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Synthetic Studies on Reveromycin A: Stereoselective Synthesis of the Spiroketal System

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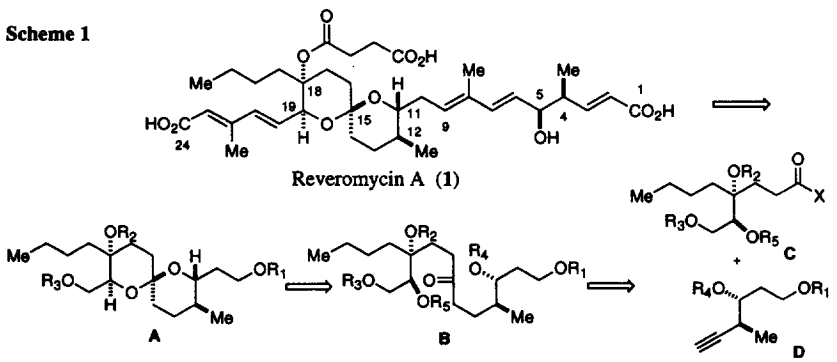
Abstract : The 6,6-spiroketal system of reveromycin A (1), corresponding to the C_9-C_{20} part, was stereoselectively synthesized and the absolute configuration at C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{15}, C_{18} and C_{19} of 1 was confirmed by the synthesis of the 5,6-spiroketal derivative degradated from **1**.

Reveromycin A (**1**) is a novel polyketide-type antibiotic produced by *Streptomyces sp.* and inhibits mitogenic activity induced by the epidermal growth factor in a mouse epidermal keratinocyte.[1] The characteristic structural features of **1** include a 1,7-dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane moiety, that is, the 6,6-spiroketal system comprising a hemisuccinate, two alkenyl carboxylic acids, and methyl and *n*-butyl groups.[2] Recently, the absolute configuration of **1** was determined on the basis of chemical degradation and spectroscopic evidence.[3] In this paper, we report the stereoselective synthesis of the 6,6-spiroketal system **A** (=17) in **1**, the key synthetic intermediate corresponding to the C_9-C_{20} part, and the elucidation of the absolute configuration at C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{15}, C_{18} and C_{19} through the synthesis.

Scheme 1

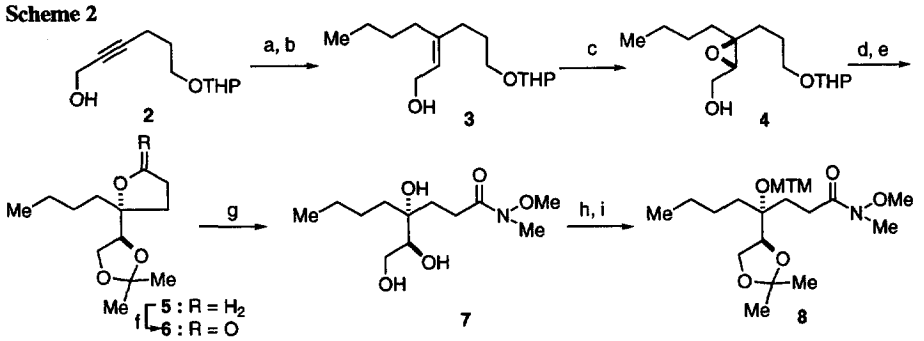


Our synthetic strategy for the 6,6-spiroketal system **A**, having the requisite functional groups for the synthesis of **1**, involves the coupling of two segments, **C** and **D**, followed by ring closure of ketone **B** to the 6,6-spiroketal.

Propargyl alcohol **2**, prepared from 4-pentyn-1-ol,[4] was chosen as the starting material for the synthesis

of segment **C**. The successive treatment of **2** with LAH-NaOMe and I_2 furnished the iodide, which was alkylated by treatment with *n*-Bu_2CuLi and then *n*-BuI[5] to give allyl alcohol **3** (88%). The Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation[6] of **3** with *t*-BuOOH in the presence of (+)-DET and Ti(O*i*-Pr)$_4$ afforded the β-epoxide **4** (92%). Hydrolysis of the THP group in **4** with AcOH effected simultaneous cyclization to give the tetrahydrofuran derivative (92% ee based on the ^{1}H-NMR spectra of the corresponding MTPA ester), whose hydroxyl groups were protected as the acetonide to afford **5** (69% from **4**). The oxidation of **5** with $RuCl_3$-$NaIO_4$[7] selectively gave γ-butyrolactone **6** (92%). The direct introduction of several alkyl groups to the lactone **6** gave unsatisfactory results. We therefore investigated the route via *N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl amide for the effective addition of segment **D**.[8a,b] Treatment of **6** with (MeO)MeNH·HCl-Me_3Al, however, resulted in low yield of the desired *N*-methoxy-*N*-methyl amide **7**. After several attempts, we found that (MeO)MeNH·HCl-Me_2AlCl exclusively underwent ring opening to give **7**.[9] The hydroxyl groups in **7** were protected as the acetonide and MTM ether by successive treatment with $Me_2C(OMe)_2$ and DMSO-Ac_2O to give the fully protected amide **8** (57% from **6**) corresponding to segment **C**.

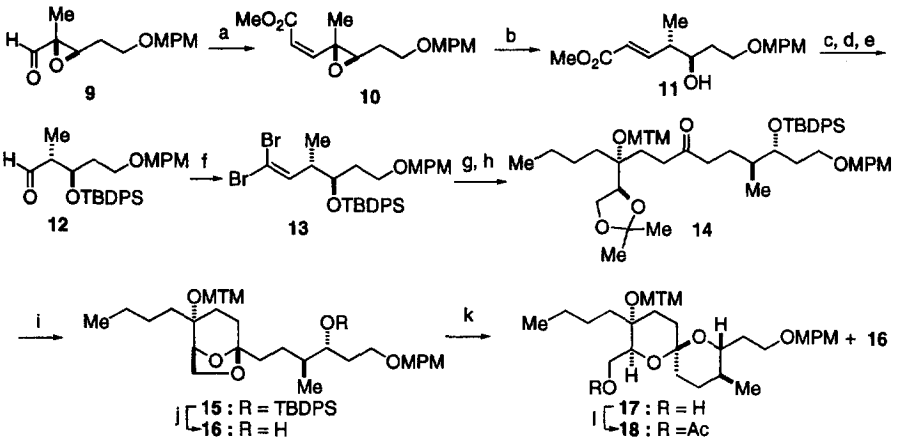
Scheme 2



Reagents and conditions: a) LAH, NaOMe, THF, reflux , then I_2, -78 °C ~ rt; b) *n*-Bu_2CuLi, Et_2O, -30 °C, then *n*-BuI, -30 °C ~ rt (88% from **2**); c) *t*-BuOOH, (+)-DET, Ti(O*i*-Pr)$_4$, 4A-MS, CH_2Cl_2, -23 °C (92%); d) AcOH, THF, H_2O, rt; e) $Me_2C(OMe)_2$, *p*-TsOH, CH_2Cl_2, rt (69% from **4**); f) $RuCl_3$, $NaIO_4$, CH_3CN, CCl_4, H_2O, rt (92%); g) (MeO)MeNH·HCl, Me_2AlCl, CH_2Cl_2, rt; h) $Me_2C(OMe)_2$, PPTS, CH_2Cl_2, rt; i) DMSO, Ac_2O, rt (57% from **6**).

The construction of segment **D** and subsequent coupling with **C** were then carried out. The epoxy aldehyde **9**[10] was converted into the (*Z*)-olefinic ester **10** with $(CF_3CH_2O)_2P(O)CH_2CO_2Me$ 18-crown-6 and $KN(TMS)_2$[11] (73%). The palladium-catalyzed hydrogenolysis of the (*Z*)-alkenyloxirane **10** was performed with $Pd_2(dpa)_3$·$CHCl_3$ in the presence of *n*-Bu_3P-HCO_2H-Et_3N[12] to stereoselectively afford the *anti*-alcohol **11** (84%). After protection of the hydroxyl group as the TBDPS ether (100%), the olefin was oxidatively cleaved by successive treatment with OsO_4-NMO and $Pb(OAc)_4$ to afford the aldehyde **12** (84%), which was then treated with CBr_4-Ph_3P to give the dibromoolefin **13** (94%) corresponding to segment **D**. Treatment of **13** with 2 equiv of *n*-BuLi followed by the addition of **8** afforded the coupling product[13] which was hydrogenated on Pd/C to give the saturated ketone **14** (80%). Selective cleavage of the acetonide in **14** was performed with PPTS in MeOH to give the bicyclic ketal **15** (34%) along with the recovered **14** (22%). The TBDPS group in **15** was deprotected with *n*-Bu_4NF to give the alcohol **16** (80%). The bicyclic ketal **16** was easily converted into a 1:1 equilibrium mixture of 6,6-spiroketal **17** and **16** upon standing in $CDCl_3$ at rt. The stereostructure of **17**, corresponding to **A**, was confirmed by the NMR analysis (^{1}H NMR and NOE) of the corresponding acetate **18**[14], which proved to have the same conformation as that of reveromycin A (**1**) as shown in Fig. 1.

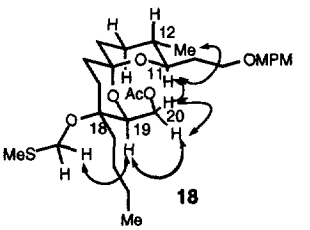
Scheme 3



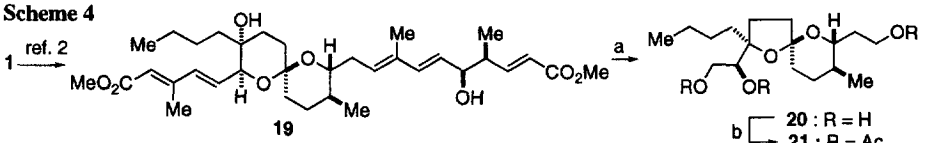
Reagents and conditions: a) $(CF_3CH_2O)_2P(O)CH_2CO_2Me$, 18-Crown-6, $KN(TMS)_2$, THF, -78 °C (73%); b) $Pd_2(dba)_3$•$CHCl_3$, *n*-Bu_3P, HCO_2H-Et_3N, dioxane, rt (84%); c) TBDPSCl, imidazole, DMF, rt (100%); d) OsO_4, NMO, *t*-BuOH, acetone, H_2O, rt (97%); e) $Pb(OAc)_4$, toluene, rt (87%); f) CBr_4, Ph_3P, CH_2Cl_2, 0 °C (94%); g) *n*-BuLi, THF, -78 °C ~ rt, then **8**, 0 °C ~ rt (82%); h) H_2, Pd/C, AcOEt, rt (97%); i) PPTS, MeOH, rt (34% for **15** and 22% for **14**); j) *n*-Bu_4NF, THF, rt (80%); k) $CDCl_3$, rt (100%, **16**:**17** =1:1); l) Ac_2O, pyridine, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2, rt (99%).

Here, the absolute configuration of the spiroketal system of **1** was reconfirmed through the following synthesis (Scheme 4).[3] The ozonolysis of the desuccinated ester **19**,[2] prepared from **1**, followed by $NaBH_4$ reduction produced the 5,6-spiroketal **20**, which was then acetylated to give the triacetate **21**,[15] $[\alpha]_D$ +44.3 (c 0.18, $CHCl_3$). The authentic triacetate **21** was also synthesized from a mixture of **16** and **17**. Treatment of the mixture with *p*-TsOH exclusively gave the 5,6-spiroketal **22** (90%) which was converted into the triacetate **21**,[15] $[\alpha]_D$ +39.1 (c 0.13, $CHCl_3$), by acetylation, deprotection of the MPM group, and acetylation. The spectral data and optical rotation of **21** prepared from natural **1** were identical with those of the synthetic **21**. Thus, the absolute configuration of the 6,6-spiroketal system in **1** was unequivocally reconfirmed through the synthesis as shown in the structure **1**, that is, 11*R*, 12*S*, 15*S*, 18*R* and 19*S* configuration.

Fig. 1 NOE Data of Acetate **18**



Scheme 4



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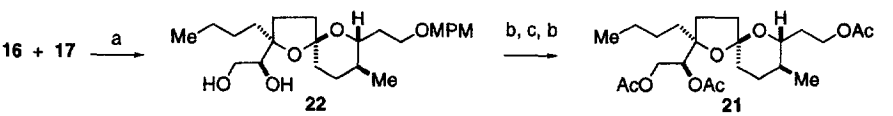

Reagents and conditions: a) *p*-TsOH, $CHCl_3$, rt (90%); b) Ac_2O, pyridine, DMAP, CH_2Cl_2, rt; c) DDQ, CH_2Cl_2, H_2O, 5 °C ~ rt; b) Ac_2O, pyridine, CH_2Cl_2, rt (86% from **22**).

In conclusion, we have accomplished the stereoselective synthesis of the 6,6-spiroketal system **17** in reveromycin A (**1**), corresponding to the C_9-C_{20} part, and confirmed its absolute configuration through the synthesis of the spiroketal **21**. The total synthesis of reveromycin A is now in progress.[16]

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