Synthesis of (-)-Okilactomycin by a Prins-Type Fragment-Assembly Strategy

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Retrosynthetic Strategy



Synthesis of 3 OTBDPS MeO. 7 Мe Cp₂Zr(H)Cl, NIS, THF 1. *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C (65%) 2. KHMDS, ethyltriphenylphosphonium 84% ÖΒn ÒВп bromide, THF, -78 to 0 °C (84%) 5 6 Et₂AICI, AgPF₆, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C Bn (86%, >20:1 d.r.) BDPS Me ÓBn **OTBDPS** BnO 8 Bn 10 Me 1. TBSOTf, NEt₃, CH₂Cl₂ 1. LiBH₄, MeOH, Et₂O, 0 °C (83%) 2. Dess-Martin periodinane, 2. DMDO, CH_2CI_2 , 0 °C OTBDPS BnO CH₂Cl₂, (90%) then H⁺ (88%) 11 QН "Me Ή OTBDPS BnO 3

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Okilactomycin (1a) is a structurally interesting antitumor antibiotic that was isolated from Streptomyces griseoflavus in 1987. In vitro studies have demonstrated that **1a** exhibits significant antitumor and antiproliferative activity against both lymphoid leukemia L1210 cells and P388 leukemia cells with IC₅₀ values of 216 nm and 89 nm, respectively. A closely related compound, chrolactomycin (1b), differs only in structure by the replacement of a methyl group with a methoxy moiety at the pyranone/lactone ring fusion and displays promising telomerase inhibition. In addition to their potent biological activity, these compounds posses a compact and intriguing architecture. The tricyclic core is characterized by a unique 6,5-fused tetrahydropyranone γ -lactone bicycle with a spiro fusion to a highly substituted cyclohexene. Despite the biological activity and structural complexity, there have been only limited reports on the synthesis of okilactomycin (1a) over the last two decades, namely from the laboratories of Takeda, Paquette, and Smith. These synthetic efforts culminated in a total synthesis of unnatural enantiomer (-)-1a and determination of the absolute configuration of the natural product by Smith et al. in 2007. There are no syntheses of chrolactomycin reported to date. We disclose herein a convergent synthesis of (-)-1a utilizing a Prins-type Maitland-Japp cyclization strategy of two advanced fragments.

In summary, the total synthesis of (-)-okilactomycin (1a) has been achieved in 1.0% overall yield over 26 steps as the longest linear sequence. Stereoselective alkylation and Diels-Alder routes facilitated quick access to the δ-hydroxy βketoester and α -silvloxy aldehyde fragments, respectively. A Lewis acid promoted Maitland–Japp reaction established the full carbon core with a high degree of diastereoselectivity for the 2,6-cis-tetrahydropyrans core. This Prins-type transformation is one of the most advanced to date in terms of size and functionality of the reactants and further defines the potential of this approach for late-state unions of complex intermediates. The installation of the exocyclic olefin at the end of the synthesis and convergent nature of this route makes this synthesis amenable to the production of analogues and structure-activity relationship studies. The synthesis of these related compounds, which are intended for biological investigations, based on our complex fragment assembly Prins/Maitland–Japp route described here are ongoing in our laboratory.

