Literature Report III

Total Synthesis of (+)-Daphmanidin E and (-)-Calyciphylline N

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Introduction



(-)-Calyciphylline N

Isolated from the leaves and stems of Daphniphyllum calycinum in 2008





Isolated from leaves of Daphniphyllum teijsmannii in 2006 Exhibit moderate vasorelaxant activity on rat aorta

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Retrosynthetic analysis of (+)-Daphmanidin E



Claisen rearrangement



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$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathsf{RCH}_2\mathsf{OH} & + & \mathsf{ArSeCN} & \stackrel{\mathsf{Bu}_3\mathsf{P}}{\longrightarrow} & \mathsf{RCH}_2\mathsf{SeAr} + & \mathsf{HCN} + & \mathsf{O=PBu}_3 \\ \mathsf{RCH}_2\mathsf{SeAr} + & \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}_2 & \stackrel{}{\longrightarrow} & \mathsf{R'CH=CH}_2 + & \mathsf{ArSeOH} + & \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \end{array}$$

$$ArSeCN + Bu_{3}P \longrightarrow ArSeP^{+}Bu_{3}CN^{-}$$

$$ArSeP^{+}Bu_{3}CN^{-} + RCH_{2}OH \longrightarrow ArSe^{-} + RCH_{2}OP^{+}Bu_{3} + HCN$$

$$RCH_{2}OP^{+}Bu_{3} + ArSe^{-} \longrightarrow RCH_{2}SeAr + O=PBu_{3}$$

$$RCH_{2}SeAr + H_{2}O_{2} \longrightarrow R'CH_{2}CH_{2}Se^{+}Ar + H_{2}O$$

$$\int_{O^{-}}^{O}$$

$$R'CH_{2}CH_{2}Se^{+}Ar \longrightarrow R'CH=CH_{2} + ArSeOH$$



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Alkyl-Heck coupling reaction









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Intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction











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Fleming - Tamao Oxidation











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Summary

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The daphniphyllum alkaloids, a family of natural products numbering more than 200 members, have attracted considerable attention due to both their diverse biological activities and structural complexities. For example, in the late 1980s, Heathcock and co-workers proposed an innovative biosynthetic pathway for these alkaloids, which led to several elegant biomimetic syntheses. More recently, impressive total syntheses of (+)-daphmanidin E and daphenylline have been achieved by Carreira and Li, respectively. The first total synthesis of a calyciphylline alkaloid, (–)-calyciphylline N (1), has been achieved with a longest linear sequence of 37 steps from known alcohol (-)-8. Highlights of the successful synthesis include a substrate-controlled, intramolecular Diels-Alder reaction to construct the bicyclic core and set four contiguous stereocenters; a highly efficient one-pot Nazarov cyclization/proto-desilylation sequence, which in one flask completes ring E and activates the silicon moiety toward Fleming-Tamao oxidation, demonstrating the use of the 4-methoxyphenyl substituent as a readily introduced and easily replaced aryl group for the activation of otherwise unreactive hindered siloxanes; and finally, exploitation of a subtle structural change permitting chemo- and diastereoselective hydrogenation of an extremely hindered diene ester that installed the C14 and C15 stereogenic centers. In all, the strategies delineated herein should prove useful for the future synthesis of related members of this alkaloid class.