An Intramolecular Cyclization Approach to Optically Active Cyclopentenyl Bromides

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The two antipodes of 1-bromo-3,3-dimethyl-4- **[(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)oxyl** cyclopentene, the dextrorotatory form of which (1) is regarded **as** a potential synthetic precursor to kalmanol, have been prepared in a state of high enantiomeric purity from propargyl alcohol. The key steps in the abbreviated synthetic pathway involve the **bromination-dehydrobromination** of aldehyde 12 to give 7, the conversion of alcohol **13** to the hydroxyl-substituted bromocyclopentene **18** by a novel tandem Claisen-Sakurai reaction sequence, and efficient enzymatic resolution of **18** via ita chloroacetate ester. The absolute configurational assignments are based on 'H NMR analyses of the *(R)-* and (5')-MTPA esters of $(-)$ -20.

The presence of highly substituted five-membered rings in many biologically important natural products has only recently caused attention to be directed toward the synthesis of functionalized cyclopentenyllithium reagents.¹ However, the means presently available for producing these useful nucleophilic building blocks in enantiomerically enriched condition remain limited.^{1,2} In the expectation that the S enantiomer of **1** could serve well **as**

the A-ring of the distinctive tetracyclic cardiotoxic diterpenoid kalmanol(2),3 we defined this bromide **as** the first subgoal of our synthetic endeavors. Reported here is an expedient pathway to both $(+)$ - and $(-)$ -1 that capitalizes on the improvization of a tandem Claisen rearrangement/ intramolecular Sakurai cyclization sequence. The process might well accommodate a reasonable level of structural variation and be serviceable in other contexts.

Results and Discussion

Consideration of (E)-2-Bromo-3-(trimethylsilyl) acrolein as Intermediate. Retrosynthetic considerations led us back to the two geometric isomers of 2-bromo-3- **(trimethylsily1)propanal.** A recent report4 that the *E*isomer of this aldehyde, viz. **6,** could be prepared isomerically pure prompted reinvestigation of the original route in order to gain information on its relative thermodynamic stability. Accordingly, propargyl alcohol **(3)** was bissilylated and subjected to silyl-Wittig rearrangement to produce **4** (Scheme I). When exposed to 10 mol *5%* of a Lewis acid such as $ZnCl_2$ or TiCl₄, 4 experienced smooth conversion to 5. However, bromination of 5 in CCl₄ at 0

"C followed by the addition of triethylamine invariably produced mixtures containing both **6** and **7,** with the E -isomer predominating in most instances. It soon became apparent that 7 was considerably more thermodynamically favored than **6.** For example, full equilibration with **7** (ratio 1:20) could be rapidly established at 20 "C in benzene solution containing a catalytic quantity of iodine. In light of the lability of **6,** it is quite possible that post-equilibration was inadvertently operating during our processing of this material. At this point, the stereochemical assignments to the individual isomers were corroborated by NOE experiments **as** shown on the illustrated formulas.6

The kinetically controlled conversion of **5** to **6** introduces an interesting mechanistic dilemma. In order to realize brominative desilylation in this fashion, it is necessary that anti elimination via **8** be preceded by a totally unprecedented cis addition of bromine. Alternatively, should bromine add in conventionally trans fashion to generate 9, ensuing reintroduction of the double bond must occur via a syn arrangement of the leaving group (Scheme 11). The latter option embraces two significant features that cause us to prefer it. These are adoption of halogenation stereoselectivity demanded of bromonium ion intervention and parallelism between the syn elimination of MeaSiBr and the anionic variant of the Peterson olefination reaction.6

The above findings prompted the development of a more

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Me₂S 2. Et₃N **12 6** *7*

efficient route to **7** that was also intended to provide added mechanistic insight.

Alternative Synthesis of the Z-Isomer. Reduction of alkyne **10** with Red-A1 is recognized to deliver **11** exclusively⁷ (Scheme III). Oxidation of this alcohol with PDC provided 12 uniquely (300-MHz¹H NMR analysis).⁸ Bromination-dehydrobromination⁹ of 12 under conditions entirely comparable to those utilized for **5** resulted in the formation of a **1:7** mixture of **6** and **7.**

The predominance of 2-isomer **7** would appear once again to stand in conflict with expectations based upon trans addition followed by antiperiplanar elimination (Scheme IV). Attempts to follow the course of the bromination by performing the reaction in **an NMR** tube did not permit unequivocal assignments to be made to the dibromide. What was clear, however, was that the thermodynamically favored elimination product had been produced in this instance. Indeed, when enriched samples of **6** (prepared **as** in Scheme 11) were treated with **0.65** equiv of Et₃N.HBr in CCl₄ in an effort to simulate the conditions prevailing in Scheme IV, conversion to a **1:20**

mixture of **6** and **7** took place in less than *5* min. As a consequence, it would appear that, unlike **5,** the bromination-dehydrobromination of **12** proceeds conventionally to give **6,** which isomerizes to **7** under the conditions of ita formation. Thus, the behavior of **9** is unique and the **syn** elimination of Me₃SiBr worthy of more exhaustive investigation as a mechanistic paradigm.

Tandem Claisen-Sakurai Transformations. Isomerically enriched **7 (95%** purity) was reduced to **13** with Dibal-H at -78 °C (Scheme V). Care had to be exercised in this step since reductive debromination to give (E) -3-**(trimethyIsilyl)-2-propen-l-o1** became competitive with the conversion to 13 if the concentration of 7 exceeded 1 mmol/ **20 mL.** Initially, the conversion of **13** to vinyl ether **15** by the more classical methods proved problematical. However, adaptation of the Erman¹⁰ and Baeckström protocol¹¹

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was notably successful. Thus, exposure of **13** to isobutyraldehyde dimethyl acetal in refluxing benzene containing a catalytic quantity of p-toluenesulfonic acid led via **14** directly to **15 (75%** isolated yield).

Although the stage was now set for Claisen rearrangement, **15** was surprisingly unresponsive to thermal activation either **as** neat samples or when dissolved in benzene. Advantage was therefore taken of the known propensity of diethylaluminum chloride to catalyze such **i3.31** sigmatropic transformations.12 When catalysis was applied, the conversion of **15** to **17** was complete within **15** min at 25 °C (TLC analysis). Addition of 10% HCl and TBAF after 2 h afforded the colorless oily alcohol **18** in **62%** yield. The discovery that the Claisen and Sakurai reactions¹³ can be effectively dovetailed in this manner once again brings to the forefront the many obvious advantages associated with tandem chemical processes. 14

Enzymatic Hydrolysis. To set the stage for resolution of the enantiomers of **18,** its chloroacetate derivative **was** prepared and subjected to controlled enzymatic hydrolysis with lipase **PS-30** in a mixed THF-pH **7** phosphate buffer solvent system.15 Reaction stopped after approximately **50%** consumption of the racemic substrate (Scheme VI). Alcohol **20** and unreacted ester **21** were efficiently recovered by silica gel chromatography. Following the sapon-
ification of 21, the enantiomeric excess of the alcohols was
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Finally, both **20** and **22** were silylated to provide the antipodal cyclopentenyl bromides **23** and **1,** respectively. We expect to report on the role played by **1** in a **total** synthesis of kalmanol in due course.

Experimental Section

Melting pointa are uncorrected. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 1320 spectrometer. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded at **300** MHz and 13C NMR spectra at **75** MHa on a Bruker **AC-300** instrument. Mass spectra were recorded on a Kratos **MS-30** instrument at The Ohio State University Chemical Instrument Center. Elemental analyses were performed at the Scandianavian Microanalytical Laboratory, Herlev, Denmark. The chromatographic separations were carried out either under flash conditions on Fluka silica gel H or gravimetrically on **Woelm** silica gel 63-200. The organic extracts were dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Solvents were reagent grade and in many cases dried prior to use.

(E)-3-(Trimethylsilyl)propenal(l2). A cold **(0** "C), nitrogen-blanketed, magnetically stirred solution of **11 (13.5** g, **0.092** mol) in dry CH_2Cl_2 was treated portionwise with pyridinium dichromate **(41** g, **1.2** equiv) during **30** min. The cooling bath was removed, and agitation was maintained for **36** h. The reaction mixture was filtered through **a** pad of Celite (CH2C12 wash), washed with saturated CuSO₄ solution $(2 \times 200 \text{ mL})$, dried, and concentrated. Distillation of the residue afforded **7.9** g **(68%)** of **12,** bp **74-76** OC **(35** Torr), as a colorless **oil:** IR (neat, cm-l) **2960, 1690, 1250, 1090, 850; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.43 (d,J=7.5Hz,lH),7.12(d,J=18.3Hz,lH),6.43(dd,J=18.3, 7.5** Hz, **1** H), **0.12 (s,9** H); lac NMR **(75** MHz, CDCg) ppm **194.4, 158.3,144.0, -2.2;** MS *mlz* (M+) calcd **128.0657,** obsd **128.0628.**

(Z)-2-Bromo-3-(trimethglsilyl)propenal (7). A cold *(-5* "C), magnetically stirred solution of **12** *(5.5* g, **43** mmol) in dry CCL **(300 mL)** was treated dropwise with bromine **(2.3** mL, **45** mmol), allowed to warm to **rt** during **1** h, and treated with triethylamine **(12** mL, **86** mmol). After **2** h, the slurry was washed with water $(2 \times 100 \text{ mL})$, dried, filtered, and evaporated to give **6.2** g **(70** %) of a mixture of **6** and **7.** Distillation of this material after brief treatment with a catalytic quantity of iodine in benzene at rt gave pure 7 as a colorless oil, bp 28-30 °C (0.2 Torr); IR (neat, cm-l) **2975, 1715, 1580, 1255, 1070, 850;** lH NMR **(300 (75** MHz, C&) ppm **185.4,153.1,139.8, -1.8;** MS *mlz* (M+ - Br) calcd **127.0587,** obsd **127.0583.** MHz, **C&)** 6 8.60 (8, **1** H), **6.81 (8, 1** H), **0.07 (~,9** H); 13C NMR

(Z)-2-Bromo-3-(trimethylsilyl)propn-l-ol (13). A cold **(-78** "C), magnetically stirred solution of **7 (2.0** g, **9.71** mmol) in *dry* CH2Clg **(200** mL) was treated dropwise during **30** min with Dibal-H **(9.7** mL of **1** M in hexane, **9.7** mmol). After **16** min, the reaction mixture was quenched with **a** saturated solution of sodium potassium tartrate **(50** mL) and stirred at **rt** for **2** h. The separated organic phase was dried and concentrated to leave a residue that was purified by silica gel chromatography (elution with 2:1 petroleum ether-CH₂Cl₂). There was isolated 1.57 **g (78%)** of **13 as a** colorless oil: IR (neat, cm-l) **3700-3000, 2960,**

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6 6.28 (br **s, 1** HI, **3.88** (br **s,2** H), **1.80** (br **8, 1** H), **0.20 (s,9** H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) ppm 141.2, 125.8, 69.5, -0.8; MS m/z (M+) calcd **207.9910,** obsd **207.9915.** 2900, 1610, 1400, 1250, 1070, 980, 840; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆)

The 3,5-dinitrobenzoate of **13** was obtained **as** a crystalline solid, mp 58-59 °C (from 10:1 pentane-ether).

Anal. Calcd for C13H17BrN206Si: C, **38.72;** H, **3.75.** Found: C, **38.88;** H, **3.77.**

l-(Trimethylsilyl)-2-bromo-6-methyl-4-oxa-l,5-heptadiem **(15).** A solution of **13 (100** mg, **0.485** mmol) in dry benzene **(10** mL) **was** treated with isobutyraldehyde dimethyl acetal **(172** mg, **1.46** mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid **(1** crystal) and the resulting solution refluxed for **3** days under a Claisen apparatus equipped for the continuous removal of methanol. At this point, triethylamine (several drops) **was** introduced, and the solution **was** cooled to **rt** and concentrated to leave a residue that was purified by silica gel chromatography (elution with **51** petroleum ether-CHzCl2). There was obtained **95** mg **(75%)** of **15 as** a colorless oil; IR (neat, cm-l) **2955, 2910, 2895,1685, 1605, 1245,** (q, J ⁼**1.4** Hz, **2** H), **1.69** (d, J ⁼**0.8** Hz, **3** H), **1.40** (d, J ⁼**0.8** Hz, **3** H), **0.17 (s, 9** H); 13C NMR **(75** MHz, **C&)** ppm **140.1, 137.5,128.4,111.2,77.1,19.4,15.3, -0.9;** MS *m/z* calcd **262.0362,** obsd **262.0375. 840;** 'H NMR **(300** MHz, C6De) **6 6.42** (t, J ⁼**1.4** Hz, **1** H), **5.58**

(*)-l-Bromo-3,3-dimethylcyclopenten-4-o1(18). A cold (0 "C),magnetically stirred solution of **15 (300** mg, **1.45** mmol) in dry CHzCl2 **(35** mL) **was** treated dropwise with diethylaluminum chloride **(2.9** mL of **1** M in hexane, **2.9** mmol). The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to 20 °C, stirred at this temperature for **2** h, and carefully quenched with **10%** HC1 *(5* mL). The separated organic phase was washed with brine **(20** mL) and concentrated. The residue was dissolved in THF **(25** mL), treated with TBAF **(1.9** mL of **1** M in THF) in one portion, stirred for **15** min, and treated with saturated brine. The organic layer was dried and concentrated to leave a residue that was chromatographed on silica gel (elution with **1:l** petroleum ether-ether). There was obtained **170** mg **(62%)** of **18 as** a colorless oil: IR (neat, cm-l) **3700-3050, 2970, 2950, 1080;** lH NMR **(300** MHz, (ddd, J ⁼**16.3,6.9,1.8** Hz, **1** H), **1.51** (ddd, J ⁼**16.3,5.8,1.8** Hz, **¹**H), **1.9** (br 8, **1** H), **1.06 (s,3** H), **1.03 (s,3** H); NMR **(75** MHz, **CDCl~)ppm140.2,117.1,79.2,48.6,47.5,26.2,20.1;MSm/z(M+)** calcd **189.9993,** obsd **190.0014.** CDCl3) 6 **5.66** (t, *J* = **1.8** Hz, **1** H), **4.00** (t, J ⁼**5.6** Hz, **1** H), **2.89**

The p-bromophenylurethane of **18 was** obtained **as** colorless crystals, mp 51-52 °C (from pentane).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{14}H_{15}Br_2NO_2$: C, 43.22; H, 3.89. Found: C, **43.53;** H, **4.11.**

(*)-Chloroacetate **19.** To a solution of **18 (100** mg, **0.526** mmol) in dry CHzClz **(10** mL) were added DMAP *(5* mg) and pyridine **(0.3** mL, **3** equiv). After **10** min of stirring, chloroacetyl chloride **(1.4** equiv) was introduced via syringe. The reaction mixture was stirred for 24 h, quenched with saturated NH₄Cl solution $(2 \times 5 \text{ mL})$, and dried. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (elution with **2:l** petroleum ether-

 $CH₂Cl₂$) gave 19 as a faintly yellow oil $(123 \text{ mg}, 88\%)$: IR (near, cm-I) **2980,1715;** 'H NMR **(300** MHz, CDCh) **6 5.68** (t, J ⁼**1.8** Hz, **1** H), 5.06 (dd, J ⁼**4.2,7.0** Hz, **1** H), **4.06 (s,2** H), **3.08** (ddd, J ⁼**1.9,7.0,13.5** Hz, **1** H), **2.62** (ddd, J ⁼**1.8,4.3,14.8** Hz, **1** H), 1.13 (s, 3 H), 1.06 (s, 3 H); MS m/z (M⁺ – COCH₂Cl) calcd 188.9915, obsd **189.1024.**

Enzymatic Resolution **of 18.** To **35** mL of phosphate buffer $(pH = 7)$ was added in turn 40 mg of lipase $PS-30$ $(A$ mano) and a solution of **19 (400** mg, **1.5** mmol) in dry THF **(3.5** mL). After **6** h, **1.5** mL of **0.5** N NaOH **was** added (theoretical 50% neutralization). The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional hour during which time no further change in pH was noted. Ether **(50 mL)** was added, the separated aqueous phase was extracted with ether (50 mL), and the combined ethereal solutions were dried and concentrated. The residue, when subjected to silica gel chromatography (elution with **1:l** petroleum ether-CHC12), provided **170** mg **(43%)** of chloroacetate **21** and **125** mg (44%) of $(-)$ -alcohol **20**, $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D -28.6° (c 0.21, CHCl₃). The chloroacetate was hydrolyzed in aqueous THF containing **1** N NaOH to give 109 mg (91%) of (+)-alcohol 22, $[\alpha]_{\infty}$ +31.1° *(c* **0.20,** CHCh).

Mosher ester analyses indicated the levorotatory alcohol to be **92%** ee and the dextrorotatory alcohol to be **100%** ee.

Preparation **of** the 0-Silyl Derivatives. To a nitrogenblanketed, magnetically stirred solution of either **20** or **22 (101** mg, **0.534** "01) and imidazole **(91** mg, **2.5** equiv) in *dry* HMPA **(2** mL) was added dropwise **245** pL of tert-butyldimethylsilyl triflate **(2** equiv). After **12** h at rt, the reaction mixture was quenched with saturated NaHCO₃ solution (5 mL) and diluted with pentane **(10** mL). The separated organic layer was dried and concentrated, and the mixture was chromatographed on silica gel (pentane elution) to furnish **145** mg **(89%)** of either **23** or **1:** IR (neat, cm-l) **2960,2940,2860,1250,1110;** 'H NMR **(300** MHz, CDCh) **6 5.67** (t, J ⁼**1.5** Hz, **1** H), **4.01** (t, J ⁼**7.0** Hz, **1** H), **2.71** (ddd, J ⁼**15.7,7.3,1.3** Hz, **1** H), **2.58** (ddd, J ⁼**15.7,6.9,2.1** Hz, **1** H), **1.04 (s,3** H), **0.96** (5, **3** HI, **0.89 (s,9** H), **0.55** (5, **3** HI, 0.50 **(s,3 H);** l3C NMR **(75** MHz, CDCls) ppm **140.2,116.4,79.6,48.7, 47.2,26.4,25.8,20.6,18.1, -4.6, -5.0;** MS *mlz* (M+ - t-BuSiMez) calcd 188.9915, obsd 189.0963. For 23: $[\alpha]^{20}$ _D -38.9° (c 0.11, CHCl₃). For 1: $[\alpha]^{\infty}D + 42.0^{\circ}$ (c 0.12, CHCl₃).

Anal. Calcd for ClSH26BrOSi: C, **51.14;** H, **8.25.** Found: C, **51.43;** H, **8.34.**

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