Total Syntheses Completed by the Trauner Group

Robert Moreau Supergroup Meeting 15 September 2004

Completed Total Syntheses



frondosin B



amathaspiramide F









photodeoxytridachione



sterekunthal A



crispatene

Frondosins



- marine terpenoids from the sponge *Dysidea frondosa*
- inhibit interleukin-8 binding in the low micromolar range and could, therefore, be used to prevent rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis
- also have been shown to exhibit HIV-inhibitory properties

Frondosin B Retrosynthesis



 desired a one-step bicyclization via the first intramolecular Arcadi-Cacchi reaction

C.C. Hughes, D. Trauner. Angew. Chem. IE. 2002, 1569.

Synthesis of Benzofuran Alkyl Iodide



Alkyne starting material prepation: A. Murai, T. Oka. Tetrahedron 1998, 54, 1.

Completion of the Synthesis



Mechanistic Insights



Danishefsky's Alkyne



S.J. Danishefsky, M. Inoue, M.W. Carson, A.J. Frontier. JACS, 2001, 1878.

Amathaspiramides



- marine alkaloids isolated from a New Zealand collection of the bryozoan Amathia wilsoni
- novel spirobicyclic core of pyrrolidine and pyrrolidinone rings
- several are moderately cytotoxic or show antiviral and antibiotic properties

(-)-Amathaspiramide F Retrosynthesis



C.C. Hughes, D. Trauner. Angew. Chem. IE. 2002, 4556.

Proline Alkylation







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Completion of the Synthesis



amathaspiramide F

Biomimetic Synthesis of Pinnatal and Sterekunthal







pinnatal

pyranokunthone A

sterekunthal A



isopinnatal



pyranokunthone B



sterekunthal B



anthrakunthone

- Isolated from the Bignoniaceae plant family
- Lead compounds for antimalarial drugs

Biosynthetic Hypothesis



J.P. Malerich, D. Trauner. JACS, 2003, 9554.

Biosynthetic Hypothesis, cont.



Differentiated Diol Synthesis



Advancement of the Synthesis



Completion of Synthesis



Molluscan Polypropionates



- feature an α -methoxy- γ -pyrone moiety and are proposed to act as a natural sunscreen due to their UV-light-absorbent properties
- two categories: those featuring a cyclohexadiene core and others with a bicyclo[3.1.0]hexene core
- (-)-crispatene isolated from the mollusc *Elysia crispata* in 1981 by Ireland

Interrelationship



- in 1979, Ireland and Scheuer found that the cyclohexadiene core can be photochemically converted to the bicyclo[3.1.0]hexene core in vivo and in vitro
- this suggests that both compounds are directly derived from a common acyclic precursor

Photodeoxytridachione Core Synthesis



• A.K. Miller, D. Trauner. Angew. Chem. IE. 2003, 549.

Completion of the Synthesis



(-)-Crispatene Core Synthesis



• A.K. Miller, D.H. Byun, C.M. Beaudry, D. Trauner. PNAS. 2004, 12019.

Completion of the Synthesis



Problem 1

During the total synthesis of amathspiramide F, the Trauner group oxidatively cleaved an oxime with IBX to close the pyrrolidinone ring. Please provide a mechanism for this transformation.



Method: D.S. Bose, P. Srinivas. Synlett, 1998, 977.

Problem 2

Please explain why, under Lewis acid catalysis, 6π electrocyclization is effectively outcompeted by the [$_{\pi}4_{a} + _{\pi}2_{a}$] cycloaddition to give the bicyclo[3.1.0]hexene moiety seen below.

