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



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Isolation and Biological Evaluation

Isolated in 1987 from *Streptomyces griseoflavus* found in a soil sample collected on Zamami Island, Okinawa, Japan.

Structure originally assigned using MS and NMR techniques, then later by X-ray analysis which confirmed the relative stereochemistry.

Absolute stereochemistry confirmed after first synthesis of (-)-okilactomycin by Smith et al. *JACS* **2007**, *129*, 14872.





Exhibits *in vitro* cytotoxicity against human lymphoid leukemia L1210 cells (IC_{50} = 216 nM) P388 leukemia cells (IC_{50} = 89 nM).

Despite this potent inhibition, only found two additional reports of activity and no reports of follow-up SAR.

(-)-Chrolactomycin has shown antitumor, antibiotic, and telomerase inhibition.

Smith's Retrosynthetic Analysis



Smith's Construction of Core Framework



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*(-)-Okilactomycin achieved in 7 steps from alcohol; 29 overall (longest linear sequence)

*Utilized a Petasis-Ferrier union/rearrangement to construct 2,6-cistetrahydropyanone core.

*Established absolute stereochemistry of natural (+)-okilactomycin.

Retrosynthetic Analysis: Title Paper



Synthesis of α -Hydroxy Aldehyde Fragment



Synthesis of β -Hydroxy Dioxinone Fragment



Connection of Key Fragments

condensation/Prins cyclization approach



Maitland-Japp reaction approach



Proposed Mechanism for Trioxabicyclo[3.2.1] ocatane



Fragment Coupling and RCM Reactions



Completion of the Synthesis



Synthetic Material: $[2^{20}]_{D}^{20} = -20$ (c = 0.04, MeOH) Natural Product: $[2^{20}]_{D}^{20} = +34$ (c = 1, MeOH) Smith's Material: $[2^{20}]_{D}^{20} = -37$ (c = 0.03, MeOH)

*All intermediates up to and including compound **A**, had (+) optical rotation.

*Authors believed to this point that they were in route to the desired natural (+)-okilactomycin.

*Similar phenomenon reported by Smith et al. 2007 (prior to RCM)

Conclusion

(-)-Okilactomycin achieved in 1.0% overall yield over 26 steps (longest linear sequence).

Stereoselective alkylation and Diels-Alder routes gave the δ -hydroxy β -ketoester and α -silyloxy aldehyde fragments, respectively.

Lewis acid promoted Maitland-Japp reaction established the full carbon core with high diastereoselectivity for the 2,6-*cis* tetrahydropyran core.

Late installation of exocyclic olefin and overall convergent nature of the synthesis makes this synthesis amendable to derivatization and SAR.