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# An Asymmetric Total Synthesis of Brevisamide 

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Brevenal (1)


Brevisamide (2)


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1a: $\mathrm{Ar}=\mathrm{Ph}$
1b: $\mathrm{Ar}=\left(3,5-\mathrm{Ph}_{2}\right) \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}-$ 1c: $\mathrm{Ar}=\left(2,4,6-^{-} \mathrm{Pr}_{3}\right) \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}{ }^{-}$

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1. aq. $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, iodide 4,





The bloom of dinoflagellates causing "Red Tide" has led to the massive death of a wide range of marine life and human food poisoning in the Florida Coast and Gulf of Mexico. Brevetoxins secreted by the dinoflagellate Ptychodiscus brevis may have been responsible for this extensive natural calamity. In 1981, Nakanishi and co-workers reported the structure of brevetoxin B, the first member of a new class of structurally extraordinary marine toxins. Brevetoxin consists of 11 contiguous trans fused cyclic ether rings, spectacularly arranged in a "ladder-like" rigid framework. Nakanishi and co-workers subsequently proposed an intriguing biogenetic scheme indicating that brevetoxins may be biosynthesized by a polyepoxide cascade cyclization.

In summary, we have reported an asymmetric total synthesis of (-)-brevisamide in 22 total synthetic steps, with an unoptimized yield of $1.7 \%$ in 18 longest linear steps from the readily prepared aldehyde 8. A substituted tetrahydropyran fragment of brevisamide was synthesized in enantiomerically pure form using Jacobsen's asymmetric hetero-Diels-Alder reaction. This reaction has set three of the four stereocenters of brevisamide enantioselectively. The vinyl iodide fragment 4 was readily prepared using Negishi's zirconium-catalyzed carboalumination-iodination reaction. The synthesis also features SuzukiMiyaura cross coupling and selective allylic oxidation using TEMPO. The present synthesis will provide access to a variety of structural analogues of brevisamide for further studies.

