Literature Report 2

Total Synthesis of Caribenol A and Caribenol B

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1 Introduction



3 Total Synthesis of Caribenol B



Introduction



Caribenol A



Pseudopterogorgia

- Isolated from the Pseudopterogorgia elisabethae in 2007;
- Exhibiting biological activity against Mycobacterium tuberculosis H37Rv and plasmodium;
- A caged structure and tricarbocyclic ring system with six stereocenters.

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Introduction

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PCC mediated oxidative rearrangement







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Myers' allylic reductive transposition method







Barton's protocol for vinyl iodide formation



Retrosynthetic analysis of Caribenol B





α-Arylation of aldehyde





Julia-Kocienski olefination

The Julia Olefination enables the preparation of alkenes from 1phenyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl sulfone and aldehydes in a single step.





Vilsmeier-Haack Reaction

The Vilsmeier–Haack reaction is the chemical reaction of a substituted amide with phosphorus oxychloride and an electron-rich arene to produce an aryl aldehyde or ketone.





Van Leusen Reaction

The Van Leusen Reaction allows the conversion of a ketone into a nitrile with one additional carbon atom in a single pot.









Summary



- 17 Steps, 14% overall yield;
- The first total synthesis of Caribenol A;
- IMDA reaction;
- Furan oxidation.

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- 17 Steps, 1.3% overall yield (Caribenol A);
- 12 Steps, 1.9% overall yield (Caribenol B);
- The first total synthesis of Caribenol B;
- Highly stereoselectivity and protecting group free;
- Friedel-Crafts triflation;
- Intramolecular organocatalytic α -arylation.

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Furans teeter on the edge of aromaticity and can behave both as arenes and as very electron-rich dienes. As such, they can undergo a wide variety of chemical transformations, including electrophilic substitutions, metalations, cycloadditions, and oxidations. If extended to furyl carbinols, their synthetic power is increased even more, allowing for Piancatelli rearrangements and Achmatowicz reactions with subsequent cycloadditions to access carbocyclic systems. Often associated with a significant increase in molecular complexity, these transformations have been extensively exploited in the total synthesis of complex target molecules.

In summary, we achieved an asymmetric synthesis of caribenol A and the first total synthesis of caribenol B. Both of our syntheses are highly stereoselective and protecting group free. The nucleophilicity of furans was critical to the success of our program, as they were used in a Friedel-Crafts triflation and an intramolecular organocatalytic α arylation. A novel strategy for the conversion of furfurals into cyclopentenones and a mild method for the hydrolysis vinyl triflates were also developed. The scope of the gold-catalyzed cycloisomerization shown in Scheme 3 is under active investigation in our laboratories, and results will be reported in due course.

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