Total Synthesis of RNA Polymerase Inhibitor Ripostatin B



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Bacterial RNA Polymerase (RNAP)

- Multi-drug-resistant bacterial strains present an emerging problem
- Bacterial RNAP subunit sequences are highly conserved
- Rifamycins are currently the only approved class of RNAP inhibitors

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Meet the Ripostatins

- Isolated in 1995 from *S. cellulosum*
- Display narrow antibiotic activity
 - Interacts with RNAP, <u>no</u> cross-resistance with rifampin



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Previous Work



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So Close, Yet So Far Away:



- Sterically demanding protecting groups
- Double bond isomerization and migration

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Prusov Retrosynthesis



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Key Transformations



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Christmann Retrosynthesis



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End Game Synthesis



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End Game Synthesis



- 14 steps (longest linear sequence) from geranyl acetate
- 4% overall yield

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Conclusions

- One-pot "linchpin" epoxide coupling
- Assembly of sensitive 14-membered macrolactone
- 14 steps, 4% overall yield
 - Prusov: 18 steps, 0.22 % overall yield
 - Altmann: 21 steps, 3.6 % overall yield
- New opportunities for SAR studies