# Literature Report I

# C-C Activation Application in Total Synthesis of Xishacorene B

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#### **Background:**



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#### **Research Interests:**

Organic and Organometallic Chemistry — Total synthesis of biologically active and architecturally complex natural products as a platform for the development of new synthetic methods and strategies.















Xishacorene B

Xisha Coral

- A new member of diterpenes;
- Isolated from the soft coral Sinularia polydactyla off the coast of the Xisha Islands in China;
- As promoters of concanavalin A-induced T-lymphocyte proliferation.

Guo, Y.-W. et al. Org. Lett. 2017, 19, 4183.



#### Xishacorene C







### **C-C Activation Reaction**



Low Valence Titanium: Single Electron Transfer (SET) Reagent (Ti(III)---Ti(IV) one electron transfer)

## **C1-C2** Activation



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## **Pd-Catalyzed C-C Activation/Coupling Sequence**

Entry	Pd-complex	9	Temperature	Solvent	Conversion <sup>a</sup>	Yield <sup>a</sup>
1	Pd(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.5 equiv	30 °C	1,4-dioxane	>98%	85%
2	Pd(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.1 equiv	30 °C	1,4-dioxane	>98%	74%
3	Pd(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.5 equiv	18 °C	1,4-dioxane	67%	49%
4	Pd(PPh <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	1.5 equiv	30 °C	1,4-dioxane	81%	63%
5	Pd[P( <sup>#</sup> Bu) <sub>2</sub> Ph] <sub>2</sub>	1.5 equiv	30 °C	1,4-dioxane	73%	56%
6	Pd(PCy <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.5 equiv	30 °C	benzene	92%	63%

<sup>a</sup> Determined by <sup>1</sup>H NMR analysis using benzyl benzoate as an internal standard

#### **Substrate Scope**



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#### **Retrosynthetic Analysis**



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#### **Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons Olefination**











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#### Summary





- The first total synthesis of Xishacorene B: 10 Steps;
- Pd-catalyzed cyclobutanol C-C cleavage/coupling;
- Radical-mediated C-C bond construction;
- Minimal protecting group manipulation.

The formation of carbon-carbon (C-C) bonds is paramount to the synthesis of complex organic molecules such as terpenoid natural products, which consist primarily of a carbon skeleton. Therefore, in developing strategies for the total synthesis of terpenoids, significant emphasis is often placed on methods that form new C-C bonds. As part of a program to exploit readily available, "chiral pool" reagents for terpene syntheses, we recognized that C-C activation of carvone, when coupled with new C-C bond forming processes, would yield novel structural frameworks that significantly expand the scope of complex molecules conventionally accessible from carvone.

We have shown previously that this type of transformation can be realized by converting epoxy carvone to bis-hydroxylated pinene derivatives using a method by Bermejo, followed by Pd(0)-catalyzed cross coupling with vinyl or aryl halides to provide access to structures such as 6, which form the core of myriad natural products.

In conclusion, we have demonstrated the utility of a C–C activation/cross -coupling sequence for the construction of complex molecular frameworks. Specifically, carvone can be converted in two steps to a hydroxylated pinene derivative to set the stage for a key cross-coupling. A Pd-catalyzed cyclobutanol C-C cleavage/coupling with vinyl halides followed by radicalmediated C-C bond construction provided rapid access to a variety of [3.3.1] bicycles. Using this approach, the first total synthesis of the marine diterpene xishacorene B has been achieved in 10 steps from carvone minimal protecting group manipulation.

Future studies will focus on applying this strategy to the synthesis of xishacorene congeners and their derivatives as well as the investigation of their bioactivity.



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#### **Mukaiyama-type Reactions**



Lo, J. C. et al. Nature 2014, 516, 343.

## **Williamson-Etherification Reaction**

