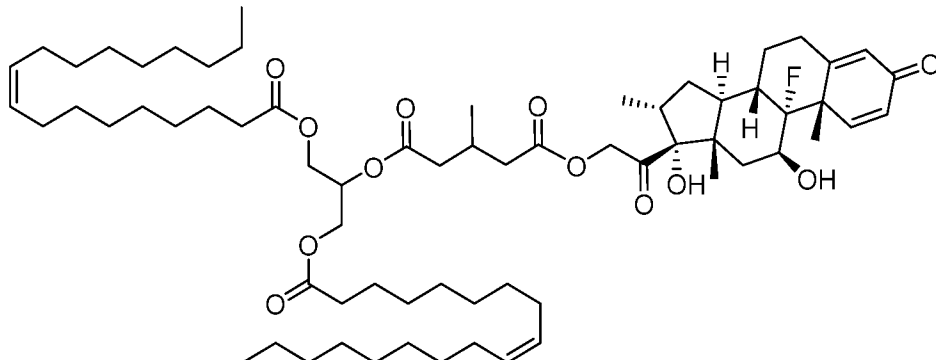
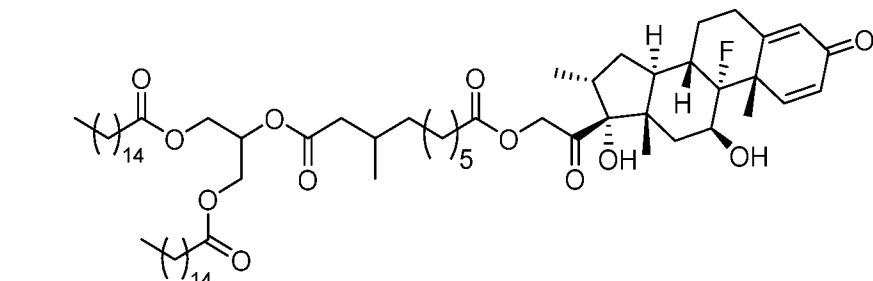
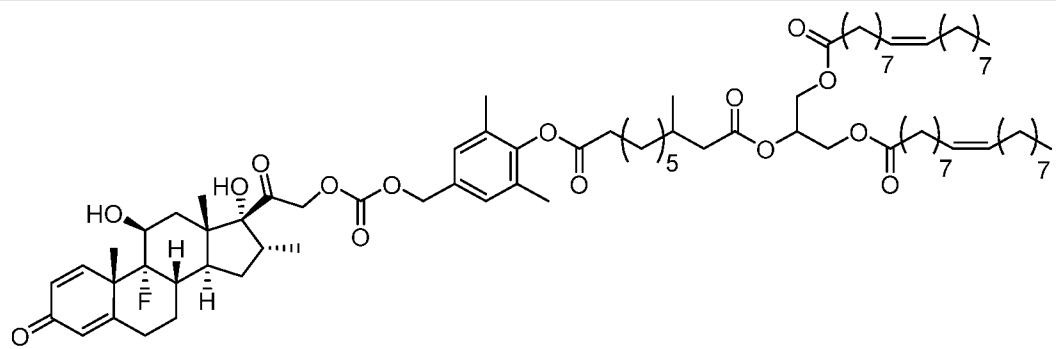
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein each of R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵, R⁹, and -M- is as defined above and described in embodiments herein, both singly and in combination. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound of Formula **XI-b**, wherein at least one instance of R⁴ or R⁵ is other than hydrogen, or a compound of Formula **XI-a**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of either of the foregoing.

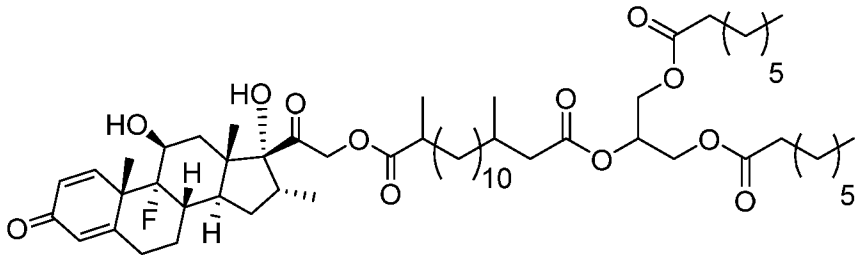
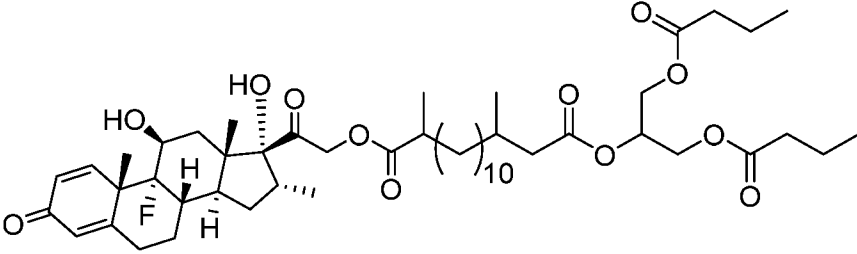
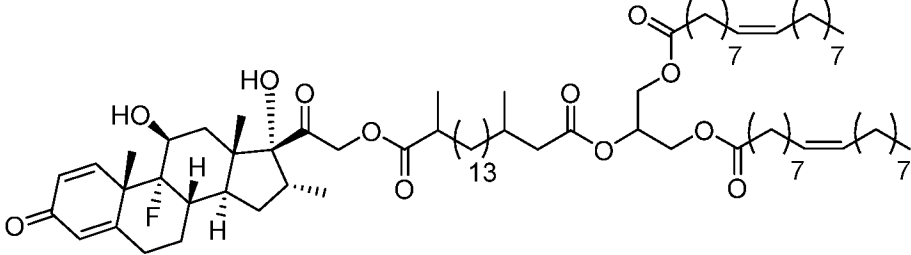
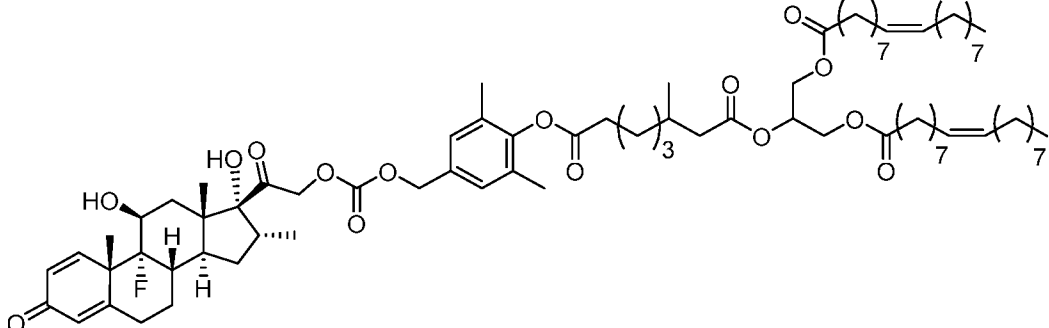
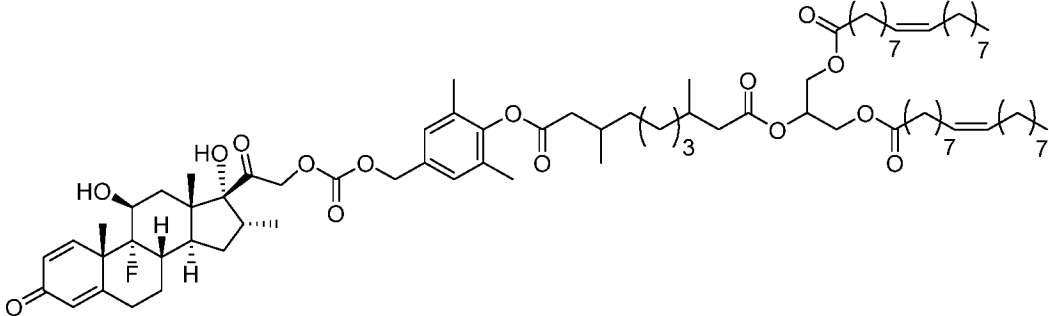
[00128] In the above formulae, when a range of numbers, such as 0-4 or 1-18, is disclosed, individual integers within the range are also specifically disclosed. Thus, the above range of 0-4 includes 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4. The range 1-18 includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 as well as ranges in between such as 6-18 and 8-18. The range 0-1 includes 0 and 1, i.e. the group is optionally present. Where more than one range is disclosed in a formula, each range is independently and optionally selected from the disclosed range. For example, in Formula **VII-b** above, each 4-14 and 0-1 range is varied independently of the others.

[00129] In one aspect, the present invention provides a lipid prodrug compound, shown in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

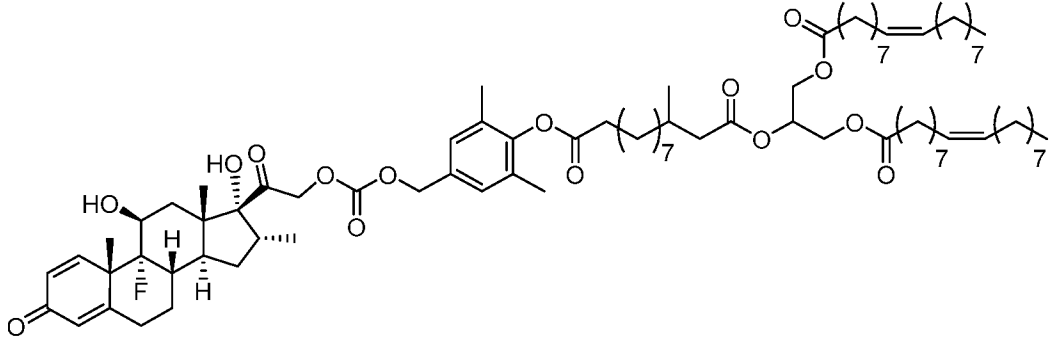
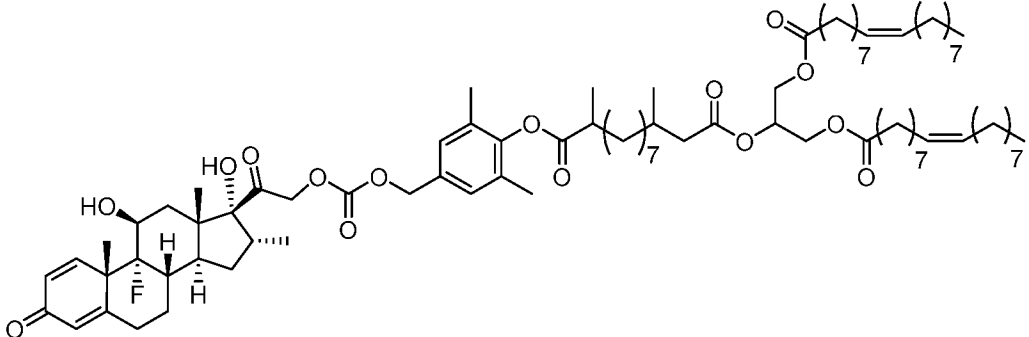
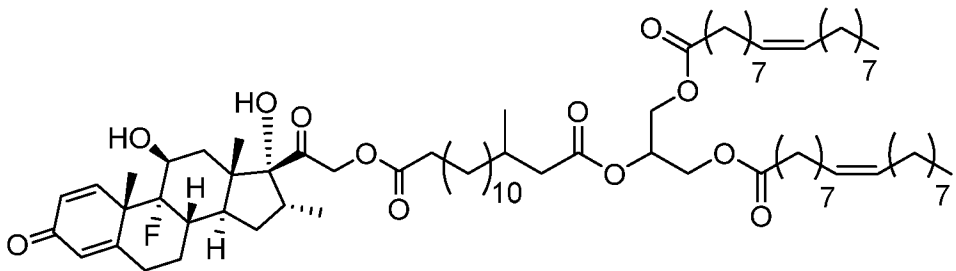
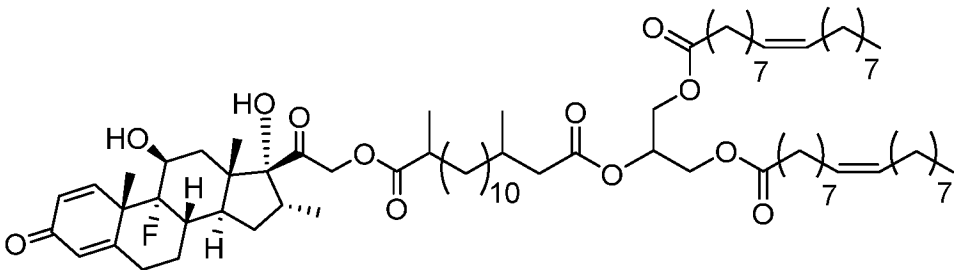
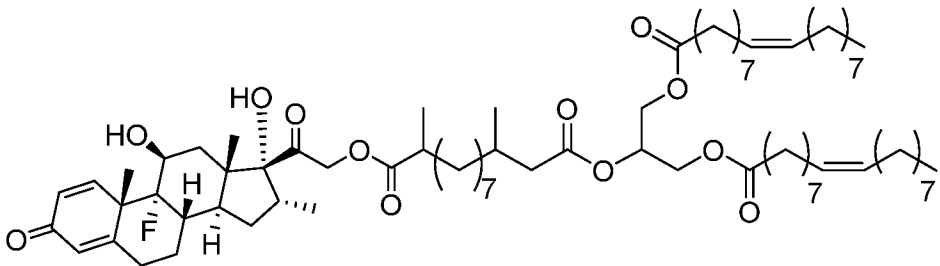
Table 1: Exemplary Compounds

Cmpd. #	Structure
I-1	
I-2	
I-3	
I-4	
I-5	

Cmpd. #	Structure
I-6	
I-7	
I-8	
I-9	
I-10	

Cmpd. #	Structure
I-11	
I-12	
I-13	
I-14	
I-15	

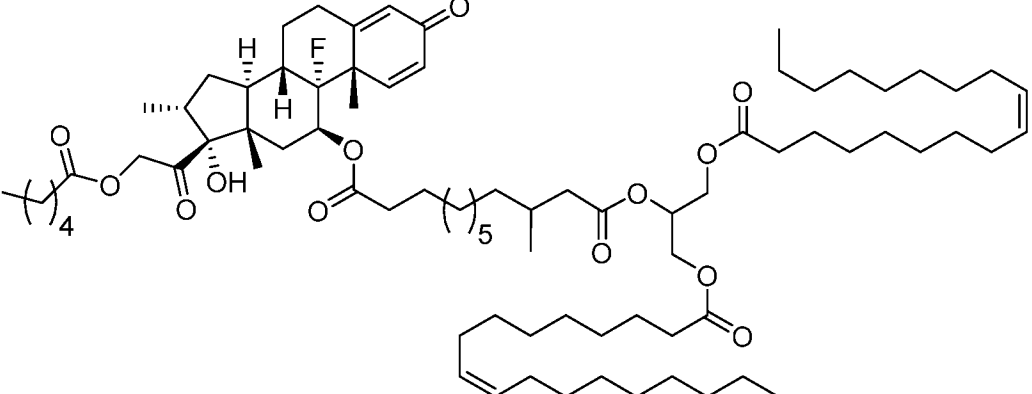
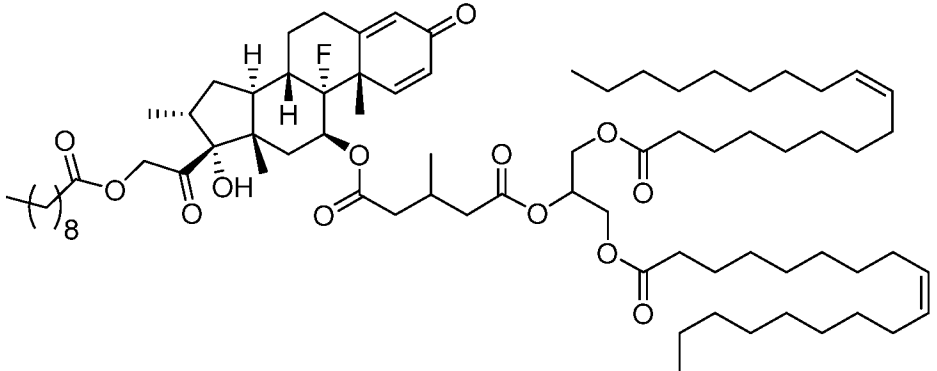
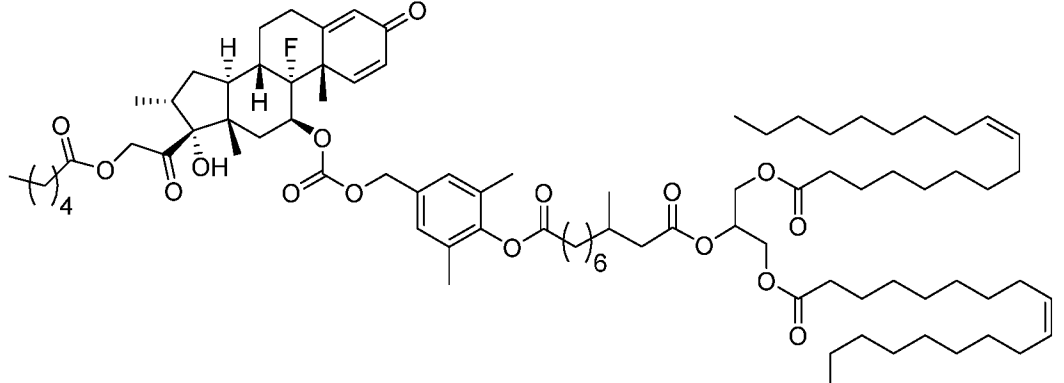
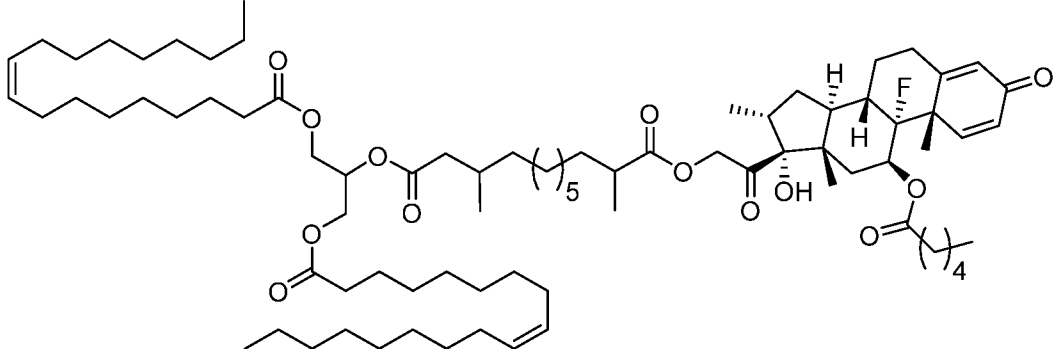
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I-16	
I-17	
I-18	
I-19	
I-20	

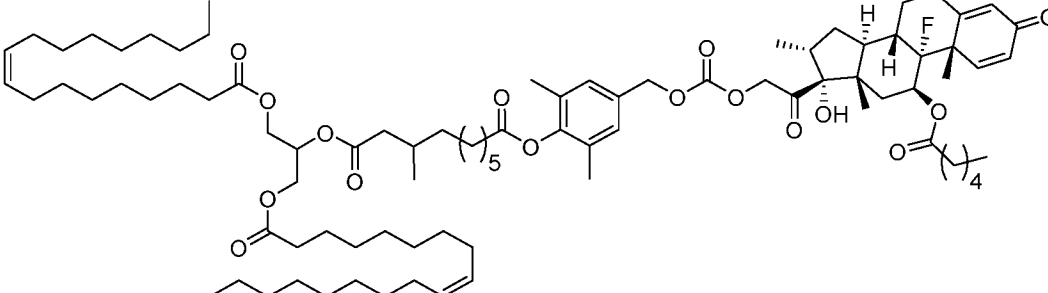
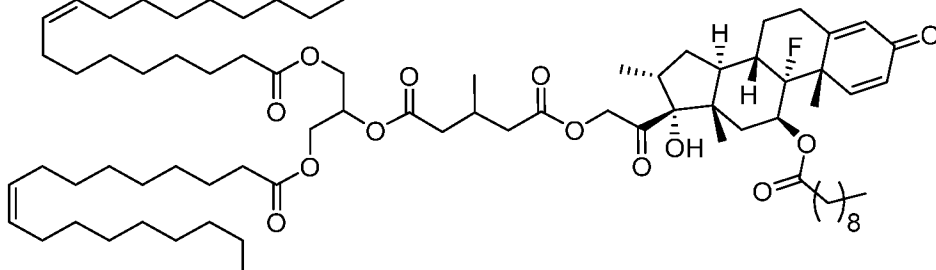
Cmpd. #	Structure
I-21	
I-22	
I-23	
I-24	
I-25	

Cmpd. #	Structure
I-26	
I-27	
I-28	

Table 1-A: Additional Exemplary Compounds

D-I-28	
D-I-29	

D-I-33	
D-I-34	
D-I-35	
D-I-36	

D-I-37	
D-I-38	

[00130] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound as depicted in **Table 1**, above, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound as depicted in **Table 1-A**, above, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[00131] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, above, wherein the compound is denoted as having a cumulative lymphatic transport of “A”, as reported in Example 7. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, above, wherein the compound is denoted as having a cumulative lymphatic transport of “A” or “B”. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, above, wherein the compound is denoted as having a cumulative lymphatic transport of “A” or “B” or “C”. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a compound in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, above, wherein the compound is denoted as having a cumulative lymphatic transport of “A” or “B” or “C” or “D”.

Lipids, Including Fatty Acids, Phospholipids, Lipid-Processing Mimetics, and Mixtures Thereof, for Use in Disclosed Lipid Prodrugs

[00132] Lipid prodrugs according to the present disclosure mimic the lipid-processing that takes place in the human body.

[00133] A variety of lipids are suitable for use in lipid prodrugs of the present disclosure. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug comprises a fatty acid, phosphatide, phospholipid, or analogue thereof (e.g. phosphatidylcholine, lecithin, phosphatidylethanolamine, cephalin, or phosphatidylserine or analogue or portion thereof, such as a partially hydrolyzed portion thereof), or other lipid-processing mimetic (e.g., a group cleaved by lipases, other digestive enzymes, or other mechanisms in the GI tract that enables the lipid prodrug to mimic dietary lipid processing). In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug comprises a fatty acid, phosphatide, phospholipid, or analogue thereof at the R¹ or R² position in the formulae depicted above and herein. In some embodiments, the fatty acid is a short-chain, medium-chain, or long-chain fatty acid. In some embodiments, the fatty acid is a saturated fatty acid. In some embodiments, the fatty acid is an unsaturated fatty acid. In some embodiments, the fatty acid is a monounsaturated fatty acid. In some embodiments, the fatty acid is a polyunsaturated fatty acid, such as an ω -3 (omega-3) or ω -6 (omega-6) fatty acid. In some embodiments, the lipid, e.g., fatty acid, has a C₂-C₆₀ chain. In some embodiments, the lipid, e.g., fatty acid, has a C₂-C₂₈ chain. In some embodiments, the lipid, e.g., fatty acid, has a C₂-C₄₀ chain. In some embodiments, the lipid, e.g., fatty acid, has a C₂-C₁₂ or C₄-C₁₂ chain. In some embodiments, the lipid, e.g., fatty acid, has a C₄-C₄₀ chain. In some embodiments, the lipid, e.g., fatty acid, has a C₄-C₄₀, C₂-C₃₈, C₂-C₃₆, C₂-C₃₄, C₂-C₃₂, C₂-C₃₀, C₄-C₃₀, C₂-C₂₈, C₄-C₂₈, C₂-C₂₆, C₄-C₂₆, C₂-C₂₄, C₄-C₂₄, C₆-C₂₄, C₈-C₂₄, C₁₀-C₂₄, C₂-C₂₂, C₄-C₂₂, C₆-C₂₂, C₈-C₂₂, C₁₀-C₂₂, C₂-C₂₀, C₄-C₂₀, C₆-C₂₀, C₈-C₂₀, C₁₀-C₂₀, C₂-C₁₈, C₄-C₁₈, C₆-C₁₈, C₈-C₁₈, C₁₀-C₁₈, C₁₂-C₁₈, C₁₄-C₁₈, C₁₆-C₁₈, C₂-C₁₆, C₄-C₁₆, C₆-C₁₆, C₈-C₁₆, C₁₀-C₁₆, C₁₂-C₁₆, C₁₄-C₁₆, C₂-C₁₅, C₄-C₁₅, C₆-C₁₅, C₈-C₁₅, C₉-C₁₅, C₁₀-C₁₅, C₁₁-C₁₅, C₁₂-C₁₅, C₁₃-C₁₅, C₂-C₁₄, C₄-C₁₄, C₆-C₁₄, C₈-C₁₄, C₉-C₁₄, C₁₀-C₁₄, C₁₁-C₁₄, C₁₂-C₁₄, C₂-C₁₃, C₄-C₁₃, C₆-C₁₃, C₇-C₁₃, C₈-C₁₃, C₉-C₁₃, C₁₀-C₁₃, C₁₀-C₁₃, C₁₁-C₁₃, C₂-C₁₂, C₄-C₁₂, C₆-C₁₂, C₇-C₁₂, C₈-C₁₂, C₉-C₁₂, C₁₀-C₁₂, C₂-C₁₁, C₄-C₁₁, C₆-C₁₁, C₇-C₁₁, C₈-C₁₁, C₉-C₁₁, C₂-C₁₀, C₄-C₁₀, C₂-C₉, C₄-C₉, C₂-C₈, C₄-C₈, C₂-C₇, C₄-C₇, C₂-C₆, or C₄-C₆, chain. In some embodiments, the lipid, e.g., fatty acid, has a C₂, C₃, C₄, C₅, C₆, C₇, C₈, C₉, C₁₀, C₁₁, C₁₂, C₁₃, C₁₄, C₁₅, C₁₆, C₁₇, C₁₈, C₁₉, C₂₀, C₂₁, C₂₂, C₂₃, C₂₄, C₂₅, C₂₆, C₂₇, C₂₈, C₂₉, C₃₀, C₃₁, C₃₂, C₃₃, C₃₄, C₃₅, C₃₆, C₃₇, C₃₈, C₃₉, C₄₀, C₄₁, C₄₂, C₄₃, C₄₄, C₄₅, C₄₆, C₄₇, C₄₈, C₄₉, C₅₀, C₅₁, C₅₂, C₅₃, C₅₄, C₅₅, C₅₆, C₅₇, C₅₈, C₅₉, or C₆₀ chain. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug comprises two fatty acids, each of which is independently selected from a fatty acid having a chain with any one of the foregoing ranges or numbers of carbon atoms. In some embodiments, one of the fatty acids is independently a fatty acid with a C₆-C₂₁ chain and one is independently a fatty acid with a C₁₂-C₃₆

chain. In some embodiments, each fatty acid independently has a chain of 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17 carbon atoms.

[00134] In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug comprises two lipids. In some embodiments, the two lipids, e.g. fatty acids, taken together have 6-80 carbon atoms (an equivalent carbon number (ECN) of 6-80). In some embodiments, the lipids, e.g., fatty acids, have an ECN of 6-80, 8-80, 10-80, 12-80, 14-80, 16-80, 18-80, 20-80, 22-80, 24-80, 26-80, 28-80, 30-80, 4-76, 6-76, 8-76, 10-76, 12-76, 14-76, 16-76, 18-76, 20-76, 22-76, 24-76, 26-76, 28-76, 30-76, 6-72, 8-72, 10-72, 12-72, 14-72, 16-72, 18-72, 20-72, 22-72, 24-72, 26-72, 28-72, 30-72, 6-68, 8-68, 10-68, 12-68, 14-68, 16-68, 18-68, 20-68, 22-68, 24-68, 26-68, 28-68, 30-68, 6-64, 8-64, 10-64, 12-64, 14-64, 16-64, 18-64, 20-64, 22-64, 24-64, 26-64, 28-64, 30-64, 6-60, 8-60, 10-60, 12-56, 14-56, 16-56, 18-56, 20-56, 22-56, 24-56, 26-56, 28-56, 30-56, 6-52, 8-52, 10-52, 12-52, 14-52, 16-52, 18-52, 20-52, 22-52, 24-52, 26-52, 28-52, 30-52, 6-48, 8-48, 10-48, 12-48, 14-48, 16-48, 18-48, 20-48, 22-48, 24-48, 26-48, 28-48, 30-48, 6-44, 8-44, 10-44, 12-44, 14-44, 16-44, 18-44, 20-44, 22-44, 24-44, 26-44, 28-44, 30-44, 6-40, 8-40, 10-40, 12-40, 14-40, 16-40, 18-40, 20-40, 22-40, 24-40, 26-40, 28-40, 30-40, 6-36, 8-36, 10-36, 12-36, 14-36, 16-36, 18-36, 20-36, 22-36, 24-36, 26-36, 28-36, 30-36, 6-32, 8-32, 10-32, 12-32, 14-32, 16-32, 18-32, 20-32, 22-32, 24-32, 26-32, 28-32, or 30-32.

[00135] Suitable fatty acids include saturated straight-chain fatty acids, saturated branched fatty acids, unsaturated fatty acids, hydroxy fatty acids, and polycarboxylic acids. In some embodiments, such fatty acids have up to 32 carbon atoms.

[00136] Examples of useful saturated straight-chain fatty acids include those having an even number of carbon atoms, such as butyric acid, caproic acid, caprylic acid, capric acid, lauric acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid, arachic acid, behenic acid, lignoceric acid, hexacosanoic acid, octacosanoic acid, triacontanoic acid and n-dotriacontanoic acid, and those having an odd number of carbon atoms, such as propionic acid, n-valeric acid, enanthic acid, pelargonic acid, hendecanoic acid, tridecanoic acid, pentadecanoic acid, heptadecanoic acid, nonadecanoic acid, heneicosanoic acid, tricosanoic acid, pentacosanoic acid, and heptacosanoic acid.

[00137] Examples of suitable saturated branched fatty acids include isobutyric acid, isocaproic acid, isocaprylic acid, isocapric acid, isolauric acid, 11-methyldodecanoic acid, isomyristic acid, 13-methyl-tetradecanoic acid, isopalmitic acid, 15-methyl-hexadecanoic acid,

isostearic acid, 17-methyloctadecanoic acid, isoarachic acid, 19-methyl-eicosanoic acid, α -ethylhexanoic acid, α -hexyldecanoic acid, α -heptylundecanoic acid, 2-decyltetradecanoic acid, 2-undecyltetradecanoic acid, 2-decylpentadecanoic acid, 2-undecylpentadecanoic acid, and Fine oxocol 1800 acid (product of Nissan Chemical Industries, Ltd.). Suitable saturated odd-carbon branched fatty acids include anteiso fatty acids terminating with an isobutyl group, such as 6-methyl-octanoic acid, 8-methyl-decanoic acid, 10-methyl-dodecanoic acid, 12-methyl-tetradecanoic acid, 14-methyl-hexadecanoic acid, 16-methyl-octadecanoic acid, 18-methyl-eicosanoic acid, 20-methyl-docosanoic acid, 22-methyl-tetracosanoic acid, 24-methyl-hexacosanoic acid, and 26-methyloctacosanoic acid.

[00138] Examples of suitable unsaturated fatty acids include 4-decenoic acid, caproic acid, 4-dodecenoic acid, 5-dodecenoic acid, lauroleic acid, 4-tetradecenoic acid, 5-tetradecenoic acid, 9-tetradecenoic acid, palmitoleic acid, 6-octadecenoic acid, oleic acid, 9-octadecenoic acid, 11-octadecenoic acid, 9-eicosenoic acid, *cis*-11-eicosenoic acid, cetoleic acid, 13-docosenoic acid, 15-tetracosenoic acid, 17-hexacosenoic acid, 6,9,12,15-hexadecatetraenoic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, α -eleostearic acid, β -eleostearic acid, punicic acid, 6,9,12,15-octadecatetraenoic acid, parinaric acid, 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraenoic acid, 5,8,11,14,17-eicosapentaenoic acid, 7,10,13,16,19-docosapentaenoic acid, 4,7,10,13,16,19-docosahexaenoic acid, and the like.

[00139] Examples of suitable hydroxy fatty acids include α -hydroxylauric acid, α -hydroxymyristic acid, α -hydroxypalmitic acid, α -hydroxystearic acid, ω -hydroxylauric acid, α -hydroxyarachic acid, 9-hydroxy-12-octadecenoic acid, ricinoleic acid, α -hydroxybehenic acid, 9-hydroxy-*trans*-10,12-octadecadienic acid, kamolenic acid, ipurolic acid, 9,10-dihydroxystearic acid, 12-hydroxystearic acid and the like.

[00140] Examples of suitable polycarboxylic acids include oxalic acid, malonic acid, succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, pimelic acid, suberic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, D,L-malic acid, and the like.

[00141] In some embodiments, each fatty acid is independently selected from Propionic acid, Butyric acid, Valeric acid, Caproic acid, Enanthic acid, Caprylic acid, Pelargonic acid, Capric acid, Undecylic acid, Lauric acid, Tridecylic acid, Myristic acid, Pentadecylic acid, Palmitic acid, Margaric acid, Stearic acid, Nonadecylic acid, arachidic acid, Heneicosylic acid, Behenic acid, Tricosylic acid, Lignoceric acid, Pentacosylic acid, Cerotic acid, Heptacosylic acid, Montanic acid,

Nonacosylic acid, Melissic acid, Henatriacontylic acid, Lacceroic acid, Psyllic acid, geddic acid, ceroplastic acid, hexatriacontylic acid, heptatriacontanoic acid, or octatriacontanoic acid.

[00142] In some embodiments, each fatty acid is independently selected from α -linolenic acid, stearidonic acid, eicosapentaenoic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, linoleic acid, gamma-linoleic acid, dihomo-gamma-linoleic acid, arachidonic acid, docosatetraenoic acid, palmitoleic acid, vaccenic acid, paullinic acid, oleic acid, elaidic acid, gondoic acid, eurcic acid, nervonic acid, mead acid, adrenic acid, bosseopentaenoic acid, ozubondo acid, sardine acid, herring acid, docosahexaenoic acid, or tetracosanolpentaenoic acid, or another monounsaturated or polyunsaturated fatty acid.

[00143] In some embodiments, one or both of the fatty acids is an essential fatty acid. In view of the beneficial health effects of certain essential fatty acids, the therapeutic benefits of disclosed lipid prodrugs may be increased by including such fatty acids in the lipid prodrug. In some embodiments, the essential fatty acid is an n-6 or n-3 essential fatty acid selected from the group consisting of linolenic acid, gamma-linolenic acid, dihomo-gamma-linolenic acid, arachidonic acid, adrenic acid, docosapentaenoic n-6 acid, alpha-linolenic acid, stearidonic acid, the 20:4n-3 acid, eicosapentaenoic acid, docosapentaenoic n-3 acid, or docosahexaenoic acid.

[00144] In some embodiments, each fatty acid is independently selected from all-*cis*-7,10,13-hexadecatrienoic acid, α -linolenic acid, stearidonic acid, eicosatrienoic acid, eicosatetraenoic acid, eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), docosapentaenoic acid, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), tetracosapentaenoic acid, tetracosahexaenoic acid, or lipoic acid. In other embodiments, the fatty acid is selected from eicosapentaenoic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, or lipoic acid. Other examples of fatty acids include all-*cis*-7,10,13-hexadecatrienoic acid, α -linolenic acid (ALA or all-*cis*-9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid), stearidonic acid (STD or all-*cis*-6,9,12,15-octadecatetraenoic acid), eicosatrienoic acid (ETE or all-*cis*-11,14,17-eicosatrienoic acid), eicosatetraenoic acid (ETA or all-*cis*-8,11,14,17-eicosatetraenoic acid), eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), docosapentaenoic acid (DPA, clupanodonic acid or all-*cis*-7,10,13,16,19-docosapentaenoic acid), docosahexaenoic acid (DHA or all-*cis*-4,7,10,13,16,19-docosahexaenoic acid), tetracosapentaenoic acid (all-*cis*-9,12,15,18,21-docosahexaenoic acid), or tetracosahexaenoic acid (nisinic acid or all-*cis*-6,9,12,15,18,21-tetracosenoic acid). In some embodiments, the fatty acid is a medium-chain fatty acid such as lipoic acid.

[00145] Fatty acid chains differ greatly in the length of their chains and may be categorized according to chain length, e.g. as short to very long.

[00146] Short-chain fatty acids (SCFA) are fatty acids with chains of about five or less carbons (e.g. butyric acid). In some embodiments, each of the fatty acids is independently a SCFA. In some embodiments, one of the fatty acids is independently a SCFA.

[00147] Medium-chain fatty acids (MCFA) include fatty acids with chains of about 6-12 carbons, which can form medium-chain triglycerides. In some embodiments, each of the fatty acids is independently a MCFA. In some embodiments, one of the fatty acids is independently a MCFA.

[00148] Long-chain fatty acids (LCFA) include fatty acids with chains of 13-21 carbons. In some embodiments, each of the fatty acids is independently a LCFA. In some embodiments, one of the fatty acids is independently a LCFA.

[00149] Very long chain fatty acids (VLCFA) include fatty acids with chains of 22 or more carbons, such as 22-60, 22-50, or 22-40 carbons. In some embodiments, each of the fatty acids is independently a VLCFA. In some embodiments, one of the fatty acids is independently a VLCFA.

[00150] In some embodiments, one of the fatty acids is independently a MCFA and one is independently a LCFA.

Therapeutic Agents and Exemplary Associated Diseases

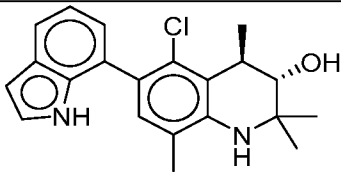
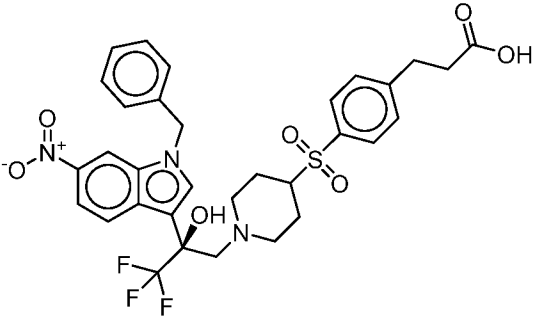
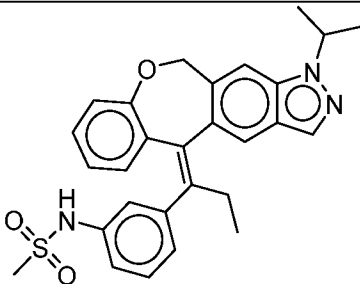
[00151] In accordance with the present invention, a variety of therapeutic agents may be covalently conjugated to the lymphatic system-directing lipids, e.g. triglyceride scaffolds, described herein. In some embodiments, by conjugating a therapeutic agent to a lymphatic system-directing lipid, the present invention provides enhanced desirable properties of the therapeutic agent such as improving oral bioavailability, minimizing destruction of the agent in the gut, avoiding liver first-pass effect, improving therapeutic agent delivery to a target tissue, or increasing the solubility and stability of the therapeutic agents, including the solubility and stability of the agents *in vivo*.

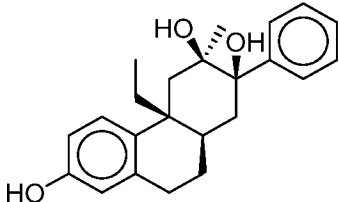
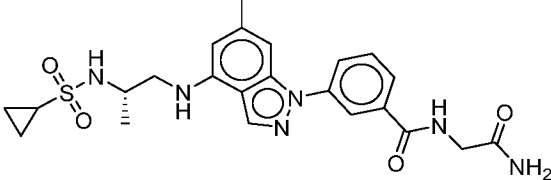
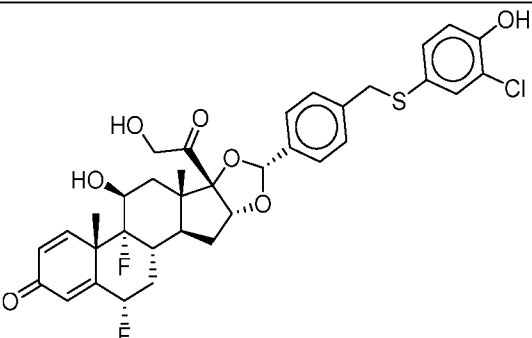
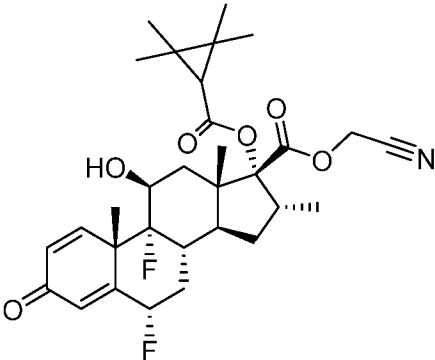
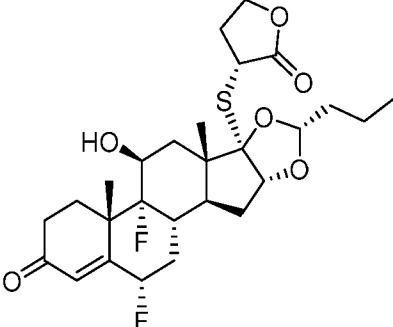
[00152] The term “glucocorticoid” as used herein includes compounds having affinity for the glucocorticoids receptor. Exemplary glucocorticoids include those described above: alclometasone, alclometasone dipropionate, AZD-5423, beclomethasone, beclomethasone dipropionate, betamethasone, betamethasone butyrate propionate, betamethasone dipropionate, betamethasone 17-valerate, BI-653048, BLHP-008, BMS-564929, budesonide, butixocort propionate, ciclesonide, clobetasol propionate, clocortolone pivalate, cortisol, CR-1447,

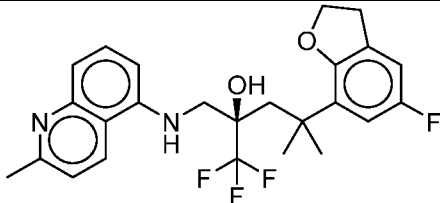
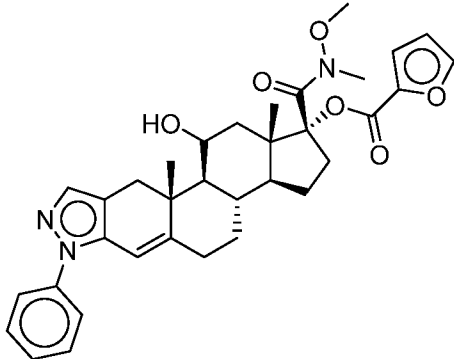
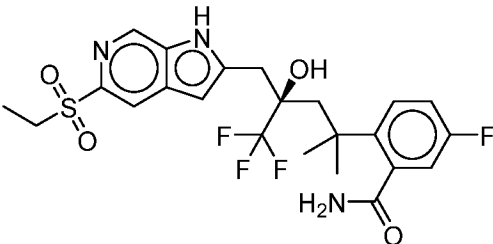
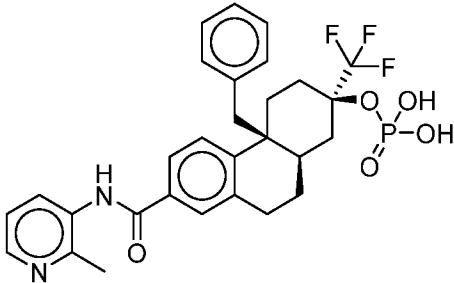
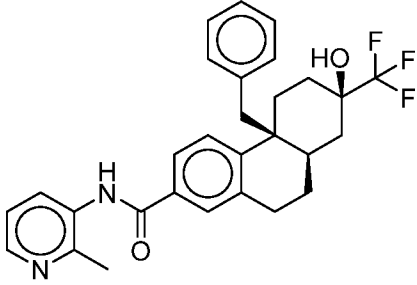
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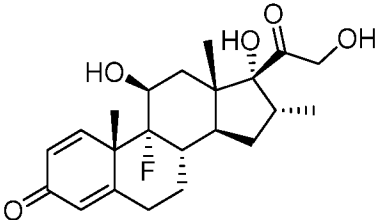
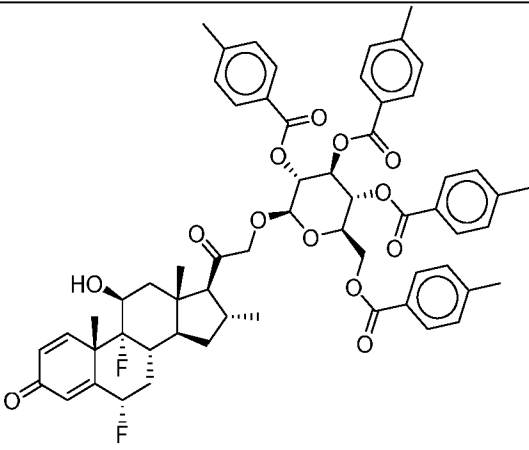
[00153] Additional exemplary glucocorticoids, and companies with which the glucocorticoids are associated, are depicted in **Table 2**, below.

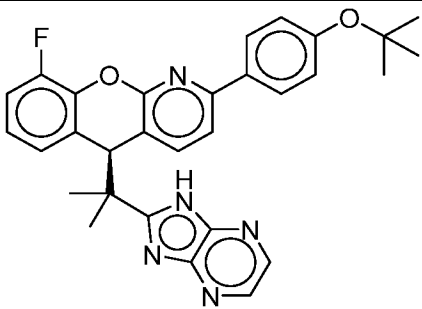
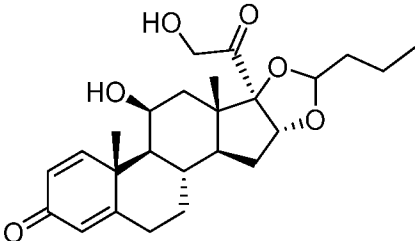
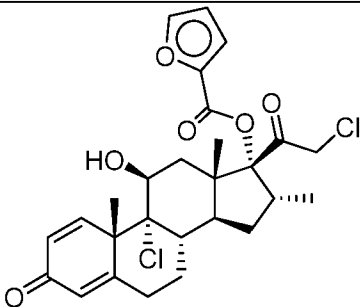
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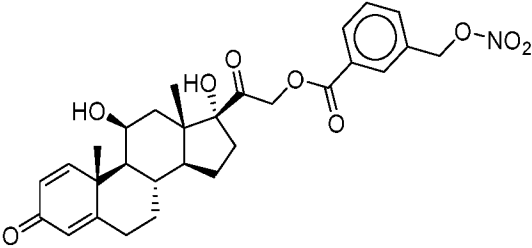
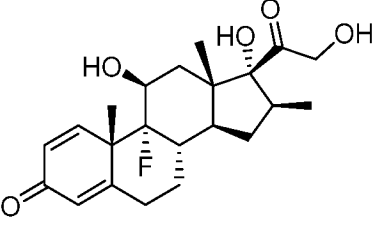
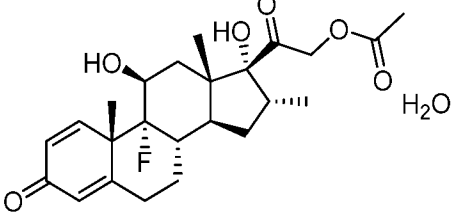
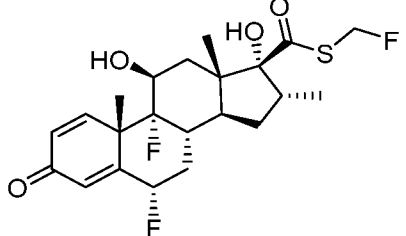
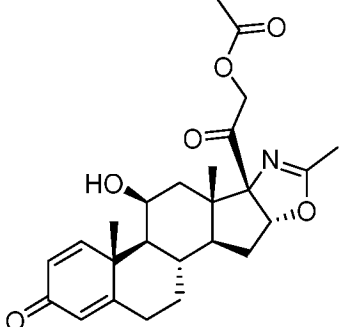
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SGRM Program		1	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Glucocorticoid Receptor Agonist		2	Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma Co. Ltd.
Selective Nonsteroidal Glucocorticoid Receptor Agonist		3	Kyowa Hakko Kirin Co. Ltd.

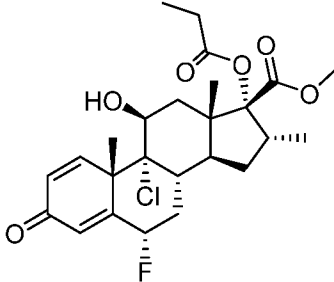
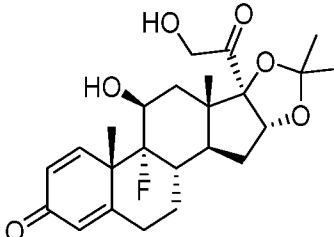
Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Glucocorticoid Receptor Agonists		4	Pfizer Inc
Non-Steroidal Glucocorticoid Agonists		6	GlaxoSmithKline PLC
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870086		12	GlaxoSmithKline PLC
Fluticasone Analogs		14	GlaxoSmithKline PLC

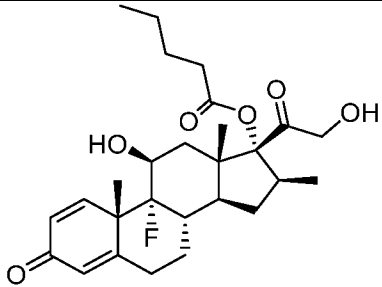
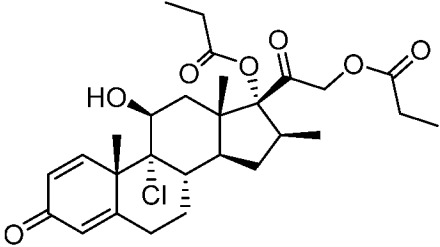
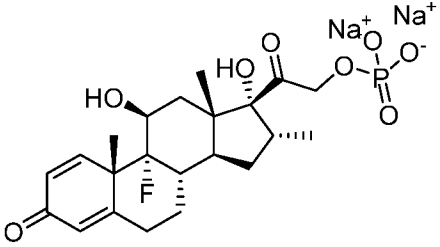
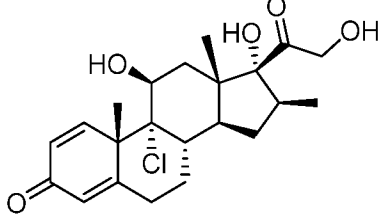
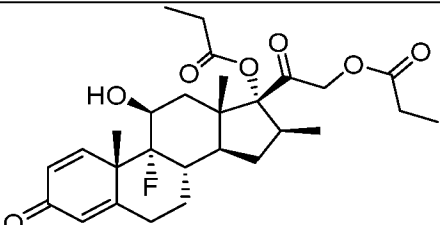
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VSG-22		17	Van Andel Institute
BI-653048		18	Boehringer Ingelheim International GmbH
Fosdagrocorat		20	Pfizer Inc
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Dexamethasone		25	ChemioCare USA Inc. Otonomy Inc.

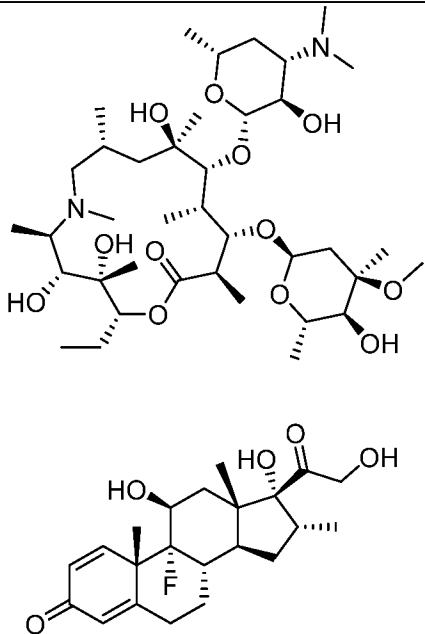
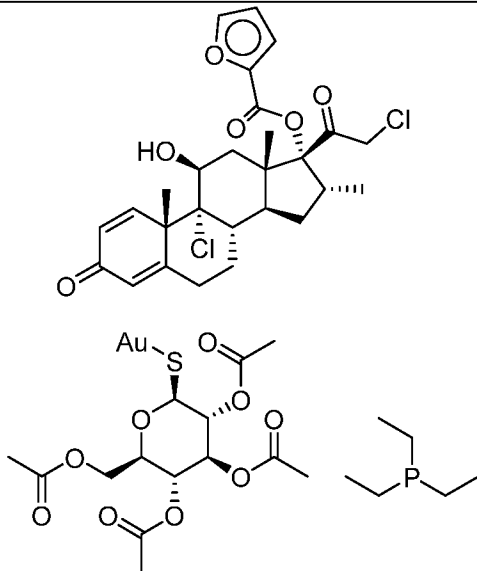
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			Envisia Therapeutics
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			Novosom AG
			Only For Children Pharmaceuticals
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NM-135		26	Nissin Foods Holdings Co. Ltd.

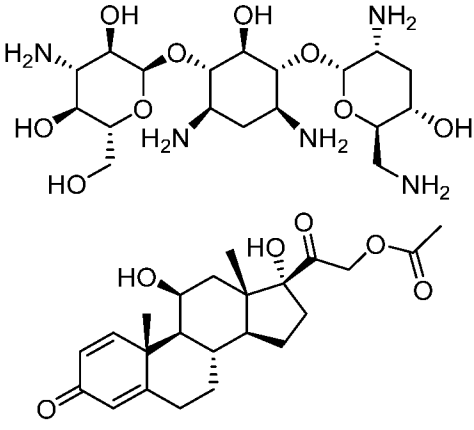
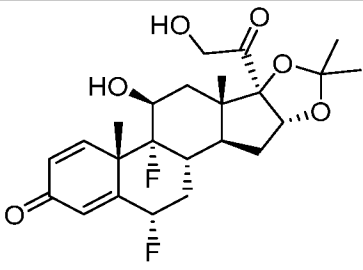
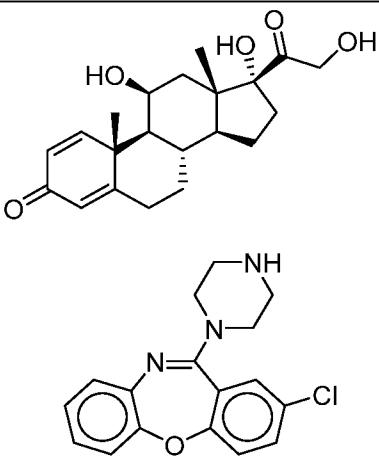
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Glucocorticoid Receptor Agonists		30	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
Budesonide		34	Activaero GmbH Verus Pharmaceuticals Inc. Pearl Therapeutics Inc. Direct-Haler AS Dr Falk Pharma GmbH AstraZeneca PLC SkyePharma Canada Heron Therapeutics Inc.
Mometasone Furoate		36	Lyra Therapeutics

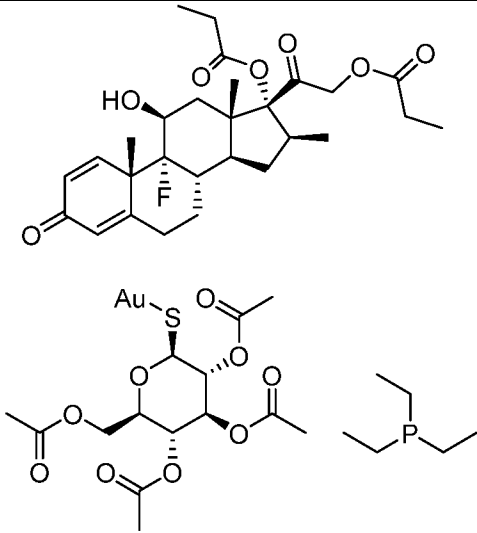
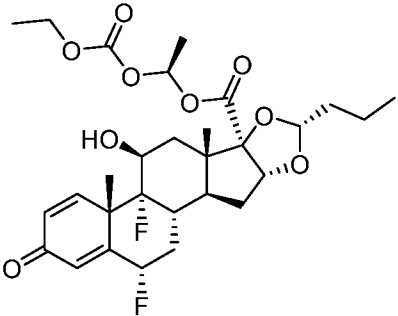
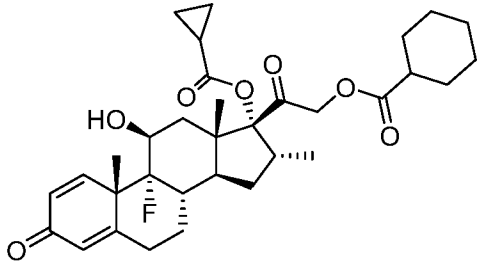
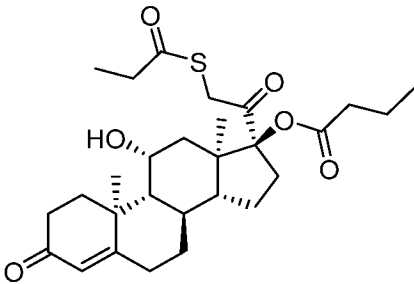
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NCX-1010		37	NicOx SA
betamethasone		38	Grace Therapeutics LLC
			Orbis Biosciences Inc.
			Surface Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Dexamethasone Acetate		41	Laboratoires CTRS
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Fluticasone		42	Nicox Ophthalmics Inc.
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Deflazacort		43	Marathon Pharmaceuticals LLC

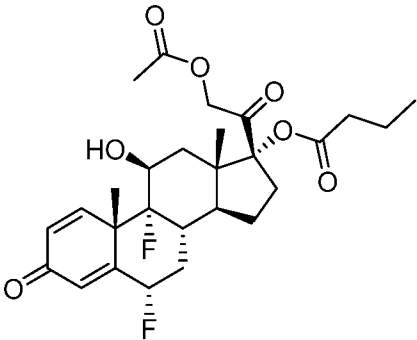
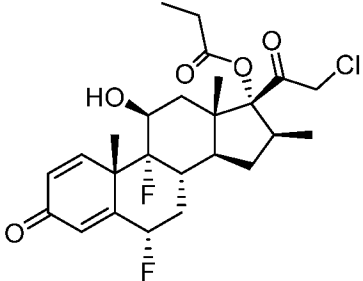
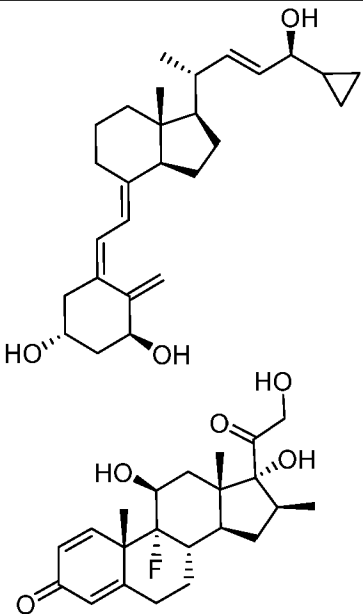
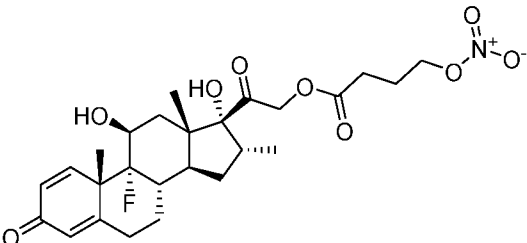
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KSR-592		44	Kissei Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.
Triamcinolone Acetonide		45	Wakamoto Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.
			Echo Therapeutics Inc.
			SurModics Inc.
			Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Ltd.
			Cleaside Biomedical Inc.
			Flexion Therapeutics Inc.
			Foamix Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
			ZARS Pharma Inc.
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			Muro Pharmaceutical Inc.
Betamethasone Valerate (Betamethasone)		47	Institut Biochimique SA

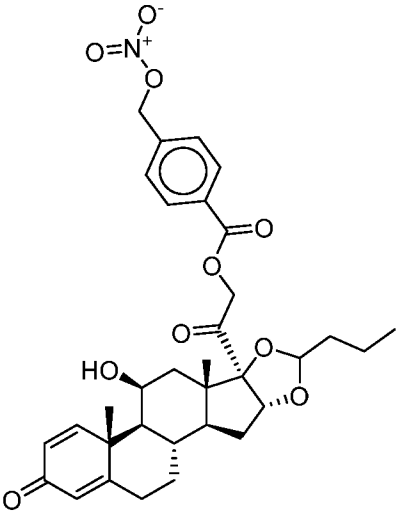
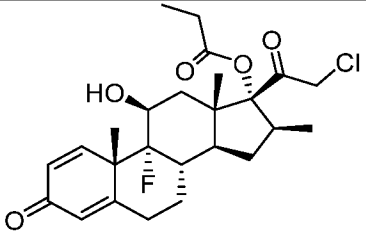
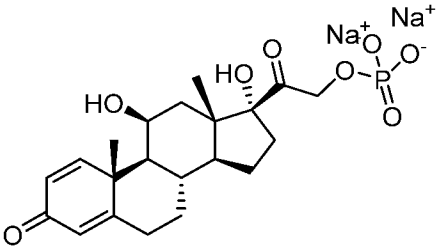
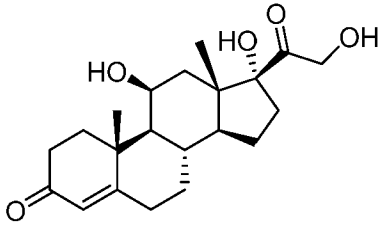
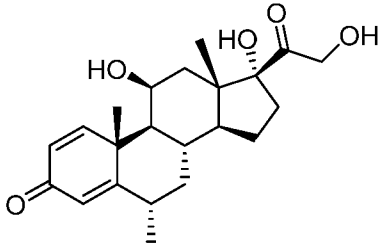
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			Connetics Australia Pty Ltd.
Beclomethasone Dipropionate		48	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
			Allergan Inc.
			3M Pharmaceuticals
			Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate		50	CIS Pharma AG
			Universita' Degli Studi Di Urbino
			Semnur Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Beclometasone 9BLHP-008		52	BL&H Co. Ltd.
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Betamethasone Dipropionate		55	Foamix Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

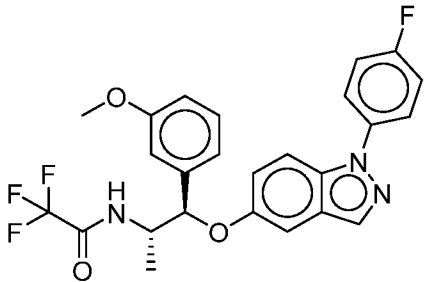
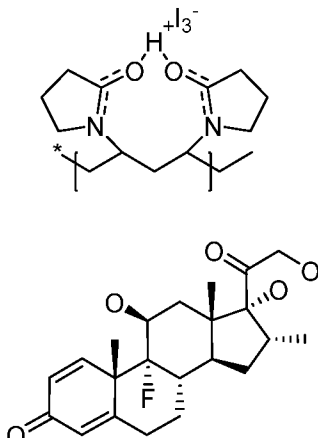
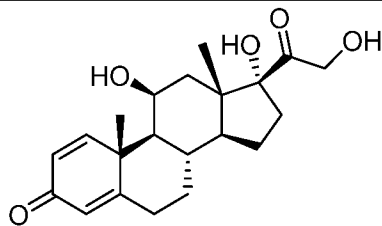
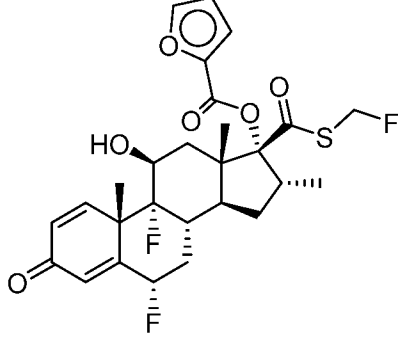
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Azithromycin + Dexamethasone	 The top structure is Azithromycin, a 15-membered macrolide antibiotic with a methoxy group on the nitrogen and a hydroxyl group on the adjacent carbon. The bottom structure is Dexamethasone, a corticosteroid with a ketone at C3, a double bond at C4, a fluorine at C6, and a hydroxyl group at C11.	57	InSite Vision Inc.
Auranofin + Mometasone Furoate	 The top structure is Auranofin, a gold complex with a thiosulfonate group and a thioether group. The bottom structure is Mometasone Furoate, a corticosteroid with a ketone at C3, a double bond at C4, a chlorine at C6, and a furoate ester at C17.	58	Viralytics Ltd.

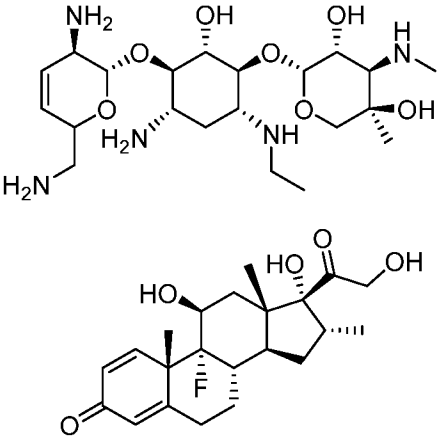
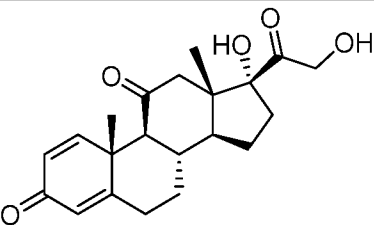
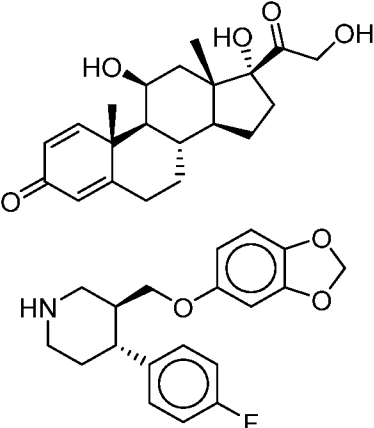
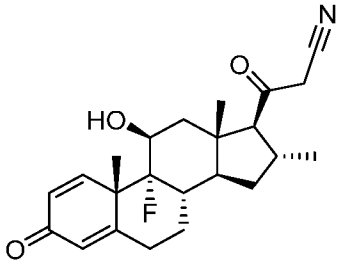
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Tobramycin + Prednisolone Acetate		61	ISTA Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Fluocinolone Acetonide		62	EyePoint Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Prednisolone + Amoxapine		63	Zalicus Inc.

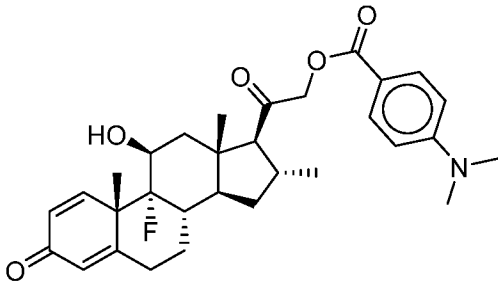
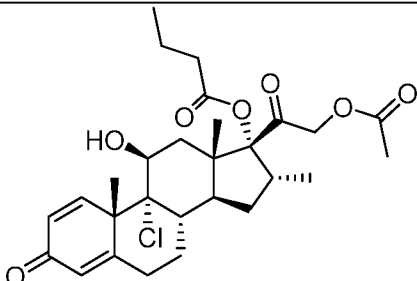
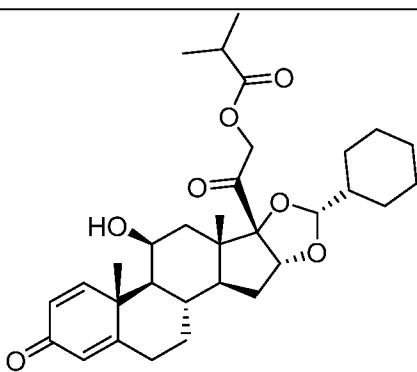
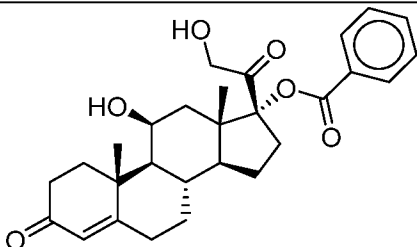
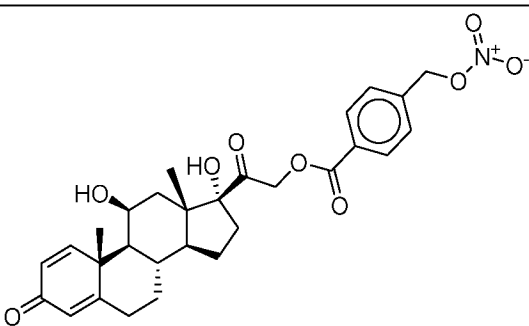
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Auranofin + Betamethasone Dipropionate		65	Viralytics Ltd.
Itrocinonide		67	Astra AB
Dexamethasone Cipeclate		69	SS Pharmaceutic al - ethical drug division
Butixicort Propionate		70	Pfizer Inc.
Difluprednate		72	Laboratorios Sophia

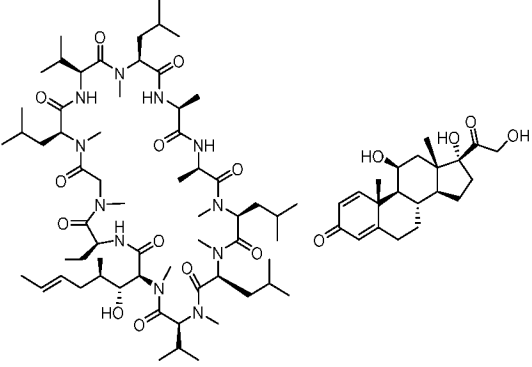
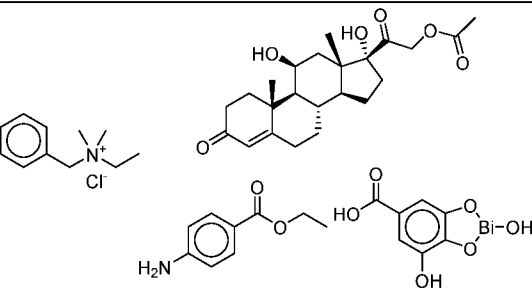
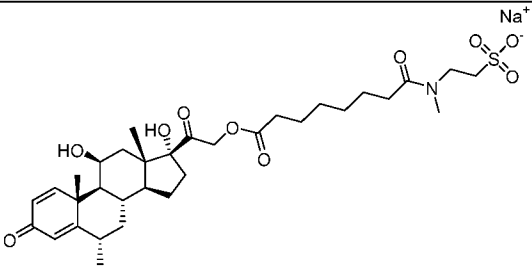
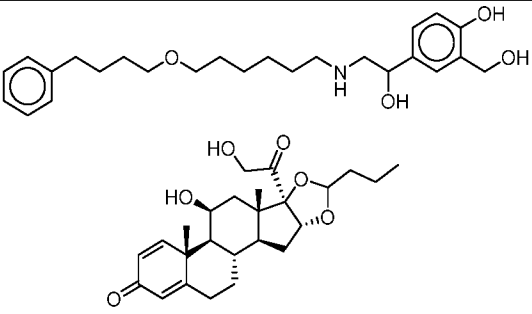
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Halobetasol Propionate		74	Ortho Dermatologics
Calcipotriol + Betamethasone		77	Apricus Biosciences Inc.
NO-Dexamethasone		80	NicOx SA

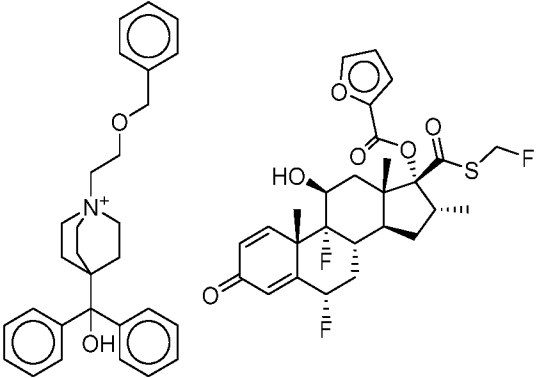
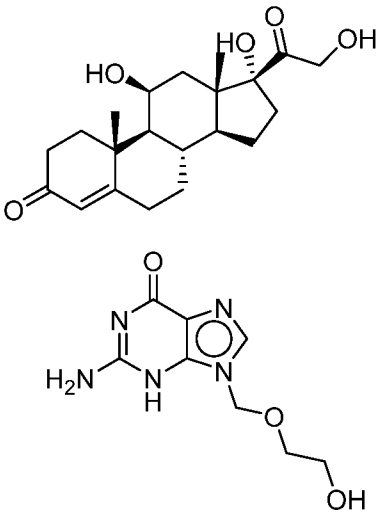
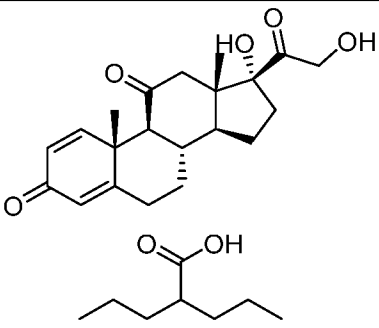
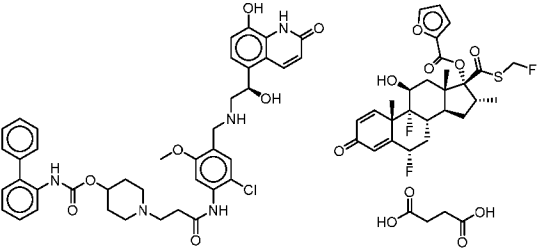
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TPI-1020		81	NicOx SA
Clobetasol Propionate		82	Galderma SA Connetics Australia Pty Ltd.
Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate		85	Kyorin Pharmaceutical Co Ltd.
Hydrocortisone		87	Diurnal Ltd. DuoCort Pharma AB Crossject
Methylprednisolone		94	2-BBB Medicines BV Generic Specialty Pharma Ltd.

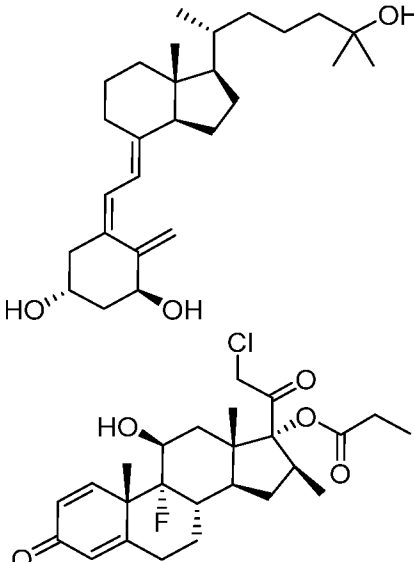
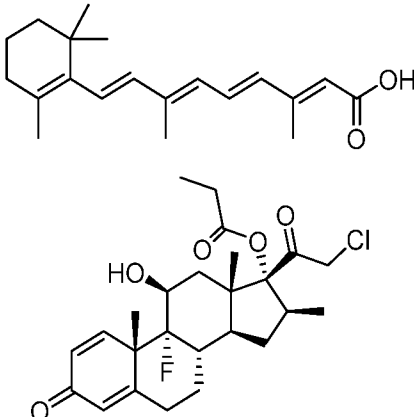
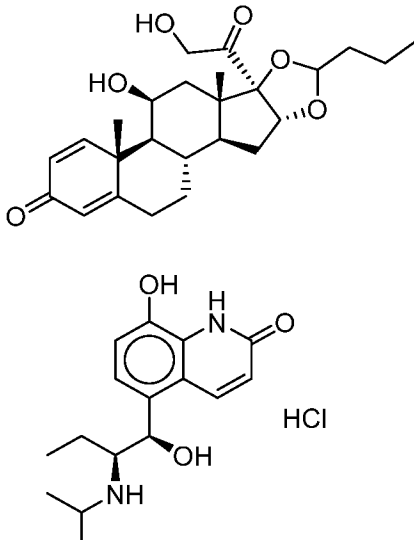
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AZD-5423		97	AstraZeneca PLC
Dexamethasone + Povidone Iodine		98	Foresight Biotherapeutics Inc.
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Fluticasone Furoate		107	GlaxoSmithKline PLC

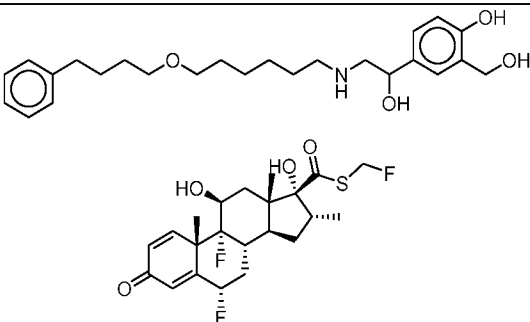
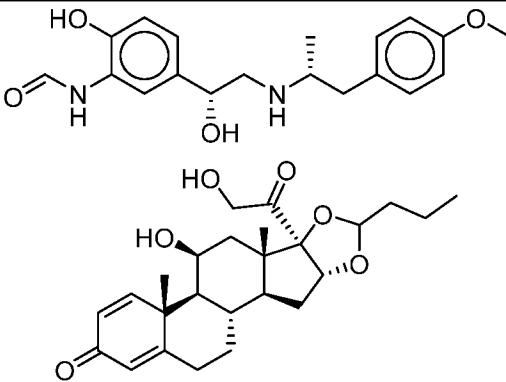
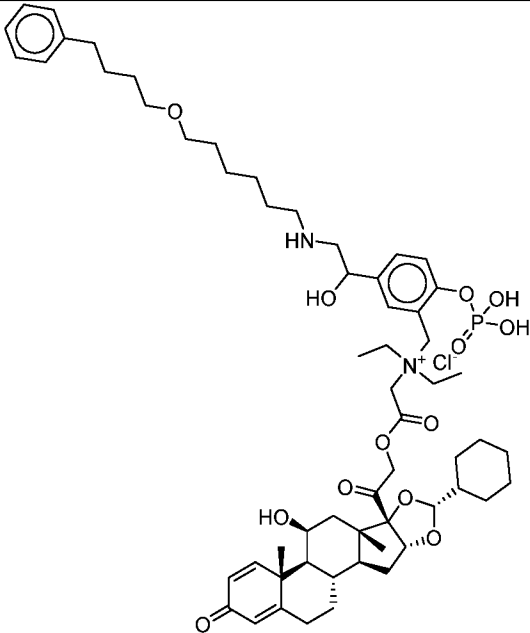
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Dexamethasone + Netilmicin		109	SIFI Societa Industria Farmaceutica Italiana SpA
Prednisone		113	Merck KGaA
Prednisolone + Paroxetine		118	Zalicus Inc.
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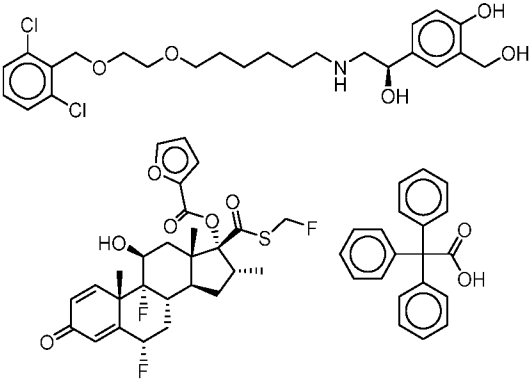
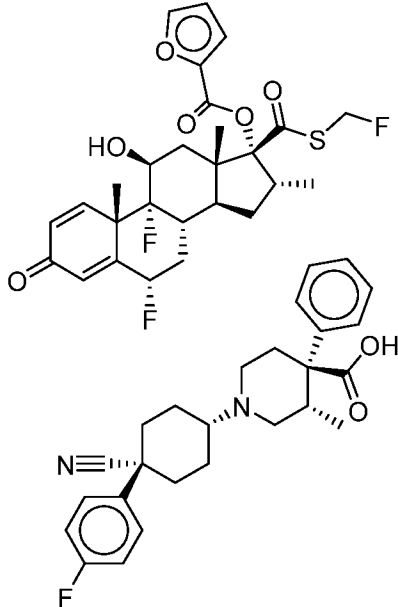
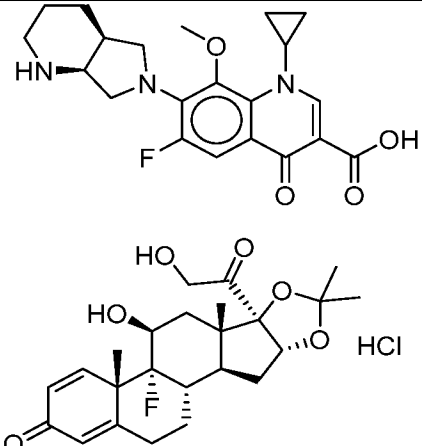
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SA-450		126	The Salk Institute for Biological Studies
Icomethasone Enbutate		130	Hovione SA
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Cortisol Analog		139	Allergan PLC
NCX-1015		141	NicOx SA

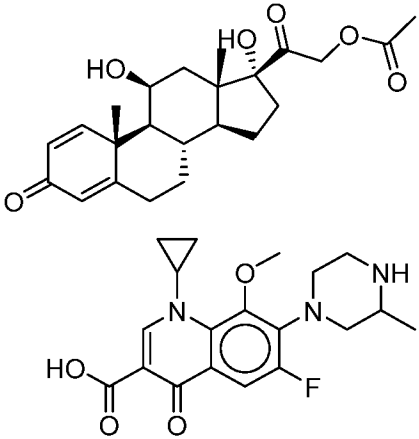
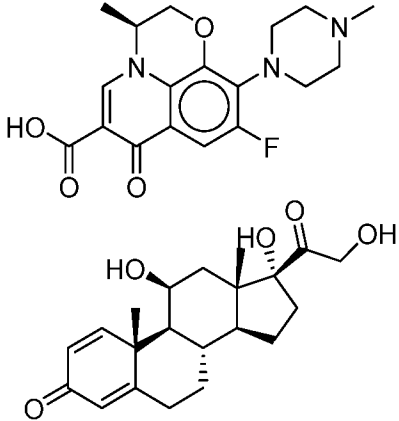
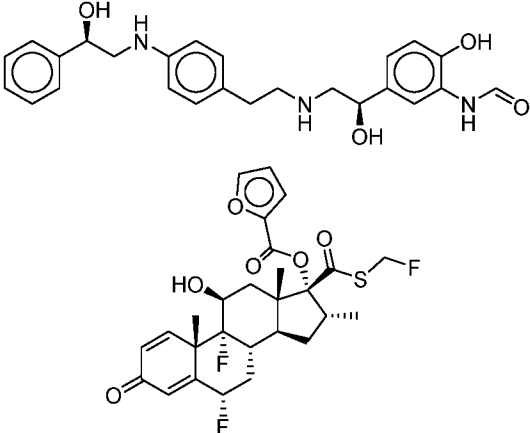
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Ciclosporin + Prednisolone		142	Zalicus Inc.
Hydrocortisone Acetate + Benzocaine + Bismuth Subgallate + Benzalkonium Chloride		143	Embil Pharmaceutical
Methylprednisolone Sulfate		144	Pharmacia Corp.
Budesonide + Salmeterol		145	Laboratoires SMB SA

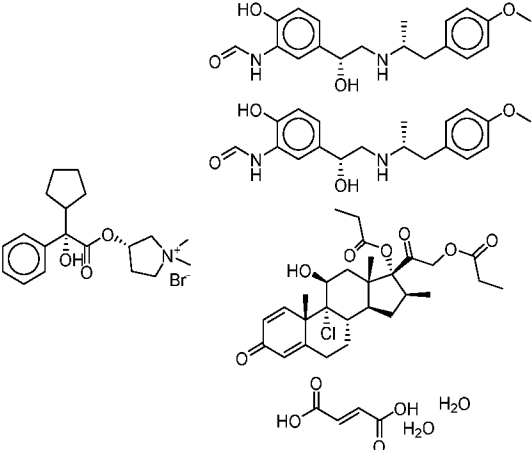
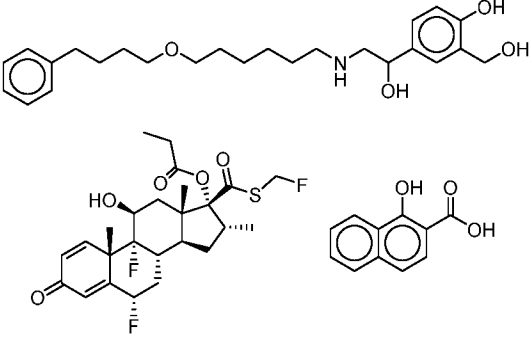
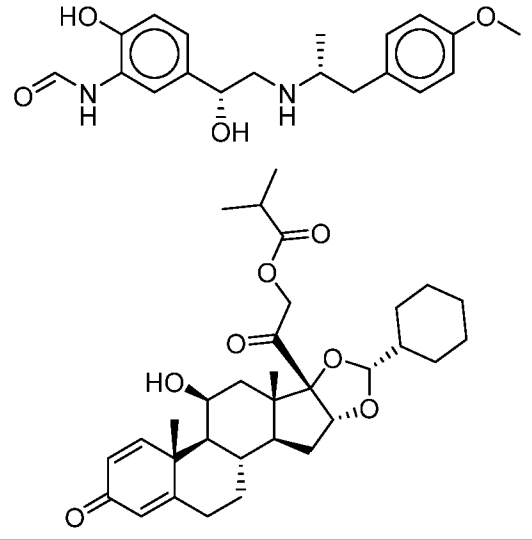
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Fluticasone Furoate + Umeclidinium	 The image shows the chemical structures of Fluticasone Furoate and Umeclidinium. Fluticasone Furoate is a corticosteroid with a furoate ester group. Umeclidinium is a quaternary ammonium anticholinergic drug with a diphenylmethanol moiety.	146	GlaxoSmithKline PLC
Aciclovir + Hydrocortisone	 The image shows the chemical structures of Aciclovir and Hydrocortisone. Aciclovir is a nucleoside analog with a guanine base and a 2-deoxyribose sugar. Hydrocortisone is a corticosteroid with two hydroxyl groups at the 11 and 20 positions.	151	Medivir AB
Valproic Acid + Prednisone	 The image shows the chemical structures of Valproic Acid and Prednisone. Valproic Acid is a branched carboxylic acid. Prednisone is a corticosteroid with a ketone group at the 3-position and a double bond at the 4-position.	154	Valcuria AB
Batefenterol Succinate + Fluticasone Furoate	 The image shows the chemical structures of Batefenterol Succinate and Fluticasone Furoate. Batefenterol Succinate is a sympathomimetic amine with a succinate salt. Fluticasone Furoate is a corticosteroid with a furoate ester group.	157	GlaxoSmithKline PLC

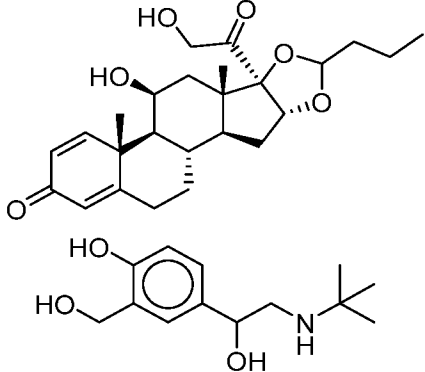
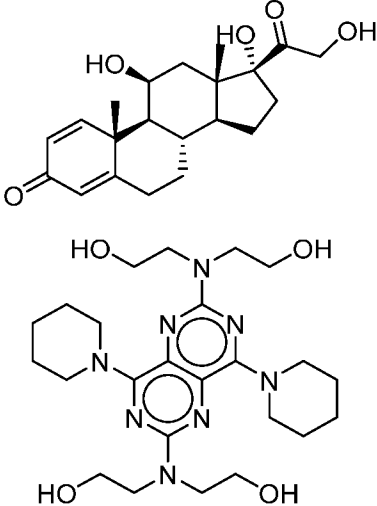
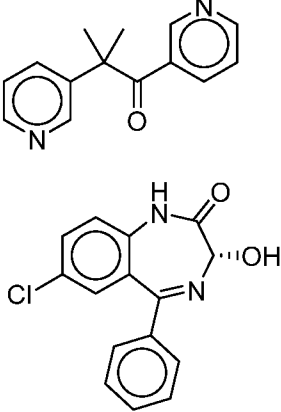
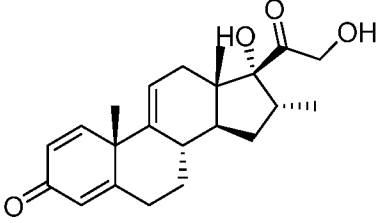
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Calcitriol + Clobetasol Propionate	 The image shows two chemical structures. The top structure is Calcitriol, a steroid with a side chain ending in a hydroxyl group. The bottom structure is Clobetasol Propionate, a corticosteroid with a fluorine atom at C-9 and a propionate ester at C-17.	159	Galderma SA
Clobetasol Propionate + Tretinoin	 The image shows two chemical structures. The top structure is Tretinoin, a retinoic acid derivative with a long unsaturated side chain. The bottom structure is Clobetasol Propionate, a corticosteroid with a fluorine atom at C-9 and a propionate ester at C-17.	160	Jiangsu Zeyuan Pharmaceutic al Co Ltd.
Budesonide + Procaterol Hydrochloride	 The image shows two chemical structures. The top structure is Budesonide, a corticosteroid with a fluorine atom at C-9 and a butyrate ester at C-17. The bottom structure is Procaterol Hydrochloride, a beta-2 agonist with a benzimidazole core and a side chain ending in a hydroxyl group.	161	Intech Biopharm Ltd.

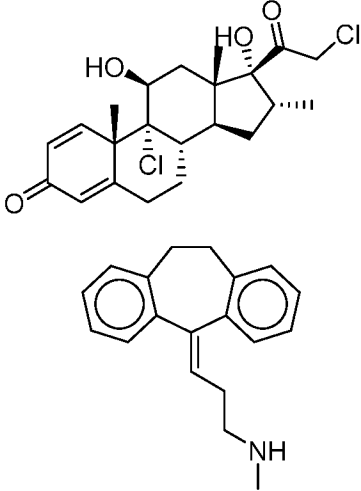
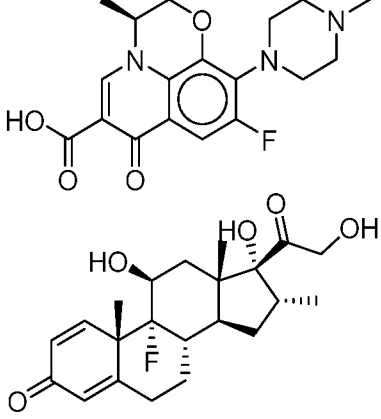
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Fluticasone + Salmeterol		162	Orion Corp.
Budesonide + Formoterol		163	Pearl Therapeutics Inc.
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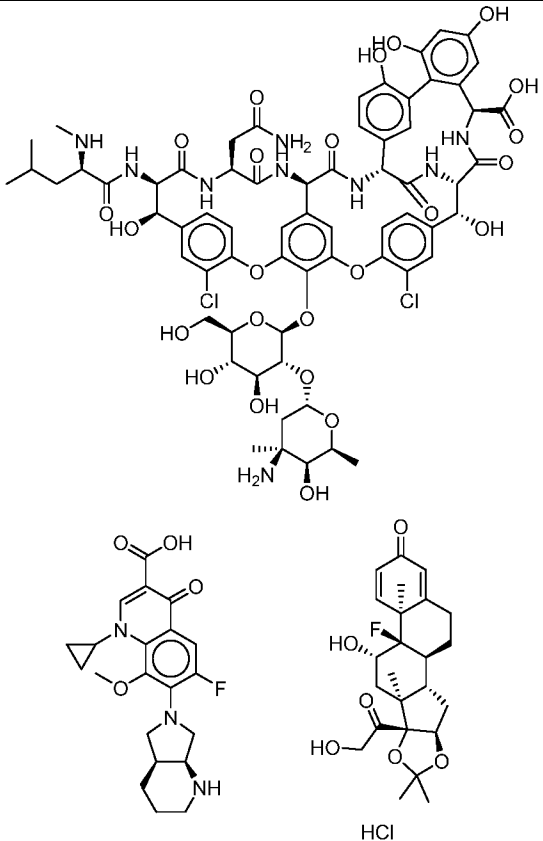
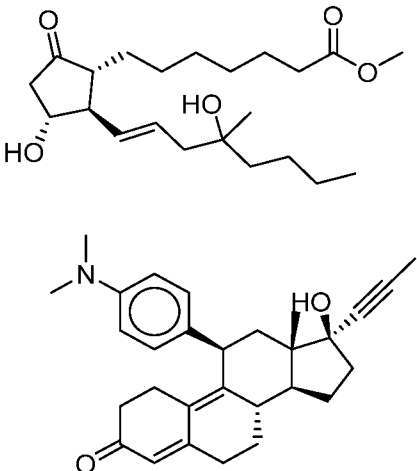
Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Fluticasone Furoate + Vilanterol Trifenatate	 The image shows three chemical structures: Fluticasone Furoate (a corticosteroid with a furoate ester), Vilanterol (a long-chain beta2-agonist with a 2,4-dichlorophenyl ether), and Trifenatate (a triphenylmethyl carboxylate salt).	165	GlaxoSmithKline PLC
Fluticasone Furoate + Levocabastine	 The image shows two chemical structures: Fluticasone Furoate (a corticosteroid with a furoate ester) and Levocabastine (an antihistamine with a complex side chain including a nitrile and a cyclohexyl group).	166	GlaxoSmithKline PLC
Moxifloxacin Hydrochloride + Triamcinolone Acetonide	 The image shows two chemical structures: Moxifloxacin Hydrochloride (a fluoroquinolone antibiotic with a complex side chain including a morpholine and a cyclopropyl group) and Triamcinolone Acetonide (a corticosteroid in its acetonide form).	167	Novel Drug Solutions

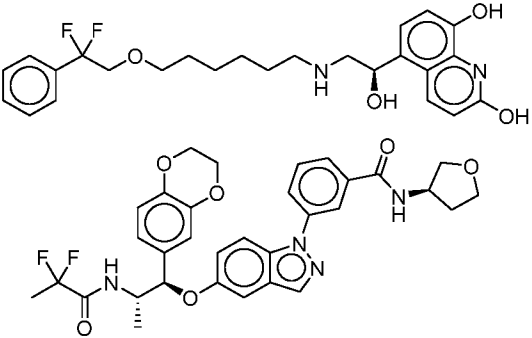
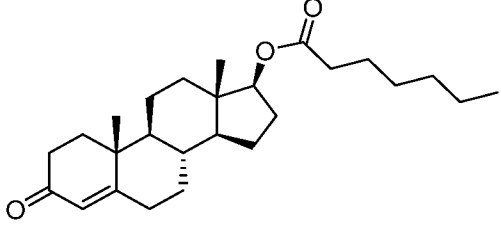
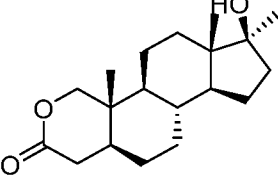
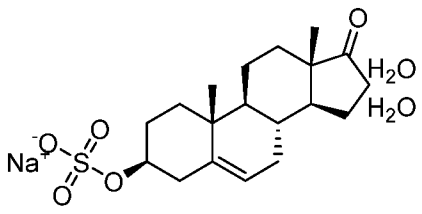
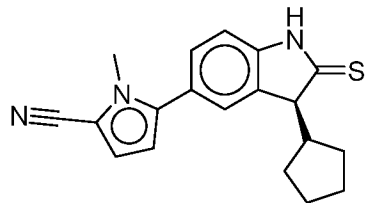
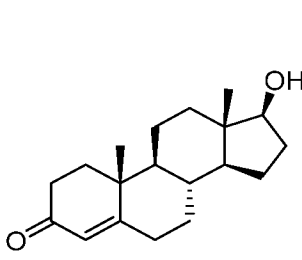
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Gatifloxacin + Prednisolone Acetate		168	Allergan Inc.
Levofloxacin + Prednisolone		169	Santen Pharmaceutical Co Ltd.
Fluticasone Furoate + Milveterol		170	GlaxoSmithKline PLC

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Beclomethasone Dipropionate + Formoterol Fumarate + CHF-5992		171	Chiesi Farmaceutici SpA
Salmeterol Xinafoate + Fluticasone Propionate		172	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
Ciclesonide + Formoterol		173	Takeda GmbH
			Beijing Huazhongsikang Medical Technology Co Ltd.

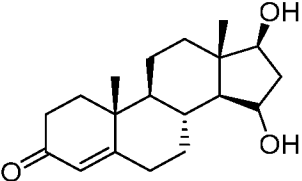
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Budesonide + Salbutamol		174	Pearl Therapeutics Inc.
Prednisolone + Dipyridamole		178	Zalicus Inc.
Metyrapone + Oxazepam		179	Embera NeuroTherapeutics Inc.
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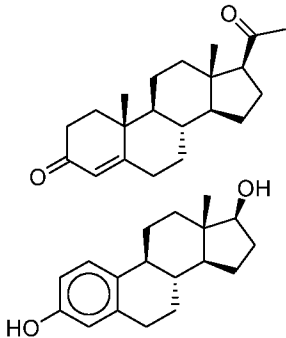
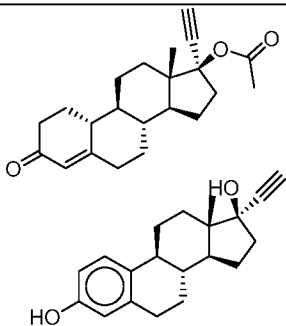
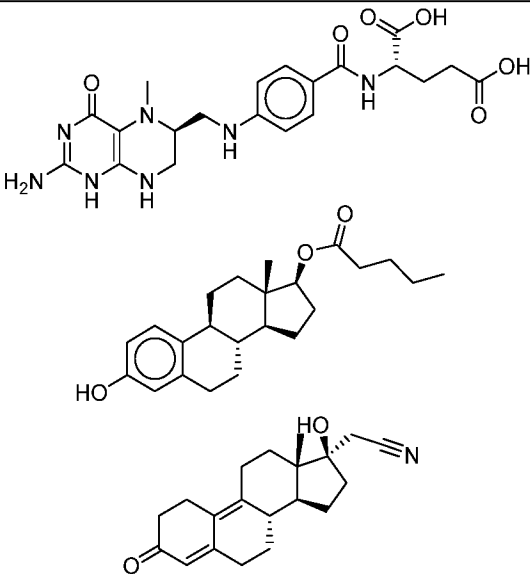
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Mometasone + Nortriptyline	 The image displays two chemical structures. The top structure is Mometasone, a corticosteroid with a complex polycyclic core, a ketone at C-3, a double bond at C-4, a chlorine at C-11, and a 2-chloroacetyl group at C-20. The bottom structure is Nortriptyline, a tricyclic antidepressant consisting of a 7,8-dihydro-5H-benz[5,6-b]indole system with a 2-(dimethylamino)ethyl side chain at the 1-position.	181	Zalicus Inc.
Levofloxacin + Dexamethasone	 The image displays two chemical structures. The top structure is Levofloxacin, a fluoroquinolone antibiotic, featuring a quinolone core with a carboxylic acid at C-2, a ketone at C-4, a fluorine at C-6, and a 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl group at C-7. The bottom structure is Dexamethasone, a corticosteroid with a polycyclic core, a ketone at C-3, a double bond at C-4, a fluorine at C-11, and a 2-hydroxyacetyl group at C-20.	182	PolyActiva Pty Ltd.

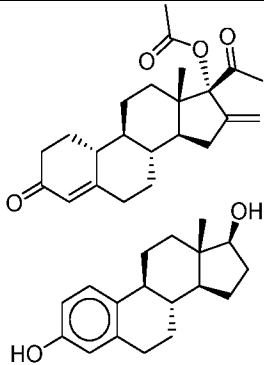
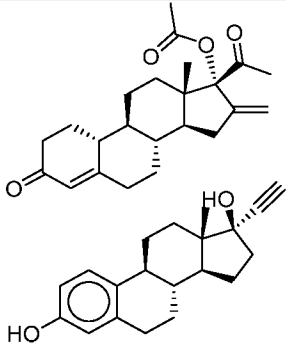
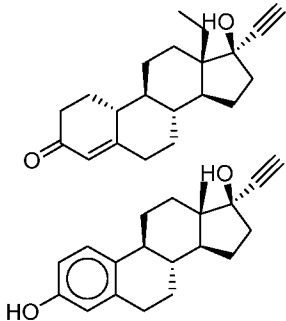
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Triamcinolone Acetonide + Moxifloxacin Hydrochloride + Vancomycin		183	Harrow Health Inc.
Mifepristone + Misoprostol		185	MS Health

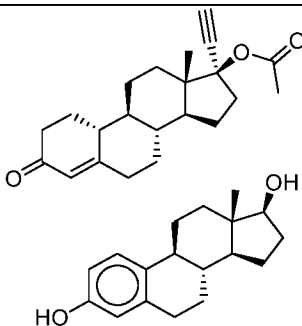
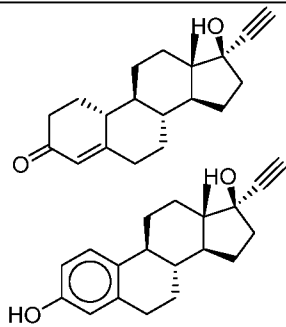
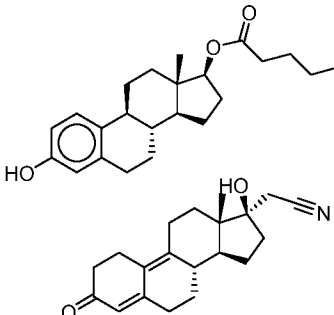
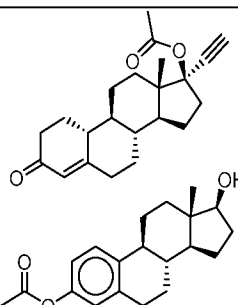
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Abediterol + AZD-7594		186	AstraZeneca PLC
Testosterone Enanthate		187	Antares Pharma Inc. World Health Organization
Oxandrolone		188	GD Searle & Co.
Sodium Prasterone Sulfate		189	Kanebo KK Beijing Kangmaidike Biotechnology Co Ltd.
Progesterone Receptor Agonist		191	Wyeth
Testosterone		194	Diurnal Ltd. Watson Laboratories Inc. Institut Biochimique SA ALZA Corp.

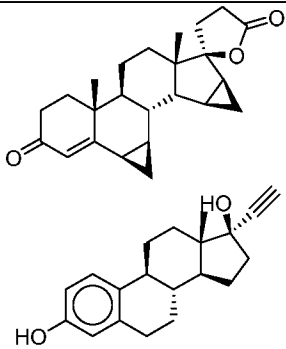
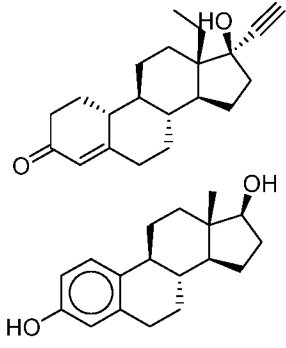
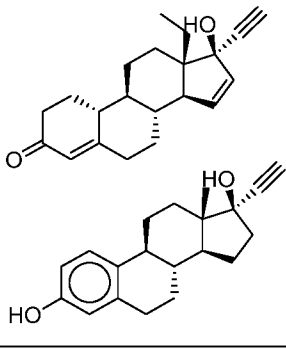
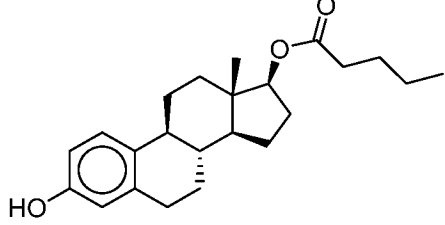
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			MEDIR
			GlaxoSmithKline PLC
			Lipocine Inc.
			Southern College of Optometry
			Auxilium Pharmaceuticals Inc.
			Monash University
			Antares Pharma Inc.
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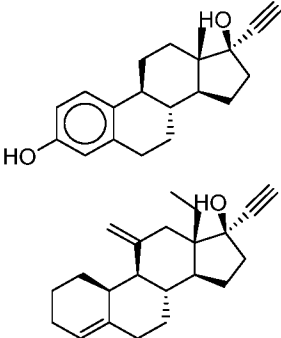
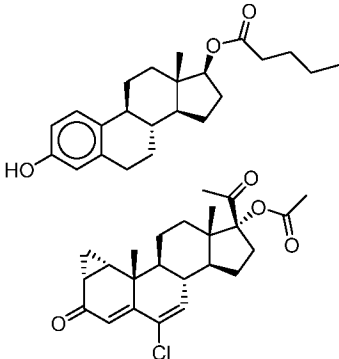
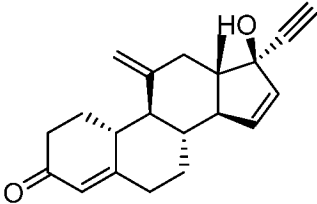
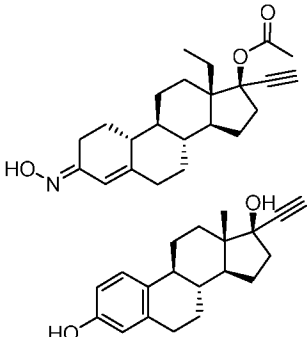
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			Aquestive Therapeutics Inc.
			TesoRx Pharma LLC
			Savient Pharmaceutic als Inc.
			M et P Pharma AG
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Testetrol		195	Pantarhei Bioscience BV

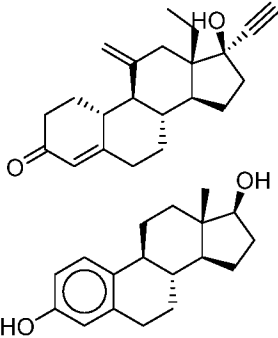
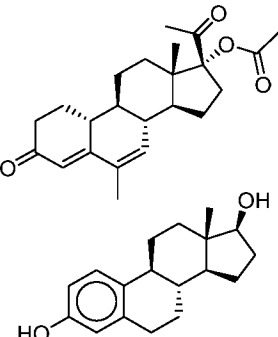
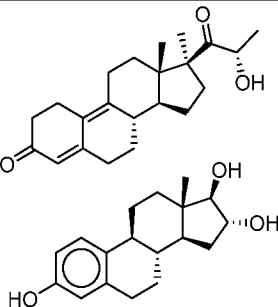
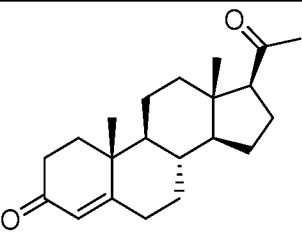
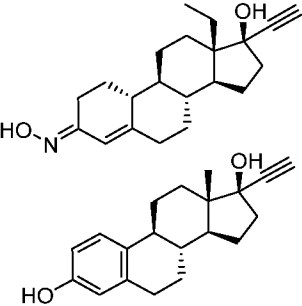
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Estradiol + Progesterone (estradiol + progestogen)		197	Therapeutics MD Inc.
			Cygnus Inc.
			Watson Laboratories Inc.
			Carnot Laboratories
			Antares Pharma Inc.
Norethindrone acetate + Ethinyl estradiol (Norethindrone + Ethinyl Estradiol)		199	Warner Chilcott PLC
			Pfizer Inc.
			Allergan PLC
Estradiol Valerate + Dienogest + Levomefolic Acid		200	Bayer HealthCare AG
		201	Acrux Ltd.

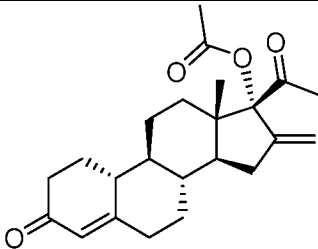
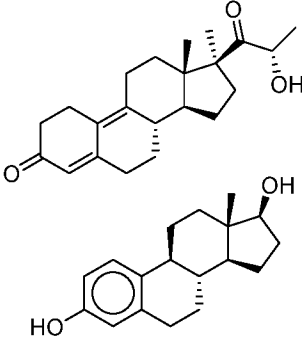
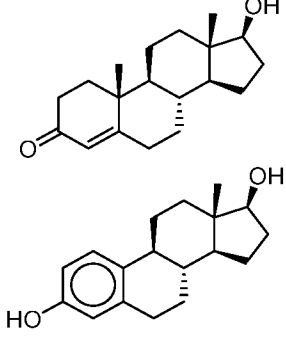
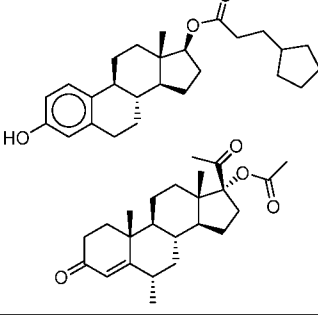
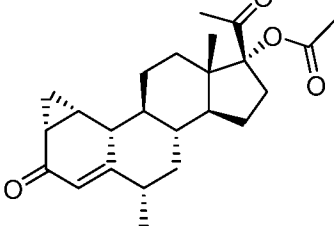
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Segesterone Acetate + Estradiol			Population Council
Segesterone Acetate + Ethinyl Estradiol		202	Acrux Ltd. Population Council
Levonorgestrel + Ethinylestradiol		204	Tesa Labtec GmbH Wyeth Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. Nobelpharma Co Ltd. Agile Therapeutics Inc. Duramed Pharmaceuticals Inc. Schering AG Jenapharm GmbH & Co KG Avion Pharmaceuticals LLC

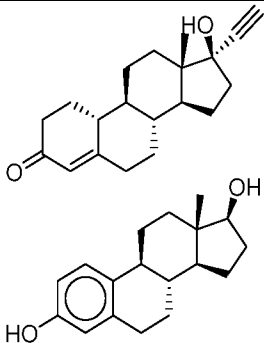
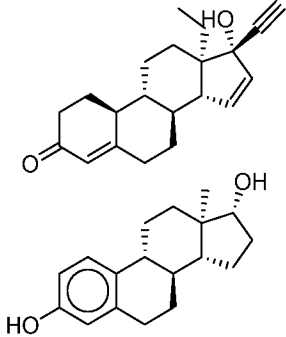
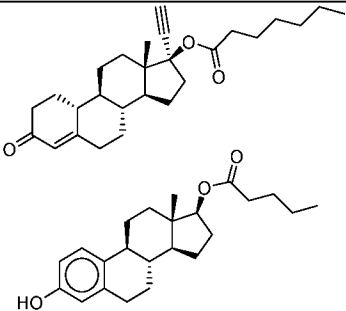
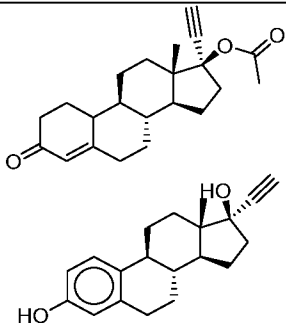
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			Pfizer Vaccines
			Bayer Schering Pharma AG
Estradiol + Norethisterone		207	Amarin Technologies SA
			Noven Pharmaceuticals Inc
			Novo Nordisk A/S
Norethisterone + Ethinylestradiol		208	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
			Nobelpharma Co Ltd.
			Johnson & Johnson
Dienogest + Estradiol Valerate		209	Schering AG
			Jenapharm GmbH & Co. KG
Estradiol Acetate + Norethisterone Acetate		212	Galen Ltd.

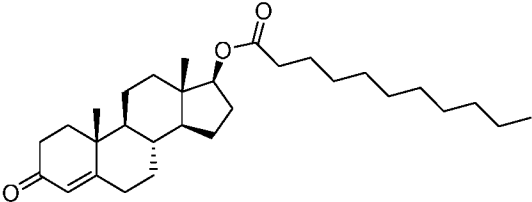
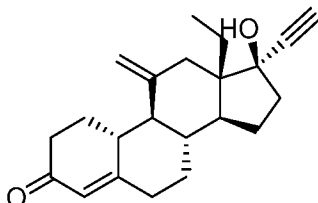
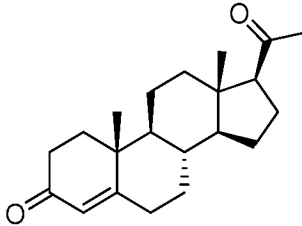
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Drospirenone + Ethinylestradiol		214	Schering AG
Estradiol + Levonorgestrel (Estrogen + Progestin)		215	Bayer Schering Pharma AG Merck KGaA Amarin Corp PLC
Ethinylestradiol + Gestodene		217	Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceutic als Inc. Bayer Schering Pharma AG Beijing Zizhu Pharmaceutic al Co Ltd.
Estradiol Valerate + Medroxyprogester one Acetate		220	Orion Corp.
		221	MSD OSS BV

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Desogestrel + Ethinylestradiol (Tri-Desogen)			Duramed Research Inc.
Cyproterone Acetate + Estradiol Valerate		223	Bayer Schering Pharma AG
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Norgestimate + Ethinylestradiol		225	Ortho Pharmaceutic al Corp.

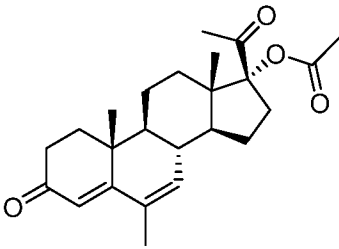
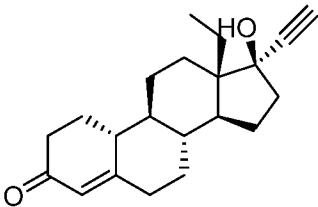
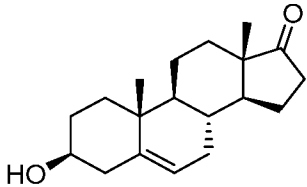
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Etonogestrel + 17-Beta-Estradiol		229	Merck & Co Inc.
Nomegestrol Acetate + Estradiol		234	Theramex
			Merck & Co Inc.
Trimegestone + Estratriol		243	Evestra Inc.
Estrogen and Progesterone		244	Cardinal Health Inc.
Norelgestromin + Estradiol (Norelgestromin + Ethinylestradiol)		246	Antares Pharma Inc.
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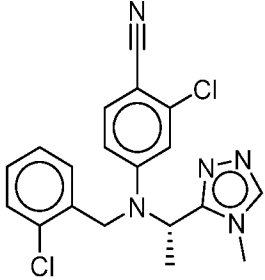
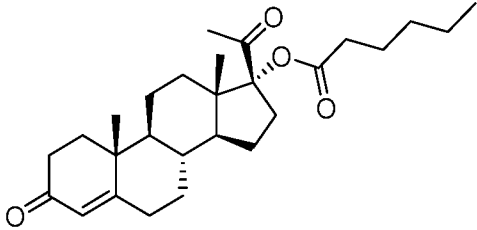
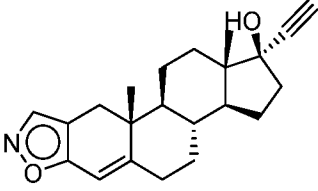
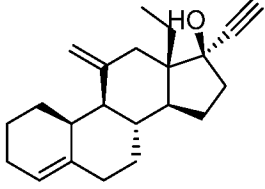
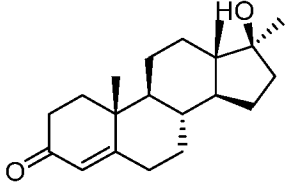
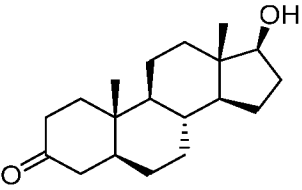
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Segesterone Acetate		247	Population Council
			Zhejiang Xianju Pharmaceutical Corp Ltd.
Trimegestone + Estradiol		248	ProSkelia Pharmaceuticals SAS
Testosterone + Estradiol		249	Antares Pharma Inc.
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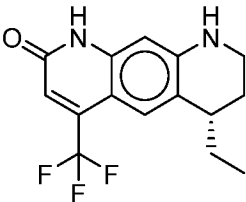
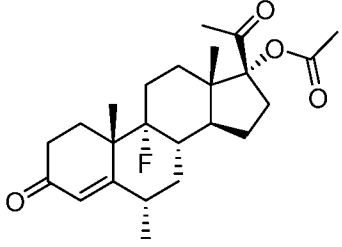
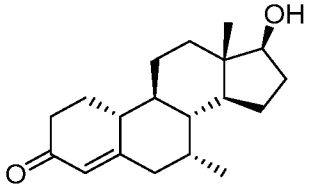
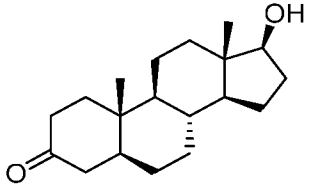
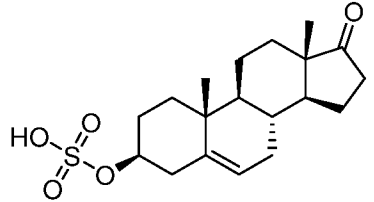
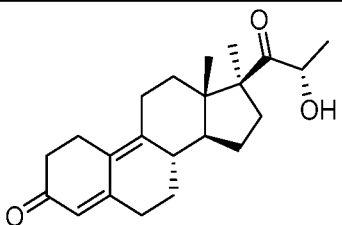
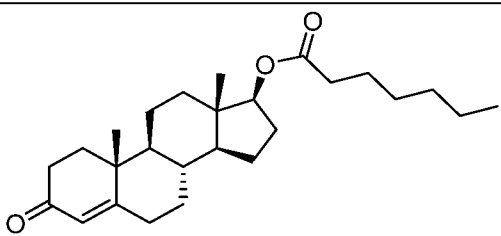
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			Amarin Technologies SA
Estradiol + Gestodene		261	Bayer Schering Pharma AG
Norethindrone Enantate + Estradiol Valerate		262	Bayer Schering Pharma AG
Norethindrone Acetate + Ethinylestradiol		264	Warner-Lambert Co.
Testosterone Undecanoate		270	Solubest Ltd.
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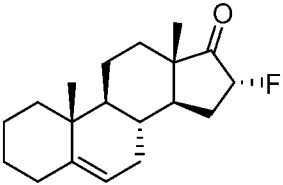
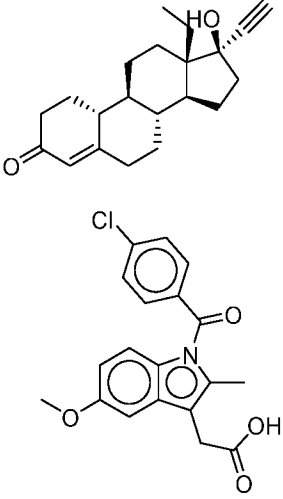
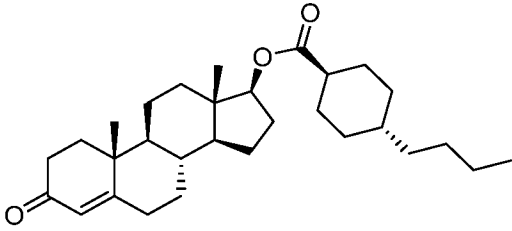
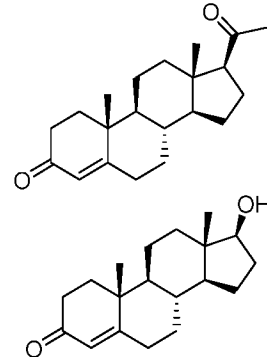
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			TesoRx Pharma LLC
Etonogestrel		272	Orbis Biosciences Inc.
			MSD OSS BV
			Allergan PLC
Progesterone		273	Liaoning Ludan Medicine Co. Ltd.
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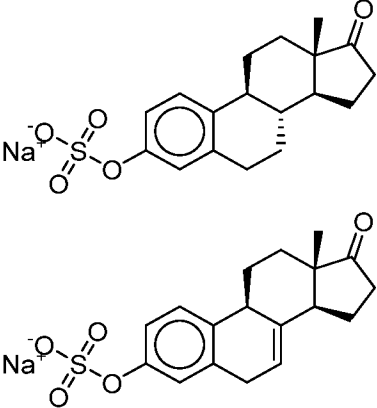
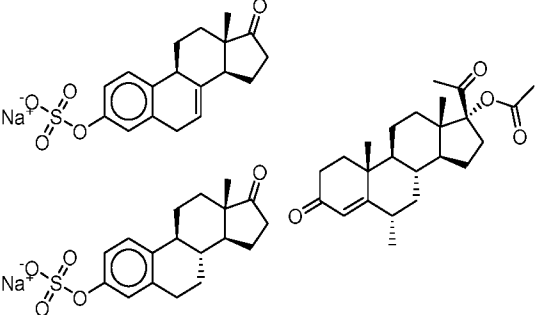
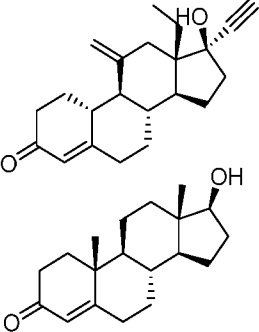
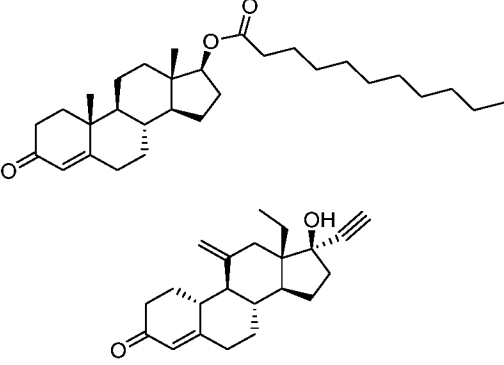
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			Bayer AG
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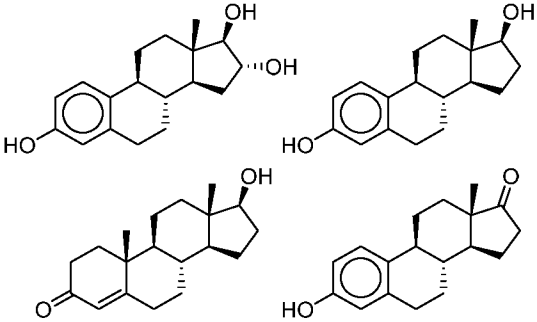
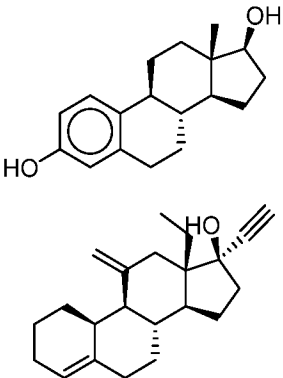
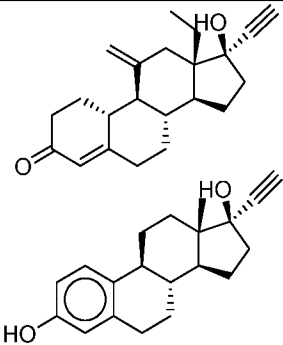
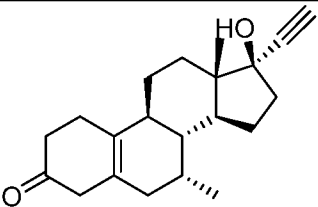
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			Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology Academy of Military Medical Sciences PLA
			University of Edinburgh
			Dimera Inc.
Megestrol Acetate		279	Daewon Pharm Co. Ltd.
			Par Pharmaceutical Co. Inc.
			Grupo Espanol de Tumores Huerfanos e Infrecuentes
Levonorgestrel (Levonorgesterol)		283	Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.
			HRA Pharma
			Agile Therapeutics Inc.
			Schering AG
Prasterone		284	Bayer AG
			Inflabloc Pharmaceuticals Inc.
			Jenapharm GmbH & Co KG
			Endorecherche Inc.

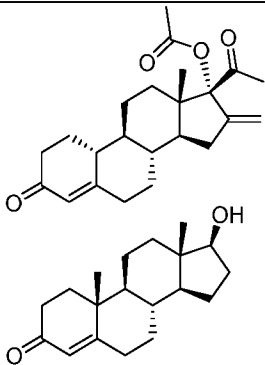
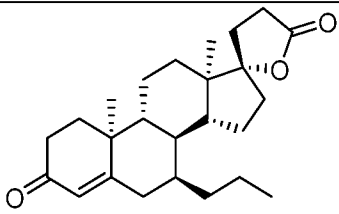
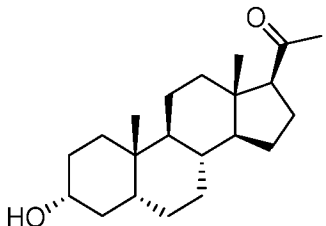
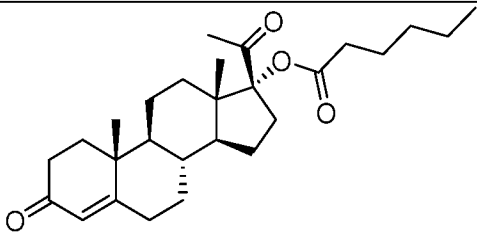
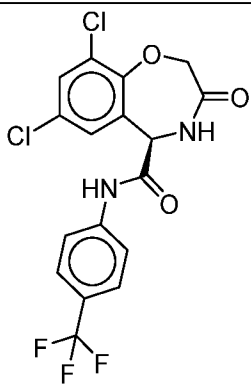
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			Stanford University
			Pharmedic
Progesterone Receptor Agonists		298	GlaxoSmithKline PLC
Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate		303	Adeza Biomedical Corp.
			Lipocine Inc.
Danazol		310	FemmePharma Inc.
Desogestrel		314	MSD OSS BV
Methyltestosterone		316	Noven Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Dihydrotestosterone (DHT; Androgen Therapy; CPE-215)		318	Dartmouth College
			Laboratoires Besins International

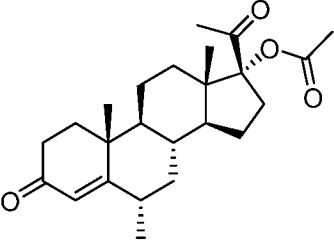
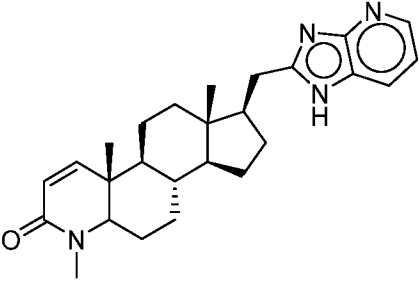
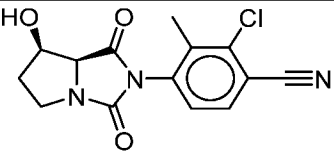
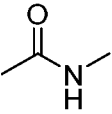
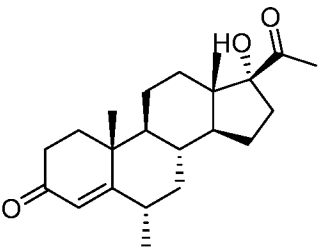
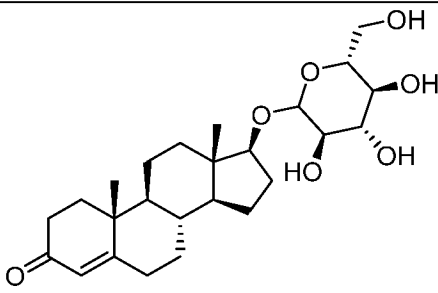
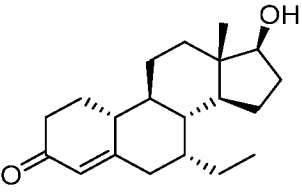
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LG-121071		322	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.
FMPA		326	Meiji Co. Ltd.
MENT		327	Population Council
		328	Laboratoires Besins International
PB-005		332	Inflabloc Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Trimegestone		336	Aventis Pharma AG
		337	World Health Organization

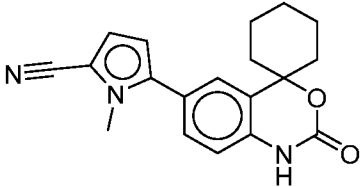
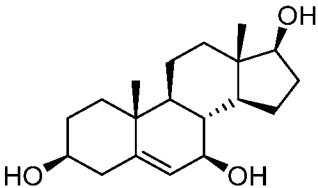
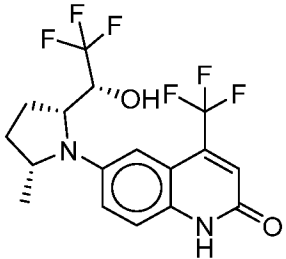
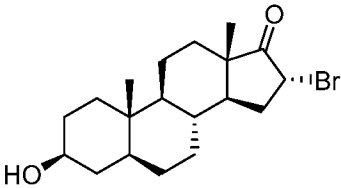
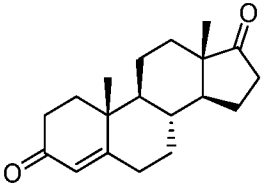
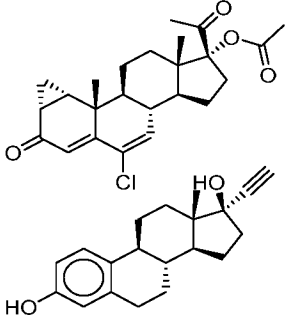
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Fluasterone		339	Aeson Therapeutics Inc.
Levonorgestrel + Indometacin		341	Bayer AG
Testosterone Bucyclate		344	National Institutes of Health
Testosterone + Progesterone		353	Southern College of Optometry

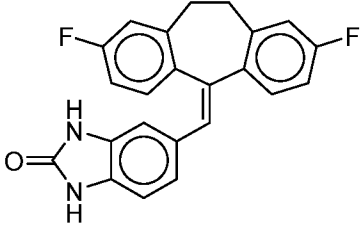
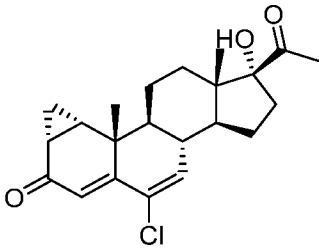
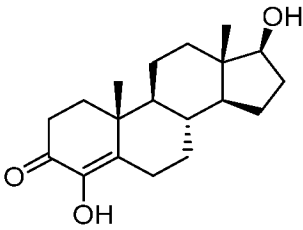
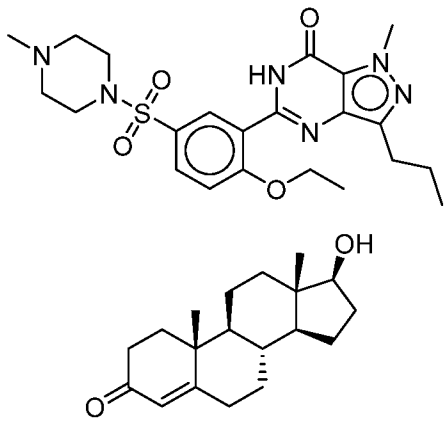
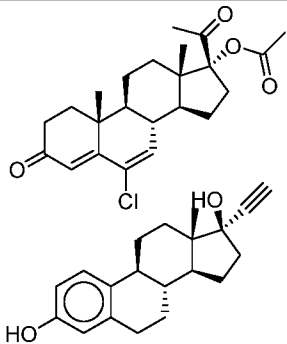
Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Estrone Sodium Sulfate + Sodium Equilin Sulfate		355	Wyeth
Sodium Estrone Sulfate + Sodium Equilin Sulfate + Medroxyprogesterone Acetate		357	Wyeth
Etonogestrel + Testosterone		358	MSD OSS BV
Etonogestrel + Testosterone Undecanoate		359	MSD OSS BV

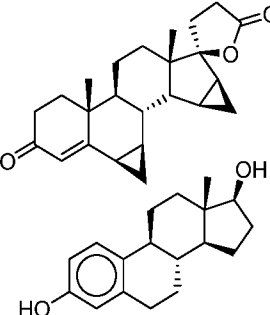
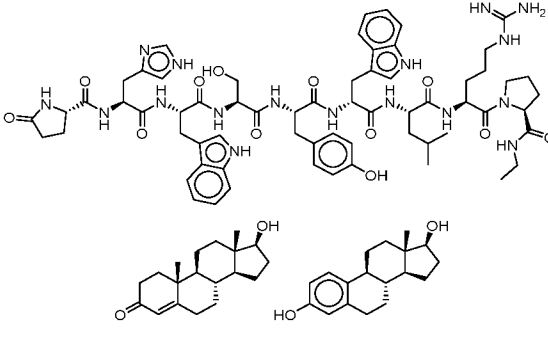
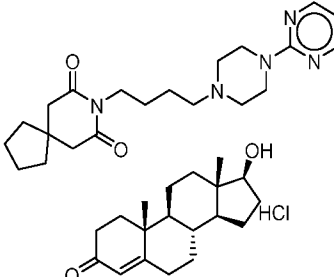
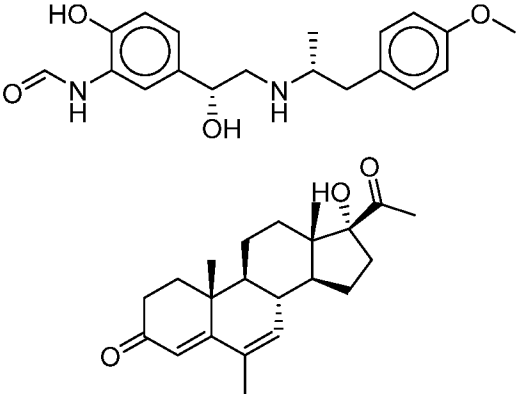
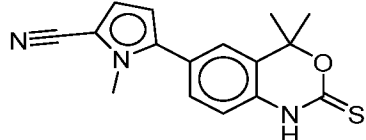
Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Estrogen + Testosterone		360	Adamis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
Desogestrel + Estradiol		364	MSD OSS BV
Etonogestrel + Ethinylestradiol		365	MSD OSS BV
Tibolone		367	MSD OSS BV

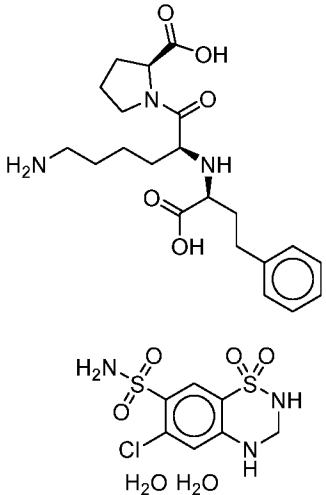
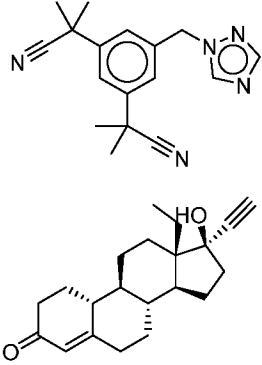
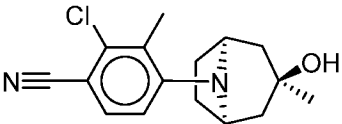
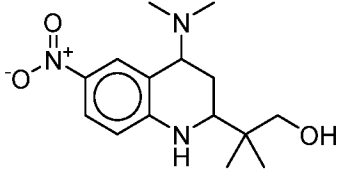
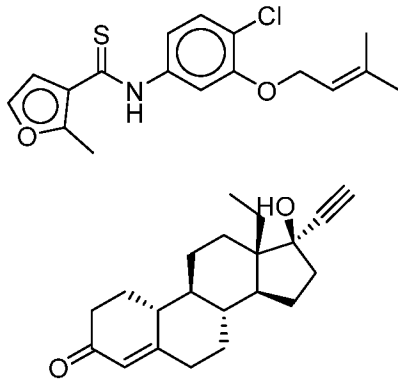
Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Segesterone Acetate + Testosterone		368	Population Council
RU-26752		371	Aventis Pharma AG
Eltanolone		379	Pharmacia & Upjohn AB
Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate		388	Lipocine Inc.
Selective Androgen Receptor Agonists		401	GlaxoSmithKline PLC

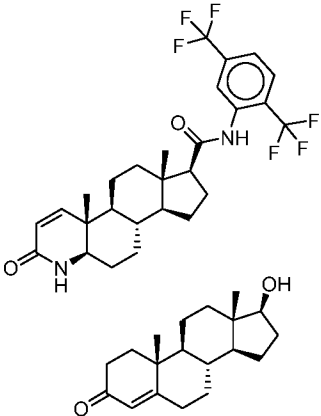
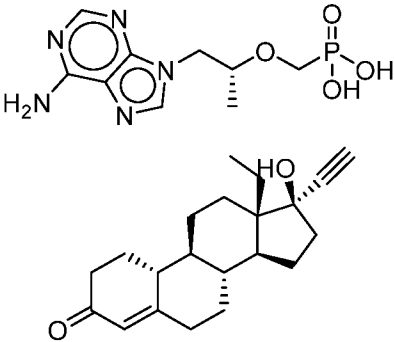
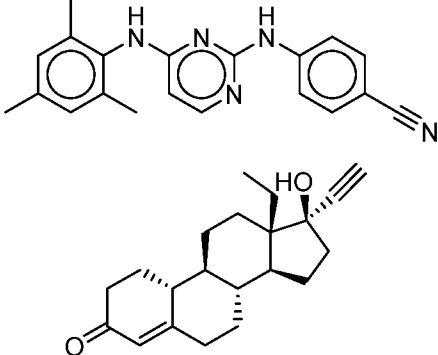
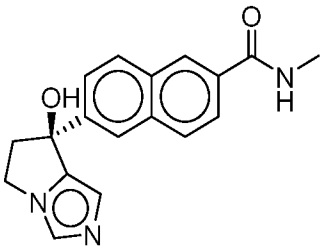
Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Medroxyprogesterone Acetate		403	Pfizer Inc.
Androgen Receptor Modulators		404	Merck & Co. Inc.
BMS-564929		405	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.
Androgen Receptor Agonists		408	GTx Inc.
Medroxyprogesterone		410	Upjohn Co. Ltd.
Testosterone Glucoside		412	Kyowa Kirin
Nortestosterone Derivatives		413	MSD OSS BV

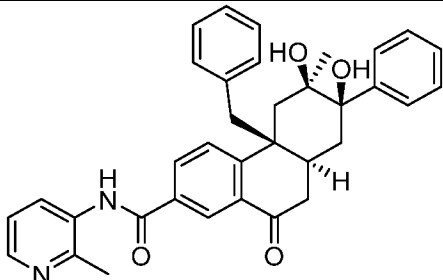
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Progesterone Agonists		414	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.
HE-2200		415	Virginia Commonwealth University
LGD-2941		417	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.
HE-2000		419	Colthurst Ltd.
Androstenedione		429	M et P Pharma AG
Cyproterane Acetate + Ethinylestradiol		434	Schering AG
			Bayer Schering Pharma AG

Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Non-Steroidal Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists		436	Eli Lilly & Co.
Cyproterone		437	Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc.
CR-1447		443	Curadis GmbH
Testosterone + Sildenafil		444	Emotional Brain BV
Ethinylestradiol + Chlormadinone Acetate		445	Grunenthal GmbH

Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Estradiol Valerate + Drospirenone		446	Schering AG
Deslorelin + Estradiol + Testosterone		449	Balance Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Testosterone + Buspirone Hydrochloride		451	Emotional Brain BV
Megestrol + Formoterol		452	Acacia Pharma Ltd.
Tanaproget		453	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Lisinopril + Hydrochlorothiazide		454	Merck & Co. Inc.
Anastrozole + Levonorgestrel		455	Bayer AG
SARMs		456	ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Androgen Modulators		457	Kaken Pharmaceutical Co Ltd.
UC-781 + Levonorgestrel		458	Auritec Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
Dutasteride + Testosterone	 The image shows two chemical structures. The top structure is Dutasteride, a dihydrosteroid with a 14-oxo-13-ene A-ring, a 14-oxo-13-ene D-ring, and a 14-oxo-13-ene E-ring. The bottom structure is Testosterone, a steroid with a 4-oxo-5-ene A-ring, a 14-oxo-13-ene D-ring, and a 14-oxo-13-ene E-ring.	461	GlaxoSmithKline PLC
Tenofovir + Levonorgestrel	 The image shows two chemical structures. The top structure is Tenofovir, a nucleoside analog with a 2-amino-6-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl group and a 3-(phosphonomethoxy)propyl group. The bottom structure is Levonorgestrel, a progestin steroid with a 4-oxo-5-ene A-ring, a 14-oxo-13-ene D-ring, and a 14-oxo-13-ene E-ring.	462	Contraceptive Research and Development Organization
Dapivirine + Levonorgestrel	 The image shows two chemical structures. The top structure is Dapivirine, a nucleoside analog with a 2-amino-6-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl group and a 3-(4-cyanophenyl)propyl group. The bottom structure is Levonorgestrel, a progestin steroid with a 4-oxo-5-ene A-ring, a 14-oxo-13-ene D-ring, and a 14-oxo-13-ene E-ring.	463	National Institutes of Health
Orteronel	 The image shows the chemical structure of Orteronel, a dihydrosteroid with a 14-oxo-13-ene A-ring, a 14-oxo-13-ene D-ring, and a 14-oxo-13-ene E-ring.	464	Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.

Drug Name	Structure	Structure #	Associated Company
PF-4308515		96	Pfizer Inc.

[00154] Further exemplary glucocorticoids, and companies with which the glucocorticoids are associated, are described in **Table 3**, below.

Table 3: Additional Exemplary Glucocorticoids

Structure No	Drug Name	Originator Company	Active Companies
5	selective glucocorticoid receptor agonists	Karo Pharma AB	
8	mitochondrial agonists of glucocorticoid receptors	Gencia Corp	
9	glucocorticoid stimulators	Santhera Pharmaceuticals AG	
10	WC-3027	Bayer Schering Pharma AG	
11	QAE-397	Novartis AG	
13	MK-52	MIKA Pharma GmbH	MIKA Pharma GmbH
16	MAGR	Gencia Corp	
19	DE-110	Santen Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	Santen Pharmaceutical Co Ltd
22	Atherocort	Enceladus Pharmaceuticals	
23	LEO-134310	LEO Pharma A/S	LEO Pharma A/S
27	XGP-125	Xaragen Pharma Ltd	
28	MK-51	MIKA Pharma GmbH	MIKA Pharma GmbH
29	glucocorticoid agonist + NK-1 antagonist	Universite De Montreal	
31	calcitonin + glucocorticoid	Queen Mary University of London	
32	glucocorticoid/rIL-2	National Cancer Institute	

Structure No	Drug Name	Originator Company	Active Companies
33	SUN-461	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd	
35	clobetasol propionate patch	AFYX Therapeutics	AFYX Therapeutics
46	SUN-0597	Sun Pharmaceutical Advanced Research Co Ltd	
49	SUN-0597	Sun Pharmaceutical Advanced Research Co Ltd	
51	870086	GlaxoSmithKline plc	
66	T-25 series	Matrix Therapeutics Ltd	
75	DSXS-1538b	Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd	Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd
78	nitric oxide-donors	NicOx SA	
79	NCX-1024	NicOx SA	
88	SUN-0597	Sun Pharmaceutical Advanced Research Co Ltd	
90	ZK-209614	Santen Pharmaceutical Co Ltd	
108	784568	GlaxoSmithKline plc	
120	betamethasone elaidic ester	Aqualis ASA	
123	SEP-119249	Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc	
125	GW-215864	Glaxo Group Ltd	
129	SS-1257A	SS Pharmaceutical - ethical drug division	
131	CSK-802	Kao Corp	
135	dexamethasone conjugate	~Unidentified	Horizon Pharma plc
138	CINGAL	Anika Therapeutics Inc	Anika Therapeutics Inc; Pendopharm
147	IBI-10090 + antibiotic	Icon Bioscience Inc	
153	glucocorticoids + PPARgamma-agonists	VIB	VIB
158	799943	GlaxoSmithKline plc	
176	maclizumab-dexamethasone conjugate	Cytoguide ApS	Affinicon
177	budesonide + azelastine	CyDex Pharmaceuticals Inc	Sedor Pharmaceuticals LLC

Structure No	Drug Name	Originator Company	Active Companies
184	suprachoroidal triamcinolone acetonide + intravitreal aflibercept	Clearside Biomedical Inc	Clearside Biomedical Inc
192	Org-201745	MSD OSS BV	
193	GTx-026	GTx Inc	GTx Inc
196	arcarine	Orion Corp	
216	CI-1001	Pfizer Inc	
226	estrogen + progesterone	Juniper Pharmaceuticals Inc	Dare Bioscience Inc
233	Org-42669	MSD OSS BV	
235	estrogen + segesterone acetate	Population Council	
236	NSP-808	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc	
239	estrogen + progestin	Warner Chilcott plc	
253	Estratest	Solvay SA	Solvay SA
275	selective androgen receptor agonists	Pfizer Inc	
280	17beta-carbonates of nandrolone	Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development	
281	testosterone	Auxilium Pharmaceuticals Inc	
282	testosterone prodrug	Lipocine Inc	Lipocine Inc
292	androgen receptor agonists	Orion Corp	
295	MK-8342	Schering-Plough Corp	
297	Testagen TDS	TransDermal Technologies Inc	Transdermal Delivery Solutions Corp
305	membrane androgen receptor ligands	University of Crete	
312	progestogen	Noven Pharmaceuticals Inc	
315	progestogen agonists	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc	
317	BAY-39-9624	Bayer AG	
340	progesterone	Institut Biochimique SA	IBSA Pharmaceuticals Italy; Institut Biochimique SA
346	androgen	Allergan plc	
362	estrogen + progestogen	Hercon	
363	IP-1112	Shire Pharmaceutical Development Ltd	

Structure No	Drug Name	Originator Company	Active Companies
370	MR steroid	Advanced Ocular Systems Ltd	
376	reformulated progesterone	Renascence Pharmaceuticals	
394	Org-47241	MSD OSS BV	
395	Org-42152	MSD OSS BV	
396	CAM-2035	Camurus AB	
397	Org-39970	MSD OSS BV	
402	DIK-60	Topimed Ltd	
420	GW-275919	Glaxo Group Ltd	
425	testosterone prodrug	Lipocine Inc	Lipocine Inc
428	levonorgestrel	ContraMed Llc	ContraMed Llc
432	VAR-100	Variant Pharmaceuticals Inc	
433	HYG-440	Yale University	
435	progesterone	Recalcine Pharmaceutical Corp	
438	HYG-102440	Hygeia Therapeutics Inc	
439	dehydroepiandrosterone + triiodothyroacetic acid	Trophea AB	Trophea AB
440	estrogen + progesterone + testosterone	ANI Pharmaceuticals Inc	
441	androgen + estrogen + progestogen	ANI Pharmaceuticals Inc	
442	androgen restored contraceptive	Pantarhei Bioscience BV	Pantarhei Bioscience BV
459	levonorgestrel + tenofovir	CerMed International Inc	
460	levonorgestrel + unspecified antiretroviral agent	Population Council	Population Council
465	TRX-518	Tolerx Inc	Leap Therapeutics Inc

[00155] Dexamethasone and related derivatives, analogues, prodrugs, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts such as those described herein are broad-spectrum acting drugs having antiinflammatory and immunosuppressant properties. Such compounds are also used to treat autoimmune disorders, as well as other disorders described herein such as transplant rejection and graft-versus-host disease. Dexamethasone (sold, e.g., under the trade name Ozurdex®) is indicated for the prevention of organ transplant rejection and treatment of autoimmune diseases,

disorders, or conditions. Disclosed lipid prodrugs are therefore useful in treating the foregoing and other diseases, disorders, or conditions, such as those disclosed herein.

[00156] In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug disclosed herein, modulates the immune system of a patient after administration. Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed glucocorticoids effect immunosuppression by altering the expression of pro-inflammatory genes in a variety of immune cells (e.g., leukocytes). Glucocorticoids suppress the expression of inflammatory cytokines and chemokines, as well as limiting vasodilation and vascular permeability, decreasing immune cell migration and tissue infiltration. Coutinho, A.E. & Chapman, K.E. "The anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive effects of glucocorticoids, recent developments and mechanistic insights," *Mol. Cell. Endocrinol.* Mar. 335(1): 2-13).

[00157] Dexamethasone and related derivatives, analogues, prodrugs, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts such as those described herein are broad-spectrum acting drugs having antiinflammatory and immunosuppressant. Such compounds are also useful to treat autoimmune disorders, as well as other disorders described herein such as transplant rejection and graft-versus-host disease. Dexamethasone (sold, e.g., under the trade name Ozurdex®) and prodrugs thereof are indicated for the treatment of infections of, for example, the respiratory, biliary, and urinary tract, by various bacterial species (e.g. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, and *Escherichia coli*). Disclosed lipid prodrugs are therefore useful in treating the foregoing and other diseases, disorders, or conditions, such as those disclosed herein.

[00158] In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug disclosed herein, modulates the immune system of a patient after administration. Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that dexamethasone exerts anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive effects by suppressing the expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines.

[00159] In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug disclosed herein, is taken up selectively into the lymphatic system of a patient after oral administration. In some embodiments, once in the lymphatic system, the lipid prodrug interacts with immune cells in the lymphatic system. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug is delivered selectively to B or T lymphocytes. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug modulates the activity of B or T lymphocytes. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug is

delivered selectively to T or NK lymphocytes. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug modulates the activity of T or NK lymphocytes. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug modulates the activity of one or more of B cells, dendritic cells, granulocytes, innate lymphoid cells (ILCs), megakaryocytes, monocytes/macrophages, myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSC), natural killer (NK) cells, platelets, red blood cells (RBCs), T cells, or thymocytes. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., glucocorticoid lipid prodrug disclosed herein, exhibits increased delivery at a given dose or more selective delivery at a given dose to B or T lymphocytes as compared with a corresponding dose of a non-lipid prodrug form of dexamethasone, or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug disclosed herein, exhibits increased delivery at a given dose or more selective delivery at a given dose to T or NK lymphocytes as compared with a corresponding dose of a non-lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid, or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof. In some embodiments, a given dose of a disclosed lipid prodrug more effectively modulates the activity of one or more of B cells, dendritic cells, granulocytes, innate lymphoid cells (ILCs), megakaryocytes, monocytes/macrophages, myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSC), natural killer (NK) cells, platelets, red blood cells (RBCs), T cells, or thymocytes, as compared with a corresponding dose of a non-lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid, or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof.

[00160] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating an autoimmune disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, the dexamethasone lipid prodrug is a compound depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, the autoimmune disease, disorder, or condition is selected from Behçet's disease, pemphigus vulgaris, refractory incomplete systemic lupus erythematosus, retroperitoneal fibrosis, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), scleroderma (systemic sclerosis or SSc), pemphigus vulgaris, granulomatosis with polyangiitis, immunoglobulin A nephropathy, small vessel vasculitis, retroperitoneal fibrosis, and psoriasis. In some embodiments, the autoimmune disease is systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and/or lupus nephritis (LN). In some embodiments, the autoimmune disease is celiac disease. In some embodiments, the autoimmune disease is

inflammatory bowel disease (IBD; e.g. Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis). In some embodiments, the autoimmune disease is a neurodegenerative disorder. In some embodiments, the neurodegenerative disorder is multiple sclerosis.

[00161] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating or preventing organ transplant rejection, graft-versus-host disease, or implant rejection, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug. In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating or preventing organ transplant rejection, graft-versus-host disease, or implant rejection, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug e.g., a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug. In some embodiments, the dexamethasone lipid prodrug is a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is a compound depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, the organ transplant is selected from a skin, liver, heart, kidney, pancreas, thymus, small intestine, large intestine, uterus, a vascularized composite allograft (VCA) such as face or hand, bone marrow, allogeneic blood and marrow transplant (BMT), cornea, and lung transplant. In some embodiments, the organ transplant rejection is acute or chronic transplant rejection.

[00162] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is selected from retroperitoneal fibrosis, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), scleroderma (systemic sclerosis or SSc), pemphigus vulgaris, granulomatosis with polyangiitis, refractory incomplete systemic lupus erythematosus, inflammatory disease, Abdominal cavity inflammation, Peritonitis, Mesenteritis, Perihepatitis, Salpingoperitonitis, Autoinflammatory disease, Cryopyrin associated periodic syndrome, CINCA syndrome, Familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome, Muckle Wells syndrome, Cardiovascular inflammation, Carditis, Endocarditis, Bacterial endocarditis, Infectious endocarditis, Non infectious endocarditis, Thromboendocarditis, Pericarditis, Chylopericarditis, Dressler syndrome, Pleuropericarditis, Vasculitis, Arteritis, Aortitis, Takayasu arteritis, Endarteritis, HIV associated arteritis, Kawasaki disease, Periarteritis, Polyarteritis nodosa, Temporal arteritis, Extracranial temporal arteritis, Intracranial temporal arteritis, Churg-Strauss

syndrome, Cutaneous vasculitis, Perivasculitis, Phlebitis, Lymphangiophlebitis, Thrombophlebitis, Mondor disease, Thromboangiitis, Thromboangiitis obliterans, Thrombophlebitis, Dermatitis, Acrodermatitis, Angiodermatitis, Drug eruption, Erythema multiforme, Serum sickness, Stevens Johnson syndrome, Toxic epidermal necrolysis, Intertrigo, Skin allergy, Atopic dermatitis, Contact dermatitis, Eczema, Fibrosis, Cicatrix, Tissue adhesions, Pulmonary fibrosis, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Renal fibrosis, Gastrointestinal inflammation, Anusitis, Biliary tract inflammation, Hepatochoangitis, Cholecystitis, Esophagitis, Eosinophilic esophagitis, Gastritis, Gastroduodenitis, Gastroenteritis, Hypertrophic gastritis, Hepatitis, Enterohepatitis, Hepatitis virus infection, Hepatitis A virus infection, Hepatitis B virus infection, Hepatitis C virus infection, Hepatitis D virus infection, Hepatitis E virus infection, Hepatitis F virus infection, Hepatitis G virus infection, Hepatochoangitis, Non-viral hepatitis, Alcoholic hepatitis, Autoimmune hepatitis, Perihepatitis, Steatohepatitis, Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis, Inflammatory bowel disease, Colitis, Diverticulitis, Meckel's diverticulitis, Enterocolitis, Acute enterocolitis, Necrotizing enterocolitis, Ileocectis, Pseudomembranous colitis, Sigmoiditis, Rectosigmoiditis, Ulcerative colitis, Crohns disease, Enteritis, Enterocolitis, Acute enterocolitis, Necrotizing enterocolitis, Enterohepatitis, Hemorrhagic enteritis, Ileitis, Ileocectis, Pouchitis, Jejunitis, Mucositis, Pancreatitis, Balser necrosis, Necrotizing acute pancreatitis, Peritonitis, Mesenteritis, Perihepatitis, Salpingoperitonitis, Proctitis, Rectosigmoiditis, Ulcerative proctitis, Genitourinary tract inflammation, Genital tract inflammation, Female genital tract inflammation, Endometriosis, Parametritis, Pelvic inflammatory disease, Salpingitis, Vaginitis, Atrophic vaginitis, Bartholinitis, Vulvovaginitis, Vulvitis, Vulvovaginitis, Male genital tract inflammation, Balanitis, Epididymitis, Epididymo-orchitis, Orchitis, Epididymo-orchitis, Periorchitis, Prostatitis, Urinary tract inflammation, Nephritis, Alport syndrome, Glomerulonephritis, Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, IgA nephropathy, Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, Membranous glomerulonephritis, Wegener granulomatosis, Lupus nephritis, Pyelitis, Pyelocystitis, Pyelonephritis, Granulomatosis, Allergic granulomatosis, Sarcoidosis, Mastitis, Mouth inflammation, Gingivitis, Pericoronitis, Pharyngitis, Rhinopharyngitis, Sialadenitis, Musculoskeletal system inflammation, Arthritis, Behcets disease, Chondrocalcinosis, Gout, Infectious arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Periarthritis, Psoriatic arthritis, Reiter syndrome, Rheumatoid arthritis, Adult onset Stills disease, Felty syndrome, Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, Bursitis, Dactylitis, Myositis, Dermatomyositis, Inclusion body myositis, Hereditary inclusion body

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colitis, Vitiligo, Non segmental vitiligo, Segmental vitiligo, graft-versus-host disease, Transplant rejection, Bone marrow transplant rejection, Cell transplant rejection, Corneal transplant rejection, Heart transplant rejection, Kidney transplant rejection, Liver transplant rejection, Lung transplant rejection, organ transplant rejection, intestine transplantation, large intestine transplantation, small intestine transplantation, pancreas transplant rejection, islet cell transplant rejection, skin transplant rejection, tissue transplant rejection, immune deficiency, Agammaglobulinemia, Brutons disease, combined immunodeficiency, HIV, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS related complex, Nezelof syndrome, severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome, adenosine deaminase deficiency, common variable immunodeficiency, DiGeorge syndrome, dysgammaglobulinemia, Immunoglobulin A deficiency, Immunoglobulin G deficiency, phagocyte bactericidal disorder, Chediak Higashi syndrome, chronic granulomatous disease, Job syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, immunoadsorption, lymphatic system disease, adenoid disease, adenoid hypertrophy, adenoid tumor, adenoiditis, lymphadenopathy, Kawasaki disease, lymphadenitis, lymphangiophlebitis, lymphangitis, lymphatic system tumor, Castleman's disease, lymphangioma, cystic hygroma, lymphangiomyoma, interstitial cystitis, a neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder, juvenile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis, autoimmune bullous dermatose, nephrotic syndrome (e.g. including idiopathic nephrotic syndrome or minimal change nephropathy), idiopathic membranous nephropathy, congenital urological abnormality, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculopathy, immune thrombocytopenia, microscopic polyangiitis, MPO-ANCA vasculitis, Takayasu arteritis, hyperkalemia, Bronchiolitis Obliterans, polycystic liver disease, polyomavirus infection, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), familial lipoprotein lipase deficiency, Hurler Syndrome, Fanconi Anemia, Glanzmann Thrombasthenia, severe congenital neutropenia, leukocyte adhesion deficiency, Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome, Diamond-Blackfan Anemia, Dyskeratosis-congenita, Chediak-Higashi Syndrome, histiocytosis, DOCK8 deficiency, uremia (e.g., uremia due to renal transplantation), Epidermolysis Bullosa, Amegakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia, Kostmann Syndrome, Lysosomal Storage Disease, Peroxisomal Disorder, mastocytosis, and Henoch-Schoenlein Purpura Nephritis.

[00163] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient a disclosed lipid prodrug such as a compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is selected from end stage renal disease

(ESRD), allogeneic peripheral haematopoietic stem cell transplant, neuroepithelial tumor, multiple myeloma, agnogenic myeloid metaplasia, leukemia, malignant lymphoma, Smith-Magenis Syndrome, a congenital haemoglobinopathy, a sickle cell disorder, a thalassemic disorder such as beta-thalassemia, type 1 diabetes, severe systemic sclerosis, a myelodysplastic syndrome or neoplasm, antibody-mediated rejection, accelerated phase chronic myelogenous leukemia, adult acute lymphoblastic leukemia, adult acute myeloid leukemia with 11q23 (MLL) abnormalities, adult acute myeloid leukemia with Del(5q), adult nasal type extranodal NK/T-Cell lymphoma, anaplastic large cell lymphoma, angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma, blastic phase chronic myelogenous leukemia, childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Burkitt lymphoma, chronic myelogenous leukemia, diffuse large cell lymphoma, immunoblastic large cell lymphoma, nasal type extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, chronic phase chronic myelogenous leukemia, cutaneous B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma, essential thrombocythemia (ET), extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue, hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma, intraocular lymphoma, juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia, nodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma, noncutaneous extranodal lymphoma, peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma (PTCL), polycythemia vera (PV), post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder, primary myelofibrosis, recurrent adult diffuse large cell lymphoma, recurrent adult diffuse mixed cell lymphoma, recurrent adult diffuse small cleaved cell lymphoma, recurrent adult grade III lymphomatoid granulomatosis, Hodgkin's lymphoma, recurrent adult immunoblastic large cell lymphoma, recurrent adult lymphoblastic lymphoma, recurrent adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma, recurrent childhood or adult acute myeloid leukemia, recurrent childhood anaplastic large cell lymphoma, recurrent childhood grade III lymphomatoid granulomatosis, recurrent childhood large cell lymphoma, recurrent childhood lymphoblastic lymphoma, recurrent childhood small noncleaved cell lymphoma, recurrent cutaneous T-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma, recurrent grade 1 follicular lymphoma, recurrent grade 2 follicular lymphoma, recurrent grade 3 follicular lymphoma, mantle cell lymphoma, marginal Zone Lymphoma, mycosis fungoides/Sezary Syndrome, small lymphocytic lymphoma, non-small cell lung cancer, recurrent/refractory childhood Hodgkin lymphoma, refractory anemia with excess blasts, refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia, hairy cell leukemia, refractory multiple myeloma, relapsing chronic myelogenous leukemia, secondary acute myeloid leukemia, small intestine lymphoma, splenic marginal zone lymphoma, T-cell large granular lymphocyte leukemia, testicular lymphoma,

Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia (WM), acute myeloid leukaemia (in remission), aplastic anemia (AA), chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, indolent Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, acute myeloid leukemia (AML), Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a myeloproliferative neoplasm, plasma cell myeloma, refractory anemia, refractory anemia with excess blasts, refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts, refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia, refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia and ring sideroblasts, uveitis, renal interstitial fibrosis, interstitial lung disease, chronic kidney disease, cytomegalovirus infection, antibody-mediated rejection, hepatocellular carcinoma, pancreatic cancer, sarcoma, Ewing's tumor, and hypodiploidy.

[00164] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is an autoimmune disorder, an inflammatory disorder, a cancer, transplant rejection, or a microbial infection.

[00165] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is celiac disease, refractory celiac disease, enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma, cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, a lymphoproliferative disorder of granular lymphocytes, T-cell leukemia, B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia, hairy cell leukemia, acute myelogenous leukemia, solid cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, Epstein-Barr viral infection, eosinophilia, transplant rejection, rheumatoid arthritis, sarcoidosis, multiple sclerosis, or a bacterial infection.

[00166] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is a cancer. In some embodiments, the cancer is a cancer of the blood or cells of the immune system. In some embodiments, the cancer is a lymphoma or leukemia. In some embodiments, the cancer is selected from enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma, cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, a lymphoproliferative

disorder of granular lymphocytes, T-cell leukemia, B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia, hairy cell leukemia, acute myelogenous leukemia, and a solid cancer, such as a cancer comprising a solid tumor. In some embodiments, the cancer is enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma. In some embodiments, the cancer is cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. In some embodiments, the cancer is a lymphoproliferative disorder of granular lymphocytes. In some embodiments, the cancer is T-cell leukemia. In some embodiments, the cancer is B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia. In some embodiments, the cancer is hairy cell leukemia. In some embodiments, the cancer is acute myelogenous leukemia. In some embodiments, the cancer is a solid cancer.

[00167] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is refractory Celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), Epstein-Barr viral infection, or eosinophilia.

[00168] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is a fatty liver disease. In some embodiments, the fatty liver disease is fatty liver, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), or non-alcoholic steatosis. In some embodiments, the fatty liver disease is fatty liver. In some embodiments, the fatty liver disease is non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). In some embodiments, the fatty liver disease is non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). In some embodiments, the fatty liver disease is non-alcoholic steatosis.

[00169] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is transplant rejection, rheumatoid arthritis, sarcoidosis, or multiple sclerosis.

[00170] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient a disclosed lipid prodrug such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt

thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is selected from Epstein-Barr virus, eosinophilia, and sarcoidosis. In some embodiments, the disease, disorder, or condition is Epstein-Barr virus. In some embodiments, the disease, disorder, or condition is eosinophilia. In some embodiments, the disease, disorder, or condition is sarcoidosis.

[00171] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is a microbial infection. In some embodiments, the microbial infection is one for which glucocorticoids are known to be effective. In some embodiments, the microbial infection is genital infection, urinary tract infection, respiratory tract infection (e.g., pneumonia), endocarditis, joint infection, biliary tract infection, or blood infection (e.g., sepsis). In some embodiments, the microbial infection is an infection of the gastrointestinal tract or lymphatic system.

[00172] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is a bacterial infection. In some embodiments, the bacterial infection is one for which glucocorticoids are known to be effective. In some embodiments, the bacterial infection is cellulitis, genital infection, urinary tract infection, respiratory tract infection (e.g., pneumonia), endocarditis, joint infection, biliary tract infection, blood infection (e.g., sepsis), or group B streptococcal disease around the time of child delivery or before surgery. In some embodiments, the bacterial infection is an infection of the gastrointestinal tract or lymphatic system.

[00173] In some embodiments, the bacterial infection is a bacteria of genus *Staphylococcus*, *Streptococcus*, *Escherichia*, *Proteus*, *Klebsiella*, *Enterobacter*, or *Haemophilus*. In some embodiments, the bacterial infection is methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA), *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter aerogenes*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, or *Proteus mirabilis*.

[00174] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of preventing a post-surgery bacterial infection in a patient undergoing surgery, comprising administering peri-

operatively to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, such as a compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to thereby prevent the post-surgery bacterial infection.

[00175] In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug is administered in combination with one or more additional immunomodulatory (e.g., immunosuppressive) agents or other co-administered agents such as tacrolimus, everolimus, sirolimus, cefazolin, cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, methotrexate, mycophenolic acid, mycophenolate mofetil, or the like. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug, e.g., a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug disclosed herein, is administered in combination with one or more additional immunomodulatory (e.g., immunosuppressive) agents or other co-administered agents such as tacrolimus, everolimus, sirolimus, cefazolin, cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, methotrexate, mycophenolic acid, mycophenolate mofetil, or the like. In some embodiments, the one or more immunomodulatory (e.g., immunosuppressive) agents or other co-administered agents such as tacrolimus, everolimus, sirolimus, cefazolin, cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, methotrexate, mycophenolic acid, mycophenolate mofetil, or the like are administered as a lipid prodrug form. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug form is prepared according to a method described herein. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug is administered in combination with a calcineurin inhibitor (such as ciclosporin or tacrolimus) and/or prednisolone. In some embodiments, the calcineurin inhibitor (such as ciclosporin or tacrolimus) and/or prednisolone are administered as a lipid prodrug form. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug form is prepared according to a method described herein. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug is administered in combination with an antibacterial, antifungal, or antiviral agent, such as ribavirin. In some embodiments, the antibacterial, antifungal, or antiviral agent, such as ribavirin, are administered as a lipid prodrug form. In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug form is prepared according to a method described herein.

2. Definitions

[00176] While the terms used herein are believed to be well understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, definitions are set forth herein to facilitate explanation of the presently-disclosed subject matter.

[00177] As used herein, the term “about,” when referring to a numerical value or range of a parameter such as mass, weight, volume, time, concentration, biological activity, clogP, or

percentage, is meant to encompass variations of, e.g., $\pm 20\%$, in some embodiments $\pm 10\%$, in some embodiments $\pm 5\%$, in some embodiments $\pm 1\%$, in some embodiments $\pm 0.5\%$, and in some embodiments $\pm 0.1\%$ from the specified value or range.

[00178] As used herein, the terms “treatment,” “treat,” and “treating” refer to reversing, alleviating, delaying the onset of, or inhibiting the progress of a disease or disorder, or one or more symptoms thereof, as described herein. In some embodiments, treatment may be administered after one or more symptoms have developed. In other embodiments, treatment may be administered in the absence of symptoms. For example, treatment may be administered to a susceptible individual prior to the onset of symptoms (e.g., in light of a history of symptoms and/or in light of genetic or other susceptibility factors). Treatment may also be continued after symptoms have resolved, for example to prevent or delay their recurrence.

[00179] The term “lipid,” as used herein, refers to natural and non-natural hydrophobic and/or lipophilic fats, oils, polymers, hydrocarbons, and other such materials. In some embodiments, suitable lipids, when incorporated into a lipid prodrug, are processed or metabolized similarly to triglycerides in the GI tract or mimic such processing or metabolism. The term “glyceride” refers to an ester of glycerol (1,2,3-propanetriol) with acyl radicals of fatty acids or other lipids and is also known as an acylglycerol. If only one position of the glycerol molecule is esterified with a fatty acid, a “monoglyceride” is produced; if two positions are esterified, a “diglyceride” is produced; and if all three positions of the glycerol are esterified with fatty acid a “triglyceride” or “triacylglycerol” is produced. A glyceride is called “simple” if all esterified positions contain the same fatty acid; or “mixed” if different fatty acids are involved. The carbons of the glycerol backbone are designated sn-1, sn-2 and sn-3, with sn-2 being in the middle and sn-1 and sn-3 being the ends of the glycerol.

[00180] Naturally occurring oils and fats consist largely of triglycerides wherein the 3 fatty acyl residues may or may not be identical. The term “long chain triglycerides” (or “LCT”) means both a simple and mixed triglyceride containing fatty acids with more than 12 carbon atoms (long chain fatty acids, “LCFA”), whereas the term “medium chain triglycerides” (or “MCT”) means both a simple and mixed triglyceride containing fatty acids with 4 to 12 carbon atoms.

[00181] The term “ECN” or “equivalent carbon number” means the sum of the number of carbon atoms in the acyl chains of a glyceride molecule. For example, tripalmitin (tripalmitic glycerol), which is a simple triglyceride containing 3 acyl radicals of 16 carbon atoms, has an ECN

of $3 \times 16 = 48$. Conversely, a triglyceride with an ECN=40 may have “mixed” acyl chain lengths of 8, 16 and 16; 10, 14 and 16; 8, 14 and 18, etc. Naturally occurring oils are frequently “mixed” with respect to specific fatty acids, but tend not to contain LCFAs and MCFAs on the same glycerol backbone. Thus, triacylglycerols with ECNs of 24-30 typically contain predominately medium chain fatty acids, while triacylglycerols with ECNs of greater than 43 typically contain predominantly long chain fatty acids. Triacylglycerols having an ECNs of 32-42 typically contain one or two MCFA in combination with one or two LCFAs to “fill” the triglyceride. Triacylglycerols with ECNs in the range of greater than 30 to less than 48 typically represent mixed triacylglycerol species that are absent from or are present in significantly lower concentrations in physical mixtures. The fatty acids that occur in foods usually contain an even number of carbon atoms in an unbranched chain, e.g., lauric or dodecanoic acid.

[00182] The term “self-immolative group,” as used herein, refers to a bivalent chemical moiety that comprises a covalent, scissile bond as one of its bivalent bonds and a stable, covalent bond with a therapeutic agent as its other bivalent bond, wherein the bond with the therapeutic agent becomes labile upon cleavage of the scissile bond. Examples of self-immolative groups include, but are not limited to, disulfide groups, hydrazones, acetal self-immolative groups, carboxyacetal self-immolative groups, carboxy(methylacetal) self-immolative groups, *p*-hydroxybenzyl self-immolative groups, para-hydroxybenzyl carbonyl self-immolative groups, flipped ester self-immolative groups, and trimethyl lock, or 2-hydroxyphenyl carbamate (2-HPC) self-immolative groups. A number of other suitable self-immolative groups are known in the art as described, for example, in C. A. Blencowe *et al.*, *Polym. Chem.* 2011, 2, 773-790 and F. Kratz *et al.*, *ChemMedChem.* 2008, 3(1), 20-53; Huvelle, S. *et al.*, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* **2017**, 15(16), 3435–3443; and Alouane, A. *et al.*, *Angewandte Chemie International Edition* **2015**, 54 (26), 7492–7509; and Levine, M. N. *et al.*, *Chem. Sci. VL - IS - 3* (8), 2412–2420; each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

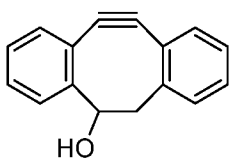
[00183] In some embodiments, the therapeutic agent is covalently attached to the lymphatic drug-release moiety (i.e., the remaining portion of the lipid prodrug besides the therapeutic agent) by the use of “click” chemistry. The term “click-ready group” refers to a chemical moiety capable of undergoing a click reaction, such as an azide or alkyne.

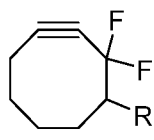
[00184] Click reactions tend to involve high-energy (“spring-loaded”) reagents with well-defined reaction coordinates that give rise to selective bond-forming events of wide scope.

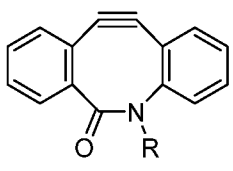
Examples include nucleophilic trapping of strained-ring electrophiles (epoxide, aziridines, aziridinium ions, episulfonium ions), certain carbonyl reactivity (e.g., the reaction between aldehydes and hydrazines or hydroxylamines), and several cycloaddition reactions. The azide-alkyne 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition and the Diels-Alder cycloaddition are two such reactions.

[00185] Such click reactions (i.e., dipolar cycloadditions) are associated with a high activation energy and therefore require heat or a catalyst. Indeed, use of a copper catalyst is routinely employed in click reactions. However, in certain instances where click chemistry is particularly useful (e.g., in bioconjugation reactions), the presence of copper can be detrimental (See Wolbers, F. et al.; *Electrophoresis* 2006, 27, 5073). Accordingly, methods of performing dipolar cycloaddition reactions were developed without the use of metal catalysis. Such “metal free” click reactions utilize activated moieties in order to facilitate cycloaddition. Therefore, the present invention provides click-ready groups suitable for metal-free click chemistry.

[00186] Certain metal-free click moieties are known in the literature. Examples include 4-

dibenzocyclooctynol (DIBO)  (from Ning et al; *Angew Chem Int Ed*, 2008, 47,

2253); *gem*-difluorinated cyclooctynes (DIFO or DFO)  (from Codelli, et al.; *J. Am.*

Chem. Soc. 2008, 130, 11486-11493.); biarylazacyclooctynone (BARAC)  (from Jewett et al.; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2010, 132, 3688.); or bicyclononyne (BCN) (From Dommerholt, et al.; *Angew Chem Int Ed*, 2010, 49, 9422-9425).

[00187] As used herein, the phrase “a moiety suitable for metal-free click chemistry” refers to a functional group capable of dipolar cycloaddition without use of a metal catalyst. Such moieties include an activated alkyne (such as a strained cyclooctyne), an oxime (such as a nitrile oxide precursor), or oxanorbornadiene, for coupling to an azide to form a cycloaddition product (e.g., triazole or isoxazole).

[00188] As used here in, the term “therapeutic agent,” “active pharmaceutical agent,” “active agent,” or “pharmaceutical agent” includes any therapeutic agent or imaging (contrasting) agent

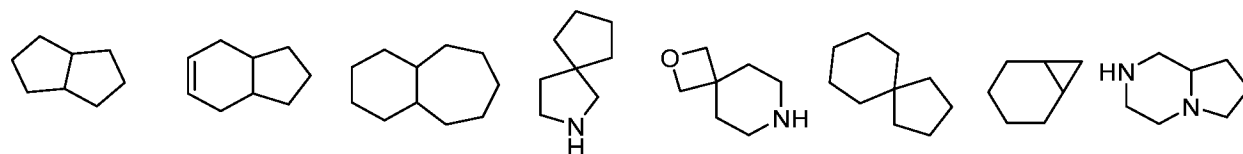
which would benefit from transport via the intestinal lymphatic system, for example, to enable oral administration (e.g. of an intravenously administered therapeutic agent), to avoid first pass metabolism, avoid liver toxicity or other toxicity, or for targeted delivery within the lymphatic system. In some embodiments, the therapeutic agent is a small molecule. In some embodiments, the small molecule has a molecular weight of less than 800; or less than 700, 600, 500, 400, or 300. In some embodiments, the molecular weight is about 300 to about 800; or about 400-700, 300-600, or 400-500.

[00189] Lipid prodrug compounds of the present invention include those described generally herein, and are further illustrated by the classes, subclasses, and species disclosed herein. As used herein, the following definitions shall apply unless otherwise indicated. For purposes of this invention, the chemical elements are identified in accordance with the Periodic Table of the Elements, Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, 98th Ed. Additionally, general principles of organic chemistry are described in “Organic Chemistry,” Thomas Sorrell, University Science Books, Sausalito: 1999, and *March’s Advanced Organic Chemistry: Reactions, Mechanisms, and Structure*, M. B. Smith and J. March, 7th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2013, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

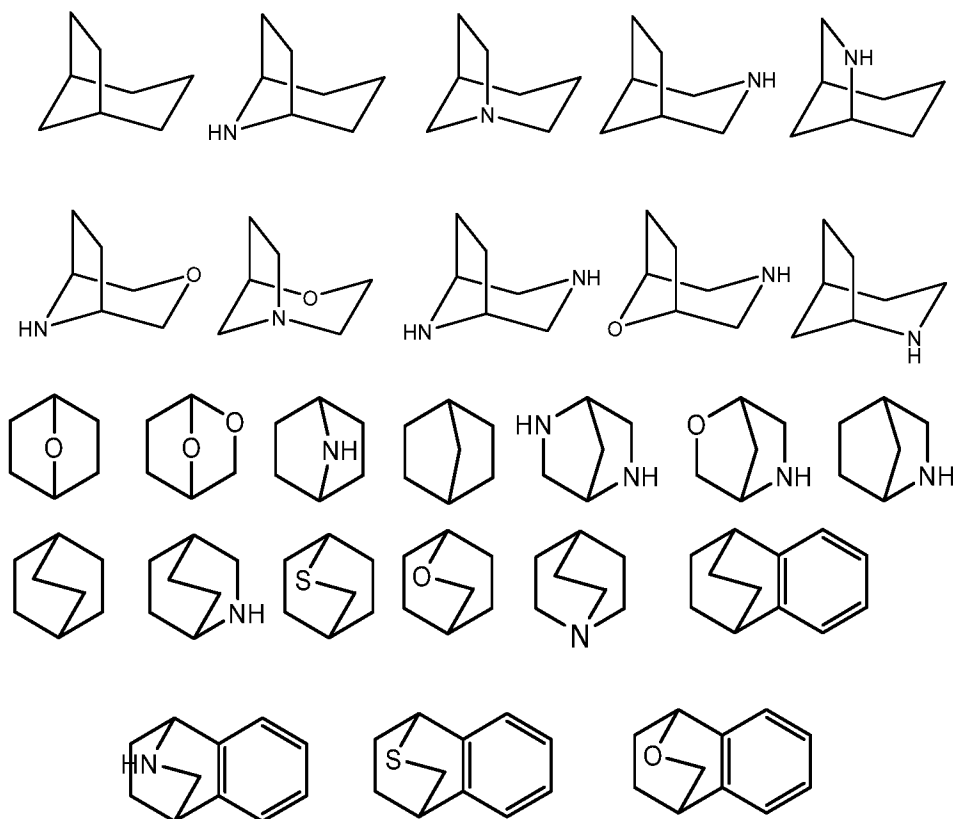
[00190] The term “aliphatic” or “aliphatic group,” as used herein, means a straight-chain (i.e., unbranched) or branched, substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon chain that is completely saturated or that contains one or more units of unsaturation, or a monocyclic hydrocarbon or bicyclic hydrocarbon that is completely saturated or that contains one or more units of unsaturation, but which is not aromatic (also referred to herein as “carbocycle,” “cycloaliphatic” or “cycloalkyl”), that has a single point of attachment to the rest of the molecule. Unless otherwise specified, aliphatic groups contain 1-6 aliphatic carbon atoms. In some embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-5 aliphatic carbon atoms. In other embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-4 aliphatic carbon atoms. In still other embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-3 aliphatic carbon atoms, and in yet other embodiments, aliphatic groups contain 1-2 aliphatic carbon atoms. In some embodiments, “cycloaliphatic” (or “carbocycle” or “cycloalkyl”) refers to a monocyclic C₃-C₆ hydrocarbon that is completely saturated or that contains one or more units of unsaturation, but which is not aromatic, that has a single point of attachment to the rest of the molecule. Suitable aliphatic groups include, but are not limited to, linear or branched, substituted or unsubstituted

alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl groups and hybrids thereof such as (cycloalkyl)alkyl, (cycloalkenyl)alkyl or (cycloalkyl)alkenyl.

[00191] As used herein, the term “bicyclic ring” or “bicyclic ring system” refers to any bicyclic ring system, i.e. carbocyclic or heterocyclic, saturated or having one or more units of unsaturation, having one or more atoms in common between the two rings of the ring system. Thus, the term includes any permissible ring fusion, such as *ortho*-fused or spirocyclic. As used herein, the term “heterobicyclic” is a subset of “bicyclic” that requires that one or more heteroatoms are present in one or both rings of the bicycle. Such heteroatoms may be present at ring junctions and are optionally substituted, and may be selected from nitrogen (including N-oxides), oxygen, sulfur (including oxidized forms such as sulfones and sulfonates), phosphorus (including oxidized forms such as phosphonates and phosphates), boron, etc. In some embodiments, a bicyclic group has 7-12 ring members and 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. As used herein, the term “bridged bicyclic” refers to any bicyclic ring system, i.e. carbocyclic or heterocyclic, saturated or partially unsaturated, having at least one bridge. As defined by IUPAC, a “bridge” is an unbranched chain of atoms or an atom or a valence bond connecting two bridgeheads, where a “bridgehead” is any skeletal atom of the ring system which is bonded to three or more skeletal atoms (excluding hydrogen). In some embodiments, a bridged bicyclic group has 7-12 ring members and 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur. Such bridged bicyclic groups are well known in the art and include those groups set forth below where each group is attached to the rest of the molecule at any substitutable carbon or nitrogen atom. Unless otherwise specified, a bridged bicyclic group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents as set forth for aliphatic groups. Additionally or alternatively, any substitutable nitrogen of a bridged bicyclic group is optionally substituted. Exemplary bicyclic rings include:



[00192] Exemplary bridged bicyclics include:



[00193] The term “lower alkyl” refers to a C₁₋₄ straight or branched alkyl group. Exemplary lower alkyl groups are methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, and *tert*-butyl.

[00194] The term “lower haloalkyl” refers to a C₁₋₄ straight or branched alkyl group that is substituted with one or more halogen atoms.

[00195] The term “heteroatom” means one or more of boron, oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen, phosphorus, or silicon (including, any oxidized form of nitrogen, sulfur, phosphorus, or silicon; the quaternized form of any basic nitrogen or; a substitutable nitrogen of a heterocyclic ring, for example N (as in 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrolyl), NH (as in pyrrolidinyl) or NR⁺ (as in N-substituted pyrrolidinyl)).

[00196] The term “unsaturated,” as used herein, means that a moiety has one or more units of unsaturation.

[00197] As used herein, the term “bivalent C₁₋₈ (or C₁₋₆) saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, hydrocarbon chain” refers to bivalent alkylene, alkenylene, and alkynylene chains that are straight or branched as defined herein.

[00198] The term “alkylene” refers to a bivalent alkyl group. An “alkylene chain” is a polymethylene group, i.e., $-(CH_2)_n-$, wherein *n* is a positive integer, preferably from 1 to 6, from

1 to 4, from 1 to 3, from 1 to 2, or from 2 to 3. A substituted alkylene chain is a polymethylene group in which one or more methylene hydrogen atoms are replaced with a substituent. Suitable substituents include those described below for a substituted aliphatic group.

[00199] The term “alkenylene” refers to a bivalent alkenyl group. A substituted alkenylene chain is a polymethylene group containing at least one double bond in which one or more hydrogen atoms are replaced with a substituent. Suitable substituents include those described below for a substituted aliphatic group.

[00200] The term “halogen” means F, Cl, Br, or I.

[00201] The term “aryl” used alone or as part of a larger moiety as in “aralkyl,” “aralkoxy,” or “aryloxyalkyl,” refers to monocyclic or bicyclic ring systems having a total of five to fourteen ring members, wherein at least one ring in the system is aromatic and wherein each ring in the system contains 3 to 7 ring members. The term “aryl” may be used interchangeably with the term “aryl ring.” In certain embodiments of the present invention, “aryl” refers to an aromatic ring system which includes, but not limited to, phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, anthracyl and the like, which may bear one or more substituents. Also included within the scope of the term “aryl,” as it is used herein, is a group in which an aromatic ring is fused to one or more non-aromatic rings, such as indanyl, phthalimidyl, naphthimidyl, phenanthridinyl, or tetrahydronaphthyl, and the like.

[00202] The terms “heteroaryl” and “heteroar-,” used alone or as part of a larger moiety, e.g., “heteroaralkyl,” or “heteroaralkoxy,” refer to groups having 5 to 10 ring atoms, preferably 5, 6, or 9 ring atoms; having 6, 10, or 14 π electrons shared in a cyclic array; and having, in addition to carbon atoms, from one to five heteroatoms. The term “heteroatom” refers to nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, and includes any oxidized form of nitrogen or sulfur, and any quaternized form of a basic nitrogen. Heteroaryl groups include, without limitation, thienyl, furanyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, indolizinyl, purinyl, naphthyridinyl, and pteridinyl. The terms “heteroaryl” and “heteroar-,” as used herein, also include groups in which a heteroaromatic ring is fused to one or more aryl, cycloaliphatic, or heterocyclyl rings, where the radical or point of attachment is on the heteroaromatic ring. Nonlimiting examples include indolyl, isoindolyl, benzothienyl, benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzthiazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, cinnolinyl, phthalazinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, 4*H*-quinolizinyl, carbazolyl, acridinyl, phenazinyl, phenothiazinyl, phenoxazinyl, tetrahydroquinolizinyl,

tetrahydroisoquinoliny, and pyrido[2,3-*b*]-1,4-oxazin-3(4H)-one. A heteroaryl group may be mono- or bicyclic. The term “heteroaryl” may be used interchangeably with the terms “heteroaryl ring,” “heteroaryl group,” or “heteroaromatic,” any of which terms include rings that are optionally substituted. The term “heteroaralkyl” refers to an alkyl group substituted by a heteroaryl, wherein the alkyl and heteroaryl portions independently are optionally substituted.

[00203] As used herein, the terms “heterocycle,” “heterocyclyl,” “heterocyclic radical,” and “heterocyclic ring” are used interchangeably and refer to a stable 5- to 7-membered monocyclic or 7–10-membered bicyclic heterocyclic moiety that is either saturated or partially unsaturated, and having, in addition to carbon atoms, one or more, preferably one to four, heteroatoms, as defined above. When used in reference to a ring atom of a heterocycle, the term “nitrogen” includes a substituted nitrogen. As an example, in a saturated or partially unsaturated ring having 0–3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur or nitrogen, the nitrogen may be N (as in 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-pyrrolyl), NH (as in pyrrolidinyl), or ⁺NR (as in *N*-substituted pyrrolidinyl).

[00204] A heterocyclic ring can be attached to its pendant group at any heteroatom or carbon atom that results in a stable structure and any of the ring atoms can be optionally substituted. Examples of such saturated or partially unsaturated heterocyclic radicals include, without limitation, tetrahydrofuranyl, tetrahydrothiophenyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolinyl, tetrahydroquinoliny, tetrahydroisoquinoliny, decahydroquinoliny, oxazolidinyl, piperazinyl, dioxanyl, dioxolanyl, diazepinyl, oxazepinyl, thiazepinyl, morpholiny, and quinuclidinyl. The terms “heterocycle,” “heterocyclyl,” “heterocyclyl ring,” “heterocyclic group,” “heterocyclic moiety,” and “heterocyclic radical,” are used interchangeably herein, and also include groups in which a heterocyclyl ring is fused to one or more aryl, heteroaryl, or cycloaliphatic rings, such as indoliny, 3*H*-indolyl, chromanyl, phenanthridinyl, or tetrahydroquinoliny. A heterocyclyl group may be mono- or bicyclic. The term “heterocyclylalkyl” refers to an alkyl group substituted by a heterocyclyl, wherein the alkyl and heterocyclyl portions independently are optionally substituted.

[00205] As used herein, the term “partially unsaturated” refers to a ring moiety that includes at least one double or triple bond. The term “partially unsaturated” is intended to encompass rings having multiple sites of unsaturation, but is not intended to include aryl or heteroaryl moieties, as herein defined.

[00206] As described herein, compounds of the invention may contain “optionally substituted” moieties. In general, the term “substituted,” whether preceded by the term “optionally” or not,

means that one or more hydrogens of the designated moiety are replaced with a suitable substituent. Unless otherwise indicated, an “optionally substituted” group may have a suitable substituent at each substitutable position of the group, and when more than one position in any given structure may be substituted with more than one substituent selected from a specified group, the substituent may be either the same or different at every position. Combinations of substituents envisioned by this invention are preferably those that result in the formation of stable or chemically feasible compounds. The term “stable,” as used herein, refers to compounds that are not substantially altered when subjected to conditions to allow for their production, detection, and, in certain embodiments, their recovery, purification, and use for one or more of the purposes disclosed herein.

[00207] Each optional substituent on a substitutable carbon is a monovalent substituent independently selected from halogen; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OR^\circ$; $-O(CH_2)_{0-4}R^\circ$; $-O-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}CH(OR^\circ)_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}Ph$, which may be substituted with R° ; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$ which may be substituted with R° ; $-CH=CHPh$, which may be substituted with R° ; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}O(CH_2)_{0-1}$ -pyridyl which may be substituted with R° ; $-NO_2$; $-CN$; $-N_3$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)C(O)R^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)C(S)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)C(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-N(R^\circ)C(S)NR^\circ_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}N(R^\circ)C(O)OR^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)N(R^\circ)C(O)R^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)N(R^\circ)C(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-N(R^\circ)N(R^\circ)C(O)OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)R^\circ$; $-C(S)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)OSiR^\circ_3$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OC(O)R^\circ$; $-OC(O)(CH_2)_{0-4}SR^\circ$; $-SC(S)SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}SC(O)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-C(S)NR^\circ_2$; $-C(S)SR^\circ$; $-SC(S)SR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OC(O)NR^\circ_2$; $-C(O)N(OR^\circ)R^\circ$; $-C(O)C(O)R^\circ$; $-C(O)CH_2C(O)R^\circ$; $-C(NOR^\circ)R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}SSR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}S(O)_2R^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}S(O)_2OR^\circ$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}OS(O)_2R^\circ$; $-S(O)_2NR^\circ_2$; $-S(O)(NR^\circ)R^\circ$; $-S(O)_2N=C(NR^\circ_2)_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}S(O)R^\circ$; $-N(R^\circ)S(O)_2NR^\circ_2$; $-N(R^\circ)S(O)_2R^\circ$; $-N(OR^\circ)R^\circ$; $-C(NH)NR^\circ_2$; $-P(O)_2R^\circ$; $-P(O)R^\circ_2$; $-OP(O)R^\circ_2$; $-OP(O)(OR^\circ)_2$; SiR°_3 ; $-(C_{1-4}$ straight or branched alkylene) $O-N(R^\circ)_2$; or $-(C_{1-4}$ straight or branched alkylene) $C(O)O-N(R^\circ)_2$.

[00208] Each R° is independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} aliphatic, $-CH_2Ph$, $-O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$, $-CH_2$ -(5-6 membered heteroaryl ring), or a 5-6-membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or, notwithstanding the definition above, two independent occurrences of R° , taken together with their intervening atom(s),

form a 3–12–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl mono– or bicyclic ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, which may be substituted by a divalent substituent on a saturated carbon atom of R° selected from $=O$ and $=S$; or each R° is optionally substituted with a monovalent substituent independently selected from halogen, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}R^\bullet$, $-(haloR^\bullet)$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}OH$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}OR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}CH(OR^\bullet)_2$, $-O(haloR^\bullet)$, $-CN$, $-N_3$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}C(O)R^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}C(O)OH$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}C(O)OR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}SR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}SH$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}NH_2$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}NHR^\bullet$, $-(CH_2)_{0-2}NR^\bullet_2$, $-NO_2$, $-SiR^\bullet_3$, $-OSiR^\bullet_3$, $-C(O)SR^\bullet$, $-(C_{1-4}$ straight or branched alkylene) $C(O)OR^\bullet$, or $-SSR^\bullet$.

[00209] Each $R^\bullet$ is independently selected from C_{1-4} aliphatic, $-CH_2Ph$, $-O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$, or a 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, and wherein each $R^\bullet$ is unsubstituted or where preceded by halo is substituted only with one or more halogens; or wherein an optional substituent on a saturated carbon is a divalent substituent independently selected from $=O$, $=S$, $=NNR^{*2}$, $=NNHC(O)R^*$, $=NNHC(O)OR^*$, $=NNHS(O)_2R^*$, $=NR^*$, $=NOR^*$, $-O(C(R^{*2}))_{2-3}O-$, or $-S(C(R^{*2}))_{2-3}S-$, or a divalent substituent bound to vicinal substitutable carbons of an “optionally substituted” group is $-O(CR^{*2})_{2-3}O-$, wherein each independent occurrence of R^* is selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} aliphatic or an unsubstituted 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

[00210] When R^* is C_{1-6} aliphatic, R^* is optionally substituted with halogen, $-R^\bullet$, $-(haloR^\bullet)$, $-OH$, $-OR^\bullet$, $-O(haloR^\bullet)$, $-CN$, $-C(O)OH$, $-C(O)OR^\bullet$, $-NH_2$, $-NHR^\bullet$, $-NR^\bullet_2$, or $-NO_2$, wherein each $R^\bullet$ is independently selected from C_{1-4} aliphatic, $-CH_2Ph$, $-O(CH_2)_{0-1}Ph$, or a 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, and wherein each $R^\bullet$ is unsubstituted or where preceded by halo is substituted only with one or more halogens.

[00211] An optional substituent on a substitutable nitrogen is independently $-R^\dagger$, $-NR^\dagger_2$, $-C(O)R^\dagger$, $-C(O)OR^\dagger$, $-C(O)C(O)R^\dagger$, $-C(O)CH_2C(O)R^\dagger$, $-S(O)_2R^\dagger$, $-S(O)_2NR^\dagger_2$, $-C(S)NR^\dagger_2$, $-C(NH)NR^\dagger_2$, or $-N(R^\dagger)S(O)_2R^\dagger$; wherein each $R^\dagger$ is independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} aliphatic, unsubstituted $-OPh$, or an unsubstituted 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or, two independent occurrences of $R^\dagger$, taken together with their intervening atom(s) form an unsubstituted 3–12–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl mono– or bicyclic ring having 0–4

heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur; wherein when $R^\dagger$ is C_{1-6} aliphatic, $R^\dagger$ is optionally substituted with halogen, $-R^\bullet$, $-(\text{halo}R^\bullet)$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{OR}^\bullet$, $-\text{O}(\text{halo}R^\bullet)$, $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OH}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}^\bullet$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NHR}^\bullet$, $-\text{NR}^\bullet_2$, or $-\text{NO}_2$, wherein each $R^\bullet$ is independently selected from C_{1-4} aliphatic, $-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$, $-\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_{0-1}\text{Ph}$, or a 5–6–membered saturated, partially unsaturated, or aryl ring having 0–4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, and wherein each $R^\bullet$ is unsubstituted or where preceded by halo is substituted only with one or more halogens.

[00212] As used herein, the term “pharmaceutically acceptable salt” refers to those salts which are, within the scope of sound medical judgment, suitable for use in contact with the tissues of humans and lower animals without undue toxicity, irritation, allergic response and the like, and are commensurate with a reasonable benefit/risk ratio. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts are well known in the art. For example, S. M. Berge et al., describe pharmaceutically acceptable salts in detail in *J. Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 1977, 66, 1–19, incorporated herein by reference. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of this invention include those derived from suitable inorganic and organic acids and bases. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable, nontoxic acid addition salts include salts of an amino group (or other basic group) formed with inorganic acids such as hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, phosphoric acid, sulfuric acid, and perchloric acid or with organic acids such as acetic acid, oxalic acid, maleic acid, tartaric acid, citric acid, succinic acid, or malonic acid, or by using other methods used in the art such as ion exchange. Other pharmaceutically acceptable salts include adipate, alginate, ascorbate, aspartate, benzenesulfonate, benzoate, besylate, bisulfate, borate, butyrate, camphorate, camphorsulfonate, citrate, cyclopentanepropionate, digluconate, dodecylsulfate, ethanesulfonate, formate, fumarate, glucoheptonate, glycerophosphate, gluconate, hemisulfate, heptanoate, hexanoate, hydroiodide, 2–hydroxy–ethanesulfonate, lactobionate, lactate, laurate, lauryl sulfate, malate, maleate, malonate, methanesulfonate, 2–naphthalenesulfonate, nicotinate, nitrate, oleate, oxalate, palmitate, pamoate, pectinate, persulfate, 3–phenylpropionate, phosphate, pivalate, propionate, stearate, succinate, sulfate, tartrate, thiocyanate, p–toluenesulfonate, undecanoate, valerate salts, and the like.

[00213] Salts derived from appropriate bases include alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium and $\text{N}^+(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_4$ salts. Representative alkali or alkaline earth metal salts include sodium, lithium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, and the like. Further pharmaceutically acceptable salts include, when appropriate, nontoxic ammonium, quaternary ammonium, and

amine cations formed using counterions such as halide, hydroxide, carboxylate, sulfate, phosphate, nitrate, loweralkyl sulfonate and aryl sulfonate.

[00214] Unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include all isomeric (e.g., enantiomeric, diastereomeric, and geometric (or conformational)) forms of the structure; for example, the R and S configurations for each asymmetric center, Z and E double bond isomers, and Z and E conformational isomers. Therefore, single stereochemical isomers as well as enantiomeric, diastereomeric, and geometric (or conformational) mixtures of the present compounds are within the scope of the invention. Unless otherwise stated, all tautomeric forms of the compounds of the invention are within the scope of the invention. Additionally, unless otherwise stated, structures depicted herein are also meant to include compounds that differ only in the presence of one or more isotopically enriched atoms. For example, compounds having the present structures including the replacement of hydrogen by deuterium or tritium, or the replacement of a carbon by a ^{13}C - or ^{14}C -enriched carbon are within the scope of this invention. Such compounds are useful, for example, as analytical tools, as probes in biological assays, or as therapeutic agents in accordance with the present invention.

3. Uses, Formulation and Administration

Uses of Lymphatic-Directing Lipid Prodrugs

[00215] Disclosed herein are lymphatic-directing lipid prodrugs, as well as pharmaceutically acceptable compositions comprising a disclosed lipid prodrug, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, diluent, or carrier, are useful for treating a variety of diseases, disorders or conditions. Such diseases, disorders, or conditions include those described herein.

[00216] One of ordinary skill in the art will recognize and appreciate that each of the therapeutic agents described herein are known to be associated with treatment of one or more diseases, disorders, or conditions. Accordingly, it will be appreciated that, in certain embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient a disclosed lipid prodrug. In certain embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., a lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid.

[00217] The presently disclosed lipid prodrugs, e.g., lipid prodrug forms of glucocorticoids, are useful for the stable transport of pharmaceutical agents to the intestinal lymph and release of the pharmaceutical agents in the lymph, lymphocytes, lymphoid tissues, tissues with high lipase activity such as adipose tissue, certain cancers, the liver, or in the systemic circulation. Disclosed lipid prodrugs, e.g., lipid prodrug forms of glucocorticoids, are particularly useful for the transport and release of pharmaceutical agents that benefit from avoidance of first pass metabolism, for example, therapeutic agents that exhibit greater than about 50% first pass metabolism when administered orally. In some embodiments, the therapeutic agent exhibits greater than about 60% first pass metabolism when administered orally. In some embodiments, the therapeutic agent exhibits greater than about 20%, 25%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, or 90% first pass metabolism when administered orally.

[00218] The presently disclosed lipid prodrugs are also useful for the targeted release of the therapeutic agent within the lymphatic system, for example, in the lymph, lymphocytes and lymphoid tissues, as well as in tissues with high lipase activity such as adipose tissue, certain cancers, or the liver. In some embodiments, the therapeutic agent exhibits poor lymphatic transport when administered orally. In some embodiments, the therapeutic agent exhibits less than 70%, 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, 15%, 10%, 8%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 2%, 1%, 0.5%, 0.25%, 0.2%, 0.15%, or 0.1% lymphatic transport when administered orally. In contrast, the present invention provides for improved lymphatic transport of such therapeutic agents. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug exhibits at least 1%, 5%, 7.5%, 10%, 12.5%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 35%, 40%, or 50% lymphatic transport when administered orally. In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug exhibits about 1-50%, 5-40%, 10-30%, 15-25%, or about 50%, 40%, 30%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 12.5%, 10%, 7.5%, 5%, 2.5%, or 1% lymphatic transport when administered orally, as measured by either w/w% of the lipid prodrug administered or w/w% of the therapeutic agent in its lipid prodrug form vs. the unmodified therapeutic agent.

[00219] In some embodiments, a disclosed lipid prodrug, e.g., the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug, is delivered to the central nervous system (CNS) or crosses the blood-brain barrier (BBB) via the lymphatic system.

[00220] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of modulating an immune response, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug. In some embodiments, the immune response includes one or more

immune responses mediated by the lymphatic system, or mediated by immune cells in the lymphatic system. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of modulating an immune response, e.g., modulating, e.g., inhibiting or reducing the activation of B and/or T lymphocytes, or eliminating or reducing the production of activated B and/or T lymphocytes, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid.

[00221] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of increasing transport of an immune suppressant, e.g., of dexamthasone, to the lymph, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid. In some embodiments, the compositions described herein comprising a prodrug form of a glucocorticoid are useful for increasing transport of an immune suppressant, e.g., of the glucocorticoid, to the lymph.

[00222] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of reducing the first pass metabolism observed with glucocorticoids, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid. In some embodiments, the compositions described herein comprising a prodrug form of glucocorticoids are useful for reducing the first pass metabolism observed with glucocorticoids.

[00223] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of administering a glucocorticoid, wherein the adverse side effects observed with glucocorticoids are reduced, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid. In some embodiments, the compositions described herein comprising a prodrug form of glucocorticoids are useful for reducing the adverse side effects observed with administration of glucocorticoids.

[00224] In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of reducing the activation of macrophages, or eliminating or reducing the production of activated macrophages, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method of suppressing antibody formation by B-lymphocytes, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides a method for reducing infiltration of circulating monocytes and lymphocytes to a site of inflammation, the method

comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid. Any of the glucocorticoid lipid prodrugs described herein can be used in any of the methods described herein. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or combinations thereof. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is selected from the compounds depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or combinations thereof. Such lipid prodrugs can be used for treating diseases associated with hyperinflammation.

[00225] In some embodiments, the patient is suffering from a hyperproliferative disease, disorder, or condition such as cancer. In some embodiments, the patient is suffering from an autoimmune disease, disorder, or condition.

[00226] The present disclosure provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid, e.g., as described herein, and uses of such for inhibiting or reducing the activation of B and/or T lymphocytes, or eliminating or reducing the production of activated B and/or T lymphocytes. In some embodiments, the compositions described herein comprising a prodrug form of a glucocorticoid, are useful for reducing the activation of macrophages, or eliminating or reducing the production of activated macrophages. In some embodiments, the compositions described herein are useful for suppressing antibody formation by B-lymphocytes. In some embodiments, the compositions comprising at least one lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid are capable of reducing infiltration of circulating monocytes and lymphocytes to a site of inflammation. Any of the glucocorticoid lipid prodrugs described herein are used in any of the methods described herein. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or combinations thereof. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is selected from the compounds depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or combinations thereof.

[00227] In some aspects, the invention provides a method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition selected from inflammatory disorders, autoimmune disorders, autoinflammatory diseases (such as IBD), metabolic disease, neurological disorders, transplant rejection and/or graft-versus-host disease and others described herein, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug. In some embodiments, the present disclosure provides methods for reducing, ameliorating, or eliminating one or more symptom(s) associated with inflammatory disorders, autoimmune disorders, autoinflammatory diseases (such

as IBD), metabolic disease, neurological disorders, transplant rejection and/or graft-versus-host disease and others described herein, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug.

[00228] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for treating, reducing, ameliorating, or eliminating one or more symptom(s) associated with inflammatory disorders, autoimmune disorders, autoinflammatory diseases (such as IBD), metabolic disease, neurological disorders, transplant rejection and/or graft-versus-host disease, and others described herein in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for treating inflammatory disorders, including autoimmune disorders, autoinflammatory diseases (such as IBD), metabolic disease, neurological disorders, transplant rejection and/or graft-versus-host disease, and others described herein in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a disclosed lipid prodrug. The present disclosure provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one lipid prodrug form of a glucocorticoid, e.g., as described herein and uses of such for treating, reducing, ameliorating, or eliminating one or more symptom(s) associated with inflammatory disorders, autoimmune disorders, autoinflammatory diseases (such as IBD), metabolic disease, neurological disorders, transplant rejection and/or graft-versus-host disease, and others described herein in a patient. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is selected from a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is selected from a compound depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[00229] In some embodiments, the inflammatory disorder is selected from one or more diseases listed herein under “Therapeutic Agents and Exemplary Associated Diseases.” In some embodiments, the disease is an autoimmune disease. In some embodiments, the disease is an inflammatory disorder. In some embodiments, the inflammatory disorder is, or is related to, transplant rejection and/or graft-versus-host disease. In some embodiments, the disorder is a metabolic, and/or a neurological disorder, and/or viral infection. In some embodiments, the disease or disorder is an autoinflammatory disorder. The method may comprise preparing a pharmaceutical composition with an inflammatory disorder lipid prodrug described herein, and administering the pharmaceutical composition to a subject in a therapeutically effective amount.

[00230] The inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD; e.g., Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis) are chronic idiopathic intestinal inflammatory disorders. Symptoms associated with the aforementioned diseases and conditions include, but are not limited to, one or more of diarrhea, bloody stool, mouth sores, perianal disease, abdominal pain, abdominal cramping, fever, fatigue, weight loss, iron deficiency, anemia, appetite loss, weight loss, anorexia, delayed growth, delayed pubertal development, inflammation of the skin, inflammation of the eyes, inflammation of the joints, inflammation of the liver, and inflammation of the bile ducts. Such diseases and conditions associated with gut inflammation include, but are not limited to, autoinflammatory diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases, diarrheal diseases, and related diseases. "Inflammatory bowel diseases" and "IBD" are used interchangeably herein to refer to a group of diseases associated with gut inflammation, which include, but are not limited to, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, collagenous colitis, lymphocytic colitis, diversion colitis, Behcet's disease, and indeterminate colitis. As used herein, "diarrheal diseases" include, but are not limited to, acute watery diarrhea, e.g., cholera; acute bloody diarrhea, e.g., dysentery; and persistent diarrhea. As used herein, related diseases include, but are not limited to, short bowel syndrome, ulcerative proctitis, proctosigmoiditis, left-sided colitis, pancolitis, and fulminant colitis.

[00231] IBD is characterized by dysregulated immune responses, leading to abnormal cytokine production and cellular inflammation, and consequently injury to the distal small intestine and the colonic mucosa. A large amount of evidence points to involvement of T cell and T cell trafficking to the gut and associated lymphoid tissue as a key part in disease pathogenesis. Chronic gut inflammation in IBD is a consequence of dysregulated immune response to commensal gut bacteria. To mount a protective immune response to pathogenic bacteria in the gut, intravascular naive T cells must home to the inductive sites of the intestinal tract, the gut-associated lymphoid tissue (GALT) and the gut-draining MLNs, where they undergo antigen-driven priming, activation, polarization, and expansion to yield Th1 and/or Th17 effector cells. Next, the effector cells leave the lymphoid tissue through the efferent lymphatics, enter the systemic circulation, and then arrive at the gut, where they help to destroy the pathogenic bacteria. These same events may occur in response to commensal bacteria resulting in induction of chronic intestinal inflammation directed against bacterial antigens. (see e.g., Kobziev et al., Gut-associated lymphoid tissue, T cell trafficking, and chronic intestinal inflammation; Ann N Y Acad Sci. 2010 Oct; 1207(Suppl 1): E86–E93, and references therein).

[00232] Furthermore, it has been shown glucocorticoids are useful in the treatment of IBD (Kozuch P.L. & Hanauer, S.B. “treatment of inflammatory bowel disease: A review of medical therapy,” World J. Gastroenterol. 2008, Jan, 14(3): 354-77).

[00233] Accordingly, without wishing to be bound by theory, targeting glucocorticoids to the MLN, e.g., using a lipid prodrug of a glucocorticoid, e.g., as described herein, may provide benefit in the treatment of IBD and other autoinflammatory diseases of the gut, by allowing proximity to the site of T cell activation, e.g., may allow greater efficacy of the treatment and/or alternate, lower glucocorticoid dosing regimens helping to reduce negative side effects of glucocorticoids, and increase patient compliance.

[00234] Accordingly, in some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for treating or reducing, ameliorating, or eliminating symptoms for diseases and conditions associated with gut inflammation in a subject. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for treating a disease associated with gut inflammation in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein, e.g., a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, including but not limited to, a compound depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. In some embodiments, the disease associated with gut inflammation is ulcerative colitis.

[00235] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament for the treatment of diseases and conditions associated with gut inflammation, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein, e.g., a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, including but not limited to, a compound depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[00236] In certain embodiments, administering a disclosed lipid prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or pharmaceutical composition thereof to the subject reduces inflammation, e.g., in the lining of the gut. In some embodiments, symptoms are ameliorated. In some embodiments, administering the lipid prodrug or composition results in complete response, partial response, reduced severity, or stable disease. Disease severity (mild, moderate, or severe) may be assessed as follows: (1) impact of the disease on the patient (clinical symptoms, quality of life, fatigue, and disability); (2) measurable inflammatory burden (C-reactive protein, other inflammatory markers known in the art, mucosal lesions, upper gastrointestinal involvement, and disease extent), and disease course (including structural damage, history/extension of intestinal resection, perianal

disease, number of flares, and extraintestinal manifestations). In some embodiments, the disease associated with gut inflammation is Crohn's disease. In some embodiments, the disease associated with gut inflammation is ulcerative colitis.

[00237] Celiac disease (CD) is an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system is abnormally sensitive to gluten. CD is triggered by exposure to oral gluten (the storage proteins of wheat and related cereals) in the gut and is characterized by a dysregulation of gluten specific T cell responses. Adaptive immunity plays a key role in CD pathogenesis. Celiac patients have gluten-specific intestinal CD4⁺ T cells and there is a strong correlation between human leukocyte antigen (HLA)-DQ2 and HLA-DQ8 genes and celiac disease. Small intestinal lesions in CD are defined by mucosal infiltration with lymphocytes, crypt hyperplasia and villus atrophy and are thought to be induced by the secretion of interferon (IFN)- γ from these gluten-specific T cells (Freitag et al., Gliadin-primed CD4⁺CD45RB^{low}CD25⁻ T cells drive gluten dependent small intestinal damage after adoptive transfer into lymphopenic mice; Gut. 2009 December ; 58(12): 1597–1605). Accordingly, given that celiac is an inflammatory disorder of the gut involving priming and activation of gliadin-specific T cells in the GALT and/or MSN, treatment with a glucocorticoid or a lymph targeting lipid prodrug thereof may provide a means to ameliorate or reduce inflammation. Without wishing to be bound by theory, lipid prodrugs of glucocorticoids described herein, which are predominantly targeted to the lymphatic system, may provide further benefit in the treatment of celiac disease over glucocorticoids alone, e.g., by reducing side effects and increasing efficacy, as described herein.

[00238] Accordingly, in some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for the treatment of celiac disease in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for the treatment of refractory celiac disease in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for the treatment of enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for the treatment of celiac disease, refractory celiac disease, or enteropathy-associated T-cell lymphoma in a subject,

the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein.

[00239] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament for the treatment of an autoimmune disorder, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein and wherein the autoimmune disorder is celiac disease.

[00240] Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is a chronic multisystem autoimmune disorder that can affect almost all organ systems including the kidneys, skin, joints, and central nervous system. Lupus nephritis (LN) is an immune complex-mediated glomerulonephritis that affects nearly 50% of patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). B cells, defects in the naïve B cell tolerance, and the production of autoantibodies have long been known to play a critical part in the pathogenesis of SLE. However, T cells are also major contributors to the disease processes—SLE T cells are abnormal in several ways. For example, in CD4 T cells from active SLE patients T cell calcium flux is faster and cellular signaling is altered (Maria and Davidson, *Emerging areas for therapeutic discovery in SLE; Current Opinion in Immunology* 2018, 55:1–8, and references therein). More recently, a role for CD8⁺ T cells is also described (Ling et al., *C1q restrains autoimmunity and viral infection by regulating CD8⁺ T cell metabolism; Science*. 2018 May 4;360(6388):558-563).

[00241] Many recently developed experimental therapeutics have focused on either eliminating or limiting the activity of these immune cells. The treatment of SLE often uses an immunosuppression strategy to induce remission and to avoid relapses using maintenance immunosuppression, usually for years. Immunosuppressive agents are used to treat the renal-immune- complex-mediated injuries responsible for the occurrence of immune complex-mediated glomerulonephritis, lupus nephritis flares (LN), (characterized by reduced renal function, hematuria, and proteinuria; Meliambro et al., *Therapy for Proliferative Lupus Nephritis; Rheum Dis Clin N Am* 44 (2018) 545–560).

[00242] Glucocorticoids may be used in the treatment of lupus. Barile-Fabris, L., et al. “Controlled clinical trial of IV cyclophosphamide versus IV methylprednisolone in severe neurological manifestations in systemic lupus erythematosus,” *Ann. Rheumatic Disease* 2005 Mar. 64(4): 620-25; Gupta, R. et al. “Deexamethasone cyclophosphamide plus therapy in systemic lupus erythematosus: a case report,” *J. Dermatolog. Treat.* 2009, 20(1): 55-8), hereby incorporated by

reference in their entireties. Without wishing to be bound by theory, targeting glucocorticoids to the lymphatic system, e.g., by using a lipid prodrugs of a glucocorticoid as described herein, may provide further benefit in the treatment of SLE and LN over glucocorticoids alone.

[00243] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament for the treatment of SLE and/or LN, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein.

[00244] Multiple sclerosis (MS) is the paradigmatic autoimmune inflammatory disorder of the CNS characterized by chronic inflammation, primary demyelination, axonal damage, perivascular infiltration of lymphocytes, and plasma cells in the white substance of the brain and spinal cord, loss of blood brain barrier integrity as well as astrocyte and microglia activation (Negi and Das, CNS: Not an immunoprivileged site anymore but a virtual secondary lymphoid Organ; International Reviews Of Immunology 2017, Vol. 0, No. 0, 1-12, and references therein). The DCs and macrophages presenting myelin antigens leave the CNS and reach the cervical lymph nodes (LNs) where they present the myelin antigen to auto-reactive T and B lymphocytes, which then differentiate into effector cells. Once activated, these auto-reactive lymphocytes home in the CNS and begin the inflammatory process.

[00245] Immunosuppressive therapy, such as cyclophosphamide, is commonly used in the treatment of MS. Studies suggest that glucocorticoids are effective in the treatment and management of MS (Goodin, D.S. "Glucocorticoid treatment of multiple sclerosis," Handb Clin. Neurol. 2014, 122: 455-64). Accordingly, targeting glucocorticoids, which have immunosuppressive activity, to the lymphatic system using a lipid prodrug form of glucocorticoids described herein may provide further benefit in the treatment of MS over glucocorticoids alone.

[00246] Accordingly, in some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for treating a neurodegenerative disease in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein or antigen binding fragment thereof. In some embodiments, the neurodegenerative disease is multiple sclerosis.

[00247] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament for the treatment of a neurodegenerative disorder, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein, and wherein the neurodegenerative disease is multiple sclerosis.

[00248] Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is an immune-inflammatory disorder that mainly targets the synovium of diarthrodial joints. Cell-cell and cytokine networks established within the inflamed RA synovium promote disease chronicity, amplify autoimmune responses and cause cartilage and bone destruction (Guo et al., Rheumatoid arthritis: pathological mechanisms and modern pharmacologic therapies Bone Res. 2018; 6: 15). Several clinical observations implicate the lymphatic system in RA pathogenesis. RA takes several years to develop, and the early steps of the disease process in RA occur in lymphoid organs, where lymphocytes are primed and differentiate into effector and memory cells. Next, auto-reactive T cells and B cells are continuously activated and proliferate, resulting in the production of cytokines and autoantibodies. Then, the T cells and B cells invade the synovium, by forming novel lymphoid structures and producing defective repair mechanisms. New blood vessels formed as a result of inflammation allow the immune cells to easily migrate into the synovial lesion. The longevity of the pathologic immune response depends on the specific interactions between the immune cells and the non-lymphoid cells, and determines the level of tissue damage associated with RA (as reviewed in Weyand and Goronzy, “Immunometabolism in early and late stages of rheumatoid arthritis,” Nature Reviews Rheumatology, 13(5), 291–301(2017)).

[00249] Accordingly, targeting the lymphoid organs with an agent that can suppress the activation of immune cells within the lymphoid tissue, such as the lipid prodrugs described herein may be useful for the treatment of RA, in particular in the early stages of RA.

[00250] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for treating rheumatoid arthritis in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein.

[00251] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament for the treatment of an immune-inflammatory disorder, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein and wherein the immune-inflammatory disorder is rheumatoid arthritis.

[00252] Asthma is an inflammatory disease characterized by reversible, and at times irreversible, airflow obstruction and pulmonary symptoms of variable severity. Chronic inflammation in patients with asthma leads to mucosal edema, subepithelial fibrosis, and alterations in the extracellular matrix (Stump et al., Lymphatic Changes in Respiratory Diseases: More than Just Remodeling of the Lung?; Am J Respir Cell Mol Biol. 2017 Sep; 57(3): 272–279.).

Allergen-specific CD4⁺ T cells play a key role in asthma (reviewed in Ling and Luster, Allergen-Specific CD4⁺ T Cells in Human Asthma; Ann Am Thorac Soc. 2016 Mar; 13(Suppl 1): S25–S30). Glucocorticoids are a well-established treatment option for asthma.

[00253] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for treating asthma in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein.

[00254] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament for the treatment of an immune-inflammatory disorder, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein and wherein the immune-inflammatory disorder is asthma.

[00255] Transplantation provides lifesaving organs to patients with end-stage organ failure and lifesaving hematopoietic cell grafts to individuals with malignant or nonmalignant hematologic disorders. Alloimmune T cells are the key component of the human adaptive immune response to transplants of organs, cells, and tissues from other humans, which are referred to as allogeneic. This alloimmune response is the central immune response in solid organ transplantation and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), in both host-versus-graft and graft-versus-host responses (DeWolf and Sykes Alloimmune T cells in transplantation; J Clin Invest. 2017 Jun 30; 127(7): 2473–2481). The success of HSCT is dependent on potent nonspecific immunosuppressive therapy to prevent graft rejection and graft-versus-host disease (GVHD).

[00256] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for providing immunosuppressive therapy to prevent transplant rejection in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein. In some embodiments the transplant is a heart, lung, heart-lung, or liver transplant. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for providing immunosuppressive therapy to prevent graft-versus-host disease in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein or antigen binding fragment thereof. In some embodiments, the disclosure provides a method for providing immunosuppressive therapy to prevent host-versus-graft-disease in a subject, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein or antigen binding fragment

thereof. In some embodiments the transplant is a heart, lung, heart-lung or liver transplant. In some embodiments, the transplant is a hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

[00257] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament to prevent transplant rejection in a subject, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein, and wherein the transplant is selected from a heart, lung, heart-lung or liver transplant.

[00258] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament to prevent graft-versus-host disease in a subject, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein, and wherein the transplant is a hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

[00259] In some embodiments, the disclosure provides the use of a glucocorticoid lipid prodrug as a medicament to prevent host-versus-graft disease in a subject, wherein the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is any of the compounds described herein, and wherein the transplant is a hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

[00260] In some embodiments of any of the methods described above, the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is a compound of formula **I**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or the glucocorticoid lipid prodrug is selected from the compounds depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Measurement of T cell populations and Inflammation Status

[00261] Activated T cells express surface receptors or co-stimulatory molecules, such as CD25+ (IL2RA), CD69+, CD95+ (FasR), CD134+ (OX40), CD137+ (4-1BB), CD154+ (CD40L), Ki-67+, and/or KLRG1+. Both surface marker expression and cell proliferation are assessed by flow cytometry.

[00262] Inflammatory status can be measured by determining levels of cytokines such as IFN-gamma and/or TNF-alpha, CD44, ICOS granzymeB, Perforin, IL2 (upregulation); CD26L and IL-10 (downregulation)). In some embodiments, inflammatory markers may be measured in plasma or blood. In some embodiments, inflammatory markers are measured in lymphoid fluid.

[00263] Inflammatory markers include measurement of CD8+ and CD4+ (conventional) T-cell activation (in an in vitro or in vivo assay, e.g., by measuring inflammatory cytokine levels, e.g., IFNgamma, TNFalpha, CD44, ICOS granzymeB, Perforin, IL2 (upregulation); CD26L and IL-10 (downregulation)).

Pharmaceutically Acceptable Compositions

[00264] According to another embodiment, the present invention provides a composition comprising a lipid prodrug of the present disclosure and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle. The amount of lipid prodrug in the composition is an amount effective to treat the relevant disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof (an “effective amount”). In some embodiments, a composition of the present disclosure is formulated for oral administration to a patient.

[00265] The term “pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle” refers to a non-toxic carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle that does not destroy the pharmacological activity of the agent with which it is formulated. Pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants or vehicles that may be used in the disclosed compositions include, but are not limited to, ion exchangers, alumina, stearates such as aluminum stearate, lecithin, serum proteins such as human serum albumin, buffer substances such as phosphates, glycine, sorbic acid, potassium sorbate, partial glyceride mixtures of saturated vegetable fatty acids, water, salts or electrolytes, such as protamine sulfate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, potassium hydrogen phosphate, sodium chloride, zinc salts, colloidal silica, magnesium trisilicate, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, cellulose-based substances, polyethylene glycol, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, polyacrylates, waxes, polyethylene-polyoxypropylene-block polymers, polyethylene glycol and wool fat. In some embodiments, the composition is formulated as a lipophilic mixture, such as a lipid-based composition.

[00266] Compositions of the present invention may be administered orally, parenterally, enterally, intracisternally, intraperitoneally, by inhalation spray, topically, rectally, nasally, buccally, vaginally or via an implanted reservoir. The term “parenteral” as used herein includes subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-articular, intra-synovial, intrasternal, intrathecal, intrahepatic, intralesional and intracranial injection or infusion techniques. In some embodiments, the composition is administered orally, intraperitoneally, or intravenously. In some embodiments, the composition is a transmucosal formulation. In some embodiments, the composition is injected directly into the lymphatic system. Sterile injectable forms of the compositions of this invention may be aqueous or oleaginous suspension. These suspensions may be formulated according to techniques known in the art using suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterile injectable solution or suspension in a non-toxic parenterally acceptable diluent or solvent, for example as a solution in 1,3-butanediol.

Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringer's solution and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium.

[00267] To aid in delivery of the composition, any bland fixed oil may be employed including synthetic mono- or di-glycerides. Fatty acids, such as oleic acid and its glyceride derivatives are useful in the preparation of injectables, as are natural pharmaceutically-acceptable oils, such as olive oil or castor oil, especially in their polyoxyethylated versions. These oil solutions or suspensions may also contain a long-chain alcohol diluent or dispersant, such as carboxymethyl cellulose or similar dispersing agents that are commonly used in the formulation of pharmaceutically acceptable dosage forms including emulsions and suspensions. Other commonly used surfactants, such as Tweens, Spans and other emulsifying agents or bioavailability enhancers which are commonly used in the manufacture of pharmaceutically acceptable solid, liquid, or other dosage forms may also be used for the purposes of formulation.

[00268] Pharmaceutically acceptable compositions may be orally administered in any orally acceptable dosage form including, but not limited to, capsules, tablets, aqueous suspensions or solutions. In the case of tablets for oral use, carriers commonly used include lactose and corn starch. Lubricating agents, such as magnesium stearate, may also be added. For oral administration in a capsule form, useful diluents include lactose and dried corn starch. When aqueous suspensions are required for oral use, the active ingredient is combined with emulsifying and suspending agents. If desired, certain sweetening, flavoring or coloring agents may also be added.

[00269] Alternatively, pharmaceutically acceptable compositions may be administered in the form of suppositories for rectal administration. These can be prepared by mixing the agent with a suitable non-irritating excipient that is solid at room temperature but liquid at rectal temperature and therefore will melt in the rectum to release the drug. Such materials include cocoa butter, beeswax and polyethylene glycols.

[00270] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable composition is formulated for oral administration. Such formulations may be administered with or without food. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable composition is administered without food. In other embodiments, the pharmaceutically acceptable composition is administered with food.

[00271] It should also be understood that a specific dosage and treatment regimen for any particular patient will depend upon a variety of factors, including the activity of the specific compound employed, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, time of administration, rate of excretion, drug combination, and the judgment of the treating physician and the severity of the particular disease being treated.

[00272] Liquid dosage forms for oral administration include, but are not limited to, pharmaceutically acceptable emulsions, microemulsions, solutions, suspensions, syrups and elixirs. In addition to the active compounds, the liquid dosage forms may contain inert diluents commonly used in the art such as, for example, water or other solvents, solubilizing agents and emulsifiers such as ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl carbonate, ethyl acetate, benzyl alcohol, benzyl benzoate, propylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, dimethylformamide, oils (in particular, cottonseed, groundnut, corn, germ, olive, castor, and sesame oils), glycerol, tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol, polyethylene glycols and fatty acid esters of sorbitan, and mixtures thereof. Besides inert diluents, the oral compositions can also include adjuvants such as wetting agents, emulsifying and suspending agents, sweetening, flavoring, and perfuming agents.

[00273] Injectable preparations, for example, sterile injectable aqueous or oleaginous suspensions may be formulated according to the known art using suitable dispersing or wetting agents and suspending agents. The sterile injectable preparation may also be a sterile injectable solution, suspension or emulsion in a nontoxic parenterally acceptable diluent or solvent, for example, as a solution in 1,3-butanediol. Among the acceptable vehicles and solvents that may be employed are water, Ringer's solution, U.S.P. and isotonic sodium chloride solution. In addition, sterile, fixed oils are conventionally employed as a solvent or suspending medium. For this purpose any bland fixed oil can be employed including synthetic mono- or diglycerides. In addition, fatty acids such as oleic acid are used in the preparation of injectables.

[00274] Injectable formulations can be sterilized, for example, by filtration through a bacterial-retaining filter, or by incorporating sterilizing agents in the form of sterile solid compositions which can be dissolved or dispersed in sterile water or other sterile injectable medium prior to use.

[00275] In order to prolong the effect of a compound of the present invention, it is often desirable to slow the absorption of the compound from subcutaneous or intramuscular injection. This may be accomplished by the use of a liquid suspension of crystalline or amorphous material with poor water solubility. The rate of absorption of the compound then depends upon its rate of

dissolution that, in turn, may depend upon crystal size and crystalline form. Alternatively, delayed absorption of a parenterally administered compound form is accomplished by dissolving or suspending the compound in an oil vehicle. Injectable depot forms are made by forming microencapsule matrices of the compound in biodegradable polymers such as polylactide-polyglycolide. Depending upon the ratio of compound to polymer and the nature of the particular polymer employed, the rate of compound release can be controlled. Examples of other biodegradable polymers include poly(orthoesters) and poly(anhydrides). Depot injectable formulations are also prepared by entrapping the compound in liposomes or microemulsions that are compatible with body tissues.

[00276] Compositions for rectal or vaginal administration are preferably suppositories which can be prepared by mixing the compounds of this invention with suitable non-irritating excipients or carriers such as cocoa butter, polyethylene glycol or a suppository wax which are solid at ambient temperature but liquid at body temperature and therefore melt in the rectum or vaginal cavity and release the active compound.

[00277] Solid dosage forms for oral administration include capsules, tablets, pills, powders, and granules. In such solid dosage forms, the active compound is mixed with at least one inert, pharmaceutically acceptable excipient or carrier such as sodium citrate or dicalcium phosphate and/or a) fillers or extenders such as starches, lactose, sucrose, glucose, mannitol, and silicic acid, b) binders such as, for example, carboxymethylcellulose, alginates, gelatin, polyvinylpyrrolidinone, sucrose, and acacia, c) humectants such as glycerol, d) disintegrating agents such as agar-agar, calcium carbonate, potato or tapioca starch, alginic acid, certain silicates, and sodium carbonate, e) solution retarding agents such as paraffin, f) absorption accelerators such as quaternary ammonium compounds, g) wetting agents such as, for example, cetyl alcohol and glycerol monostearate, h) absorbents such as kaolin and bentonite clay, and i) lubricants such as talc, calcium stearate, magnesium stearate, solid polyethylene glycols, sodium lauryl sulfate, and mixtures thereof. In the case of capsules, tablets and pills, the dosage form may also comprise buffering agents.

[00278] Solid compositions of a similar type may also be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules using such excipients as lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols and the like. The solid dosage forms of tablets, dragees, capsules, pills, and granules can be prepared with coatings and shells such as enteric coatings and other

coatings well known in the pharmaceutical formulating art. They may optionally contain opacifying agents and can also be of a composition that they release the active ingredient(s) only, or preferentially, in a certain part of the intestinal tract, optionally, in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions that can be used include polymeric substances and waxes. Solid compositions of a similar type may also be employed as fillers in soft and hard-filled gelatin capsules using such excipients as lactose or milk sugar as well as high molecular weight polyethylene glycols and the like.

[00279] Therapeutic agents can also be in micro-encapsulated form with one or more excipients as noted above. The solid dosage forms of tablets, dragees, capsules, pills, and granules can be prepared with coatings and shells such as enteric coatings, release controlling coatings and other coatings well known in the pharmaceutical formulating art. In such solid dosage forms the active compound may be admixed with at least one inert diluent such as sucrose, lactose or starch. Such dosage forms may also comprise, as is normal practice, additional substances other than inert diluents, e.g., tableting lubricants and other tableting aids such as magnesium stearate and microcrystalline cellulose. In the case of capsules, tablets and pills, the dosage forms may also comprise buffering agents. They may optionally contain opacifying agents and can also be of a composition that they release the active ingredient(s) only, or preferentially, in a certain part of the intestinal tract, optionally, in a delayed manner. Examples of embedding compositions that can be used include polymeric substances and waxes.

[00280] Dosage forms for topical or transdermal administration of a compound of this invention include ointments, pastes, creams, lotions, gels, powders, solutions, sprays, inhalants or patches. The active component is admixed under sterile conditions with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and any needed preservatives or buffers as may be required. Ophthalmic formulation, ear drops, and eye drops are also contemplated as being within the scope of this invention. Additionally, the present invention contemplates the use of transdermal patches, which have the added advantage of providing controlled delivery of a compound to the body. Such dosage forms can be made by dissolving or dispersing the compound in the proper medium. Absorption enhancers can also be used to increase the flux of the compound across the skin. The rate can be controlled by either providing a rate controlling membrane or by dispersing the compound in a polymer matrix or gel.

[00281] In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug is formulated as an orally administerable, lipid-based formulation. Lipid-based formulations for oral delivery are known in the art and may include, for example, substantially non-aqueous vehicles which typically contain one or more lipid components. The lipid vehicles and resulting lipid formulations may be usefully classified as described below according to their shared common features according to the lipid formulation classification system (LFCS) (Pouton, C. W., *Eur. J. Pharm. Sci.* 11 (Supp 2), S93-S98, 2000; Pouton, C. W., *Eur. J. Pharm. Sci.* 29 278-287, 2006).

[00282] Lipid vehicles, and the resulting lipid formulations, may contain oil/lipids and/or surfactants, optionally with co-solvents. In the LFCS terminology, Type I formulations include oils or lipids which require digestion, such as mono, di and tri-glycerides and combinations thereof. Type II formulations are water-insoluble self emulsifying drug delivery systems (SEDDS) which contain lipids and oils used in Type I formulations, with additional water insoluble surfactants. Type III formulations are SEDDS or self-microemulsifying drug delivery systems (SMEDDS) which contain lipids and oils used in Type I formulations, with additional water-soluble surfactants and/or co-solvents (Type IIIa) or a greater proportion of water-soluble components (Type IIIb). Type IV formulations contain predominantly hydrophilic surfactants and co-solvents (e.g. PEG, propylene glycol and diethylene glycol monoethyl ether) and are useful for drugs which are poorly water soluble but not lipophilic. Any such lipid formulation (Type I- IV) is contemplated herein for use with a disclosed lipid prodrug or pharmaceutical composition thereof.

[00283] In some embodiments, the lipid vehicle contains one or more oils or lipids, without additional surfactants, co-surfactants or co-emulsifiers, or co-solvents, i.e. it consists essentially of one or more oils or lipids. In some further embodiments, the lipid vehicle contains one or more oils or lipids together with one or more water-insoluble surfactants, optionally together with one or more co-solvents. In some embodiments, the lipid vehicle contains one or more oils or lipids together with one or more water-soluble surfactants, optionally together with one or more co-solvents. In some embodiments, the lipid vehicle contains a mixture of oil/lipid, surfactant and co-solvent. In some embodiments, the lipid vehicle consists essentially of one or more surfactants/co-surfactants/co-emulsifiers, and/or solvents/co-solvents.

[00284] Examples of oils or lipids which may be used in the present invention include almond oil, babassu oil, blackcurrant seed oil, borage oil, canola oil, castor oil, coconut oil, cod liver oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, evening primrose oil, fish oil, grape seed oil, mustard seed oil, olive oil,

palm kernel oil, palm oil, peanut oil, rapeseed oil, safflower oil, sesame oil, shark liver oil, soybean oil, sunflower oil, walnut oil, wheat germ oil, avocado oil, bran oil, hydrogenated castor oil, hydrogenated coconut oil, hydrogenated cottonseed oil, hydrogenated palm oil, hydrogenated soybean oil, partially hydrogenated soybean oil, hydrogenated vegetable oil, caprylic/capric glycerides, fractionated triglycerides, glyceryl tricaprinate, glyceryl tricaproate, glyceryl tricaprilate, glyceryl tricaprilate/caprinate, glyceryl tricaprilate/caprinate, glyceryl tricaprilate/caprinate/laurate, glyceryl tricaprilate/caprinate/linoleate, glyceryl tricaprilate/caprinate/stearate, glyceryl trilaurate, glyceryl monolaurate, glyceryl behenate, glyceryl monolinoleate, glyceryl trilinolenate, glyceryl trioleate, glyceryl triundecanoate, glyceryl tristearate linoleic glycerides, saturated polyglycolized glycerides, synthetic medium chain triglycerides containing primarily C₈₋₁₂ fatty acid chains, medium chain triglycerides containing primarily C₈₋₁₂ fatty acid chains, long chain triglycerides containing primarily >C₁₂ fatty acid chains, modified triglycerides, fractionated triglycerides, and mixtures thereof.

[00285] Examples of mono and diglycerides which may be used in such formulations include glycerol mono- and diesters having fatty acid chains from 8 to 40 carbon atoms, including hydrolysed coconut oils (e.g. Capmul® MCM), hydrolysed corn oil (e.g. Maisine™35-1). In some embodiments, the monoglycerides and diglycerides are mono-or di- saturated fatty acid esters of glycerol having fatty acid chains of 8 to 18 carbon chain length (e.g. glyceryl monostearate, glyceryl distearate, glyceryl monocaprylate, glyceryl dicaprylate, glyceryl monocaprinate and glyceryl dicaprinate). Mixtures of fatty acids (“structured glycerides”) adapted for enhancing the absorption and transport of lipid soluble compounds are disclosed in, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 6,013,665, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

[00286] Suitable surfactants for use in the lipid formulations include propylene glycol mono- and di-esters of C₈₋₂₂ fatty acids, such as, but not limited to, propylene glycol monocaprylate, propylene glycol dicaprylate, propylene glycol monolaurate, sold under trade names such as Capryol® 90, Labrafac® PG, Lauroglycol® FCC, sugar fatty acid esters, such as, but not limited to, sucrose palmitate, sucrose laurate, and sucrose stearate; sorbitan fatty acid esters such as, but not limited to, sorbitan laurate, sorbitan palmitate, and sorbitan oleate; polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters such as, but not limited to, polysorbate 20, polysorbate 40, polysorbate 60, polysorbate 80, and polysorbate 85; polyoxyethylene mono- and di-fatty acid esters including, but not limited to, polyoxyl 40 stearate and polyoxyl 40 oleate; a mixture of polyoxyethylene mono-

and di-esters of C₈₋₂₂ fatty acids and glyceryl mono-, di-, and tri-esters of C₈₋₂₂ fatty acids as sold under tradenames such as Labrasol®, Gelucire® 44/14, Gelucire® 50/13, and Labrafil®; polyoxyethylene castor oils compound such as, but not limited to, polyoxyl 35 castor oil, polyoxyl 40 hydrogenated castor oil, and polyoxyl 60 hydrogenated castor oil, as are sold under tradenames such as Cremophor®/Kolliphor EL, Cremophor®/Kolliphor® RH40, and Cremophor®/Kolliphor® RH60; polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers including, but not limited to, polyoxyl 20 cetostearyl ether and polyoxyl 10 oleyl ether; DL- α -tocopheryl polyethylene glycol succinate; glyceryl mono-, di-, and tri-esters; glyceryl mono-, di-, and tri-esters of C₈₋₂₂ fatty acids; sucrose mono-, di-, and tri-esters; sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate; polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene copolymers such as, but not limited to poloxamer 124, poloxamer 188, and poloxamer 407; polyoxyethylene ethers of C₈₋₂₂ fatty alcohols including, but not limited to, polyoxyethylenelauryl alcohol, polyoxyethylenecetyl alcohol, polyoxyethylene stearyl alcohol, polyoxyethyleneoleyl alcohol, as sold under tradenames such as Brij® 35, Brij® 58, Brij® 78, Brij® 98, or a mixture of any two or more thereof.

[00287] A co-emulsifier, or co-surfactant, may be used in the formulation. A suitable co-emulsifier or co-surfactant may be a phosphoglyceride; a phospholipid, for example lecithin, or a free fatty acid that is liquid at room temperature, for example, iso-stearic acid, oleic acid, linoelic acid, linolenic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid, lauric acid, capric acid, caprylic acid, and caproic acid.

[00288] Suitable solvents/co-solvents include ethanol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, and glycerol.

[00289] A polymer may also be used in the formulation to inhibit drug precipitation or to alter the rate of drug release. A range of polymers have been shown to impart these properties and are well known to those skilled in the art. Suitable polymers include hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetyl succinate, other cellulose-derived polymers such as methylcellulose; poly(meth)acrylates, such as the Eudragit series of polymers, including Eudragit E100, polyvinylpyrrolidone, or others as described in, e.g. Warren *et al.*, *Mol. Pharmaceutics* 2013, 10, 2823-2848.

[00290] Formulations may be chosen specifically to provide for sustained release of the active in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract in order to control the rate of absorption. Many different approaches may be used to achieve these ends including the use of high melting point lipids that

disperse/erode slowly in the GI tract, or polymers that form a matrix that slowly erodes. These formulations may take the form of large monolithic dose forms or may be present as micro or nano-particulate matrices as described in, for example, in Mishra, *Handbook of Encapsulation and Controlled Release*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, (2016) ISBN 978-1-4822-3234-9, Wilson and Crowley, *Controlled Release in Oral Drug Delivery*, Springer, NY, ISBN 978-1-4614-1004-1 (2011) or Wise, *Handbook of Pharmaceutical Controlled Release Technology*, Marcel Dekker, NY, ISBN 0-82467-0369-3 (2000).

[00291] Formulations may also contain materials commonly known to those skilled in the art to be included in lipid based formulations, including antioxidants, for example, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) or butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) and solidifying agents such as microporous silica, for example magnesium alumino-metasilicate (Neusilin).

[00292] In some embodiments, the lipid prodrug may be co-administered orally with an enzyme inhibitor to increase stability of the prodrug in the gastrointestinal tract or enterocyte. In certain embodiments, the enzyme inhibitor inhibits pancreatic lipases, examples of which include, but are not limited to, Alli® (orlistat). In other embodiments it is envisaged that the enzyme inhibitor will inhibit cellular lipase enzymes such as monoacylglycerol lipase, an example of which includes, but is not limited to, JZL184 (4-nitrophenyl-4-[bis(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)(hydroxy)methyl]piperidine-1-carboxylate).

Combination Therapies

[00293] A provided lipid prodrug, or pharmaceutically acceptable composition thereof, may be administered to a patient in need thereof in combination with one or more additional therapeutic agents and/or therapeutic processes. A provided lipid prodrug, e.g., any glucocorticoid lipid prodrug described herein, or pharmaceutically acceptable composition thereof, may be administered to a patient in need thereof in combination with one or more additional therapeutic agents and/or therapeutic processes.

[00294] The lipid prodrug or pharmaceutically acceptable composition thereof can be administered alone or in combination with one or more other therapeutic compounds, possible combination therapy taking the form of fixed combinations or the administration of the lipid prodrug or composition and one or more other therapeutic compounds being staggered or given independently of one another, or the combined administration of fixed combinations and one or

more other therapeutic compounds. A disclosed lipid prodrug or composition can besides or in addition be administered especially for tumor therapy in combination with chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy, phototherapy, surgical intervention, or a combination of these. In some embodiments, any of the disclosed glucocorticoid prodrugs described herein are combined with one or more additional lipid prodrug(s). In some embodiments, the one or more lipid prodrug(s) are an immune suppressant. Long-term therapy is equally possible as is adjuvant therapy in the context of other treatment strategies, as described above. Other possible treatments are therapy to maintain the patient's status after tumor regression, or even chemopreventive therapy, for example in patients at risk. In some embodiments, the therapy maintains disease severity after a treatment, e.g., in patients with an inflammatory and/or autoimmune disorder described herein.

[00295] Such additional agents may be administered separately from a provided lipid prodrug or composition, as part of a multiple dosage regimen. Alternatively, those agents may be part of a single dosage form, mixed together with a disclosed lipid prodrug in a single composition. If administered as part of a multiple dosage regime, the two active agents may be submitted simultaneously, sequentially or within a period of time from one another.

[00296] As used herein, the term “combination,” “combined,” and related terms refers to the simultaneous or sequential administration of therapeutic agents in accordance with the present disclosure. For example, a disclosed lipid prodrug may be administered with another therapeutic agent simultaneously or sequentially in separate unit dosage forms or together in a single unit dosage form. Accordingly, the present disclosure provides a single unit dosage form comprising a disclosed lipid prodrug, an additional therapeutic agent, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle. In some embodiments, the additional agent is formulated in a separate composition from the lipid prodrug.

[00297] The amount of both a disclosed lipid prodrug and additional therapeutic agent (in those compositions which comprise an additional therapeutic agent as described above) that may be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form will vary depending upon the patient treated and the particular mode of administration. In certain embodiments, compositions of this invention should be formulated so that a dosage of between 0.01–100 mg/kg body weight/day of a disclosed lipid prodrug can be administered.

[00298] In those compositions which comprise an additional therapeutic agent, that additional therapeutic agent and the disclosed lipid prodrug may act synergistically. Therefore, the amount of additional therapeutic agent in such compositions will be less than that required in a monotherapy utilizing only that therapeutic agent. In such compositions, a dosage of between 0.01–100 mg/kg body weight/day of the additional therapeutic agent can be administered.

[00299] The amount of additional therapeutic agent present in the compositions of this invention will be no more than the amount that would normally be administered in a composition comprising that therapeutic agent as the only active agent. Preferably the amount of additional therapeutic agent in the presently disclosed compositions will range from about 50% to 100% of the amount normally present in a composition comprising that agent as the only therapeutically active agent.

[00300] Examples of agents with which the lipid prodrugs of this invention may be combined include, without limitation: treatments for Alzheimer's Disease such as Aricept[®] and Exelon[®]; treatments for HIV such as ritonavir; treatments for Parkinson's Disease such as L-DOPA/carbidopa, entacapone, ropinirole, pramipexole, bromocriptine, pergolide, trihexyphenidyl, and amantadine; agents for treating multiple sclerosis (MS) such as beta interferon (e.g., Avonex[®] and Rebif[®]), Copaxone[®], and mitoxantrone; treatments for asthma such as albuterol and Singulair[®]; agents for treating schizophrenia such as zyprexa, risperdal, seroquel, and haloperidol; anti-inflammatory agents such as corticosteroids, TNF blockers, IL-1 RA, azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, and sulfasalazine; immunomodulatory and immunosuppressive agents such as cyclosporin, tacrolimus, rapamycin, interferons, corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, and sulfasalazine; neurotrophic factors such as acetylcholinesterase inhibitors, MAO inhibitors, interferons, anti-convulsants, ion channel blockers, riluzole, and anti-Parkinsonian agents; agents for treating cardiovascular disease such as beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, diuretics, nitrates, calcium channel blockers, and statins; agents for treating liver disease such as corticosteroids, cholestyramine, interferons, and anti-viral agents; agents for treating blood disorders such as corticosteroids, anti-leukemic agents, and growth factors; agents that prolong or improve pharmacokinetics such as cytochrome P450 inhibitors (i.e., inhibitors of metabolic breakdown) and CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketokenazole and ritonavir), agents for treating immunodeficiency disorders such as gamma globulin, and agents for treatment of auto-immune disorders such as

idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), scleroderma (systemic sclerosis or SSc), and pemphigus vulgaris (PV).

[00301] In certain embodiments, combination therapies of the present invention include a monoclonal antibody or a siRNA therapeutic.

[00302] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating an inflammatory disease, disorder or condition by administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents. Such additional therapeutic agents may be small molecules or a biologic and include, for example, acetaminophen, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, etodolac (Lodine®) and celecoxib, colchicine (Colcrys®), corticosteroids such as prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, hydrocortisone, and the like, probenecid, allopurinol, febuxostat (Uloric®), sulfasalazine (Azulfidine®), antimalarials such as hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil®) and chloroquine (Aralen®), methotrexate (Rheumatrex®), gold salts such as gold thioglucose (Solganal®), gold thiomalate (Myochrysine®) and auranofin (Ridaura®), D-penicillamine (Depen® or Cuprimine®), azathioprine (Imuran®), cyclophosphamide (Cytosan®), chlorambucil (Leukeran®), cyclosporine (Sandimmune®), leflunomide (Arava®) and “anti-TNF” agents such as etanercept (Enbrel®), infliximab (Remicade®), golimumab (Simponi®), certolizumab pegol (Cimzia®) and adalimumab (Humira®), “anti-IL-1” agents such as anakinra (Kineret®) and rilonacept (Arcalyst®), canakinumab (Ilaris®), JAK inhibitors such as tofacitinib, antibodies such as rituximab (Rituxan®), “anti-T-cell” agents such as abatacept (Orencia®), “anti-IL-6” agents such as tocilizumab (Actemra®), diclofenac, cortisone, hyaluronic acid (Synvisc® or Hyalgan®), monoclonal antibodies such as tanezumab, anticoagulants such as heparin (Calcinparine® or Liquaemin®) and warfarin (Coumadin®), antidiarrheals such as diphenoxylate (Lomotil®) and loperamide (Imodium®), bile acid binding agents such as cholestyramine, alosetron (Lotronex®), lubiprostone (Amitiza®), laxatives such as Milk of Magnesia, polyethylene glycol (MiraLax®), Dulcolax®, Correctol® and Senokot®, anticholinergics or antispasmodics such as dicyclomine (Bentyl®), Singulair®, beta-2 agonists such as albuterol (Ventolin® HFA, Proventil® HFA), levalbuterol (Xopenex®), metaproterenol (Alupent®), pirbuterol acetate (Maxair®), terbutaline sulfate (Brethaire®), salmeterol xinafoate (Serevent®) and formoterol (Foradil®), anticholinergic agents such as ipratropium bromide (Atrovent®) and tiotropium (Spiriva®), inhaled corticosteroids such as beclomethasone dipropionate (Beclovent®, Qvar®, and Vanceril®),

triamcinolone acetonide (Azmecort®), mometasone (Asthmanex®), budesonide (Pulmocort®), and flunisolide (Aerobid®), Afviar®, Symbicort®, Dulera®, cromolyn sodium (Intal®), methylxanthines such as theophylline (Theo-Dur®, Theolair®, Slo-bid®, Uniphyll®, Theo-24®) and aminophylline, IgE antibodies such as omalizumab (Xolair®), nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors such as zidovudine (Retrovir®), abacavir (Ziagen®), abacavir/lamivudine (Epzicom®), abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine (Trizivir®), didanosine (Videx®), emtricitabine (Emtriva®), lamivudine (Epivir®), lamivudine/zidovudine (Combivir®), stavudine (Zerit®), and zalcitabine (Hivid®), non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors such as delavirdine (Rescriptor®), efavirenz (Sustiva®), nevirapine (Viramune®) and etravirine (Intelence®), nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors such as tenofovir (Viread®), protease inhibitors such as amprenavir (Agenerase®), atazanavir (Reyataz®), darunavir (Prezista®), fosamprenavir (Lexiva®), indinavir (Crixivan®), lopinavir and ritonavir (Kaletra®), nelfinavir (Viracept®), ritonavir (Norvir®), saquinavir (Fortovase® or Invirase®), and tipranavir (Aptivus®), entry inhibitors such as enfuvirtide (Fuzeon®) and maraviroc (Selzentry®), integrase inhibitors such as raltegravir (Isentress®), doxorubicin (Hydrodaunorubicin®), vincristine (Oncovin®), bortezomib (Velcade®), and dexamethasone (Decadron®) in combination with lenalidomide (Revlimid®), or any combination(s) thereof.

[00303] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating gout comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, etodolac (Lodine®) and celecoxib, colchicine (Colcrys®), corticosteroids such as prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, hydrocortisone, and the like, probenecid, allopurinol and febuxostat (Uloric®).

[00304] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating an autoimmune disease such as rheumatoid arthritis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, etodolac (Lodine®) and celecoxib, corticosteroids such as prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, hydrocortisone, and the like, sulfasalazine (Azulfidine®), antimalarials such as hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil®) and chloroquine (Aralen®), methotrexate (Rheumatrex®), gold salts such as gold thioglucose (Solganal®), gold thiomalate (Myochrysine®) and auranofin

(Ridaura®), D-penicillamine (Depen® or Cuprimine®), azathioprine (Imuran®), cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®), chlorambucil (Leukeran®), cyclosporine (Sandimmune®), leflunomide (Arava®) and “anti-TNF” agents such as etanercept (Enbrel®), infliximab (Remicade®), golimumab (Simponi®), certolizumab pegol (Cimzia®) and adalimumab (Humira®), “anti-IL-1” agents such as anakinra (Kineret®) and rilonacept (Arcalyst®), antibodies such as rituximab (Rituxan®), “anti-T-cell” agents such as abatacept (Orencia®) and “anti-IL-6” agents such as tocilizumab (Actemra®).

[00305] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating osteoarthritis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from acetaminophen, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, etodolac (Lodine®) and celecoxib, diclofenac, cortisone, hyaluronic acid (Synvisc® or Hyalgan®) and monoclonal antibodies such as tanezumab.

[00306] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating lupus comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from acetaminophen, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, etodolac (Lodine®) and celecoxib, corticosteroids such as prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisolone, hydrocortisone, and the like, antimalarials such as hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil®) and chloroquine (Aralen®), cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®), methotrexate (Rheumatrex®), azathioprine (Imuran®) and anticoagulants such as heparin (Calcinparine® or Liquaemin®) and warfarin (Coumadin®).

[00307] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating inflammatory bowel disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from mesalamine (Asacol®) sulfasalazine (Azulfidine®), antidiarrheals such as diphenoxylate (Lomotil®) and loperamide (Imodium®), bile acid binding agents such as cholestyramine, alosetron (Lotronex®), lubiprostone (Amitiza®), laxatives such as Milk of Magnesia, polyethylene glycol (MiraLax®), Dulcolax®, Correctol® and Senokot® and anticholinergics or antispasmodics such as dicyclomine (Bentyl®), anti-TNF therapies, steroids, and antibiotics such as Flagyl or ciprofloxacin.

[00308] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating asthma comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more

additional therapeutic agents selected from Singulair®, beta-2 agonists such as albuterol (Ventolin® HFA, Proventil® HFA), levalbuterol (Xopenex®), metaproterenol (Alupent®), pirbuterol acetate (Maxair®), terbutaline sulfate (Brethaire®), salmeterol xinafoate (Serevent®) and formoterol (Foradil®), anticholinergic agents such as ipratropium bromide (Atrovent®) and tiotropium (Spiriva®), inhaled corticosteroids such as prednisone, prednisolone, beclomethasone dipropionate (Beclovent®, Qvar®, and Vanceril®), triamcinolone acetonide (Azmecort®), mometasone (Asthmanex®), budesonide (Pulmocort®), flunisolide (Aerobid®), Afviar®, Symbicort®, and Dulera®, cromolyn sodium (Intal®), methylxanthines such as theophylline (Theo-Dur®, Theolair®, Slo-bid®, Uniphyll®, Theo-24®) and aminophylline, and IgE antibodies such as omalizumab (Xolair®).

[00309] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating COPD comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from beta-2 agonists such as albuterol (Ventolin® HFA, Proventil® HFA), levalbuterol (Xopenex®), metaproterenol (Alupent®), pirbuterol acetate (Maxair®), terbutaline sulfate (Brethaire®), salmeterol xinafoate (Serevent®) and formoterol (Foradil®), anticholinergic agents such as ipratropium bromide (Atrovent®) and tiotropium (Spiriva®), methylxanthines such as theophylline (Theo-Dur®, Theolair®, Slo-bid®, Uniphyll®, Theo-24®) and aminophylline, inhaled corticosteroids such as prednisone, prednisolone, beclomethasone dipropionate (Beclovent®, Qvar®, and Vanceril®), triamcinolone acetonide (Azmecort®), mometasone (Asthmanex®), budesonide (Pulmocort®), flunisolide (Aerobid®), Afviar®, Symbicort®, and Dulera®, and combinations thereof.

[00310] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating HIV comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors such as zidovudine (Retrovir®), abacavir (Ziagen®), abacavir/lamivudine (Epzicom®), abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine (Trizivir®), didanosine (Videx®), emtricitabine (Emtriva®), lamivudine (Epivir®), lamivudine/zidovudine (Combivir®), stavudine (Zerit®), and zalcitabine (Hivid®), non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors such as delavirdine (Rescriptor®), efavirenz (Sustiva®), nevirapine (Viramune®) and etravirine (Intelence®), nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors such as tenofovir (Viread®), protease inhibitors such as amprenavir (Agenerase®), atazanavir (Reyataz®), darunavir (Prezista®), fosamprenavir (Lexiva®), indinavir

(Crixivan®), lopinavir and ritonavir (Kaletra®), nelfinavir (Viracept®), ritonavir (Norvir®), saquinavir (Fortovase® or Invirase®), and tipranavir (Aptivus®), entry inhibitors such as enfuvirtide (Fuzeon®) and maraviroc (Selzentry®), integrase inhibitors such as raltegravir (Isentress®), and combinations thereof.

[00311] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating a hematological malignancy comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from rituximab (Rituxan®), cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®), doxorubicin (Hydrodaunorubicin®), vincristine (Oncovin®), prednisone, a hedgehog signaling inhibitor, a Bcl-2 inhibitor, a BTK inhibitor, a JAK/pan-JAK inhibitor, a TYK2 inhibitor, a PI3K inhibitor, a SYK inhibitor, and combinations thereof.

[00312] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating a solid tumor comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from rituximab (Rituxan®), cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®), doxorubicin (Hydrodaunorubicin®), vincristine (Oncovin®), prednisone, a hedgehog signaling inhibitor, a Bcl-2 inhibitor, a BTK inhibitor, a JAK/pan-JAK inhibitor, a TYK2 inhibitor, a PI3K inhibitor, a SYK inhibitor, and combinations thereof.

[00313] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating a hematological malignancy comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and a Hedgehog (Hh) signaling pathway inhibitor. In some embodiments, the hematological malignancy is DLBCL.

[00314] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from rituximab (Rituxan®), cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan®), doxorubicin (Hydrodaunorubicin®), vincristine (Oncovin®), prednisone, a hedgehog signaling inhibitor, and combinations thereof.

[00315] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating multiple myeloma comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from bortezomib (Velcade®), and dexamethasone (Decadron®), a hedgehog signaling inhibitor, a Bcl-2 inhibitor, a BTK inhibitor, a JAK/pan-JAK inhibitor, a TYK2 inhibitor, a PI3K inhibitor, a SYK inhibitor in combination with lenalidomide (Revlimid®).

[00316] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating Waldenström's macroglobulinemia comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from chlorambucil (Leukeran®), cyclophosphamide (Cytosan®, Neosar®), fludarabine (Fludara®), cladribine (Leustatin®), rituximab (Rituxan®), a hedgehog signaling inhibitor, a Bcl-2 inhibitor, a BTK inhibitor, a JAK/pan-JAK inhibitor, a TYK2 inhibitor, a PI3K inhibitor, and a SYK inhibitor.

[00317] In some embodiments, the present invention provides a method of treating Alzheimer's disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from donepezil (Aricept®), rivastigmine (Exelon®), galantamine (Razadyne®), tacrine (Cognex®), and memantine (Namenda®).

[00318] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating organ transplant rejection or graft vs. host disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and one or more additional therapeutic agents selected from a steroid, cyclosporin, FK506, rapamycin, a hedgehog signaling inhibitor, a Bcl-2 inhibitor, a BTK inhibitor, a JAK/pan-JAK inhibitor, a TYK2 inhibitor, a PI3K inhibitor, and a SYK inhibitor.

[00319] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating or lessening the severity of a disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and a BTK inhibitor, wherein the disease is selected from inflammatory bowel disease, arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), vasculitis, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, osteoarthritis, Still's disease, juvenile arthritis, myasthenia gravis, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Ord's thyroiditis, Graves' disease, autoimmune thyroiditis, Sjögren's syndrome, multiple sclerosis, systemic sclerosis, Lyme neuroborreliosis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, Addison's disease, opsoclonus-myoclonus syndrome, ankylosing spondylitis, antiphospholipid antibody syndrome, aplastic anemia, Fanconi Anemia, autoimmune hepatitis, autoimmune gastritis, pernicious anemia, celiac disease, Goodpasture's syndrome, optic neuritis, scleroderma, primary biliary cirrhosis, Reiter's syndrome, Takayasu's arteritis, temporal arteritis, warm autoimmune hemolytic anemia, Wegener's granulomatosis, psoriasis, alopecia universalis, Behcet's disease, chronic fatigue, dysautonomia, membranous glomerulonephropathy, endometriosis, interstitial cystitis, pemphigus vulgaris, bullous pemphigoid, neuromyotonia, scleroderma, vulvodynia, a hyperproliferative disease, rejection of transplanted organs or tissues, Acquired Immunodeficiency

Syndrome (AIDS, caused by HIV), type 1 diabetes, graft versus host disease, transplantation, transfusion, anaphylaxis, allergies (e.g., allergies to plant pollens, latex, drugs, foods, insect poisons, animal hair, animal dander, dust mites, or cockroach calyx), type I hypersensitivity, allergic conjunctivitis, allergic rhinitis, and atopic dermatitis, asthma, appendicitis, atopic dermatitis, asthma, allergy, blepharitis, bronchiolitis, bronchitis, bursitis, cervicitis, cholangitis, cholecystitis, chronic graft rejection, colitis, conjunctivitis, Crohn's disease, cystitis, dacryoadenitis, dermatitis, dermatomyositis, encephalitis, endocarditis, endometritis, enteritis, enterocolitis, epicondylitis, epididymitis, fasciitis, fibrositis, gastritis, gastroenteritis, Henoch-Schonlein purpura, hepatitis, hidradenitis suppurativa, immunoglobulin A nephropathy, interstitial lung disease, laryngitis, mastitis, meningitis, myelitis myocarditis, myositis, nephritis, oophoritis, orchitis, osteitis, otitis, pancreatitis, parotitis, pericarditis, peritonitis, pharyngitis, pleuritis, phlebitis, pneumonitis, pneumonia, polymyositis, proctitis, prostatitis, pyelonephritis, rhinitis, salpingitis, sinusitis, stomatitis, synovitis, tendonitis, tonsillitis, ulcerative colitis, uveitis, vaginitis, vasculitis, or vulvitis, B-cell proliferative disorder, e.g., diffuse large B cell lymphoma, follicular lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic lymphoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, acute lymphocytic leukemia, B-cell prolymphocytic leukemia, lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia, splenic marginal zone lymphoma, multiple myeloma (also known as plasma cell myeloma), non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's lymphoma, plasmacytoma, extranodal marginal zone B cell lymphoma, nodal marginal zone B cell lymphoma, mantle cell lymphoma, mediastinal (thymic) large B cell lymphoma, intravascular large B cell lymphoma, primary effusion lymphoma, Burkitt lymphoma/leukemia, or lymphomatoid granulomatosis, breast cancer, prostate cancer, or cancer of the mast cells (e.g., mastocytoma, mast cell leukemia, mast cell sarcoma, systemic mastocytosis), bone cancer, colorectal cancer, pancreatic cancer, diseases of the bone and joints including, without limitation, rheumatoid arthritis, seronegative spondyloarthropathies (including ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis and Reiter's disease), Behcet's disease, Sjogren's syndrome, systemic sclerosis, osteoporosis, bone cancer, bone metastasis, a thromboembolic disorder, (e.g., myocardial infarct, angina pectoris, reocclusion after angioplasty, restenosis after angioplasty, reocclusion after aortocoronary bypass, restenosis after aortocoronary bypass, stroke, transitory ischemia, a peripheral arterial occlusive disorder, pulmonary embolism, deep venous thrombosis), inflammatory pelvic disease, urethritis, skin sunburn, sinusitis, pneumonitis, encephalitis, meningitis, myocarditis, nephritis, osteomyelitis,

myositis, hepatitis, gastritis, enteritis, dermatitis, gingivitis, appendicitis, pancreatitis, cholecystitis, agammaglobulinemia, psoriasis, allergy, Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, ulcerative colitis, Sjogren's disease, tissue graft rejection, hyperacute rejection of transplanted organs, asthma, allergic rhinitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), autoimmune polyglandular disease (also known as autoimmune polyglandular syndrome), autoimmune alopecia, pernicious anemia, glomerulonephritis, dermatomyositis, multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, vasculitis, autoimmune hemolytic and thrombocytopenic states, Goodpasture's syndrome, atherosclerosis, Addison's disease, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, septic shock, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, juvenile arthritis, osteoarthritis, chronic idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia, atopic dermatitis, degenerative joint disease, vitiligo, autoimmune hypopituitarism, Behcet's disease, scleroderma, mycosis fungoides, acute inflammatory responses (such as acute respiratory distress syndrome and ischemia/reperfusion injury), and Graves' disease.

[00320] In some embodiments the present invention provides a method of treating or lessening the severity of a disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and a Bcl-2 inhibitor, wherein the disease is an inflammatory disorder, an autoimmune disorder, a proliferative disorder, an endocrine disorder, a neurological disorder, or a disorder associated with transplantation. In some embodiments, the disorder is a proliferative disorder, lupus, or lupus nephritis. In some embodiments, the proliferative disorder is chronic lymphocytic leukemia, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, small-cell lung cancer, non-small-cell lung cancer, myelodysplastic syndrome, lymphoma, a hematological neoplasm, or a solid tumor.

[00321] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating or lessening the severity of a disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and a PI3K inhibitor, wherein the disease is selected from a cancer, a neurodegenerative disorder, an angiogenic disorder, a viral disease, an autoimmune disease, an inflammatory disorder, a hormone-related disease, conditions associated with organ transplantation, immunodeficiency disorders, a destructive bone disorder, a proliferative disorder, an infectious disease, a condition associated with cell death, thrombin-induced platelet aggregation, chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), liver

disease, pathologic immune conditions involving T cell activation, a cardiovascular disorder, and a CNS disorder.

[00322] In another embodiment, the present invention provides a method of treating or lessening the severity of a disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a disclosed lipid prodrug and a PI3K inhibitor, wherein the disease is selected from benign or malignant tumor, carcinoma or solid tumor of the brain, kidney (e.g., renal cell carcinoma (RCC)), liver, adrenal gland, bladder, breast, stomach, gastric tumors, ovaries, colon, rectum, prostate, pancreas, lung, vagina, endometrium, cervix, testis, genitourinary tract, esophagus, larynx, skin, bone or thyroid, sarcoma, glioblastomas, neuroblastomas, multiple myeloma or gastrointestinal cancer, especially colon carcinoma or colorectal adenoma or a tumor of the neck and head, an epidermal hyperproliferation, psoriasis, prostate hyperplasia, a neoplasia, a neoplasia of epithelial character, adenoma, adenocarcinoma, keratoacanthoma, epidermoid carcinoma, large cell carcinoma, non-small-cell lung carcinoma, lymphomas, (including, for example, non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL) and Hodgkin's lymphoma (also termed Hodgkin's or Hodgkin's disease)), a mammary carcinoma, follicular carcinoma, undifferentiated carcinoma, papillary carcinoma, seminoma, melanoma, or a leukemia, diseases include Cowden syndrome, Lhermitte-Dudos disease and Bannayan-Zonana syndrome, or diseases in which the PI3K/PKB pathway is aberrantly activated, asthma of whatever type or genesis including both intrinsic (non-allergic) asthma and extrinsic (allergic) asthma, mild asthma, moderate asthma, severe asthma, bronchitic asthma, exercise-induced asthma, occupational asthma and asthma induced following bacterial infection, acute lung injury (ALI), adult/acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), chronic obstructive pulmonary, airways or lung disease (COPD, COAD or COLD), including chronic bronchitis or dyspnea associated therewith, emphysema, as well as exacerbation of airways hyperreactivity consequent to other drug therapy, in particular other inhaled drug therapy, bronchitis of whatever type or genesis including, but not limited to, acute, arachidic, catarrhal, croupus, chronic or phthinoid bronchitis, pneumoconiosis (an inflammatory, commonly occupational, disease of the lungs, frequently accompanied by airways obstruction, whether chronic or acute, and occasioned by repeated inhalation of dusts) of whatever type or genesis, including, for example, aluminosis, anthracosis, asbestosis, chalicosis, ptilosis, siderosis, silicosis, tabacosis and byssinosis, Loffler's syndrome, eosinophilic, pneumonia, parasitic (in particular metazoan) infestation (including tropical eosinophilia), bronchopulmonary aspergillosis, polyarteritis nodosa (including Churg-

Strauss syndrome), eosinophilic granuloma and eosinophil-related disorders affecting the airways occasioned by drug-reaction, psoriasis, contact dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, alopecia areata, erythema multiforma, dermatitis herpetiformis, scleroderma, vitiligo, hypersensitivity angitis, urticaria, bullous pemphigoid, lupus erythematosus, pemphigus, epidermolysis bullosa acquisita, conjunctivitis, keratoconjunctivitis sicca, and vernal conjunctivitis, diseases affecting the nose including allergic rhinitis, and inflammatory disease in which autoimmune reactions are implicated or having an autoimmune component or etiology, including autoimmune hematological disorders (e.g. hemolytic anemia, aplastic anemia, pure red cell anemia and idiopathic thrombocytopenia), systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, polychondritis, scleroderma, Wegener granulomatosis, dermatomyositis, chronic active hepatitis, myasthenia gravis, Steven-Johnson syndrome, idiopathic sprue, autoimmune inflammatory bowel disease (e.g. ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease), endocrine ophthalmopathy, Grave's disease, sarcoidosis, alveolitis, chronic hypersensitivity pneumonitis, multiple sclerosis, primary biliary cirrhosis, uveitis (anterior and posterior), keratoconjunctivitis sicca and vernal keratoconjunctivitis, interstitial lung fibrosis, psoriatic arthritis and glomerulonephritis (with and without nephrotic syndrome, e.g. including idiopathic nephrotic syndrome or minimal change nephropathy, restenosis, cardiomegaly, atherosclerosis, myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke and congestive heart failure, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Huntington's disease, and cerebral ischemia, and neurodegenerative disease caused by traumatic injury, glutamate neurotoxicity and hypoxia.

[00323] A disclosed lipid prodrug of the current invention may also be used to advantage in combination with an antiproliferative compound. Such antiproliferative compounds include, but are not limited to, aromatase inhibitors; antiestrogens; topoisomerase I inhibitors; topoisomerase II inhibitors; microtubule active compounds; alkylating compounds; histone deacetylase inhibitors; compounds which induce cell differentiation processes; cyclooxygenase inhibitors; MMP inhibitors; mTOR inhibitors; antineoplastic antimetabolites; platin compounds; compounds targeting/decreasing a protein or lipid kinase activity and further anti-angiogenic compounds; compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of a protein or lipid phosphatase; gonadorelin agonists; anti-androgens; methionine aminopeptidase inhibitors; matrix metalloproteinase inhibitors; bisphosphonates; biological response modifiers; antiproliferative antibodies; heparanase inhibitors; inhibitors of Ras oncogenic isoforms; telomerase inhibitors;

proteasome inhibitors; compounds used in the treatment of hematologic malignancies; compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of Flt-3; Hsp90 inhibitors such as 17-AAG (17-allylaminogeldanamycin, NSC330507), 17-DMAG (17-dimethylaminoethylamino-17-demethoxy-geldanamycin, NSC707545), IPI-504, CNF1010, CNF2024, CNF1010 from Conforma Therapeutics; temozolomide (Temodal®); kinesin spindle protein inhibitors, such as SB715992 or SB743921 from GlaxoSmithKline, or pentamidine/chlorpromazine from CombinatoRx; MEK inhibitors such as ARRY142886 from Array BioPharma, AZD6244 from AstraZeneca, PD181461 from Pfizer and leucovorin. The term “aromatase inhibitor” as used herein relates to a compound which inhibits estrogen production, for instance, the conversion of the substrates androstenedione and testosterone to estrone and estradiol, respectively. The term includes, but is not limited to steroids, especially atamestane, exemestane and formestane and, in particular, non-steroids, especially aminoglutethimide, roglethimide, pyridoglutethimide, trilostane, testolactone, ketokonazole, vorozole, fadrozole, anastrozole and letrozole. Exemestane is marketed under the trade name Aromasin™. Formestane is marketed under the trade name Lentaron™. Fadrozole is marketed under the trade name Afema™. Anastrozole is marketed under the trade name Arimidex™. Letrozole is marketed under the trade names Femara™ or Femar™. Aminoglutethimide is marketed under the trade name Orimeten™. A combination of the invention comprising a chemotherapeutic agent which is an aromatase inhibitor is particularly useful for the treatment of hormone receptor positive tumors, such as breast tumors.

[00324] The term “antiestrogen” as used herein relates to a compound which antagonizes the effect of estrogens at the estrogen receptor level. The term includes, but is not limited to tamoxifen, fulvestrant, raloxifene and raloxifene hydrochloride. Tamoxifen is marketed under the trade name Nolvadex™. Raloxifene hydrochloride is marketed under the trade name Evista™. Fulvestrant can be administered under the trade name Faslodex™. A combination of the invention comprising a chemotherapeutic agent which is an antiestrogen is particularly useful for the treatment of estrogen receptor positive tumors, such as breast tumors.

[00325] The term “anti-androgen” as used herein relates to any substance which is capable of inhibiting the biological effects of androgenic hormones and includes, but is not limited to, bicalutamide (Casodex™). The term “gonadorelin agonist” as used herein includes, but is not limited to abarelix, goserelin and goserelin acetate. Goserelin can be administered under the trade name Zoladex™.

[00326] The term “topoisomerase I inhibitor” as used herein includes, but is not limited to topotecan, gimatecan, irinotecan, camptothecin and its analogues, 9-nitrocamptothecin and the macromolecular camptothecin conjugate PNU-166148. Irinotecan can be administered, e.g. in the form as it is marketed, e.g. under the trademark Camptosar™. Topotecan is marketed under the trade name Hycamptin™.

[00327] The term “topoisomerase II inhibitor” as used herein includes, but is not limited to the anthracyclines such as doxorubicin (including liposomal formulation, such as Caelyx™), daunorubicin, epirubicin, idarubicin and nemorubicin, the anthraquinones mitoxantrone and losoxantrone, and the podophyllotoxines etoposide and teniposide. Etoposide is marketed under the trade name Etopophos™. Teniposide is marketed under the trade name VM 26-Bristol. Doxorubicin is marketed under the trade name Acriblastin™ or Adriamycin™. Epirubicin is marketed under the trade name Farmorubicin™. Idarubicin is marketed under the trade name Zavedos™. Mitoxantrone is marketed under the trade name Novantron.

[00328] The term “microtubule active agent” relates to microtubule stabilizing, microtubule destabilizing compounds and microtubulin polymerization inhibitors including, but not limited to taxanes, such as paclitaxel and docetaxel; vinca alkaloids, such as vinblastine or vinblastine sulfate, vincristine or vincristine sulfate, and vinorelbine; discodermolides; cochicine and epothilones and derivatives thereof. Paclitaxel is marketed under the trade name Taxol™. Docetaxel is marketed under the trade name Taxotere™. Vincristine sulfate is marketed under the trade name Farmistin™.

[00329] The term “alkylating agent” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, melphalan or nitrosourea (BCNU or Gliadel). Cyclophosphamide is marketed under the trade name Cyclostin™. Ifosfamide is marketed under the trade name Holoxan™.

[00330] The term “histone deacetylase inhibitors” or “HDAC inhibitors” relates to compounds which inhibit the histone deacetylase and which possess antiproliferative activity. This includes, but is not limited to, suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid (SAHA).

[00331] The term “antineoplastic antimetabolite” includes, but is not limited to, 5-fluorouracil or 5-FU, capecitabine, gemcitabine, DNA demethylating compounds, such as 5-azacytidine and decitabine, methotrexate and edatrexate, and folic acid antagonists such as pemetrexed.

Capecitabine is marketed under the trade name Xeloda™. Gemcitabine is marketed under the trade name Gemzar™.

[00332] The term “platin compound” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, carboplatin, cis-platin, cisplatinum and oxaliplatin. Carboplatin can be administered, e.g., in the form as it is marketed, e.g. under the trademark Carboplat™. Oxaliplatin can be administered, e.g., in the form as it is marketed, e.g. under the trademark Eloxatin™.

[00333] The term “compounds targeting/decreasing a protein or lipid kinase activity; or a protein or lipid phosphatase activity; or further anti-angiogenic compounds” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, protein tyrosine kinase and/or serine and/or threonine kinase inhibitors or lipid kinase inhibitors, such as a) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the platelet-derived growth factor-receptors (PDGFR), such as compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of PDGFR, especially compounds which inhibit the PDGF receptor, such as an N-phenyl-2-pyrimidine-amine derivative, such as imatinib, SU101, SU6668 and GFB-111; b) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the fibroblast growth factor-receptors (FGFR); c) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the insulin-like growth factor receptor I (IGF-IR), such as compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of IGF-IR, especially compounds which inhibit the kinase activity of IGF-I receptor, or antibodies that target the extracellular domain of IGF-I receptor or its growth factors; d) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the Trk receptor tyrosine kinase family, or ephrin B4 inhibitors; e) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the AxI receptor tyrosine kinase family; f) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the Ret receptor tyrosine kinase; g) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the Kit/SCFR receptor tyrosine kinase, such as imatinib; h) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the C-kit receptor tyrosine kinases, which are part of the PDGFR family, such as compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of the c-Kit receptor tyrosine kinase family, especially compounds which inhibit the c-Kit receptor, such as imatinib; i) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of members of the c-Abl family, their gene-fusion products (e.g. BCR-Abl kinase) and mutants, such as compounds which target decrease or inhibit the activity of c-Abl family members and their gene fusion products, such as an N-phenyl-2-pyrimidine-amine derivative, such as imatinib or nilotinib (AMN107); PD180970; AG957; NSC 680410; PD173955 from ParkeDavis; or dasatinib (BMS-354825); j) compounds

targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of members of the protein kinase C (PKC) and Raf family of serine/threonine kinases, members of the MEK, SRC, JAK/pan-JAK, FAK, PDK1, PKB/Akt, Ras/MAPK, PI3K, SYK, TYK2, BTK and TEC family, and/or members of the cyclin-dependent kinase family (CDK) including staurosporine derivatives, such as midostaurin; examples of further compounds include UCN-01, safinolol, BAY 43-9006, Bryostatin 1, Perifosine, Ilmofofosine, RO 318220 and RO 320432; GO 6976; Isis 3521; LY333531/LY379196; isochinoline compounds; FTIs; PD184352 or QAN697 (a PI3K inhibitor) or AT7519 (CDK inhibitor); k) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of protein-tyrosine kinase inhibitors, such as compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of protein-tyrosine kinase inhibitors include imatinib mesylate (Gleevec™) or tyrphostin such as Tyrphostin A23/RG-50810; AG 99; Tyrphostin AG 213; Tyrphostin AG 1748; Tyrphostin AG 490; Tyrphostin B44; Tyrphostin B44 (+) enantiomer; Tyrphostin AG 555; AG 494; Tyrphostin AG 556, AG957 and adaphostin (4-[[[(2,5-dihydroxyphenyl)methyl]amino}-benzoic acid adamantyl ester; NSC 680410, adaphostin); l) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the epidermal growth factor family of receptor tyrosine kinases (EGFR₁ ErbB2, ErbB3, ErbB4 as homo- or heterodimers) and their mutants, such as compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of the epidermal growth factor receptor family are especially compounds, proteins or antibodies which inhibit members of the EGF receptor tyrosine kinase family, such as EGF receptor, ErbB2, ErbB3 and ErbB4 or bind to EGF or EGF related ligands, CP 358774, ZD 1839, ZM 105180; trastuzumab (Herceptin™), cetuximab (Erbitux™), Iressa, Tarceva, OSI-774, CI-1033, EKB-569, GW-2016, E1.1, E2.4, E2.5, E6.2, E6.4, E2.11, E6.3 or E7.6.3, and 7H-pyrrolo-[2,3-d]pyrimidine derivatives; m) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of the c-Met receptor, such as compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of c-Met, especially compounds which inhibit the kinase activity of c-Met receptor, or antibodies that target the extracellular domain of c-Met or bind to HGF, n) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the kinase activity of one or more JAK family members (JAK1/JAK2/JAK3/TYK2 and/or pan-JAK), including but not limited to PRT-062070, SB-1578, baricitinib, pacritinib, momelotinib, VX-509, AZD-1480, TG-101348, tofacitinib, and ruxolitinib; o) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the kinase activity of PI3 kinase (PI3K) including but not limited to ATU-027, SF-1126, DS-7423, PBI-05204, GSK-2126458, ZSTK-474, buparlisib, pictrelisib, PF-4691502, BYL-719, dactolisib, XL-147, XL-765, and idelalisib; and q) compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting

the signaling effects of hedgehog protein (Hh) or smoothened receptor (SMO) pathways, including but not limited to cyclopamine, vismodegib, itraconazole, erismodegib, and IPI-926 (saridegib).

[00334] The term “PI3K inhibitor” as used herein includes, but is not limited to compounds having inhibitory activity against one or more enzymes in the phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase family, including, but not limited to PI3K α , PI3K γ , PI3K δ , PI3K β , PI3K-C2 α , PI3K-C2 β , PI3K-C2 γ , Vps34, p110- α , p110- β , p110- γ , p110- δ , p85- α , p85- β , p55- γ , p150, p101, and p87. Examples of PI3K inhibitors useful in this invention include but are not limited to ATU-027, SF-1126, DS-7423, PBI-05204, GSK-2126458, ZSTK-474, buparlisib, pictrelisib, PF-4691502, BYL-719, dactolisib, XL-147, XL-765, and idelalisib.

[00335] The term “Bcl-2 inhibitor” as used herein includes, but is not limited to compounds having inhibitory activity against B-cell lymphoma 2 protein (Bcl-2), including but not limited to ABT-199, ABT-731, ABT-737, apogossypol, Ascenta’s pan-Bcl-2 inhibitors, curcumin (and analogues thereof), dual Bcl-2/Bcl-xL inhibitors (Infinity Pharmaceuticals/Novartis Pharmaceuticals), Genasense (G3139), HA14-1 (and analogues thereof; see WO2008118802), navitoclax (and analogues thereof, see US7390799), NH-1 (Shenayng Pharmaceutical University), obatoclax (and analogues thereof, see WO 2004/106328, hereby incorporated by reference), S-001 (Gloria Pharmaceuticals), TW series compounds (Univ. of Michigan), and venetoclax. In some embodiments the Bcl-2 inhibitor is a small molecule therapeutic. In some embodiments the Bcl-2 inhibitor is a peptidomimetic.

[00336] The term “BTK inhibitor” as used herein includes, but is not limited to compounds having inhibitory activity against Bruton’s Tyrosine Kinase (BTK), including, but not limited to AVL-292 and ibrutinib.

[00337] The term “SYK inhibitor” as used herein includes, but is not limited to compounds having inhibitory activity against spleen tyrosine kinase (SYK), including but not limited to PRT-062070, R-343, R-333, Excellair, PRT-062607, and fostamatinib.

[00338] Further examples of BTK inhibitory compounds, and conditions treatable by such compounds in combination with compounds of this invention can be found in WO 2008/039218 and WO 2011/090760, the entirety of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[00339] Further examples of SYK inhibitory compounds, and conditions treatable by such compounds in combination with compounds of this invention can be found in WO 2003/063794,

WO 2005/007623, and WO 2006/078846, the entirety of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[00340] Further examples of PI3K inhibitory compounds, and conditions treatable by such compounds in combination with compounds of this invention can be found in WO 2004/019973, WO 2004/089925, WO 2007/016176, US 8,138,347, WO 2002/088112, WO 2007/084786, WO 2007/129161, WO 2006/122806, WO 2005/113554, and WO 2007/044729 the entirety of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[00341] Further examples of JAK inhibitory compounds, and conditions treatable by such compounds in combination with compounds of this invention can be found in WO 2009/114512, WO 2008/109943, WO 2007/053452, WO 2000/142246, and WO 2007/070514, the entirety of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[00342] Further anti-angiogenic compounds include compounds having another mechanism for their activity, e.g. unrelated to protein or lipid kinase inhibition e.g. thalidomide (Thalomid™) and TNP-470.

[00343] Examples of proteasome inhibitors useful for use in combination with a disclosed lipid prodrug include, but are not limited to, bortezomib, disulfiram, epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG), salinosporamide A, carfilzomib, ONX-0912, CEP-18770, and MLN9708.

[00344] Compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of a protein or lipid phosphatase are e.g. inhibitors of phosphatase 1, phosphatase 2A, or CDC25, such as okadaic acid or a derivative thereof.

[00345] Compounds which induce cell differentiation processes include, but are not limited to, retinoic acid, α - γ - or δ - tocopherol or α - γ - or δ -tocotrienol.

[00346] The term “cyclooxygenase inhibitor” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, Cox-2 inhibitors, and derivatives, such as celecoxib (Celebrex™), etoricoxib, valdecoxib or a 5-alkyl-2- arylaminophenylacetic acid, such as 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenyl acetic acid, lumiracoxib.

[00347] The term “bisphosphonates” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, etridonic, clodronic, tiludronic, pamidronic, alendronic, ibandronic, risedronic and zoledronic acid. Etridonic acid is marketed under the trade name Didronel™. Clodronic acid is marketed under the trade name Bonafos™. Tiludronic acid is marketed under the trade name Skelid™. Pamidronic acid is marketed under the trade name Aredia™. Alendronic acid is marketed under the trade name

Fosamax™. Ibandronic acid is marketed under the trade name Bondranat™. Risedronic acid is marketed under the trade name Actonel™. Zoledronic acid is marketed under the trade name Zometa™. The term “mTOR inhibitors” relates to compounds which inhibit the mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) and which possess antiproliferative activity such as sirolimus (Rapamune®), everolimus (Certican™), CCI-779 and ABT578.

[00348] The term “heparanase inhibitor” as used herein refers to compounds which target, decrease or inhibit heparin sulfate degradation. The term includes, but is not limited to, PI-88. The term “biological response modifier” as used herein refers to a lymphokine or interferons.

[00349] The term “inhibitor of Ras oncogenic isoforms”, such as H-Ras, K-Ras, or N-Ras, as used herein refers to compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the oncogenic activity of Ras; for example, a “farnesyl transferase inhibitor” such as L-744832, DK8G557 or R115777 (Zarnestra™). The term “telomerase inhibitor” as used herein refers to compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of telomerase. Compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of telomerase are especially compounds which inhibit the telomerase enzyme, such as telomestatin.

[00350] The term “methionine aminopeptidase inhibitor” as used herein refers to compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of methionine aminopeptidase. Compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of methionine aminopeptidase include, but are not limited to, bengamide or a derivative thereof.

[00351] The term “proteasome inhibitor” as used herein refers to compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of the proteasome. Compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of the proteasome include, but are not limited to, Bortezomib (Velcade™) and MLN 341.

[00352] The term “matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor” or (“MMP” inhibitor) as used herein includes, but is not limited to, collagen peptidomimetic and nonpeptidomimetic inhibitors, tetracycline derivatives, e.g. hydroxamate peptidomimetic inhibitor batimastat and its orally bioavailable analogue marimastat (BB-2516), prinomastat (AG3340), metastat (NSC 683551) BMS-279251, BAY 12-9566, TAA211, MMI270B or AAJ996.

[00353] The term “compounds used in the treatment of hematologic malignancies” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, FMS-like tyrosine kinase inhibitors, which are compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the activity of FMS-like tyrosine kinase receptors (Flt-3R);

interferon, 1- β -D-arabinofuransylcytosine (ara-c) and bisulfan; and ALK inhibitors, which are compounds which target, decrease or inhibit anaplastic lymphoma kinase.

[00354] Compounds which target, decrease or inhibit the activity of FMS-like tyrosine kinase receptors (Flt-3R) are especially compounds, proteins or antibodies which inhibit members of the Flt-3R receptor kinase family, such as PKC412, midostaurin, a staurosporine derivative, SU11248 and MLN518.

[00355] The term “HSP90 inhibitors” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the intrinsic ATPase activity of HSP90; degrading, targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the HSP90 client proteins via the ubiquitin proteasome pathway. Compounds targeting, decreasing or inhibiting the intrinsic ATPase activity of HSP90 are especially compounds, proteins or antibodies which inhibit the ATPase activity of HSP90, such as 17-allylamino, 17-demethoxygeldanamycin (17AAG), a geldanamycin derivative; other geldanamycin related compounds; radicicol and HDAC inhibitors.

[00356] The term “antiproliferative antibodies” as used herein includes, but is not limited to, trastuzumab (Herceptin™), Trastuzumab-DM1, erbitux, bevacizumab (Avastin™), rituximab (Rituxan®), PRO64553 (anti-CD40) and 2C4 Antibody. By antibodies is meant intact monoclonal antibodies, polyclonal antibodies, multispecific antibodies formed from at least 2 intact antibodies, and antibodies fragments so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity.

[00357] For the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a disclosed lipid prodrug can be used in combination with standard leukemia therapies, especially in combination with therapies used for the treatment of AML. In particular, a disclosed lipid prodrug can be administered in combination with, for example, farnesyl transferase inhibitors and/or other drugs useful for the treatment of AML, such as Daunorubicin, Adriamycin, Ara-C, VP-16, Teniposide, Mitoxantrone, Idarubicin, Carboplatinum and PKC412.

[00358] Other anti-leukemic compounds include, for example, Ara-C, a pyrimidine analogue, which is the 2'-alpha-hydroxy ribose (arabinoside) derivative of deoxycytidine. Also included is the purine analogue of hypoxanthine, 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP) and fludarabine phosphate. Compounds which target, decrease or inhibit activity of histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitors such as sodium butyrate and suberoylanilide hydroxamic acid (SAHA) inhibit the activity of the enzymes known as histone deacetylases. Specific HDAC inhibitors include MS275, SAHA, FK228 (formerly FR901228), Trichostatin A and compounds disclosed in US 6,552,065 including,

but not limited to, N-hydroxy-3-[4-[[[2-(2-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-amino]methyl]phenyl]-2E-2-propenamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and N-hydroxy-3-[4-[(2-hydroxyethyl){2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]-amino]methyl]phenyl]-2E-2-propenamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, especially the lactate salt. Somatostatin receptor antagonists as used herein refer to compounds which target, treat or inhibit the somatostatin receptor such as octreotide, and SOM230. Tumor cell damaging approaches refer to approaches such as ionizing radiation. The term “ionizing radiation” referred to above and hereinafter means ionizing radiation that occurs as either electromagnetic rays (such as X-rays and gamma rays) or particles (such as alpha and beta particles). Ionizing radiation is provided in, but not limited to, radiation therapy and is known in the art. See Hellman, Principles of Radiation Therapy, Cancer, in Principles and Practice of Oncology, Devita et al., Eds., 4th Edition, Vol. 1, pp. 248-275 (1993).

[00359] Also included are EDG binders and ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors. The term “EDG binders” as used herein refers to a class of immunosuppressants that modulates lymphocyte recirculation, such as FTY720. The term “ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors” refers to pyrimidine or purine nucleoside analogues including, but not limited to, fludarabine and/or cytosine arabinoside (ara-C), 6-thioguanine, 5-fluorouracil, cladribine, 6-mercaptopurine (especially in combination with ara-C against ALL) and/or pentostatin. Ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors are especially hydroxyurea or 2-hydroxy-1H-isoindole-1,3-dione derivatives.

[00360] Also included are in particular those compounds, proteins or monoclonal antibodies of VEGF such as 1-(4-chloroanilino)-4-(4-pyridylmethyl)phthalazine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, 1-(4-chloroanilino)-4-(4-pyridylmethyl)phthalazine succinate; AngiostatinTM; EndostatinTM; anthranilic acid amides; ZD4190; ZD6474; SU5416; SU6668; bevacizumab; or anti-VEGF antibodies or anti-VEGF receptor antibodies, such as rhuMAb and RHUFab, VEGF aptamer such as Macugon; FLT-4 inhibitors, FLT-3 inhibitors, VEGFR-2 IgG1 antibody, Angiozyme (RPI 4610) and Bevacizumab (AvastinTM).

[00361] Photodynamic therapy as used herein refers to therapy which uses certain chemicals known as photosensitizing compounds to treat or prevent cancers. Examples of photodynamic therapy include treatment with compounds, such as VisudyneTM and porfimer sodium.

[00362] Angiostatic steroids as used herein refers to compounds which block or inhibit angiogenesis, such as, e.g., anecortave, triamcinolone, hydrocortisone, 11- α -epihydrocortisol,

cortisolone, 17 α -hydroxyprogesterone, corticosterone, desoxycorticosterone, testosterone, estrone and dexamethasone.

[00363] Other chemotherapeutic compounds include, but are not limited to, plant alkaloids, hormonal compounds and antagonists; biological response modifiers, preferably lymphokines or interferons; antisense oligonucleotides or oligonucleotide derivatives; shRNA or siRNA; or miscellaneous compounds or compounds with other or unknown mechanism of action.

[00364] Disclosed lipid prodrugs are also useful as co-therapeutic compounds for use in combination with other drug substances such as anti-inflammatory, bronchodilatory or antihistamine drug substances, particularly in the treatment of obstructive or inflammatory airways diseases such as those mentioned hereinbefore, for example as potentiators of therapeutic activity of such drugs or as a means of reducing required dosaging or potential side effects of such drugs. A disclosed lipid prodrug may be mixed with the other drug substance in a fixed pharmaceutical composition or it may be administered separately, before, simultaneously with or after the other drug substance. Accordingly the invention includes a combination of a disclosed lipid prodrug as hereinbefore described with an anti-inflammatory, bronchodilatory, antihistamine or anti-tussive drug substance, said disclosed lipid prodrug and said drug substance being in the same or different pharmaceutical composition.

[00365] Suitable anti-inflammatory drugs include steroids, in particular glucocorticosteroids such as budesonide, beclomethasone dipropionate, fluticasone propionate, ciclesonide or mometasone furoate; non-steroidal glucocorticoid receptor agonists; LTB₄ antagonists such LY293111, CGS025019C, CP-195543, SC-53228, BIIL 284, ONO 4057, SB 209247; LTD₄ antagonists such as montelukast and zafirlukast; PDE4 inhibitors such cilomilast (Ariflo® GlaxoSmithKline), Roflumilast (Byk Gulden), V-11294A (Napp), BAY19-8004 (Bayer), SCH-351591 (Schering-Plough), Arofylline (Almirall Prodesfarma), PD189659 / PD168787 (Parke-Davis), AWD-12- 281 (Asta Medica), CDC-801 (Celgene), SeICID(TM) CC-10004 (Celgene), VM554/UM565 (Vernalis), T-440 (Tanabe), KW-4490 (Kyowa Hakko Kogyo); A_{2a} agonists; A_{2b} antagonists; and beta-2 adrenoceptor agonists such as albuterol (salbutamol), metaproterenol, terbutaline, salmeterol fenoterol, procaterol, and especially, formoterol and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. Suitable bronchodilatory drugs include anticholinergic or antimuscarinic compounds, in particular ipratropium bromide, oxitropium bromide, tiotropium salts and CHF 4226 (Chiesi), and glycopyrrolate.

[00366] Suitable antihistamine drug substances include cetirizine hydrochloride, acetaminophen, clemastine fumarate, promethazine, loratidine, desloratidine, diphenhydramine and fexofenadine hydrochloride, activastine, astemizole, azelastine, ebastine, epinastine, mizolastine and tefenadine.

[00367] Other useful combinations of disclosed lipid prodrugs with anti-inflammatory drugs are those with antagonists of chemokine receptors, e.g. CCR-1, CCR-2, CCR-3, CCR-4, CCR-5, CCR-6, CCR-7, CCR-8, CCR-9 and CCR10, CXCR1, CXCR2, CXCR3, CXCR4, CXCR5, particularly CCR-5 antagonists such as Schering-Plough antagonists SC-351125, SCH- 55700 and SCH-D, and Takeda antagonists such as N-[[4-[[[6,7-dihydro-2-(4-methylphenyl)-5H-benzocyclohepten-8-yl]carbonyl]amino]phenyl]-methyl]tetrahydro-N,N-dimethyl-2H-pyran-4-aminium chloride (TAK-770).

[00368] In some embodiments, the additional therapeutic agent is selected from Abacavir, Abiraterone, Acetylcysteine, acyclovir, adefovir dipivoxil, Alatrofloxacin, Albendazole, albuterol, Alendronic acid, Altropane, Amifostine, Aminolevulinic acid, amiodarone (e.g. cosolvent-free), Amisulpride, amitriptyline, amprenavir, anastrozole, Apomorphine, apremilast, Arbutamine, Argatroban, Arsenic trioxide, aspirin, Atazanavir/cobicistat, Atorvastatin, Avibactam/ceftazidime, Azacitidine, azathioprine, Azithromycin, Belinostat, bendamustine, Bexarotene, Biapenem, Bicalutamide, Bortezomib, Bosentan, bosutinib, Bromfenac, Buprenorphine, Bupropion, Busulfan, C1 esterase inhibitor, Caffeine, calcium levofolinate, Cangrelor, capecitabine, capsaicin, Carfilzomib, Carvedilol, Cefepime, Ceftaroline fosamil, Ceftazidime, Ceftibuten, Ceftolozane/tazobactam, celecoxib, Celgosivir, chlorambucil, Cidofovir, Ciprofloxacin, Cladribine, Clazosentan, Clofarabine, Clopidogrel, cyclophosphamide, cytarabine, danazol, Dantrolene, dasatinib, Daunorubicin, Decitabine, Deferiprone, delavirdine, Deoxycholic acid, deoxythymidine, Dexamethasone, Dexmedetomidine, Dexrazoxane, Diclofenac, Didanosine, diethylcarbamazine, Docetaxel, Dolasetron, Doripenem, Doxapram, Doxercalciferol, Doxorubicin, doxycycline, Efavirenz, Eflapegrastim, elvitegravir, emtricitabine, Entacapone, Epacadostat, epinephrine, epitiostanol, Epoprostenol, ergotamine, Eribulin, Esomeprazole, estradiol, estrogen, etonogestrel, Ezetimibe, Ezetimibe/simvastatin, Fasudil, Fenoldopam, Fentanyl, Ferric carboxymaltose, Finasteride, Fingolimod, Florbenazine F18, Florbetaben F 18, florbetapir F 18, Fludarabine, Fluorine 18 AV 1451, fluorouracil, Fluoxymesterone, Flurpiridaz F-18, Flutafuranol F 18, Flutemetamol F 18, Fomepizole, Fosaprepitant, Fosphenytoin, Fospropofol,

fulvestrant, Furosemide, Gadobenidic acid, Gadobutrol, Gadoversetamide, Gadoxetate disodium, gemcitabine, Glimepiride, Granisetron, Guadecitabine, hydroxychloroquine, Ibandronic acid, ibuprofen, imatinib, Imiquimod, Iobenguane I-123, Ioflupane 123I, Ioxilan, Irinotecan, Isavuconazonium, isosorbidedinitrate, ivermectin, ixabepilone, labelalol, Lacosamide, lamivudine, Lamotrigine, Lansoprazole, Lapatinib, L-dopa, leflunomide, Letemovir, Letrozole, Levetiracetam, Levofloxacin, Levothyroxine, Lidocaine, lidocaine, Linezolid, Lobaplatin, Lomitapide, lopinavir, maraviroc, Meloxicam, melphalan, mercaptopurine, Meropenem, Mesna, methotrexate, Methylalntrexone, Methylphenidate, metoprolol, midazolam, Minocycline IV, Mitoxantrone, Moxifloxacin, Mycophenolate mofetil, naloxone, naltrexone, naproxen, Nefazodone, nelarabine, nelfinavir, Nevirapine, nilotinib, Nilutamide, nitrosoureas, nortriptyline, Omacetaxine mepesuccinate, Omadacycline, Omeprazole, an opioid such as codeine, meperidine, fentanyl, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, or methadone, Oxaliplatin, oxprenolol, Oxybutynin, Oxymetholone, paclitaxel (Taxol®), Palonosetron, Pantoprazole, Paracetamol, Pemetrexed, pentazocine, Pentostatin, Phenylephrine, Pirmenol, platinum, Plazomicin, Plerixafor, ponatinib, pralatrexate, prednisone, prednisolone, Propofol, propranolol, Quinapril, Radium-223 chloride, Raloxifene, raltegravir, Raltitrexed, Ramatroban, Regadenoson, Remifentanyl, Remimazolam besylate, rilpivirine, rinotecan, Risperidone, Ritonavir, Rivastigmine, rofecoxib, Romidepsin, Ropeginterferon alfa-2b, Rotigotine, salbutamol, Salmeterol, Samarium 153 lexidronam, saquinavir, Selegiline, Sertraline, Sildenafil, Simvastatin, Sorivudine, Stavudine, sulfasalazine, Sulfur hexafluoride, Sumatriptan, Sunitinib, Tacrine, tamoxifen, Technetium Tc 99m trofolastat, Tedizolid, Temozolomide, tenofovir, Terbinafine, Testosterone propionate, thiotepa, Tianeptine, Tigecycline, Tizanidine, Topiramate, Topotecan, toremifene, Treprostinil, Tretinoin, Triciribine, verapamil, Verteporfin, Vinorelbine, Vismodegib, Voglibose, zalcitabine, zidovudine, Zileuton, or Zoledronic acid; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

[00369] The structure of the active compounds identified by code numbers, generic or trade names may be taken from the actual edition of the standard compendium “The Merck Index” or from databases, e.g. Patents International (e.g. IMS World Publications).

[00370] A disclosed lipid prodrug may also be used in combination with known therapeutic processes, for example, the administration of hormones or radiation. In certain embodiments, a

disclosed lipid prodrug is used as a radiosensitizer, especially for the treatment of tumors which exhibit poor sensitivity to radiotherapy.

[00371] The disclosed lipid prodrugs and compositions, and any co-administered additional therapeutic agents, according to the method of the present invention, may be administered using any amount and any route of administration effective for treating or lessening the severity of a disease, disorder, or condition such as cancer, an autoimmune disorder, a proliferative disorder, an inflammatory disorder, a neurodegenerative or neurological disorder, schizophrenia, a bone-related disorder, liver disease, or a cardiac disorder. The exact amount required will vary from subject to subject, depending on the species, age, and general condition of the subject, the severity of the infection, the particular agent, its mode of administration, and the like. Disclosed lipid prodrugs are preferably formulated in dosage unit form for ease of administration and uniformity of dosage. The expression “dosage unit form” as used herein refers to a physically discrete unit of agent appropriate for the patient to be treated. It will be understood, however, that the total daily usage of a disclosed lipid prodrug or composition thereof and any co-administered additional therapeutic agents will be decided by the attending physician within the scope of sound medical judgment. The specific effective dose level for any particular patient or organism will depend upon a variety of factors including the disorder being treated and the severity of the disorder; the activity of the specific lipid prodrug employed; the specific composition employed; the age, body weight, general health, sex and diet of the patient; the time of administration, route of administration, and rate of excretion of the specific lipid prodrug or composition; the duration of the treatment; drugs used in combination or coincidental with the specific lipid prodrug or composition employed, and like factors well known in the medical arts. The term “subject” or “patient,” as used herein, means an animal, preferably a mammal, and most preferably a human.

4. Methods of Making Lipid Prodrugs

General Methods for Making Lipid Prodrugs

[00372] The lipid prodrug compounds of this invention may be prepared or isolated in general by synthetic and/or semi-synthetic methods known to those skilled in the art for analogous compounds and by methods described in detail in the Examples, herein.

[00373] The therapeutic agents comprised in disclosed lipid prodrugs (e.g., conjugated to a glyceride-based prodrug) may be purchased commercially or prepared by organic synthesis, semi-synthesis, fermentation (e.g. with viral vectors), and like methods known in the art.

[00374] In some embodiments, protecting groups (as defined below) can be used to manipulate therapeutic agents in preparation for conjugation to the remainder of the lipid prodrug structure, for example, to prevent undesired side reactions from taking place.

[00375] In the synthesis methods described herein, where a particular protecting group (“PG”), leaving group (“LG”), or transformation condition is depicted, one of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that other protecting groups, leaving groups, and transformation conditions are also suitable and are contemplated. Such groups and transformations are described in detail in *March’s Advanced Organic Chemistry: Reactions, Mechanisms, and Structure*, M. B. Smith and J. March, 7th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2013, *Comprehensive Organic Transformations*, R. C. Larock, 3rd Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2018, and *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, P. G. M. Wuts, 5th edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2014, the entirety of each of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

[00376] As used herein, the phrase “leaving group” (LG) includes, but is not limited to, halogens (e.g., fluoride, chloride, bromide, iodide), sulfonates (e.g., mesylate, tosylate, benzenesulfonate, brosylate, nosylate, triflate), diazonium, and the like.

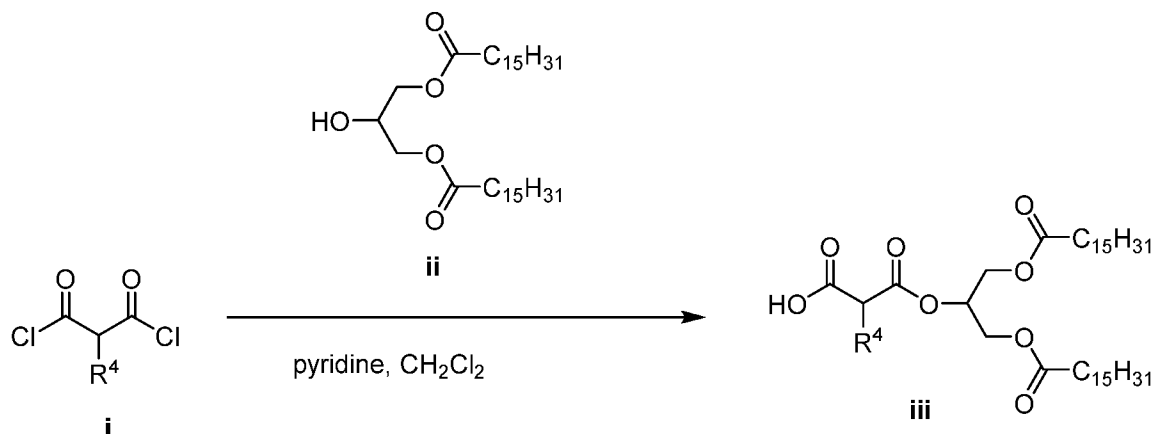
[00377] As used herein, the phrase “oxygen protecting group” includes, for example, carbonyl protecting groups, hydroxyl protecting groups, etc. Hydroxyl protecting groups are well known in the art and include those described in detail in *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, P. G. M. Wuts, 5th edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2014, and Philip Kocienski, in *Protecting Groups*, Georg Thieme Verlag Stuttgart, New York, 1994, the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference. Examples of suitable hydroxyl protecting groups include, but are not limited to, esters, allyl ethers, ethers, silyl ethers, alkyl ethers, arylalkyl ethers, and alkoxyalkyl ethers. Examples of such esters include formates, acetates, carbonates, and sulfonates. Specific examples include formate, benzoyl formate, chloroacetate, trifluoroacetate, methoxyacetate, triphenylmethoxyacetate, p-chlorophenoxyacetate, 3-phenylpropionate, 4-oxopentanoate, 4,4-(ethylenedithio)pentanoate, pivaloate (trimethylacetyl), crotonate, 4-methoxy-crotonate, benzoate, p-benzylbenzoate, 2,4,6-trimethylbenzoate, carbonates such as methyl, 9-fluorenylmethyl, ethyl, 2,2,2-trichloroethyl, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl, 2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl, vinyl, allyl, and p-

nitrobenzyl. Examples of such silyl ethers include trimethylsilyl, triethylsilyl, t-butyldimethylsilyl, t-butyldiphenylsilyl, triisopropylsilyl, and other trialkylsilyl ethers. Alkyl ethers include methyl, benzyl, p-methoxybenzyl, 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl, trityl, t-butyl, allyl, and allyloxycarbonyl ethers or derivatives. Alkoxyalkyl ethers include acetals such as methoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, (2-methoxyethoxy)methyl, benzyloxymethyl, beta-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl, and tetrahydropyranyl ethers. Examples of arylalkyl ethers include benzyl, p-methoxybenzyl (MPM), 3,4-dimethoxybenzyl, O-nitrobenzyl, p-nitrobenzyl, p-halobenzyl, 2,6-dichlorobenzyl, p-cyanobenzyl, and 2- and 4-picolyl.

[00378] Amino protecting groups are well known in the art and include those described in detail in *Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis*, P. G. M. Wuts, 5th edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2014, and Philip Kocienski, in *Protecting Groups*, Georg Thieme Verlag Stuttgart, New York, 1994, the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference. Suitable amino protecting groups include, but are not limited to, aralkylamines, carbamates, cyclic imides, allyl amines, amides, and the like. Examples of such groups include t-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc), ethyloxycarbonyl, methyloxycarbonyl, trichloroethyloxycarbonyl, allyloxycarbonyl (Alloc), benzyloxycarbonyl (Cbz), allyl, phthalimide, benzyl (Bn), fluorenylmethylcarbonyl (Fmoc), formyl, acetyl, chloroacetyl, dichloroacetyl, trichloroacetyl, phenylacetyl, trifluoroacetyl, benzoyl, and the like.

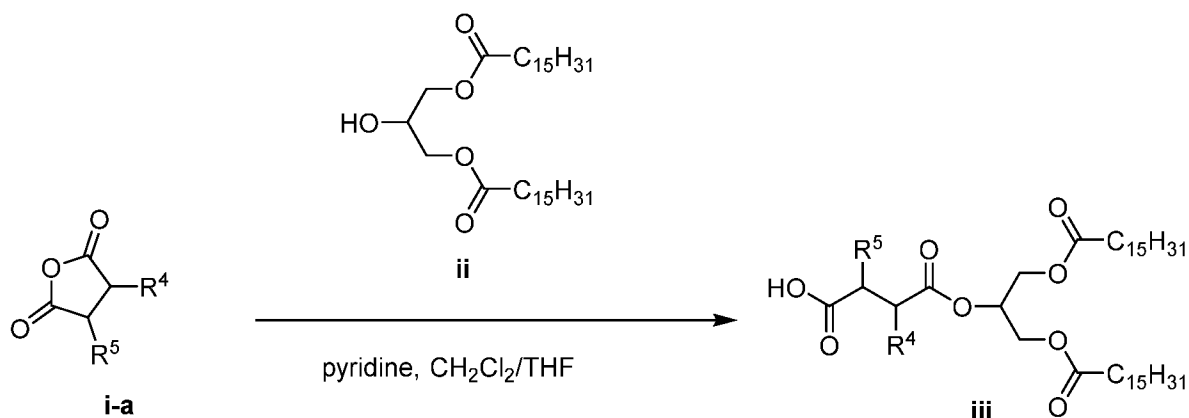
[00379] One of skill in the art will appreciate that various functional groups present in compounds of the invention such as aliphatic groups, alcohols, carboxylic acids, esters, amides, aldehydes, halogens and nitriles can be interconverted by techniques well known in the art including, but not limited to reduction, oxidation, esterification, hydrolysis, partial oxidation, partial reduction, halogenation, dehydration, partial hydration, and hydration. See, for example, *March's Advanced Organic Chemistry: Reactions, Mechanisms, and Structure*, M. B. Smith and J. March, 7th Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2013, *Comprehensive Organic Transformations*, R. C. Larock, 3rd Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2018, the entirety of each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Such interconversions may require one or more of the aforementioned techniques, and certain methods for synthesizing compounds of the invention are described below.

[00380] As a general strategy, compounds of the present invention may be synthesized via one of the following routes:



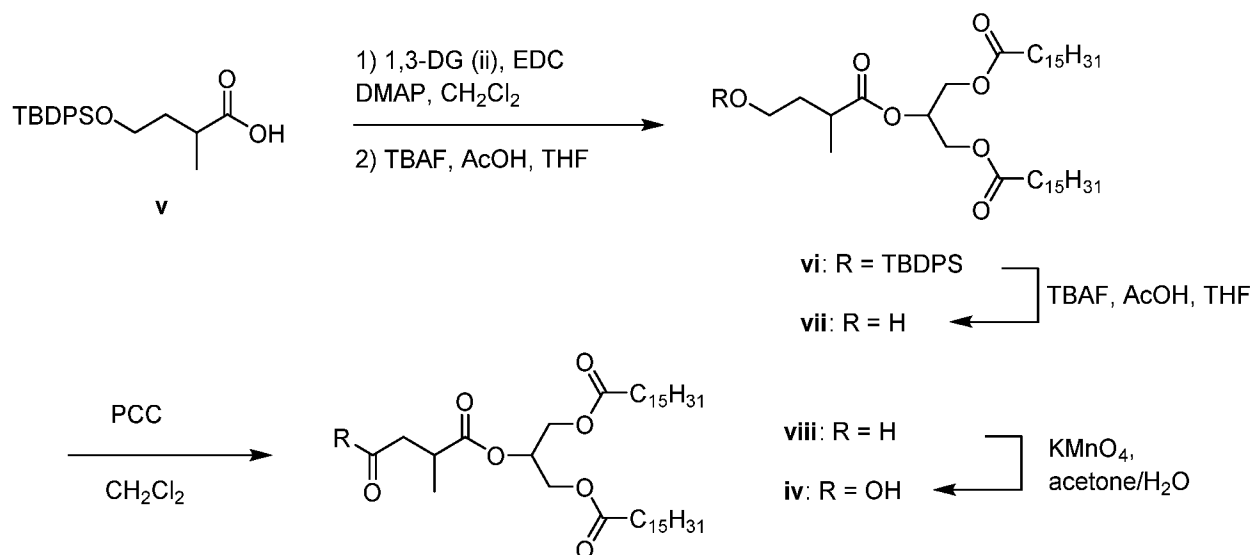
Scheme 1. Synthesis of compounds of formula iii.

[00381] Diacid chlorides **i**, which are readily available from the corresponding malonic acids, can be reacted with a diglyceride such as **ii** in the presence of pyridine or another appropriate base to give acid-triglyceride (acid-TG) **iii** (see Scheme 1). Formula **iii** is shown with $C_{15}H_{31}$ fatty acid side chains, but other fatty acids (such as those described above) can be substituted in this and other Formulas described below.



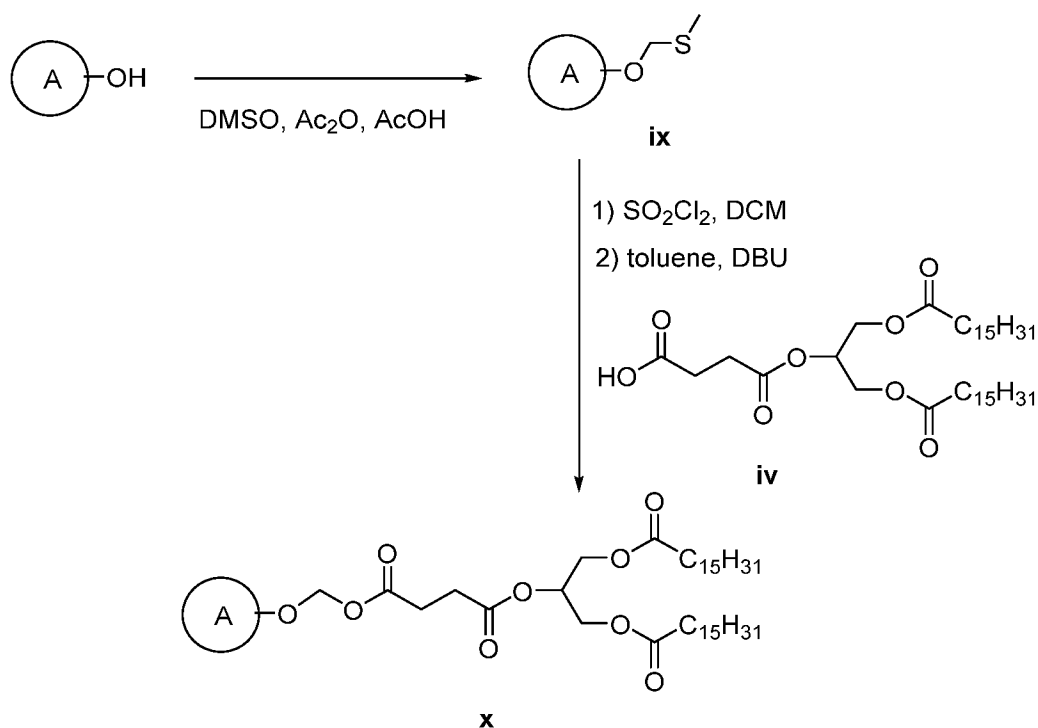
Scheme 2. Synthesis of compounds of formula iii.

[00382] In cases where acid anhydride **i-a** is available, acid-TG **iii** can be generated by ring-opening with diglyceride **ii** in the presence of pyridine or another appropriate base (Scheme 2). This method works best when R^4 and R^5 of acid anhydride **i-a** are identical, e.g. both Me, but will result in a regioisomeric mixture of acid-TG products **iv** when R^4 and R^5 differ from each other. Consequently, other methods, such as that outlined in Scheme 3, can advantageously be employed in this circumstance.



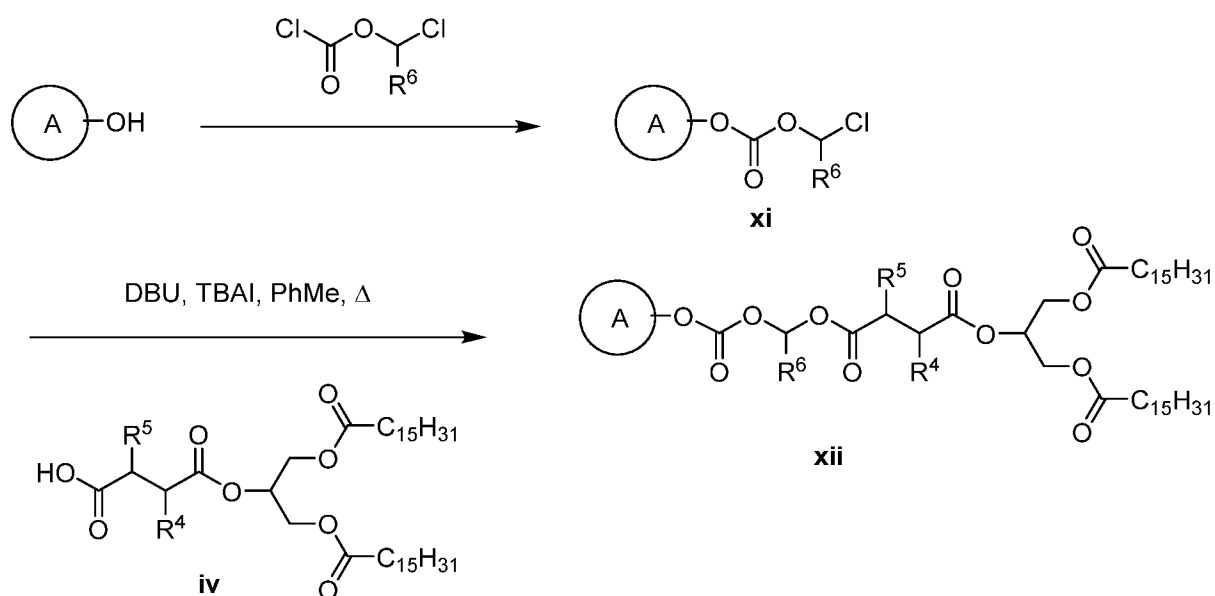
Scheme 3. Synthesis of compounds of formula iv where R⁴ = Me, Alkyl, etc. and R⁵ = H.

[00383] To obtain acid-TG **iv** as a single regioisomer in the specific example where R⁴ = Me or other alkyl or substitution and R⁵ = H, the known carboxylic acid **v** (Lienard, B. M. R. *et al.*, *Org. Biomol. Chem.* 2008, 6, (13), 2282-2292) can be used as a starting point (see Scheme 3). Coupling of acid **v** with 1,3-DG **ii** under standard conditions produces TBDPS protected triglyceride **vi**, which can be treated with appropriate conditions such as TBAF and AcOH to afford alcohol **vii**. A two-step oxidation process (for example, PCC, then KMnO₄) can then be used to transform alcohol **vii** into the desired acid-TG **iv** via the intermediate aldehyde **viii**.



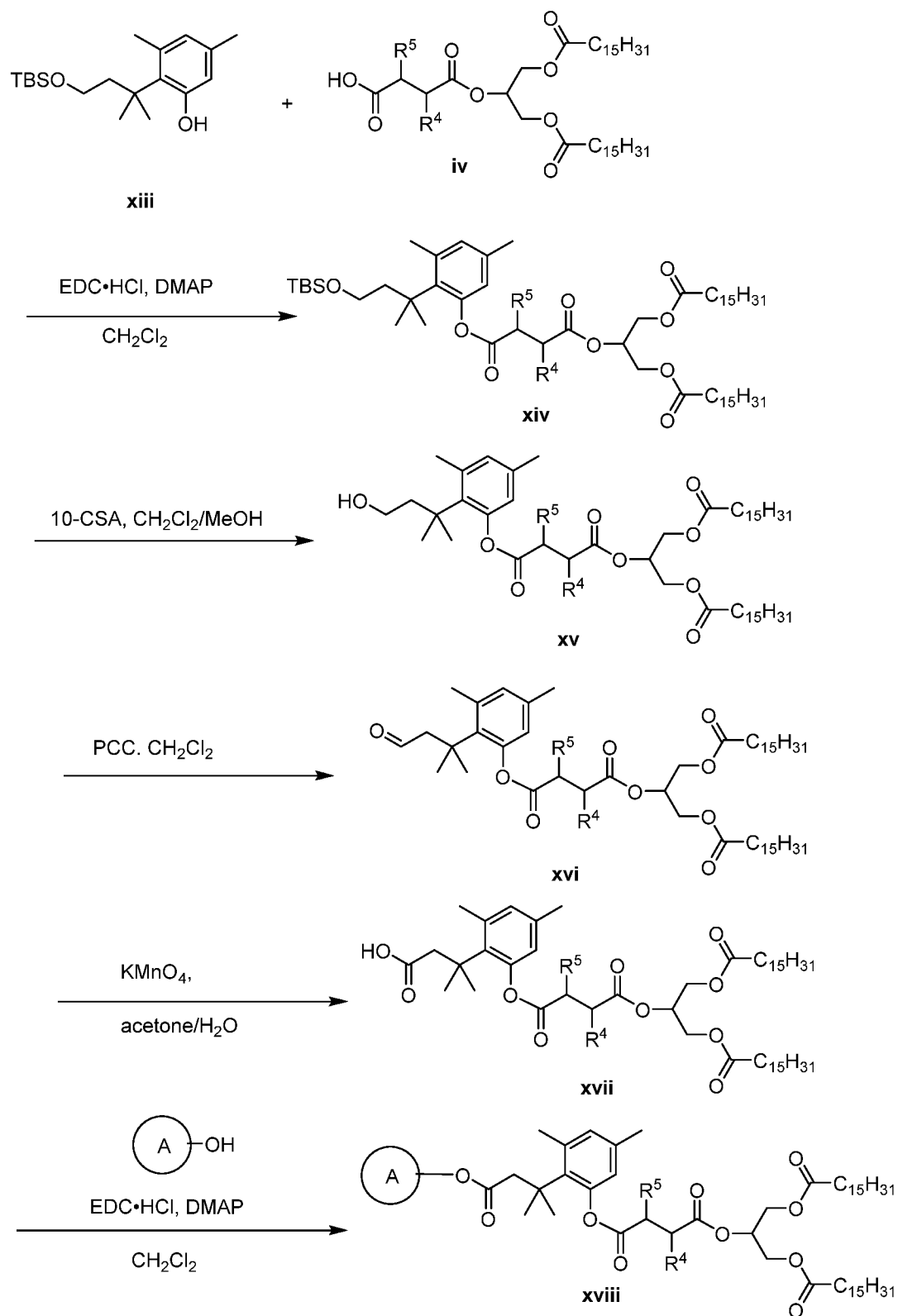
Scheme 4. Synthesis of compounds of formula x wherein -M- is an acetal self-immolative (ASI) group.

[00384] For the synthesis of compounds containing an acetal self-immolative (ASI) group between the pharmaceutical agent and the alkyl spacer, the alcohol-bearing parent molecule must be functionalized and activated prior to conjugation with acid-triglyceride **iii** as outlined above in Scheme 4. Treatment of an alcohol with DMSO in a mixture of acetic anhydride and acetic acid results in the formation of (methylthio)methyl (MTM) ether **ix**. Activation of MTM ether **ix** using sulfuryl chloride forms a presumed sulfoxide species that can react with the carboxylate of acid-triglyceride **iv** to give the target compound **x**.



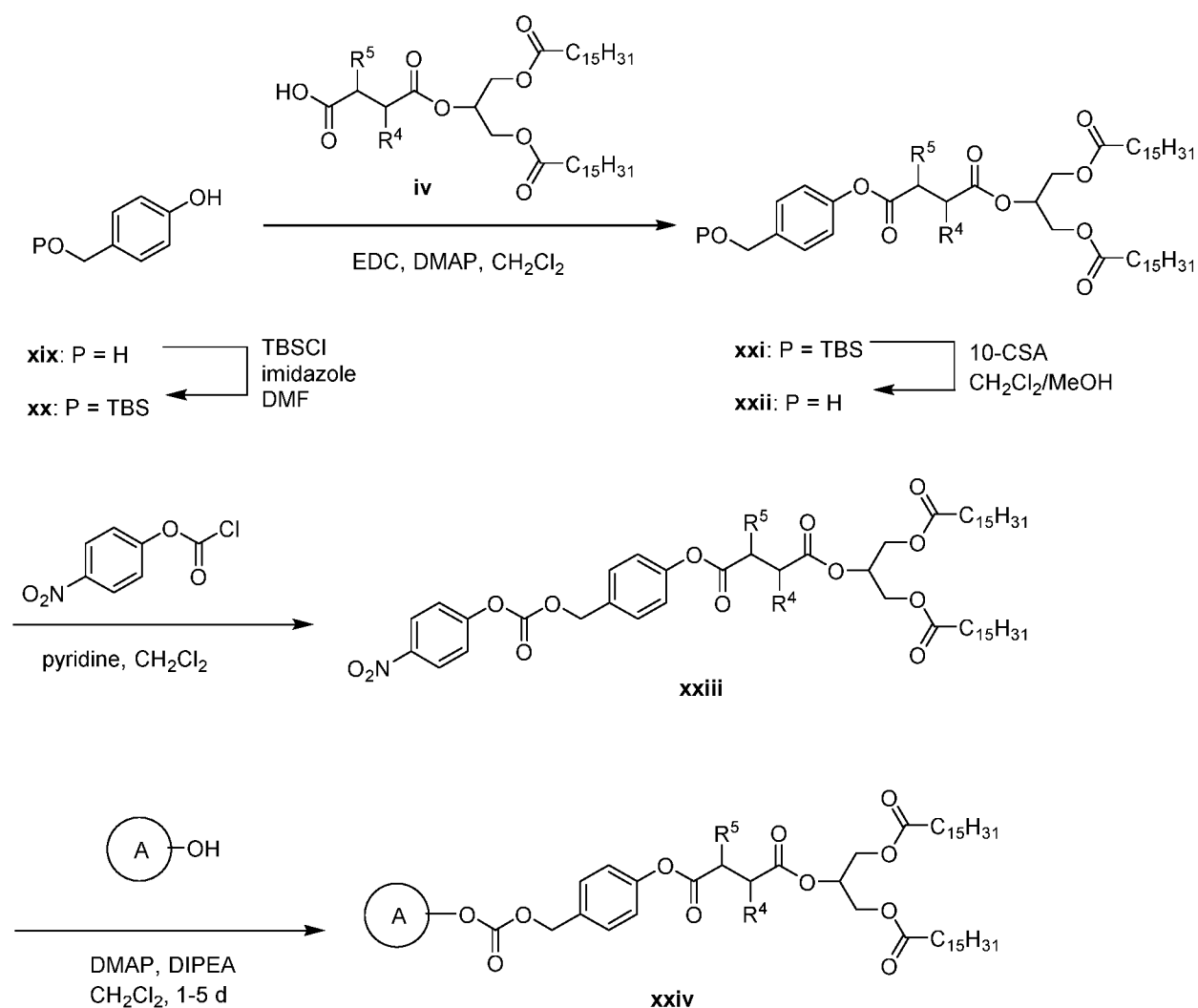
Scheme 5. Synthesis of compounds of formula xii wherein -M- is a carboxyacetal (CASI) or carboxy(methylacetal) (CMSI) self-immolative group.

[00385] In cases where the pharmaceutical agent contains an alcohol, phenol or amine (primary or secondary) functional group, a modified version of the acetal self-immolative group can be used where an additional carboxy group is included. The reaction of the parent drug with a chloroalkyl chloroformate gives chloroalkyl carbonates (shown) or carbamates **xi** (see Scheme 5). Displacement of the halide leaving group is then accomplished by treatment with the carboxylate derived from acid-TG **iv** in an appropriate solvent such as refluxing toluene to afford the target compound **xii**.



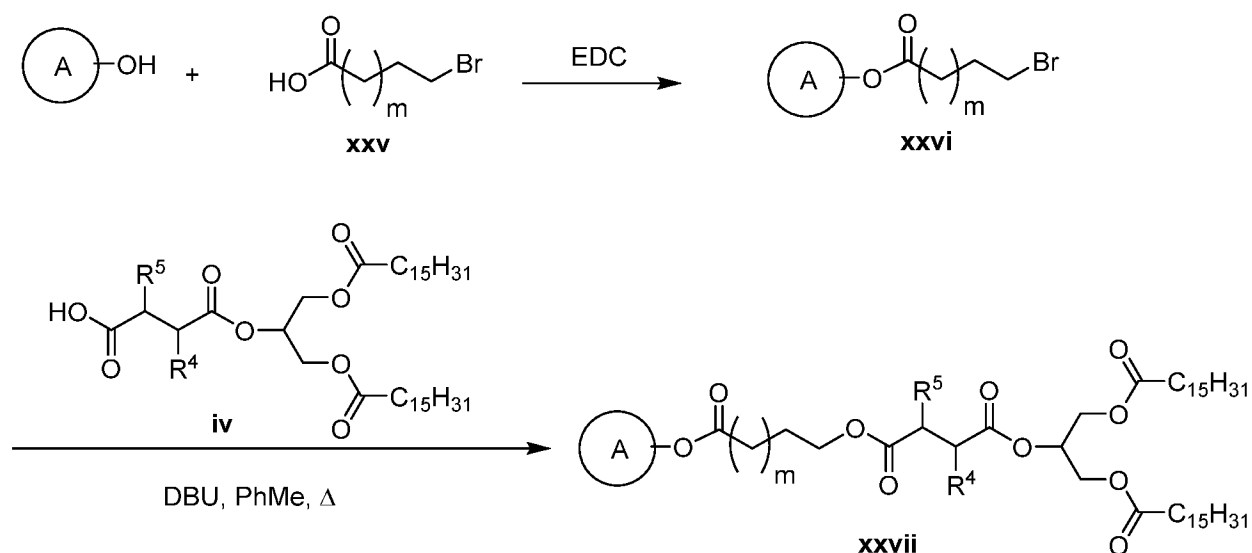
Scheme 6. Synthesis of compounds of formula xviii wherein -M- is a trimethyl-lock (TML) self-immolative group.

[00386] For the synthesis of prodrugs containing a trimethyl lock (TML) self-immolative group (Levine, M. N.; Raines, R. T. Chem. Sci. 2012, 3, 2412-2420, hereby incorporated by reference) between the pharmaceutical agent and the alkyl spacer to facilitate systemic release of the parent molecule, the acid- triglyceride **iv** must be functionalized with the TML moiety prior to conjugation with a pharmaceutical agent as outlined in Scheme 6. Coupling of acid-TG **iv** with TML phenol **xiii** under standard conditions gives triglyceride **xiv**, which can be deprotected under acidic conditions (10-camphorsulfonic acid) to give alcohol **xv**. Sequential oxidation of alcohol **xv** firstly to aldehyde **xvi** and then acid **xvii**, followed by coupling to either an alcohol (shown), amine or sulfonamide-containing pharmaceutical agent under standard conditions can give the target compound **xviii**.



Scheme 7. Synthesis of compounds of formula xxiv wherein -M- is a *p*-hydroxybenzyl carbonyl (PHB) self-immolative group.

[00387] For the synthesis of compounds containing a *p*-hydroxybenzyl (PHB) carbonyl self-immolative group, the primary hydroxyl group of *p*-hydroxybenzyl alcohol (**xix**) is first protected as a silyl ether and the free phenolic hydroxyl group coupled with acid-TG **iv** to give PHB triglyceride **xxi** (see Scheme 7). After removal of the silicon protecting group, primary alcohol **xxii** can be activated by treatment with *p*-nitrophenyl (PNP) chloroformate to give PNP carbonate **xxiii**. Displacement of the PNP group is then achieved by reaction with a pharmaceutical agent (A-OH shown) under basic conditions to give the desired compound **xxiv**.



Scheme 8. Synthesis of compounds of formula III wherein -M- is a flipped-ester self-immolative (FSI) group.

[00388] Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that the flipped-ester self-immolative (FSI) group can liberate the free pharmaceutical agent by a cyclization mechanism, resulting in loss of either a four-carbon (FSI-4) or five-carbon (FSI-5) lactone. Alternatively, liberation of the agent may occur by a chemical or enzymatic mechanism *in vivo*. FSI prodrugs can be synthesized by coupling the pharmaceutical agent (A-OH shown) with either 4-bromobutyric acid ($m = 1$) or 5-bromovaleric acid ($m = 2$) (**xxv**) to give bromide **xxvi** (see Scheme 8). Displacement of bromide **xxvi** using the carboxylate derived from acid-TG **iv** generates the desired ester bond in target compound **xxvii**.

EXEMPLIFICATION

Example 1: Synthesis of Intermediates

[00389] List of Abbreviations

equiv or eq: molar equivalents

rt or RT: room temperature

UV: ultra violet

HPLC: high pressure liquid chromatography

Rt: retention time

LCMS or LC-MS: liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry

NMR: nuclear magnetic resonance

TLC: thin layer chromatography

sat: saturated

aq: aqueous

Ac: acetyl

BINAP: ($\pm$)-2,2'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthalene

Bn: Benzyl

DBU: 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene

DCC: N,N'-Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide

DCM: Dichloromethane

DCE: Dichloroethane

DEA: Diethylamine

DIPA: Diisopropylamine

DMF: N,N-dimethylformamide

DMSO: dimethylsulfoxide

DMPU: N,N'-Dimethylpropyleneurea

ACN or MeCN: acetonitrile

DIPEA: diisopropylethylamine

EA or EtOAc: ethyl acetate

EDCI, EDC, or EDAC: 1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide

TEA: triethylamine

THF: tetrahydrofuran

TBS: *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl

KHMDS: potassium hexamethyl disilylazide

Tf: trifluoromethanesulfonate

Ms: methanesulfonyl

NBS: N-bromosuccinimide

PCC: Pyridinium chlorochromate

PE: petroleum ether

TFA: trifluoroacetic acid

MMPP: magnesium monoperoxyphthalate

HATU: 1-[Bis(dimethylamino)methylene]-1*H*-1,2,3-triazolo[4,5-*b*]pyridinium 3-oxid

Hexafluorophosphate

Cy: cyclohexyl

Tol: toluene

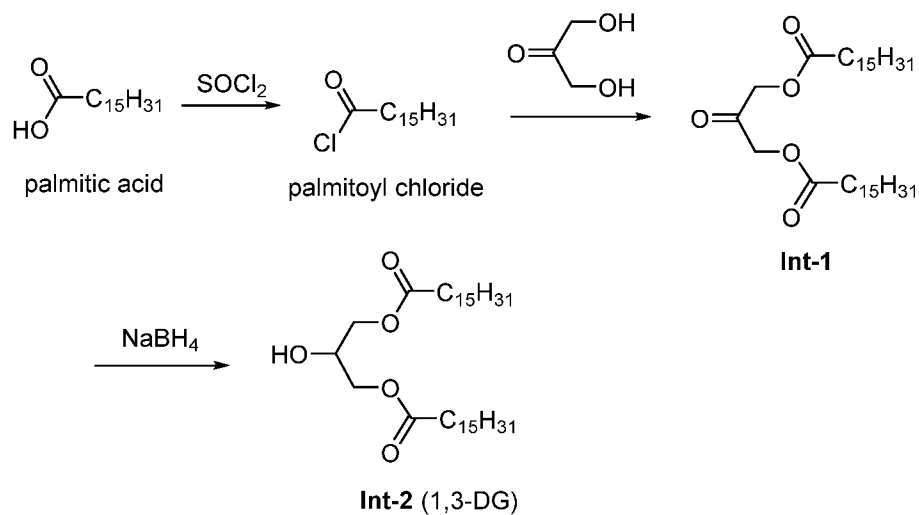
DMP: Dess-Martin periodinane

IBX: 2-iodoxybenzoic acid

PMB: *p*-methoxybenzyl

SEM: [2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethoxy)methyl

[00390] 1,3-DG (Int-2):



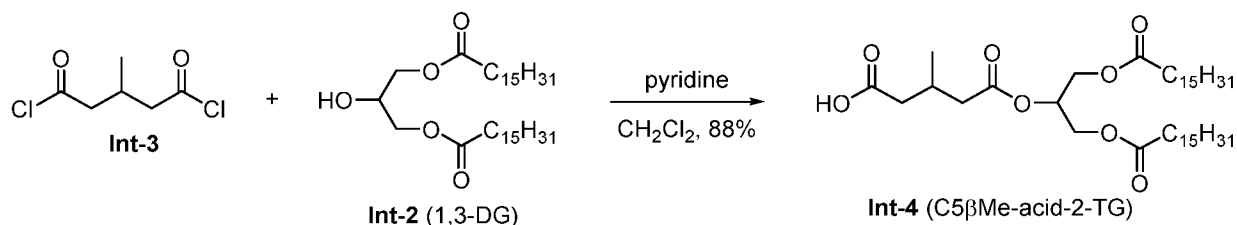
Scheme 9. Synthesis of Int-2.

[00391] DMF (1 mL, 13.7 mmol) was added into a mixture of palmitic acid (433 g, 1.69 mol) in thionyl chloride (500 mL, 6.3 mol) at room temperature. The resultant reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 3 h. It was concentrated to dryness to afford palmitoyl chloride (453 g, 1.64 mol, 97% yield) as a yellowish oil, which was used in the next step without further purification.

[00392] To a mixture of 1,3-dihydroxypropan-2-one (77 g, 0.855 mol) and anhydrous pyridine (140 g, 1.76 mol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (2500 mL) under nitrogen at room temperature, was added with palmitic chloride (453 g, 1.64 mol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h. It was diluted with MeOH (1000 mL) and water (2000 mL) and stirred for 30 min. The precipitate was collected by filter and dried to afford **Int-1** (462 g, 0.815 mmol, 95% yield) as a white solid.

[00393] **Int-1** (220 g, 388 mmol) was dissolved in a solution of THF (3000 mL) and water (200 mL) at 0 °C. Sodium borohydride (22 g, 579 mmol) was added portion wise. After addition, the mixture was filtered to afford a cake, which was dried to afford compound **Int-2** (1,3-DG) (177 g, 311 mmol, 80% yield) as a white solid. LC-MS: MS m/z = 591(M^+ Na $^+$), RT = 4.39 min; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform- d) δ 4.20-4.05 (m, 5H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.62 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.25 (s, 48H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

[00394] **C5 β Me-acid-2-TG (Int-4):**



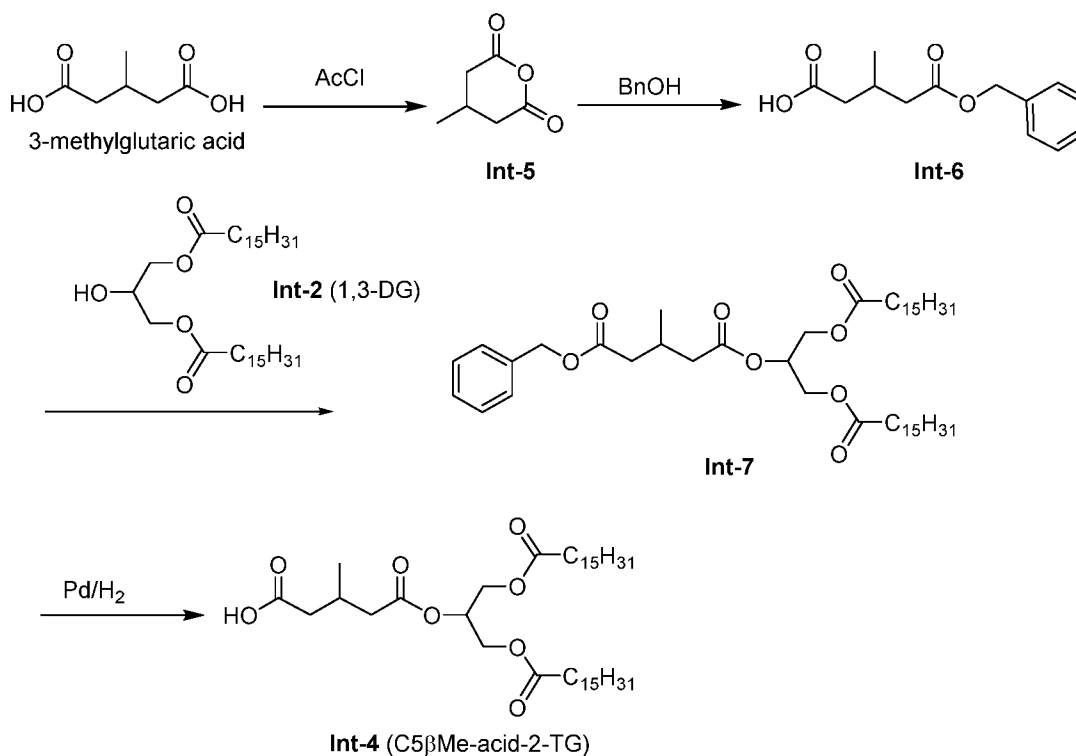
Scheme 10. Synthesis of Int-4.

[00395] A mixture of 3-methylglutaric acid (500 mg, 3.42 mmol) and DMF (two drops) in thionyl chloride (2.48 mL, 34.2 mmol) was heated at reflux for two hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with toluene (5 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give diacid chloride **Int-3** (584 mg, 83%) as a yellow oil that was used without purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.02 (dd, J = 17.3, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.89 (dd, J = 17.3, 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 1.13 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H).

[00396] A solution of **Int-2** (1,3-DG) (50.0 mg, 0.0879 mmol) and pyridine (71.1 μL , 0.879 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 mL) was added to acid chloride **Int-3** (80.4 mg, 0.439) in

dichloromethane (1.5 mL) and the mixture heated at reflux for two hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (15 mL) and 1 M HCl (5 mL) and the organic phase separated. The aqueous layer was further extracted with ethyl acetate (2×20 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with 1 M HCl (20 mL) and brine (2×30 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% to 45% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **Int-4** (54.0 mg, 88%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.311 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.305 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.52 – 2.39 (m, 3H), 2.36 – 2.24 (m, 6H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.37 – 1.17 (m, 48H), 1.06 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.1 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 171.4 (C), 69.3 (CH), 62.2 (2C; CH_2), 40.7 (CH_2), 40.4 (CH_2), 34.1 (2C; CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 29.82 (6C; CH_2), 29.78 (4C; CH_2), 29.74 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.2 (2C; CH_2), 27.3 (CH), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.8 (CH_3), 14.2 (2C; CH_3); ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{76}\text{NaO}_8$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] 719.5432; found 719.5451.

[00397] Alternate procedure (larger scale):



Scheme 11. Alternate Synthesis of Int-4.

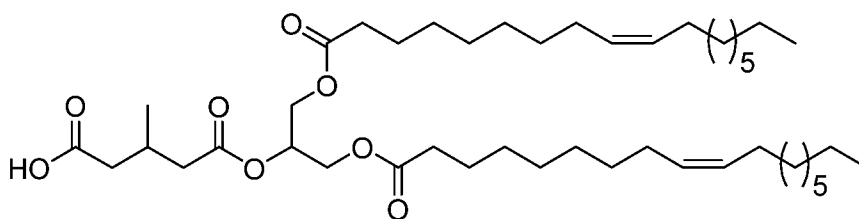
[00398] A mixture of 3-methylglutaric acid (100 g, 685 mmol) and acetyl chloride (250 mL, 3.53 mol) was heated under reflux for 16 h, then concentrated to dryness before adding into a solution of pyridine (270 g, 3.4 mol) and benzyl alcohol (100 g, 926 mmol) in dichloromethane (1500 mL) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred for 72 h. The reaction was concentrated and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography, eluting with from 0 to 50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether to afford **Int-6** (70 g, 297 mmol, 43% yield) as a yellowish oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.39-7.30 (m, 5H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 2.52-2.25 (m, 5H), 1.04 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

[00399] To a mixture of **Int-6** (70 g, 297 mmol) and **Int-2** (1,3-DG) (80 g, 140 mmol) in dichloromethane (1500 mL) was added EDCI (115 g, 600 mmol) and DMAP (3.66 g, 30 mmol). Triethylamine (100 mL, 719 mmol) was added drop wise at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction was concentrated to dryness and the residue was purified by silica column chromatography, eluting with ethyl acetate in petroleum ether from 0 to 50% to afford **Int-7** (68 g, 86.5 mmol, 29% yield) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 7.40-7.32 (m, 5H), 5.30-5.24 (m, 1H), 5.12 (s, 2H), 4.31-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.17-4.10 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.38 (m, 3H), 2.34-2.28 (m, 6H), 1.61-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 48H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

[00400] **Int-7** (68 g, 86.5 mmol) and palladium on carbon (3 g) were suspended in THF (400 mL). The mixture was hydrogenated under hydrogen atmosphere at 30 °C for 16 h, then filtered and concentrated to dryness. The residue was further purified by trituration with hexane to afford **Int-4** (C5βMe-acid-2-TG) (51 g, 73.2 mmol, 84% yield) as a white solid. LC-MS: MS *m/z* = 719 (M+ Na⁺), RT = 3.83 min. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-*d*) δ 5.31-5.25 (m, 1H), 4.34-4.29 (m, 2H), 4.16-4.12 (m, 2H), 2.49-2.40 (m, 3H), 2.33-2.28 (m, 6H), 1.62-1.57 (m, 4H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 48H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

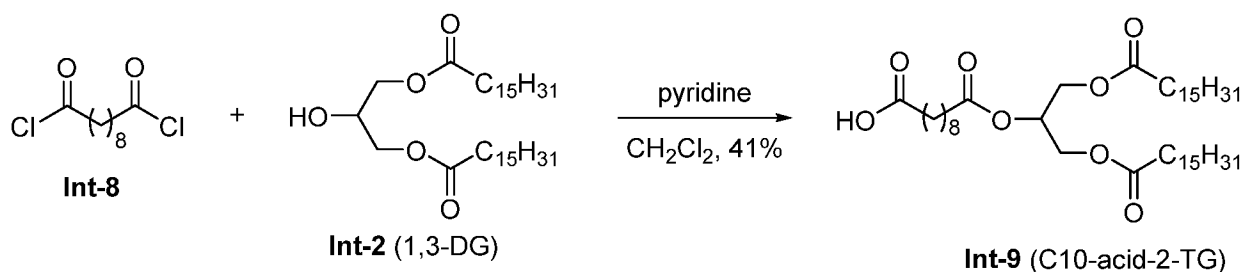
[00401] **C5βMe-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-210):**

[00402] Using the procedures depicted in **Scheme 10** for the synthesis of **Int-4**, compound **Int-210** was prepared from **Int-112**:



[00403] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.41 (m, 4H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 4.35 (m, 2H), 4.20 (m, 2H), 2.54 (d, 2H), 2.39 (m, 4H), 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.74 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.1–1.3 (m, 40H), 1.05 (d, 3H), 0.9 (t, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.7 (1C, C=O), 173.3 (2C, C=O), 171.8 (1C, C=O), 130.01 (2C), 129.74 (2C), 68.86 (C, CH), 62.13 (2C), 42.26 (2C), 40.9 (2C), 37.09 (1C), 33.99 (2C), 31.91 (2C), 29.78–29.10 (14C), 27.7 (3C), 24.82 (2C), 22.71 (2C), 19.7 (1C), 16.32 (1C), 14.14 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 784.4 (M-1).

[00404] **C10-acid-2-TG:**



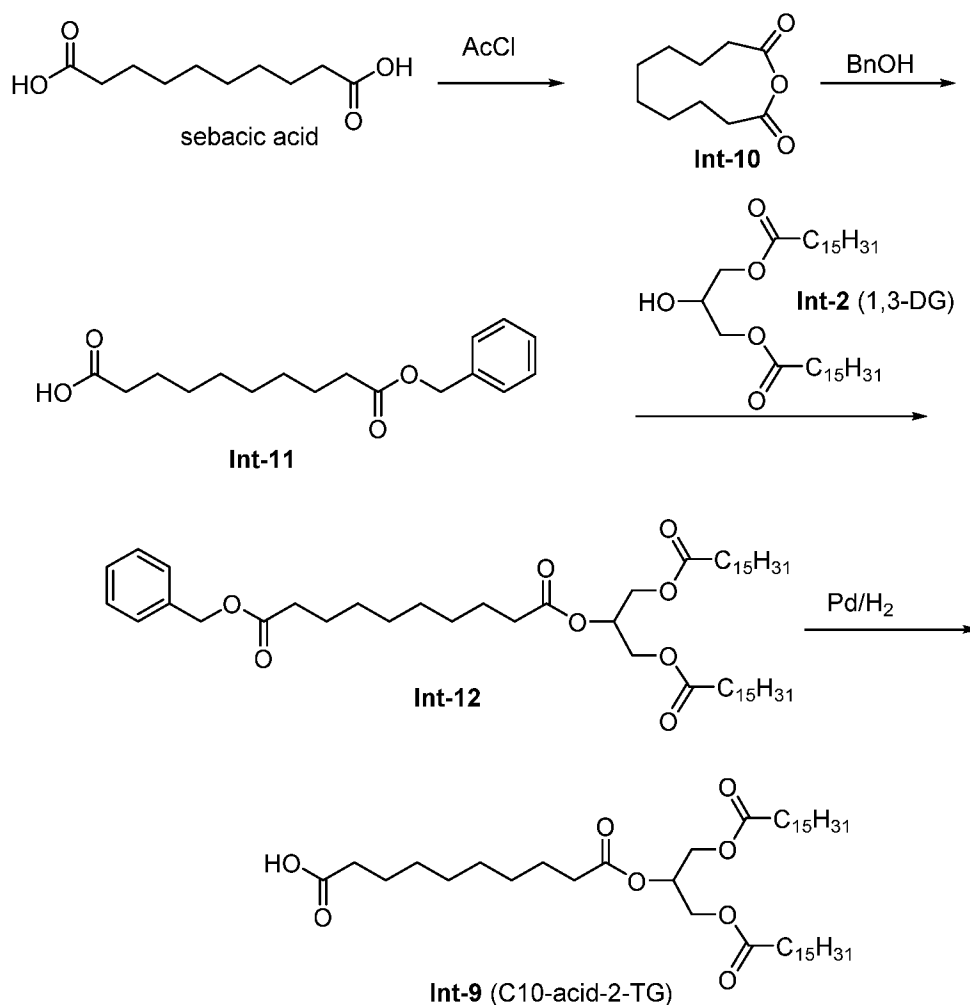
Scheme 12. Synthesis of Int-9.

[00405] A mixture of sebacic acid (88.0 mg, 0.435 mmol) and DMF (one drop) in thionyl chloride (316 μL , 4.35 mmol) was heated at reflux for 1.5 hours. The reaction was cooled to RT, diluted with toluene (5 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give diacid chloride **Int-8** (104 mg, quant.) as a yellow oil that was used without purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform- d) δ 2.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 4H), 1.76 – 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.42 – 1.26 (m, 8H).

[00406] A solution of **Int-2** (1,3-DG) (45.0 mg, 0.0791 mmol) and pyridine (64.0 μL , 0.791 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) was added to diacid chloride **Int-8** (104 mg, 0.435 mmol) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at rt for 1.5 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (5 mL), water (10 mL) and 1 M HCl (3 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M HCl (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **Int-9** (C10-acid-2-TG) (24.3 mg, 41%) as a pale yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.37 – 2.27 (m, 8H), 1.70 – 1.53 (m, 8H), 1.39 – 1.19 (m, 56H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.6 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 173.0 (C), 69.0 (CH), 62.2 (CH_2), 34.3 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 33.9 (CH_2), 32.01 (2C; CH_2), 29.85 (6C; CH_2), 29.81 (4C; CH_2), 29.77 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2),

29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 29.2 (2C; CH₂), 29.11 (CH₂), 29.10 (CH₂), 25.00 (2C; CH₂), 24.95 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00407] Alternate procedure (larger scale):



Scheme 13. Synthesis of Int-9.

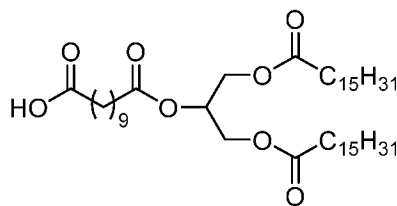
[00408] A mixture of sebacic acid (100 g, 495 mmol) and acetyl chloride (250 mL, 3.53 mol) was heated under reflux for 16 h, then cooled and concentrated to dryness. It was added into a solution of pyridine (270 g, 3.4 mol) and benzyl alcohol (100 g, 926 mmol) in dichloromethane (1500 mL) at room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 72 h. The reaction was concentrated and the residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with from 0 to 50% ethyl acetate in petroleum ether to afford **Int-11** (82 g, 281 mmol, 57% yield) as a yellowish oil. LC-MS: MS m/z = 293 ($M^+ H^+$), RT = 1.45 min.

[00409] To a mixture of **Int-11** (82 g, 281 mmol) and **Int-2** (1,3-DG) (80 g, 140 mmol) in dichloromethane (1500 mL) was added EDCI (115 g, 600 mmol) and DMAP (3.66 g, 30 mmol).

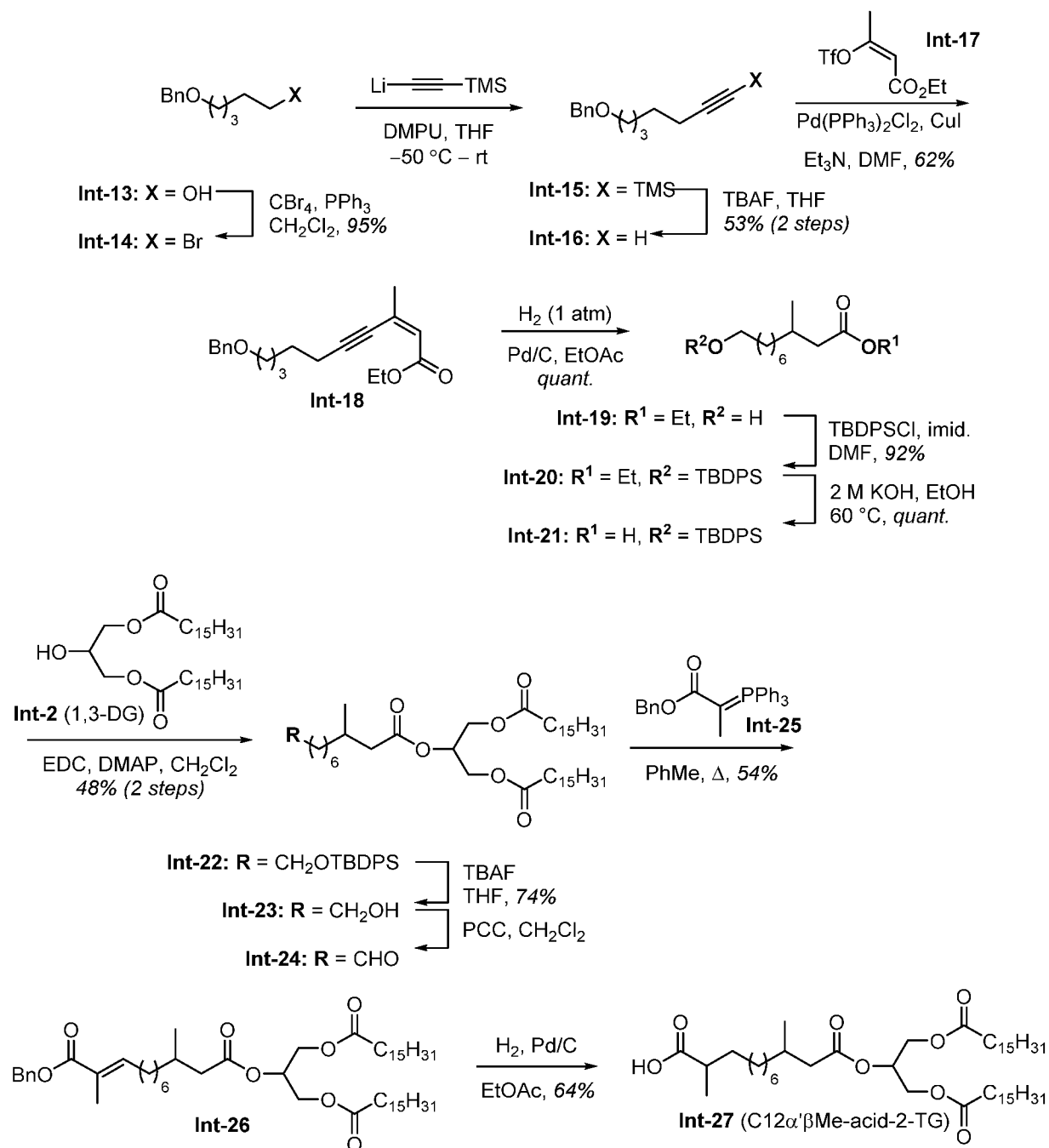
Then triethylamine (100 mL, 719 mmol) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction was concentrated to dryness and the residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with ethyl acetate in petroleum ether from 0 to 50% to afford **Int-12** (65 g, 77 mmol, 27% yield) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 7.38-7.29 (m, 5H), 5.27-5.25 (m, 1H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 4.31-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.17-4.12 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.29 (m, 8H), 1.65-1.57 (m, 8H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 56H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

[00410] **Int-12** (65 g, 77 mmol) and palladium on carbon (3 g) were suspended in THF (400 mL). The mixture was hydrogenated under hydrogen atmosphere at 30 °C for 16 h, then it was filtered and the filtrate concentrated to dryness and then further purified by trituration with hexane to afford **Int-9** (C10-acid-2-TG) (50 g, 66.4 mmol, 86% yield) as a white solid. LC-MS: MS *m/z* = 775(*M*+ Na⁺), RT = 5.95 min; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, chloroform-d) δ 5.29-5.24 (m, 1H), 4.31-4.27 (m, 2H), 4.19-4.12 (m, 2H), 2.37-2.39 (m, 8H), 1.65-1.58 (m, 8H), 1.35-1.20 (m, 56H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

[00411] **Int-120 was prepared using similar methods:**



[00412] ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.25 (m, 1H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.35 – 2.26 (m, 8H), 1.65 – 1.54 (m, 8H), 1.35 – 1.18 (m, 58H), 0.86 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.9 (C), 173.4 (2C; C), 173.0 (C), 69.0 (CH), 62.2 (2C; CH₂), 34.3 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 34.1 (CH₂), 32.0 (2C; CH₂), 29.81 (6C; CH₂), 29.77 (4C; CH₂), 29.74 (2C; CH₂), 29.59 (2C; CH₂), 29.48 (2C; CH₂), 29.38 (2C; CH₂), 29.36 (CH₂), 29.31 (2C; CH₂), 29.22 (2C; CH₂), 29.15 (CH₂), 29.13 (CH₂), 25.0 (3C; CH₂), 24.8 (CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 14.2 (2C; CH₃). ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₄₆H₈₆NaO₈ [*M* + Na⁺] 789.6215; found 789.6218.

[00413] C12 α ' β Me-acid-2-TG (Int-23 and Int-27):**Scheme 14. Synthesis of Int-23 and Int-27.**

[00414] Int-13: prepared according to: Young, I. S.; Kerr, M. A. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 1465-1469.

[00415] Int-14: prepared according to: Chowdhury, R.; Ghosh, S. K. *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 3270-3273.

[00416] *n*-Butyllithium (*n*-BuLi, 1.6 M in hexanes, 765 μ L, 1.23 mmol) was added slowly to a solution of TMS-acetylene (198 μ L, 1.40 mmol) in THF (1.5 mL) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the mixture stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for five minutes then warmed to rt and stirred for a further 15 minutes. The reaction was re-cooled to $-50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, a solution of bromide **Int-14** (90.0 mg, 0.350 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred at $-50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 15 minutes and then at room temperature for 17 hours. The reaction was diluted with brine (15 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate ($3 \times 15\text{ mL}$). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% to 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave TMS alkyne **Int-15** (45.9 mg, 48%) as a colorless oil also containing desilylated alkyne **Int-16** (9.7 mg, 14% by ^1H NMR integration) and small amounts of PPh_3 . ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.48 (t, $J = 6.5\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.23 (t, $J = 7.0\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 1.68 – 1.60 (m, 2H), 1.58 – 1.42 (m, 4H), 0.14 (s, $J = 3.4\text{ Hz}$, 7H).

[00417] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 201 μ L, 0.201 mmol) was added dropwise to a 7:2 mixture of silylalkyne **Int-15** and alkyne **Int-16** (55.6 mg combined, 0.215 mmol) in THF (1 mL) at $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. The reaction was diluted with water (5 mL) and sat. aq. NH_4Cl (3 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate ($3 \times 10\text{ mL}$). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alkyne **Int-16** (37.5 mg, 53% over two steps) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.51 (s, 2H), 3.49 (t, $J = 6.5\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 2.21 (td, $J = 6.9, 2.6\text{ Hz}$, 2H), 1.95 (t, $J = 2.7\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 1.70 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.60 – 1.48 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.7 (C), 128.5 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 84.6 (C), 73.0 (CH_2), 70.3 (CH_2), 68.4 (CH), 29.4 (CH_2), 28.4 (CH_2), 25.5 (CH_2), 18.5 (CH_2).

[00418] **Int-17**: prepared according to: Kim, H.-O. *et al. Synlett* **1998**, 1059-1060.

[00419] A suspension of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (16.8 mg, 0.0240 mmol) in DMF (1.5 mL) was degassed using N_2 gas for five minutes, and then CuI (9.1 mg, 0.0480 mmol), Et_3N (66.8 μ L, 0.480 mmol) and a degassed solution of alkyne **Int-16** (48.5 mg, 0.240 mmol) and enol triflate **Int-17** (94.3 mg, 0.360 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) were added. The mixture was degassed using a stream of N_2 for a further five minutes and then heated at $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for one hour. The reaction mixture was cooled to

room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL), washed with 1 M HCl, sat. aq. NaHCO₃, water and brine (20 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (4% to 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave enyne **Int-18** (46.6 mg, 62%) as a pale yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.92 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.45 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.56 – 1.49 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 165.4 (C), 138.8 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.5 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 102.9 (C), 80.0 (C), 73.0 (CH₂), 70.4 (CH₂), 60.0 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 28.4 (CH₂), 26.0 (CH₃), 25.7 (CH₂), 20.1 (CH₂), 14.4 (CH₃).

[00420] A solution of benzyl ether **Int-18** (31.4 mg, 0.100 mmol) in ethyl acetate (8 mL) in a three-neck round-bottom flask was twice evacuated and flushed with N₂ gas, then palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 26.6 mg, 0.0250 mmol) was added and the resulting suspension re-evacuated and flushed with N₂ three times. The flask was fitted with a H₂ balloon, evacuated and flushed with H₂ three times and the reaction mixture stirred at RT under 1 atm of H₂ for one hour. The flask was then evacuated and flushed with N₂ and the reaction mixture filtered through a pad of Celite, washing with ethyl acetate (30 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give saturated alcohol **Int-19** (23.0 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil that was used without purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.1 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.25 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.40 – 1.13 (m, 10H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6 (C), 63.2 (CH₂), 60.2 (CH₂), 42.1 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.8 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 19.9 (CH₃), 14.4 (CH₃).

[00421] Imidazole (9.6 mg, 0.141 mmol) and *tert*-butyl(chloro)diphenylsilane (TBDPSCl, 50.8 μL, 0.195 mmol) were added to a solution of alcohol **Int-19** (18.0 mg, 0.0781 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for 16 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL), washed with brine (2 × 20 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% ethyl acetate/hexanes with 0.5% Et₃N) gave TBDPS ether **Int-20** (33.7 mg, 92%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.21 (m, 3H), 1.05 (s, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 2H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR

(101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.6 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 64.1 (CH₂), 60.2 (CH₂), 42.1 (CH₂), 36.9 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 27.01 (3C; CH₃), 26.99 (CH₂), 25.9 (CH₂), 19.9 (CH₃), 19.4 (C), 14.4 (CH₃).

[00422] A solution of potassium hydroxide (2.0 M, 427 μ L, 0.853 mmol) was added to ester **Int-20** (40.0 mg, 0.0853 mmol) in ethanol (2 mL) and the mixture heated at 80 °C for two hours. The reaction was cooled to RT, acidified to pH 1 by addition of 1 M HCl and the organic solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with water (5 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude acid **Int-21** (37.6 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil that was used without purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (dd, J = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd, J = 15.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.18 (m, 10H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.5 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 64.1 (CH₂), 41.7 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH), 29.8 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 27.01 (3C; CH₃), 26.97 (CH₂), 25.9 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.4 (C). **Note:** While two sets of signals were observed in both the ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, only the major set of signals are reported above. It was unclear if the doubling was due to the presence of two closely-related compounds or the presence of both monomeric and dimeric species due to the high concentration of the NMR sample.

[00423] DMAP (10.1 mg, 0.0831 mmol), EDC•HCl (39.8 mg, 0.208 mmol) and **Int-2** (1,3-DG) (70.9 mg, 0.125 mmol) were added to a solution of acid **Int-21** (36.6 mg, 0.0831 mmol) in dichloromethane (2.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 21 hours. The reaction was diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL), silica gel was added and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% to 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave triglyceride **Int-22** (39.9 mg, 48% over two steps) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.289/4.287 (each dd, J = 11.8, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.37 – 2.27 (m, 5H), 2.11 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.50 (m, 8H), 1.39 – 1.14 (m, 56H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 68.9 (CH), 64.1 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂),

29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.54 (CH₂), 29.51 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 27.02 (CH₂), 27.00 (3C; CH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 19.4 (C), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00424] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 98.3 μ L, 98.3 μ mol) was added to a solution of TBDPS ether **Int-22** (39.0 mg, 39.3 μ mol) in THF (2.5 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for three hours. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL), extracted with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 15 mL), and the organic extracts washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-23** (21.8 mg, 74%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 – 2.27 (m, 5H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.65 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.39 – 1.16 (m, 58H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 68.9 (CH), 63.2 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 36.7 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.84 (4C; CH₂), 29.83 (2C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (3C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (3C; CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 25.8 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

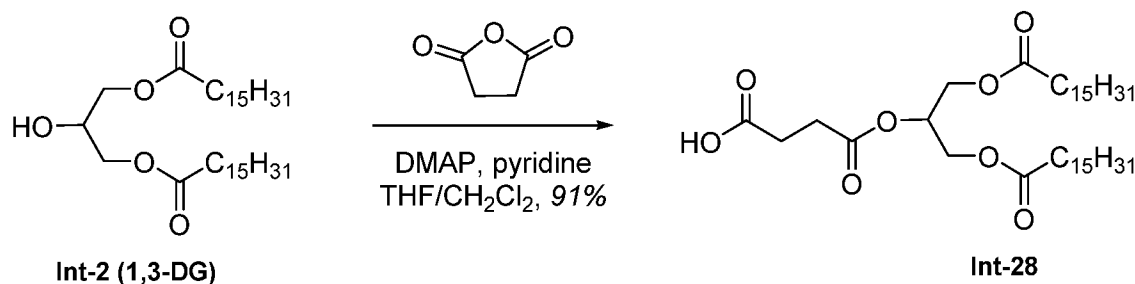
[00425] Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC, 12.0 mg, 55.8 μ mol) was added to a suspension of alcohol **Int-23** (21.0 mg, 27.9 μ mol) and celite (15 mg) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 1.75 hours. The reaction was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate, and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude aldehyde **Int-24** (20.9 mg, quant.) as a yellow oil that was used without purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.5 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.6, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.36 – 2.25 (m, 5H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.5, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.72 – 1.53 (m, 6H), 1.42 – 1.05 (m, 56H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

[00426] **Int-25**: prepared according to: Gossauer, A.; Kuhne, G. *Liebigs. Ann. Chem.* **1977**, 664-686.

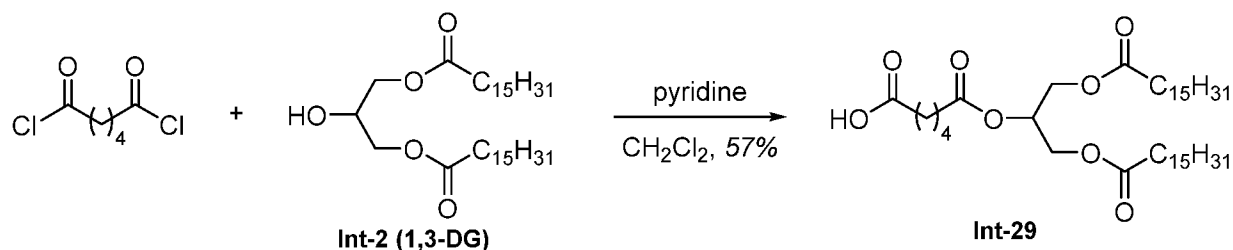
[00427] A solution of ylide **Int-25** (8.1 mg, 19.0 μ mol) in toluene (0.4 mL) was added to aldehyde **Int-24** (11.0 mg, 14.6 μ mol) in toluene (0.6 mL) and the mixture heated at reflux for four hours. The reaction was cooled to rt and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude

product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave α,β -unsaturated benzyl ester **Int-26** (7.1 mg, 54%) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.81 (td, $J = 7.5, 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 – 2.27 (m, 5H), 2.20 – 2.08 (m, 3H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 6H), 1.47 – 1.38 (m, 2H), 1.37 – 1.19 (m, 54H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 168.2 (C), 143.2 (CH), 136.6 (C), 128.7 (2C; CH), 128.2 (CH), 128.1 (2C; CH), 127.6 (C), 69.0 (CH), 66.3 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.85 (6C; CH₂), 29.81 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.74 (CH₂), 29.63 (2C; CH₂), 29.56 (CH₂), 29.51 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 28.7 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₂), 14.3 (2C; CH₂), 12.6 (CH₂).

[00428] A solution of benzyl ether **Int-26** (48.5 mg, 54.0 μmol) in ethyl acetate (2.5 mL) in a two-neck flask was evacuated and flushed with N_2 gas (three times each), then palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 11.5 mg, 10.8 μmol) was added and the resulting suspension re-evacuated and flushed with N_2 (three times each). The flask was fitted with a H_2 balloon, evacuated and flushed with H_2 (three times each) and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature under 1 atm of H_2 for three hours. The reaction was filtered through a pad of celite, washing with ethyl acetate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave saturated acid **Int-27** (C12 α' β Me-acid-2-TG) (28.1 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.37 – 2.26 (m, 5H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.55 (m, 5H), 1.41 (m, 1H), 1.37 – 1.20 (m, 60H), 1.18 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.3 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 69.0 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 39.4 (CH), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.7 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.62 (2C; CH₂), 29.60 (CH₂), 29.57 (CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 27.3 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 17.0 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00429] C4-acid-2-TG (Int-28):**Scheme 15. Synthesis of Int-28.**

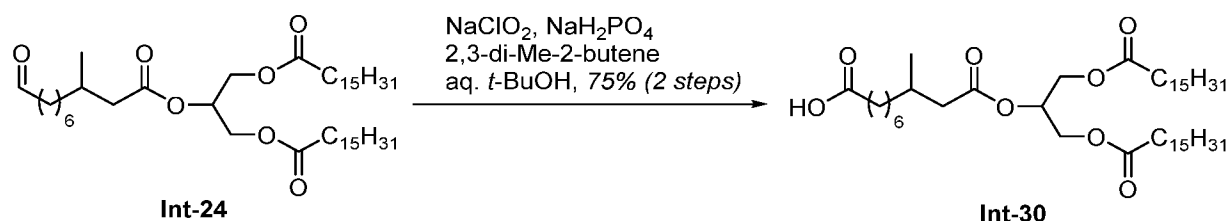
[00430] 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 15.5 mg, 0.127 mmol) was added to a solution of 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (72.2 mg, 0.127 mmol) and succinic anhydride (25.4 mg, 0.254 mmol) in pyridine/THF/CH₂Cl₂ (0.5 mL each) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. An extra portion of succinic anhydride (25.4 mg, 0.254 mmol) and DMAP (15.5 mg, 0.127 mmol) was added and the solution heated at 40 °C for a further 22 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (25 mL), washed with 1 M HCl (20 mL) and brine (2 × 30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (15% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave acid-TG **Int-28** (77.0 mg, 91%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.72 – 2.61 (m, 4H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.19 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.9 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 171.4 (C), 69.8 (CH), 62.0 (2C; CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.81 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 29.0 (CH₂), 28.8 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00431] C6-acid-2-TG (Int-29):**Scheme 16. Synthesis of Int-29.**

[00432] A solution of 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (75.0 mg, 0.132 mmol) and pyridine (107 μL, 1.32 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) was added to diacid chloride 1 (96.1 mL, 0.659 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) and the mixture heated at reflux for 3.5 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature,

diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL) and the organic extract washed with 1 M HCl (20 mL) and brine (2×20 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (15% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave acid-TG **Int-29** (52.7 mg, 57%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.41 – 2.34 (m, 4H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.72 – 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.20 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.3 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 69.3 (CH), 62.2 (2C; CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 33.8 (CH_2), 33.5 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 29.84 (6C; CH_2), 29.81 (4C; CH_2), 29.77 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 24.3 (CH_2), 24.1 (CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 14.3 (2C; CH_2).

[00433] C10 β Me-acid-2-TG (Int-30):

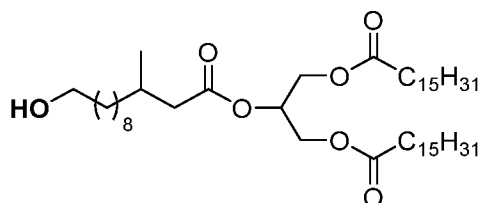


Scheme 17. Synthesis of Int-30.

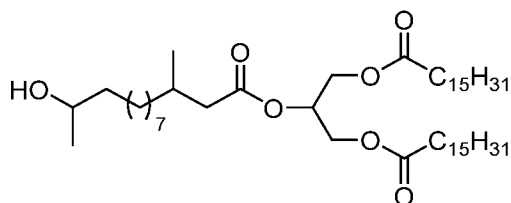
[00434] A solution of sodium chlorite (22.7 mg, 0.251 mmol) and sodium phosphate monobasic (NaH_2PO_4 , 23.4 mg, 0.195 mmol) in water (1 mL) was added dropwise to aldehyde **Int-24** (20.9 mg, 0.0279 mmol) in $t\text{-BuOH}$ (1.5 mL) and 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene (0.3 mL) and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 2.25 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes with 0.5% acetic acid) gave acid **Int-30** (16.1 mg, 75%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 12.0, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 – 2.27 (m, 7H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.67 – 1.55 (m, 6H), 1.40 – 1.14 (m, 56H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.7 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 69.0 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.8 (CH_2), 36.7 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 34.1 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.4 (CH), 29.82 (6C; CH_2), 29.79 (4C; CH_2), 29.75 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (3C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.24 (2C; CH_2), 29.16 (CH_2), 26.8 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 24.8 (CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3), 14.2 (2C; CH_3).

[00435] C12 β Me-OH-2-TG (Int-121):

[00436] Using similar methods to those described above for **Int-23** synthesis, **Int-121** was prepared:

**Int-121**

[00437] ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.8, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (dd, J = 14.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.64 – 1.49 (m, 6H), 1.40 – 1.13 (m, 62H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.3 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 68.9 (CH), 62.9 (CH_2), 62.2 (2C; CH_2), 41.7 (CH_2), 36.7 (CH_2), 34.1 (2C; CH_2), 32.9 (CH_2), 32.0 (2C; CH_2), 30.4 (CH), 29.80 (CH_2), 29.76 (6C; CH_2), 29.72 (4C; CH_2), 29.68 (2C; CH_2), 29.65 (CH_2), 29.62 (CH_2), 29.53 (2C; CH_2), 29.50 (CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 29.2 (2C; CH_2), 27.0 (CH_2), 25.8 (CH_2), 24.9 (2C; CH_2), 22.7 (2C; CH_2), 19.6 (CH_3), 14.2 (2C; CH_3).

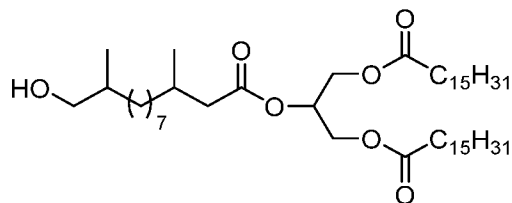
[00438] C12 α' Me-OH-2-TG (Int-143):**Int-143**

[00439] Pyridinium chlorochromate (16.5 mg, 0.0765 mmol) and Celite (16.5 mg) were added to a solution of alcohol **Int-121** (40.0 mg, 0.0512 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting suspension stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes and then at room temperature for three hours. The reaction mixture was filtered through a plug of silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate (50 mL) and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give the corresponding aldehyde as a pale yellow oil that was used without purification.

[00440] The crude aldehyde was re-dissolved in diethyl ether (2.5 mL) and cooled to -10 °C (ice/brine bath). Methylmagnesium bromide (3.0 M in diethyl ether, 18.8 μL ,

0.0563 mmol) was added and the reaction vessel transferred into the freezer (-20 °C) and allowed to stand for 19 hours. The mixture was warmed to -10 °C, slowly quenched by the addition of sat. aq. NH₄Cl solution (4 mL) and then warmed to room temperature. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with water (25 mL) and brine (25 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (0% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-143** (21.6 mg, 53%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 2.32 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 6H), 1.52 – 1.21 (m, 62H), 1.18 (d, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 69.0 (CH), 68.3 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.9 (CH₂), 39.5 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.90 (CH₂), 29.85 (6C; CH₂), 29.81 (4C; CH₂), 29.78 (3C; CH₂), 29.75 (CH₂), 29.72 (CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 25.9 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 23.7 (CH₃), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00441] C12β'βMe-OH-2-TG (Int-148):

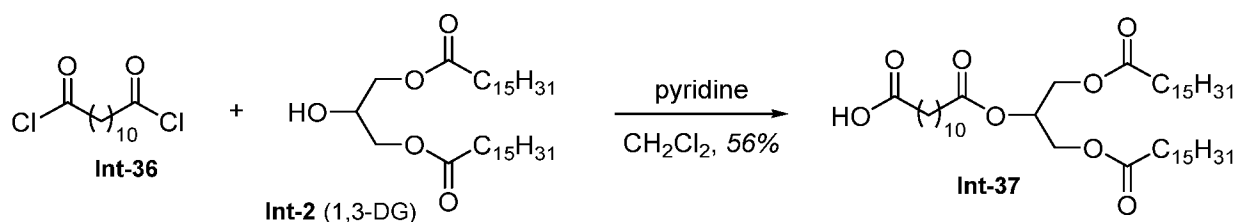


Int-148

[00442] Borane-dimethylsulfide complex (1.05 M in THF, 94.0 μL, 98.9 μmol), was added to a solution of carboxylic acid **Int-27** (40.0 mg, 49.4 μmol) in THF (1.5 mL) at -5 °C and the mixture stirred at -5 °C for 40 minutes and then allowed to stand in refrigerator for 19 hours. The reaction was slowly diluted with cold water (20 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-148** (35.8 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 3.42 (dd, *J* = 10.5, 6.5 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H),

1.65 – 1.50 (m, 5H), 1.44 – 1.05 (m, 62H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H).

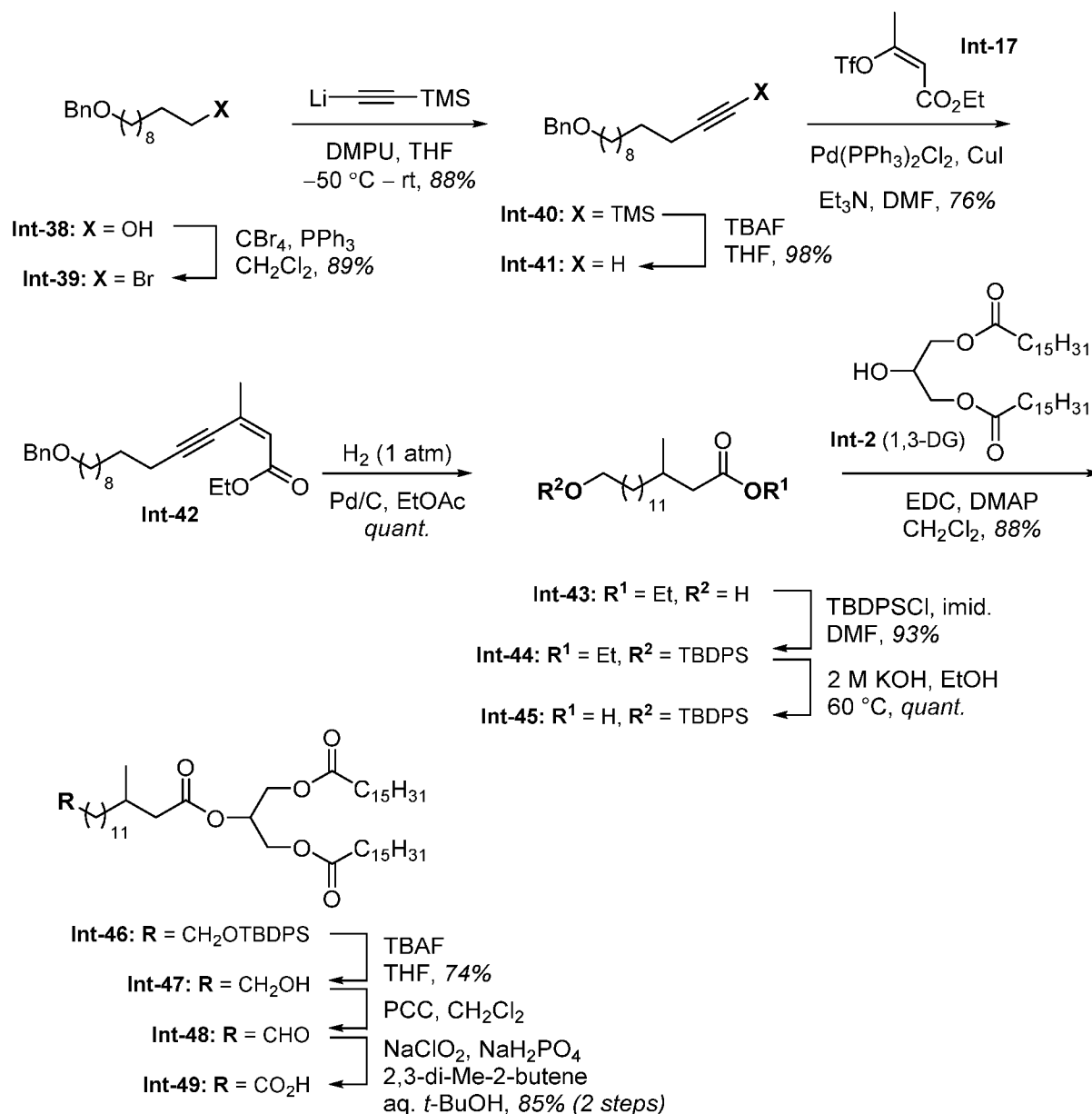
[00443] C12-acid-2-TG (Int-37):



Scheme 18. Synthesis of Int-37.

[00444] A mixture of dodecanedioic acid (700 mg, 3.04 mmol) and DMF (two drops) in thionyl chloride (2.20 mL, 30.4 mmol) was heated at reflux for two hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with toluene (5 mL) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give diacid chloride **Int-36** (812 mg, quant.) as a yellow oil that was used without purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 2.88 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.76 – 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.42 – 1.23 (m, 12H).

[00445] A solution of 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (40.0 mg, 0.0703 mmol) and pyridine (56.9 μL , 0.703 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) was added to diacid chloride **Int-36** (93.9 mg, 0.352 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (3 mL), water (10 mL) and 1 M HCl (2 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M HCl (30 mL) and brine (2×30 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% to 45% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave acid-TG **Int-37** (30.7 mg, 56%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 – 2.26 (m, 8H), 1.69 – 1.54 (m, 8H), 1.38 – 1.19 (m, 60H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H).

[00446] C15 β Me-acid-2-TG (Int-49):**Scheme 19. Synthesis of Int-49.**

[00447] A solution of 1,10-decanediol (1.05 g, 6.00 mmol) in DMF (7 mL) was added dropwise to a suspension of sodium hydride (60% w/w in mineral oil, washed twice with dry petrol, 240 mg, 6.00 mmol) in DMF (8 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. Benzyl bromide (784 μ L, 3.50 mmol) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 1.5 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL), quenched with water (20 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 30 mL). The combined organic extracts washed with water and brine (60 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under

reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% to 30% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave benzyl ether **Int-38** (657 mg, 41%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.39 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.40 – 1.25 (m, 12H).

[00448] Carbon tetrabromide (1.05 g, 3.17 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.07 g, 4.08 mmol) were added to a solution of alcohol **Int-38** (600 mg, 1.11 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 2.5 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), silica gel was added and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (3% to 4% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave bromide **Int-39** (658 mg, 89%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.91 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.47 – 1.23 (m, 12H).

[00449] *n*-Butyllithium (*n*-BuLi, 1.6 M in hexanes, 4.01 mL, 6.42 mmol) was added slowly to a solution of TMS-acetylene (1.02 mL, 7.22 mmol) in THF (9 mL) at –78 °C and the mixture stirred at –78 °C for five minutes then warmed to room temperature and stirred for a further 15 minutes. The reaction was re-cooled to –50 °C, a solution of bromide **Int-39** (525 mg, 1.60 mmol) and DMPU (1.06 mL, 8.82 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added dropwise and the mixture stirred at –50 °C for 30 minutes and then at room temperature for 22 hours. The reaction was diluted with brine (15 mL) and the organic solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The aqueous residue was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 25 mL) and the combined organic extracts washed with brine (50 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (3.5% to 4.5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave TMS alkyne **Int-40** (489 mg, 88%) as a colorless oil containing small amounts of desilylated alkyne **Int-41** (<10%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.54 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.24 (m, 12H), 0.14 (s, 9H).

[00450] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 1.61 mL, 1.61 mmol) was added dropwise to silylalkyne **Int-40** (463 mg, 1.34 mmol) in THF (12 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 40 minutes. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (40 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% to 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave

alkyne **Int-41** (361 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (td, J = 7.1, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 1.94 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 1H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.24 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.86 (C), 128.49 (2C; CH), 127.77 (2C; CH), 127.61 (CH), 84.97 (C), 73.00 (CH_2), 70.67 (CH_2), 68.18 (CH), 29.91 (CH_2), 29.67 (CH_2), 29.59 (CH_2), 29.57 (CH_2), 29.23 (CH_2), 28.89 (CH_2), 28.63 (CH_2), 26.33 (CH_2), 18.54 (CH_2).

[00451] A suspension of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (32.2 mg, 0.0459 mmol) in DMF (4 mL) was degassed using a stream of N_2 gas for five minutes, and then CuI (35.0 mg, 0.184 mmol), Et_3N (256 μL , 1.84 mmol) and a degassed solution of alkyne **Int-41** (250 mg, 0.918 mmol) and enol triflate **Int-17** (313 mg, 1.19 mmol) in DMF (6 mL) were added. The mixture was degassed using a stream of N_2 for a further five minutes and then heated at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ for one hour. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL), washed with 1 M HCl, sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , water and brine (30 mL each), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (4% to 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave enyne **Int-42** (269 mg, 76%) as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.92 (m, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.18 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.01 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 3H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.24 (m, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4 (C), 138.8 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.5 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 123.3 (CH), 103.3 (C), 79.9 (C), 73.0 (CH_2), 70.6 (CH_2), 60.0 (CH_2), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.65 (CH_2), 29.59 (CH_2), 29.56 (CH_2), 29.2 (CH_2), 29.1 (CH_2), 28.6 (CH_2), 26.3 (CH_2), 26.0 (CH_3), 20.1 (CH_2), 14.4 (CH_3).

[00452] A solution of benzyl ether **Int-42** (246 mg, 0.640 mmol) in ethyl acetate (25 mL) in a three-neck round-bottom flask was twice evacuated and flushed with N_2 gas, then palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 102 mg, 0.0960 mmol) was added and the resulting suspension re-evacuated and flushed with N_2 three times. The flask was fitted with a H_2 balloon, evacuated and flushed with H_2 three times and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature under 1 atm of H_2 for one hour. The reaction mixture was then filtered through a pad of celite and the pad washed with ethyl acetate (40 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give saturated alcohol **Int-43** (192 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil that was used without purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.12 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.28 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.12 (m, 23H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6 (C), 63.2 (CH_2), 60.2 (CH_2), 42.1 (CH_2), 36.9

(CH₂), 32.9 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.74 (4C; CH₂), 29.70 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 25.9 (CH₂), 19.9 (CH₃), 14.4 (CH₃).

[00453] Imidazole (32.0 mg, 0.0469 mmol) and tert-butyl(chloro)diphenylsilane (TBDPSCl, 183 μ L, 0.704 mmol) were added to a solution of alcohol **Int-43** (70.5 mg, 0.235 mmol) in DMF (7 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (20 mL), washed with water (20 mL) and brine (2 $\times$ 20 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (3% to 4% ethyl acetate/hexanes with 0.5% Et₃N) gave TBDPS ether **Int-44** (117 mg, 93%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 4.12 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.14 (m, 23H), 1.04 (s, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 9H), 0.92 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 64.1 (CH₂), 60.2 (CH₂), 42.1 (CH₂), 36.9 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.79 (3C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 27.0 (3C; CH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 19.9 (CH₃), 19.4 (C), 14.4 (CH₃).

[00454] A solution of potassium hydroxide (2.0 M, 390 μ L, 0.781 mmol) was added to ester **Int-44** (42.1 mg, 0.0781 mmol) in ethanol (2 mL) and the mixture heated at 60 °C for 1.5 hours. The reaction was acidified to pH 1 by addition of 1 M HCl, diluted with water (10 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude acid **Int-45** (39.9 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil that was used without purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 3.67 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.52 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.17 (m, 20H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.7 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 64.2 (CH₂), 41.7 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.80 (2C; CH₂), 29.78 (2C; CH₂), 29.75 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 27.0 (3C; CH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.4 (C).

[00455] 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 9.5 mg, 0.0781 mmol), EDC•HCl (29.9 mg, 0.156 mmol) and 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (53.3 mg, 0.0937 mmol) were added to a solution of acid **Int-45** (39.9 mg, 0.0781 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 19 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), silica gel was added and the mixture

concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% to 5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave triglyceride **Int-46** (72.8 mg, 88% over two steps) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.73 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.49 – 7.31 (m, 6H), 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (dd, J = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.13 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.44 – 1.16 (m, 68H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 68.9 (CH), 64.1 (CH_2), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.8 (CH_2), 36.8 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 32.7 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.5 (CH), 30.0 (CH_2), 29.84 (8C; CH_2), 29.80 (6C; CH_2), 29.76 (2C; CH_2), 29.61 (2C; CH_2), 29.54 (CH_2), 29.50 (3C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 27.2 (CH_2), 27.0 (3C; CH_3), 25.9 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3), 19.3 (C), 14.3 (2C; CH_3).

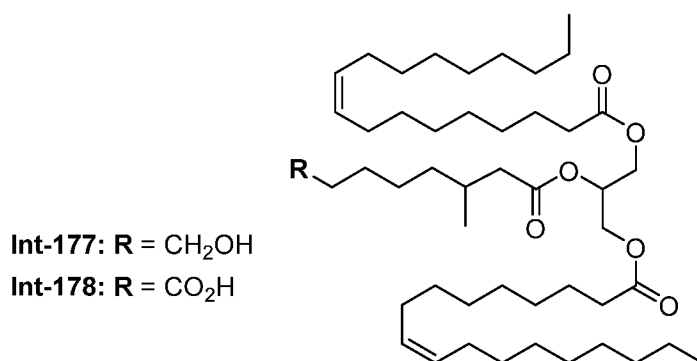
[00456] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 186 μL , 0.186 mmol) and acetic acid (10.6 μL , 0.186 mmol) were added dropwise to TBDPS ether **Int-46** (65.7 mg, 0.0619 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 19 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and brine (30 mL each), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-47** (34.2 mg, 67%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.8, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (dd, J = 14.6, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.11 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.40 – 1.13 (m, 68H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 68.9 (CH), 63.2 (CH_2), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.8 (CH_2), 36.8 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 32.9 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.84 (8C; CH_2), 29.80 (6C; CH_2), 29.76 (2C; CH_2), 29.73 (CH_2), 29.62 (2C; CH_2), 29.57 (CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 27.1 (CH_2), 25.9 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3), 14.3 (2C; CH_3).

[00457] Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC, 14.7 mg, 68.0 μmol) was added to a suspension of alcohol **Int-47** (28.0 mg, 34.0 μmol) and celite (15 mg) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. The reaction was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate, and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude

aldehyde **Int-48** (27.9 mg, quant.) as a yellow oil that was used without purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.76 (s, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.6, 3.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 – 2.25 (m, 5H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.4, 8.5$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.51 (m, 6H), 1.42 – 1.09 (m, 66H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6H).

[00458] A solution of sodium chlorite (27.6 mg, 0.306 mmol) and sodium phosphate monobasic (NaH_2PO_4 , 28.8 mg, 0.238 mmol) in water (1.2 mL) was added dropwise to aldehyde **Int-48** (27.9 mg, 0.0340 mmol) in t-BuOH (1.8 mL) and 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene (0.4 mL) and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The reaction was acidified to pH 2 using 1 M HCl, diluted with water (10 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes with 0.5% acetic acid) gave acid **Int-49** (24.3 mg, 85%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 3.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 – 2.27 (m, 7H), 2.11 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.54 (m, 6H), 1.40 – 1.13 (m, 66H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.5 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 68.9 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.9 (CH_2), 36.8 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 34.1 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.5 (CH), 29.93 (CH_2), 29.85 (8C; CH_2), 29.81 (4C; CH_2), 29.77 (2C; CH_2), 29.73 (CH_2), 29.62 (2C; CH_2), 29.58 (CH_2), 29.51 (2C; CH_2), 29.42 (2C; CH_2), 29.39 (CH_2), 29.26 (2C; CH_2), 29.2 (CH_2), 27.1 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 24.8 (CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.7 (CH_2), 14.3 (2C; CH_2).

[00459] **C8 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-178):**

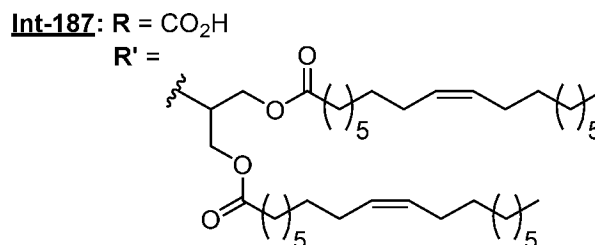
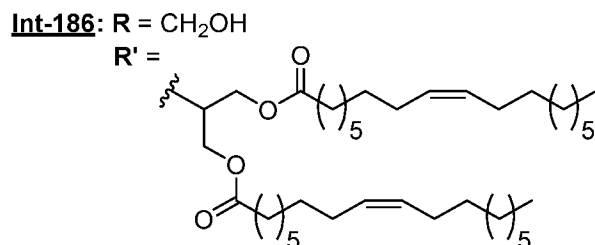
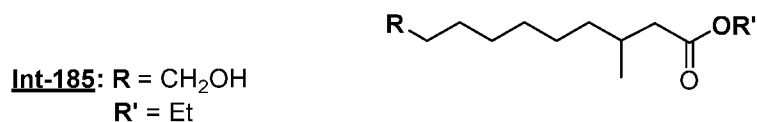


[00460] Using the Pd-coupling, hydrogenation, EDC-coupling, and TBAF deprotection procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-49**, compound **Int-177** (C8 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate)

was prepared from 1-(*tert*-butyldiphenylsilyloxy)-pent-4-yne, benzyl (Z)-3-(((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)oxy)but-2-enoate (**Int-198**; prepared similarly to **Int-17**), and **Int-112**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.36 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dt, $J = 11.2, 5.6$ Hz, 5H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.05 (q, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 8H), 1.63 (dt, $J = 15.3, 7.5$ Hz, 6H), 1.34 (p, $J = 6.9, 5.0$ Hz, 46H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.30 (2C), 172.27 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.73 (2C), 68.87 (1C), 62.92 (1C), 62.16 (2C), 41.67 (1C), 36.56 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 32.72 (1C), 31.93 (2C), 30.27 (1C), 29.79 - 29.12 (16C), 27.24 (2C), 27.20 (2C), 26.67 (1C), 25.84 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 22.70 (2C), 19.60 (1C), 14.12 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 778.0 (M+1), 794.96 (M+18).

[00461] To a solution of **Int-177** (4.0 g, 5.14 mmol) in acetone (40 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise freshly prepared Jones' reagent (6.4 mL, 2.1 equiv.), and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 4 h. The reaction mixture was quenched with water (40 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 40 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 8-10% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-178** (1.5 g, 37%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.35 (m, 5H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.31 (dd, $J = 12.4, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.38 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 5H), 2.20 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 2.01 (m, 8H), 1.63 (m, 6H), 1.24 (m, 46H), 0.95 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.66 (1C), 173.26 (2C), 172.13 (1C), 130.01 (2C), 129.71 (2C), 68.95 (1C), 65.32 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 36.21 (1C), 34.02 (2C), 33.89 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 30.15 (1C), 29.76- 29.09 (14C), 27.22 (2C), 27.18 (2C), 26.36 (1C), 24.83 (2C), 23.39(1C), 23.07(2C), 22.67(2C), 19.49 (1C), 14.07 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 790.15 (M-1).

[00462] **C10 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-187):**



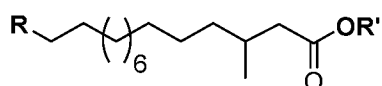
[00463] Compounds **Int-185** and **Int-186** were prepared from 1-benzyloxy-pentan-5-ol and **Int-112** according to the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-43** and **Int-47**. Oxidation of **Int-186** to **Int-187** was conducted using the Jones' reagent according to the procedure described for preparation of **Int-178**.

[00464] **Int-185** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.12 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.27 (dd, $J = 14.6, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.08 (dd, $J = 14.6, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.12 (m, 15H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H).

[00465] **C10 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-186)** MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 823.03 (M+18).

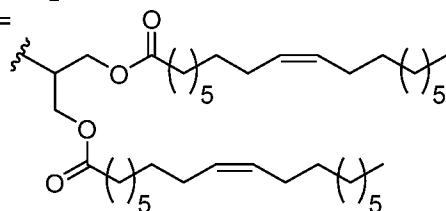
[00466] **C10 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-187)** MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 818.01 (M-1).

[00467] **C15 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-233):**



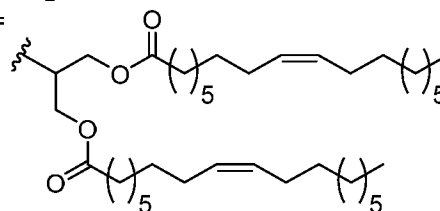
Int-232: R = CH_2OH

R' =



Int-233: R = CO_2H

R' =

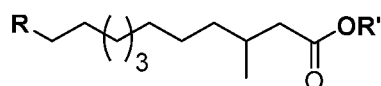


[00468] Compound **Int-232** was prepared from **Int-45** and **Int-112** according to the procedures described for the conversion of **Int-45** to **Int-47**. Oxidation of **Int-232** to **Int-233** was conducted using the Jones' reagent according to the procedure described for preparation of **Int-178**.

[00469] **C15 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-232)** MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 893.17 (M+18).

[00470] **C15 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-233)** MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 888.23 (M-1).

[00471] **C12 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-236):**

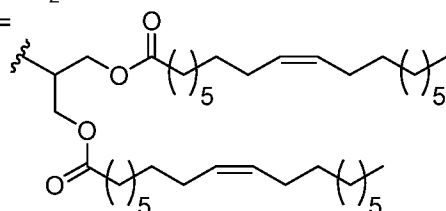


Int-234: R = CH_2OH

R' = Et

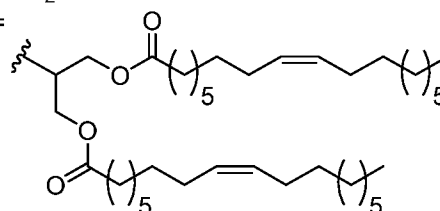
Int-235: R = CH_2OH

R' =



Int-236: R = CO_2H

R' =



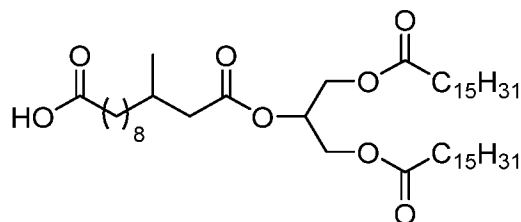
[00472] Compounds **Int-234** and **Int-235** were prepared from 1-benzyloxy-heptan-7-ol and **Int-112** according to the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-43** and **Int-47**. Oxidation of **Int-235** to **Int-236** was conducted using the Jones' reagent according to the procedure described for preparation of **Int-178**.

[00473] **Int-234** MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 259.29 (M+1).

[00474] **C10 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-235)** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 5.38-5.32 (m, 5H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.39 – 1.11 (m, 86H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 173.3, 172.4, 130.0, 129.75, 68.8, 63.1, 62.2, 41.7, 36.6, 34.0, 32.8, 31.9, 30.3, 29.7, 29.1, 27.2, 26.9, 25.7, 24.8, 22.7, 19.6, 14.1; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 851.13 (M+18).

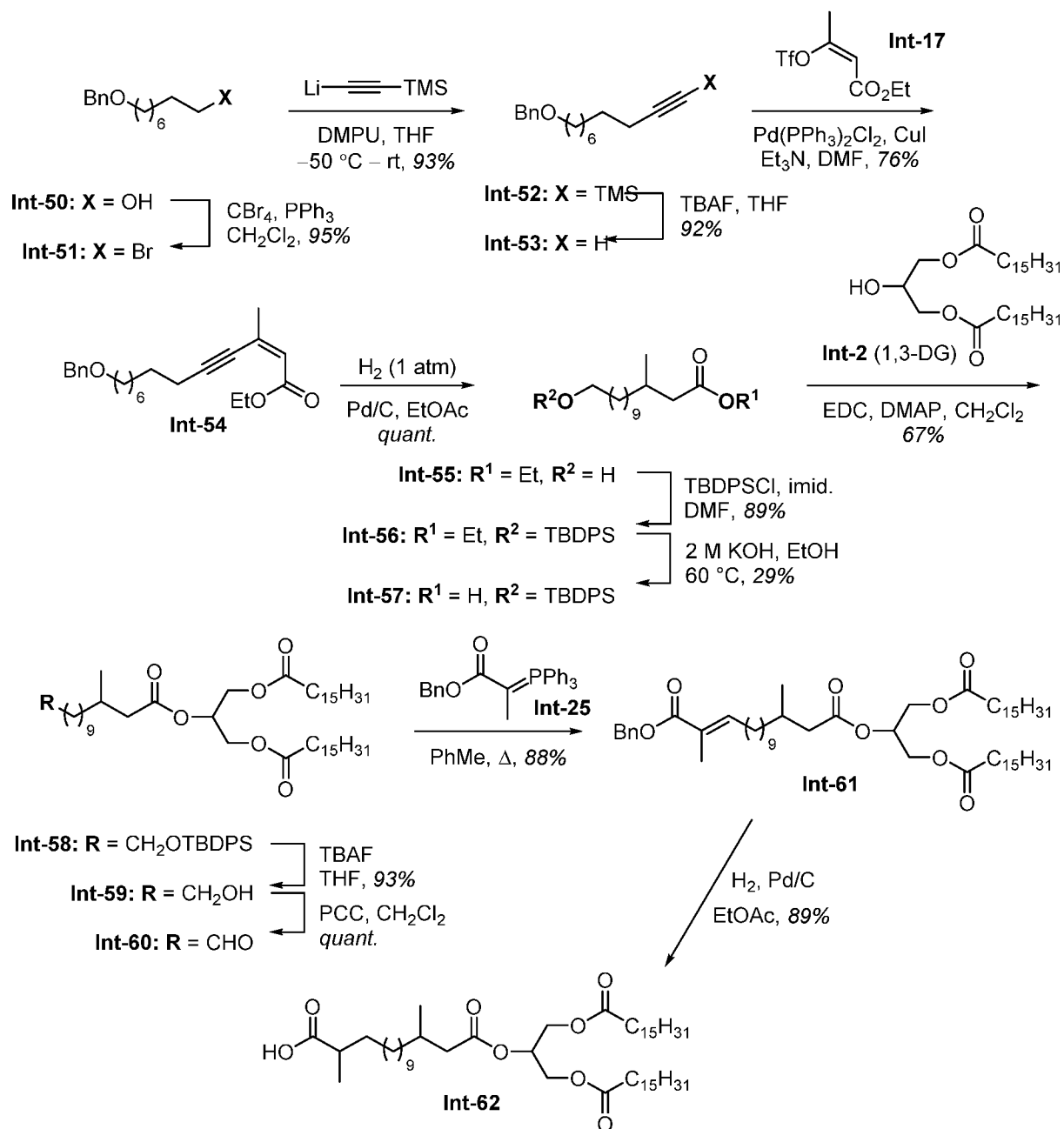
[00475] **C10 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-236)** ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) 5.38-5.32 (m, 5H), 4.35 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39 – 1.11 (m, 88H), 0.98 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) 179.4, 173.3, 172.4, 130.0, 129.74, 68.8, 62.2, 41.7, 36.6, 34.0, 33.9, 31.9, 30.3, 29.7, 29.5, 29.4, 29.3, 26.9, 24.8, 24.6, 22.7, 19.5, 14.1; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 845.93 (M-1).

[00476] **C12 β Me-acid-2-TG (Int-247):**



Int-247

[00477] Compound **Int-247** was prepared by oxidation of **Int-121** using the Jones' reagent according to the procedure described for preparation of **Int-178**.

[00478] C15 α ' β Me-acid-2-TG (Int-62):**Scheme 20. Synthesis of Int-62.**

[00479] **Int-50:** prepared according to: Subba Reddy, B. V. et al. *Helv. Chim. Acta.* 2013, 96, 1983-1990.

[00480] **Int-51:** known compound that may be prepared as disclosed in Takagi, Y. *et al.* *Tetrahedron: Asymm.* 2004, 15, 2591-2594). ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39 – 7.23 (m, 5H),

4.50 (s, 2H), 3.47 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.40 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.90 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.48 – 1.26 (m, 8H).

[00481] n-Butyllithium (n-BuLi, 2.0 M in cyclohexane, 18.1 mL, 36.3 mmol) was added slowly to a solution of TMS-acetylene (5.7 mL, 41.5 mmol) in THF (45 mL) at -78 °C and the mixture stirred at -78 °C for five minutes then warmed to room temperature and stirred for a further 15 minutes. The reaction was re-cooled to -78 °C, a solution of bromide **Int-51** (3.10 g, 10.4 mmol) and DMPU (6.3 mL, 51.8 mmol) in THF (30 mL) was added slowly and the mixture stirred at -78 °C for 30 minutes and then at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (60 mL) and the majority of the organic solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with brine (120 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3×100 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (3×100 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (Reveleris 80 g column, 60 mL/min, 4% to 40% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave TMS alkyne **Int-52** (3.05 g, 93%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.36 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.21 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 2H), 1.55 – 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.41 – 1.27 (m, 8H), 0.15 (s, 9H).

[00482] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 9.7 mL, 9.70 mmol) was added dropwise to silylalkyne **Int-52** (3.05 g, 9.62 mmol) in THF (40 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. The reaction was diluted with water (25 mL) and the organic solvent removed under reduced pressure. The resulting solution was diluted with brine (100 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3×50 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (3×50 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (Reveleris 80 g column, 60 mL/min, 3% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alkyne **Int-53** (2.17 g, 92%). ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.38 – 7.25 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.46 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.18 (td, $J = 7.1, 2.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.94 (t, $J = 2.7$ Hz, 1H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.57 – 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.43 – 1.27 (m, 8H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 138.8 (C), 128.4 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 84.8 (C), 73.0 (CH), 70.6 (CH_2), 68.2 (CH), 29.8 (CH_2), 29.4 (CH_2), 29.1 (CH_2), 28.8 (CH_2), 28.6 (CH_2), 26.2 (CH_2), 18.5 (CH_2).

[00483] **Int-17** was prepared as described above.

[00484] A suspension of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (605 mg, 0.862 mmol) in DMF (40 mL) was degassed using N_2 gas for five minutes, and then CuI (335 mg, 1.76 mmol), Et_3N (2.40 mL, 17.2 mmol) and a degassed solution of alkyne **Int-53** (2.11 g, 8.62 mmol) and enol triflate **Int-17** (3.40 g, 13.00 mmol) in DMF (50 mL) were added. The mixture was degassed using a stream of N_2 for a further five minutes and then heated at 70°C for one hour. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure to about one-quarter of its original volume. The resulting solution was diluted with ethyl acetate (80 mL), washed with 1 M HCl , sat. aq. NaHCO_3 , water and brine (30 mL each), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (Reveleris 80 g column, 60 mL/min, 5% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave enyne **Int-54** (2.35 g, 76%) as a pale yellow oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 5.92 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.01 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 3H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.30 (m, 8H), 1.28 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 165.4 (C), 138.8 (C), 135.9 (C), 128.5 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 123.4 (CH), 103.2 (C), 79.9 (C), 73.0 (CH_2), 70.6 (CH_2), 60.0 (CH_2), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.4 (CH_2), 29.2 (CH_2), 29.0 (CH_2), 28.6 (CH_2), 26.3 (CH_2), 26.0 (CH_3), 20.1 (CH_2), 14.4 (CH_3).

[00485] A solution of benzyl ether **Int-54** (707 mg, 1.98 mmol) in ethyl acetate (80 mL) in a three-neck round-bottom flask was twice evacuated and flushed with N_2 gas, then palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 525 mg, 0.494 mmol) was added and the resulting suspension re-evacuated and flushed with N_2 three times. The flask was fitted with a H_2 balloon, evacuated and flushed with H_2 three times and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature under 1 atm of H_2 for two hours. The flask was then evacuated and flushed with N_2 and the reaction mixture filtered through a pad of celite, washing with ethyl acetate (80 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give saturated alcohol **Int-55** (540 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil that was used without purification. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.13 (q, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 (dd, $J = 14.6, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, $J = 14.6, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.62 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.21 (m, 16H), 1.25 (t, $J = 7.1$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H).

[00486] Imidazole (670 mg, 9.85 mmol) and tert-butyl(chloro)diphenylsilane (TBDPSCl, 3.5 mL, 13.6 mmol) were added to a solution of alcohol **Int-55** (1.48 g, 5.42 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (80 mL) at 0°C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 2.5 hours. The reaction was concentrated to half its volume under reduced pressure, washed with water (2×20 mL) and brine

(30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (Reveleris 80 g column, 60 mL/min, 1% to 16% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave TBDPS ether **Int-56** (2.46 g, 89%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.75 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 4.13 (q, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.09 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.61 – 1.50 (m, 2H), 1.38 – 1.20 (m, 19H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

[00487] A solution of potassium hydroxide (2.0 M, 11.3 mL, 22.6 mmol) was added to ester **Int-56** (1.15 g, 2.26 mmol) in ethanol (40 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 19 hours. The reaction was adjusted to pH 2 by addition of 1 M HCl and the organic solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue was diluted with water (15 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (5% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave a pure sample of acid **Int-57** (321 mg, 29%) as a pale yellow oil that was used for analytical purposes. An additional >750 mg of 9 was obtained containing slight contamination by an unknown TBDPS species - this material was carried forward and purified at a later stage in the reaction sequence. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.14 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.60 – 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.39 – 1.16 (m, 16H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.96 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.3 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.4 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 64.2 (CH₂), 41.7 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 30.3 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.72 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 27.0 (3C; CH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 19.8 (CH₃), 19.4 (C).

[00488] DMAP (80.8 mg, 0.661 mmol), EDC•HCl (230 mg, 1.20 mmol) and 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (374 mg, 0.658 mmol) were added to a solution of acid **Int-57** (288 mg, 0.597 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 20 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL), silica gel was added and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 8% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave triglyceride **Int-58** (416 mg, 67%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.69 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.289/4.288 (each dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (dd, *J* = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.12

(dd, $J = 14.6, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.50 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.14 (m, 64H), 1.04 (s, 9H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H).

[00489] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 574 μ L, 0.574 mmol) and acetic acid (32.8 μ L, 0.574 mmol) were added to a solution of TBDPS ether **Int-58** (395 mg, 0.383 mmol) in THF (15 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. The reaction was concentrated under reduced pressure and the residue diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL), washed with water (2×20 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-59** (282 mg, 93%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.286/4.285 (each dd, $J = 11.8, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.63 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 15.0, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.49 – 1.15 (m, 64H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 69.0 (CH), 63.2 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.9 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.0 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.81 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.74 (CH₂), 29.71 (CH₂), 29.62 (2C; CH₂), 29.57 (CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (3C; CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 25.9 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

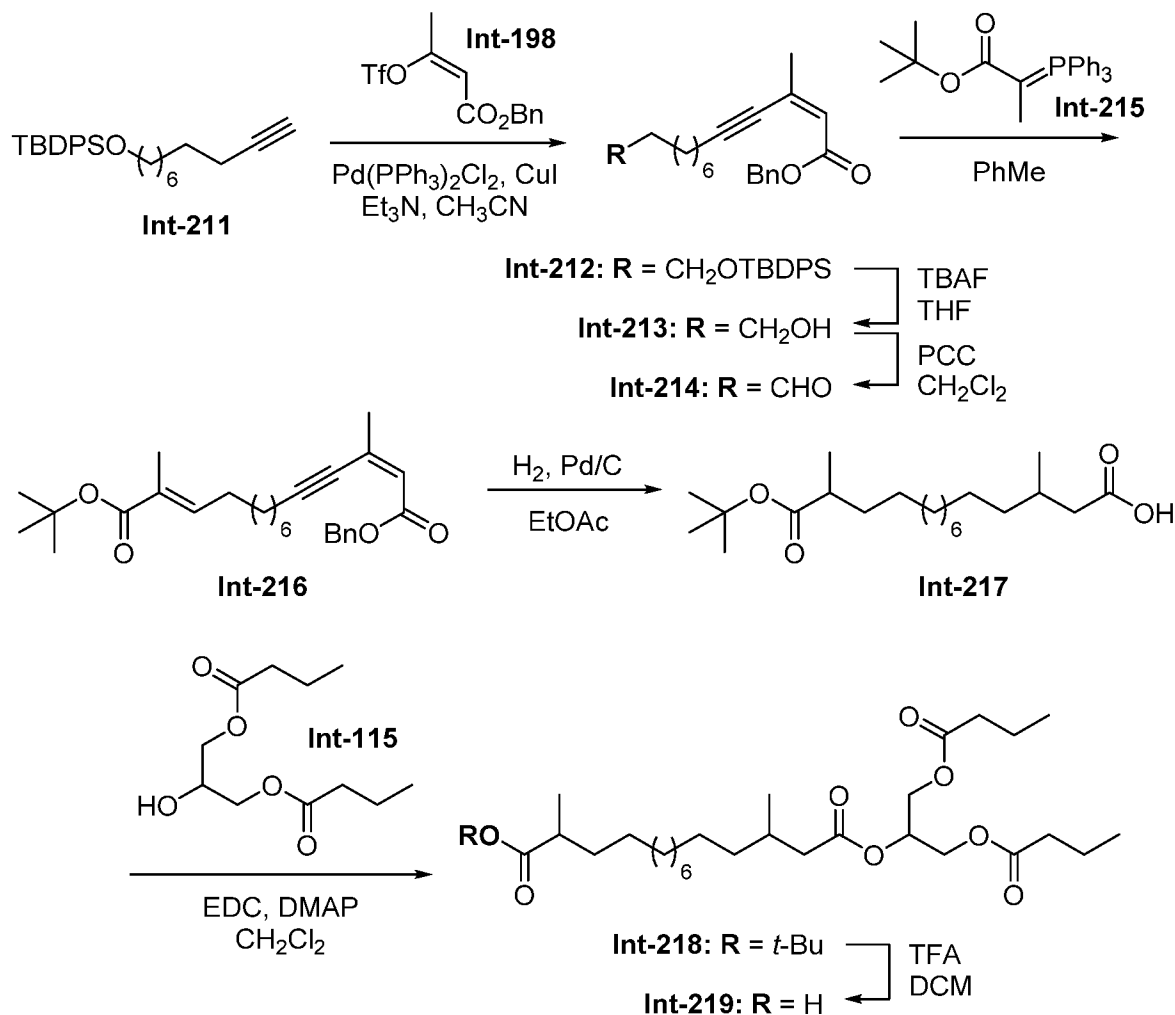
[00490] Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC, 143 mg, 0.664 mmol) was added to a suspension of alcohol **Int-59** (263 mg, 0.331 mmol) and Celite (150 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (18 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for four hours. The reaction was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate, and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude aldehyde **Int-60** (262 mg, quant.) as a yellow oil that was used without purification. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.76 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.8, 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.8, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (td, $J = 7.4, 1.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 15.0, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.53 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.16 (m, 62H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H).

[00491] **Int-25** was prepared as described above.

[00492] A solution of ylide **Int-25** (270 mg, 0.637 mmol) in toluene (10 mL) was added to aldehyde **Int-60** (262 mg, 0.331 mmol) in toluene (8 mL) and the mixture heated at reflux for 20 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 15% ethyl

acetate/hexanes) gave α,β -unsaturated benzyl ester **Int-61** (273 mg, 88%) as a yellow oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.40 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 6.82 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, J = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.20 – 2.07 (m, 3H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.65 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.47 – 1.37 (m, 2H), 1.36 – 1.14 (m, 62H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 168.2 (C), 143.3 (CH), 136.6 (C), 128.6 (2C; CH), 128.13 (CH), 128.11 (2C; CH), 127.5 (C), 68.9 (CH), 66.3 (CH_2), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.8 (CH_2), 36.8 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.84 (6C; CH_2), 29.80 (4C; CH_2), 29.76 (2C; CH_2), 29.70 (CH_2), 29.61 (3C; CH_2), 29.57 (CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (3C; CH_2), 28.9 (CH_2), 28.7 (CH_2), 27.1 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3), 14.3 (2C; CH_3), 12.5 (CH_3).

[00493] A solution of benzyl ester **Int-61** (246 mg, 0.262 mmol) in ethyl acetate (10 mL) in a two-neck flask was evacuated and flushed with N_2 gas (three times each), then palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 55.7 mg, 0.0524 mmol) was added and the resulting suspension re-evacuated and flushed with N_2 (three times each). The flask was fitted with a H_2 balloon, evacuated and flushed with H_2 (three times each) and the reaction mixture stirred at room temperature under 1 atm of H_2 for 1.5 hours. The reaction was filtered through a pad of celite, washing with ethyl acetate, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave saturated acid **Int-62** (193 mg, 87%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.291/4.289 (each dd, J = 11.8, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.147/4.144 (each dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, J = 15.0, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.73 – 1.55 (m, 5H), 1.50 – 1.21 (m, 67H), 1.18 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

[00494] C15 α ' β Me-acid-2-TG-butyrate (Int-219):**Scheme 20-A. Synthesis of Int-219.**

[00495] **Int-211** was prepared from dec-9-yn-1-ol and TBDPSCl using the procedure for preparation of **Int-56**, above. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.72 (dd, J = 6.4, 1.8 Hz, 4H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 6H), 3.71 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (td, J = 6.8, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.63 (dq, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.47 (m, 4H), 1.40 (m, 6H), 1.09 (s, 9H).

[00496] A suspension of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (6.44 g, 9.18 mmol) in CH_3CN (180 mL) was degassed using N_2 gas for five minutes, and then CuI (1.74 g, 9.18 mmol), Et_3N (18.54 g, 183.7 mmol) and a degassed solution of alkyne **Int-211** (36.0 g, 91.8 mmol) and **Int-198** (29.75 g, 91.83 mmol) in CH_3CN (180 mL) were added. The mixture was degassed using a stream of N_2 for a further five minutes and then heated at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$ for two hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature, diluted with water (360 mL), and extracted with EtOAc (3 x 360 mL). The combined organic

layers were dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 4-7% EtOAc in hexane, to afford **Int-212** (33.0 g, 63.5%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 7.43 (dd, *J* = 18.4, 10.7, 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.02 (s, 1H), 5.22 (s, 2H), 3.69 (t, 2H), 2.44 (t, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.59 (dq, 2H), 1.38 (ddd, *J* = 15.2, 10.9, 6.1 Hz, 4H), 1.31 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 3.8 Hz, 6H), 1.08 (s, 9H).

[00497] **Int-213** was prepared from **Int-212** by analogy to the procedure for preparation of **Int-53**, above. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.41 (dd, *J* = 12.7, 4.8 Hz, 5H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.21 (d, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.44 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (s, 3H), 1.58 (p, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 1.48 – 1.43 (m, 10H).

[00498] **Int-214** was prepared from **Int-213** by analogy to the procedure for preparation of **Int-60**, above.

[00499] To a solution of **Int-214** (19 g, 58.2 mmol) in toluene (190 mL) at room temperature under nitrogen atmosphere was added **Int-215** (68.19 g, 174.8 mmol; prepared from triphenyl phosphine and *t*-butyl 2-bromopropanoate). The resulting reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 2-4% EtOAc in hexane, to afford **Int-216** (15.0 g, 58.9%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.43 – 7.35 (m, 5H), 6.69 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 5.19 (s, 2H), 2.39 (t, *J* = 12.8 Hz, 2H), 2.18 (q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 1.61 - 1.55 (m, 12H), 1.45 (s, 9H).

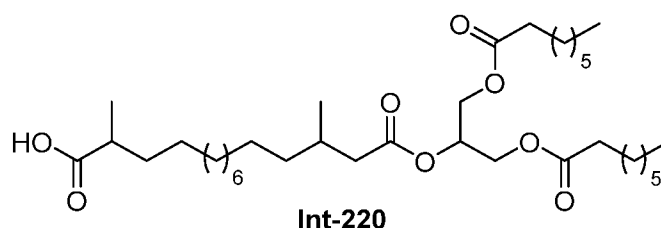
[00500] Palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 19 g) was added to a solution of **Int-216** (19 g, 43.37 mmol) in ethyl acetate (190 mL) in an autoclave, and the autoclave was evacuated and re-filled with N₂ three times. The autoclave was evacuated and pressurized with 10 kg/cm² H₂ pressure, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 72 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, which was washed with additional ethyl acetate (380 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **Int-217** (13 g, 84.2%) as a colorless oil, which was used for the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.39-2.29 (m, 3H), 2.19 – 2.12 (m, 1H), 1.96 (s, 2H), 1.46 (s, 9H), 1.27 (s, 18H), 1.10 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H).

[00501] To a stirred solution of **Int-217** (6.0 g, 16.4 mmol) and **Int-115** (3.81 g, 16.4 mmol) in DCM (120.0 mL) at room temperature was added EDC.HCl (7.8 g, 41.1 mmol) and DMAP (2.0 g, 16.4 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel, eluting with 4-5% EtOAc in n-hexane, to afford **Int-218** (6.0 g, 62.5%) as a brownish viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.34 – 5.23 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 12.1, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (dd, J = 8.7, 6.2 Hz, 5H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.3 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (s, 1H), 1.66 (p, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.35 – 1.15 (m, 18H), 1.08 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.99 – 0.88 (m, 9H).

[00502] To a stirred solution of **Int-218** (6.0 g, 10.5 mmol) in DCM (120 mL) at room temperature was added TFA (12.0 mL, 2.0 vol.), and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 3.0 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum. The residue was diluted with water (500 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 500 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with sodium bicarbonate solution and brine, then dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated under vacuum to afford **Int-219** (5.1 g, 94 %) as a yellowish viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.33 (ddd, J = 10.3, 6.0, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (h, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (q, J = 8.2, 7.6 Hz, 6H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.6, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.64 (dt, J = 14.8, 7.4 Hz, 6H), 1.27 (m, 15H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.01 – 0.84 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.51 (1C), 173.61 (2C), 172.85 (1C), 68.92 (1C), 62.26 (2C), 41.72 (1C), 39.38 (1C), 36.66 (1C), 35.93 (2C), 33.52 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 29.76-29.45 (6C), 27.12 (1C), 26.91 (1C), 19.53 (1C), 18.33 (2C), 16.80 (1C), 13.60 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 532.70 (M+18).

[00503] C15 α ' β Me-acid-2-TG-octanoate (Int-220):

[00504] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-219**, compound **Int-220** was prepared from **Int-217** and **Int-192**:

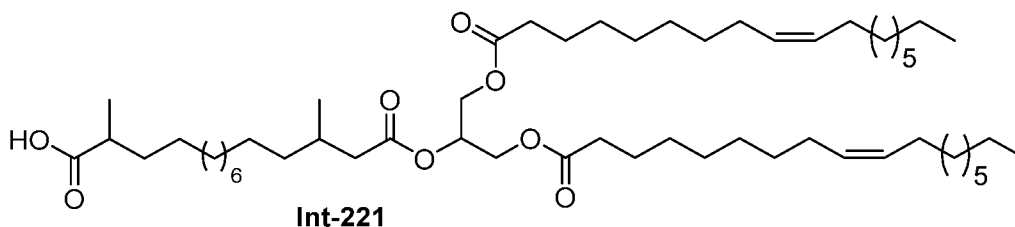


[00505] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.32 (t, J = 12.4 Hz, 2H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.6, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (m, 1H), 2.37 (m, 6H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 1.71 (m, 6H), 1.30

(d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 34H), 1.21 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 – 0.88 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.71 (1C), 173.44 (2C), 172.49 (1C), 69.84 (1C), 62.21 (2C), 41.74 (1C), 39.30 (1C), 36.70 (1C), 34.07 (2C), 33.55 (2C), 31.69 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 29.80-28.93 (14C), 27.16 (1C), 26.95 (1C), 19.58 (1C), 16.85 (1C), 14.09 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 644.89 (M+18).

[00506] C15 α' Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-221):

[00507] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-219**, compound **Int-221** was prepared from **Int-217** and **Int-112**:

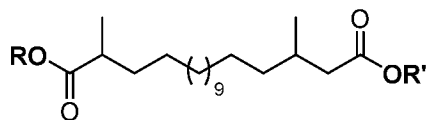


[00508] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.38-5.32 (m, 5H), 4.35-4.32 (dd, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20-4.15 (dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (m, 1H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 2.09-2.04 (m, 5H), 1.71 – 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.34-1.30 (m, 66H), 1.13 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.72 (1C), 173.33 (2C), 172.42 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.73 (2C), 68.83 (1C), 62.19 (2C), 41.71 (1C), 39.31 (1C), 36.69 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 33.53 (1C), 31.94 (2C), 30.36 (1C), 29.79 - 29.12 (23C), 27.21 (4C), 26.97 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.71 (2C), 19.57 (1C), 16.85 (1C), 14.14 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 902 (M-1). (ESI, +ve) m/z : 921 (M+18).

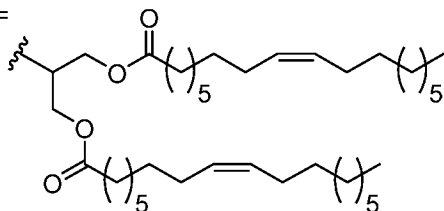
[00509] C18 α' Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-224):

[00510] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-219**, compounds **Int-222**, **Int-223**, and **Int-224** were prepared from **Int-112** and *tert*-butyldimethyl(tridec-12-yn-1-yloxy)silane, which was prepared from dodecan-1,12-diol by mono-TBS protection (with TBSCl, imidazole, and DMAP in a mixture of DCM and DMF) followed by PCC oxidation and Ohira reagent homologation.

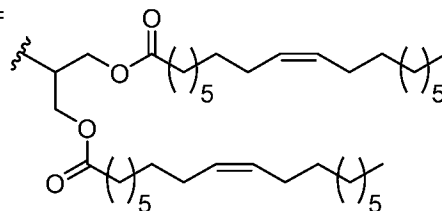
Int-222: R = *t*-Bu
R' = OH



Int-223: R = *t*-Bu
R' =



Int-224: R = H
R' =



[00511] **Int-222** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.42-2.31 (m, 2H), 2.21 – 2.14 (m, 1H), 2.00 (m, 1H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.29 (m, 26H), 1.13 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H).

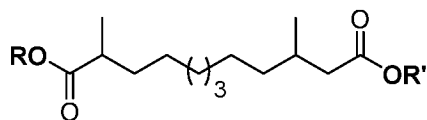
[00512] **C18 α' β Me-CO₂*t*Bu-2-TG-oleate (Int-223)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.40-5.32 (m, 5H), 4.35-4.31 (dd, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20-4.16 (dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.31 (m, 6H), 2.16 (m, 1H), 2.05 (m, 9H), 1.64 (m, 6H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 1.41 – 1.27 (m, 64H), 1.13 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (m, 6H).

[00513] **C18 α' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-224)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.41-5.31 (m, 5H), 4.35-4.31 (dd, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20-4.15 (dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.33 (m, 4H), 2.19-2.13 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.02 (m, 6H), 1.75 – 1.63 (m, 6H), 1.34-1.30 (m, 68H), 1.23-1.21 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.98-0.87 (m, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.21 (1C), 173.32 (2C), 172.40 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.74 (2C), 68.83 (1C), 62.21 (2C), 41.73 (1C), 39.24 (1C), 36.73 (1C), 34.06 (2C), 33.57 (1C), 31.93 (2C), 30.40 (1C), 29.79-29.12 (26C), 27.25 (2C), 27.20 (2C), 26.97 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 22.71 (2C), 19.59 (1C), 16.85 (1C), 14.14 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 963.09 (M+18).

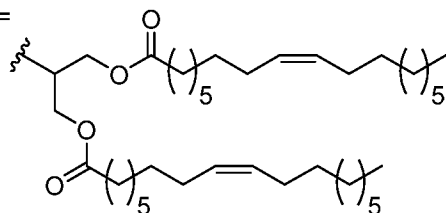
[00514] **C12 α' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-231):**

[00515] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-219**, compounds **Int-229**, **Int-230**, and **Int-231** were prepared from **Int-112** and hept-6-yn-1-ol.

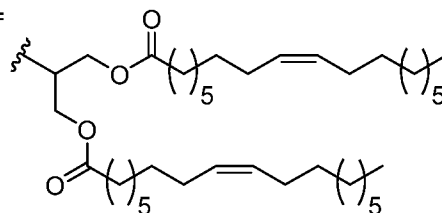
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Int-230: R = *t*-Bu
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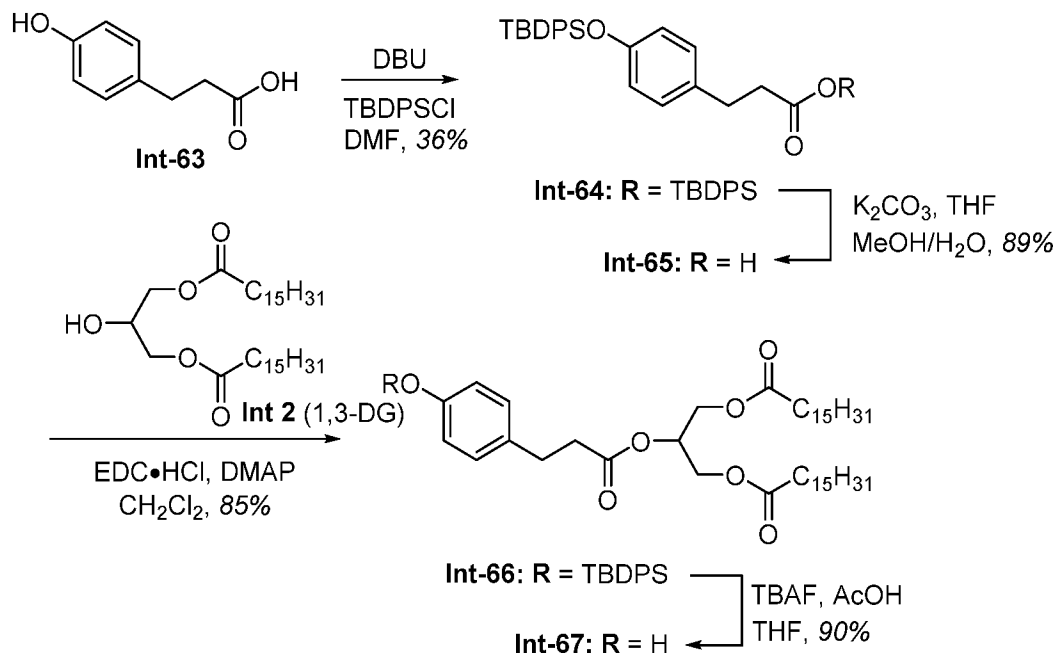
Int-231: R = H
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[00516] **Int-229** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) 2.38-2.28 (m, 3H), 2.18 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 1.96 (s, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.28 (s, 12H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H).

[00517] **C12 α' Me-CO₂/Bu-2-TG-oleate (Int-230)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.38 – 5.32 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.39-2.33 (m, 6H), 2.18-1.97 (m, 10H), 1.64-1.61 (m, 6H), 1.48 (s, 9H), 1.33-1.30 (m, 52H), 1.13 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 6H).

[00518] **C12 α' Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-231)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.42-5.29 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 12.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 11.6 Hz, 2H), 2.55 – 2.46 (m, 1H), 2.39-2.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 5H), 2.16 (q, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 1H), 2.05-1.97 (m, 8H), 1.74 – 1.63 (m, 5H), 1.49-1.44 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.30 (m, 52H), 1.13 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.75 (1C), 173.32 (2C), 172.38 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.73 (2C), 68.83 (1C), 62.19 (2C), 41.71 (1C), 39.31 (1C), 36.69 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 33.53 (1C), 31.94 (2C), 30.36 (1C), 29.79 - 29.12 (19C), 27.25 (2C), 27.20 (2C), 27.15 (2C), 24.85 (2C), 22.71 (2C), 19.57 (1C), 16.85 (1C), 14.14 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 859.93 (M-1); (ESI, +ve) m/z : 878.94 (M+18).

Ph-C3-phenol-2-TG (Int-67):**Scheme 21. Synthesis of Int-67.**

[00519] DBU (108 μL , 1.08 mmol) and t-butyldiphenylsilyl chloride (TBDPSCl, 338 μL , 1.30 mmol) were added to a solution of (4-hydroxyphenyl)propionic acid (**Int-63**; commercially available) (120 mg, 0.722 mmol) in DMF (4 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (15 mL) and organic phase washed with water and brine (15 mL each), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (4.5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave silyl ester **Int-64** (165 mg, 36%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.75 – 7.70 (m, 4H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 4H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 12H), 6.97 – 6.91 (m, 2H), 6.71 – 6.67 (m, 2H), 2.87 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.72 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.11 (s, 9H), 1.07 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 172.3 (C), 154.1 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 135.4 (4C; CH), 133.2 (2C; C), 133.0 (C), 132.0 (2C; C), 130.1 (2C; CH), 130.0 (2C; CH), 129.2 (2C; CH), 127.9 (4C; CH), 127.8 (4C; CH), 119.7 (2C; CH), 37.9 (CH_2), 30.4 (CH_2), 27.0 (3C; CH_3), 26.7 (3C; CH_3), 19.6 (C), 19.2 (C).

[00520] Potassium carbonate (157 mg, 1.14 mmol) was added to a solution of TBDPS ester **Int-64** (147 mg, 0.228 mmol) in THF (3 mL), methanol (1.5 mL) and water (1.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 2.5 hours. The reaction was acidified to pH 2 by the addition of 1 M HCl and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (3×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water (30 mL), sat. aq. NaHCO_3 (30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried

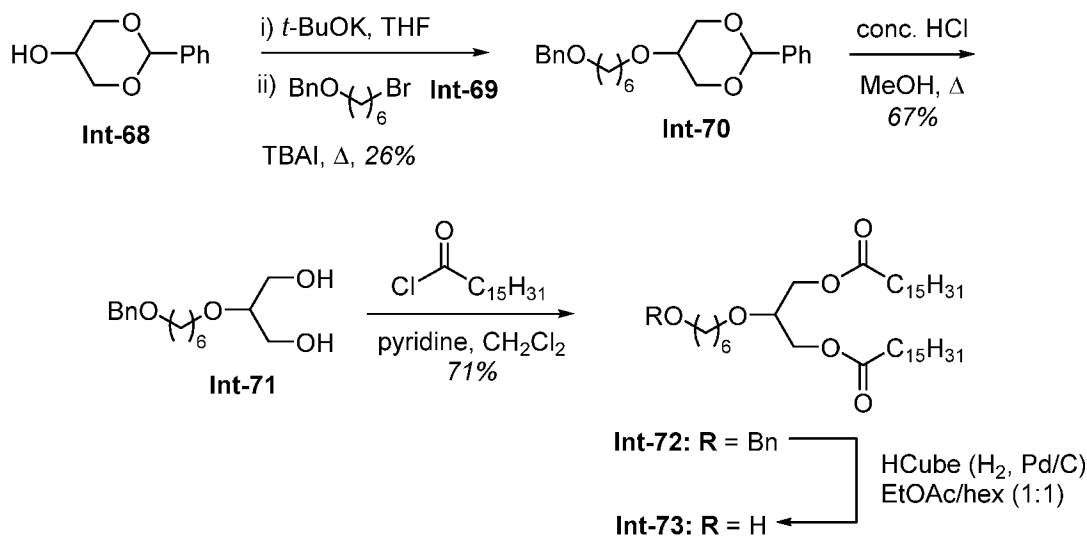
(MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% to 35% to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave acid **Int-65** (82.4 mg, 89%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.32 (m, 6H), 6.95 – 6.88 (m, 2H), 6.71 – 6.65 (m, 2H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 1.09 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 179.2 (C), 154.3 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 133.1 (2C; C), 132.7 (C), 130.0 (2C; CH), 129.1 (2C; CH), 127.9 (4C; CH), 119.8 (2C; CH), 35.9 (CH₂), 29.9 (CH₂), 26.7 (3C; CH₃), 19.6 (C).

[00521] DMAP (8.2 mg, 0.0667 mmol), EDC•HCl (25.6 mg, 0.133 mmol) and 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (41.7 mg, 0.0734 mmol) were added to a solution of acid **Int-65** (27.0 mg, 0.0666 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 19 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL), silica gel was added and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 7.5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave triglyceride **Int-66** (54.4 mg, 85%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.33 (m, 6H), 6.94 – 6.87 (m, 2H), 6.71 – 6.64 (m, 2H), 5.24 (m, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.81 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 2.60 – 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.64 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.20 (m, 48H), 1.09 (s, 9H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.2 (C), 154.2 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 133.1 (2C; C), 132.7 (C), 130.0 (2C; CH), 129.1 (2C; CH), 127.9 (4C; CH), 119.8 (2C; CH), 69.2 (CH), 62.1 (2C; CH₂), 36.0 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.1 (CH₂), 29.85 (2C; CH₂), 29.81 (2C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 26.7 (3C; CH₃), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.6 (C), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00522] Acetic acid (6.5 μL, 0.114 mmol) and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 114 μL, 0.114 mmol) were added to a solution of TBDPS ether **Int-66** (54.5 mg, 0.0570 mmol) in THF (1.2 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and the aqueous layer extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 10 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ (20 mL) and brine (20 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave phenol **Int-67** (37.0 mg, 90%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 6.78 – 6.72 (m, 2H), 5.25 (m, 1H), 4.62 (s, 1H), 4.25 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.64 – 1.56 (m,

4H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.6 (2C; C), 172.3 (C), 154.4 (C), 132.3 (C), 129.5 (2C; CH), 115.5 (2C; CH), 69.2 (CH), 62.2 (2C; CH_2), 36.2 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.2 (CH_2), 29.83 (6C; CH_2), 29.79 (4C; CH_2), 29.76 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.2 (2C; CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 14.3 (2C; CH_3).

[00523] C6-ET-alcohol-2-TG (Int-73):



Scheme 22. Synthesis of Int-73.

[00524] Int-69 is a known compound that may be prepared as described in, e.g., Sang-sup, J. *et al. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* **1997**, 8, 1187-1192).

[00525] Alcohol Int-68 (commercially available; 90.0 mg, 0.499 mmol) was added in a single portion to a suspension of $t\text{-BuOK}$ (84.1 mg, 0.749 mmol) in THF (2 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. A solution of bromide Int-69 (190 mg, 0.699 mmol) in THF (1 mL) and TBAI (36.9 mg, 0.100 mmol) were then added and the resulting mixture heated at reflux for 20 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), quenched with water (15 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3×20 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine (50 mL each), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (5 to 15% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave a sample of semi-pure product, which was re-subjected to column chromatography (5% to 12.5% ethyl acetate/toluene) to give ether-linked glycerol Int-70 (48.0 mg, 26%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 7.54 – 7.49 (m, 2H), 7.39 – 7.26 (m, 8H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 12.5, 1.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.07 – 4.01 (m, 2H), 3.55

(t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.47 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.45 – 1.39 (m, 4H).

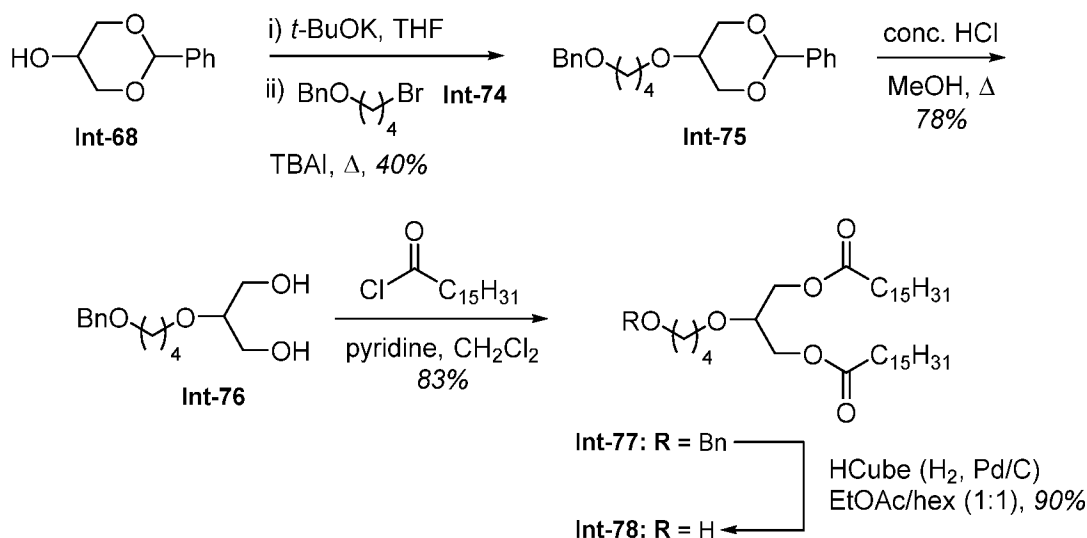
[00526] A mixture of benzylidene acetal **Int-70** (46.0 mg, 0.124 mmol), conc. HCl (2 drops) and MeOH (1.5 mL) was heated at reflux for two hours and then cooled to room temperature. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (30 mL) and water (10 mL), and the organic phase washed sat. aq. NaHCO₃, water and brine (30 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (40% to 80% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave diol **Int-71** (23.5 mg, 67%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 – 7.27 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.76 (dd, $J = 11.6, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 3.67 (dd, $J = 11.6, 5.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.57 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.50 – 3.42 (m, 3H), 1.67 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.43 – 1.36 (m, 4H).

[00527] A solution of freshly-prepared palmitoyl chloride (91.6 mg, 0.333 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) and pyridine (30.3 μ L, 0.375 mmol) were added to the diol **Int-71** (23.5 mg, 0.0833 mmol) and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL) and quenched with water (10 mL). The organic phase was washed with water, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (30 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (5% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave glyceride **Int-72** (44.8 mg, 71%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.6, 4.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, $J = 11.6, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (dd, $J = 10.4, 5.3$ Hz, 1H), 3.55 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 3.46 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 8H), 1.34 – 1.21 (m, 52H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.7 (2C; C), 138.8 (C), 128.5 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 75.3 (CH), 73.0 (CH₂), 70.7 (CH₂), 70.5 (CH₂), 63.2 (2C; CH₂), 34.3 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.0 (CH₂), 29.87 (CH₂), 29.84 (2C; CH₂), 29.80 (2C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 26.2 (CH₂), 26.0 (CH₂), 25.1 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00528] A solution of benzyl ether **Int-72** (43.5 mg, 57.3 μ mol) in ethyl acetate/hexanes (10 mL each) was subjected to hydrogenolysis using an HCube hydrogenation apparatus under recycling conditions (10% Pd/C cartridge, full H₂ mode at 6 bar, flow rate = 1 mL/min), with the column temperature set at 25 °C for 1.5 hours then at 35 °C for a further hour. Concentration of the reaction mixture under reduced pressure gave alcohol **Int-73** (38.2 mg, quant.) as a colorless solid that was used without purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.6, 4.9$

Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, $J = 11.6, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.64 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.55 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 8H), 1.41 – 1.34 (m, 4H), 1.33 – 1.18 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H).

[00529] C4-ET-alcohol-2-TG (Int-78):



Scheme 23. Synthesis of Int-78.

[00530] **Int-74** is a known compound that may be prepared as described in Charette, A. B. *et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2001**, 123, 11829-11830.

[00531] Alcohol **Int-68** (commercially available; 135 mg, 0.749 mmol) was added in a single portion to a suspension of *t*-BuOK (118 mg, 1.05 mmol) in THF (2.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for one hour. A solution of bromide **Int-74** (273 mg, 1.12 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was then added and the resulting mixture heated at reflux for 26 hours. The reaction was cooled to room temperature and diluted with ethyl acetate (10 mL), quenched with water (20 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 × 25 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with water and brine (60 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (10% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave ether-linked glycerol **Int-75** (103 mg, 40%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.38 – 7.27 (m, 8H), 5.55 (s, 1H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.37 – 4.27 (m, 2H), 4.08 – 3.98 (m, 2H), 3.61 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.54 – 3.50 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 1.82 – 1.65 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.8 (C), 138.3 (C), 128.9 (CH), 128.4 (2C; CH), 128.3 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 126.3 (2C; CH), 101.4 (C), 73.0 (CH₂), 70.7 (CH), 70.3 (CH₂), 69.1 (2C; CH₂), 68.7 (CH₂), 26.7 (CH₂), 26.6 (CH₂).

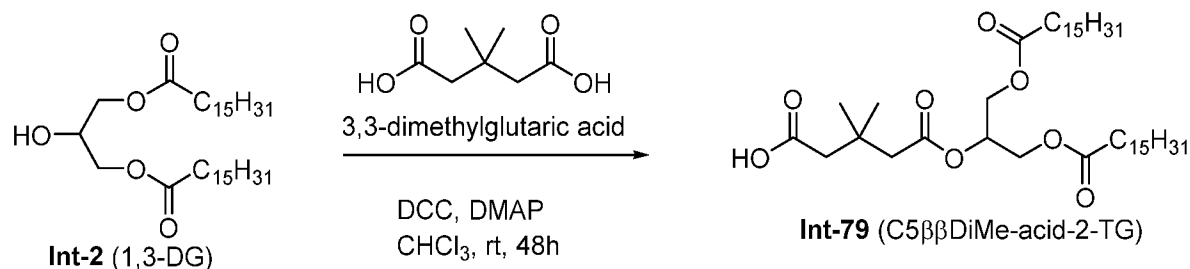
[00532] A mixture of benzylidene acetal **Int-75** (102 mg, 0.298 mmol), conc. HCl (2 drops) and MeOH (4 mL) was heated at reflux for two hours and then cooled to RT. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL) and water (15 mL), and the organic phase washed sat. aq. NaHCO₃, water and brine (40 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (25% to 65% to 90% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave diol **Int-76** (58.8 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 – 7.24 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 3.71 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 3.60 – 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.52 – 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 2.59 (br s, 2H), 1.75 – 1.61 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 138.5 (C), 128.5 (2C; CH), 127.8 (2C; CH), 127.7 (CH), 78.8 (CH), 73.0 (CH₂), 70.2 (CH₂), 69.8 (CH₂), 62.2 (2C; CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 26.4 (CH₂).

[00533] A solution of palmitoyl chloride (131 mg, 0.475 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) and pyridine (48.0 μL, 0.594 mmol) were added to the diol **Int-76** (30.2 mg, 0.119 mmol) and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 19 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) and quenched with water (20 mL). The organic phase was washed with water, sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (40 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (6% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave triglyceride **Int-77** (72.4 mg, 83%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.38 – 7.26 (m, 5H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 4.18 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.9 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.58 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.73 – 1.55 (m, 8H), 1.37 – 1.19 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 173.7 (2C; C), 138.7 (C), 128.5 (2C; CH), 127.7 (2C; CH), 127.6 (CH), 75.4 (CH), 73.0 (CH₂), 70.4 (CH₂), 70.2 (CH₂), 63.1 (2C; CH₂), 34.3 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 29.82 (6C; CH₂), 29.79 (4C; CH₂), 29.74 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; H₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 26.8 (CH₂), 26.5 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 14.2 (2C; CH₃).

[00534] A solution of benzyl ether **Int-77** (70.0 mg, 95.8 μmol) in ethyl acetate/hexanes (25 mL each) was subjected to hydrogenolysis using an HCube hydrogenation apparatus under recycling conditions (10% Pd/C cartridge, full H₂ mode at 6 bar, flow rate = 1 mL/min), with the column temperature set at 50 °C for 2.5 hours. Concentration of the reaction mixture under reduced pressure gave the crude product, which was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% to 30% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to give alcohol **Int-78** (55.0 mg, 90%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 4.20 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, *J* = 11.7, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (m, 1H),

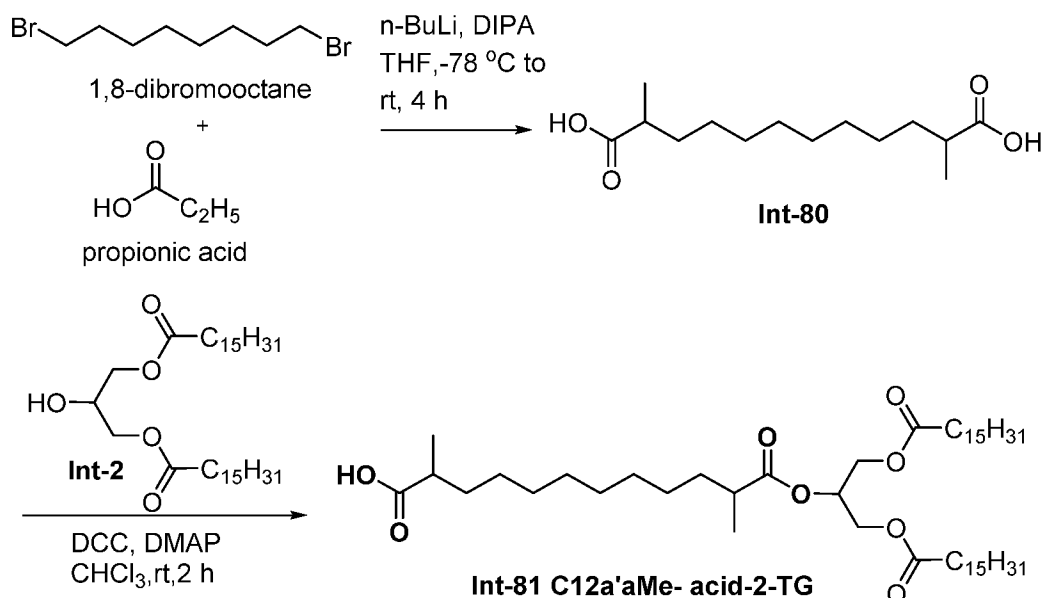
3.64 (t, $J = 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.60 (t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 1.70 – 1.55 (m, 8H), 1.33 – 1.19 (m, 48H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 173.7 (2C; C), 75.5 (CH), 70.5 (CH_2), 63.0 (2C; CH_2), 62.6 (CH_2), 34.3 (2C; CH_2), 32.0 (2C; CH_2), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.82 (2C; CH_2), 29.78 (2C; CH_2), 29.7 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 26.7 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 14.2 (2C; CH_3).

[00535] C5 β β DiMe-acid-2-TG (Int-79):



Scheme 24. Synthesis of Int-79.

[00536] To a solution of compound **Int-2** (5.0 g, 8.78 mmol) in chloroform (150 ml) was added DCC (3.62 g, 17.57 mmol) and DMAP (0.53 g, 4.39 mmol), followed by addition of 3,3-dimethylglutaric acid (2.81 g, 17.57 mmol) at room temperature and then stirring for 48h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and washed with dichloromethane (100 ml) and the filtrate was evaporated to give the crude desired compound, which was purified by combi-flash purification. The compound was eluted using 6% ethyl acetate in hexane and concentrated to give **Int-79** (C5 β β DiMe-acid-2-TG) (2.0 g, 32 %) as off-white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.33 (m, 1H), 4.33 (m, 2H), 4.18 (m, 2H), 2.51 (s, 4H), 2.35 (t, 4H), 1.64 (t, 4H), 1.29 (m, 49H), 1.19 (s, 6H), 0.92 (t, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.4 (1C), 173.3 (2C), 171.0 (1C), 69.1 (1C), 62.1 (2C), 45.0 (1C), 44.7 (1C), 34.0 (3C), 32.6 (1C), 31.9 (3H), 29.7-29.1 (14C), 27.7 (3C), 24.8 (3C), 22.7 (3C), 14.1 (3C); HPLC (ELSD): 10.07 min, 97.74 % purity; MASS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 710 (M-1).

[00537] C12a'aMe-acid-2-TG (Int-81):**Scheme 25. Synthesis of Int-81.**

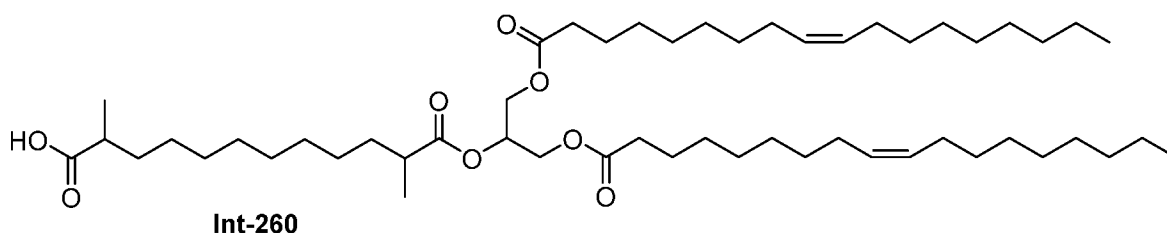
[00538] To a solution of diisopropylamine (DIPA) (3.18 g, 81.08 mmol) in dry THF (45 mL) was added n-BuLi (2.5 M in hexane) (32 mL, 81.08 mmol) at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The reaction mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 30 min, then propionic acid (1.5 g, 20.27 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for further 30 min. 1,8-dibromooctane (2.75 g, 10.13 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred and allowed to warm from $-78\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to room temperature over 3h. The reaction was monitored by TLC for completeness. An additional identical batch starting with 1.5 g propionic acid was prepared and the two batches combined before workup. The combined reaction mixture was diluted with water (100 mL) and acidified with 1N HCl (25 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to give crude compound. The title compound was purified by combi flash purification, eluting with 10% ethyl acetate/hexane as the mobile phase. After evaporation, **Int-80** (0.99 g, 9.5%) was obtained as an off-white solid. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.57 – 2.39 (m, 2H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.50– 1.43 (m, 2H), 1.40–1.25 (m, 14H), 1.22 (d, $J = 7.2\text{ Hz}$ 6H).

[00539] To a solution of compound **Int-2** (2.7 g, 4.74 mmol) in chloroform (50 mL) was added DCC (1.95 g, 9.49 mmol) and DMAP (0.28 g, 2.30 mmol), then the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. **Int-80** (2.44 g, 9.49 mmol) was added at room temperature and stirred

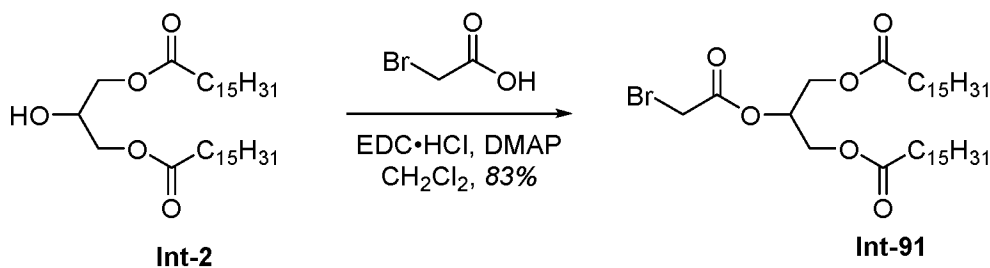
for 2h. The reaction was monitored by TLC until completion, after which the reaction mixture was filtered through celite and washed with DCM (45 ml), then evaporated to give the crude product, which was purified by combi flash purification, eluting with 7% ethyl acetate/hexane. After evaporation, **Int-81** (C12a'aMe-acid-2-TG) (1.7 g, 44.3%) was obtained as an off-white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.32 (m, 1H), 4.33 (m, 2H), 4.19 (m, 2H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.34 (m, 4H), 1.72-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.40 (m, 4H), 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 59H), 1.24 -1.17(m, 8H), 0.92 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 181.7 (1C), 176.0 (1C), 173.4 (2C), 68.7 (2C), 62.2 (3C), 39.6 (2C), 39.2 (1C), 34.1 (3C), 33.7 (1C), 32.0 (3C), 29.7-29.2 (17C), 27.2 (1C), 24.9 (3C), 22.7 (3C), 17.1 (2C), 16.9 (1C), 14.2 (3C).

[00540] C12a'aMe-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-260):

[00541] Using the procedure described for the synthesis of **Int-81**, compound **Int-260** was prepared from **Int-80** and **Int-112**:



[00542] Bromotriglyceride Int-91:

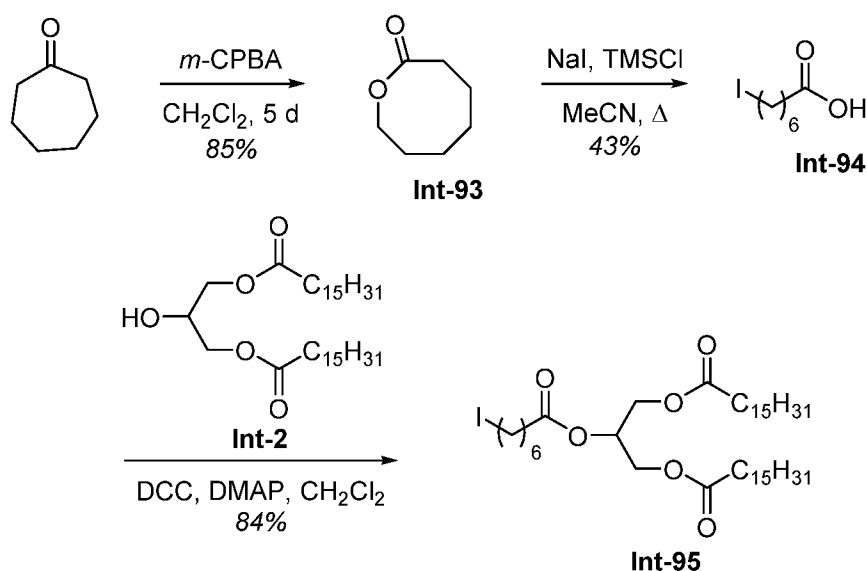


Scheme 26. Synthesis of Int-91.

[00543] DMAP (10.7 mg, 0.0979 mmol) and EDC·HCl (41.8 mg, 0.220 mmol) were added to a solution of bromoacetic acid (24.4 mg, 0.176 mmol) and **Int-2** (50.0 mg, 0.0879 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for 22 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), silica gel was added, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Silica gel chromatography (4% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave bromotriglyceride **Int-91** (50.3 mg, 83%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.31 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 12.1, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 12.1, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.84 (s, 2H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.35 – 1.20 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t,

$J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 166.7 (C), 71.3 (CH), 61.9 (2C; CH_2), 34.1 (2C; CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 29.84 (2C; CH_2), 29.80 (2C; CH_2), 29.75 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 25.5 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 14.3 (2C; CH_2).

[00544] Iodotriglyceride Int-95:

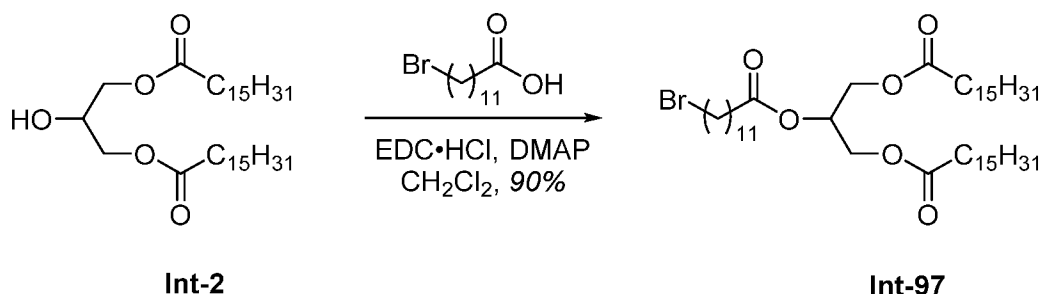


Scheme 27. Synthesis of Int-95.

[00545] **Int-93** is a known compound prepared from cycloheptanone as shown above (see Kai, K. *et al. Tetrahedron* **2008**, 64, 6760-6769). To prepare **Int-94**, chlorotrimethylsilane (TMSCl, 208 μL , 1.64 mmol) was added to a suspension of lactone **Int-93** (70.0 mg, 0.546 mmol) and sodium iodide (246 mg, 1.64 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.5 mL) and the mixture heated at reflux for 16 hours. The reaction was cooled to RT, diluted with ethyl acetate and water (10 mL each), and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with 1 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ and brine (40 mL each), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (100% CH_2Cl_2 to 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave semi-pure acid **Int-94** (59.8 mg, 43%) as a yellow oil. However, an accurate yield and clean NMR spectra could not be obtained due to the presence of the *m*-CPBA impurities, which were carried forward to the next step. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.19 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.71 – 1.61 (m, 2H), 1.46 – 1.33 (m, 4H).

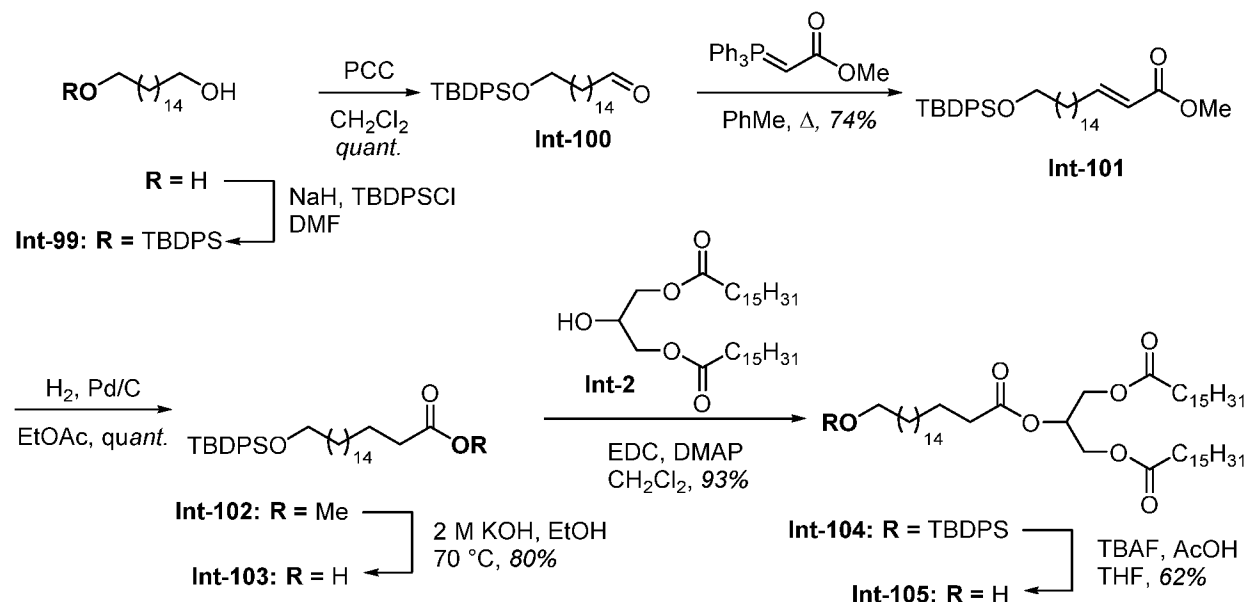
[00546] DMAP (15.2 mg, 0.124 mmol) and DCC (51.3 mg, 0.248 mmol) were added sequentially to a solution of acid **Int-94** (35.0 mg, 0.137 mmol) and 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (70.7

mg, 0.124 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for 17 hours. The resulting suspension was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , cooled to 0 °C and filtered through Celite, washing with further CH_2Cl_2 . The organic phase was washed with 1 M HCl, sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and brine, dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (3.5% to 4.5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave semi-pure iodotriglyceride **Int-95** (83.6 mg, 84%) as a colorless solid. However, an accurate yield and clean NMR spectra could not be obtained due to the presence of the *m*-CPBA impurities, which were carried forward to the next step. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.30 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.36 – 2.27 (m, 6H), 1.86 – 1.77 (m, 2H), 1.68 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.18 (m, 52H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).



Scheme 28. Synthesis of Int-97.

[00547] DMAP (17.2 mg, 0.141 mmol) and EDC·HCl (67.4 mg, 0.352 mmol) were added to a solution of 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (80.0 mg, 0.141 mmol) and 12-bromododecanoic acid (51.0 mg, 0.183 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for 18 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), silica gel was added, and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave bromotriglyceride **Int-97** (105 mg, 90%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.25 (m, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.38 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.29 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.88 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.36 (m, 2H), 1.34 – 1.18 (m, 60H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.9 (C), 69.0 (CH), 62.2 (2C; CH_2), 34.3 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 34.0 (CH_2), 33.0 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 29.82 (6C; CH_2), 29.78 (4C; CH_2), 29.74 (2C; CH_2), 29.60 (3C; CH_2), 29.54 (2C; CH_2), 29.48 (2C; CH_2), 29.39 (2C; CH_2), 29.38 (CH_2), 29.23 (2C; CH_2), 29.17 (CH_2), 28.9 (CH_2), 28.3 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 14.2 (2C; CH_3).

[00548] Int-105:**Scheme 29. Synthesis of Int-105.****[00549] Int-99:**

[00550] A suspension of 1,16-hexanediol (200 mg, 0.774 mmol) in DMF (2 mL) was added a suspension of NaH (34.1 mg, 60% w/w dispersion in mineral oil, washed twice with dry petrol, 8.51 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes and then at rt for 30 minutes. TBDPSCl (221 μL, 0.851 mmol) was added and the mixture stirred at rt for 17 hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (50 mL), washed with water and brine (2 × 40 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave TBDPS ether **Int-99** (124 mg, 32%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.63 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 3.64 (td, *J* = 6.5, 3.6 Hz, 4H), 1.61 – 1.46 (m, 4H), 1.39 – 1.19 (m, 24H), 1.04 (s, 9H).

[00551] Int-100:

[00552] Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC, 106 mg, 0.491 mmol) and Celite (100 mg) were added to alcohol **Int-99** (122 mg, 0.246 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (6 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes and then at rt for 1.5 hours. The reaction was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, eluting with 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes (80 mL), and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude aldehyde **Int-100** (121 mg, quant.) as a yellow oil that was immediately used without purification.

[00553] Int-101:

[00554] Ylide methyl 2-(triphenyl- λ^5 -phosphaneylidene)acetate (205 mg, 0.614 mmol) was added to crude aldehyde **Int-100** (121 mg, 0.246 mmol) in toluene (6 mL) and the mixture heated at reflux for one hour. The reaction was cooled to rt and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alpha,beta-unsaturated methyl ester **Int-101** (100 mg, 74%, 6:1 mixture of *E/Z* isomers) as a yellow oil. NMR data is provided for the major isomer. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.74 – 7.66 (m, 4H), 7.48 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 7.01 (dt, $J = 15.6, 7.0$ Hz, 1H), 5.85 (dt, $J = 15.6, 1.5$ Hz, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.69 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (qd, $J = 7.3, 1.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.64 – 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.47 (dd, $J = 13.9, 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 1.42 – 1.25 (m, 22H), 1.09 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 167.3 (C), 149.9 (CH), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 120.9 (CH), 64.1 (CH_2), 51.4 (CH_3), 32.7 (CH_2), 32.3 (CH_2), 29.79 (2C; CH_2), 29.75 (2C; CH_2), 29.74 (CH_2), 29.66 (CH_2), 29.52 (CH_2), 29.50 (CH_2), 29.3 (CH_2), 28.1 (CH_2), 27.0 (3C; CH_2), 25.9 (CH_2), 19.3 (C).

[00555] Int-102:

[00556] A solution of alkene **Int-101** (99.0 mg, 0.180 mmol) in ethyl acetate (5 mL) in a two-neck flask was evacuated and flushed with N_2 gas three times each, then palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 28.7 mg, 0.0270 mmol) was added and the resulting suspension re-evacuated and flushed with N_2 three times. The flask was fitted with a H_2 balloon, evacuated and flushed with H_2 three times and the reaction mixture stirred at rt under 1 atm of H_2 for one hour. The reaction was filtered through a pad of Celite, washing with ethyl acetate (80 mL), and concentrated under reduced pressure to give saturated methyl ester **Int-102** (99.4 mg, quant.) as a colorless oil that was used without purification. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.75 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.47 – 7.36 (m, 6H), 3.69 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 2.33 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.43 – 1.23 (m, 26H), 1.09 (s, 9H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.4 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 64.1 (CH_2), 51.5 (CH_3), 34.2 (CH_2), 32.7 (CH_2), 29.82 (2C; CH_2), 29.81 (2C; CH_2), 29.78 (CH_2), 29.76 (CH_2), 29.75 (CH_2), 29.73 (CH_2), 29.6 (CH_2), 29.5 (CH_2), 29.4 (CH_2), 29.3 (CH_2), 27.0 (3C; CH_3), 25.9 (CH_2), 25.1 (CH_2), 19.3 (C).

[00557] Int-103:

[00558] A solution of potassium hydroxide (2.0 M, 530 μL , 1.06 mmol) was added to ester **Int-102** (26.0 mg, 0.0854 mmol) in ethanol (3 mL) and the mixture heated at 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 50 minutes. The reaction was acidified to pH 3 by addition of 1 M HCl and diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL).

The organic phase was washed with water (2 × 30 mL) and brine (30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (15% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave acid **Int-103** (76.8 mg, 80%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.73 – 7.67 (m, 4H), 7.44 – 7.37 (m, 6H), 3.68 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.70 – 1.53 (m, 4H), 1.41 – 1.23 (m, 26H), 1.07 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 180.4 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 64.2 (CH₂), 34.2 (CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 29.83 (4C; CH₂), 29.81 (CH₂), 29.78 (2C; CH₂), 29.76 (CH₂), 29.6 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 29.4 (CH₂), 29.2 (CH₂), 27.0 (3C; CH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 24.8 (CH₂), 19.4 (C).

[00559] Int-104:

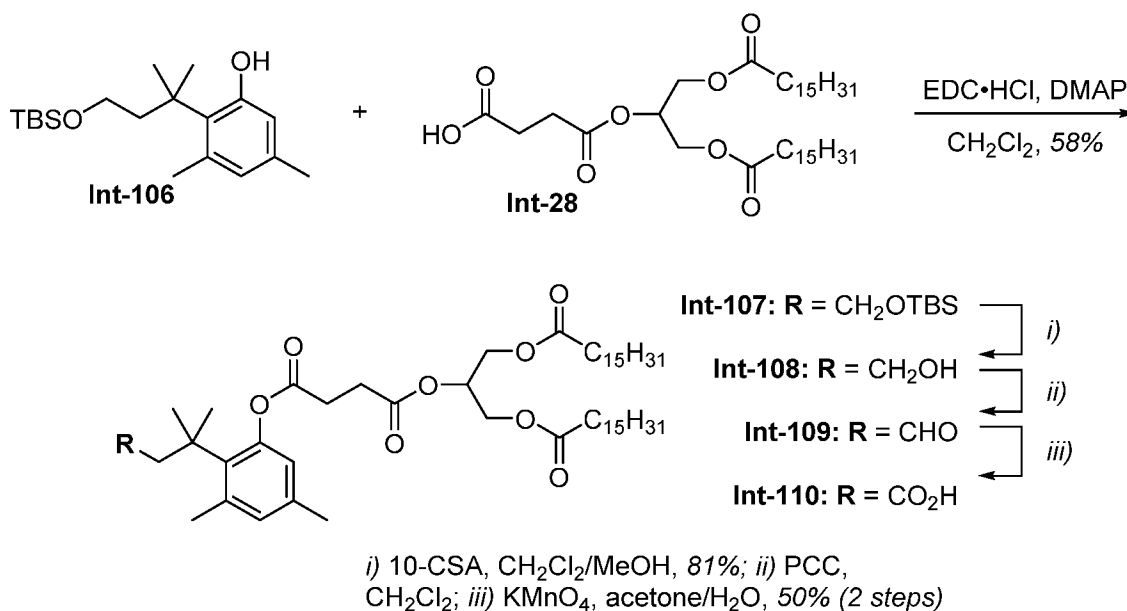
[00560] DMAP (10.2 mg, 0.0839 mmol), EDC•HCl (40.2 mg, 0.210 mmol) and 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (52.5 mg, 0.0923 mmol) were added to a solution of acid **Int-103** (45.2 mg, 0.0839 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for 22 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), silica gel was added and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (4% to 6% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave triglyceride **Int-104** (84.9 mg, 93%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.71 – 7.65 (m, 4H), 7.45 – 7.34 (m, 6H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.325 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.319 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.69 – 1.52 (m, 8H), 1.42 – 1.20 (m, 74H), 1.06 (s, 9H), 0.89 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 173.0 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 64.1 (CH₂), 62.2 (2C; CH₂), 34.3 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 29.86 (2C; CH₂), 29.84 (9C; CH₂), 29.80 (5C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.65 (CH₂), 29.61 (2C; CH₂), 29.53 (CH₂), 29.50 (2C; CH₂), 29.44 (CH₂), 29.41 (2C; CH₂), 29.25 (2C; CH₂), 29.22 (CH₂), 27.0 (3C; CH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 25.04 (CH₂), 24.99 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.3 (C), 14.2 (2C; CH₃).

[00561] Int-105:

[00562] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 154 μL, 0.154 mmol) and acetic acid (8.8 μL, 0.154 mmol) were added to a solution of TBDPS ether **Int-104** (84.0 mg, 0.0771 mmol) in THF (3 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at 0 °C for 15 minutes and then at rt for seven hours. The reaction was diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL), washed with water (30 mL) and brine (2 × 30 mL), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (7.5% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-105** (40.5 mg, 62%) as a colorless solid. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J*

= 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.67 – 1.51 (m, 8H), 1.44 – 1.17 (m, 74H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.5 (2C; C), 173.1 (C), 69.0 (CH), 63.3 (CH_2), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 34.4 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 33.0 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 29.82 (10C; CH_2), 29.80 (6C; CH_2), 29.76 (3C; CH_2), 29.75 (CH_2), 29.65 (CH_2), 29.63 (2C; CH_2), 29.59 (CH_2), 29.51 (2C; CH_2), 29.45 (CH_2), 29.42 (2C; CH_2), 29.27 (2C; CH_2), 29.23 (CH_2), 25.9 (CH_2), 25.1 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 14.3 (2C; CH_3).

[00563] Int-110 (TML(CO_2H)-C4-2-TG):



Scheme 30. Synthesis of Int-110.

[00564] Int-106: prepared according to: Amsberry, K. L. et al. Pharm Res. 1991, 8, 455-461.

[00565] DMAP (18.3 mg, 0.149 mmol) and EDC·HCl (71.6 mg, 0.374 mmol) were added to a solution of Int-28 (100 mg, 0.149 mmol) and phenol Int-106 (53.0 mg, 0.164 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (4 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 19 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), silica gel was added, and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (3% to 7.5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave TML-TG Int-107 (84.6 mg, 58%) as a colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.80 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.51 – 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.85 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 2.51 (s, 3H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.06 – 1.99 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.46 (s, 6H), 1.37 – 1.20 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.84 (s, 9H), -0.03 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4

(2C; C), 171.5 (C), 171.3 (C), 149.7 (C), 138.5 (C), 136.1 (C), 134.1 (C), 132.5 (CH), 123.1 (CH), 69.8 (CH), 62.0 (2C; CH₂), 60.9 (CH₂), 46.1 (CH₂), 39.2 (C), 34.1 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 31.9 (2C; CH₃), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.83 (6C; CH₂), 29.79 (4C; CH₂), 29.75 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.2 (2C; CH₂), 29.0 (CH₂), 26.1 (3C; CH₃), 25.4 (CH₃), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 20.3 (CH₃), 18.3 (C), 14.3 (2C; CH₃), -5.21 (2C; CH₃). ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₅₈H₁₀₅O₉Si [M + H⁺] 973.7522; found 973.7515.

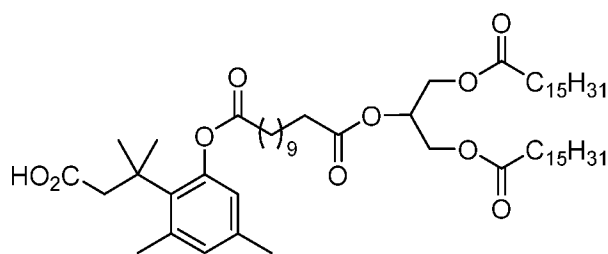
[00566] 10-Camphorsulfonic acid (3.0 mg, 12.9 μmol) was added to TBS ether **Int-107** (83.7 mg, 86.0 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and MeOH (1 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL) and the organic phase washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (20 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (15% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-108** (59.9 mg, 81%) as a colourless oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.81 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.05 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.65 – 1.57 (m, 4H), 1.50 (s, 6H), 1.37 – 1.20 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.5 (2C; C), 171.71 (C), 171.70 (C), 149.8 (C), 138.5 (C), 136.3 (C), 133.9 (C), 132.6 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 69.8 (CH), 62.0 (2C; CH₂), 60.5 (CH₂), 45.9 (CH₂), 39.2 (C), 34.1 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₃), 32.0 (2C; CH₂), 29.84 (CH₂), 29.80 (6C; CH₂), 29.77 (4C; CH₂), 29.72 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.2 (2C; CH₂), 28.9 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₃), 24.9 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 20.3 (CH₃), 14.2 (2C; CH₃). ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₅₂H₉₀NaO₉ [M + Na⁺] 881.6477; found 881.6489.

[00567] Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC, 30.1 mg, 0.139 mmol) was added to a suspension of alcohol **Int-108** (59.9 mg, 0.0697 mmol) and Celite (30 mg) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at room temperature for two hours. The reaction was filtered through a short pad of silica gel, eluting with 50% ethyl acetate/hexanes (50 mL), and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude aldehyde **Int-109** (59.8 mg, quant.) as a yellow oil that was used without purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.54 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.83 (d, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H),

2.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 2.23 (s, 3H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.32 – 1.22 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H).

[00568] Potassium permanganate (12.2 mg, 76.7 μ mol) in 1:1 acetone/water (1.6 mL total) was added to aldehyde **Int-109** (59.8 mg, 69.7 μ mol) in acetone (1.6 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL), acidified to pH 2 using 1 M HCl, and the aqueous layer extracted with CH_2Cl_2 (3×15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with brine (40 mL), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (10% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave acid **Int-110** (30.4 mg, 50%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.81 (d, $J = 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.58 (d, $J = 1.4$ Hz, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 12.0, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.88 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 2.75 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.64 – 1.58 (m, $J = 9.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.34 – 1.20 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.1 (C), 173.6 (2C; C), 171.6 (C), 171.4 (C), 149.5 (C), 138.2 (C), 136.5 (C), 133.4 (C), 132.7 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 69.8 (CH), 62.0 (2C; CH_2), 47.6 (CH_2), 38.8 (C), 34.1 (2C; CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 31.5 (2C; CH_3), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.84 (6C; CH_2), 29.80 (4C; CH_2), 29.76 (2C; CH_2), 29.6 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.2 (2C; CH_2), 29.0 (CH_2), 25.4 (CH_3), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 20.4 (CH_3), 14.3 (2C; CH_3). ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{88}\text{NaO}_{10}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] 895.6270; found 895.6266.

[00569] Using similar methods, **Int-119** was prepared by EDC coupling with **Int-37** in 84% yield:

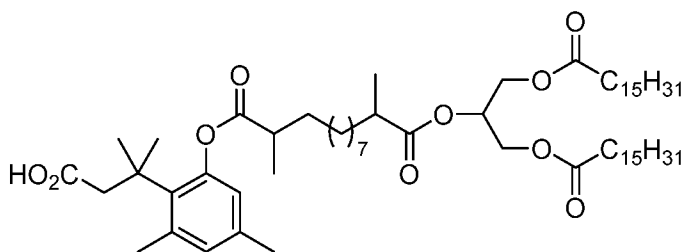


Int-119

[00570] ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.80 (d, $J = 1.9$ Hz, 1H), 6.55 (d, $J = 1.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.83 (s, 2H), 2.55 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.32 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.78 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.67 – 1.54 (m, 6H), 1.57 (s, 6H), 1.45 – 1.20 (m, 60H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C

NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.3 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 173.1 (C), 173.0 (C), 149.7 (C), 138.2 (C), 136.4 (C), 133.5 (C), 132.5 (CH), 123.2 (CH), 69.0 (CH), 62.2 (2C; CH₂), 47.4 (CH₂), 38.9 (C), 35.2 (CH₂), 34.3 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 31.4 (2C; CH₃), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.62 (2C; CH₂), 29.53 (2C; CH₂), 29.50 (2C; CH₂), 29.41 (2C; CH₂), 29.38 (2C; CH₂), 29.30 (CH₂), 29.26 (2C; CH₂), 29.19 (CH₂), 25.4 (CH₃), 25.0 (3C; CH₂), 24.8 (CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 20.4 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

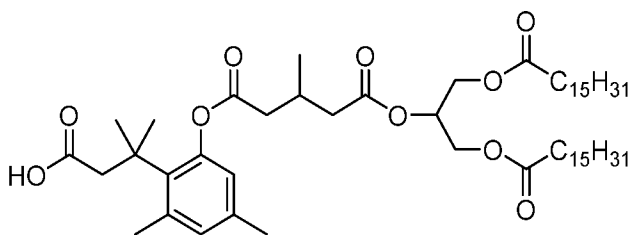
[00571] **Int-122** was also prepared using similar methods:



Int-122

[00572] ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.79 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.51 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.292/4.284 (each dd, J = 11.8, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.53 (s, 3H), 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.84 (m, 1H), 1.69 – 1.45 (m, 7H), 1.573 (s, 3H), 1.567 (s, 3H), 1.45 – 1.19 (m, 63H), 1.14 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.1 (2C; C), 175.9 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 150.1 (C), 138.2 (C), 136.4 (C), 133.6 (C), 132.5 (CH), 123.0 (CH), 68.9 (CH), 62.30/62.27 (2C; CH₂), 47.3 (CH₂), 40.2 (CH), 39.7 (CH), 39.0 (C), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.8 (CH₂), 33.6 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 31.5 (CH₃), 29.84 (2C; CH₂), 29.80 (2C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.65 (2C; CH₂), 29.61 (2C; CH₂), 29.59 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.28/29.27 (2C; CH₂), 27.34 (CH₂), 27.28 (CH₂), 25.5 (CH₃), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 20.4 (CH₃), 17.2 (CH₃), 16.9 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00573] **Int-154** was also prepared using similar methods:

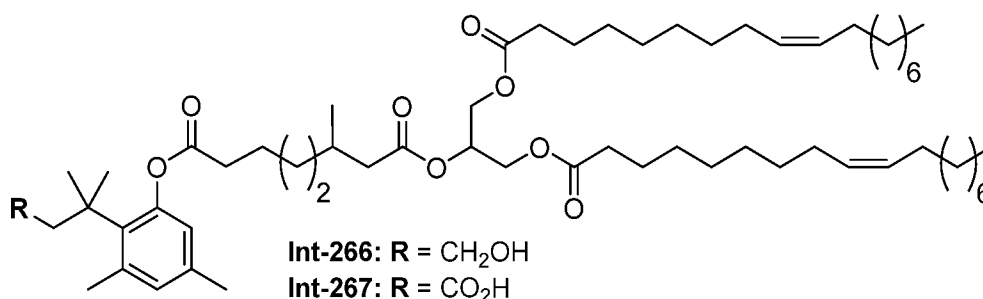


TML-acid-C5bMe-2-TG

Int-154

[00574] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.84 (s, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 11.9, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.84 (s, 2H), 2.75 – 2.47 (m, 5H), 2.44 – 2.31 (m, 4H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.59 (d, J = 14.7 Hz, 4H), 1.27 (m, 58H), 1.15 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.09 (1C), 173.42 (2C), 171.36 (1C), 171.23 (1C), 149.25 (1C), 138.10 (1C), 136.27 (1C), 133.31 (1C), 132.49 (1C), 122.95 (2C), 69.20 (1C), 62.06 (2C), 47.38 (1C), 41.11 (1C), 40.52 (1C), 38.63 (1C), 34.02 (2C), 31.94 (3C), 31.34 (1C), 31.30 (1C), 29.71-29.13 (16C), 27.20 (1C), 25.31 (1C), 24.84 (2C), 22.71 (3C), 20.28 (1C), 19.81 (1C), 14.15 (3C). HPLC (ELSD): 9.17 min, 99.22% purity; MASS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 919.31 (M+18). LCMS (m/z): 919.0 (M+18), 08.14 min, 100% purity.

[00575] TML-C8 β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-267):

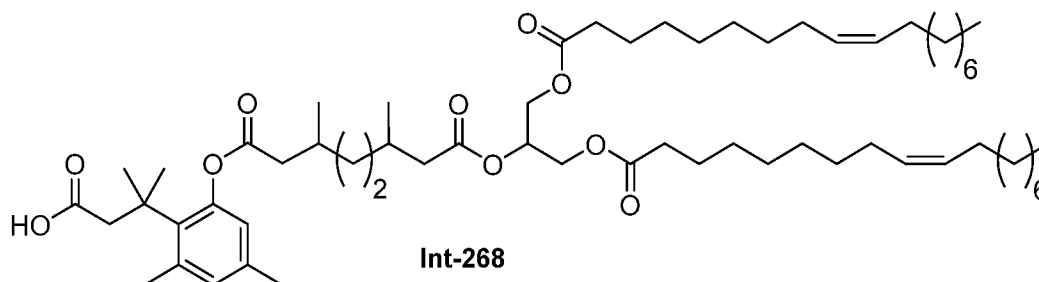


[00576] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of alcohol **Int-108**, compound **Int-266** was prepared from **Int-106** and **Int-178**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.81 (s, 1H), 6.53 (s, 1H), 5.31 (m, 4H), 5.20 (s, 1H), 4.29 (d, J = 14.0 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.6, 6.4 Hz, 2H), 3.18 (s, 2H), 2.47 (s, 4H), 2.33 (m, 5H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.98 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 1.91 (t, J = 15.6 Hz, 2H), 1.59 – 1.38 (m, 12H), 1.23 (s, 54H), 0.89 (m, 8H).

[00577] Oxidation of **Int-266** to **Int-267** was conducted using the Jones' reagent according to the procedure described for preparation of **Int-178**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.38 (m, 5H), 4.35 (d, J = 11.6 Hz, 3H), 4.20 (dd, J = 11.6 Hz, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (s, 1H), 2.63 (t, J = 19.3 Hz, 5H), 2.41 (m, 5H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.21 (m, 2H), 2.05 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 8H), 1.80 (t, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (s, 5H), 1.45 (s, 4H), 1.33 (m, 46H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, J = 12.8 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 176.33 (1C), 173.38 (2C), 172.64 (1C), 172.30 (1C), 149.45 (1C), 138.05 (1C), 136.29 (1C), 133.36 (1C), 132.45 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.73 (2C), 123.02 (1C), 69.00 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 47.36 (1C), 41.57 (1C), 38.68 (1C), 36.24 (1C), 34.91 (1C), 34.03 (2C), 31.93 (2C), 31.28 (2C), 30.13 (1C), 29.78-29.13 (18C), 27.23 (2C), 26.45

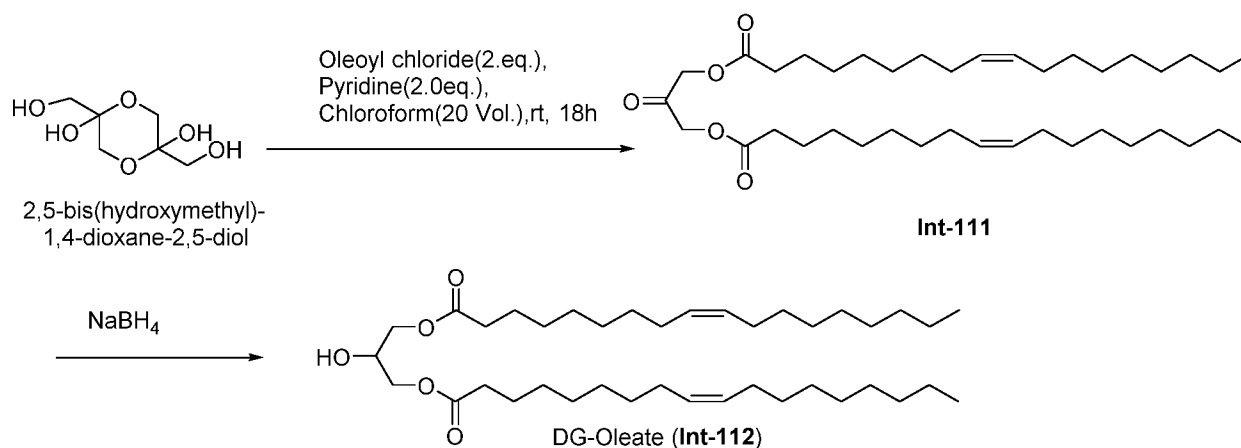
(1C), 25.34 (1C), 24.84 (2C), 24.71 (1C), 22.71 (2C), 20.28 (1C), 19.48 (1C), 14.16 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1013.15 (M+18).

[00578] TML-C8 β ' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-268):



[00579] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-267**, compound **Int-268** was prepared from **Int-106** and **Int-176**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.59 (s, 1H), 5.33 (m, 5H), 4.34 (d, J =11.6 Hz, 2H) 4.20 (dd, J = 11.6 Hz, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.90 (s, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 19.3 Hz, 4H), 2.49-2.32 (m, 8H), 2.26 (s, 3H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 2.16-2.05 (m, 10H), 1.76 (t, J = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 1.64-1.55 (m, 3H), 1.51-1.30 (m, 47H), 1.17 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.077 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.917 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.65 (1C), 173.41 (2C), 172.41 (1C), 172.30 (1C), 149.45 (1C), 138.10 (1C), 136.28 (1C), 133.40 (1C), 133.36 (1C), 132.45 (1C), 130.26 (2C), 129.74 (2C), 122.99 (1C), 68.96 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 47.36 (1C), 41.57 (1C), 38.68 (1C), 36.24 (1C), 34.91 (1C), 34.03 (2C), 31.93 (2C), 31.28 (2C), 30.19 (1C), 29.80-29.12 (17C), 27.23 (2C), 26.45 (1C), 25.34 (1C), 24.84 (2C), 22.72 (1C), 20.30 (2C), 19.97 (1C), 19.48 (2C), 14.16 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1027.18 (M+18).

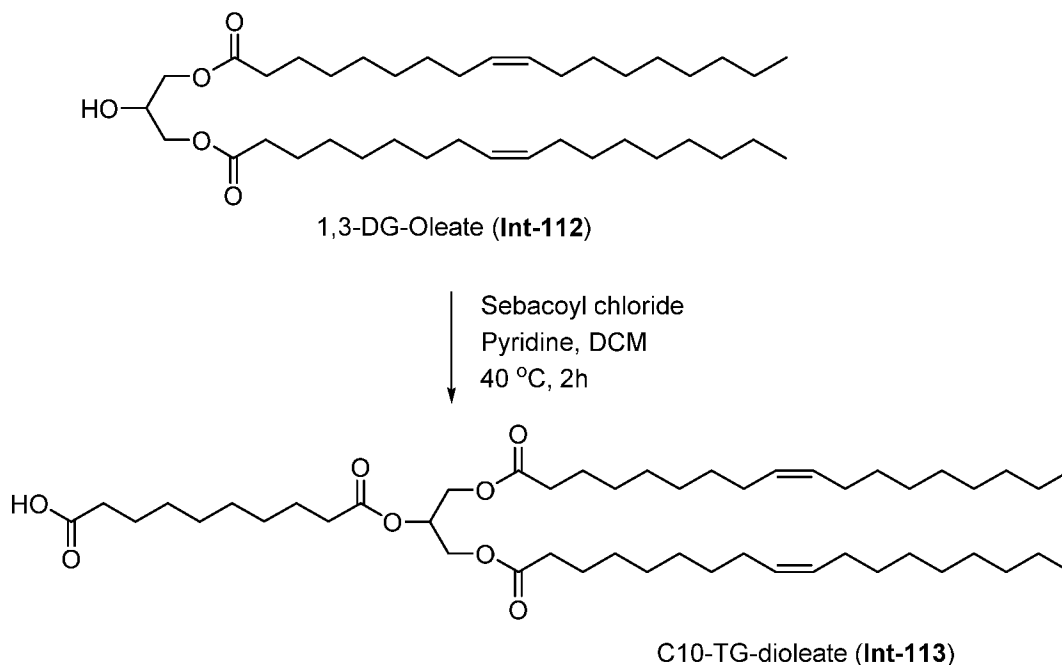
[00580] Int-112 1,3-di-oleoyl glycerol (1,3-DG-oleate):



Scheme 31. Synthesis of Int-112.

[00581] To a solution of 2,5-bis(hydroxymethyl)-1,4-dioxane-2,5-diol (5 g, 27.7 mol) in chloroform (20 vol) was added pyridine (5.5 mL, 69.4 mol) followed by oleoyl chloride (11 mL, 54.9 mol) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The solvent was evaporated and the reaction mixture dissolved in ethyl acetate (30 vol) and washed with 1N HCl (10 vol). The organic layer was dried and solvent evaporated under vacuum. The crude material was recrystallized with cold methanol (20 vol). The solid obtained was further washed with cold methanol, and dried to give ketone **Int-111** (11g, 62%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.36 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 4H), 4.78 (s, 4H), 2.47 (m, 4H), 2.38 (m, 8H), 1.71 (m, 2H), 1.34-1.30 (m, 42H), 0.93 (m, 6H).

[00582] Sodium borohydride (NaBH₄, 307 mg, 8.09 mmol), was added to a solution of **Int-111** (5g, 8.09 mmol) in THF (20 vol) at 0 °C and then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 mins. The reaction was monitored by TLC and after completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed to remove excess of sodium borohydride and the celite bed was washed with ethyl acetate (30 vol), the organic layer was washed with 1N solution of acetic acid (10 vol). The solvent was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvent removed under vacuum. The crude material was column purified. The product was eluted at 5%-10% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford 1,3-DG-oleate (**Int-112**) (2 g, 39%) as viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.39 (m, 4H), 4.20 (m, 5H), 2.44 (*d*, 1H), 2.36 (m, 4H), 2.01 (m, 8H), 2.47 – 2.25 (m, 12H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.02 (ddd, *J* = 13.4, 4.9, 3.3 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.77 (m, 1H), 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.26 (m, 42H), 0.9 (*t*, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.9 (2C, C=O), 130.1 (2C), 129.7 (2C), 68.4 (C, CH), 65.1 (2C), 34.1 (2C), 31.9 (2C), 29.8-29.1 (18C), 27.3 (2C), 24.9 (2C), 22.7 (2C), 14.1 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 9.62 min, 99.27% purity. MS (ESI, +ve) *m/z*: 639.2 (MH⁺+H₂O).

[00583] Int-113 (C10-acid-TG-oleate):**Scheme 32. Synthesis of Int-113.**

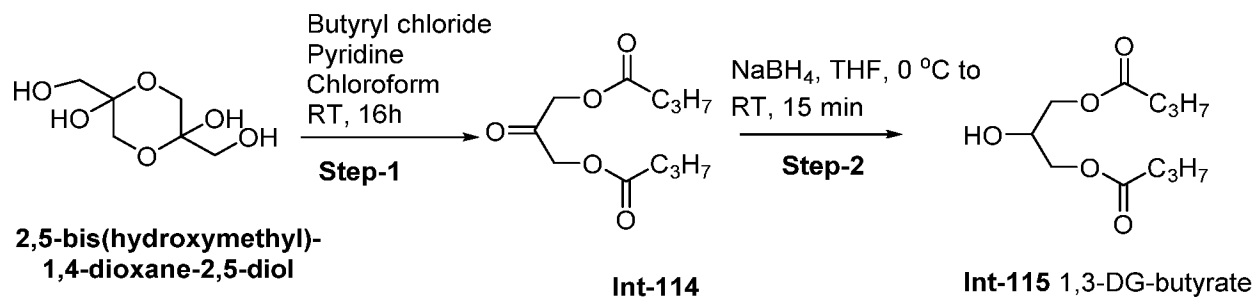
[00584] Pyridine (0.19 mL, 2.41 mmol) was added to a suspension of DG-oleate **Int-112** (150 mg, 0.241 mmol) in DCM (20 Vol). After 5 min, sebacoyl chloride (289 mg, 1.2 mmol) was added dropwise with stirring at room temperature. Reaction mixture allowed to stir at 40 °C for 2 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC and after completion, diluted with DCM (20 vol), washed with water (20 vol), aqueous sodium bicarbonate (10 vol) and brine (10 vol). The obtained organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude material was column purified. The product was eluted at 5-10% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford C10-acid-TG-oleate **Int-113** (60 mg, 30 %) as viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.43 (m, 4H), 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.35 (d, 2H), 4.20 (m, 2H), 2.40 (m, 8H), 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.65 (m, 10H), 1.33-1.18 (m 46 H), 0.93 (t, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 1.78 (1C, C=O), 173.3 (2C, C=O), 172.8 (1C, C=O), 130.1 (2C), 129.8 (2C), 68.9 (C, CH), 62.1 (2C), 60.5 (2C), 34.2 (4C), 31.9 (2C), 29.8-29.0 (18C), 27.3 (4C), 24.9 (4C), 22.7 (2C), 14.2 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 10.90 min, 99 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 823.8 (MH⁺ + H₂O).

[00585] Alternate procedure (larger scale):

[00586] To a stirred solution of **Int-112** (3.00 g, 4.80 mmol) and sebacic acid (1.94 g, 9.60 mmol) in DCM (45 ml) was added 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 0.58 g, 4.80 mmol) followed by EDC•HCl (1.82 g, 9.60 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room

temperature for 6 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure yielding a crude sticky material, which was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh). Pure compound was eluted at 15% ethyl acetate and hexane as the mobile phase. Pure fractions were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford pure **Int-113** (2.95 g, 75.8%) as a viscous liquid.

[00587] Int-115 (1,3-DG-butyrate):



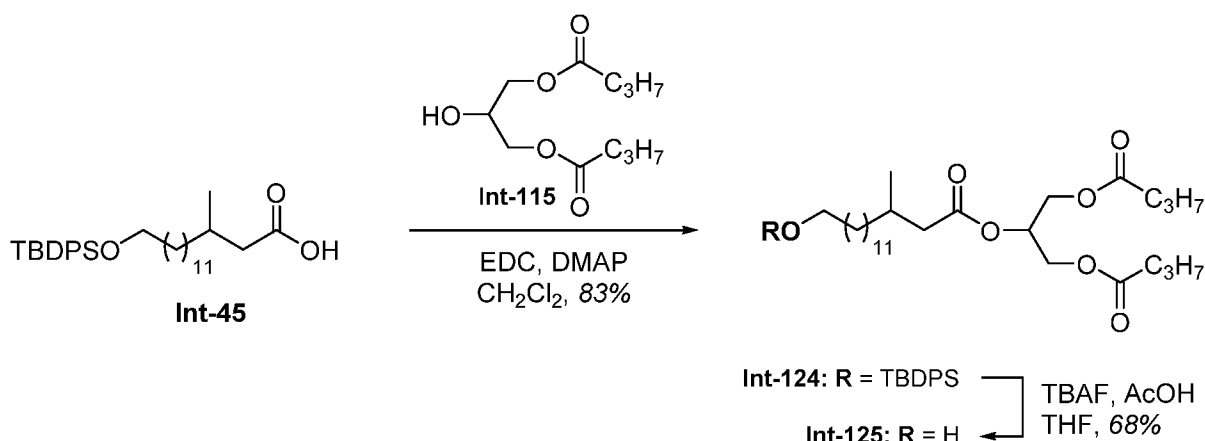
Scheme 33. Synthesis of Int-115.

[00588] To a solution of 2,5-bis-(hydroxymethyl)-1,4-dioxane-2,5-diol (2.0 g, 1.11 mmol) in chloroform (40 ml) was added pyridine (2.2 mL, 2.77 mmol) followed by butyryl chloride (2.3 mL, 2.22 mol) before stirring at room temperature for 16 h. After completion, the solvent was evaporated and re-dissolved in ethyl acetate (60 ml) and washed with 1N HCl (20 ml). The combined organic layer was dried and evaporated under vacuum. The crude material was purified by column. The product was eluted at 5-10% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford **Int-114** (1.4 g, 54%) as viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.8 (s, 4H), 2.45 (t, 4H), 1.79-1.69 (m, 4H), 1.04-0.98 (t, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.2 (1C=O), 172.2 (2C=O), 66.1 (2C), 35.9 (2C), 18.3 (2C), 14.1 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 1.73 min, 99.8% purity.

[00589] Sodium borohydride (NaBH₄, 230 mg, 6.10 mmol), was added to a solution of **Int-114** (1.3 g, 6.1 mmol) in THF (26 ml) at 0 °C and then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 mins. The reaction was monitored by TLC and after completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed to remove excess sodium borohydride, the celite bed was washed with ethyl acetate (40 ml), and the combined organic layer was washed with a 1N solution of acetic acid (13 ml). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and solvent removed under vacuum. The crude material was purified by column. The product was eluted at 5-10% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford **Int-115** (1.0 g, 70.6 %) as a viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25-4.13 (m, 5H), 2.4 (s, 1H), 2.38 (t, 4H), 1.75-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.01-0.98 (t, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101

MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.8 (2C=O), 68.3 (1C), 65.0 (2C), 35.9 (2C), 18.4 (2C), 13.6 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 1.8 min, 100% purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 255.37 ($M^+ + 23$).

[00590] Int-125:



Scheme 34. Synthesis of Int-125.

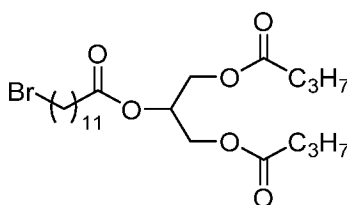
[00591] Int-45 was prepared as described above and coupled with **Int-115** using EDC and DMAP similarly to methods described above to provide **Int-124**. **Int-124**: ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.70 – 7.64 (m, 4H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 6H), 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.307/4.305 (each dd, $J = 11.9$, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.159/4.157 (each dd, $J = 11.9$, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (dd, $J = 14.7$, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 4H), 2.13 (dd, $J = 14.7$, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.50 (m, 6H), 1.37 – 1.17 (m, 20H), 1.05 (s, 9H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 6H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.2 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 135.7 (4C; CH), 134.3 (2C; C), 129.6 (2C; CH), 127.7 (4C; CH), 68.9 (CH), 64.1 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 36.8 (CH₂), 36.0 (2C; CH₂), 32.7 (CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH₂), 29.80 (3C; CH₂), 29.76 (CH₂), 29.75 (CH₂), 29.5 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 27.0 (3C; CH₃), 25.9 (CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 19.3 (C), 18.5 (2C; CH₂), 13.7 (2C; CH₃).

[00592] Int-125:

[00593] Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF, 1.0 M in THF, 243 μ L, 0.243 mmol) and AcOH (13.9 L, 0.243 mmol) were added dropwise to TBDPS ether **Int-124** (58.7 mg, 0.0809 mmol) in THF (4 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at rt for 19 hours. The reaction was diluted with water (10 mL) and the aqueous phase extracted with ethyl acetate (3 $\times$ 15 mL). The combined organic extracts were washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (30 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (6% to 20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-125** (26.7 mg, 68%) as a

colorless oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.298/4.295 (each dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.153/4.151 (each dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.64 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 14.7, 5.9$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, $J = 8.4, 6.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.70 – 1.46 (m, 8H), 1.38 – 1.16 (m, 18H), 0.95 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.3 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 69.0 (CH), 63.2 (CH_2), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.9 (CH_2), 36.8 (CH_2), 36.1 (2C; CH_2), 33.0 (CH_2), 30.5 (CH), 29.9 (CH_2), 29.78 (CH_2), 29.76 (2C; CH_2), 29.74 (CH_2), 29.71 (CH_2), 29.6 (CH_2), 27.1 (CH_2), 25.9 (CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3), 18.5 (2C; CH_2), 13.8 (2C; CH_3).

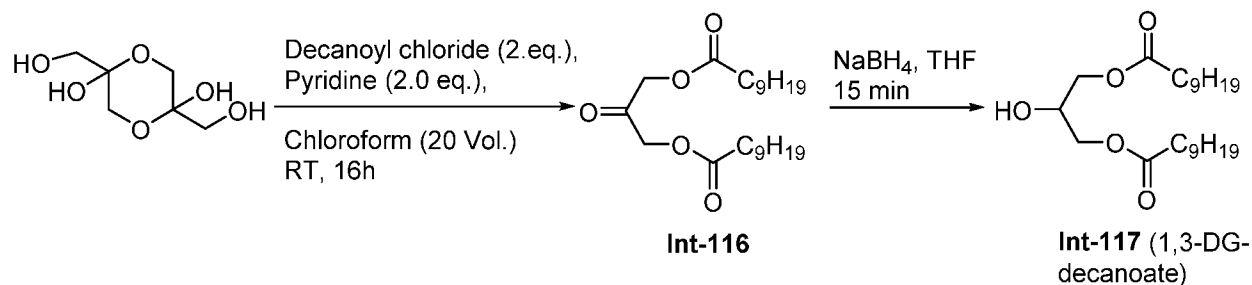
[00594] Int-126:



Int-126

[00595] Prepared using similar methods as those shown above. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.23 (m, 1H), 4.26 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.11 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.36 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.28 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.26 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 4H), 1.84 – 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.52 (m, 6H), 1.42 – 1.33 (m, 2H), 1.31 – 1.19 (m, 12H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.1 (2C; C), 172.9 (C), 68.9 (CH), 62.1 (2C; CH_2), 35.9 (2C; CH_2), 34.2 (CH_2), 34.0 (CH_2), 32.9 (CH_2), 29.5 (CH_2), 29.43 (CH_2), 29.42 (CH_2), 29.3 (CH_2), 29.1 (CH_2), 28.8 (CH_2), 28.2 (CH_2), 24.9 (CH_2), 18.4 (2C; CH_2), 13.7 (2C; CH_3); ESI-HRMS: calcd. for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{41}^{79}\text{BrNaO}_6$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] 515.1979; found 515.1995.

[00596] Int-117 1,3-bis-decanoyl glycerol (1,3-DG-decanoate):

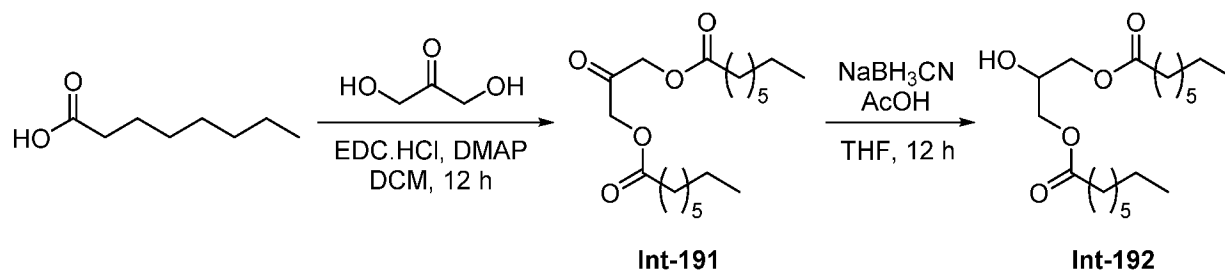


Scheme 35. Synthesis of Int-117.

[00597] To a solution of 2, 5-bis-(hydroxymethyl)-1,4-dioxane-2,5-diol (0.2 g, 1.11 mmol) in chloroform (4.0 ml) was added pyridine (0.22 mL, 2.77 mmol) followed by decanoyl chloride (0.45 mL, 2.22 mmol) and stirred at room temperature for 16 h. The solvent was evaporated and re-dissolved in ethyl acetate (6 ml) and washed with 1N HCl (2 ml). The organic layer was dried and solvent evaporated under vacuum. The crude material was purified by column. The product was eluted at 5-10% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford **Int-116** (0.09 g, 20.36%) as viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.8 (m, 4H), 2.46 (m, 4H), 1.73-1.66 (m, 4H), 1.30 (m, 24H), 0.91 (t, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.2 (1C=O), 172.0 (2C=O), 66.1 (2C), 33.7 (2C), 31.8 (2C), 29.3 (2C), 29.2 (2C), 29.0 (2C), 24.8 (2C), 22.6 (2C), 14.12 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 2.88 min, 100% purity.

[00598] Sodium borohydride (NaBH_4) (7 mg, 0.2 mmol), was added to a solution of **Int-116** (80 mg, 0.2 mmol) in THF (2 ml) at 0 °C and then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 15 mins. The reaction was monitored by TLC and after completion, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed to remove excess sodium borohydride and the celite bed was washed with ethyl acetate (3 ml). The organic layer was washed with 1 M acetic acid (1 ml). The solvent was dried over Na_2SO_4 and solvent removed under vacuum. The crude material was purified by column. The product was eluted at 5-10% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford **Int-117** (70 mg, 100%) as viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 4.2-4.1 (m, 5H), 2.51 (s, 1H), 2.38 (t, 4H), 1.68-1.64 (m, 4H), 1.32-1.29 (m, 22H), 0.91 (t, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.0 (2C=O), 68.3 (1C), 65.0 (2C), 34.1 (2C), 31.8 (2C), 29.7 (2C), 29.4 (2C), 29.3 (2C), 29.1 (2C), 24.9 (2C), 22.7 (2C), 14.1 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 10.70 min, 97.6% purity.

[00599] **Int-192 1,3-bis-octanoyl glycerol (1,3-DG-octanoate):**



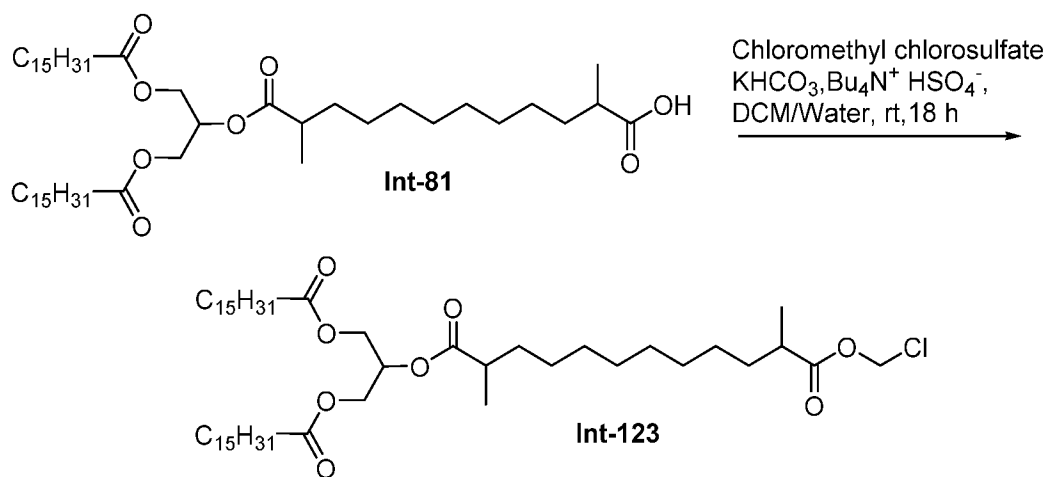
Scheme 35-A. Synthesis of Int-192.

[00600] To a solution of octanoic acid (60 g, 416 mmol) and 1,3-dihydroxypropan-2-one (37.5 g, 416 mmol) in DCM (500 mL) at room temperature, was added EDC.HCl (199.68 g, 1.04 mol) followed by DMAP (50.90 g, 0.416 mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room

temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (200 mL), and washed with water (200 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, and solvent was removed under vacuum. The resulting material was purified by column chromatography using 100-200 mesh silica gel. The desired compound was eluted at 10% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford **Int-191** (44 g, 31 %) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.77(m, 4H), 2.44 (t, 4H), 1.70-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.32-1.30 (m, 16H), 0.89 (t, 6H).

[00601] To a solution of **Int-191** (44 g, 128 mmol) in THF (500 mL) was added acetic acid (9.2 mL) dropwise at 0 °C, and then sodium cyanoborohydride (9.7g, 154 mmol) was added in portions. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to RT and stirred for 12 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (500 mL) and washed with water (300 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄, and solvent was removed under vacuum. The resulting material was purified by column chromatography using 100-200 mesh silica gel. The desired compound was eluted at 9% ethyl acetate/hexane to afford **Int-192** (25 g, 56%) as a viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.25-4.12 (m, 5H), 2.47 (d, 1H), 2.41-2.37 (t, 4H), 1.69-1.604 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.32 (m, 16H), 1.00-0.90 (t, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.97 (2C), 68.38 (1C), 65.05 (2C), 34.12 (2C), 31.66 (2C), 29.09 (2C), 28.92 (2C), 24.90 (2C), 22.61 (2C), 14.08 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 12.48 min, 100% purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 362 (MH⁺+18).

[00602] Int-123:

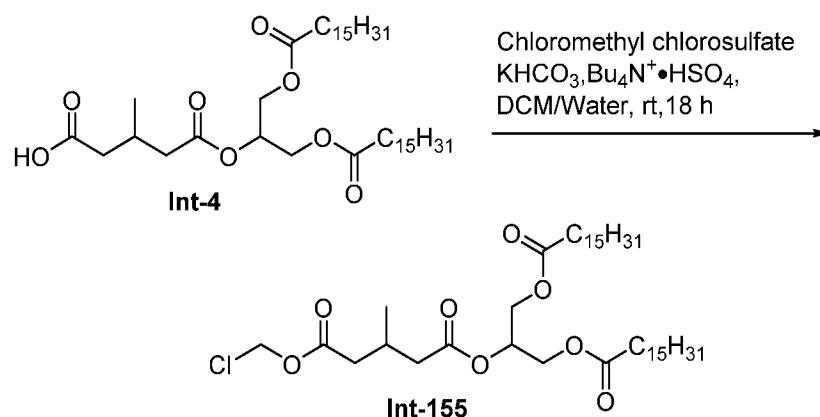


Scheme 36. Synthesis of Int-123.

[00603] Tetra-n-butyl ammonium hydrogen sulfate (0.034g, 0.098 mmol) and potassium bicarbonate (0.198 g, 1.977 mmol) in distilled water (10 ml) was added to a stirred solution of **Int-81** (0.4 g, 0.494 mmol) and tetra-n-butyl ammonium hydrogen sulfate (0.034g, 0.098 mmol) in

dichloromethane (10 ml) at rt and stirred for 0.5 h. Then chloromethyl chlorosulfate (0.062 ml, 0.618 mmol) was added dropwise at rt and stirred vigorously at rt for 18 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC, and after completion of reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (25 ml). The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase extracted with DCM (2 x 50 ml). Combined organic layers were washed with water (50 ml), brine (50 mL), dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and concentrated at reduced pressure to get crude material. Crude material was purified by column chromatography over silica 100-200 mesh; compound eluted at 20% ethyl acetate/hexane as a mobile phase; visualization was with KMnO₄ solution. **Int-123** (0.250 g, 59%) was obtained as a viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.75 (m, 2H), 5.32-5.30 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56-2.45 (m, 2H), 2.36-2.32 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 4H), 1.66-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.48-1.40 (m, 8H), 1.29 (m, 56H), 1.19 (dd, J = 11.2, 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

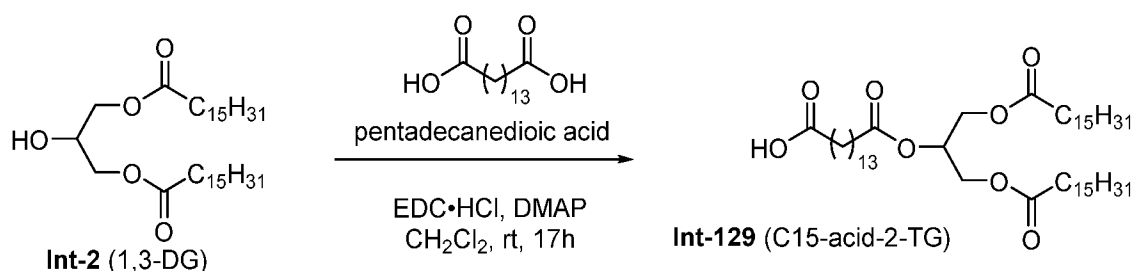
[00604] Using similar methods, **Int-155** was prepared:



[00605] Tetra-n-butyl ammonium hydrogen sulfate (24 mg, 0.072 mmol) and potassium bicarbonate (286 mg, 2.86 mmol) in distilled water (10 ml) was added to a stirred solution of acid linker **Int-4** (0.5 g, 0.72 mmol) and tetra-n-butyl ammonium hydrogen sulfate (24 mg, 0.072 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) at rt and stir for 0.5 h. Then chloromethyl chlorosulfate (0.092 ml, 0.89 mmol) was dropwise added at room temperature and stirred vigorously at rt for 18h. The reaction was monitored by TLC, after completion of reaction; reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (5 ml). The organic phase was separated and the aqueous phase was extracted with DCM (2 x 5 ml). The combined organic layers were washed with water (10 ml), brine (10 mL), dried over sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated at reduced pressure to get crude material. Crude material was purified by column chromatography over silica, compound eluted at 15% ethyl acetate/hexane

as a mobile phase. Pure fractions were concentrated in the rotavap to give **Int-155** C5bMe-chloromethyl ester: (0.250 g, 47%) as white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.76 (s, 2H), 5.33 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, 2H), 4.18 (dd, 2H), 2.5-2.3 (m, 8H), 1.66-1.64 (m, 2H), 1.60 (s, 3H), 1.29 (m, 48H), 1.09 (d, 3H), 0.91 (t, 6H). MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 763 ($\text{MH}^+ + 18$).

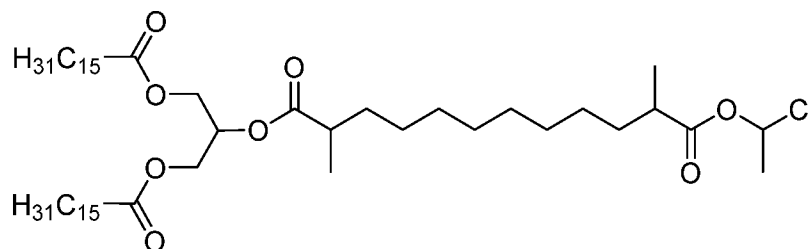
[00606] C15-acid-2-TG (Int-129):



Scheme 37. Synthesis of Int-129.

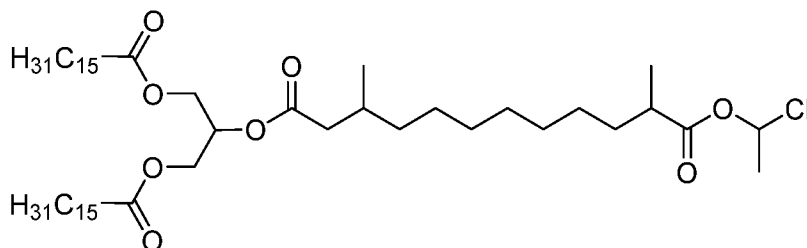
[00607] 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (22.5 mg, 0.184 mmol) and *N*-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-*N'*-ethyl-carbodiimide (EDC·HCl, 88.3 mg, 0.461 mmol) were added to a solution of pentadecanedioic acid (100 mg, 0.369 mmol) and compound **Int-2** (105 mg, 0.184 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for 17 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), silica gel was added and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (15% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **Int-129** (C15-acid-2-TG) (113 mg, 75%) as a colourless solid. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 1.67 – 1.56 (m, 8H), 1.38 – 1.17 (m, 66H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.6 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 173.0 (C), 69.0 (CH), 62.2 (2C; CH_2), 34.4 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 34.1 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 29.84 (6C; CH_2), 29.80 (4C; CH_2), 29.76 (2C; CH_2), 29.75 (2C; CH_2), 29.72 (CH_2), 29.62 (2C; CH_2), 29.58 (CH_2), 29.50 (2C; CH_2), 29.43 (CH_2), 29.41 (2C; CH_2), 29.38 (CH_2), 29.25 (2C; CH_2), 29.21 (2C; CH_2), 25.03 (CH_2), 25.00 (2C; CH_2), 24.8 (CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 14.3 (2C; CH_3).

[00608] MASI-C12 α' α Me-chloride-2-TG (Int-136):



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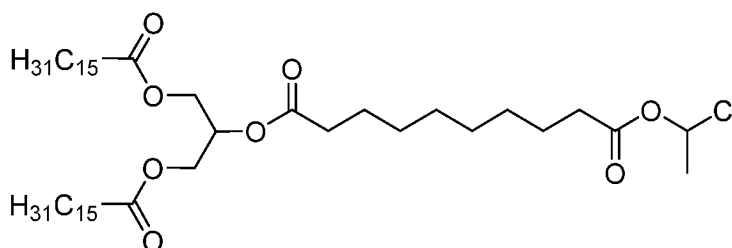
[00609] A solution of **Int-81** (0.5 g, 0.618 mmol) in DCM (5 ml), DMF (two drops) and oxalyl chloride (1.1 ml, 12.36 mmol) was added at 0 °C then reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then co-evaporated three times with DCM (5 mL each) and dried under reduced pressure. The resulting acid chloride was dissolved in DCM (20 ml), then ZrCl₄ (0.33 g, 1.45 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture at 0 °C and stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Then paraldehyde (0.383 g, 2.90 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h and RT for 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (25 mL) and brine (25 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by column chromatography over silica gel eluting with 5% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes gave **Int-136** (0.135 g, 21%) as a viscous oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.61-6.57 (q, 1H), 5.32 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.34 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.83 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 1.72-1.62 (m, 4H), 1.49-1.40 (m, 5H). 1.38 – 1.29 (m, 60H), 1.24 - 1.17(m, 6H), 0.92 (t, 6H).

[00610] MASt-C12α'βMe-chloride-2-TG (Int-142):**Int-142**

[00611] A solution of **Int-27** (0.5 g, 0.618 mmol) in DCM (5 ml), DMF (two drops) and oxalyl chloride (1.1 ml, 12.36 mmol) was added at 0 °C, then the reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 2 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and then co-evaporated three times with DCM (5 mL each) and dried under reduced pressure. The resulting acid chloride was dissolved in DCM (20 ml), then ZrCl₄ (0.33 g, 1.45 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added dropwise to the reaction mixture at 0 °C and stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Then paraldehyde (0.383 g, 2.90 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 h and RT for 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (50 mL) and water (50 mL). The organic layer was washed with water (25 mL) and brine (25 mL), dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated under reduced pressure to

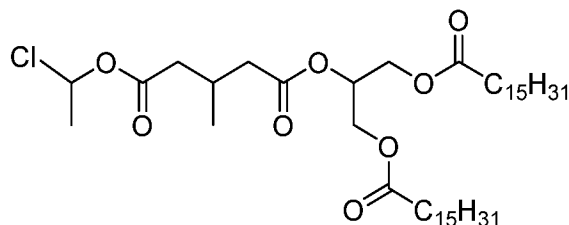
give the crude product. Purification by column chromatography over silica gel eluting with 5% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexanes gave **Int-142** (0.170 g, 32%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.61 - 6.57 (q, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.6, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.39 - 2.32 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 2.18 - 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.08 - 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.83 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 1.64-1.56 (m, 8H), 1.38 - 1.29 (m, 54H), 1.21 - 1.19 (m, 6H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 6H).

[00612] MASt-C10-chloride-2-TG (Int-165):

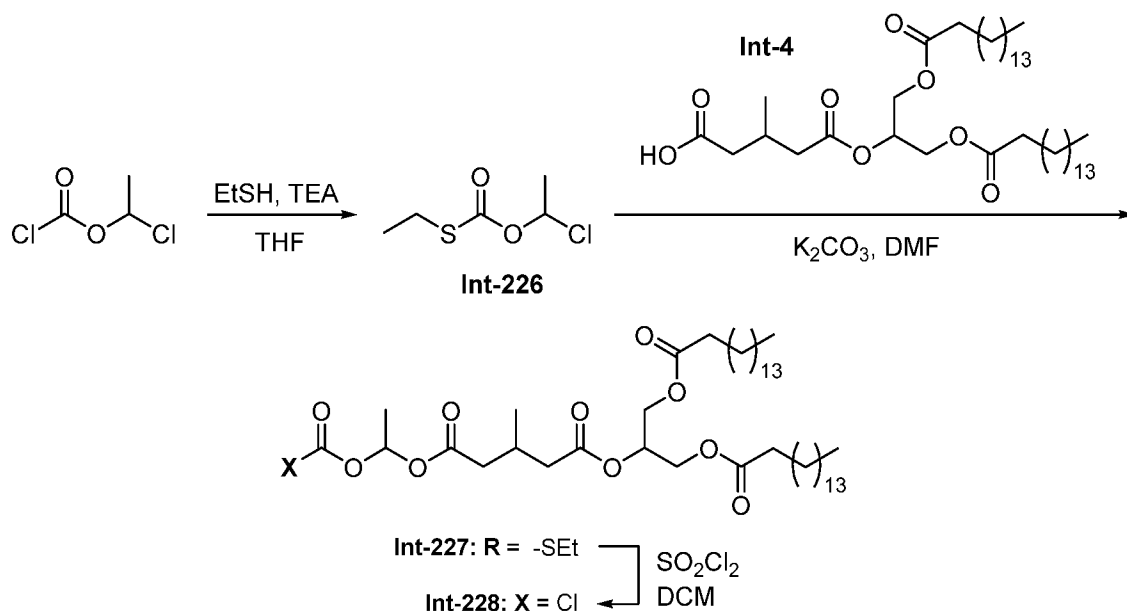


Int-165

[00613] A solution of **Int-9** (1.0 g, 1.32 mmol) in DMF (two drops) and SOCl_2 (0.98 mL, 13.29 mmol) was heated at reflux for 1.25 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to RT, concentrated under reduced pressure, co-evaporated three times with toluene (5 mL each), and dried under reduced pressure. The resulting acid chloride was dissolved in DCM (20 mL) and cooled to 0 °C. A solution of ZrCl_4 (309 mg, 1.32 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 10 minutes. Paraldehyde (351 mg, 2.65 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 0.5 hour and RT for 1 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with DCM (10 mL) and water (10 mL). The organic phase was washed with water and brine (10 mL each), dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting material was purified by silica gel column chromatography, with the compound eluting at 5% to 15% ethyl acetate/hexane, and concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **Int-165** (300 mg, 30%) as a brown oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.59 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (t, J = 5.5 Hz, 1H), 4.26 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.6, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.40 - 2.33 (m, 8H), 1.83 (d, J = 5.9 Hz, 3H), 1.67 (m, 12H), 1.32 (s, 52H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

[00614] MASI-C5 β Me-chloride-2-TG (Int-166):

[00615] Using the method described for the synthesis of **Int-165**, compound **Int-166** was prepared from **Int-4**. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.59 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 5.46 – 5.22 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.56 – 2.41 (m, 3H), 2.40 – 2.27 (m, 6H), 1.83 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 3H), 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.31 (d, J = 9.6 Hz, 48H), 1.09 (dd, J = 6.6, 2.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

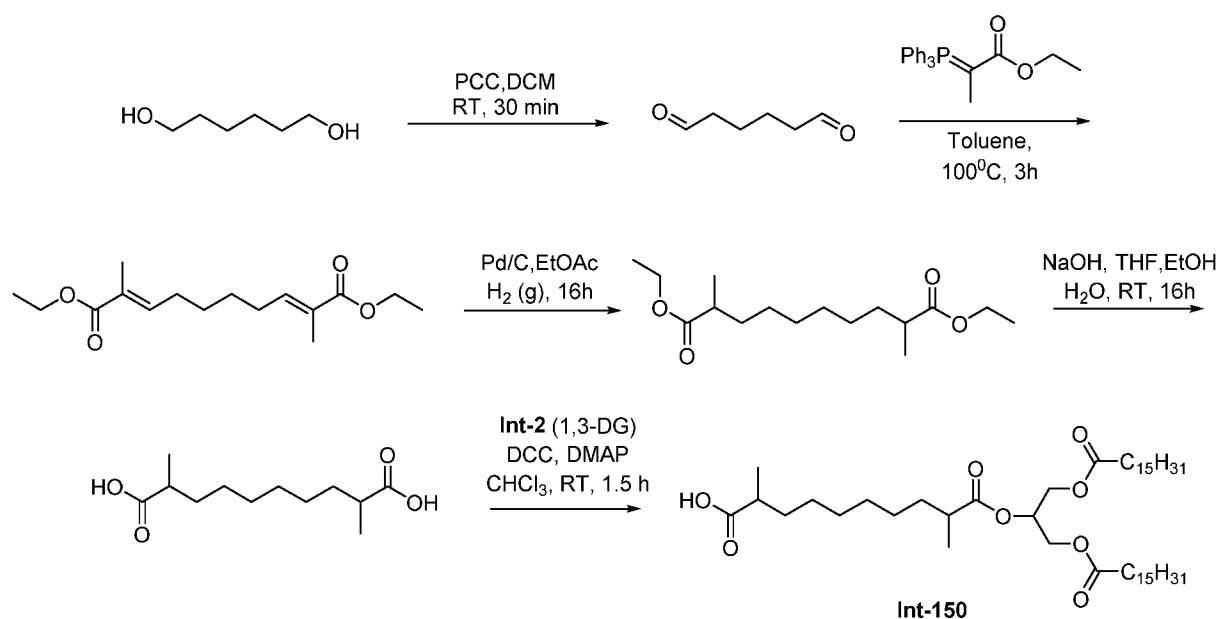
[00616] CMSI-C5 β Me-2-TG (Int-228):**Scheme 37-A. Synthesis of Int-228.**

[00617] To a solution of ethanethiol (1.0 g, 16 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was added TEA (3.25 g, 32.3 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then (1-chloroeth-1-yl)chloroformate (1.74 mL, 16.1 mmol) was added, and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated. The residue was purified by Combiflash, with product eluting at 5% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-226** (2.4 g, 88%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.64 (tt, J = 8.6, 4.3 Hz, 1H), 2.96 (q, J = 4.3, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 3H), 1.38 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H).

[00618] To a solution of **Int-226** (1.0 g, 5.95 mmol) in DMF (10 mL), K_2CO_3 (4.1 g, 29.8 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Then **Int-4** (2.4 g, 3.6 mmol) was added, and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (50 mL), and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulfate then evaporated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by Combiflash purification, with compound eluting at 5% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-227** (0.8 g, 73%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 7.01 (q, J = 10.8, 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 4.36 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.95 - 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.56 - 2.41 (m, 4H), 2.34 (q, J = 11.1, 9.4 Hz, 6H), 1.69 - 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.55 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (m, 50H), 1.07 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

[00619] To a solution of **Int-227** (0.500 g, 0.603 mmol) in DCM (10 mL) under N_2 atmosphere at 0°C was added SO_2Cl_2 (0.203 g, 1.507 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure to afford **Int-228**, which was used directly in the next step without further purification.

[00620] **C10 α ' α Me-acid-2-TG (Int-150):**

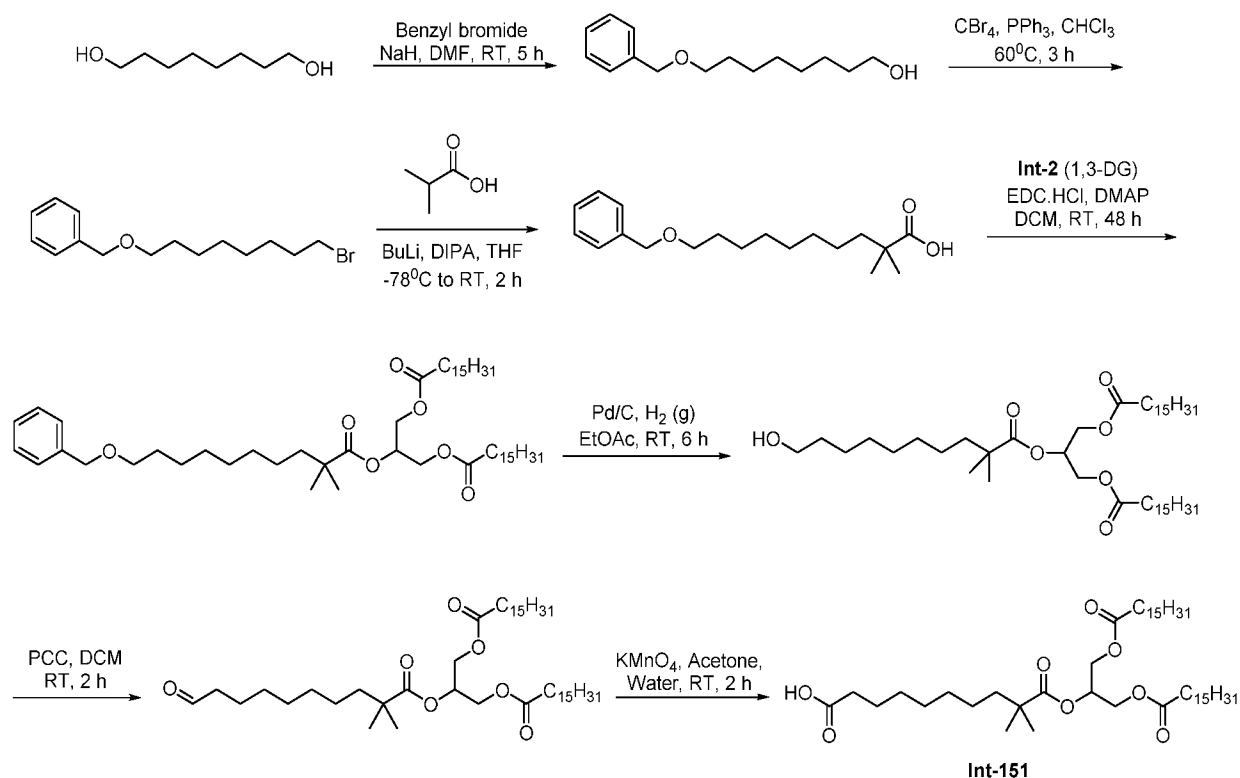


Scheme 38. Synthesis of Int-150.

[00621] Intermediate C10 α ' α Me-acid-2-TG (**Int-150**) was prepared from hexane-1,6-diol as shown in Scheme 38, using methods described above. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 5.35 – 5.24 (m, 1H), 4.31 (dd, J = 11.8, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (p, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 6H), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 6H), 1.44 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 1.27 (s, 52H), 1.18 (dd, J = 14.8,

7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 182.44 (1C), 175.90 (1C), 173.36 (2C), 68.72 (1C), 62.16 (2C), 39.54 (1C), 39.27 (1C), 34.08 (2C), 33.61 (1C), 33.51 (1C), 31.97 (3C), 29.74 - 28.98 (22C), 27.12 (1C), 24.89 (2C), 22.73 (2C), 17.07 (1C), 16.89 (1C), 14.17 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 798.6 (M+18).

[00622] C10 α Me-acid-2-TG (Int-151):

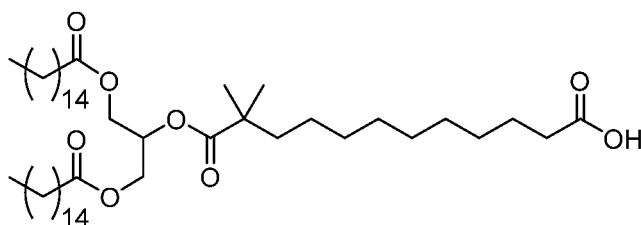


Scheme 39. Synthesis of Int-151.

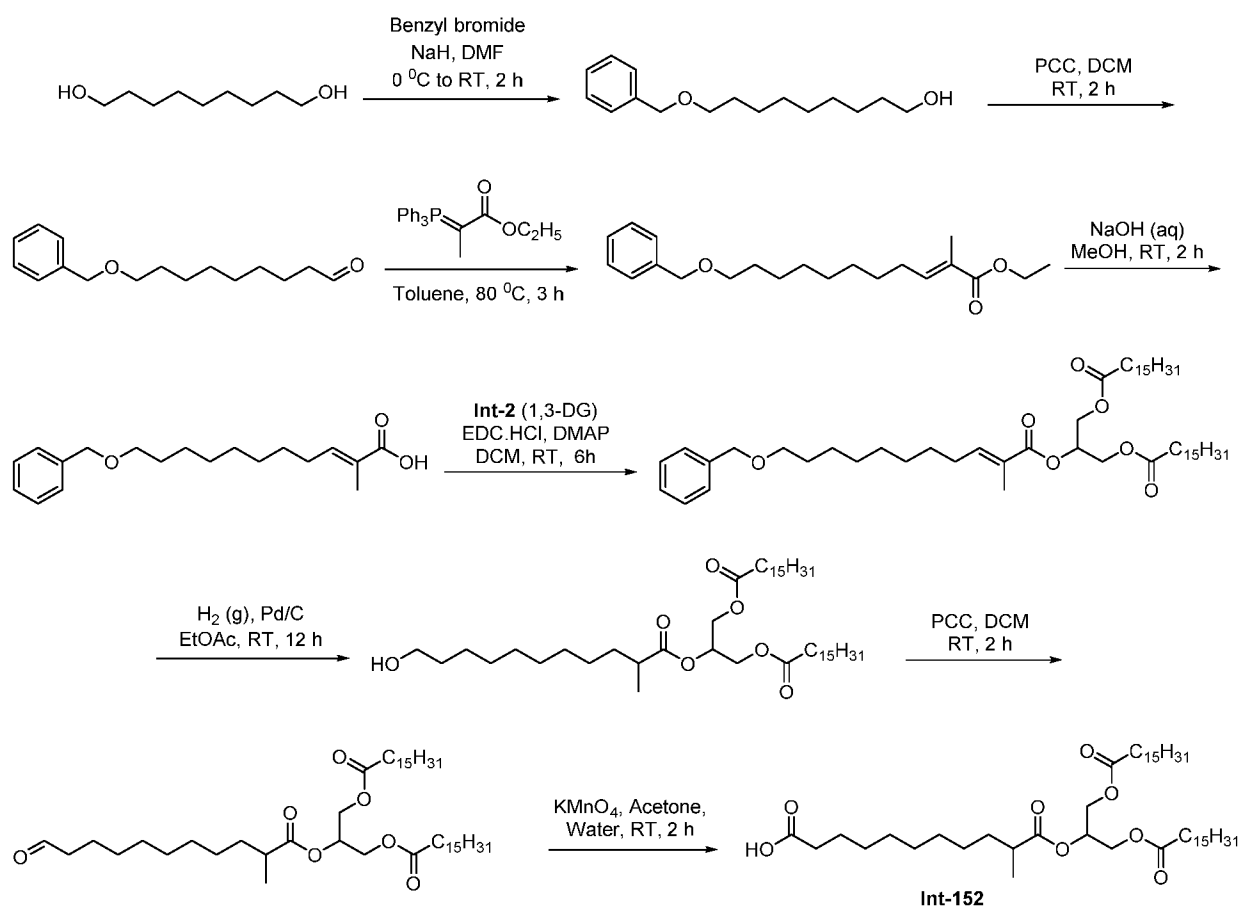
[00623] Intermediate C10 α Me-acid-2-TG (**Int-151**) was prepared from octane-1,8-diol as shown in Scheme 39, using methods described above. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 11.8, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.8, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (dt, $J = 17.1, 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 1.65 - 1.51 (m, 8H), 1.29 (s, 58H), 1.19 (s, 6H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.57 (1C), 177.49 (1C), 173.33 (2C), 68.94 (1C), 62.16 (1C), 42.40 (1C), 40.63 (1C), 34.24 (2C), 31.96 (2C), 30.06-29.15 (26C), 25.07 (1C), 24.89 (2C), 24.81 (1C), 24.65 (1C), 22.73 (2C), 14.16 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 780.08 (M-1); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 799.16 (M+18).

[00624] C12 α Me-acid-2-TG (Int-167):

[00625] Intermediate C12 α Me-acid-2-TG (**Int-167**) was prepared using the procedures shown in Scheme 39, using decane-1,10-diol in place of octane-1,8-diol.

**Int-167**

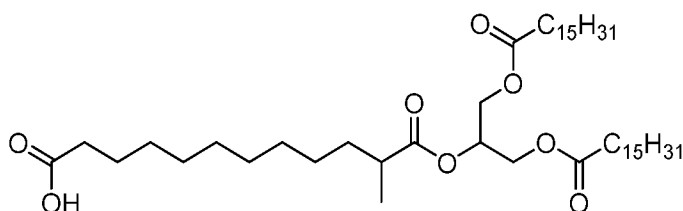
[00626] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.30 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.8, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (dt, $J = 18.5, 7.5$ Hz, 6H), 1.73 – 1.58 (m, 8H), 1.53 (dd, $J = 9.8, 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.29 (s, 58H), 1.19 (s, 6H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.79 (1C), 177.07 (1C), 173.31 (2C), 68.76 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 42.39 (1C), 40.54 (1C), 34.06 (2C), 34.02 (1C), 31.94 (3C), 30.17 (1C), 29.72 - 29.06 (24C), 25.05 (2C), 24.86 (2C), 24.67 (1C), 22.71 (2C), 14.15 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 15.32 min, 100% purity. MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 807.04 (M-1). MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 826.6 (M+18).

[00627] C11 α Me-acid-2-TG (Int-152):**Scheme 40. Synthesis of Int-152.**

[00628] Intermediate C11 α Me-acid-2-TG (**Int-152**) was prepared from nonane-1,9-diol as shown in Scheme 40, using methods described above. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.32 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.8, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.48 (h, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (dt, J = 15.5, 7.5 Hz, 6H), 1.71 – 1.58 (m, 8H), 1.29 (m, 58H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, J = 6.5 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.64 (1C), 175.92(1C), 173.34(2C), 68.73(1C), 62.18 (2C), 39.54 (1C), 34.08(2C), 34.01(1C), 33.63(1C), 31.96 (2C), 29.73 - 29.07 (23C), 27.14(1C), 24.88 (2C), 24.68 (1C), 22.73(3C), 17.05(1C), 14.16(2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 779.0 (M-1); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 798.0 (M+18).

[00629] **C12aMe-acid-TG (Int-156):**

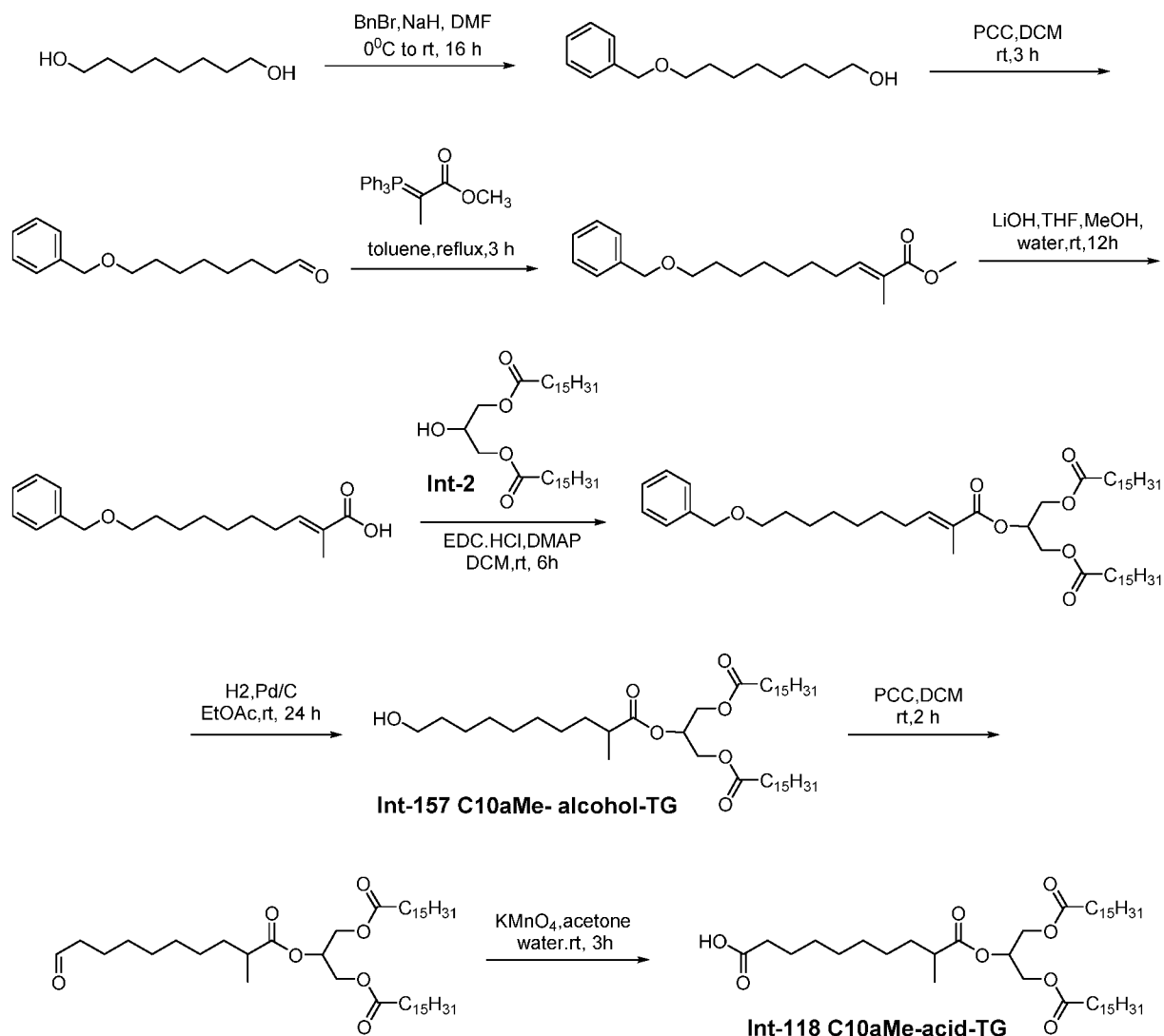
[00630] Using similar methods to those used for **Int-152**, **Int-156** was prepared.



C12aMe- acid-TG

Int-156

[00631] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.34 – 5.29 (m, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 11.8, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 11.8, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.50 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.40 - 2.32 (m, 6H), 1.69 – 1.64 (m, 8H), 1.29 (s, 60H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.38(1C), 175.93(1C), 173.33(2C), 68.69(1C), 62.17(2C), 39.53 (1C), 34.06(2C), 33.94(1C), 33.63(1C), 31.94(2C), 29.71 - 29.05(23C), 27.15(1C), 24.86(2C), 24.67(1C), 22.71(3C), 17.03(1C), 14.14(3C). HPLC (ELSD): 10.78 min, 100% purity. MASS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 794.0 (M-1).

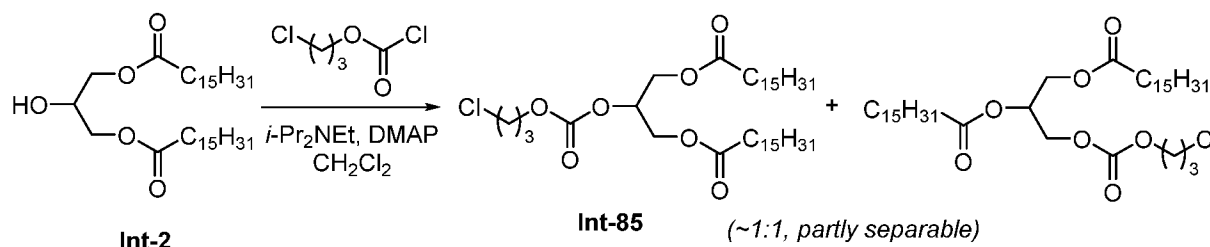
[00632] C10 α Me-alcohol-2-TG (Int-157) and C10 α Me-acid-2-TG (Int-118):**Scheme 41. Synthesis of Int-157 and Int-118.**

[00633] Intermediates C10 α Me-alcohol-2-TG (**Int-157**) and C10 α Me-acid-2-TG (**Int-118**) were prepared from octane-1,8-diol as shown in Scheme 41, using methods described above.

[00634] C10 α Me-alcohol-2-TG (**Int-157**) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.30 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 4.31 (dt, J = 11.9, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (q, J = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.61 (d, J = 14.4 Hz, 8H), 1.30 (s, 59H), 1.16 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.9(1C), 173.3(2C), 68.7(1C), 62.0(1C), 62.1 (2C), 39.5(1C), 34.1 (2C), 33.6 (1C), 32.8 (1C), 31.9(3C), 29.7-29.1 (20), 27.1 (1C), 25.7 (1C), 24.9 (2C), 22.7 (3C), 17.0 (1C), 14.1 (3C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 753.9 (M+1), 771.0 (M+18).

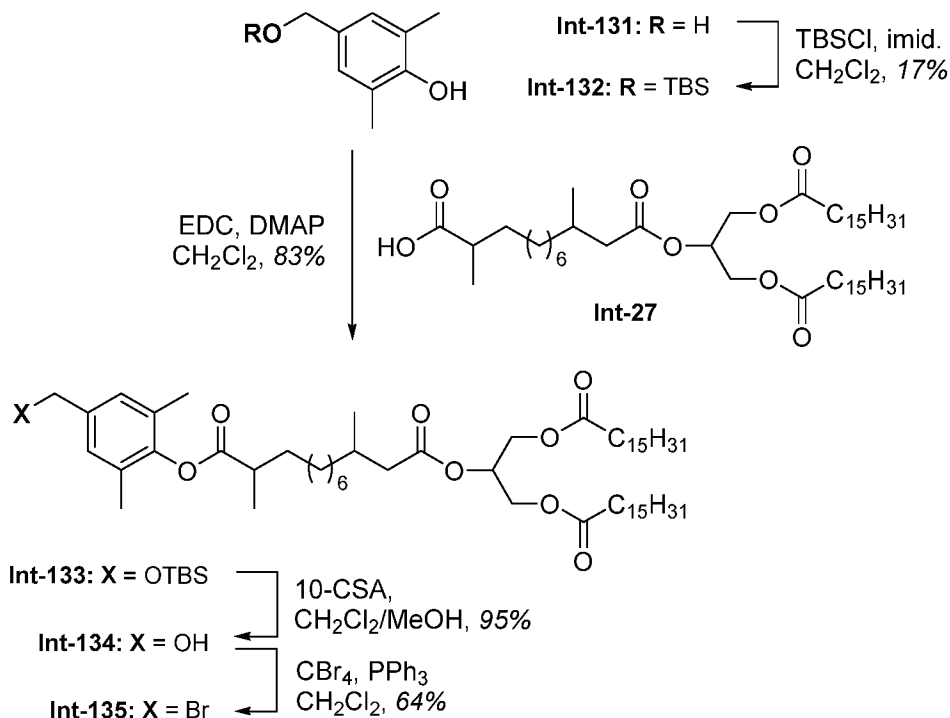
[00635] C10 α Me-acid-2-TG (**Int-118**) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.31 (s, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 11.8, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.47 (m, 1H), 2.37 (dt, J = 15.6, 7.4 Hz, 6H), 1.65 (s, 7H), 1.31 (d, J = 13.3 Hz, 58H), 1.18 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101MHz, CDCl_3) δ 179.73 (1C), 175.87 (1C), 173.31 (2C), 68.70 (1C), 62.13 (1C), 39.50 (1C), 34.04 (3C), 33.57(1C), 31.93 (4C), 29.71-29.01 (18C), 27.07 (1C), 24.85 (3C), 24.62 (1C), 22.70 (4C), 17.03 (1C), 14.14 (3C). MASS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 766.0 (M-1). (ESI, +ve) m/z : 785.0 (M+18).

[00636] C5(carbonate)-chloride-2-TG (**Int-85**):



Scheme 42. Synthesis of **Int-85**.

[00637] 3-Chloropropyl chloroformate (20.3 μL , 0.169 mmol) and *N,N*-diethylisopropylamine (DIPEA, 54.2 μL , 0.316 mmol) were added to 1,3-diglyceride **Int-2** (60.0 mg, 0.105 mmol) and DMAP (2.6 mg, 0.0211 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) at 0 $^\circ\text{C}$ and the mixture stirred at RT for 18 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) and the organic phase washed with water, sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and brine (25 mL each), dried (MgSO_4) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Silica gel chromatography (4% to 5.5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave a mixture of chloropropyl carbonates **Int-85** and a regioisomer (ca. 1:1 ratio, 49.8 mg, 69%) as a colorless solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.38 – 4.13 (m, 6H), 3.63 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.35 – 2.29 (m, 4H), 2.18 – 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.36 – 1.19 (m, 48H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H). Note: The ^1H NMR spectrum was acquired using a sample enriched in target carbonate **Int-85**.

[00638] DMPHB-C12 α ' β Me-bromide-2-TG (Int-135):**Scheme 43. Synthesis of Int-135.**

[00639] Sodium borohydride (378 mg, 9.99 mmol) was added in 4-5 portions to a solution of 4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethylbenzaldehyde (500 mg, 3.33 mmol) in methanol (8 mL) at 0 °C and the resulting mixture stirred at 0 °C for 45 minutes. The reaction mixture was acidified to pH 2 by the addition of 1 M HCl (10-15 mL) and the organic solvent removed under reduced pressure. The aqueous residue was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (2 × 20 mL) and the combined organic extracts dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give crude diol **Int-131** (600 mg), which was used in the next step without further purification.

[00640] Imidazole (161 mg, 2.37 mmol) and *tert*-butyl(chloro)dimethylsilane (TBSCl, 297 mg, 1.97 mmol) were added to a solution of **Int-131** (300 mg of crude material described above) in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred at RT for 45 minutes. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL), washed with water and brine (40 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (12.5% to 17.5% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave TBS ether **Int-132** (90.5 mg, 17%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.93 (s, 2H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 6H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 0.09 (s, 6H).

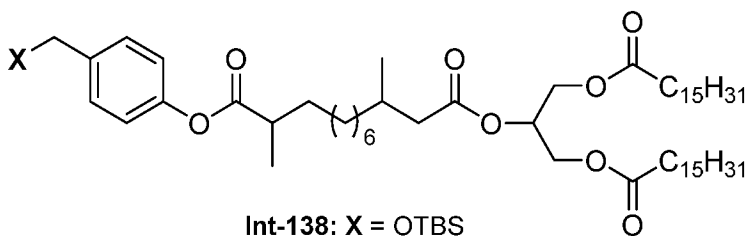
[00641] 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 11.5 mg, 0.0938 mmol) and EDC•HCl (36.0 mg, 0.188 mmol) were added to a solution of **Int-27** (79.7 mg, 0.0985 mmol) and phenol **Int-132** (25.0 mg, 0.0938 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for about three days. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), silica gel was added and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (8% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **Int-133** (82.8 mg, 83%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (s, 2H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.8, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.97 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.48 (m, 5H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.46 – 1.13 (m, 60H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 0.09 (s, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6 (C), 173.4 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 147.1 (C), 138.7 (C), 129.9 (2C; C), 126.4 (2C; CH), 68.9 (CH), 64.7 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 39.9 (CH), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.8 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.87 (CH₂), 29.82 (6C; CH₂), 29.79 (4C; CH₂), 29.75 (2C; CH₂), 29.67 (CH₂), 29.65 (CH₂), 29.60 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.2 (2C; CH₂), 27.5 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 26.1 (3C; CH₃), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃), 16.6 (2C; CH₃), 14.2 (2C; CH₃), -5.1 (2C; CH₃).

[00642] 10-Camphorsulfonic acid (3.6 mg, 15.1 μmol) was added to **Int-133** (80.0 mg, 75.6 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and MeOH (1 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for one hour. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (25 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-134** (67.7 mg, 95%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.05 (s, 2H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.58 (s, 2H), 4.28 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.13 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.32 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 2.11 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.2 Hz, 1H), 1.98 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.64 – 1.49 (m, 5H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.46 – 1.17 (m, 60H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.6 (C), 173.4 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 147.7 (C), 138.4 (C), 130.4 (2C; C), 127.4 (2C; CH), 68.9 (CH), 65.0 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 39.9 (CH), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.8 (CH₂), 32.0 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.83 (CH₂), 29.81 (6C; CH₂), 29.77 (4C; CH₂), 29.74 (2C; CH₂), 29.63 (CH₂), 29.62 (CH₂), 29.59 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.2 (2C; CH₂), 27.5 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 17.5 (CH₃), 16.6 (2C; CH₃), 14.2 (2C; CH₃).

[00643] Carbon tetrabromide (CBr₄, 28.6 mg, 86.4 μmol) and triphenylphosphine (PPh₃, 27.2 mg, 104 μmol) were added to alcohol **Int-134** (32.6 mg, 34.6 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) at 0 °C and the reaction stirred at RT for 1.5 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), silica gel was added, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (5% to 6% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave bromide **Int-135** (22.2 mg, 64%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (s, 2H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 3.8 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 14.8, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.123 (s, 6H), 2.118 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 8.4 Hz, 1H), 1.97 – 1.80 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.48 (m, 5H), 1.34 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.46 – 1.14 (m, 60H), 0.93 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.4 (C), 173.4 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 148.4 (C), 135.1 (C), 130.9 (2C; C), 129.5 (2C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 39.9 (CH), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.8 (CH₂), 33.3 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.88 (CH₂), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.67 (CH₂), 29.66 (CH₂), 29.62 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 27.5 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 17.6 (CH₃), 16.6 (2C; CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00644] **PHB-C12α'βMe-bromide-2-TG (Int-140):**

[00645] Using similar methods, **Int-140** was prepared from 4-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)phenol (a known compound that may be prepared as described in, e.g., Smith, J. H. *et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, 50, 5075-5080):



Int-138: X = OTBS

Int-139: X = OH

Int-140: X = Br

[00646] 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 7.7 mg, 0.0629 mmol) and EDC•HCl (24.1 mg, 0.126 mmol) were added to a solution of **Int-27** (56.0 mg, 0.0692 mmol) and 4-(((*tert*-butyldimethylsilyl)oxy)methyl)phenol (15.0 mg, 0.0629 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for 19 hours. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), silica gel was added, and the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (7.5% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave **Int-138** (31.0 mg, 48%) as a colorless

oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.34 – 7.29 (m, 2H), 7.04 – 6.99 (m, 2H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.72 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, J = 11.9, 3.9 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.48 (m, 6H), 1.45 – 1.15 (m, 59H), 1.28 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.88 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 0.09 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.5 (C), 173.4 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 149.8 (C), 139.0 (C), 127.1 (2C; CH), 121.4 (2C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 64.6 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 39.8 (CH), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.9 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.89 (CH₂), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.69 (CH₂), 29.67 (CH₂), 29.62 (2C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 27.4 (CH₂), 27.1 (CH₂), 26.1 (3C; CH₃), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 17.2 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃), -5.1 (2C; CH₃); ESI-HRMS: Calcd. for $\text{C}_{62}\text{H}_{112}\text{NaO}_9\text{Si}$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] 1051.7968; Found 1051.7962.

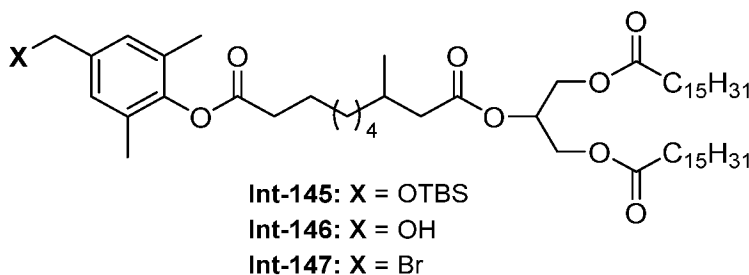
[00647] 10-Camphorsulfonic acid (1.4 mg, 6.0 μmol) was added to TBS ether **Int-138** (31.0 mg, 30.1 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (0.6 mL) and MeOH (0.6 mL) and the mixture stirred at RT for one hour. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (20 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO_3 and brine (20 mL each), dried (MgSO_4), and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (15% to 25% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-139** (22.0 mg, 80%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 – 7.34 (m, 2H), 7.08 – 7.03 (m, 2H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 4.283/4.281 (each dd, J = 11.8, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.8, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.32 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.11 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.70 (br s, 1H), 1.65 – 1.49 (m, 5H), 1.45 – 1.16 (m, 63H), 0.93 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.5 (C), 173.5 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 150.4 (C), 138.5 (C), 128.2 (2C; CH), 121.8 (2C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 64.9 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 39.8 (CH), 36.8 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 33.9 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.84 (7C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.6 (4C; CH₂), 29.5 (2C; CH₂), 29.4 (2C; CH₂), 29.3 (2C; CH₂), 27.4 (CH₂), 27.0 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 17.2 (CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃); ESI-HRMS: Calcd. for $\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{98}\text{NaO}_9$ [$\text{M} + \text{Na}^+$] 937.7103; Found 937.7136.

[00648] Carbon tetrabromide (CBr_4 , 15.0 mg, 58.7 μmol) and triphenylphosphine (PPh_3 , 18.5 mg, 70.5 μmol) were added to alcohol **Int-139** (21.5 mg, 23.5 μmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) at 0 °C and the reaction stirred at rt for one hour. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), silica gel was added and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel

chromatography (2% to 6% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave bromide **Int-140** (20.1 mg, 87%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.06 – 7.02 (m, 2H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.49 (s, 2H), 4.288/4.287 (each dd, $J = 11.8, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.67 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 14.7, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.93 (m, 1H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.66 – 1.50 (m, 5H), 1.45 – 1.14 (m, 63H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 175.3 (C), 173.4 (2C; C), 172.5 (C), 150.9 (C), 135.3 (C), 130.3 (2C; CH), 122.1 (2C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.8 (CH_2), 39.8 (CH), 36.8 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 33.9 (CH_2), 32.9 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.5 (CH), 29.87 (CH_2), 29.84 (6C; CH_2), 29.81 (4C; CH_2), 29.77 (2C; CH_2), 29.66 (CH_2), 29.65 (CH_2), 29.62 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 27.4 (CH_2), 27.1 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3), 17.1 (CH_3), 14.3 (2C; CH_3).

[00649] DMPHB-C10 β Me-bromide-2-TG (Int-147):

[00650] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-135**, compound **Int-147** was prepared from **Int-132** and **Int-30**:



[00651] 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 6.9 mg, 0.0563 mmol) and EDC•HCl (21.6 mg, 0.113 mmol) were added to a solution of acid-TG **Int-30** (45.3 mg, 0.0591 mmol) and phenol **Int-132** (15.0 mg, 0.0563 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (3 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for three days. The reaction was diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL), silica gel was added, and the mixture concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (8% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave ester **Int-145** (46.6 mg, 81%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.00 (s, 2H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.8, 4.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.58 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 14.6, 6.0$ Hz, 1H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.13 (s, 6H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.7, 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 1.96 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.69 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.47 – 1.19 (m, 56H), 0.94 (s, 9H), 0.88 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 0.09 (s, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 171.7 (C), 147.1 (C), 138.8 (C), 129.9 (2C; C), 126.4 (2C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 64.7 (CH_2), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.8 (CH_2), 36.8 (CH_2), 34.2 (3C;

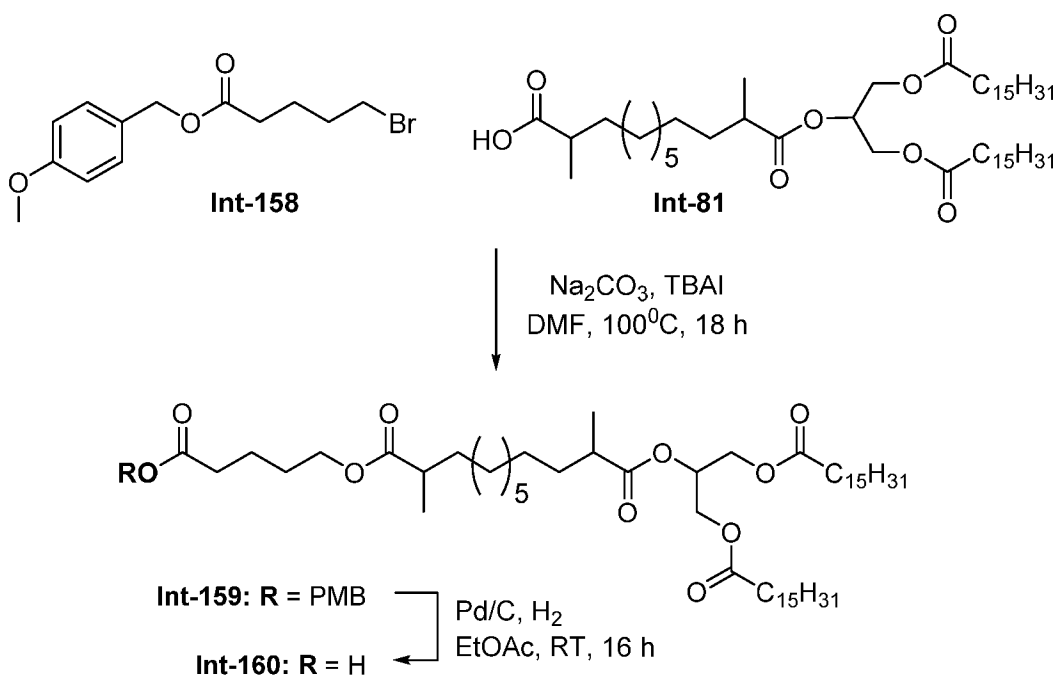
CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.5 (CH), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.61 (2C; CH₂), 29.55 (CH₂), 29.50 (2C; CH₂), 29.41 (2C; CH₂), 29.26 (2C; CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 26.1 (3C; CH₃), 25.3 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 16.6 (2C; CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃), -5.1 (2C; CH₃); ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₆₁H₁₁₀NaO₉Si [M + Na⁺] 1037.7811; found 1037.7815.

[00652] 10-Camphorsulfonic acid (2.1 mg, 8.9 μmol) was added to TBS ether **Int-145** (45.0 mg, 44.3 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL) and MeOH (1 mL) and the mixture stirred at room temperature for one hour. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), washed with sat. aq. NaHCO₃ and brine (25 mL each), dried (MgSO₄) and concentrated under reduced pressure to give the crude product. Purification by silica gel chromatography (20% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave alcohol **Int-146** (30.4 mg, 76%) as a colorless oil. ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.06 (s, 2H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.60 (s, 2H), 4.287/4.285 (each dd, *J* = 11.8, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 2.12 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.73 (m, 2H), 1.69 (br s, 1H), 1.65 – 1.54 (m, 4H), 1.46 – 1.18 (m, 56H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 171.6 (C), 147.7 (C), 138.4 (C), 130.4 (2C; C), 127.4 (2C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 65.1 (CH₂), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8 (CH₂), 36.7 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 34.1 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.4 (CH), 29.83 (6C; CH₂), 29.79 (4C; CH₂), 29.76 (2C; CH₂), 29.61 (2C; CH₂), 29.53 (CH₂), 29.50 (2C; CH₂), 29.40 (2C; CH₂), 29.39 (CH₂), 29.25 (2C; CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 25.2 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 16.5 (2C; CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃); ESI-HRMS: calcd. for C₅₅H₉₆NaO₉ [M + Na⁺] 923.6947; found 923.6973.

[00653] Carbon tetrabromide (CBr₄, 26.7 mg, 80.4 μmol) and triphenylphosphine (PPh₃, 25.3 mg, 96.5 μmol) were added to alcohol **Int-146** (29.0 mg, 32.2 μmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (1.5 mL) at 0 °C and the reaction stirred at room temperature for 50 minutes. The reaction was diluted with CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL), silica gel was added and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. Purification by silica gel chromatography (6% to 10% ethyl acetate/hexanes) gave bromide **Int-147** (23.6 mg, 76%) as a colorless oil; ¹H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (s, 2H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.59 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 2.13 (dd, *J* = 14.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.12 (s, 6H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.72 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.47 – 1.17 (m, 56H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 171.4 (C), 148.4 (C), 135.2 (C), 130.8 (2C; C), 129.5 (2C; CH), 69.0 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH₂), 41.8

(CH₂), 36.7 (CH₂), 34.2 (2C; CH₂), 34.1 (CH₂), 33.3 (CH₂), 32.1 (2C; CH₂), 30.4 (CH), 29.84 (6C; CH₂), 29.80 (4C; CH₂), 29.77 (2C; CH₂), 29.62 (2C; CH₂), 29.54 (CH₂), 29.51 (2C; CH₂), 29.41 (2C; CH₂), 29.39 (CH₂), 29.27 (2C; CH₂), 26.9 (CH₂), 25.2 (CH₂), 25.0 (2C; CH₂), 22.8 (2C; CH₂), 19.7 (CH₃), 16.5 (2C; CH₃), 14.3 (2C; CH₃).

[00654] FSI5-C12 α' α Me-acid-2-TG (Int-160):



Scheme 44. Synthesis of Int-160.

[00655] To a solution of 4-methoxybenzyl alcohol (3.0 g, 21.73 mmol) and 5-bromopentanoic acid (7.8 g, 43.47 mmol) in DCM (30 mL) at room temperature was added DMAP (5.3 g, 43.47 mmol) followed by DCC (8.0 g, 43.47 mmol), and then the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed, and washed with DCM (200 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography, with the compound eluting at 10% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-158** (3.3 g, 50.6%) as a viscous oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.38 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.10 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 3.44 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.99 – 1.87 (m, 2H), 1.83 (dddd, *J* = 12.5, 9.5, 6.1, 3.4 Hz, 2H).

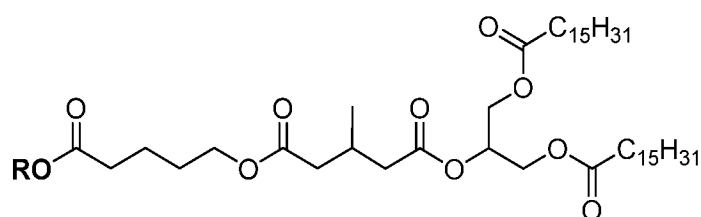
[00656] To a solution of **Int-81** (0.50 g, 0.61 mmol) and **Int-158** (0.27 g, 0.92 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added K₂CO₃ (3.1 mmol) followed by TBAI (0.228 g, 0.61 mmol) at room temperature, and then the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture

was poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography, with the compound eluting at 20% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-159** (400 mg, 63%) as a viscous oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.39-7.30 (m, 2H), 6.98 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 5.09(s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.53 -2.26 (m, 8H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 8H), 1.43 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 1.26 (m, 60H), 1.17 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 4.8 Hz, 6H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

[00657] In an autoclave, to a solution of **Int-159** (0.4 g, 0.38 mmol) in ethyl acetate (50 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (300 mg) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h under 100 psi hydrogen pressure. The reaction mixture was filtered on a celite bed and washed with ethyl acetate (50 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography using silica gel, eluting with 30% to 50% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-160** (300 mg, 85%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.31 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.53 -2.26 (m, 8H), 1.74 – 1.59 (m, 8H), 1.43 – 1.39 (m, 4H), 1.26 (m, 60H), 1.17 (dd, *J* = 7.0, 4.8 Hz, 6H), 0.92 (t, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

[00658] FSI5-C5bMe-acid-2-TG (Int-162):

[00659] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-160**, compound **Int-162** was prepared from **Int-158** and **Int-4**:



Int-161: R = PMB

Int-162: R = H

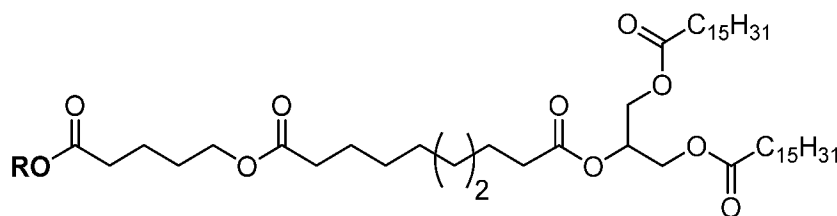
[00660] To a solution of **Int-4** (0.50 g, 0.71 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added Na₂CO₃ (0.45 g, 4.31 mmol) followed by TBAI (0.130 g, 0.35 mmol) and **Int-158** (0.21 g, 0.71 mmol) at room temperature, and then the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting

crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography, with the compound eluting at 20% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-161** (500 mg, 76%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.37 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 6.96 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.34 (ddd, J = 12.0, 4.4, 2.0 Hz, 2H), 4.25 – 4.07 (m, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.56 – 2.21 (m, 8H), 1.81 – 1.58 (m, 8H), 1.29 (m, 51H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H).

[00661] In an autoclave, to a solution of **Int-161** (0.5 g, 0.54 mmol) in ethyl acetate (10 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (150 mg) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h under 100 psi hydrogen pressure. The reaction mixture was filtered on a celite bed and washed with ethyl acetate (50 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography using silica gel, eluting with 30% to 50% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-162** (300 mg, 69%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.31 (p, J = 5.0 Hz, 1H), 4.34 (dd, J = 12.2, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.23 – 4.11 (m, 4H), 2.56 – 2.23 (m, 8H), 1.75 (h, J = 3.1 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.60 (m, 6H), 1.29 (m, 52H), 1.06 (d, J = 6.3 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.7 Hz, 6H); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 796.52 (MH-1).

[00662] **FSI5-C10-acid-2-TG (Int-164):**

[00663] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-160** and **Int-162**, compound **Int-164** was prepared from **Int-158** and **Int-9**:



Int-163: R = PMB

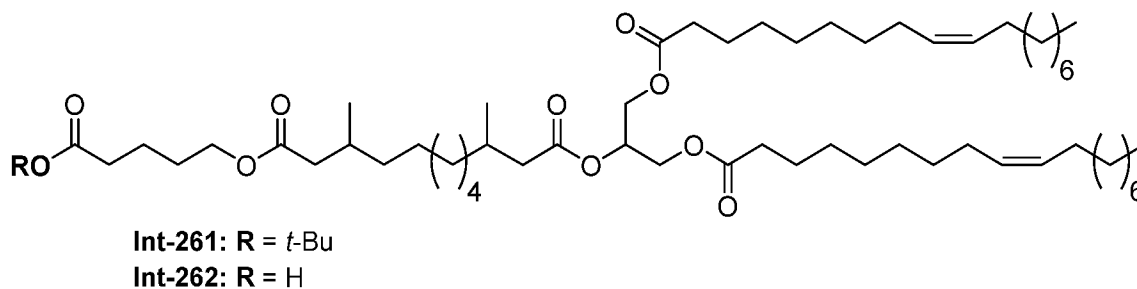
Int-164: R = H

[00664] To a solution of **Int-158** (0.520 g, 1.72 mmol) and **Int-9** (1.0 g, 1.3 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (0.91 g, 6.64 mmol) followed by TBAI (0.491 g, 1.32 mmol) at room temperature, and then the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C for 18 h. The reaction mixture was poured into water (20 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by silica gel column chromatography, with the compound eluting at 20% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-163** (900 mg, 70%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.33 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.97 – 6.89 (m, 2H), 5.30 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 5.09 (s, 2H), 4.33

(dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.23 – 4.06 (m, 4H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.45 – 2.27 (m, 10H), 1.74 – 1.64 (m, 14H), 1.29 (m, 54H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H).

[00665] In an autoclave, to a solution of **Int-163** (0.9 g, 0.92 mmol) in ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (250 mg) under nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16 h under 100 psi hydrogen pressure. The reaction mixture was filtered on a celite bed and washed with ethyl acetate (50 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting crude material was purified by flash column chromatography using silica gel, eluting with 30% to 50% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-164** (400 mg, 51%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.28 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.22 – 4.07 (m, 4H), 2.46 – 2.36 (m, 2H), 2.32 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 8H), 1.73 (dt, $J = 6.7, 3.4$ Hz, 4H), 1.62 (p, $J = 7.4, 6.0$ Hz, 8H), 1.36 – 1.27 (m, 57H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 852.6 (MH+1).

[00666] FSI5-C12 β ' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-262):

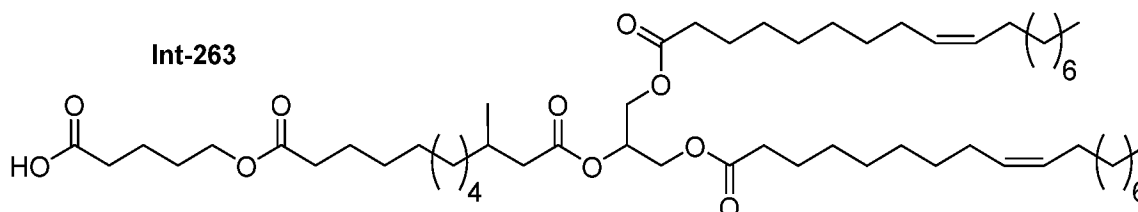


[00667] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-163**, compound **Int-261** was prepared from **Int-174** and *t*-butyl 5-bromopentanoate. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.31 (m, 5H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.09 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.00 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 6H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 8H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.28 (m, 56H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H).

[00668] Trifluoroacetic acid (3.6 mL) was added dropwise over 10 minutes to a solution of **Int-261** (1.2 g, 1.10 mmol) in DCM (12 mL) at 0 °C, and the reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, and the residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 12% ethyl acetate/ hexane. Pure fractions were concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **Int-262** (0.580 g, 51.1%) as a colourless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.31 (m, 5H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H), 2.12

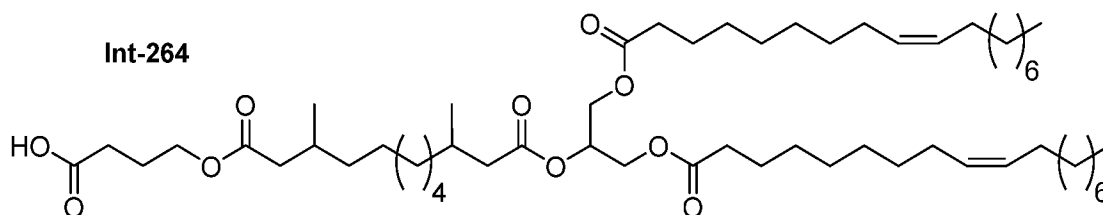
(m, 2H), 2.00 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 8H), 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.28 (m, 56H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H), 0.94 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H).

[00669] FSI5-C12βMe-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-263):



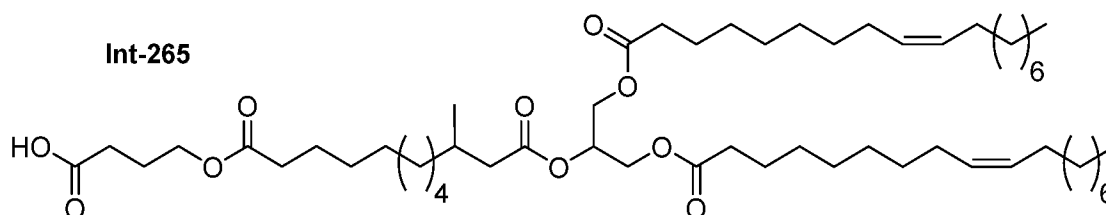
[00670] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-262**, compound **Int-263** was prepared from **Int-236** and *t*-butyl 5-bromopentanoate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.31 (m, 5H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.11 (t, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 2.12 (m, 1H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 8H), 1.73 (m, 4H), 1.62 (m, 6H), 1.28 (m, 57H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88(t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H).

[00671] FSI4-C12β'βMe-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-264):



[00672] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-262**, compound **Int-264** was prepared from **Int-174** and *t*-butyl 4-bromobutanoate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.37 (m, 5H), 4.31 (m, 2H), 4.30 (m, 2H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.33 (q, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 6H), 2.15 (m, 4H), 1.68 – 1.59 (m, 6H), 1.30 (d, *J* = 13.9 Hz, 11H), 1.20 (m, 62H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.89 (dd, *J* = 16.6, 9.5 Hz, 6H).

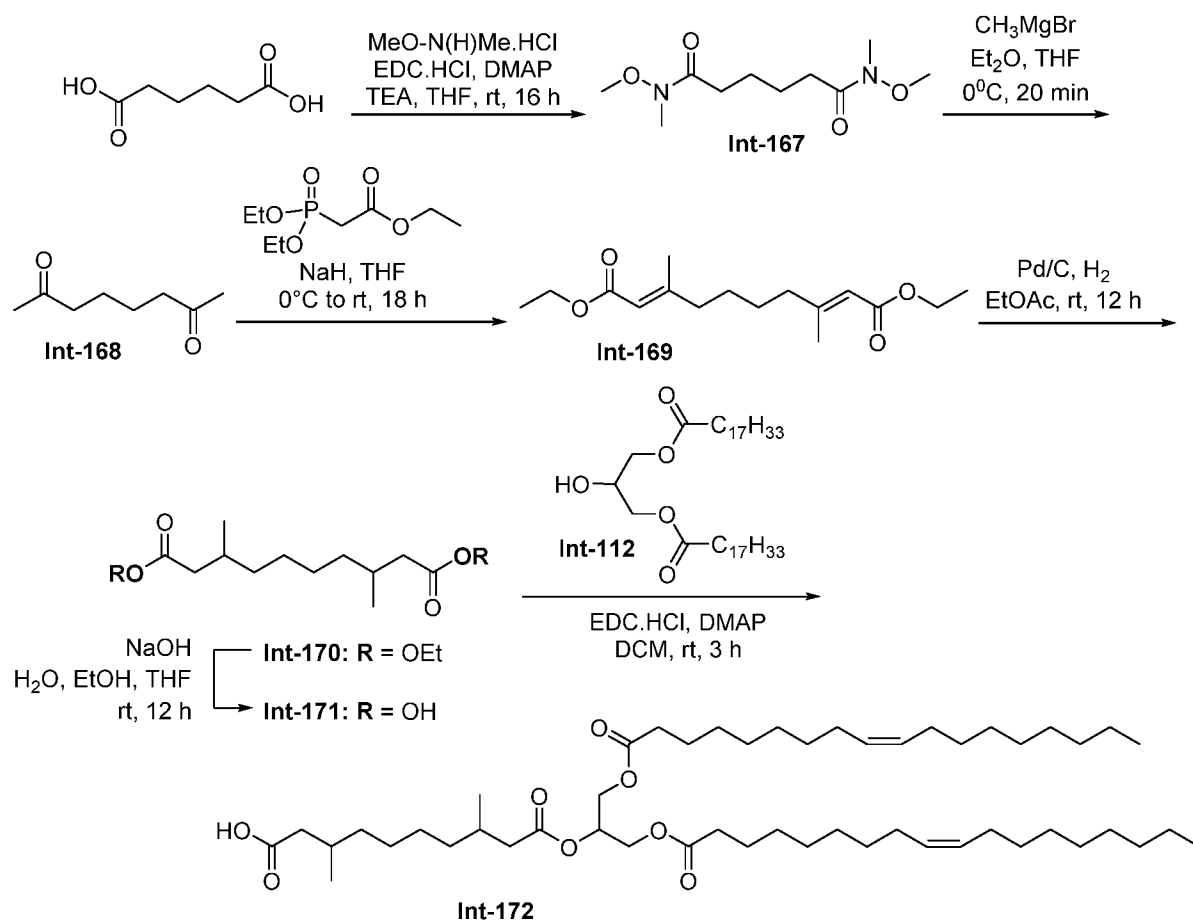
[00673] FSI4-C12βMe-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-265):



[00674] Using similar methods as described for the synthesis of **Int-262**, compound **Int-265** was prepared from **Int-236** and *t*-butyl 4-bromobutanoate. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.40 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 25.7, 6.2 Hz, 4H), 2.40 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H).

2.33 (td, $J = 7.7, 4.3$ Hz, 6H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.03 – 1.94 (m, 11H), 1.63 (dd, $J = 13.7, 5.8$ Hz, 4H), 1.32(d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 54H), 0.95 (td, $J = 18.9, 17.4, 9.1$ Hz, 9H).

[00675] C10 β 'Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-172):



Scheme 45. Synthesis of Int-172.

[00676] To a stirred solution of hexan-1,6-dioic acid (20.0 g, 136.85 mmol) in THF (500 mL) at room temperature were added N,O-dimethylhydroxylamine·HCl (40.04 g, 410.56 mmol), EDC·HCl (78.8 g, 410.56 mmol), DMAP (16.6 g, 136.85 mmol), and TEA (90 mL, 684.27 mmol). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 16 h, then poured into 1N HCl solution (sufficient to achieve pH < 7) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 200 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 50% ethyl acetate/ hexane, to afford **Int-167** (21.0 g, 66.1%) as a colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 3.65 (s, 6H), 3.15 (s, 6H), 2.43(s, 4H), 1.66 (s, 4H).

[00677] To a stirred solution of **Int-167** (5.0 g, 21.55 mmol) in dry THF (200 mL) at 0 °C was added dropwise methyl magnesium bromide solution (21.5 mL, 3.0 M in Et₂O, 64.65 mmol), then the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 20 min. The reaction mixture was poured into 1N HCl Solution (sufficient to achieve pH < 7) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 25% ethyl acetate/ hexane, to afford **Int-168** (2.0 g, 33%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 2.45 (s, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.57 (s, 4H).

[00678] To a stirred mixture of 60% NaH (5.0 g, 126.6 mmol) in dry THF (100 mL) at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere was dropwise added ethyl 2-(diethoxyphosphoryl)acetate (28.4 g, 126.8 mmol) in THF (50 mL). The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, then **Int-168** (6.0 g, 42.25 mmol) in dry THF (50 mL) was added dropwise at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 18 h, then quenched with ice water (100 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 60 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 15% ethyl acetate/ hexane, to afford **Int-169** (10.0 g, 84.0%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 5.65 (s, 2H), 4.14 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.63 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 1.28 (m, 10H).

[00679] To a solution of **Int-169** (10.0 g, 35.5 mmol) in ethyl acetate (100 mL) was added palladium on carbon (10% w/w, 2.5 g), and the resulting suspension evacuated and re-filled with H₂ three times. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 12 h under hydrogen balloon pressure. The reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of Celite, washing with ethyl acetate (200 mL). The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give **Int-170** (9.2 g, 91%) as a colorless oil that was used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 4.14 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.30 (dd, *J* = 14.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (dd, *J* = 14.9, 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.96 (bs, 2H), 1.27 (m, 8H), 1.2 (t, 6H), 0.94 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H).

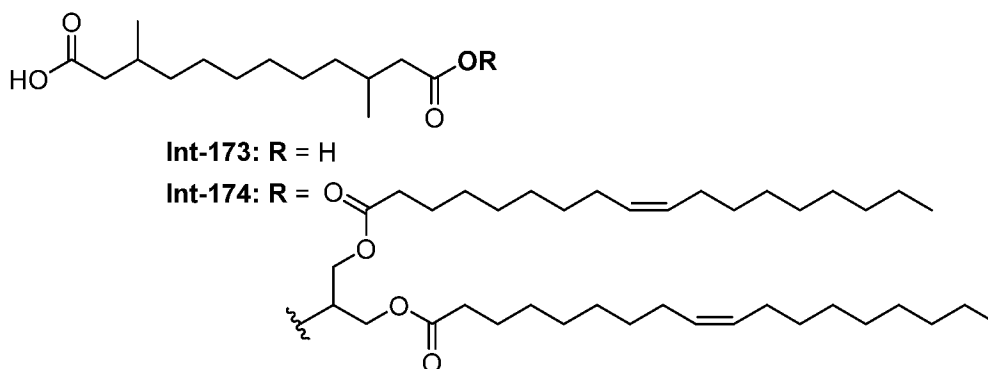
[00680] To a solution of **Int-170** (9.3 g, 32.5 mmol) in THF (75 mL), EtOH (75 mL), and water (75 mL) at room temperature was added NaOH (5.5 g, 137.5 mmol), then the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 12 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated to remove organic solvent, then acidified by addition of 1 N HCl solution (until acidic pH), and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layers were dried over sodium sulphate and evaporated under reduced

pressure to afford **Int-171** (7.8 g, quantitative) as an off-white solid, which was used in the next step without further purification. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.35-2.30 (m, 2H), 2.22-2.2.12 (m, 2H), 1.97 (bs, 2H), 1.34-1.25 (m, 8H), 0.99-0.97 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H).

[00681] To a stirred solution of **Int-171** (7.8 g, 33.91 mmol) and **Int-112** (12.61 g, 20.33 mmol) in DCM (80 mL) was added 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 4.13 g, 33.91 mmol) followed by EDC•HCl (12.88 g, 67.8 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated under vacuum. The residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 10-12% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-172** (8.5 g, 15%). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.36-5.29 (m, 5H), 4.31 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, $J = 12.0, 7.6$ Hz, 6H), 2.21 – 2.12 (m, 2H), 2.02 – 1.98 (m, 10H), 1.63 – 1.61 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.29 (m, 48H), 0.97 (dd, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.95 (1C), 173.27 (2C), 172.25 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.72 (2C), 68.89 (1C), 62.17 (2C), 41.67 (1C), 41.33 (1C), 36.61 (2C), 34.05 (2C), 31.91 (2C), 30.33 - 29.11 (21C), 27.24 (2C), 27.15 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.68 (2C), 19.69 (1C), 19.55 (1C), 14.09 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 831.95 (MH-1).

[00682] **C12 β 'Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-174):**

[00683] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-172**, compounds **Int-173** and **Int-174** were prepared from octan-1,8-dioic acid and **Int-112**:



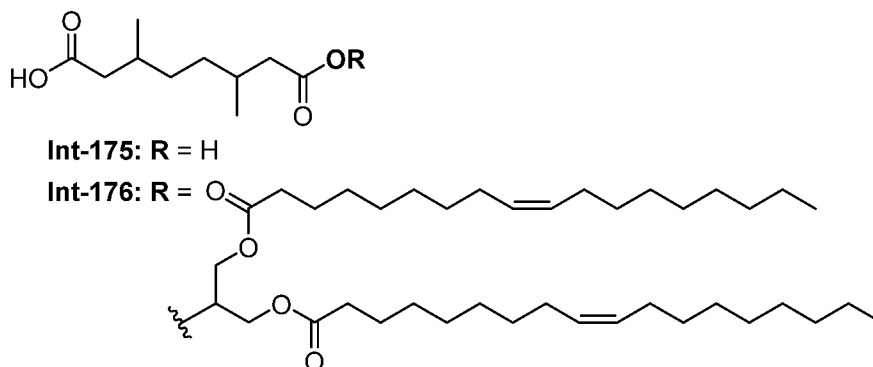
[00684] **C12 β 'Me-acid (Int-173)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.83 (bs, 1H), 2.36 (ddd, $J = 15.5, 9.6, 6.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.18-1.81 (m, 4H), 1.33-1.14 (m, 12H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 257.29 (M-1).

[00685] **C12 β 'Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-174)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.35-5.29 (m, 5H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 11.6$ Hz, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.6, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.38-2.30 (m, 6H), 2.18-1.96 (m, 11H), 1.30-1.27 (m, 56H), 0.98-0.96 (m, 13H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 178.84

(1C), 173.31 (2C), 172.37 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.73 (2C), 68.85 (1C), 62.19 (2C), 41.71 (1C), 41.48-19.57 (39C), 14.13 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 878.82 (M+18), 861.15 (M+1).

[00686] C8 β ' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-176):

[00687] Using the last four procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-172**, compounds **Int-173** and **Int-174** were prepared from hexan-2,5-dione and **Int-112**:

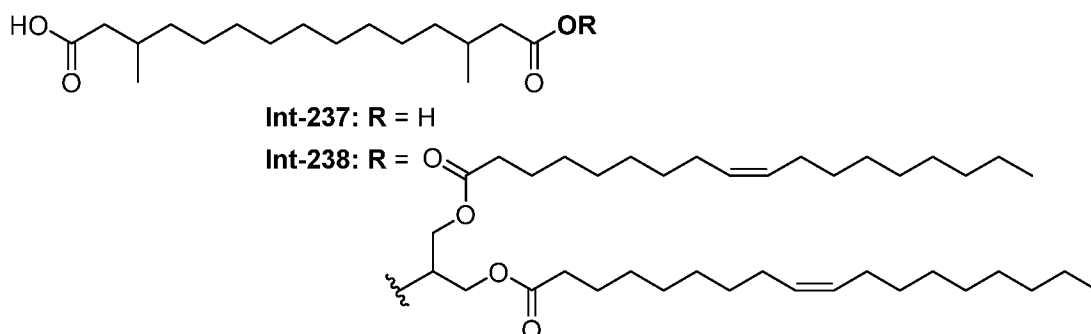


[00688] C8 β ' β Me-acid (Int-175) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.36 (ddd, J = 15.5, 9.6, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.23 (m, 2H), 1.97 (m, 2H), 1.27 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H).

[00689] C8 β ' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-176) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.37 (m, 5H), 4.32 (dd, J = 12.1 Hz, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, J = 12.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 6H), 2.18 (m, 2H) 2.06 – 1.94 (m, 8H), 1.60 (m, 4H), 1.30 (m, 46H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 177.85 (1C), 173.27 (2C), 172.08 (1C), 130.02 (2C), 129.71 (2C), 68.96 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 41.65 (1C), 41.44-41.36 (4C), 34.04 (2C), 33.83 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 30.46-30.31 (2C), 29.78-29.11 (14C), 27.23 (2C), 27.18 (2C), 24.85 (2C), 22.67 (2C), 19.78-19.47 (2C), 14.08 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z: 803.98 (M-1).

[00690] C15 β ' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-238):

[00691] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-172**, compounds **Int-237** and **Int-238** were prepared from undecan-1,11-dioic acid and **Int-112**:

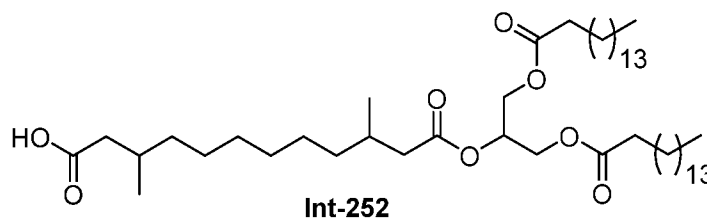


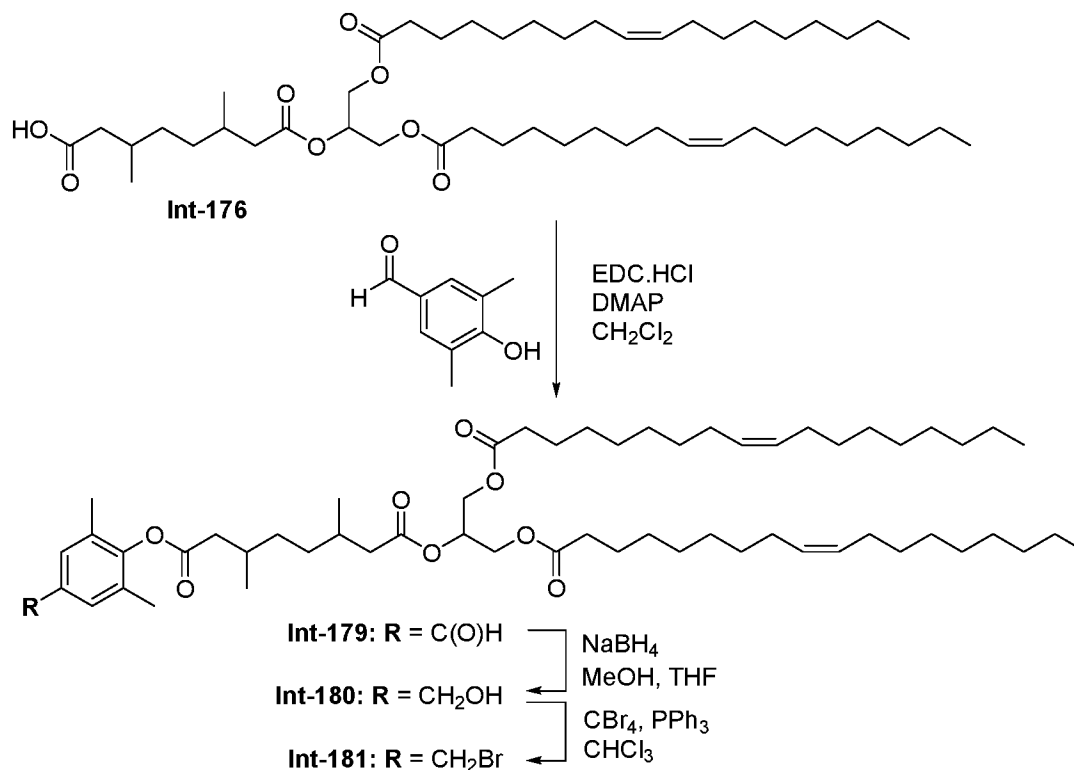
[00692] C15 β ' β Me-acid (Int-237) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 2.30-2.20 (m, 2H), 2.13 (s, 2H), 2.0 (bs, 2H), 1.40-1.30 (m, 18H), 1.00 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 299.35 (M-1). (ESI, +ve) m/z : 301.37 (M+1).

[00693] C15 β ' β Me-acid-2-TG-oleate (Int-238) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 5.36-5.29 (m, 5H), 4.31 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.44 – 2.31 (m, 6H), 2.19 – 2.11 (m, 2H), 2.04 – 1.98 (m, 10H), 1.63 – 1.61 (m, 10H), 1.32 – 1.28 (m, 52H), 0.97 (dd, $J = 14.0$ Hz, 6.4 Hz, 6H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.24 (3C), 172.33 (1C), 130.01 (2C), 129.71 (2C), 68.87 (1C), 62.19 (2C), 41.71 (1C), 41.41 (1C), 36.70 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 31.91 (2C), 30.37 (1C), 30.17 (1C), 29.78 - 29.11 (23C), 27.23 (2C), 27.19 (2C), 26.93 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.68 (2C), 19.68 (2C), 14.08 (2C); MS (ESI, -ve) m/z : 902.04 (M-1). (ESI, +ve) m/z : 921.07 (M+18).

[00694] C12 β ' β Me-acid-2-TG (Int-252):

[00695] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-172**, compounds **Int-252** was prepared from **Int-173** and **Int-2**:



[00696] DMPHB-C8 β ' β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-181):**Scheme 46. Synthesis of Int-181.**

[00697] 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine (DMAP, 0.431 g, 2.33 mmol) and EDC•HCl (1.35 g, 4.66 mmol) were added to a solution of **Int-176** (3.0 g, 2.44 mmol) and 4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethyl benzaldehyde (0.533 g, 2.33 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (30 mL), and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2h. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to afford **Int-179** (3.5 g, quantitative), which was used in the next step without further purification. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.94(s, 1H), 7.62 (s, 2H), 5.36 (d, J = 16.8 Hz, 5H), 4.33(dd, J = 7.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 5H), 2.18 (s, 6H) 2.02(m, 8H) 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 46H), 1.10(d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

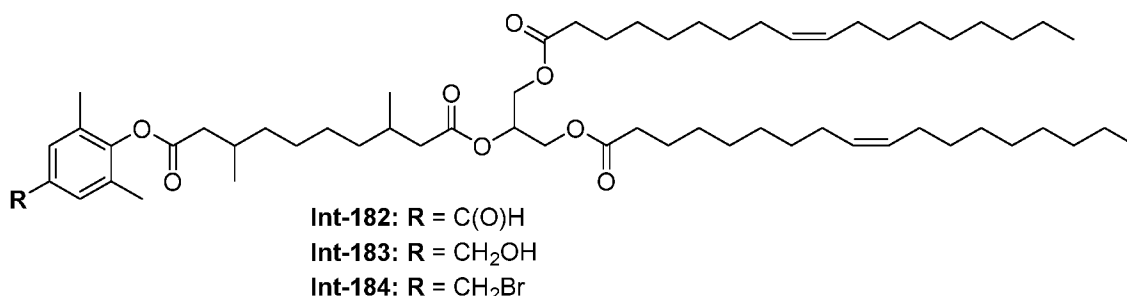
[00698] Sodium borohydride (0.139 g, 2.04 mmol) was added portionwise to a solution of **Int-179** (3.5 g, 2.04 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) and THF (20 mL) at 0°C, and the resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 10 min. The reaction mixture was acidified to pH 4 by addition of 1 N HCl (10 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 75 mL). The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulphate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 7-10% ethyl acetate/hexanes, to afford **Int-180** (2.6 g, 75%). ¹H

NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.09 (s, 2H), 5.36 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 5H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.33(dd, J = 7.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.47(m, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 5H), 2.18 (s, 6H) 2.02(m, 8H) 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 46H), 1.10(d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

[00699] Carbon tetrabromide (1.32 g, 2.15 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (1.25 g, 2.58 mmol) were added to **Int-180** (1.5 g, 0.860 mmol) in CHCl₃ (15 mL) at room temperature. The reaction was stirred at 70 °C for 2 h. The reaction mixture was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), with product eluting at 7-7.5% ethyl acetate/hexane, to afford **Int-181** (500 mg, 31%) as a colorless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (s, 2H), 5.42 – 5.27 (m, 5H), 4.44 (s, 2H) 4.34 (dd, J = 12.6 Hz, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 12.6 Hz, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.47(m, 2H), 2.33 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 5H), 2.18 (s, 6H) 2.02 (m, 8H) 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 46H), 1.10(d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.21 (2C), 172.07 (1C), 170.60 (1C), 148.31 (1C), 135.12 (1C), 130.70 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.72 (2C), 129.33 (1C), 69.00 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 41.65 (1C), 34.00 (2C), 33.97 (1C), 33.87 (1C), 33.81 (1C), 33.06 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 30.56 (1C), 30.50 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 30.33 (1C), 29.78-29.12 (18C), 27.24 (2C), 24.85 (2C), 22.68 (2C), 19.90 (1C), 19.71 (1C), 16.48 (2C), 14.10 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1019.04 (M+18).

[00700] DMPHB-C10 β ' β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-184):

[00701] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, compounds **Int-182**, **Int-183**, and **Int-184** were prepared from **Int-172**:



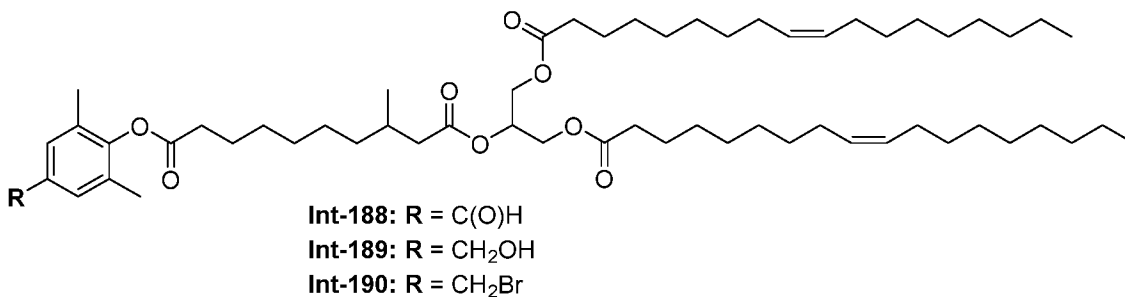
[00702] DMPHB-C10 β ' β Me-aldehyde-2-TG-oleate (Int-182) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.94(s, 1H), 7.63 (s, 2H), 5.36 (m, 5H), 4.33(dd, J = 7.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 7.8, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 5H), 2.18 (s, 6H) 2.02 (m, 8H) 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.32 (m, 50H), 1.09(d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

[00703] DMPHB-C10 β 'Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-183) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.09 (s, 2H), 5.36 (m, 5H), 4.63 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 7.6, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 7.8, 5.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 5H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 2.02 (m, 8H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.29 (m, 50H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H).

[00704] DMPHB-C10 β 'Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-184) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13 (s, 2H), 5.38 (m, 5H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.8, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.33 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 5H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 2.02 (m, 8H), 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.26 (m, 50H), 1.10 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, $J = 20$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.21 (2C), 172.07 (1C), 170.60 (1C), 148.31 (1C), 135.12 (1C), 130.70 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.72 (2C), 129.33 (1C), 69.00 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 41.65 (1C), 34.00 (2C), 33.97 (1C), 33.87 (1C), 33.81 (1C), 33.06 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 30.56 (1C), 30.50 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 30.33 (1C), 29.78-29.12 (20C), 27.24 (2C), 24.85 (2C), 22.68 (2C), 19.82 (1C), 19.53 (1C), 16.46 (2C), 14.08 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1049.04 (M+18).

[00705] DMPHB-C10 β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-189):

[00706] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, compounds **Int-188**, **Int-189**, and **Int-190** were prepared from **Int-187**:



[00707] DMPHB-C10 β Me-aldehyde-2-TG-oleate (Int-188) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 5.38 – 5.32 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dt, $J = 14.9, 6.8$ Hz, 5H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 2.18 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.02 (m, 8H), 1.83 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.30 (m, 48H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H).

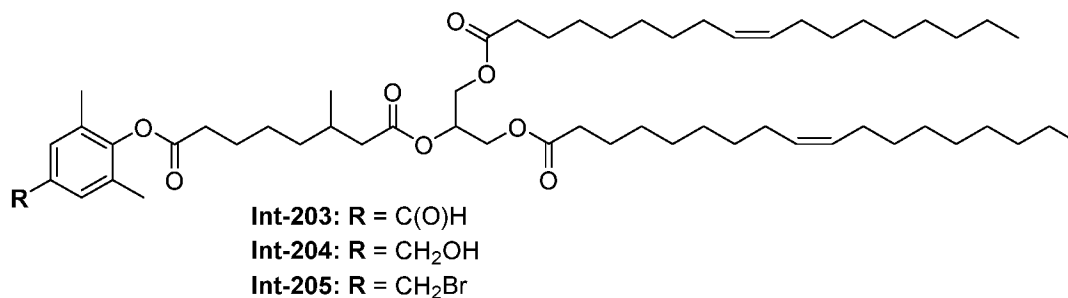
[00708] DMPHB-C10 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-189) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.11 (s, 2H), 5.42 – 5.31 (m, 5H), 4.65 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 12.2, 6.1$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dt, $J = 14.9, 6.8$ Hz, 5H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.02

(m, 8H), 1.83 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.30 (m, 48H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H).

[00709] DMPHB-C10 β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-190) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13 (s, 2H), 5.38-5.32 (m, 5H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 12.6$ Hz, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 12.6$ Hz, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dt, $J = 14.9$, 6.8 Hz, 5H), 2.18 (s, 6H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.05-2.02 (m, 8H), 1.83 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.65-1.59 (m, 4H), 1.47-1.30 (m, 48H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.26 (2C), 172.27 (1C), 171.31 (1C), 148.23 (1C), 135.08 (1C), 130.70 (2C), 130.02 (2C), 129.71 (2C), 129.31 (2C), 68.83 (1C), 62.14 (2C), 41.65 (1C), 36.60 (1C), 34.02 (2C), 33.16 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 30.30 - 29.11 (21C), 27.22 (2C), 26.76 (1C), 25.63 (1C), 25.06 (1C), 24.83 (2C), 22.69 (2C), 19.52 (1C), 16.38 (2C), 14.13 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1033.16 (M+18).

[00710] DMPHB-C8 β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-205):

[00711] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, compounds **Int-203**, **Int-204**, and **Int-205** were prepared from **Int-178**:



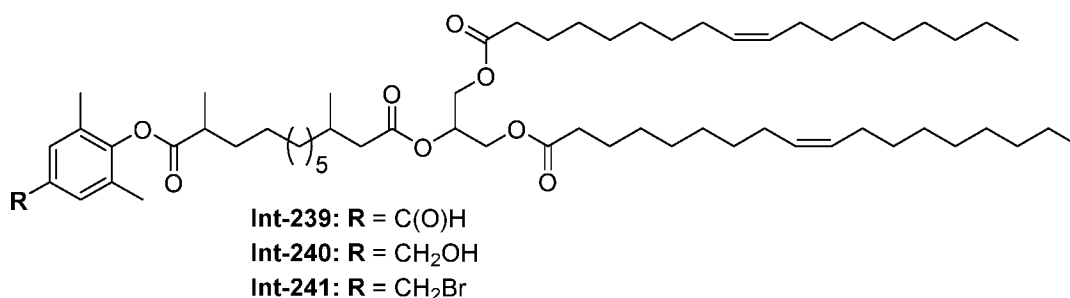
[00712] DMPHB-C8 β Me-aldehyde-2-TG-oleate (Int-203) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 5.36 (m, 5H), 4.36 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (dd, $J = 7.8$, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.71 (dt, $J = 21.3$, 8.1 Hz, 1H), 2.48 (m, 2H), 2.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 5H), 2.25 (s, 6H), 2.03 (m, 8H), 1.64 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.49 - 1.26 (m, 46H), 1.18 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 0.99 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.91 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H).

[00713] DMPHB-C8 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-204) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.09 (s, 2H), 5.36 (m, 5H), 4.64 (d, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 7.6$, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 7.8$, 5.5 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, $J = 12$ Hz, 1H), 2.47 (m, 2H), 2.39 (m, 5H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.03 (q, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 8H), 1.62 (d, $J = 17.5$ Hz, 4H), 1.31 - 1.28 (m, 46H), 1.08 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 2H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6H).

[00714] DMPHB-C8 β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-205) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.02 (s, 2H), 5.36 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 4H), 5.30 (s, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.34 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 14.8 Hz, 2H), 2.39 (m, 4H), 2.14 (s, 6H), 2.03 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 7H), 1.80 (s, 2H), 1.62 (t, J = 20.4 Hz, 15H), 1.48 – 1.28 (m, 38H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 0.90 (m, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.26 (2C), 172.13 (1C), 171.17 (1C), 148.24 (1C), 135.13 (1C), 130.70 (2C), 130.05 (2C), 129.73 (2C), 129.34 (2C), 68.96 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 41.60 (1C), 36.26 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 33.92 (1C), 33.13 (1C), 31.93 (2C), 30.18 (1C), 29.79-29.13 (16C), 27.25 (2C), 27.20 (1C), 26.57 (1C), 25.18 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 22.71 (2C), 19.49 (1C), 19.25 (1C), 16.39 (2C), 14.14 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1004.94 (M+18).

[00715] DMPHB-C12 α' β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-241):

[00716] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, compounds **Int-239**, **Int-240**, and **Int-241** were prepared from **Int-231**:



[00717] DMPHB-C12 α' β Me-aldehyde-2-TG-oleate (Int-239) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 5.42 – 5.30 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.1 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 5H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.91 (m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 7H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.34 (m, 50H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

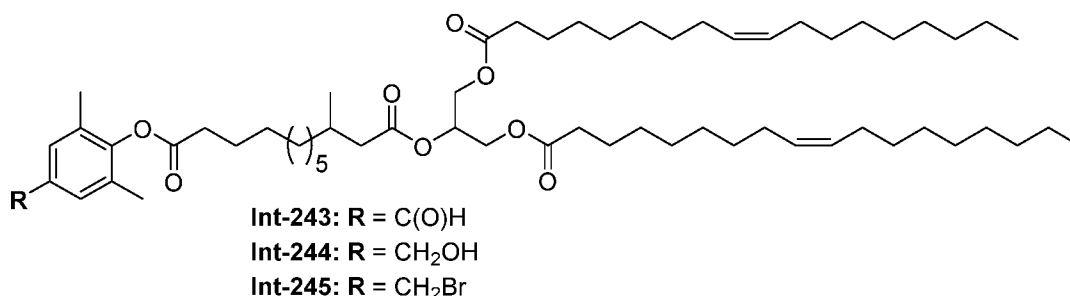
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[00719] DMPHB-C12 α' β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-241) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13 (s, 2H), 5.42 – 5.30 (m, 5H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 4.20-4.19 (dd, J = 12.2, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.80 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 5H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.13 (m, 2H),

2.05 (m, 8H), 1.91(m, 2H), 1.64 (m, 7H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.34 (m, 50H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.33 (1C), 173.31 (2C), 172.37 (1C), 148.23 (1C), 135.02 (1C), 130.74 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.74 (2C), 129.39 (3C), 68.82 (1C), 62.19 (2C), 41.72 (1C), 39.79 (1C), 36.72 (1C), 34.06 (2C), 33.67 (1C), 33.25 (1C), 31.95 (2C), 30.40 (1C), 29.81-29.13 (21C), 27.44 (1C), 27.21 (2C), 26.95 (1C), 24.87 (2C), 22.74 (2C), 19.59 (1C), 17.47 (1C), 16.49 (2C), 14.18 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1077.01 (M+18).

[00720] DMPHB-C12 β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-245):

[00721] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, compounds **Int-243**, **Int-244**, and **Int-245** were prepared from **Int-236**:



[00722] DMPHB-C12 β Me-aldehyde-2-TG-oleate (Int-243) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 5.45 – 5.28 (m, 5H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dt, $J = 14.9, 6.8$ Hz, 5H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.13 (m, 2H), 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.83 (q, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 4H), 1.48 (m, 2H), 1.34 (m, 50H), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H).

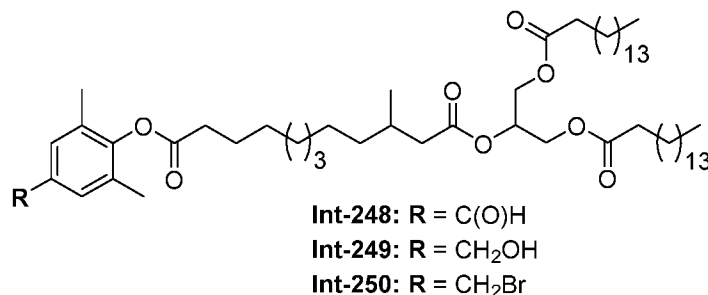
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[00724] DMPHB-C12 β Me-bromide-2-TG-oleate (Int-245) ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.13 (s, 2H), 5.42 – 5.31 (m, 5H), 4.46 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.63 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.37 (dt, $J = 14.9, 6.8$ Hz, 5H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 2.05 (m, 10H), 1.90 (dq, $J = 15.0, 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.63 (tt, $J = 15.7, 7.0$ Hz, 4H), 1.47 (m, 2H), 1.30 (m, 50H), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.31 (2C), 172.37 (1C), 171.42 (1C), 148.27 (1C), 135.08 (1C), 130.74 (2C), 130.05 (2C), 129.74 (2C), 129.35 (2C), 68.82

(1C), 62.19 (1C), 41.72 (1C), 36.71 (1C), 34.06 (2C), 33.23 (1C), 31.95 (2C), 30.39 (1C), 29.81 - 29.13 (24C), 27.26 (2C), 27.21 (1C), 25.15 (1C), 24.87 (2C), 22.74 (2C), 19.59 (1C), 16.42 (2C), 14.18 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1062.98 (M+18).

[00725] DMPHB-C12 β Me-bromide-2-TG (Int-250):

[00726] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, compounds **Int-248**, **Int-249**, and **Int-250** were prepared from **Int-247**:

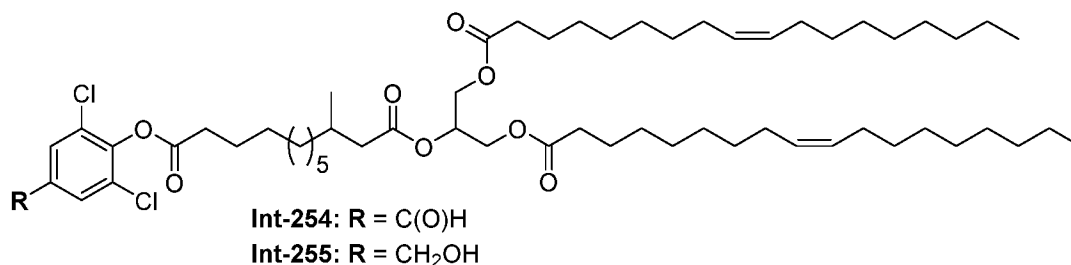


[00727] DMPHB-C12 β Me-aldehyde-2-TG (Int-248) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.96 (s, 1H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.30 (s, 1H), 5.37 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.27 (s, 6H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.84 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.48 (dd, J = 10.3, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.36 – 1.30 (m, 62H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

[00728] DMPHB-C12 β Me-OH-2-TG (Int-249) ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.12 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 5.37 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.66 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.7 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 12.2, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.64 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 1.98 (s, 1H), 1.83 (p, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.69 – 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.48 (dd, J = 10.3, 5.3 Hz, 2H), 1.29 (m, 62H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H).

[00729] DCPHB-C12 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-255):

[00730] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, using 4-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro benzaldehyde instead of 4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethyl benzaldehyde, compounds **Int-254** and **Int-255** were prepared from **Int-236**:

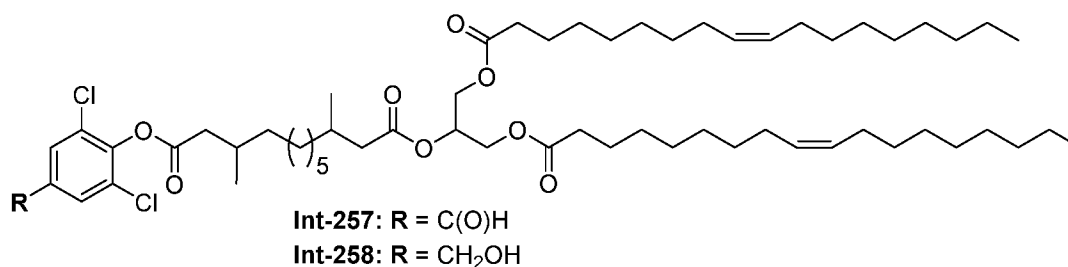


[00731] **DCPHB-C12 β Me-aldehyde-2-TG-oleate (Int-254)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.93 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 2H), 5.36 – 5.30 (m, 5H), 4.32–4.29 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18–4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (m, 2H), 2.34–2.31 (m, 4H), 2.03 (m, 9H), 1.63 (m, 6H), 1.31 (m, 54H), 0.96 (m, 9H).

[00732] **DCPHB-C12 β Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-255)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (s, 2H), 5.39 – 5.31 (m, 5H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.34 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.36 (m, 4H), 2.06 (m, 9H) 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 58H), 0.93 (m, 9H).

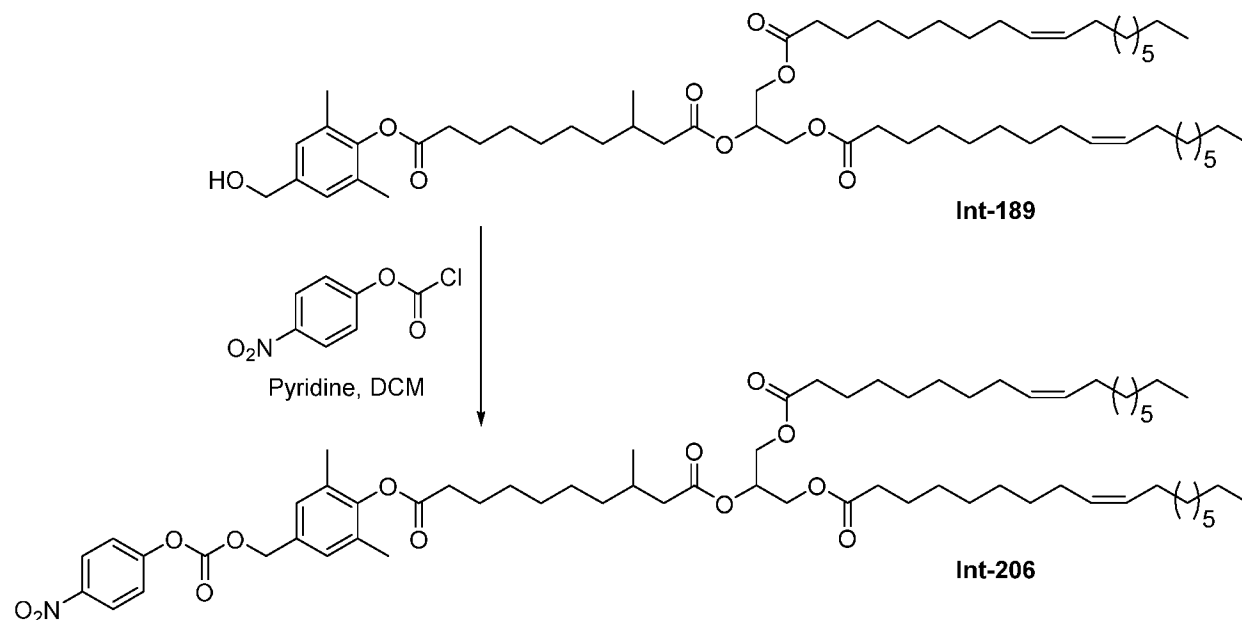
[00733] **DCPHB-C12 β' Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-258):**

[00734] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-181**, using 4-hydroxy-3,5-dichloro benzaldehyde instead of 4-hydroxy-3,5-dimethyl benzaldehyde, compounds **Int-257** and **Int-258** were prepared from **Int-174**:



[00735] **DCPHB-C12 β' Me-aldehyde-2-TG-oleate (Int-257)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.95 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 2H), 5.40 – 5.32 (m, 5H), 4.35–4.31 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.21–4.16 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.72 (m, 1H), 2.55 (m, 1H), 2.36 (m, 4H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 2.08 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 58H), 1.12 (m, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (m, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.92 (m, 6H).

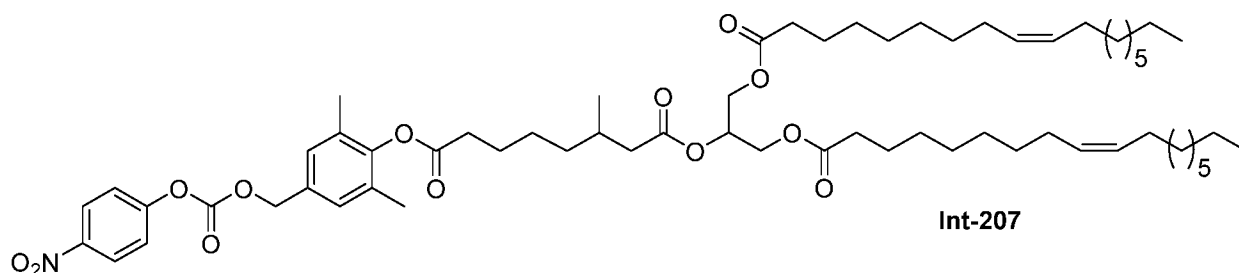
[00736] **DCPHB-C12 β' Me-OH-2-TG-oleate (Int-258)** ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.41 (s, 2H), 5.38 – 5.32 (m, 5H), 4.71 (s, 2H), 4.34 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.35 (m, 4H), 2.06 (m, 8H) 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 59H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.90 (m, 6H).

[00737] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C10 β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-206):**Scheme 46-A. Synthesis of Int-206.**

[00738] Pyridine (0.52 mg, 6.63 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of **Int-189** (2.4 g, 2.21 mmol) and 4-nitrophenylchloroformate (1.33 g, 6.63 mmol) in DCM (20 mL) at 0 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated then diluted with water (50 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 50 mL), and the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting oil was purified silica gel chromatography (9% ethyl acetate/hexanes) to afford **Int-206** (1.5 g, 53 %) as a yellowish oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.33 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H) 5.38-5.32 (m, 5H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.35 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (dd, J = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.66- 2.63 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.40 (m, 4H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 2.05 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 8H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.61 (s, 4H), 1.46 (m, 2H), 1.33 (m, 46 H), 0.98 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (t, J = 13.2 Hz, 9H).

[00739] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C8 β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-207):

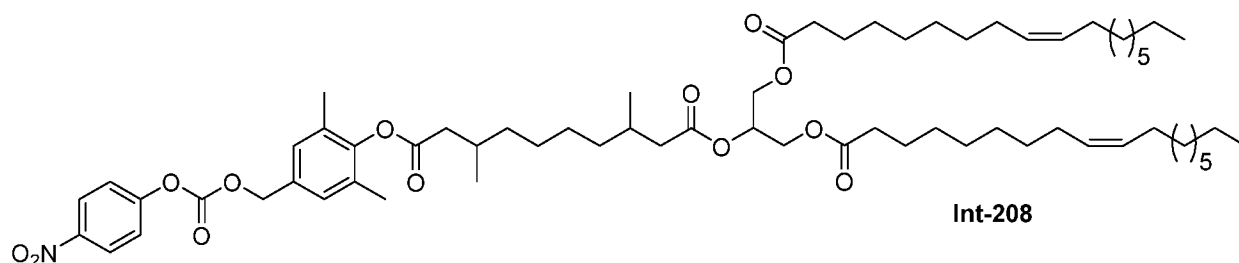
[00740] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-207** was prepared from **Int-205**:



[00741] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (s, 2H) 5.40-5.29 (m, 5H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 11.9$, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9$, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.66- 2.63(m, 2H), 2.39(m, 4H), 2.20 (s, 9H), 2.03 (m, 8H), 1.81(s, 2H), 1.61 (m,6H), 1.57 (m,2H), 1.33 (m, 40H), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.18 (2C), 172.19 (1C), 170.72 (1C), 155.58 (1C), 152.44 (1C), 148.87 (1C), 145.47 (1C), 131.57 (1C), 130.83 (2C), 130.03 (2C), 129.71 (2C), 129.11 (2C), 125.26 (2C), 121.77 (2C), 70.55 (1C), 68.93 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 41.66 (1C), 34.04 (2C), 33.98 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 30.55 (1C), 30.30 (1C), 29.77 - 29.11 (18C), 27.23 (2C), 27.18 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.66 (2C), 19.82 (1C), 19.54 (1C), 16.49 (2C), 14.19 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1108.13 (M+18).

[00742] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C10 β ' β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-208):

[00743] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-208** was prepared from **Int-183**:

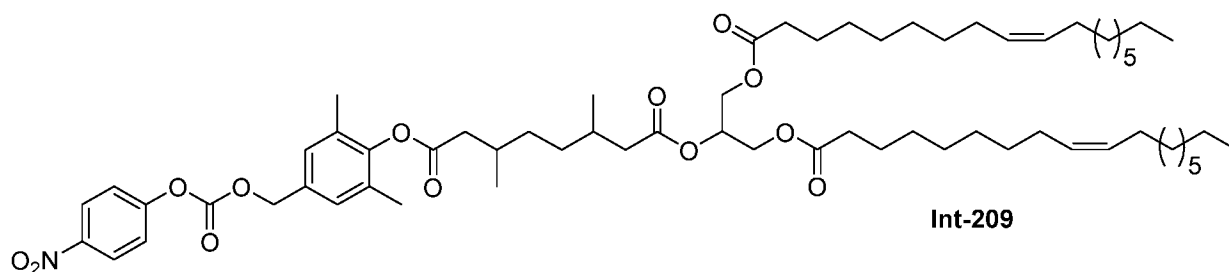


[00744] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H) 5.38-5.32 (m, 5H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 11.9$, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9$, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.64- 2.63 (m, 1H), 2.48-2.46 (m, 2H), 2.36 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 5H), 2.21 (s, 6H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.04 (m, 6H), 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.33 (m, 50H), 1.09 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.97 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.18 (2C), 172.19 (1C), 170.72 (1C), 155.58 (1C), 152.44 (1C), 148.87 (1C), 145.47 (1C), 131.57 (1C), 130.83 (2C), 130.03 (2C),

129.71 (2C), 129.11 (2C), 125.26 (2C), 121.77 (2C), 70.55 (1C), 68.93 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 41.66 (1C), 34.04 (2C), 33.98 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 30.55 (1C), 30.30 (1C), 29.77-29.11 (20C), 27.23 (2C), 27.18 (2C), 24.85 (2C), 22.66 (2C), 19.82 (1C), 19.54 (1C), 16.49 (2C), 14.19 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1150.15 (M+18).

[00745] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C8 β ' β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-209):

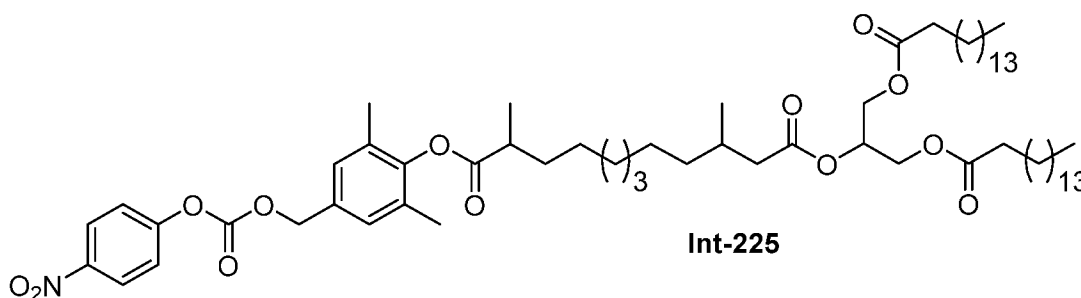
[00746] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-209** was prepared from **Int-180**:



[00747] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.31 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.17 (s, 2H), 5.41 – 5.30 (m, 5H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.34 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.66- 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.48 – 2.45 (m, 1H), 2.36 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 2.03 (m, 6H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.24 (m, 50H), 1.08 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.20 (2C), 172.05 (1C), 170.61 (1C), 155.58 (1C), 152.44 (1C), 148.84 (1C), 145.47 (1C), 131.60 (1C), 130.81 (2C), 130.04 (2C), 129.71 (2C), 129.13 (2C), 125.28 (2C), 121.78 (2C), 70.55 (1C), 69.01 (1C), 62.13 (2C), 41.65 (1C), 34.04 (2C), 33.98 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 30.55 (1C), 30.51 (1C), 29.77 - 29.11 (19C), 27.24 (2C), 27.19 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.67 (2C), 19.90 (1C), 19.71 (1C), 16.51 (2C), 14.20 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1122.06 (M+18).

[00748] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C12a' β Me-2-TG (Int-225):

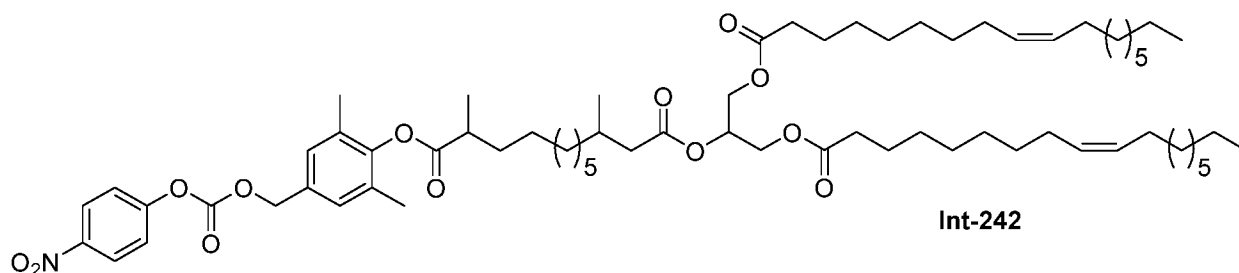
[00749] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-225** was prepared from **Int-134**:



[00750] ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.14 (s, 2H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 3.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.33 (dd, $J = 14.8, 5.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.30 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.12 (dd, $J = 14.8, 8.3$ Hz, 1H), 1.99 – 1.81 (m, 2H), 1.66 – 1.50 (m, 5H), 1.47 – 1.17 (m, 60H), 1.35 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.4 (C), 173.4 (2C; C), 172.4 (C), 155.7 (C), 152.6 (C), 148.9 (C), 131.6 (C), 130.9 (2C; C), 129.3 (2C; CH), 125.4 (2C; CH), 121.9 (2C; CH), 70.7 (CH_2), 69.0 (CH), 62.3 (2C; CH_2), 41.8 (CH_2), 39.9 (CH), 36.8 (CH_2), 34.2 (2C; CH_2), 33.8 (CH_2), 32.1 (2C; CH_2), 30.5 (CH), 29.87 (CH_2), 29.83 (6C; CH_2), 29.79 (4C; CH_2), 29.75 (2C; CH_2), 29.66 (2C; CH_2), 29.60 (2C; CH_2), 29.5 (2C; CH_2), 29.4 (2C; CH_2), 29.3 (2C; CH_2), 27.5 (CH_2), 27.0 (CH_2), 25.0 (2C; CH_2), 22.8 (2C; CH_2), 19.7 (CH_3), 17.5 (CH_3), 16.6 (2C; CH_3), 14.2 (2C; CH_3).

[00751] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C12a' β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-242):

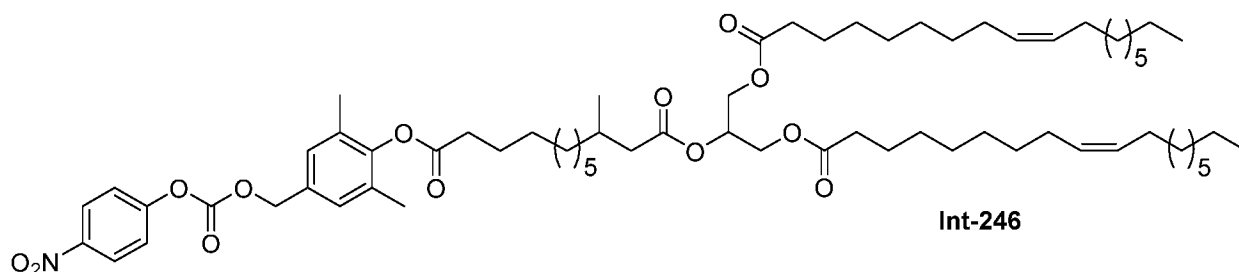
[00752] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-242** was prepared from **Int-240**:



[00753] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.29 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.27 (s, 2H), 5.35-5.26 (m, 5H), 5.23 (s, 2H), 4.32-4.28 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.18-4.13 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.34 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 5H), 2.17 (s, 6H), 2.03 (p, $J = 7.2, 6.6$ Hz, 8H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 1.63 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.49 – 1.09 (m, 57H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.35 (2C), 172.38 (1C), 171.46 (1C), 155.55 (1C), 152.46 (1C), 148.80 (1C), 145.42 (1C), 131.52 (1C), 130.84 (1C), 129.19 (2C), 125.27 (2C), 121.78 (2C), 70.60 (1C), 68.83 (1C), 62.17 (2C), 41.73 (1C), 36.71 (1C), 34.08 (2C), 31.97 (2C), 30.39 (1C), 29.74 - 29.16 (27C), 27.24 (2C), 27.19 (2C), 26.76 (1C), 25.07 (1C), 24.89 (2C), 22.74 (2C), 19.59 (1C), 16.45 (2C), 14.17 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1178.26 ($M+18$).

[00754] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C12 β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-246):

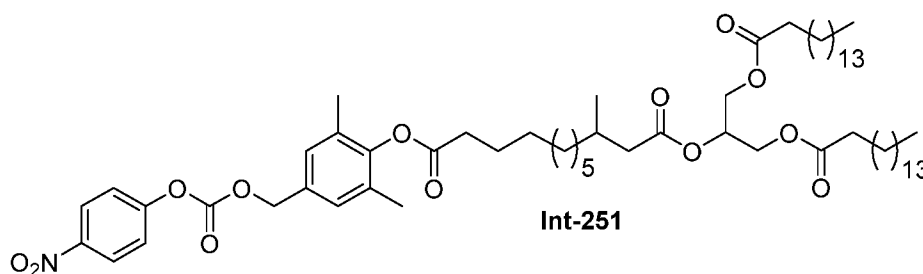
[00755] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-246** was prepared from **Int-244**:



[00756] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (s, 2H), 5.38 – 5.32 (m, 5H), 5.25 (s, 2H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 12.0, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.35 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 5H), 2.20 (s, 6H), 2.04 (q, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 8H), 1.83 (p, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 2H), 1.71 – 1.52 (m, 4H), 1.52 – 1.02 (m, 54H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 174.25 (1C), 173.20 (2C), 172.26 (1C), 155.56 (1C), 152.44 (1C), 148.82 (1C), 145.45 (1C), 131.55 (1C), 130.83 (1C), 130.02 (2C), 129.71 (2C), 129.11 (2C), 125.27 (2C), 121.78 (2C), 70.57 (1C), 68.88 (1C), 62.17 (2C), 41.70 (1C), 39.77 (1C), 36.70 (1C), 34.04 (2C), 33.65 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 30.36 (1C), 29.78 - 29.11 (19C), 27.41 (1C), 27.23 (2C), 27.19 (2C), 26.91 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 22.68 (2C), 19.57 (1C), 17.37 (1C), 16.39 (2C), 14.09 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1164.16 (M+18).

[00757] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C12 β Me-2-TG (Int-246):

[00758] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-251** was prepared from **Int-249**:

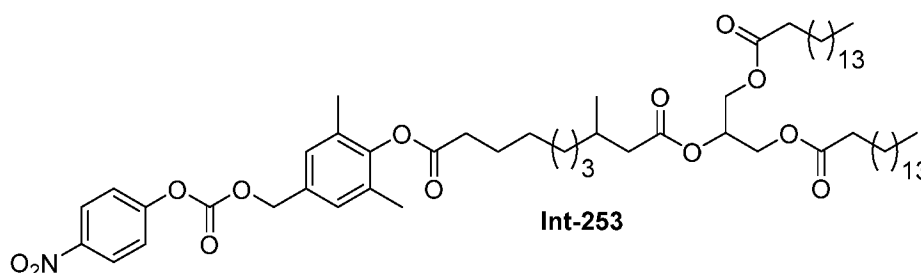


[00759] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.32 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2H), 7.20 (s, 2H), 5.32 (s, 2H), 5.26 (m, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 2.67 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.36 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 6H), 1.98 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.29 (m, 62H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 173.35 (2C), 172.38 (1C), 171.46 (1C), 155.55 (1C), 152.46 (1C), 148.80 (1C), 145.42 (1C), 131.52 (1C), 130.84 (1C), 129.19 (2C), 125.33 (2C), 121.84 (2C), 70.60 (1C), 68.83 (1C), 62.17 (1C), 41.73 (1C), 36.71 (1C), 34.08 (2C), 31.97 (2C), 30.39 (1C), 29.74 - 29.16 (27C), 26.95

(1C), 25.15 (1C), 24.89 (2C), 22.74 (2C), 19.59 (1C), 16.45 (2C), 14.17 (2C); MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1112.05 (M+18).

[00760] CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C10 β Me-2-TG (Int-253):

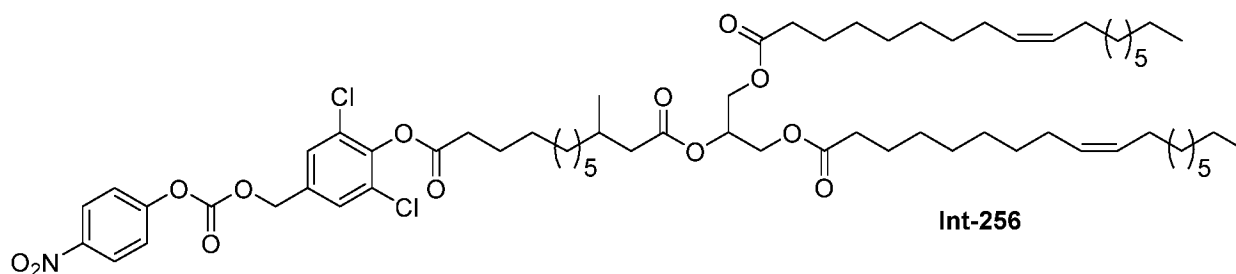
[00761] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-253** was prepared from **Int-146**:



[00762] ^1H NMR (401 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.30 – 8.24 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.15 (s, 2H), 5.27 (m, 1H), 5.21 (s, 2H), 4.29 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.1 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 2.61 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.33 (dd, J = 14.7, 5.8 Hz, 1H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.13 (dd, J = 14.7, 8.3 Hz, 1H), 1.95 (m, 1H), 1.84 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.65 – 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.49 – 1.16 (m, 56H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, J = 6.9 Hz, 6H).

[00763] CDCPHB-(OPNP)-C12 β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-256):

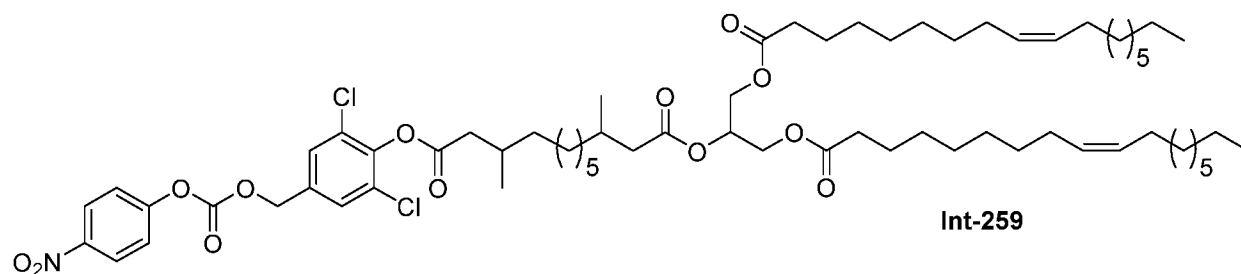
[00764] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-256** was prepared from **Int-255**:



[00765] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.35-8.32 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (m, 4H), 5.34 (m, 5H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 4.35-4.31 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.20-4.16 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.73 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.38 (m, 6H), 2.05 (m, 9H), 1.30 (m, 58H), 0.93 (m, 9H).

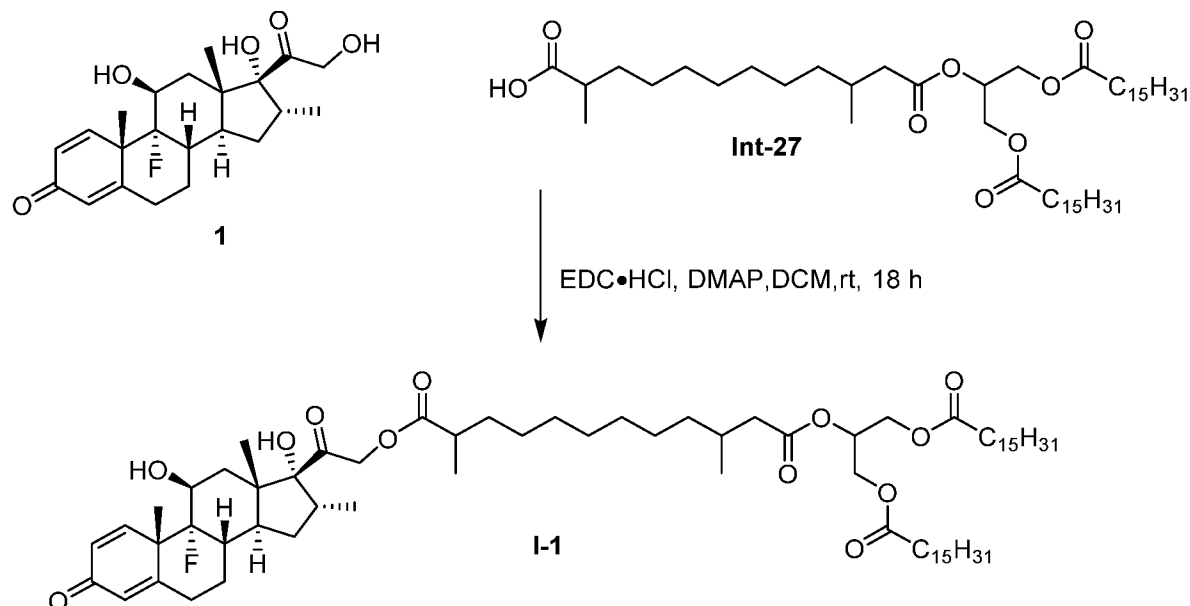
[00766] CDCPHB-(OPNP)-C12 β' Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-259):

[00767] Using the procedures described for the synthesis of **Int-206**, compound **Int-259** was prepared from **Int-258**:



[00768] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.33-8.30 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.51 (m, 4H), 5.31 (m, 5H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.33-4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.18-4.11 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.71 (m, 1H), 2.50 (m, 1H), 2.38 (m, 6H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 2.06 (m, 8H), 1.30 (m, 56H), 1.11 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (m, 6H).

Example 2: Synthesis of 12-(1,3-bis(palmitoyloxy)propan-2-yl)1-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl)2,10-dimethyldodecanedioate (DEX-C12a'bMe-2-TG) (I-1)

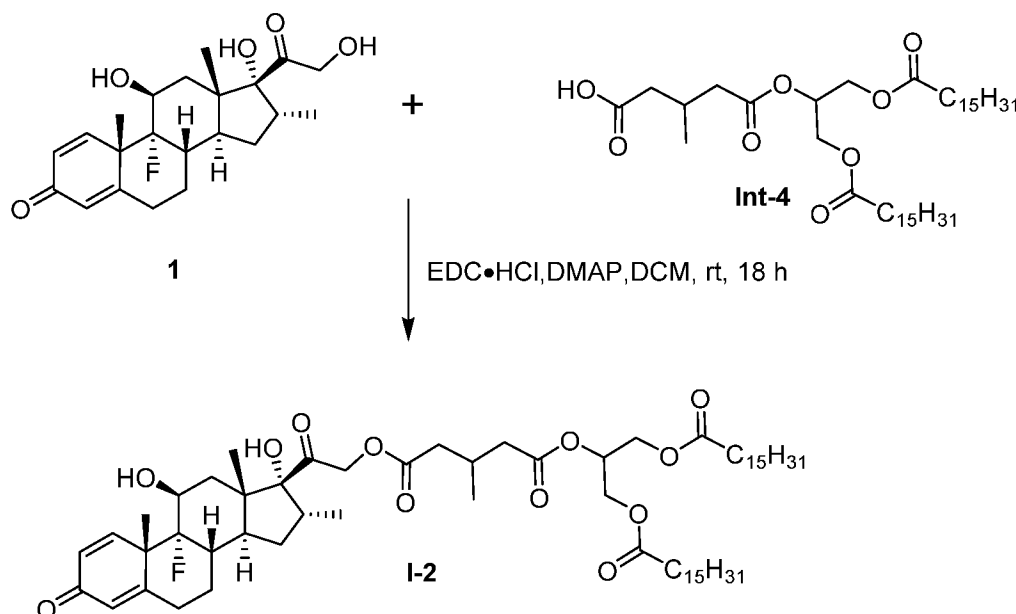


Scheme 47. Synthesis of I-1

[00769] Synthesis of I-1: To a solution of compound **Int-27** (0.250 g, 0.309 mmol) in DCM (20 ml) were added Dexamethasone (**1**) (0.097 g, 0.247 mmol) and DMAP (0.038 g, 0.309 mmol) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 10 min, then EDC•HCl (0.147 g, 0.772 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for an additional 18 h. The reaction was monitored

by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was evaporated *in vacuo* to yield the desired compound, which was purified by combiflash, with the desired compound eluting with 20% Ethyl acetate / Hexane as a mobile phase. The pure fraction was evaporated to yield pure compound **I-1** (0.100 g, 26%) as a viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.30 (m, 1H), 4.88 (dd, $J = 6.8, 3.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.39 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.28 – 3.09 (m, 1H), 2.59 (dq, $J = 19.9, 7.0, 6.5$ Hz, 2H), 2.48 – 2.28 (m, 8H), 2.22 – 2.10 (m, 3H), 1.95 (s, 1H), 1.82 – 1.78 (m, 3H), 1.71 – 1.67 (m, 3H), 1.55 (s, 4H), 1.29 (d, $J = 13.5$ Hz, 66H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.92 (dt, $J = 16.7, 6.7$ Hz, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.86 (1C), 186.69 (1C), 176.96 (1C), 173.37 (2C), 172.42 (1C), 166.27 (1C), 152.31 (1C), 129.76 (1C), 125.06 (1C), 101.10 (1C), 99.35 (1C), 91.13 (1C), 72.27 (1C), 71.88 (1C), 68.80 (1C), 68.22 (1C), 68.14 (1C), 62.14 (2C), 48.40 (1C), 48.36 (1C), 43.99 (1C), 41.69 (1C), 39.25 (1C), 36.62 (1C), 35.91 (1C), 34.27 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 33.63 (1C), 32.24 (1C), 31.94 (2C), 31.03 (1C), 30.35 (1C), 29.71-29.12 (20C), 27.38 (1C), 27.05 (1C), 26.87 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 22.97 (1C), 22.91 (2C), 19.58 (1C), 17.16 (1C), 17.00 (1C), 16.52 (1C), 14.68 (1C), 14.15 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 98.74% purity; HPLC (uv-240 nm): 95.96% purity; LCMS: 94.22 % purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1184.0 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$).

Example 3: Synthesis of 1-(1,3-bis(palmitoyloxy)propan-2-yl)-5-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl)-3-methylpentanedioate (DEX-C5bMe-2-TG) (I-2)



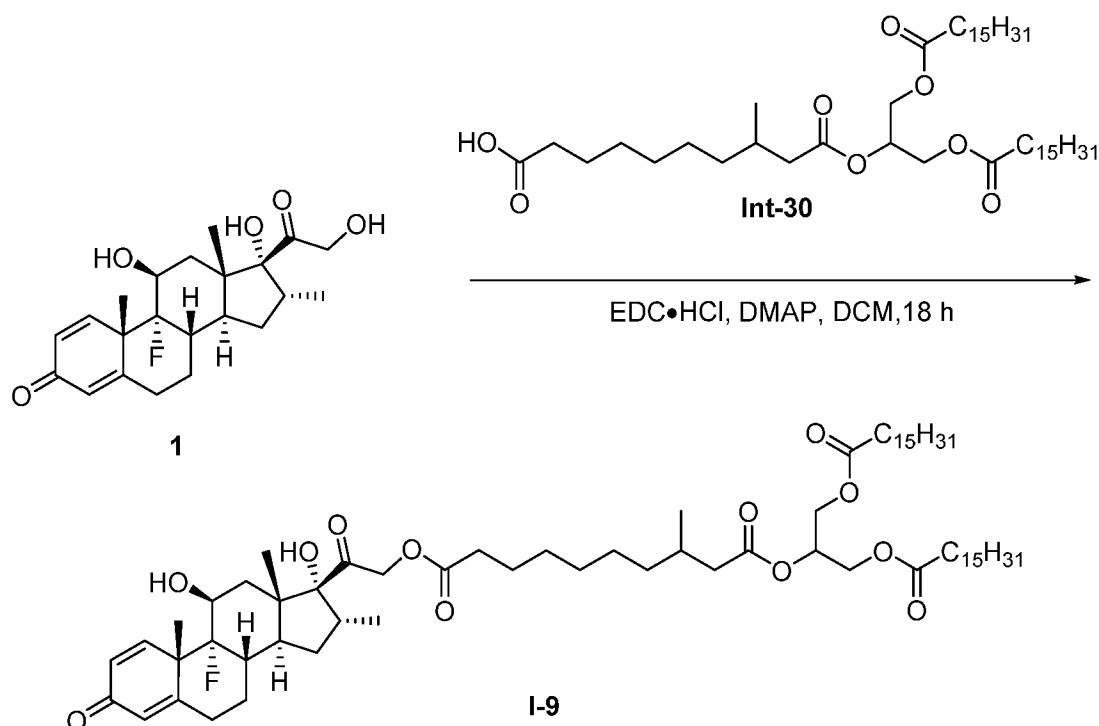
Scheme 48. Synthesis of I-2

[00770] Synthesis of I-2: To a solution of compound **Int-4** (0.250 g, 0.358 mmol) in DCM (20 ml) were added Dexamethasone (**1**) (0.112 g, 0.286 mmol) and DMAP (0.044 g, 0.358 mmol) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 10 min, then EDC·HCl (0.171 g, 0.896 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 18 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was evaporated *in vacuo* to obtain a crude material which was purified by combi flash purification. The desired product was eluted with 20% Ethyl acetate / Hexane as a mobile phase. The pure fraction was evaporated to obtain **I-2** (0.100 g, 26%) as a white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.26 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, *J* = 10.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (d, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 5.32 (p, *J* = 5.1, 4.5 Hz, 1H), 5.03 – 4.89 (m, 2H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (ddt, *J* = 11.1, 7.3, 3.5 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (ddd, *J* = 13.8, 10.1, 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.59 - 2.30 (m, 12H), 2.20 (m, 1H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.79 (ddt, *J* = 34.6, 22.9, 11.7 Hz, 1H), 1.75 (s, 1H), 1.62 (m, 5H), 1.29 (s, 50H), 1.14 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (s, 3H), 0.92 (td, *J* = 11.8, 11.1, 6.1 Hz, 12H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.73(1C), 186.70(1C), 173.67(1C), 173.51(1C), 172.02(1C), 171.44(1C), 166.28(1C), 152.35(1C), 129.74(1C), 125.06(1C), 101.11(1C), 99.36(1C), 91.12(1C), 72.21(1C), 71.83(1C), 68.94(1C), 68.44(1C),

62.15(1C), 48.45(1C), 48.19(1C), 44.01(1C), 40.71(1C), 40.52(1C), 40.27(1C), 36.40(1C), 35.94(1C), 34.27(1C), 34.05(2C), 32.24(1C), 31.94(2C), 31.03(1C), 29.71-, 29.12(18C), 27.54(1C), 27.39(1C), 24.84(2C), 23.00(1C), 22.94(2C), 20.12(1C), 16.50(1C), 14.69(1C), 14.15(2C); HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity; HPLC (uv-215 nm): 98.19 % purity; LCMS: 100 % purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1072 (M+H⁺).

Example 4: Synthesis of Compounds without an SI Group

[00771] 1-(1,3-bis(palmitoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 10-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3-methyldecanedioate (DEX-C10 β Me-2-TG) (I-9)

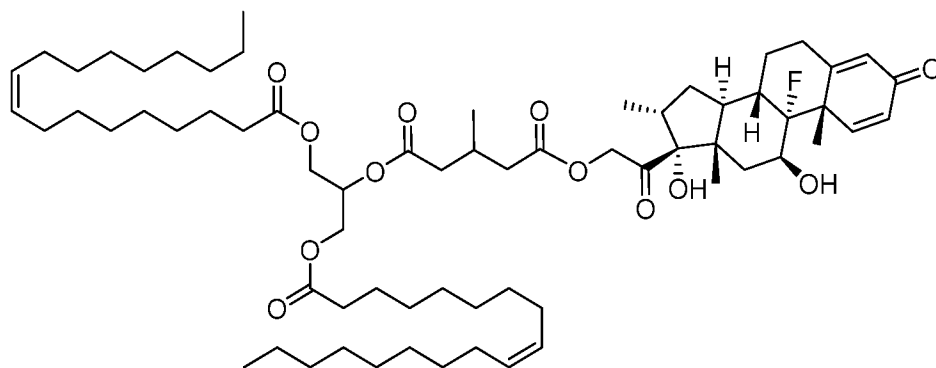


Scheme 49. Synthesis of I-9

[00772] To a solution of compound **Int-30** (0.150 g, 0.195 mmol) in DCM (10 ml) were added Dexamethasone (**1**) (0.061 g, 0.156 mmol) and DMAP (0.024 g, 0.195 mmol) at rt. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 10 min, then EDC hydrochloride (0.093 g, 0.488 mmol) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for an additional 18 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was evaporated *in vacuo* to yield the crude product, which was purified by combiflash purification. The desired compound was eluted

with 25% Ethyl acetate / Hexane as the mobile phase, and the desired fraction was evaporated to yield pure **I-9** (0.070 g, 31%) as a viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.38(d, J = 9.6 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.31(s, 1H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 4.41 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.5 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.7, 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.64 (td, J = 14.0, 5.7 Hz, 1H), 2.46 – 2.34 (m, 12H), 2.17 (m, 3H), 1.97 (s, 1H), 1.88 -1.57 (m, 13H), 1.28 (m, 54H), 1.08 (m, 3H), 0.94 (dt, J = 18.5, 6.6 Hz, 12H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.93(1C), 186.69(1C), 173.74(1C), 173.39(2C), 172.39(1C), 166.23 (1C), 152.28(1C), 129.76(1C), 125.07(1C), 101.10(1C), 99.35(1C), 91.14(1C), 77.25(1C), 71.86(1C), 68.81(1C), 68.35(1C), 62.13(2C), 48.40(1C), 44.00(1C), 41.65(1C), 36.50(1C), 35.93(1C), 34.05(2C), 33.82(1C), 31.94(2C), 31.02(1C), 30.31(1C), 29.71- 28.94(26C), 27.37(1C), 26.64(1C), 24.85(1C), 24.79(1C), 22.91(2C), 19.59(1C), 16.52(1C), 14.67(1C), 14.16(2C). HPLC (ELSD): 99.36% purity; Solvent A: water; Solvent B: methanol; Phenomenex Gemini C6 PHENYL (250*4.6) mm, 5 μ ; HPLC (uv-240 nm): 95.50% purity; LCMS: 95.95 % purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1142.0(MH+1).

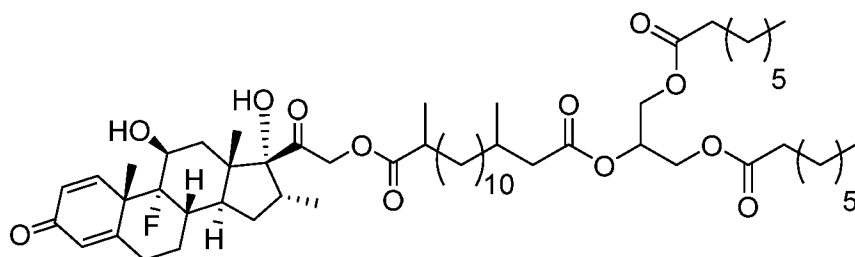
[00773] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 5-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3-methylpentanedioate (DEX-C5bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-8)



[00774] Synthesis of I-8: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-8** was prepared from **Int-210**. The desired product was purified by Preparative HPLC method using 25% MeOH:Water as eluent to yield pure **I-8** (0.120 g, 31.99%) as a colourless semi solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.30 (d, 1H), 6.39 (d, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H), 5.47 – 5.27 (m, 1H), 4.86-4.98 (m, 4), 4.32 (dt, J = 11.5, 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.20 (dt, J = 11.7, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.52 (dd, J = 14.8, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.51 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.36 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (p, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.92

– 1.71 (m, 8H), 1.69 (s, 2H), 1.41 – 1.27 (m, 54H), 1.21 – 1.06 (m, 12H), 0.93 (q, $J = 7.7, 7.0$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 204.71 (1C), 186.67 (1C), 173.66 (1C), 172.11 (1C), 166.16 (1C), 152.26 (1C), 130.07-129.73 (4C), 125.13 (1C), 91.14 (1C), 77.26 (1C), 68.98 (1C), 68.51 (1C), 62.18 (2C), 48.48 (1C), 44.07 (1C), 40.27 (2C), 36.35 (2C), 35.94 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 32.25 (2C), 31.94 (2C), 31.03 (2C), 29.80 (1C), 29.74 (1C), 29.56 (2C), 29.36-29.12 (14C), 27.57-27.40 (2C), 27.26-27.21 (2C), 24.84 (4C), 22.97 (1C), 22.73 (2C), 20.00 (1C), 16.50 (2C), 14.70 (1C), 14.17 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (UV-245 nm): 96.73 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1124.16 (MH+1).

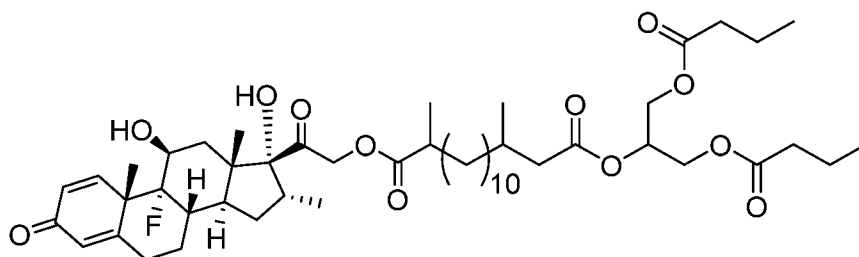
[00775] 15-(1,3-bis(octanoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 1-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 2,13-dimethylpentadecanedioate (DEX-C15a'bMe-2-TG-octanoate) (I-11)



[00776] Synthesis of I-11: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-11** was prepared from **Int-220**. The desired product was directly purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), and pure product was eluted with 40 % ethyl acetate and hexane. The pure fraction was evaporated at reduced pressure to yield **I-11** (1.2 g, 50.08 %) as a viscous yellowish liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.26 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.34 (m, 1H), 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.43 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (dd, $J = 12.0, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.17 (m, 1H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.47 – 2.33 (m, 8H), 2.26 – 2.13 (m, 4H), 2.09 (m, 8H), 1.88 – 1.63 (m, 12H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.32 (m, 28H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.98 (m, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.88 (1C), 186.60 (1C), 176.94 (1C), 173.37 (1C), 172.43 (1C), 165.99 (1C), 165.95 (1C), 152.06 (1C), 129.89 (1C), 125.18 (1C), 101.07 (1C), 99.36 (1C), 99.33 (1C), 91.08 (1C), 77.37 (1C), 77.05 (1C), 76.73 (1C), 72.33 (1C), 71.95 (1C), 68.13 (1C), 68.06 (1C), 62.19 (2C), 60.44 (1C), 48.37 (1C), 48.14 (1C), 44.03 (1C), 41.73 (2C), 39.29 (1C), 36.69 (1C), 35.90 (2C), 34.28 (1C), 34.24 (1C), 34.07 (1C), 33.74 (1C), 33.68 (1C), 32.26 (1C), 31.68 (1C), 31.03 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 29.81- 29.09 (5C), 28.94 (1C), 27.39 (2C), 27.16

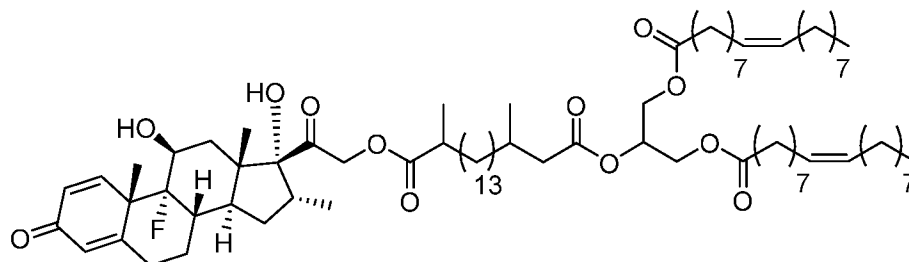
(1C), 27.11 (1C), 26.95(1C), 24.87(1C), 23.01(1C), 22.96(1C), 22.63(1C), 21.10(2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 99.05 % purity. LCMS (238 nm): 99.019 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1002.06 (MH+1).

[00777] 15-(1,3-bis(butyryloxy)propan-2-yl) 1-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 2,13-dimethylpentadecanedioate (DEX-C15a'bMe-2-TG-butyrate) (I-12)



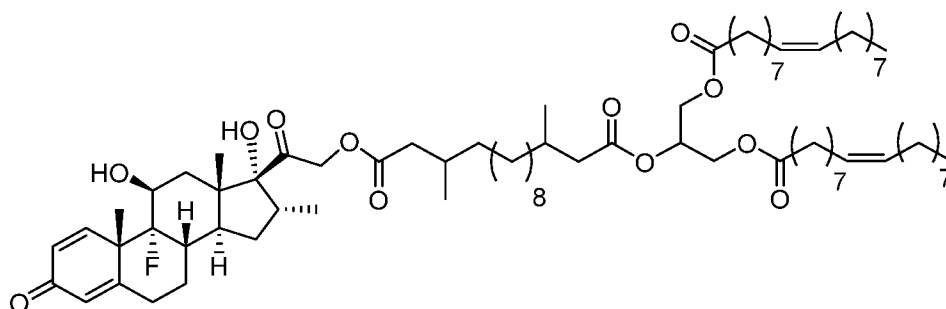
[00778] Synthesis of I-12: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-12** was prepared from **Int-219**. The desired product was purified by column chromatography purification using 25% ethyl acetate and n-Hexane as eluent to yield pure **I-12** (1.2 g, 46.33 %) as a brownish viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 7.25 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (dd, J = 10.2, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (d, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 4.87 (dd, J = 5.6, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (ddt, J = 9.2, 4.4, 2.2 Hz, 1H), 4.35-4.31 (m, 2H), 4.21-4.13 (m, 2H), 3.09 (ddt, J = 14.6, 7.2, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 2.67 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.49 – 2.33 (m, 3H), 2.30 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.24 (d, J = 3.8 Hz, 1H), 2.19 – 2.07 (m, 2H), 2.04 (s, 1H), 1.86 – 1.74 (m, 2H), 1.70 (q, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (d, J = 15.0 Hz, 8H), 1.54 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 23.6 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (q, J = 7.6, 4.8 Hz, 16H), 1.21 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 5H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.93 (dt, J = 9.3, 7.2 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 204.96 (1C), 186.72 (1C), 176.92 (1C), 173.18 (1C), 172.44 (1C), 171.25 (1C), 166.42 (1C), 152.40 (1C), 129.73 (1C), 125.03 (1C), 101.14 (1C), 99.39 (1C), 91.16 (1C), 72.27 (1C), 71.88 (1C), 68.81 (1C), 68.17-68.08 (1C), 62.16 (2C), 60.45 (1C), 53.48 (1C), 48.44-48.22 (1C), 43.97 (1C), 41.72 (1C), 39.28 (1C), 36.66-36.57 (1C), 35.93 (2C), 34.28 (1C), 34.09 (1C), 33.68 (1C), 32.26 (1C), 31.07 (1C), 30.37 (1C), 29.78-29.61 (1C), 29.51 (1C), 27.40 (1C), 27.16 (1C), 27.11 (1C), 26.93 (1C), 22.98-22.92 (1C), 21.09 (1C), 19.58-18.35 (2C), 17.1- 17.01 (1C), 16.56 (1C), 14.71 (1C), 14.22 (1C), 13.65 (2C). HPLC (UV 245 nm): 97.84 % purity. ELSD: 100 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MASS: (ESI, +ve) m/z: 889.87.

[00779] 18-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 1-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 2,16-dimethyloctadecanedioate (DEX-C18a'bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-13)



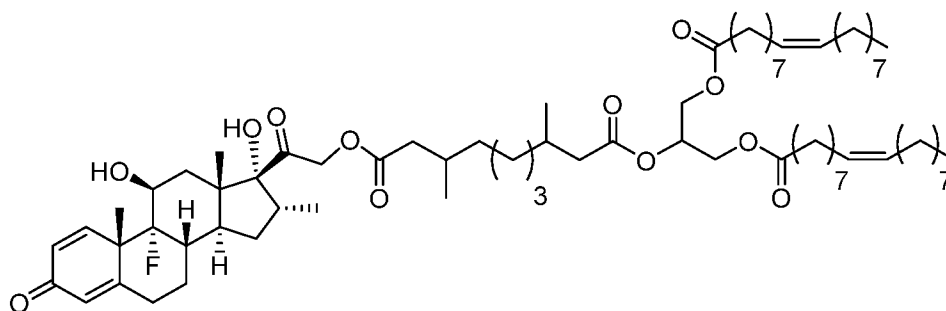
[00780] **Synthesis of I-13:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-13** was prepared from **Int-224**. The desired product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), and the pure product was eluted with 20%-25% ethyl acetate and hexane. The desired fraction was evaporated at reduced pressure to yield **I-13** (0.10g, 35.82%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.36 – 5.29 (m, 5H), 4.90 (m, 2H), 4.41 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.6$, 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.6$, 4.6 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.46 – 2.31 (m, 8H), 2.21 – 2.11 (m, 4H), 2.03 (m, 8H), 1.86 – 1.60 (m, 6H), 1.56 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 72H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.96 (dt, $J = 16.4$, 14.0, 6.8 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.82(1C), 186.58 (1C), 176.99 (1C), 173.33 (2C), 172.41 (1C), 151.96 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.92 (2C), 125.20 (1C), 101.06 (1C), 99.31 (1C), 91.08 (1C), 72.34 (1C), 71.95 (1C), 68.82 (1C), 68.08 (1C), 62.20 (2C), 53.45 (1C), 48.37 (2C), 44.05 (1C), 41.73 (1C), 39.28 (1C), 36.72 (1C), 36.64 (1C), 35.88 (1C), 34.29 (2C), 34.06 (1C), 33.76 (1C), 32.26 (1C), 31.94 (2C), 31.01 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 29.84- 29.13 (25C), 27.39 (1C), 27.25 (2C), 27.20 (1C), 26.97 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 23.01 (2C), 22.95 (1C), 22.71 (2C), 19.55 (1C), 16.55 (1C), 14.66 (1C), 14.15 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100% purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 97.19% purity. LCMS: 100% purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1320.44 (MH+1).

[00781] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 15-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3,13-dimethylpentadecanedioate (DEX-C15b'bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-17)



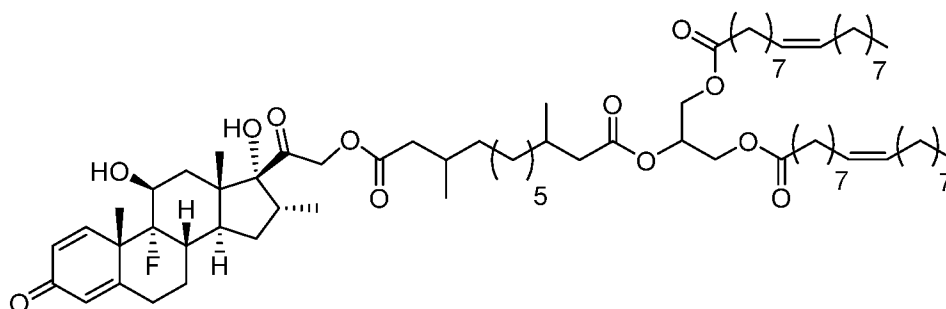
[00782] **Synthesis of I-17:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-17** was prepared from **Int-238**. The desired product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh) and the desired product was eluted at 20% ethyl acetate and hexane. The desired fraction was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield **I-17** (230 mg, 60%) as a viscous oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.11 (s, 1H), 5.45 – 5.18 (m, 5H), 4.96 – 4.78 (m, 2H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.27 (m, 10H), 2.27 – 2.08 (m, 4H), 2.00 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 10H), 1.87 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.45 – 1.09 (m, 64H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (ddt, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.76 (1C), 186.51(1C), 173.28 (3C), 172.32 (1C), 165.88 (1C), 151.97 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.86 (2C), 125.17 (1C), 101.06 (1C), 91.13 (1C), 72.34 (1C), 71.95 (1C) 68.88 (1C), 68.14 (1C), 62.18 (2C), 48.40 (2C), 44.06 (1C), 41.71 (1C), 41.40(1C), 36.71 (1C), 36.63 (1C), 35.92 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 32.28 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 31.02 (1C), 30.44 (1C), 30.37 (1C), 29.78-29.11 (23C), 27.40 (4C), 27.24 (1C), 27.19 (2C), 26.93 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.99 (1C), 22.93 (2C), 19.66 (1C), 16.54 (1C), 14.61 (1C), 14.09 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 99.34 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) *m/z*: 1278.29 (MH+1).

[00783] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 10-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3,8-dimethyldecanedioate (DEX-C10b'bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-18)



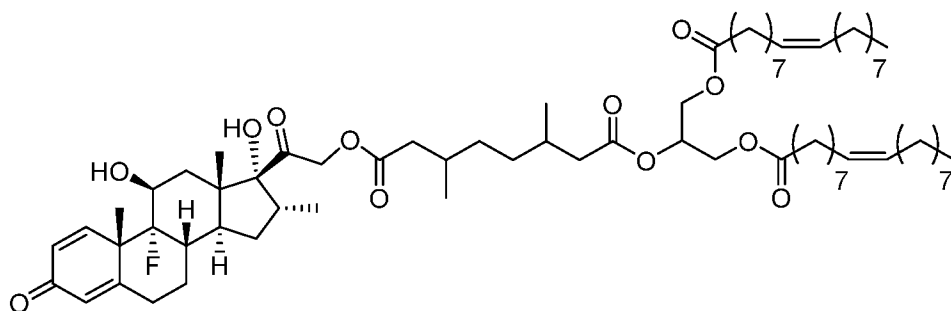
[00784] **Synthesis of I-18:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-18** was prepared from **Int-172**. The desired material was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), and the desired product was eluted with 20 % ethyl acetate and hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was evaporated at reduced pressure to yield **I-18** (70 mg, 16 %) as a colorless viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.43 – 5.18 (m, 5H), 4.96 – 4.78 (m, 2H), 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.61 (m, 1H), 2.51 – 2.27 (m, 10H), 2.27 – 2.08 (m, 4H), 2.00 (d, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 10H), 1.87 – 1.69 (m, 4H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.45 – 1.09 (m, 54H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.98 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.88 (ddt, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.72 (1C), 186.48 (1C), 173.27 (2C), 173.13 (1C), 172.32 (1C), 165.80 (1C), 151.91 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.87 (2C), 125.20 (1C), 100.04 (1C), 91.09 (1C), 72.32 (1C), 71.93 (1C), 68.93 (1C), 68.15 (1C), 62.16 (2C), 48.41 (2C), 44.07 (1C), 41.65 (1C), 41.34 (1C), 36.56 (2C), 35.91 (1C), 34.35 (1C), 34.15 (1C), 34.05 (1C), 32.29 (2C), 31.91 (1C), 31.02 (1C), 30.33 (1C), 29.77-29.11 (20C), 27.40 (1C), 27.24 (2C), 27.19 (1C), 26.94 (1C), 26.90 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 23.01 (1C), 22.95 (2C), 19.69 (1C), 16.54 (1C), 14.61 (1C), 14.08 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 97.48 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1208.12 (MH+1).

[00785] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 12-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3,10-dimethyldodecanedioate (DEX-C12b'bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-19)



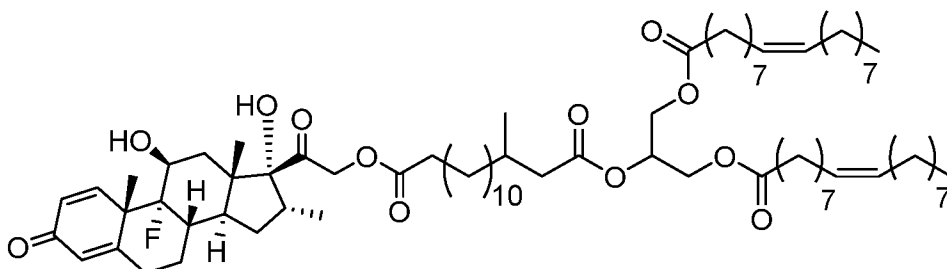
[00786] **Synthesis of I-19:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-19** was prepared from **Int-174**. The desired compound was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh). The desired compound was eluted with 20 % ethyl acetate and hexane to yield pure **I-19** (140 mg, 32.56 %) as a viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 10 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.40- 5.29 (m, 5H), 4.90 (d, J = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (d, J = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, J = 13.7, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (m, 1H), 2.63 -2.59 (m, 1H), 2.48 -2.41 (m, 4H), 2.32 (m, 5H), 2.27 -2.10 (m, 4H), 2.04 (dd, J = 12.9, 6.7 Hz, 9H), 1.89 – 1.65 (m, 4H), 1.29 (m, 60H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 1.00 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 0.91 (dt, J = 14.9, 7.2 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.76 (1C), 186.49 (1C), 173.25 (2C), 173.18 (1C), 172.33 (1C), 165.83(1C), 151.92 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.87 (2C), 129.71 (1C), 125.19 (1C), 101.03 (1C), 91.09 (1C), 72.33 (1C), 71.94 (1C), 68.90 (2C), 68.09 (1C), 65.34 (1C), 62.17 (2C), 48.39 (1C), 48.12 (1C), 44.03 (1C), 42.02 (1C), 41.69 (1C), 41.37 (2C), 36.65 (2C), 35.91 (1C), 34.32 (1C), 34.04 (2C), 32.27 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 31.01 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 30.34 - 29.31 (19C), 27.38 (1C), 27.23 (2C), 27.18 (1C), 26.85 (1C), 23.40 (1C), 23.04 (1C), 22.66 (2C), 19.66 (1C), 16.30 (1C), 14.50 (1C), 14.00 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 97.98 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1236.6 (MH+1).

[00787] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 8-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3,6-dimethyloctanedioate (DEX-C8b'bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-20)



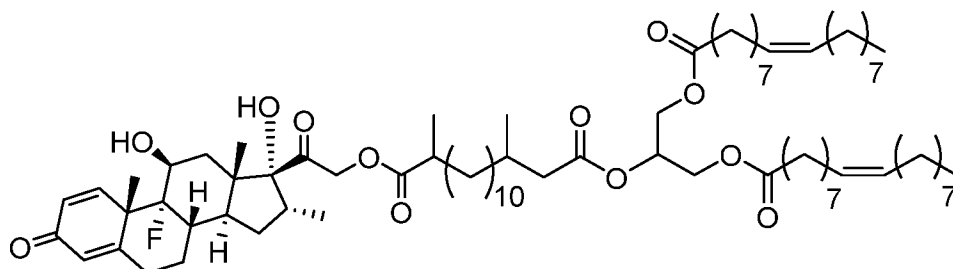
[00788] **Synthesis of I-20:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-20** was prepared from **Int-176**. The desired product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), and the desired product was eluted with 20 % ethyl acetate and hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was evaporated at reduced pressure to yield **I-20** (120 mg, 39.89g %) as a colorless viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.36-5.28 (m, 5H), 4.90 (d, $J = 4.6$ Hz, 2H), 4.38 (d, $J = 9.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 13.7, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 3.14 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.44 – 2.11 (m, 12H), 2.08 – 1.90 (m, 10H), 1.86 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.56 (s, 3H), 1.28 (m, 50H), 1.12 (s, 3H), 0.90 (dt, $J = 23.3, 6.9$ Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.84 (1C), 186.61 (1C), 173.38 (2C), 172.94 (1C), 172.31 (1C), 166.12 (1C), 152.18 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.80 (2C), 125.11 (1C), 101.10 (1C), 91.12 (1C), 72.28 (1C), 68.91 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 48.43 (2C), 44.03 (1C), 41.66 (1C), 36.53 (2C), 35.95 (1C), 34.32 (1C), 34.12 (1C), 34.05 (1C), 33.70 (2C), 33.55 (1C), 32.28 (1C), 31.93 (2C), 31.05 (1C), 30.40 (1C), 29.79-29.13 (20C), 27.41(1C), 27.25 (2C), 24.86 (2C), 23.01 (1C), 22.70 (2C), 19.71 (2C), 16.54 (1C), 14.67 (1C), 14.14 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 98.48 % purity. LCMS: 14.25 min 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1180.24 (MH+1).

[00789] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 15-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3-methylpentadecanedioate (DEX-C15bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-23)



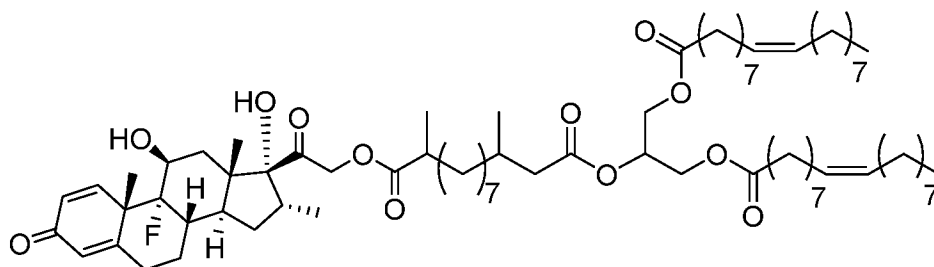
[00790] **Synthesis of I-23:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-23** was prepared from **Int-233**. The desired product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh), the desired product was eluted with 20 % ethyl acetate and hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield **I-23** (250 mg, 70.62%) as a colorless viscous oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.22 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, *J* = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 5.32-5.28 (m, 4H), 4.89 (d, *J* = 4.6 Hz, 2H), 4.38 (d, *J* = 9.8 Hz, 1H), 4.29 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.42 (dt, *J* = 21.5, 10.6 Hz, 4H), 2.30 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 2.24 – 2.08 (m, 4H), 2.09 – 1.97 (m, 4H), 1.82 – 1.65 (m, 8H), 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.27 (m, 62H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.91 (dt, *J* = 15.0, 6.8 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.83 (1C), 186.51 (1C), 173.74 (1C), 173.27 (2C), 172.35 (1C), 165.85 (1C), 151.93 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.73 (2C), 125.19 (2C), 91.08 (1C), 72.34 (1C), 71.95 (1C), 68.86 (1C), 68.16 (1C), 62.19 (2C), 48.40 (1C), 48.13 (1C), 44.03 (1C), 41.71 (1C), 36.71 (2C), 35.93 (1C), 34.32 (2C), 34.05 (1C), 33.90 (1C), 32.26 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 31.02 (1C), 30.38 (1C), 29.78-29.11 (26C), 27.39 (1C), 27.23 (2C), 26.93 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.94 (1C), 22.68 (2C), 19.58 (1C), 16.58 (1C), 14.62 (1C), 14.10 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 98.54 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) *m/z*: 1264.54 (MH⁺).

[00791] 15-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 1-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 2,13-dimethylpentadecanedioate (DEX-C15a'bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-24)



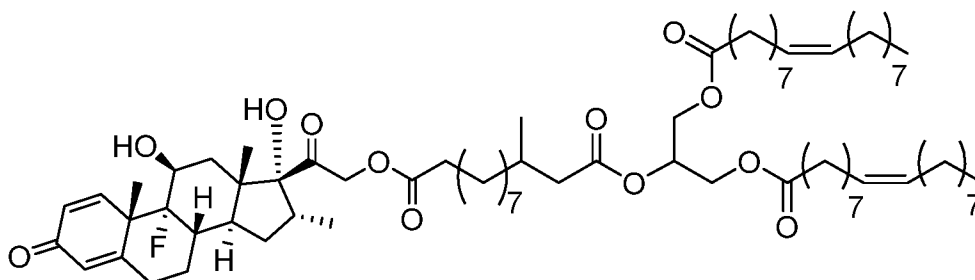
[00792] **Synthesis of I-24:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-24** was prepared from **Int-221**. The desired product was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh). The desired product was eluted with 30% ethyl acetate and hexane and the desired fraction was evaporated at reduced pressure to yield **I-24** (300 mg, 70.75g %) as a viscous oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.21 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.36 – 5.29 (m, 5H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 4.40 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.16 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.12 (m, 1H), 2.64 (m, 2H), 2.45 – 2.30 (m, 8H), 2.20 – 2.10 (m, 4H), 2.03 (m, 8H), 1.91 – 1.61 (m, 14H), 1.58 (m, 4H), 1.28 (m, 66H), 1.07 (s, 3H), 0.91 (dt, *J* = 17.5, 10.5, 8.6 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.73 (1C), 186.52 (1C), 176.88 (1C), 173.24 (2C), 172.32 (1C), 165.91 (1C), 151.99 (1C), 130.02 (2C), 129.85 (2C), 125.16 (1C), 101.05 (1C), 91.09 (1C), 72.33 (1C), 71.95 (1C), 68.87 (1C), 67.99 (1C), 62.18 (2C), 48.37 (2C), 44.03 (1C), 41.71 (1C), 39.28 (1C), 36.70 (1C), 36.65 (1C), 35.91 (1C), 34.32 (2C), 34.04 (1C), 33.73 (1C), 32.29 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 31.03 (1C), 30.37 (1C), 29.77-29.11 (25C), 27.39 (1C), 27.23 (2C), 27.18 (1C), 26.93 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.93 (1C), 22.67 (2C), 19.58 (1C), 16.55 (1C), 14.62 (1C), 14.09 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 100 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) *m/z*: 1278.42 (MH⁺).

[00793] 12-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 1-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 2,10-dimethyldodecanedioate (DEX-C12a'bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-25)



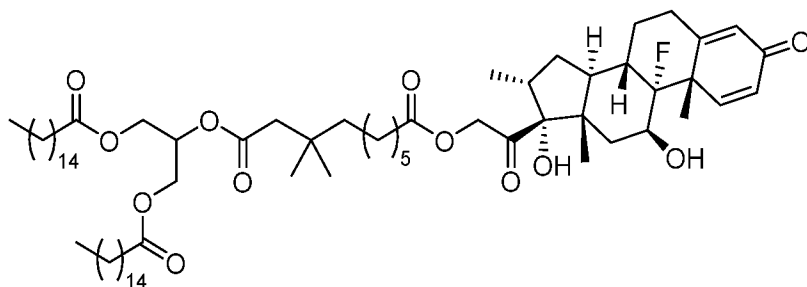
[00794] **Synthesis of I-25:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-25** was prepared from **Int-231**. The desired compound was purified by combiflash purification, and was eluted with 17% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was evaporated to yield pure **I-25** (0.500 g, 50%) as a viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.21 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.34 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.40 – 5.17 (m, 5H), 4.88 (s, 2H), 4.38 (d, J = 9.7 Hz, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.2 Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.59 (ddt, J = 21.0, 14.1, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.45 – 2.20 (m, 8H), 2.12 (dt, J = 15.1, 8.8 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (t, J = 6.3 Hz, 7H), 1.86 – 1.67 (m, 6H), 1.61 (dd, J = 16.8, 9.6 Hz, 6H), 1.43 – 1.09 (m, 56H), 1.20 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.89 (dt, J = 18.2, 6.4 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.72 (1C), 186.53 (1C), 176.87 (1C), 173.25 (2C), 172.33 (1C), 165.95 (1C), 152.04 (1C), 130.02 (2C), 129.82 (1C), 129.71 (2C), 125.14 (1C), 101.08 (1C), 99.33 (1C), 91.11 (1C), 72.31 (1C), 71.93 (1C), 68.89 (1C), 68.11 (1C), 62.16 (2C), 48.38 (2C), 44.04 (1C), 41.69 (1C), 39.26 (1C), 36.65 (1C), 36.57 (1C), 35.91 (1C), 34.04 (2C), 32.29 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 31.03 (1C), 30.35 (1C), 29.77-29.10 (21C), 27.40 (1C), 27.23 (1C), 27.04 (1C), 26.85 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.93 (1C), 22.67 (2C), 19.58 (1C), 17.11 (1C), 16.97 (1C), 16.53 (1C), 14.63 (1C), 14.08 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 100 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1236.36 (MH+1).

[00795] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 12-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3-methyldodecanedioate (DEX-C12bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-26)



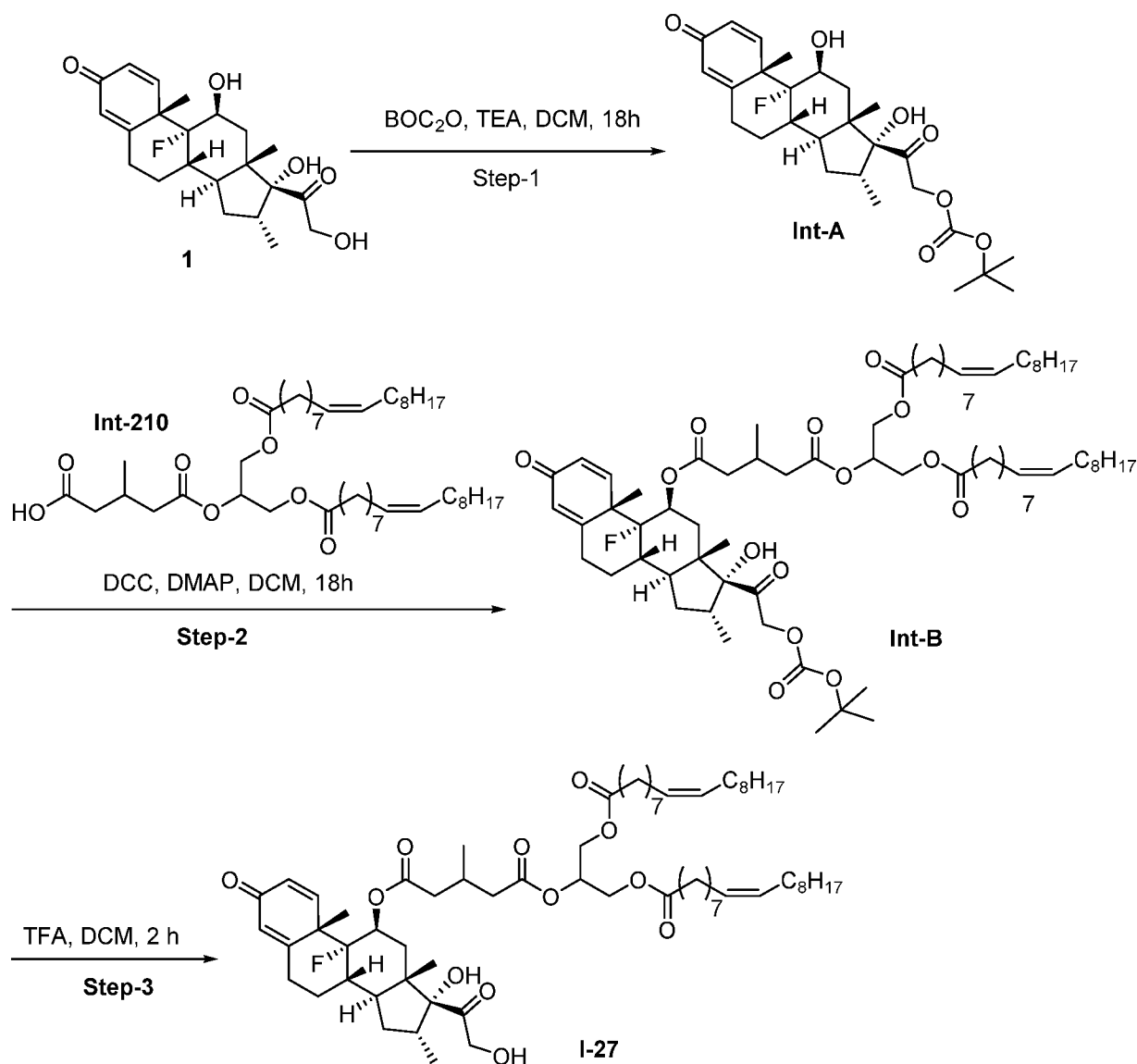
[00796] **Synthesis of I-26:** Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-26** was prepared from **Int-236**. The desired compound was purified by combiflash purification, eluting with 15% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as a mobile phase, and the desired fraction was evaporated to yield pure **I-26** (0.050 g, 34.64%) as a viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.24 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.39 (dd, $J = 10.0, 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.40 (m, 4H), 5.32 (m, 1H), 4.92 (s, 2H), 4.41 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz, 1H), 4.32 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.17 (dd, $J = 11.9, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.65 (m, 1H), 2.50 – 2.40 (m, 4H), 2.35 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 6H), 2.28 – 2.00 (m, 8H), 1.90 – 1.84 (m, 3H), 1.75 – 1.60 (m, 10H), 1.33 (m, 56H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.94 (dt, $J = 16.3, 6.9$ Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.96 (1C), 186.86 (1C), 174.05 (1C), 173.35 (2C), 172.41 (1C), 166.70 (1C), 152.74 (1C), 130.00 (2C), 129.70 (2C), 124.94 (2C), 101.23 (1C), 99.50 (1C), 91.30 (1C), 68.80 (1C), 68.54 (1C), 62.15 (2C), 48.41 (1C), 44.02 (1C), 41.67 (1C), 36.62 (1C), 36.19 (1C), 35.95 (1C), 34.02 (2C), 33.87 (1C), 32.24 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 31.06 (1C), 30.33 (1C), 29.76 – 29.02 (24C), 27.39 (1C), 27.21 (2C), 27.16 (1C), 26.86 (1C), 24.82 (2C), 22.91 (1C), 22.68 (2C), 19.55 (1C), 16.41 (1C), 14.69 (1C), 14.13 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 99.65 % purity. HPLC (uv-240 nm): 98.26 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1222.16 (MH+1).

[00797] 1-(1,3-bis(palmitoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 10-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3,3-dimethyldecanedioate (DEX-C10bbGMe-2-TG) (I-28)



Synthesis of I-28: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-9**, compound **I-28** was prepared from the appropriate **C10bbGMe-2-TG** intermediate, which may be prepared by procedures analogous to other gem-dimethyl-substituted intermediates such as **Int-151**. The desired compound was purified by column chromatography using silica gel (100-200 mesh). Pure compound was eluted with 20% ethyl acetate and hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was concentrated in vacuo to yield compound **I-28** (0.073 g, 49.34%) as a viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.22 (d, $J = 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.35 (dd, $J = 10.0, 1.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.28 (m, 1H), 4.89 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 4.39 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.5$ Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, $J = 11.7, 5.8$ Hz, 2H), 3.12 (m, 1H), 2.62 (m, 1H), 2.49 – 2.40 (m, 4H), 2.37 - 2.30 (m, 4H), 2.25 - 2.10 (m, 4H), 1.88 – 1.76 (m, 4H), 1.72 – 1.58 (m, 10H), 1.28 (m, 56H), 1.07 (s, 6H), 0.99 (s, 6H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.96 (1C), 186.67 (1C), 173.69 (1C), 173.41 (2C), 171.45 (1C), 166.21 (1C), 152.25 (1C), 129.79 (1C), 125.09 (1C), 101.09 (1C), 99.34 (1C), 91.11 (2C), 71.86 (1C), 68.67 (1C), 68.33 (1C), 62.22 (2C), 48.41 (2C), 45.85 (1C), 44.00 (1C), 42.23 (1C), 36.54 (2C), 35.92 (1C), 34.07 (2C), 33.83 (1C), 33.36 (1C), 32.23 (1C), 31.94 (2C), 31.02 (2C), 29.93 - 29.01 (20C), 27.38 (1C), 27.27 (2C), 24.85 (2C), 23.83 (1C), 22.98 (1C), 22.93 (2C), 16.54 (1C), 14.68 (1C), 14.17 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100% purity. HPLC (uv-240 nm): 99.71 % purity. LCMS: 98.78 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1156 (MH $^+$).

[00798] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 5-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-17-hydroxy-17-(2-hydroxyacetyl)-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-11-yl) 3-methylpentanedioate (DEX-11-C5bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-27)



Scheme 50. Synthesis of I-27.

[00799] **Synthesis of Int-A:** To a stirred solution of dexamethasone (**1**) (3.0 g, 7.6 mmol) and TEA (1.91 g, 19.0 mmol) in DCM was added Boc_2O (1.66 g, 7.6 mmol) slowly dropwise at RT and then the mixture was stirred for 18 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (200 ml) and extracted with Ethyl Acetate (2 x 200 ml), washed with brine and concentrated under vacuum to yield crude material

which was purified by combiflash column chromatography using 30% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as eluent to yield pure **Int-B** (0.280 g, 7.43%) as an off white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) 7.22-7.20 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38-6.35 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 4.96-4.92 (d, J = 14.8 Hz, 2H), 4.83-4.78 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.42 (s, 1H), 3.58 (1H), 3.15 (1H), 2.63 (s, 1H), 2.42-2.38 (m, 2H), 2.18 (s, 2H), 1.83 (m, 2H), 1.43 (m, 12H), 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.08 (s, 2H), 0.93 (m, 3H).

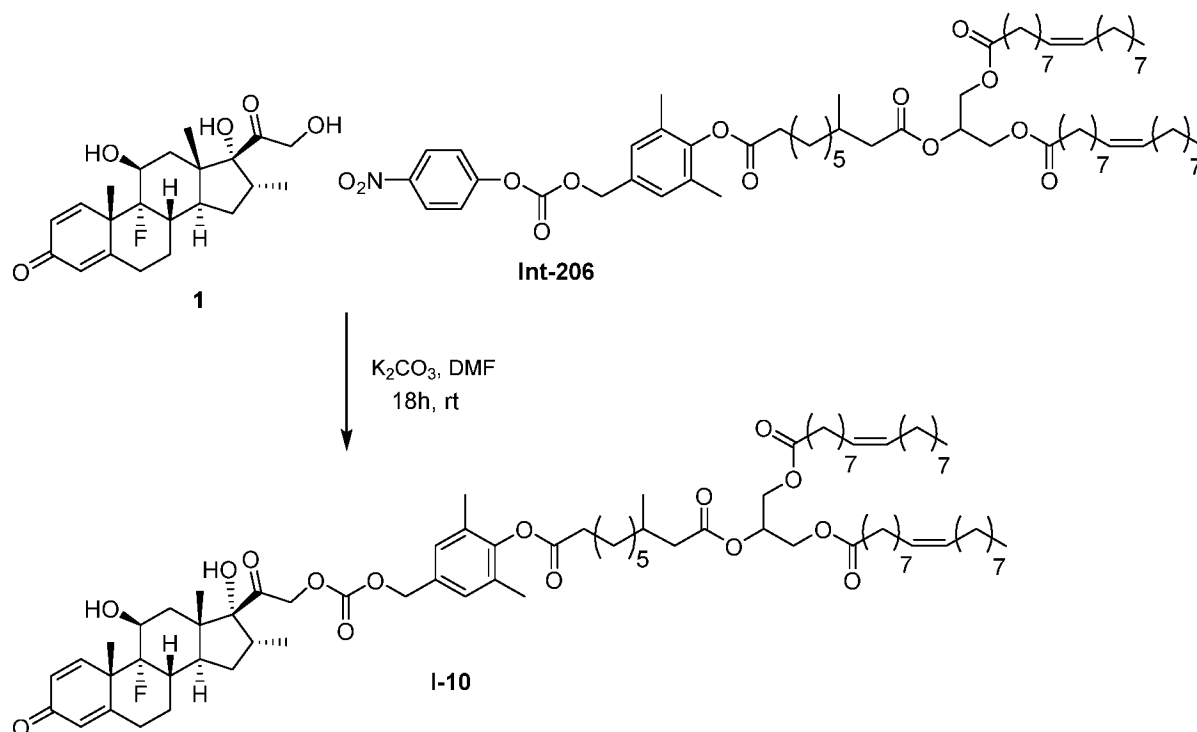
[00800] Synthesis of Int-B: To a stirred solution of compound **Int-A** (0.280 g, 0.567 mmol) and **Int-210** (0.849 g, 1.135 mmol) in DCM (20.0 ml) was added DCC (0.467 g, 2.268 mmol) and DMAP (0.069 g, 0.567 mmol) at rt. Then reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 18 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and concentrated to yield crude material which was purified by combi flash column chromatography using 20% Ethyl acetate/ Hexane as eluent to yield pure **Int-B** (0.600 g, 85.83%) as a slightly yellowish semi solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.85-6.83 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.39-6.36 (dd, J = 12.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 5.38-5.34 (m, 5H), 5.27 (s, 1H), 4.99-4.94 (m, 1H), 4.73-4.68 (m, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 17.2, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 17.2, 5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (s, 1H), 3.17 (s, 1H), 2.63 – 2.52 (m, 3H), 2.45 (m, 9H), 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.81 (m, 3H), 1.51 (m, 8H), 1.42-1.31 (s, 51H), 1.09 (m, 5H), 0.92 (m, 9H).

[00801] Synthesis of I-27: To a stirred solution of **Int-B** (0.200 g, 0.163 mmol) in DCM (10.0 ml) was added TFA (0.400 ml, 2 volume) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (50 ml) and extracted with DCM (2 x 50 ml), washed with brine and concentrated under vacuum to yield crude material which was purified by combi flash column chromatography using 25% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as eluent to yield pure **I-27** (0.050 g, 27.32%) as colourless liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.86-6.81 (t, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.41-6.38 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.18 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 1H), 5.40-5.36 (m, 5H), 5.29 (s, 1H), 4.67-4.62 (d, J = 20.4 Hz, 1H), 4.39 (dd, J = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.21 (dd, J = 12.0, 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 1H), 2.64 – 2.49 (m, 2H), 2.48- 2.30 (m, 10H), 2.07 (m, 8H), 1.64 (m, 4H), 1.44 – 1.33 (m, 44H), 1.11-1.10 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 6H), 0.99-0.92 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 211.79 (1C), 185.88 (1C), 173.20 (1C), 171.19 (1C), 171.12 (1C), 170.15 (1C), 164.28 (1C), 150.02 (1C), 130.54 (1C), 130.51 (2C), 130.03 (1C), 129.70 (1C), 125.46 (1C), 99.90 (1C), 98.14 (1C), 89.97 (2C), 72.01 (1C), 71.97 (1C), 71.59 (1C), 71.56 (1C), 69.43 (1C), 67.72

(1C), 61.91 (2C), 53.37 (1C), 48.34 (1C), 48.32 (1C), 47.43 (1C), 47.20 (1C), 43.54 (1C), 40.95 (1C), 40.43 (1C), 40.29 (1C), 36.35 (1C), 36.31 (1C), 34.98 (1C), 34.79 (1C), 34.01 (1C), 32.89 (1C), 32.32 (1C), 31.89 (1C), 31.00 (1C), 29.76-27.18 (9C), 26.81 (1C), 24.84 (2C), 23.00 (1C), 22.94 (1C), 22.90 (1C), 22.65 (1C), 20.16 (1C), 20.06 (1C), 16.80 (1C), 16.72 (1C), 14.63 (1C), 14.06 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (UV-245 nm): 98.51 % purity. LCMS: 100% purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1124.12 (MH+1).

Example 5: Synthesis of Compounds with a CDMPHB Group

[00802] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 10-(4-(((2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethoxy)carbonyl)oxy)methyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl) 3-methyldecanedioate (DEX-CDMPHB-C10bMe-2-TG-oleate) (I-10)

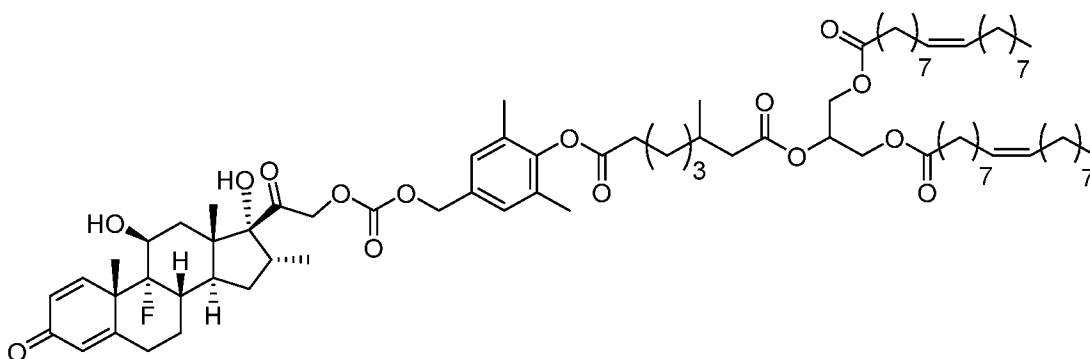


Scheme 51. Synthesis of I-10

[00803] **Synthesis of I-10:** To a solution of Int-206 (0.250 g, 0.223 mmol) in DMF (4.0 ml) was added K_2CO_3 (0.092 g, 0.670 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. Dexamethasone (**1**) (0.087 g, 0.223 mmol) in 2 ml DMF was added to the reaction mixture and reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted

with water (50 ml) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 50 ml). The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄ and concentrated under vacuum to yield crude material which was purified by combi flash purification. Pure compound was eluted with 15% ethyl acetate / hexane as a mobile phase and the pure fraction was concentrated in vacuo to yield pure **I-10** (0.100 g, 32.61%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.19 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.36 – 5.32 (m, 5H), 5.14 (m, 2H), 4.96 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 2H), 4.37 (m, 2H), 4.19 (dd, *J* = 11.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.64 (t, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 2H), 2.41 – 2.31 (m, 8H), 2.16 (s, 8H), 2.03 (m, 8H), 1.82 (m, 6H), 1.55 (s, 6H), 1.44 (s, 4H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 13.6 Hz, 48H), 1.06 (s, 4H), 0.96 (m, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.60 (1C), 187.12 (1C), 173.39 (2C), 172.39 (1C), 171.80 (1C), 167.16 (1C), 154.86 (1C), 153.01 (1C), 148.27 (1C), 132.32 (1C), 130.54 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.72 (1C), 128.37 (2C), 126.18 (1C), 124.91 (1C), 101.05 (1C), 115.69 (1C), 91.02 (1C), SS 71.15 (1C), 69.65 (1C), 68.85 (1C), 62.16 (2C), 48.53 (1C), 48.35 (1C), 44.00 (1C), 41.66 (1C), 36.61 (1C), 36.51 (1C), 36.01 (1C), 34.25 (2C), 34.04 (1C), 32.21 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 31.08 (1C), 30.32 (1C), 29.77 - 29.12 (22C), 27.39 (1C), 27.23 (2C), 27.18 (1C), 26.78 (1C), 25.06 (2C), 24.84 (1C), 22.85 (1C), 22.70 (2C), 19.52 (1C), 16.55 (1C), 16.37 (2C), 14.90 (1C), 14.80 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100% purity. HPLC (UV-245 nm): 98.24% purity. LCMS: 100% purity. MS (ESI, +ve) *m/z*: 1372.35 (MH⁺1).

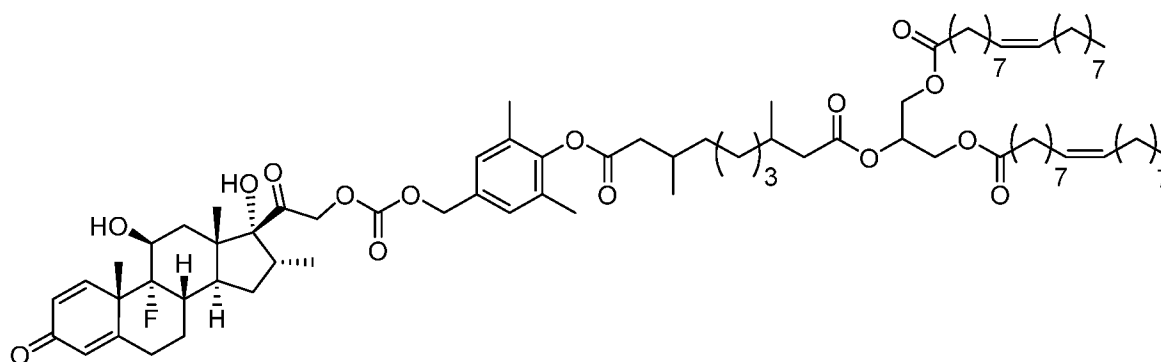
[00804] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 8-(4-(((2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethoxy)carbonyl)oxy)methyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl) 3-methyloctanedioate (DEX-CDMPHB-C8bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-14)



[00805] Synthesis of I-14: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-10**, compound **I-14** was prepared from **Int-207**. The desired product was purified by combi flash purification. The desired compound was eluted with 35-40% ethyl acetate / hexane as a mobile phase then the

desired fraction was concentrated under vacuum to yield pure **I-14** (0.090 g, 29.53%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 7.25(d, *J* = 10.4, 1H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 6.39(d, *J* = 10.0, 1H), 6.15(s, 1H), 5.42(s, 3H), 5.38 (m, 1H), 5.19(m, 1H), 5.03(m, 2H), 4.40 – 4.32 (m, 2H), 4.21 (dd, *J* = 12.4, 6 Hz, 2H), 3.16(s, 1H), 2.67 (t, *J* = 14.4 Hz, 3H), 2.43(m, 6H), 2.18 (d, *J* = 18.0, 8H), 2.08 (m, 8H), 1.88– 1.73 (m, 5H), 1.61 (s, 2H), 1.57 (s, 5H), 1.48(d, *J* = 8.0, 6H), 1.34(m, 46H), 1.09 (s, 4H), 1.008(d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 4H), 0.96 (m, 9H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 204.46 (1C), 186.57(1C), 173.29(2C), 172.14(1C), 171.45(1C), 165.93(1C), 154.84(1C), 152.03(1C), 152.00(1C), 148.30(1C), 132.36(1C), 130.53(1C), 130.05(1C), 129.87(1C), 129.73 (1C), 128.42 (1C), 125.17(1C), 101.04 (1C), 99.29(1C), 90.99(1C), 72.17 (1C), 71.07(1C), 69.63(1C), 68.95 (1C), 62.14 (1C), 60.43 (1C), 48.54(1C), 48.34(1C), 48.12(1C), 44.05(1C), 41.55(1C), 36.70 (1C), 36.26(1C), 36.04 (1C), 34.27 (2C), 34.05 (1C), 33.93 (1C), 32.23(1C), 31.93 (1C), 31.02(1C), 30.19(1C), 29.79-29.12(21C), 27.39(1C), 27.25(1C), 27.20(1C), 26.58(1C), 25.17(1C), 24.86(1C), 22.95(1C), 22.71(1C), 19.48(2C), 16.61(1C), 16.39(1C), 14.66 (1C), 14.22(1C), 14.14(2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100% purity. HPLC (UV-245 nm): 97.02% purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) *m/z*: 1344.22 (MH+1).

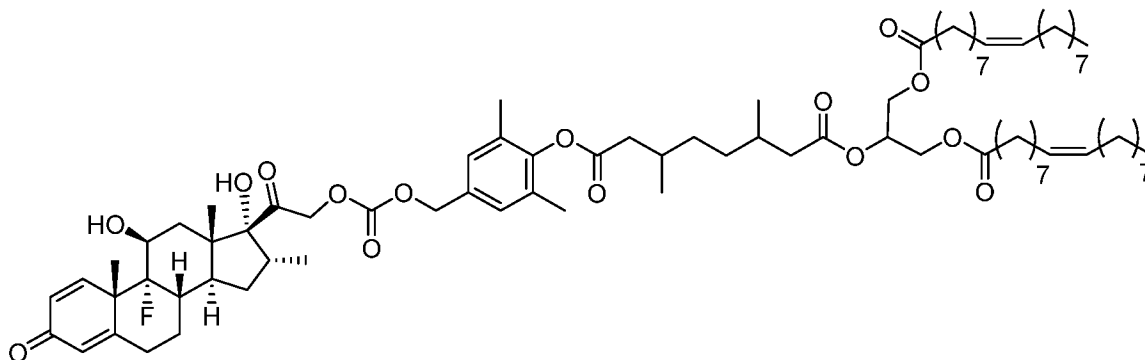
[00806] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 10-(4-((((2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethoxy)carbonyl)oxy)methyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl) 3,8-dimethyldecanedioate (DEX-CDMPHB-C10b'b-Me-2-TG oleate) (I-15)



[00807] Synthesis of I-15: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-10**, compound **I-15** was prepared from **Int-208**. The desired product was purified by combi flash purification, and was eluted with 24% ethyl acetate/hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was concentrated under vacuum to yield pure **I-15** (0.090 g, 36.88%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.20 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 6.34 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.39 – 5.38 (m, 4H),

5.34 (m, 2H), 5.14 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.98 (d, $J = 17.9$ Hz, 2H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.14 (dd, $J = 12.1, 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.61 (d, $J = 12.3$ Hz, 2H), 2.43 – 2.33 (m, 10H), 2.19 (s, 6H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.06 (m, 8H), 1.81 (m, 4H), 1.28 (d, $J = 13.6$ Hz, 58H), 1.09 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 5H), 0.94 (dt, $J = 6.4$ Hz, 7.6 Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.41 (1C), 186.54 (1C), 173.23 (2C), 172.23 (1C), 171.04 (1C), 165.96 (1C), 154.83 (1C), 152.04 (1C), 148.38 (1C), 132.34 (1C), 130.55 (1C), 130.03 (2C), 129.82 (2C), 129.71 (1C), 128.39 (2C), 125.14 (1C), 101.05 (1C), 91.01 (1C), 71.06 (1C), 69.63 (1C), 68.90 (1C), 62.16 (2C), 48.54 (1C), 48.36 (1C), 44.04 (1C), 41.65 (1C), 41.37 (1C), 36.78 (1C), 36.67 (1C), 36.05 (1C), 34.30 (2C), 34.04 (1C), 32.25 (1C), 31.90 (2C), 31.02 (1C), 30.31 (1C), 29.77 – 29.11 (22C), 27.39 (1C), 27.23 (2C), 27.09 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 24.69 (1C), 22.93 (1C), 22.67 (2C), 19.81 (1C), 19.52 (1C), 16.59 (1C), 16.46 (2C), 14.62 (1C), 14.09 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100% purity. HPLC (UV-245 nm): 99.55% purity. LCMS: 100% purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1386.45 (MH+1).

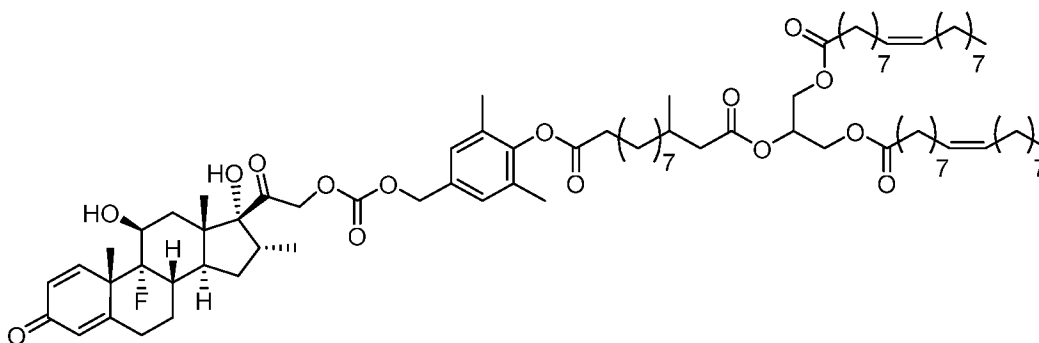
[00808] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 10-(4-(((2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethoxy)carbonyl)oxy)methyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl) 3,8-dimethyldecanedioate (DEX-CDMPHB-C8b'bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-16)



[00809] Synthesis of I-16: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-10**, compound **I-16** was prepared from **Int-209**. The desired product was purified by combi flash purification, and was eluted with 30 % ethyl acetate/hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was concentrated under vacuum to yield pure **I-16** (0.120 g, 35%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.23 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.35 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.38 – 5.31 (m, 5H), 5.30 (s, 2H), 5.14 – 5.01 (m, 2H), 4.96 (m, 1H), 4.88 (m, 1H), 4.34–4.32 (m, 1H), 4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.12 (s, 1H), 2.69 – 2.56 (m, 2H), 2.44 (m, 1H), 2.41 (m, 4H), 2.37 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 2.17 (m, 3H), 2.07 – 2.05 (m, 2H), 2.05 – 2.02 (m,

6H), 1.31 – 1.10 (m, 60H), 1.08 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 6H), 0.94 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 6H), 0.88 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.40 (1C), 186.56 (1C), 173.22 (2C), 172.07 (1C), 170.89 (1C), 165.97 (1C), 154.83 (1C), 152.02 (1C), 148.37 (1C), 132.39 (1C), 130.53 (2C), 130.03 (2C), 129.85 (2C), 129.72 (1C), 128.41 (2C), 125.16 (1C), 101.03 (1C), 99.28 (1C), 90.98 (1C), 72.18 (1C), 71.02 (1C), 69.61 (1C), 69.00 (1C), 62.14 (2C), 48.54 (1C), 48.36 (1C), 48.14 (1C), 44.04 (1C), 41.64 (1C), 36.70 (1C), 36.05 (1C), 34.11 (1C), 34.04 (1C), 33.90 (2C), 33.81 (1C), 32.26 (1C), 31.91 (2C), 31.02 (1C), 30.55 (1C), 30.51 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 30.34 (1C), 29.77 – 29.10 (15C), 27.40 (2C), 27.24 (1C), 24.85 (2C), 22.99 (1C), 22.93 (1C), 22.67 (2C), 19.89 (1C), 16.61 (1C), 16.47 (2C), 14.62 (1C), 14.09 (2C). ELSD: 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-245 nm): 99.33 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1358.23 (M+1).

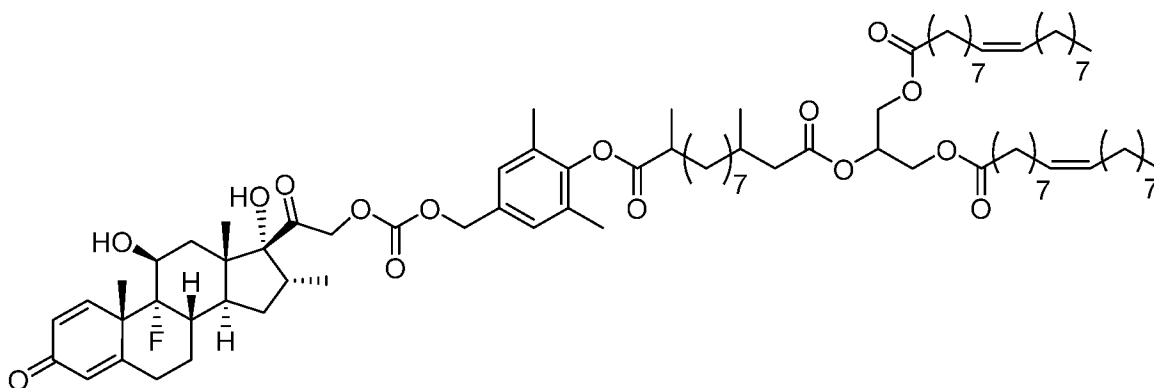
[00810] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 12-(4-(((2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethoxy)carbonyl)oxy)methyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl) 3-methyldodecanedioate (DEX-CDMPHB-C12bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-21)



[00811] Synthesis of I-21: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-10**, compound **I-21** was prepared from **Int-246**. The desired product was purified by combi flash purification, and was eluted with 30% ethyl acetate/hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was concentrated under vacuum to yield pure **I-21** (0.100 g, 33%) as a viscous oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.12 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 1H), 8.03 (s, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.36 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.12 (s, 1H), 5.33 (m, 5H), 5.13 (d, $J = 7.7$ Hz, 2H), 4.99 (m, 1H), 4.90 (m, 1H), 4.31 (dd, $J = 12.0, 4.3$ Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, $J = 13.7, 6.7$ Hz, 2H), 2.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 3H), 2.50 – 2.24 (m, 8H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.04 (m, 8H), 1.84 (m, 4H), 1.59 (m, 4H), 1.31 (m, 60H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.92 (dt, $J = 17.8, 6.6$ Hz, 12H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.54 (1C), 186.58 (1C), 173.28 (2C), 172.33 (1C), 171.64 (1C), 166.03 (1C), 162.59 (2C), 154.82 (1C), 152.11 (1C), 148.30 (1C), 132.33 (1C), 130.55 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.82 (1C), 129.72 (2C), 128.40 (2C),

125.13 (1C), 101.15 (1C), 91.00 (1C), 72.10 (1C), 71.08 (1C), 69.62 (1C), 68.85 (1C), 62.17 (2C), 48.55 (1C), 48.37 (1C), 48.14 (1C), 44.03 (1C), 41.71 (1C), 36.71 (1C), 36.61 (1C), 36.51 (1C), 36.06 (1C), 34.28 (1C), 34.05 (2C), 32.26 (1C), 31.92 (2C), 31.47 (1C), 31.04 (1C), 30.37 (1C), 29.78-29.12 (18C), 27.41 (1C), 27.24 (2C), 27.19 (1C), 26.93 (1C), 25.11 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 23.02 (1C), 22.70 (2C), 19.57 (1C), 16.60 (1C), 16.38 (2C), 14.68 (1C), 14.13 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-240 nm): 97.71 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1400.53 (MH+1).

[00812] 12-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 1-(4-((((2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11,17-dihydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethoxy)carbonyl)oxy)methyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl) 2,10-dimethyldodecanedioate (DEX-CDMPHB-C12a'bMe-2-TG oleate) (I-22)

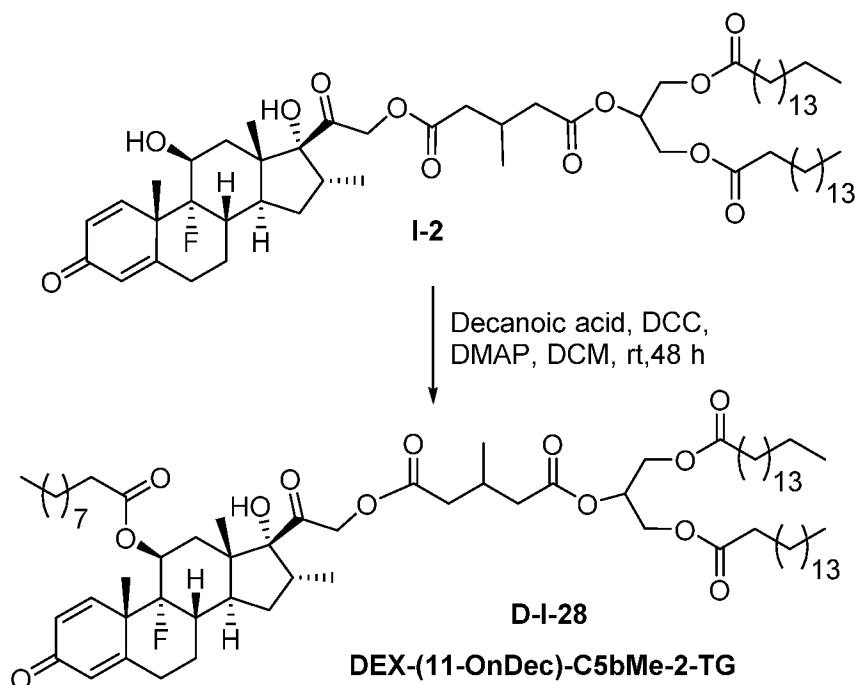


[00813] Synthesis of I-22: Using procedures described for the synthesis of **I-10**, compound **I-22** was prepared from **Int-242**. The desired product was purified by combi flash purification, and was eluted with 30% ethyl acetate/hexane as a mobile phase. The desired fraction was concentrated under vacuum to yield pure **I-22** (0.080 g, 44%) as a viscous oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 10.1 Hz, 3H), 7.10 (s, 2H), 6.37 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (s, 1H), 5.47 – 5.25 (m, 4H), 5.13 (q, *J* = 12.1 Hz, 2H), 4.97 (m, 2H), 4.31 (dd, *J* = 12.0, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.15 (dd, *J* = 13.7, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 3.14 (s, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.60 (m, 1H), 2.36 (dt, *J* = 22.8, 8.6 Hz, 6H), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.04 (p, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 5H), 1.84 (s, 2H), 1.59 (m, 8H), 1.31 (m, 60H), 1.06 (s, 3H), 0.92 (dt, *J* = 17.8, 6.6 Hz, 12H). ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.45 (1C), 186.51 (1C), 174.65(1C), 173.28 (2C), 172.32 (1C), 165.82 (1C), 162.56 (1C), 154.74 (1C), 151.92 (1C), 148.30 (1C), 132.26 (1C), 130.55 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.88 (2C), 128.48 (2C), 125.19 (1C), 90.97 (1C), 71.72 (1C), 71.10 (1C), 69.68 (1C), 68.85 (1C), 62.18 (2C),

48.56 (1C), 44.06 (1C), 41.71 (1C), 39.75 (1C), 36.72 (1C), 36.50 (1C), 36.04 (1C), 34.05 (1C), 33.66 (2C), 32.25 (1C), 31.93 (2C), 31.47 (1C), 31.02 (1C), 30.37 (1C), 29.79 (1C), 29.73-29.12 (22C), 27.41 (1C), 27.25 (2C), 27.20 (2C), 26.94 (1C), 24.86 (2C), 22.97 (2C), 22.70 (1C), 19.56 (1C), 17.41 (1C), 16.60 (1C), 16.44 (2C), 14.66 (1C), 14.13 (2C). HPLC (ELSD): 100 % purity. HPLC (uv-240 nm): 98.69 % purity. LCMS: 100 % purity. MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1414.38 (MH+1).

Example 6: Synthesis of Compounds with an O-Acyl Group

[00814] 1-(1,3-bis(palmitoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 5-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-11-(decanoyloxy)-9-fluoro-17-hydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3-methylpentanedioate (DEX-(11-OnDec)-C5 β Me-2-TG) (D-I-28)



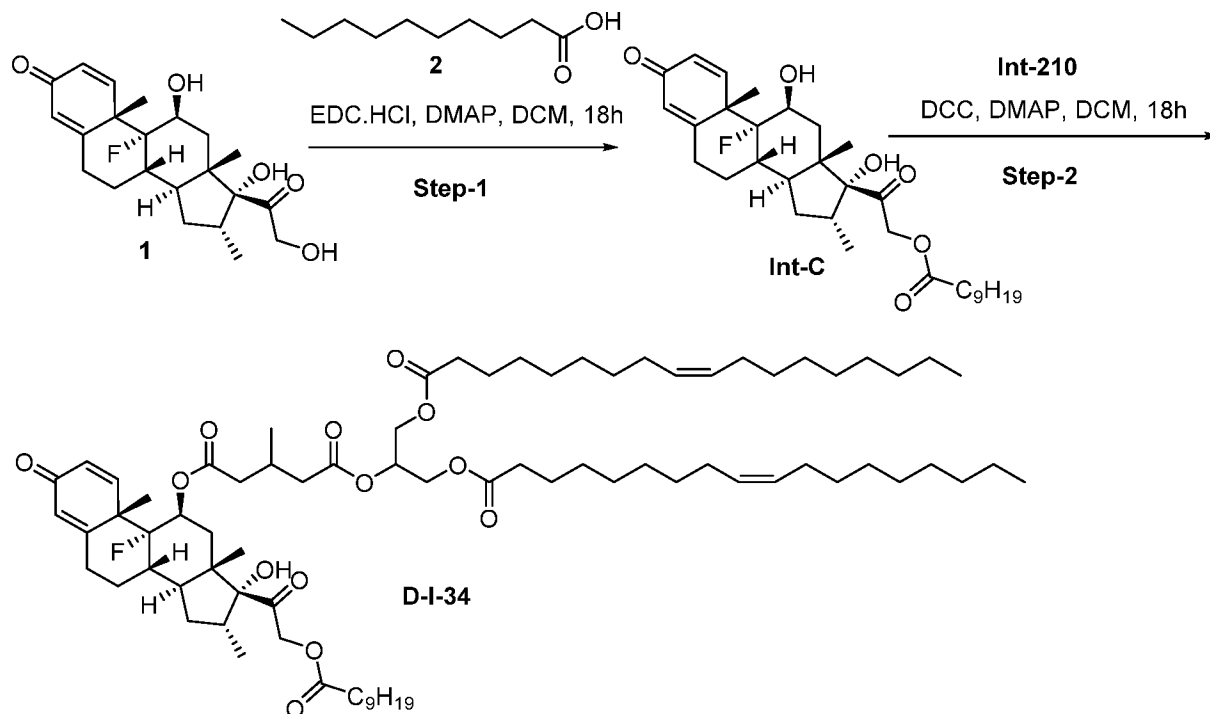
Scheme 52. Synthesis of D-I-28

[00815] Synthesis of D-I-28: To a solution of decanoic acid (0.180 g, 1.044 mmol) in DCM (20 ml) were added DCC (0.430 g, 2.088 mmol), and DMAP (0.064 g, 0.522 mmol), then the reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 15 min, then **I-2** (0.559 g, 0.522 mmol) was added and reaction mixture was stirred at rt for 48 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, reaction mixture was filtered through celite then filtrate was evaporated *in vacuo* to get crude material which was purified by combiflash purification, desired product was eluted at 10%

Ethyl acetate/hexane as a mobile phase. The pure fraction was evaporated to obtain **DEX-(11-OnDec)-C5 β Me-2-TG (D-I-28)** as a white solid (0.200 g, 38.2%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.85 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.50 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 5.31 (m, 1H), 5.08 (dd, J = 17.2, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 4.71 (dd, J = 17.2, 3.2 Hz, 1H), 4.33 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.18 (dd, J = 11.9, 6.0 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.15 (m, 1H), 2.63- 2.28 (m, 16H), 1.98 (m, 1H), 1.90 (m, 1H), 1.83 – 1.61 (m, 7H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.29 (m, 60H), 1.10 (d, J = 5.2 Hz, 4H), 0.95 (d, J = 3.6 Hz, 3H), 0.92(t, J = 6.8 Hz, 12H), ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.67 (1C), 186.08 (1C), 173.35 (2C), 171.74 (1C), 171.56 (1C), 171.39 (1C), 164.68 (1C), 150.37 (1C), 130.41 (1C), 125.36 (1C), 100.00 (1C), 98.24 (1C), 90.73 (1C), 71.77 (1C) 71.35 (1C), 69.01 (2C), 67.77 (1C), 62.06 (1C), 49.15 (1C), 47.84 (1C), 47.48 (1C), 47.24 (1C), 43.50 (1C), 40.60 (1C), 40.52 (1C), 35.80 (1C), 34.92 (1C), 34.81 (1C), 33.91 (2C), 32.83 (1C), 31.93 (1C), 31.84 (3C), 31.03 (1C), 29.71-29.13 (20C), 27.49 (1C), 27.43 (1C), 25.59 (1C), 24.93 (2C), 24.83 (1C), 23.00 (1C), 22.94 (2C), 19.59 (1C), 16.28 (1C), 14.61 (1C), 14.15 (3C). HPLC (ELSD): 16.15 min, 99.66% purity; Solvent A: 0.1% Formic Acid in Water; Solvent B: MeOH; Column: Phenomenex Gemini C6 PHENYL (250*4.6) mm, 5 μ ; HPLC (uv-215 nm): 16.17 min, 100% purity; LCMS: 10.36 min 100% purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1226 (M+H⁺).

[00816] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 5-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-17-(2-(decanoyloxy)acetyl)-9-fluoro-17-hydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-

6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-11-yl) 3-methylpentanedioate (DEX-(11- C5bMe-2-TG-oleate)- OnDec (D-I-34)



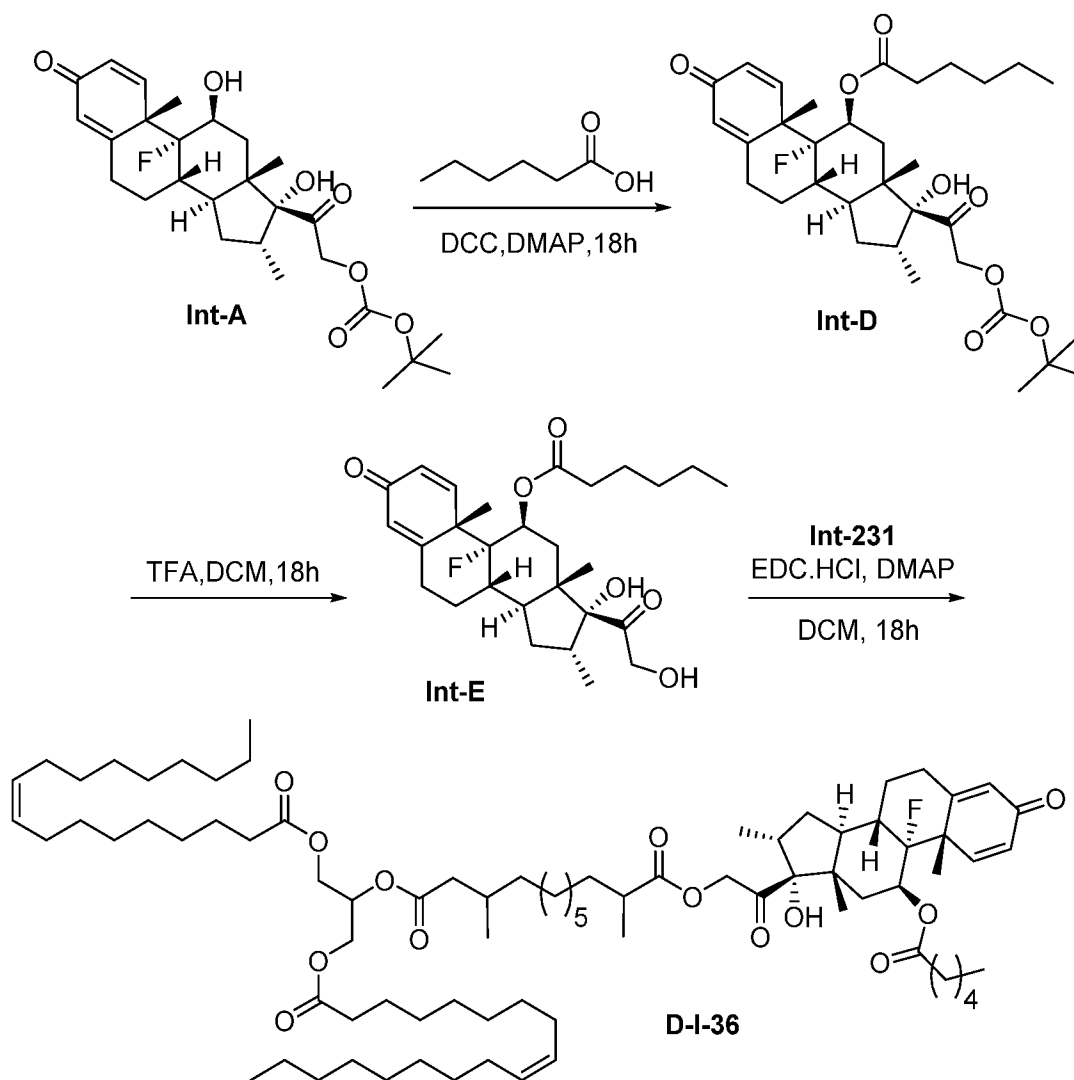
Scheme 53. Synthesis of D-I-34.

[00817] Synthesis of Int-C: To a stirred solution of Dexamethasone **1** (0.250 g, 0.636 mmol) and decanoic acid **2** (0.110 g, 0.636 mmol) in DCM was added EDC·HCl (0.244 g, 1.272 mmol) and DMAP (0.077 g, 0.636 mmol) at RT and the resulting mixture stirred for 18 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to get the crude product, which was purified by column chromatography by using 30% EA:Hexane as eluent to get pure **Int-C** (0.310 g, 89.1%) as an off-white solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.24 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 10.4 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 4.97 – 4.86 (m, 2H), 4.42 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.19 – 3.11 (m, 1H), 2.65 (dt, J = 14.0, 7.1 Hz, 1H), 2.52 – 2.37 (m, 4H), 2.19 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 1.88 – 1.79 (m, 2H), 1.75 – 1.64 (m, 2H), 1.58 (s, 3H), 1.30 (m, 12H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.91 (dt, J = 20.6, 9.0, Hz, 9H).

[00818] Synthesis of D-I-34: To a stirred solution of **Int-C** (0.450 g, 0.823 mmol) and **Int-210** (1.231 g, 1.646 mmol) in DCM (20.0 ml) was added DCC (0.678 g, 3.292 mmol) and DMAP (0.100 g, 0.823 mmol) at RT. Then the reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 18 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered over a celite bed and the filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure to get the crude

product, which was purified by combi flash purification using 25% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as eluent to provide pure **DEX-(11- C5bMe-2-TG-oleate)- OnDec (D-I-34)** (0.300 g, 28.5%) as a colorless viscous liquid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 6.84 (dd, J = 10.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 10.2, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.46 (d, J = 24.7 Hz, 1H), 5.42 – 5.32 (m, 4H), 5.28 (dt, J = 8.6, 4.9 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (dd, J = 17.2, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (dd, J = 17.2, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 4.35 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19 (dd, J = 12.4, 6.1 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.58 (m, 3H), 2.42 (p, J = 6.0, 5.2 Hz, 6H), 2.38 – 2.31 (m, 5H), 2.05 (q, J = 6.4 Hz, 8H), 1.89 (p, J = 4.6 Hz, 1H), 1.78 (dd, J = 13.9, 9.3 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.40 – 1.26 (m, 60H), 1.11 (dd, J = 6.5, 3.1 Hz, 3H), 0.99 – 0.87 (m, 15H); ¹³C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.82 (1C), 185.89 (1C), 173.21 (3C), 171.19 (1C), 170.31 (1C), 164.31 (1C), 150.07 (1C), 130.56 (1C), 130.04 (2C), 129.70 (2C), 125.46 (1C), 99.97 (1C), 90.75 (1C), 77.22 (1C), 69.33 (1C), 67.49 (2C), 53.39 (1C), 47.86 (1C), 47.82 (1C), 47.47 (1C), 43.56 (1C), 41.06 (1C), 40.94 (1C), 40.46 (1C), 35.74 (1C), 35.00 (1C), 34.80 (1C), 34.01 (1C), 33.77 (2C), 32.76 (1C), 32.21 (1C), 31.91 (1C), 31.87 (1C), 31.03 (1C), 29.77 - 29.07 (17C), 27.28 (1C), 27.24 (3C), 27.19 (1C), 26.91 (1C), 24.84 (3C), 22.96 (1C), 22.67 (4C), 19.99 (1C), 16.24 (1C), 14.55 (1C), 14.09 (3C). HPLC (ELSD): 16.53 min, 99.89% purity; HPLC (UV-240 nm): 16.53 min, 98.09% purity; LCMS: 14.566 min 100% purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1278.26 (MH+1).

[00819] 12-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 1-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11-(hexanoyloxy)-17-hydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 2,10-dimethyldodecanedioate (DEX-(11- OnHex)- C12a'bMe-2-TG-oleate) (D-I-36).



Scheme 54. Synthesis of D-I-36.

[00820] **Synthesis of Compound Int-D:** Int-A was prepared as described above in Example 4. To a stirred solution of **Int-A** (0.120g, 0.243 mmol) and n-hexanoic acid (0.056g, 0.487 mmol) in DCM (5 ml) was added DCC (0.200 g, 0.975 mmol) and DMAP (0.029 g, 0.243 mmol) at RT. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 18 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered through a celite bed and concentrated under vacuum to yield crude material, which was purified by combi flash column chromatography using 20% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as eluent to yield pure compound **Int-D** (0.100 g, 69.9%) as an off white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.85 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.35 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s, 1H), 5.46 – 5.45 (m, 2H), 4.97 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.49 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 2.59 (dd, J = 15.5, 10.1 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (dt, J = 15.1, 7.6 Hz,

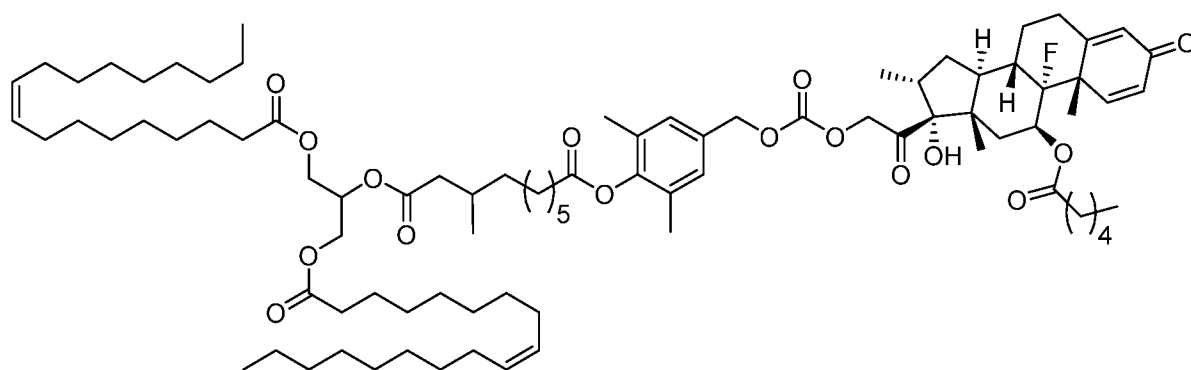
2H), 2.26 (s, 1H), 1.95 (d, $J = 12.4$ Hz, 1H), 1.86 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 2H), 1.74 (dd, $J = 27.6, 12.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.50 (s, 4H), 1.37 (s 9H), 1.29 (q, $J = 8.8, 6.7$ Hz, 4H), 1.12 (p, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 – 0.88 (m, 9H).

[00821] Synthesis of Int-E: To a stirred solution of compound **Int-D** (0.100 g, 0.169 mmol) in DCM (5 ml) was added TFA (1.5 mL) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 18h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum to yield crude material, which was purified by combi flash column chromatography using 30% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as eluent to yield pure **Int-E** (0.050 g, 60%) as a white solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 6.83 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.38 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.51 (m, 1H), 4.66 (d, $J = 20$ Hz, 1H), 4.31 (d, $J = 20$ Hz, 1H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.16 (m, 2H), 2.66 – 2.24 (m, 10H), 2.08 (s, 1H), 1.90 – 1.76 (d, $J = 15.1$ Hz, 2H), 1.73 – 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.50 – 1.36 (m, 1H), 1.32 (s, 1H), 1.30 – 1.20 (m, 4H), 1.04 – 0.92 (m, 9H). HPLC (ELSD): 99.48% purity; HPLC (uv-245 nm): 96.77% purity; LCMS: 100% purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 491.59 (MH+1).

[00822] Synthesis of D-I-36: To a solution of **Int-E** (0.313 g, 0.639 mmol) and **Int-231** (0.550 g, 0.639 mmol) dissolved in DCM (20 mL) was added EDC•HCl (0.306g, 1.598 mmol) and DMAP (0.078g, 0.639 mmol) and the mixture stirred at RT for 18 h. Progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC, and after completion the reaction mixture was evaporated under reduced pressure and diluted with water (50 mL). The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate (3x 100 ml), the combined organic layer dried over sodium sulfate and filtered, and then the filtrate was evaporated to get the crude desired compound. The crude compound was purified by prep HPLC purification to get **DEX-(11- On Hex) -C12a'bMe-2-TG-oleate (D-I-36)** (100 mg, 11.7%) as viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) 6.84 (d, $J = 10.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, $J = 10.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.14 (s 1H), 5.36–5.30 (m, 5H), 5.10–5.03 (m, 1H), 4.78–4.73 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.33–4.29 (dd, $J = 11.9$ Hz, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19–4.04 (dd, $J = 11.9, 5.9$ Hz, 2H), 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.59 (q, $J = 6.8$ Hz 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45–2.30 (m, 14H), 2.03 (m, 8H), 1.88 – 1.62 (m, 4H), 1.48 – 1.25 (m, 17H), 1.28 (m, 52H), 1.19 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 3H), 0.98 – 0.88 (m, 18H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 204.91 (1C), 186.05 (1C), 176.23 (1C), 173.31 (1C), 172.38 (1C), 171.78 (1C), 164.57 (1C), 150.30 (1C), 130.47 (1C), 130.04 (1C), 129.73 (1C), 125.42 (1C), 100.04 (1C), 90.73 (1C), 71.80 (1C), 71.39 (1C), 68.82 (1C), 67.37 (1C), 62.18 (1C), 47.83 (1C), 47.38 (1C), 43.55 (1C), 41.73 (1C), 39.18 (1C), 36.73 (1C), 35.74 (1C), 34.98 (1C), 34.83 (1C), 34.05 (1C), 33.65

(1C), 32.89 (1C), 32.21 (1C), 31.93 (1C), 31.30 (1C), 31.06 (1C), 30.39 (1C), 29.81 - 29.14 (30 C), 27.25 (1C), 27.21 (1C), 27.15 (1C), 26.94 (1C), 24.86 (1C), 24.17 (1C), 22.98 (1C), 22.72 (1C), 22.30 (1C), 19.57 (1C), 17.04 (1C), 16.33 (1C), 14.64 (1C), 14.17 (1C), 13.89 (1C). HPLC (ELSD): 16.70 min, 100% purity; HPLC (245 nm): 16.71 min, 96.06% purity; LCMS: 10.21 min 96.59% purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z: 1334.48 (MH+1).

[00823] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 10-(4-(((2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-9-fluoro-11-(hexanoyloxy)-17-hydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethoxy)carbonyl)oxy)methyl)-2,6-dimethylphenyl) 3-methyldecanedioate (DEX-(11-OnHex)-CDMPHB-C10bMe-2-TG-oleate) (D-I-37).

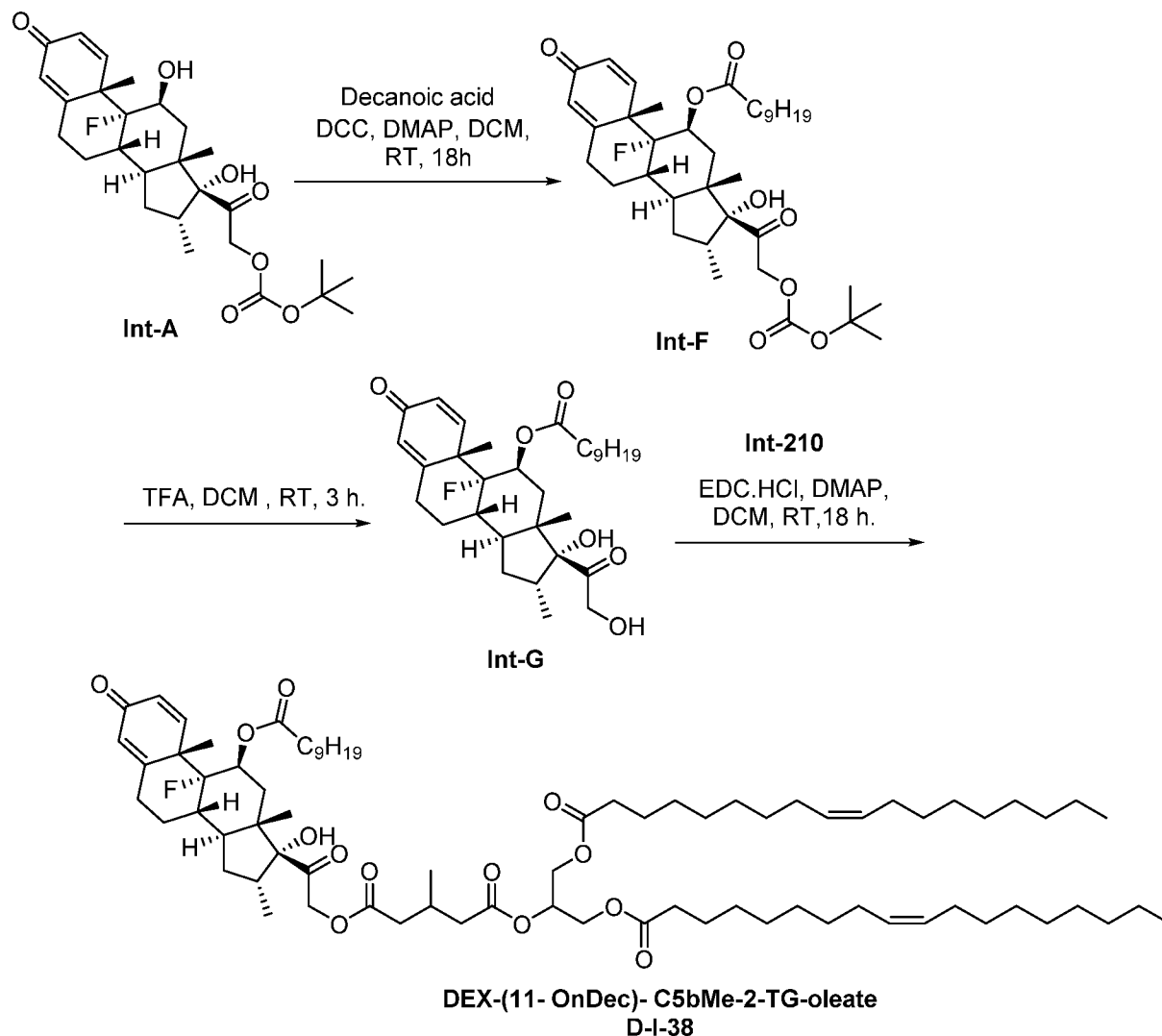


**DEX-(11-OnHex)-CDMPHB-C10bMe-2-TG-oleate
D-I-37**

[00824] To a stirring solution of **Int-E** (0.435g, 0.888 mmol) in DMF (15 mL) was added K_2CO_3 (0.331 g, 2.44 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. After 30 min, **CDMPHB-(OPNP)-C10 β Me-2-TG-oleate (Int-206)** (1.046 g, 0.888 mmol) was added to the reaction mixture. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir for 18 hours at room temperature. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (250 mL) and extracted with ethyl acetate (2 x 250 mL), washed with brine, filtered, and evaporated to get crude material which was purified by prep. HPLC to get pure **DEX-(11-OnHex)-CDMPHB-C10bMe-2-TG-oleate (D-I-37)** (0.100 g, 8.06%) as a colorless viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- d) δ 7.28 (s, 2H), 6.82 (d, J = 10.0, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 10.4, 1H), 6.14 (s 1H), 5.36-5.30 (m, 5H), 5.10-5.03 (m, 3H), 4.78-4.73 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.33-4.29 (dd, J = 11.9, 4.3 Hz, 2H), 4.19-4.04 (dd, J = 11.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.16 (m, 1H), 2.63-2.57 (q, J = 6.8 Hz 9.6 Hz, 2H), 2.47 – 2.29 (m, 8), 2.16 (s, 6H), 2.04 (p, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.67 (dt, J = 31.6, 7.8

Hz, 1H), 1.38 (d, $J = 14.3$ Hz, 4H), 1.38 – 1.25 (m, 80H), 1.00 – 0.86 (m, 6H), 0.63 (s, 9H), ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- d_6) δ 199.63 (1C), 181.34 (1C), 168.53-166.95 (5C), 159.89 (1C), 150.04 (1C), 145.60 (1C), 143.58 (1C), 127.56-120.64 (13C), 86.02 (2), 65.89-64.09 (4C), 57.41 (2C), 43.31 (2), 38.83 (1C), 36.93 (1C), 31.88 (1C), 31.20 (1C), 30.04 (2C), 29.29-26.29 (29C), 25.58-24.36 (4), 22.49-20.10 (3), 19.40 (1C), 17.95 (2), 14.78 (2), 11.63 (1), 11.55 (4), 9.88 -9.12 (3C). HPLC (ELSD): 16.68 min, 100% purity; HPLC (UV-245 nm): 16.69 min, 99.56% purity; LCMS: 14.891 min 100% purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1487.24 (MH+18).

[00825] 1-(1,3-bis(oleoyloxy)propan-2-yl) 5-(2-((8S,9R,10S,11S,13S,14S,16R,17R)-11-(decanoyloxy)-9-fluoro-17-hydroxy-10,13,16-trimethyl-3-oxo-6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-dodecahydro-3H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-yl)-2-oxoethyl) 3-methylpentanedioate (DEX-(11- OnDec)- C5bMe-2-TG-oleate) (D-I-38).



Scheme 55. Synthesis of D-I-38.

[00826] **Int-A** was prepared as described above.

[00827] **Synthesis of Int-F:** To a stirred solution of **Int-A** (0.500 g, 1.016 mmol) and decanoic acid (0.356 g, 2.030 mmol) in DCM (10.0 ml) was added DCC (0.836 g, 4.060 mmol) and DMAP (0.123 g, 1.016 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was filtered over Celite and concentrated under vacuum to get crude material, which was purified by combi flash column chromatography using 18% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as eluent to get pure **Int-F** (0.490 g, 81.53%) as a slightly off-white semi-solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.84 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.37 (dd, J = 10.1, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.48 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (s, 1H), 5.00 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (d, J = 17.6 Hz, 1H), 3.17 (t, J = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 2.60 (dt, J = 13.9, 7.7 Hz, 1H), 2.48 – 2.32 (m, 6H), 1.53 (s, 9H), 1.42 (s, 3H), 1.32 (d, J = 16.6 Hz, 16H), 1.00 – 0.91 (m, 9H), 0.89 (d, J = 9.3 Hz, 3H).

[00828] **Synthesis of Int-G:** To a stirred solution of **Int-F** (0.490 g, 0.758 mmol) in DCM (10.0 ml) was added TFA (1.47 ml, 3 volumes) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was allowed to stir at room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was diluted with water (100 ml) and extracted twice with DCM (2 x 100 ml), washed with brine, and concentrated under vacuum to get crude material which, was purified by combi flash column chromatography using 22% Ethyl acetate/Hexane as eluent to get pure **Int-G** (0.230 g, 55.55%) as a colorless semi-solid. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-d) δ 6.87 (d, J = 10.2 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (d, J = 10.1 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 5.45 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.60 (dd, J = 20.2, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 4.25 (dd, J = 20.1, 5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.08 (dt, J = 20.8, 6.3 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (td, J = 14.1, 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.45 – 2.19 (m, 7H), 1.90 – 1.72 (m, 3H), 1.66 (q, J = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 1.47 (d, J = 14.5 Hz, 3H), 1.37 (s, 4H), 1.28 (d, J = 12.9 Hz, 10H), 1.01 – 0.85 (m, 6H).

[00829] **Synthesis of D-I-38:** To a stirred solution of **Int-210** (0.315 g, 0.421 mmol) and **Int-G** (0.230 g, 0.421 mmol) in DCM (6.0 ml) was added EDC•HCl (0.202 g, 1.052 mmol) and DMAP (0.051 g, 0.421 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 18 h. The progress of the reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum to get crude material, which was purified by Prep. HPLC purification using 50% MeOH/H₂O as eluent to get pure **DEX-(11-OnDec)-C5bMe-**

2-TG-oleate (D-I-38) (0.120 g, 22.34%) as a colorless viscous liquid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 6.84 (d, J = 10.0 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 10.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (s, 1H), 5.505 (d, J = 24.7 Hz, 1H), 5.41 – 5.30 (m, 6H), 5.09 (dd, 1H), 4.697 (dd, 1H), 4.357 – 4.301 (m, 4H), 4.21 – 4.13 (m, 4H), 3.153 (m, 1H), 2.62 – 2.28 (m, 14H), 2.09 – 2.02 (m, 6H), 1.64 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 4H), 1.61 (s, 4H), 1.42 (s, 1H), 1.41 – 1.23 (m, 57H), 1.14 – 1.07 (m, 3H), 1.01 – 0.88 (m, 15H); ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 204.58 (1C), 186.02 (1C), 173.28 (3C), 171.72 (1C), 171.46 (1C), 164.55 (1C), 150.28 (1C), 130.45 (1C), 130.02 (2C), 129.72 (2C), 125.42 (1C), 90.74 (1C), 71.79 (1C), 71.38 (1C), 69.07 (1C), 67.74 (2C), 62.10 (1C), 60.41 (1C), 47.87 (1C), 43.56 (1C), 40.63 (1C), 40.25 (1C), 35.82 (1C), 34.84 (1C), 34.01 (1C), 33.77 (2C) 32.87 (2C), 32.20 (1C), 31.92 (1C), 31.04 (1C), 29.79-29.13 (22C), 27.24 (3C), 24.85 (3C), 24.48 (1C), 22.98 (1C), 22.70 (4C), 19.61 (1C), 16.31 (1C), 14.61 (1C), 14.13 (3C). HPLC (ELSD): 16.40 min, 100% purity; HPLC (UV-245 nm): 16.41 min, 97.46% purity; LCMS: 10.13 min 100% purity; MS (ESI, +ve) m/z : 1278.49 (MH+1).

[00830] Compounds **I-3** through **I-7**, **D-I-29**, **D-I-33**, and **D-I-35** may be prepared by methods substantially similar to those described in Examples 1 through 6, the General Synthetic Schemes provided herein, and methods known to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Example 7: Lymphatic Transport Assay in Rats

[00831] In order to assess the lymphatic transport of disclosed lipid prodrugs in rats, the mesenteric lymph ducts of the rats used in this study were cannulated to allow continual collection of mesenteric lymph. Lipid formulations containing the compound of interest were then administered to the animals, lymph was collected, and drug concentrations in the lymph samples were quantified.

[00832] Lipid-based formulations of the compounds of the invention or control compounds were prepared as previously described (Trevaskis, N.L. *et al.*, *Pharmaceutical Research*, **2005**, 22(11), 1863-1870, WO 2016/023082, and WO 2017/041139, hereby incorporated by reference).

[00833] In brief, either 1 or 2 mg of test prodrug, 40 mg oleic acid and 25 mg Tween 80 were mixed in a glass vial and incubated at 37 °C for 12–18 h to equilibrate. An aqueous phase consisting of 5.6 ml phosphate buffered saline (PBS, pH 7.4) was subsequently added to the lipid phase (ibrutinib was dissolved in PBS for the preparation of ibrutinib-containing formulations) and the formulation emulsified by ultrasonication with a Misonix XL 2020 ultrasonic processor

(Misonix, Farmingdale, NY, USA) equipped with a 3.2-mm microprobe tip running at 30% of the maximal amplitude of 240 μm and a frequency of 20 kHz for 2 min at room temperature. Doses for administering to more than one animal can be prepared in one batch by suitably increasing the quantities given above. Drug/prodrug concentrations in all formulations were verified using HPLC–MS.

[00834] Male Sprague-Dawley (SD) rats were selected for the lymphatic transport studies. Rats (typically 240-320 g) were maintained on a standard diet and fasted overnight with free access to water prior to experiments.

[00835] Anesthetized rats were placed on a heated pad at 37 °C and cannulas inserted into the duodenum (for formulation administration and rehydration), mesenteric lymph duct (for lymph collection), and carotid artery (in cases where blood collection was conducted). Post-surgery, rats were re-hydrated for 0.5 h via intraduodenal infusion of normal saline at 2.8 mL/h. The lipid formulations were infused into the duodenum at 2.8 mL/h for 2 h after which, normal saline was infused at 2.8 mL/h for the remainder of the experiment. Lymph was continuously collected for up to 8 h into pre-weighed Eppendorf tubes containing 10 μL of 1,000 IU/mL heparin. The collection tubes were changed hourly and lymph flow was measured gravimetrically. Aliquots of hourly lymph samples were stored at -20 °C prior to assay.

[00836] For most compounds, drug concentration in lymph is expressed as total drug and includes free drug and drug associated with different glycerides. Lymph samples were first treated with a lipase or other appropriate conditions to liberate free active agent prior to measurement of active agent levels in the lymph. Treatment with a lipase or other hydrolysis conditions liberates free active agent from any corresponding re-esterified glycerides. Porcine pancreatic lipase is appropriate for this purpose. Alternatively, hydrolysis with 0.5 M NaOH may be used.

[00837] For certain compounds, drug concentration was measured for the intact lipid prodrug specifically, without exposing the lymph samples to hydrolysis conditions.

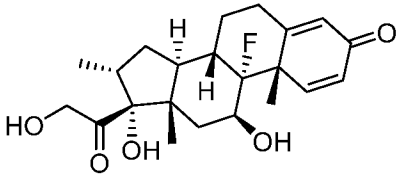
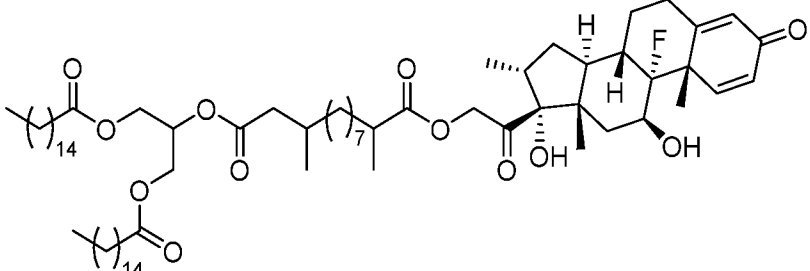
[00838] Transport of compounds into lymph during each hourly collection period was calculated from the product of the volume of lymph collected and the measured concentrations in lymph. For fluorescently-labelled compounds such as a BDP-conjugate, the concentrations of total compound may be measured by fluorescence spectroscopy without hydrolysis.

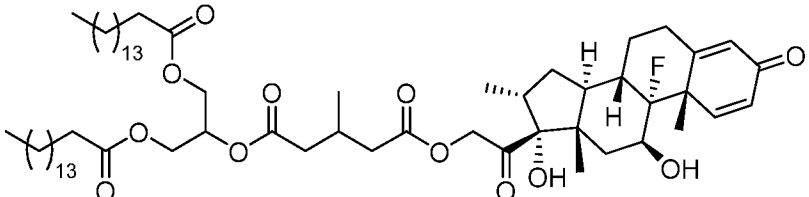
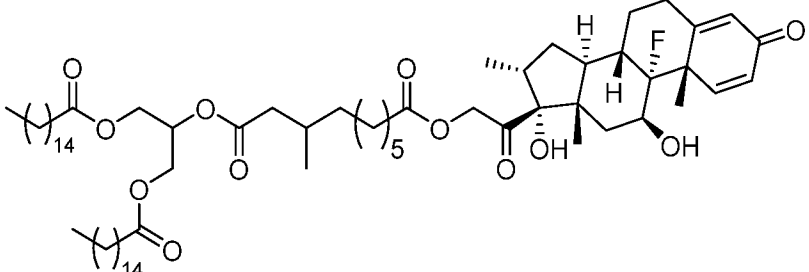
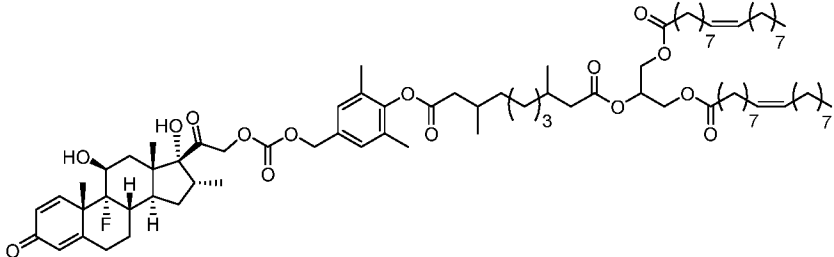
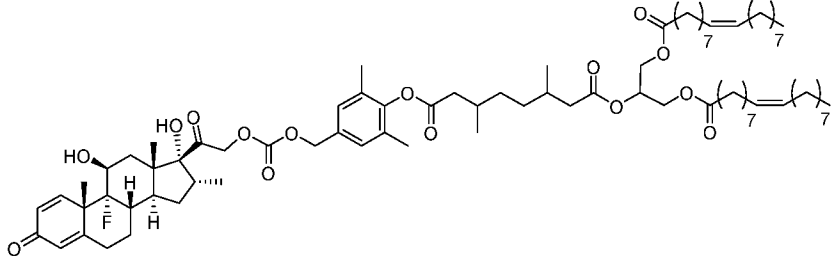
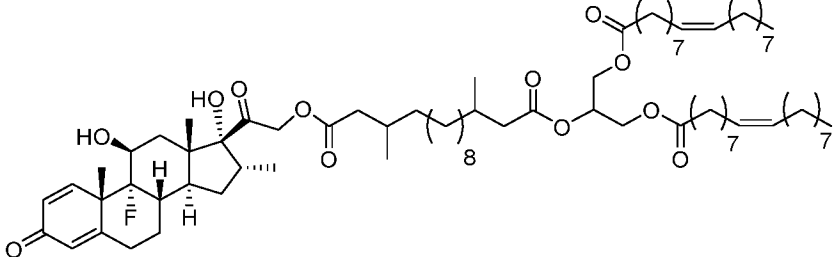
[00839] The half-life of monoglyceride (MG) intermediates in rat bile and pancreatic fluid is determined for selected compounds.

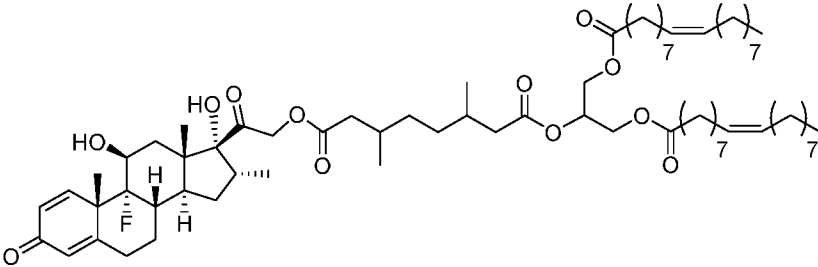
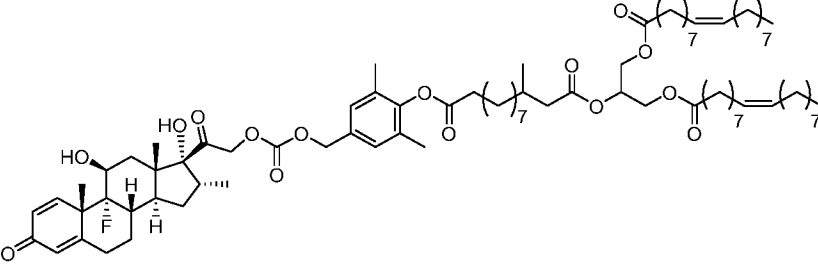
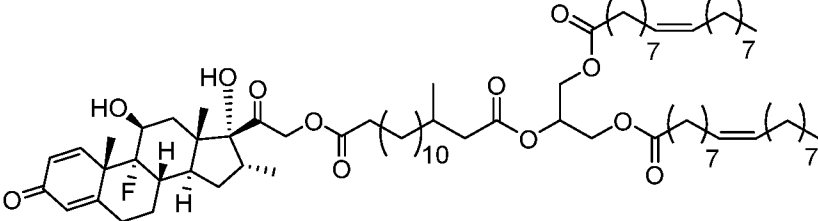
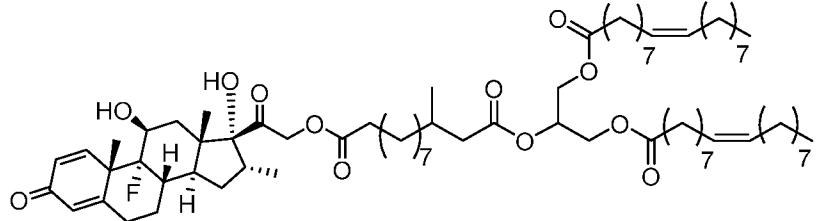
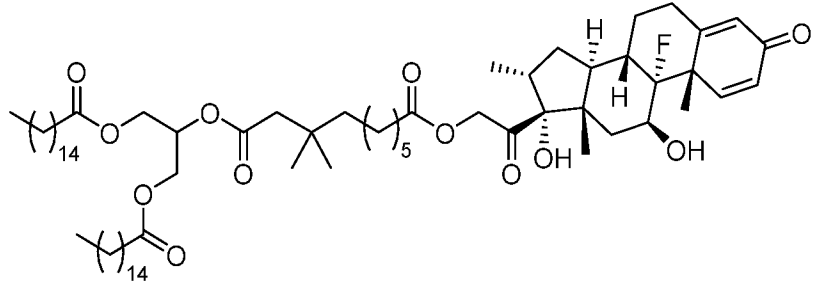
[00840] The results of the lymphatic transport assays are summarized in **Table 4**, below. **Table 4** summarizes lymphatic transport of total dexamethasone related compound (% of administered dose) following intraduodenal infusion to anaesthetised, mesenteric lymph-duct cannulated rats. Compounds with a lymphatic transport assay result of greater than 10% (>10%) are designated as “A.” Compounds with a lymphatic transport assay result between 1% and 10% (1% - 10%) are designated as “B.” Compounds with a lymphatic transport assay result of less than 1% and greater than 0.15% (<1% and >0.15%) are designated as “C.” Compounds with a lymphatic transport assay result of less than 0.15% (<0.15%) are designated as “D.” Results obtained utilizing the analytical procedure without a hydrolysis step are marked with an asterisk (“*”).

[00841] Importantly, the cumulative lymphatic transport percentages of dexamethasone measured in this assay are very low (0.13%). Accordingly, a lymphatic transport assay result of “A” means that the lipid prodrug increases cumulative lymphatic transport relative to dexamethasone by a factor of >77. A result of “B” indicates an increase by a factor of between 7.7 and 77.

Table 4. Lymphatic transport of total dexamethasone related compound (% of administered dose) following intraduodenal infusion to anesthetised, mesenteric lymph-duct cannulated rats.

Cmpd	Structure	Cumulative lymphatic transport (% of dose)
Dexamethasone (DEX)		0.13*
I-1 DEX- C12a'bMe- 2-TG		A

Cmpd	Structure	Cumulative lymphatic transport (% of dose)
I-2 DEX- C5bMe-2- TG		D
I-9 DEX- C10bMe-2- TG		B
I-15 DEX- CDMPHB- C10b'bMe- 2-TG- oleate		A*
I-16 DEX- CDMPHB- C8b'bMe- 2-TG- oleate		B*
I-17 DEX- C15b'bMe- 2-TG- oleate		B*

Cmpd	Structure	Cumulative lymphatic transport (% of dose)
I-20 DEX- C8b'bMe- 2-TG- oleate		B*
I-21 DEX- CDMPHB- C12bMe-2- TG oleate		B
I-23 DEX- C15bMe-2- TG-oleate		B*
I-26 DEX- C12bMe-2- TG-oleate		B*
I-28 DEX- C10bb- GMe-2-TG		B

Example 8: Pharmacokinetic (PK) Studies in Rats

[00842] In order to assess the oral bioavailability of test compounds, pharmacokinetic studies were conducted using the following procedure. The day before drug administration, male Sprague-

Dawley rats (240-320 g) were anesthetised and the carotid artery cannulated. The rats were then allowed to regain consciousness and fasted overnight prior to the commencement of experiments with free access to water. The next morning, formulations containing parent compounds or prodrugs were administered via oral gavage and blood samples were collected from the carotid artery cannula from -5 min up to 24 h post dosing and were centrifuged at 5000 rpm for 5 min to separate plasma. During the blood sample collection period, the rats had free access to water but remain fasted for a further 8 h following drug administration. Plasma samples were stored at -80 °C prior to assay by HPLC-MS-MS. Samples were assayed for free drug (i.e. non-glyceride associated drug) to determine hydrolysis (if any) prior to assay.

[00843] For comparison purposes and to allow calculation of bioavailability, the parent drug may be administered intravenously by either infusion (over 5 min) or bolus injection of a suitable dose of drug dissolved in appropriate aqueous formulation (dependent on the nature of the parent drug). The dose also depends on the nature of the parent drug. Doses were calculated based on typical doses for the drug in clinical use or other factors.

[00844] The dexamethasone oral formulation for each rat contained 1 mg of parent dexamethasone (i.e., non-prodrug dexamethasone) in 2 ml of PBS, which was then combined with 40 mg oleic acid and 25 mg Tween 80, and the final mixture was emulsified. Prodrug formulations for each rat contained 2 mg of the dexamethasone prodrug dispersed in 40 mg oleic acid, 25 mg Tween 80 and 2 ml PBS. **Table 5** below shows the pharmacokinetic parameters of the parent dexamethasone as well as dexamethasone prodrugs after oral administration to the rats. Doses are normalized to a 2 mg/kg equivalent dexamethasone dose and data are presented as mean $\pm$ SD.

Table 5. Pharmacokinetic parameters of DEX following oral administration of DEX or DEX prodrugs to rats.

Compound	C _{max} (nmol/L)	T _{max} (h)	AUC _(obs) (nmol×h/L)
Dexamethasone (n=3) (DEX)	3019.1 $\pm$ 83	1.8 $\pm$ 1	15919 $\pm$ 2435
DEX-C12a'bMe-2-TG (n=3) (I-1)	3212.4 $\pm$ 271	1.3 $\pm$ 0.3	14188 $\pm$ 2574
DEX-C5bMe-2-TG (n=3) (I-2)	2491.7 $\pm$ 389	1.2 $\pm$ 0.8	13684 $\pm$ 721.7

Example 9: *In Vitro* Hydrolysis of Compounds by Rat Digestive Fluid or Porcine**Pancreatic Lipase**

[00845] *In vitro* hydrolysis of test compounds may be performed via incubation with rat digestive fluid. Rat digestive fluid will be collected from anesthetized rats via cannulation of the common bile-pancreatic duct immediately prior to the entry of the duct into the duodenum (i.e. below the point of entry of pancreatic secretions). This allows simultaneous collection of bile and pancreatic fluid. The digestive fluid will be collected continuously for 2 h, during which time a blank lipid formulation (prepared as described in the rat lymphatic transport studies but without the addition of drug) will be infused into the duodenum at a rate of 2.8 mL/h to mimic conditions following drug administration. Bile and pancreatic fluid will be maintained at 37 °C and used within 0.5 h of collection for *in vitro* prodrug hydrolysis experiments. The hydrolysis experiments will be conducted via incubation (at 37 °C) of ~0.375 mL of rat digestive fluid with ~0.625 mL of the drug-loaded lipid formulations (as described in the rat lymphatic transport studies). The volume ratio of digestive fluid to formulation will mimic the flow rate of bile and pancreatic fluid (~1.5 mL/h) and the infusion rate of the intraduodenal formulations (2.8 mL/h) during the *in vivo* lymphatic transport studies. Aliquots of 10 µL (samples taken at 0, 2, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60, 90, 120, 180 min) will be added to 990 µL of acetonitrile/water (4:1, v/v) to stop lipolysis, vortexed for 1 min and centrifuged at 4500 g for 5 min to precipitate proteins prior to analysis. The supernatant will be analyzed by HPLC-MS for residual compound concentrations, and the potential products of compound hydrolysis analyzed.

[00846] To provide for higher throughput of experiments, unless otherwise stated, *in vitro* hydrolysis of test compounds will generally be performed via incubation with porcine pancreatic lipase. This provides a more reproducible source of pancreatic enzymes, facilitates enhanced experimental throughput, and is also a greater challenge than collected rat enzymes (since enzyme activity in rat intestinal fluid is low). Briefly, pancreatic lipase solution will be prepared prior to the hydrolysis experiment by dispersion of 1 g porcine pancreatin in 5 mL of lipolysis buffer and 16.9 µL of 0.5 M NaOH. The suspension will be mixed well and centrifuged at 3500 rpm for 15 minutes at 5 °C to provide a supernatant. An amount of 1000 mL of lipolysis buffer will be prepared with 0.474 g of tris-maleate (2 mM), 0.206 g of CaCl₂·H₂O (1.4 mM) and 8.775 g of NaCl (150 mM) adjusted with NaOH to pH 6.5. To assess the potential for prodrug hydrolysis in the intestine, 20 µL of prodrug solution (1 mg/mL dissolved in acetonitrile), 900 µL of simulated

intestinal micellar solution [prepared with 0.783 g of NaTDC (3 mM) and 0.291 g of phosphatidyl choline (0.75 mM) in 500 mL lipolysis buffer] and 100 μ L of enzyme solution will be incubated at 37 °C. 20 μ L samples of the incubation solution will be taken at 0, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60, 90, 120 and 180 minutes post incubation and added to 180 μ L of MeCN to stop lipolysis. The mixture will be vortexed and centrifuged at 5000 rpm for 5 minutes to precipitate proteins prior to analysis. The supernatant will be analyzed by HPLC-MS for residual compound concentrations, and the potential products of compound hydrolysis analyzed.

[00847] On incubation with digestive enzymes, the monoglyceride forms of the prodrugs are formed very rapidly. The stability in simulated intestinal conditions is therefore better assessed by the stability of the monoglyceride form that is generated by the initial digestion process. The monoglyceride form must remain intact to be absorbed and re-esterified in the enterocyte prior to entry into the lymphatics. A comparison of the stability profiles of the monoglyceride forms of test compounds during *in vitro* incubation with freshly collected rat bile and pancreatic fluid (BPF) or porcine pancreatic lipase will be used to evaluate the influence of linker structure on the stability of the monoglyceride intermediates.

Example 10: *In Vitro* Release of Therapeutic Agent From Prodrugs in Lymph Supplemented with Lipoprotein Lipase

[00848] In order to probe the release of free therapeutic agent from lipid prodrugs in the lymphatics, prodrugs will be incubated with rat lymph supplemented with lipoprotein lipase (LPL, 200 unit/mL). LPL is a key enzyme required for the hydrolysis of lipoprotein associated TG in normal physiological conditions and is therefore expected to be a key contributor to lipolysis of the re-esterified drug-TG construct in plasma, largely via liberation of fatty acids in the sn-1 and the sn-3 position of the TG-mimetic, prior to drug release from the 2' position via esterase hydrolysis. LPL is tethered to lymphocytes or lymphatic/vascular endothelial cells under physiological conditions. In these *in vitro* studies, rat lymph will therefore be supplemented with LPL to better reflect the *in vivo* situation. To start hydrolysis, 10 μ L of LPL solution (10,000 unit/mL) will be added to a mixture of 10 μ L of prodrug solution (1 mg/mL dissolved in acetonitrile) and 500 μ L of blank Sprague Dawley rat lymph. The solution will be incubated at 37 °C. Samples (20 μ L) of the incubation solution will be taken at 0, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60, 90, 120 and 180 minutes post incubation and added to 980 μ L of 9:1 (v/v) MeCN/water to stop lipolysis. The mixture will

be vortexed and centrifuged at 4500 g for 5 minutes to precipitate proteins prior to analysis. The supernatant will be analyzed by HPLC-MS/MS for concentrations of the released therapeutic agent.

Example 11: Lymphocyte Proliferation Assay

[00849] Immune cells from rats (MLN and spleen cells) and PBMCs from human participants will be cultured in flat clear-bottom 96-well microplates (Thermo Scientific Nunc®) at a concentration of 8.4×10^4 and 5.2×10^4 cells/well, respectively. Working stock solutions of test and control compounds in RMPI-1640 culture medium-DMSO (99:1, v/v) will be prepared at concentrations of 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, and 200 µg/mL. Working stock solutions of test and control compounds will be incubated with cells at final concentrations of 1, 2.5, 5, 7.5, 10, 15, and 20 µg/mL in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂ at 37 °C for 30 min. Cells will then be stimulated by the T cell-selective mitogen Phytohaemagglutinin (PHA, 10 µg/mL, Sigma Aldrich; see Janossy, G. *et al.*, Clin. Exp. Immunol. 9, 483-& (1971)) or other stimulant such as Concanavalin A (ConA), and incubated in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂ at 37 °C for 2 days. Cell proliferation will be assessed by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) based on bromo-2'-deoxyuridine (BrdU) incorporation into newly synthesized DNA according to the manufacturer protocol (Roche Applied Science, Roche Diagnostics Ltd, UK). Finally, the absorbance of these wells will be observed at 370 nm, with reference wavelength at 492 nm using plate reader (EnVision® Multilabel Plate Reader, PerkinElmer Inc., USA). Absorbance values will be normalized to the absorbance of culture medium-treated cells.

[00850] Reference: Zgair, A. *et al.*, Scientific Reports **2017**, 7: 14542, 1-12.

Example 12: Flow Cytometry Analysis

[00851] Freshly isolated immune cells of MLN and splenocytes from rats and thawed PBMCs from human participants will be incubated with control or test compound (1–20 µg/mL) for 30 min in FACS tubes. Cells will then be stimulated with phorbol myristate acetate and ionomycin (PMA & I) in the presence of brefeldin A and incubated in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂ at 37 °C for 5 hours. After stimulation, cells will be washed with PBS and centrifuged to pellet (290 g, 5 min, 20 °C). Cell pellet will be resuspended and labelled with Zombie UV™ Fixable Viability kit according to the manufacturer's protocol (Biolegend) for the purpose of excluding dead cells

during the analysis of data (effect of relevant control compounds on the variability of immune cells isolated from healthy volunteers can be evaluated by methods known in the art). Fixation and permeabilization will be performed using BD Cytofix/Cytoperm™ kit according to the manufacturer's protocol (BD Bioscience). Rat immune cells will be labelled with APC anti-rat CD3, PE anti-mouse / rat TNF- α , and FITC anti-rat IFN- γ antibodies (Biolegend). Human PBMCs will be labelled with BV421 anti-human TNF- α and PerCP/Cy5.5 anti-human IL-2 antibodies (Biolegend), ECD anti-human CD3, FITC anti-human IFN- γ antibodies (Beckman Coulter), and PE anti-human IL-17A, and APC anti-human GM-CSF antibodies (eBioscience). Isotype and fluorescence minus one (FMO) controls will be prepared for all antibodies in each flow cytometry run. Data will be collected on MoFlo® Astrios™ EQ flow cytometer and analyzed using Kaluza analysis software v 1.5 (Beckman Coulter). An appropriate gating strategy may be selected using methods known in the art and the reference below.

[00852] Reference: Zgair, A. *et al.*, Scientific Reports **2017**, 7: 14542, 1-12.

Example 13: Preparation of Single-Cell Suspension From Mesenteric Lymph Node (MLN) and Spleen of Rats

[00853] Following 5 days of acclimatization, animals are euthanized and the ventral abdominal wall incised to expose the intestine. MLN and spleen are aseptically collected. MLN are gently dissected from surrounding tissue and spleen are scored with a clean scalpel before being mashed on cell strainer (70 μ m Nylon, Corning Falcon™). Red blood cells in the cell suspension of the splenocytes will be lysed by lysing buffer (BD Bioscience). Immune cells from MLN and splenocytes are washed twice with PBS. Cell suspension are centrifuged (400 g, 5 min at room temperature) and resuspended in complete RMPI-1640 culture medium (RMPI-1640 culture medium with L-glutamine supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin, all purchased, *e.g.*, from Sigma-Aldrich) at concentration of 1.2×10^6 cells/mL to be used for proliferation and flow cytometry experiments.

[00854] Reference: Zgair, A. *et al.*, Scientific Reports **2017**, 7: 14542, 1-12 and Han, S. *et al.*, Journal of Controlled Release **2014**, 177, 1-10.

Example 14: *In Vitro* Release of Therapeutic Agent From Prodrugs in Plasma**Supplemented with Lipoprotein Lipase**

[00855] In order to probe the release of free drug from TG prodrugs in the systemic circulation, prodrugs are incubated with plasma (rat, mouse, dog, pig or human) supplemented with lipoprotein lipase (LPL, 200 IU/ml). LPL is a key enzyme required for the hydrolysis of lipoprotein associated TG in the systemic circulation and is therefore expected to be a key contributor to lipolysis of the re-esterified drug-TG construct in plasma, largely via liberation of fatty acids in the sn-1 and the sn-3 position of the TG-mimetic, prior to drug release from the 2' position via esterase hydrolysis. LPL is active in plasma but is tethered to the luminal surface of vascular endothelial cells under physiological conditions. In the current in vitro studies, plasma is therefore supplemented with LPL to better reflect the in vivo situation. To start hydrolysis, 10 µl of LPL solution (10,000 IU/ml) is added to a mixture of 10 µl of prodrug solution (1 mg/ml dissolved in acetonitrile) and 500 µl of blank plasma. The mixture is incubated at 37 °C. Samples (20 µl) of the incubation solution are taken at 0, 5, 15, 30, 60, 90, 120 and 180 minutes post-incubation and added to 180 µl of MeCN to stop lipolysis. The mixture is vortexed and centrifuged at 4500 x g for 5 minutes to precipitate proteins prior to analysis. The supernatant is analyzed by HPLC-MS/MS for the potential products (MG form, acid form, and free drug) of prodrug hydrolysis.

Example 15: Oral Ovalbumin Challenge Model*Purification and labelling of ovalbumin specific T cells*

[00856] OVA specific CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells are purified from the lymph nodes of OT2 and OT1 mice, respectively, and employed in independent experiments to simplify the studies. Lymph nodes collected from OT mice (including MLN, inguinal, brachial, axillary, cervical, iliac) are pressed through a 40 µm sieve using the back of 1 ml syringe plunger, to form a single cell suspension in RPMI 1640 with 2% Fetal Bovine Serum. T cells are then purified using negative selection separation and employing a magnet assisted cell sorting (MACS®) protocol from Miltenyi Biotec. The protocol provided in the kit supplied by Miltenyi Biotec is followed. Briefly, cell suspensions obtained from the lymph node of the OT mice are resuspended in MACS buffer (PBS with 2 mM EDTA and 0.2% Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)) and labelled with antibodies against all other surface markers, except for the marker for the cells of interest (i.e. CD4⁺ T cells are isolated by depletion of non CD4⁺ T cells using a cocktail of biotin-conjugated antibodies

against CD8a, CD11b, CD11c, CD19, CD45R (B220), CD49b (DX5), CD105, Anti-MHC-class II, Ter-119 and TCR γ/δ as primary labelling reagent). The cells are then incubated with Anti-biotin labelled magnetic microbeads and passed through the MACS LS column along with MACS buffer within the magnetic field of the Vario MACS separator. The labelled cells are retained within the column while the unlabelled cells flow through the column. The quantity of reagents used is as described in the kit. The purity of the isolated cells is confirmed by flow cytometry of a small sample. These cells are stained with antibodies to CD4 (OT2) or CD8 (OT1) and for Ly 5.1 (surface protein present in lymphocytes of OT mice). The purified CD4 or CD8 T cells are subsequently labelled with CellTrace violet (CTV) dye to allow downstream quantification of cell proliferation. CTV labelling is performed in two steps. First the CTV dye is diluted 100 fold (from 5 mM to 50 μ M) with 0.1% BSA in PBS in an eppendorf tube. This solution is then further diluted 10 fold (to 5 μ M) at the same time as adding to the cell suspension ($\leq 50 \times 10^6$ cells/mL) in a 10 mL Falcon tube. The tube is sealed and vortexed immediately to allow even distribution of the dye to the cells. The number of OT cells purified and thus labelled are counted using a haemocytometer under the microscope. The cells are then pelleted and resuspended in PBS, pH 7.4 (10^7 cells/mL), for administration to the recipient mice.

Oral ovalbumin challenge model (late dosing protocol)

[00857] Recipient female C57Bl/6 mice (20-22 g) are administered 50 mg ovalbumin in 0.2 mL of PBS as a single dose, by oral gavage on Day 1. A negative control group receives only PBS (the saline “treatment” group). Each mouse is then administered ~0.2 ml of the appropriate cell suspension containing 2×10^6 donor cells, by the tail vein (from above; purified and labelled CD4 or CD8 T cells, obtained from donor OT mice), within 0.5-3 hours of ovalbumin administration. The ovalbumin dosed mice are then divided into four treatment groups and administered different treatments via oral gavage. One group receives no additional treatment (OVA treated group), a second receives 50 mg/kg parent drug (glucocorticoid) as a suspension in 0.2 ml of 0.5% CMC (glucocorticoid treatment group), a third receives the glucocorticoid-2-TG prodrug at a dose equivalent to 50 mg/kg of glucocorticoid formulated in a lipid emulsion (glucocorticoid-2-TG treatment group) and the fourth receives the blank lipid emulsion (blank lipid treatment group) in which the prodrug is administered. The treatments are administered on days 2, 3 and 4, twice a day in the morning and evening. The mice are euthanized on day 5 and mesenteric lymph nodes (MLN) and peripheral lymph nodes (PLN, including inguinal, brachial, axillary, cervical, iliac) are

collected and analyzed by flow cytometry (as below) to assess the proliferation of ovalbumin specific T cells.

Flow cytometry analysis

[00858] For flow cytometry analysis, cells are isolated from the MLN and PLN and formed into a single cell suspension as described above in PBS buffer containing 2% Foetal Bovine Serum. The cells are then incubated for 20 mins at 4 °C with FITC anti-mouse CD45.1 antibody or FITC anti-mouse TCR V α 2 antibody to label lymphocytes derived from the OT mice (for transgenic mice obtained from WEHI, TCR V α 2 antibody is used, for mice from Bio21 CD45.1 antibody is employed). APC anti-mouse CD8a antibody is used to label CD8 cells and PE anti-mouse CD4 antibody to label CD4 cells. Cells are then washed with buffer. All antibodies are used as per the dilution suggested by the commercial (Biolegend) labelling procedure. Propidium iodide, 10 ng/ml, is added to the cells just prior to flow cytometry analysis to stain for dead cells. Cells that are double positive for CD4/CD8 and CD45.1 (i.e. CD4 or CD8 lymphocytes derived from OT mice) are selected to detect the CTV fluorescence, using the Pacific blue filter (450/50). One million total events are acquired by the flow cytometer (BD Biosciences FACSCanto II analyser, Becton, Dickinson and Company, NJ, USA) and data are analysed using FlowJo software, by Tree Star Inc., Ashland, OR, USA.

Example 16: Lymph Transport Study in Beagle Dogs

[00859] A modified version of protocols described in Han, S. et al., “Lymphatic Transport and Lymphocyte Targeting of a Triglyceride Mimetic Prodrug Is Enhanced in a Large Animal Model: Studies in Greyhound Dogs,” *Mol. Pharm.* **2016**, 13 (10), 3351–3361, may be used to perform lymph transport assays of test compounds in beagle dogs. The assay is performed as follows.

[00860] The thoracic lymph duct is cannulated under surgical anesthesia as previously described (Edwards, *et al. Adv. Drug Delivery Rev.* **2001**, 50 (1–2), 45–60.). Following surgery, dogs is allowed to recover unrestrained in a closed run overnight (12–16 h) and returned to normal ambulatory movement before commencement of the study. In the initial recovery period fluids is administered IV to ensure adequate hydration and to prevent hypoproteinemia. Water is also available ad libitum throughout the experiment period. Prior to drug administration, a 20 G intravenous catheter is inserted into the cephalic vein to enable serial blood sampling and the catheter kept patent by periodic flushing with heparinized saline (1 IU/mL). To limit possible

dehydration due to the continuous collection of thoracic lymph, 25 mL of normal saline is also administered hourly by IV bolus during the sampling period. The dogs are fasted for 12 h up to 30 min prior to drug administration. For fed state studies, dogs will receive ~20 g of high fat dog food (containing ~34% fat), administered by hand, followed by 10 mL water to aid in swallowing, followed by 100 g standard canned dog food (~2.5% fat) 30 min prior to drug administration. Water is available ad libitum throughout the study for all dogs. Test compounds are prepared in a suitable formulation such as a long-chain lipid based self-emulsifying drug delivery system (SEDDS) consisting of 30.5% w/w soybean oil, 30.5% w/w Maisine-CC, 31.6% w/w Cremophor EL and 7.4% w/w ethanol. Formulations are filled into hard gelatin capsules. Compound dissolved in the formulation is administered to the fed dog by placing the capsules as far posterior to the pharynx as possible, closing the mouth and rubbing the throat to stimulate swallowing. Subsequently 50 mL of water is administered orally via a syringe. Lymph is collected continuously into preweighed 50 mL collection tubes containing 75 mg of disodium EDTA for the duration of the 10 h postdosing period. Individual lymph samples for each half hourly or hourly collection period are combined, and the mass of lymph collected will be determined gravimetrically. Several 20 and 200 μ L aliquots of each lymph sample are transferred into individual 1.5 mL Eppendorf tubes and stored at -80°C until analysis of drug concentrations. The remaining lymph from each collection period (half hourly or hourly) are transferred into 10 mL tubes, which will be centrifuged at 2000g for 10 min to obtain lymphocyte pellets, which will be stored at -80°C until analysis of drug concentrations. Systemic blood samples (3 mL) are taken via the indwelling cephalic vein catheter and placed in individual heparinized tubes (13 x 75 mm BD Vacutainer, 68 IU). Blood samples are collected at predose (-5 min) and at 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 h following drug administration. Plasma are separated by centrifugation and stored at -80°C prior to analysis.

Example 17: Organ Rejection Drug in Prodrug and Active Drug Formulations

[00861] Dexamethasone and other glucocorticoids are used in immunosuppression regimens such as following organ transplantation. They are also used following cancer therapy. Dexamethasone in particular is used to alleviate edema in patients with intracranial lesions and is a first-line agent to combat immune-related adverse events (irAEs) that arise with immune

checkpoint blockade treatment. Accordingly, the efficacy of lipid prodrugs of dexamethasone are assessed in a peripheral antigen challenge model.

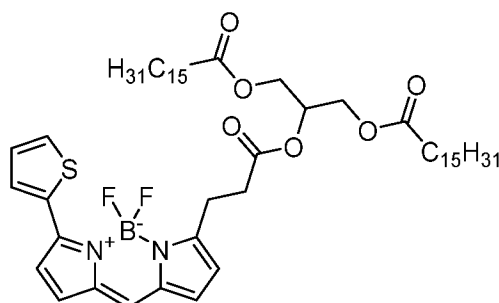
[00862] Mice are treated with a control glucocorticoid such as dexamethasone or a lipid prodrug of the disclosure. The efficacy of these lipid prodrugs is compared to the control, e.g., dexamethasone. The prodrugs comprise a glucocorticoid such as dexamethasone conjugated to one of various TG (triglyceride) groups. To determine the immune response, the animals are administered incomplete Freund's adjuvant (IFA). Modification of immune response by IFA caused by dexamethasone is determined by tissue analysis. This experiment is conducted in both mice and rats.

[00863] Dexamethasone or control glucocorticoid is administered in active or prodrug formulations orally via oral gavage once daily for 6 days in formulation containing PBS, 0.2% ethanol, 4% oleic acid, and 2.5% Tween 80 (Group 1 – dexamethasone at control dose 1; Group 2 – dexamethasone at control dose 2; Group 3 – dexamethasone at control dose 3; Group 4 – dexamethasone-TG at test dose 1; Group 5 – dexamethasone test prodrug at test dose 1; for all groups n=4). On the same day of the first drug oral gavage, mice or rats are immunized subcutaneously near one or both hocks with up to 25ug proteins/peptides emulsified in incomplete Freund's adjuvant plus 15ng monophosphoryl lipid A (25ul total volume per hock). Mice or rats are placed in a restraining device for less than 5 minutes for hock injection. The monophosphoryl lipid A is localized at the injection site because it is formulated within an emulsion, which mediates the maturation of dendritic cells, which in turn induces the development of effector CD4 T helper 1 and B cells without causing systemic effects. Monophosphoryl A is a de-toxified version of LPS, thus monophosphoryl lipid A will not cause adverse effects.

[00864] Animals are observed three times per week after administration of drug and are weighed twice a week. After 6 days, animals are sacrificed and blood, lymph nodes, spleen, and other major organs harvested for flow cytometry, Elispots, ELISAs, and snap freezing. In flow cytometry, we will quantify B cells (by CD19 and B220 co-staining for mice or CD45RA for rats) and T cells (by CD4, CD3, CD25, CD69, CD62L, and/or tetramer co-staining). In Elispots, we will quantify antigen-specific T cells by IFN-g and IL-2 production. In ELISAs, antigen-specific antibodies will be quantified. Rats are used when large amounts of tissues are required for analysis.

Example 18: Assessment of Immune system distribution of lipid prodrugs using BoDiPy – labeling

[00865] To determine absorption of the lipid prodrug, oral formulations of a fluorescent agent conjugated to a lipid prodrug are administered with the purpose of visualizing which tissues and immune cells have absorbed the lipid prodrug. Exemplary fluorescent lipid prodrugs are described in PCT/US2018/048624, filed August 29, 2018, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Fluorescent lipid prodrugs (BoDiPy) are introduced into mice or rat via oral gavage (Group 1 – BoDiPy 0.033mg/animal; Group 2 – BoDiPy-2-TG 0.1mg/animal; Group 3 – naïve; n=2 for all groups). Animals are observed 3x/wk after administration of drug and are weighed twice a week. BoDiPy-2-TG has the following structure:



[00866] At 9 different timepoints between 5 mins – 30 days (5 minutes, 15 minutes, 1 hour, 3 hours, 6 hours, 18 hours, 24 hours, 7 days, 30 days), animals are sacrificed and their major organs/tissues (duodenum, jejunum, ileum, colon, liver, spleen, lung, kidney, bone marrow, heart, and brain), lymph nodes (cervical, inguinal, mesenteric), and blood collected to identify tissues and immune cells (F4/80+ macrophages, Ly6Chi monocytes, CD4+ and CD8+ T cells, CD19+ B cells, CD45 negative non-hematopoietic, Nkp46+ natural killer cells, CD11c+ dendritic cells, Ly6G+ neutrophils) which have taken up the fluorescent dye over time via flow cytometry. Rats are used to determine whether the distribution is significantly different than mice.

Example 19: Lymph and Blood Absorption of Lipid Prodrugs in Cannulated Animals

[00867] To determine the timing of absorption of oral prodrugs into the lymph fluid, terminal surgery is conducted on mice and rats which involves cannulation of the intestine using angiocatheter placement (to emulate oral dosing) and the mesenteric lymph duct. Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00868] Each animal (mouse or rat) receives a mesenteric lymph duct cannula and a duodenal cannula in the same terminal procedure. Animals (Group 1 – dexamethasone; Group 2 – dexamethasone -TG (lipid prodrug); all groups n=5) are anesthetized and maintained under deep anesthesia throughout the duration of the 6-hour collections period. The doses used for this experiment are matched with the doses used from the two previous examples to compare results between the lymph transport experiments and the experiments mentioned above. Up to the maximum control dose of dexamethasone or maximum test dose of lipid prodrug formulated in PBS, 0.2% ethanol, 4% oleic acid, and 2.5% Tween 80 is infused into each animal.

[00869] An incision is made on the right side of the animal from the midline to the right flank approximately 2 cm below the ribcage. The superior mesenteric lymph duct is located perpendicular to the right kidney and parallel to the mesenteric artery. Next, a 24-g catheter is inserted into the lymph duct, and the needle removed.

[00870] Once the flow of lymph is observed, a drop of tissue glue is applied to secure the catheter in place. The flow of lymph is observed for several minutes to ensure the successful cannulation of the lymph duct. Tubing that has been pre-rinsed with anti-coagulant (heparin) is connected to the catheter via the luer-lock ends. The collection end of the tubing is placed in a collection tube containing anti-coagulant, which is placed on ice throughout the collection period. The collection tube is changed every hour, for a total of 6 samples from each animal.

[00871] Following successful cannulation of the mesenteric lymph duct, the duodenum is cannulated to directly infuse dexamethasone or the dexamethasone lipid prodrugs. The duodenum is identified as the bright pink section of the small intestine. A small hole will be made in the duodenum approximately 2 cm below the junction with the stomach using a sterile needle. The cannula will be inserted and secured with tissue glue. Prior to drug infusion, the animals are hydrated with normal saline at a rate of 2.8 mL/hour. Following the recovery/hydration period of 30 minutes (collected lymph during this time could be used as blank lymph for analytical purposes – see below), formulated dexamethasone prodrug or dexamethasone standard is infused into the duodenum via the cannula at a rate of 2.8 mL/hr. Pre-weighed tubes containing anti-coagulant (10 uL of 1000 IU/mL sodium heparin) are used to collect lymph from the cannula. After 1 hour of lymph collection, the weight of the tube is recorded. The collected lymph is then aliquoted into tubes suitable for bioanalysis (20 uL aliquots) and frozen at -80°C until bioanalysis is performed (see Experimental Procedures below for details regarding lymph processing). Lymph is collected

for 6 hours after the infusion of the lipid prodrugs or dexamethasone into the duodenum (6 samples per animal). After the collection period has ended, the animals are sacrificed while still under anesthesia, via thoracotomy. Animals are continuously monitored the entire time that they are under anesthesia (from start to sacrifice).

[00872] The main objective of this study is to evaluate the transport of lipid prodrugs into the lymph by cannulating the mesenteric lymph duct, following drug dosing into the duodenum. The amount of free drugs is quantified in the lymph fluid after the dexamethasone prodrugs are delivered via duodenum cannulation. Measurements may also be performed of “total” dexamethasone species (free and various prodrug/hydrolysis forms combined) by a hydrolysis assay, such as that described above. Without wishing to be bound by theory, it is believed that the prodrug forms of dexamethasone can transport better/preferentially in the lymph compared to unmodified dexamethasone.

Example 20: Effects of Dexamethasone Lipid Prodrugs Administered in an Indomethacin-Induced Crohn’s Disease Model in Rats

[00873] The objective of this study is to determine the efficacy of lipid prodrugs of dexamethasone in a model of Crohn’s disease (indomethacin induced intestinal injury) in rats. One injection of indomethacin causes transient gastric injury resulting in inflammation of the small bowel, including sloughing of the epithelium and ulcerations (e.g., as described in Stadnyk et al., “Neutrophil migration into indomethacin induced rat small intestinal injury is CD11a/CD18 and CD11b/CD18 co-dependent,” *Gut* 2002;50:629–635; Okayama et al., “Mast cells are involved in the pathogenesis of indomethacin-induced rat enteritis,” *J Gastroenterol* 2009; 44 [Suppl XIX]:35–39). Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00874] On study day -3, rats are weighed and randomized into treatment groups based on body weight and on study day 0, treatments are initiated and continue. Also, on study day 0, rats are briefly anesthetized, shoulders shaved and rats receive a subcutaneous injection of indomethacin (9 mg/kg, 1 ml/kg) in 5% sodium bicarbonate (sterile water). On study day 1, rats receive a second subcutaneous injection of indomethacin (8 mg/kg, 1 ml/kg) in 5% sodium bicarbonate (sterile water). Bodyweight is monitored daily throughout the study.

[00875] On study day 4, animals are anesthetized with isoflurane and bled to exsanguination followed by bilateral pneumothorax. A section of the small intestine is removed and weighed. At

necropsy, the small intestine is evaluated visually and given a gross score according to the following criteria 0=Normal; 0.5=Very Minimal thickening, multifocal in area at risk; 1=Minimal thickening, fairly diffuse in area at risk; 2=Mild to moderate small intestinal/mesenteric thickening throughout area at risk; 3=Moderate thickening with 1 or more definite adhesions that would be easy to separate; 4=Marked thickening with numerous hard to separate adhesions; 5=Severe intestinal lesion resulting in death.

[00876] Samples of the small intestine are prepared for histology (IHC). Plasma is collected (anticoagulant K₂EDTA) and stored at -80 °C. Tissue samples (Mesenteric lymph nodes (collected each in order, individually into separate cryovials), spleen, brain, liver, kidney, lung, colon from cecum to anus, cecum, inguinal lymph nodes, cervical lymph nodes, and axillary lymph nodes) are collected and snap frozen into separately labeled cryovials for the quantification of drugs by bioanalysis methods. Overall efficacy of dexamethasone lipid prodrugs is based on body weight, small intestine weight (10 cm), small intestine gross score, and optionally histopathology.

Example 21: Study to Assess the Efficacy of Lipid Prodrugs in a Model of Adoptive Transfer Colitis

[00877] The objective of this study is to test multiple lipid prodrugs (at multiple doses) in the modification of colitis induced by adoptive cell transfer of naïve T cells (CD44-/CD62L+) from C57Bl/6 donors into RAG2-/- recipients. Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00878] Colitis is induced on Day 0 in male RAG2-/- mice by IP injection of CD44-/CD62L+ T cells isolated and purified from C57Bl/6 recipients. Group 1 animals do not receive a cell transfer and remain as the naïve control group. Group 2 animals receive 0.5×10^6 memory cells (the CD44+ labeled cell fraction from the magnetic separation) and serve as an additional negative control group. All other Groups (3-11) receive 0.5×10^6 naïve T_H cells.

[00879] Donor cells are processed as follows. Spleens are harvested from C57Bl/6 mice and processed/sorted using Miltenyi MACS columns. All recipient mice are weighed daily and assessed visually for the presence of diarrhea and/or bloody stool. Cages are changed every two weeks, with care taken to capture ¼ of dirty cage material for transfer to the new cage.

[00880] On Day 13, blood is collected via RO eye bleed in cohorts of animals from Groups 3-10 at 1, 2, and 4 hours post dexamethasone lipid prodrug dose. The PK bleeds occur in Groups 3-10 as follows. In each group, animals 1-4 are bled 1 hour after the dexamethasone lipid prodrug

dose, animals 5-8 are bled 2 hours after the dexamethasone lipid prodrug dose, and animals 9-13 are bled 4 hours after the lipid prodrug dose. For group 10, the PK time points occur following the first dose of dexamethasone lipid prodrug. The whole blood is centrifuged, and plasma is frozen at -80 °C for potential downstream analysis. The pelleted cells are used to determine the presence of T cells by FACS analysis of CD45+/CD4+ events (engraftment check). All animals from Groups 1 and 2 are also bled for an engraftment check on Day 13.

[00881] Treatment with lipid prodrugs begins for all groups except Group 6 on Day 0 and continues through Day 42. In Group 6, dexamethasone lipid prodrug dosing begins on Day 13 and continues through Day 42. The animals in Groups 1 and 2 are not treated. Test dexamethasone lipid prodrugs are administered once per day (QD) via oral gavage (PO), or twice per day (BID) as in Group 10. There are at least 6 hours in between dexamethasone lipid prodrug doses for Group 10. The animals in Group 3 receive an appropriate vehicle QD at an equivalent volume as the other treatment groups. Dexamethasone is administered to groups 4-5 and 7 at 6, 2, 0.66 mg per dose, respectively. Group 6 receives dexamethasone at a dose of 2 mg daily. Groups 8 and 10 receive test compound, with Group 10 receiving two doses per day. Lastly, Group 9 receives a second test compound.

[00882] Mice undergo HD video endoscopy on Days 14, 28, and 40 to assess colitis severity. Each mouse undergoes video endoscopy on Days 14, 28, and 40 using a small animal endoscope (Karl Storz Endoskope, Germany), under isoflurane anesthesia. During each endoscopic procedure, still images as well as video are recorded to evaluate the extent of colitis and the response to treatment. Additionally, an image from each animal at the most severe region of disease identified during endoscopy is captured. Colitis severity is scored using a 0-4 scale (0 = normal; 1 = loss of vascularity; 2 = loss of vascularity and friability; 3 = friability and erosions; 4 = ulcerations and bleeding). Additionally, stool consistency will be scored during endoscopy using the following parameters: 0 = normal, well-formed pellet; 1 = loose stool, soft, staying in shape; 2 = loose stool, abnormal form with excess moisture; 3 = watery or diarrhea; 4 = bloody diarrhea.

[00883] Animals are observed daily (weight, morbidity, survival, presence of diarrhea and/or bloody stool) in order to assess possible differences among treatment groups and/or possible toxicity resulting from the treatments.

[00884] On day 35, three (3) animals from group 2-10 are sacrificed via CO₂ inhalation for tissue collection. Whole blood is collected into K²⁺EDTA tubes and centrifuged to collect plasma.

The cell pellet is washed and stored in a media (DMEM + 5% FBS + 1% anti-anti) on ice. The cell pellet is used for FACS analysis. The following fresh tissues are collected into media and placed on ice: colon (entire colon from cecum to anus), mesenteric lymph nodes, Peyer's patches, and spleen. The fresh tissues are also used for FACS analysis. For FACS analyses of blood and tissues, the frequency of IFN-gamma, IL-17A, IL-17F, CD25, CD69, CD62L CD4 T cells will be quantified. In addition, the following tissues are collected, weighed, and snap frozen: brain, liver, kidney (both), lungs, small intestine (whole), heart, and cervical + submandibular lymph nodes (axillary and brachial can be taken if cervical and submandibular cannot be located).

[00885] On Day 42, the remaining animals are sacrificed as described above. Terminal blood is collected via cardiac puncture, processed for plasma, and stored at -80 °C for potential downstream analysis or shipment to study sponsor. The cell pellet from the blood is handled as stated above.

[00886] The colon is excised, rinsed, measured, weighed, and then placed in 10% neutral buffered formalin for 24 hours. Tissues are then moved to 70% ethanol for storage until histopathology is performed (H&E, whole colon swiss roll). The spleen and mesenteric lymph nodes from all remaining animals are collected fresh and stored in media on ice and are used for FACS analysis. For FACS analyses, the frequency of IFN-gamma, IL-17A, IL-17F, CD25, CD69, CD62L CD4 T cells will be quantified. In addition, the following tissues are collected, weighed, and snap frozen: brain, liver, kidney (both), lungs, small intestine (whole), heart, and cervical + submandibular lymph nodes (axillary or brachial can be taken if cervical and submandibular cannot be located). All plasma and snap frozen tissue are stored at -80 °C.

[00887] Groups 4-10 are tested for efficacy of the treatment arms using a one-way ANOVA comparing all groups to the vehicle-treated group 2 animals. Non-parametric tests are used for endoscopy and stool scores, and the appropriate post hoc tests are applied.

Example 22: Heart Transplantation Study to Assess Ability to Prevent Organ Rejection

[00888] Rat heterotopic heart transplants are the basis of organ transplant and immunology studies. The ability of lipid prodrugs to prevent organ rejection as compared to unmodified dexamethasone is assessed in a rat heterotopic heart transplants.

[00889] Rat strains are selected to create an animal model where the recipient rat predictably rejects the heart after about 2 weeks without any therapeutic immunosuppressant drugs (e.g., Brown Norway = Donor; Lewis rat = Recipient). For the study, 4 recipient rats and 4 donor rats

per group are required (Group 1: saline; Group 2: cyclosporine; Group 3: dexamethasone; Group 4: test compound 1; Group 5: test compound 2).

[00890] To remove the hearts from the donor rat, the chest cavity and pericardial sac is opened with scissors to expose the heart. The inferior vena cava (IVC) is dissected and a loose silk suture is placed around the IVC adjacent to its insertion into the right atrium. Injections (5 x 2 mL) of 4 °C heparinized saline or lactated ringers (100-200 u/cc) are injected into the IVC and equal amounts of blood allowed to drain. The IVC is then ligated by tying off the silk suture. The right superior vena cava (rSVC) is isolated in a similar fashion and ligated with silk suture. This is repeated to isolate and ligate the left superior vena cava (lSVC) and expose the left pulmonary artery. The heart is secured with wet gauze. The aortic arch and pulmonary artery trunk is bluntly dissected from surrounding tissues. This section of the aortic arch forms the arterial cuff for the implant process.

[00891] To implant the heart into the recipient, a silk suture is placed around the base of the heart and tied. The heart is then cut free at the base and placed in 4°C saline. A 7 cm midline vertical abdominal incision is made through skin, abdominal muscle, and peritoneum to enter the abdominal cavity. The intestines are retracted to the left outside the abdominal cavity and preserved with saline soaked gauze. The abdominal aorta and inferior vena cava (IVC) are isolated below the renal vessels and 4-0 cotton ties are placed around the aorta and IVC superior. The large vessels (abdominal aorta to the left of midline and IVC to the right of midline) are dissected from the surrounding tissue using a cotton tip or fine pick-up forceps. The veins, usually 1 or 2 ilio-lumbar veins, are exposed and cauterized or tied with 5-0 to 7-0 silk sutures. Vascular micro-clamps are placed distally, then proximally, on the abdominal aorta and IVC, isolating a 1-1.5cm segment of the vessels between the clamps. The aorta is punctured close to the distal clamps using a 25-gauge needle to release the blood. Extra-fine scissors are used to perform an arteriotomy about 4 mm long. The lumen is washed with heparinized lactated Ringer solution (100-200u/ml). The donor heart is placed on the field for end-to-side anastomosis. The organ is positioned with the apex toward the tail and the aorta above the pulmonary artery. The aortic anastomosis is performed by placing an anchor stitch in the proximal end of the arteriotomy (out-in) on the abdominal aorta, then an in-out stitch on the graft aorta, and is secured using a triple knot. A second (out-in) anchor suture is placed on the opposite side of the first stitch in-out to the distal end of the arteriotomy. After placing the second anchor suture, a continuous suture (5–6 stitches) is run on

the anterior wall from the proximal end toward the distal end of the arteriotomy. The heart graft is repositioned by flipping it over to expose the posterior wall. The anastomosis is completed using a continuous running suture. The graft is flipped again to expose the anterior wall of the graft where the pulmonary artery is collapsed above the aorta. An opening 5 to 7 mm long is made in the recipient IVC using scissors, and the lumen is flushed with heparinized LRS to remove any thrombus. The IVC opening is larger (5–6 mm long) than the aortic opening to fit the pulmonary artery. An out-in stitch is placed on the distal end of the pulmonary artery and in-out on the distal margin of the IVC opening. A continuous suture is run along the posterior wall of the pulmonary artery–IVC first, then along the anterior wall. Before releasing the microvascular clamps, the suture line is carefully checked for a loose stitch. The distal clamp is released first, and 30 seconds later, the proximal clamp. Spontaneous heart contractions occur seconds after reperfusion of the graft. Total ischemia time for a successful operation will range from 45 minutes to 2 hours. The intestines are reinserted into the abdomen, averting torsion. The incision is closed in 2 layers with absorbable suture in a continuous pattern. Skin is closed with absorbable suture in a subcuticular pattern or with non-absorbable suture in an interrupted or continuous pattern.

[00892] Once heart transplants are completed, the beating heart is palpated through the abdomen of the recipient rat. Additionally, ultrasound imaging is used to examine the donor heartbeat.

[00893] Recipient rats are injected with the unlipidated drug or administered a test lipid prodrug compound. Rats are weighed and separated into groups as follows: Group 1: Saline (control vehicle; 0.9% saline or lactated ringer's solution (LRS)); Group 2: Cyclosporine Injectable; Group 3: unlipidated (parent) drug; Group 4: Prodrug 1 oral; Group 5 Prodrug 2 oral. Animals are checked 3 times a day for 3 days post-operatively. Weights are taken prior to surgery and again once a week or more often if signs of decline. Donor heartbeats are palpated in recipients daily. The donor heart stops beating once it is rejected. Rejections/cessation of palpable beating of donor heart are used as an experimental endpoint. Endpoints occur around 2 weeks without treatment/control and up to 12 weeks with treatment. Additional tissue analyses and histology is performed on donor and recipient organs post-mortem to evaluate for extent of inflammation.

Example 23: Effects of Lipid Prodrugs Administered in an MOG-induced EAE Model

[00894] The objective of this study is to determine the efficacy of lipid prodrugs in a model of multiple sclerosis in mice. Experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE) in mice is a model commonly used to model CNS inflammatory autoimmune disease. To determine the potential utility of the prodrugs described herein in the treatment of multiple sclerosis, the efficacy of the compounds are assessed in a mouse model of MOG-induced experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE). Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00895] Experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE) can be induced in C57BL/6 mice by immunization with the peptide corresponding to the immunodominant epitope of MOG (MOG35-55) (as described in Miller et al., Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis in the Mouse; Curr Protoc Immunol. 2007 May; CHAPTER: Unit-15.1, the contents of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety). The model further requires the administration of pertussis toxin.

[00896] Briefly, for active induction of EAE in C57BL/, 0.1 ml emulsion or MOG35-55 (200 µg) and complete Freund's Adjuvant are injected subcutaneously in the shaved backs of the mice, distributed over three sites (midline of the back between the shoulders, and either side of the midline on the lower back). On day 0 and day 2, 200 ng pertussis toxin is injected i.p. Mice are separated into groups and monitored every other day for the development of clinical symptoms. EAE scoring is conducted on days 4-35 as follows: 0 - normal mouse; no overt signs of disease; 1 - limp tail or hind limb weakness but not both; 2 - limp tail and hind limb weakness; 3 - partial hind limb paralysis; 4 - complete hind limb paralysis; 5 - Moribund state; death by EAE: sacrifice for humane reasons. Fingolimod may be used as a positive control that shows efficacy in multiple sclerosis.

[00897] On Day 13, plasma for pharmacokinetics studies is collected. For mouse 1-3 of each group, plasma is collected 1 hour after dose, for mouse 4-6, plasma is collected 2 hours after dose, and for mouse 7-10, plasma is collected 6 hours after dose. On Day 31, whole blood, spleen, mesenteric lymph nodes, and CNS draining lymph nodes are harvested for FACS. For FACS analyses, the frequency of IFN-gamma, IL-17A, IL-17F, CD25, CD69, and CD62L CD4 T cells will be quantified. Day 31, tissue is collected for IHC Spinal Cord, and mice are scored for EAE and survival. Body weight is monitored daily.

Example 24: Effects of Lipid Prodrug Administered in an Asthma Model

[00898] The innate immune system plays a key role in asthma development. The efficacy of lipid prodrugs are compared to unmodified dexamethasone in an asthma model in mice.

[00899] Mice do not develop asthma spontaneously, ergo, in animal models asthma is induced in the airways, for example by ovalbumin (OVA) and other aeroallergens.

[00900] A mouse model of ovalbumin sensitization and challenges is used (as described in Ple et al., Natural Killer Cells Accumulate in Lung-Draining Lymph Nodes and Regulate Airway Eosinophilia in a Murine Model of Asthma; Blackwell Publishing Ltd. Scandinavian Journal of Immunology 72, 118–127) to assess the potential of prodrugs described herein in the treatment of asthma. Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00901] Seven-week-old female BALB / cByJ mice are separated into groups, maintained on OVA-free diet, and then are sensitized by i.p injection of 20 ug OVA (Grade V; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA) emulsified in 100 µL of aluminum hydroxide (adjuvant) on days 0 and 10 and challenged with OVA (in 2% in Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)) by aerosol on days 20, 21 and 22 (as described in Barrier et al., Natural Killer Cells Accumulate in Lung-Draining Lymph Nodes and Regulate Airway Eosinophilia in a Murine Model of Asthma; Scandinavian Journal of Immunology 72, 118–127, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety). The aerosol administrations are performed for 20 min using an ultrasonic nebulizer. I.p. injection of PBS emulsified in 100 µL of aluminum hydroxide and subsequent challenge by PBS aerosols is used as a control for the induction of asthma.

[00902] Before Day 0 and at various times post OVA challenge (24, 48, 72 h or 7 days), lungs, lung-draining mediastinal lymph nodes (MLN), blood, bone marrow and spleen are harvested and cells are isolated as described in Ple et al. using 4 mice per group at each time point. Flow cytometry and/or Elispots is performed on cells isolated from lung and lung-draining mediastinal lymph nodes to assess immune cell infiltration and composition and inflammatory status. For Elispot, IL-4 producing Ova-specific CD4 T cells will be quantified. For Facs, we will quantify CD25, CD69, CD44, CD62L CD4 T cells. Forty-eight hours after the last OVA challenge on day 24, lung resistance is measured as described in Ple et al, and immediately thereafter, lungs are washed via the tracheal cannula with 1 mL of PBS and immune cells within the wash are counted and analyzed using hematological procedures. Levels of OVA-specific serum IgG1 and IgG2a is

measured by ELISA as described by Ple et al. at the various harvest time points throughout the study.

Example 25: Effects of Lipid Prodrugs Administered in a Celiac Disease Model

[00903] The objective of this study is to determine the efficacy of the lipid prodrugs of the disclosure in a model of celiac disease in mice. When gliadin sensitized CD4+CD25⁻ T cell fractions are adoptively transferred into lymphopenic Rag^{-/-} mice, Rag1^{-/-} recipients challenged with gluten suffer from duodenitis, show deterioration of mucosal histological features characteristic of celiac disease, and have increased Th1/Th17 cell polarization in the duodenum and the periphery (as described in Freitag et al., Gliadin-primed CD4+CD45RB^{low}CD25⁻ T cells drive gluten dependent small intestinal damage after adoptive transfer into lymphopenic mice; Gut. 2009 December; 58(12): 1597–1605). These symptoms can be reversed when the mice are put on a gluten free diet. Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00904] To assess the effect of lipid prodrugs as compared to dexamethasone in this model, male C57BL/6 donor mice are maintained on a gluten-free standardized diet from birth (AIN-76A, Research Diets). Mice are immunized at the tail base on day -28 (100µg antigen in CFA) and day -14 (50µg antigen in IFA) with gliadin or ovalbumin (all Sigma) and sacrificed on day 1. Rag1^{-/-} (Jackson Laboratory) are kept in autoclaved cages and changed to irradiated AIN-76A on day -7. On day 1, groups of weight-matched male Rag1^{-/-} (7–9 weeks of age) recipient mice are injected intraperitoneally with 0.45x10⁶ fractionated donor splenic donor T_H cells. On Day 15 and Day 30 of the study, plasma is collected from groups 3-7 according to the following scheme: animals 1-3: plasma is collected 1 hr post drug dosing; animals 4-6: plasma is collected 2 hrs post TA dose; animals 7-10: plasma is collected 4hrs post TA dose for FACS analysis.

[00905] On Day 56 of the study, survival and body weight is assessed; from the collected tissue, duodenitis is scored and histology analyzed. The following tissues are collected: mesenteric lymph nodes (collected each in order, individually placed into separate cryovials), spleen, brain, liver, kidneys, lungs, heart, colon from cecum to anus, cecum, inguinal lymph nodes, cervical lymph nodes, and axillary lymph nodes. FACS analysis is performed (from 3 mice per group) with spleen and mesenteric lymph node tissue to assess Th1/Th17 polarization. ELISAs are performed on plasma from the cardiac puncture to assess levels of inflammatory markers, e.g., IFN-g, IL-4, IL-10, and IL-17.

Example 26: Effects of Lipid Prodrugs Administered on a Model of Rheumatoid Arthritis

[00906] The objective of this study is to determine the efficacy of the lipid prodrugs of the disclosure in a model of rheumatoid arthritis in mice. The collagen-induced arthritis (CIA) mouse model a common autoimmune model of rheumatoid arthritis. Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00907] Collagen induced arthritis is induced as described in Brand et al., Collagen-induced arthritis; Nature Protocols, Vol.2; No. 5, 2007). On day 1, a 50 µl volume of emulsion with complete Freund's adjuvant and CII collagen 1:1 is injected intradermally (i.d.) into the tail 1.5 cm distal from the base of the tail of groups of weight-matched DBA/1 mice split into groups. A secondary immunization is performed 14 days after the primary immunization to ensure induction of a high incidence of CIA. The same concentration of CII is used as for the primary immunization; however, CII is emulsified in incomplete Freund's adjuvant for this immunization. Arthritis incidence is monitored for 5–8 weeks; Animals are evaluated two to three times per week for arthritis incidence. Each paw is evaluated and scored individually on a scale of 0–4 as follows three times weekly: 0 - No evidence of erythema and swelling; 1 - Erythema and mild swelling confined to the tarsals or ankle Joint; 2 - Erythema and mild swelling extending from the ankle to the tarsals; 3 - Erythema and moderate swelling extending from the ankle to metatarsal joints; 4 - Erythema and severe swelling encompass the ankle, foot and digits, or ankylosis of the limb. In addition to the severity and incidence of arthritis, the autoimmune response to CII is also evaluated by measuring CII-specific T-cell proliferative responses in vitro or by measuring the quantity of the CII-specific antibody in the sera of the mice at multiple time points, e.g., at 3, 5 and 8 weeks.

Example 27: Effects of Lipid Prodrugs Administered in Acute and Chronic Models of TNBS- and DSS-induced Colitis

[00908] Oral administration of the sulfated polysaccharide DSS to mice via drinking water induces severe colitis characterized by weight loss, bloody diarrhea, ulcer formation, loss of epithelial cells and infiltrations with neutrophils, resembling some features of flares in human ulcerative colitis (UC). The efficacy and potential benefits of lipid prodrugs over unlipidated drug are assessed in acute and chronic models of colitis. Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00909] Acute colitis: Acute colitis is induced essentially as described in Wirtz et al., “Chemically induced mouse models of acute and chronic intestinal inflammation,” *Nature Protocols*, Vol.12 No.7, 2017, p. 1295-1309, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. In brief, on day 0, mice are weighed and separated into groups (n=8). To induce colitis, on day 0, Balb/c mice are desensitized to TNBS by 150 µl of 1% (wt/vol) TNBS presensitization solution (or no TNBS solution as control) to the shaved skin area. On day 8, mice are weighed, anesthetized and colitis is induced in each mouse by rectal perfusion with 100 ul 2.5% (wt/vol) TNBS solution. A heating lamp is positioned ~20 cm distant from the cage to keep the animal warm. At the time points of choice (i.e., day 1, 2 or 3 post intrarectal TNBS administration), in vivo imaging of inflammatory activity or mini-endoscopy is performed for noninvasive imaging to determine levels of inflammation. Plasma for pharmacokinetics studies is collected. For mouse 1-3 of each group, plasma is collected 1 hour after dose, for mouse 4-6, plasma is collected 2 hours after dose, and for mouse 7-10, plasma is collected 6 hours after dose. On day 12, spleen, brain, liver, kidney, lung, colon from cecum to anus, cecum, inguinal lymph nodes, cervical lymph nodes, and axillary lymph nodes) are collected and snap frozen into separately labeled cryovials for drug quantification by bioanalysis. At the endpoint on day 12, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) is used to determine the serum levels of TNF- α , IL-10, IL-1 β , IFN- γ , IL-12 and IL-6 in mice according to the manufacturer’s instructions (Biolegend). FACS analysis is performed to analyze immune cells and for the presence of inflammatory markers. Colons are fixed, sectioned, and stained with hematoxylin/eosin; inflammation is graded from 0 to 4 as described elsewhere.

[00910] Chronic TNBS colitis: For chronic colitis, mice separated into groups are desensitized as described above and colitis is induced in each mouse on day 8 by rectal perfusion with 100 ul 2.5% (wt/vol) TNBS solution into the lumen of the colon, as described in Wirtz et al. A heating lamp is positioned 20 cm distant from the cage during recovery. Animals are monitored for distress levels and daily determination of weight is performed. On day 15, determine the weight of the mouse. On day 22, 29, 36, and 43, animals are weighed, and rectal perfusion with 100 ul 2.5% (wt/vol) TNBS solution is repeated. Analysis is conducted as described above.

[00911] The table below shows the scoring system employed in the TNBS studies for calculating a disease activity index based on weight loss, stool consistency and the degree of intestinal bleeding (as described in Wirtz et al. and references therein).

Table A: Colitis Scoring

Score	Weight loss	Stool consistency	Blood
0	None	Normal	Negative hemocult
1	1–5%	Soft but still formed	Negative hemocult
2	6–10%	Soft	Positive hemocult
3	11–18%	Very soft; wet	Blood traces in stool visible
4	>18%	Watery diarrhea	Gross rectal bleeding

[00912] Alternatively or in combination, acute and chronic DSS models are used, e.g., as described in Wirtz et al.

Example 28: Effects of Lipid Prodrug Administered in acute and chronic models of systemic lupus erythematosus

[00913] Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is a chronic multisystem autoimmune disorder that can affect almost all organ systems including the kidneys, skin, joints, and central nervous system. The efficacy and potential benefits of lipid prodrugs over unlipidated drug are assessed in animal models of SLE. The three most commonly studied spontaneous models are MRL/lpr, BXSB, and NZBWF1 (F1 hybrid of New Zealand Black [NZB] and New Zealand White [NZW] strains). All three develop autoantibodies and immune complex-mediated glomerulonephritis, one of the hallmark characteristics of SLE (Taylor and Ryan, “Understanding mechanisms of hypertension in systemic lupus erythematosus,” *Ther Adv Cardiovasc Dis* 2017, Vol. 11(1) 20–32). Dexamethasone will be used as a control.

[00914] Dexamethasone and lipid prodrugs thereof are assessed in MRL/lpr mice. MRL/lpr mice spontaneously develop an autoimmune disease that resembles human SLE and is characterized by immune-complex mediated glomerulonephritis, splenomegaly, lymphadenopathy and autoantibody formation. The study is essentially carried out as described in Lui et al., “Effect of mycophenolate mofetil on severity of nephritis and nitric oxide production in lupus-prone MRL=Ipr mice,” *Lupus* (2002) 11, 411- 418 and van Bruggen et al., “Attenuation of Murine Lupus Nephritis by Mycolate Mofetil,” *J. Am. Soc. Nephrol.* 9: 1407-1415, 1998).

[00915] In brief, eight-week-old female MRL/lpr mice are weighed and separated into groups. Mice are treated with dexamethasone as indicated or the lipidated prodrugs thereof in carboxymethyl-cellulose vehicle by oral gavage. Control mice receive equal volume of vehicle alone on the same schedule. The total duration of treatment is 12 weeks. In this model, the mice do not display signs of glomerulonephritis at the start of the treatment (Lui et al.). Twenty-four-hour urinary collection is performed at weeks 4, 8 and 12 after the commencement of treatment to determine the amount of proteinuria and urinary nitrite nitrate excretion. The mice are sacrificed after 12 weeks of treatment. The left and right kidneys are harvested for histological, immunohistochemical analysis, and FACS analysis. Kidneys are histologically assessed for mesangial cell proliferation, hyaline deposition, leukocyte in glomeruli, interstitial infiltration, and Crescent. In addition, whole blood and spleen, brain, liver, lung, colon from cecum to anus, cecum, inguinal lymph nodes, cervical lymph nodes, and axillary lymph nodes are collected for analysis.

Example 29: Lipid Prodrug Distribution to Lymph Nodes in Mice

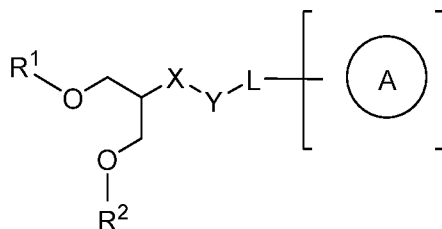
[00916] The objective of this study was to determine the distribution within the lymph nodes of mice of lipid prodrugs described herein. Briefly, a lipid prodrug described herein was administered orally to mice. The prodrug or free parent drug was administered in a lipid-based formulation (similar to that described in Example 7), for example, with 1 mg lipid prodrug (or 0.5 mg free parent drug) in 6 mg oleic acid, 1 mg Tween 80, and 0.2 mL PBS. After a specified time period, typically one hour, the animals were sacrificed and mesenteric and peripheral lymph nodes were collected and weighed. The drug concentrations in the lymph nodes were determined as described in Example 7 for one or more of free drug (e.g. dexamethasone), intact prodrug, and total drug-containing species (with a hydrolysis step). Results were compared to those obtained from orally dosing the free drug in an appropriate vehicle. In general, dosing of lipid prodrugs resulted in a higher drug concentration in the mesenteric lymph nodes compared to dosing the free drug, but roughly the same concentration in the peripheral lymph nodes compared to dosing the free drug.

[00917] The above procedure may also be conducted as a multiple dose study, for example, dosing lipid prodrug once or twice daily for two or more days before sacrificing the animals and determining drug concentrations in the mesenteric and peripheral lymph nodes.

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A compound of Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are each independently hydrogen, an acid-labile group, a lipid, or $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}^3$;

each R^3 is independently a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted C_{1-37} hydrocarbon chain;

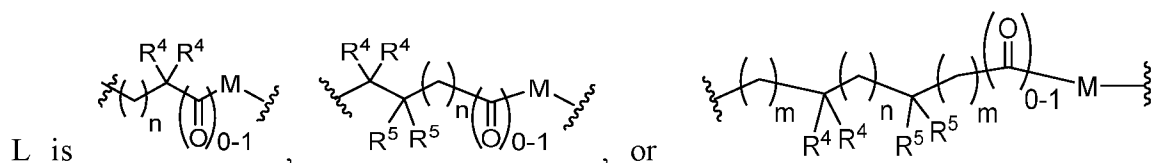
X is $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{O}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{O}-$, $-\text{O}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{S}-$, $-\text{O}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{NR}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{NR}-$, $-\text{NR}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{S}-$, or $-\text{NR}(\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ aliphatic})-\text{NR}-$, wherein 0-2 methylene units of the C_{1-6} aliphatic group are independently and optionally replaced with $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}-$, or $-\text{S}-$ and the C_{1-6} aliphatic group is independently and optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 deuterium or halogen atoms;

each R is independently hydrogen or an optionally substituted group selected from C_{1-6} aliphatic, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

Y is absent or is $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{NR})-$, or $-\text{C}(\text{S})-$;

L is a covalent bond or a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C_{1-30} hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 methylene units of L are independently replaced by $-\text{Cy}-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{NR}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{OC}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-$, $-\text{C}(\text{S})-$, -

NRS(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR-, -NRC(O)-, -C(O)NR-, -OC(O)NR-, -NRC(O)O-, or an amino acid; and wherein 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-; or



wherein either the right-hand side or left-hand side of L is attached to A;

each -Cy- is independently an optionally substituted 3-6 membered bivalent saturated, partially unsaturated, or aromatic ring having 0-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

each R⁴ and R⁵ is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or

two instances of R⁴ or R⁵ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur;

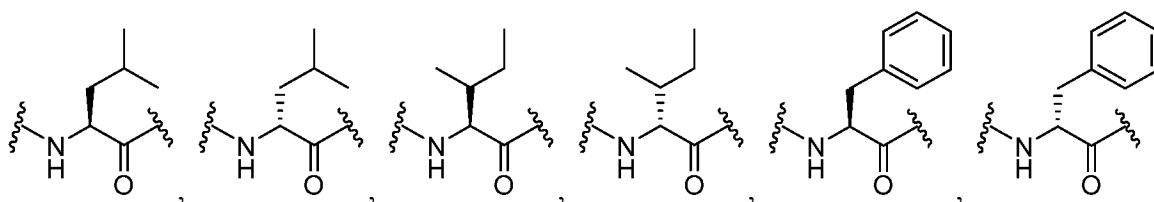
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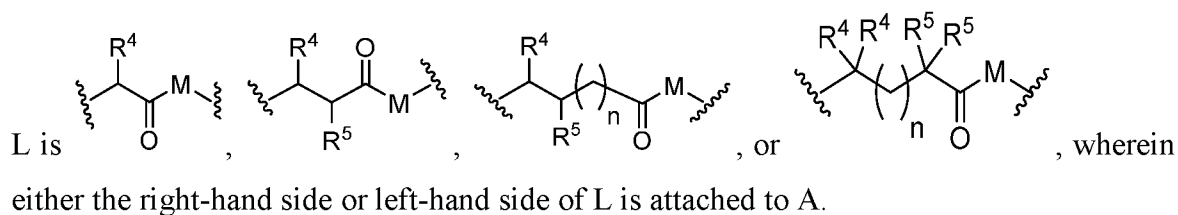
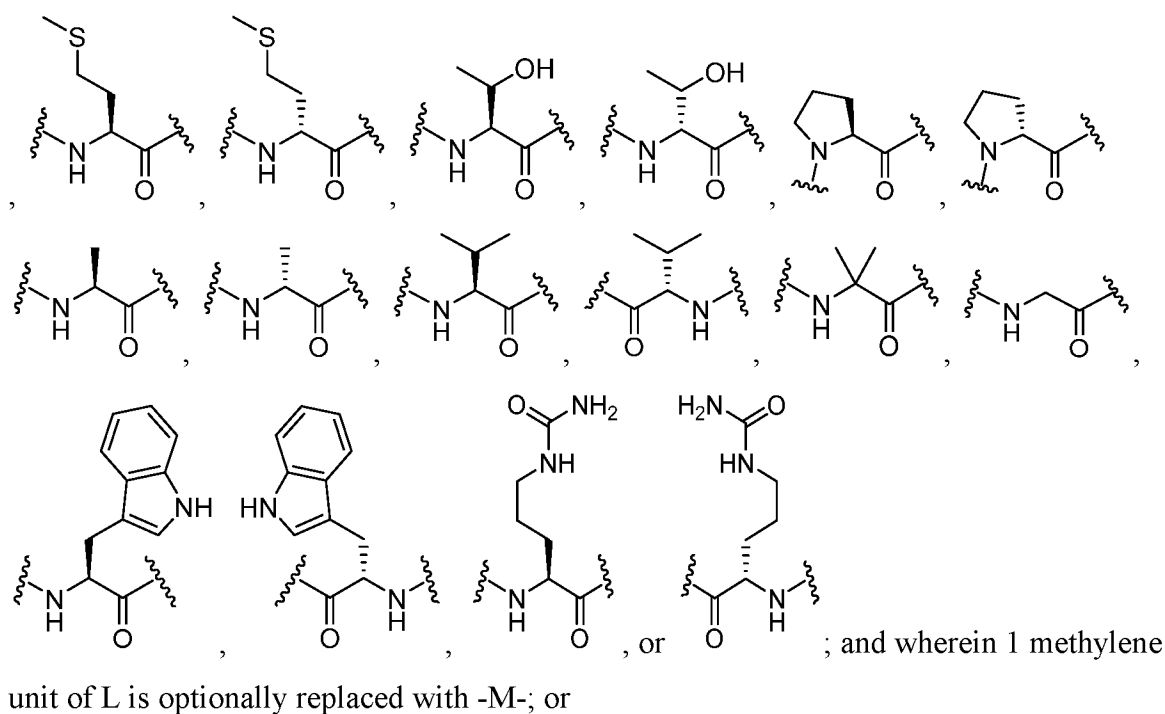
n is 0-18;

each m is independently 0-6; and

A is a glucocorticoid or an analogue, derivative, or prodrug thereof.

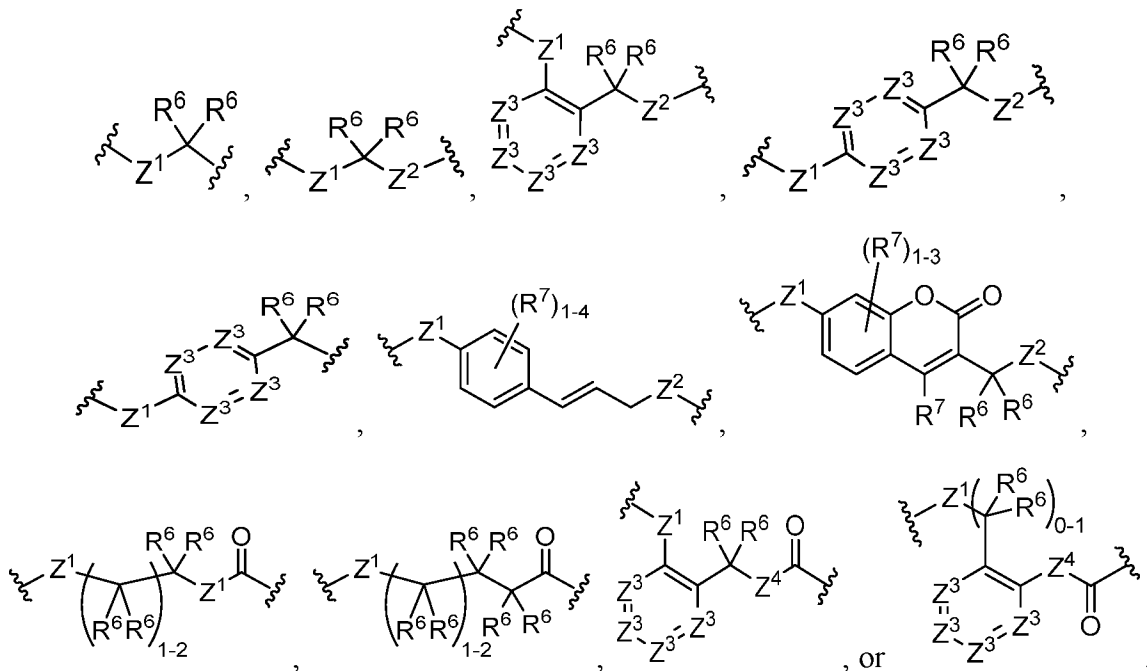
2. The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2 are $-C(O)R^3$.
3. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, wherein each R^3 is independently a saturated or unsaturated, unbranched C_{2-37} hydrocarbon chain.
4. The compound according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein X is $-O-$.
5. The compound according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein Y is $-C(O)-$.
6. The compound according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein L is a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C_{5-25} hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 methylene units of L are independently replaced by $-Cy-$, $-O-$, $-NR-$, $-S-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-C(O)-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-C(S)-$, $-NRS(O)_2-$, $-S(O)_2NR-$, $-NRC(O)-$, $-C(O)NR-$, $-OC(O)NR-$, $-NRC(O)O-$, or an amino acid; and wherein 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with $-M-$.
7. The compound according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein L is a covalent bond or a saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched, optionally substituted bivalent C_{6-20} hydrocarbon chain, wherein 0-8 methylene units of L are independently replaced by $-Cy-$, $-O-$, $-NR-$, $-S-$, $-OC(O)-$, $-C(O)O-$, $-C(O)-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, $-C(S)-$, $-NRS(O)_2-$, $-S(O)_2NR-$, $-NRC(O)-$, $-C(O)NR-$, $-OC(O)NR-$, $-NRC(O)O-$, or an amino acid selected from





8. The compound according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein L is a saturated bivalent C_{3-25} hydrocarbon chain optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups selected from deuterium, halogen, -CN, a 3-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, a 4-6 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C_{1-6} aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; wherein 0-4 methylene units of L are independently replaced by -O-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, or -C(O)-; and 1 methylene unit of L is optionally replaced with -M-.

9. The compound according to any one of claims 1-8, wherein -M- is:



wherein each R⁶ is independently selected from hydrogen, deuterium, C₁₋₁₀ aliphatic, halogen, or -CN;

each R⁷ is independently selected from hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -NO₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or a C₁₋₆ aliphatic group optionally substituted with -CN, -OR, -NR₂, -SR, a 3-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring, phenyl, an 8-10 membered bicyclic aromatic carbocyclic ring, a 4-8 membered saturated or partially unsaturated monocyclic heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, a 5-6 membered monocyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-4 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or an 8-10 membered bicyclic heteroaromatic ring having 1-5 heteroatoms independently selected from

nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur, or the C₁₋₆ aliphatic is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms;

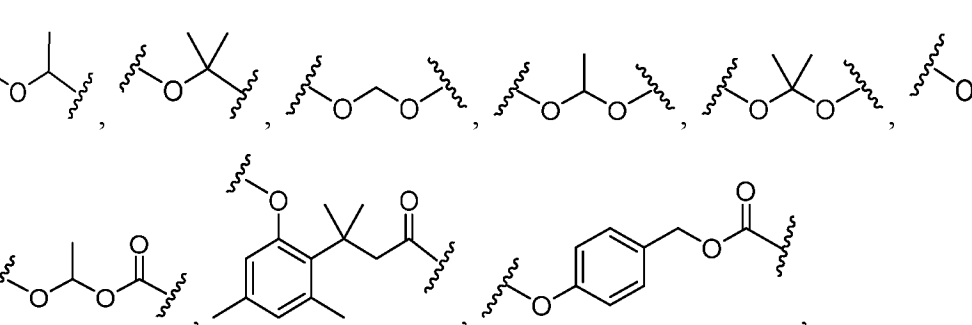
each Z¹ is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, or -S-;

each Z² is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, -S-, -OC(O)-, -NRC(O)O-, or -OC(O)NR-;

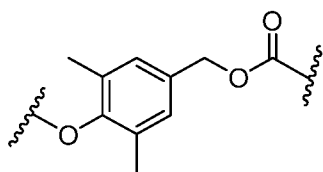
each Z³ is independently selected from =N- or =C(R⁷)-; and

each Z⁴ is independently selected from -O-, -NR-, -S-, -C(R⁶)₂-, or a covalent bond.

10. The compound according to claim 9, wherein -M- is
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- or

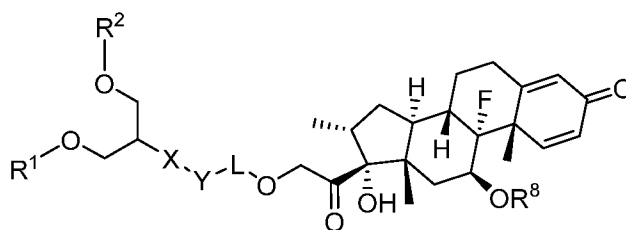
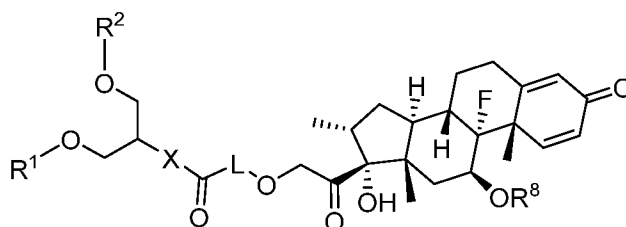
11. The compound according to any one of claims 1-8, wherein -M- is
- The image displays 18 chemical structures representing the M group, separated by commas. The structures include: 1) 2-methoxypropane, 2) 2-methoxy-2-methylpropane, 3) 1,2-ethanediol, 4) 1-methoxypropane, 5) 2-methoxy-2-methylpropane, 6) 1,3-bis(methoxy)propan-2-one, 7) 1-methoxypropan-2-one, 8) 2-methoxy-2-methylpropan-1-one, 9) 1-methoxy-4-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)benzene, 10) 1-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzyl carbamate, 11) 1-methoxy-4-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)benzene, 12) 1-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzyl carbamate, 13) 1-methoxy-4-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)benzene, 14) 1-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzyl carbamate, 15) 1-methoxy-4-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)benzene, 16) 1-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzyl carbamate, 17) 1-methoxy-4-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)benzene, 18) 1-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzyl carbamate.

12. The compound according to any one of claims 1-8, wherein -M- is



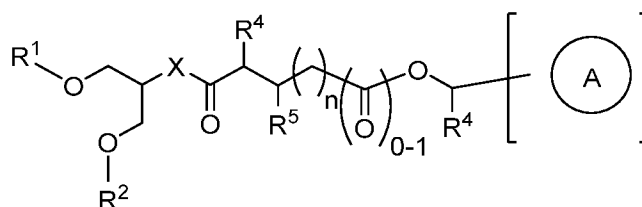
13. The compound according to any one of claims 1-12, wherein each R⁴ is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, or C₁₋₄ aliphatic optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or two instances of R⁴ attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.

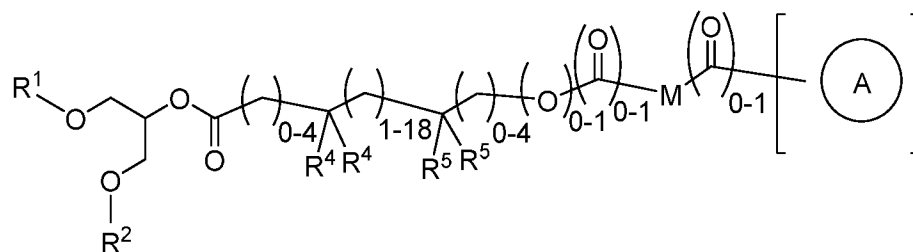
14. The compound according to any one of claims 1-13, wherein each R^5 is independently hydrogen, deuterium, halogen, -CN, or C_{1-4} aliphatic optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms; or two instances of R^5 attached to the same carbon atom, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-6 membered saturated monocyclic carbocyclic ring or 3-6 membered saturated heterocyclic ring having 1-2 heteroatoms independently selected from nitrogen, oxygen, or sulfur.
15. The compound according to any one of claims 1-14, wherein each R^4 and R^5 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 deuterium or halogen atoms.
16. The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is of Formula **IV-a** or **IV-b**:

**IV-a****IV-b**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

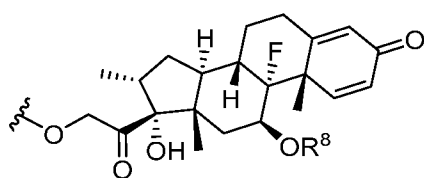
17. The compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is of Formula **III-a** or **III-b**:

**III-a**

**III-b**

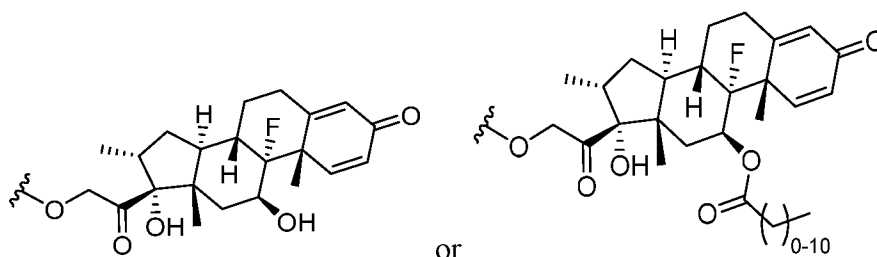
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. The compound according to any one of claims 1-15 or 17, wherein A is:

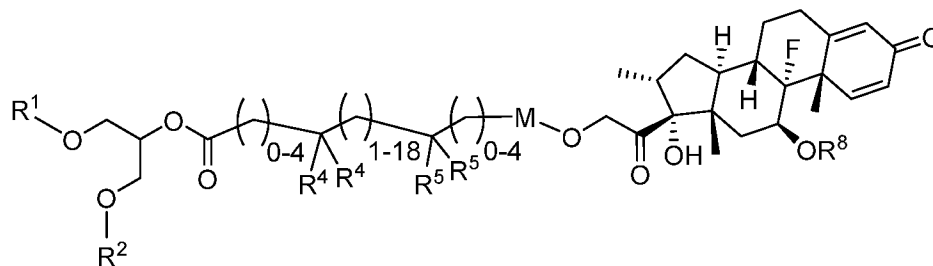


, wherein R⁸ is H, an optionally substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl, phenyl, or C₂-₁₂ aliphatic ester.

19. The compound according to any one of claims 1-15 or 17, wherein A is



20. The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is of Formula **VI-d**:

**VI-d**

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. The compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from those depicted in **Table 1** or **Table 1-A**,, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
22. A pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1-21, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, carrier, adjuvant, or vehicle.
23. The pharmaceutically acceptable composition according to claim 22, further comprising an additional therapeutic agent.
24. A method of treating an autoimmune disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-21 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable composition according to claim 22 or 23.
25. The method according to claim 24, wherein the autoimmune disease, disorder, or condition is selected from Behçet's disease, pemphigus vulgaris, refractory incomplete systemic lupus erythematosus, retroperitoneal fibrosis, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), scleroderma (systemic sclerosis or SSc), pemphigus vulgaris, granulomatosis with polyangiitis, immunoglobulin A nephropathy, small vessel vasculitis, retroperitoneal fibrosis, or psoriasis.
26. A method of treating or preventing organ transplant rejection, graft-versus-host disease, or implant rejection in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-21 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable composition according to claim 22 or 23.
27. The method according to claim 26, wherein the organ transplant is selected from a skin, liver, heart, kidney, pancreas, thymus, small intestine, large intestine, uterus, a vascularized

composite allograft (VCA), bone marrow, allogenic blood and marrow transplant (BMT), cornea, or lung transplant.

28. A method of treating a disease, disorder, or condition in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-21 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable composition according to claim 22 or 23, wherein the disease, disorder, or condition is selected from retroperitoneal fibrosis, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), scleroderma (systemic sclerosis or SSc), pemphigus vulgaris, granulomatosis with polyangiitis, refractory incomplete systemic lupus erythematosus, inflammatory disease, Abdominal cavity inflammation, Peritonitis, Mesenteritis, Perihepatitis, Salpingoperitonitis, Autoinflammatory disease, Cryopyrin associated periodic syndrome, CINCA syndrome, Familial cold autoinflammatory syndrome, Muckle Wells syndrome, Cardiovascular inflammation, Carditis, Endocarditis, Bacterial endocarditis, Infectious endocarditis, Non infectious endocarditis, Thromboendocarditis, Pericarditis, Chylopericarditis, Dressler syndrome, Pleuropericarditis, Vasculitis, Arteritis, Aortitis, Takayasu arteritis, Endarteritis, HIV associated arteritis, Kawasaki disease, Periarthritis, Polyarteritis nodosa, Temporal arteritis, Extracranial temporal arteritis, Intracranial temporal arteritis, Churg-Strauss syndrome, Cutaneous vasculitis, Perivasculitis, Phlebitis, Lymphangiophlebitis, Thrombophlebitis, Mondor disease, Thromboangiitis, Thromboangiitis obliterans, Thrombophlebitis, Dermatitis, Acrodermatitis, Angiodermatitis, Drug eruption, Erythema multiforme, Serum sickness, Stevens Johnson syndrome, Toxic epidermal necrolysis, Intertrigo, Skin allergy, Atopic dermatitis, Contact dermatitis, Eczema, Fibrosis, Cicatrix, Tissue adhesions, Pulmonary fibrosis, Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, Renal fibrosis, Gastrointestinal inflammation, Anusitis, Biliary tract inflammation, Hepatochoangitis, Cholecystitis, Esophagitis, Eosinophilic esophagitis, Gastritis, Gastroduodenitis, Gastroenteritis, Hypertrophic gastritis, Hepatitis, Enteroh hepatitis, Hepatitis virus infection, Hepatitis A virus infection, Hepatitis B virus infection, Hepatitis C virus infection, Hepatitis D virus infection, Hepatitis E virus infection, Hepatitis F virus infection, Hepatitis G virus infection, Hepatochoangitis, Non-viral hepatitis, Alcoholic hepatitis, Autoimmune

hepatitis, Perihepatitis, Steatohepatitis, Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis, Inflammatory bowel disease, Colitis, Diverticulitis, Meckel's diverticulitis, Enterocolitis, Acute enterocolitis, Necrotizing enterocolitis, Ileocectitis, Pseudomembranous colitis, Sigmoiditis, Rectosigmoiditis, Ulcerative colitis, Crohns disease, Enteritis, Enterocolitis, Acute enterocolitis, Necrotizing enterocolitis, Enterohepatitis, Hemorrhagic enteritis, Ileitis, Ileocectitis, Pouchitis, Jejunitis, Mucositis, Pancreatitis, Balser necrosis, Necrotizing acute pancreatitis, Peritonitis, Mesenteritis, Perihepatitis, Salpingoperitonitis, Proctitis, Rectosigmoiditis, Ulcerative proctitis, Genitourinary tract inflammation, Genital tract inflammation, Female genital tract inflammation, Endometriosis, Parametritis, Pelvic inflammatory disease, Salpingitis, Vaginitis, Atrophic vaginitis, Bartholinitis, Vulvovaginitis, Vulvitis, Vulvovaginitis, Male genital tract inflammation, Balanitis, Epididymitis, Epididymo-orchitis, Orchitis, Epididymo-orchitis, Periorchitis, Prostatitis, Urinary tract inflammation, Nephritis, Alport syndrome, Glomerulonephritis, Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, IgA nephropathy, Membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, Membranous glomerulonephritis, Wegener granulomatosis, Lupus nephritis, Pyelitis, Pyelocystitis, Pyelonephritis, Granulomatosis, Allergic granulomatosis, Sarcoidosis, Mastitis, Mouth inflammation, Gingivitis, Pericoronitis, Pharyngitis, Rhinopharyngitis, Sialadenitis, Musculoskeletal system inflammation, Arthritis, Behcets disease, Chondrocalcinosis, Gout, Infectious arthritis, Osteoarthritis, Periarthritis, Psoriatic arthritis, Reiter syndrome, Rheumatoid arthritis, Adult onset Stills disease, Felty syndrome, Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, Bursitis, Dactylitis, Myositis, Dermatomyositis, Inclusion body myositis, Hereditary inclusion body myositis, Sporadic inclusion body myositis, Polymyositis, Pyomyositis, Nervous system inflammation, Meningitis, Arachnoiditis, Aseptic meningitis, Infectious meningitis, Bacterial meningitis, Neisseria meningitidis meningitis, Fungal meningitis, Cryptococcus neoformans meningitis, Parasitic meningitis, Viral meningitis, Neoplastic meningitis, Pachymeningitis, Neuritis, Neuromyelitis optica, Poliovirus infection, Postpoliomyelitis syndrome, Ocular and orbital inflammation, Ocular inflammation, Chorioretinitis, Conjunctivitis, Allergic conjunctivitis, Blepharoconjunctivitis, Keratoconjunctivitis, Infectious keratoconjunctivitis, Ophthalmia neonatorum, Trachoma, Uveitis, Intermediate uveitis, Pars planitis, Orbital inflammatory disease, Idiopathic orbital inflammation, Respiratory tract inflammation, Lower respiratory

tract inflammation, Bronchitis, Lung inflammation, Asthma, Asthma attack, Exercise induced asthma, Nocturnal asthma, Occupational asthma, Status asthmaticus, Pleurisy, Upper respiratory tract inflammation, Pharyngitis, Rhinopharyngitis, Rhinitis, Allergic rhinitis, Perennial allergic rhinitis, Seasonal allergic rhinitis, Rhinopharyngitis, Sinusitis, Acute sinusitis, Chronic sinusitis, Ethmoiditis, Kartagener syndrome, Pansinusitis, Serositis, Familial mediterranean fever, Systemic inflammatory response syndrome, Immune disorder, Allergy, Delayed hypersensitivity, Contact dermatitis, Hypersensitivity, Immediate hypersensitivity, Food hypersensitivity, Egg hypersensitivity, Milk hypersensitivity, Oral allergy syndrome, Peanut hypersensitivity, Wheat hypersensitivity, Fungal allergy, Immune complex disease, Arthus reaction, Immediate type hypersensitivity, Respiratory tract allergy, Allergic rhinitis, Perennial allergic rhinitis, Seasonal allergic rhinitis, Asthma, Asthma attack, Exercise induced asthma, Nocturnal asthma, Occupational asthma, Status asthmaticus, Skin allergy, Contact dermatitis, eczema, autoimmune disease, antiphospholipid syndrome, Autoimmune hemolytic anemia, aplastic anemia, cold agglutinin disease, autoimmune hepatitis, autoimmune nervous system disease, autoimmune demyelinating nervous system disease, Stiff person syndrome, Lambert-Eaton syndrome, Behcet's disease, Crohn's disease, Cutaneous lupus erythematosus, Discoid lupus erythematosus, Evans syndrome, Goodpasture syndrome, Graves' disease, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Hashimoto's disease, Henoch Schonlein purpura, lupus nephritis, multiple sclerosis (MS), myasthenia gravis, paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria, primary biliary cirrhosis, painful bladder syndrome, psoriasis, Parapsoriasis, Psoriatic arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, Adult onset Stills disease, Felty syndrome, Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome, systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), Temporal arteritis, Extracranial temporal arteritis, Intracranial temporal arteritis, ulcerative colitis, Vitiligo, Non segmental vitiligo, Segmental vitiligo, graft-versus-host disease, Transplant rejection, Bone marrow transplant rejection, Cell transplant rejection, Corneal transplant rejection, Heart transplant rejection, Kidney transplant rejection, Liver transplant rejection, Lung transplant rejection, organ transplant rejection, intestine transplantation, large intestine transplantation, small intestine transplantation, pancreas transplant rejection, islet cell transplant rejection, skin transplant rejection, tissue transplant rejection, immune deficiency, Agammaglobulinemia, Brutons

disease, combined immunodeficiency, HIV, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS related complex, Nezelof syndrome, severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome, adenosine deaminase deficiency, common variable immunodeficiency, DiGeorge syndrome, dysgammaglobulinemia, Immunoglobulin A deficiency, Immunoglobulin G deficiency, phagocyte bactericidal disorder, Chediak Higashi syndrome, chronic granulomatous disease, Job syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, immunoadsorption, lymphatic system disease, adenoid disease, adenoid hypertrophy, adenoid tumor, adenoiditis, lymphadenopathy, Kawasaki disease, lymphadenitis, lymphangiophlebitis, lymphangitis, lymphatic system tumor, Castleman's disease, lymphangioma, cystic hygroma, lymphangiomyoma, interstitial cystitis, a neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder, juvenile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis, autoimmune bullous dermatose, nephrotic syndrome (e.g. including idiopathic nephrotic syndrome or minimal change nephropathy), idiopathic membranous nephropathy, congenital urological abnormality, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculopathy, immune thrombocytopenia, microscopic polyangiitis, MPO-ANCA vasculitis, Takayasu arteritis, hyperkalemia, Bronchiolitis Obliterans, polycystic liver disease, polyomavirus infection, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), familial lipoprotein lipase deficiency, Hurler Syndrome, Fanconi Anemia, Glanzmann Thrombasthenia, severe congenital neutropenia, leukocyte adhesion deficiency, Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome, Diamond-Blackfan Anemia, Dyskeratosis-congenita, Chediak-Higashi Syndrome, histiocytosis, DOCK8 deficiency, uremia (e.g., uremia due to renal transplantation), Epidermolysis Bullosa, Amegakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia, Kostmann Syndrome, Lysosomal Storage Disease, Peroxisomal Disorder, mastocytosis, or Henoch-Schoenlein Purpura Nephritis.

29. The method according to any one of claims 24-28, further comprising the step of administering an additional therapeutic agent.
30. The method according to any one of claims 24-29, wherein the compound of any one of claims 1-21 or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is delivered selectively to B or T lymphocytes or modulates the activity of B or T lymphocytes.

31. The method according to any one of claims 24-29, wherein the compound of any one of claims 1-21 or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof modulates the activity of one or more of B cells, dendritic cells, granulocytes, innate lymphoid cells (ILCs), megakaryocytes, monocytes/macrophages, myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSC), natural killer (NK) cells, platelets, red blood cells (RBCs), T cells, or thymocytes.
32. The method according to any one of claims 24-29, wherein the compound of any one of claims 1-21 or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof exhibits increased delivery at a given dose, or more selective delivery at a given dose, to B or T lymphocytes as compared with a corresponding dose of a non-lipid prodrug form of the glucocorticoid (variable A in the compound of any one of claims 1-21), or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof.
33. The method according to any one of claims 24-29, wherein a given dose of the compound of any one of claims 1-21 or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof more effectively modulates the activity of one or more of B cells, dendritic cells, granulocytes, innate lymphoid cells (ILCs), megakaryocytes, monocytes/macrophages, myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSC), natural killer (NK) cells, platelets, red blood cells (RBCs), T cells, or thymocytes, as compared with a corresponding dose of a non-lipid prodrug form of the glucocorticoid (variable A in the compound of any one of claims 1-21), or a derivative, analogue, or prodrug thereof.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(8) - A61K 31/02; A61K 31/047; A61K 31/121; A61K 31/327; C07C 33/05; C07C 409/02 (2020.01)

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

see Search History document

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 2018/0318318 A1 (BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA) 08 November 2018 (08.11.2018) entire document	1, 16
A	US 2009/0297533 A1 (LICHTER et al) 03 December 2009 (03.12.2009) entire document	1, 16
A	US 2014/0234418 A1 (SIGMOID PHARMA LIMITED) 21 August 2014 (21.08.2014) entire document	1, 16

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☒ Claims Nos.: 4-15, 18, 19, 22-33
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
See extra sheet(s).

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1, 16

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest but the applicable protest fee was not paid within the time limit specified in the invitation.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continued from Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking

Claims 1 and 16 have been analyzed subject to the restriction that the claims read on a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein: R1 and R2 are each independently hydrogen; X is -O-; Y is absent; L is a covalent bond; and A is a glucocorticoid, wherein the glucocorticoid is the structure shown in claim 18 of the instant invention, wherein R8 is H.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees need to be paid.

Group I+: claims 1-3, 16, 17, 20 and 21 are drawn to compounds of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The first invention of Group I+ is restricted to a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein: R1 and R2 are each independently hydrogen; X is -O-; Y is absent; L is a covalent bond; and A is a glucocorticoid, wherein the glucocorticoid is the structure shown in claim 18 of the instant invention, wherein R8 is H. It is believed that claims 1 and 16 read on this first named invention and thus these claims will be searched without fee to the extent that they read on the above embodiment.

Applicant is invited to elect additional formula(e) for each additional compound to be searched in a specific combination by paying an additional fee for each set of election. Each additional elected formula(e) requires the selection of a single definition for each compound variable. An exemplary election would be a compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein: R1 and R2 are each independently hydrogen; X is -S-; Y is absent; L is a covalent bond; and A is a glucocorticoid, wherein the glucocorticoid is the structure shown in claim 18 of the instant invention, wherein R8 is H. Additional formula(e) will be searched upon the payment of additional fees. Applicants must specify the claims that read on any additional elected inventions. Applicants must further indicate, if applicable, the claims which read on the first named invention if different than what was indicated above for this group. Failure to clearly identify how any paid additional invention fees are to be applied to the "+" group(s) will result in only the first claimed invention to be searched/examined.

The inventions listed in Groups I+ do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, because under PCT Rule 13.2 they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The Groups I+ formulae do not share a significant structural element requiring the selection of alternatives for the compound variables R1, R2, X, Y, L, A and accordingly these groups lack unity a priori.

Additionally, even if Groups I+ were considered to share the technical features of a compound having the core structure of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, these shared technical features do not represent a contribution over the prior art as disclosed by US 2018/0318318 A1 to Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

US 2018/0318318 A1 to Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska teaches a compound having the core structure of Formula I (Para. [0116], see shown structure).

The inventions listed in Groups I+ therefore lack unity under Rule 13 because they do not share a same or corresponding special technical feature.