

In considering a general mechanism (Scheme I), it is possible that initially the highly electrophilic alkenyliodonium salt (10) reacts with the catalytic species Pd(0) [generated from the reduction of Pd(II) under the reaction conditions^{5a}] followed immediately by the reductive elimination of iodobenzene and ligand coupling to yield an alkenyl palladium intermediate (10 → 11 → 12). Addition of this to the olefin (via the formation of a π -complex—(12 → 13 → 14), followed by reductive elimination would yield the coupled product (14 → 15) and Pd(0). Alternatively, it is possible that the initial step is a transmetalation between the alkenyliodonium salt and the palladium(II) catalyst which would also yield an alkenyl palladium intermediate similar to 12. In fact, similar transmetalations⁵ have been proposed for palladium-catalyzed coupling reactions of organomercury(II) compounds^{9,5a} and organothallium(III) compounds.¹⁰

In summary, we consider the process reported herein to be a valuable addition to the Heck-type method because of its mild conditions, the wide range of structural types available, and its ease of operation.

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Flexible Strategy to Polyfunctional Cyclopentanes. A Synthesis of Mannostatin A

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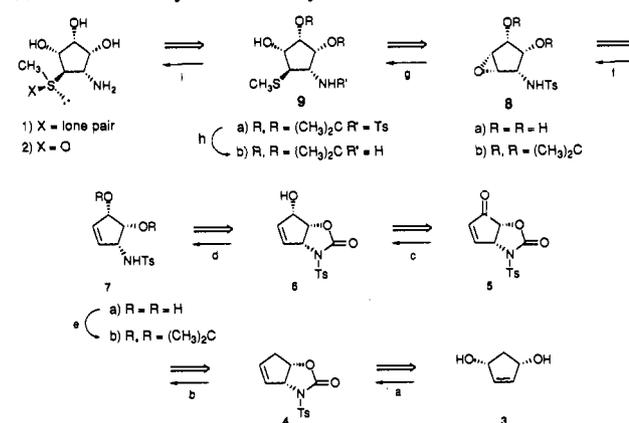
Particular interest has focused on glycosidase inhibitors as potential antiviral agents as well as antimetastatic, antitumor proliferative, or immunoregulatory agents.^{1,2} Mannosidase inhibitors in particular have been promulgated as potential anti-HIV agents.³ Great excitement and activity have revolved around the

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Scheme I. Retrosynthesis and Synthesis of Mannostatin A^a



^a (a) TsNCO (2 equiv), THF, add 1.8 mol % [(iC₃H₇O)₃P₄Pd, reflux, 97%; (b) SeO₂, Na₂HPO₄, quartz sand, diglyme, 170 °C, followed by Dess-Martin periodinane, NaHCO₃, CH₂Cl₂, room temperature, 65%; (c) NaBH₄, CeCl₃, CH₃OH, C₂H₅OAc, -5 °C, 83%; (d) K₂CO₃, CH₃OH-H₂O, room temperature, 95%; (e) (CH₃)₂C(OCH₃)₂, (C-H)₂CO, CSA, room temperature, 93%; (f) CF₃CO₃H, Na₂HPO₄, CH₂Cl₂, 90%; (g) CH₃SLi, THF, -78 °C to room temperature, 78%; (h) Na, NH₃, 97%; (i) 60% aqueous CF₃CO₂H, 60 °C, 86%.

syntheses of several such inhibitors including nojirimycin,⁴ swainsonine,^{5,6} castanospermine,^{6,7} and 1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-mannitol.⁸ Mannostatin A (1) and B (2), isolated from *Streptoterricillium verticillius*, are highly specific nontoxic nanomolar inhibitors of α -D-mannosidase and represent the only known carbocyclic, naturally occurring mannosidase inhibitors.^{9,10} The density of functionality and rich stereochemistry make such molecules extremely challenging targets for total synthesis. We record a highly flexible strategy for controlled introduction of heteroatoms around a cyclopentane nucleus, an increasingly important goal because of the growing number of cyclopentane analogues of carbohydrates as glycosidase inhibitors.

Scheme I outlines our retrosynthetic analysis, for which the key challenge is the chemo-, regio-, and diastereoselectivity of introduction of three different heteroatom functions on each carbon of a cyclopentane. While an asymmetric version of this synthesis is readily available via one of the scalemic analogues of 3 which derives from enzyme-catalyzed hydrolysis,¹¹ we chose to attempt to streamline the route by focusing on introducing the chirality

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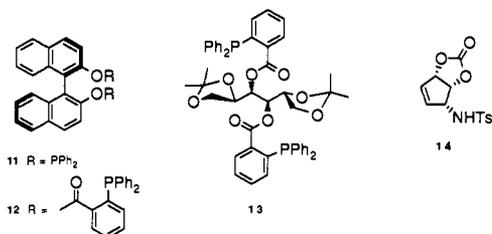
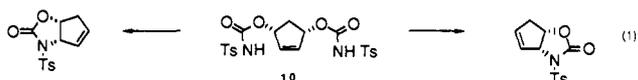
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as a consequence of oxazolidin-2-one synthesis¹² via cyclization of the bis-urethane derived from diol 3¹³ (eq 1). In contrast to



our synthetic efforts directed toward allosamizoline,¹⁴ the Pd-catalyzed cyclization with BINAPO (11) as ligand gave only 28% ee. Interestingly, the conformationally less rigid diester ligand 12 (S-BDPBB) enhanced the selectivity to 41%, $[\alpha]_D^{25} -56.9$ (c 3.92, CH₂Cl₂). Gratifyingly, the *c*₂ symmetric diester 13 ((+)-BIBDPBM), an example of a new class of very simply derived asymmetric ligands, jumps the ee to 65%, $[\alpha]_D^{25} +90.7$ (c 2.49, CH₂Cl₂) (5 mol % (dba)₃Pd₂CHCl₃, 15 mol % 13, THF, -8 to 20 °C, quantitative yield), of the 1*R*,2*S* enantiomer as determined by the *O*-methylmandelate ester NMR shifts! The feasibility of an asymmetric synthesis having been demonstrated, biological considerations induced us to focus initially on racemic mannostatin.

Allylic oxidation without rearrangement of the double bond required strenuous conditions using selenium dioxide in which quartz sand was added to maintain dispersion of the reactants (mechanical stirring recommended). Since the resultant alcohol was frequently admixed with considerable quantities of the ketone, the mixture was normally directly oxidized. Of a horde of oxidants, only reaction with MnO₂¹⁵ and the Dess-Martin periodinane¹⁶ proceeded cleanly, the latter being preferred since the reaction went to completion. The third asymmetric center was then set by reduction.¹⁷ The correctness of the stereochemistry was readily apparent by the facility with which the alcohol 6 isomerized to the carbonate 14. Various attempts to hydroxy-sulfonylate 6 or 7a failed due to the lack of reactivity of the double bond. On the other hand, the diol 7a smoothly succumbed to epoxidation with trifluoroacetic acid (CH₂Cl₂, Na₂CO₃, 86%) to give a single epoxide tentatively assigned as all-*cis* on the basis of the high level of directionality observed in the reactions of this reagent with allylic alcohols and ethers.¹⁸

With the stereochemistry all set, the last issue was the regioselective introduction of the methylthio group. Various attempts to promote regioselective opening by coordination with oxyphilic Lewis acids led to mixtures at best. For example, coordination of 8a with titanium tetraisopropoxide¹⁹ followed by lithium thiomercaptide led to a 1:1 regioisomeric mixture from which the desired thioether 9 (R = H, R' = Ts) could be isolated in 21% yield. On the other hand, the acetonide 8b generates a 4.6:1 ratio of the two regioisomers in favor of our desired product 9a! A possible explanation for this remarkable regioselectivity may derive from a Fürst-Plattner type stereoelectronic control²⁰ in which attack at the desired position involves a conformationally more favorable transition state as depicted in eq 2.²¹ Completion of



the synthesis involves desilylation and hydrolysis to give mannostatin A. Passing an aqueous solution of the trifluoroacetate salt through the base form of an IRA 400 ion-exchange resin gives racemic mannostatin A as the free base. Comparison of the spectral data to that of an authentic sample indicated their identity. This route provides mannostatin A in 27% overall yield in 10 steps.

This strategy should prove to be a powerful approach to these types of cyclopentane analogues of carbohydrates. The synthetic intermediates readily available provide great flexibility to vary the regio- and diastereoplacement of the functionality. Furthermore, the ready incorporation of a phosphine ligand into asymmetric alcohols by esterification with the readily available 2-(diphenylphosphino)benzoic acid²² should prove useful for asymmetric catalysis.

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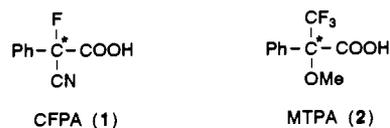
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α -Cyano- α -fluorophenylacetic Acid (CFPA): A New Reagent for Determining Enantiomeric Excess That Gives Very Large ¹⁹F NMR $\Delta\delta$ Values

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Rapid progress has been made in the development of methods for asymmetric synthesis and in their application in the construction of complex natural products. Consequently, the determination of enantiomeric excess (ee) is an indispensable process for evaluating the efficiency of those methods. Herein we describe a unique multifunctional chiral tertiary fluoride,¹ α -cyano- α -fluorophenylacetic acid (CFPA, 1), which has remarkable efficacy for determining ee, surpassing MTPA (2) in reactivity and ¹⁹F NMR $\Delta\delta$ values.



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