# **Literature Report**

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## Total Synthesis of (-)-Fusarisetin A and Reassignment

of the Absolute Configuration of Its Natural Counterpart

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#### **Research Interests**

Divergent total synthesis of biologically active natural products based on biosynthetic hypothesis or privileged core structures Desymmetrization strategy in natural product total synthesis Ring strain-promoted reactions in natural product synthesis

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### Structures of (-)-Fusarisetin A





#### Retrosynthetic analysis of fusarisetin (1)















[a]<sup>25</sup><sub>D</sub> = -88.0 (*c* = 0.15 in MeOH)

 $[a]^{25}_{D} = +84.6 (c = 0.2 \text{ in MeOH})$ 





- 1, **13 steps.**
- 2, Lewis Acid-promoted intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction.
- **3**, **Pd-catalyzed O to C allylic rearrangement.**
- 4, Wacker oxidation.
- 5, Dieckmann condensation/hemiketalization cascade.



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- 1, 9 steps, 10% (overall yield).
- 2, Protecting group-free.
- **3**, Lewis Acid-promoted intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction.
- 4, One-pot TEMPO-induced radical cyclization/aminolysis.

Natural products serve as an abundant source in the search for anticancer agents due to unparalleled structural diversity and accompanying molecular modes of action. Recently, small molecules that inhibit cancer cell metastasis have received increasing interest in related drug discovery process, because such action may complement that of existing anticancer drugs such as the tubulin stabilizers/destabilizers and topoisomerase inhibitors. In May 2011, Ahn et al. reported the isolation of a biologically intriguing natural product, fusarisetin from a soil fungus, Fusarium sp. FN080326, which displays significant inhibition of acinar morphogenesis as well as cell migration and invasion without apparent cytotoxicity. The mechanism of action remains to be elucidated. The molecular structure of **1** was determined by employing X-ray crystallographic analysis (relative stereochemistry) and the exciton chirality circular dichroism method (absolute configuration). From a structural perspective, 1 exhibits a 6,6,5,5,5-fused pentacyclic ring system bearing 10 stereogenic centers. The interesting chemical structure as well as biological activity of **fusarisetin A** made it an attractive target for total synthesis. Herein, we report the first total synthesis of the proposed structure of this molecule.

In conclusion, we developed an efficient synthetic strategy for the total synthesis of the enantiomer of fusarisetin A, a newly discovered acinar morphogenesis inhibitor possessing an intricate structure, and reassigned the absolute configuration of the natural product through our synthesis. The synthesis featured an intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction, a Pd-mediated  $O \rightarrow C$  allylic rearrangement, a chemoselective Wacker oxidation, and a Dieckmann condensation/hemiketalization cascade. The reported synthetic strategy and methods are expected to be applicable to the construction of other structurally or biosynthetically related natural products, as well as designed analogues of fusarisetin A, and thus to facilitate the exploration of its mechanism of action on a molecular level.