Total Synthesis of Pikromycin

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: The total synthesis of pikromycin (6), the first isolated macrolide antibiotic, was achieved. The target macrolide was retrosynthetically divided into two parts, pikronolide (6a) (aglycon) and D-desosamine. The aglycon was synthesized using key reactions such as an asymmetric aldol reaction, Yamaguchi esterification, and ring-closing metathesis. The aglycon was coupled successfully with the trichloroacetimidate derivative of D-desosamine under Lewis acidic conditions to afford pikromycin. Narbomycin (5) was also synthesized from narbonolide (5a) under identical conditions.

acrolide antibiotics belong to a class of polyketide natural products that exhibit clinically important biological activities.^{1,2} They usually possess a macrolactone ring to which are attached one or more sugars; these antibiotics are usually produced by certain species of Streptomyces. Pikromycin was the first known macrolide antibiotic that was isolated in 1950 and originally considered to be an isomer of methymycin, which has a 12-membered lactone ring. The correct structure was identified by Brockmann and co-workers in 1957 to be a 14-membered lactone attached with a sugar called D-desosamine.³ Streptomyces venezuelae produces a series of macrolides, which belong to two families, methymycin and pikromycin. A macrolide belonging to the methymycin family, such as methymycin (2),⁴ has a 12-membered lactone ring, whereas a macrolide belonging to the pikromycin family, such as pikromycin (6), contains a 14-membered macrolactone ring (Figure 1). Pikromycin polyketide synthase (Pik PKS) is a gigantic enzyme that is responsible for producing many macrolactones such as 10-deoxymethynolide $(1a)^5$ and narbonolide (5a). Glycosylation of these two macrolactones with desosamine, which is the first post-PKS modification, is catalyzed by enzymes encoded by the des genes to provide YC-17 (1) and narbomycin (5), respectively. Hydroxylation, another post-PKS modification, of these two macrolides by cytochrome P450 oxygenase (Pik C), leads to the generation of a variety of macrolides, depending upon the site of oxidation. Hydroxylation of the C-10 and C-12 positions of 1 generates 2 and neomethymycin (3),⁴ respectively. YC-17 (1) is hydroxylated at both C-10 and C-12 positions to afford novamethymycin (4).⁶ Similarly, hydroxylation of 5 at C-12 or C-14 positions provides 6 and neopikromycin (7), respectively. The oxidation of both C-12 and C-14 positions affords novapikromycin (8).⁷ As a result, a total of eight macrolides, four with 12membered macrolactones and the other four with 14-

Chemical synthesis of these macrolides has attracted considerable attention; as a result, synthetic studies have been conducted on aglycons such as 1a,⁸ methynolide (2a),⁹

membered macrolactones, are produced with the involvement



neomethynolide (3a),¹⁰ novamethynolide (4a), 5a,¹¹ and pikronolide $(6a)^{12}$ as well as macrolides such as 2. Surprisingly, even though pikromycin is the representative molecule in this series of macrolides that appear in the pikromycin biosynthetic pathway in *Streptomyces venezuelae* and is important structurally and historically, the total synthesis of pikromycin by chemical means has not been reported.

We have been involved in the synthesis of the macrolides that appear in the pikromycin pathway. We have successfully reported the syntheses of aglycons of these macrolides, such as 1a and 5a,¹³ as well as macrolides such as 2,¹⁴ 3, and 4.¹⁵ In this paper, we report the first successful total synthesis of pikromycin.

Our retrosynthetic analysis for pikromycin (6), which is based on our previously reported synthetic experiences,^{13–15} is shown in Figure 2. Pikromycin can be derived from 6a through glycosylation. Pikronolide (6a) can, in turn, be retrosynthetically divided into three parts. Aldol reaction, Yamaguchi esterification, and ring-closing metathesis could be used for the construction of 6a. Our synthesis of 6a is summarized in Scheme 1.

Carboxylic acid 9^{13} was prepared according to a procedure similar to that reported for the synthesis of 5a. Esterification with the fragment 10^{14} through the Yamaguchi protocol afforded an ester 11, which was subjected to the deprotection of the TBS group under acidic conditions (CSA, MeOH) to yield 12. Oxidation followed by Grignard addition and another oxidation with DMP offered vinyl ketone 15 as a precursor for the critical ring-closing metathesis (RCM). Cyclization of 15 with the second-generation Grubbs catalyst successfully provided a 14-membered lactone 16 in good yield. Deprotection of the hydroxy group at C-3 with TBAF followed by the Deprotection of the PMB group to free the hydroxy group at C-5 is the only remaining step for the completion of the total synthesis of 6a. The usual deprotection condition employing

of PKS, Des, and Pik C enzymes.

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Figure 1. Methymycin and pikromycin families of macrolide antibiotics.



Figure 2. Retrosynthetic analysis.

DDQ at 0 °C affords **6a** (76%); the ¹H NMR spectrum of thus prepared **6a** reasonably matched with that reported by Yonemitsu and co-workers.¹² Careful analysis of the NMR spectrum shows that the deprotection provided a 4:1 mixture of pikronolide (**6a**) and another compound which is identified as the corresponding 5–9-hemiacetal **6b**. Although this mixture was inseparable, the structure of the hemiacetal **6b** was strongly supported by COSY and HSQC spectra. The ¹H NMR spectrum revealed that the ratio of the mixture was changed to

Scheme 1. Synthesis of Pikronolide (6a)

1: 1 by altering the solvent from CDCl_3 to CD_3OD . Although Yonemitsu and co-workers who reported the synthesis of pikronolide (**6a**) did not mention the formation of pikronolide-5,9-hemiacetal (**6b**), possibility of the hemiacetal formation through the reactions between the free hydroxy and the 9-keto group had already been reported in erythromycin¹⁶ and telithromycin cases.¹⁷

Having pikronolide in our hands, glycosylation of **6a** with Ddesosamine is required in order to achieve our goal, the synthesis of pikromycin. As a test for finding optimum conditions for the desired glycosylation, we first performed glycosylation of **5a**. Narbonolide (**5a**), which was prepared previously,¹³ did not suffer from the contamination of an unidentified minor product and was also slightly more easily accessible due to the absence of the C-12 hydroxy group. To the best of our knowledge, total synthesis of narbomycin has never been reported either.

Even though we had a successful test glycosylation with a narbonolide derivative under the Lewis acidic conditions, we could not achieve the desired glycosylation of **6a** with a D-desosamine trichloroacetimidate derivative¹⁸ under the Lewis acidic conditions such as BF₃ OEt or TMSOTf. Searching for a better glycosylation method, we found that stereoselective direct glycosylation developed by Kim,¹⁹ which includes activation with phthalic anhydride and Tf₂O, is effective for the coupling of desosamine with **6a** (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2. Synthesis of Pikromycin (6)



In fact, glycosylation of 6a with Ac-protected desosamine 19¹⁴ was achieved through activation with phthalic anhydride (phthalic anhydride, DBU, DTBMP, Tf₂O, 4 Å MS, -78 °C) in reasonable yield (33%). Deacetylation (MeOH, Et₂N, H₂O) afforded the desired pikromycin in 79% yield. Encouraged with this success in glycosylation via activation with phthalic anhydride, we also applied this method to the synthesis of 5 from 5a. The phthalic anhydride method, however, resulted in the decomposition of 5a. This was unexpected, since 6a seemed to be more sensitive than narbonolide 5a owing to the existence of an extra tertiary hydroxy group in 6a. After experimentation, we finally found that the glycosylation of 5a with the corresponding trichloroacetimidate $21^{14,15,18}$ using TfOH effectively afforded the desired glycosylated product, which was further subjected to deacetylation to yield 5. This comprises the successful total synthesis of 5. Under this glycosylation condition using TfOH we were also able to perform the successful glycosylation of 6 (Scheme 3). The

Scheme 3. Synthesis of Narbomycin (5) and Pikromycin (6)



spectroscopic properties (both ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR) of 6 thus prepared are identical to those of 6 isolated from the cell culture.

In conclusion, the first chemical total syntheses of pikromycin (6) and narbomycin (5) have been achieved via glycosylation of pikronolide (6a) and narbonolide (5a), respectively, with the trichloroacetimidate derivative of D-desosamine. Pikronolide was synthesized through the coupling of the corresponding fragments using asymmetric aldol reactions, Yamaguchi esterification, and ring-closing metathesis using Grubbs' second-generation catalyst.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. ¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a 300, 400, or 500 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature with $CDCl_3$ as the solvent unless otherwise stated. ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a 75, 100, or 125 MHz spectrometer (with complete proton decoupling) at ambient temperature. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) was performed using a FAB technique. Flash chromatography was performed using 230–400 mesh silica gel.

(3S,4R)-3-Hydroxy-3-methylhex-1-en-4-yl (2R,3S,4R, 5S,6S,8R)-3,9-Bis-(tert-butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-2,4,6,8-tetramethylnonanoate (11). To a solution of carboxylic acid 9 (611 mg, 1.00 mmol) in THF (10 mL) at room temperature were added triethylamine (209 µL, 1.50 mmol) and 2,4,6trichlorobenzoyl chloride (203 μ L, 1.30 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature, and the solids were filtered off and washed with hexane (2 \times 5 mL). The combined solution was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in benzene (5 mL), and to this solution a solution of alcohol 10 (196 mg, 1.50 mmol) and 4-(dimethlamino)pyridine (DMAP) (171 mg, 1.40 mmol) in benzene (2 mL) was added. After being stirred for 15 h, the reaction mixture was diluted with ether (10 mL), washed with saturated NaHCO3 (10 mL) and saturated NaCl (10 mL), dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) afforded the desired ester 11 (590 mg, 82%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{29}_{D}$ +8.12 (c 1.08, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3453, 2972, 2932, 1729, 1610, 1512, 1455, 1370, 1249, 1170, 1037 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.00 (s, 6H), 0.05 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 6H), 0.83 (m, 12H), 0.88 (m, 12H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.19 (m, 6H), 1.34 (m, 1H), 1.48 (m, 1H), 1.63 (m, 2H), 1.84 (m, 3H), 2.80 (dddd, J = 7.0, 7.0, 7.0, 13.9 Hz, 1H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.56 (dd, J = 4.5, 9.8, Hz, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.98 (dd, J = 4.2, 6.2 Hz, 1H), 4.43 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 4.71 (dd, J = 2.9, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (dd, J = 0.7, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 176.0, 158.9, 140.9, 131.3, 128.9, 114.1, 113.6, 83.8, 80.3, 74.8, 73.9, 73.6, 67.8, 55.2, 43.3, 40.4, 35.7, 33.2, 33.1, 26.2, 26.0, 24.9, 22.7, 19.0, 18.5, 18.3, 17.5, 17.2, 14.9, 10.8, 10.7, -3.7, -3.8, -5.3; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C40H74O7Si2 + H 723.5051, found 723 5046

(3S,4R)-3-Hydroxy-3-methylhex-1-en-4-yl (2R,3S,4R, 5S,6S,8R)-3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-9-hydroxy-5-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-2,4,6,8-tetramethylnonanoate (12). Ester 11 (590 mg, 0.82 mmol) was dissolved in MeOH (10 mL). To this solution was added DL-10-camphorsulfonic acid (38 mg, 0.16 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. The reaction was terminated by addition of Et₃N (114 μ L, 0.82 mmol). After the solution was concentrated, purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 3:1) gave the desired primary alcohol 12 (385 mg, 78%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{29}_{D}$ +7.59 (c 1.36, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3480, 2932, 1745, 1695, 1613, 1514, 1460, 1379, 1299, 1249, 1193, 1080, 983, 823 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 6H), 0.74 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.84 (m, 12H), 0.92 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.94 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 3H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 1.39 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 2H), 1.76 (m, 2H), 2.42 (bs, 1H), 2.68 (dddd, *J* = 7.1, 7.1, 7.1, 14.3 Hz, 1H), 2.82 (bs, 1H), 3.12 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 3.30 (dd, J = 4.2, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.54 (dd, J = 3.5, 11.1 Hz, 1H), 3.68 (s, 3H), 3.82 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, J = 10.8 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (dd, J = 2.6, 9.6 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, J = 0.9, 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.18 (dd, J = 1.0, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.0, 158.9, 140.4, 131.3, 128.9, 114.5, 113.6, 85.2, 80.6, 75.0, 74.3, 73.6, 65.9, 55.2, 44.6, 40.8, 33.0, 32.8, 32.6, 32.2, 26.2, 24.5, 22.6, 18.7, 18.6, 18.5, 16.3, 10.5, 9.8, -3.3, -3.4; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₃₄H₆₀O₇Si + H 609.4187, found 609.4182.

(35,4R)-3-Hydroxy-3-methylhex-1-en-4-yl (2R,35,4R,55,65,8R)-3-(*tert*-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-(4-methoxybenzy-loxy)-2,4,6,8-tetramethyl-9-oxononanoate (13). The alcohol 12 (290 mg, 0.48 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (8 mL). To this solution was added Dess-Martin periodinane (DMP) (404 mg, 0.95 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at room

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temperature. After the reaction was completed, aqueous saturated NaHCO₃ (10 mL) was added. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 5:1) offered the desired aldehyde 13 (271 mg, 94% yield) as a colorless liquid: $[\alpha]_{D}^{32}$ +15.3 (c 1.10, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3487, 2958, 2933, 2856, 1721, 1613, 1586, 1514, 1461, 1373, 1302, 1249, 1172, 1103, 1059 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₂): δ 0.09 (d, J = 2.6 Hz, 6H), 0.87 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.93 (s, 9H), 1.03 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 6H), 1.10 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 1.84 (m, 3H), 2.07 (s, 1H), 2.43 (m, 1H), 2.79 (q, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 3.24 (dd, J = 2.5, 7.9 Hz, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.95 (dd, J = 2.2, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.48 (q, J = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 4.78 (dd, J = 2.8)10.2 Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, I = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.30 (d, I = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.88 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 9.59 (d, J = 3.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 206.5, 175.9, 158.9, 140.7, 131.0, 128.9, 114.2, 113.6, 84.5, 80.2, 74.7, 74.6, 73.3, 55.2, 44.2, 44.1, 40.9, 33.0, 31.7, 26.2, 24.7, 22.6, 18.5, 17.7, 15.7, 15.0, 10.6, 10.2, -3.6, -3.7; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₃₄H₅₈O₇Si + Na 629.3850, found 629.3851.

(3S,4R)-3-Hydroxy-3-methylhex-1-en-4-yl (2R,3S,4R,5S, 6S,8R)-3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-9-hydroxy-5-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-2,4,6,8-tetramethylundec-10-enoate (14). To a stirred solution of the aldehdyde 13 (271 mg, 0.45 mmol) in THF (6 mL) was added 1 M vinylmagnesium bromide (890 μ L, 0.89 mmol) at room temperature. After 20 min, the reaction mixture was diluted by adding Et₂O (10 mL), and then a saturated aqueous NH₄Cl solution (10 mL) was added. The organic solution was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether $(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The organic solutions were combined, dried (MgSO₄), and concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 4:1) afforded the desired vinyl alcohol 14 (231 mg, 82%, dr = 1:1) as a colorless oil: IR (film) 3479, 2957, 2929, 2855, 1713, 1613, 1586, 1514, 1461, 1373, 1301, 1249, 1173, 1038, 957 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.12 (m, 6H), 0.87 (m, 3H), 0.94 (m, 9H), 1.04 (m, 6H), 1.24 (m, 9H), 1.53 (m, 2H), 1.93 (m, 2H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 2.77 (m, 1H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.61-3.99 (m, 2H), 4.50 (q, J = 10.7 Hz, 2H), 4.79 (m, 1H), 5.14 (m, 2H), 5.29 (d, J = 17.5 Hz, 2H), 5.87 (m, 2H), 6.87 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 177.1, 176.7, 158.9, 140.4, 140.3, 140.2, 139.9, 131.4, 128.9, 128.6, 128.4, 128.0, 127.8, 127.7, 115.1, 114.7, 114.5, 114.0, 113.6, 85.4, 85.0, 80.7, 80.6, 77.8, 77.2, 75.2, 74.6, 74.5, 74.4, 73.7, 73.6, 72.4, 55.3, 44.8, 44.4, 40.8, 40.6, 37.3, 35.8, 34.2, 34.0, 32.5, 31.9, 29.7, 26.3, 24.8, 24.7, 22.8, 22.7, 18.6, 18.5, 18.5, 18.1, 16.5, 15.8, 14.9, 10.6, 10.5, 10.3, 9.8, -3.2, -3.3, -3.4, -3.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₃₆H₆₂O₇Si + H 635.4343, found 635.4346.

(3S,4R)-3-Hydroxy-3-methylhex-1-en-4-yl (2R,3S,4R,5S, 6S,8R)-3-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-5-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-2,4,6,8-tetramethyl-9-oxoundec-10-enoate (15). The vinyl alcohol 14 (231 mg, 0.36 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). To this solution was added Dess-Martin periodinane (DMP) (305 mg, 0.72 mmol), and the resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After the same workup procedure as described for the preparation of 13, purification by flash chromatography (hexane/ EtOAc = 4:1) offered the desired vinyl ketone 15 (174 mg, 76%) as a yellow liquid: $[\alpha]_{D}^{26}$ +13.12 (c 1.35, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3293, 2924, 2853, 1739, 1461, 1379, 1246, 1170, 1077, 983, 819 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.01 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 0.81 (m, 12H), 0.94 (m, 6H), 1.05 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.19 (m, 6H), 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.86 (m, 2H), 2.55 (bs, 1H), 2.71 (q, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 2.88 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, J = 2.7, 7.6 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.88 (dd, J = 2.3, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.40 (q, J = 5.3 Hz, 2H), 4.74 (dd, J = 2.9, 9.8 Hz, 1H), 5.05 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (d, J = 17.3 Hz, 1H), 5.70 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.81 (dd, J = 10.8, 17.3 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 17.4 Hz, 1H), 6.48 (dd, J = 10.5, 17.4 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 175.8, 158.9, 104.8, 135.0, 131.2, 128.8, 128.3, 114.0, 113.6, 84.7, 80.6, 74.6, 74.5, 73.4, 55.2, 44.6, 41.3, 40.8, 33.6, 33.1, 26.2, 25.0, 22.8, 18.5, 18.4, 17.4, 15.5, 10.8, 10.5, -3.6, -3.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C36H60O7Si + Na 655.4006, found 655.4003.

(E)-(3R,4S,5R,6S,7S,9R,13S,14R)-4-(tert-Butyldimethylsilyloxy)-14-ethyl-13-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-3,5,7,9,13-pentamethyloxacyclotetradec-11-ene-2,10-dione (16). A flame-dried round-bottomed flask was charged with vinyl ketone 15 (171 mg, 0.27 mmol) and CH₂Cl₂ (20 mL). Grubbs catalyst (second generation) (46 mg, 0.054 mmol) was subsequently added as a solid, producing a light brown solution which was stirred for 18 h at room temperature. The mixture was then concentrated. Purification of this residue by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 4:1) afforded the lactone 16 (137 mg, 84%) as a yellow liquid: $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ +24.0 (c 1.00, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3346, 2925, 2853, 1739, 1673, 1544, 1462, 1378, 1246, 1161, 1078, 822 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.02 (d, J = 13.2 Hz, 6H), 0.80 (m, 3H), 0.86 (s, 9H), 0.96 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (m, 9H), 1.16 (m, 2H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.48 (m, 3H), 1.74 (m, 2H), 2.11 (bs, 1H), 2.52 (m, 2H), 3.12 (d, J = 9.4 Hz, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.87 (dd, J = 1.9, 3.7 Hz, 1H), 4.38 (q, J = 10.6 Hz, 2H), 4.73 (dd, J = 2.2, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.25 (d, J = 15.6 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (m, 3H), 7.17 (d, J = 8.3 Hz, 2H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 202.8, 177.1, 159.0, 148.1, 131.0, 129.0, 124.7, 113.7, 84.7, 80.0, 75.3, 74.6, 71.5, 55.3, 45.2, 45.0, 44.4, 34.7, 34.4, 26.2, 22.2, 18.6, 18.4, 17.4, 13.5, 10.7, 9.6, -3.1, -4.3; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₃₄H₅₆O₇Si + H 605.3874, found 605.3868.

(E)-(3R,4S,5S,6S,7S,9R,13S,14R)-14-Ethyl-4,13-dihydroxy-6-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-3,5,7,9,13-pentamethyloxacyclotetradec-11-ene-2,10-dione (17). To a stirred solution of lactone 16 (93 mg, 0.15 mmol) in dry THF (7 mL) at room temperature was added 1.0 M TBAF (460 μ L, 0.46 mmol) via a syringe. After 2.5 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification by flash chromatography on a silica gel column (hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) afforded alcohol 17 (61 mg, 81%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{29}_{D}$ +26.8 (c 1.12, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3457, 2972, 2930, 1731, 1668, 1613, 1514, 1462, 1370, 1249, 1273 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (m, 9H), 1.26 (d, J = 5.1 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (m, 6H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 1.92 (m, 1H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 3.05 (s, 1H), 3.59 (t, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.90 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (d, J = 10.8 Hz, 1H), 4.85 (d, J = 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 1H), 6.79 (d, J = 16.3 Hz, 10.9 Hz)1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.4, 176.2, 159.4, 149.1, 129.8, 129.5, 126.8, 114.0, 83.8 79.1, 73.6, 71.3, 55.3, 44.0, 40.0, 38.7, 37.9, 31.3, 29.7, 21.4, 21.4, 16.8, 14.8, 14.4, 10.4, 8.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₂₈H₄₂O₇ + Na 513.2828, found 513.2833.

(E)-(3R,5R,6S,7S,9R,13S,14R)-14-Ethyl-13-hydroxy-6-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-3,5,7,9,13-pentamethyloxacyclotetradec-11ene-2,4,10-trione (18). The alcohol 17 (61 mg, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL). To this solution was added Dess-Martin periodinane (DMP) (105 mg, 0.25 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at room temperature. After the same workup as described for the preparation of 13, purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 2:1) offered the desired ketone 18 (54 mg, 89%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]_{D}^{25}$ –26.9 (c 0.32, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3476, 2972, 2929, 1746, 1692, 1619, 1514, 1462, 1370, 1249, 1185, 1080 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.04 (m, 6H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.45 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.57 (s, 3H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 2.02 (m, 1H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 3.10 (dddd, J = 6.9, 6.9, 6.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 3.62 (s, 1H), 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 4.50 (s, 2H), 5.01 (dd, J = 1.7, 10.9 Hz, 1H), 6.28 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.65 (d, J = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 212.5, 203.3, 170.3, 159.3, 145.6, 130.1, 129.4, 128.9, 113.8, 83.5, 77.2, 75.1, 72.9, 55.3, 53.2, 46.3, 43.2, 37.2, 34.7, 29.7, 23.2, 23.1, 17.9, 14.9, 14.8, 13.4, 10.8; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₂₈H₄₀O₇ + Na 511.2672, found 511.2675.

Pikronolide (6a). To a solution of ketone 18 (54 mg, 0.11 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2/H_2O [10:1(v/v), 3 mL] was added dichlorodicynoquinone (DDQ) (50 mg, 0.22 mmol) at 0 °C. The solution was stirred for 2 h. After the reaction was completed, the solution was filtered through a pad of Celite. The Celite pad was washed with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL). After the combined filtrate was concentrated, purification by flash chromatography (hexane/EtOAc = 1:1) provided the desired product as a white solid (31 mg, 76%) which turned out to be a 4:1 inseparable mixture of pikronolide (6a) and its 5–9-hemiacetal 6b by ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): mp 136–139 °C; $[\alpha]^{26}_{D}$ +79.6 (c 0.25, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3345, 2972, 2782, 1743, 1632, 1456, 1373, 1241, 1163, 1112, 1055, 826 cm⁻¹; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₂₀H₃₂O₆ + Na 391.2097, found 391.2094.

6a: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 3H), 1.43 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.47–1.54 (m, 3H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 2.83 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.94 (m, 1H), 2.94 (bs, 1H), 3.78 (q, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (m, 1H), 5.00 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 11.2 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (d, *J* = 15.9 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 211.4, 204.0, 170.5, 146.9, 129.0, 83.0, 74.9, 73.6, 52.0, 48.5, 42.0, 37.0, 35.8, 23.1, 22.9, 17.7, 16.4, 13.7, 12.9, 10.6.

6b: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.84 (d, *J* = 6.6, 3H), 0.89 (m, 3H), 1.06 (d, *J* = 6.6, 3H), 1.37 (s, 3H), 1.38 (m, 3H), 1.72 (m, 1H), 1.88 (m, 1H), 2.58 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.85 (dd, *J* = 2.8, 10.2 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dd, *J* = 1.9, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 5.98 (s, 1H), 5.99 (s, 1H); other protons are not assignable due to heavy overlap; ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 204.9, 169.3, 137.7, 126.9, 97.6, 78.1, 77.7, 74.6, 49.6, 47.5, 40.1, 38.3, 32.3, 29.7, 21.2, 19.0, 17.6, 16.5, 15.8, 10.9.

Ac-Protected Pikromycin 20. Method A:¹⁹ A solution of alcohol 19¹⁴ (36 mg, 0.17 mmol), phthalic anhydride (30 mg, 0.20 mmol), and 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) (28 µL, 0.015 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) in the presences of 4 A molecular sieves was stirred for 15 min at room temperature. After 15 min the mixture was cooled to -78 °C, di-tert-butylmethylpyridine (DTBMP) (75 mg, 0.36) and Tf₂O (1.3 μ L, 0.015 mmol) were added sequentially at -78 °C, and the resulting mixture was stirred for a further 15 min. After dropwise addition of a solution of pikronolide (6a) (8.4 mg, 0.023 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) to the above solution via cannula, the reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min before it was allowed to the warm over 1 h to 0 °C. After additional stirring for 12 h at room temperature NaHCO₃ (20 mg) was added to the mixture. After filtration through a pad of Celite with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 10 mL), the solution was concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH = 10:1) afforded the Ac-protected pikromycin 20 (4.3 mg, 33%) as a colorless oil.

Method B: To a solution of trichloroacetimidate 21^{14,15,18} (11 mg, 0.030 mmol) and pikronolide (6a) (3.5 mg, 0.010 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (2 mL) was added 4 A molecular sieves (200 mg), and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature. After 30 min, the mixture was cooled -20 °C, and then TfOH (1.3 μ L, 0.015 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h at -20 °C before it was warmed to room temperature. After additional stirring for 12 h at room temperature NaHCO₃ (10 mg) was added to the mixture. After filtration through a pad of Celite with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 5 mL), the solution was concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH = 10:1) afforded the Ac-protected pikromycin 20 (4.2 mg, 43%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{27}_{D}$ +50.2 (c 0.17, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3346, 2972, 2934, 2861, 2776, 1743, 1668, 1631, 1457, 1373, 1240, 1163 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.88 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 0.98 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H), 1.22 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.47 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 300 Hz)3H), 1.53 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.77 (m, 3H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 2.09 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 2.77 (m, 2H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 3.56 (s, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.74 (q, J = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 4.15 (s, 1H), 4.51 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 4.83 (dd, J = 7.7, 10.3 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (dd, J = 2.3, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (d, J = 16.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) & 212.2, 203.6, 170.2, 169.8, 145.5, 129.4, 103.5, 83.6, 75.3, 71.1, 69.3, 63.3, 61.2, 52.2, 46.3, 42.3, 40.6, 37.9, 36.4, 30.5, 23.2, 23.1, 21.3, 21.1, 16.9, 14.2, 14.1, 13.4, 10.7; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₃₀H₄₉NO₉ + Na 590.3305, found 590.3301.

Pikromycin (6). To a stirred solution of Ac-protected pikromycin **20** (4.2 mg, 0.0082 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) at room temperature was added H₂O (200 μ L) and triethylamine (200 μ L). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH = 10:1) afforded pikromycin **(6)** (3.5 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{27}_{D}$ –13.7 (*c* 0.34, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3343, 2925, 2852, 1735, 1632, 1461, 1378, 1265, 1122, 1076 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (d, *J* = 6.3 Hz, 3H),

1.32 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.33 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.55 (m, 2H), 1.68 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 1H), 2.17 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 6H), 2.49 (ddd, *J* = 3.9, 10.2, 12.3 Hz, 1H), 2.71 (m, 1H), 3.23 (m, 2H), 3.57 (m, 2H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.88 (m, 1H), 3.97 (bs, 1H), 4.37 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 5.03 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 11.4 Hz, 1H), 6.33 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H), 6.63 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 213.0, 203.8, 170.5, 145.2, 129.4, 105.1, 83.6, 75.2, 69.8, 67.0, 65.8, 53.5, 46.3, 40.3, 40.0, 37.7, 29.7, 28.2, 23.3, 23.1, 21.2, 17.5, 16.2, 15.1, 14.1, 13.2, 10.7; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₂₈H₄₇NO₈ + Na 548.3199, found 548.3196.

Narbomycin (5). To a solution of trichloroacetimidate 21 (22 mg, 0.060 mmol) and narbonolide $(5a)^{13}$ (7.2 mg, 0.020 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL) was added 4 A molecular sieves (200 mg), and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature. After 30 min, the mixture was cooled -20 °C, and then TfOH (3.0 μ L, 0.026 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h at -20 °C before it was warmed to room temperature. After additional stirring for 12 h at room temperature, NaHCO₃ (10 mg) was added to the mixture. After filtration through a pad of Celite with CH_2Cl_2 (3 × 5 mL), the solution was concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH = 10:1) afforded the Ac-protected narbomycin 22 (6.5 mg, 59%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{27}_{D}$ +58.3 (c 0.68, CHCl₃); IR (film) 2924, 2851, 1739, 1712, 1624, 1460, 1378, 1259, 1164, 1110, 1078, 1031, 977 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 0.96 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.08 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.11 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.24 (d, J = 6.2 Hz, 3H), 1.36 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.58 (m, 1H), 1.73 (m, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 2.07 (dd, J = 4.2, 11.5 Hz, 1H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.72 (m, 2H), 2.84 (m, 2H), 3.56 (m, 1H), 3.82 (q, J = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.27 (s, 1H), 4.46 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (dd, *J* = 7.6, 10.5 Hz, 1H), 4.89 (ddd, *J* = 3.6, 3.6, 9.9 Hz, 1H), 6.03 (d, J = 16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 6.0, 16.1 Hz, 1H); 13 C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 208.5, 203.6, 169.8, 169.3, 146.7, 128.9, 102.9, 79.0, 71.2, 69.1, 63.3, 50.0, 48.3, 41.3, 40.6, 38.3, 37.1, 36.4, 30.7, 29.7, 22.2, 21.4, 21.1, 16.6, 14.9, 14.1, 12.9, 10.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for $C_{30}H_{49}NO_8$ + Na 574.3356, found 574.3360.

To a stirred solution of Ac-protected narbomycin 22 (2.3 mg, 0.0042 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) at room temperature was added H₂O (200 μ L) and triethylamine (200 μ L). After 3 h, the reaction mixture was concentrated. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (EtOAc/MeOH = 10:1) afforded narbomycin (5) (2.0 mg, 94%) as a colorless oil: $[\alpha]^{25}_{D}$ +61.3 (c 0.32, CHCl₃); IR (film) 3397, 2962, 2924, 2852, 1739, 1704, 1632, 1461, 1377, 1261, 1164, 1078, 1031, 984 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.90 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H), 1.02 (d, J = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.09 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H), 1.12 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.25 (m, 3H), 1.37 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 6H), 1.51 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 2H), 1.67 (m, 2H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 2.29 (s, 6H), 2.51 (m, 2H), 2.74 (m, 2H), 2.94 (m, 1H), 3.26 (m, 1H), 3.55 (m, 1H), 3.86 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 4.17 (bs, 1H), 4.32 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (ddd, J = 3.6, 3.6, 3.6, 19.2 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (d, J = 15.8 Hz, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 5.7, 15.8 Hz, 1H); $^{13}\mathrm{C}$ NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 208.7, 203.6, 169.4, 146.8, 123.2, 104.6, 78.7, 70.2, 69.6, 65.7, 50.8, 42.3, 40.3, 38.4, 36.7, 36.4, 29.7, 28.5, 25.6, 22.7, 21.2, 17.0, 14.3, 14.1, 13.8, 12.5, 10.5; HRMS (FAB) calcd for C₂₈H₄₇NO₇ + Na 532.3250, found 532.3254.

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S Supporting Information

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