# Stereostructural Analysis of Flexible Oxidized Fatty Acids by VCD Spectroscopy

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**Fig. S1** IR spectra of oxidized lipids **1-7** and their truncated models. See captions of Figures 1, 2, 3, and S4 for the measurement and calculation conditions.



**Fig. S2** Theoretical VCD spectra for (a)  $C_{13}$  model **8** calculated at several theoretical conditions and for (b)  $C_9$  model calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform). All the PCM were applied for chloroform. No solvent effects were considered for the third condition in (a).



Fig. S3 Conformational studies of hydroxy fatty acid 1 by comparison of the experimental VCD spectrum of 1 and theoretical VCD spectra for each conformer of 8 listed in Table S1a and the Boltzmann-averaged final VCD spectrum. Measurement conditions: 0.6 M in CDCl<sub>3</sub>;  $l = 85 \ \mu m$ . Calculation conditions: DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform). Scaling factor: 0.99.



Fig. S4 VCD spectra of 1, 1', castor oil, and 12. The observed VCD spectrum of castor oil is presented as  $\Delta \varepsilon$  with assuming its composition as pure 2. Measurement conditions: *c* 0.6 M (for 1, 1', and 12) or 0.2 M (for castor oil) in CDCl<sub>3</sub>; *l* 85  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S5** Direct comparison of the theoretical VCD spectra of **8** and **9**. See the caption of Figure 1 for the calculation conditions.



**Fig. S6** Vibrational modes of O-H deformation (left) and C\*-H deformation (right) for (a) **10** and (b) **11**, where C\* indicates the asymmetric carbon. Displacement vectors (arbitrary length) of each atom are shown as arrows. Calculation conditions: DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform). Scaling factor: 0.98.



**Fig. S7** Conformational studies of lipid hydroperoxides. (a) Comparison of (i) the experimental VCD spectra of **4** and **6**; (ii) theoretical population-weighted VCD spectrum of **10** for the conformers listed in Table S1c, for which those with  $\phi$  (C4-C5-C6-C7) of ca -130° and  $\xi$  (C5-C6-O1-O2) of ca -70° are the main species; (iii) theoretical VCD spectrum of **10** for the conformers with  $\phi$  of ca 95° and  $\xi$  of ca -70°; and (iv) theoretical VCD spectrum of **10** for the conformers with  $\phi$  of ca -130° and  $\xi$  of ca -170°. (b) The most stable conformer with  $\phi$  of ca 95° and  $\xi$  of ca -70°. This conformer corresponds to the conformer 15 in Table S1c. (c) The most stable conformer with  $\phi$  of ca -130° and  $\xi$  of ca -170°. This conformer corresponds to the conformer 13 in Table S1c. To obtain the VCD spectra (iii) and (iv), conformers with these dihedral angles were selected from the DFT-optimized conformational set that includes conformers not listed in Table S1c and then their VCD spectra were calculated at B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform). The resultant VCD spectra for each conformer were averaged based on their Boltzmann population. Measurement conditions: 1.5 M in CDCl<sub>3</sub>;  $l = 85 \ \mu m$ . Calculation conditions: DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform). Scaling factor: 0.98.



**Fig. S8** Verification of the absolute configuration of **7** by nOe measurement. (a) Conversion of **7a** to a 10,12-acetonide (**14**). Note that this conversion does not change the absolute configuration at C10 and C12. (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **14** measured in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, and two nOe spectra irradiated at its H-10 and H-12. Representative nOe correlations relevant for the absolute configuration determination are shown as blue arrows in the chemical structure. These correlations suggested **14** to be a *syn*-configured 10,12-acetonide. From these results, **7a** was assigned as (9*S*,10*R*,12*R*)-**7** and accordingly **7b** as (9*R*,10*S*,12*R*)-**7**.

<b>Table S1a</b> Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ , in kcal/mol), Boltzmann population calculated at 298 K (P), and
dihedral angles $\phi$ , $\psi$ , $\omega$ , and $\xi$ of the stable conformers of <b>8</b> predicted by DFT/B3LYP/6-
311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform).

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$$\begin{split} \varphi &= \angle C4\text{-}C5\text{-}C6\text{-}C7\\ \psi &= \angle C5\text{-}C6\text{-}C7\text{-}C8\\ \omega &= \angle C6\text{-}C7\text{-}C8\text{-}C9\\ \xi &= \angle C6\text{-}C7\text{-}O\text{-}H \end{split}$$

conformer	ΔE [kcal/mol]	Р	φ [°]	ψ[°]	ω [°]	ξ [°]
1	0.000	0.174	115.3	178.4	-178.3	49.3
2	0.035	0.164	111.5	178.5	-175.6	48.4
3	0.377	0.092	-103.3	-176.7	-173.3	65.6
4	0.412	0.087	-106.7	-63.8	-171.5	-53.3
5	0.466	0.079	-105.6	-176.6	-173.4	66.0
6	0.497	0.075	-110.5	-63.5	-171.4	-53.6
7	0.824	0.044	111.2	178.4	-179.0	49.3
8	0.841	0.042	115.5	178.1	-175.0	48.7
9	0.868	0.040	111.4	178.6	-175.3	48.4
10	1.008	0.032	-104.5	-175.8	-65.8	63.0
11	1.127	0.026	127.3	-59.5	-172.0	62.9
12	1.129	0.026	131.7	-59.4	-172.0	62.4
13	1.287	0.020	115.0	-65.1	-172.3	-71.8
14	1.313	0.019	111.7	178.6	-178.3	49.2
15	1.324	0.019	-110.5	-63.7	-171.4	-53.5
16	1.374	0.017	119.5	-64.6	-171.7	-72.8
17	1.411	0.016	112.2	179.8	-64.9	48.2
18	1.417	0.016	111.9	179.9	-65.2	48.1
19	1.575	0.012	112.9	174.9	60.1	47.9

<b>Table S1b</b> Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ , in kcal/mol), Boltzmann population calculated at 298 K (P), and
dihedral angles $\phi$ , $\psi$ , $\omega$ , and $\xi$ of the stable conformers of <b>9</b> predicted by DFT/B3LYP/6-
311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform).

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$$\begin{split} \varphi &= \angle C4\text{-}C5\text{-}C6\text{-}C7\\ \psi &= \angle C5\text{-}C6\text{-}C7\text{-}C8\\ \omega &= \angle C6\text{-}C7\text{-}C8\text{-}C9\\ \xi &= \angle C6\text{-}C7\text{-}O\text{-}H \end{split}$$

conformer	ΔE [kcal/mol]	Р	φ [°]	ψ[°]	ω [°]	ξ[°]
1	0.000	0.234	113.8	178.2	-176.0	46.2
2	0.221	0.161	110.9	178.6	-176.5	45.9
3	0.675	0.075	-112.1	-178.4	-173.4	68.3
4	0.692	0.073	-112.4	-178.6	-173.2	68.4
5	0.893	0.052	-122.8	174.4	-174.7	-65.2
6	0.980	0.045	111.5	178.8	-179.0	45.8
7	0.988	0.044	111.2	178.6	-175.9	45.6
8	0.989	0.044	110.6	178.7	-176.2	46.1
9	1.011	0.042	110.6	178.6	-178.6	46.7
10	1.024	0.042	110.9	178.7	-178.6	46.7
11	1.095	0.037	111.4	178.2	-175.7	46.1
12	1.122	0.035	111.2	178.4	-175.7	45.9
13	1.170	0.033	-110.6	-63.6	-171.5	-49.9
14	1.365	0.023	-108.1	-64.1	-171.7	-48.8
15	1.436	0.021	-107.1	-63.7	-171.4	-50.6
16	1.464	0.020	111.2	179.7	-67.7	44.7
17	1.497	0.019	111.7	179.4	-68.5	43.9

	5	φ = ∠	C4-C5-C6	-C7		
		$\psi = 2$ $\varepsilon = 2$	205-06-07 C5-C6-01	-C8 -O2		
	01-	–02 H	ς = ∠	.C6-O1-O2	-H	
conformer	$\Delta E [kcal/mol]$	Р	φ [°]	ψ [°]	ξ[°]	χ [°]
1	0.000	0.202	-130.3	67.0	-70.4	88.1
2	0.003	0.201	-128.7	173.1	-72.2	89.0
3	0.731	0.059	-128.9	176.1	-72.7	89.1
4	0.738	0.058	-121.0	173.5	-67.7	-110.1
5	0.784	0.054	-131.6	63.8	-71.2	88.5
6	0.790	0.053	-122.3	67.4	-65.3	-109.3
7	0.845	0.049	-128.6	173.3	-72.3	88.9
8	0.851	0.048	-130.4	67.0	-70.4	88.3
9	0.852	0.048	-130.7	66.9	-70.5	88.2
10	0.856	0.048	-128.9	173.3	-72.3	89.1
11	0.882	0.046	-130.2	67.5	-70.5	89.0
12	0.888	0.045	-129.0	173.5	-72.0	88.9
13	1.065	0.033	-126.7	69.9	-173.8	109.0
14	1.224	0.026	-128.4	68.8	-171.0	-112.2
15	1.494	0.016	95.9	169.2	-74.8	88.3
16	1.562	0.014	-128.6	177.5	-72.4	88.6

**Table S1c** Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ , in kcal/mol), Boltzmann population calculated at 298 K (*P*), and dihedral angles  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\xi$ , and  $\chi$  of the stable conformers of **10** predicted by DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform).

	5 6 7	$\sim - \sim$	$\phi = \angle C$	4-C5-C6-C	C7	
		8	ψ = ∠C ξ = ∠C	5-C6-O1-0	D2	
	01-0	H	χ = ∠C	C6-O1-O2-I	Н	
conformer	$\Delta E$ [kcal/mol]	Р	φ [°]	ψ[°]	ξ[°]	χ [°]
1	0.000	0.108	-128.9	174.1	-72.8	90.1
2	0.016	0.106	-129.4	173.6	-73.0	90.1
3	0.061	0.098	-129.3	64.4	-70.9	88.9
4	0.092	0.093	-129.0	64.8	-70.8	89.3
5	0.136	0.086	-131.3	68.9	-70.8	88.5
6	0.174	0.081	-132.1	68.0	-70.8	88.5
7	0.195	0.078	-128.1	172.8	-71.9	90.3
8	0.230	0.074	-128.8	172.3	-72.1	90.2
9	0.593	0.04	-128.8	-59.7	-70.5	89.9
10	0.645	0.037	-128.8	-59.2	-70.4	90.0
11	0.650	0.036	-121.9	174.8	-67.8	-109.3
12	0.665	0.035	-121.0	174.6	-68.0	-109.2
13	1.071	0.018	-127.0	66.2	-171.4	-115.4
14	1.091	0.017	-123.9	-54.6	-70.3	92.3
15	1.108	0.017	-126.9	66.3	-171.2	-115.6
16	1.133	0.016	-123.5	-55.5	-70.3	92.4
17	1.142	0.016	-123.1	-178.7	-156.0	-81.5
18	1.157	0.015	-130.3	71.3	-170.9	-115.2
19	1.163	0.015	-123.2	-178.7	-156.2	-81.5
20	1.178	0.014	-130.5	70.8	-170.7	-115.3

**Table S1d** Relative energy ( $\Delta E$ , in kcal/mol), Boltzmann population calculated at 298 K (*P*), and dihedral angles  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\xi$ , and  $\chi$  of the stable conformers of **11** predicted by DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform).

**Table S2** Scaling factor, VCD spectral similarity ( $S_E$ ), VCD spectral similarity for the opposite enantiomer ( $S_{-E}$ ), and enantiomer similarity index (ESI, which is calculated by  $S_E - S_{-E}$ ) for the VCD spectra of oxidized lipids and their calculation models obtained by a numerical algorithm implemented in CompareVOA software.

Experimental	Theoretical	Scaling	C	C	ECI	Confidence
spectra	spectra	factor	$\mathfrak{d}_{\mathrm{E}}$	$\mathcal{S}_{-\mathrm{E}}$	E91	level
	0	0.00	(0.0		(2.2)	0.0
1	8	0.99	69.0	6.7	62.3	99
8	8	0.99	77.3	6.0	71.3	99
3	9	0.99	72.3	2.4	69.9	99
4	10	0.98	83.0	8.8	74.1	99
5	11	0.98	77.9	9.7	68.2	99
6	10	0.98	72.3	7.2	65.1	99
(9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i> ,12 <i>R</i> )- <b>7</b>	(5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,8 <i>R</i> )- <b>13</b>	0.97	77.2	2.7	74.5	99
(9 <i>R</i> ,10 <i>S</i> ,12 <i>R</i> )- <b>7</b>	(5 <i>R</i> ,6 <i>S</i> ,8 <i>R</i> )- <b>13</b>	0.97	72.3	15.3	57.0	97
(9 <i>S</i> ,10 <i>R</i> ,12 <i>R</i> )- <b>7</b>	(5 <i>R</i> ,6 <i>S</i> ,8 <i>R</i> )- <b>13</b>	0.97	40.6	23.1	17.5	31
(9 <i>R</i> ,10 <i>S</i> ,12 <i>R</i> )- <b>7</b>	(5 <i>S</i> ,6 <i>R</i> ,8 <i>R</i> )- <b>13</b>	0.97	23.2	45.6	-22.4	-

#### **Experimental and Computational Details**

#### **General Experimental Details**

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) and <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Varian Inova instrument at 25 °C, except for the nOe experiments in Figure S8, which was carried out on a Bruker Avance III HD spectrometer (600 MHz). Chemical shift values ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane, CDCl<sub>3</sub> ( $^{13}$ C,  $\delta$  77.16), or CD<sub>3</sub>OD ( $^{1}$ H,  $\delta$  3.31). The following abbreviations were used for signal multiplicities: s = singlet; d = doublet; t = triplet; m = multiplet; and br = broad. Electrospray ionization mass spectrometry and electron ionization mass spectrometry were measured on a Thermo Scientific Exactive and JEOL JMS-T100GCv, respectively. For vibrational spectroscopy, each sample was dissolved in  $CDCl_3$  and placed in a BaF<sub>2</sub> cell. VCD and IR spectra were recorded using a BioTools ChiralIR-2X or JASCO FVS-6000 spectrometer with 8 cm<sup>-1</sup> resolution for 4000 and 16 scans, respectively. All the VCD and IR spectra were corrected by solvent spectra obtained under the identical measurement conditions. Diastereoseparation of (9S,10R,12R)- and (9R,10S,12R)-methyl-12-benzoyloxy-9,10-epoxyoctadecanoate was performed on a Chiralpak<sup>®</sup> IA guard column (1.0 cm  $\phi \times 2$  cm) and semi-preparative column (1.0 cm  $\phi \times 25$ cm) using two JASCO PU-2086 intelligent pumps equipped with a JASCO MX-2080-31 solvent mixing module on a PU-2075 intelligent UV/Vis detector. Soybean type I lipoxygenase was purchased from Sigma. Castor oil (reagent grade) was purchased from Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical Corporation. Methyl ricinelaidate was purchased from Obracht Serdary Research Laboratories (Canada). Purchased chemicals were used without further purification, except for methyl ricinoleate (1'), which was used after silica-gel column chromatography (hexane-EtOAc = 10:1) purification.

#### General Computational Details

Preliminary MMFF conformational search of each model was performed on Spartan'18 program.<sup>[11]</sup> Stable geometries within a 10-20 kJ/mol energy window were optimized using DFT/B3LYP/6-31G(d) on Spartan'18 program without considering solvent effects. Optimized conformers within 2.0-3.0 kcal/mol energy were further optimized on Gaussian16 software package<sup>[2]</sup> using DFT/B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p)/PCM (chloroform) or other conditions described in each Figure captions. All the resultant conformers within 1.60 kcal/mol from the most stable were used for the following VCD calculations. Alternatively, a smaller energy window was applied when the Boltzmann population of each higher-energy conformer becomes lower than 1.0%. VCD spectra of each resultant conformer were calculated at the same level of theory as that used for the final optimization. The calculated frequencies, dipole strengths, and rotational strengths were converted to VCD spectra on GaussView6 software using a peak half-width a half height of 6 or 8 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The

final spectra were obtained upon weighted average of the spectra of each conformer based on its Boltzmann population at 298 K.

Quantitative comparison of the observed and calculated VCD spectra were performed using CompareVOA software (BioTools, Inc.). As all the calculations were performed for model compounds, their IR spectra were not compared and instead identical IR data were selected to run the program. Scaling factors were manually set. The width of the triangular weighting function was set as a default value (20 cm<sup>-1</sup>).

#### **Synthetic Procedures**

#### Preparation of 3



To methyl ricinelaidate (118 mg, 378  $\mu$ mol) in dioxane (2 mL) and methanol (1 mL) was added 2 M NaOH aq (1.5 mL) and the mixture was vigorously stirred overnight at 50 °C. The mixture was then diluted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, washed with 2 M HCl aq, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the mixture was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (chloroform:MeOH = 9:1), which afforded **3** (70 mg, 62%). Its spectroscopic data were virtually identical with those reported.<sup>[3]</sup>

#### Preparation of 4



Lipid hydroperoxides were prepared according to a literature procedure<sup>[4]</sup> with slight modifications. To a 0 °C solution of pH 7.5 phosphate buffer (50 mL) bubbled with a stream of O<sub>2</sub> was added soybean type I lipoxygenase (10 mg). After 30 min, linoleic acid (250 mg, 891  $\mu$ mol) in cold EtOH (2 mL) was added below the surface of the solution using a pipette. After 5 h, the mixture was acidified with 2 M HCl aq and extracted with EtOAc. The organic phase was washed with brine and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. Removal of the solvent afforded pure **4**<sup>[5]</sup> (200 mg, 72%).

Preparation of 5 HOOC (CH<sub>2</sub>)7 Solution Solution (pH 7.5), O<sub>2</sub> HOOC Solution Soluti

In a similar manner to the preparation of **4**,  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid (250 mg, 898  $\mu$ mol) was converted to **5**<sup>[6]</sup> (157 mg, 56%).

Preparation of 6



In a similar manner to the preparation of **4**, but with using pH 9.5 phosphate buffer, arachidonic acid (56 mg, 0.18 mmol) was converted to  $6^{[7]}$  (55 mg, 89%).

Preparation of (9S,10R,12R)-7 (7a)



To **1'** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) was added vanadyl acetylacetonate (19 mg) and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. After 10 minutes, 70% tert-butyl hydroperoxide aq (75  $\mu$ L) was added and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 hour, and then at rt for 10 minutes. The mixture was diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, sequentially washed with 10% Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> aq and brine, and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the mixture was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1), which afforded (9*S*,10*R*,12*R*)-**7**<sup>[8-10]</sup> (53 mg, 47%).(9*S*,10*R*,12*R*)-**7**; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.90 (m, H-12, 1H), 3.67 (s, Me, 3H), 3.12 (m, H-9, 1H), 2.92 (m, H-10, 1H), 2.36 (br, OH-12, 1H), 2.31 (t, H-2, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.80 (ddd, H-8a, *J* = 14.5, 4.0, 4.0 Hz, 1H), 1.63 (m, H-3, 2H), 1.57-1.25 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 10, H-8b, 21H), 0.89 (t, H-18, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.3 (C-1), 71.0 (C-12), 56.4 (C-10), 55.5 (C-9), 51.5 (Me), 37.5 (C-11), 34.8 (C-8), 34.1 (C-2), 31.9, 29.4, 29.3, 29.2, 29.1, 28.0, 26.5, 25.6 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 8), 25.0 (C-3), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (C-18).

<u>Preparation of (9*R*,10*S*,12*R*)-7 (7b)</u>



To **1'** (630 mg, 2.02 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (6 mL) was added BzCl (350  $\mu$ L) and DMAP (490 mg) and the mixture was stirred at 45 °C for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed sequentially with 2 M HCl aq, 2 M NaOH aq and brine, and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the crude methyl (9*Z*,12*R*)-12-benzoyloxyoctadec-9-enoate (960 mg) was used for the next reaction without further purification. Methyl (9*Z*,12*R*)-12-benzoyloxyoctadec-9-enoate; 'H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.04 (m, ArH, 2H), 7.54 (m, ArH, 1H), 7.43 (m, ArH, 2H), 5.47 (m, H-9, 1H), 5.41 (m, H-10, 1H), 5.14 (m, H-12, 1H), 3.66 (s, Me, 3H), 2.50-2.37 (m, H-11, 2H), 2.29 (t, H-2, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (m, H-8, 2H), 1.75-1.60 (m, H-13, 2H), 1.60 (m, H-3, 2H), 1.44-1.22 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 8, 16H), 0.87 (t, H-18, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.3 (C-1), 166.3 (OCOPh), 132.8 (C-9), 132.8 (Ar), 130.9 (Ar), 129.6 (Ar), 128.3 (Ar), 124.3 (C-10), 74.7 (C-12), 51.5 (Me), 34.2 (C-2), 33.8 (C-13), 32.1 (C-11), 31.8, 29.6, 29.3, 29.2, 29.2, 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 6), 27.4 (C-8), 25.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.0 (C-3), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.1 (C-18); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 439.2819, found 439.2815.

To the crude methyl (9Z,12R)-12-benzoyloxyoctadec-9-enoate (960 mg) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was added mCPBA (440 mg, 70%) at 0 °C and the mixture was stirred for overnight at rt. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed sequentially with 2M NaOH ag and brine, and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the mixture was subjected to silica-gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 5:1), which afforded a diastereomeric mixture of methyl 12benzoyloxy-9,10-epoxyoctadecanoate (450 mg, 52% in 2 steps, dr = 6:5). Diastereoseparation using Chiralpak<sup>®</sup> IA column (hexane:EtOH = 97:3) afforded methyl (9R,10S,12R)-12-benzoyloxy-9,10-epoxyoctadecanoate (9R,10S,12R)-12-benzoyloxy-9,10-(240)mg). Methyl epoxyoctadecanoate; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.05 (m, ArH, 2H), 7.56 (m, ArH, 1H), 7.45 (m, ArH, 2H), 5.32 (m, H-12, 1H), 3.66 (s, Me, 3H), 3.05 (m, H-10, 1H), 2.88 (m, H-9, 1H), 2.29 (t, H-2, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.97 (ddd, H-11a, J = 14.5, 7.7, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.84 (ddd, H-11b, J = 14.5, 6.8, 5.2 Hz, 1H), 1.80-1.70 (m, H-13, 2H), 1.60 (m, H-3, 2H), 1.47 (m, H-8, 2H), 1.45-1.22 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 8, 16H), 0.86 (t, H-18, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.4 (C-1), 166.3 (OCOPh), 133.0 (Ar), 130.6 (Ar), 129.7 (Ar), 128.5 (Ar), 73.2 (C-12), 57.0 (C-9), 54.2 (C-10), 51.6 (Me), 34.7 (C-13), 34.2 (C-2), 33.2 (C-11), 31.8, 29.4, 29.3, 29.3, 29.2 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 5), 28.1 (C-8), 26.6, 25.4 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 2), 25.0 (C-3), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (C-18); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 455.2768, found 455.2762.

To methyl (9*R*,10*S*,12*R*)-12-benzoyloxy-9,10-epoxyoctadecanoate (137 mg, 305  $\mu$ mol) in MeOH (3 mL) was added MeONa (63  $\mu$ L, ca 5.0 M in MeOH) dropwise and the mixture was stirred overnight at rt. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed with brine, and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the mixture was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 3:1), which afforded (9*R*,10*S*,12*R*)-7<sup>[8-10]</sup> (66 mg, 66%). (9*R*,10*S*,12*R*)-7; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.84 (m, H-12, 1H), 3.67 (s, Me, 3H), 3.15 (m, H-9, 1H), 2.96 (m, H-10, 1H), 2.31 (t, H-2, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (br, OH, 1H), 1.74 (ddd, H-8a, *J* = 14.3, 8.3, 4.2 Hz, 1H), 1.62 (m, H-3, 2H), 1.60-1.20 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 10, H-8b, 21H), 0.89 (t, H-18, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.4 (C-1), 70.2 (C-12), 57.2 (C-10), 54.6 (C-9), 51.6 (Me), 37.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 35.3 (C-8), 34.1 (C-2), 31.9, 29.4, 29.2, 29.1, 28.1, 26.5, 25.7 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 8), 25.0 (C-3), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (C-18).

#### Preparation of 8



To 1-pentyne (100 mg, 1.47 mmol) in THF (2 mL) was added *n*BuLi (2.5 M hexane solution, 588  $\mu$ L) at -78 °C and stirred for 10 min. To this solution, (*R*)-1,2-epoxyoctane (112  $\mu$ L, 0.73 mmol) and BF<sub>3</sub>•EtO<sub>2</sub> (185  $\mu$ L) were added and stirred 30 min at -78 °C and then 3 h at rt. The mixture was

added EtOAc, washed sequentially with sat NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq and brine, and dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the crude mixture was purified by column chromatography (hexane-EtOAc = 10:1), which afforded (*R*)-7-hydroxytridec-4-yne (99 mg, 69%). (*R*)-7-Hydroxytridec-4-yne; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.69 (m, H-7, 1H), 2.40 (ddt, H-6a, *J* = 16.5, 4.6, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.27 (ddt, H-6b, *J* = 16.4, 6.9, 2.4 Hz, 1H), 2.15 (tt, H-3, *J* = 7.0, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 1.93 (d, OH, *J* = 4.7 Hz, 1H), 1.56-1.48 (m, H-2, H-8, 4H), 1.42 (m, H-9a, 1H), 1.38-1.24 (m, H-9b, CH<sub>2</sub> × 3, 7H), 0.98 (t, H-1, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.88 (t, H-13, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  83.3 (C-4), 76.4 (C-5), 70.4 (C-7), 36.4 (C-8), 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 27.9 (C-6), 25.8 (C-9), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.6 (C-2), 20.9 (C-3), 14.2 (C-13), 13.6 (C-1); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 196.1827, found 196.1828.

To (*R*)-7-hydroxytridec-4-yne (20 mg, 0.10 mmol) in EtOH (2 mL) was added Lindlar's cat. (5 mg) and AcOH (1 mL) and the mixture was stirred overnight at rt under H<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>. Removal of the solvent yielded **8** (20 mg, qy). **8**; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.57 (m, H-4, 1H), 5.42 (m, H-5, 1H), 3.62 (m, H-7, 1H), 2.22 (m, H-6, 2H), 2.04 (m, H-3, 2H), 1.54 (br, OH, 1H), 1.50-1.42 (m, H-8, 2H), 1.39 (m, H-2, 2H), 1.36-1.25 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 4, 8H), 0.91 (t, H-1, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.89 (t, H-13, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  133.4 (C-4), 125.5 (C-5), 71.7 (C-7), 37.0 (C-8), 35.5 (C-6), 32.0 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (C-3), 29.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 25.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 23.0 (C-2), 22.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (C-13), 13.9 (C-1); HRMS (EI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O [M]<sup>+</sup> 198.1984, found 198.1992.

Preparation of 12 (methyl (R)-12-hydroxyoctadecanoate)



To 1' (180 mg, 576  $\mu$ mol) in THF (2 mL) was added 10% Pd/C (20 mg) and the mixture was stirred overnight at rt under H<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>. Removal of the solvent yielded 12 (180 mg, 99%). Its spectroscopic data were virtually identical with those reported.<sup>[11]</sup>

#### Verification of the absolute configuration of (9S,10R,12R)-7 by nOe measurement



To (9S,10R,12R)-7 (300 mg, 913  $\mu$ mol) in Et<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL) and MeOH (12 mL) was added BF<sub>3</sub>•OEt<sub>2</sub> (1.1 mL) and the mixture was stirred overnight at rt. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed sequentially with sat NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq and brine, and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the mixture was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (hexane:EtOAc = 2:1), which provided methyl (9R,10R,12R)-10,12-dihydroxy-9-methoxyoctadecanoate (79 mg, 24%). Methyl (9R,10R,12R)-10,12-dihydroxy-9-methoxyoctadecanoate; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.85 (m, H-

12, 1H), 3.79 (m, H-10, 1H), 3.67 (s, Me, 3H), 3.59 (br, OH-12, 1H), 3.41 (s, Me-9, 3H), 3.22 (br, OH-10, 1H), 3.01 (m, H-9, 1H), 2.30 (t, H-2, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.67-1.21 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 12, 24H), 0.88 (t, H-18, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). Its <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts in CDCl<sub>3</sub> varied depending on the measurement conditions such as concentrations and perhaps water contents. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum in CD<sub>3</sub>OD seemed more reproducible. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD)  $\delta$  3.83-3.75 (m, H-12, H-10, 2H), 3.65 (s, Me, 3H), 3.41 (s, Me-9, 3H), 3.08 (m, H-9, 1H), 2.32 (t, H-2, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.68-1.27 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 12, 24H), 0.90 (t, H-18, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.4 (C-1), 84.5 (C-9), 73.9 (C-10), 72.4 (C-12), 58.3 (Me-9), 51.5 (Me), 39.1, 38.1 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 2), 34.1 (C-2), 31.9, 29.8, 29.7, 29.5, 29.3, 29.2, 25.5, 25.2, 25.0, 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 10), 14.2 (C-18); HRMS (ESI) *m/z* calcd for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 383.2768, found 383.2760.

To methyl (9*R*,10*R*,12*R*)-10,12-dihydroxy-9-methoxyoctadecanoate (43.8 mg, 121  $\mu$ mol) in 2,2dimethoxypropane (500  $\mu$ L) was added a catalytic amount of *p*-TsOH and the mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. The mixture was diluted with EtOAc, washed sequentially with sat NaHCO<sub>3</sub> aq and water, and then dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After removal of the solvent, the mixture was purified by silica gel chromatography (toluene:EtOAc = 20:1) affording **14** (11.6 mg, 24%). **14**; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ 3.92 (ddd, H-10, *J* = 11.8, 5.2, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (m, H-12, 1H), 3.67 (s, Me, 3H), 3.43 (s, Me-9, 3H), 3.06 (m, H-9, 1H), 2.30 (t, H-2, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (m, H-3, 2H), 1.56-1.47 (m, H-8a, H-13a, 2H), 1.43, 1.39 (s × 2, C(Me)<sub>2</sub>, 3H × 2), 1.45-1.19 (m, CH<sub>2</sub> × 9, H-8b, H-13b, 20H), 0.88 (t, H-18, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  174.5 (C-1), 98.5 (*C*(Me)<sub>2</sub>), 83.5 (C-9), 70.8 (C-10), 69.1 (C-12), 59.0 (Me-9), 51.6 (Me-12), 36.8 (C-13), 34.2 (C-2), 32.2, 31.9 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 2), 30.4 (C(*Me*)<sub>2</sub>), 29.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 29.6 (C-8), 29.4, 29.4, 29.2, 25.8, 25.1 (CH<sub>2</sub> × 5), 25.1 (C-3), 22.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 19.9 (C(*Me*)<sub>2</sub>), 14.2 (C-18); HRMS (ESI) *m*/*z* calcd for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Na [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> 423.3081, found 423.3074.

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Н	-2.541069	2.820669	0.230275
Н	-5.283862	-2.172807	-1.098576

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С	-2.167266	-0.230679	0.181002
Н	-2.100017	-0.405381	-0.889826
С	-1.153718	0.412696	0.78267
Н	-1.19221	0.606558	1.854049
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Н	-3.375752	-0.525323	1.947341
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Н	-5.198417	-1.658176	1.000451
С	-4.592606	-1.744946	-1.105631
Н	-4.71222	-2.829983	-1.201008

Н	-3.7707	-1.438024	-1.752797
Н	-5.514339	-1.297487	-1.49406
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Н	0.055999	0.595719	-0.980356
С	1.377369	0.45489	0.742271
Н	1.304188	-0.623022	0.897326
Н	1.414608	0.913665	1.738505
С	2.613461	0.819413	-0.035122
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С	3.52265	-0.017355	-0.547111
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С	3.560668	-1.519499	-0.475992
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Н	4.853797	-3.135883	0.216049
0	0.130377	2.357391	0.098362
0	-0.870331	2.89039	-0.80238
Н	-1.642907	2.98035	-0.222716

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С	0.142193	-0.76804	-0.447249
С	-1.234515	-0.102231	-0.523287
Н	-1.208576	0.712167	-1.253804
Н	-1.455018	0.334224	0.453544
С	-2.300349	-1.078491	-0.953215
С	-3.55904	-1.331372	-0.231292
Н	-2.292938	-1.314799	-2.015405
Н	-4.383747	-1.714982	-0.830558
0	-2.470453	-2.252142	-0.1394
С	-3.983846	-0.636054	1.034733

Н	-4.495062	-1.373263	1.661382
Н	-3.10598	-0.303819	1.594372
С	-4.920204	0.541729	0.752024
Н	-5.302517	0.925702	1.702884
Н	-5.792575	0.186433	0.190357
С	-4.255276	1.683355	-0.017438
Н	-3.377934	2.028641	0.540496
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С	-5.21007	2.851441	-0.250733
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Н	1.221866	0.955725	-1.100185
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Н	3.716618	1.348079	-0.892809
С	5.146066	0.034168	0.039183
Н	5.1854	-0.655241	0.891293
Н	5.325517	-0.572626	-0.856875
Н	-5.568796	3.254983	0.699772
С	6.260696	1.068988	0.177018
Н	6.079952	1.674314	1.071935
Н	6.220241	1.756369	-0.67503
С	7.645933	0.431851	0.258268
Н	7.714345	-0.238844	1.118904
Н	8.430353	1.185094	0.35635
Н	7.855474	-0.156839	-0.638856
Н	0.322268	-1.324673	-1.38005
0	0.194974	-1.670209	0.653528

Н

-0.624694

-2.179674

0.657853

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Н	0.273106	2.05258	1.656229
С	-0.079605	1.415011	0.840034
С	-0.631094	0.118917	1.450834
Н	-1.496777	0.377834	2.062705
Н	0.114991	-0.322226	2.117093
С	-0.986176	-0.90644	0.397464
Н	-0.17028	-1.554593	0.085884
С	-2.35031	-1.407838	0.160048
Н	-2.431833	-2.394857	-0.293291
0	-1.128199	2.150253	0.215492
Н	-1.55021	1.551519	-0.414426
0	-1.761822	-0.446733	-0.723796
С	-3.557503	-0.968449	0.944954
Н	-3.585104	-1.533607	1.882498
Н	-3.453898	0.08689	1.207363
С	-4.858557	-1.19915	0.167796
Н	-5.701655	-0.884597	0.791652
Н	-4.98075	-2.273711	-0.004981
С	1.072511	1.186417	-0.137187
Н	1.376919	2.166081	-0.518876
Н	0.703821	0.615473	-0.998327
С	2.279317	0.480397	0.478872
Н	2.567665	0.991882	1.405889
Н	2.014475	-0.545206	0.761348
С	3.478002	0.437867	-0.466839
Н	3.762184	1.462284	-0.734831
Н	3.183746	-0.055842	-1.400907
С	4.685417	-0.282427	0.12779
Н	4.975036	0.207887	1.065362
Н	4.403634	-1.309534	0.390523

С	5.887456	-0.316437	-0.813669
Н	6.167713	0.709744	-1.074804
Н	5.596696	-0.805606	-1.749643
С	7.087687	-1.038867	-0.206424
Н	7.408818	-0.549141	0.71677
Н	7.937444	-1.053163	-0.891894
Н	6.835097	-2.074315	0.037191
С	-4.918895	-0.461032	-1.17313
Н	-5.852705	-0.730741	-1.675118
Н	-4.106852	-0.8081	-1.820221
С	-4.841668	1.058058	-1.030146
Н	-4.970882	1.5505	-1.995854
Н	-3.877392	1.37267	-0.625701
Н	-5.622328	1.425572	-0.357589