Literature Report

Enantioselective Total Synthesis of Amphidinolide F

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Structurally complex amphidinolide natural products





Retrosynthetic analysis of amphidinolide F.



Synthesis of common intermediate







Synthesis of the C1-C14 subunit















Synthesis of the C15-C29 subunit























Over 30 members of the diverse amphidinolide family of biologically active macrolides have been isolated from the dinoflagellate Amphidinium *sp.* From this family, amphidinolides C (1–2) and F(3) are among the most complex and densely functionalized members . These natural products 1-3 contain eleven stereogenic centers embedded within a 25-membered macrolactone including two *trans*-disposed tetrahydrofuran ring systems, a 1,4-diketone motif, and a highly substituted diene moiety at C9–C11. In addition to the sizable structural challenges present in 1-3, these macrolides have shown significant cytotoxic activity. Consequently, compounds 1-3 have attracted considerable synthetic attention from laboratories, including our own. Despite these sizable numerous endeavors, neither amphidinolide C nor amphidinolide F have been successfully synthesized in the more than 20 years since their isolation. It should be noted that the stereochemical assignment of compound 3 is based on analogy to compound 1 and isolation from the same organism. Herein, we disclose the first total synthesis of amphidinolide F (3), and thus confirm both the absolute and relative stereochemistry of the natural product.

In summary, the total synthesis of amphidinolide F has been accomplished in 34 steps (longest linear sequence). Highlights of the synthetic sequence include a silvercatalyzed dihydrofuran formation, use of common intermediate **7** to access both the C1–C8 and C18–C25 fragments, regioselective hydrostannylation of enyne **25**, diasteroselective addition of a 2-lithio-1,3-diene species to aldehyde **22**, and the sulfone alkylation/oxidative desulfurization sequence to couple the major subunits and incorporate the carbonyl moiety at C15.