Total Synthesis of (-)-Acetylaronotin

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(-)-Acetylaronotin



- Belongs to the Epidithiodiketopiperazine (ETP) natural products
- Biological activity of ETPs include inhibition of viral RNA polymerase and antiproliferative/apoptotic activity against human cancer cells
- First total synthesis was published in October 2011 by Reinsman

Retrosynthetic analysis



Synthesis of β,γ-unsaturated ketone 14



Tetrahedron Lett. **1992**, 33, 5477-5480 *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1995**, 117, 11106-11112 *Org. Lett.* **2000**, 2, 4213-4216

Formation of Enone 16



Wharton rearrangement

Oxidation of the allylic position



Synlett. 1994, 993-994

Mechanism



Stereochemical inversion of hydroxybearing carbon center



Formation of enol lactone via Baeyer-Villiger oxidation



Formation of dihydrooxepine



Formation of diketopiperazine ring.....



Had to went back to the *γ*-hydroxyenone.....



Stereochemical inversion of C₅ and C₁₃



Oxoammonium-catalyzed oxidation:

 $PhI(OAc)_2 + n ROH \longrightarrow PhI(OA)_{2-n}(OR)_n + n AcOH \longrightarrow PhI(OR)_{2n} + 2 AcOH$



Introduction of disulfide



(-)-acetylaranotin (22 steps, 0.06% from L-Cbz-tyrosine) Mechanism



Conclusion

- Completed the second total synthesis of (-)acetylaranotin in 22 steps (0.06% overall yield)
- > Synthetic highlights include:
 - Unusual vinylogous Rubottom oxidation
 - Regioselective Baeyer-Villiger oxidation
 - *Wharton rearrangement
 - Isomerization epoxidation