# Literature Report VI

# Total Synthesis of Shearinines D and G: A Convergent Approach to Indole Diterpenoids

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#### **Research:**

- The asymmetric synthesis of biologically active, stereochemically complex, natural products;
- The development of synthetic methods based on catalytic and stoichiometric reagents for asymmetric stereocontrol.

#### **Background:**

- **1980-1984** B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
- **1984-1990** Ph.D., Harvard University;
- **1990-1992** Postdoc., California Institute of Technology;
- **1992-1997** Professor, California Institute of Technology;
- **1998-Now** Professor, ETH Zürich, Switzerland.





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#### Introduction

#### **Related Indole Diterpenes**



#### **Total Synthesis of Paspalinine**





#### **Retrosynthetic Analysis**















## **Synthesis of Paspalinine**



#### **Total Synthesis of Shearinines D and G**





#### **Retrosynthetic Analysis**













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#### **Synthesis of Shearinines G**

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**27**: C13-β 69%

13-epi Shearinine G (28) 57% Shearinine G (1) 67%



#### **Synthesis of Shearinines D**





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Shearinine D (2)

# Summary



- Paspalinine: 17 steps, 0.67% overall yield
- Hydroxy-directed cyclopropanation
- Palladium-mediated two-step indole ring formation
- Allylic selenoxide [2,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement



- Shearinines G: 18 steps, 0.19% overall yield
- Shearinines D: 19 steps, 0.16% overall yield
- Intramolecular rhodium(II)-catalyzed cyclopropanation
- One-pot Sharpless dihydroxylation/ Achmatowicz reaction
- Riley oxidation

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#### Writing Strategy



## **The First Paragraph**

Shearinines G and D The complex indole diterpenoids are from the Janthitrem class of natural products. They were initially isolated from the marine fungi *Eupenicillium* spp. and *Penicillium janthinellum* and later from Escovopsis weberi, a fungal pathogen interfering with the symbiosis of Acromyrmex leaf-cutter ants and the garden fungus Leucoagaricus gongylophorus. Other well-known, closely related indole diterpenes include paspalicine and tremorgenic paspalinine, which have been the subject of several synthetic studies. These have culminated in the first total syntheses by Smith of the bioactive indole terpenoids as well as penitrem and nodulisporic acids, resulting in a variety of creative approaches to the synthetically challenging motifs. Recent syntheses of paspalicine, paspaline, nodulisporic acid C, emindole SB and emindole PB highlight the continued interest of the synthetic community in complex indole diterpenes.

#### Writing Strategy



In summary, we have accomplished the first total syntheses of (+)shearinines G (1) and D (2) through convergent and efficient routes. Highlights are a gold(I)-catalyzed cycloisomerization to access 2-isobutenyl furans, intramolecular rhodium(II)-catalyzed cyclopropanation to form the *trans*-hydrindane motif with two quaternary stereocenters, and onepot Sharpless dihydroxylation/Achmatowicz reaction en route the to dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane. Furthermore, the unexpected preference of the late-stage Riley oxidation for the *cis*-C13-hydroxydecalin from the *trans*decalin precursor was investigated and rationalized. The modular route towards the indenopyran subunit and our convergent strategy allow access to related natural products and congeners.

### **Representative Examples**

- The thermodynamic preferences for *trans*-versus *cis*-hydrindanes is complicated as it depends on the substitution pattern. (...很复杂,因为...)
- More recently, cationic cyclization has provided entry to the transhydrindane, albeit as the minor product. (conj. 虽然, 尽管)
- As the diastereomers were inseparable, we proceeded to move forward with the diastereomeric mixture. (由于非对映异构体是不可分 离的,我们继续...)

# Thanks for your attention !