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)oxy]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 propargylalcohol. 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 its chloroacetate ester. The absolute configurational assignments are based on ¹H NMR analyses of the (R)- and (S)-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-(trimethylsilyl)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 % of a Lewis acid such as ZnCl₂ 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.⁵

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 II). 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 Me₃SiBr and the anionic variant of the Peterson olefination reaction.⁶

The above findings prompted the development of a more

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

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Alternative Synthesis of the Z-Isomer. Reduction of alkyne 10 with Red-Al is recognized to deliver 11 exclusively⁷ (Scheme III). Oxidation of this alcohol with PDC provided 12 uniquely (300-MHz ¹H 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 Z-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 II) 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 its 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-(trimethylsilyl)-2-propen-1-ol 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 [3.3] 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 saponification of **21**, the enantiomeric excess of the alcohols was established by Mosher ester analysis¹⁶ to be 92% for 20 and 100% for 22. The indicated absolute configurational assignments follow from ¹H NMR analysis of the pair of MTPA esters prepared from (-)-21 and the (R)- and (S)enantiomers of α -methoxy- α -(trifluoromethyl)phenylacetic acid. As a consequence of the long-range anisotropy contributions of the phenyl substituent in the assumed ground-state conformations^{16,17} of 24 and 25, the observed ordering of the chemical shifts is uniquely consistent with the conclusion that (-)-20 possesses the R configuration.

Finally, both 20 and 22 were silvlated 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 points 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 MHz 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 (12). A cold (0 °C), nitrogen-blanketed, magnetically stirred solution of 11 (13.5 g, 0.092 mol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ 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 (CH₂Cl₂ wash), washed with saturated CuSO₄ solution (2 × 200 mL), dried, and concentrated. Distillation of the residue afforded 7.9 g (68%) of 12, bp 74-76 °C (35 Torr), as a colorless oil: IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2960, 1690, 1250, 1090, 850; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.43 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 7.12 (d, J = 18.3 Hz, 1 H), 6.43 (dd, J = 18.3, 7.5 Hz, 1 H), 0.12 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm 194.4, 158.3, 144.0, -2.2; MS m/z (M⁺) calcd 128.0657, obsd 128.0628.

(Z)-2-Bromo-3-(trimethylsilyl)propenal (7). A cold (-5 °C), magnetically stirred solution of 12 (5.5 g, 43 mmol) in dry CCl₄ (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 × 100 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⁻¹) 2975, 1715, 1580, 1255, 1070, 850; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CeDe) & 8.60 (s, 1 H), 6.81 (s, 1 H), 0.07 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CeDe) ppm 185.4, 153.1, 139.8, -1.8; MS m/z (M⁺ - Br) calcd 127.0587, obsd 127.0583.

(Z)-2-Bromo-3-(trimethylsilyl)propen-1-ol (13). A cold (-78 °C), magnetically stirred solution of 7 (2.0 g, 9.71 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (200 mL) was treated dropwise during 30 min with Dibal-H (9.7 mL of 1 M in hexane, 9.7 mmol). After 15 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⁻¹) 3700-3000, 2960,

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2900, 1610, 1400, 1250, 1070, 980, 840; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.28 (br s, 1 H), 3.88 (br s, 2 H), 1.80 (br s, 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.

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

Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{17}BrN_2O_6Si$: C, 38.72; H, 3.75. Found: C, 38.88; H, 3.77.

1-(Trimethylsilyl)-2-bromo-6-methyl-4-oxa-1,5-heptadiene (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 silicagel chromatography (elution with 5:1 petroleum ether- CH_2Cl_2). There was obtained 95 mg (75%) of 15 as a colorless oil; IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 2955, 2910, 2895, 1685, 1605, 1245, 840; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, C₆D₆) δ 6.42 (t, J = 1.4 Hz, 1 H), 5.58 (q, J = 1.4 Hz, 2 H), 1.69 (d, J = 0.8 Hz, 3 H), 1.40 (d, J = 0.8Hz, 3 H), 0.17 (s, 9 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, C₆D₆) 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.

 (\pm) -1-Bromo-3,3-dimethylcyclopenten-4-ol (18). A cold (0 °C),magnetically stirred solution of 15 (300 mg, 1.45 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (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% HCl (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 1:1 petroleum ether-ether). There was obtained 170 mg (62%) of 18 as a colorless oil: IR (neat, cm⁻¹) 3700-3050, 2970, 2950, 1080; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 5.66 (t, J = 1.8 Hz, 1 H), 4.00 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 1 H), 2.89 (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 s, 1 H), 1.06 (s, 3 H), 1.03 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, $CDCl_3$) ppm 140.2, 117.1, 79.2, 48.6, 47.5, 26.2, 20.1; MS m/z (M⁺) calcd 189.9993, obsd 190.0014.

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

Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₆Br₂NO₂: 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 CH_2Cl_2 (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 × 5 mL), and dried. Purification of the residue by silica gel chromatography (elution with 2:1 petroleum ether-

CH₂Cl₂) gave 19 as a faintly yellow oil (123 mg, 88%): IR (near, cm⁻¹) 2980, 1715; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 (Amano) 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 1:1 petroleum ether-CH₂Cl₂), provided 170 mg (43%) of chloroacetate 21 and 125 mg (44%) of (-)-alcohol 20, $[\alpha]^{20}_{\rm D}$ -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, $[\alpha]^{20}_{\rm D}$ +31.1° (c 0.20, CHCl₃).

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

Preparation of the O-Silyl Derivatives. To a nitrogenblanketed, magnetically stirred solution of either 20 or 22 (101 mg, 0.534 mmol) and imidazole (91 mg, 2.5 equiv) in dry HMPA (2 mL) was added dropwise 245 µL 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⁻¹) 2960, 2940, 2860, 1250, 1110; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 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 (s, 3 H), 0.89 (s, 9 H), 0.55 (s, 3 H), 0.50 (s, 3 H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) ppm 140.2, 116.4, 79.6, 48.7, 47.2, 26.4, 25.8, 20.6, 18.1, -4.6, -5.0; MS m/z (M⁺ - t-BuSiMe₂) calcd 188.9915, obsd 189.0963. For 23: [a]²⁰_D -38.9° (c 0.11, CHCl₃). For 1: $[\alpha]^{20}D + 42.0^{\circ}$ (c 0.12, CHCl₃).

Anal. Calcd for $C_{13}H_{25}BrOSi: C, 51.14$; H, 8.25. Found: C, 51.43; H, 8.34.

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