Literature Report I

Total Syntheses of (-)-Conidiogenone B, (-)-Conidiogenone and (-)-Conidiogenol

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Background:

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- **1985-1988** M.S., Peking Union Medical College
- **1989-1997** Ph.D. & Postdoctor, The Ohio State University
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- **2000-2010** Professor, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry

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Research:

- 1. Total synthesis of natural products
- 2. Heterocyclic chemistry/medicinal chemistry
- 3. Synthetic methodology development





2 Total Synthesis of (-)-Conidiogenone B



Introduction





Penicillium

- It features a highly strained 6/5/5/5 tetracyclic core embedded with 6 consecutive stereocenters;
- It shows antibacterial activity against methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

Gao, S.-S.; Li, X.-M.; Zhang, Y.; Li, C.-S.; Wang, B.-G. Chem. Biodiversity 2011, 8, 1748–1753

Introduction



Retrosynthetic Analysis



Synthesis of (-)-Conidiogenone B



Stage 1: Synthesis of 21





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HAT-Mediated Alkene-Nitrile Cyclization



Turner, O. J.; Murphy. J. A.; Hirst, D.J.; Talbot, E. P. A. Chem. Eur. J. 2018, 24, 18658–18662

Stage 2: Synthesis of 16





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Nicholas Reaction



From Name Reaction P314

Stage 2: Synthesis of 16



Stage 3: Synthesis of (-)-Conidiogenone B





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Danheiser Annulation



Becker, R. L.; Danheiser, R. L. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1989, 111, 389-391

Danheiser Annulation



15a: R¹ = TMS: **28a** (33%), **29a** (46%) **15b**: R¹ = TIPS: **28b** (89%), **29b** (<5%)

Stage 3: Synthesis of (-)-Conidiogenone B



Aldol Condensation



Entry	Conditions	Yield [%]				
		3	31	26	32	rsm
1	LiOH, <i>I</i> PrOH, rt, 48 h	—	46	—	32	—
2	DBU, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , 24 h	—	—	—	42	24
3	L-proline, DMSO, rt to 80 °C	—	—	—	—	35
4	(±)-BNPPA, CH_2CI_2 , rt	_	_	_	—	32
5	<i>p</i> -TsOH, toluene, 80 °C	_	_	78	—	—
6	1 M HCI, reflux	37	31	_	—	—
7	3 M HCI, reflux	53		34		
3 4 5 6 7	L-proline, DMSO, rt to 80 °C (±)-BNPPA, CH ₂ Cl ₂ , rt <i>p</i> -TsOH, toluene, 80 °C 1 M HCI, reflux 3 M HCI, reflux	 37 53	 31	 78 34	 	35 32 — —

Stage 3: Synthesis of (-)-Conidiogenone B



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- 14 steps, 4.7% overall yield;
- HAT-mediated alkene–nitrile cyclization;
- Sequential Nicholas/Pauson–Khand reactions;
- Danheiser annulation;
- A combined ozonolysis/Aldol reaction.

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The First Paragraph



Cyclopianes are novel diterpenes featuring a highly strained 6/5/5/5 tetracyclic core embedded with 6–8 consecutive stereocenters, four of which are quaternary carbon centers. The structural variations of cyclopianes are mainly manifested as differences in the oxidation state of certain carbon atoms within the skeleton. Since the first isolation of conidiogenone (1) and conidiogenol (2) by Sterner and coworkers in 2002, more than 20 compounds of this family have been isolated from the genus *Penicillium*.

Interestingly, cyclopiane diterpenes display a range of biological activities. Conidiogenone (1) and conidiogenol (2) as inducers of conidiogenesis in *P. cyclopium* may become new tool compounds for the study of the morphogenetic event. Conidiogenone B (3) shows significant antibacterial activity against methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA; MIC = 8 μ g mL⁻¹). Conidiogenone C (4) exhibits potent cytotoxicity against st HL60 cells (IC₅₀ = 38 nM).

The Last Paragraph





In summary, a concise total synthesis of (-)-conidiogenone B has been achieved in 14 steps and with 4.7% overall yield from readily available trimethylcyclopentenone 18. Moreover, (-)-conidiogenone and (-)-conidiogenol were also realized through a modified Tu protocol. The synthesis features a HAT-mediated alkene-nitrile cyclization to access the cisbiguinane, a sequential Nicholas/Pauson–Khand reactions for the construction of the linear triquinane, a Danheiser annulation to forge the congested angular triquinane portion, and a combined ozonolysis/aldol reaction to assemble the α,β -unsaturated cyclohexenone skeleton. The current work may facilitate larger-scale preparation and further biological studies of various cyclopiane natural products.

We next turned our attention to the key Danheiser annulation to forge a five-membered ring with concomitant establishment of two all carbon quaternary carbon centers. (把注意力转移到;同时建立)

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Thanks for your attention